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South American music to be showcased in Lafayette

The Rocky Mountain Center for Musical Arts, a non-profit community music school located at 111 W. Cannon St. in Lafayette, will present the second of four guest artist concerts Sat., Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will feature the South American music of Ransoli-Camacho, a duo comprised of Rogelio Ransoli, originally from Mexico, and Miguel Camacho, originally from Colombia. Their music features several types of Andean bamboo flutes, combined with acoustic guitars and ancient percussion instruments, and includes traditional, contemporary, and original compositions.

This concert is sponsored by Iten Relocation Services. Admission is \$5 at the door.

For more information, call 303-665-0599.

Commissioners seek applicants for citizen panel

Boulder County is seeking applicants for a Citizen Review Panel that provides a forum for complaints regarding the conduct of county employees investigating child abuse cases.

Applications for the Review Panel are available in the Commissioners' Office on the third floor of the Boulder County Courthouse, 13th and Pearl Streets, Boulder, or by calling the office at 303-441-3500.

Applicants must be able to represent the community and demonstrate personal or professional knowledge and experience with children. Applications must be returned to the Commissioners' Office by Jan. 28.

For more information, call Jackie Antoine with the Boulder County Community Services Department, 303-441-1654.

Quote of the Day

Beauty isn't everything, but then what is.
—Sanford Wilson

City upset over JeffCo Airport plans

Mayor Tom Davidson threatens lawsuits if Louisville citizens affected by lifting of commercial ban

By KATHLEEN DOLAN STINSON
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The Jefferson County Commissioners acted quickly Tuesday to save federal dollars by lifting the ban on commercial service application processing, but the City of Louisville is acting to try to change the commissioners' minds.

The commissioners' decision was made after a complaint was filed with the FAA against the airport by Centennial Express Airlines. A similar complaint was filed by the same entity previously against Centennial Airport in Arapahoe County, which resulted in the FAA stripping the airport of \$1.8 million in federal funds in August.

An FAA regulation states that airports of these classifications have to approve applicants who meet minimum standards for regularly scheduled commercial services, according to Jeff Price Jefferson County Airport spokesman.

"The moratorium has been in place for a number of years and then all of a sudden, with little notice, it was rescinded," said assistant to the Louisville city administrator Heather Balser.

Balser was one of four individuals who attended the commissioner's meeting to speak to the issue. She did not receive notice of the meeting as she normally would. If she had not read about the vote in a Denver newspaper an hour before, she would not have attended.

"I was surprised not to receive notice," Balser said. "Usually for an item such as this, 30 to 40 to 50 individuals would attend."

At the Louisville City Council meeting that evening Louisville Mayor Tom Davidson directed the city attorney to draft a "firm, but reasonable letter to the commissioners stating that should any of its citizens be harmed by the commissioners' decision, the city would seek damages in a class action suit on behalf of the people of Louisville."

In an interview the next day, Davidson said, "The commissioners need to understand the entire picture if they are concerned about money, these citizen lawsuits brought by communities have amounted to hundreds of millions of dollars."

Nearly everybody in Louisville is in the flight pattern for the airport, he said.

Residents in Louisville and the adjacent areas were very upset before the moratorium was put in place in 1995, Balser said.

"Commercial service was not perceived to be in the natural growth cycle of the airport," Price said. "John Andrews (of Centennial Express Airlines) has said he will file an application within three months, but he is the only person who has indicated such an interest."

Maybe there's no market or maybe others are waiting to see if he is successful, Price added.

Jefferson County Commission chairwoman Michelle Lawrence told *The Louisville Times* Wednesday that the airport had no choice but to lift the ban. They could not afford to lose the federal funds.

"But we are talking with our congressman about the whole area of local control," Lawrence said.

But this decision does not mean any application will be approved. The commissioners will be going over the airport's regulations in the next few months with the county attorneys. The regulations set what minimum standards the applicants must meet before approval.

In the history of the airport no regularly scheduled commercial service has existed, Price said.

