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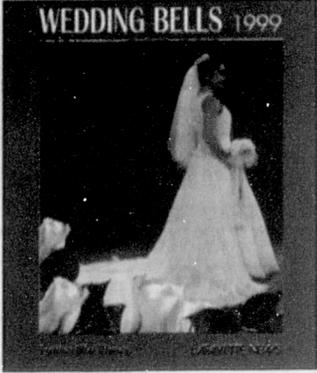
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## A time for brides



SPRING MAY BE A FEW WEEKS AWAY, but it's definitely time to begin planning for spring weddings. Today's B section, Wedding Bells 1999, is a great place to start, with stories on gifts, planning and dealing with the stress of pre-wedding jitters.

## Council passes moratorium

By KATHLEEN DOLAN STINSON  
Times/News/Review staff writer

Louisville City Council passed an emergency ordinance Tuesday night, placing a three-month moratorium on downtown building permits filed after Feb. 16.

Council members agreed with the comments of such downtown business owners as Nancy Love and Arlin Lehman who said to change the rules of the game at the final approval stage would be unfair.

Lehman and Love, who are in the final planning stages of redeveloping their buildings on Front Street, can now go ahead with their plans.

However, downtown resident Mimi Gillatt said caving in to the greed of a few business

owners who want to "bully" council against the wishes of the larger community of residents was wrong.

Downtown business owner Cheri Ruskus said she could not think of one greedy downtown business owner.

"Many of us have invested our life savings to see development occur all around us, but we're getting reined in," she said.

Ronda Grassi said downtown business owners are not millionaire developers, but mom and pop businesses struggling to stay afloat. To deny these businesses what they need to succeed leaves them no other option than the "chain lane on the other side of town."

Councilman Tom Mayer said the moratorium was unnecessary, because two of the objectives it was allowing to be established —

the framework and design guidelines — were up for council action Tuesday. Parking remains the one issue still to be resolved, said Mayer, who voted for the moratorium, nonetheless.

Whether instituting a moratorium placed the city on firmer legal ground, with respect to the proposed upcoming rule changes, was also discussed.

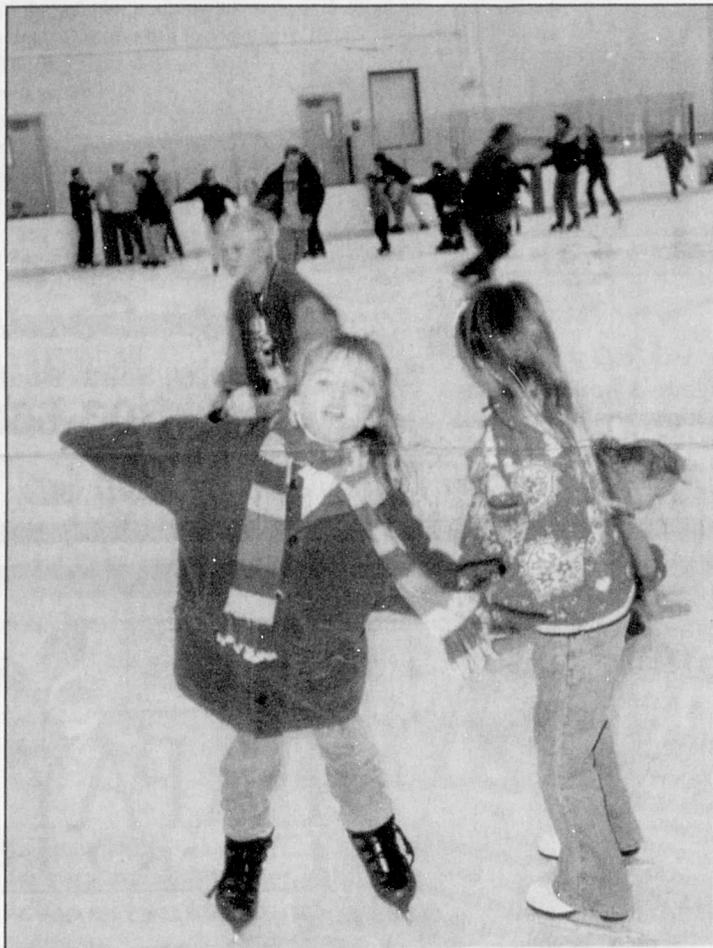
City Attorney Sam Light said the city would be on firmer legal ground by instituting the moratorium because it gives notice to future applicants that a change in the rules is afoot. The moratorium would actually help the city avoid any lawsuits regarding pending building applications, he said.

