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MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER 2019

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The murder of Kelsey Berreth: What does Krystal Lee know about the Colorado mom's killing?

CBS News

(Oct. 5, 2019) – CU Boulder law professor Aya Gruber has read the court filings in the case.

"[Krystal Lee] was so convinced not only it was going to be a murder but a bloody one that she basically brought the equivalent of a hazmat suit and every sort of cleaning product that one might see in one of those TV shows about how to clean up a crime scene," she said.

Teens aren't breaking language, they're adding to it

Colorado Public Radio

(Oct. 30, 2019) -- When your social life relies on texting and social media, punctuation is everything. Kira Hall, a professor of linguistics at CU Boulder, said 96% of American adults have cell phones and 81% have smart phones. Cell phone use is ubiquitous.

"It is communication," she said. "There's no going back."

Former friend, co-worker of Colorado Springs man accused of murder speaks out

KRDO

(Oct. 26, 2019) – "Two of the characteristics that are really common among domestic violence abusers are being controlling and jealous," said Joanne Belknap , an ethnic studies professor at CU Boulder. "There's a lot of overlap between both of those as you can imagine."

Belknap explains that the person we see in public is often not the same person behind closed doors. "One of the characteristics many of them have will be being incredibly charming," she said.

[Bank regulators present a dire warning of financial risks from climate change](#)

The New York Times

(A(Oct. 17, 2019) -- Climate change has begun to affect the real estate market, according to a paper by [Asaf Bernstein](#), an economist at CU Boulder, and two co-authors. His research shows that properties likely to be under water if seas rise 1 foot now sell for 15% less than comparable properties with no flood threat.

[Grant spurs search for Japanese American artifacts](#)

Daily Camera

(Oct. 9, 2019) -- A group of faculty, staff and students at CU Boulder are working to fill in the gaps in the history of Japanese and Japanese Americans on campus. Head of archives [Megan Friedel](#) and her colleagues got the idea when they realized 2019 is the 75th anniversary of President Franklin Roosevelt suspending Japanese and Japanese American imprisonment during World War II.

"This is an important part of CU's story," she said. "The full scope of that history, from the day the first Japanese American student walked through the doors to present day, hasn't really been told."

University of Colorado **Colorado Springs**

[Cognitive development lab makes debut at UCCS Cool Science Festival Day](#)

The Gazette

(Oct. 12, 2019) – The Cognitive Development Lab debuted last month at the fair as a new institution. Researchers at the lab are seeking more than 100 participants in a yearlong data-gathering project, said [Diana Selmeczy](#), who heads the lab as an assistant professor for the UCCS psychology department.

"Understanding how children learn and remember information is really important in the educational realm," Selmeczy said. The lab's data will help teachers develop better learning practices.

[Looking back at the history of Rocky Flats](#)

KUNC

(Oct. 3, 2019) -- To learn more about the history of Rocky Flats before it was a wildlife refuge, KUNC called [David Havlick](#), professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at UCCS.

"Rocky Flats, which is now a wildlife refuge, was first set aside by the Department of Energy as a primary production facility for the U.S. nuclear arsenal," Havlick said. "Particularly, they made plutonium triggers for nuclear bombs . . . about 1952 to 1989."

[GUEST COLUMN: College – a good investment for students and communities](#)

The Gazette

(Oct. 25, 2019) -- There is real economic value in a college degree. A recent study from Georgetown University found that, on average, college graduates earn $1 million more over their lifetime than those with a high school education. Investing in a college degree delivers a 15% rate of return — more than double the average return on the stock market. But beyond economic success, its most significant value is in improving the quality of graduates' lives and the lives of those around them, writes Chancellor [Venkat Reddy](#).

[Colorado Springs police get money for cybersecurity efforts](#)

The Gazette

(Oct. 9, 2019) -- UCCS' Public Affairs department provided more than $46,400 to the Colorado Springs Police Department, thanks to a statewide fund.

"The Public Safety Initiative spent $148,540 in Cybersecurity Initiative funds to enhance cybercrime investigative abilities at 16 area law enforcement agencies," said [Janet Van Kampen](#), UCCS Public Safety Initiative program director. "A good 26% of the funds went to the Digital Forensics Unit at the Colorado Springs Police Department."

Colorado Springs unemployment rate falls to 2-year low

The Gazette

(Oct. 30, 2019) – "As long as the local unemployment rate is decreasing, it shows that we still have some steam left in the current expansion cycle," said Tatiana Bailey, director of the UCCS Economic Forum. "The unemployment rate continues to show that the local economy is at least holding steady despite some troubling national and global economic numbers."

University of Colorado **Denver**

'Sugar daddy' relationships aren't just about cash for sex: study

New York Post

(Oct. 16, 2019) -- Sugaring or "mutually beneficial" relationships are not new, but they have gained increasing attention in the United States over the past decade, study author Maren Scull said. The professor from CU Denver attributes the rise to the increase in sugar-daddy matching websites – such as SugarDaddyForMe.com — and media coverage.

