

## **KRCC PROGRAMS & ISSUES 1st Q 2024**

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### **COLORADO MATTERS**

#### **Jan. 1, 2024: A new year is a new chance to manage and grow your money**

A new year brings a new chance to manage your money better, whether it's paying down debt, setting a short-term savings goal, or planning for retirement. We've been asking financial experts, from all walks of life, for tips and insight into how things like credit scores work. Today: their advice, compiled in a special!

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#### **Jan. 2, 2024: State expands paid leave; 'God is Red' explores Indigenous religion, respect for nature**

Now more working Coloradoans have access to paid leave to care for a loved one or themselves. It's a state program called FAMILI, not to be confused with the federal program FMLA. We break down the differences and how to sign up. Then, "God is Red" explores diversity of thought in religion and the importance of respecting Native traditions and our environment.

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### **Jan. 3, 2024: From climate change to housing, issues facing ski industry; Can history help the Air Force Academy?**

Skiing is big business in Colorado. The issues the industry faces are also big, like crowds, congestion, affordable worker housing, and climate change. We talk with Alterra Mountain Company CEO Jared Smith. Then, a Denver motel becomes more than a place to stay for migrants. Also, a retired brigadier general believes history can help prevent sexual assaults at the Air Force Academy. And Turn the Page with us to overcome heartbreak.

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### **Jan. 8, 2024: 10 years of recreational cannabis; ‘Ghosts on the Glacier’ unravels mysterious deaths**

What's next now that the U.S. Supreme Court will consider the case to keep Donald Trump off the Republican primary ballot in Colorado? Then, former police officer Randy Roedema is sentenced in the death of Elijah McClain. Also, how 10 years of recreational cannabis has affected Colorado. And “Ghosts on the Glacier” seeks to answer questions at long last about the deaths of two climbers in 1973.

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### **Jan. 9, 2024: State legislative leaders outline priorities amid questions of decorum on eve of session**

State lawmakers get back to work tomorrow, with Democratic leadership hoping to curtail some of the issues with decorum that plagued the last session. We talk with the House and Senate leaders from both parties about the challenges and opportunities as lawmakers get back to business.

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### **Jan. 10, 2024: What to expect from the legislative session; The nexus of cannabis and exercise**

As Colorado's legislature reconvenes today, CPR's public affairs reporter Bente Birkeland helps frame what to expect from state lawmakers. Then, new research from CU Boulder shows cannabis can make exercise more fun. Denver journalist Josiah Hesse took part; his book is "Runner's High." And, families with transgender teens find a home in Colorado.

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### **Jan. 11, 2024: How a safe place to park is changing lives**

People who don't have a place to stay warm often end up sleeping in their cars, but finding a safe place to park is tough. That's where the Colorado Safe Parking Initiative comes in. Most of the people it serves are newly homeless, and while half have jobs, they can't afford to rent or buy a permanent place to stay. Later, unique audio guides greet visitors at the Denver Art Museum.

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### **Jan. 12, 2024: Beyond the State of the State, Gov. Polis on migration and more**

Governor Jared Polis never said the word "migrant" in his State of the State speech, despite arrivals that've left cities struggling to provide. So, we asked about it and other issues shortly after he addressed lawmakers. Plus, reaction from a Republican House leader. Also, Turn the Page returns, and Denver's musical connection to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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## **Jan. 15, 2024: She marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; how his legacy still influences her today**

When Minister Glenda Strong Robinson of Longmont skipped class in 1968 to march with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., there were many things that she couldn't have foreseen.

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## **Jan. 16, 2024: The Silicon Valley of Colorado; Pueblo's Mayoral Runoff Candidates**

Move over Silicon Valley. Colorado Springs is home to more and more tech business, including one that's set to triple its production of microchips. Then, the Pueblo mayoral runoff election is one week away; we talk with incumbent Nick Gradisar and challenger Heather Graham. Plus muralists launch a festival of empowerment in Off the Walls.

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## **Jan. 17, 2024: A COVID-19 checkup; Arctic blast amid climate change**

Four years ago, the COVID-19 pandemic changed life as we know it. We get a checkup on the virus now and reflect on what's been learned about treatments and vaccines. Then, we ask Denver7 chief meteorologist Mike Nelson about the recent arctic blast in a time of climate change. And later, we go on a literary road trip across Colorado. Plus, Turn the Page with Colorado Matters!

