



# APRIL 2013

## CU COMMUNITY GRABS HEADLINES AROUND THE GLOBE

## UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

## CU-BOULDER NAMES STEVEN HAYWARD ITS FIRST VISITING CONSERVATIVE SCHOLAR

Steven Hayward will be appointed as the first visiting scholar in conservative thought. Hayward -- the Thomas W. Smith distinguished fellow at Ashbrook Center at Ashland University in Ohio -- said the conservative perspective is often missing at universities because many professors are simply not familiar with serious conservative literature and don't spend much time in discussion with conservative scholars. Daily Camera, March 13

# SQUEAKY WHEEL STILL GETS THE GREASE

It's true: If you want to get your problem solved, you need to speak up and stand your ground until the company makes you happy. "Yes, it's the squeaky-wheel system of customer service," said CU-Boulder law professor Amy Schmitz in her study, "Access to Consumer Remedies in the Squeaky-Wheel System." NBC News/Today, March 11

## ASTEROID IMPACT 66 MILLION YEARS AGO LIKELY SPARKED GLOBAL FIRESTORM

A CU-Boulder study published this week indicates that the asteroid that hit Earth 66 million years ago and wiped out the dinosaurs likely also triggered a global firestorm and led to the extinction of 80 percent of all species of life on the planet. The study was led by Douglas Robertson of CU-Boulder's Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences and used models to show that the impact of an asteroid the size of Manhattan Island in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula vaporized a large amount of rock that was sent into the atmosphere. Daily Camera, March 27

## DISTANT QUASARS TEAMED UP BILLIONS OF YEARS AGO TO STIFLE SMALL GALAXY FORMATION

Astronomers from CU-Boulder believe that so-called sideline quasars located on the outer fringes of a larger, brighter active galactic nucleus might have joined forces with the nucleus to prevent the formation of small galaxies billions of years ago. Michael Shull, a professor of astrophysical and planetary sciences at the Center for Astrophysics and Space Astronomy, and research associate David Syphers reached that conclusion after using the Hubble Space Telescope to observe one of the most luminous quasars in the universe as it appeared some 11 billion years ago. Red Orbit, March 22

## THE DEHUMANIZING EFFECT OF POWER

Power has a huge effect on how we see each other. People in power tend to dehumanize those in less powerful position, according to a new study out of CU-Boulder. The study also finds this happens even when power is randomly assigned. CPR, March 19

## WHEN EXERCISE STRESSES YOU OUT

What if someone sincerely dislikes exercise and works out only under a kind of emotional duress? It's a common occurrence, but no study had directly compared the emotional effects of forced and voluntary exercise on anxiety and emotional resilience. Scientists at the Center for Neuroscience at CU-Boulder recently decided to conduct one and found that, like it or not, exercise reduces stress. The New York Times, March 13



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## UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS

#### JIANGSU PROVINCE UNIVERSITY FELLOWS VISIT CAMPUS

Five college vice presidents from the Jiangsu Province of China visited Otero Junior College on March 5 as a part of a 17-week fellowship developed by the United Education Alliance in partnership with UCCS. The fellowship is intended to assist the vice presidents, who are each slated to become college presidents in China, in learning about American higher education and the programs and operations of host campuses, neighboring universities and community colleges. La Junta Tribune Democrat, March 26

#### UCCS TEST CAN DIAGNOSE MEMORY PROBLEMS, EASE WORRIES

What if you could take a short test that could put your mind at ease about all that forgetfulness? Such a test is available at the CU Aging Center's memory clinic run by UCCS. Forgetfulness is more common than most people think; worrying about it can make it worse. "It's a quick inexpensive way to find out if there is a problem," says John Crumlin, UCCS psychology professor. Gazette, March 25

## UCCS EARNS NOD FOR COUNSELING PROGRAM

The UCCS master's degree program in counseling and human services recently received a 2012 Professional Identity Award from the National Board for Certified Counselors Inc. Each year, the organization presents the award to three counselor education programs in the United States in recognition of exemplary efforts to prepare the next generation of counselors. In addition to an award plaque, the honored programs receive \$5,000. Gazette, March 22

## STUDY SHOWS NONPROFITS CARRY SOME FINANCIAL HEFT

Conducted by the Center for Nonprofit Excellence and Summit Economics LLC, with help from the UCCS School of Public Affairs, "Nonprofits Matter – An Economic Force for a Vibrant Community" estimates that nonprofits have a \$1.7 billion economic impact in the Pikes Peak region, and help taxpayers avoid higher bills in various arenas. Colorado Springs Independent, March 20

#### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

## DENVER POLICE ADOPT NEW MANTRA: EVERYONE MATTERS

The Denver Police Department wants its officers to "focus on preventing crime in a respectful manner, demonstrating that everyone matters," according to its new mission statement. But a CU Denver professor doesn't believe it will make much difference. "I don't think the rank-and-file are going to be inspired by a message that vague," said Mary Dodge, director of criminal justice programs at the School of Public Affairs. "I'd be surprised if they take it seriously." Denver Post, March 12

## CU DENVER LIBRARIAN ALERTS TOWSON UNIVERSITY TO POSSIBLE PLAGIARISM

Because of investigative work by CU Denver librarian Jeffrey Beall, a longtime Towson University professor has resigned his post as the head of the city school system's ethics panel amid allegations that his published academic articles contain content from dozens of sources without proper — or in some cases any — attribution.

