

Around the county

University of Colorado | Student found dead in dorm room

University of Colorado police are investigating the Sunday night death of a student.

CU Police Cmdr. Tim McGraw said the man, a freshman, was found dead in his dorm room at Baker Hall. A medical condition appears to have caused his death, he said.

No foul play is suspected, McGraw said. The man's death also doesn't appear to have involved a contagious disease. But, he said, the Boulder County Coroner's Office will determine the cause and manner of death, likely based on toxicology reports that could take four to six weeks.

He didn't release the student's name and didn't know the student's hometown.

Boulder Valley School District | Judge denies bookkeeper's bond reduction

A judge on Monday denied a bond-reduction request from a former bookkeeper for Impact on Education who was arrested on suspicion of forging about \$160,000 worth of checks from the charity that supports the Boulder Valley School District.

Diana Lynn Lewis, 44, was arrested Saturday on suspicion of theft of more than \$20,000 and 61 counts of forgery, all felonies. She was

booked into the Boulder County Jail, where she remains held on \$100,000 bond.

She told Boulder County Judge David Archuleta on Monday that she isn't a flight risk, but he denied her request to reduce her bond amount. He noted that she was supposed to turn herself in on Friday, but instead was picked up by detectives on Saturday.

Officials found 61 fake checks written between 2006 and 2010 totaling \$129,517, according to police, and roughly \$30,000 in fake checks from 2004 to 2006.

Lewis is scheduled to be charged in court at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Region | 24-hour mental health hotline launched

A new organization, Metro Crisis Services, has launched a toll-free hotline that provides 24-hour professional mental health services to people in need across the Denver metro area.

The hotline number is 888-885-1222. It is designed to be an alternative to 911 for people dealing with mental health needs. The staff members, all licensed mental health professionals with at least a master's degree, are trained to counsel people with every sort of issue, from suicidal thoughts to addiction and substance-abuse problems.

To learn more about the new service, visit www.metrocrisiservices.org.

Camera staff

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"Hello longer lines at Snarfs ..."

— A Facebook fan of the Camera, commenting on a photo of newspaper employees at the Camera's new location on Western Avenue in east Boulder

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County struggles with fee waivers

Officials work to help victims of Fourmile Fire

By Laura Snider
Camera Staff Writer

More than four months after the Fourmile Fire destroyed 169 homes in the mountains west of Boulder, county building officials are still struggling with whether —

and how — to waive building permit fees for some of the people trying to rebuild.

Boulder County staffers have said that they're not willing to eliminate the fees — which can be thousands of dollars, depending on the value of the house being constructed — for everyone, since in many cases, the applicants' insurance company may pick up the tab. Permit fees are also the sole fund-

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Lewis Perkins works at getting his backhoe started on his property in Gold Hill in November. Perkins lost his home and workshop in the Fourmile Fire and, after discovering that he was under-insured, is having a hard time rebuilding.

Mark Leffingwell | Camera file photo

A show of support



Mark Leffingwell | Camera

Justin Gold, chief executive officer and founder of nut butter maker Justin's nut butter, rubs his hand over his newly shaved head while Lauren Lortie, back right, and Kevin Cawley, left, laugh at the company's Boulder office on Monday. Lance Gentry, president of Justin's, was scheduled to undergo brain surgery Monday morning, and friends and office workers shaved their heads in solidarity.

Friends of Boulder man shave heads

Gentry, president of nut butter maker Justin's, undergoes brain surgery

By Elise Trivers
For the Camera

Friends and coworkers of Boulder's Lance Gentry gathered Monday morning to

shave their heads as a show of solidarity during Gentry's surgery for a brain tumor.

Doctors recently discovered that Gentry, president of Justin's, a maker of nut butter and spreads, has a large tumor in the front left part of his brain. On Monday, while Gentry had to shave his head and undergo surgery, about 10 people shaved their own heads to support him.

