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Plan Unveiled for Wildlife Refuge



The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge unveiled a plan for the next 15 years that will reintroduce native species, add amenities and allow more public use, including bikes. After 15 years

transitioning from a wartime manufacturing site, the refuge is excited to emerge as the “single best place in the U.S. to connect millions of Americans with conservation,” says refuge manager David Lucas.

By Madeline Schroeder

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced in April a 15-year plan for the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. The plan aims to make the refuge more accessible to the public and restore a more natural prairie ecosystem by reintroducing native species.

“This is a pretty important moment in time for the refuge. Now that cleanup is over, we’re really developing a plan for how we’re going to manage the refuge into the future. It’s been a lot of fun,” says David Lucas, refuge manager. He is planning for a boom in visitation.

Fifteen years ago, this land wasn’t even inhabitable. Until 1950, the U.S. (continued on page 6)

East Line Rail Car Testing Begins



The RTD East Line commuter rail train pulls into DIA powered by 25,000 volts of electricity from the overhead electrical connection shown at the top of the train. Story on page 38.



World’s Vatican Expert a Stapleton Resident

John L. Allen Jr. shown with Pope Francis. Story on page 14.

Theater on the Green June 4–6



The public is invited to this free performance on the South Green in the 29th Ave. Town Center in Stapleton. Story on page 4.

Vote & deliver ballot by Tues, May 5 at 7pm.

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Spring has sprung in Stapleton's 29th Ave. Town Center.



Most of the events listed below are FREE or support nonprofits.
All are open to the public (additional events are listed on pages 28-30).

MAY

Through May 26

The Denver Museum of Nature & Science offers free yoga classes Tuesdays in May. Arrive by 5:30pm for a 6pm class. Ages 8 & up. www.imuniqueunited.com

Saturday, May 2

Reclaim free mulch. denvergov.org/DenverRecycles

Sunday, May 3

Race for Open Space 5K/10K/Half Marathon. 8am-12pm. Bluff Lake & Sand Creek Greenway* Volunteers needed. Register: www.raceforopenspace.org

Tuesday May 5

Deadline for Denver ballots to be received by 7pm
Local drop off places include Central Park Rec, Hiawatha Davis Rec, and Montclair Rec.

Thursday, May 7

Bluff Lake Fireside Chat. Music, s'mores. Bluff Lake, 3400 Havana. www.blufflakenaturecenter.org

Wed., May 13 & Thurs. May 14

Candidate Run-off forums on Denver 8 TV, 7pm or visit www.DenverDecides.org

Thursday, May 14

Active Minds Seminar - France's Struggle 6:45-7:45pm.
Sam Gary Library* www.activeminds.com

Friday, May 15

"Disappearing Treasures" tour at Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge. 10-11am and 2-3pm. Learn about black market wildlife trade. www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal/

Saturday, May 16

SUN Block Party Day. <https://sites.google.com/site/sunwebsite1/>

Saturday, May 16

The Urban Farm Barn Dance 4-9pm. Limited ticket event, purchase tickets/get info: www.theurbanfarm.org/event. (See p. 28)

Sat, May 16 & Sun, May 17

Stapleton Community Garage Sale 8am-12pm. To register: www.buildingstapleton.com/stapleton-community-guide/stapleton-community-garage-sale

Sunday, May 17

Free concert and activities-Neighborhood Music Stapleton, 3-5:30pm. 10255 E. 25th Ave, Aurora. www.neighborhoodmusicstapleton.com (See p. 26)

Sunday, May 17

International Migratory Bird Day at Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge. 9am-pm. Kids activities and hike. www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal/

Tuesday, May 19

SUN Annual Community Forum and elections. 6:30pm (doors open at 6). Central Park Rec Center* <https://sites.google.com/site/sunwebsite1/>

MAY

Saturday, May 23

Stapleton pools open at noon. 6 locations*

Saturday, May 23

Stream Splashers at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. 10am-12pm. Ages 6+. Collect and learn about aquatic creatures. www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal/

Monday, May 25

DJ @ the pools 12-4pm. All 6 Stapleton Pools*

Thursday, May 28

Active Minds Seminar - World War II 6:45-7:45pm.
Sam Gary Library* www.activeminds.com

Friday, May 29

Blues, Brews and Brats on the Bluff. Bluff Lake Nature Center,* 6-9pm. Details at bluesbrewsbrats.eventbrite.com. Ticket sales end May 27. (See p. 28)

Sat., May 30 & Sun, May 31

Park Hill Arts Festival 10am-5pm. Free admission. 4819 E. Montview Blvd. www.parkhillartfestival.com. (See p. 28)

Saturday, May 30

Sweet William Market. 9am-2pm, South Green*

Sat., May 30 & Sun., May 31

Lowry Community Yard Sale, 8am-2pm. Details at www.lowrydenver.com

JUNE

Thurs., June 4-Sat., June 6

The South Green* will be turned into scandal-ridden Chicago of the 1920s for *Chicago*, the 5th annual Theatre on The Green production, 7pm nightly. (See p 4)

Monday, June 8-July 30

Weekly Family Fun nights at Stapleton Pools, 6-8pm
Mondays - Jet Stream*
Tuesdays - Puddle Jumper*
Wednesdays - F15* and Maverick*
Thursdays - Aviator*

Saturday morning, June 13

Community Scavenger Hunt
20th Anniversary Greenbook Celebration
Save the date (see page 34)

* More information at Events@stapletoncommunity.com

The South Green: 8700 E. 21st Ave.
Sam Gary Library: 2961 Roslyn St.
Central Park Rec Center: 9651 E. MLK Blvd.
Bluff Lake Nature Center: 4755 Paris
Aviator pool: 8054 E. 28th Ave.
Puddle Jumper pool: 2401 Xenia St.
F15 pool: 2831 Hanover St.
Jet Stream pool: 3574 Alton St.
Runway 35 pool: 8863 E. 47th Ave.
Maverick pool: 8822 Beekman Pl.

CORRECTION: The Choice data for DSST:Conservatory Green was shown incorrectly in the April Front Porch. A corrected chart is on page 34.

Events & Announcements at Stapleton



Registrations Open

Stapleton Beer Festival

Registration opens at noon on Fri., May 1 for the 5th Annual Stapleton Beer Festival. VIP tickets are \$60 each and include a 1-hour exclusive tasting of limited-release craft beers, followed by a 3-hour craft beer tasting with general admission participants, food truck vouchers, an SBF T-shirt, an SBF chalice and a special tasting glass. General admission tickets are \$25 (prices increase to \$35 June 1), which includes a 3-hour craft beer tasting, food truck vouchers and a plastic tasting cup. The event is scheduled for Sat., July 18 from 4-5pm (VIP) and 5-8pm (Gen. Admission) on The South Green (29th Ave. & Roslyn St.).

Friday Night Flight Wine Tastings

Registration opens at noon on Fri., May 1 for our wine-tasting series, Friday Night Flights. Tickets are \$15/person for each of the June-Aug. tastings and \$25 for the Sept. pairing. If you are planning to attend all the tastings, it is best to purchase an FNF ticket package for \$50 (a \$20 savings). FNF ticket packs include one ticket to each tasting (4 events, June-Sept.). These tastings are held at 7-9pm in the West Crescent on 29th Ave. We will have live jazz music, cheese from Whole Foods and a variety of wines provided by The Grape Leaf. For more information, visit our website at www.stapletoncommunity.com.

Nonresident Swim Lessons

Registration opens at noon on May 4 for all nonresident swim lessons. You may register either in person at the MCA office (7350 E. 29th Ave., Suite 300) or via the online registration form accessed by going to www.stapletoncommunity.com, click on Pools, click on Swim Lessons and then click on Registration Form and follow the directions on the form. If you have any questions, call us at 303.388.0724.

SUN Block Party

This annual community event is scheduled for Sat., May 16. The MCA has reserved all MCA-managed parks for the annual Community Block Party. Reservations for the block party are free, but you must notify the MCA if you plan on installing bouncy castles, canopies or other objects that penetrate the ground with the use of stakes. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors. Make sure you join in the fun!

Stapleton Community Garage Sale

This will be the 10th Annual Stapleton Community Garage Sale on Sat., May 16 and Sun., May 17, from 8am-12pm. This garage sale reaches out regionally. In 2014, a record 382 neighbors participated! If you are interested in registering for the event, visit www.buildingstapleton.com.

Active Minds

Thurs., May 14, 6:45-7:45pm

"France's Struggle"

Join Active Minds as we use recent events involving radical terrorism in the country as an opportunity to review France's complex

dynamics around minorities and immigration. We will explore the history and current challenges facing the country in general and learn how French culture and values impact current national and regional issues as well as the role of France in the European Union.

Thurs., May 28, 6:45-7:45pm

"World War II: D-Day"

As we commemorate 70 years since D-Day, join Active Minds for a look at this crucial turning point in WWII. We will examine the dynamics that led up to the Normandy Invasion, the complicated and challenging preparation process, and the decisive impact this battle had upon the war's outcome.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit www.ActiveMindsForLife.com. This program is brought to you by the Stapleton Master Community Association. **Location:** Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St.

Pools Open for the Season

All six Stapleton pools are scheduled to open on Sat., May 23 at noon! DJs will be featured at each pool from noon until 4pm on Memorial Day. Please make sure you locate your Resident Membership Card before the pools open. Residents are required to scan their RMC at the front desk prior to entry or pay the daily entrance fee. If you have any questions regarding your account, contact signup@stapletoncommunity.com.

Sweet William Market

The summer market season opens with the Sweet William Market on Sat., May 30 from 9am-2pm on The South Green (29th Ave. & Roslyn St.). **Sweet William Market** is a vintage and lifestyle market offering a refreshing alternative for shoppers on the hunt for uncommon treasures beyond the ordinary. Each market reflects the unique, eclectic and urban character of the Stapleton neighborhood, hosting a top-notch variety of artisans and collectors, musicians, non-profit organizations and food vendors. These markets will be held the last Saturday of the month through September. For more information, visit www.sweetwilliammarket.com.

Theatre on The Green

We are excited to have the Aurora Fox Theatre return this June to bring you a weekend full of theatrical performances and entertainment. Theatre on The Green will present *Chicago*, a universal tale of fame, fortune and all that jazz! Join us on The South Green (29th Ave. & Roslyn St.) June 4, 5 and 6 at 7pm for one show-stopping song after another and dancing that will make you want to stand up and cheer.

If you have any questions or comments about the information above, please feel free to contact ddeeter@stapletoncommunity.com or call the MCA office at 303.388.0724.

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Chicago: Theatre on the Green June 4-6

By Laurie Dunklee

Stapleton's South Green will be turned into scandal-ridden Chicago of the 1920s for the fifth annual Theatre on The Green production, Chicago, on June 4-6 at 7pm nightly.

"Chicago is full of great music and dance numbers, and we have some amazing dancers," said director El Armstrong. "Kids will get a kick out of it, while adults will get the humor in the fact that some things never change—like our fascination with grandiose crimes."

Set in Prohibition-era Chicago, the musical is based on a 1926 play of the same name by reporter Maurine Dallas Watkins about actual criminals and crimes she reported on. The story is a satire on corruption in criminal justice and the concept of the "celebrity criminal." Parts of the story—the supposed preg-

nancy used to speed up the trial, the sleek lawyer who helped define the media frenzy, and the acquittal of two murderesses—sound like a page out of Hollywood. But they were real life inci-

'Mary Sunshine' character in the play. She made a career out of the 'merry murderesses.'

Stapleton's family-oriented production requires a few minor changes to the script. "There's not that much adult language and behavior, but we've toned it down anyway," Armstrong said. "People won't find it objectionable. Adults will still get the double-entendres, but kids won't ask 'What does so-and-so mean?' Parents won't face awkward questions."

"I love this show. I've directed musicals that skip on story in favor of pretty tunes, but I prefer a story with meat. Chicago has it—in a fun, campy way."

Theatre on The Green, a free theatre production, is produced by the Aurora Fox Arts Center. Last year's performances drew an audience of more than 2,000.

Armstrong has directed several productions at the Aurora Fox and Denver Victorian Playhouse, and has acted and done sound design for many plays as well. He plans to give this production of Chicago the look of the original 1975 Broadway show: "The original production had the look of vaudeville vignettes. The

costumes were like burlesque, with pale makeup—like traveling players. In the 1996 revival the ensemble looked like a troupe of dancers—in leotards and tights, like A Chorus Line. I prefer the vaudevillian look; the revival was too slick for me. So it's still sexy, but not leotards and tights."

The cast is pared down to fit this production. "The original show had a cast of 20 to 24, but we're doing it with 14," said Armstrong. "A few bit roles will go away and the ensemble of chorines [chorus members]—four men and four women—will play at least three roles apiece. Several play six roles. They are the busiest people in the production."

The sleek lawyer, Billy Flynn, is played by Montclair resident Brian Harper. Harper owns Madcap Theater comedy club in Westminster and manages educational theatre school programs for Kaiser-Permanente. "I've done probably 2,000 live improv shows, but no scripted theatre in a long time, so Chicago will be fun," Harper said. "I'm excited to invite our friends and neighbors."



Montclair resident Brian Harper will play the sleek lawyer Billy Flynn in Chicago.



Theatre on the Green kicks off summer in Stapleton with warm weather (fingers crossed), entertainment and a big crowd.

dents covered by Watkins as a young reporter.

"Watkins had access to the women's prison and she realized that stories about angry housewives killing their husbands sold newspapers," said Armstrong. "She is represented by the

Pat Schroeder on Politics

Former Colorado Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, at age 32, was the first woman from Colorado elected to Congress. She was re-elected 11 times, served as a Representative to the U.S. House for 24 years (from 1973 – 1997), and was a presidential candidate in 1987. She recently visited Denver for the dedication of the Pat Schroeder Visitor Center at the Wildlife Refuge (see story on page 6), and shared her thoughts about her experiences in Washington and about politics today.

On Washington today: "Only three things are working in Washington today: the Supreme Court (Dammit, they're politicized but at least they're cranking stuff out), the Federal Reserve, and the Pentagon."

On Washington then: When Schroeder started in Congress, the two parties used to have debates, "then we'd go to coffee and talk about our kids. A lot of the reason I quit was in 1994 when Gringrich took over the whole tone changed. His whole premise was you personalize everything. I felt like I was in a junior high

lunchroom food fight and you clean up and go back and do it again, so I said I wasn't going to do it."

Hillary's presidential bid: "I'm all for Hillary. There is absolutely no one who's got the experience or the gravitas she's got. We're in such a complex international world right now that we desperately need somebody who knows the world players and knows what's going on. Tragically, most Americans get a surgeon or anybody else they want, who's had experience—and then when it comes to Congress and the presidency they want somebody who doesn't know anything. I'm not at all upset about having that big dog [Bill Clinton] live with her too."

On electing a woman for president: "I think there is still a barrier for a woman getting the votes. It's better than when I ran for president, but the question you ask is not whether you would vote for a woman for president, but whether you have friends who would?"

I think Obama is facing racism up and down. I look at the Obama family and there has probably never been a more model family in the White

House. I think they'll be after Hillary all the time, but I think honestly she can handle it."

The tough stuff: Schroeder acknowledges that negative incidents go with the territory. "My favorite was someone sent me a giant sculpture, and it was a tree that had me hanging from it. We have had a lot of tough stuff. We had windows broken. The KKK came after us."

The funniest: "They went nuts on the bunny suit. In Washington they have the Cherry Blossom Festival. They rotate around which delegation gets to pick the princess. So I picked this wonderful young woman I had known for a long time in Denver. I get there and they say, 'You can't escort her because women can't escort.' I thought, 'Well, I'll have to ask a man to escort her'—and I rented a (male) rabbit suit so I could escort her."

"My friend, who had been the head of the UAW, was head of the American delegation in China. He heard about the rabbit suit and said, 'Please bring it over,' because we were going over for Easter. He said, 'I'm having an Easter party and it's impossible to get anything Easter over here.' I



Pat Schroeder

think I had a picture with every American kid who was in China. Somehow they came out and said I was wearing it on the Great Wall of China and wearing it to the Ming tombs. I got off the plane and they said, 'Where's the rabbit suit?'"

