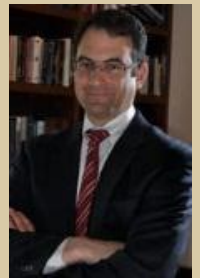




University of Colorado Boulder

Law dean, professor named to 'most influential' list

The nation's leading magazine on legal education has named two CU-Boulder educators to its list of the 25 most influential people in the industry for two very different roles. Dean **Phil Weiser**, right, was selected along with professor **Paul Campos** — a representation of what "The National Jurist" editor-in-chief Jack Crittenden called "the establishment and the agitators." "The list is a who's who of the people who have shaped the discussion the past year, which has been a challenging and pivotal year," he said. CU Law is the only school with two inclusions on the list. **Law Week Online**, Dec. 3



Duchess of Cambridge's morning sickness not a bad sign

The Duchess of Cambridge's hospitalization for morning sickness highlights the violent body reactions sometimes spurred by pregnancy. That might not be such a bad thing. Morning sickness, when it's not debilitating, is associated with positive pregnancy outcomes, said **Samuel Flaxman**, an evolutionary biologist at CU-Boulder.



"There's a robust relationship showing that women who have nausea and vomiting in pregnancy are less likely to miscarry than women without it," Flaxman said. **Business Week**, Dec. 4

CU-Boulder women's hoops team gives to the elderly

Youthful energy and the joy of holiday giving put a spark into the day for elderly residents of a Boulder low-income housing complex. The **CU women's basketball team** delivered fruit baskets to isolated local seniors. The athletes partnered with four other nonprofit organizations to distribute the healthy gifts and spread some seasonal joy. **Denver Post**, Dec. 7

CU-Boulder prof, Lafayette veterinarian target dogs' chronic pain

A CU-Boulder professor and her biomedical spin-off company are teaming with a Lafayette veterinarian in deploying a new gene therapy targeting chronic pain in dogs with the hope that it might someday be applicable to humans. **Linda Watkins**, a distinguished professor in the psychology department and the Center for Neuroscience, said the study involves treating ailing dogs with gene therapy using Interleukin-10, a protein and anti-inflammatory that dogs and humans produce naturally. **Daily Camera**, Dec. 14



Center asks Washington's leaders to cooperate via a T-shirt

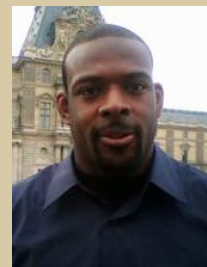
The CU-Boulder **Center of the American West** has sent a message of bipartisan cooperation to top leaders in Washington, D.C. Five T-shirts bearing a quote from Gifford Pinchot, a friend of Teddy Roosevelt and the nation's first chief forester, were sent to President Barack Obama, House Speaker John Boehner, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. "It is a greater thing to be a good citizen than to be a good Republican or a good Democrat," the T-shirts stated. **Daily Camera**, Dec. 12

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Researchers develop new approach for voice biometrics

Researchers at UCCS say they've solved some of the usual pitfalls for voice biometric technology – or speaker recognition – including voice instability and spoofing. **R.C. Johnson**, Vision and Security Technology lab, and his team have a new approach to voice biometrics that provides secure authentication while also preserving the privacy of the user, The MIT Technology Review reports.

In Johnson's system, users set up their accounts by recording a large number of words and phrases that are sent in an encrypted form to create a template for verification. **Biometric**, Dec. 5



UCCS, CSU Pueblo game to raise funds for city auditorium

In an event dubbed the "Downtown Classic," UCCS men's and women's basketball teams will face off against Colorado State University-Pueblo Saturday in the City Auditorium. The event will raise money for the redevelopment of the structure on the corner of Kiowa and Weber streets. The event is hosted in cooperation with the Downtown Partnership.

"This is a terrific chance to be a part of restoring this historic facility for the long-term future of downtown Colorado Springs," said UCCS Athletic Director **Steve Kirkham**. **Colorado Springs Business Journal**, Dec. 5



UCCS tries to maintain in-state recruiting emphasis

Third-year UCCS women's basketball coach **Corey Laster** hopes events such as this Saturday's inaugural Downtown Classic doubleheader will grab the attention of possible recruits from a Division II-rich pool in southern Colorado and Denver.

"There will always be kids who want to leave home but Colorado is becoming a great Division II state, particularly in women's hoops," Laster said. "This is a great way to draw attention to our athletic department. There is a lot of talent in Colorado Springs and we are hoping to keep most of that here." **The Gazette**, Jan. 1



Some UCCS students already back in classrooms

Not everyone takes a break this time of year at UCCS. Although the campus is mostly quiet between fall and spring semesters, those who are taking or teaching during "winterim" cover a semester-long class in a matter of weeks. **The Gazette**, Dec. 26

University of Colorado Denver

Rest in peace . . . and poetry

Jake Adam York, who died suddenly last month, not only taught at CU Denver, he also spearheaded the Denver Mint literary reading series, embarked on an imaginative Map of Denver project with at-risk students, and was the heart and soul of the CU Denver-based journal *The Copper Nickel*. There should be no moment of silence for this man. Instead, let there be an uprising of poetry being read in his name. Rest in peace, Jake. **Westword**, Dec. 17



Council hears CU Denver students' concept for city master plan

The Fort Morgan City Council heard a plan from CU Denver students about what the city should do with its facilities to meet the needs of the next 50 years. The plan the students presented impressed the council members, but the elected officials noted that financial limitations would make implementation of it daunting at best.

