

QUARTERLY ISSUES 1ST Q 2021

NOTE: Colorado Matters is an hour long program that airs weekdays at 9am & 7pm

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Jan. 1, 2021: Favorite Recipes From ‘The Kitchen Shelf’

We start the new year with a “Kitchen Shelf” special! Coloradans crack open their favorite community cookbooks and share the recipes and memories inside. We taste sopaipillas from tiny Antonito, Colorado, challah from "Shalom On The Range," and a lemon icebox pie from one of the state's oldest Black churches.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Financial aid

DATE & TIME: 1/4/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: The coronavirus pandemic has forced hundreds of thousands of Coloradans out of work. More federal help is on the way but it may not get to the people who need it fast enough to make a difference. A look at some of the laws and benefit programs people are relying on through the pandemic.

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Jan. 4, 2021: How Virus Variant Might Affect Spread, Vaccines; Evolving Election Polling

We get perspective from an infectious disease expert on how the variant of the COVID-19 virus might affect its spread and the efficacy of the vaccines. Then, how election polling is evolving for the digital age. Plus, finding an escape from the pandemic. And, will the third time be the charm for an Arvada choir director nominated for a Grammy?

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Jan. 5, 2021: The Divide Over The Vote Count In Congress; The History Of Medicine

Washington, D.C. reporter Caitlyn Kim talks with members of Colorado's Congressional delegation in advance of the Electoral College vote count. Then, how history has shaped modern medicine, including the development of vaccines for COVID-19. Plus, CPR education reporter Jenny Brundin on her new early childhood education series.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Childcare; Economy

DATE & TIME: 1/5/21 @ 7:45am & 5:45pm

SUMMARY: As Colorado tries to reboot the economy, there's a growing problem for working parents – the early childhood workforce isn't keeping up with demand. This is the first in an occasional series.

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[Jan. 6, 2021: Reflecting On This Political Moment; Vaccine Answers For Coloradans 70 & Up](#)

We reflect on this political moment as the control of the U.S. senate hangs on Georgia's two runoff races, and some members of Congress plan to try to change the outcome of the presidential election. Later, the vaccine rollout for older Coloradans has been bumpy. Finally, short stories about the people of the Rocky Mountains.

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[Jan. 7, 2021: Buck, Crow On Capitol Chaos & Moving Ahead; How Will Democracy Hold Up?](#)

Republican Rep. Ken Buck and Democratic Rep. Jason Crow join us live to talk about Wednesday's attack on the U.S. Capitol, the role the president played, and how to move forward. Then, we explore how political unrest has taken root in America and how it might impact democracy in the future. And, ways to handle the anxiety associated with this moment in time.

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[Jan. 8, 2021: Rep. Joe Neguse On Removing The President; More Answers On Vaccine Rollout](#)

Democratic Rep. Joe Neguse thinks President Trump should be removed from office early. He talks about the Capitol insurrection and next steps for healing the country. Then, how does the 25th Amendment work? Later, more answers on the vaccine rollout from an ICU doctor. And, what scientists can learn about climate change from pikas.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Vaccines

DATE & TIME: 1/8/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: A look at how the vaccine rollout is going so far in Colorado.

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[Jan. 11, 2021: ‘The Long Lonely Lake’ Shares The Journey Through Depression And OCD](#)

In this special episode of Colorado Matters, CPR News southern Colorado reporter Dan Boyce shares his journey through depression and OCD in the podcast, "Back from Broken," created by Vic Vela. Dan joins Ryan Warner to share additional insight.

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[Jan. 12, 2021: DeGette On Impeachment; Restaurants’ Pandemic Balancing Act](#)

Rep. Diana DeGette is one of the sponsors of an article of impeachment against President Trump. She talks about next steps. Then, state Rep. Leslie Herod reflects on her friend and mentor, Kamala Harris, who will be the first Black and South Asian woman inaugurated vice president. Plus, do health guidelines accurately convey the risks of indoor dining as restaurants struggle to stay in business? And a return to the now-historic Zephyr View cabin.

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Jan. 13, 2021: Feds Prep For Possible Armed Protests; Tensions Grow Between U.S. & Iran

CPR's justice reporter Allison Sherry spoke to a top federal official about how law enforcement is preparing for possible armed protests in Colorado and elsewhere ahead of the inauguration. Then, the U.S.-Iran relationship grows increasingly volatile. Later, the effect of the siege in Washington on some people of color.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Small business

DATE & TIME: 1/14/21 @ 8:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Congress is reviving a program that gives federal aid to small business owners hurt by the pandemic. And changes to the program could make it easier for minority business owners to access the funding.