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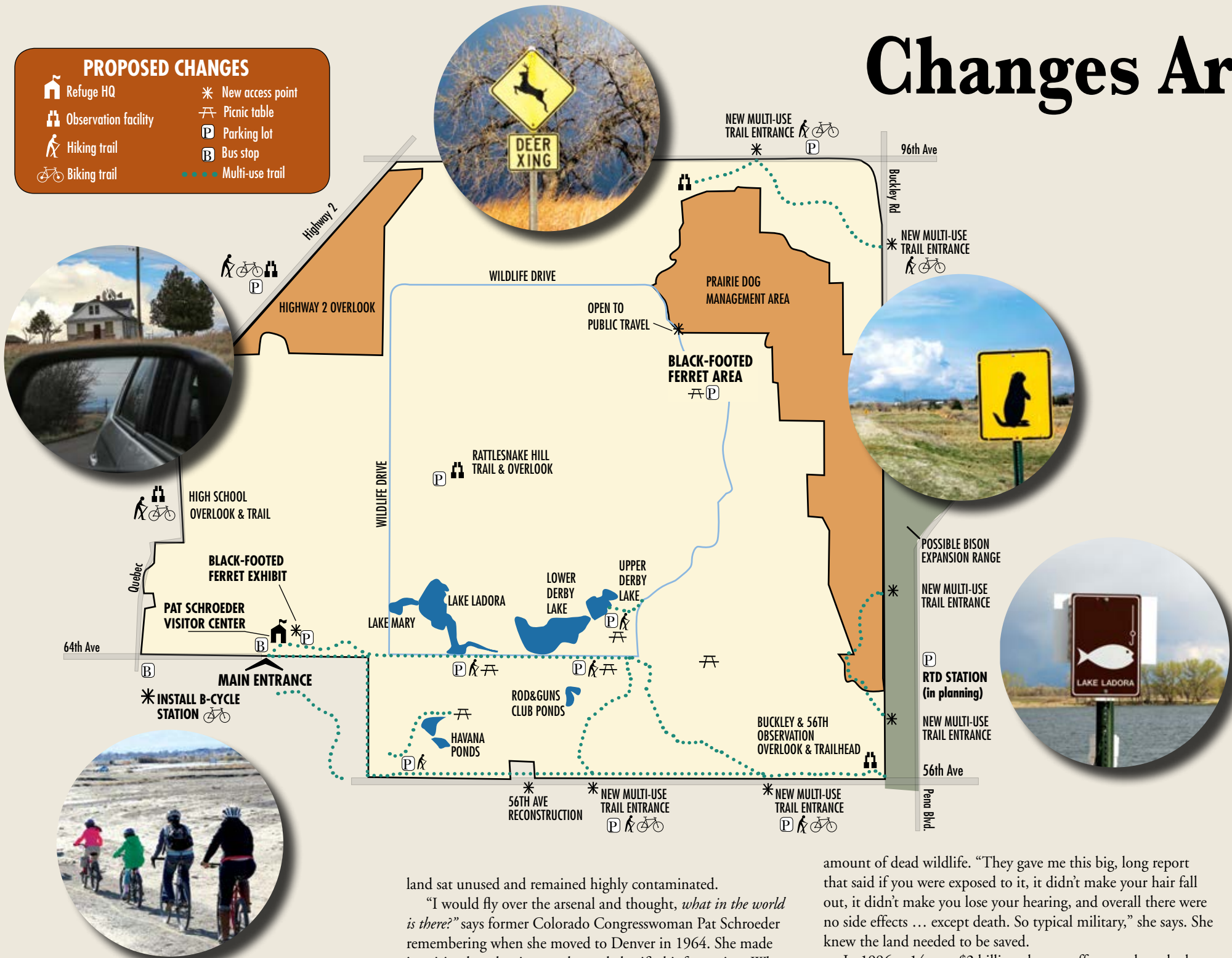
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(continued from page 1) Army used the site to make and store nerve gases, mustard gas and other deadly chemical weapons. Here, too, Shell Oil made dieldrin, aldrin and other toxic pesticides. After the production shut down, the

land sat unused and remained highly contaminated. "I would fly over the arsenal and thought, *what in the world is there?*" says former Colorado Congresswoman Pat Schroeder remembering when she moved to Denver in 1964. She made inquiries, but the site was deemed classified information. When she was elected to the Armed Services Committee in 1972, she demanded to know what was going on at the site. "They told me it was nerve gas and I thought that was so scary," she said. She visited the area and was shocked by the

amount of dead wildlife. "They gave me this big, long report that said if you were exposed to it, it didn't make your hair fall out, it didn't make you lose your hearing, and overall there were no side effects ... except death. So typical military," she says. She knew the land needed to be saved. In 1996, a 14-year \$2 billion cleanup effort was launched. Cleanup was completed in 2010 and now the site is home to more than 330 species of animals, including deer, coyotes, prairie dogs and burrowing owls. Eighty cinnamon-colored genetically pure bison roam the site. During winter, nearly 80 bald eagles

Stadium Stampede

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Coming at the Wildlife Refuge

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The black-footed ferret is the most endangered mammal in the U.S. and is proposed to be introduced at the arsenal in 2015. The ferrets eat prairie dogs and will help control those populations.



Former U.S. Congresswoman Pat Schroeder speaks at a ceremony at the refuge to name the visitor center after her in honor of her efforts to get the site cleaned up.

can be seen.

The site is used to educate about the impact of humans on wildlife and celebrate conservation. “Whether it’s climate change, invasive species or habitat fragmentation, we’ve figured out our only way to conserve wildlife into the future is to figure out how to connect millions of Americans with this conservation and make them care,” David Lucas says. A wildlife fanatic who knew he wanted to work for the Department of Interior by age 10, Lucas is all enthusiasm while talking about the future of the arsenal.

Currently, 300,000 people visit the refuge every year—unacceptably low considering all the families in abutting neighborhoods, according to Lucas. Many people don’t even know the refuge exists and some have complained it is uninviting. For example, a person from Montbello has to travel 12 miles to enter the main gate.

With proposed changes to make it more accessible, Lucas expects one million visitors a year. The plan adds more parking lots and non-motorized entrances; meaning, bikes will be allowed.

A person will be able to bike all the way from Stapleton to the refuge by way of the Westerly Creek Trail. Trails within the refuge have been designed to have the least possible impact on wildlife.

The plan designates an area of the refuge for hunting deer and dove. Only archery will be allowed, and youth and the disabled will be the only people eligible. All hunting would take place in areas closed to the general public, thus minimizing both sound and safety concerns to visitors and surrounding neighbors. A 1,000-foot safety buffer around the Refuge perimeter would be established to minimize potential impacts or conflicts with activities outside Refuge lands. Additionally, a 500-foot safety buffer would be established around all public use Refuge roads, minimizing conflicts with other visitors.

The plan also reintroduces native species, including prairie chickens, plains sharp-tailed grouse, and the black-footed ferret, the most endangered mammal in the U.S. Black-footed ferrets survive off of prairie dogs—a male eats 100 a year and a female 150. By reintroducing the top of the food chain, a phenomenon

called trophic cascade, ecosystems function more naturally, says Lucas. The best example is the reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone National Park that changed the behavior of elk.

The refuge will add a black-footed ferret exhibit at the visitor center, which in April was aptly named the Pat Schroeder Visitor Center.

To make all these changes possible, the plan proposes more staffing and funding to expand educational programs about conservation. “My big thing is, it’s a new chapter, man. It’s time for folks to recognize this place is cool, it’s amazing, it’s here, it’s open. We want people to come and experience nature here. And to us, that’s our big goal over the next 15 years.”

The Fish and Wildlife Service is embarking on a 60-day review of the proposed plan. They will have four meetings soliciting public questions and comments. Check the refuge website for meeting dates at www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal.

See Pat Schroeder story on page 4.



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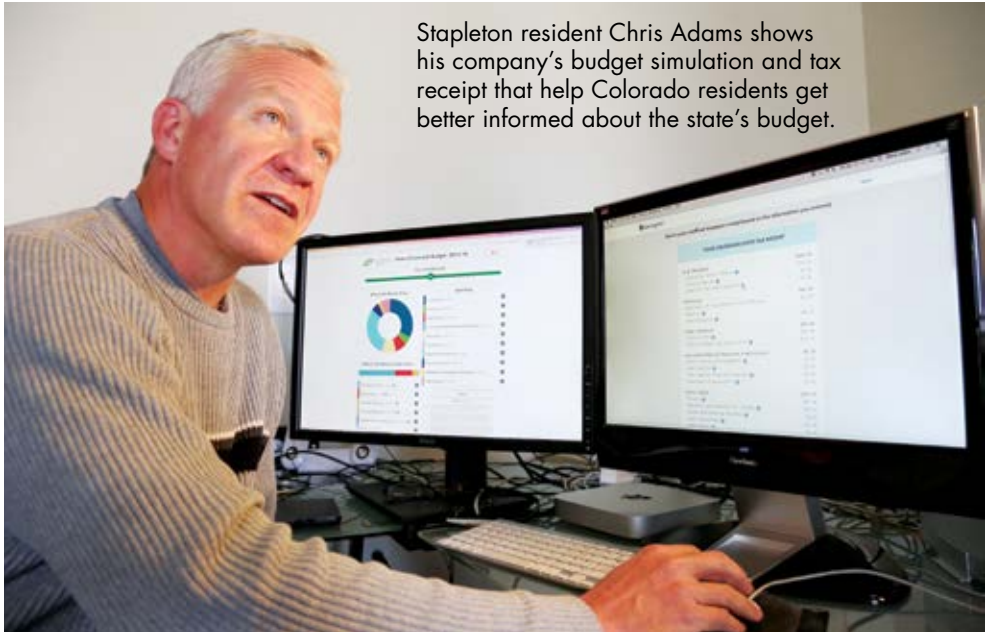
They authorize our taxation

By Carol Roberts

Chris Adams runs a business devoted to better public policy. But he lives in the only state in the country where the governor and legislature don't control tax rates—only the voters have that power. And the voters have set tax policies that Adams, and many others, believe have created an ungovernable situation.

Governor Hickenlooper, in his state of the state address in January, referred to the constitutional amendments that govern Colorado's tax policy as a "fiscal thicket." But the governor has also said he believes that if voters are educated about the fiscal implications of ballot measures, they will be able to make thoughtful decisions that will benefit Coloradans.

Adams just happens to know something about helping the public become informed about budget and taxation issues. His firm, Engaged Public, supported the city of Hartford, Connecticut in its effort to help educate its residents about cuts or tax increases they were



facing to resolve their \$40 million deficit. "The mayor wanted to engage residents to help him decide what's most important—if it's not all cuts, what types of tax increases are available."

Adams' company created an online simulation called Balancing Act that allowed Hartford residents to see a simplified view of their city's budget and submit their suggestions for how to resolve the deficit. In Hartford, the city council

and the mayor make these decisions, but, by using Balancing Act, they were able to get public feedback to help guide their decisions.

Adams showed Balancing Act to the Colorado Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting and they decided to use it to educate and get feedback from Colorado residents. Adams says people only need to spend about eight minutes to get a working understanding of the budget, learn where their own tax money goes, and enter their suggested budget changes. When they finish the simulation and hit "submit," the suggested re-allocation of funds and or/taxes are shared with the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting.

Adams says a tenth-grader, after spending a short time on the simulation, discovered, much to her dismay, that the state spends almost as much on prisons as on public colleges and universities.

How Colorado's constitutional amendments control taxes

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), passed by voters in 1992, contains revenue growth restrictions using a formula for taxes that is indexed to inflation and population growth. The formula is based on the prior year's revenue. It also requires that all tax rate increases be

approved by a vote of the people (along with numerous other provisions). TABOR contains the most restrictive tax and spending limits in the country, severely limiting the ability of public officials to adjust the budget to reflect changing needs.

During the 1990s, following voter approval of TABOR, Colorado's education spending did not keep pace with inflation. Voters then passed Amendment 23 in 2000, a ballot initiative that mandated K-12 funding be increased each year by the rate of inflation.

The combined effect of these two amendments has been likened to pressing the accelerator and the brake at the same time, says Adams. In the simulation, users will get alerts when their suggested changes violate TABOR or Amendment 23. But after the warning, voters have the power to make changes. Under our constitutional amendments, that power is not available to elected officials.

Get your own personal tax receipt

Visitors to www.ColoradoTaxpayerReceipt.com can create their own personalized tax receipt to see just how much of their money will go toward each of about 30 areas in the state budget.

After entering individual or family income and other brief information, the simulation calculates a typical state tax bill based on the data entered. The tax bill at right is based on a 50-year-old with a \$60,000/yr. income who drives 8,000 miles a year in a gasoline engine car that gets 40 miles per gallon. Gasoline taxes are calculated based on miles driven and miles per gallon. (Note that electric car owners could drive double that amount but pay no gas tax to maintain the roads since they don't buy gas.)

The taxpayer receipt also includes "TABOR Refund." The state currently estimates that in 2015-16 it will return \$187 million to taxpayers due to TABOR. The taxpayer shown in the sample tax receipt would pay \$38 to help fund this statewide refund, but the actual refund amounts will not be known until policymakers decide how the payments will be distributed.



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TABOR Refund - December 2014 Estimate	\$38.01
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TOTAL: \$2277.44	

The taxpayer receipt at left shows a portion of what a 50-year-old with an income of \$60,000 will find on the simulation at <http://co.abalancingact.com/taxreceipt>.

2015-16 Spending and Revenue

A second section of the web-site, <http://co.abalancingact.com>, allows users of the simulation to change the allocation of tax funds according to what they think the state's priorities should be.

Visitors to Balancing Act can increase funding to K-12 education; allocate more to transportation and higher education; or, cut services to increase refunds. They can also enter comments about each expense and each revenue source

However, all the spending has to be paid for. On the revenue side of the simulation, visitors who try to raise \$14 million by increasing the income tax rate by one one-hundredth of a percent are informed that the Colorado constitution requires a vote of the people before that can happen. After that message, the simulation allows the user to make that change—but even if legislators were to unanimously agree on that change, they would have to put it on the ballot for a vote.

A sample of the spending options in Balancing Act is shown at left. In K-12 Education, the largest expenditure (\$3.5 billion per year), simulation users can add or subtract from each of the sub-categories in 1% increments. There is also a place to enter comments that, upon submission, will go to the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting.

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DSA Jazz Band to Play at Five Points Jazz



Saxophone player Rico Jones found his love for jazz playing in the 22-piece Jazz Workshop Orchestra at Denver School of the Arts.

By Laurie Dunklee
Some of the best and brightest young musicians in Denver play jazz at the Denver School of the Arts under the baton of Dave

Hammond, director of bands there for 18 years. “Most of our students will major in music,” said Hammond, a percussionist, composer and trombonist. “But many tremendous musicians are talented in other areas and some will go into engineering, math or biology, and minor in music. Our music majors go to some of the best music colleges: the Manhattan School of Music, The Juilliard School and Berklee College of Music.”

The Denver School of the Arts Jazz Workshop Orchestra, a 22-piece big band, will play at the Five Points Jazz Festival May 16 on the Youth Stage, 27th and California, 11:30am to 12:30pm. The group, comprised of five saxophones, three trombones, four trumpets, a rhythm section and vibraphone, recently placed fourth at the invitational Swing Central Jazz Competition in Savannah—a prestigious distinction. DSA is represented at the Five Points Jazz Festival every year. “It’s an honor for the students to be there with the great players,” said Hammond. “And they learn the history of the area—like that Duke Ellington played at the Rossonian in Five Points.”



The Jazz Workshop is comprised of five saxophones, three trombones, four trumpets, vibraphone, and a rhythm section, including drummer Alekx Girshevich.

“They love to perform, to show what they can do. We’ll do our set from the Georgia competition, which includes some Ellington and a Thad Jones/Mel Lewis arrangement that is very intricate and deep. They had to practice a lot to get it right.” “Getting it right” to have a career in music isn’t easy. Hammond helps his students prepare for the challenges and requirements of that career choice. “We teach the rigors of music to prepare students for the competition they’ll face,” said Hammond. “Kids come to DSA in sixth grade, so we get ’em young and they get used to the amount of work it takes to be considered a decent musician. Kids here understand what it takes to prepare. It’s not an easy career, but it’s fulfilling to be surrounded by people doing what they love to do.”



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Festival May 16



Dave Hammond, director of the DSA jazz band for 18 years, instructs students. Besides perfecting their musical talent, Hammond prepares students for the challenges of a music career.

Rico Jones, 17, has studied music at DSA since the sixth grade. “I found my love for jazz at the DSA,” said Jones, a saxophonist. “It’s fun

to get together with friends and rehearse. Once you know a piece, it’s like a conversation between friends, musically speaking. Music creates a sense

of community for me. It’s crazy exciting to play Five Points, when you think of the great artists who were there.”

Beyond the rigors of music education, young musicians must also be good communicators, Hammond said. “We teach them to be good communicators, to work well in different situations, and talk to people in an open and positive way. Being temperamental won’t cut it because the competition is through the roof. If you’re not easy to get along with, they can find someone else. Famous musicians who had an ‘attitude,’ like Miles Davis, might not have made it today.”

Hammond studied the trombone from age 6 and became a professional percussionist. He brings working musicians into his classroom to share their experience and expertise with the kids. A goal is to groom more girls for jazz careers. “Girls are interested up to about ninth grade, until they realize how male-dominated jazz is. I bring in great female jazz artists as role models, including drummer Allison Miller and saxophonist Melissa Aldana.”

May 16—Five Points Jazz Festival

This free festival of music, food, culture and fun will offer a range of jazz including latin, blues, funk, trios, youth-focused programming and more. After last year’s attendance of nearly 26,000, the event has expanded four blocks, added three more stages and 20 additional vendors.

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29th & Welton, 1-8pm

Jimmy Trujillo Stage
Five Points Plaza – 1-7pm

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11am – 9pm

Crossroads Theatre
11:30 – 6:30pm

Cervantes – 12 – 3pm

Blair Caldwell Library
12:30 – 4:30pm

Youth Stage
27th & California – 11:30 – 6:30pm

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Stanley Announces Three More Businesses

By Laurie Dunklee

Stanley Marketplace, with more than 100,000 square feet of space in the old Stanley Aviation building, is on its way to becoming a community marketplace with 35-40 small businesses. Currently, Stanley is processing 125 letters of intent from businesses that would like to locate there as they select their final tenants. They anticipate 100 percent of the space will be fully leased in the next 30 days. Their plan is to have all businesses move in at once, but with the project still in demolition mode, a date has not been set. Stanley Marketplace is located at 25th and Dallas St. in Northwest Aurora, adjoining Stapleton.

Logan House Coffee

Logan House Coffee will open their first coffee/wine bar at the Stanley. “We roast, grind and package all our own coffee,” said co-owner

Brooks Gagstetter. “Our production facility will be enclosed in plate glass, so people can see the beans straight from the farm and how they are roasted. Our space is just inside the Stanley’s front doors, so we’ll keep the marketplace well-cafeinated!”

Brooks and his partner, Andre Janusz, have offered their fresh-roasted coffee beans online to consumers since 2013. “We bottle our coffee beans in recycled wine bottles,” Gagstetter said. “Glass is a great container to keep coffee fresh, and it looks great. Now that we’ll have retail, it’s a natural extension to also serve wine.”

