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## MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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### [Structure Development Increasing Risk from Natural Hazards](#)

#### Daily Camera

(June 28, 2021) – A CU Boulder study has found more than half the structures in the United States are at risk from natural hazards — such as floods, earthquakes and wildfires.

“Every year we lose billions of dollars, we lose lives, to natural hazards, so we wondered why this is happening,” said [Virginia Iglesias](#), a research scientist with the CU Boulder Earth Lab. “On the one hand, we know that climate change is increasing extreme events, but we asked if losses could also be increasing because we’re developing in the wrong areas.”



## [Dispossessed, Again: Climate Change Hits Native Americans Especially Hard](#)

**The New York Times**

(June 27, 2021) -- “There was certainly a lot lost, but there was also a lot that was able to be maintained,” said [Clint Carroll](#), a professor at CU Boulder and a citizen of Cherokee Nation. Now, drought and heat make it harder to grow the plants and crops of their ancestors.

“It can be seen as another removal,” Carroll said. But this time, he said, “Cherokee people aren’t moving anywhere — it’s the environment that’s shifting.”



## [Coming Soon To an Atlas Near You: A Fifth Ocean](#)

**NPR**

(June 11, 2021) -- Thanks to National Geographic, you'll soon see a fifth ocean on your maps. The change made waves for experts already familiar with the area. For instance, it caught [Cassandra Brooks](#), an assistant professor in environmental studies at CU Boulder, off-kilter.

“I was rather surprised because I had always thought of the Southern Ocean as its own ocean,” Brooks said. “I think most of the scientists who work down there really understand how the Southern Ocean is its own thing.”



## [Life Expectancy in the U.S. Takes Biggest Hit since World War II](#)

**7 News**

(June 24, 2021) -- Life expectancy in the United States fell by nearly two years in 2020, due largely to the COVID-19 pandemic. That's the finding of a study co-authored by CU Boulder assistant professor of sociology [Ryan Masters](#).

"The overall loss of life was astoundingly high in the United States, and unlike other countries, it was far more concentrated at younger ages," Masters said.



## [Advice for Working Some Humor Into Your Brand](#)

**Rolling Stone**

(June 11, 2021) -- According to [Peter McGraw](#), a professor at CU Boulder and co-author of "The Humor Code: A Global Search for What Makes Things Funny," businesses can in fact leverage humor.

"There seems to be some good evidence that funny or humorous leaders are going to be more successful, at least within certain tasks," McGraw said.



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## [Colorado Springs Apocalypse Symposium Reflects on End of World](#)

### **The Gazette**

(June 20, 2021) -- [Colin McAllister](#), an assistant professor of visual and performing arts and music at UCCS, believes we have an inherent fascination with the apocalypse. His interest led him to create “Through a Glass Darkly,” a free symposium on all things apocalypse, in 2015.

“We are spiritually curious about the end of time or the world,” McAllister said. “Will God come back or will there be a huge climate disaster or will artificial intelligence take over? Even in this era, when we are arguably at our most peaceful, wealthiest point in history, we still have a fascination with the end.”



## [UCCS Cyber Program Approved](#)

### **Colorado Springs Independent**

(June 23, 2021) -- The program aims to prepare students for a fast-growing field that one nonprofit estimated needs thousands more professionals — 17,000 in Colorado alone. Through coursework, boot camps and workplace training, apprentices achieve an academic certificate through a Registered Apprenticeship Program.

[Karen Markel](#), dean of the UCCS College of Business, said the recognition helps UCCS offer, “aspiring

cybersecurity analysts a high quality, industry-recognized pathway to reach their career goals.”



## [Employers, Employees at Odds over Future of Remote Work](#)

### **The Gazette**

(June 27, 2021) -- According to a PricewaterhouseCoopers study, 68% of executives believe that people should be in the office at least three days a week and 65% believe the office is “very important” to increasing employee productivity, and over half believe it’s important for collaboration. Generally, employers lean more toward traditional-office versus home-office work while employees lean more toward home-office work. More than half of employees want to work remotely three days a week or more, writes [Tatiana Bailey](#), director of the UCCS Economic Forum.

Also:

- [Colorado Springs' economy rebounds from COVID in booming fashion](#), The Gazette, June 11
- [Study: Higher employer minimum wages forcing raises for all workers](#), The Gazette, June 12



## [How did Neanderthals and Other Ancient Humans Learn to Count?](#)

### **Nature**

(June 2, 2021) – Some researchers caution that ancient artefacts such as the Les Pradelles bone are challenging to interpret. [Karenleigh Overmann](#), a cognitive archaeologist at UCCS, highlights those difficulties by citing the example of message sticks used by Aboriginal Australians. These sticks, which are typically flattened or cylindrical lengths of wood, are adorned with notches that might look as though they encode numerical information — but many do not.



## [Beards, Bonnets, Brews Festival to Celebrate Colorado Springs Sesquicentennial](#)

### **The Gazette**

(June 10, 2021) -- “This is celebrating one of the best cities in America,” said festival chairwoman [Jenifer Furda](#). She’s also director of partnerships, government and military affairs at UCCS. “We’re 150 years old, and not only have we survived, we’ve thrived. And what a great way to put the pandemic in the rearview mirror.”



