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Marijuana testing changes proposed

State regulators consider how labs test for contaminants

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Colorado marijuana manufacturers would no longer be allowed to choose which product samples they send for mandatory lab testing under a new regulatory proposal discussed at a policy forum last week.

Instead, the state's Mari-

juana Enforcement Division might require independent labs or outside vendors to collect product samples for the testing that's required before companies can sell their products to ensure they're free of contaminants.

The change would address a long-standing complaint from some marijuana manufacturers that bad actors are cheat-

ing the system. They say some companies are selecting samples that can pass tests while sending products to dispensaries that might be contaminated with chemical solvents, fungus or pesticides.

A Gazette and ProPublica investigation last month showed that the system for testing marijuana products relies on an honor code that's

open to manipulation.

In 2024 alone, Colorado officials found two dozen cases in which companies had violated testing rules, often by submitting samples that were different from what the companies sold in stores or by using unauthorized chemical treatments, according to a review of enforcement actions by the news outlets. The state's rules

on selecting samples require what gets turned over to a lab to be representative of what marijuana companies actually deliver to dispensaries for sale to consumers.

"Sample adulteration is a common violation," Kyle Lambert, deputy director of the division, said during the

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WINTER OLYMPICS



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From thin air

Colorado's Lemley appears to be hero nobody saw coming

MILAN - Whether in an airplane or on skis, Elizabeth Lemley digs flying upside down.

What's the crazy appeal to her?

A big shot of adrenaline, Lemley will tell you, before adding: "I love the risk."

Every Olympics needs a "Rocky" story. An underdog counted out. A champion of the peeps.

This one comes straight outta the Rocky Mountains.

This 20-year-old daredevil from Vail, not predicted by anybody to win gold in the moguls competition, became the Olympic hero that America didn't know it needed.

"She was a total unknown.



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We knew she could do it. But nobody else did," coach John Dowling told The Gazette. "You're an unknown quantity until you do it. But there's a lot of power in being an

unknown."

Against a bump-rocking, knee-knocking, high-flying, gravity-defying field of competitors that included defending Olympic champion

Jakara Anthony, as well as 2018 gold medalist Perrine Laffont, all Lemley did was post the best freakin' score of

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MORE OLYMPICS
Speedskater Jordan Stolz wins gold in 1,000 meters. **SPORTS, C1**

United States' Elizabeth Lemley holds her gold medal while celebrating Wednesday after winning the women's freestyle skiing moguls finals at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Livigno, Italy.

Rune Technologies' software to modernize Army supply chain systems

BY MARY SHINN
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Fuel, food, ammunition and spare parts — all are on what would seem like an endless list of needs to keep the Army moving in the field.

Many of these needs are managed on spreadsheets and

whiteboards, and take hours of manpower to manage.

Rune Technologies, a Virginia-based company, is building software, TyrOS, to help lighten the mental load for soldiers managing the Army's supply needs and it's starting at the hardest place, the

tactical edge, where troops will be facing an adversary, co-founder and CEO of Rune, David Tuttle, said Wednesday. Tuttle, an Army veteran, leads the company of 45 that he co-founded in 2024.

He has seen the problems he is trying solve firsthand as an

Army officer in 2012, tracking the status of vehicles' maintenance on a whiteboard.

"We have to do better," he said.

Rune is testing and developing its software on Fort Carson as part of an effort to build the Army a single, mod-

ern IT foundation, known as Next Generation Command and Control. Many of the Army's computer systems are single-purpose and dated. The new system will allow for regular upgrades and updates, such as new radios and new applications.

Anduril holds a \$99 million contract for the prototype of the system under development at Fort Carson. At the same time, Lockheed Martin is developing a competing prototype with the 25th In-

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