Gagstetter appreciates the Stanley’s business model. “Mark’s idea [Mark Shaker, the developer]—what he calls the ‘Stanifesto’—is that all the businesses will work together to do what’s best for the community.”

Contact Logan House Coffee at

720.515.7752 or info@loganhousecoffee.com.

Symmetry 360 Massage

Symmetry 360 Massage started in Highlands Square in 2008, where partners Celeste O’Brien and Kina Ueda shared a one-room massage practice. The business has since expanded to include locations in the Denver Tech Center and Golden, where 37 massage therapists now work on clients.

“We weren’t looking to expand into the Stapleton area, but when we toured the space, met Mark and learned about the Stanley’s community focus, our whole bodies lit up and tingled,” said O’Brien. “The thought process for business owners is genius: there’s only one business in each industry, so we won’t be competing and we’ll work together to service clients.

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Stapleton resident Sara Bencomo arranges red velvet cupcakes at her shop, Happy Cakes in the Highlands. Happy Cakes will open another location at Stanley Marketplace.

more techy, we lose contact with each other. The Stanley will be a good place to hang out as a community.”

Contact Symmetry 360 Massage at 720.524.3431 or symmetrymassagedenver.com.

Happy Cakes Bakeshop

Happy Cakes Bakeshop will open its third shop at the Stanley. Started in Highlands Square in 2007, the bakery expanded to Longmont in 2013. The endeavor is managed by four partners: Sara Bencomo, Laura Reynolds, Lisa Herman and Stacy Walker.

“We’ll be joining lots of other Highlands businesses at the Stanley,” said Bencomo, a Stapleton resident. “It’s nice because we

already know so many people who will be there.”

Happy Cakes’ cozy 500-square-foot shop will be situated in the common market area on the main floor. “We’ll be able to work with our neighboring businesses easily,” Bencomo said. “Maybe we’ll do a birthday party package with Sweet Cow Ice Cream and the chocolatier that will be there.

“The Stanley is a fun project and Stapleton is in dire need of more small businesses. My friends in Stapleton are thrilled.”

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John L. Allen Jr. spends one-third of the year traveling, one-third in the Vatican City, and one-third at home in Stapleton. He's shown here at the 29th Avenue Town Center with his newest book, *The Francis Miracle*.

Leading Vatican Expert a Stapleton Resident

By Madeline Schroeder

Who knew the top Vatican expert in the world lives right here in Stapleton? John L. Allen Jr. is the associate editor at *The Boston Globe* specializing in the Vatican and Catholic Church. He is also the senior Vatican analyst for CNN.

He worked at the *National Catholic Reporter* for 16 years and was offered a job at *The Boston Globe* to head "The Crux," a section dedicated to all things Catholic. He now spends about one-third of his year traveling, one-third at home in Stapleton, and one-third in Rome. He has written nine books about the Vatican, including his most recent, *The Francis Miracle*.

Here are highlights from an interview with John L. Allen Jr. about his Vaticanista life and the current state of the Catholic Church. For the full interview, visit FrontPorchStapleton.com.

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Maryam Guiahi completed her undergraduate work at Cornell University and trained at Loyola University in Chicago. She did sub-specialty training in contraception and family planning at Columbia University where she also received a Master's of Science in Epidemiology. She has a special interest in contraception for women with complex medical conditions. Maryam lives in Cheesman Park with her husband and son.



about the image he projects. He's in the business of humility and simplicity and being an ordinary guy. He's very much who he is.

I remember the first time I met Bergoglio, it was before he was elected pope. It was in 2001... I walk in and there's a guy dressed in simple priest clothes, no finery, sitting there in a folding chair [usually meeting an archbishop requires a long wait and is a upscale meeting]. I am kind of startled and he looks up and asks if I am Allen. And I say "Yes, I am here to see His Excellency Archbishop Bergoglio" and he says "I'm Bergoglio." I am like totally stunned and then he says, "Should we just get another chair?" And I'm like *You really don't understand how this works, do you?* So they put us into this room and he says, "Can I get you a coffee or something?" and again I thought, *You just don't get it. You don't have to do that for yourself. You can tell these guys in white jackets what you want and it will show up on a silver platter.* And so I knew from that encounter that the stuff you were seeing from the new pope after the new election, this business of not wanting to live in the papal apartment, not wanting to be driven around in a Mercedes, not wanting to be walled off from people, that wasn't an act. That's genuinely who he is.

And plus, what he does that previous popes didn't is he works his own phone and he is forever making these cold calls to people he has never talked to before who have written him letters for one thing or another, like a grandparent in Russia who wants him to pray for her son. She'll put her phone number in there and out of the blue a few days later he'll call her up. I mean it happens all the time.

You wrote about Pope Francis even before he became pope. How did you know before he was chosen that he was an important player to watch?

He was the Cardinal of Buenos Aires in Argentina. Argentina is one of the largest countries in the Catholic world ... I mean anybody who was paying attention to the church affairs, hardly just me, I think would have known Bergoglio is somebody you have to take seriously. That said, let's be 100 percent clear that I did not predict he was going to be elected pope, even though if you Google my name, it calls me the man who predicted the pope.

What is the pope like in person?

I think he's very much one of those people, what you see is what you get. There is nothing fake

Do you think the bureaucracy ever wishes he would stick to tradition?

On the one hand, it kind of drives the bureaucracy crazy because you never know what he's going to do next because you all know bureaucrats above all crave predictability ... On the other hand ... having a wildly popular pope makes their lives easier. When they go on TV they're no longer getting tough questions about child sex abuse scandals or crackdown on nuns, even though those stories haven't gone away. The questions they're getting today are like, rock star pope takes world by storm. When they walk through an airport, when they get in a cab, when they go into a restaurant, when they visit a parish they're not finding outrage anymore, they're finding euphoria.

Pope Francis has focused on financial cleanup

of the church, reaching out to nonbelievers, bigger roles for women ... he is breaking tradition in so many ways.

The one thing that is absolutely clear about the impact he's had so far is that what you would probably call the moderate constituency in the church—that is not liberals who want to change church teaching and not conservatives who want to ram it down people's throats—but that moderate clump in the center, which I do believe is the majority, that would basically uphold the official teaching in how it's applied, that moderate constituency is feeling emboldened by this pope.

How does the pope manage opinions from the various constituencies that make up the Catholic Church?

Every pope has that challenge. So sure, Francis has to think about how the Curia is reacting to stuff. He has to think about how bishops around the world are reacting to stuff. He has to think about how the Catholic grassroots are reacting, and by the way, how the grassroots react is wildly different in various parts of the world. The typical Catholic in sub-Saharan Africa is going to have a very different cluster of attitudes than the average white Catholic in the U.S. Bear in mind there are 1.2 billion Catholics in the world, two-thirds of whom live outside of the U.S., so it's a radically global community. The pope has to think about all of that and also has to think about broader public opinion.

What would the U.S. be like if Francis was president?

Well, for one thing, I think the current incumbent would swap his poll numbers in a heartbeat. Listen, I think frankly it would be a little bit odd because Francis has never been to the U.S. He'll

freely admit his English isn't very good and he doesn't know much about the U.S. I think on our end, particularly Americans and Catholics tend to think that everybody around the world gets out of bed every morning thinking about us. So if something is a big deal for us, then it's gotta be a big deal for the rest of the world—whereas the reality of the Catholic Church today is that just under 70 million Catholics in the U.S. represent only 6 percent of the global Catholic population. Put another way, 94 percent of the Catholics are not Americans, okay? So this is the first pope from a developing world, the first pope from Latin America. Of course he gets that the U.S. is important, but it's just not his top priority.

I think the raw truth is that he probably could not get nominated by either party because I think his positions on social justice issues, the environment, the economy, war and peace, and race would rule him out for the Republicans and positions on life issues such as abortion, contraception and gay marriage would rule him out for the Democrats.

The Roman Catholic Church is another language in a way. How do you make it interesting and relatable to all readers?

That's the big trick. I would say 60 percent of my work isn't reporting, it's translation because the raw truth of the matter is Rome is from Mars and America is from Venus. We are talking very different cultural worlds and it's not just language. It's culture—good news in that work. I can tell you based on 20 years of experience doing this job two things are

true: 1) Catholic or not, Americans are intensely interested because it comes off to them as this fascinating cocktail of mystery and intrigue and plotting and history and romance. 2) Most of them don't know anything about it, so whatever you have to tell them is fresh, new and exciting, so it's really a great gig.



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Just the Facts Volcanoes in Colorado?

by James Hagadorn



making Colorado one of only two states that are rich in diamonds (the other is Arkansas).

The easiest belch of a volcano for Front Rangers to ogle is the one that produced North and South Table Mountain. These flat-topped mesas formed as lava spurted from the Ralston Dike about 2 miles northwest of N.

about 60 miles west of Colorado Springs, ash eruptions and ash avalanches dammed a nearby river. The water backed up, creating a huge lake in which animals and plants were frequently buried. The fine ash helped to preserve delicate fossils like leaves and insects; it even entombed a grove of giant sequoia trees. Check them out in Florissant National Monument, or if you'd like to collect, stop by the "pay-to-dig" in town.

About 100 miles southwest of the Springs is the big kahuna of volcanoes—the San Juan Volcanic Field. It is so immense it's hard to fathom. Among its many eruptions was one that expelled nearly 5,000 times the amount of material produced by Mount St. Helens. Enough debris was ejected to cover the state with a six-inch-thick blanket of hot ash. This killed many plants and animals, and contaminated the air so much that sunlight would have been blocked enough to reduce temperatures by one to three degrees for quite a while. Glad we missed that one.

Although the last eruption in the San Juans was 30 million years ago, the earth is still hot below the surface. Water percolating down and back up again produces many of the area's hot springs—Mount Princeton and Conundrum among them.

Our cutest volcano erupted a mere 4,100 years ago. Look for it next time you're driving west on I-70, about a mile before you hit Dotsero. On your right is the reddish-brown edge of the half-mile-wide crater. On your left is the lava flow that flowed southward from the crater and dammed the Eagle River. The resulting basalt and its frothy cousin, scoria, is currently being mined for landscape stone.

The Rockies are still volcanically active—witness the supervolcano that burbles beneath Yellowstone. But not to worry—seismic (earthquake-monitoring) networks will give us plenty of time to leave the blast zone beforehand.

So if you dig volcanoes and a trip to Hawaii isn't in the budget, perhaps take a road trip this summer. Visit some of our very own, and very awesome, volcanoes.

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Colorado's got a ton of volcanoes. One of 'em blasted out the biggest eruption in all of Earth's history. Others produced some of our most important diamond, gold and fossil deposits.

If you imagine the Earth as a giant avocado, Earth's "pit" is a radioactive core of ultra-hot metal. It's surrounded by a hot gooey layer called the mantle (the guacamole ingredient). We live on the skin of the avocado—perched on tectonic plates that cruise around atop the mantle like bumper-cars. Where plates collide, one of them often gets shoved down toward the mantle, where it sweats out water and many of its gases. These cause nearby rock to melt into magma, which then burbles upward toward the surface. This process has happened many times beneath Colorado.

Depending on its chemistry, magma erupts in two main forms—oozing or explosive. Lava that oozes out gently forms a rock called basalt, thick flows of which cool slowly and develop dramatic vertical columns (think: Devil's Tower). Colorado's Flat Tops are a great example—they're frosted with so much basalt that they don't have jagged peaks like the rest of the Rockies. When the blend of volatile gases and water is just right, magma blasts upward and outward as ash and vapor, forming slippery soils and muds like those near Silverton, Creede and Del Norte.

Perhaps Colorado's coolest volcano is northwest of Fort Collins, where there's a 10-mile-wide ring representing a remnant volcanic neck. This so-called kimberlite pipe is so prominent you can see it from outer space. What's unique about it is that it carried diamonds from the mantle up to the surface—

Table Mountain, filling in local valleys and streams with a lake of lava. This volcanic vent erupted at least four different times, about 60 million years ago. Fast forward to today, and the softer strata that surrounded these valley-filling flows have eroded away—leaving the resistant caps of fossil lava behind. To see these up close, drive Highway 58 between Wheat Ridge and Golden. Or better yet, hike to the top of its volcano-scape, starting at the Table Mountain Trailhead off Highway 93.

Colorado's most famous volcanoes erupted about 35 million years ago, destroying nearly all life in the region and producing two gigantic Pompeii-like deposits. At Florissant,



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Each month, the Indie Prof reviews a current film in the theater and a second film that is available on DVD or an instant-streaming service. Follow “Indie Prof” on Facebook for updates about film events and more reviews.

First this month, a release from the Denver Film Society about its upcoming horror film festival.

The Stanley Film Festival runs from April 30 through May 3 in Estes Park, Colorado. It showcases classic and contemporary independent horror cinema all set at the haunted and historic Stanley Hotel in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. The Festival presents emerging and established filmmakers enabling the industry and general public to experience the power of storytelling through genre cinema. Find the full program at www.stanleyfilmfest.com.

It is a small, fun, and interesting festival where you can mingle with fellow horror fans and industry personnel. Hope to see you there. Now on to our reviews.

About Elly (2009)

The Iranian Cinema has a long history, dating back to the early days of cinema. Many films from the West played on the early Iranian screens. The cinema remained steady in pre-revolution Iran, but it came to a halt when the Khomeini regime took over in 1979. Western films were banned, and most filmmakers had left the country.

The industry made a comeback in the '80s, and a two-track system developed: there are popular films that play inside Iran and an art cinema that plays mostly outside Iran, in film festivals and art theaters around the world. Iran is now known as one of the strongest, most talented cinemas in the world. It also remains quite enigmatic due to its structure and the level of government censorship/intervention.

Directed by one of Iran's best, Asghar Farhadi (*A Separation*, *The Past*), *About Elly* follows a group of upper-middle class Iranians on a group vacation to the Caspian Sea. Soon after, a woman from



the group goes missing, and the film then examines the reactions of the remaining group to this disappearance. What starts out as a playful comedy ends up as a suspenseful thriller, and in the vein of *A Separation*, it says a lot about Iranian society and the complexity of that society. Saying too much more about plot is not necessary and would ruin the experience.

The film is well plotted, beautifully shot, and expertly acted. It will invite comparisons to the classic Italian film *L'avventura*, directed by the great Michelangelo Antonioni, and those comparisons are well deserved. Both films share a similar plot, superb direction, and criticisms of their respective societies. While Farhadi's criticisms are more veiled (lest he end up in an Iranian jail!), they are discernible nonetheless, such as a view of the upper-middle class who find sport in lying and only fall back on their cultural ideals and religious dogma when convenient for them.

Iranian films on American screens are few and far between, yet they offer us a peek into a society that we rarely get to see; this is certainly one valid reason for seeing the film. But this film is also masterfully made, with an excellent ensemble cast and stirring shots—so appreciating the artistry is an electric exacta. It was originally released in 2009 (and made before *A Separation*), but it was held up in distribution disagreements until now. We finally get to see another great film from Farhadi, so take advantage of it.



You will like this film if you enjoyed *A Separation*, *L'avventura*, and/or *The Rules of the Game*.

Starts at the Chez Artiste on May 8.

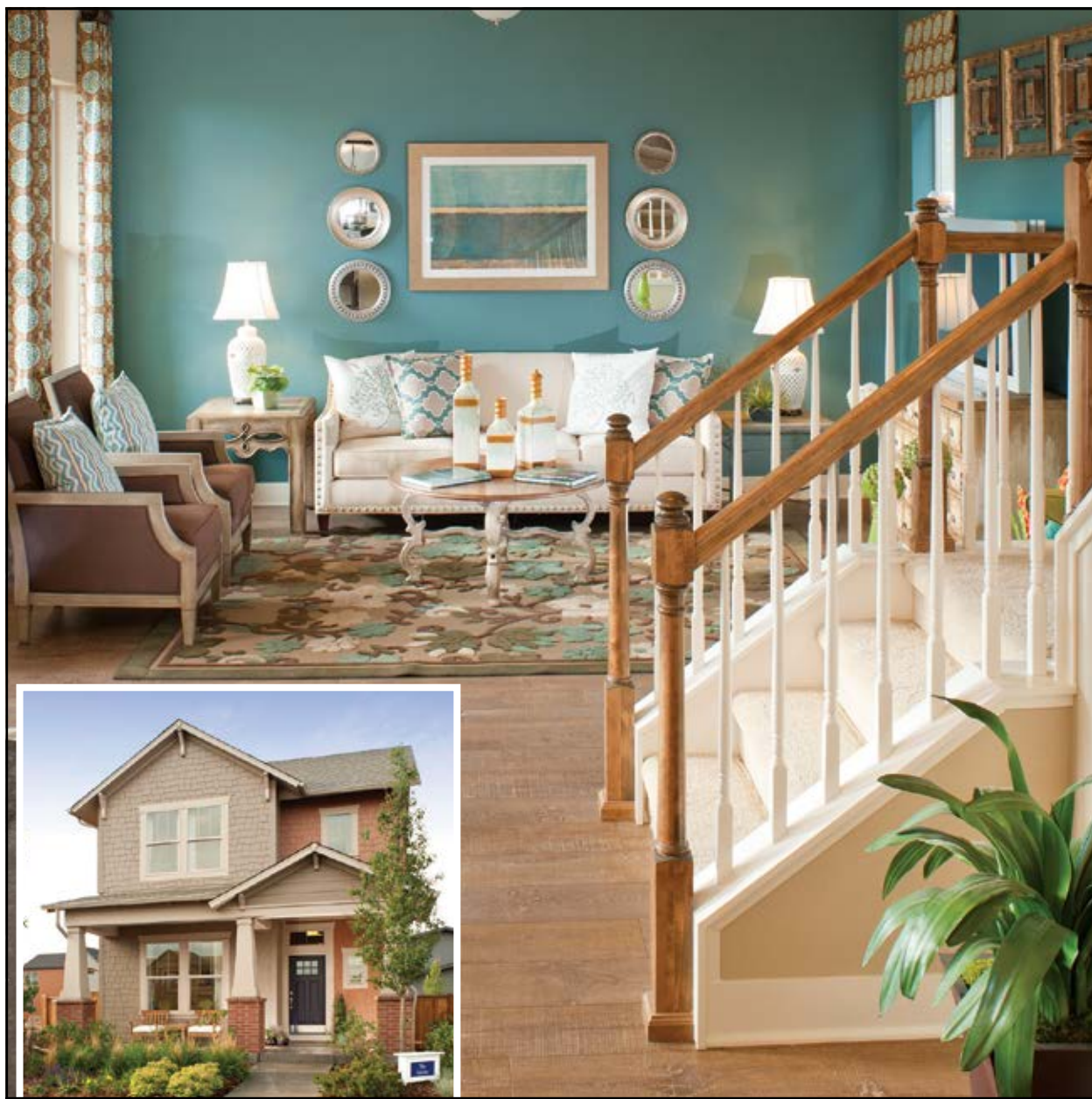
The Shining (1980)

The list of the greatest horror films of all time is always a great debate: classics such *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*, *Nosferatu*, and *Psycho* certainly titillate academics and film historians; genre-jumpers such as *The Bride of Frankenstein* (playing at the Stanley Film Festival mentioned above) and *Alien* excite many as well; but if you are of a certain age, one film remains unforgettable and disturbing: *The Shining*. In honor of the Stanley Film Festival, I encourage you to take another look at *The Shining* and remember why we spent so many sleepless nights while the chant of “REDRUM!” echoed through our ears.