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### **Jan. 18, 2024: Aging in place in Colorado; Colorado Wonders where does lottery money go?**

Colorado is aging faster than most other states, and there's a need to ensure aging in place — older people living wherever they want, regardless of health conditions or disabilities. There's a new program from Metropolitan State University of Denver designed to meet that need in many different ways. And, have you ever bought a lottery ticket and wondered where all that money goes? You're not alone. Colorado Wonders has answers.

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### **Jan. 19, 2024: A market to help migrants; The challenges finding a new Aurora police chief**

People coming to Colorado from the southern border tell us they want to find work and build a better life. A market in Aurora is helping them do that. Then, the challenges of finding a new police chief in Aurora. Plus, we take you back inside Casa Bonita with its new head chef. And Denver's blind bowling league.

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### **Jan. 23, 2024: Cannabis health warnings; Culture and connection with Caribbean cooking**

Mold prompts health warnings about some cannabis, but Colorado growers say the recalls are not fair. We'll get context on the concern. Then, Denver-based SafeSport wants athletes to take part in a survey about abuse and misconduct. Also, a Colorado Wonders question about solar panels. And sharing culture and connection with "Caribbean Paleo."

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### **Jan. 24, 2024: Temple Grandin on different kinds of thinkers; Transform with 'The Butterfly Affect'**

There are different kinds of thinkers. Temple Grandin is adamant about that. And the renowned CSU animal scientist says we must help kids understand what sort of thinkers they are. Then, getting students out of the classroom for hands-on learning. Plus, getting rid of plastic bags in Colorado stores. And "The Butterfly Affect" is a transformative way to overcome climate anxiety.

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### **Jan. 25, 2024: A shortage of sex offender therapists; Veterans find art therapy through photography**

There's a shortage of people qualified to treat convicted sex offenders in Colorado. We'll talk about the reasons for the shortage, its impact, and efforts to find solutions. Then, photographs, taken by veterans, via a program that creates community and support. And, Chandra and her family take a trip to the ice castles in Cripple Creek.

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### **Jan. 26, 2024: 'Western Journeys' explores immigration; Hooked on vaping?**

What does it mean for an immigrant to be at home? That's one of the themes Denver author Teow Lim Goh explores in her book, "Western Journeys." Plus, join us for our next Turn the Page with Colorado Matters discussion February 7 in Loveland! Later, is the next generation getting hooked on vaping?

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### **Jan. 29, 2024: Colorado student leads youth environmental council; The fight to keep Space Command**

A college student from Colorado leads the EPA's new National Environmental Youth Advisory Council. Then, a new exhibit featuring conservationist John Fielder who left a legacy, and a timeline, for scientists studying climate change. And "Purplish," has the behind-the-scenes story of Colorado's effort to keep the U.S. Space Command in Colorado.

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### **Jan. 30, 2024: How the tobacco industry made it cool to smoke in Colorado's communities of color**

For decades, the industry's own documents show that Big Tobacco targeted communities of color in Colorado and across the nation. The effects are still being felt today. Keith Wailoo is the author of the book, "Pushing Cool: Big Tobacco, Racial Marketing, and the Untold Story of the Menthol Cigarette."

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### **Jan. 31, 2024: What does it mean to be a quantum hub?; From prison to professor**

Colorado is a quantum technology hub, but what does that mean? Then, a program that empowers prisoners to become professors. Also, an online map that documents environmental injustice by neighborhood isn't working the way it should. Plus, her name's on the ballot but she's not running for president. We revisit the historic Hayden Granary, and new music from Cousin Curtiss!

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### **Feb. 1, 2024: Marking Black History Month with a visit to Lincoln Hills**

In 1922, at a time of deep racial segregation in the US, two Denverites realized their dream of building a resort in the Rockies for Black people to socialize and escape the stress of racism. They called it Lincoln Hills. For Black History Month, we revisit Lincoln Hills with retired Denver County judge Gary Jackson and former state historian Jared Orsi in 2022. Winks Lodge at Lincoln Hills was designated a National Historic Landmark in December.

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### **Feb. 2, 2024: Sen. Michael Bennet on immigration; 'Colorado's Most Endangered Places'**

As Congress tries to address the record number of people crossing the border, host Ryan Warner asks Colorado's senior senator, Michael Bennet, about ongoing immigration reform failures. Then, Colorado's Most Endangered Places list now includes a bowling alley and a century-old schoolhouse. And we remember photographer and filmmaker Jim Havey.

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### **Feb. 5, 2024: Colorado ranks high in alcohol deaths; An adaptive skier comes 'Full Circle'**

Colorado is sixth in the nation in alcohol-related deaths, with the problem taking an increasing toll on women and younger people. Denver Post health reporter Meg Wingerter's series is "Colorado's Quiet Killer." Then, a task force wants to overhaul Colorado's school funding system. And, "Full Circle: A Story of Post Traumatic Growth," chronicles an adaptive skier's journey both on and off the slopes.