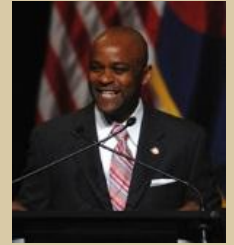
The project was the brainchild of civil engineering instructor **Peter Marxhausen**, who approached Fort Morgan City Engineer Brad Curtis about finding senior projects his students could do and gain real-world experience. **Fort Morgan Times**, Dec. 8

A trip to Africa like no other

Faculty from the CU Denver School of Education and local school teachers from Colorado took a hike for an inspiring cause. The program, called “Inspire me Africa,” is a trip where nearly 30 teachers teamed up to hike Mount Kilimanjaro. A documentary of the trip follows the teachers after their trip and highlights the life-changing impacts of the journey. **9News**, Dec. 8

Mayor Michael Hancock receives CU Denver Alumni Leadership Award

Last month the CU Denver Alumni Leadership Award was given to Denver Mayor **Michael Hancock** in recognition of his ability to create positive change. He received the honor at the CU Denver graduation ceremonies at the Colorado Convention Center. Hancock is a 1995 CU Denver graduate with a master’s degree in public administration. He received his undergraduate degree from Hastings College in Nebraska. **Denver Post**, Dec. 13



University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Breast cancer risk increased in obese menopausal women

Obese women might be able to eliminate their increased risk for postmenopausal breast cancer by taking measures during perimenopause to prevent weight gain and to therapeutically control the metabolic effects of their obesity, according to a study published in *Cancer Research*, a journal of the “American Association for Cancer Research.”

“Obese postmenopausal women have increased risk for breast cancer and poorer clinical outcomes compared with postmenopausal women who are lean,” said **Paul S. MacLean**, associate professor of medicine at the Anschutz Health and Wellness Center. **Outcome Magazine**, Dec. 7



Fudging the facts for peace of mind

Harley A. Rotbart, professor and vice chairman of pediatrics at the CU School of Medicine and author of “No Regrets Parenting,” explains in *The New York Times* that sometimes it’s OK to fudge the facts to provide the elderly with peace of mind. Anxiety disorders can be debilitating for the elderly, he said. A comprehensive review of the subject found 10 to 14 percent of those 65 and older meet the criteria for anxiety-related diagnoses, a significantly higher figure than for the more widely recognized depression syndromes in the same demographic. **The New York Times**, Dec. 24

Study to compare losing weight with water vs. diet drinks

Are diet drinks as good as water for dropping excess pounds? There’s a study under way at CU Anschutz Medical Campus to find the answer. Participants sign up for the Colorado Weigh Program for three months of weight loss and nine months of weight maintenance. But they’re also sorted into two groups. Half drink zero-calorie beverages and the other half only water.

“This is the first trial that compares water directly with non-nutritive beverages for a long period of time in people who are doing the torture test ‘lose weight and keep it off,’” said **John Peters**, chief strategy officer at the Anschutz Health and Wellness Center. **CBS News 4**, Dec. 31

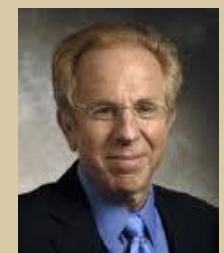


University of Colorado Hospital

A tree that moved buildings

A tree at UCH is getting some attention amid the \$400 million expansion going on around it. The towering Colorado blue spruce is one of the oldest trees on the campus, so the hospital decided to build around it, even changing some architectural plans.

“When we first began thinking about this project, one of the first things we looked at was this tree,” said **Bruce Schroffel**, CEO of University of Colorado Health. **Denver Post**, Dec. 17



Pavilion Suites at the Anschutz Inpatient Pavilion like luxury hotel suites

UCH has seen an increase in international patients during the past two years, which led hospital officials to launch the new Department of International and Executive Services in mid-November. The four full-time staff members in the department will coordinate care for patients around the world who are interested in connecting with doctors at University of Colorado Hospital. The department will help international patients schedule trips, coordinate payments and translation services, and fax and email information.



“We were providing a lot of international care as it was,” said **Thomas Purcell**, associate director for Clinical Services, who will be doing much of the clinical work in the new department. “Formalization of this new international program is the next step in meeting the needs of international patients.” **LifeScience**, Dec. 20