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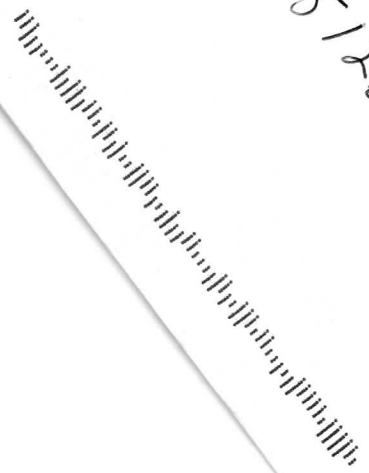
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To Rudy Davis
From Ronald E. Turner Sr.

I digested the Book one in a million - Wow.

Inclosed is Denver Post Two articles about
Corruption in Colo Courts-

I Sent Letter To David Migoya To
See if He is Interested in Contacting me over
The Absolute Proof I have of Boulder Court ~~Court~~
Corruption - Sent same Time as This Letter to you.

I Received The \$43⁰⁰ Along with The \$16⁰⁰ and
I will be calling you AS soon as I get your
Info on Phone List in order to call - I have
my Statements Ready to Read for Recording -

I Called my wife and she was on her knees praying
for GOD to get me out.

I had reached a point where in Tears I
Told a Christian Brother - I can't take
any more Bad News - I Believe Now it's
Turning around -

Praise GOD
Brother Ron

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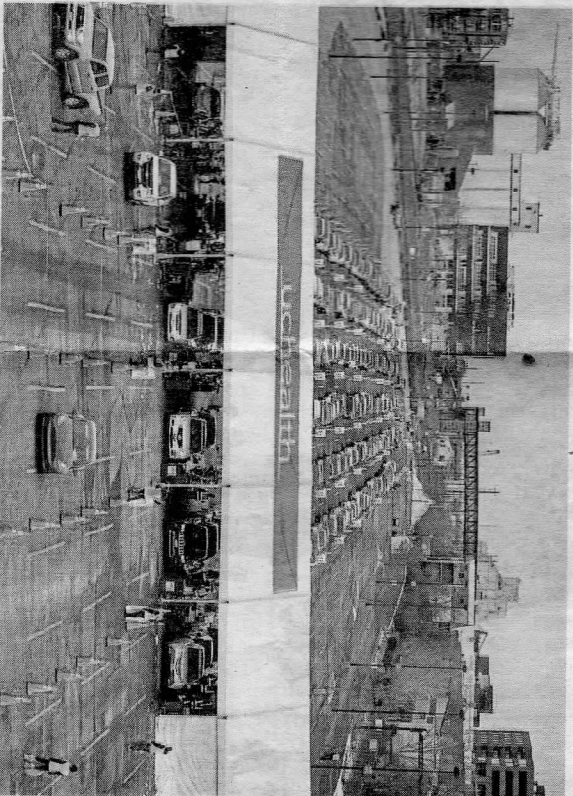
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Post founder Frederick G. Bonfils, 1861-1933

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People arrive for the COVID-19 vaccination at a drive-thru setup at Coors Field on Jan. 30 in Denver. UCHHealth set the goal of vaccinating 10,000 people over the weekend. *Chet Strange, AFP via Getty Images*

A rush to the (vaccine) light at the end of the tunnel

Last Sunday I drove my significant other to receive his first dose of the COVID vaccination at the Coors Field clinic hosted by UCHHealth. How proud I was to see how excellently organized and how smoothly everything ran. We were in and out in 25 minutes, which included 15 minutes of post vaccine waiting to en-

ter? It's how much you know and how clever you are and whether you can drive to Coors Field that apparently determines whether or not you will succeed in getting vaccinated. No computer? No car? No vaccine for you.

Jim Bahrenburg, Wheat Ridge

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Scandal in Judiciary likely extends to the bench, too

Re: "\$2.5M payout stops lawsuit," Feb. 4 news story

According to The Denver Post's reporting, Mindy Masias was going to sue the state of Colorado over sexual discrimination stemming from being passed over for promotion and subsequently fired, and in that suit, would be revealing scores of other incidents of similar conduct by both district and county judges, which infers the practice is rife within the profession. So the chief judge of the Colorado Supreme Court and the court administrator decided to offer her a lucrative contract to keep her mouth shut. "The contract," (Christopher) Ryan said, "would prevent a lawsuit and the judiciary from having to deal with a public airing of a host of ills of personal things judges do that are not related to their decision-making." I don't know in what compartmentalized fantasy land they live, but a judge who sexually discriminates or harasses in his personal life is doing it on the bench, too. I guarantee it. I've been there.

