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Migrant workers respond to anti-immigration rhetoric

By Lori Lee
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Though the U.S. is known as a country built by immigrants, new arrivals have been repeatedly rejected by society. This is true not only in the U.S., but also in other parts of the world. The relationship is a paradox--the rejection of something that is so greatly needed.

Immigrants have shaped U.S. history, explains professor and social researcher Manuel Ortiz Escamez. During the 1830s and 1840s, Irish immigrants were a crucial labor source, helping to grow the U.S. economy. Yet, negative attitudes and stereotyping were supported by anti-immigrant literature, published works including essays by prominent inventor Samuel Morse.

According to Escamez, the Chinese were met with similar rhetoric during the 1850s and 1860s, these immigrants, largely responsible for building American railroads. Yet the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 would later ban laborer migration from China for a decade.

The "Great Wave" of immigrants came from 1900 to 1920, about a quarter million arriving by boat. They traveled weeks to reach the U.S. from Turkey, Greece, Romania, and Serbia during the Balkan Wars. Europeans also fled to avoid



Immigration has remained a hot button topic in recent political campaigns, but discrimination against new arrivals and migrant laborers is a well-established tradition in the U.S., dating back many decades. (Tim Mossholder / Unsplash)

military service, as Mexicans migrated northward to avoid the Mexican revolution.

According to Escamez, these immigrants were needed due to an increased demand for cheap labor leading up to World War I. Despite this, anti-immigrant sentiment flourished, even though many immigrants served in the U.S. military. Some Germans even felt it necessary to hide their identities despite their disagreement with what was going on in Germany.

After the war, demand for labor plummeted, and the Great Depression prompted the U.S. government to address joblessness. According

to INS records, Mexican immigrants were largely targeted with deportation, including a number of U.S. born Mexican American citizens.

The quota system, which began in 1921, restricted immigrants by nationality, while favoring Northwestern European immigrants, while limiting the possibilities for southeastern Jews to escape Nazi persecution, the Holocaust Encyclopedia reports.

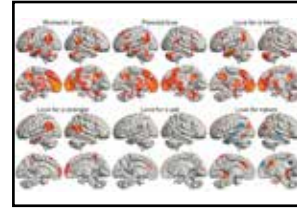
The human rights movement, which began in the mid-20th century did make real attempts to bring

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People In The News ...



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Simone Biles

NDG Quote of the Week: "He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life."

- Muhammad Ali

Vanessa Wyche

The Frontiers of Flight Museum, Texas' premier air, flight and space museum, announced its "Women Take Flight: Fashion to Fission," luncheon keynote speaker, Vanessa Wyche, director of NASA's Johnson Space Center who leads the Space Center's role in exploring the Moon and Mars with NASA's Artemis spacecraft. Serving over 20 years as an integral member of the NASA leadership team, Wyche will discuss her professional journey of pursuing a destination more distant than most people



can even imagine - Space. She'll also share how her passion for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) was nurtured early on by her parents and teachers allowing her the

support and freedom to grow and explore a world of endless possibilities in aviation and aerospace.

"The Frontiers of Flight Museum is truly honored to have Vanessa Wyche as our phenomenal keynote speaker for our inaugural 'Women Take Flight: Fashion to Fission' luncheon," said Abigail Erickson-Torres, President and CEO of the Frontiers of Flight Museum. "As we gather to celebrate the incredible contributions and achievements of women in the field of aerospace and aviation, she is truly a trailblazer whose experiences have in-

spired many and can spark innovation and change with more women choosing to pursue careers in STEM."

The "Women Take Flight: Fashion to Fission," luncheon, presented by JSX, will take place at the Frontiers of Flight Museum on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Olin and Pamela Lancaster, are the luncheon co-chairs. Valerie Freeman, CEO of Bravo-tech, is serving as Honorary Chair. In addition to the motivational keynote address, the luncheon will feature an empowering panel discussion amongst four dynamic women leaders in the aero-

space industry. Panelists include Leanne Caret, retired president and CEO of Boeing Defense, Space and Security; Dyan Medina Gibbens, pilot, SpaceWERX, and U.S. Space Force adviser; Caeley Looney, CEO and founder of Reinvented Inc. and flight director at Firefly Aerospace; and Amy Spowart, CEO of the National Aeronautic Association. They will have a candid conversation about their unique paths to success and ways to support more girls and women with interests in STEM.

"It is so important to have female representation in the

aerospace and aviation industry so that girls can aspire to the many professional possibilities that exist in both traditional and non-traditional STEM tracks." said Kim Smith, Frontier of Flight Board member and STEM expert. "Our hope is that the luncheon will be a catalyst for igniting important conversations about these topics at home, in the classroom, on the playground and in the media."

The "Women Take Flight: Fashion to Fission," luncheon will also recognize and celebrate organiza-

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Simone Biles

(Black PR Wire) Born March 14, 1997, Simone Arianne Biles has boundless energy, natural strength and fierce determination, taking those God-given talents to become the greatest gymnast of all time. The 4-foot, 8-inch dynamo is the most decorated American gymnast in history, with 25 medals (19 of them gold) from the World Championship and seven medals (four gold) from the Olympics. She is also the first American woman to win seven national all-around titles and first female gymnast to earn three consecutive World All-Around titles.



Photo via Black PR Wire

She is a three-time recipient of the Laureus World Sports Award for Sportswoman of the Year and has received widespread recognition, including TIME 100 Most Influential, Forbes 30 Under 30, Ebony Power 100, People Women Changing

the World, USA Today 100 Women of the Century, and two-time Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year, among others.

Simone trains close to 35 hours a week at the World Champions Centre (WCC), a gym founded and owned by her parents Ron and Nellie in Spring, Texas, where she grew up with her sister Adria and brothers, Ron II and Adam.

Known for her infectious smile and engaging personality, Simone utilizes her platform to advocate for change and supports initiatives associated with adoption and child care. Besides gymnastics, her passions include reading, history,

shopping and spending time with friends.

Simone's backstory and path to career success is awe-inspiring. She tried gymnastics for the first time at age 6 in 2003. In 2011, she placed third all-around, first on vault and balance beam, fourth on floor exercise, and eighth on uneven bars at the American Clas-

sic in Houston. In 2012, she placed first all-around and on vault, tied for second on floor exercise, placed third on balance beam, and fourth on uneven bars at the American Classic, earning a spot to compete at the 2012 USA Gymnastics National Championships. She was also named to the U.S. Junior National Team by a

committee headed by Martha Károlyi.

In 2013, Simone made her senior international debut at the 2013 American Cup. She also competed at the City of Jesolo Trophy and an international tri-meet in Germany, winning several individual

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Daniela Jean

(Black PR Wire) MIAMI - As Black Business Month comes to an end, The Thrivin' in Color podcast is proud to announce the release of a special episode featuring an in-depth interview with Commissioner Daniela Jean, discussing her latest book EPIC Leadership. This thought-provoking conversation explores Commissioner Jean's creative journey and the inspiration behind EPIC Leadership.



sion also touches on how her career in public service has shaped her perspective on leadership. She also makes an exciting announcement about her latest venture. "There's much more to Commissioner Jean than what meets the eye," said podcast host Camry Brown. "I encourage everyone to

tune into this episode that will mark the closing of our Black Business Month special. I hope it inspires everyone to embrace their leadership journey."

Commissioner Daniela Jean is an author, social strategist, coach and speaker who is passionate about empowering and equipping people for success. She currently serves as the president and CEO of Arts at Work, Inc., a non-profit organization that seeks to promote the literary, visual and performing arts for youth and the community at large. With over 20 years of leadership experience, Commissioner Jean has earned countless awards and honors for her commitment and dedication to the community.



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Voting is bigger than the Harris campaign



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In less than 70 days, each of us will have an opportunity to either cast a vote or help someone vote who would not otherwise do so. The stakes are bigger than the race for the Presidency between Vice President Harris and Donald Trump. All 435 seats in the U.S. House of Repre-

sentatives are on the ballot; a third of the U.S. Senate, including a seat from the State of California are on the ballot; local races for Mayor, City Council seats and County Supervisors, or Commissioners as they are called in some areas, are on the ballot. Propositions are on the ballot, such as Rent Control to name one in the State of California. These issues will determine our quality of life for the next two to four years. Each of us has a say, whether or not we think we

are important.