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### **Feb. 6, 2024: Mom hoped to educate, not incarcerate; Broomfield stylist elevates African designers**

A Black mother was verbally assaulted by a white mother using a racial slur outside their daughters' elementary school; she wanted the justice system to educate, not incarcerate. Systemic tells the story. Then, a Broomfield stylist wants designers in Africa to get their due; she's working to bring the modern looks of the Motherland to the Mile High and beyond.

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### **Feb. 7, 2024: Colorado plaintiffs on case to keep Trump off ballot; Climate change and ocean acidity**

Tomorrow, the U.S. Supreme Court hears the Colorado case to keep Donald Trump off the state's primary ballot. Krista Kafer and Norma Anderson are two of the plaintiffs. Then, Colorado researchers on how climate change is changing the acidity of the Antarctic Ocean. Also, the largest air pollution penalty in state history. And "Hooked" explores how easy it is for teens to get tobacco products.

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### **Feb. 8, 2024: Supreme Court hears arguments in Trump ballot case; Purplish looks at Colorado legislative session**

The nine justices of the U.S. Supreme Court spent hours wrestling with the knotty legal issues of Trump v. Anderson — the presidential eligibility case from Colorado. CPR's Washington correspondent Caitlyn Kim was in the courtroom and breaks down what happened. Then Purplish looks at the first month of the state legislative session and what's ahead. Also, the Lunar New Year, and Denver native and Grammy winner Lecrae.

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### **Feb. 9, 2024: Trump v. Anderson highlights; South Asian filmmaker says 'no' to STEM**

Hear highlights of Thursday's Trump v. Anderson hearing at the US Supreme Court. Colorado State University student filmmaker Ali Niaz shares his award-winning documentary, "The Rocket Scientist v. The Journalist." And why the term "sanctuary city" is squishy.

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### **Feb. 12, 2024: What you need to know about voting in Colorado's presidential primary; Mardi Gras king cakes**

Ballots are in the mail for Colorado's March 5 presidential primary. We'll break down what you need to know. Then, congressional primaries are June 25. For the first time in nearly two decades, the 5th District has an open seat. Also, how a community's feelings about its poorest residents shape housing policy. And, the taste of Mardi Gras in Olde Town Arvada.

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### **Feb. 13, 2024: Spring outlook and a big change for Mike Nelson; Colorado's love of beer**

We're heading into the snowiest time of the year, so what can we expect and how will it impact snowpack? We talk about that with Denver7 chief meteorologist Mike Nelson, who himself is making news: he's retiring. Then, Colorado Wonders if the Grand Mesa really is the world's largest flat top mountain. And Colorado's love affair with beer includes a Beer Spa and Stout Month.

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## **Feb. 14, 2024: A Valentine's special: After her heart was broken, she wrote a book about the science of heartbreak**

Much has been written about the science of love. There is far less about the chemistry of being dumped.

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## **Feb. 15, 2024: Denver singer/songwriter JoFoKe; Dearfield's bid for National Park Service designation**

Her family's musical legacy goes back four generations in Colorado. But Denver singer/songwriter JoFoKe isn't relying on that as she makes her own mark, baring her soul on stage and tackling issues like mental health. Then, in the early 1900s, about 300 Black homesteaders created a community called Dearfield in northern Colorado. The site where it used to stand could soon be added to the National Park Service. And Nuggets' stadium announcer Kyle Speller goes to the NBA All-Star Game.

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## **Feb. 16, 2024: An immigration discussion you won't hear in Congress... yet**

There's a totally different way the U.S. could handle immigration. It's not something you'll hear talked about in Congress these days. But in a new book, "Welcome the Wretched," a Colorado legal scholar argues it would fix the current situation, which overwhelms cities and nonprofits. And, says author César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández, it would help the U.S. economy and set the country up for success in other ways, too.

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## **Feb. 20, 2024: Gun measures take shape at state Capitol; Join a club to save democracy**

Democrats in the state legislature are introducing a wide array of gun measures this session. Then, is joining a club a way to save democracy?

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## **Feb. 21, 2024: A goal to address homelessness was met, so what's next for people still on the streets?**

At the start of the year, Denver's mayor declared victory on a big campaign promise. He said the city had successfully sheltered more than 1000 people who'd been without housing. But 30 times as many people metro-wide used homelessness services over the past year. So, now what?

