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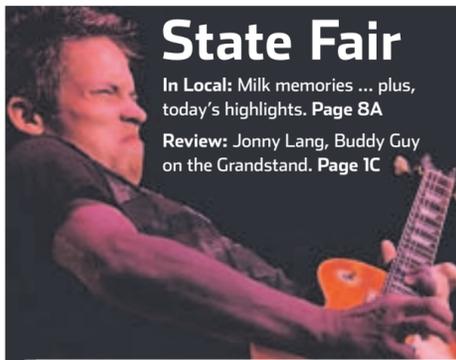
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Anthony Klaseus Hunter Klaseus

Dad gets 30 days in hunting death

Judge admonishes Belle Plaine man: 'Forgive yourself'

By John Brewer
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GAYLORD, Minn. — The Belle Plaine man who shot and killed his son while turkey hunting was sentenced Monday to 30 days in jail.

Sibley County District Judge Richard Perkins also sentenced Anthony M. Klaseus to 10 years' probation and prohibited him from owning or using a firearm during that time.

Assistant Sibley County Attorney Don Lannoye and defense attorney Patrick Flanagan told the judge there was little the legal system could do to punish Klaseus.

"Mr. Klaseus killed his own son, and he does have to live with the guilt and shame of that the rest of his life," Lannoye said.

The prosecuting attorney did argue there should be some type of imprisonment for Klaseus, who was hunting turkey without a license at the time of the accident.

Flanagan said a hefty jail sentence would do little to rehabilitate Klaseus.

"Accidents do happen, your honor. There can be nothing gained by putting this man in jail," Flanagan said.

Klaseus, dressed in a dark suit, spoke briefly during the hearing.

"I'd do anything to bring that day back," he told a courtroom filled with his family, including his wife, brother, mother and father.

Klaseus, 40, pleaded guilty to second-degree manslaughter in June in the death of his son, Hunter, 8.

Charges of reckless discharge of a firearm and two misdemeanors — trespassing and hunting turkeys without a license — were dismissed Monday.

Klaseus and his son were stalking turkeys April 19 in a Sibley County farm field when the father mistook the boy for a turkey and shot him at a

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Democratic National Convention Day 1

Mission: Unity



Sen. Edward Kennedy acknowledges cheers at the opening Monday of the Democratic National Convention in Denver. Speaking for about eight minutes, Kennedy, who is battling brain cancer, told delegates to set their compass "not merely victory for our party, but renewal for our nation."

Democrats call their party to order with help from Kennedy, Michelle Obama

By David Espo
Associated Press

DENVER — Ailing and aging, Sen. Edward Kennedy summoned fellow Democrats to rally behind Barack Obama's pioneering quest for the White House on Monday night in an emotional opening to a party convention struggling for unity essential in the fall campaign.

The 76-year-old party icon looked out at a sea of white and blue signs bearing his name as he urged delegates in the hall and millions watching at home to "rise to our best ideals" in the election.

"The work begins anew, the hope rises again and the dream lives on," Kennedy said in a strong voice, reprising the final line of a speech at the 1980 convention that brought a different convention to its feet. The senator has been undergoing treatment for a malignant brain tumor.

Later, Obama's convention planners used a prime-time address by his wife, Michelle, to begin the work of casting him as a leader

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One Clinton has moved on, but the other still pouts — and that could be trouble

By John F. Harris
Politico

Hillary Rodham Clinton is over it — at least when people are watching.

Within days of losing the Democratic nomination to Barack Obama, her aides said, she was all business, returning to her Senate duties, telling people she would do whatever Obama asked her to do in the general election.

Bill Clinton is not over it.

He's trying, his associates say. He's slowly getting to a better place. But his resentments from the bitter campaign battles of last winter and spring are many and diverse, and people who have spent time with him recently said they fester just below the surface.