"Several of us who are good friends, from the people he

works with to the people like me who live nearby, we were trying to find a way to honor his moment in surgery this morning," said Jon Hatch, a friend and former Camera photographer.

Between 8:30 and 10 a.m., Justin Gold, founder and CEO of Justin's, offered up the company's headquarters in Boulder to host the event.

Gentry's surgery originally was scheduled for Wednesday, but was moved up due to ur-

gency. Family members on Monday declined to discuss Gentry's surgery or condition.

"It's a tough reality to know that he's going through this," Hatch said. "But it offered a nice light moment where we were kind of laughing and somewhat embarrassed, but all for a good cause."

Both Hatch and Gold were nervous about shaving their heads, but felt it was an impor-

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CU career fair begins Wednesday

Career Services: Job outlook good for soon-to-be college graduates

By Whitney Bryen
For the Colorado Daily

It's time for students to iron those suits and polish those Sunday shoes as the University of Colorado hosts the Spring Career and Internship Fair Wednesday and Thursday in the University Memorial Center.

Approximately 120 companies are expected — 60 Wednesday and 60 Thursday — all searching for collegiate applicants for internship or



Cameron Redwine | For the Camera

Sara Jones, a representative of ConocoPhillips, left, talks with University of Colorado student Youjuan Zhong about job opportunities at a career fair at the CU campus last year.

post-graduation employment.

Lisa Severy, director of CU Career Services, said the sold-

out fair is a good sign for soon-to-be grads looking to find employment this May.

If you go

What: Spring Career and Internship Fair

When: Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: UMC ballroom and room 235

More: careerservices.colorado.edu

"We had some returning employers who haven't signed up in a while and some brand-new ones this semester too," Severy said.

Career Services surpassed its monthly average for online job postings in the first two weeks of the month, confirming a positive job outlook for

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'Suspicious' piñata shuts down Costco

Bomb squad robot opens package in Superior lot

By Brittany Anas
Camera Staff Writer

The suspicious package that shut down the Superior Costco and its surrounding parking lot early Monday afternoon turned out to be nothing more than a piñata.

At about 12:30 p.m., a shopper at Costco, 600 Marshall Road, called sheriff's officials to report seeing a green Ford Explorer or Mountaineer leave a package in the parking lot. The caller said the package was "partially burned and had wires protruding from it," according to sheriff's office.

Another customer parked her car on top of the package

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Wyo. court rejects Boulder man's medical pot defense

Burns caught out-of-state with marijuana in car

By Bob Moen
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — People who legally obtain medical marijuana in other states are not exempt from criminal prosecution for drug possession in Wyoming, the state Supreme Court has ruled.

The Wyoming court unanimously ruled last week in the case of Daniel J. Burns, of Boulder, who was arrested in March 2009 in Laramie County on a felony drug possession charge after being caught with more than a pound of marijuana in his vehicle.

Colorado is one of 16 states and the District of Columbia that allow medical marijuana use or make special concessions on penalties for marijuana users with a medical condition.

But medical marijuana advocates say it's important for marijuana users to understand that they can't possess the drug in states where it is illegal.

"This certainly should serve

as wake-up call to Colorado's 100,000-plus medical marijuana patients that their rights will not necessarily be respected in Wyoming and other states," Brian Vicente, head of the marijuana-advocacy group Sensible Colorado, said Thursday.

Burns, who has a Colorado registry card and doctor's certification to use marijuana for medical purposes, argued that Wyoming drug laws exempt people who are prescribed drugs by a doctor.

However, the Supreme Court ruled this week that under Colorado's medical marijuana laws, doctors do not prescribe medical marijuana but simply recommend use of marijuana for treatment. A person who receives a doctor's recommendation must apply for the Colorado medical marijuana registry card and the state determines whether to issue one.

"Importantly, it is not the action of the physician that determines any potential possession of marijuana by the patient," the court opinion, authored by Justice Michael Golden, said. "Clearly, therefore, the physician is not prescribing or ordering the possession of marijuana."

