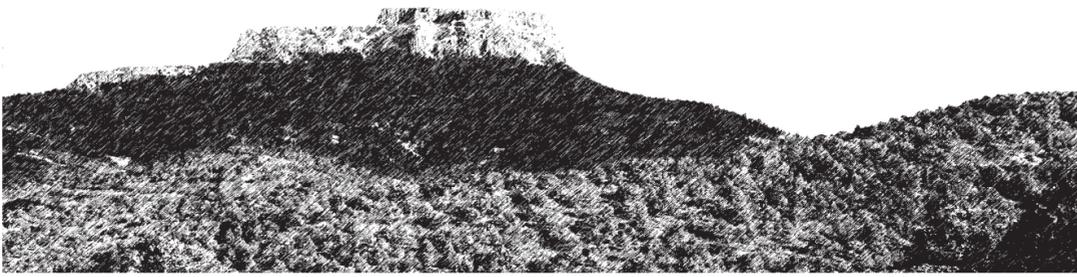


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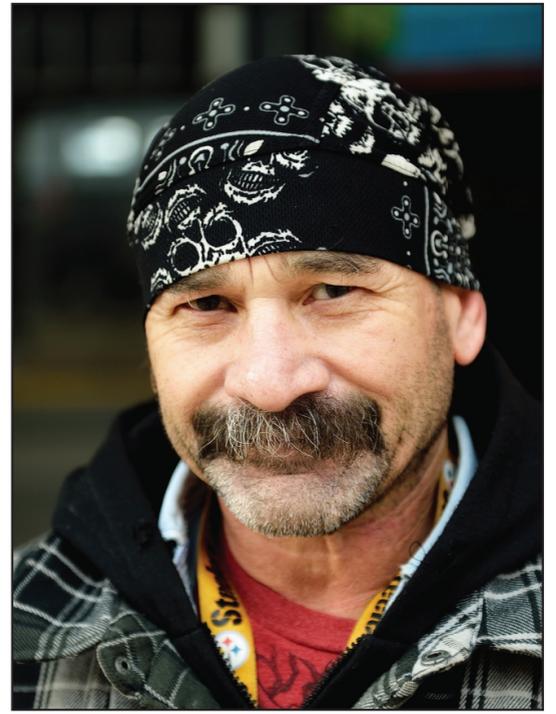
“What was the last class you took?”

By **Tim Keller**
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“I’m a lifelong learner so I’m always taking classes. I take anything that interests me. The last one was at Otero Junior College—tap dancing! I tried it. I couldn’t do it without laughing. It was fun.”

– Clara Lee Stafford, La Junta



“I got an associates degree in mechanical engineering in 1988 at Los Angeles Trade Tech. I went into the elevator trade out there for 25 years. No classes since then. I’m retired now. I’ve been here for three years.”

– Robert Sanchez



“We’re taking a Bible class right now with Father Steve at Holy Trinity. We started last spring, took summer off, and now we’re on again, from September to March, a good long class. It’s very good. We’re enjoying it a lot.”

– Mary Ellen Hadad, retired, Hadad’s Home Furnishings



“I took a class in period interpretation for re-enactors at Bent’s Fort. Even at my age, I like to put on a costume and go out there. I just learned to fire a cannon. Every boy likes to make loud noises and smoke and fire. That’s what we do.”

– Ed Stafford, retired theater professor, La Junta

DENVER FOOTBALL

Broncos sticking with Osweiler but Manning may practice

ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)— Brock Osweiler remains the Denver Broncos’ starting quarterback but Peyton Manning might practice this week for the first time since mid-November.

Then again, maybe he’s not ready.

Coach Gary Kubiak didn’t have a lot of answers regarding his QB situation when he met with the media Monday afternoon.

He said he’d been too busy watching film of Denver’s 15-12 loss to Oakland and meeting with the team to get together with Manning or the medical staff and determine this week’s plan for No. 18.

“I’ll visit with Peyton here this afternoon before he leaves,” Kubiak said.

Manning has been sidelined for a month with a left foot injury. He resumed throwing last week on his own under the watchful eyes of the strength and conditioning staff. But he has yet to practice with the team since having his hard cast removed and ditching his walking boot two weeks ago.

“We went through a good week last week, gave him the weekend off, so we’ll see where we’re at,” Kubiak said. “We’ll have a plan in place by the time we get to Wednesday, but we’ll see where we’re at today and kind of take it a day at a time.”

Asked if he expects Osweiler to start Sunday at Pittsburgh, Kubiak said: “Yeah, nothing has changed until I sit down and see exactly where Peyton is at, where we’re moving this week.”



Manning watched the game from the sideline Sunday, the first time he’s done that.

The Broncos fell to 3-1 under Osweiler when they blew a 12-0 lead and squandered another outstanding effort by the league’s No. 1 defense, one that held Oakland to minus-12 yards in the first half.

Denver has struggled offensively no matter who’s at quarterback.

They’ve gone seven quarters without an offensive touchdown, but Osweiler isn’t the only reason: Demaryius Thomas and Vernon Davis had crucial drops of on-target passes in the fourth quarter Sunday that squashed their comeback bid.

Manning has said his doctors don’t know if or when he’ll be able to return to action this season.

The only certainty surrounding the league’s only five-time MVP is that he’ll have to make it back to practice before suiting up again for a game.

“That’s the next step is that he’s coming back to practice. And if you’re coming back to practice, then you’re working toward getting back on the field and playing,” Kubiak said. “So, let me see where we’re at.”

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Denver Broncos injured quarterback Peyton Manning watches during the second half of an NFL football game against the Oakland Raiders, Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015, in Denver. The Raiders won 15-12.

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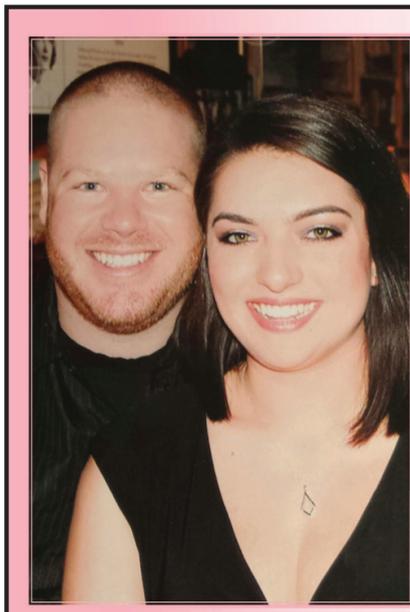
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Alex’s grandparents are Colleen & the late Tom McGinty, and Elsa Gonzales all of Henderson, NV.

Russell’s grandparents are Robert & Elberta Ferrendelli of Trinidad, Elizabeth & the late John Crites, of Gallatin, TN, and Henry Hart of Knoxville, TN.

The couple currently resides in Las Vegas, NV where Alex is employed as an Administrative Assistant for a realty firm and Russell flies a medical helicopter for Guardian Air in Page, AZ.

The wedding date has not yet been set.