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Jan. 15, 2021: Bennet On Impeachment, Biden Priorities; Polis On What's Next For Vaccines

Colorado's U.S. Senator Michael Bennet answers questions about the pending impeachment trial of President Trump and what he sees as priorities for the Biden administration. Plus, an excerpt from Purplish as Rep. Lauren Boebert gains national attention. And, Governor Jared Polis talks about improving the vaccine rollout and what's ahead for state lawmakers.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Politics; Congress

DATE & TIME: 1/15/21 @ 5:44pm

SUMMARY: It's been less than two weeks since new Colorado U-S Representative Lauren Boebert was sworn into office. And already there are calls for her to resign or be expelled from Congress. A look at Boebert's first days in office and what people in her district are saying.

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Jan. 18, 2021: Artist Encourages Reflections On Racism; Book Explores Ideology Of Race

Westminster artist Chloe Duplessis' new show, "Negro Stories," is based on people's experiences with racism. Then, we revisit how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. first heard one of his favorite hymns in Colorado. And, exploring "The History of White People" and the ideology of race at time of unrest and calls for social justice.

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Jan. 19, 2021: Social Media, Free Speech & Extremism; Climate Change In Colorado

When social media platforms like Twitter cracked down on misinformation, was it a violation of free speech? And what does it mean for viewpoints considered extreme? Then, where Colorado fits into the global picture of climate change. Plus, Purplish looks ahead for state lawmakers. And the fascination with UFOs.

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[Jan. 20, 2021: Presidential History On Inauguration Day; Avalanche Survivor's Story](#)

As Joe Biden becomes the country's 46th president, we look at some of the 45 who came before him. What can history tell us about the present? Then, how a backcountry snowboarder survived an avalanche. Plus, apprenticeships may help address the early childhood educator crisis in Colorado. And The Lumineers' Jeremiah Fraites on his debut solo project.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Politics

DATE & TIME: 1/21/21 @ 5:44pm

SUMMARY: A few Coloradans share their thoughts on how their lives might change under the new Biden administration.

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[Jan. 21, 2021: Rep. Jason Crow On Priorities & Moving Forward; The Love Of Skydiving](#)

Democratic Rep. Jason Crow joins us to talk about what's next for Congress, the country, and Colorado. Then, how the state has avoided a post-holiday surge in cases of COVID-

19. Plus, we'll get historical context about the impeachment and transition of power. Finally, a world record skydiver from Montrose is on a mission to inspire and educate.

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Jan. 22, 2021: Remembering Selena And Her Colorado Performances

Selena, “The Queen of Tejano Music,” enchanted Colorado audiences with her incandescent performances. The Tejana singer is the subject of a new Netflix series and a new podcast from WBUR. We hear from creators behind both projects and meet a Coloradan who says the late singer made him proud of his Mexican-American heritage. Plus, plenty of her music!

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Jan. 25, 2021: Vaccines & Variants; The Pandemic Impact On Flying & DIA’s Major Projects

Answering questions about the new strains of COVID-19 and what it means to be fully vaccinated. Then, the pandemic's impact on flying and the major construction projects at DIA. Plus, with what to expect for the Senate impeachment trial. Also, a teen shares how she's working through the pandemic's disruptions. Finally, new music from Retrofette.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Education

DATE & TIME: 1/26/21 @ 8:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado is suffering from a critical shortage of childhood educators. Training prospective educators in high school could prove to be a significant way to build a pipeline of teachers.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Fire mitigation

DATE & TIME: 1/26/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: What materials a home is built with, and how the landscape around it is managed can change the outcome of it surviving a wildfire. But there are no statewide laws in Colorado to mandate those things. A look at that situation as our wildfire series continues.

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Jan. 26, 2021: Perlmutter On House Priorities; 'Bluelining' & Policing

U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter talks about the economic recovery plan, pandemic response, and his priorities moving forward. Then, a Denver mom talks about her pandemic struggles. Plus, "bluelining" in policing. We'll hear from a teen on how she's handling missed milestones of growing up in the pandemic. Also, how LGBTQ seniors face discrimination as they age.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Public health; Public safety

DATE & TIME: 1/27/21 @ 8:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Threats to local public health leaders in Colorado are on the rise. And they are getting increasingly personal and graphic.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Wildfires; Climate change; Public safety

DATE & TIME: 1/27/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: As the climate changes, Colorado will likely see bigger and more destructive wildfires. For homeowners living in areas at risk for wildfires, it's up to them to do the work to protect their property.

