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COMMUNITY ISSUE: State elections

DATE & TIME: 7/1/20 @ 7:45AM & 4:44PM

SUMMARY: Voters in Colorado chose former Governor John Hickenlooper to face off against Republican Senator Cory Gardner in November. The stage is now set for a race that could have some big political implications. The matchup could be pivotal in determining which party controls the Senate.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Police accountability and oversight

DATE & TIME: 7/1/20 @ 5:44pm & 7/2/20 @ 7:45am

SUMMARY: Deb Walker, the Executive Director of Citizens Project in Colorado Springs, shares her thoughts on the upcoming initiative to create a commission to oversee accountability and transparency in the Colorado Springs Police Department.

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[July 1, 2020: One-On-One With Sen. Cory Gardner; Voters Look Toward November](#)

The U.S. Senate race is set for Colorado: Republican incumbent Cory Gardner will face Democrat John Hickenlooper in November. We ask Gardner about Russian bounties, health care, and his priorities for a second term. Then, the upset in Colorado's third district. Plus, voters of all stripes on what they'll consider heading into the general election.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS; ELECTIONS

DATE & TIME: 7/2/20 @ 5:44PM

SUMMARY: Republican Cory Gardner is in an unusual position as an incumbent underdog heading into the November election. A look at some of the political headwinds he faces.

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July 2, 2020: One-On-One With John Hickenlooper; Wildland Firefighting In A Pandemic

Former Governor John Hickenlooper won Colorado's Democratic US Senate primary this week. Wednesday, we heard from the man he's trying to unseat -- Republican Cory Gardner. We asked Hickenlooper about campaign blunders, health care, and taxes. Then, fighting wildfires during the pandemic. And, a nurse who never expected to become a marijuana expert.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS; ELECTIONS

DATE & TIME: 7/3/20 @ 8:44am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Southern and Western Colorado will be getting a new Congresswoman this fall. That's the one certain thing after Tuesday's upset primary victory by Lauren Boebert over incumbent Scott Tipton in the Republican Primary. Boebert will face Democrat Diane Mitsch Bush in the general election. A look at how that race is shaping up.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Racism; Historical places; Public spaces

DATE & TIME: 7/6/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Governor Polis issued an executive order last week to create an advisory board aimed at reviewing the names of places like mountains and public

spaces. Mount Evans and other mountains in Colorado are considered to have controversial names. A look at the work to change them.

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[July 6, 2020: Tracking COVID-19 In Colorado; ‘Hecho En Colorado’ Is About More Than Art](#)

What the U.S. Supreme Court ruling means for "Faithless Electors." Then, tracking cases of COVID-19 in Colorado, plus how the pandemic is impacting architecture. The new exhibition, "Hecho en Colorado," is about more than art. Also, a first-time college graduate in the San Luis Valley.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Healthcare; Military affairs

DATE & TIME: 7/7/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Women veterans are less likely to get their medical care through the Department of Veterans Affairs. The American Homefront Project has a look at the trend and the efforts to change that.

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[July 7, 2020: 80,000+ Emails Seek Justice For McClain; ‘Homegrown Hate’ Knocks At The Door](#)

State Rep. Dafna Michaelson Jenet represents the area where Elijah McClain died in police custody. She’s received more than 83,000 emails about the case from around the world. Then, 9News reporter Jeremy Jojola wins an

award for his series on hate groups. And, a Colorado family with six children who have schizophrenia is the subject of a new book.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Colorado economy

DATE & TIME: 7/8/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: So far, Colorado has recovered 20 percent of the jobs it lost in March and April because of the pandemic. Gov. Polis says he's happy with the states trajectory. Economists are less optimistic.

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July 8, 2020: Efforts In Colorado To Remove Names And Statues Of Controversial Figures

Efforts are underway to officially change the name of Denver's Columbus Park to La Raza Park. Then, why do people create monuments and who decides which version of history is told? Also, how federal money helped Colorado's small businesses. Later, an essay from a listener titled "My Dear White Friends." Finally, remembering Charlie Daniels.

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July 9, 2020: John Kite Brings The Music Back; Lacrosse Helmet Safety Debate

A moment of joy as Brown Palace piano player John Kite returns to work. Then, why The North Face joined "Stop Hate For Profit." Also, a pastor shares her family's experience with racism. Plus, new concerns about

COVID-19 in Colorado; new research into whether girls should use helmets in youth lacrosse; mountain names; a musical tribute to George Floyd.

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[July 10, 2020: Coronavirus Vaccine Trial; 'War For Eternity' Examines Steve Bannon's Life](#)

Colorado researchers will recruit about a thousand people for a COVID-19 vaccine trial. Then, Gov. Jared Polis says wearing masks is about both public safety and economic recovery. Also, a CU Boulder professor spent hours interviewing Steve Bannon for his new book "War For Eternity." Finally, what's the future of RTD and public transit?

