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TOP: Police officers lead a group of King Soopers employees away from an active shooting at the grocery store March 22 in Boulder.

ABOVE: U.S. Rep. Jason Crow, D-Aurora, center, shelter in the House gallery as violent protesters breach the Capitol on Jan. 6.

LEFT: Gov. Jared Polis promotes the use of monoclonal antibodies on Nov. 12 as part of the state's plan to blunt the continued rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations statewide.

Colorado Politics remembers a topsy-turvy 2021

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It was the year when things were supposed to start returning to normal, but just days into the new year, it became clear that 2021 would be anything but normal.

As the year dawned, much-anticipated COVID-19 vaccines were being deployed to front-line health care workers and older residents as Colorado and the nation reeled from a historic pandemic that knocked the economy on its heels and exposed partisan rifts that would only intensify as the year unfolded.

The immunization represents a “light at the end of the tunnel,” said state Rep. Kyle Mullica, D-Northglenn, an emergency room nurse who was among the first to be immunized. Noting that he trusts the science behind the vaccines, Mullica added that he was getting immunized to “show that it’s safe and this is the way we’re gonna get through this.”

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