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[Jan. 27, 2021: Rev. Paula Williams At National Prayer Service; Teens & Missed Milestones](#)

Rev. Paula S. Williams from Longmont's Left Hand Church delivered a message of healing at last week's National Prayer Service. Then, health leaders across the state grapple with threats as COVID-19 restrictions continue. Later, how teens cope with the missed milestones during the pandemic. Finally, Colorado '70s band, Firefall has some new music out.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Wildfires and fire mitigation

DATE & TIME: 1/28/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Our wildfire series continues with a story about prescribed burning. Some foresters say it's key to improving forest health. But the

Colorado State Forest Service isn't allowed to do prescribed burns anymore after a deadly fire in 2012.

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[Jan. 28, 2021: Suthers On Future Of Colorado Springs; Translating Wildfire Emergencies](#)

Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers joins us live to talk about police accountability, Space Command, and the city's future as it turns 150. Then, Colorado-based Dominion fights claims of voter fraud. Plus, working to make sure language isn't a barrier during wildfire emergencies. And we revisit "Hidden Valley Road" to overcome the stigma of schizophrenia.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Wildfires & wildfire mitigation

DATE & TIME: 1/29/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Protecting against forest fires usually means removing lots of wood from forests... wood few people want. But some companies are interests – a look at Colorado scrap wood startups.

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[Jan. 29, 2021: Reflecting On The World Through Poetry](#)

Today, a special reflection on the world through poetry. From racial inequities to gentrification, Indigenous voices to moments of wonder, we revisit conversations with Colorado poets as they frame this moment in time.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Racial inequality

DATE & TIME: 2/1/21 @ 8:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Public Health officials say they are trying to address the racial inequities in vaccine distribution in Colorado. State data shows Black and Latino residents are being left behind in the vaccine roll out.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Politics

DATE & TIME: 2/1/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: There are fewer Republicans in Colorado today than there were just a few weeks ago. The events of January 6th and their aftermath pushed thousands of voters out of the party – in two very different directions.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Education

DATE & TIME: 2/1/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Studies say an early childhood educator with a bachelor's degree has the biggest impact on a child's growth and development. But Colorado has a critical shortage of teachers who have even the minimum qualifications. Our series titled "The Workforce Behind the Workforce" continues with a look at an innovative pilot program.

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[Feb. 1, 2021: Life's Not On Hold: Teens Navigate Missed Milestones](#)
[PART 1](#)

The pandemic has disrupted the lives of young people in many ways, resulting in missed milestones and opportunities. Life's not "on hold" for teens this year. They share personal stories and we focus on solutions as they find ways to cope and move forward.

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**[Feb. 2, 2021: Life's Not On Hold: Teens Navigate Missed Milestones
PART 2](#)**

The pandemic has disrupted the lives of young people in many ways, resulting in missed milestones and opportunities. Life's not "on hold" for teens this year. They share personal stories and we focus on solutions as they find ways to cope and move forward.

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**[Feb. 3, 2021: Inside The GameStop Stock Debacle; Colorado Springs
Turns 150](#)**

Two finance professors break down what happened with GameStop's sudden rise in the stock market. Then, an update on the CORE Act, which would add more federal protections to Colorado land. Later, a new exhibit celebrates Colorado Springs' 150th birthday with artifacts from the city's history. Finally, a conversation about an unexpectedly taboo topic: aging.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: History

DATE & TIME: 2/4/21 @ 5:50pm

SUMMARY: Colorado Springs is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. A conversation with the director of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum Matt Mayberry about the city's founding and the new exhibit at the museum.

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[Feb. 4, 2021: Tracking Growth In Colorado; Remembering Civil Rights Champion Ruth Steele](#)

State demographer Elizabeth Garner shares stories behind the statistics of Colorado's population growth. Also, RTD's new CEO Debra Johnson on the challenges ahead for public transit. Then, we remember civil rights champion Ruth Steele from Pueblo. And "Turn the Page" is reading a book about animals.

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[Feb. 5, 2021: How The Pandemic's Caused Chipped Teeth & More; Koko Bayer's Hope Hearts](#)

Denver's former independent law enforcement monitor talks about the challenges ahead for his replacement. Plus, two dentists on safety protocols against COVID-19 and how pandemic anxiety is showing up in people's teeth. Then, meet Koko Bayer, the Denver artist who created hearts with a message of hope. And, the "future funk" sound of Denver band, The Grand Alliance.