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Local landmarks

DATE & TIME: 7/13/20 @ 7:30am & 5:30pm

SUMMARY: Our "My Mountain" series continues as we highlight people's personal connections to Pike Peak. Today we hear from Lieutenant Colonel Matt Cavanaugh.

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[July 13, 2020: COVID-19 & Addiction; Colorado's Connection To Mars](#)

For people dealing with depression and addiction, the isolation created by the pandemic may make things worse. Then, Denver considers sanctioned camps to help people experiencing homelessness during the pandemic. Plus, Colorado's connection to the Hope mission to Mars. And Madeleine Albright on her new memoir.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemics; Military recruitment

DATE & TIME: 7/14/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: The ongoing new coronavirus pandemic is presenting all sorts of challenges. One of them is recruiting for the military. A look at how the army is changing some of its approaches.

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[July 14, 2020: Polis On Schools, Masks, Elijah McClain; Willie Nelson Is 'On Something'](#)

Democratic Gov. Jared Polis explains his strong language about mask naysayers and says reopening schools is part of a “new normal” that can’t be risk-free.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemics; Americans with Disabilities

DATE & TIME: 7/15/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: With the ever changing guidance on how to stay safe during the pandemic, some people with disabilities are facing new challenges and barriers including changes to public transportation, access to essentials, and having to wear masks.

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[July 15, 2020: Pandemic Changes To Air Travel; Local Impacts Of WHO Withdrawal](#)

A picture of DIA right now and how coronavirus has impacted the airlines, the shops, and the construction projects. Then, the U.S. decision to withdraw from the W.H.O affects work being done by Colorado physicians. Later, the former CEO of a Fortune 500 company addresses problems created by COVID-19 like joblessness and equipment shortages. And, Pickin’ Peggy.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: HEALTH CARE WORKERS

DATE & TIME: 7/16/20 @ 7:44AM & 5:44PM

SUMMARY: The first of an ongoing series of profiles on health care providers as they navigate life and work during the pandemic. Today we hear from a midwife on the Western Slope.

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[July 16, 2020: A Brutal Attack Changed This Artist's Life; Eviction Questions And Answers](#)

Artist Raverro Stinnett suffered brain damage when he was attacked by a guard at Union Station. Also, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock cracks down as virus cases go up. Plus, a woman left homeless by eviction. Then, a Q&A about eviction law and resources. And, the voices of frontline health care workers. Finally, Dr.

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[July 17, 2020: 50 Years Since Denver's Forced Busing; Gorsuch and SCOTUS Perspective](#)

What Gov. Polis' statewide mask mandate means for Coloradans. Then, it's been 50 years since Denver students were bused in an effort to

desegregate schools. How the impacts of that and redlining still resonate today. Later, a look at Neil Gorsuch's work with SCOTUS this session. And, new rules on forever chemicals. Finally, how COVID-19 has affected midwives.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Health care workers

DATE & TIME: 7/20/20 @ 8:44am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Stories of health care workers and how they are dealing with the pandemic as they navigate life and work. Today we hear from physician's assistant Aaron Carter – Larocque

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[**July 20, 2020: A Coroner's View On COVID; The Challenges Of Diversity Work On Campus**](#)

The coroner of El Paso county says after doing well in its fight against COVID-19, the region now needs to step up to avoid more deaths. And, a Denver native navigates rough waters as Chief Diversity Officer at Oklahoma State University. Then, tracking slavery's history through art.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Health care workers

DATE & TIME: 7/21/20 @ 8:44am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Stories of health care workers and how they are dealing with the pandemic as they navigate life and work. Today we hear from a husband and wife and their experiences on the Western Slope.

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[**July 21, 2020: Colorado's In Drought; A Photo Series Looks At Masculinity And Men Of Color**](#)

The drought has implications statewide but it's good news for cantaloupe farmers. Then, did PPP loans save 900,000 jobs in Colorado? And, a physician's assistant provides urgent care during the pandemic. Also, a new photo series explores misconceptions about masculinity and men of color. Plus, a graphic novel tells teenage girls' stories about menstruation.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemics; Ski economy

DATE & TIME: 7/22/20 @ 8:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Coronavirus cut short Colorado's ski season. Now it's the summer tourist season and the state's high county is starting to reopen. A look at how Vail is navigating a summer season like none before.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Utilities; Renewable energy

DATE & TIME: 7/22/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado Springs is committed to closing the coal fired portions of its Martin Drake Power Plant by 2023 and investing more in renewable energy. The Ray Nixon Plant south of the city will be converted to non-carbon sources by 2030. The moves are big changes in direction from the utilities previous direction.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pollution

DATE & TIME: 7/23/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: P-FAS are a class of chemicals used in fire fighting foam and non stick pans. Health experts are increasingly worried about exposure. Tests have found a hot spot near Colorado's only gas and oil refinery in north Denver.