Every Black person in America does not want Kamala Harris as President any more than all White people want Donald Trump re-elected. This means that the obligation each of us have to vote is bigger than the battle for the Presidency. It's about each of us taking responsibility for our own future. If you have not registered to vote, there is still time to do so regardless of where you live. Don't let your future be determined by

people who neither know you nor personally care about you when you can participate in shaping your future.

Remember, if those running for office didn't ask you for your vote, then they probably think either you won't vote, so why bother, or they have decided that they don't really need your vote. By voting, you can send a message. Find someone to vote for. It's not too late to register and vote, even if you are homeless.

Celebrate Grandparents Day: Read with your grandchildren

By Kristen J. Amundson

*"Left foot, left foot,
Right foot, right.
Feet in the morning
Feet at night."*
—**"The Foot Book,"**
Dr. Seuss

It has been 40 years since I last read Dr. Seuss's "The Foot Book" aloud, but I can still recite it, nearly word for word. That's because I read it an estimated 83,492 times during my daughter's earliest years. When kids fall in love with a particular book, they want to hear it again and again. For the grandparent reading this favorite book, it's good to know that research into how children learn language supports these seemingly unending repetitions.

This year, National Grandparents Day will be celebrated on September 8. It's a great day to spend time reading with your grandchildren. You will be sharing a favorite book, but you'll also be helping your grandchild learn important reading skills. Of course, you may be sharing

that book repeatedly. Researchers tell us that children learn words through repeated readings of texts. (Grandparents could tell us that as well.) As your grandkids hear words again and again, their knowledge of the word will move from never hearing it, to sounds familiar to it has something to do with, to well known. One study even showed that hearing the same words in the same story helped more than hearing the same words in different stories.

This is where "The Foot Book" comes in. ("Wet foot, dry foot, low foot, high foot," my brain is chiming in.) Repetition helps kids learn I would tell myself as my daughter would say, "Again!" Young readers need to know how to sound out an unfamiliar word, but the more words they recognize instantly, the more time they'll have to figure out what the text means. The ability to read quickly and accurately is one key step in becoming a strong reader.

If you stop while you are reading to discuss what you have just read, you can help your grandchild build background knowledge. "Remember when we went to the zoo and saw the lion?"

Sometimes, the story may include information your grandchild doesn't know. See if you can learn more. Is there a TV program about alligators? Does your library have a book with pictures?

The way you read can also be a good model for your grandchild. Sometimes you may need to stop, reread, and then untangle what you've just read. You might say, "That long paragraph about crickets didn't make sense to me. Let's go back and see if we can read it more slowly to make sure we understand it." Doing that will give your grandchild permission to do the same thing when they read something they don't understand. And you'll create the expectation that we read so we can understand what we have read. Read

widely. This fall, as election news fills the airwaves, help your grandchildren learn more about pioneering lawmakers like John Lewis and Barack Obama by looking for biographies written just for kids. Your local children's librarian can point you to a book that should work.

Of course, repetition is not limited to books. Ask any grandparent who has watched "Moana" for the 271st time. Kids seem to be hard-wired to enjoy things over and over. And don't worry—eventually, new favorites will replace the old. Something else will capture your grandchild's attention, and you'll find yourself reading it over and over. And over.

Kristen J. Amundson is a former teacher, school board chair, state legislator, and CEO of a national education organization. This column is excerpted from her forthcoming book "The Grandparent Effect," which will be published by Rowman & Littlefield in 2025.

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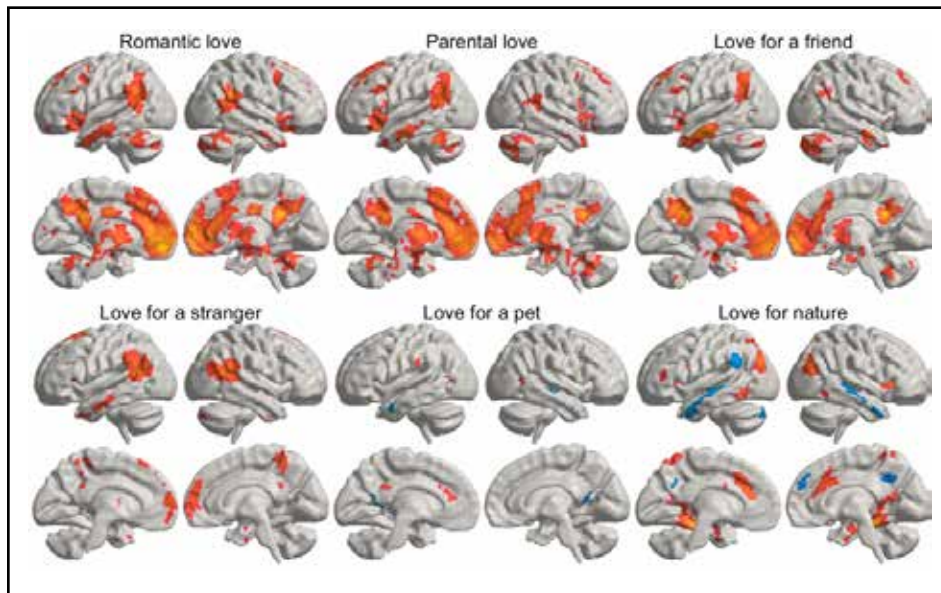
Finding love: Study reveals where love lives in the brain

(Newswise) — We use the word ‘love’ in a bewildering range of contexts — from sexual adoration to parental love or the love of nature. Now, more comprehensive imaging of the brain may shed light on why we use the same word for such a diverse collection of human experiences.

‘You see your newborn child for the first time. The baby is soft, healthy and hearty — your life’s greatest wonder. You feel love for the little one.’

The above statement was one of many simple scenarios presented to fifty-five parents, self-described as being in a loving relationship. Researchers from Aalto University utilised functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to measure brain activity while subjects mulled brief stories related to six different types of love.

‘We now provide a more comprehensive picture of the brain activity associated with different types of love than previous research,’ says Pärtyli Rinne, the philosopher and researcher who coordinated the study. ‘The activation pattern of



The image represents a statistical average of how different types of love light up different regions of the brain. (Pärtyli Rinne et al 2024, Aalto University)

love is generated in social situations in the basal ganglia, the midline of the forehead, the precuneus and the temporoparietal junction at the sides of the back of the head.’

Love for one’s children generated the most intense brain activity, closely followed by romantic love.

‘In parental love, there was activation deep in the brain’s reward system in the striatum area while imagining love, and this was not seen for any other kind of love,’ says Rinne.

Love for romantic partners, friends, strangers, pets and nature were also part of the study, which was published this week in the *Cerebral Cortex* journal, Oxford University Press.

According to the research, brain activity is influenced not only by the closeness of the object of love, but also by whether it is a human being, another species or nature.

Unsurprisingly, compassionate love for strangers was less rewarding and caused less brain activation

than love in close relationships. Meanwhile, love of nature activated the reward system and visual areas of the brain, but not the social brain areas.

Pet-owners identifiable by brain activity

The biggest surprise for the researchers was that the brain areas associated with love between people ended up being very similar, with differences lying primarily in the intensity of activation. All types of interpersonal love activated areas of the brain associated with

social cognition, in contrast to love for pets or nature — with one exception.

Subjects’ brain responses to a statement like the following, on average, revealed whether or not they shared their life with a furry friend:

‘You are home lolling on the couch and your pet cat pads over to you. The cat curls up next to you and purrs sleepily. You love your pet.’

‘When looking at love for pets and the brain activity associated with it, brain areas associated with sociality statistically reveal whether or not the person is a pet owner. When it comes to the pet owners, these areas are more activated than with non-pet owners,’ says Rinne.

Love activations were controlled for in the study with neutral stories in which very little happened. For example, looking out the bus window or absent-mindedly brushing your teeth. After hearing a professional actor’s rendition of each ‘love story’, participants were asked to imagine each emotion for

ten seconds.

This is not the first effort at finding love for Rinne and his team, which includes researchers Juha Lahnakoski, Heini Saarimäki, Mikke Tavast, Mikko Sams and Linda Henriksson. They have undertaken several studies seeking to deepen our scientific knowledge of human emotions. The group released research mapping subjects’ bodily experiences of love a year ago, with the earlier study also linking the strongest physical experiences of love with close interpersonal relationships.