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[Feb. 8, 2021: Fraud Compounds Unemployment Benefits Frustration; Wildfire Horse Rescue](#)

Mounting frustration with the unemployment system as people are denied benefits because of the state's efforts to crack down on fraud. Then, a critical moment for the state GOP as the party tries to unify. Plus, an all-out effort to rescue horses from a wildfire. And new reflections on Selena from a stagehand who worked one of her concerts in Pueblo.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Education; Pandemic & Vaccinations

DATE & TIME: 2/8/21 @ 7:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Governor Polis says the state's teachers can get the COVID-19 vaccine starting today, but some Colorado teachers are skeptical they'll get it quickly. Reporter Vignesh .{vig-naysh} Ramachandran .{ram-uh-CHUN-drin} spoke with teachers around the state to hear their concerns.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Politics; Environment; Public lands

DATE & TIME: 2/8/21 @ 8:44am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: A lot of Colorado politicians are writing the Biden Administration these days ... the governor, a couple of senators, local leaders ... about the future of the Bureau of Land Management. The headquarters relocated over a year ago to Grand Junction. The idea of the move received bipartisan support, but the way it was done has led to a lot of second guessing. As CPR's Caitlyn Kim reports, while Colorado leaders are pushing for the headquarters to remain in state, the Biden administration may have other ideas.

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Feb. 9, 2021: Creating Police Accountability; Tia Fuller Brings The ‘Soul’ Of Jazz Alive

We talk with the chairperson of a Colorado Springs citizen commission that’s examining policing: from racial bias to crisis response to use of force. Then, assessing Colorado’s special needs parole law. Also, we remember anti-war and civil rights champion Rennie Davis.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Politics

DATE & TIME: 2/9/21 @ 7:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado's Republican Party is at a crossroads. Next year's election brings a chance to make up some ground it's lost in recent years. But first, the party must unify and organize. CPR's Bente Birkeland tells Ryan Warner that one test took place this weekend -- when the El Paso County GOP narrowly re-elected Vickie Tonkins as its chair. That's AFTER local elected officials pressured her to resign for alleged mismanagement.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Education

DATE & TIME: 2/9/21 @ 8:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado has a critical shortage of early childhood educators – especially Spanish speaking ones. Providing Latina home-based providers with high quality training could be one way to recruit and keep more providers in the field. CPR education reporter Jenny Brundin examines a program in the Roaring Fork Valley that could be a model for recruiting and training Spanish speaking women in rural Colorado.

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[Feb. 10, 2020: Looking For Life On Mars; Cleo Parker Robinson Talks Dance & Racial Justice](#)

There are three missions to Mars underway and all hope to find signs of life. Then, more from the education series, “The Workforce Behind The Workforce.” Later, choreographer Cleo Parker Robinson talks dance in the pandemic and racial justice. Plus, why making your own outdoor gear used to be a thing. And, new music from climate activist Xiuhtezcatl.

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[Feb. 11, 2021: Saving Colorado's Endangered Places; Science Moms On Climate Change Mission](#)

Three new places have been added to the list of the most endangered in Colorado. We'll talk about the evolving goals of preservation. Then, calls to Colorado's child abuse and neglect hotline are down, but what does that mean? Also, the "Science Moms" are on a mission about climate change. Plus a "Journey to Freedom" with the spirituals radio project.

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[Feb. 12, 2021: A Chef Loses Smell, Taste To COVID-19; The American Dream Of 'Minari'](#)

A Denver chef shares what it's like to lose his senses of smell and taste to COVID-19, and what researchers theorize is happening to the body. Then, CPR's Washington, D.C. reporter Caitlyn Kim's observations on the Senate impeachment trial in Purplish.

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Feb. 15, 2021; Presidents Day Perspectives Through History

On this Presidents Day, perspectives from the Founding Fathers to the First Ladies. The current pandemic isn't the first time past leaders have had to overcome sickness. Then, history's take on the transition of power. Also, presidential confidantes and advisors on the White House kitchen staff. And, notable First Ladies who helped their husbands succeed.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Politics

DATE & TIME: 2/15/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado's state House Republicans are in their weakest position in decades. The new legislative session is beginning with a new leader who hopes to lead the party back to relevance>

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Education; Pandemics

DATE & TIME: 2/11/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: High school sports looks a little different during a pandemic. Swim meets happen without all competitors in the pool. Basketball players wear masks on the court. CPR education reporter takes a look at how school districts are striking the balance between keeping schools safe and giving teenagers a positive physical and mental outlet.