Beall began researching Neil last month after finding uncited sources in Neil's paper "Eminent Domain: In Theory — It Makes Good Cents." Baltimore Sun, March 28







CU MEDIA

HIGHLIGHT



### BALFOUR PLANS DENVER COMPLEX FOR UPSCALE SENIORS WANTING URBAN LIVING

Construction of a senior living community called Balfour at Riverfront Park is under way and will cater to a new generation of seniors who want to enjoy downtown Denver's urban lifestyle. The 112 independent-living units will include 28 units that are required to be affordable in accordance with city policy.

Cliff Young, associate dean of faculty and professor of marketing at CU Denver, agrees it's a good investment. "Seniors are a huge, growing market segment. Look at the success downtown Denver has had in loft living. It's not just young professionals; some are empty nesters who no longer want to worry about maintaining their property." Denver Post, March 25

## POUR YOUR RED-HOT ART OUT

Iron pour is a spectacular, yet dying art. Sculptor Rian Kerrane, a CU Denver associate professor at the College of Arts and Media, stopped by 9NEWS to discuss the process. The lecture and iron pour performance were free to the public. Workshops to make tiles also were available. 9News, March 16

# UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

# A PUSH FOR HPV VACCINATIONS

The government recommended years ago that all adolescent girls get a vaccine to protect against cervical cancer. But nearly seven years after it first came to market, an overwhelming majority of girls have yet to be inoculated. Only 35 percent of girls 13 to 17 have received a full course of the vaccine.

Amanda F. Dempsey, M.D., an associate professor of pediatrics at CU Anschutz Medical Campus, said that the mosteducated parents were the most reluctant to get their daughters vaccinated. The New York Times, March 25

## HARD MATH: ADDING UP HOW LITTLE WE ACTUALLY MOVE

People who live in Colorado, where obesity rates are relatively low, take an average of 6,500 steps a day, a 2005 study found. By contrast, residents of Tennessee and Arkansas, where the obesity rates are much higher, take an average of 4,500 steps a day. "We don't know that it's cause and effect obviously, but the states with lower obesity rates have the higher number of steps," says James Hill, executive director of the CU Anschutz Health and Wellness Center. Wall Street Journal, March 11

## CU MEDICAL STUDENTS RECEIVE DETAILS ABOUT THEIR RESIDENCY

Soon after 10 a.m. March 15, about 160 CU medical students assembled in a downtown Denver hotel simultaneously opened envelopes they had picked up minutes earlier. After four or more hard years in medical school, the seniors finally learned where they would serve their medical residencies on "Match Day." Denver Post, March 15

# CU RESEARCHERS SLIM DOWN MICE BY REMOVING OBESITY GENE

CU School of Medicine researchers say they've discovered getting rid of a specific gene in mice prevents them from becoming obese. Mice would normally eat voraciously, but the ones without the PLIN-2 gene showed unusual restraint and were more active. They found even when fed a high-fat diet, the mice didn't become obese. 9News, March 5













## BITTER MELON JUICE PREVENTS PANCREATIC CANCER IN MOUSE MODELS

A CU Cancer study shows that bitter melon juice restricts the ability of pancreatic cancer cells to metabolize glucose, thus cutting the cells' energy source and eventually killing them.

"Three years ago researchers showed the effect of bitter melon extract on breast cancer cells only in a Petri dish. This study goes much, much further. The juice – people especially in Asian countries are already consuming it in quantity. We show that it affects the glucose metabolism pathway to restrict energy and kill pancreatic cancer cells," says Rajesh

Agarwal, Ph.D., co-program leader of Cancer Prevention and Control at the CU Cancer Center and professor at the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Science Daily, March 12

#### PEANUTS, EGGS AND MILK OK FOR YOUNG BABIES, REPORT FINDS

Until recently doctors recommended that parents hold off on offering problem foods, such as peanut butter, milk, fish and eggs. But recent recommendations from the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology suggest that these foods can be safely given to babies who are as young as 4 months to 6 months – and that offering them early might prevent food allergies from developing.

"The key point is that there is no reason why you can't introduce them early for most children," said lead author of the new report, David Fleischer, M.D., an associate professor of pediatrics at National Jewish Health at CU Anschutz Medical Campus. Today, March 6