Susan Williams, Lakewood

Defending or attacking conservative thought

Re: "Benson Center is an archaic sinkhole," Jan. 31 op-ed

The Post Editorial Reform Colo's judicial branch

The Colorado Judicial Department is operating in an unaccountable silo where the chief justice of the Colorado Supreme Court wields power without transparency or oversight. The Denver Post has spent two years uncovering evidence of judicial misconduct being

Something must change.

The integrity of the judicial department is of utmost importance; Colorado judges are entrusted with our freedom, our children, our assets and our collective sense of right or wrong.

Over the past two years, reporting by The Denver Post's David Migoya, Sam Krolok Tabachnik and other journalists has uncovered startling cracks in the system that have allowed the cover-up of allegations of wrongdoing by judges and by high-level employees.

Now Migoya has presented allegations against the court's former administrator that the former chief justice offered a thinly veiled bribe to a disgruntled employee to avoid a "tell-all lawsuit." In an unsigned memo to Judicial Department employees, the department denied the claim, however, no individual appears willing to associate their name with the denial.

The ramifications of this allegation are not watered down by the fact that Chief Justice Nathan Coats is no longer in his position or that most of the others involved with the cover-up are gone as well. It's time for the Judicial Department to come clean and then seek genuine reform, and if those at the helm of the department won't act, Colorado voters must force change upon the department.

State Senator Leroy Garcia has said lawmakers are looking at ways to force accountability and State Auditor Dianne Ray is also launching an inquiry following the publication of Migoya's story.

The first step in this process is obvious. Former state Court Administrator Chris Ryan told The Denver Post that a memo exists detailing the misdeeds of approximately 20 judges and other court officials. The memo is a summary of a lawsuit that was threatened by a former chief of staff who was facing dismissal.

Chief Justice Brian Boatright, who resigned in 2019, placed Coats after he retired on Dec. 31, 2019. The Denver Post requested the document, however, Colorado's Judicial Department is exempt from the state's open records laws. Instead, the department has made its own open records rules — dra-

sure we had no serious reactions. Thank you to all the UC-Health personnel and administrators who had the foresight to organize and work this event. Thank you to all the civic leaders and politicians, especially Gov. Jared Polis, for understanding the necessity and urgency of securing vaccines and helping all those who desire to get vaccinated. And thank you to the brilliant researchers who developed this vaccine! I believe I see the light at the tunnels end.

Sydney Shane Shapiro, Westminister

Thank you to National Jewish for their COVID-19 vaccination effort this weekend. Expecting long lines and extended waits, I was pleasantly surprised by their organization. I was done in less than 30 minutes. More than that I was interviewed by two sympathetic M.D.s and one paramedic who were caring, informative and who listened to me. Thank you National Jewish for your professional organization. And thanks to the kid who flagged my car out while he did a little thumbs-up dance congratulating me.

Stephen Balch, Lakewood

I am old, 80-plus. Yes, I use a computer — minimally. And it seems that if one is not super-tech-savvy, one is not going to get a vaccine shot. Why can't one simply make a phone call to a nearby location to make an appointment to get

Re: "Teachers, people 65-69 up next," Jan. 31 new story

I was very disappointed to read Gov. Polis' comments last weekend: "The people who really wanted it (the vaccine), who signed up, are done at that point." That is untrue and dangerous to the people aged 70 and older who have not been vaccinated. My 79-year-old husband has signed up on more than five different sites, with no response so far from any of them.

Don't leave this high-risk group behind. Please provide special times solely for the 70-plus and a hot line to help them get to the front of the line. Allocating resources specifically to protect the oldest people in the community is not "slowing down vaccinations." It is doing the right thing.

Carolyn Schrader, Denver

Now, this is unity! Thousands of orange cones, hundreds of people in orange vests flagging cars in, registering people, injecting them, making sure they didn't have reactions, and then flagging the cars out again — all to combat a common enemy. The UCHHealth mass COVID vaccine effort at Coors Field was an amazing system that yielded a calm, well-organized process. Not to mention the information, registration and appointment-making in advance. Well done!

Jackie W. Powell, Littleton

Rethink Denver's proposed group-living amendment

Re: "Support the group living proposal," Jan. 31 editorial

I have spent 18 months working on understanding the Group Living proposal, and watched the committees City Council and Community Planning & Development worked out during the fall months. I appreciate

Ian Silverii wastes no time to spew his fiction. In his opening paragraph he hits the ground running with the first of at least seven baseless and factually bankrupt — to co-opt his words — charges, including "exhortations of violence" against John Eastman regarding his remarks to the pro-Trump rally on Jan. 6.