Based on the book by Stephen King but changed quite a bit for the screen by directing giant Stanley Kubrick, *The Shining* is macabre, disturbing, spine chilling, and somewhat elusive. Even reviewing the film as an adult, it brought back the same fright I felt as a child. The acting, led by the ridiculously spooky Jack Nicholson at the height of his career, is stellar, but the real star here is Kubrick—watch how the settings, cinematography, editing, and sound work together to create the holistic menace of the film. Now you can appreciate the artistry as well as the scares.

So shut all the lights, open the windows just enough to let the wind howl, and make your partner “JUMP!” at just the right moment. Find it anywhere, really.

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Meet the Kids

Oddball, endearing and quirky answers to life's questions

By Madeline Schroeder

How does one learn morals? What makes someone a good person? A group of seventh-graders at DSST Stapleton think people are born with some sense of morals, but mostly learn them by observing their parents and good people in the world. Sometimes it's hard to be a good person because of peer pressure to do the wrong thing, they say. Our discussion of hypothetical situations had them consider their own morals in deciding the right thing to do.

1. Your sibling gets married and you really don't like this person. Every year you host a party for your siblings, and you're deciding whether to invite the new person. Do you?

Karla Chavez: First I would tell my sibling how I feel about the person and then still invite them and talk to them, just not as good as you would if you clicked with them.

Natalie Smink: I would invite them but not hang out with them when they're there. I would be like in my head, "Hey, you can come but I really don't enjoy hanging out with you, but I don't want you to feel excluded."

Cullyn Shaw: I would because if your sibling

really likes them you don't want to exclude them and have an entire conflict about it. Like Natalie said, you could try to stay away from them.

2. You are on your way to a very important business meeting and accidentally bump a young child and he falls down and scrapes his knee. Do you help him or go to the meeting?

Cullyn: I would help the kid because maybe the first part of the meeting was not that important, just greeting everyone. Also, if there is nobody else and the kid is bleeding the kid could get an infection. He needs to be treated.

Karla: I would also help him because the meeting, there are many opportunities to get it again or talk to the person in charge and explain this happened and the kid didn't have someone with him. I would help the kid and once the kid is fine I would then go.

Natalie: If I had the person's number at the meeting, I would call and say, "Hey, I'm going to be late. This kid is on the sidewalk and I accidentally knocked him over. I need to take care of him." Help the kid, but tell the person you're meeting with so they understand why you were late. Not like, oh you were late because you don't care. Tell them I really didn't want to be late to this meeting but at the moment I thought this kid was more important and I should help him.

3. You are designing a car and on a tight budget. You find out it's very expensive to have good quality safety features. If you skip the airbags you stay within your budget. What do you do?

Theo Hansen: It would be better to make safe cars than to make cars that people could die in.

Natalie: I would make the car, but I would put a warning in there, "This car has no airbags." If

Middle Schoolers' Morals



Seventh-graders at DSST Stapleton discuss hypothetical situations that make them consider their morals. Left to right: Cullyn Shaw, Natalie Smink, Theo Hansen and Karla Chavez.

people like the car and buy it, you will get more money and can add the airbags into later models.

4. You are a baker and someone comes into your shop and wants you to put on the cake, "I hate Jesus." You find it very offensive. Do you bake the cake?

Cullyn: I would not bake the cake. What if another person at the party was Jewish? That's very offensive.

Natalie: I think I might not bake it then because not only will it be offensive to you, but say you're giving them the cake and another person walks in who is also very religious and sees "I hate Jesus." They're not going to want to come there. I think losing one customer compared to the possibility of losing many ... I would go with the one.

What if you don't agree with gay marriage and a gay couple wants their wedding photo on the cake?

Natalie: I think if I was the gay person I would be like, "I understand you might not like this, but you're not the one who has to eat the cake. You're just putting my photo on it. You won't ever see this cake again. It won't scar you for life. I'm paying you money." I understand the debate around this. It's tough.

Theo: I would put it on the cake because it's not as bad as putting something on the cake that is offensive to everyone, and it's not really offensive. You might just not like it.

5. You are on a boat and it is going to sink because there is too much weight. If you push one person off, the boat will not sink and everyone else will be saved. What would you do?

Theo, immediately: Push the person off the boat. If there are a lot of people and one person is keeping you from surviving, I'd rather push someone off the boat or jump off the boat to save everyone else.

Cullyn: Well if it's my sister then obviously ... no, just kidding. If they're annoying and a jerk to everybody else, then maybe you could push them off.

Natalie: I would feel terrible if I pushed anybody off. What if they're in a wheelchair? I guess take them out and push the wheelchair off. That would probably lighten the load. (They throw out ideas to avoid pushing someone off like taking turns swimming or stripping clothes, and they giggle imagining being naked.)

But how do you decide one person's life means more than another?

Theo: Whoever's heaviest (they laugh).

Karla: I would sacrifice myself because I couldn't live with the guilt of knowing I pushed someone off.

Natalie: It would be awful. I would ask them to knock me out before so I didn't feel the pain of dying.

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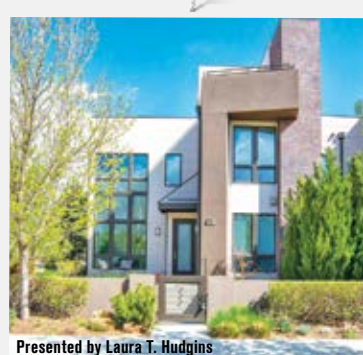
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Funding Approved for MLK Extension and Quebec Improvements

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Graphics from MLK Blvd. Extension Enviro. Assessment, July 2011



By Carol Roberts

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) on April 15 finalized the funding decision that will allow Martin Luther King Blvd. to be built as a four-lane road from Havana to Peoria. Although funding has been designated, construction won't start until 2017, and the road won't be open to the public until 2018.

The project cost will be \$15 million, with \$7,172,000 in federal funds and \$7,828,00 in matching funds from TIF revenues between 2015 and 2017. A minimum of 20% local matching funds was required, and the higher level of matching funds gave the project an edge in funding effectiveness (how much can be done with the federal money being awarded).

The project met specific criteria that were required for this funding. Doug Rex, DRCOG director of transportation planning and operations said relieving congestion and increasing safety were high priorities. This project is also considered to be an important part of the long term regional transportation plan. It provides an alternative route to I-70 and Colfax Ave, both of which are over capacity in peak periods, according to

the Denver Department of Public Works.

DRCOG received 140 applications for a total of \$500 million in funding requests under this Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), of which 47 were funded with \$175 million in federal funds.

The project adds two additional lanes to MLK Jr. Blvd from Havana St./Iola Street and a new 4-lane roadway from where MLK turns south into Moline St. to Fitzsimmons Pkwy/Peoria St. intersection. The project will also include:

- 18-ft landscaped medians, turn lanes, and a 16.5-ft landscaped tree lawn
- A detached 10-ft wide multi-use concrete path on each side, a 10-ft wide multi-use concrete path and a 5-ft parallel soft trail outside of a 30-ft. buffer from the Bluff Lake Nature Center
- Several existing access consolidations, bus pads, new or improved traffic signal connections, bicycle detection, and a median pedestrian refuge at Peoria St.
- A north-south connection at Moline

Information from Denver Public works predicts there will be about 28,000 drivers daily on the new roadway by the year 2035.

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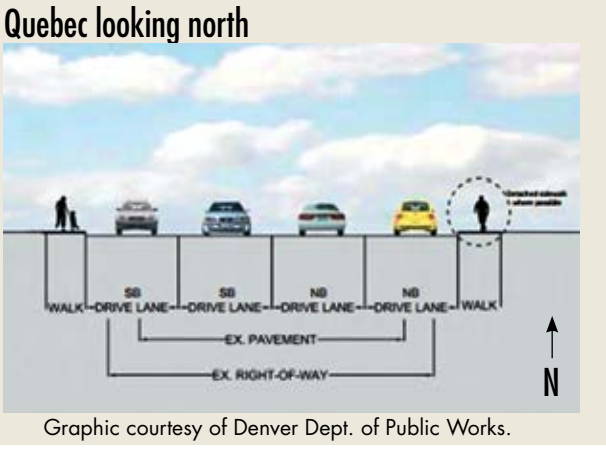
Funding to reconfigure Quebec to four lanes and optimize vehicle flow through intersections by adding turn lanes was granted by the same DRCOG program that funded the MLK extension.

Construction is expected to start in 2019 and be finished in 2020. The total project cost of \$23 million will be split evenly between federal funds and funds from City sources, spread over the next four years.

The improvements on Quebec St will be from south of 13th Ave to 26th Ave and will include the following:

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Dyslexia: Einstein, Steven Spielberg & Kids Today Overcome Its Difficulties

By Madeline Schroeder

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Was that slow and confusing to read? Do you understand what it means? This is a simulation of the experience of dyslexia produced by educator Kelly Sandman-Hurley for her Ted Talk. According to her Ted Talk, the simulation is designed to make the reader decode every single word and break down each sound like a person with dyslexia does. The paragraph actually says:

The bottom line is that it [dyslexia] does exist, no matter what name people give it (i.e., special learning disability, etc.). In fact, according to Sally Shaywitz (2003), its prevalence is actually one in five children, which is 20 percent.

Dyslexia has historically been misunderstood and myths still persist. Dyslexia does not mean lower intelligence; in fact, some of the brightest people have trouble reading, according to the Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity.

Many have thought it to be a visual disorder where people with dyslexia write letters and words

backwards and often reverse b and d or vice versa, according to the Yale Center. This is not true. People with dyslexia see the same way as everyone else. Dyslexia is caused by a processing problem in the left part of the brain that controls word analysis, language, science, logic and math. This means it is not a visual disorder but a neurological disorder.

“When I open a book that has a lot of text, it is so overwhelming because I’m seeing so many words and my dyslexic brain is trying to break down every sound,” says Donovan Haight, Park Hill resident and eighth-grader at Stanley British Primary. Words pronounced differently than how they’re spelled are also difficult for Donovan. He thinks everyone should just speak Finnish where every word is pronounced exactly as it’s spelled. “Don’t go to Finland, it’s chilly there,” his mom, Korin, says.

“Whenever someone says it’s chilly, I say ‘do you mean it’s hot in here?’ Because chili is hot ...” says Donovan’s younger brother, Conrad. There is a lot of laughter in this house. Conrad is a fourth-grader at Stanley who also has dyslexia and is the comedian of the household. Like big brothers are supposed to, Donovan laughs and then gently corrects Conrad’s comedic remarks.

It is common to have multiple people with dyslexia in families, although it does not only affect boys, another common misconception, according to the Yale Center. Boys just happen to more

commonly have behavioral disorders in addition to dyslexia that cause them to receive attention and treatment sooner than girls.

Brain imaging has shown people with dyslexia more heavily depend on the right part of their brain, which is in charge of holistic thought, creativity, intuition, music and art, according to Kelly Sandman-Hurley. Because a person with dyslexia relies more on the right brain, when he or she reads a word, the signal in the brain literally has to travel farther to get to the language processing area. “I can picture a landscape scenery with an epic thing going on and keep track of every detail in that picture, but I cannot keep the number 8 in my mind when I am trying to do a math problem. I’m not as fast at math,” Donovan says.

Symptoms vary from person to person. According to Robin Peterson, Stapleton resident and

neuropsychologist at Children’s Hospital Colorado, dyslexia is not like a disease where you have it or you don’t. Symptoms fall on a wide continuum from mild to severe, which is based on genetic and environmen-



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Brothers Donovan (left) and Conrad (right) have learned to overcome their dyslexia and now enjoy reading and writing. Donovan uses a program on his iPad to read novels and Conrad, the co-median of the house, started a classroom newspaper “Con News,” shown at front.

Peterson. Donovan completed the Wilson Language Training Program last year and Conrad will most likely complete it by sixth grade.

Conrad now loves writing. He started a classroom newspaper called *Con News*, where he covers topics like “Mysteries in the Classroom Couch.” He interviewed students about their predictions of what’s in the couch cushions and then investigated and recorded what he found.

While Donovan once struggled reading street signs, he now enjoys reading novels. “Reading was really difficult, but once you’re given the steps and some logic to English, it can be a lot easier,” he says. He’s realized reading is only one part of life, and once he mastered reading he could start enjoying the good parts of dyslexia, like thinking outside the box.

With appropriate accommodations like extra tutoring in school, the two are high-achieving students. Donovan uses

an iPad reading program that enlarges text and highlights and reads each word aloud. He also gets more time for tests and can take them in a quiet room. He has already spoken with teachers at East High School, where he will be attending next year, about keeping those accommodations.

Dyslexia does not have to be a limitation in life. There are plenty of accomplished people with dyslexia: Picasso, Mohammed Ali, Steven Spielberg, Walt Disney, Leonardo da Vinci, Albert Einstein and Charles Schwab, to name a few.

Korin told each of her sons when they discovered the dyslexia, “You need to own it. No one gets off without having something in life. Your thing is dyslexia so you’re going to learn to read in a different way; doesn’t mean you can’t read but it just means that you have to work a little harder.”

If you think your child might have dyslexia, visit your primary care doctor or talk to your child’s school about evaluating for reading difficulties. To schedule an evaluation through Children’s Hospital Colorado call 720.777.5470. More information available at <http://dyslexia.yale.edu>.

tal factors. On a scale of 1 to 10, one being less severe dyslexia and 10 being more severe, Donovan is probably a 7 and Conrad a 5.

“The decoding is always an extra step for me,” says Donovan. “This happens a lot with me still—I could read the whole word and figure out what it means, but that’s another second so I sometimes read the first part and guess the rest. I’m working on that. Conrad is a little better at decoding than me.”

“For me, when I see a card that says ‘private’ and a card that says ‘pirate,’ I think those are the same,” Conrad says.

But, people with dyslexia can actually rewire their brains to have faster neural connections in the left hemisphere, according to Peterson. She evaluates children for dyslexia and a variety of other learning difficulties. Dyslexia is usually detected when kids start learning to read, but she says there is current research detecting signs even as early as in utero.

Early intervention is important. There are a variety of long-term reading programs that break down the English language and improve reading skills, sometimes even so much that a person can outgrow dyslexia, according to

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Mentors Help Small Businesses Succeed

By Courtney Drake-McDonough

They have ideas, gumption and the belief that their concept is going to work, fulfilling their dream of being a business owner. But first, there's a lot of work to be done and more to be considered than they may have, well, even considered. A group of consultants with years of experience, resources and important connections, is helping people achieve their dreams. Three local businesses, Fiction Beer Company, Four Friends Kitchen and SmartSpace, have benefited from advice that's right in their neighborhood and completely free.

Ryan and Christa Kilpatrick, co-owners of Fiction Beer Company on East Colfax, worked with the mentors, available through a partnership between the Denver Metro Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Johnson & Wales University's (JWU) College of Management. The couple worked with mentors for several months before opening their book-themed, seven-barrel brewery and tap house last September.



Professors and small business consultants Kris Hefley (left) and Tim Stein (right) helped client Ryan Kilpatrick (center) make his dream of opening Fiction Brewing Company a reality.

Ryan Kilpatrick met with professionals in business, marketing, finance and law. He hoped the mentors would confirm his numbers were sound, his business plan was done properly and that they'd fill in the blanks if something was missing. "That way I could go to investors and banks and not have them laugh at me!" says Kilpatrick.

The couple credits the mentor program with giving them the confidence to persevere. "On the finance side, I don't know that we'd be here without them," says Kilpatrick. "They had a couple of comments on the business plan that

helped us focus it better, which was key. And they gave us contacts that led to our loan."

Three mentors, Tim Stein, Kris Hefley and Jeff Gilbert, work at the JWU satellite location as both faculty and SBDC consultants, bringing expertise in food service and restaurant management, sustainability, marketing, sales management, start-up and business planning, and financial analysis. Additional consultants are available in nearly every other business category through the Golden or downtown offices. Consulting is available long-term, helping people from initial ideas through expanding their businesses to exit strategies. Since its 2008 inception as a satellite SBDC office, JWU has served 827 clients in 2,161 sessions, dedicating more than 3,600 hours of consulting time.