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[July 23, 2020: Protester Left Partially Blind; Escaping Pandemic Through Fly Fishing](#)

A Lakewood man lost his eye and suffered serious facial injuries after police intervened during a protest in Denver in May. Then, tracking increased deaths during the pandemic. Plus a Louisville nurse reflects on her work helping expectant moms. Also, how Olde Town Arvada's helping businesses. And, escaping the pandemic through fly fishing.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Waterways

DATE & TIME: 7/24/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Fountain Creek in Colorado Springs has had a tumultuous history. It's long been seen as the dumping ground of the Pikes Peak region, prone to flooding and laden with pollution. However, after years of effort, locals are finding glimmers of hope swimming in the stream.

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July 24, 2020: Tracking COVID-19 Through Wastewater; The Underground Music 'Something'

Colorado's investing in new tests designed to track the novel coronavirus more quickly through wastewater. Plus, the late Rep. John Lewis' reflections on civil rights at the Aspen Ideas Festival. Then, the Underground Music Showcase re-envisioning itself in the pandemic. And meet Carla Huiracocha, the singer for Neoma, who'll be performing.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemics; U.S. citizenship / naturalization

DATE & TIME: 7/27/20 @7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Our work, home, and social lives have all changed due to the covid – 19 pandemic. And so has the way people become new citizens. A look at a unique version of a naturalization ceremony.

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[July 27, 2020: The COVID-19 Back-To-School Dilemma And The Debate Over How To Do It Right](#)

Colorado Matters presents a special that explores the challenges COVID-19 poses for the return to school. We'll get insight from parents and teachers who are ready to return to the classroom and from those who aren't. We'll hear the views of a leading pediatrician and Colorado's commissioner of education. And find out what one school district just decided.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Unemployment

DATE & TIME: 7/28/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: One in every ten Coloradans is still out of work. The coronavirus pandemic has upended one of the country's strongest economies. But not everyone is affected equally. A look at the data on who has filed for unemployment over the past four months.

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[July 28, 2020: Schools Will Be A 'Cauldron Of Stress'; Turmoil In State's COVID Response](#)

The pandemic's toll on kids' mental health, and what will happen when school begins. Then, key figures have left Colorado's health department, hurting virus response efforts. Also, Colorado's congressional delegation on new priorities for virus relief. Plus, a father's 60-foot tribute to his daughter. And, naturalization ceremonies are different now.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Racism; Sports

DATE & TIME: 7/29/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pmpm

SUMMARY: Indigenous educators and activists are renewing their calls for Colorado schools to retire racist mascots and nicknames used in athletic programs.

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July 29, 2020: Libertarian US Senate Candidate Raymon Doane; New State Historian

Today, we talk with Raymon Doane, the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate in Colorado. The Libertarian Party is the largest of the minor parties in Colorado. Also, a Colorado Springs coal plant is shifting toward renewable energy. Then, Colorado's new state historian. And, working to "Take Back What Was Stolen" from Olympian Jim Thorpe.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Pregnancy

DATE & TIME: 7/30/20 @7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: The ongoing pandemic has complicated hospital policies for women about to have a baby. A closer look at what some of those impacts might be.

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[July 30, 2020: Hey, There's Going To Be A Helicopter On Mars; Controversial School Mascots](#)

NASA's latest Mars mission has a rover and a drone helicopter. Then, on COVID's frontlines in a Grand Junction hospital. Plus, a parent copes with Denver's latest school delay. And, the debate over Native American imagery in sports. Also, a chemical hotspot near an oil and gas refinery.

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[August 3, 2020: How To Avoid COVID's Airborne Spread; Remembering Shuttered Restaurants](#)

A Colorado chemist explains the science behind mounting evidence that COVID-19 lingers in the air and what that can teach us about how to limit transmission. Then, as local restaurants shutter, we'll crack open a cookbook from the early 80s. Plus, an outpouring for a black business owner in Denver who now has shoes to repair and money in his pocket.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Health; Teen vaping

DATE & TIME: 8/4/20 @ 8:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado has topped lists of states' with the highest rates of teen vaping. Lawmakers and public health workers are working to turn that around. But new research finds they have a long way to go.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Police shootings; Public protests

DATE & TIME: 8/4/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado Springs was the site of a tense demonstration on 8/3/20 as protesters marked one year since police shot and killed 19 year old De'Von Bailey.