"There was so much variety that I knew I had to highlight the different nuances and forms that sugar relationships

can take," Scull says. "We were missing how they are often organic and involve genuine, emotional connection."

The heart of a case challenging Denver's camping ban: Does the city have adequate shelter beds?

Denverite

(Oct. 18, 2019) -- "There aren't enough (shelter) beds for the people who need them," said Tony Robinson , a political scientist at CU Denver. Robinson, who has directed surveys of hundreds of people living on the streets and interviewed them one-on-one, said a count of empty beds does not reveal who was turned away because, for example, he or she left work too late to get to a shelter before curfews that many have in place.

New exhibit explores women's experience

Leadville Today

(Oct. 14, 2019) -- James Walsh , associate professor in political science at CU Denver who specializes in labor, immigration and Irish diaspora studies, has for the past year been part of an effort to memorialize those buried in unmarked graves in the "Old Catholic" section of Leadville's Evergreen Cemetery, where an estimated 1,500 people are buried, 70% of them Irish. Walsh will

provide an update on this effort and its anticipated groundbreaking for the memorial.

Professor pushes for more proactive ways to fight wildfires

7 News

(Oct. 14, 2019) -- "If it burns, we rebuild it, we fight back, and it's a very human thing to do," said Brian Buma, assistant professor of integrated biology at CU Denver. Buma is trying to get people to think differently about fires, especially because he says there will be more of them.

"The problem is, we have an ecosystem that is highly flammable, many years, and we have a lot of people living in it. That's compounded by the fact that the climate is warming up, things are getting dryer, things are getting more flammable," Buma said.

When a bad reputation can be good for firms

Academy of Management

(Oct. 2, 2019) -- When it comes to making mistakes, organizations with bad reputations often get a pass from journalists.

"The more you're known for doing bad things, the less interesting it becomes when you do another bad thing. And that's why it doesn't get covered," said David

Chandler, business professor at CU Denver. Chandler coauthored "When is it Good to be Bad? Contrasting Effects of Multiple Reputations for Bad Behavior on Media Coverage of Serious Organizational Errors" with Francisco Polidoro Jr., University of Texas at Austin, and Wei Yang, George Mason University.

University of Colorado **Anschutz Medical Campus**

[Shingles vaccine remains in short supply, long waits possible at Colorado pharmacies](#)

KDVR

(Oct. 7, 2019) -- "There could be long waiting lists. When I checked with a particular pharmacy they said they had a wait list of about 200 people, and then they decided to just disband the wait list, and just do first come first served," said Sunny Linnebur with the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy. Linnebur recommends calling around to different pharmacies to check availability.

[From zombies to vampires: The origin stories of your favorite Halloween monsters](#)

Newsweek

(Oct. 31, 2019) -- According to [David Kroll](#), a professor of pharmacology at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, the broom in particular has a very indecent origin story that involves hallucinogenic plants. Someone at some point in time, he says, discovered there was a quicker, more effective way of absorbing the plants' hallucinogenic properties than simply drinking it in a brew.

"As compared to eating the plants or drinking their extracts, axial, rectal and vaginal routes of administration also bypassed the first cycle of rapid metabolism by the liver (and severe intestinal discomfort)," Kroll said.

[Are child abuse pediatricians getting it wrong?](#)

MedPage Today

(Oct. 30, 2019) -- The field had been around in less defined terms as far back as the late 1950s, according to [Richard Krugman](#), director of the Kempe Center at CU Anschutz. Krugman said three centers led the way in helping physicians recognize, treat and prevent child abuse at that time: Colorado General Hospital and the children's hospitals of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Krugman said the field has long suffered from inadequate

research, the result of sparse funding from the National Institutes of Health.

Ambulance diversion mostly affects sicker, older and poorer patients, studies show

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

(Oct. 25, 2019) -- When hospitals close to ambulances, the people most affected tend to be sicker, older and poorer.

Richard Klasco, assistant professor of emergency medicine at the CU School of Medicine, and a colleague wrote that elective surgery patients arrive at a set time, are well insured and have procedures that are lucrative. A 2008 study indicated that hospitals make roughly $700 more on elective surgeries as compared to ER cases.

CMS payment change for noninvasive cardiac tests backfires

Medscape

(Oct. 17, 2019) – "Our study finds that CMS [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services] is paying substantially more for noninvasive cardiovascular testing when it is performed in the hospital-based outpatient setting compared with the physician-based office setting," said CU Anschutz professor Frederick Masoudi.

"The payment differences between settings could in theory be addressed by site-neutral payments, a policy that has been supported by MEDPAC [Medicare Payment Advisory Committee] and proposed by CMS," he said.

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