

University of Denver in the News

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National/International reputation-defining electronic and print media placements

New York Times, August 3—The creators of “The Laramie Project,” the acclaimed play about the 1998 murder of a 21-year-old gay man, Matthew Shepard, are finishing work on an 80-minute epilogue to the original work that will be given its debut simultaneously at dozens of theaters across the United States on Oct. 12, the 11th anniversary of Shepard’s death. Stephen Seifert, executive director of the Newman Center, at the University of Denver, said he chose to hold a reading in part because of the theater’s proximity to Laramie.

Time, August 3—Beyond respect and pride — and even love — it may be the willingness to sacrifice that leads to a lasting marriage, according to researchers. In a 2006 study by Scott Stanley, the director of the Center for Marital and Family Studies at the University of Denver, and colleagues found that the willingness to forgo personal interests and put a partner’s needs ahead of one’s own was directly linked to a long-lasting, happy marriage — provided that such sacrifices weren’t damaging or one-directional. Other media quoting Stanley or reporting on the Center’s work include: **USA Today, August 3; Air Force Times, August 4; Lanka Newspapers, August 8; Community Common, August 10; 4029-TV (Fort Smith, Ark.), August 11; Washington Post, August 16; Charleston Daily Mail, August 16; Suite 101.com, August 16; Omaha World Herald, August 16; Hawaii Catholic Herald, August 21; Today Show, August 21; Times-News (Twin Falls, Idaho), August 23; Journal Gazette (Ft. Wayne, In.), August 25; Weekly Calistogan (Calistoga, Calif), August 25; Otago Daily times (New Zealand), August 27; Focus on the Family Canada, August 27; Courier-Mail (Australia), August 29; Sun Times (Heber Springs, Ark.), August 31 and Carthage Press (Carthage, MO), August 31.**

Wichita Eagle, August 2—Eric Hoos, a former college roommate of PGA Tour veteran John Daly at Arkansas, has been the men’s golf coach at the University of Denver since 1999. He has led the Pioneers to seven consecutive NCAA regional appearances and their first Sun Belt Conference title in 2008.

BroadwayWorld.com, August 4—A passion for basketball and the Harlem Globetrotters won Sinbad a basketball scholarship to the University of Denver, but a knee injury later sidelined his professional sports aspirations. **Denver Post, August 14**, also reported this story.

Forbes, August 5—Forbes and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity rates 600 undergraduate programs “based on the quality of the education they provide, the experience of the students and how much they achieve.” The University of Denver is ranked 178, up from 378 in 2008.

SunbeltSports.org, August 5—University of Denver women’s golfers, Stephanie Sherlock and Kimberly Kim advanced to match play of the 109th U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship at Old Warson Country Club in St. Louis, Mo.

Pioneer Press (St. Paul, Minn.), August 6—WildEarth Guardians of Santa Fe said in a lawsuit that Xcel, based in Minneapolis, repeatedly violated the federal Clean Air Act at Xcel’s 717-megawatt coal-fired Cherokee Station power plant north of downtown Denver. The lawsuit, filed with help from the University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law Environmental Law Clinic, accuses Xcel of violating standards over the past five years that limit particulate matter.

Pittsburgh Post Gazette, August 14—University of Denver Daniels College of Business professor Bob Hannum testified in court that poker is a game of skill in a court battle over the game. Other media reporting this story include: **Denver Post, August 13; Poker News Today, August 13; Denver Daily News, August 13; Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, August 14 and Bluff Europe, August 19.**

Wall Street Journal, August 18—Parental layoffs and shrinking savings accounts have imperiled college funding for many, sending students and their parents scrambling to find last-minute sources of money for school. Because many schools require at least some payment before registration, students who don’t expect money to come through for weeks or months can pursue school-sponsored emergency loans. The terms are generally more attractive than private loans, from an interest-free loan of up to \$300 at Purdue University to 7% for up to \$1,500 at the University of Denver.

AgProfessional.com, August 19—Along streams and irrigation canals in 16 states, a wily weed called giant reed, or *Arundo donax*, can grow a remarkable 3 to 6 inches a day. In research designed to stop arundo’s advance, Agricultural Research Service ecologist David F. Spencer and co-investigators have developed a computerized, science-based animation that shows precisely how a real-world arundo plant grows. Anna Sher of the University of Denver worked on the project. **Inewswire.com, August 19**, also reported this story.