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## **Feb. 22, 2024: Graduations and cultural diversity; Sustainable consumerism**

Should students be allowed to celebrate their cultural diversity at graduation? What state lawmakers are considering and what students at one school have agreed to do...at least for now. Then, as consumers we may think we're making choices that are good for the environment. But is that actually the case? And, farming... ice.

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### **Feb. 23, 2024: Reintroducing the wolverine to Colorado; Why is Congress so ineffective right now?**

First lynx, then wolves, now wolverines. Colorado revisits plans to bring the rare and elusive member of the weasel family to the state's alpine tundra. Then, why is the 118th Congress so ineffective? CPR's Caitlyn Kim talks with some of Colorado's delegation about the frustration. Also, the pandemic story behind United's new flight training building in Denver. And, remembering singer/songwriter Randy Sparks.

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### **Feb. 26, 2024: Denver finds itself increasingly isolated as it works to help new immigrants**

As Denver works to help thousands of new immigrants who've arrived from the southern U.S. border, the city finds itself increasingly isolated from other communities in Colorado. Today we share the latest episode of Purplish which examines the complexities and considerations.

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### **Feb. 27, 2024: Homelessness in Grand Junction; Elevating Black history in Colorado**

Another park closes in Grand Junction, frequented by people experiencing homelessness. But the closure may be more about perception, as the city votes down a ban on daytime camping in parks. Then, Colorado's Black history is diverse and rich but not widely known. An exhibit at the Museum of Boulder is working to change that by illuminating the stories of Black people across the state.

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### **Feb. 28, 2024: Plan to reduce summer ozone faces uphill battle; Parenting without shame**

State Democrats have a three-pronged plan to reduce ozone pollution in the summer months, but it's facing an uphill battle. Then, no matter what social media might suggest, there's no such thing as the "perfect parent." And, two gene therapies approved by the FDA could give people with sickle cell disease new hope.

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### **Feb. 29, 2024: Popular trivia event celebrates Colorado's Black history**

As Black History Month comes to an end, Chandra visits a popular trivia event in Denver called, "Black People Know Things," where they elevate and celebrate Colorado's Black history, from the serious to the funny.

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### **March 1, 2024: Aviation pioneer charts her own course; 'Germinating' at City Park**

M'Lis Ward trained fighter pilots. But as a woman, she wasn't allowed to be one. Instead, she went onto United, becoming the first Black female captain at a U.S. passenger airline. Now she trains other pilots at United in Denver. Plus, a coming-of-age story set at a family reunion in Denver's city park.

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## March 4, 2024: US Supreme Court sides with Trump in Colorado ballot case

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Monday that votes for Donald Trump in Colorado's presidential primary will count. Hear analysis from CPR's Washington reporter Caitlyn Kim, plus reaction from a plaintiff in the case and an election official. Then, calls for an independent audit of Aurora's police intelligence unit. And, state lawmakers want to limit access to public records.

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**COMMUNITY ISSUE:** School meals; Voter approved measures; Politics; Inflation

**DATE & TIME:** 3-5-24 @ 8:45am & 4:44pm

**SUMMARY:** In 2022 voters approved a measure to provide free meals to all Colorado Students. But the program is feeding more students than expected and inflation is double what was anticipated. That means there isn't the money to pay for it. The Colorado Legislature's budget committee voted this week to delay two elements of the measure.

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**COMMUNITY ISSUE:** Wastewater treatment & management; Infrastructure

**DATE & TIME:** 3-5-24 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

**SUMMARY:** Some small rural communities have a stinky and expensive problem. As more people move in, they often struggle to keep pace with infrastructure requirements. That includes managing stuff we send down the drain. But one place in southern Colorado may have found an affordable solution.

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**COMMUNITY ISSUE:** High schools; Graduations; Higher education; Financial aid; Scholarships; Colorado state constitution

**DATE & TIME:** 3-12-24 @ 7:45am & 5:44pm

**SUMMARY:** Colorado's high school graduates are increasingly going out of state for college – often wooed by more financial aid than they can get in state. That's because Colorado's constitution limits how much the government can fund areas like higher education. A new bill hopes to keep students here.

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## **March 5, 2024: How to vote on Super Tuesday; A mother's 'remedies for sorrow'**

It's Super Tuesday. We'll walk through the voting process and get a little voting history along the way. Plus, the head of Colorado's county clerks talks about what's next now that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled Donald Trump can stay on the ballot. Also, a mother's journey to help her daughter overcome an underdiagnosed virus. And Colorado wonders about its wild weather changes.

