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BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING

Jury orders death for bomber

It dismisses argument he was influenced by fanatical brother

BY DENISE LAVOIE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — After slouching through his trial for months with a bored look on his face, the defendant was ordered to rise.

For close to half an hour, Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was on his feet, fidgeting as he listened to the reading

of a 24-page worksheet in which a jury dismantled, piece by piece, any hope he had of mercy.

By page 21, his fate was clear: death by injection.

In the nation's most closely watched terrorism trial since the Oklahoma City bombing, the 21-year-old Tsarnaev was sentenced to death Friday by

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In this courtroom sketch, Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev stands as a death by lethal injection sentence is read at the Moakley Federal court house Friday in Boston.

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JANE FAVELL COLLINS



REACTION

Reaction to the death sentence a federal jury imposed Friday on Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev:

• "Now he will go away and we will be able to move on. Justice. In his own words, 'an eye for an eye.'" — Bombing victim Sydney Corcoran, who nearly bled to death; mother Celeste lost both legs.

• "This is nothing to celebrate. This is a matter of justice ... He wanted to go to hell, and he will get there early." — Michael Ward, off-duty firefighter who responded to the bombings.

• "Today feels different only

because it feels more complete. Right now, it feels like we can take a breath. We can breathe again." — Karen Brassard, who was injured with her family in the bombing.

• "After watching my two sons put a leg on each day, I don't know about closure, but I can tell you it feels like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders." — Liz Norden, a mother whose two sons lost part of their legs in the blast.

HOMES

Superfund does not hurt values

Experts cite Cotter results

BY TRACY HARMON
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

CANON CITY — Homeowners in the Eilers neighborhood of Pueblo are rightfully concerned about what will happen to their property values due to the Superfund cleanup the area faces, but another nearby Superfund site appears to have overcome the negative stigma.

In the Lincoln Park neighborhood south of Canon City, residents have lived in or near a Superfund site since 1984 when the Cotter Uranium Mill and a portion of the neighborhood were included in a cleanup plan.

"I have never lost a sale in my career due to Cotter," said Bill Christensen, who has sold real estate in Canon City for 41 years. "Lincoln Park is still a highly desirable area."

Christensen said he encourages buyers to do some research and look at the maps connected with the cleanup.

Christensen was living in Lincoln Park in 1984 when the Superfund designation was announced. He had two small children at the time.

He said at the first public meeting he asked six federal and state health officials

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COMMENCEMENT

'Have a plan' PCC grads told

Speaker: Give back too

BY RYAN SEVERANCE
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

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A new class from Pueblo Community College is ready and equipped to tackle the next step.

PCC graduated 849 students from its Pueblo and Fremont campuses Friday night at the Southwest Motors Event Center on the Colorado State Fairgrounds.

The graduates were cheered loudly during the 2015 by hundreds of friends and family members, who have supported and encouraged them throughout the course of their educational journey.

Isaac S. Pope, who attended then-Pueblo

Junior College, was part of the 1961 National Junior College college basketball championship team and went on to earn a medical degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 1974, addressed the graduates at the commencement ceremony by telling them to develop a life plan and to always advocate for themselves.

"You have to have a life plan to give yourself direction," Pope said. "Make sure everyone who will listen to you knows your life plan. Why? Because they cannot help you if they do not know what your life plan is."

Pope continued, "You must have a life plan, you must more than ever be able to advocate for yourself

SEE GRADS, 2A

Evalina Lopez of Pueblo holds up her mortarboard seeking what every graduate wants, a job. Lopez is graduated with an associates degree in mass communication on Friday.

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Pilot Scott Skelton walks past the plane he flies, a Pilatus PC-12, one of several craft used for firefighting which was on display Friday at Centennial Airport.

PREVENTION

Staying ahead of the flames?

State deploys planes to spot, douse wildfires faster

BY DAN ELLIOTT
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENGLEWOOD — Colorado will patrol its forests and grasslands with two new wildfire-spotting aircraft this summer, hoping to find and snuff out flames before they explode into the deadly mega-fires that have plagued the state in the past.

Infrared cameras aboard the planes are

so sensitive that one of them detected a campfire with six people sitting around it from 28,000 feet in the air during a training flight, state fire management officer Joe LoBiondo said.

The planes were put on display Friday at their home base at Centennial Airport in the south Denver area. The single-engine

Pilatus PC-12 aircraft, about the size of a business plane, can reach any part of the state in about 40 minutes, said Michael Woolley, operations manager for Bode Aviation, which has a contract to provide pilots and maintain the state-owned planes.

The state bought and equipped the planes for \$9 million, Colorado Fire Prevention and

Control Director Paul Cooke said. "We're optimistic, if we can prevent one mega-fire like High Park or Waldo Canyon, that the program has paid for itself," he said.

The 2012 High Park fire killed one person, destroyed 259 houses and burned about 135 square miles near Fort Collins. The Waldo Canyon fire of the same

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