U.S. News and World Report, August 19—*U.S. News & World Report’s* annual college rankings for undergraduate education again placed the University of Denver (DU) among the nation’s top 100 universities. DU ranked 84th, up five positions from last year, tied with American University, Marquette University and the Stevens Institute of Technology. In addition, DU is ranked no. 8, tied with the University of Southern California (USC) and the University of Vermont, in the “Up and Coming National Universities” category. The category spotlights universities regarded by top University officials nationwide as “making promising and innovative changes.” Other media reporting on the rankings include: **Denver Business Journal, August 19; MSN.com, August 20; Denver Post, August 20, Colorado Springs Business Journal, August 20; BNet.com, August 20; Coloradoan.com, August 23; PressZoom.com, August 23 and Colorado Higher Ed News, August 24.**

U.S. News and World Report, August 19—Some schools live for basketball or football season; others trade on their centuries-old legacies. At the University of Denver, however, the defining college experience is study abroad. More than 74 percent of DU students study overseas. Having famous alumni doesn’t hurt DU’s international cause, either. Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice received her undergraduate degree and doctorate from DU, where she studied under Josef Korbel, namesake of the university’s school of international studies and father of another secretary of state, Madeleine Albright.

Virgin Island Daily News, August 20—The federal government will reconsider placing two native Virgin Islands plants on the endangered species list after a settlement agreement was reached in a federal lawsuit regarding their status. The Center for Biological Diversity, represented by the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Environmental Law Clinic, reached a settlement agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of the Interior in which the agencies agreed to revisit the issue. Other media

reporting this story include: **2TheDeuce.com, August 19; KDVR.com, August 19; Vail Daily, August 19; KRDOTV.com, August 19; Denver Post, August 19 and CBS4Denver.com, August 19.**

Information Week, August 21—A photographer claims Apple stole one of his images to help promote a mobile iPhone app. To support original his case, Louis Psihoyos filed a brief from a University of Denver law professor that backed his claim. “The similarities between the protectable elements of Psihoyos’ photograph and the images used in Apple’s ad campaign are striking,” wrote professor Viva Moffat, who teaches copyright law at the Sturm College of Law.

Irish Times, August 21—US researchers are “on the verge” of developing treatments to help with some difficulties experienced by people with Down syndrome, delegates at the World Down Syndrome Congress in Dublin were told yesterday. David Patterson, a professor at the Department of Biological Sciences at the Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, University of Denver, spoke of his research into the ill effects of the extra copy of chromosome 21 which causes Down syndrome. **About.com, August 24**, also reported this story.

ITVNews.tv (India), August 22—Researchers in the US have found that gross messages such as ‘Poo on you, wash your hands’ actually help in getting students wash their hands after their visit to the toilet, the Communication in Healthcare journal reported. For their study, the researchers at the University of Denver posted messages in the bathrooms of two undergraduate residence halls with messages like ‘You just peed, wash your hands,’ accompanied with vivid graphics and photos. The gross messages resulted in a 26 per cent increase in hand washing among females and an eight per cent increase among males, the study found.

Daily Green, August 26—The University of Denver’s Environmental Law Clinic signed a letter to Sen. Barbara Boxer, chair of the U.S. Senate Environmental Health and Public Works Committee, about the American Clean Energy and Security Act.

SunbeltSports.org, August 26—National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Executive Director Mike Cleary has announced the appointment of University of Denver Vice Chancellor for Athletics and Recreation Peg Bradley-Doppes to the Executive Committee.

Daily Times (Farmington, N.M.), August 27—Thomas Graham said he was rejected by the NFL at least three times for a product endorsement license. Eventually he hooked up with Ron Rizzuto, a professor and co-director of the University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business. “That gave him credibility with the NFL,” Rizzuto said, “the fact that he was working with a business school and showing that he was really making the effort to make business out of it and not just having some random idea.” **Denver Post, August 27**, also reported this story.

Littleton Independent, August 27—“America and the Middle East: Are Our Interests and Values in Conflict?” will be Tom Farer’s topic at 7 p.m. Sept. 15 at Bemis Library, 6014 S. Datura St., Littleton. He is Dean of the University of Denver’s School of International Studies.

