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# University of Denver in the News

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*National/International reputation-defining newspaper, magazine, TV and radio placements*

**The Columbian (Clark County, Wash.), Jan. 2**—University of Denver political science doctoral candidate Mandeav Brar is an old-fashioned patriot seeking to show his love for his country by enlisting as a regular soldier in the Army. Based on his education, Brar could have enlisted as an officer. But he decided to do his duty and serve in the ranks, he said.

**Chronicle of Higher Education, Jan. 6**—University of Denver astronomy Prof. Robert Stencel was included in the “Short Subjects” column where academics related their most memorable New Year’s Eve. Stencel spent the holiday seven years ago tracking debris from the Hale-Bopp comet.

**Sunday Oklahoman, Jan. 15**—Alta Merle Ricks, the major benefactor of the Ricks Center for Gifted Children at the University of Denver, died Nov. 8 at her home in Denver. She was 100.

This article was published again in the **Daily Oklahoman, Jan. 19**.

**Journal and Courier (Lafayette, Ind.), Jan. 20**—University of Denver students joined students from Purdue University, Northwestern University and George Mason University for a discussion with Newt Gingrich via satellite through the C-SPAN’s distance learning class.

**Cable Fax’s Cable World, Jan. 23**—In a Q&A session with C-SPAN CEO Brian Lamb and senior executive producer Steve Scully, the article focused on the distance-learning course taught by Scully at the Cable Center. Lamb said that getting the class started wasn’t difficult “because of people like the University of Denver’s Chancellor Dan Ritchie.”

**AScribe Newswire, Jan. 25**—The Tulane Law School student body will host law students and administrators from across the country who welcomed them into their host institutions in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The University of Denver Sturm College of Law is among the more than 100 law schools in 40 states that opened their doors to Tulane students in the fall of 2005.

*Local reputation-defining newspaper, magazine, TV and radio placements*

**Colorado Construction, Jan. 1**—The Frank H. Ricketson Jr. Building was included in a list of the 2005 key project headlines. The original headline read, “The U.S. Green Building Council awards Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design gold certification to the University Denver’s Frank H. Ricketson Jr. Law Building – making it the first LEED-certified law school building in the country.”

**Mile High Sports Magazine, Jan. 1**—Pioneer hockey coach George Gwozdecky was selected as one of the magazine's 2005 sportspersons of the year. He was credited with rebuilding the Pioneer program into a college hockey powerhouse and restoring a championship mentality that has been absent since the late-1960s. Gwozdecky shares the distinction with another George, Denver Nuggets head coach George Karl. The two were pictured on the magazine's cover.

**Denver Post, Jan. 5**—The Colorado Economic Futures Panel blamed the state's problems on its "tangled fiscal policy process" – a situation caused partly by conflicting constitutional amendments and inexperienced lawmakers. The blue-ribbon panel of 16 business leaders from across the state worked for more than a year under the auspices of the University of Denver to craft its proposal, released Jan. 4.

**Rocky Mountain News, Jan. 7**—It could be a first at the Consumer Electronics Show; at the very least, it's rare. The University of Denver set up shop at the Las Vegas Convention Center, where University College program assistant Mike Whitford dispensed literature on DU educational offerings for adult and continuing education.

**Denver Post, Jan. 8**—Jim Griesemer, professor at Daniels College of Business and chair of the Colorado Economic Futures Panel, contributed an op-ed arguing that high quality of life enjoyed in Colorado will be at risk if better economic decisions are not made.

**Denver Post, Jan. 8**—More than 200 people gathered for a politically charged debate about immigration. Colorado Governor Bill Owens headlined a panel of top policymakers, including Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper and U.S. Representative Tom Tancredo. The event was held at the University of Denver and sponsored by 9News.

**Denver Post, Jan. 8**—Minnette Vari's "Chimera" exhibition will be at the University of Denver's Victoria H. Myhren Gallery from March 30-May 7. The controversial South African artist explores racial identity in the still-charged aftermath of her country's apartheid through this video installation.