Not only can understanding the neural mechanisms of love help guide philosophical discussions about the nature of love, consciousness, and human connection, but also, the researchers hope that their work will enhance mental health interventions in conditions like attachment disorders, depression or relationship issues.

More on the previous research can be found at <https://www.aalto.fi/en/news/where-do-we-feel-love>.

Under the radar men’s health red flags may point to heart problems

(Newswise) — Adelaide researchers are calling for general practitioners to take a more proactive approach towards addressing erectile dysfunction (ED) and lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS), in light of new findings suggesting these conditions may be linked to underlying cardiometabolic disorders.

A study, recently published in the *Journal of*

Men’s Health, led by the University of Adelaide’s Professor Gary Wittert and Dr Sam Tafari from SA Health with funding from The Hospital Research Foundation Group, highlighted the importance of screening for urinary symptoms in men.

Professor Wittert, who’s also the Director of the Freemason’s Centre for Male Health and Wellbeing

(FCMHW) at SAHMRI, said erectile dysfunction and nocturia (getting up at night to urinate) are red flags for the presence of co-existing heart problems, including a heightened risk of heart attacks.

‘These are troublesome conditions; that both damage self-esteem and reduce quality of life. Nocturia causes sleep disruption and erectile dysfunction has ad-

verse effects on intimate relationships,’ said Professor Wittert.

‘Left untreated they get worse and that makes them harder to fix.

‘By addressing these symptoms, healthcare practitioners can better identify and treat underlying cardiometabolic problems early, potentially reducing morbidity and mortality among men.’

Dr Tafari said around 70 per cent of men with nocturia also have ED.

‘Although we want GPs to routinely ask about these symptoms, it’s also crucial for men to understand the significance of these issues and seek help when they notice them,’ said Dr Tafari.

‘If men don’t understand the significance of their symptoms, they may opt to take a wait and see ap-

proach.’

The research shows young men are less likely to seek treatment for ED due to the belief that it may spontaneously resolve, whilst older men may accept it as a natural part of ageing.

Researchers are now developing a checklist to draw attention to these and other important symptoms

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Study finds nearly half of U.S. counties have at least one ‘pharmacy desert’

(Newswise) — COLUMBUS, Ohio — Nearly half of counties in the United States have at least one ‘pharmacy desert’ where there is no retail pharmacy within 10 miles, according to a new study published by researchers at The Ohio State University Compre-

hensive Cancer Center — Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC — James).

‘As pharmacies close, more and more Americans are left without easy access to medications, with disproportionate consequen-

ces on certain communities. We found that patients in counties with higher social vulnerabilities and fewer primary care providers were up to 40% more likely to reside in a region with a pharmacy desert,’ said Timothy Pawlik, MD, senior author of the study and

holder of the Urban Meyer III and Shelley Meyer Chair for Cancer Research at the OSUCCC — James. Pawlik also serves as surgeon-in-chief at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and as chair of the Department of Surgery in the Ohio State College of

Medicine.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) defines social vulnerability as ‘potential negative effects on communities caused by external stresses on human health.’

‘These findings highlight how disparities com-

pound the lack of access to basic health care and how it can lead to many people not taking their prescribed medications and having worse health outcomes, especially for chronic conditions like diabetes and hypertension,’ Pawlik added.

Pew Research Center report uncovers racial and political disparities in perceptions of local crime news

By Stacy M. Brown
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A new report from the Pew Research Center, as part of the Pew-Knight Initiative, has revealed how Americans perceive and consume local crime news, highlighting significant racial, ethnic, and political disparities. Based on a survey of 5,146 U.S. adults conducted in January and funded jointly by The Pew Charitable Trusts and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the study is the third in a series examining how Americans engage with local news.

One of the report's key findings is that more Americans get news and information about local crime than any other local topic except the weather. The study found that 71% of U.S. adults often or sometimes receive news about local crime from friends, family, and neighbors, while a nearly identical share (70%) gets this news from local news outlets. This widespread consumption of crime news underscores its importance in the daily lives of Americans, shaping their percep-



Image via NNPA

tions of safety and community well-being.

However, the study also reveals that Americans still have not found a single go-to source for crime information. While 26% of U.S. adults first turn to local news outlets, others rely heavily on social media, search engines, or personal networks for updates on crime. These diverse sources influence how crime news is perceived, with notable differences based on where people get information. For example, those who consume crime news from social media or locally focused apps like Next-door and Ring are more likely to believe these sources exagger-

ate crime levels in their communities. In contrast, those who rely on official sources, such as local law enforcement or politicians, think these sources underplay the amount of crime.

The report also highlights that Black Americans are particularly likely to perceive local crime news as biased, especially in terms of racial and ethnic fairness. This perception aligns with previous Pew Research findings that have shown Black Americans to be more attuned to racial bias in both policing and news coverage. Black Americans are also more engaged with local crime news, with 45% reporting that they often get news

about local crime—a higher rate than that of Hispanic, white, or Asian Americans. Additionally, nearly half of Black respondents (48%) reported seeing news about violent crime at least weekly, which is significantly higher than other racial and ethnic groups.

Researchers said the consumption of local crime news also is closely linked to concerns about personal safety. The study found that Americans who regularly consume local crime news are more likely to express concern about crime affecting them or their families. Among frequent crime news con-

sumers, 65% report at least some concern, including 33% who are extremely or very concerned. This heightened concern is particularly evident among Black Americans, who are more likely to view crime as a pressing issue for the president and Congress to address.

Despite the strong interest in crime-related news, many Americans need help accessing high-quality information. While 85% of respondents expressed interest in understanding what local officials are doing to address crime, only 22% said it is easy to obtain this information. This disconnects between public interest and information availability highlights a significant challenge in local news consumption.

The report also delves into the emotional impact of local crime news, noting that frequent consumers of such news are more likely to feel concerned, angry, or afraid about what is happening in their communities. However, these emotions only sometimes translate into community action. Only 52% of respondents said they feel

motivated to change things in their community after consuming crime news, and just 48% feel confident that things will improve.

Political affiliation also plays a significant role in shaping how Americans perceive and react to crime news. Republicans are more likely than Democrats to view violent crime as an important national issue, though both groups consume local crime news at similar rates. Interestingly, while both parties rely on many of the same news sources, Democrats are more likely to believe that crime news exaggerates the problem and is biased against certain racial or ethnic groups. Moreover, older Americans, particularly those over 65, are more likely to consume local crime news and perceive the information as accurate than younger adults.

The report also addresses the gap between public perception and actual crime statistics. Despite FBI data showing that property crimes are more common than vio-

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Dallas ISD implements new safety protocol for athletic events

(Dallas ISD) To enhance safety at athletic events, Dallas ISD now requires all students attending district-hosted games without a parent, guardian, or other adult responsible for the student to present a current student badge for entry. The badge must be for the Dallas ISD school that is competing in the athletic

event. This requirement also applies to visiting non-Dallas ISD schools.

Students without a school-issued ID, and Dallas ISD students from other high schools, will not be permitted to enter the event unless accompanied by an adult.

Middle and elementary school students must be ac-

companied by an adult to enter any athletic event.

Stadium safety and security personnel will be on-site to assist students who need to contact a parent or guardian for a ride home.

The new protocol does not apply to students participating in the athletic event as competitors or a related student activity group as

long as they are accompanied by their coach or sponsor.

This requirement applies to all district athletic facilities, including pools, gymnasiums, and stadiums. The updated safety measures align with those of neighboring districts and other University Interscholastic League schools.



The Dallas Independent School District is implementing new requirements for school-aged youth to enter athletic events. The move is being made to improve safety for students and spectators alike. (Dallas ISD photo)

Collin College Continuing Education adds new programs

Collin College Continuing Education (CE) is expanding with three new course offerings, including Medical Massage Therapy, Welding I and II in Spanish, and Product Management, which is completely online.

These new offerings will ensure learners acquire skills and knowledge that can lead to career advancement, remain competitive and effective in current roles, or provide personal growth. All new programs are enrolling students for fall.

Nicole Green, Medical Massage Therapy program coordinator, emphasized Collin College's commitment to providing this in-demand training for a fast-growing field.

"We are excited to bring this great opportunity to learners interested in this career who can learn all the



Sara Carpenter / Collin College

fundamentals of massage therapy and pursue careers in various settings, including spas, hospitals, sporting facilities, and private practices," she said. "Community members can also benefit from medical massage services offered at a low cost through the program. We can't wait to serve our neighbors."