NHL.com, August 28—Tyler Bozak, the 23-year-old free-agent who is being projected as a pillar of the Maple Leafs’ renaissance, says he is champing at the bit to do his part. Reservations about the season-compromising knee injury he suffered last season while with the University of Denver are a thing of the past, he told NHL.com. **MSN.foxsports.com, August 29**, also reported on Bozak.

Soccer365.com, August 28—Sam Garza, who in 2008 helped lead the University of Denver to its first NCAA Tournament since 1970, will be a member of the 21-player team that will represent the United States at the 2009 FIFA U-20 World Cup from Sept. 24-Oct. 16 in Egypt. Other media reporting this story include: **3rddegree.net, August 28; OurSportsCentral.com, August 28; Paddock Talk, August 29 and Pegasus News, August 30.**

Local reputation-defining electronic and print media placements

Education News Colorado, August 3—Five Jefferson County residents have applied for the vacant District 1 seat on the county Board of Education. One of the applicants, Cody McNutt of Arvada, currently is a senior at the University of Denver and is executive director of the Arvada Harvest Festival.

Vail Daily, August 3—Colorado State Senator and Vail native Michael Johnston will speak about Colorado's future at the Vail Symposium's second annual Learning Palooza event. Johnston represents the 33rd district in Denver and is an adjunct professor of education law at the University of Denver.

Colorado Higher Ed News, August 5—Katie Siek, a University of Colorado at Boulder faculty member is developing technological solutions to help address the increase in obesity and related chronic illnesses among low-income communities. Siek is collaborating with the Bridge Project, a program operated by the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver that aims to help high-risk children graduate from high school and succeed as adults.

KUSA-TV (Channel 9), August 5—There is a resource for students to have new school supplies and to be able to fit in with the rest of their peers heading into class. That resource is The Bridge Project, a University of Denver program based in the city's housing projects. The program supports students with mentorships, tutoring, and in some cases, fresh packages and backpacks filled to the brim with school supplies for students and families in need.

YourHub.com, August 5—The Community College of Aurora Foundation Board has appointed Fred Brown to its board of directors. Brown teaches communication ethics at the University of Denver, and does occasional political and legislative analysis for Denver's 9News.

Denver Post, August 6—Denver Public Schools has launched the Denver Teacher Residency Program, a new teacher-pipeline effort for such high- needs subjects as math, science and bilingual education. The program is a joint effort by DPS and the University of Denver and has 27 residents. More than half are people of color; 22 percent are bilingual. Other media reporting on the program include: **Denver Post, August 17;** **2TheDeuce.com, August 21** and **KDVR.com, August 22.**

Denver Post, August 8—*Op-Ed by Robert Hardaway, Professor of Law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law:* In 1933, the U.S. government implemented a Depression-era policy of "keeping prices high" by not only requiring that that farmers be paid not to grow food, but mandating the destruction of existing crops. The present administration has pursued the same depression era policies by choosing a different class of objects for destruction and labeling such policies with more politically acceptable euphemisms - like "Cash for Clunkers."

Colorado Higher Ed News, August 10—The University of Denver joined Anna and John Sie in the establishment of the SIÉ CHÉOU-KANG Center for International Security and Diplomacy at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies in a festive and at times emotional dedication ceremony August 7. Joined by Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper and a host of University leaders and supporters, Chancellor Robert Coombe said the Sie family's commitment to the program and to the development of the new 5,500-square-foot annex that will house it guarantees DU's place as a leader in international studies. **Your Hub, August 11,** also reported this story.

Denver Post, August 12 – Apartment vacancies are up across the Denver area, says University of Denver professor Gordon Von Stroh, who conducted the study. Other media reporting this story include: **Denver Business Journal, August 10; Vail Daily, August 12; Denver Business Journal, August 20; Durango Herald, August 22** and **Steamboat Pilot, August 24.**

Your Hub, August 13—Cindy Parsons, vice president of Public Relations for the Colorado Region of Comcast Communications, will speak about her life at a Colorado Women’s Chamber of Commerce Downtown Luncheon. The luncheon is sponsored by The Women’s College of the University of Denver.