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learn in the classroom and putting it into practice in the real world, meeting with clients and working with the mentors. The clients benefit from the students' perspectives and experiences. And the student body is a pool of well-trained, prospective employees.

Business owners themselves, Stein, Hefley and Gilbert offer the education piece to clients, explaining what needs to be done, offering resources. But then the client has to do the actual work. Gilbert describes the typical client as having been in the work world 15–25 years and with a new business idea. “They aren’t going to go back to college for that. They need somewhere else to learn the resources. They don’t know how to negotiate a lease, how to hire employees, how to negotiate cost controls,” says Gilbert. As Kilpatrick experienced, “You don’t know what you don’t know.”

With backgrounds primarily unrelated to running a restaurant, the two couples who opened Stapleton’s Four Friends Kitchen in March, received wide-ranging help from kitchen equipment resources to fine-tuning job postings to verifying that cost forecasts were in line with industry standards. “They pushed us to dig more deeply into some of the research and analysis early on, to better understand our market and draft a strong business plan,” says co-owner Tim Thornton. The mentors also referred the team to a financing expert. “She looked at our business plan with a fine-toothed comb, saying ‘If I was the bank, here are things I would look

at,’” says Genefer Thornton.

Travis Bischoff, co-owner of Stapleton’s SmartSpace, providing virtual, remote office, work and meeting space in Stapleton, also sought help with his business plan and financing. “We could have written the business plan without the help of the mentor program but it wouldn’t have been nearly as good,” says Bischoff. He adds, “You can have this idea but if we weren’t able to get a loan for what we wanted to do, it just wasn’t going to happen. It’s not always about what you know but who you know, so being put in contact with people they know and have had relationships with was very helpful ... They’re local, they’re free, they’re great. It’s just a no-brainer.”

Clients don’t always agree with the mentors’ advice, which is okay with them. “Everyone you ask will have an opinion, usually more than one,” says Stein. “I give clients the pros and cons of the various options. If they ask me which one I’d do, I tell them, based on what I know about them and their situation.”

“A lot (of clients) want confirmation that they are doing the right thing,” says Gilbert. “We are here to challenge them on their thought process, to keep them motivated and excited. We want them to have an opportunity to be successful and not damage their entrepreneurial spirit but also to not misguide them in giving them false hope.”

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Yee-Haw! Comfort Food in Northfield



By Laurie Dunklee

Texas Roadhouse, which opened on April 27 in Northfield, serves up country-Western-style fun along with its Texas-size helpings of comfort food.

“We want to be the friendliest place in town,” said Becca Anderson, managing partner. “We’re a fun, lively and casual place with country music on the jukebox. Our servers line dance through the restaurant every hour or so and sometimes diners join them—especially kids. We love our jobs.”

Northfield will be the restaurant’s 15th Colorado location. The new 7,200-square-foot space is east of Bass Pro on the road that loops around Northfield.

Don’t look for health food here. “Our specialties are hand-cut steaks and fall-off-the-bone ribs,” said Anderson. “You can always taste the difference between Cryovac-wrapped steaks and steaks that are hand-cut that day. All our sides are made from scratch in-house each day, and fresh bread comes out of the oven every five minutes. People come in just for our fresh bread or cinnamon-butter rolls, or for a great margarita.

“Health food is not our focus but we offer options like chicken, seafood, salads, salmon and veggies. We offer a ‘gluten-friendly’ menu, however these items are not necessarily gluten free because our dishes are made from scratch and cross-contact with allergens can occur.”

Anderson started with Texas Roadhouse 10 years ago as a server, service manager and kitchen manager, before getting promoted to managing partner. “I’ve worked every position, from dishwashing to meat-cutting to bar-tending. I can help and support our people however they need,” she said.

Anderson said she likes working for Texas

Roadhouse because the company cares about its employees and gets involved in the community. “Our culture is about treating staff like family and giving back to the community. Our team members volunteer for the Boys and Girls Clubs and Denver food banks. We conduct food drives and donate food to homeless shelters. We’ll have a ‘dress rehearsal’ before we open to the public, and donate all our food and beverage sales to the National MS Society and Young People in Recovery [helps with recovery from addictions].”

Although it’s part of a national chain, Northfield’s Texas Roadhouse reflects the Stapleton community, Anderson said. “The atmosphere is country-Western, with lots of wood, brick and cactuses. The murals are specific to Northfield, in-

cluding photos of the old Stapleton Airport.”

The décor also includes peanut shells on the floor. “There’s a bucket of peanuts on every table and diners can throw the shells on the floor,” said Anderson.

Texas Roadhouse started in 1993 in Clarksville, Ind., and has 485 locations nationwide, including restaurants in Taiwan, Kuwait and Dubai. “Dubai is the busiest restaurant in the company,” Anderson said.

Texas Roadhouse, 8470 E. Northfield Blvd., will be open Mon. through Thurs., 4–10pm.; Fri., 4–11pm; Sat., 12–11pm and Sun., 11am–10pm. For more information, call 303.371.7427 or see www.texasroadhouse.com.



Left: The Texas Roadhouse staff is excited about the new location in Northfield. Left to right: Bry Dunlap, Taylor Snyder, Brittany Nocera, Ruben Amador and managing partner Becca Anderson.

Below: The restaurant artist paid tribute to Stapleton’s history in this painting of the old runway that ran over I-70 when it was Stapleton airport.



By Courtney Drake-McDonough

It’s a catchy name that brings back childhood memories. “bubu,” the name of chef/restaurateur Troy Guard’s latest restaurant, which opened in February in the Lowry Dining District, is short for Bubu Arare, a Japanese rice cracker Guard ate growing up in Hawaii. The newest restaurant in Guard’s collection, with concepts ranging from Mexican to burgers to fine desserts, emphasizes healthy bowls combining protein, starch and veggies.

With a tagline of “the fresh revolution,” bubu doesn’t have a freezer, which ensures the benefit of daily deliveries and ingredient preparation. Diners choose from pre-selected bowl combinations such as the “OG Colorado” with roasted carrots, quinoa, green chili, avocado and pumpkin seeds; adding a base of rice, noodles or salad; and a protein of chicken, steak, shrimp, raw tuna or raw salmon. Or, diners can create their own combinations from a long list of ingredients.

The staff is trained to help people create combinations that suit tastes and dietary needs, often switching around ingredients. “Probably half of all tickets have a change order with specifications by customers,” says Guard. To enable people to create meals at home, bubu also sells to-go items by the pound.

Guard opens restaurants that serve the food he likes to eat, and he ate a lot of rice bowls growing up. As he got older, he liked eating salad bowls with fresh, versatile ingredients. “I think even though we don’t always tend to eat as best we can, it’s nice having the options there if we want to,” says Guard, adding that he’s not trying to be a health food nut. Diners can make their meals as healthy as they want. Or they can the other way, ordering the Hawaii Special, a secret menu item with Spam (another homage to Guard’s childhood) over rice with veggies, kimchi and a fried egg on top.

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New Lowry Restaurant Brings the “fresh revolution”



bubu in Lowry (top left) emphasizes healthy bowls combining protein, starch and veggies. This is Stapleton resident Troy Guard’s (above) eighth restaurant in Denver.

Despite plans to open two more restaurants this year and two in Stapleton in 2016, Guard still works six days a week but has reduced his 12-hour days down to eight. The Stapleton resident and father of two young children who is approaching his mid-forties, says the long hours are too much. “I have a lot of great people now and I don’t have to be overseeing as much,” he says, although he still visits each of his eight restaurants daily. “It sounds weird but the more restaurants I open, the less I kind of work. I have enough people who do it all so I just go in, taste everything and talk to everyone because these guys are very well-trained and smart people.”

Guard feels it’s important to be in touch

with his 270 employees. “I still want to have that personal touch,” he says. “I like staying in tune with everything. I want my staff to know I’m not sitting at home eating bonbons, watching TV with my legs up.”

Guard says he’s at a different stage in life now, from being the chef who tried to handle everything to focusing more on the business and the people. “Now I want to make sure we have a great work environment. I used to hate paperwork; now I enjoy it. I’m more into the teaching, training and developing people,” he says. “If you’re not good at that, you aren’t going to be able to grow.”

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Music School Expands to



Skye Barker Maa, owner of Neighborhood Music Stapleton, center, and her team of music instructors stand in the school's new location in Aurora that will have 14 studios and a concert stage. Foreground Lily Cooper, left to right behind, Yi-Ting Hsu, clarinet, Will Brant, trombone, Zane Cupec, drums, Maa, Zack Jackson, electric guitar, Thomas Haupt, guitar and Collen Beatty, guitar.

By Laurie Dunklee

When Skye Barker Maa's 3-year-old son showed an interest and aptitude for music, she was challenged to find him lessons. "We had done the mom-and-tot program and he was beyond that, but there wasn't anywhere to take him. We found a piano teacher but had to convince her that he was actually serious."

So in 2012, Barker Maa, a former corporate community relations professional, started her own music school in the basement of her Stapleton home. "The problem was that there were no full music

schools where kids can play multiple instruments and play in ensembles. I worked with a piano teacher to define the range of musical experiences a child should have. We developed it for tots and it grew from there."

Barker Maa's Neighborhood Music Stapleton school grew so quickly, outgrowing her 1,500-square-foot basement, that it will move into a nearby 5,000-foot space in May. "Our studios are very busy, with multiple

lessons going on at once," said Barker Maa, a mother of three. "Parents can come with four kids, and do all four lessons in 30 minutes at the same time. I come at

it as a parent, trying to make it as convenient as it can be. We've grown fast because we're flexible and we work hard to provide options."

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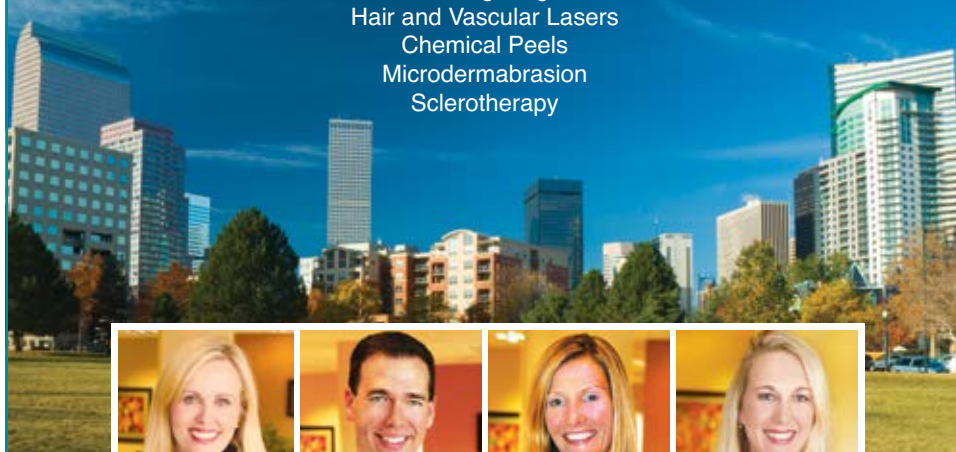
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The new space, at 2525 Geneva in the old Federal Aviation Administration building, will have 14 studios and a performing space. "It's in Aurora, just across the street from Stapleton, about one mile from our present location," Barker Maa said. "We're walkable for most people, with easy access for once-a-week lessons. Since there are no major streets to cross, it's safe for most students to walk over."

She said the new performing space is central to the school's philosophy. "Everyone performs. We get onstage early to strip away the fear of executing something in public—something we all need to do in life. It gives the experience and builds self-confidence."

Barker Maa said studying music builds other skills. "Our goal is pleasure and enjoyment, and also discipline and training the brain to communicate values. We want to build better humans, using the love of music as a conduit."

Neighborhood Music offers group and private music lessons to approximately 250 children and adults, including school programs and summer camps. Twenty-seven teachers provide instruction on 13 different instruments. Group lessons begin at \$65 per month and private lessons at \$115 per month.

"The youngest students start at age 4 on average,

learning piano, violin, ukulele and drums," said Barker Maa. "But if you come with a 3-year-old, we'll try it. We start the youngest with a 15-minute lesson. Other instruments are introduced as kids develop more hand strength."

Neighborhood Music offers music education for all ages. "Some families come three or four times a week to get experience on an instrument, singing and theater. Parents or siblings can join lessons at no extra charge. We have some mother-daughter drummers that are awesome."

Barker Maa said the most important thing she does is matching teachers with students. "Teachers here are diverse, from grandmotherly types to a stricter style. How does the child learn best? What are the goals of kids and parents? We pay attention, and if a kid gets wiggly after a few months, we change their environment or style. All instruments are one price and all teachers are one price. So we can build a program to move around."

Neighborhood Music provides instruction at three Stapleton-area schools. Barker Maa said they hope to expand to more schools and she is hiring a second staff person to handle that program. She hopes to provide rental instruments in the future as well.

Neighborhood Music's summer camps are

filling up but some programs have room for more kids. "Our *Cinderella Kids* musical is sold out, but *Aladdin Jr.* has some slots open," said Barker Maa.

New this year is "Music and Hogwarts!" for 5- to 12-year-olds, featuring all things Harry Potter. "My kids are addicted to Harry Potter," said Barker Maa. "We thought this would be fun."

Neighborhood Music's grand opening at 2525 Geneva is May 17, 3–5:30pm. "We'll shut down the street and have concerts and free music lessons," said Barker Maa.

For more information about the school or its programs, go to neighborhoodmusicstapleton.com or email skye@neighborhoodmusicstapleton.com.



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Don't Miss These Events

May 8,9,10—Park Hill Art Club Spring Show

5:30-8pm on Friday, May 8 at Park Hill Methodist Church, 5209 Montview Blvd. the Park Hill Art Club is celebrating spring with a presentation of artwork created for their member artists. The collection includes oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastels and photography. It will also take place 10am-6pm on May 9 and 9:30am-4pm on May 10.

May 16—The Urban Farm Barn Dance

From 4-9pm on Sat., May 16, The Urban Farm will host its annual western hoedown, which will include petting animals, Jim n' Nicks BBQ, live music and beer and wine. A limited ticket event. Visit <http://theurbanfarm.org/event>.

May 17—Rock the Food Co-op

From 4-7pm on Sun., May 17, the Northeast Community Co-op Market will host its second Rock the Food Co-op. The free event at 49th Pl. and Valentia will feature bluegrass music, food trucks, gardening resources, lawn games, a beer and wine garden and more. www.facebook.com/NortheastCommunityCoOpMarketCafe.

May 23—Journalist Helen Thorpe, Guest Speaker for Bookstore Fundraiser

On Sat., May 23, author and journalist Helen Thorpe will speak at the Montview Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia, to raise proceeds for the Park Hill Community Bookstore. A silent auction, with wine and refreshments, will open at 5:30pm

followed by Thorpe's presentation at 7pm. Her books include *Just Like Us* and *Soldier Girls*, and she has produced stories on This American Life. To purchase a ticket, visit the Park Hill Bookstore, 4620 E. 23rd Ave., or call 303.355.8508.

May 29—Blues, Brews & Brats on the Bluff

From 6-9pm on Fri., May 29, Bluff Lake Nature Center will host Blues, Brews and Brats on the Bluff with music, food and craft beer from Mu Brewery. Details, including ticket prices and registration, can be found at bluesbrewsbrats.eventbrite.com. Ticket sales end May 27.

May 30—Learn Strategies for Successful Self-Employment at Colorado Free University's Un-Job Fair

Colorado Free University (CFU) will host its fifth annual Un-Job Fair from 8:30am-4:45pm on Sat., May 30—a day-long series of presentations and seminars for those running their own businesses or considering launching one. Key-note presentations by CFU instructors address successful attitudes/strategies to be an entrepreneur, including small break-out sessions. More than 130 entrepreneurs attended in 2014—people who came with their dreams and left with confidence and strategies to help them succeed. Location: 7653 E. 1st Pl. For tickets: www.freeu.com/un-job-fair.

May 30 and 31—Park Hill Arts Festival

The 2015 Park Hill Arts Festival will take place 10am-5pm on Sat. and Sun., May 30 and 31. The juried fine art and craft show will showcase 65 artists. On exhibit will be oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, charcoal and mixed-media paintings, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry and photography. Free Admission. Booths will be set up along the Park Hill Masonic Lodge grounds, 4819 E. Montview Blvd. For more, visit www.parkhillartfestival.com.

May 30 and 31—Electronic Recycling Collection in Lowry

From 8:30-11am on Sat. and Sun., May 30 and 31, drop off your old electronics at the Hangar 2 Parking Lot (west end of Rampart in Lowry). The electronics recycling company Metro Tech will collect all electronics without a screen for free and anything with a screen for \$5.


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Rocky Mountain Arsenal Five-Year-Review

The U.S. Army is starting its Five-Year Review (FYR) process for the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (Arsenal) environmental cleanup. This process covers a statutory, policy, and technical review of the Arsenal's 1995 Off-Post and 1996 On-Post Records of Decision (ROD). The RODs provide detailed descriptions of the cleanup approach implemented for the site.

The purpose of the FYR is to determine whether the Arsenal's cleanup approach continues to be protective of public health and the environment. A critical part of the FYR is to update any changes to standards and to determine if the remedy outlined in the RODs and subsequent ROD-change Documents remains protective in light of these new standards.

This is the fourth FYR document that will be prepared for the Arsenal. FYRs at the Arsenal will be required for the foreseeable future since the cleanup approach included on-site landfills and consolidation areas to hold contaminated waste from the Arsenal's cleanup. These areas total approximately 1,000 acres and are being managed and monitored by the Army.

In keeping with the Arsenal's commitment to public involvement, the Army is seeking public input during this process. Community members are encouraged to submit, in writing, any concerns or issues they would like to see addressed during the FYR. Once the FYR is complete, a draft document summarizing the findings will be made available for public review. All public comments received during this process will be reviewed and considered in the final report.