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[Aug. 4, 2020: A Colorado Author Stays Solvent In COVID Times; A Tiny Town On A Big Stage](#)

The side gigs author Kali Fajardo-Anstine once used to supplement her book income are gone. Then, pregnancy can be lonely in the age of COVID. And, the tiny town of Marble has a trove of famed, well, marble. Also, two green energy companies win international recognition.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Protests; Immigrants; History & legacy

DATE & TIME: 8/5/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Protesters in Pueblo have gathered every weekend for the last month at a statue of Christopher Columbus. Pueblo is a community rich in both immigrant and native history. The conversation about the explorer and his legacy has been going on for a long time.

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[Aug. 5, 2020: The Great American Outdoors Act In Colorado; 75 Years Since Hiroshima](#)

What the newly passed Great American Outdoors Act means for Colorado's open space and cities. Then, Denver changes its approach to the geese that fills its parks. Later, a Hiroshima survivor remembers the attack 75 years ago.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Education

DATE & TIME: 8/6/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado school districts have worked around the clock since May to put together their back to school plans. But teachers in many districts say they weren't consulted enough... and schools aren't ready.

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[Aug. 6, 2020: Teen Vaping Rates Remain High; Farmer's Telephone Celebrates 100 Years](#)

The number of Colorado teens who vape hasn't budged in the last couple of years despite efforts to curb the high rate. Then, Denverite's Donna Bryson on the encampment sweep at a local middle school. Later, a telephone company created to keep farmers in touch celebrates 100

years. And, a new novel explores the cracks in the justice system for Indigenous people.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Education

DATE & TIME: 8/7/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Parents are making tough choices as the school year begins... choices that hard for kids, too. A look at how two Colorado Springs mothers made their decisions.

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[Aug. 10, 2020: 2nd Homeowners Move To Resort Towns Due To COVID; Hip-Hop & Healthy Eating](#)

Some second homeowners have decided to live in their mountain homes full-time and that's having an impact on local schools. Also, how one school is trying to keep the coronavirus at bay. Then, what it's like to get married in a pandemic. And, Denver native DJ Cavem uses hip-hop to plant seeds. His latest release comes with arugula, beet, and kale seeds.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Racism; Military

DATE & TIME: 8/10/20 @ 7:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: The Air Force is among the many institutions examining its practices with regard to race. A closer look with a report from the American Homefront Project.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: History; U.S. Capitol

DATE & TIME: 8/10/20 @ 8:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: The U.S. Capitol building, with its art and architecture, has witnessed a lot of history and inspired generations. A tour of the space with Rep. Ken Buck.

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[Aug. 11, 2020: Census Cut Short; What's Ahead For Higher Ed?](#)

Census workers are knocking on doors but their work will be cut short by a month. Then, how will college students learn this fall? And, U.S. Rep. Ken Buck's new book about the U.S. Capitol. Also, RTD may cut its security force for a more "holistic" approach. Plus, sculptor Ed Dwight, at a time when the nation reconsiders some of its well-known statuary.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Small business; Federal loans

DATE & TIME: 8/11/20 @ 7:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Federal coronavirus relief enters a new phase this week. Small business owners who took out federal loans during the pandemic can now ask for them to be forgiven. There are still a lot of questions about the process of applying for loan forgiveness.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; School children

DATE & TIME: 8/11/20 @ 8:44am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: In the rush to start the school year, we often forget to ask kids about what they think about more remote learning, and socially distanced classrooms.

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[Aug. 12, 2020: Coming Out At Age 90; Rep. Leslie Herod On VP Pick Kamala Harris](#)

Ken Felts, of Arvada, described himself as a “closet gay” for most of his life. But at age 90, he’s come out. Then, Rep. Leslie Herod co-chaired Kamala Harris’ Colorado presidential campaign — her reaction to Harris’ nomination as vice president. And, a

look back on the first woman nominated to the position. Plus, why sunsets seem more vivid during wildfires.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: pandemic; School athletics

DATE & TIME: 8/12/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: High school athletes who hoped sports would be a ticket to college have an extra challenge right now... most of their fall sports seasons are cancelled. And that leaves these student athletes with tough choices.

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[Aug. 13, 2020: Returning To School In Rush; Making The Most Of Online Learning](#)

Students at Miami-Yoder School in Rush, Colorado are among the first to return to in-person class during the pandemic. Then, maximizing online learning. Also, addressing the increasing pull of gangs in metro Denver amid rising violence. Plus, the domino effect of climate change on Arctic freshwater. And, the pandemic whiplash for Boulder's Bowregard.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Yoga; Health

DATE & TIME: 8/13/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: A firefighter in the Castle Rock Fire Dept. says yoga has helped him decompress, especially during the coronavirus pandemic. A story of one organization trying to help first responders improve their well-being.