For the next two days, a convention that belongs to Obama will be dominated by the two people who have dominated the Democratic Party for more than a decade and who have come to Denver in roles very different from those they wanted. She speaks today. It's his turn Wednesday.

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That chirp you hear? Tweet sweet nothings

WHAT IS TWITTER?

The service at twitter.com lets users post anything they like in text "tweets" of 140 characters or less. They can also "follow" others, and they can follow back. It's as simple as that.

Twitter, a way to keep relations strong — in 140 characters or less

By Julio Ojeda-Zapata
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Stephanie and Josh Lewis whisper sweet nothings to each other for the whole world to hear. They do it on Twitter.

Users of this online social-networking service publish their thoughts and feelings in text snippets or "tweets" that never exceed 140 characters. For the Forest Lake couple, this is a

great way to declare their devotion via their computers or cell phones.

Stephanie recently wrote: "Had a great night celebrating 8 years of marriage to my best friend of 11 years!" while Josh tweeted this: "To my wife of 8 years and best friend of 11: I love you deeply. Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the maidens."

As the two-year-old Twitter

gains popularity, it is increasingly common to see couples living out their lives — one tweet at a time — for all the "twitterverse" to see. Tweets at twitter.com are public unless users make them private.

Thomas Knoll recently left Minnesota for a San Francisco tech job without his beloved "Kimmers," as he calls wife



PIONEER PRESS: BRANDI JADE THOMAS

For Josh and Stephanie Lewis, shown playing with son Caleb at home in Forest Lake, Twitter and their personal blogs tend to be open books that have detailed their family's joys and sorrows.

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Check it out @twincities.com

Watch video and photo galleries from the Democratic convention.

We can help get ready for the new school year at twincities.com/life.

Keep up to date with the Fair at twincities.com/minnesotastatefair.



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Kimberly. The two use Twitter, along with frequent phone calls and e-mails, to keep the relationship strong.

Kimberly used to think Twitter was "the stupidest thing I'd ever seen" but said it now makes her feel like "I'm a part of my husband's life. I can see what he's doing throughout the day."

Thomas feels reassured through Twitter that his wife "is being taken care of. I can see our friends checking in on her, inviting her to stuff."

Paul Saarinen of Shoreview last year blasted out tweets during the birth of his first child. He had the blessing of his wife, Annamarie, with whom he consulted about the Twitter use in advance.

"Never for a moment did I have to give him the evil eye" about needing to drop his phone during labor, Annamarie recalled. (He did leave for a snack just before a key procedure, but that's another story.)

She later savored those birth tweets. "I just thought it was the neatest thing to see how he was viewing the birth of his child," she said. "Most women don't get that."

Paul does sometimes overdo it with his day-to-day tweeting.

"When we finally get the baby to bed and the house is settled down," Annamarie said, "I have to tell him, 'OK, you need to shut that off. That little Twitter noise the phone makes — when tweets come in — I swear, is like nails on chalkboard.'"

Like many couples who tweet, Hannah and Chad



PIONEER PRESS: BRANDI JADE THOMAS

Josh Lewis shows how he can access Twitter on his iPhone. As Twitter gains popularity, it is increasingly common to see couples living out their lives — one tweet at a time — for all the "twittiverse" to see. Tweets at twitter.com are public unless users make them private.

Valentine of Minneapolis are used to keeping friends apprised of their plans and whereabouts so impromptu social gatherings are easier to organize.

"If I want a quiet evening with the wife (though), I don't say where we are," Chad said. At least, "we don't mention where we are until we're ready to leave," Hannah added. That way, when friends materialize, "we'll be gone and they can have themselves a nice dinner."

Privacy is paramount for some Twitter couples. Abby and Kevin Hendricks of West St. Paul don't talk about their relationship on Twitter. It does come in handy for work-at-home Kevin to tell his spouse,

a kindergarten teacher, the latest too-cute thing their 2-year-old daughter did.