**Rocky Mountain News, Jan. 11**—Colorado's pay day lenders are charging borrowers an average overall interest rate of 391 percent on short-term loans, says a new study described in the current issue of the *Denver University Law Review*. The journal is edited by students at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

**Denver Post, Jan. 15**—The Newman Center for the Performing Art's presentation of the Borromeo String Quartet was the critic's choice for classical music. The ensemble is considered "the next best string quartet."

**Rocky Mountain News, Jan. 16**—Sturm College of Law students volunteer at the day-labor center El Centro Humanitario para los Trabajadores, where students help workers collect \$40,000 a year in back pay from scofflaw employers.

**Rocky Mountain News, Jan. 18**—Former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Love Kourlis unveiled the University of Denver's Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, of which she will be the executive director. University of Denver Chancellor Robert Coombe said the institute is the only university-based organization in the nation aimed at improving the American legal system.

**Denver Post, Jan. 22**—Gates Concert Hall in the Newman Center for the Performing Arts was listed among the top five places in Colorado to listen to live chamber music. “This 977-seat acoustical gem has transformed Denver’s classical-music scene,” the article reads.

**Denver Post, Jan. 22**—Connie Rule, executive director of the Spirituals Project at the University of Denver, spends most of her time figuring out ways to help make accessible to modern ears the songs American slaves used to sing to raise their spirits, record their histories and coded their communications directing people to the Underground Railroad.

**Denver Business Journal, Jan. 23**—The Colorado Economic Futures Panel’s final report was quoted in an editorial examining Colorado’s fiscal situation after passing Referendum C in Nov. 2005. The editorial said the report provided a needed outline for the state to follow in order to reach a long-term solution to fiscal policy issues.

**Denver Post, Jan. 23**—The University of Denver’s class, “Issues in Media and Public Policy,” is a unique combination of technology and big-name guests, that have included former President Ford, Senators Hillary Clinton and Edward Kennedy, and television reporters Walter Cronkite and Tim Russert. The students are connected to C-SPAN’s Washington, DC studios through the Cable Center’s virtual-learning studio.

**Rocky Mountain News, Jan. 26**—Daniels College of Business Prof. Gordon Von Stroh released a report finding that the Denver-area apartment vacancies fell to a five-year low in 2005. The report, sponsored by the Apartment Association of Metro Denver and others, showed the overall vacancy rate at 7.9 percent at the end of 2005.

**Rocky Mountain News, Jan. 27**—The “On the Move” column mentioned that M.A. Mortenson Company will donate design/build services to convert a south Denver apartment unit into an after-school computer facility for the Bridge Project, part of the University of Denver’s Graduate School of Social Work.

**Denver Post, Jan. 27**—Pioneer hockey junior defenseman Matt Carle is the first member of his family to play organized hockey, so his lineage cannot explain his greatness. He just might be the best player in college hockey, and is a contender for the Hobey Baker Award—if he wins he will be the first in DU history.

A similar feature on Matt Carle was published in the **Rocky Mountain News, Jan. 31**.

**Denver Post, Jan. 31**—Colorado is proving to be fertile ground when it comes to recruiting Peace Corps volunteers. Four Colorado universities make the top 20 in their respective categories. The University of Denver was ranked 19<sup>th</sup> among small universities whose alumni volunteer.

*National/International expert comment in newspaper, magazine, TV and radio placements*

**Daily Oklahoman (Oklahoma City, Okla.), Jan. 2**—Scott Stanley, co-director of the University of Denver’s Center for Marital and Family Studies, was quoted in a story about the progress of the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative. Stanley is a senior advisor to the initiative.

This story ran on the **Associated Press Newswire, Jan. 2**.

**Wilkes Barre Times-Leader (Pennsylvania)**—Sturm College of Law Prof. Robert Hardaway was quoted in a story about using skeletal evidence against Saddam Hussein. He said that tying the evidence to Hussein might be difficult.

The following media also carried this story:

- **NEPA News (Northeastern Pennsylvania), Jan. 2**
- **Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Jan. 2**
- **Youngstown Vindicator (Ohio), Jan. 2**
- **Grand Rapids Press (Michigan), Jan. 3**
- **Penn Live (Pennsylvania), Jan. 3**
- **Philadelphia Inquirer, Jan. 3**
- **philly.com (Pennsylvania), Jan. 3**
- **Associated Press, Jan. 3**

**Newsday (New York), Jan. 8**—University of Denver geography chair Mike Keables was quoted in an article about the importance of basing career decisions on one's long-term interests. He was interviewed about new technology in geography, such as global positioning, geographic information systems and other geospatial technologies.