University of Colorado **Denver**



## [Colorado's Immigrants Now Have More Protections, Benefits in State Law](#)

**The Denver Post**

(June 26, 2021) -- For years, Colorado was in a middle ground for introducing new immigrant-inclusive policies while dealing with past policy implications, said [Edelina Burciaga](#), a sociology professor at CU Denver. Now, she said the state has become a leader in pro-immigrant legislation.

“I would kind of put Colorado more on the continuum of states that are looking to integrate all immigrants, including undocumented immigrants, and create a welcoming climate,” she said.



## [Irish Memorial is Under Construction](#)

**Herald Democrat**

(June 23, 2021) -- Of the more than 1,300 now sunken graves that surround the memorial site in Evergreen Cemetery, about 80% were dug for Irish immigrants, and almost half for children younger than 12, said [Jim Walsh](#), historian for the memorial project and professor at CU Denver. According to old church records that Walsh and a group of graduate students are studying, about 100 of those graves sites are listed as “stillborn.” Walsh said these are likely results of prostitution in Leadville and the stigma surrounding abortion procedures. Those 100

graves are marked with wooden planks in the unbaptized section of the burial ground.



## [Making Decisions during an Active Shooting](#)

### **9 News**

(June 25, 2021) – “A circumstance like this is ripe for potential error in decision-making,” said [Paul Taylor](#), associate professor at CU Denver’s School of Public Affairs. Taylor said officers looking for an active shooter cannot afford to hesitate.

“If I respond on scene and I see somebody pointing a gun at somebody else or worse the gun starts moving in my direction, I have very little time to make a decision in that environment and officers have to throw a forward response,” Taylor said.



## [‘Grow Your Own’ Program Addresses Teacher Diversity Gap](#)

### **9News**

(June 16, 2021) – Roughly 1,500 high school students across the country have completed the Pathways2Teaching program since its launch in 2010. [Margarita Bianco](#), an associate professor at CU Denver, created the program to increase diversity in teachers and educational leadership positions.

“It gives students an opportunity to talk about their experiences as students of color and how they’ve been marginalized and disenfranchised,” Bianco said.



## [Introducing Play to Higher Education Reduces Stress and Forms Deeper Connection Material](#)

**Science Daily**

(June 14, 2021) - A new study found higher education students are more engaged and motivated when they are taught using playful pedagogy rather than the traditional lecture-based method. CU Denver counseling researcher [Lisa Forbes](#) conducted the study.

“As we grow older, we’re conditioned to believe that play is trivial, childish and a waste of time,” Forbes said. “This social script about play leads to it being excluded from higher education. A more interactive learning approach leads to a deeper and more rigorous connection to the material.”



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## [A Snowstorm Can Cut off Access to the Pharmacy in This Small Colorado Town](#)

**USA Today**

(June 30, 2021) -- Walden has suffered the fate of many small towns across the United States, as the economics of the pharmacy business have made it difficult for community drugstores to survive.

“It’s a lot tougher than it was a decade or two ago,” said [Gina Moore](#), an associate dean at the CU School of Pharmacy. “You come out of eight years of college — four years of undergraduate and four years of pharmacy school — with pretty significant student loan debt. It’s very hard to go to a rural community where you don’t make any money.”



## [New York City to End Solitary Confinement in City Jails](#)

**Newsweek**

(June 8, 2021) -- [Jeffrey Metzner](#), a clinical professor of psychiatry at the CU School of Medicine, said that, “It’s hard to give a reasonable argument that you can provide adequate treatment to someone with serious mental illness who is locked up in a cell for 23 hours a day. Our correctional system has become our mental health system for too many people.”



## [As Juvenile Violent Crimes Rise, Experts say Managing Children's Anger could be Key](#)

### **CPR News**

(June 22, 2021)-- [Jessica Hawks](#), a clinical and adolescent psychologist and an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the CU School of Medicine, said there isn't much research on the effectiveness of court-ordered anger management classes, partly because there isn't one consistent way to teach the classes. The research that does exist suggests the best outcomes involve a "cognitive behavioral" approach and involves parents in the treatment.



## [What You Need to Know About the FDA-approved Drug for Alzheimer's](#)

### **7 News**

(June 9, 2021) – “Usually FDA-approved drugs are covered by insurance and Medicare and Medicaid,” said [Huntington Potter](#), the director of the CU Alzheimer Cognition Center. But questions linger about whether it actually works, and if health insurance companies will even front the estimated annual cost of \$56,000 a year.



## [For Providers with PTSD, the Trauma of COVID-19 Isn't Over](#)

**AAMC**

(June 29, 2021) -- “It was once the surge started calming down that I began seeing more providers with the typical signs of PTSD,” explains [Jo Vogeli](#), a psychologist in the Department of Anesthesiology at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. “That’s when more people came to me and said, ‘I don’t know if I can keep doing this job.’”

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