Mary and Christopher Lower try to keep their Twitter use professional as co-founders of the Maple Grove-based Sterling Cross Communications public relations agency. Chris does make references to "Supergirl," their 6-year-old daughter. (The "Wonder Twins" are on the way.)

For Stephanie and Josh Lewis, however, Twitter and their personal blogs tend to be open books that have detailed their joys and sorrows — including several miscarriages and the death of their beloved dog.

That last event did highlight differences in how they use Twitter. Josh's impulse was to

FIND THE COUPLES

Find the couples at twitter.com or search.twitter.com.

- **Josh and Stephanie Lewis:** "joshlewis and "stephlewis"
- **The Knolls:** "thomasknoll" and "kimmersck"
- **The Saarins:** "taulpaul" and "asaarinen"
- **The Valentines:** "cvalenti" and "opheliac9"
- **The Hendricks:** "abbyhendricks and "kevinhendricks"
- **The Lowers:** "MrChristopherL" and "PRMoxie"

tweet about it. "His way to grieve is to converse," his wife said.

Stephanie wanted to do so privately.

"My way to grieve is to crawl into a cave and emerge when ready," she said. "I didn't need people calling and e-mailing and telling me their dog stories," so she made Josh pull down his tweets. She told him, "You can grieve publicly in a day or two."

That "was a fair compromise," Josh said.

Stephanie also is less obsessed with Twitter than Josh, but she sticks with it because it's a way to be closer to her hubby.

"It's his language," she said. "He's a geek. I love my husband, so I have to engage in geek culture. I have to blog and play 'World of Warcraft.' I have to tweet."

Josh returns the favor by — gasp! — agreeing to take walks outside with his wife every now and then.

Twitter does fill a vital role for Stephanie as a promoter of marital bliss.

"I see my friends splitting up and negative things happening," she said. "If my life can be a ray of hope for those struggling through marriage, then I'll put it out there. I'm happily married and loving it."

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Snack study hints at empathy in monkeys

Friend or kin of capuchins apparently get to share more often in rewards

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For capuchin monkeys, it seems, it's better to both give and receive, than just to receive.

At least, that's what researchers at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center at Emory University in Atlanta have found.

Monkeys were given a choice of receiving a food reward, or receiving a food reward plus having another monkey receive food.

When paired with a relative or "friend" the monkeys primarily went for the double reward, which is viewed as the prosocial choice, researchers led by Frans de Waal report in today's edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"The fact the capuchins predominantly selected the prosocial option must mean seeing another monkey receive food is satisfying or rewarding for them," de Waal said.

But the monkeys weren't so generous with strangers, choosing the so-called "selfish" option instead.

"We believe prosocial

behavior is empathy based. Empathy increases in both humans and animals with social closeness, and in our study, closer partners made more prosocial choices. They seem to care for the welfare of those they know," de Waal said.

Now the question is whether giving is self-rewarding to capuchins because they can eat together, or if the monkeys simply like to see the other monkey enjoying the food.

In the study, eight adult female capuchins were given tokens to exchange for food. One token got them a slice of apple. The other also got an apple slice, plus a similar slice was given to another monkey they could see.

In a series of tests, when the "partner" monkey was a relative or a familiar female from the same social group, the one choosing the token moved closer to the partner and primarily choose the prosocial token that got them both food. But when the second monkey was a stranger, the selfish token was more likely to be chosen, often with the lead monkey turning her back to the stranger.

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distance of 20 to 30 yards. Hunter was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators later determined Klauseus had marijuana and alcohol in his system at the time of the shooting.

The judge ordered Klauseus to undergo random drug test-

ing, perform 400 hours of community service — including talking about hunting safety — and complete chemical dependency treatment. He must start his jail term within 30 days.

Before ending the hearing, the judge spoke directly to Klauseus.

"Mr. Klauseus, you have much to live for," Perkins said. "Forgive yourself. You have to forgive yourself in order to best move on from this point."

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