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HURRICANE LAURA

Trump visits Lake Charles

Louisiana city of 80,000 has had no power for days, and many do not have running water

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LAKE CHARLES, LA. » Days after Hurricane Laura slammed into Louisiana, hundreds of thousands of people remained without electricity Saturday, with the situation especially dire in Lake Charles, a city near the coastline where nearly all 80,000 residents have been without power for days and many have no running water.

President Donald Trump arrived Saturday afternoon in the troubled city, where residents were just beginning to pick up the pieces after the hurricane that made landfall Thursday as a Category 4 storm.

"Our hearts go out to the families that have lost loved ones," Trump said during a stop in Lake Charles, expressing relief that the death toll was not higher. "It's a tremendous number, but it could have been a lot worse."

But Trump and the residents who were returning to their homes arrived in a city still packed with perils, where the streets were obstacle courses filled with tangled power lines, fallen trees and debris from rooftops.

"We have water in some locations, but it's a trickle," Mayor Nic Hunter said in a telephone interview shortly before Trump's visit, describing an overwhelmed water system that, combined with the near-total electricity failure, has left the city foundering in the summer heat.

Sandra Staves, who works as a housekeeper at a hospital, returned to her home for the first time Saturday. Her roof was torn apart, the windows were broken, and water had soaked her furniture and mattress. The power was

TRUMP » 6A

Metro Area's Cash-Strapped Transit Provider

Challenges await RTD's new chief



An RTD train waits for a passenger to board at Union Station on Thursday in Denver. Rachel Ellis, The Denver Post

Agency deals with virus impact, review, underfunded rail projects



Debra Johnson was the deputy CEO in Long Beach and had worked in L.A. and San Francisco.

By Jon Murray The Denver Post

The incoming leader of the Regional Transportation District has overseen huge budgets and dug into daily operational details at other transit agencies. She has negotiated difficult labor contracts, including in a city notorious for union strife.

She also has managed a board of directors rife with complexity and conflicting interests.

Debra Johnson will need all of those skills in Denver when she takes the reins as RTD's new general manager and CEO, inside and outside observers say. She's coming aboard at a time when the metro area's transit provider faces not only tremendous fallout from the coronavirus pandemic, but also budget imbalances, underfunded rail projects, and an outside review that kicked

off this month.

That review could recommend drastic changes to the setup of the 51-year-old district, which has struggled to repair fraying public trust caused in part by service cuts and fare hikes.

The last time RTD hired a new boss from outside the agency was in 1995, when it tapped Cal Marsella in another time of turmoil. He would become the father of FasTracks, the massive transit expansion approved by voters in 2004.

With its vote Tuesday for Johnson, who spent six years at Long Beach Transit as deputy CEO, the elected board made history by installing a woman in the top job for the first time.

"I think it's good they went for an outsider. It's clear the agency really needs some new blood," said David Bragdon, the executive director of

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POLICE REFORM LEFT SOME OUT

Colorado's new police reform law excludes state-employed officers from facing personal liability because of the potential hit to the state budget. »1B

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THE RNC'S IDENTITY CRISIS

Bloomberg Opinion columnists Ramesh Ponnuru and Michael R. Strain look at President Donald Trump's impact on the Republican National Convention. »1D

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"Pink Progression: Collaborations" uses painting and sculpture, poetry, dance, music and more to keep the spirit of the Women's March alive. »1E

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THEATER TO STREAM

A world of fringe and more Apples

By Elisabeth Vincentelli
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Theater is a physical art form, but it is becoming increasingly obvious that its expanded online presence is here to stay, especially as the web smooths out issues of collaboration and access, both financial and physical. In Australia, for example, the Sydney Fringe Festival is expecting its new virtual event to be more than a stopgap measure. For the festival's chief executive and director, Kerri Glasscock, the Global Fringe initiative is not so much a replacement for the live festival as "a new project that will hopefully continue beyond the pandemic," she wrote in an email. "It opens up a doorway for festivals like ours to support and present a wider selection of works annually, to push form and function and develop new ways of presentation, and to ensure that our audiences are getting to see the best work from around the globe."

Sydney's Global Fringe project includes both livestreams (including some from Sweden, thanks to a partnership with the Stockholm Fringe Festival) and shows recorded in Australia, Britain, Israel, New Zealand and the United States. "What is remarkably ironic is that while all of our physical borders remain closed, our relationships with our international partners and colleagues have been strengthened," Glasscock said. (Sept. 2-27. Go to sydneyfringe.com for more information. "Pay what you feel.")

The fringe moves to the (online) center.

Fringe festivals tend to be sprawling affairs, but luckily the virtual world can accommodate a lot of shows. In addition to the recorded productions available on Zoo TV, in lieu of the Edinburgh subfestival known as the Zoo, the Edinburgh hub theSpaceUK offers live and on-demand shows via its virtual portal, Online@thespaceuk.com. (Through Aug. 30 at online.thespaceuk.com. Free.)