Welding I and II courses are now offered in a Spanish-language format, providing the tools for students to succeed in a skilled profession. Students can expect hands-on experience while learning about safe practices, welding equipment, and both common and advanced welding techniques. This initiative

hopes to help alleviate the shortage of welders in the workforce.

"These programs will provide basic knowledge for a career in welding," said Brian Sanders, director of the Welding program. "We hope that teaching these skills in Spanish will welcome a diverse group of learners who won't al-

low language to be a barrier from earning an education in welding."

The Product Management program is now offered fully online, providing courses that focus on the fundamentals of product management, product launch, product strategy, and more.

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change, explains Escamez. Eli Weisel, a survivor of Auschwitz, famously said "no human being is illegal," a phrase that would serve as a rallying cry to those who believed the term "illegal alien" was dangerous.

During this time, legislation would attempt to redress depression-era deportations, bringing Mexican laborers in on limited con-

tracts to meet agriculture labor shortages, according to Library of Congress records. In 1965, a preference system designed to unite immigrant families and attract skilled labor also brought immigrants from new parts of the world, including Asia and Latin America.

As much as the human rights movement moved

countries around the world forward, differences in culture and religion would continue to clash. Samuel Huntington wrote of this in his "Clash of Civilizations," which held that cultural and religious identities would be the main reason for post-Cold War conflicts.

The dissonance exists in the world today, evidenced by the recent election of the far-right AfD anti-immigration party in East Germany,

as AP reports and in the current tug of war of immigration policies in the U.S.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, upheld by the Supreme Court following Trump's attempts to push it out, provides only a sliver of rights to workers who are essential to this country, explains immigration outreach specialist Gustavo Gasca Gomez.

As a former farm worker, Gomez understands the struggles of migrant workers. The work is trying in the heat; it is dirty; and it is mind numbing, yet this work being done largely by immigrants, remains very much necessary to the country.

The workers are deeply affected by the ongoing political discourse, says Gomez, who is also a coordinator for the Stop the

Hate Project.

In this historical context of discrimination, adds Executive Director for the Mixteco / Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP) Arsenio Lopez, when Americans, especially political leaders, use hate speech, they give a green light to it. They normalize it, and the speech can then be used, as it has historically, to oppress indigenous people.



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Unearthed letters and research notes expose journalist's role in distorting Emmett Till's story

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National
Correspondent

Newly unearthed research notes and letters from William Bradford Huie, the journalist whose reporting on the 1955 lynching of Emmett Till helped shape the public's understanding of the crime, reveal that Huie deliberately concealed vital details that could have implicated additional participants in the murder. These documents, recently released by the descendants of one of the lawyers involved in the case, suggest that Huie prioritized his financial interests and the protection of his sources over the pursuit of truth and justice.

The cache of documents, now housed in the Florida State University Digital



FSU Digital Repository has new letters and documents suggesting even more of a coverup in the murder of Emmett Till. (Photo via NNPA)

Repository, includes a 33-page set of Huie's research notes and a series of letters exchanged between Huie and John Whitten, one of the defense attorneys for J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant, the two men acquitted of Till's murder. The

content of these letters and notes reveals a complex and troubling relationship between the journalist and the defense team, raising serious questions about the integrity of Huie's reporting.

Huie's notes indicate

that he was aware of other individuals involved in the kidnapping and murder of Emmett Till but chose not to report this information. In a letter dated December 10, 1955, Huie confessed his doubts about the story Milam and Bryant were

telling him: "I began doubting myself... and one night I was on the point of coming back to Mississippi and 'pistol-whipping' Milam for telling me a fabric of lies." Despite these doubts, Huie went ahead with his article in Look magazine, presenting Milam and Bryant's version of events as the complete truth.

The letters between Huie and Whitten also reveal the extent to which Huie was willing to collaborate with the defense attorneys to craft a narrative that would serve their mutual interests. In a letter dated November 16, 1955, Huie assured Whitten that he was carefully considering the "most effective presentation" of the story, stating, "We have been sort of marking time... and in due time and with great

care, I'll be in touch with you." This close coordination suggests that Huie's reporting was influenced not only by his desire to protect his sources but also by a shared goal of controlling how the public would receive the story.

Huie's financial motivations are laid bare in another letter from Whitten, dated November 22, 1955, in which the attorney thanked Huie for a gift—a fine Cavanaugh hat—and expressed confidence that the criminal case would not proceed further despite any additional publicity. "My wife was so complimentary of the hat... that I finally had to tell her something about where it came from," Whitten wrote, before adding, "Nevertheless, I think that we should not throw caution to the winds."

Trump's Agenda 47 sparks alarm among federal workers and local leaders in the DC area

By Stacy M. Brown
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As the twice-impeached former President Donald Trump pushes forward to reclaim the White House, his Agenda 47 proposal has ignited widespread anxiety and outrage across the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. The plan, which includes the forced relocation of up to 100,000 federal jobs from Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, is being met with fierce resistance from local leaders, businesses, and federal workers who see it as an existential threat to the local economy and the livelihoods of residents.

In a region where federal employment forms the backbone of the local economy, Trump's proposals have infuriated commu-



nities that depend heavily on the stability and presence of federal agencies. The anxiety is palpable in Maryland, a state that voted overwhelmingly against Trump in 2020 and where a contentious U.S. Senate race could tip the balance of power in Washington.

Angela Alsobrooks, the Democratic nominee for

Maryland's open Senate seat and Prince George's County Executive, did not mince words when condemning Trump's plans. "Former President Trump is a ruthless leader, retaliatory in all his ways, and what he talks about in terms of really harming federal work-

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Americans face post-pandemic Medicaid disenrollment and new coverage gaps

By Lori Lee
NDG Contributing Writer

During the pandemic, 83 million Americans were protected by Medicaid, preserved by a freeze on redetermination checks. This was so no one would lose coverage during the national emergency, explained Katherine Hempstead, senior policy advisor of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation at a Friday, Aug. 9, 2024 briefing on Medicaid.

In May 2023, when the emergency was halted, Americans began returning to normal bureaucratic routines. This will result in massive coverage losses for about 23 million people, said Hempstead.

And of those who have already been dropped, 69% lost coverage due only to paperwork, she added, while not failing to meet qualifications.

The process of redetermination will worsen coverage gaps for the very populations the program was designed to protect, said Hempstead. Fifty-nine years ago, Medicaid was established to cover senior, disabled, pregnant and low-income citizens, and children.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) later provided for an expansion of Medicaid to bridge a gap for low-income adults without children. Yet, the Supreme Court blocked the effort, leaving participation up to



the states.

In states that did not expand, due to low income limits, two to three million people now have a cruel outcome, said Hempstead, with income so low they do not qualify for help, either through the Health Insurance Marketplace or through Medicaid.

Over time, most states have taken advantage of the opportunity to expand Medicaid under the ACA, Illinois and a few on the west coast expanding coverage regardless of immigration status.

Yet, ten states, mainly in the south, chose not to expand, this including Texas, which also leads the way in the number of children falling off eligibility rolls.

The gap weighs heavily on people of color, especially those living within the non-expansion states, she added.

Their organization believes healthcare is a right, said Hempstead, meaning closing these gaps and making healthcare afford-

able for everyone is a high priority.

They researched the economic benefits to communities in expansion states and found there were lower numbers of bankruptcies and increased labor productivity, she noted.

Martha Sanchez, Health Policy and Advocacy Director at Young Invincibles also spoke at the briefing. "Despite our name, young people are not invincible," said Sanchez.

Assuming they're at lower risk, or simply holding onto the mentality it won't happen to them, about 30% of adults 18-34 are uninsured, higher than any other group.

Yet, the American Cancer Society reports, young adults are increasingly more susceptible to serious conditions, like colon cancer, a 2019 study indicating at least half of young adults have at least one chronic condition.

Unaware of their risks and sometimes lacking the enrollment know-how,

ships and tables are also available by contacting Catharine Recht, Director of Advancement, at recht@flightmuseum.com or by calling 214.699.4621. Proceeds from the luncheon will go towards supporting STEM programming and a new permanent women's exhibit at the museum. To learn more, please visit www.flightmuseum.