Please submit comments and questions to: **Patty Lee**
Rocky Mountain Arsenal 6550 Gateway Road, Commerce City, CO 80022
Phone: 303-289-0136 E-mail: Patty.Lee6.civ@mail.mil
For more information about the Five-Year Review, visit online at www.rma.army.mil



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DENVER METRO EVENTS

Through 5/10—The 1968 Exhibit. History Colorado Center. Free with admission. Explore pivotal American year through photographs, artifacts, vintage pop culture items and interactives. Extended hours 5/7 to 9pm; 5/8 & 5/9 to 10pm. 1200 Broadway. www.historycoloradocenter.org

5/1 Friday—First Friday- Cinco de Mayo Celebration. 5-9pm. Museo de las Americas. museo.org

5/1 Friday—First Friday Art Walks. Santa Fe Arts District, Tennyson Art Walk, River North (RiNo) Art District, Golden Triangle Museum, Navajo Street Art District. www.denver.org/things-to-do/denver-arts-culture/denver-art-districts

5/2 to 5/3—28th Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival and Parade. Civic Center Park. FREE. Largest Cinco de Mayo Hispanic culture celebration in U.S. Civic Center Park. Latino music, food, culture, low-rider parade and some of Mexico’s top recording stars. www.cincodemayodenver.com

5/3 to 5/4—Star Wars at the Hangar. Wings Over the Rockies Museum, Lowry. www.wingsmuseum.org

5/8 to 5/9—Botanic Gardens Plant Sale. 8am-5pm. Horticulture experts help choose plants. FREE. Denver Botanic Gardens, 1007 York St. www.botanic-gardens.org

5/8 to 5/9—Colorado Chocolate Festival. Denver Merchandise Mart, I-25 and 58th Ave. Music, kid activities, wine tastings, cooking demos, more. Tickets \$5; under 5 free. www.chocolate-festival.org

5/9 Saturday—Wash Park Home Tour and Street Fair. 10am-4pm. Benefits Steele Elementary. Tickets \$20/advance, \$25 day of. Street Fair on E. Dakota between S. Williams and S. High. www.washparkhometour.org

5/9 to 5/10—Mother’s Day Tea. Molly Brown House. Sitzings Sat. 11am and 2pm; Sun. 5/10 12:30 and 3pm. Reservations required. www.mollybrown.org

5/13 to 5/16—Fair Trade Oriental Rug Event. Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave. 300+ heirloom-quality hand-knotted rugs, all sizes. Created by fairly paid adults in Pakistan. 303.316.8773. rugs.tenthousandvillages.com

5/14 Thursday—Intro to Oriental Rug Evening. Learn how Oriental rugs are made and learn about fair trade for the artisans’ lives. Admission free, but reservations: 303.316.8773. www.tenthousandvillages.com/calenderevents/view/detail/id/9466/

5/16 Saturday—Chicken Keeping and Urban Homesteading. Complete class on raising backyard chickens, buying chicks, feed, shelter and manure for gardens. 1-3:30pm, \$35. Denver Urban Homesteading. www.denverurbanhomestead-ing.com

5/16 Saturday—Five Points Jazz Festival. Five Points neighborhood. www.artsand-venuesdenver.com

5/18 Monday—Denver Dumb Friends League Equine Center Open House. 10am-3pm. Harmony Equine Center, 5540 E. Hwy. 86, just west of Franktown. Guided tours, food truck vendors, kid activities, meet horses available for adoption. www.ddfl.org

5/21 Thursday—Colorado Corks & Cuisine. Four Mile Historic Park, 715 S. Forest St. 5:30-8:30pm. Tickets include all tastings and complimentary wineglass. Full pours of beverages \$5/glass. Member \$30, nonmember \$40 at door; advance reservations encouraged, 720.865.0815 or coloradocorksandcuisine.eventbrite.com. www.fourmilepark.org/events,

5/22 to 5/24—Downtown Denver Arts Festival. Auraria Campus and Downtown Performing Arts Complex. www.downtowndenverartsfestival.com

5/22 to 5/25—Denver Comic Con 2015. Denver Convention Center, 700 14th St. \$35+. www.denvercomiccon.com

5/23 Saturday—Denver Day of Rock. 16th St. Mall. www.denverdayofrock.com

5/23 Saturday—Denver Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. 9am-1:30pm. Downtown Denver near Civic Center Park. FREE.

5/23 to 5/25—36th Annual Old South Gaylord Memorial Day Festival. FREE. www.oldsouthgaylordstreet.com

5/24 Sunday—Runway of Honor Bricks Dedication and Memorial Day Ceremony. Wings Over the Rockies Museum, Lowry. 1-1:30pm. FREE. www.wingsmuseum.org

5/25 Monday—51st Annual Commerce City Memorial Day Parade. 1,150+ entries. Largest Memorial Day Parade in Colo. 64th and Olive, Commerce City. www.c3gov.com/parade

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Through 5/26—Free Yoga Classes. Im’Unique presents Illustrating Yoga Union Tours. FREE yoga classes Tuesdays in May. 6pm (arrive by 5:30pm). Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Ages 8 and up, all skill levels. Mats provided if needed. www.imuniqueunited.com

5/2 Saturday—Denver Dumb Friends Furry Scurry. Wash Park. Register: www.furryscurry.org

5/2 Saturday—Walk MS. Benefits Multiple Sclerosis Society. City Park, 9:30am. www.walkms.org

5/3 Sunday—Denver Promise Walk and 5K Run for Preeclampsia. Benefits Preeclampsia Foundation funding research and preeclampsia awareness, condition that affects pregnant women and their unborn children. 8:30am. \$20/adults, \$10/kids under 13. T-shirt and goody bag. Denver City Park. www.promisewalk.org/denver

5/3 Sunday—Race for Open Space 5K/10K/Half Marathon. 8am-12pm. Bluff Lake and Sand Creek Greenway. Register: www.raceforopenspace.org

5/9 Saturday—Girls on the Run 5K. City Park. 9am. www.girlsontherunrockies.org

5/10 Sunday—Mother’s Day 5K. City Park, 9am. \$30/person; \$90/family. www.mothersday5k.com

5/10 Sunday—Clinica Tepeyac Adelante 5K Walk & Run. Includes community expo and kids ½ mile fun run. Stapleton Rec Center, 51st and Broadway. www.clinicatepeyac.org/5k-run-main.html, www.runningguru.com/EventInformation.asp?eID=adelante5K

5/16 to 5/17—Denver Colfax Marathon Weekend. 5K Sat.; urban 10-mile race, 1/2 Stapleton Front Porch

marathon and marathon on Sun. www.runcolfax.org

5/25 Monday—Bolder Boulder. 10K road race. www.bolderboulder

KIDS AND FAMILIES

Through 5/31—The Bold Chryslers, 1955-1962. Chrysler designs of Virgil Exner. Free with museum admission. 4303 Brighton Blvd. www.forneymuseum.org

5/2 Saturday—Montview Community Preschool & Kindergarten Annual Carnival. Live music, food trucks, games/prizes, train rides, magic shows, vendors, petting zoo, etc. 11am-3pm, 1980 Dahlia St. at Montview Blvd. \$7 in advance, \$9 at door, under 2 and over 65 free. Celebrate our 50th year with free cake at noon. Tickets can be purchased at school. 303.322.7296, www.montviewpreschool.org

5/5 to 5/26—Tuesdays in April Four Mile Historic Park Small Settlers. Ages 2-5 accompanied by parent/caregiver. 9-10am. \$5/child adults free, members free. 715 S. Forest St. Advance register: 720.865.0814 or education@fourmilepark.org

5/6 Wednesday—Preschool Story Time. 9:30 am, ages 2-5 with caregiver. History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway www.historycoloradocenter.org

5/8 Friday—Storytime in the Exploration Station. 10:30am. All ages. Repeats 5/22. Wings over the Rockies Museum, Lowry www.wingsmuseum.org

5/9 Saturday—Cockpit Demo Day. Wings Over the Rockies Museum, Lowry www.wingsmuseum.org

5/9 Saturday—ParkQuest: A Kid’s Urban Adventure. Outdoor, interactive race event, all ages. Check in, get backpack and passport with map to kid-focused activities around the park. The North Green, Conservatory Green Neighborhood, Stapleton. Register: 10-10:30am; Activities/race: 10:30am-12:30pm; Lunch: 12:30-1:30pm. \$25/family in advance; \$40/family event day. Includes: race, 1 backpack, 4 lunches (extra backpacks \$5, lunches \$3). 720.266.8190, emily@willsandwellness.com; <http://willsandwellness.com/park-quest/>, facebook.com/willsandwellness

5/9 to 5/22—Lowe’s Build and Grow Workshops. Kids build FREE wood project at Lowe’s stores monthly, 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Free apron, goggles, project-themed patch, merit certificate on completion. 10am. www.lowesbuildandgrow.com

5/13 Wednesday—2nd Wednesday Create Playdates at Denver Art Museum. Kids 3-5. 10am. Art, story times, scavenger hunts. Included in museum adm; 5 and under free. 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy. 720.865.5000, www.denver-artmuseum.org

5/22 Friday—Denver Botanic Gardens Family Fun Night. 4th Fri. each month explore nature at night in Mordecai Children’s Garden. Monthly themes, snacks by campfire, other fun activities. www.botanicgardens.org

5/23 Saturday—Junior Roller Derby Recruitment. Denver Roller Derby promotes roller derby and skater skills and athleticism. League Junior team recruitment event for new skaters. 10 am. Girls/boys ages 6-17. Bring mouth guard,

water bottle, other skate gear you have. Fee: \$20. 3600 Wynkoop St. jrderby@denverrollerderby.org, <http://denverrollerderby.org/join-us/junior-derby/>, www.facebook.com/majorturbulencerollerderby

5/29 Friday—City Park Ice Cream Social. City Park Alliance and City Council Dist. 8 host event at City Park Pavilion, 6-9pm. Sponsors: Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Denver Zoo and Boulder Ice Cream. Old-fashioned costumes encouraged; prizes for best costumes. Street performers, free ice cream and face painting, and Denver Municipal Band concert. www.cityparkalliance.org

5/29 Friday—Walk for Whittier & Community Fun Night. 6th annual walk features walk followed by affordable family celebration with silent auction, nonprofit fair, carnival games, food and entertainment. Funds raised for school to continue its music program. Whittier School, 25th & Downing, 5-7:30pm. Contact: Karen Mortimer, 303.986.5929, gkmortimer@gmail.com. <http://whittier.dpsk12.org/walk>

5/29 to 5/31—Rocky Mountain Airshow. Aurora Reservoir. Details/ tickets: www.cosportaviation.org

LECTURES AND CLASSES

5/5 Tuesday—Active Minds (Free)—Wildfires. 10:15-11:15am. Jewish Community Center, 350 S Dahlia St. 303.316.6359. www.ActiveMinds.com

5/12 Tuesday—Active Minds (Free)—Cuba: Past, Present and Future. 12:30-1:30pm. Tattered Cover, 2526 E. Colfax. 303.322.7727. www.ActiveMinds.com

5/14 Thursday—Active Minds (Free)—France’s Struggle. 6:45-7:45pm. Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St. 720.865.0325. www.ActiveMinds.com

5/28 Thursday—Active Minds (Free)—World War II: D-Day. 6:45-7:45pm. Sam Gary Library, 2961 Roslyn St. 720.865.0325. www.ActiveMinds.com

MUSEUMS—DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE

Through 9/7—Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns and Mermaids. Exhibit free with admission. www.dmns.org

5/1 to 5/31—IMAX Current Films: Prehistoric Planet: Walking with Dinosaurs 3D; Tiny Giants 3D; Deep Sea Challenge 3D; Journey to the South Pacific 3D; Hubble 3D. www.dmns.org

5/1 to 5/31—Planetarium Current Shows: Perfect Little Planet; Cosmic Journey: A Solar System Adventure; Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity; One World, One Sky. www.dmns.org

5/21 Thursday—Science Lounge- Laugh it off! Third Thursdays, 6:30-9:30pm. \$10/members; \$12/nonmembers. www.dmns.org

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LOCAL EVENT LISTINGS

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MUSEUMS—FREE DAYS

5/1 Friday—Four Mile Historic Park Free Day. SCFD Free First Friday, 12pm-4pm. Repeats 6/5. www.four-milepark.org

5/1 to 5/29—Clyfford Still Museum. SCFD Free day. Free admission every Fri. 5-8pm. Free admission last Fri. monthly all day. 1250 Bannock St. www.clyffordstill-museum.org

5/2 Saturday—Denver Art Museum Free Day. SCFD Free Day. Repeats 6/6. www.denverartmuseum.org

5/5 Tuesday—Children's Museum Free Target Tuesday. 4-8pm. www.cmdenver.org

5/14 Thursday—Aurora History Museum Free Day. SCFD Free day. Repeats 5/20 and 5/26. www.auroragov.org

5/15 Friday—Collections and Library Behind the Scenes Tour History Colorado Center. 3rd Friday monthly, 1pm. Free with admission; register at front desk. Limit: 12 people. Visit rarely seen storage and processing areas; view artifacts up close. www.historycoloradocenter.org

5/31 Sunday—Denver Museum of Nature & Science Free Day. SCFD Free day. www.dmns.org

NORTHEAST DENVER/AURORA EVENTS

5/2 Saturday—Denver Dumb Friends Furry Scurry. Wash Park. Register: www.furryscurry.org

5/2 Saturday—Denver Recycles Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale. Havana Nursery, 10450 Smith Rd., loader service and dig your own compost only at this site. Fred Thomas Park, Quebec and 26th, just dig your own mulch. 720.913.1311, www.denverGov.org/DenverRecycles

5/6 Wednesday—Wands and Wishes Character Story Time. 10:30 am, stories, songs and character meet and greet first Wed. monthly. \$11.50 price includes a book. 2208 Kearney St. 720.612.4363

5/7 Thursday—Bluff Lake Fireside Chat. Music with Rocky Mountain Aardvarks. 6:30-8pm. S'mores or popsicles after. Suggested donation \$1. Bluff Lake, 3400

Havana Way. www.blufflakenaturecenter.org

5/7 to 5/28—Star K Kids. Thursdays 9:30 and 11am; kids 5 and under. Morrison Nature Center, 16002 E. Smith Rd., Aurora. www.auroragov.org/nature

5/8 to 5/10—Park Hill Art Club Spring Show and Sale. Fri. Opening reception 5:30-8pm; Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 9:30am-4pm. Park Hill Methodist Church, 5209 Montview. www.parkhillartclub.org

5/10 Sunday—Aurora Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert, Arts for a Better Tomorrow. 3pm at Gateway Center for Performing Arts, 1300 S. Sable Blvd, Aurora. Violin soloist plus other orchestral works. \$15/adults, \$12/seniors and students at door or online at www.blacktie-colorado.com/online_sales/rsvp_ticket_purchasebt.cfm?rsvpid=7964. www.aurorasympphony.org/masterworks

5/14 Thursday—Bill Roberts Community Carnival. 5:30-7:30pm. Games, dunk tank, bouncers, cake walk, etc. Unlimited admission \$15/advance and \$20/door. Kids under 2 and adult "no games" are free. Meal pass \$5 in advance. www.billroberts.dpsk12.org

5/23 Saturday—Denver Brass Presents "Colorado Remembers at Colorado Freedom Memorial." FREE. 7pm. Springhill Community Park, 756 Telluride St., Aurora. Memorial Day events all day, Schedule: www.denverbrass.org

5/24 Sunday—Whittier Dayz Neighborhood Celebration. Whittier Neighborhood Assoc. celebrates opening of Whittier Alley Loop Project with potluck (main dish provided), entertainment and kids' activities. 28th St. between Race and Williams. 3-9 pm. Free. Contact: Lizzie Crough, wnamembershipchair@gmail.com or 415.595.9951. www.whittierneighborhood.org

5/30 Saturday to 5/31 Sunday—Lowry Yard Sale. Lowry neighborhood. 8am-2pm. www.lowry.org

5/30 Saturday—Denver Women's Chorus Choral Concert. "Shevolution-The Evolution of the Women's Movement." 2pm and 7:30pm. \$19-\$22. Park Hill United Church of Christ, 2600 Leyden. Contact: Eve Campbell, 303.325.3959. www.rmarts.org

5/30 Saturday to 5/31 Sunday—Park Hill Arts Festival.

4819 E. Montview Blvd. (outside Park Hill Masonic Lodge). FREE. Paintings, jewelry, sculpture, pottery, glass, photography, more. www.parkhill-artfestival.com

NORTHFIELD EVENTS

5/8 Friday—Harkins Theatres 18 New Releases: Far from the Madding Crowd; Felix and Meira; Hot Pursuit; Maggie; Welcome to Me. www.harkinstheatres.com

5/15 Friday—Harkins Theatres 18 New Releases: Animals; Good Kill; I Am Big Bird; Iris; Mad Max; Pitch Perfect 2. www.harkinstheatres.com

5/16 to 5/25—4th Annual Family Festival. Rides, festival food, midway games and more. www.northfieldstapleton.com

5/22 Friday—Harkins Theatres 18 New Releases. Poltergeist; Saint Laurent; Slow West; Tomorrow Land. www.harkinstheatres.com

5/29 Friday—Harkins Theatres 18 New Release: San Andreas. www.harkinstheatres.com

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

5/9 Saturday—Imagery on Fabric. 1-2:30pm. Art class from Art Students League of Denver. Ages 10+. RSVP required. www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal/

5/9 Saturday—Wildlife Viewing Tours. 9:30-11:30 (repeats Sat. 5/30 and Sun. 5/17) 1-3pm. Naturalist-led bus tour through refuge to view bald eagles, bison, coyotes, deer, raptors and more. RSVP required. www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal/

5/15 Friday—Disappearing Treasures. 10-11am and 2-3pm. Tour National Eagle and Wildlife Repository, learn about confiscated wildlife items and black market wildlife trade and Native American Eagle Feather Program. RSVP required. www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal/

5/17 Sunday—International Migratory Bird Day. 9am-1pm. FREE. Kid activities, birds of prey program, scavenger hunt, guided nature hike. RSVP required for hike only.