Colorado Biz Magazine, August 17—Newmont Mining Corporation is headquartered in Denver and operates in gold mining, one of the dirtiest industries on the planet. But in the past few years the company has made huge strides in cleaning up its act. It’s interesting to note that Newmont turned to Denver’s local academic institutions to help it figure out how to build momentum in its sustainability efforts. Both the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver (which was running courses in corporate social responsibility before most of us understood what the term meant) and the University of Colorado at Denver’s Business School have consulted with the company.

Denver Post, August 18—Maceo Brodnax was the first black basketball player at the University of Denver and the first black official to work basketball games in the Big Eight and other conferences.

ColoradoBiz, August 19—*Column by Dr. Christine Riordan, dean of the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver.* We often write about executives and managers’ roles during turbulent times, but rarely do we talk about the role of employees during times of uncertainty. We need strong leadership in today’s environment, but organizations will not survive or thrive on formal leadership alone. They need all employees engaged in solving the problems and, most importantly, engaged in helping the organization prosper. Employee contributions are essential to an organization’s success.

Denver Post, August 19—*Opinion:* What is “sprawl,” anyway? When I discussed that question last month with Tom Ragonetti, a Denver land-use attorney and adjunct professor at the University of Denver law school, he recounted an exercise he sometimes poses to students. If you had an unlimited budget, he says, where would you choose to live in metro Denver? Needless to say, most students do not mention a row house or apartment — even a luxurious one. Instead, they identify an upscale Denver neighborhood such as Country Club, or Cherry Hills, or perhaps Genesee or Evergreen.

Vail Daily, August 20—At a service being held creekside behind the Vail Interfaith Chapel, B’nai Vail Congregation is hosting a group of mavens with a story to tell. “It isn’t just for Jewish people, everyone’s invited to attend and participate,” says Caryn Aviv, a member of the visiting troupe and a University of Denver professor. “The goal is to create relevance and a resonance with the past, to find a fun and engaging way to connect with a very old story.”

Denver Post, August 21—University of Denver golfer Espen Kofstad of Oslo is in fifth place after the second round of the International European Amateur Championship in Chantilly, France, after a 2-over-par 73 left him at 3-under 139, six strokes behind the leader, Ross Kellett of Scotland.

Denver Post, August 23—Somewhere in this very city, four Mexican-American women are living their lives, struggling with the same passions, worries and ambitions as any young women finding their place in the world. In Helen Thorpe’s first book, the longtime writer demonstrates her mettle as a storyteller by weaving their stories through an insightful meditation on the issue of immigration, legal and illegal, in America. Thorpe captures them at a critical moment in their lives, as well, as they begin finding their voices at the University of Denver.

Denver Post, August 24—The deep and lingering recession has hit the college student, causing requests for financial help to jump by about 30 percent at Colorado schools. At Metropolitan State College of Denver, roughly 6,000 more students have asked for help this fall compared with last year. The picture is the same at the University of Denver, where officials say 30 percent more incoming students have asked for help than last fall.

Other media reporting this story include: **KUSA-TV (Channel 9), August 24, 6 a.m.;**
TheDenverChannel.com, August 24 and Durango Herald, August 25.

Denver Post, August 24—*Op-Ed by Mark Hillman, who served as state Senate majority leader and state treasurer.* Recently, the University of Denver released a study that concluded, “[T]here simply is not enough money to pay for the government we have created.” That is, “we” want more from government than we are willing to pay. **Pueblo Chieftain, August 30**, also ran this op-ed.

Denver Post, August 25—When George Gwozdecky took over the University of Denver hockey team in 1994, the coach had two NHL draft picks on his roster. Every player was expected to play four years. Today, the Pioneers have a program record—13 NHL draft picks.

Education News Colorado, August 25—The Boettcher Teachers Program is a dual licensure and master’s degree fellowship designed to prepare a highly-skilled workforce of professional educators to make a difference in the individual lives of low-income students. Boettcher Teaching Fellows are specially trained and endorsed to work with culturally and linguistically diverse students. They earn a Master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Denver.

KDVR-TV (Channel 13), August 25 5:30 p.m.—Ji Zhao, a student at the Daniels College of Business, doesn’t seem overly concerned about the H1N1 virus and potentially cramped college quarters. “The school (DU) does a good job of keeping us safe. We have a gym, where everybody stays active, and we’re young.” **KMGH-TV (Channel 7), August 28**, also reported on the H1N1 virus.

