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## No hope for winning in Denver without sale



The trade of third baseman Nolan Arenado to the St. Louis Cardinals has put the spotlight on the decision-making of Colorado Rockies owner Dick Monfort and general manager Jeff Bridich. Aaron Ontiveroz, *The Denver Post*

**N**olan Arenado got out of Denver, baby. Maybe he was the lucky one. Baseball lovers in this dusty old cowtown are stuck with Rockies owner Dick Monfort, the son of a cattle feedlot owner and so full of bull that Arenado kicked up dust until the team was forced to pay the St. Louis Cardinals \$51 million to haul away the golden glove of the most magical third baseman to ever field a groundball. Hope for winning baseball in the Rocky Mountains departed with Arenado. At this point, what intelligent fan can believe Monfort will do right by this team?



**MARK KISZLA**  
*Denver Post Columnist*

Enough is enough. A major-league city deserves better. Sell the Rockies, Dick. “You’d like that, wouldn’t you?” Monfort said Tuesday when I dared suggest it might be wiser to divest ownership of a team he has turned into a butt of jokes nationwide. Like it? Heck, I would absolutely love it

if our great city was blessed by great ownership committed to turning its National League franchise into a consistent winner.

The Monfort brothers? They ain’t it. Dick and his goofy brother Charlie are not bad guys. But, time and again, the Monforts prove their baseball instincts stink worse than the wrong end of a steer.

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**Why did it happen? Bridich, Monfort struggle to explain trade. »1B**

**Not rebuilding? Rockies insist they will remain competitive. »5B**

IMPEACHMENT

## House leaders: Trump to blame

In filings, Democrats lay out case on riot; former president calls trial unconstitutional

By Eric Tucker and Mary Clare Jalonick  
*The Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON**» Donald Trump endangered the lives of all members of Congress when he aimed a mob of supporters “like a loaded cannon” at the U.S. Capitol, House Democrats said Tuesday in making their most detailed case yet for why the former president should be convicted and permanently barred from office. Trump denied the allegations through his lawyers and called the trial unconstitutional.

The dueling filings offer the first public glimpse of the arguments that will be presented to the Senate beginning next week. The impeachment trial represents a remarkable reckoning with the violence in the Capitol last month, which the senators witnessed firsthand, and with Trump’s presidency overall. Held in the very chamber where the insurrectionists stood on Jan. 6, it will pit Democratic demands for a final measure of accountability against the desire of many Republicans to

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## 2 TEENS WILL FACE MURDER CHARGES IN ADULT COURT

Prosecutors file charges against two 16-year-olds in connection to a Green Valley Ranch fire that killed five people. »2A

## NATION & WORLD MOSCOW COURT ORDERS NAVALNY TO PRISON

Russian opposition leader previously attributed his arrest to President Vladimir Putin’s “fear and hatred.” »14A

**Agents killed.** Two members of the FBI shot in Florida when trying to search apartment in child pornography case. »15A

REP. LAUREN BOEBERT

## Experts say mileage reimbursement “raises red flags”

By Justin Wingerter  
*The Denver Post*

U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert paid herself more than \$22,000 in mileage reimbursements from her campaign account last year. Boebert’s campaign defends the reimbursements but three ethics experts who reviewed the money transfers for *The Denver Post* say they raise questions. Candidates for federal office

can legally reimburse themselves for miles driven in personal vehicles using the Internal Revenue Service’s mileage rate, which was 57.5 cents per mile for 2020. The Republican congresswoman from western Colorado wrote two checks totaling \$22,259 from her campaign coffers for mileage between January and mid-November. To justify those reimbursements, Boebert would have had

to drive 38,712 miles while campaigning, despite having no publicly advertised campaign events in March, April or July, and only one in May.

Furthermore, because the reimbursements came in two payments — a modest \$1,060 at the end of March and \$21,200 on Nov. 11 — Boebert would have had to drive 36,870 miles in just over seven months between April 1 and Nov. 11 to justify the

second payment.

“This highly unusual amount of mileage expenses raises red flags and the campaign should feel obligated to provide answers,” said Kedric Payne, a former investigator for the Office of Congressional Ethics, an independent body in Congress that examines misconduct allegations.

Boebert’s former campaign

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