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[Feb. 16, 2021: Garnett & Holbert On Legislative Priorities; Exploring A Toxic Cave](#)

State House majority leader, Democrat Alec Garnett, and state Senate minority leader, Chris Holbert, talk about legislative priorities including health care and transportation funding. Then, Denver Post reporter David Migoya on his investigation of the state

judicial department. Plus, exploring Colorado's Sulphur Cave. And Denver's Nathaniel Rateliff on SNL.

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[Feb. 17, 2021: Equitable Vaccine Clinics; The Environmental Film Festival's 15th Year](#)

Churches and community centers have become vaccine clinics to reach underserved populations. State Sen. Julie Gonzales shares what it took to do this in her district. Then, side-effects of the vaccine. Later, the Colorado Environmental Film Festival celebrates its 15th year. Finally, "The Kitchen Shelf" tackles pinto bean desserts from Cortez.

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[Feb. 18, 2021: COVID's Health Toll Goes Beyond Virus; Real Life Inspires 'To The Mountain'](#)

More people died in Colorado in 2020 than in an average year, but COVID-19 isn't the only reason. Also, schools find ways to reconnect students and sports. Plus, the father/son relationship and their experiences with autism that inspire the new novel based in Colorado, "To the Mountain." And a big honor for Colorado Springs-based artist Idris Goodwin.

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[Feb. 19, 2021: US Attorney Talks Crime, Guns, Insurrectionists, Street Drugs & Marijuana](#)

Colorado's top federal prosecutor, U.S. Attorney Jason Dunn, answers questions about suspected insurrectionists, crime in the pandemic, guns, street drugs, and the chances marijuana will be legalized on a federal level. Dunn recently announced his resignation. Plus, a successful touchdown for Perseverance on Mars, a mission with connections to Colorado.

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[Feb. 22, 2021: Checking In With An Early Colorado COVID Case; 'Shep The Turnpike Dog'](#)

Almost a year into the pandemic, we check in with one of the first Coloradans diagnosed with COVID-19. Then, the story of an 82-year-old woman who almost didn't get the vaccine. Later, Purplish is back with a legislature update. Finally, a Broomfield bridge keeps the legacy of "Shep the Turnpike Dog" alive.

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[Feb. 23, 2021: The Elijah McClain Investigation; Checking In With Cobbler Tommy Rhine](#)

The Aurora City Council reacts to the Elijah McClain investigation that found officers mishandled the encounter. Then, how's the shoe repair business one year into the pandemic? We check in with cobbler Tommy Rhine of Denver. Later, Rep. Joe Neguse on his new role in the House Subcommittee on National Parks. Finally, world-record skydiver Melissa Lowe.

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[Feb. 24, 2021: What Masks Will Say About Identity In 100 Years; Remembering Lucile](#)

The state archeologist believes masks will become artifacts about this moment in time for future generations. Then, a Colorado Springs boutique owner on what opening a business during the pandemic has taught her. And, it took a century for CU Boulder to recognize the graduation of Lucile Berkeley Buchanan; now the school's naming a building after her.

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Feb. 25, 2021: What COVID-19 Variants Mean For The Future; Women In National Security

A more contagious mutation of the COVID-19 virus could mean a storm on the horizon. Then, an aerospace engineer and former ambassador advocate for more women in national security. Plus, Denverite investigates sexual assault allegations in Denver's street arts scene. And, Amanda Gorman's poem at the inauguration inspires a Colorado poet and his daughter.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Unemployment fraud

DATE & TIME: 2/25/21 @ 8:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: A retired delivery contractor in Colorado is locked in a months long battle with scammers who are trying to defraud the unemployment system His story reveals how hard it is to stop people from taking advantage of benefits that are meant to help Coloradoans out of work.

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Feb. 26, 2021: The Pandemic Impact On A Fort Morgan Restaurant; Tattered Cover & Hue-Man

The Fort Morgan restaurant, Elaine's Place, has struggled to stay afloat in the pandemic. Then, remembering Grand Junction's Olga Archuleta who died of COVID-19 in December. Later, Tattered Cover teams up with Hue-Man, the former Denver bookstore that brought diverse literature to the city. Plus, listen to wind from Mars! And, new music from South of France.

