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Title	Keywords	Narrative	Date
Families with trans kids flee to Colorado as other states ban gender-affirming care	Culture, Health, Politics	<p>"The TRUE Center – the state's largest provider of gender-affirming care for minors – has received an "unprecedented" number of referrals this year due to the closure of pediatric programs in many states, according to a spokeswoman. But then in July, the center abruptly stopped offering gender-affirming surgeries to adults because demand was too high.</p> <p>"In order to continue delivering expert, multidisciplinary care to our pediatric patients and their families, we are focusing on behavioral, emotional and medical care for children," the spokeswoman said.</p> <p>Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, which doesn't serve minors, has seen a 20 percent spike in patients seeking gender-affirming care over the past two years. Most out-of-state patients are from Wyoming, Texas and Arizona, said Fawn Bolak, the organization's spokeswoman."</p>	1/3/2024
Southern Ute experts talk repatriation efforts of remains housed in Gunnison museum	Culture, History	<p>"The Southern Ute is among four tribes to respond to a request from Western Colorado University professor David Hyde, who is in the process of repatriating 25 human remains along with some other artifacts that were looted around the early 1900s. The centuries-old remains must be returned in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Hyde said not only is repatriation the right thing to do, but the remains offer no research value given the manner in which they were plundered."</p>	1/4/2024
In State of the State, Gov. Polis calls for a Colorado with lower taxes, denser housing and more trains	Politics, Government	<p>"Democratic Governor Jared Polis delivered his vision for Colorado on Thursday, highlighting housing development and more transit options as two of his top policy priorities to make Colorado an easier, more affordable place to live. However, overall, Polis' nearly hour-long speech didn't have a lighthearted tone. Inside the chamber, security was extra tight for the State of the State address, while outside the building, protesters shouted for a ceasefire in Gaza. At times chants from the demonstration could be heard inside the House chamber."</p>	1/11/2024
Colorado's plastic bag ban is in full effect, but enforcement is inconsistent	Environment, Politics	<p>"Colorado's statewide plastic bag ban takes effect this year, but city and municipal governments are still divided on how to enforce it.</p> <p>The language of the law passed in 2021 required large businesses that operate in Colorado to stop providing single-use plastic carryout bags by January 1, 2024. Inventory purchased before 2024 can still be provided to customers by June 1, 2024. After that time, businesses may continue providing recycled paper carryout bags at a 10 cent fee.</p> <p>Cities and counties are entirely responsible for enforcing the law, and local governments were given the entirety of 2023 to prepare for the full plastic ban. During 2023, businesses were allowed to continue offering plastic bags if they charged a 10 cent fee per bag."</p>	1/18/2024
Out-of-state patients keep coming to Colorado in record numbers as abortion remains a political fight in 2024	Health, Politics	<p>"The political debate rages on while the new national abortion landscape is still evolving after the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022 overturned the landmark Roe decision. It legalized abortion on Jan. 22, 1973.</p> <p>The out-of-state figure has more than tripled since 2020. And its percentage of the total number of procedures has more than doubled between 2021 and 2023.</p> <p>In 2023, about 4,200 patients came to Colorado from out of state for the procedure. That's nearly 30 percent of the state's total of about 14,400, according to provisional state health department data."</p>	2/6/2024
What you need to know to vote in Colorado's presidential primary election (especially if you're an unaffiliated voter)	Elections, Politics	<p>"Colorado's 2024 presidential primary is March 5, known as Super Tuesday for the large number of states all holding their own elections on the same day.</p> <p>On this day, Colorado voters will only have to make one decision: who they want their presidential candidate to be in the November general election. While only having one contest may seem like a simple choice to make, it can get confusing if you're an unaffiliated voter or if candidates you thought dropped out of the race are showing up on your ballot."</p>	2/11/2024
Aurora Police Department releases data in a step towards transparency. Community wants to see more	Justice	<p>"Aurora residents can see near real-time data on crime in their communities and police uses of force on a website the Police Department launched this month.</p> <p>APD says the data that's now available is a first step and will eventually be augmented. Its release is a milestone for a city that is under a first-of-its-kind agreement with the state attorney general, called a consent decree, to make policing more equitable and respectful of the community, including requirements that it improve transparency with the public."</p>	2/28/2024
Why Colorado's oil and gas industry filed a ballot proposal to ban oil and gas drilling	Environment, Politics, Energy	<p>"On March 22, attorneys filed eight ballot proposals, including one draft initiative that would ask voters to approve the most controversial policy backed by environmentalists: a plan to phase out new drilling permits by 2030. Two other ballot proposals are copy-paste versions of the very air quality legislation the industry is trying to defeat."</p>	3/26/2024
Quitting tobacco begins improving health within minutes — and it's good for your wallet, too	Health	<p>"Smoking cigarettes is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S., taking nearly half a million lives each year, accounting for one in five deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In Colorado, it claims 5,100 lives a year, according to the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.</p> <p>Tobacco use is responsible for ill health effects all over the body: cancer, heart disease, high blood pressure, lung disease and blood clots.</p> <p>It may seem like a no-brainer, but more research keeps backing the benefits of quitting at any age and no matter how bad your habit."</p>	3/27/2024
While Carbondale will stop providing shelter and food for new immigrants, the city is still helping them navigate government red tape and plan their next steps	Immigration, Politics	<p>"The shelters Carbondale set up to provide food and housing for new immigrants are closing on Sunday, March 31. The city opened the shelters in December in response to what local officials and community groups said was an emergency, an estimated 80 people, mostly men from Venezuela, living under a bridge and in cars when it was about to get dangerously cold."</p>	3/29/2024