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Aug. 17, 2020: Teaching In Tents; How The Pandemic Is Complicating Dementia

Perspective from Glenwood Springs as wildfire rages nearby. Then, a professor at Regis University talks about teaching in tents. Plus, developing an at-home test for COVID-19 with fast results. Also, an undecided voter weighs in as the DNC begins. And, how the pandemic complicates life for people dealing with dementia.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Wildfires

DATE & TIME: 8/17/20 @ 5:44pm

SUMMARY: A first hand account of living through the Grizzly Creek Fire.

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[Aug. 18, 2020: Colorado Wildfires And Weather; The Inequity Of Alzheimer's](#)

When will Colorado get a break from hot, dry weather fueling wildfires? Then, reflections on the Grizzly Creek fire. And, what scientists do and don't know about COVID-19 and kids. Plus, the inequities of Alzheimer's. Also, a Colorado Wonders question to honor victims of lynchings. And, the voice of an undecided voter. Then, students on returning to school.

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[Aug. 19, 2020: Colorado's Climate Change Hot Spot; Olympians On 'Weight Of Gold'](#)

The Western Slope is warming faster than other parts of the world. How does that contribute to wildfire risk? Then, a Colorado delegate to the DNC hopes to mobilize Indigenous voters. Plus, Olympic athletes may be in top physical shape, but their mental health gets less attention. And we welcome Ali Budner to the Colorado Matters team!

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Social justice; Racial inequality

DATE & TIME: 8/19/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: As the nation grapples with social justice movements, Colorado residents are taking steps to confront their own past with racial inequality... including lynchings that took place in the state. A new initiative aims to place historical markers at those sites.

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[Aug. 20, 2020: Bennet On Mail Voting; Renaming Colorado's Geographic Sites](#)

Colorado's Democratic Senator Michael Bennet talks about voting by mail and policy as the DNC culminates with Joe Biden's acceptance of the nomination for president. Then, a Colorado wildland firefighter with unique perspective. Also, renaming the state's geographic sites. Plus, a delegate who's been to every convention since 1964.

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[Aug. 21, 2020: Pandemic Firefighting Can Be Lonely; A Dialogue Between Police & Protester](#)

A firefighter battling the Grizzly Creek Fire describes how the pandemic has made the job more isolating. And, we hear from the ranch owner whose land has turned into a fire camp. Plus, a dialogue between a police officer and a protester. Finally, a COVID-19 outbreak at a Colorado College dorm has 150 students quarantining for two weeks.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Wildfire; Climate change

DATE & TIME: 8/21/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Climate change in Colorado means hotter and drier conditions, which are just right for wildfires. There are several major wildfires burning in Colorado right now. I-70 is currently closed. For climate scientists in Colorado, this is a glimpse into the future.

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[Aug. 24, 2020: Back To School's New Normal; CSU Football Racism Investigation](#)

Students in the state's largest school districts head back to class, but not the classroom. Then, the Coloradoan's investigation into complaints of racism in CSU athletics. Also, how Elijah McClain's death inspires artists worldwide. And Colorado Springs poet Nate Marshall on "Finna" and his poems of Black possibility.

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[Aug. 25, 2020: Clearing The Air On Smoke Advisories; Ensuring History's Not Overlooked](#)

As wildfires burn in Colorado, how are air quality advisories determined? Then, working to document places important to Black, LGBTQ, and women's suffrage history in Colorado. Plus, a Denver parent shares the challenges of having her son learning remotely. Also, women make their mark on the Space Force. And a new view of the MOSAIC mission to the Arctic.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: City Master plans

DATE & TIME: 8/25/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: The city of Colorado Springs has released a report on the progress of its master plan known as Plan C-O-S. It focuses on six key initiatives – vibrant neighborhoods, unique places, a thriving economy, strong connections, renowned culture and majestic landscapes. A look at the baseline report on the city’s master plan.

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[Aug. 26, 2020: State GOP Chair Rep. Ken Buck; Podcast Explores Wage Gap For Black Women](#)

Colorado’s GOP chair Rep. Ken Buck on mail-in voting and the Republican National Convention. Later, the new podcast, “In The Gap: How And Why Black Women Aren’t Getting Their Green,” explores the history of the wage gap for black women and how to close it. Finally, Longmont folk artist Jayme Stone’s new album delves into the grief of losing his brother.

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[Aug. 27, 2020: Seven Investigations Mark Elijah McClain’s Death; Legacy of Lincoln Hills](#)

Elijah McClain died a year ago after an encounter with Aurora police. The case is a rallying point for reform. Then, two Colorado delegates to the Republican National Convention. Plus, memories of Lincoln Hills. Also, Democrats hope to crack a traditional GOP stronghold. And, the artist behind a Colorado Springs mural about indigenous women wins a big prize.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Wildlife; Ecology

DATE & TIME: 8/27/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: There's a chance a wild-born wolf pup is living in Northwest Colorado. If confirmed, a sighting of that pup earlier this summer could be the first evidence of wolves breeding in the state since the 1940's.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Arts & Culture

DATE & TIME: 8/27/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: One Aurora dance team offers black youth a place to get pumped up, and find support. The 50 dancers learn different styles of dance like hip hop, step and majorette... but also leadership for young women.