Tina Kerin, a member of the public defender's office who served as part of Burns' defense team, said the team is considering asking the state court to rehear the case. Rehearings are rarely granted by the Supreme Court, Kerin

said.

Keith Stroup, lawyer for the Washington-based National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, said states with medical marijuana laws do not allow doctors to prescribe the drug because mari-

juana is still an illegal substance under federal law.

"So if a doctor should attempt to prescribe it he would lose his license and, of course, there would be no protection for the patient either," St. Pierre said.

No one has been prescribed marijuana since the early 1940s, he said.

Stroup also noted that some states with medical marijuana laws do allow use by residents of other states with such laws, but not all of them.

Rodney L. Shepherd

Rodney L. Shepherd, a native of Boulder, passed away on Friday, January 21, 2011 at his home. He was 72. Rodney is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sharon, his father Ollie Shepherd, sons Scott (Cheri), Brett (Mary), Troy, and Chad (Leanne), a daughter Lisa Smith (Phil), and ten grandchildren—Kellen, Randi (Darryl), Whitney, Samantha, Hailey, Travis, Trevor, Sarah, Emma, and Savannah.



was a very loving husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, traveling in his motor home, golfing, telling

stories, and tinkering with his many toys and projects. Since retirement, he and his wife spent many of their winter months in Arizona. Rodney will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, January 27th at 1:00 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 4th and Mapleton in Boulder with a reception to follow at the church. Donations can be made to Meals on Wheels, 909 Arapahoe, Suite 121, Boulder, CO 80302

Please share thoughts, memories and condolences at dailycamera.com/obits

Rodney graduated from Boulder High School in 1956. After high school he worked with his father at the Conoco station at 14th and Walnut. In 1960 he started working for his father-in-law at Boulder Metal Products, eventually taking over ownership before passing the business on to his sons ten years ago.

Rodney was a man of strong faith who loved and found comfort in Jesus Christ. He

Murphy & Associates
Funeral Directors

FUNERAL SERVICES

Carolyn M. Markham - Funeral services will be held 10 am Tuesday January 25, 2011 at Crist Mortuary 3395 Penrose Pl. in Boulder, with visitation to be held one hour prior to services.

Mary Ramelow - Ramelow, Mary Colleen, Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011 at Ahlberg Funeral Chapel, Longmont. Funeral service will be held in Buffalo, NY. Interment in Buffalo, NY.

Susan T. Macfarlan - A memorial service will be held at Frasier Meadows Retirement center, 350 Ponca Place, Boulder, CO on January 29, 2011 at 10 am. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Crist Mortuary.

O.W. "Bob" Hullet - A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Columbine Unity Church, 8900 Arapahoe Rd., Boulder, CO

DEATH NOTICES

Alvin E. Sapp, of Boulder passed away Sunday, January 23, 2011 in Broomfield. He was 87. Crist Mortuary is handling arrangements.

Robert Parella, of Longmont passed away Monday, January 24, 2011 at Longmont United Hospital. He was 88. M.P. Murphy & Associates Funeral Directors is handling arrangements.

John P. Waschak, of Louisville passed away Friday, January 21, 2011 at Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center in Lafayette. He was 91. Avalon-Erlinger is handling arrangements.

Scott Allen Campbell, of Boulder passed away Friday, January 21, 2011 at his residence. He was 49. Avalon-Erlinger is handling arrangements.

OBITUARIES

PAID OBITUARIES AND MEMORIALS

John Paul Waschak

August 30, 1919 – January 21, 2011

John P. Waschak of Louisville passed away Friday morning, January 21, 2011. John was born to John and Mary Waschak on August 30, 1919, in Richnava, Czechoslovakia. He was 11 years old when he came back to America with his mother and sister to meet his father, who had established a home for them in Louisville. He went to work in the coal mines when he was 15 years old.



Council and as Mayor of Louisville from 1973 to 1980.