5/23 Saturday—Stream Splashes. 10am-12pm. Ages 6+. Collect aquatic creatures

using dip nets, magnifying glasses and bug jars. Wear closed-toe shoes. RSVP required. www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal/

5/29 Friday—Hike-N-Bird. 8:30-11am. Novice to expert birders explore woodland, wetland and prairie habitats. Must be comfortable hiking up to 3 miles. RSVP required.

5/30 Saturday—Kids Fishing Clinic. 10am-12pm. Kids ages 8-12. Poles available for loan. www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal/

THEATRE

Through 5/2—The Lion in Winter. Firehouse Theater Company at John Hand Theater. 7653 E. 1st Place, Lowry. www.johnhandtheater.org

Through 5/3—Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks. Vintage Theatre. 1468 Dayton St., Aurora Cultural Arts District. www.vintage theatre.org

Through 5/10—Annie. Buell Theater www.denver-center.org

Through 5/16—She Kills Monsters. Aurora Fox Arts Center 9900 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora. www.aurorafoxartscenter.org

Through 5/17—A Man of No Importance. Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada. www.arvadacenter.org

Through 5/31—Motherhood Out Loud. Avenue Theatre, 417 E. 17th Ave. www.avenue theater.com

Through 6/28—Defending the Caveman. Garner Galleria Theater, Denver Center for the Performing Arts. www.denvercenter.org

5/2 to 5/30—Marvelous Wonderettes. Avenue Theatre, 417 E. 17th Ave. www.avenue theater.com

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Montview Lane Closures Over Next Six Months

As part of the Lower Westerly Creek Project, a new roadway bridge will be built, which will affect commutes along Montview Blvd. All westbound lanes of Montview from Clinton to Yosemite will be closed from 7:30am to 5pm for three months. When bridge work is complete on the north side, the eastbound lanes will be closed for the same vicinity and time period. For questions, call the Aurora Water Dept. at 720.859.4312.

Through Sept. 27 Denver Curfew Law for Kids 17 and Younger

As part of the Denver Public Safety SafeNite program, a curfew law is being enforced through Sept. 27. Youth 17 and younger cannot be in a public place or on public property from 11pm–5am Sunday through Thursday, and midnight–5am Friday and Saturday. There are some exceptions; for example, if a minor is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Youth who break the law will be transported to the Denver Juvenile Services Center and written a citation. For more information, visit denvergov.org.

Meet Carpool Buddies

Do you make a long commute alone every day? Northeast Transportation Connections can help find neighbors for carpooling. At 4pm, May 7 at Wynkoop Brewing Company (18th and Wynkoop), commuters are invited for a Rush Hour Happy Hour to eat, drink and connect with people who have similar commutes. Based on the number of people commuting to the same area, Northeast Transportation Connections will potentially set up a carpool or even a vanpool (where the van is provided). This event is supported by the Denver Regional Council of Governments, Way to Go, Smart Commute Metro North and Downtown Denver Partnership. For information or to register, visit mywaytogo.org > events.



Construction has begun on the bridge at Montview Blvd., which is resulting in road closures during the next few months. The Westerly Creek channel is being widened to prevent flooding and a pedestrian/bike path is being built under the bridge. The photo at left is facing south, with the car on Montview driving west. The photo above is facing north and shows Stapleton homes to the west of Westerly Creek.

Planned Parenthood Launches GYT (Get Yourself Tested) Campaign

Many young people in Colorado will not get tested because of cost and lack of awareness. In fact, one in two sexually active young people contract an STD by the time they're 25, and most won't even know they have one. The Planned Parenthood GYT Campaign increases awareness about STDs and how to prevent them, and promotes more open conversation between partners and health care providers. Two days a week they offer STD testing for \$10 (discounted price). There is a location at 7155 E. 38th. For more information, call 1.800.230.PLAN or visit www.pprm.org for other locations.

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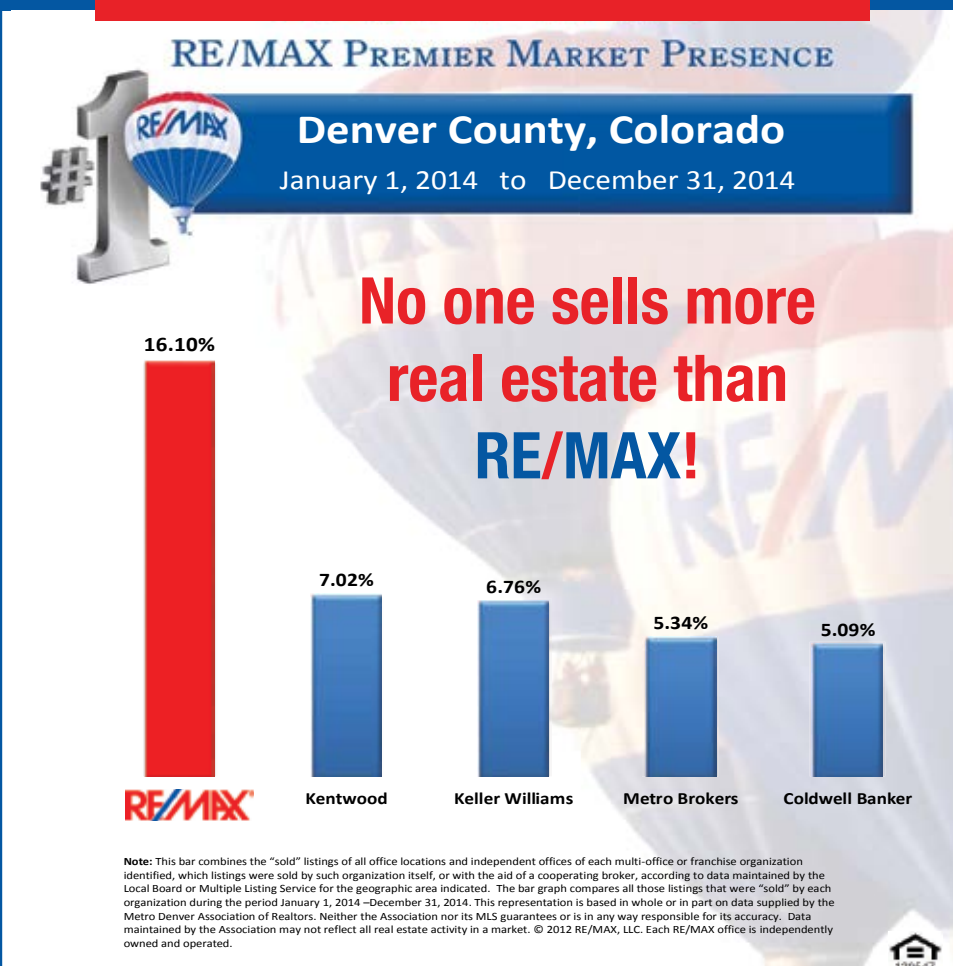
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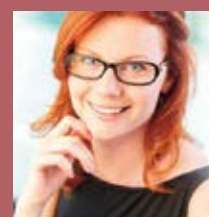


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McAuliffe Penny Harvest

Above: Mayor Michael Hancock, at the Penny Harvest assembly, told the McAuliffe student body "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve." Principal Kurt Dennis is at right.

Right: McAuliffe students raised \$5,750 and presented checks to their selected charities at the Penny Harvest all-school assembly on April 10.

Below: Recipient charities hold up their checks presented by the Penny Harvest leaders. The charities provide a wide range of services in areas student chose including animal rescue, cancer, poverty, suicide and depression.



Right: After the presentation of checks, all the McAuliffe students went to non-profits in the community to help with a project and/or learn more about the services they provide. The students at right went to the Urban Farm on Smith Road in Stapleton.



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DSA Literary Mag Best in State

By Madeline Schroeder

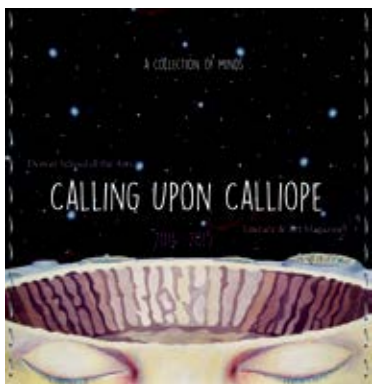
Denver School of the Arts' literary magazine *Calling Upon Calliope* received "Best In State" for the third year in a row by the National Council of Teachers of English.

"It's a bit awe striking. I don't personally recall seeing this level of talent, not just the visual but also the writing," says Azar Kohzadi, creative writing teacher who helps oversee the production.

So what exactly is *Calling Upon Calliope*? It is a yearly publication produced, designed and edited entirely by the students with fine-tuning and organization provided by teachers.

Each year the staff receives tons of submissions, which begins a competitive selection process. Once submissions are chosen, the staff pairs together the art and writing, and each staff member produces multiple spreads. A guest professional graphic designer provides tips on aesthetic appeal.

Browsing through the magazine, a reader might



think, "Middle and high school students produced this? Really?" The magazine does indeed "Collect the Mind," like the slogan promises. The art and writing complement one another as if they were submitted as one piece.

"It's really cool to see that collaboration because when you look at certain magazines they might be more so about the writing, but this has an overall focus on bringing the different art and writing together," says ninth-grader Maddie Solomon who works in public relations for the magazine.

She says there is a lot of hidden talent at DSA; some kids just need a little encouragement and an opportunity like the magazine to share that talent. "*Calling Upon Calliope* helps represent our school both artistically and through the written word."

For the first time, *Calling Upon Calliope* is available at Tattered Cover at 2526 E Colfax Ave. Proceeds go to the production process. For information, call Tattered Cover at 303.322.7727.

East High Senior Wins Daniels

By Madeline Schroeder

East High School senior Nakiya Clausell says this isn't the kind of thing that happens to her. When there is a small chance of getting something she typically hasn't gotten it, plus she applied for other scholarships and been denied. So why would she get her hopes up?

But, much to her surprise, Clausell received the prestigious Daniels Scholarship, a full-ride four-year scholarship to any accredited nonprofit college or university in the United States. Scholars are selected from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

The Daniels Scholarship Program has provided \$108.5 million in undergraduate scholarships to more than 3,000 students.

"It's a phenomenal feeling," says Clausell, who lives in Green Valley Ranch. "It's such a feeling of relief and I feel so blessed. Money would be a really



big factor in the decision I make as far as college. To not have that burden and see my peers around me struggling with that, there are almost no words for it."

When she told her mom, she screamed and jumped up and down.

Clausell thinks being different is one of the big factors that helped her in the selection process. She has always had a diverse group of friends. She runs track, participates in clubs, including the black student alliance, and is open to trying anything, like Frisbee, a sport African Americans typically don't play at East. "Some of my African American friends were like 'Why are you doing that?' And I said, 'Why not?' I like being different."

Clausell plans to attend the University of Miami in the fall and study environmental engineering.

Landscapers Donate Garden at Roberts K-8

By Carol Roberts

Bill Roberts K-8 School was selected to be this year's recipient of the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado (ALCC), Denver Chapter, day of service. Parent Alia Chiapella says of the new garden, "Students will be physically active through gardening, improve their nutrition by eating veggies and herbs they raised themselves, and apply the lessons they learned through

caring for and managing the garden."

The contractors rebuilt two raised planters, improved garden soil quality, added a drip irrigation system to the entire garden, widened paths to make the area easily accessible for disabled students, and planted native and water-wise plants in an existing large round planter (shown above). One of the first grade classes already started seedlings to get a head start on the vegetable garden.



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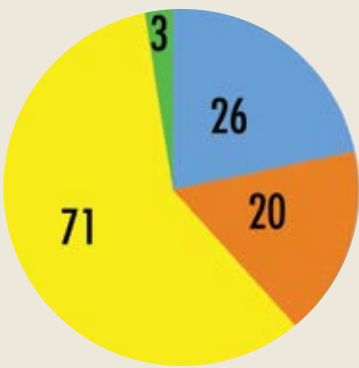
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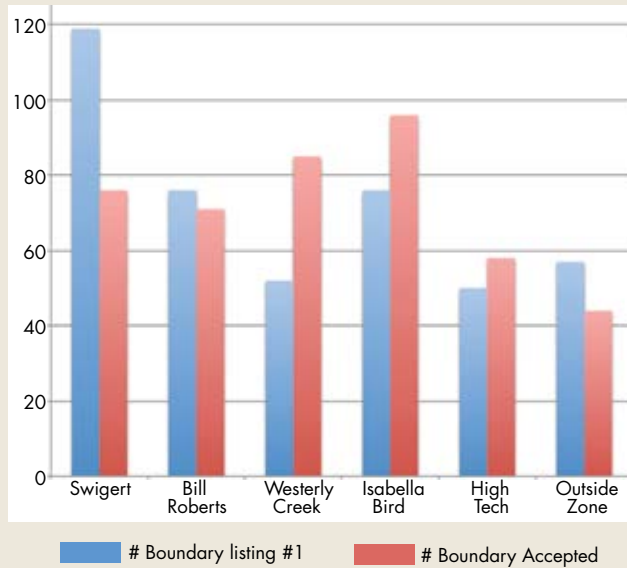
CORRECTION DSST:Conservatory Green choice data was incorrect in the April Front Porch

Stapleton Other Denver
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The color coding for "Other Denver" and "Non-DPS" were reversed in the April issue. The correct information is shown above. Our apologies to readers and to DSST.

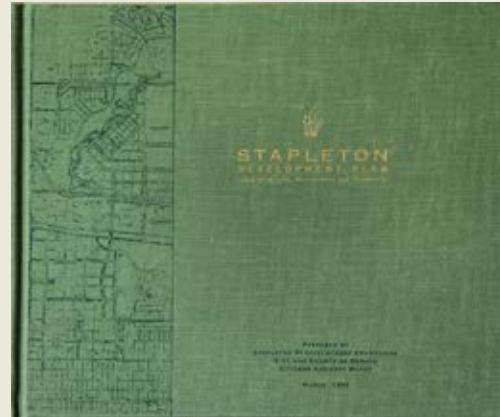
Stapleton Elementary Choice Outcome



Elementary boundary students on waitlist for their first choice:

Swigert – 102 Westerly Creek – 0
Bill Roberts – 40 Isabella Bird – 0
High Tech – 0

June 13—Community Scavenger Hunt



Do you know what this book is?

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The public is invited to the community-wide scavenger hunt on Sat., June 13 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this book. This free event will provide fun and entertainment for the entire family. Mark the morning of June 13 on your calendar and look for details in the June Front Porch. For more information email Leslie Joseph, ljoseph@stapletonfoundation.org, at the Stapleton Foundation.

Answer:

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Construction Underway at The Shops at Conservatory Green



The new construction visible just east of Valentia on Northfield Blvd. is the first of a two-phase project called The Shops at Conservatory Green.

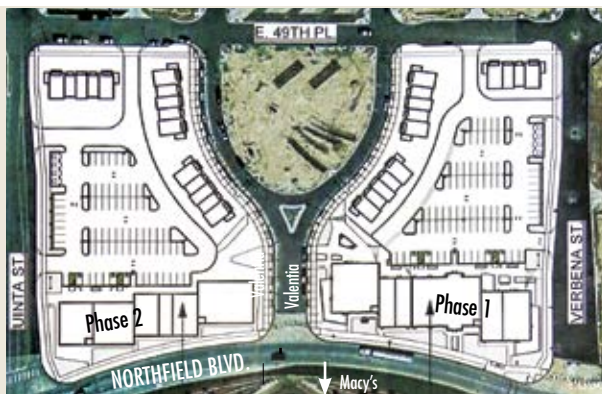
Jon Hauser of Drake Development says he hopes phase one will be open by the end of the year. Although the final contracts haven't been signed, he is optimistic about the following businesses as Phase 1 tenants: Brixx Wood Fired Pizza (an end anchor with a patio), Jersey Mike's subs, Tokyo Joe's, a dentist, and the Stapleton MCA, which will occupy a space in the middle of the building that includes a high-ceilinged performance area (the high ceilinged space is visible in the rendering above).

Phase 2, west of Valentia, will be built in the near future.

Businesses that Hauser hopes to bring to Phase 2 include Torchy's Tacos (with a patio), Five Guys Burgers, and a hair cutter, among others.

Phase 1 is about 17,000 sf and Phase 2 about 14,000 sf. Hauser says the shops will be about 50% restaurants; there will be at least 4-5 patios; and the outside will be pedestrian friendly with landscaping and benches. Hauser added that he is working on a third development, east of the 7-Eleven, that would be a professional plaza with space for dental or veterinary offices.

As shown in the drawing at upper right, parking will be directly behind the shops. Store entrances will be in both front and back.



Above left:
A west facing
view of phase
1 of The Shops
at Conservatory
Green.

Above: Parking will be behind the shops, with entrances from front and back.

Left: Jon Hauser of Drake Development shows plans for his development at a SUN block captains meeting.



Eastbridge Update

From Evergreen Development:

Everything is going very, very well from a leasing and design perspective. We've completed the Concept Review by the City of Denver, and have been through one round of review in the Site Plan Review and Transportation Engineering Plan review. The ball is in our court to respond to comments. We're spending a lot of time on architecture and plaza amenity design—with the goal to exceed the community's expectations in terms of quality of project overall.