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[Aug. 28, 2020: The Arts Lose \\$2.6 Billion In Pandemic; Putting Extra Garden Food To Use](#)

Just how hard has the pandemic hit Colorado's arts industry? Then, affordable housing is harder to find in Telluride because of COVID-19. Later, Fresh Food Connect sends the glut in your garden to hunger relief organizations. Finally, Fort Collins' Logan Farmer works through climate anxiety on his new album.

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[Aug. 31, 2020: Special Education In The Pandemic; Honoring Civil Rights Leaders](#)

The pandemic has meant big adjustments for students who need special education services, as well as for the teachers and parents who work with them. Then, telecom companies are being asked to provide help for kids without internet access. And, the killing of two Latino men in Longmont 40 years ago that led to a civil rights movement.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Military; Racial and gender diversity

DATE & TIME: 8/31/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: The U.S. Space Force is the newest military branch and leaders say that gives a chance to set a new standard for gender and racial diversity. Both the Air Force and Space Force have been earning headlines lately for appointing diverse senior officers. Still, not everyone is convinced>

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[Sept. 1, 2020: A Theme On The Ballot? Taxes And Fees; Then, The Journey Of Trees](#)

With eleven statewide ballot measures, what's the big theme for voters? And, are wolves already back in Colorado? Plus, the reasons trees are migrating. Also, diversifying the Space Force. Then, remembering a Longmont Marine. Two Colorado women are working to return live theater to Broadway.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Ecology; Climate change; Wildfires; Forests

DATE & TIME: 9/1/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Climate change has made higher intensity fires more common in Colorado. As forests try to recover after a burn some areas are struggling to grow back some of the state's most iconic tree species.

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Sept. 2, 2020: The Influence Of Russian Social Media Bots; Daniel Rodriguez Goes Solo

A CU Boulder study looks at how much Russian social media bots and trolls influenced the 2016 election. Then, Democrat Ike McCorkle will challenge Republican congressman Ken Buck this election. Later, Boulder poet Khadijah Queen on her new collection "Anodyne." Finally, Daniel Rodriguez, formerly of Elephant Revival, turned heartache into his debut solo album.

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[Sept. 3, 2020: Helping Doctors Understand Cannabis; Memoir On Battling Eating Disorders](#)

Some graduate schools are teaching health care workers about cannabis since many say they don't feel prepared to answer patients' questions about it. Also, MDMA -- also known as ecstasy -- as a treatment for PTSD. Then, a new memoir about one woman's struggle with eating disorders. And, a Denver museum sends people on an outdoor, virtual excursion.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: History; Racism; Politics

DATE & TIME: 9/3/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Politics, heritage, and long standing injustices collide in the debate over Pueblo's Christopher Columbus statue. Months after protests started with the aim of bringing it down, the Columbus statue still stands in downtown Pueblo. It is the last standing statue of Columbus in the state.

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[Sept. 4, 2020: Parolee Reflects On Early Release In The Pandemic](#)

PJ Abernathy of Denver was released early from prison as part of an executive order to try to control the spread of COVID-19. He reflects on life behind bars during the pandemic, and what it's like now that he's on parole. Plus, the world's fastest speed-eater takes on the slopper challenge at the Colorado State Fair. And new music from the Cody Sisters.

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[Sept. 8, 2020: Citizenship In The 'Enforcement Era'; Hospitals, Pain, & Cannabis](#)

University of Colorado Law School professor Ming Hsu Chen says immigration policy has shifted in the last three decades to create an "enforcement era," and two men from different countries share their journey toward citizenship in Colorado. Then, "On Something" explores the intersection of hospitals, post-surgery pain, opioids, and cannabis.

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[Sept. 9, 2020: Backpacking's Deeper Meaning; Gov. Polis On Education, Broncos, & More](#)

Patricia Cameron just hiked the 485 mile Colorado Trail. For the founder of "Backpackers," the journey is both a way to connect with her ancestors and a form of protest. Also, how far should oil and gas wells be from homes and schools? And Governor Jared Polis answers questions about education, COVID-19 and vaccines, the economy, Broncos' games, and more.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Political campaigns; Campaign financing

DATE & TIME: 9/9/20 @ 8:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: A look at out of state funding for the highly contested race for senate between former governor John Hickenlooper and incumbent Cory Gardner

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Elections; Poll workers

DATE & TIME: 9/9/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: A look at the state of poll workers in Colorado for November's election