**Orlando Sentinel (Florida), Jan. 9**—James Tutchton, lecturer and director of the environmental law clinic at the Sturm College of Law, was interviewed for a story about Central Floridians opting for hybrid cars and cleaner-burning fuel alternatives. He estimates alternative fuel has only replaced three to five percent of petroleum used in vehicles.

**Voice of America, Jan. 17**—University of Denver Graduate School of International Studies Professor Jonathan Adelman was quoted in a story about Christian populations in the Middle East. He commented that Christians in the region have fared better under secular governments and that fundamentalist Islam is on the rise.

**Star Tribune (Minneapolis, Minn.), Jan. 23**—John Soma, Sturm College of Law professor and executive director of the Privacy Foundation, was quoted in a story about the debate over electronic eavesdropping and issues of identity theft, industrial espionage and other digital crimes.

This story was carried on the wire by **Scripps Howard News Service, Jan. 23**.

The following media quoted Soma for similar stories:

- **The News & Observer (Raleigh, NC), Jan. 21**

**International Herald Tribune, Jan. 27**—Ved Nanda, Sturm College of Law professor and vice provost of internationalization, was interviewed for a story about India's market for foreign investors, which is increasingly attractive but also difficult to access due to the country's bureaucratic system.

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**Rocky Mountain News, Jan. 7**—Daniels College of Business lecturer Hans Hultgren was interviewed about trends in online commerce for a business story on what's in store for 2006.

**Denver Post, Jan. 8**—Sturm College of Law Professor James Brown was quoted in a story about a possible defense for former Qwest chief executive Joe Nacchio, who is charged with insider trading.

**Denver Post, Jan. 12**—University of Denver digital media studies Prof. Trace Reddell was interviewed for a story about video blogs or vlogs. Reddell describes the online journals as short art films. Sturm College of Law web services manager Gregory O’Toole also was included in the story. O’Toole keeps a blog that incorporates musings, pictures and video.

**Denver Post, Jan. 12**—University of Denver religious studies Prof. Liyakat Takim was quoted in a story about immigrant Muslim parents exposing their children to traditional observance of Eid, which is part of the four-day Muslim feast of sacrifice. He said that the sacrifice is one way of keeping the story of Abraham alive.

**Rocky Mountain News, Jan. 13**—Sturm College of Law Prof. Karen Steinhauser was quoted in a story about Colorado’s Make My Day Law. “The whole purpose of the law was that the citizens of Colorado have a right to expect absolute safety in their homes,” she said.

**Denver Post, Jan. 15**—Ved Nanda, Sturm College of Law professor and vice provost of internationalization, was quoted in an editorial on the need for the Bush administration to create well-defined statutes for the U.S. military to use when dealing with an unconventional, out-of-uniform enemy.

**Denver Post, Jan. 16**—Daniels College of Business marketing Prof. John Burnett was interviewed about new Colorado welcome signs for the state border proposed as part of the Office of Economic Development’s new branding campaign.

**Denver Post, Jan. 19**— University of Denver political science Prof. Seth Maskett was interviewed for a story about Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill Ritter’s choice to select Barbara O’Brien as his running mate. Maskett says O’Brien, who supports abortion rights, was a savvy decision.

**Denver Post, Jan. 25**—University of Denver political science Prof. Seth Maskett was quoted in a story about speculation that Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper might run for governor.

**Denver Post, Jan. 29**—Daniels College of Business Prof. John Burnett was quoted in a story about the Girl Scout cookie industry, which garners \$12 million-a-year statewide for the nonprofit organization. Burnett, who is writing a book on nonprofit marketing, says “the Girl Scout brand has huge equity.”

**Denver Post, Jan. 31**—Sturm College of Law Prof. Kristian Miccio was quoted in a story about advocates for abuse victims praising Aurora, Colo. for reaching a settlement where four victims of rapist Brent J. Brents sued the city for police negligence.