From King Soopers:

We are pleased with the progress being made for a second King Soopers location in Stapleton. We continue to work in collaboration with the Stapleton Design Committee, the City of Denver and, local residents to create a store design that will be representative of this unique Denver neighborhood. We will soon be seeking building permits for this future King Soopers site.

Puppy Attacked in Tragic Incident

A labradoodle puppy being walked by its owner in Westerly Creek Park on April 15 was attacked by two lab-mix dogs attached to leashes on their owner's waist. According to a report from Denver Animal Care and Control (in which names are deleted), the labradoodle's owner stepped off the path as the two dogs, barking aggressively, came toward her. The labs dragged their owner toward the puppy and pinned him down and began biting him. The animal control officer wrote, "(The puppy) had a large gash on his neck and chest area." He was taken to the vet but was unable to recover from the injuries and died 36 hours later.

The owner of the labs was given a citation to appear in court on two violations of the leash law (dogs have to be both on a leash *and* under the control of the owner) and two attacks. Police also determined that the labs' owner was driving a vehicle with a stolen license plate.

McAuliffe To Expand in 2016 To Meet Demand

By Susana Cordova, DPS Chief of Schools

With the first round choice process complete for fall of 2015, we have seen strong interest in middle schools in the Park Hill/Stapleton Middle School Zone.

On the one hand, we are encouraged to see so many families choosing schools in the neighborhood (just five years ago, for example only 19% of Park Hill families chose the neighborhood middle school and that is now 80%). On the other, we know that many families didn't get into their first choice school and this has been difficult.

We need to start planning now for 2016 and beyond. For the fall of 2016, we anticipate a similar number of sixth

grade students as in the fall of 2015; in 2017, we do expect an increase in numbers of sixth-graders.

For fall of 2016, we plan to allow McAuliffe to grow slightly to meet this increased demand. Venture Prep, located in the Smiley facility, has notified its families that they will need another facility for the fall of 2016 to allow for more middle school seats in the Smiley building.

Over the next several months, we look forward to a community conversation about how to address demand over the long term, including whether to let McAuliffe continue to expand or whether to start a new middle school in the smiley facility to give families more high quality choices and to ensure the long-term success of all middle schools in the region.



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Stapleton Neighborhood Forum To Be Held May 19; Meet the SUN Board Candidates

A Stapleton Neighborhood Forum will be held Tues., May 19 at 6:30pm at the Central Park Rec Center. Doors will open at 6pm. The agenda will include updates from the following organizations:

- SUN Board Elections
- Forest City - Development Updates
- Stapleton Citizens Advisory Board
- City of Aurora
- City of Denver
- Denver Police Department
- Stapleton Master Community Association

Below are statements from each of the candidates for the SUN Board:

Brandy Bishop

Born in Denver, I recently moved back from Santa Monica with my husband to raise our two-year-old son and be closer to family. We immediately chose Stapleton and moved into Conservatory Green in 2013 as one of the first handful of residents. I currently serve as the Conservatory Green MCA Delegate. My background is in gerontology, and I most recently served as an executive director at luxury retirement communities in Beverly Hills and Pacific Palisades, California. As executive director, I oversaw multi-million dollar budgets and staffs of over 100 people. I love to read, cook, travel (especially to Europe), and currently belong to the MOMS Club of Stapleton, as well as the Conservatory Green book club.

Greg Calderon

The Stapleton/Northfield community has incorporated green construction techniques with contemporary designs. I am an avid cyclist and admire how Stapleton will merge with the natural habitats that the community has planned. I would like to participate in the growth of the Stapleton/Northfield community. I believe that I can make a contribution to its evolution of this community in the city of Denver. As a consultant in Information Technology, I specialized in integrating existing computer systems in Banking, Health Care and State Local governments. I completed my undergraduate studies of the College of the City of New York. After completing 3 years of service in the Army I completed an MBA

in Quantitative Analysis & Systems while working in Grumman Data Systems and Chase Manhattan Bank. Using my educational background, I worked for several major banks as an employee and eventually migrated to software and consulting firms including IBM.

Sean Tierney

My wife and I have three kids (born in 2007, 2009, and 2013) and we live in the Central Park West neighborhood. Most recently, we lived in Dallas where I was a geography professor (I have a PhD in Geography) studying cities, energy, and transportation. Over the last 15 years, we have lived in half a dozen western cities and this exposure has provided me with a great lens to view and understand urban vibrancy. I have found that Denver has most of the characteristics that I consider important for a city to be successful, which is why my family moved back here in 2012 —courtesy of my wife's career. I joined the SUN board in 2013.

Michael Goodman

My wife Jessica and I along with our dog Abby moved to Stapleton in 2005. We researched various neighborhoods in the city and decided on Stapleton based on a number of factors: things like proximity to Denver, city parks, the abundance of open space, green belts, running paths, the summer activities in the green, the restaurants, and most importantly, the community feeling we got from meeting other residents. I serve the SUN Board on the business development side and work on attracting new businesses/services to our amazing neighborhood. Previously I have worked in the medical device field for over 12 years in a variety of roles; including finance, clinical, sales, management, and director roles both domestic and internationally. I currently work for Solta Medical overseeing the international business for our surgical division. I earned a B.A. and a B.S. from Regis University along with a double minor in marketing/sales and interpersonal communications.

Erin Jones

I am a proud Denver native and have lived all around the Metro area and decided on putting roots down in Stapleton for the great community, new development, accessibility, and amenities. I live in the 29th

Ave. neighborhood with my husband, son (born in 2011), daughter (born in 2013), and dog. I enjoy being involved in the community through casual socialization or events focusing on schools or community growth and outreach. My professional background is in the financial services and accounting industry—I am a CPA and worked in public accounting as an auditor and now focus on internal audits. I joined the board in 2012 and am honored to be among such a dynamic collection of individuals and excited for the possibilities that we can do as a group for the community.

Lyn Kathlene

My family moved to Stapleton in 2007, near West-erly Creek Elementary school. Many of our extended family members followed us within a few years of our arrival. I was a professor of political science for twenty years—first at Purdue University and most recently at Colorado State University. One area of my research was on civic engagement as it relates to the built environment, specifically looking at New Urbanism communities. I have also worked with the city of Boulder and Hennepin County (City of Minneapolis) on multi-modal transportation projects. Today, I work at a Denver public policy research firm where I am fortunate to work on some of Colorado's and the nation's most interesting social and environmental issues. As a SUN Board member, I sit on the Transportation subcommittee and have a wide range of interests related to how Stapleton expands and establishes itself as a premier New Urbanism development.

John Keene

I joined the SUN Board in 2007, having moved here from Chicago in August, 2006 with my wife and then two-year-old daughter. Prior to moving here, I was a Chicago Police Officer and had been in law enforcement for over 12 years, including serving two years as an International Police Officer with the United Nations. I was also in the Marine Corps Reserves during Operation Desert Storm. Now I am a real estate agent and have been a SUN Board Member on and off for the last 8 years. I believe in public transportation and bring my years of law enforcement experience to safety issues.

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Letters to the Editor

Should Chris Nevitt or Tom O'Brien be elected Denver auditor?

Chris Nevitt

Chris Nevitt is my choice for Denver City Auditor, and I hope yours, too. I have known Chris since his first run for City Council, and support his candidacy for Auditor for three simple reasons. First, he has great qualifications and knows city government backwards and forwards. He has a PhD in political economy and 8 years of experience on City Council. Second, he shares my values. He's been a champion of parks, sustainability, economic opportunity, affordable housing, and innovation in government, including being an early supporter of the My Denver card. Finally, he believes in bringing people together to get things done, but he's also not afraid to stand up for what he thinks is right. Chris and I do not agree on every issue, but I have no doubt he will listen to the community and champion the needs of ordinary citizens and small businesses. Chris Nevitt is a great candidate who will do a terrific job for us, and has the record to prove it.

—Mark Mehringer

Tom O'Brien

Tom O'Brien was approved by the Colorado Legislator to be the State Auditor 12 years. He has guided a large department of people to conduct 750 State audits. Saving the state \$200,000,000. He has been a licensed CPA in the state since 1974. Look at his web site, seeing all of these facts, O'Brien has the leadership and experience to be the best Auditor for our city.

I don't see any Auditing or Accounting experience in the background of Nevitt. He keeps saying "none of the others have." Noting Nevitt has been on the City Council for 8 years, how can he conduct an audit of the Council without it being a conflict of interest? He has accepted money from developers that are chosen by the Council.

Watching the two debates, Nevitt stumbles his way with his answers to the questions. He clearly has no idea how to run this office. He has absolutely no experience to run this office the way it should be run.

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East Rail Cars Now Being Tested



Pete Snyder from RTD waves as the train passes under the Sand Creek Bridge just east of Central Park Station.

On April 3, the first commuter rail trains were pulled the length of the East Line. They are shown passing through Central Park Station along Smith Road in Stapleton.

By Carol Roberts

April 3 marked the first opportunity to view East Line rail cars on the tracks. The first two electric commuter rail cars were pulled the full length of the new tracks from Union Station to Denver International Airport. The above photo shows them passing through Central Park Station along Smith Road in Stapleton.

This maiden voyage kicked off a year-long schedule of testing prior to the 2016 opening day. The cars were pulled by a diesel-powered "track-mobile" and did not use the overhead electrical power on the first day. On this day the cars only moved at about 10mph as clearances above, below and on both sides of

the train were checked. The cars stopped at the stations and opened doors to be sure there was minimal gap between the platform and the train so wheelchairs and strollers could enter smoothly and neither feet nor items could get caught. Flagmen were stationed at each intersection since the signals were not yet live.

Two weeks later, on April 17, the "married pair" of electric commuter rail trains had their first test operating on electric power from the overhead lines along Peña Boulevard. The line uses 25,000-volt AC power from overhead lines, much higher than RTD's 750-volt DC light rail system. The train pulled in at the station platform at the base of the new Westin Denver International Airport hotel.

After testing is complete, the system will need to be checked by regulators (Federal Transit Administration and Federal Railroad Administration) before it is commissioned for public use.

A full year has been scheduled for testing and commissioning because, among other reasons, this is the first system in the country built from the ground up with positive train control, a now-required safety feature that is being retrofitted in older trains.

Positive train control means there are sensors both on the train and along the track that will automatically stop the train if it is not behaving as it should. For example, each curve in the track has a maximum allowed speed. If the train does not



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Left: The first test train using the overhead electric power lines pulled into the DIA station on April 17.

Above: The crew of the first test train is greeted at DIA.

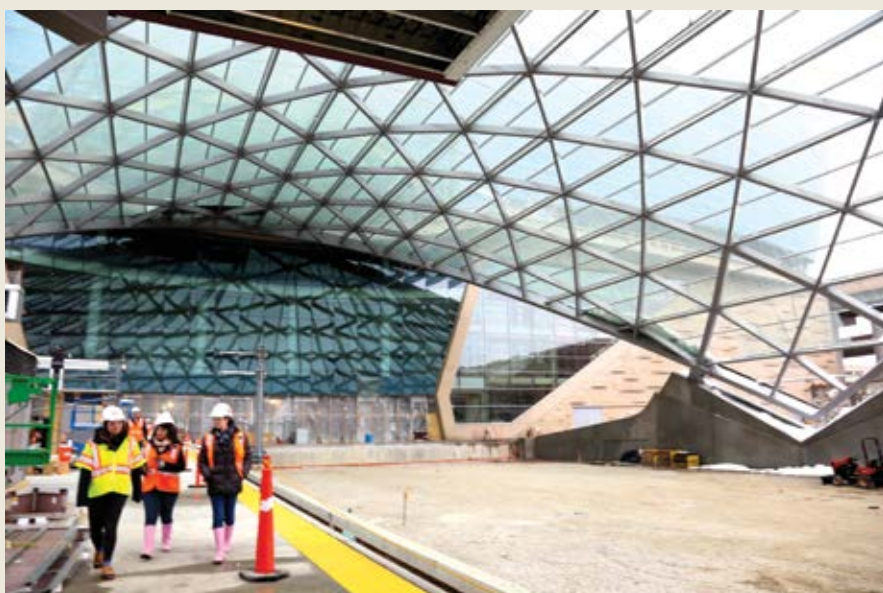


Left: Guests who came to view the first test train walk under the Westin Hotel's canopy at the DIA station.

Above: The first test train is shown approaching the platform at DIA.

slow down before going into the curve, the positive train control system will override the driver and stop the train until the cause of the problem has been diagnosed and resolved.

The East Rail Line is projected to open in the spring of 2016, with an exact date to be announced six months before opening. The East Line is part of the Eagle P3 project, which also includes the Gold Line to Wheat Ridge and the NW Rail to Westminster—with all three being built at once. The entire project is 76.3 percent complete as of March 31, 2015. The East Line will open first and is somewhat further along than the other two lines.



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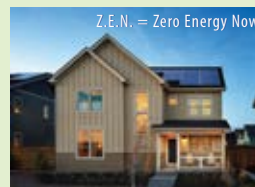
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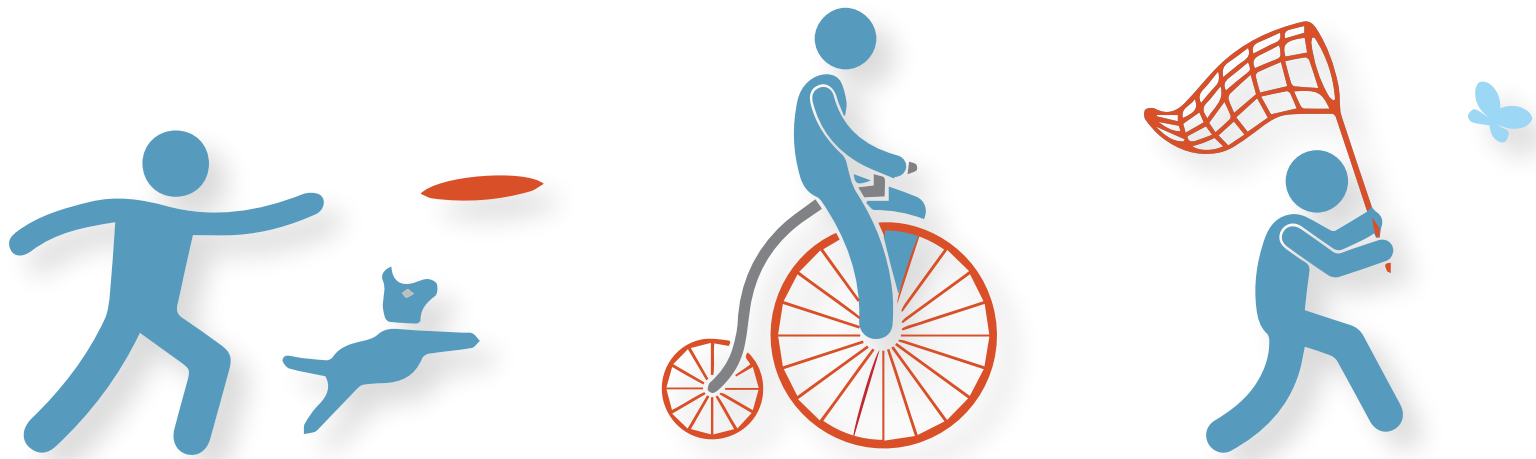
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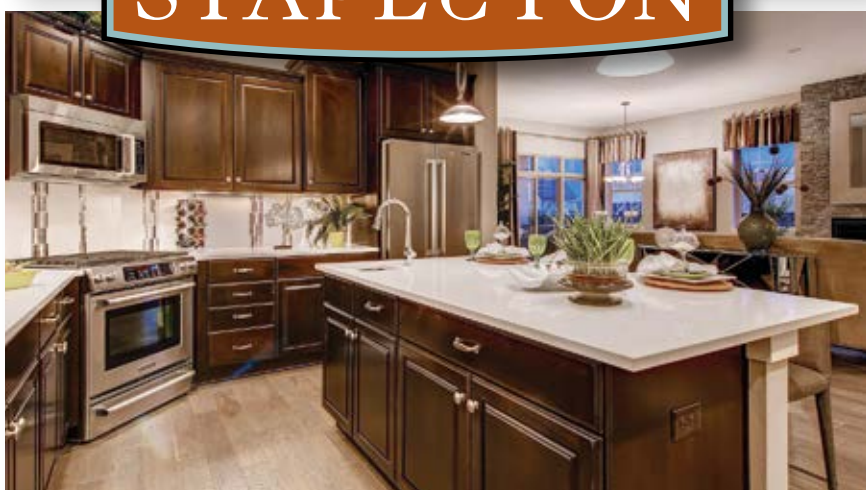
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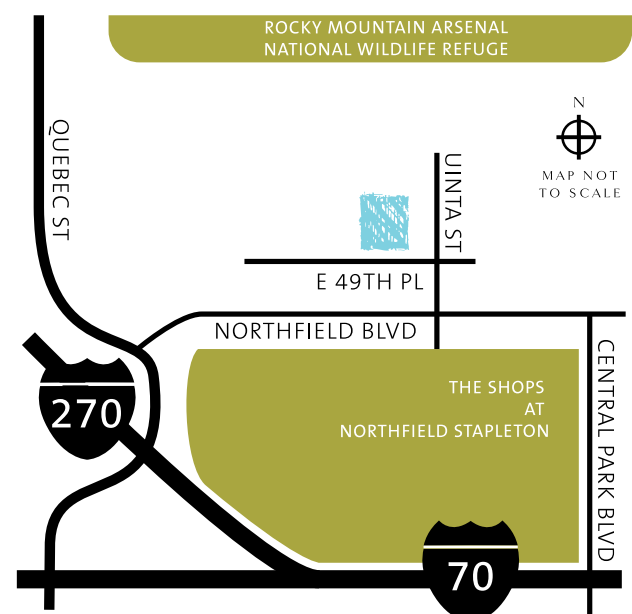


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