As for the Shedinburgh Fringe Festival, it is streaming live performances, including Nassim Soleimanpour's "White Rabbit Red Rabbit," out of shed spaces set up at Edinburgh's Traverse Theater and London's Soho Theater, as well as in performers' homes. (Through Sept. 5 at shedinburgh.com. Live only. Donations start around \$5.)

How do you like them Apples?

Think of it as the off-Broadway answer to the Marvel Cinematic Universe: In "Incidental Moments of the Day," the conclu-

THEATER » 3E



For "Collaborations," artists Martha Russo, Tina Suszynski, Anna Suszynski and Emma Hardy made a cake. Provided by Pink Progression

PINK PROGRESSION

Keeping the spirit of the Women's March alive — hats and all



A detail from "My Claude, My Medusa," by Sherry Wiggins and Luís Filipe Branco. Ray Mark Rinaldi, Special to The Denver Post

By Ray Mark Rinaldi
Special to The Denver Post

The 2017 Women's March was the largest single-day protest in American history. More than 3 million people gathered in cities across the country to express anger over the two-plus centuries of second-class citizenship that women have endured.

It was an insurrection with big demands — pay equity, safety protections, reproductive rights — but bad timing. After all, the event's main target, newly-elected President Donald Trump, was only in office one day; he wasn't going anywhere for four years, no matter how loud the chants, or how clever the signs, or how pink the signature hats participants wore.

PINK » 3E

If you go

"Pink Progression: Collaborations" continues through Nov. 8 at the Arvada Center. Tickets are free but attendance is timed to limit crowds during the pandemic. Online reservations are advised. Info at 720-898-7200 or arvadacenter.org.



At C Lazy U Ranch in Granby, you can participate in horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, fly fishing, tennis, archery, hatchet-throwing, a ropes course, swimming and volleyball. Provided by C Lazy U Ranch

TRAVEL

Can't go to Europe? Take these Colorado trips instead

By Sarah Kuta
Special to The Denver Post

The coronavirus pandemic has disrupted just about every facet of our lives. Chief among them: our ability to travel, especially internationally.

Europe, in particular, does not want American visitors right now (and, honestly, we can't blame them). This means that if you were planning to take one of Denver International Airport's

handy non-stop flights to destinations like London, Paris or Frankfurt, you're out of luck for the foreseeable future.

There's never been a better time to plan a Colorado road trip and check out some of the state's destinations you've been meaning to visit, but just haven't gotten around to yet. Before you hop in the car, however, be sure to check out your destination's coronavirus rules, regulations and restrictions (and actually

follow them) so that we can all travel safely and responsibly.

Don't get discouraged by your dashed European travel plans. Instead, set your sights on these Colorado vacation ideas that will make you feel like you're traveling in Europe.

European fall menu at C Lazy U Ranch.

Take an extended tour of Europe's mountain regions via your taste buds with a visit to C Lazy

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TRAVEL

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U Ranch in Granby. Executive chef Cory Untch created the ranch's fall menu with European travel (or, rather, the lack thereof) in mind, conducting extensive research about the foods that are popular in northern Italy, Austria, Switzerland, France and Germany.

And this isn't your typical "dude ranch" cuisine, either; far from it. Untch is an accomplished chef who has trained in kitchens at The Little Nell in Aspen and at Ritz-Carlton hotels all over the country, among others.

"People can't really travel right now," said 37-year-old Untch, who began leading the ranch's culinary program in January. "With everything that's happening, we want to try to bring them that experience through food. Even if you've been there before, maybe we can make a dish that strikes a note with you, that brings you back to that time and place."

On the menu, you'll find dishes using polenta, risotto, osso buco, house-made pasta, sauerkraut dumplings, fondue and more. Untch plans to play up fontina and pecorino cheeses, as well as meats like prosciutto, mortadella and guanciale.

Since all meals are included in your stay at the ranch, you don't have to be bashful about asking for seconds, either. And if you're the type of person who likes to earn your dinner, the ranch has plenty of activities to help you work up a sweat — horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, fly fishing, tennis, archery, hatchet-throwing, a ropes course, swimming and volleyball, just to name a few.

C Lazy U Ranch, 3640 Colorado Highway 125, Granby, 970-887-3344, clazyu.com

German Bauhaus style in Aspen.

White settlers flocked to Aspen in the early 1870s in search of valuable silver buried underground. And even after the silver market collapsed in the early 1890s, many Aspenites still saw value in this beautiful place. Among them: Walter and Elizabeth Paepcke.

In addition to helping Aspen become a world-renowned skiing destination, the Paepckes are responsible for much of Aspen's cultural and artistic prowess. Case in point: In 1949, the Paepckes founded the Aspen Institute, a place where people could discuss big ideas, art, philosophy, human challenges and great writing.