The ordinance passed 6-1, with Councilman

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PRESIDENT'S DAY was a day for slippin' and slidin' at the YMCA on 95th and Arapahoe. Chelsea Allen, left, and Madison Brexa, both 5, spent the afternoon with approximately 125 other skaters during the free skate session. The rink was more crowded than usual because of local schools and businesses taking the day off in recognition of the holiday.

## Law may help officials opposed to airport plan

By SHIRLEY SCOVILLE  
Times/News/Review correspondent

Local residents and city officials angry with the Jefferson County Commissioners for lifting its moratorium on scheduled commercial passenger flights at Jefferson County Airport may find help at the federal level.

A bill sponsored by U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard and Congressman Joel Hefley became federal law in 1996. It allows general aviation airports, those primarily catering to single aircraft, to refuse flights carrying more than nine passengers without losing federal funds. That number of passengers is down from the 30 included in the previous law.

So, by federal law, Jeffco has the option to turn down unwanted passenger traffic. That's statute.

But that's also the problem. It's just statute.

The Federal Aviation Administration has not written rules to enforce the law. Furthermore, the FAA has continued to mandate general aviation airports to accept planes carrying up to 30 passengers on commercial flights or lose federal funds.

"The FAA is the culprit. Period," said Fred Seitzman, a Superior trustee and past member of the Citizens for General Aviation. "It has never been more clear cut than it is now."

Two years ago, Seitzman and other members of the grassroots group actively organized people and got them to meetings. That's when the Jeffco commissioners put in place the moratorium on applications for scheduled commercial passenger flights at Jeffco.

But then out of fear of losing federal dollars, the commissioners lifted the moratorium on Jan. 5. John Andrews, a Texas busi-

nessman, filed charges with the FAA that Jeffco was discriminating against his company by refusing to offer Jeffco services.

Once reached by phone by the Louisville Times for comment, Commissioner Michelle Lawrence refused to discuss airport issues. And neither commissioner involved in the vote, Patricia Holloway and Lawrence, responded to repeated interview requests.

Many say the commissioners acted only out of fear, not reality.

"I don't think the FAA would have denied them funding in violation of the law," Louisville Mayor Tom Davidson said. "And if they did, there certainly could be an action in federal court."

Susan Spence, Superior's mayor, shares Davidson's sentiments, and both have questioned the commissioners' actions in writing. By press time, neither has received a response. However, Davidson's letter, actually penned by the city's attorney, was for legal purposes if Jeffco approves an application for flights over nine passengers.

"That's when you start suing them," Davidson said. "And you seek an injunction to start with" if they're not following federal law.

Spence added she "would really like to know why Centennial (Airport in Arapahoe County) seems to be taking control of this (situation) and responding to its citizens, and Jefferson County Commissioners seem to be kind of rolling over for the FAA."

In Centennial's case, its neighbors left messages on the airport's hotline and made speeches at meetings protesting commercial flights. The airport authority responded.

"The whole thing was of neighborhood representation," said Polly Page, an Arapahoe County commissioner and airport board member. "Nobody that I know really wants a commercial service out there,

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## Coal Creek News

### Heart recipient meets donor family

A year-and-a-half after she received a heart transplant, Lafayette's Gaea Shaw met the family of the teen-aged boy who'd given her a second chance at life.

Heart racing and her eyes wet with tears, Mrs. Shaw embraced Christopher Kuhlman's mother, Joni, and his father, George.

"Wow, it's really beating hard," said Mrs. Kuhlman, choking back her own tears as she placed her hand on Shaw's chest. "To feel my son's heart beating is really special. It's really wonderful to meet up with him again."

The Valentine's Day meeting at the rustic Boettcher Mansion on Lookout Mountain was set up by Donor Alliance, a nonprofit Denver agency that arranges for organ and tissue donations.

It was held to honor 15-year-old Christopher, who was hit and killed by a sport utility vehicle while walking home on a snowy night in 1997. Hours after his death, the Kuhlman family donated their son's heart, liver, kidneys and bone tissue to more than a half-dozen people nationwide.

Shaw was born with a disease called cardiomyopathy, a progressive weakening of the heart muscles. Without the new heart, she would have died.

She had been waiting for four months when she learned Oct. 26, 1997, that a heart donor had been found.

### Quote of the Day:

"Few of us can stand prosperity, another man's I mean."

—Mark Twain

By KATHLEEN DOLAN STINSON  
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Like Christmas in February, the new Sam's Club parking lot has been packed as shoppers continue to stand in line to buy memberships.