Sanchez said literacy is key. We want to get the Department of Education involved, she said. Many children dropped from Medicaid would still qualify if they could just learn the process.

Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Center for Children and Families, Joan Alker, also spoke. Alker is a research professor at Georgetown University. She said that since the pandemic, one third of all

young adults report symptoms of mental illness, often without the health coverage to get help. They're having to skip medications, go without inhalers, and miss behavioral health treatments, she said.

Stan Dorn, director of the Health Policy Project at UnidosUS, suggests that using accessible assistance and paperless eligibility could help bridge the gaps.

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tions that have been strong supporters of the programs and initiatives provided by the Frontiers of Flight Museum. The 2024 honorees include:

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The cast of "Blink Twice." (Photo via NNPA)

Film Review: 'Blink Twice' has great visuals, not such a great storyline

By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic

(**1/2) She sold her soul to the devil. Now she wants it back.

It was too good to be true. Frida (Naomi Ackie), a clumsy cocktail waitress at a classy fundraiser for rich folks eyes the main attraction. It's tech billionaire Slater King (Channing Tatum). Think Elon Musk, but handsome. They flirt. He seems attentive in a room full of women who are lusting after the richest catch they'll ever find, if they can land him. It comes as a shock to the young woman, who can't muster enough money for this month's rent, when she and her equally poor roommate Jess (Ali Shawkat) are invited to King's private island for an endless visit. "We're going to my island for a few days. You guys want to come?" Think Jeffrey Epstein, but no one is underage.

The script by writer/first-time director Zoë Kravitz and co-writer E.T. Feigenbaum pairs the two up again, after they worked on the 2020 series High Fidelity. The setup fits the

superficial desires of many young women who were raised on MTV and developed envious fantasies of a hard-partying lifestyle filled with permissive behavior, rich life wannabes and zero responsibility. That and the selfishness of the devious men who baits them is the cautionary tale Kravitz, as a director, tells in dazzling visions.

She's assembled an expert tech crew who make every single frame look like a fashion shoot or big-budget commercial. Credit production designer Roberto Bonelli for the dazzling Yucatán location and a resort type setup that makes you want to book a trip to Mexico ASAP. Set decorator Fátima Díaz Oliver supplies the curtains, furniture and incidentals that are meticulously placed. The color themes created by art director Derek A. Heckler Diaz emphasize deep shades of red, rust and orange and billowy whites. While costume designer Kiersten Hargroder's clothes the cast in tropical wear that's perfect for the destination. Magically cinematographer Adam Newport-Berra (The Last Black Man in

San Francisco) captures every detail, lights scenes exquisitely and saturates the footage with the richest hues. It's all accented by a hip playlist ("The Boss" by James Brown, "Ain't Nobody" by Rufus and Chaka Khan), musical score (Chanda Dancy) and precise editing (Kathryn L. Schubert).

For a while the audience is as seduced as Frida, Jess and all the other guests at Slater's enclave. Lounging at the pool. Drinking exotic cocktails. Downing hallucinogens. Eating Michelin-star quality meals served by the neurotic chef Cody (Simon Rex). Hard to believe? Yep! Jess: "did we just jet off to a billionaire's island with a bunch of strangers?" Minutes pass into hours. Hours into days. Something is a bit off. Something nags Frida and makes her feel like she's been through this before. Slowly Slater's fantasy island world unravels, and the ultimate host turns out to be the ultimate, sexually, emotionally and psychologically exploitative heel.

Most viewers who hitch

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Comedy Central's highly anticipated adult animated series 'Everybody Still Hates Chris' to premiere Sept. 25

(Black PR Wire) New York, NY – Comedy Central today announced the premiere date of its highly anticipated adult animated series, Everybody Still Hates Chris. The reimagined series starring and executive produced by Chris Rock premieres Wednesday, September 25 at 10pm ET/PT. Terry Crews and Tichina Arnold also star alongside Tim Johnson Jr., Ozioma Akagha, Terrence Little Gardenhigh, and Gunnar Sizemore. The series is produced by CBS Studios and Chris Rock Enterprises, in association with 3 Arts Entertainment. Everybody Still Hates



Chris will feature Chris Rock ("Rustin," "Fargo") as "Adult Chris," narrating stories inspired by his experience growing up as a skinny nerd in a large working-class family in Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn, during the late 1980s. Terry Crews ("America's Got Talent", "Brooklyn Nine-Nine") will voice "Julius," Chris' father who is a gentle giant with a relentless work ethic, and tightwad approach to life. He grew up dirt poor, so he knows the cost of everything down to the penny. He works two jobs to support the family, and on his days off, he takes on a third job. Tichina Arnold ("The Neighborhood") will voice

"Rochelle," Chris' mother who is smart, strong-willed, and has a nurturing spirit, but she can also be hot-headed, especially when it comes to her kids. She tolerates zero nonsense, so she quits more jobs in a month than most people do in a lifetime. "Tonya," Chris' feisty baby sister, with the face of an angel and the heart of a demon, who gets along with her middle brother Drew but leaps at any chance to get Chris in trouble; Terrence Little Gardenhigh ("Danger Force") will voice "Drew," the golden child of the family who is the epitome of Black Excellence: handsome, athletic, a ladies man, taller and cooler than his older brother Chris; and Gunnar Sizemore ("Kung Fu Panda") will voice "Greg," Chris's only friend at school who is girl-ob-

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and prompt getting health checks from a GP. "Failure to seek or receive appropriate care represents a lost opportunity for preven-

tion, diagnosis, and remediation of chronic disease," said Professor Wittert. "We're encouraging GPs to ask their male patients

about the presence of erectile dysfunction and nocturia and respond accordingly. "Experts say men shoulder a disproportionate burden of chronic disease and have poorer outcomes from

most chronic disorders. "Routinely asking about erectile function and nocturia provides an opportunity to improve quality of life

and mitigate health risks." The research, conducted through Professor Wittert's Training Specialists in Men's Health project, has

been financially supported by The Hospital Research Foundation Group with Dr Tafari the first specialist to receive a fellowship.

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Visit Mississippi and New Jersey Division of Travel & Tourism unveil new Freedom Trail Marker

(Black PR Wire) ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., – Recently, Visit Mississippi and New Jersey Division of Travel & Tourism (NJTT), along with Visit Atlantic City, proudly unveiled the newest addition to the Mississippi Freedom Trail outside of the historic Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. This marker, part of a series commemorating the 60th anniversary of the 1964 Freedom Summer voting rights movement, honors the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and its groundbreaking efforts toward equality at the 1964 Democratic National Convention which took place at Boardwalk Hall. New Jersey is the first and only state outside of Mississippi to host an official Mississippi Freedom Trail marker.



Visit Atlantic City

“Mississippi is proud to unveil the first Freedom Trail marker outside of our state, extending our rich history and the stories of the Civil Rights Movement to Atlantic City,” said Mississippi Governor Tate

Reeves. “This marker not only honors the 60th anniversary of Freedom Summer but also invites visitors to discover more of Mississippi’s civil rights legacy. We extend our gratitude to the state of New Jersey,

Atlantic City, Governor Phil Murphy and Lt. Governor Tahesha Way for their partnership in honoring this critical chapter of our shared history.”

“We are honored to feature the first Freedom

Trail marker outside of Mississippi,” said Acting Governor Tahesha Way. “Atlantic City is home to several locations that honor the state’s civil rights history, including the Civil Rights Garden and the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey. Today, this new Freedom Trail marker signifies the community’s role in supporting the Freedom Summer activists to ensure equal representation for Black voters, which played a key role in the Civil Rights movement and forever altered the course of U.S. election history.”

The 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City was a pivotal moment in civil rights history, playing a crucial part in challenging racial segregation and standing as the

defining event of Freedom Summer. This historic convention led to significant advancements in the Civil Rights movement. The efforts of Mississippi’s Freedom Summer activists were supported by volunteers and organizations in New Jersey, who helped shape the future of voting rights in America.

Part of the United States Civil Rights Trail, the Mississippi Freedom Trail consists of over 30 sites that offer visitors the opportunities to learn more about the Civil Rights Movement, honor important figures of the era and sightsee across the state.

For more on the Mississippi Freedom Trail, go to visitmississippi.org. For more information about New Jersey, go to visitnj.org.