They commissioned Austrian-born designer and architect Herbert Bayer to create the institute's campus in the distinctive Bauhaus style, a very specific form of modernist German architecture and design from the 1920s and 1930s.

Today, a visit to the institute, which is also a hotel and resort, is like taking a trip back in time and a trip overseas. The style is so unique that you'll feel like you've left Colorado and touched down in an-



Anderson Park at the Aspen Institute. Provided by the Aspen Institute



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Provided by C Lazy U Ranch

other country — no, seriously. There are bold primary colors everywhere, sculpted landscape mounds called earthworks and tons of Bauhaus-style sculptures and art pieces everywhere. It's funky and awesome.

During your stay, you can take a self-guided art tour or call ahead to ask about reserving a socially distanced guided tour for your group.

Aspen Meadows Resort and the Aspen Institute, 845 Meadows Road, Aspen, 970-925-4240, aspenmeadows.com

Inn-to-inn hiking in Estes Park.

If you've ever dreamed of doing a hut-to-hut hiking trip in the Alps or the Dolomites, you're in luck: You don't have to travel to Europe to get a similar experience. In fact, you don't have to travel far at all.

After hiking extensively in England, France, the Netherlands and elsewhere, David and Phebe Novic fell in love with long-distance trekking. They realized they could link together several well-known trails in Rocky Mountain National Park to create a long, continuous route. Even better? They discovered interesting lodging options along the way. Thus, they created the Walter Tishman Way, named for the Bosnian-born man who volunteered at the national park and climbed Longs Peak more than 100 times.

You can book a self-guided inn-to-inn trip along the Walter Tishman Way through Footpaths of the World, the Novics' hiking company (they also organize self-guided day trips, an inn-to-inn trip near Winter Park and a hiking excursion to France). The 42-mile trip starts in Estes Park and ends in Allenspark, with lodging along the way. You'll hike 7 to 11 miles each day, though the total number of nights you spend on the trip varies based on the season and your preferences. Your luggage is transferred from inn to inn so all you really need to bring is a backpack.

The trip is self-guided, or you can hire a private guide for some or all of the days.

"It's addicting," said Phebe Novic. "It's very fun to be tired, walking down the trail and looking for that lodge. And when you walk through the door, unload



Bavarian architecture abounds in Vail Village. Provided by Vail Village



The Aspen Institute is so unique that you'll feel like you've left Colorado and touched down in another country. Provided by the Aspen Institute

your pack and sit down, take off your boots and have a cold beer, there's nothing better. Your luggage is there. A hot shower, dinner and a comfy bed await."

Footpaths of the World, Estes Park, 970-584-9122, footpathsoftheworld.com

Bavarian architecture in Vail.

You've probably been to Vail before — to ski or ride, to hike, to mountain bike. But have you ever stopped to really look at the architecture of this mountain town?

You see, it's no accident that Vail looks like it was picked up straight from Bavaria and plopped down in Colorado. Pete Seibert, one of the ski resort's co-founders, was a member of the famous 10th Mountain Division of soldiers who specialized in skiing and mountaineering during World War II.

Seibert and other soldiers (some 15,000 of them) trained at Camp Hale, located between Vail and Leadville. Though not identical, the alpine topography was good practice for the Alps of northern Italy and Austria.

After the war ended, Seibert returned to Colorado to heal from injuries he suffered in battle. Later, inspired by Vail's epic landscape, Seibert and his friend Earl Eaton decided to create a world-class ski resort here. But they wanted the similarities with the Alps to extend beyond the mountains, so they modeled the resort's village after Bavarian architecture. Just spending a few days

Also like Switzerland (and other cold-weather European destinations), Ouray is home to some truly incredible ice climbing.

Even if you've never climbed before, you can still take advantage of the Ouray Ice Park, a free, public park with more than 100 ice and mixed climbs. There's even a special kids' wall. You can rent your ice climbing gear from many outfitters in town and even hire an experienced guide to show you the ropes (pun intended). Weather-dependent, the park is on track to open in mid-December this year.

The nonprofit park is funded completely by donations, so consider chipping in a few bucks or becoming an ice park member so that this Colorado gem can continue to exist and thrive into the future.

The similarities to Switzerland don't stop with climbing, either. Afterward, soak your aching bones in the Ouray Hot Springs, which is reminiscent of the many Swiss outdoor thermal baths and spas.

Ouray Ice Park, 280 Co Road 361, Ouray, 970-325-4288, ourayicepark.com

This one is practically a no-brainer, since Ouray is called the "Switzerland of America" for its location among the craggy peaks of the San Juan Mountains.

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Spending a few days immersed in the architecture of Vail Village will help you pretend you're actually on a vacation in Europe. Provided by Vail Village

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