I read the transcript and then listened to the video clip in case I missed something. There was not one single "exhortation of violence" from Eastman. Not one. Later in the piece, apparently in the throes of hyperventilation, Silverii spatters that Eastman wrote a "racist" op-ed regarding Vice President Kamala Harris' eligibility for office. I'm pretty sure he meant it because he wrote "racist" four times, with an obligatory "bigoted" and "eugenicist" tossed in for good measure.

Again, I read the Eastman op-ed and discerned no "racist attack." If when you accuse someone of racism, you are referring to the dictionary definition. He makes no mention whatsoever regarding her race or of inferiority to another.

Two takeaways. One: when you denounce everyone as a racist, as does Silverii via his regular appearances in The Post, no one is a racist. You effectively castrate the word relinquishing it of any power. Two: when you traffic in the world of vitriol, as does Silverii, you reap what you sow. He's clearly threatened by the Benson Center. He should be.

Jon Pitt, Golden

The saga of Professor John Eastman at the University of Colorado dramatically illustrates one of the biggest problems facing our republic today. We have a bunch of wolves in sheep's clothing who are trying to undermine our Constitution. While masquerading as conservatives, they are spreading lies, dispersing a racist agenda and trying to overthrow a legitimately elected government. The challenge facing the country is how to ferret out those with nefarious intent, hold them accountable and yet protect the freedoms and rights of the rest of our citizenry. It is a tough task, but one which all honorable people must support.

Rah Stanhansen, Englewood

The Denver Post requested the document, however, Colorado's Judicial Department is exempt from the state's open records laws. Instead, the department has made its own open records rules — drastically improved in recent years — but still imperfect.

The Judicial Department did not deny that a memo existed but rather said it was a work product that contains privileged information protected from disclosure. We are incredulous that "work product" could possibly include a completed memo created in December 2018 by state employees who no longer "work" for the department, nor is a memo from one state employee to another protected under privilege.

The next steps for the department are going to be more difficult. Boatright must launch an investigation into the contents of the memo — allegations of impropriety cannot be allowed to fester. Ryan described some aspects of the memo as "gut-wrenching." This is Boatright's one chance to prove the department is capable of policing its own. If change doesn't come now, Colorado voters will have to force change by creating a system of external oversight and placing the Judicial Department under the same Open Records laws most of the state government operates under.

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Understanding the Group Living proposal, and watched the compromises City Council and Community Planning & Development worked out during the fall months. I appreciate the committee work and all the time Planner Andrew Webb spent trying to answer questions.

Despite intentions to simplify things, I do not believe the proposal meets the decision-making criteria that a proposal be "clear to administer and enforce." With deep divides persisting even after the compromise proposal was arrived at, I have a suggestion. CPD is getting ready to make two other significant changes — bringing 20% of Denver into the (new) Denver Zoning Code, and tackling the issue of how to bring some "gentle density" to all residential neighborhoods. This is called the "residential infill" project. These efforts will require that the city bring everyone to the table to work. Why not work on all three city-wide zoning changes at the same time?

Christine O'Connor, Denver

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code would not apply to about 20% of Denver, including enclaves of privilege like Lowry, Stapleton, Northfield, Southmoor and Green Valley Ranch.

While the editorial claims "...dispensing [community corrections] facilities throughout the entire city ... is the right and equitable thing to do," this amendment is inequitable on its face because it exempts such substantial parts of the city.

When this is approved, the politicians — some of whom live in these exempt areas — will smugly pat themselves on the back for undoing archaic and racist zoning laws. Yet they will be perpetuating inequity by leaving substantial portions of the city untouched by what the editorial euphemistically labels as "negatively perceived housing."

Yes, Denver should update its zoning, but the changes should apply equitably citywide. It should also commit resources to enforce any new rules it comes up with.

J.M. Brink, Denver

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Bob Stephenson, Englewood

Re: "Benson Center is a last stand for conservative thought," Jan. 31 op-ed

As a Republican for most of my younger life, I am aware of the conservative tenants of the party: economic conservatism, patriotism, strict constitutional interpretation, individual freedom, religious centric, limited government, etc. The party has however lately abandoned its principles solely for retention of power. If professors and other Americans are abandoning the pillars of conservatism because the Republican Party has become obstructionist and relies on a cult following to retain power, then Krista Kafer must look to reform. She might stem conservative dissolution by pressing Republicans to rediscover the basic principles of their party. Their example of governance will determine the fate of U.S. conservatism, not the Benson Center.

J.G. Swedlund, Denver

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