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a ride on this mind-binding mystery/thriller will be OK with the appetizers but not the entrée. The main course includes the rape, abuse and torture of women in cryptic flashbacks. Graphic enough to be repulsive and make you wonder if there wasn’t another way to express and depict these crimes. Credit the screenplay for trying to tell a feminist tale about women being exploited and seeking revenge. The problem is you’re teasing the abuse like a commercial for porn and exploiting the female characters in the process. Oddly the distinct characters and their dialogue are far stronger and more interesting than the basic narrative and its theme.

The young twentysomething market is a target audience. Women are a target audience. The multiracial cast will appeal to multiracial demographics. All sought will sit down to watch this display of rich

people’s excess and then be treated to women being traumatized. No matter what happens in the end, for some viewers the moral of the story won’t be worth what you have to witness. It’s like making a movie about racism and watching Black people be victimized for a majority of the film. There has to be a better way to make the point. This is where audiences may blink, more than twice.

Casting Ackie (Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance with Somebody) in the lead role was a stroke of genius. She doesn’t look like an unapproachable model or movie star. More like the girl next door or in the apartment down the hall. She has her own beauty, and the camera loves her face, body and skin tone. Ackie never over does it. Not even when it’s time for Frida to retaliate. Tatum plays the billionaire in a titillating way. Flaunting looks, money, charm

and sexiness. Easy to see how Svengalis like him get over on victims. Other cast members who play hangers-on and abettors do their jobs quite nicely: Christian Slater, Adria Arjona, Haley Joel Osment, Levon Hawke, Liz Caribel, Trew Mullen, Geena Davis and the very smarmy Kyle McLachlan as Rich the therapist.

Kravitz exhibits the keen eye of an artist or fashion photographer. She should get plenty of offers to direct commercials. Or movies. What she might not get are other offers to write scripts, as the major flaw in this almost-a-gem thriller is the story and the huge miscalculation that watching women get abused is worth the price of admission. Hard to imagine audiences wanting to see this film over and over again, even with the fancy visuals. And that is likely not the intended effect.

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Not sure how to stand out as a leader on Zoom calls? It starts with how you communicate, new study shows

(Newswise) — BINGHAMTON, N.Y. -- More companies are embracing remote work, and with that comes a need for more frequent communication. Teamwork through a screen isn't always the same as having a group in the same room, so how are companies cultivating leaders in these virtual settings?

New research involving a collaboration between Binghamton University, State University of New York schools and research centers shows how, in virtual teams where nonverbal cues are limited, a person's engagement and influence in conversations can significantly shape whether they're perceived as a leader.

But taking charge of the conversation isn't enough, the study found; for lead-

ership to be effective and teamwork to be successful, all the group's participants must also speak up. The study's findings could guide the development of new training programs to strengthen verbal communication skills in virtual workspaces and help organizations improve the structure of virtual teams.

"Emerging leadership is really important in a virtual environment because we have to rely more on the effectiveness of our communication since we cannot observe formal leaders directly or as easily," said Fuhe Jin, PhD '23, now an assistant professor of management at The College of New Jersey, who worked on the study while a doctoral student at Binghamton. "If you want to be recognized as a leader

in a virtual group, you need to pay closer attention to how the audience responds to what you're saying and support others' ideas so you can better facilitate communication."

In the study, researchers based their findings on data gathered from 51 participants in 12 virtual teams at universities in Tokyo between 2021 and 2022. They found virtual team members whose contributions received inspiring or affirming responses from others in the group were more likely to be viewed as emergent leaders because their central role in team communications was being highlighted.

Using a machine-learning program to gain a detailed look into the virtual teams' verbal dynamics, researchers tracked affirmative re-

sponses such as "You are correct," "Indeed it is," and "I agree with you."

Next, they followed each team member's level of engagement and responsiveness.

One important takeaway from analyzing the data was that just because someone dominated a team discussion, that didn't necessarily make them a better leader, said Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship Chou-Yu (Joey) Tsai, who worked on the study.

"We found speaking in Zoom becomes quite important for everyone because, in these virtual settings, you cannot capture many nonverbal backchannel behaviors that would indicate whether people agree with or understand you in the same way as if you were

meeting in person," Tsai said. "This work reminds us that the audience matters as much as the person speaking, so both should have some common ground. That will enhance the perception of leadership, making you more effective in that role."

This study represents a promising direction in artificial intelligence research because it shows how AI can be used to better understand and possibly improve human collaborative teams instead of seeking ways to replace them, said SUNY Distinguished SSIE Professor Hiroki Sayama, who was on the research team.

Researchers also noted in the study that if companies focused more on developing a person's ability to engage in verbal interactions while also fostering team socio-

emotional support, virtual teams could more effectively nurture potential leaders.

"Regarding the scientific value of the key findings, we learn how leadership emerges from the complex interactions among people," Sayama said of the study. "A classic, traditional view would attribute leadership to individual traits (vision, determination, charisma, etc.), but our study clearly showed that leadership is more relational."

The study, "Leader Emergence in the Digital Realm: Exploring Communication Dynamics via Machine Learning," recently received the Best Division Paper award from the Academy of Management's Communication, Digital Technology, and Organization division.

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ers is evil," Alsobrooks declared. "This is yet another reason we absolutely must put Donald Trump in the rearview mirror."

The discontent isn't confined to Democrats. Even Larry Hogan, the former Republican governor of Maryland and now a Senate candidate, has criticized the relocation proposals as "crazy." Hogan, a vocal critic of the 34-times criminally convicted Trump, warned that such drastic measures would not only devastate the local economy but also "undermine our entire democracy."

For federal workers, the fear is about being uprooted from their homes and the potential dismantling of the civil service as they know it. Project 2025, the Trump-backed Heritage Foundation's blueprint for a possible Trump presidency, which aims to elimi-

nate thousands of federal jobs and strip civil service protections, also looms as a dark cloud over the workforce.

Laura Dodson, acting vice president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 3403, spoke from personal experience about the chaos and uncertainty of such relocations. "When my office was moved to Kansas City under Trump's administration, it was a rushed process that overlooked the basic needs of workers," Dodson recalled. "It led to retirements, forced career changes, and ultimately weakened the agency."

The stakes are equally high across the Potomac in Virginia, where the ripple effects of Trump's agenda could reverberate through the economy. Libby Garvey, chair of the Arlington County Board, painted a

grim picture of what could happen if the federal workforce were to be decimated. "Our local budget would take a major hit—roads, schools, public safety—all of it would be compromised. This isn't just about jobs; it's about the survival of our communities," Garvey told reporters.

Even small businesses that have long thrived on the patronage of federal employees are bracing for impact. Tay Gibson, who manages a repair shop across from the U.S. Census Bureau in Maryland, fears the loss of customers could cripple his business. "If the federal workers leave, business leaves too, and that's a blow small businesses like mine can't afford to take," Gibson explained in a televised interview.

Beyond the immediate economic worries, many people believe that Trump's agenda is part of

a more significant effort to reduce the federal government's role in an area that has historically been a Democratic stronghold. Karen Hult, a political science professor at Virginia Tech, warned that Trump's plans could alienate key voters in Northern Virginia while appealing to those in more rural parts of the state who distrust the D.C. establishment. However, she cautioned that the overall impact could be disastrous

for Trump's electoral prospects in Virginia, a state he has already lost twice.

Ultimately, the implications of Trump's Agenda 47 extend far beyond the D.C. area. Filipe Campante, a professor at Johns Hopkins University, underscored the importance of federal employees' physical presence in the nation's capital, emphasizing that face-to-face interactions are crucial for accountability and effective governance. "There's

a reason why capital cities exist," Campante noted, pointing to the potential dangers of decentralizing the federal workforce.

Trump's controversial vision for reshaping the federal government has become a flashpoint, galvanizing both opposition and concern. As one local leader said, "The stakes couldn't be higher. This isn't just a battle for jobs—it's a battle for the soul of our democracy."

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Automatic renewal could utilize tax and wage information that the government already possesses.

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standards for redetermination could incentivize states, providing bonuses to states that exceed standards, and deferring federal

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Study IDs best 'red flags' for spotting financial fraud

By Matt Shipman

(Newswise) — A new analysis of the benchmarks that auditors use to identify financial statement fraud risk finds that the most commonly used benchmarks are less effective at identifying fraud than benchmarks that are less commonly used.