Colorado Independent, August 26—The future of controversial so-called clean government Amendment 54 has been fast-tracked by the Colorado Supreme Court. Plaintiffs in one of the suits against Amendment 54 included the University of Denver; Pat Hamill, president and CEO of Oakwood Homes and a member of the board of trustees at DU; Dan Ritchie, chancellor emeritus of the University and chairman and CEO of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts; Denver City Councilman Charlie Brown; and the Children’s Hospital.

Denver Post, August 26—Archaeologists have uncovered the foundations of 100-year-old row houses, along with artifacts including children’s toys, at the site of the state’s new history museum in downtown Denver. The foundations were located with ground-penetrating radar operated by a University of Denver professor. The radar was brought in earlier this month after old photos and insurance maps showed the location of the buildings before the block was leveled in 1948.

Colorado Higher Ed News, August 27—The Victoria H. Myhren Gallery at the University of Denver will open its 2009-2010 schedule with a photographic exhibition, *The Family Stage: Photographs by Janet Delaney, Todd Hido, and Cecil McDonald Jr.*, Sept. 24 through Nov. 15.

Denver Post, August 30—Beginning in 2007, more than 28,000 of Andy Warhol’s photographs — Polaroid portraits and silver-gelatin prints — were distributed to 183 college and university galleries and museums across the United States by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. Among the recipient institutions were three in Colorado: the Colorado State University Art Museum, University of Colorado Art Museum and University of Denver Myhren Gallery.

Denver Post, August 30—Buntport: It’s a verb and a noun. In the Buntport Theater’s eccentric stagings, the actors have slogged sloppily through a mud pit, offered a goldfish playing Ophelia in “Hamlet” and staged an Ice Capades-inspired interpretation of some particularly bleak Franz Kafka material. Their latest challenge is translating University of Denver professor Laird Hunt’s dark, poetic novel “Indiana, Indiana” into a theatrical drama.

Denver Post, August 30—*Opinion*: Private schools (and home schooling) seem to compete just fine these days, despite all the tax support provided to public schools. Even my backwater county has two, one K-8 and the other K-12. As for colleges, private institutions like Harvard, Yale, Stanford and the University of Denver also stay in business despite competition from the public sector.

Denver Daily News, August 31—Fans of the University of Denver Pioneers can now follow their favorite teams on Twitter and Facebook to get the most up-to-the-minute news, scores and event updates.

National/International expert comment in electronic and print media placements

O, the Oprah Magazine, August 2009—University of Denver Sturm College of Law Professor Kristian Miccio is quoted in a story about a horrific domestic violence case in North Carolina.

Huffington Post, August 3—Dr. Steven R. Hindes, a professor of medical health economics at the University of Denver, says that a public health care option that is “administered as efficiently as Medicare” is favorable. While the argument that a government option will drain consumers off the insurance company rosters has been used as a negative, Dr. Hindes says this will be a positive effect. The reason: private insurance is currently way over-priced.

New York Times, August 15—Earlier this month, Wells Fargo & Co. raised CEO John Stumpf's salary to \$5.6 million. The generous bump doesn't violate any rules Wells Fargo is bound by under the Treasury Department's Troubled Asset Relief Program, But the move stretches what's allowed to its limits. “There is no denying that some of these executives have really hard jobs,” said J. Robert Brown, a professor of business law and corporate governance at the University of Denver. “But there is another element to all this over what is politically acceptable.” Other media quoting Brown include: **Professor Bainbridge.com, August 4; ABC News, August 15; San Francisco Chronicle, August 15; Kansas City Star, August 15; Crescent News, August 15, Clarion Ledger , (Jackson, Miss.), August 15; Public Opinion, August 15; AL.com, August 15; WIS (Columbia, S.C.), August 15; WMBF (Myrtle Beach, S.C.), August 15; WSYM (Lansing, Mich.), August 15; Pioneer Press (St. Paul, Minn.), August 15; KXXV (Waco, Texas), August 16; CNBC, August 17; Las Vegas Sun, August 18; MoneyNews.com, August 18; Risk and Governance Blog, August 18; Reno Gazette Journal, August 21 and THOnline.com, August 30.**

USA Today, August 16—So, why do we care about when, or if, stars are wearing their wedding rings? The answer is simple, says Howard Markman, co-director of the Center for Marital and Family Studies at the University of Denver. “We need to have celebrities providing the positive message that marriage matters and that they're taking marriage seriously to the extent that they are role models,” Markman says.