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March 1, 2021: Ravi Turman On Life After COVID Recovery; The Peace Corps' New Challenges

Ravi Turman of Aurora was one of the first COVID-19 patients to be successfully removed from a ventilator. She reflects on life a year later. Then, the Purplish team takes on transportation. Plus, after 60 years, the challenges ahead for the Peace Corps include equity and climate change. And we begin our Pandemic Escape Playlist!

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Defense; Politics

DATE & TIME: 3/1/21 @ 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado's elected leaders are cheering a new Defense Department investigation into the Trump Administration's decision to relocate U.S. Space Command from Colorado Springs to Huntsville, Alabama. Colorado's entire congressional delegation calls Trump's move an overtly partisan decision, meant to appease red state senators before his then upcoming impeachment trial. But as CPR's Dan Boyce reports, overturning that Huntsville decision is far from a sure thing.

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March 2, 2021: COVID-19, Then & Now; Pandemic Not The Only Uncertainty For Airlines

What do doctors know now, that they wish they knew when the first cases of COVID-19 were diagnosed? Then, fighting to keep Space Command in Colorado. And, recognition for the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo. Also, how the pandemic may change air travel, and the leisure industry. Plus, new help for frustration with the state's unemployment system and fraud.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Education

DATE & TIME: 3/2/21 @ 8:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: All of Colorado's colleges and universities have their fingers crossed that state lawmakers restore the 58 percent cut made to higher education last year. But one university wants changes. It says the way Colorado divvies up funding to colleges is inequitable. As CPR education reporter Jenny Brundin reports, that's meant less support for Colorado's students of color and low-income and first-generation students.

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March 3, 2021: Spotighting Anosmia During COVID; Magical Realism In ‘Other People’s Pets’

Niwot comedian Dia Kline on how the pandemic is raising awareness about anosmia, or the inability to smell. Plus, we follow up with the residents of Wellington a year after the pandemic started. Then, Jeannie Davis remembers her parents, who died of COVID-19. Also, Niwot author R.L.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Science; Endangered species

DATE & TIME: 3/3/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Black-footed ferrets are one of the most endangered animals in North America. To help save this little mammal found in Colorado, scientists have brought Elizabeth Ann into the world. She’s a clone of a ferret, who lived more than 30 years ago

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Death

DATE & TIME: 3/3/21 @ 7:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: The story of two of the 25 hundred people in Colorado who have died in eldercare facilities in the pandemic during the past year. Jeannie Davis' parents were married since just after high school. Then they both caught COVID-19 at their nursing home.

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March 4, 2021: Two Moms On A Year Of Pandemic Stresses; Religion In A Time Of Distancing

We hear from a mom near Durango who's navigating life with five kids and a lost job a year into the pandemic. And a Greeley mom who caught COVID-19 while pregnant talks about overcoming that anxiety. Plus, how the pandemic has affected religious services. Also, a clone may be the future of the black-footed ferret. And using beavers to help Colorado's rivers.

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March 5, 2021: Parent & Restaurateur Optimistic A Year Later; The Journey Back From Broken

A year after the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Colorado, restaurant owner and parent Natalie Perez finally feels optimistic. Then, Vic Vela joins us to talk about the journey to recovery as Back From Broken begins a second season sharing stories of hope, inspiration and understanding.

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March 8, 2021: The Making Of 'Allen v. Farrow'; Ethiopian War Hits Close To Colorado

Investigative journalist Amy Herdy, formerly of The Denver Post, takes on the case of filmmaker Woody Allen, who is accused of molesting his adopted daughter. Then, a nonprofit that's helping migrant workers on the Western Slope. And, a Colorado woman searches for her family in Ethiopia.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Economy

DATE & TIME: 3/8/21 & 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: The pandemic has changed just about everything about how we experience music and theater. And it's also led to some financial struggles as theater troupes and orchestras fight to stay afloat. CPR's Monica Castillo brings us this story about one group of musicians (The Colorado Springs Philharmonic) who now find themselves out of work.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic

DATE & TIME: 3/8/21 @ 8:45am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: The pandemic is changing in Colorado. A new, broader phase of vaccinations started last week; COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have plateaued and the number of variant cases keeps growing. As CPR Health Reporter John Daley explains health experts say one thing beyond vaccines will be key to pacifying the pandemic: wearing masks.