“We wanted to look not only at the benchmarks that standards say auditors can use, but the benchmarks that auditors are actually using in practice, to see which of these benchmarks is most

effective,” says Joe Brazel, co-author of a paper on the work and Jenkins Distinguished Professor of Accounting in North Carolina State University’s Poole College of Management.

At issue are benchmarks, which are tools that financial statement auditors use as indicators that fraud may have taken place. There are two organizations that set professional standards governing which benchmarks could be used when auditing public companies and privately held companies.

For this study, the researchers began by conducting an in-depth survey of 30 auditing professionals to get an idea of how often auditors were using the benchmarks put forward in standards.

The two most common benchmarks were both trend analyses that looked only at a company’s financial statements. For example, looking at a company’s revenue in the current year and seeing whether it departed significantly from its revenue the previous year.

However, the survey found that auditors also used four other benchmarks to lesser degrees.

To assess the extent to which those benchmarks were correlated with actual fraud, the researchers drew on a dataset of 429 confirmed cases of fraud that were documented by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission between 1994 and 2014. The researchers also looked at data from the publicly traded companies that had not committed fraud between

1994 and 2014.

“Essentially, we wanted to see which of the benchmarks that auditors are using are highly correlated with companies that committed fraud,” Brazel says. “And we looked at the companies that didn’t commit fraud to make sure benchmarks that were good indicators of fraud weren’t also targeting a high number of fraud-free companies.”

The researchers found the two most commonly used benchmarks – which relied solely on a company’s fi-

nancial statements – weren’t very useful.

By far the most useful benchmark involved evaluating the difference between a company’s revenue growth and the revenue growth of its industry.

The study also identified a related trend that upends conventional wisdom about fraud.

The paper, “Auditor Use of Benchmarks to Assess Fraud Risk: The Case for Industry Data,” is published in the Journal of Forensic Accounting Research.

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essed, status conscious and raised by a single dad.

“Everybody Hates Chris,” Chris Rock’s autobiographical, critically-acclaimed family series, ran for four seasons on UPN

then the CW from 2005 – 2009. The series won a NAACP Image Award for its writing in 2007 and was also nominated for a Golden Globe and several Emmy Awards. All four

seasons of the original series are available to stream on Paramount+.

Everybody Still Hates Chris is produced by CBS’ Eye Animation Productions, CBS Studios’ animation arm. Alongside Chris Rock of Chris Rock Enter-

prises, showrunner Sanjay Shah (“Central Park”); Ali LeRoi; and Michael Rotenberg and Dave Becky of 3 Arts Entertainment will executive produce. Titmouse (“Big Mouth”) serves as the animation studio for the series with

Chris Prynosi, Shannon Prynosi, Antonio Canobio and Ben Kalina serving as executive producers. The series is distributed by Paramount Global Content Distribution outside of the

Comedy Central footprint.

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lent crimes, the public perceives these two types of crime as occurring at similar rates. This discrepancy between perception and reality is particularly pronounced among those who frequently consume crime news, possibly contributing to heightened concerns about personal safety.

Trust in crime news remains relatively high, particularly when the information comes from local law enforcement or news outlets. About 79% of respondents who get their

news from local news outlets and 77% from local law enforcement consider the information at least somewhat accurate.

However, only a quarter believe that any source provides very accurate information.

“Like we find with several local news topics, relatively few Americans are highly satisfied with the local crime news they get,” researchers concluded. “Among those who get local crime news, one-third say they are extreme-

ly or very satisfied with the quality of this news. About half (48%) say they are

somewhat satisfied, and 18% say they are not too or not at all satisfied.”



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Doctor, Could You Repeat That?

Dr. James L. Snyder

For the first time in my life, I've been having health issues. It was nothing serious, but just enough to be aggravating.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has been very helpful with my medical issues. She arranges all of the medicine I'm supposed to take every day; otherwise, I probably wouldn't take any.

She often asks me, "How are you today?"

I look at her, smile, and say, "I'm fine."

"No, you are not fine. Now take your medicine."

Obviously, she doesn't think I'm fine, but I guess I'm fine with that.

My health issues are very

superficial, at least from my perspective. I get up in the morning, eat everything I can get a hold of, take a little nap in the afternoon, and do whatever I want to do.

No matter what I do or don't do, I am still "not fine," according to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

When I have a doctor's appointment, she usually accompanies me because she knows I will not remember anything the doctor says. Of course, she is absolutely truthful about that. I hear what my doctor is saying, but I'm not always listening to what he says. The only thing I hear from the doctor is, "You're doing fine; keep up the good work."

Most health issues had to do with getting old. The older you get, the more your body seems to wear out. So, I'm going to continue getting as old as I can, even if it means hobbling down the road of life.

I noticed something rather interesting. Whenever I go to see a doctor, he or she is always looking for what's wrong with me. I never had a doctor examine me to find something that was right with me.

I know what that means, of course. If there's nothing wrong with me, the doctor has no job. If he does find something wrong, no matter how small, he at least has a job.

Several years ago, before I had these health issues,

I went to my doctor every year for an annual checkup. Every time I went, the doctor ended the session by saying, "Somebody your age should have something wrong with them." He was always trying to find something wrong with me. It's a good thing I wasn't seeing a psychiatrist.

I remember something happening at one of my yearly visits to the doctor. It was on a Monday, and the day before, I had an episode of shingles on the right side of my body. At the time, I didn't know what it was.

When I went to see the doctor on Monday, I showed him some of the marks on my right arm, and I've never seen my doctor

so excited.

He said, "Let me examine that. Something must be wrong."

Well, he examined it and re-examined it, and every time he examined it, his smile got bigger and bigger. Then, after his examination, he said, "You have been hit with the shingles."

Of course, I didn't know what that meant at the time, but he explained it, and every other sentence was a giggle. I'm one patient who never had anything wrong with them and finally has something wrong with him. That's what my doctor lives for.

That was over five years ago, and it seems like my health went downhill after that. Not too much, just

enough to be aggravating. I did spend several days in the hospital. I had a heart attack and had to have a stent put in. I had the Covid episode, which kept me locked in my house for two weeks.

In spite of all of that, I seem to be getting back to some good health. I still have to have regular six-month physical checkups. I have a series of doctors that I have to see, and that just is life.

Last week, for example, I had my six-month appointment to see my heart doctor. I had some tests taken a week before, and he was going to review them for me at this appointment.

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titles and contributing to the U.S. team gold medal. She was crowned national all-around champion at the USA Gymnastics National Championships, winning silver in all four individual events. She qualified first in the all-around, second to the vault final, sixth to the uneven bars final, fifth to the balance beam final, and first to the floor final at the World Championship, making her the first American gymnast to qualify in the all-around and all four event finals since 1991. Simone was the seventh American woman and first black woman to win the world all-around title. She won silver on the vault, bronze on the balance beam, gold on the floor exercise and fourth on the uneven bars at the World Championship. Her complex flip that was part of her floor routine during the World Championship is now known as the "Biles," one of four moves named after her - two on the floor, one on the vault and one on the beam. In 2014, Simone was honored as the Women's Sports Foundation's "Sportswoman of the Year."

In 2015, Simone earned an individual all-around

gold medal at the FIG World Cup. She secured her third all-around national title at the U.S. National Championships, the second woman ever to do so. She became the first woman to win three consecutive all-around titles in World Gymnastics Championships history. She won four gold medals at the 2015 World Championships - team, all-around, balance beam and floor exercise. She won bronze on vault; and she was named Olympic Athlete of the Year by the USOC. In 2016, the accolades kept coming. Simone earned team and all-around gold medals at the Pacific Rim Championships. She won the all-around title and gold medal on vault and floor exercise at the U.S. National Championships, the Olympic Gold medalist in vault, floor, individual and team all-around, Bronze medalist on Beam at 2016 Rio Olympics.

In 2017, Simone was recognized as the Best Female Athlete, ESPY Award; named Best in Sports in the Shorty Awards; named Favorite Female Athlete, Teen Choice Awards; received Laureus World Sports Award for Sportswoman

of the Year, awarded the Golden Plate Award from the American Academy of Achievement, and named one of the most influential people in the world by Time Magazine. In 2018, Simone won gold in team and individual all-around, vault and floor exercise at the World Championships, as well as a silver on the uneven bars and bronze on the balance beam. She was the first U.S. gymnast and first non-Soviet gymnast to win a medal on every event at a single World Championship.