John is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Claudine; daughter, Shirley Kay Elrod and her husband, Duane; son, Roger Waschak and Marjean; grandsons, John Elrod (Jamie), Chris Elrod (Jeannette), Kurt Waschak (Amee); granddaughter, Amy Deborski (Scott); and great grandsons, Blake Elrod, Alex Waschak, Renzo Waschak, and Stone Deborski. He is also survived by his two sisters, Mary Ross (Leland), and Ann DelPizzio.

The funeral mass will take place at St. Louis Catholic Church, 902 Grant Ave., Louisville, CO 80027 at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 27. The rosary will be recited preceding mass at 9:30 a.m. Internment will follow at Louisville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366-2299, or to St. Louis Catholic Church, 902 Grant Ave., Louisville, CO 80027, or to the charity of your choice.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served until 1942 when he received an honorable medical discharge. He then went to work at Remington Arms where he met his future wife Claudine M. Hill. He later spent time as a guard at the U.S. Mint in Denver. In 1951 he went to work for the Dow Chemical Company at Rocky Flats where he retired from the position of manager of plant services after more than 30 years. In 1954 he embarked on a "hobby" career as a model, and in 1965 was named the top male model in Colorado.

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Louisville 'locks out' four schools

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entrances, which were guarded by staff members. Students were not allowed to go outside for recess. Classes went on as usual, Gamblin said.

"There was never a threat made to any of our schools," Gamblin said.

According to police scanner traffic, the man had threatened to shoot anybody who contacted him.

The security measures differ from more serious "lock down" procedures — which require all doors to be locked,

and students to kept below window-level inside in their home classrooms.

Louisville police Cmdr. Bill Kingston said that the department didn't ask the schools to take the extra security measures.

On Sunday, the department received a tip from Boulder authorities that a man in his early 20s — who is possibly suicidal — may have been in the Louisville area.

"We would like to locate him to check on his welfare," Kingston said.

Package shuts down Costco on Monday

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and told deputies she believed there was a bomb beneath her car, officials said.

Sheriff's deputies arrived on scene and closed off part of the parking lot. The Boulder County Bomb Squad was summoned and used a robot to open the package and examine its contents.

"It turned out to be a piñata," sheriff's Cmdr. Rick Brough said.

According to the sheriff's department, Costco remained open during the incident. However, shoppers who were inside at the time told the camera the store was locked

down and they were unable to leave during the bomb scare.

Cindy Molloy, of Firestone, was shopping in Costco at about 1:15 p.m., and said the store shut down while she was trying to leave.

"People were a little annoyed and impatient," she said. "They were worried about kids getting out of school. Otherwise, all was OK. I heard maybe one or two comments of people who were actually concerned that it might be a bomb."

By 2:30 p.m., the parking lot and store had re-opened.

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Friends show support with their shaved heads

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tant way in which they could support their friend. Gold is featured in posters for Whole Foods' "I'm a Local" campaign with curly, shoulder-length hair. "My whole identity has changed," he said.

Gentry, who is married with two children, moved quickly up the company ladder at Justin's due to his familiarity with the natural foods industry and his experience in expanding small businesses.

Before working at Justin's, Gentry was the vice president of marketing at Izze Beverage Company, another local company. Gentry then joined Justin's a little more than two years ago in the marketing department. In a 2010 restructuring of the company, Gentry was promoted to president of the company while Gold remained the chief execu-

tive officer and face of the brand.

"He's one of the most dynamic people I've ever met," Gold said. "He's become more than just the president of our company. He's become a mentor and a really good friend."

"We were all just shocked," Gold said. "This guy is invincible — how can he have a brain tumor?"

There was a larger gathering on Sunday evening at a local church where friends and family came to meditate, pray, and observe moments of silence for Gentry the night before his surgery.

"It was really important to see how many people out there are in his life that cared enough to be there last night and then showed up this morning to have their heads shaved," Hatch said. "It shows what kind of cat he is."

OBITUARY POLICY

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