The store, which opened Thursday, offers a variety of upscale items such as statues and large-framed paintings as well as tires, groceries and office equipment to name a few.

For the shopper who wakes up in the morning and suddenly has an urge to buy an \$1,800 bronze statue of a stallion and still needs to pick up a three-pound bag of oranges — here's the one-stop shopping place for you.

And while Superior's Costco isn't open yet, there already is some competition.

Louisville shopper Edward

Wilson said he found some glasses cheaper at Costco.

Sam's Club manager Cody Mitchell overheard and motioned to an employee: "Get a comp on plastic glasses at Costco today and sell ours at 5 percent below their cost," Mitchell said.

When asked about the Costco store going up across the highway, Mitchell said competition is always good. It ensures the consumer gets the lowest price.

But Sam's Club is not worried.

"You have two different buildings basically selling the same merchandise, but what separates us from the competition is the personal service. And in the end, that's how we will win the game," he said.

Mitchell says consumers see like-businesses with like-prices all around them. For this reason,

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## Sam's Club opens its doors at Centennial



IT'S CHRISTMAS IN FEBRUARY at the new Sam's Club in Louisville or so it seems from the crowded parking lot and many shoppers inside. Manager expects the large crowds to continue for some time.

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# Louisville Elks Lodge holds first pancake fund raiser

By KATHLEEN DOLAN STINSON  
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Children under five years of age are served for free.

The breakfast will kick off a fundraiser for the lodge to raise \$1,000 in college scholarship for a youth in the Louisville, Lafayette, Broomfield and Superior area.

The lodge recently formed a Past Exalted Ruler (P.E.R.) scholarship association.

The breakfast will be the first for the public.

This is our first one — we're not sure what to expect," said lodge P.E.R. George Brown.

When asked if the members can cook good pancakes, Brown said, "You bet — best in the

west."

The Louisville Elks Lodge formed in 1976 at the Bi-centennial.

The Elks Lodge nationally is the largest charitable support group in the United States — second only to the United States Government in providing scholarships.

The local lodge supports community charities such as the

Little League and other sports, and is a substantial sponsor of After-Prom Night.

The lodge also contributes to national and state charities, as well. The Elks primary statewide charity is Laradon Hall which is a home for mentally impaired and handicapped children in Metro-Denver.

The lodge invites everyone to come and have fun, he said.

## Personal service key

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the consumer tends to "focus in-on who really cares about them and about their dollar."

And Sam's Club thinks it is the place to pull into from a location point of view, he said.

"Louisville has the infrastructure to support business — the new post office and the banks are nearby," he said.

Sam's Club prices beat grocery store prices, because the grocery store chains mark-up on averages between 20-25 percent and Sam's Club's mark-up averages between 8-10 percent, he said.

Mitchell says the store does not depend on the so-called "loss leaders" to bring people in.

Loss leaders refer to low priced, advertised items which draw in customers.

"This is the retail industry's strategy — they make up the difference with the other products," he said.

Sam's Club shopper Ruth Wilson says she doesn't see a difference between Wal-Mart and Sam's Club — same quality and prices.

Wilson lives in Louisville.

"It's wonderful to have a Sam's Club nearby," she said. She doesn't have to drive to the store in Loveland now.

Bakery trainee manager Lisa Chaffey says Sam's Club offers a great price on pies compared to grocery stores.

Her 10-inch pies are regularly priced at \$3.99 whereas the grocery store price is as high as \$7.99.

Sam's Club offers some items not found elsewhere, like the sampler cheesecake which combines apple, berry, chocolate and marble all in one pie, she said.

One shopper who refused to give his name said, "Sam's sometimes has what you need, but sometimes it's cheaper to shop at the grocery store."

Costco could not be reached for comment.

## In Louisville

### Chilly, Chilly Nights

A very special family night will take place on Sat., Feb. 27, from 7-10 p.m. at the Louisville Recreation Center, as the recreation center present the first annual Chilly, Chilly Nights. Grab your swimsuit, towel and flip-flops and head on over for a night of celebration! It's time to melt away those mid-winter blues with a family night of fun and frivolity. Chilly, Chilly Nights will feature the amazing steel pans and vocals of the PanJumbies, the dynamic band that proved to be the popular favorite during last year's Summer Concert Series. In addition to the rocking rhythms of the band, families can picnic and swim throughout the evening. Special water games and relays will take place, as well.

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner or buy hot dogs, chips and soda at the concession stands. Tickets are currently on sale at the Registration Desk of the recreation center. Purchase your tickets in advance to assure your spot! Ticket prices are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under.