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## **March 6, 2024: What's next after Super Tuesday, securing violent suspects, and protecting the pollinators**

Trump and Biden take Colorado, and the nation, on Super Tuesday. We'll drill into the results. Plus, with Nikki Haley suspending her campaign, what's next for a self-described Reagan Republican in Colorado who backed her? Then, you might think people suspected of violent crime would be held until they stand trial, but that doesn't always happen. And a push to protect pollinators.



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## **March 7, 2024: State of the Union issues hit home in Colorado; 'Stumbling around the world for NPR'**

Tonight is the State of the Union; we'll talk about what issues will hit home in Colorado.

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## **March 8, 2024: New effort to create Aurora police transparency; Doctor works to make childbirth safer in Ethiopia**

The Aurora Police Department is releasing weekly data in an effort to create transparency with the public.

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## **March 11, 2024: Colorado's medical aid-in-dying law could be changing; CPR's CEO on layoffs**

Colorado has had a medical aid-in-dying law on the books for eight years, but using it can be deeply frustrating. State lawmakers are considering changes. We'll get context with Purplish.

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## **March 12, 2024: Colorado could put price cap on pharmaceutical drug; Dr. Antonia Novello's journey of 'unexpected service'**

Colorado may become the first state to cap the price for a pharmaceutical drug it says is unaffordable. Then, Dr.

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## **March 13, 2024: Drawing highways in space; Colorado's history in trees**

Don the goggles and meet a CU student who'll let you hold a holographic sun in your hand. Dezell Turner wants to use augmented reality to map trajectories in space.

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## **March 14, 2024: Colorado needs more veterinarians and vet techs; How the history of Leadville's Irish miners resonates today**

There is a critical shortage of veterinarians and vet techs in Colorado. We talk with veterinarian-turned-lawmaker, Rep. Karen McCormick, about solutions.

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## COLORADO MATTERS

### **March 15, 2024: Assessing the storm; Celebrating Colorado's sportswomen; The lost history of Denver's Manhattan Beach**

Why did some places in Colorado get a lot more snow than others this week? We'll assess with National Weather Service meteorologist Greg Heavener.

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### **March 18, 2024: Keep an eye on the sky for next month's solar eclipse; Academy grad is Miss America**

A solar eclipse will cross the U.S. on April 8. Coloradans will get a partial, but impressive, view. Then, 100-year-old news clips about abortion echo the current debate. Plus, are airplanes really policing your speed? And, Air Force Academy alumna Madison Marsh will use her Miss America platform to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer.

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### **March 19, 2024: Making sure there's enough water to go around; Helping young people attain health and wellness**

It's the most important source of water in Colorado and across the region. We'll get an update on making sure there's enough to go around.

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### **March 20, 2024: CU Women take center court in March Madness; Two budding playwrights find connection**

We're in the throws of March Madness, and the women's teams are center court, including the CU Buffs. We'll talk with hall-of-famer Ceal Barry about this moment in women's basketball.

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### **March 21, 2024: Living undocumented in Colorado; Durango's Hall of Fame speed skier**

What is it like to live undocumented in Colorado?

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### **March 22, 2024: Solid snowpack; 'Wandering Stars' with Tommy Orange; A punk primer**

From one wet, spring snowstorm to another, we get the outlook from Denver7 Chief Meteorologist Mike Nelson, and the impact on snowpack.

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## COLORADO MATTERS

### **March 25, 2024: Tax breaks sound good, but what are the tradeoffs?; A debate over housing in Steamboat Springs**

The latest edition of our "Purplish" podcast explores \$1 billion in tax credits under consideration at the state legislature. Then, Steamboat Springs is dealing with a housing crisis – but there are questions about the scale of affordable housing. And, families struggle to trust the funeral industry. Plus, an editorial cartoonist's work is on display.

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## **March 26, 2024: Creating interim housing on the Western Slope; CU alumna and actress Aba Arthur**

Going from homelessness to housed is complicated; Grand Junction is looking to create interim housing to help in the transition.

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## **March 27, 2024: Temple Aaron's historic achievement; Adam Cayton-Holland's 'Happy Place'**

A small-town synagogue in Southern Colorado was once considered endangered. Now it's received the strongest historic protection there is.

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## **March 28, 2024: Regulating funeral homes; Improving Black maternal and infant health**

Colorado is the only state that does not require people who work in funeral homes to be licensed, but that could be changing.

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## **March 29, 2024: The race to replace Ken Buck; 70 years of family with Colorado's Filipino community**

The ballot's starting to take shape in the special election to replace former Rep. Ken Buck.

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