Savannah Morning News, August 21—“Dutch Utopia: American Artists In Holland, 1880-1914,” set to open at the Jepson Center for the Arts on Oct. 1, also marks the first attempt to explore the phenomenon of American artists working in Holland around the turn of the century. “This is the first time that such a large collection of Dutch-subject paintings by American artists has ever been assembled,” said Annette Stott, director of the School of Art and Art History at the University of Denver and co-author of the catalogue that will accompany the show.

E! Network, August 27—Dr. Phil Danielson, professor of forensic sciences and biological sciences at the University of Denver, was featured as an expert on the E! network program “Billionaire Murders.” He discusses the evidence presented in a show that examines some high-profile murders and trials.

Local expert comment in electronic and print media placements

Denver Woman, August/September—Lynn Gangone, dean of The Women’s College of the University of Denver, is not discouraged by the downturn in the economy. She sees, instead, opportunity for women. “Research has shown that when times are tough, people are more willing to let others in where they might not have done so before,” she says. These days she is looking everywhere for those cracks, hosting gatherings with civic leaders to make sure they know about her college and the students who attend there. She hopes to expand programs to include entrepreneurship training, leadership studies and even courses to prepare women for political office.

Colorado Biz Magazine, August 1—As unemployment rates go up, so does the number of inquiries to college admissions offices. Denise Pearson, associate academic dean of the University of Denver University College, says some older students think earning a degree might give them more job security. “Usually they feel they were downsized because they had less education than other people at their company,” she says. Lynn Gangone, the dean of The Women’s College, says the school has seen a 10 percent increase in enrollment. The bachelor’s degree in business administration is the most popular program. “You’ve got to be nimble,” she says.

Denver Post, August 2—Isolation at the federal supermax in Florence is even more isolating now that the prison has canceled its subscription to the Denver Post. Officials strain to limit information about the 490-bed prison whose use of long-term solitary confinement is decried by human-rights groups worldwide. “If prisoners don’t know what’s being said about the prison, there’s no way to offer any kind of counter and no way for the public to know what kind of facility we’re putting people into,” says Laura Rovner, a DU law professor representing the inmates.

9news.com, August 5—A visit to North Korea by former President Bill Clinton proved to be the force that freed American journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee. University of Denver International Studies Professor Sam Zhao thinks the capture, arrest and conviction of the journalists was a very well-thought-out North Korean plan.

KMGH-TV (Channel 7), August 6—Republic Airways Holdings has offered to acquire Frontier for \$108.7 million. However, Dallas-based Southwest Airlines has submitted a nonbinding proposal of \$113.6 million. University of Denver business professor Mac Clouse told 7NEWS that money is not the only factor to be considered. “If it’s close, you can make the argument that it’s based on intangibles,” he said. Other media quoting Clouse include: **Airport Business, August 7; KMGH-TV (Channel 7), August 10; KUSA-TV (Channel 9), August 24; KUSA-TV (Channel 9), August 27 and TheDenverChannel.com, August 28.**

KUSA-TV (Channel 9), August 12—Critics of the federal stimulus program say it will only lead to a larger national debt and little relief during the current economic recession. “The stimulus package is really just an excuse to spend money. It really was not a job creation package from those of us that study economic issues,” University of Denver Finance Professor Michael Williams said.

Denver Post, August 15—Southwest said its offer to buy Frontier was contingent on the Southwest and Frontier pilots associations reaching a seniority agreement. An impasse between the unions was reached on the eve of the auction. When it comes to determining how seniority lists should merge, “nobody’s happy,” said Scott Johns, a University of Denver law professor and former commercial pilot.

KCNC-TV (Channel 4), August 26—The death of Sen. Edward Kennedy removes the standard bearer of power from one of America’s most powerful families. Rich and persuasive, loved and scorned, the Kennedys have been a steering current in American politics for decades. “If you’re trying to get somewhere in politics, if you’re trying to get elected, it’s really helpful to have money, it’s helpful to have prestige,” said University of Denver political science professor Seth Masket.