### Community blood drive

The Louisville community will continue their generous support of the community blood supply during their upcoming blood drive with Bonfils Blood Center. The St. Louis Knights of Columbus community blood drive is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 27, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the St. Louis Knights of Columbus Council #11851, 902 Grant Ave. Walk-ins are welcome, or donors can schedule an appointment by calling Bob Dotson at 303-499-8749.

### Rep. Plant to speak at LEAF meeting

Louisville Environmental Action Forum is hosting a discussion on Legislation Affecting Land and the Environment. It will be held on Tues., Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at 701 Grant Ave. (the old church at Grant & Pine in Old Town Louisville). A discussion of pending and upcoming state legislation, including legislation on "takings," inter-county relocation of prairie dogs, and endangered-species reintroduction into Colorado. The guest speaker will be Rep. Tom Plant. All are invited. For further information, please contact Maureen Ivy or Jay Berger at 303-665-7435, or by e-mail at Jbluebird@aol.com

## Downtown vision not finished yet

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Kevin Howard casting the lone dissenting vote. Howard thought it more equitable to keep the existing rules in place and that the moratorium was unnecessary.

The Downtown Framework — an advisory document containing a vision statement of downtown — was tabled for discussion until the next council workshop because certain key portions were not explicitly spelled out, particularly parking.

The design guidelines were set for a public hearing on March 16.

The passing of the moratorium, and the exclusion of properties in final application, brings to a temporary close the battle between business owners and councilmen over expansion plans downtown.

The battle could be reignited, however, when council considers a measure that would set downtown limits on future development downtown in March.

## Law could help airports

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including the airport."

The airport authority has been fighting to keep Centennial a general aviation airport. And not until its most recent battle, which ended a few months ago, has any funds been withheld. But those lost funds totaled over a million dollars.

And Arapahoe County officials admit that losing those federal funds hurts.

"You need them," Page said. "We're going to have a hard time surviving" even with a record number of users. Centennial is the second busiest general aviation airport in the country with almost a half a million flight operations a year.

Page said she doesn't blame Jeffco for waiting to see what happens with Centennial before getting into a battle of its own.

"It's really hard to fight the federal government and win because the FAA is charged with keeping the flying public safe," Page said. "And so whatever they do or say, they can always charge it back to safety."

Centennial Airport became embroiled in a general aviation airport battle in 1994 when John Andrews flew an unapproved plane into the airport without permission. Immediately, the airport board, the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority, put in place a moratorium on applications for such flights and filed a lawsuit.

But Centennial was also in court at the state level regarding commercial flights. After a wait of several years, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled in favor of Centennial on April 13, 1998. With that ruling, Centennial can ban scheduled passenger service, said Brian Magoon, attorney for the airport authority.

The airport authority's position is that the Colorado Supreme Court ruling is final because it wasn't appealed. Further, the Court controls the issues the FAA raised.

And the ban was supported by federal law and the airport's grant agreement, Magoon added.

But the FAA has taken administrative action against Centennial, which must be exhausted before Centennial

can go to court to have its case reviewed.

The Allard-Hefley bill was written to help Centennial Airport and other general aviation airports, the sponsors claim.

Still airport authorities like Jeffco commissioners don't have it easy.

"To be fair to them, the FAA has been very heavy-handed on this issue to the point where they have taken Centennial Airport in Colorado to court," said Sean Conway, Allard's press secretary by phone from his Washington, D.C. office.

He continued: "They have threatened them with the loss of millions of dollars in funding and threatened to sue them for repayment for past FAA grants."

Allard recommends citizens complain to the FAA and ask it to promulgate the rules to enforce the Allard-Hefley bill.

"Like everything in government, the squeaky wheel gets the grease," said Conway. "Make it a squeaky wheel and it will get attended to."

But Allard also encourages citizens to support their airport authorities in their efforts to require any scheduled passenger company to pay full cost for its endeavor. Jeffco approved new minimum standards aimed at doing just that on Jan. 26.

Jeffco commissioners are scheduled to leave Feb. 25 for the National Association of Counties in Washington, D.C. While there, they plan to meet with each member of the Colorado delegation, said Kathryn Heider, Jefferson County' public information director.

Anyone wishing to reach the Jefferson County Commissioners may do so by leaving a message at their office at 303-271-8521. The office doesn't routinely give out commissioners' home phone numbers.

Anyone wishing to write to the FAA may do so at: FAA Administrator Jane Garbey, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20591.

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