In 2019, she placed first at the Stuttgart World Cup, and she won the all-around at the GK US Classic, as well as first on floor exercise, third on beam and fifth on bars. At the U.S. National Gymnastics Championships, she placed first on vault, balance beam and floor exercise, and third on uneven bars. She finished first in all-around at the U.S. World Championships, she earned five gold medals at the World Championships in team, individual all-around, vault, balance beam and floor exercise, she was the first gymnast to earn five gold medals at a single World Championship since 1958; and she won an all-around

gold medal at the FIG World Cup.

In 2020, Simone was chosen to represent the United States at the Tokyo World Cup, which was later cancelled due to the pandemic.

In 2021, she became the first person to complete a Yurchenko double pike vault at the U.S. Classic,

winning another all-around title. She placed first in the Olympic Trials, earning a spot on the team; she received the Olympic bronze medalist on the balance beam and a silver medalist in the team all-around event.

In 2024, Simone made history once again. She became the fourth American

female artistic gymnast to compete at three Olympic Games. Ahead of the 2024 Paris Olympics, Simone submitted a new skill for the code of points for the uneven bars, which would make her the only female gymnast to have a skill named after them on every apparatus. She is the greatest of all time.

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"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed.

"But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life"

John 12:24-26.

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you! This is why the Church is having such little impact.

There are too many believers who have not yet died to their old nature so

that Christ can live fully through them.

When believers come to the end of themselves they will lose their lives to Him and live through the power

of the Holy Spirit and begin to see the reality of a living gospel that impacts lives, workplaces, cities and nations.

"Much of modern Christian enterprise is 'Ishmael.' Born NOT of God, but of an inordinate desire to do God's will in our own way

The one thing our Lord never did," said Oswald Chambers. The psalmist describes what it means to live in our own strength:

"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

"In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat - for He grants sleep to those He loves."

Psalms 127:1-2.

How does one die so that Christ can be our all and all? It usually takes a crisis of significant proportions for most people to relinquish the control of their lives.

It means we come to the end of ourselves and our striving to control the events in our lives and we finally come to the place where we can say, "Lord, I surrender. Please take full control of my life."

Have you come to this

place with God in your life? Let go and let God make you a success His way.

For help, you can easily say the Lord's Prayer. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, **Amen.**

(Editor's Note: This column was originally published in September 2017.)

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He went through all of the regular processes, examined my report, and finally, he was finished. As he was closing up my file, he simply said, "Sir, you are good."

I looked at him and said, "What did you say doctor?"

"I said, you were good."

Looking at him and then back at my wife, who was with me, I said, "Doctor, could you repeat that last

word for me so my wife can hear it?"

He looked at me, my wife, and then laughed and said, "good."

I looked over at my wife, who was not smiling then, and said, "My dear, did you hear what the doctor said? Do you need the doctor to repeat it?"

Looking at me with no smile, she said, "I heard everything the doctor said."

As we left the doctor's office, I smiled and said as I walked out, "I'm good." Let's see how The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage can handle that one.

For many years my favorite Bible verse has been, Proverbs 17:22, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones"

I realize there are many problems in life, but my focus should not be on that, but on the God who

is bigger than any problem I might have. My faith in God creates a merry heart in my life.

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NDG Book Review: 'The Fallen Fruit' is a feast for fiction fans

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You're lucky you didn't hit your head!

The damage you did to yourself was bad enough, you didn't need a head wound to lay you low, too. You haven't skinned your knees like that since you were ten years old. Your elbow still hurts from that tumble. But read the new book, "The Fallen Fruit" by Shawntelle Madison and be grateful: you're still in the here and now.

She should've just put a "For Sale" sign on it and sold the place, like she was told.

Cecily Bridge-Davis



was warned by the locals that the portion of the old Bridge farm she'd inherited was "godforsaken," but she had to see it. Maybe it would help her understand her father, who'd up and

died when Cecily was just a baby. If she could find anything about him, the trip wouldn't be wasted.

The property was overgrown, rundown, and there was a tumbledown cabin on it that she couldn't resist. Inside the cabin, Cecily found a Bible, and an X-marked map...

Millie Bridge prayed that she'd be the one to fall.

It was 1920, and her brother, Isaiah, was meant for better things. She'd be able to handle a trip back in time better than he, but it was a fifty-fifty chance. Their father was a Bridge man, and the family curse that'd been around for

hundreds of years would send one of his children to another time in the past, which is why the offspring of every Bridge man carried freedom papers with them.

Since one never knew if, where, or when they might fall, one could never be too careful.

Cecily Bridge-Davis looked over the Bible and followed the map to a hole in a tree stump, where she found an old satchel and more questions. Was she actually supposed to believe that, as an only child, she might disappear one day, only to reappear in another time?

How could that happen? Moreover, how could she tell her husband and children?

Autumn seems to be the right time for a spine-tingling, twisty-scary novel, doesn't it? And "The Fallen Fruit" is just about the right book.

If you mixed together the movie Groundhog Day and Octavia Butler's "Kindred," you might have something close to what's inside this novel. The difference is that author Shawntelle Madison adds a few more levels and a lot more characters to time-travel, meanwhile keeping readers guessing as

to where this curse began. Sometimes, that makes this novel scrape against your imagination until it's raw. Other times, it feels oddly like an adventure story or a survival-type tale, a test of resourcefulness that you can place yourself inside. And then there are shades of romance, to keep you rapt.

If you're someone who tends to overthink novels, you may not like this one; it leaves a lot of questions that don't get answered. But if you're up for a thrill-ride of a novel, "The Fallen Fruit" is a gem. A speculative fiction fan will go head over heels for it.

Harris forcefully defends her record in first major interview

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Senior National Correspondent

Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee for president, made a strategic decision to sit down for her first major interview since President Joe Biden withdrew from the race, selecting CNN as the platform despite the network's heavily criticized moderation of the controversial June debate between Biden and former President Donald Trump. In that debate, CNN anchors were widely condemned for allowing Trump to spread untruths and disinformation unchecked. On Thursday, Aug. 29, Harris used that same network to set the record straight and present her vision for America alongside her running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz.

The interview in Georgia during their ongoing bus tour marked a critical moment for Harris, who has lit a fire under a once stagnant Democratic Party and galvanized donors as she's taken the lead in almost every national poll. Dana Bash, who conducted the interview, opened by questioning Harris about her priorities if she were to win the presidency. Harris, clear and direct, outlined her immediate goals: "On day one, we're going to bring down the cost



Image via NNPA

of everyday goods, support small businesses, and invest in American families. We're not going back—we're moving forward." Her response was a sharp contrast to Trump, who vowed that he'd be a dictator on day one.

Walz, seated beside Harris, praised the proposed agenda, highlighting its practical success in Minnesota. "The child tax credit, for example, reduced childhood poverty by a third in our state. With a federal partner, the impact could be even greater," Walz said.

The discussion quickly pivoted to the economy, with Bash pressing Harris on why some Americans might, according to Bash, feel nostalgic for the economic conditions under Trump. Harris responded by highlighting the dire situation she and Biden inherited—a nation reeling from a pandemic, with millions of jobs lost and a collapsing economy. "We inherited a nation in crisis," Harris said, recalling the early days of

the Biden administration. "We've brought inflation down to under 3%, but we know prices, especially for groceries, are still too high. That's why my agenda is focused on real solutions—tackling price gouging, investing in affordable housing, and providing a \$25,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers."

Harris also addressed her past positions on fracking and immigration, clarifying that her views have evolved as she gained more office experience. On fracking, she stated clearly that while she once supported a ban, she now believes in a balanced approach that doesn't jeopardize jobs in key sectors.

When the conversation turned to immigration, Harris didn't hold back in criticizing Trump's handling of the issue, particularly his role in blocking bipartisan efforts to secure the border. "We had a bill that would have added 1,500 agents to the border and increased fentanyl seizures, but Trump killed it because

it didn't serve his political interests," Harris said. She pledged to sign that bill into law if elected, underscoring her commitment to enforcing immigration laws with the experience she gained

as California's attorney general.

"This election is about the kind of future we want to build," she asserted. "Do we lift each other up, or do we tear each other down?"

I'm running because I believe in America's potential to rise above division and hate. Together, we can turn the page on the last decade and write a new chapter in our nation's history."

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