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March 9, 2021: Students Work To Improve Black History Curriculum; Polis' Pandemic Year

Four students are on a mission to improve and broaden the Black history curriculum in the state's largest school district. Then, the Purplish team explores how the pandemic has changed how the governor and state lawmakers operate. Plus, Paralympic swimmer Sophia Herzog of Salida has her sights set on Japan.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemics; Racial issues

DATE & TIME: 3/10/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: As Colorado continues a phased COVID-19 vaccine rollout, some community organizations are making sure people of color aren't left behind. KRCC's Elena Rivera reports on one group in the San Luis Valley building support networks to help people navigate the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

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March 10, 2021: Sheneen McClain On Police Reform; Special Olympian Breaks Barrier

Elijah McClain's mother talks about police reform with Rep. Jason Crow. Then, how is Denver's program to expand mental health teams working? Plus, Mackenzie Beauvais-Nikl is the first Special Olympian to co-chair a board in the organization. And, what happens when a police department gets COVID? Finally, Christian radio adds to our Pandemic Escape Playlist.

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March 11, 2021: Overcoming The 'Tsunami' Of COVID-19 Cases; Preserving Family Legacies

Intensive care pulmonologist Dr. Ivor Douglas talks about the drop in COVID-19 cases at Denver Health and the next challenges in the pandemic. Then, balancing environmental and economic needs to find common ground over grazing on the Colorado Plateau. Plus, "Mamabird Interviews" preserves family legacies while empowering young women of color.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Election fraud

DATE & TIME: 3/12/21 @ 8:44am & 4:44pm

SUMMARY: Some of the highest profile supporters of president Trump's unproven election fraud claims are now facing defamation lawsuits, as the targets of their conspiracy theories try to hold them to account. What does it mean to enforce fact-checking via the legal system...

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March 12, 2021: Sen. John Hickenlooper On New COVID Relief; Remembering Ray White

Sen. John Hickenlooper talks about the newest round of COVID relief and what's left to do, plus filibusters and immigration. Then, a caterer in Pueblo on making it through the pandemic. And, with Colorado preparing for the snow storm this weekend, should you worry about your roof? Also, remembering CPR Classical's own Ray White.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Rural communities; Medicine

DATE & TIME: 3/12/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: It can often take years to find doctors to serve in the most rural parts of Colorado. The isolation, long hours and wide-ranging responsibilities can make the jobs a tough sell. Reporter Dan Boyce introduces us to the only primary care doctor in Park County--who is still practicing in Park County, eight years after she retired.

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March 15, 2021: Assessing The Storm; What Research Says About COVID Transmission, Masks

Ed Greene from 9News gives perspective on the big snowstorm, how it stalled, and how it measures up. Plus Avery Lill looks into the heavy, wet snow's impact on trees. Then, what the research says about how COVID-19 spreads through aerosol transmission compared to surfaces, and the efficacy of masks, from disposable to N-95.

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March 16, 2021: How One Storm Can Impact Drought; The Medical Breakthrough Of mRNA

The recent snowstorm has Colorado Water Conservation Board director Becky Mitchell "happy as a clam." Then, Nobel Laureate and CU-Boulder biochemistry professor Tom Cech on the breakthrough role mRNA has had on vaccine development. Plus, Purplish on the stimulus plan. And new songs for our pandemic escape playlist from Tigre's Laura Recendez.

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March 17, 2021: A Candid Conversation With Two Black Female Law Professors

We talk with two law professors on the cutting edge of civil rights litigation. Fighting police brutality, pay gaps, and climate change. Suzette Malveaux, of CU, and Catherine Smith, of DU, are the only full professors at their law schools who are Black women. Also today, artist Jasmine Dillavou from Colorado Springs on reshaping the arts in the pandemic.

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March 18, 2021: Phil Weiser On Purdue Pharma, Policing, & More; 'I Got Vaxxed' Bracelets

Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser talks about environmental legal challenges, the Purdue Pharma settlement, police reform, and big tech monopolies. Then, what doctors have learned about prone positioning to treat COVID-19. Also, the idea behind "I Got Vaxxed" bracelets. Plus the Oscar and Grammy spotlight shines on Colorado.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Environment; Growth; Water rights

DATE & TIME: 3/18/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Colorado Springs and Aurora are the state's largest cities after Denver. And they expect to grow a lot more as climate change dries up water supplies. The cities want to build a new dam that would take water from the West Slope, over to the Front Range. CPR's Michael Elizabeth Sakas reports.