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[Sept. 10, 2020: The Census Scramble; COVID Preparations On A Western Colorado Campus](#)

The census has three weeks left. It's been a challenge. Then, Colorado Mesa University spends \$5 million to keep COVID off, and students on, campus. Plus, performer and playwright Idris Goodwin has big plans for the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center. And, the first woman to head the Colorado National Guard. Also, the state has plenty of poll workers.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Elections

DATE & TIME: 9/10/20 @ 4:48pm

SUMMARY: There's a spotlight on Colorado's Third Congressional district this year. With no incumbent in the race, Democrats are angling to take back the seat while Republicans are under pressure to keep it. A look at the candidates and what voters in the district are saying about them and the issues that will help them decide who to vote for in November.

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[Sept. 11, 2020: A Pandemic Career Change; History Colorado Explores Democracy](#)

What's life like in the pandemic? For one woman, it's meant a career change earlier than expected. Then, History Colorado teams with a local artist to explore Democracy today. Also, forests may never be the same again after the latest wildfires. Plus, "Purplish" shares perspective from voters as Election Day nears. And, the New American Arts Festival in Aurora.

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[Sept. 14, 2020: What's It Like In A Classroom; Chuck D.'s Other Artistic Outlet](#)

The pandemic continues to redefine the learning experience; CPR education reporter Jenny Brundin goes inside a classroom to see how it's going. Then, teaching prisoners to become entrepreneurs. Plus, the Columbus statue debate in Pueblo, and the evolution of this summer's protests. And, Public Enemy frontman Chuck D. has another artistic passion.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Health

DATE & TIME: 9/14/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Most people who contract covid 19 recover within a couple weeks. But a growing number of folks report symptoms that last for weeks and months. These people, called “long haulers” represent one of the many mysteries still remaining about the novel coronavirus.

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[Sept. 15, 2020: Colorado's New Ballot Tracker; Indigenous Stories Through A 'Native Lens'](#)

For the first time, voters can track their ballots throughout the election. Then, indigenous folks record their stories and share them in a project called "Native Lens." Plus, Australia's ski season may foretell what's ahead in Colorado. Also, a dance show inspired by distraction.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Police accountability; Community action

DATE & TIME: 9/15/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado Springs is closer to setting the members of a newly formed commission aimed at police accountability and transparency. Council members recently discussed candidates and are expected to formally appoint the commission members next week. A look at how that process has evolved.

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[Sept. 16, 2020: Political Division & The Pandemic; Does Police Funding Make Cities Safer?](#)

How political polarization might dictate where people get their information about COVID-19. Then, Denverite's David Sachs breaks down how much police funding impacts a city's safety. Later, Denver percussionist Justin Doute reflects on his bouts with cancer. Finally, "The Kitchen Shelf" dishes up unique dessert from the San Luis Valley.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Politics; Election campaigns

DATE & TIME: 9/16/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado's Third Congressional district is large and diverse. A chat with former Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, who served that district in the 1980's about the current candidates and the race for that district.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Health; Wildfires

DATE & TIME: 9/17/20 @ 8:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Wildfire smoke could become a regular part of summer. But many in Colorado aren't sure exactly whether it's dangerous... or what they can do about it.

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[Sept. 17, 2020: COVID 'Long Haulers'; What Happens When Wildfire Smoke And Wine Mix](#)

Even people with mild COVID-19 can face symptoms for months. Then, the Grizzly Creek fire left Glenwood Canyon and the interstate that goes through it more vulnerable to landslides and flash floods. Also, "smoke taint" -- the taste that lingers when wildfire smoke cloaks vineyards.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Homelessness; Youth

DATE & TIME: 9/17/20 @ 7:45am & 5:45pm

SUMMARY: The Department of Urban Development reported last year that about 35 thousand people under the age of 25 were experiencing homelessness in the U.S. More than 500 of those youth were in Colorado. Organizations in El Paso County are working to solve youth homelessness with a new, more accurate way to collect data.

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[Sept. 18, 2020: Where Distance Learning & Discipline Intersect; Classical's Racial Divide](#)

What does school discipline look like when kids learn from home? And when does it go too far? Then, a preview of the Nuggets' conference finals. Plus, finding consensus in a big congressional district. Also, why some ballot wording IS IN CAPS. Then, a virtuoso clarinet player talks about classical music's reckoning with racism and inclusivity.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Wildfire; Transportation; Economy

DATE & TIME: 9/18/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: While wildfires continue to rage along the west coast, Colorado is sizing up damage from its own round of devastating fires this summer. The two week closure of I-70 during the Grizzly Creek Fire carried a major economic toll that could have implications well in to the future.