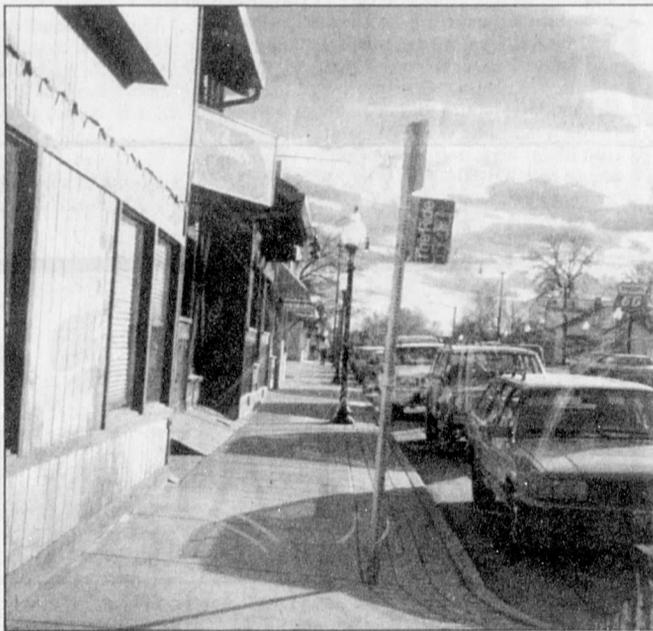
Lawrence said she grew up around the airport, but not in its flight pattern. She said she knows the sellers have to get an aviation easement agreement signed stating the buyer is aware that he is in the flight pattern.

"They (residents) need to take some personal responsibility," Lawrence said.

The Jefferson County public information office confirmed that neither Westminster nor Louisville were sent updated notices of the meeting and the vote.

Two-hour parking limit to be enforced

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NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN before 2-hour parking limit on Main Street is enforced.

The two-hour parking limit will be enforced on Main Street in the future, but it is undecided as to when that may begin.

No one seems to know when enforcement will happen but the direction to order the signs was given at the beginning of the week.

The citizens will be given notice, according to city planning director Paul Wood.

The Louisville City Council discussed various aspects of the situation, including their concern that enforcement might spill parking over into the residential areas at Tuesday's meeting.

Council talked about enforcing the limit in the library parking lot as well.

One council member said he notices the same cars parked in the library lot all day.

Another member raised a concern about the lot north of the library.

Earlier in the meeting council continued the parking resolution until the third Tuesday in March in order to give them time to review the results of the traffic study. The study was commissioned to determine the extent of traffic the downtown area can handle.

The study will give council information from which to set a cap on development and determine how to handle parking.

Oatmeal Festival returns to Lafayette

By MEGHAN PADDEN
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Winter is upon us; shorter days, colder nights, and...lots and lots of oatmeal.

Lafayette's third annual oatmeal festival is nearing.

"This is a winter festival for health and fitness," said Bob Soehngen, president of Lafayette Old Town, Inc. "It's a great opportunity to show off the city when it's otherwise pretty dead."

The Oatmeal festival adds a bit of warmth and fun during a time that can be a bit drab, he said.

"I'm excited just as I was last year," said Rod Tarullo, director of Lafayette's Parks and Recreation Department. "If it's anything like it was last year, everyone will have fun."

The event, sponsored in part by the city of Lafayette and Quaker, is adding some new attractions this year.

The 5k walk will be making its debut.

"I think the walk has the ability to be the nucleus of the festival," Soehngen said.

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Old family pond reclaimed for everyone

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Sometimes the old ways are better. And sometimes preserving the old ways is the right way to go.

At least that is the conclusion the City of Louisville came to when reclaiming the old fishing pond on the Warembourg property which is now open space.

"It's nice to see it as park as opposed to development," said Chris Wecker, chairwoman of the property's steering committee.

Wecker's parents, Klubert and Helen Warembourg, purchased the property in the early 1950s but sold it to the city in 1995.

"A lot of developers were very attentive" before the property was sold, Wecker said. "But

the decision to sell the property for open space was positive for both the family and the community."

Now the old fishing pond will be reclaimed as the property is opened to the public.

The City of Louisville is in the final stages of receiving a Fishing is Fun grant for \$74,625 from the Colorado Department of Wildlife to reclaim the pond. The funds will pay for piping in water, dredging the pond, building a lining, building trails around the perimeter, and adding tree plantings and landscaping. The DOW will stock the pond with fish.

"I was taught how to fish as a child at the pond," Wecker said. "It was hard to see it drained." The city drained the pond when it was purchased until a decision could be made as to its future.

"The pond is so central to all



CITY OPEN SPACE will become local fishing pond. Trails will be laid and fences removed to invite the public.

of Louisville," Wecker said.

"There are houses close by and hopefully people can walk there to fish and teach their children to fish there," said Louisville Parks and Recreation

director Steve Basinger.

The open space is northwest of Bella Vista Road and north of the curve past Cherry Street.

The property preserves

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