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March 19, 2021: The Vaccine Selfie Debate; The Reality Of Hate Toward Asian-Americans

While some people post selfies in celebration of getting the COVID-19 vaccine, others are hesitant, worried about backlash. And, real stories about hate toward Asian-Americans and ways to try to address it. Also, using the courts to fight viral misinformation about elections. Plus, a new water idea for the Front Range, and preserving a Colorado archipelago.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Education

DATE & TIME: 3/19/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Room 132 at Westminster School District's Josephine Hodgkins Leadership Academy is back in class in person after spending November and December in remote learning. CPR education reporter Jenny Brundin has visited the classroom since the beginning of the school year. Today she checks in on what's been lost and gained...and what's next for teacher Renea Sutton's classroom.

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March 22, 2021: Two Nurses' Pandemic Lives; Dementia During Isolation

We circle back with two nurses whose lives have taken very different paths in the pandemic. Then, how the pandemic affects people with dementia and their caregivers. Plus, the challenge to find doctors in rural Colorado. And, a return to Room 132 as in-person learning resumes.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Education; Native Americans

DATE & TIME: 3/22/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Native Americans made up fewer than two percent of students enrolled in Colorado's public colleges and universities in 2019. As CPR's Paolo Zialcita reports, there's a renewed push in the state legislature to raise that number.

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March 23, 2021: Processing Trauma After Boulder Shooting; Fighting Childhood Poverty

A customer says employees helped him and other people reach safety after a man started shooting inside a Boulder grocery store. We talk with a psychologist about processing direct, and indirect, trauma. Then, Sen. Michael Bennet talks about the expanded child tax credit with the goal of reducing childhood poverty. Plus, Purplish on fighting climate change. And remembering an Aurora man who died from COVID-19 through his love of Depeche Mode.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Mass shootings; Gun policies

DATE & TIME: 3/24/21 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: The mass shooting in Boulder has left Colorado lawmakers grappling with the same feelings as many of their constituents: grief, resignation, and wondering what comes next. What policies or societal changes, if any, could

stop this type of gun violence from occurring so frequently. CPR's Bente Birkeland has more...

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March 24, 2021: Frank DeAngelis Reflects On Another Mass Shooting; Remembering The Victims

Former Columbine High School Principal Frank DeAngelis talks about being a resource for mass shooting survivors and the community. Then, loved ones remember some of the victims of Monday's shooting. And, Boulder resident Christine Chen reflects on a day of tough conversations. Plus, G.

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March 25, 2021: Lawmakers And Gun Laws; Checks And Balances Of COVID-19 Research

The debate begins again over gun laws after the attack at a grocery store in Boulder. Then, the ongoing cumulative effect of mass shootings. Also, how does COVID-19 spread in college dorms? And what to consider about research that's not peer reviewed. Then, answering your spring gardening questions. Plus, new songs for our pandemic escape playlist!

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March 26, 2021: Reengaging The Gun Policy Debate; Selecting A New State GOP Chair

Rep. Joe Neguse talks about gun policy after the shooting in Boulder which is in his district. We also hear from Coni Sanders, who lost her father, Dave, at Columbine, and Shannon Watts, founder of "Moms Demand Action" who used to live in Boulder. Then, choosing the new state GOP chair. And, undocumented immigrants in Durango find help during the pandemic.

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March 29, 2021: From Restaurants To Museums, A Pandemic Economic Reality Check

The pandemic has reshaped the economy in ways that could last a while. Today, we begin a series of conversations about this financial moment. Stories of struggle and reinvention, from restaurants to museums to closing streets to encourage walk-up business.

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March 30, 2021: The Pandemic Economy, From Black Women Entrepreneurs To Theaters & Tourism

The discussion about the pandemic's economic impact continues today, with perspectives from Makisha Boothe, founder of Sistahbiz Global Network in Denver, which supports Black women entrepreneurs, and from the owner of an Aurora wellness center. Plus, Michael Querio from Rocky Mountain Repertory Theater and Colorado tourism director Cathy Ritter.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Pandemic; Business and economics

DATE & TIME: 3/31/21 @ 8:45am & 5:44pm

SUMMARY: Many businesses have struggled or closed this year.... a casualty of the pandemic. But a bipartisan group of Senators and Congressmen want to help revive main streets. Caitlyn Kim reports on an entrepreneurship bill sponsored by Colorado Democrat Jason Crow that aims to set up small business owners for success.

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March 31, 2021: Returning To Grocery Stores; A Modeling Moment For Norman Rockwell

A special poem honors the life of Eric Talley, the Boulder police officer who died in last week's mass shooting. And, customers reflect on returning to grocery stores. Plus, Purplish on gun policies. Then, a man who lost an eye during the racial justice protests sues Denver. Later, an 81-year-old woman who posed for Norman Rockwell rediscovers the painting.