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[Sept. 21, 2020: Former Clerk Reflects On RBG; How Her Death Could Impact CO Senate Race](#)

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died Friday. Republican incumbent Sen. Cory Gardner may help determine how fast she's replaced, and that may affect his reelection bid. Then, Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser clerked for Ginsburg. And, CPR's "Purplish" podcast explores mail voting. Plus, Western wildfire smoke. Also, Latin hip-hop band 2MX2.

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[Sept. 22, 2020: The Clash of Flu & COVID-19; Switching Parties In The Political Divide](#)

What to know about getting a flu shot during the pandemic. Then, two former state lawmakers on why they left their parties and became unaffiliated. Plus, why there's still no RTD train service between Denver and Boulder. And, Ruth Bader Ginsburg's interview with the Aspen Institute, including the increasing partisanship in selecting Supreme Court justices.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Supreme Court

DATE & TIME: 9/21/20 @ 5:44pm

SUMMARY: With the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a fight is brewing in the Senate over a possible vote on a nominee to replace her. That put pressure on Republican Senator Cory Gardner, who is up for re-election.

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[Sept. 23, 2020: Lifelong Friends Reflect On Division, Racial Equity; Why Are Birds Dying?](#)

The story of two women who have been friends for more than 50 years and the challenges they've overcome in the face of division and racial injustice. Then, a COVID-19 update on college campuses. And, to get through quarantine, one family made their own sitcom. Later, why are so many birds dying? Finally, the story of Baby Doe Tabor.

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[Sept. 24, 2020: What No Stock Show Means To Cattle Rancher; Making Indoor Air Safer](#)

A cattle rancher from Carr, Colo. talks about how the canceled National Western Stock show impacts her business in the pandemic. Then, Democratic U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet on the process to select a new Supreme Court Justice and election integrity. Also, how safe is indoor air?

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Supreme Court; Elections; Politics

DATE & TIME: 9/24/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: As soon as news broke about the death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, speculation began on what it would mean for the election. Will the court's vacancy energize voters who dislike Trump or galvanize conservatives? A chat with voters across the political spectrum indicates it might very well do neither.

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Sept. 25, 2020: Historian: Racism Is Real; Race Is An Ideology

In "The History of White People," Nell Irvin Painter writes that America "is a society founded in the era that invented the very idea of race." Professor Painter formerly led Princeton's Program in African-American Studies. We read her bestseller for "Turn The Page with Colorado Matters." Historian Adrian E.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic

DATE & TIME: 9/25/20 @ 5:44pm

SUMMARY: A look at PPE, Personal Protective Equipment, and the state of it in Colorado.

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Sept. 28, 2020: Debating Family Leave On The Ballot; Film Traces Life-Altering Injury

Today, a debate over the ballot measure on paid family and medical leave. It would give many workers access to 12 weeks for the birth of a child, adoption, illness, and more.

Then, service changes for RTD? And, CPR's politics podcast Purplish on how campaigns reach undecided voters. Also, the story of an injury that changed the course of a man's life.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Election propositions; Family leave policies

DATE & TIME: 9/28/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Should Colorado create a paid family leave program for all workers in the state? That's one of the big questions on the fall ballot. It would offer a benefit few workers currently have. But it would come at a cost to employers and employees.

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[Sept. 29, 2020: Debating Wolf Reintroduction Measure; Reframing Stress With 'The Wedge'](#)

Voters will decide Proposition 114 in the upcoming election: should grey wolves be introduced to Colorado's Western Slope? Today, a debate between a former state biologist and a rancher. Then, the author of "The Wedge" explores ways to embrace and overcome stress, especially during trying times. And Denver band Don Chicharrón helps celebrate Hispanic heritage.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; R.O.T.C.

DATE & TIME: 9/29/20 @ 7:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Like many college classes, ROTC training has largely moved online as a result of the pandemic. As we hear from the American Homefront Project, some cadets in the military training are getting some limited in-person training.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Politics; Election campaigns

DATE & TIME: 9/29/20 @ 8:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Winning a political race isn't just about persuading voters to like your candidate. It's also about ensuring those voters actually cast their ballots. Turnout operations are vital, especially in close races. In the politically divided city of Pueblo, both major parties are trying to galvanize less frequent voters.

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[Sept. 30, 2020: Understanding Prop 115 To Ban Some Abortions; Historic Find In Leadville](#)

Colorado voters will be asked in November whether to prohibit abortions after 22 weeks of pregnancy. Proposition 115 makes an exception if the life of the mother is at risk. Today, both sides of the debate. Plus a once-in-a-lifetime discovery in the attic of the Tabor Opera House in Leadville

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Election campaigns

DATE & TIME: 9/30/20 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: This year, the ground game – how campaigns reach out and engage with voters – is both familiar and yet also vastly different due to the coronavirus pandemic. To knock on doors or not to...
