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## UP WITH PEOPLE

Up With People's four-day, 25th anniversary conclave in Denver officially opens today.

## Nerve-gas byproduct taints water

71 families warned  
not to use their wellsBy Steve Lipsher  
Denver Post Staff Writer

The Colorado Health Department today is warning 71 Adams County families not to drink or cook with their well water, which tests reveal has been tainted with a nerve-gas byproduct from the Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

Results of a department study of 121 sites released yesterday show that a chemical called DIMP, or diisopropylmethylphosphonate, disposed of by the Army on the arsenal from the 1950s to the 1970s, has migrated underground north and northwest into water supplies.

"As a precaution, we have advised 71 of the families not to drink or cook with their domestic well water, since DIMP was detected in their wells," said Dr. Tom Vernon, health department executive director.

Chloroform also was detected in eight of the 71 locations, which included residences and businesses, Vernon said last night.

The health department and the Environmental Protection Agency have agreed to pay for bottled water for the people affected for as much as three to four years. That could cost about \$50,000 a year, said Jeff Edson, who is overseeing the arsenal cleanup for the health department.

The 27-square-mile arsenal, an EPA Superfund cleanup site, has been called one of the most contaminated sites on Earth.

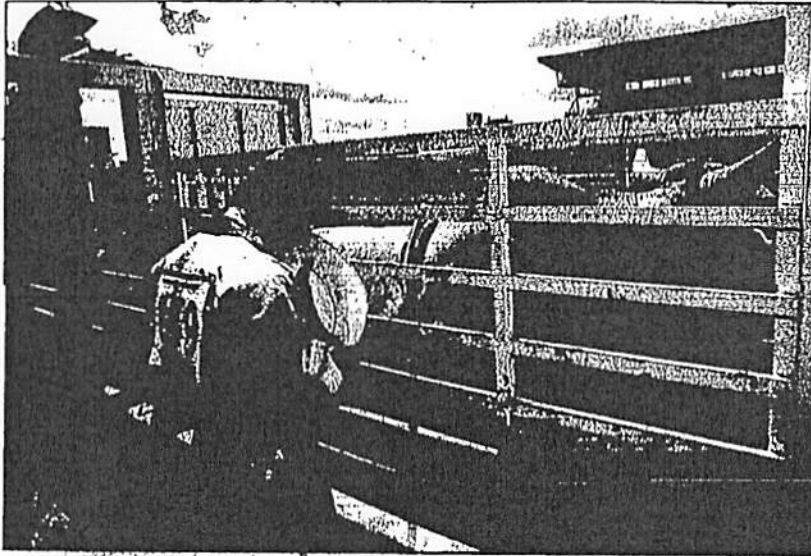
For decades, the U.S. government produced nerve gases at the arsenal. Shell Oil Co. produced and tested pesticides there, as well.

DIMP was detected in levels ranging from 0.2 parts per billion to 148 parts per billion, Edson said.

The EPA has established 600 parts per billion as the maximum acceptable level of DIMP in water, but the state health department has not set standards.

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## QUIET MOMENT BEFORE WILD RIDE



Ty Rinaldo of Colorado Springs says a prayer yesterday before climbing aboard VFX, a Brahma bull, at the Frontier Days rodeo. There's a lot of positive thinking and visualization, he said, "but when it comes right down to it, you just have to stick your hand in (the ropes) and ride." Rinaldo qualified for Sunday's finals. STORY, 4B

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## Eastern indicted on 60 counts

Scheme to falsify  
records alleged

By Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Eastern Airlines was indicted yesterday on charges that to save time, its managers routinely intimidated employees into falsifying aircraft maintenance records.

Andrew Maloney, U.S. attorney in Brooklyn, said such intimidation is corporate policy for more than four years.

From July 1985 through October 1989, The federal grand jury indicted Eastern on 60 criminal counts in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn after a year-long investigation.

"The charges arise out of a scheme by Eastern directed from its Miami headquarters to defraud both the United States and Eastern's flying customers by failing to perform mandatory maintenance on Eastern aircraft and by falsifying maintenance records to appear as if the work had been done," Maloney said.

Eastern reiterated that it "has become the most scrutinized airline in the industry."

and meets all Federal Aviation Administration safety standards. In addition, Maloney told reporters yesterday, "In fairness to Eastern, we have no evidence that (falsification) is going on under the new trustee."

If convicted on all counts, Eastern would face a \$60 million fine, while each employee would face five years in jail and fines up to \$250,000 for each count. Maloney said that to avoid costly flight delays and cancellations, maintenance workers

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Front Range awash  
in bounty of water

Drought hanging on in southwest Colorado

By Mark Obmascik

Denver Post Environment Writer

The Front Range is bathing in a wealth of water, but a continuing drought in southwest Colorado is worrying ranchers and farmers, water officials said yesterday.

The South Platte River, source of most Denver drinking water, has been swollen enough by recent rains to fill several reservoirs to capacity. In fact, Cheesman Reservoir upstream of Deckers "is full and spilling. That is very unusual at this point in the year," said Denver Water Board spokesman Ed Bueh.

drought. Although recent rains helped, the San Juan and Dolores river basins remain dry enough to cause problems for agriculture, engineers said.

"Many ranchers have been concerned that they may have to take their livestock off public land earlier than normal because of drought conditions," said Ray Christensen of the Colorado Farm Bureau. "They'll need a wet August to be OK."

A statewide survey released yesterday by the Colorado state engineer's office found that conditions in

Martin  
boss leads  
review of  
NASACommittee to look  
at space program

By Sean Holton

The Orlando Sentinel

WASHINGTON — The White House appointed the chairman of Martin Marietta Corp. yesterday to lead an independent and wide-ranging review of NASA's operations and the future of the U.S. space program.

Norman Augustine, 54, will head a 12-member committee with a "broad charter" to "review the future of the civil space program, including both management issues and program content."

According to a statement issued by Vice President Dan Quayle.

The move immediately drew criticism because of Augustine's close ties to the space industry. He is the former head of Martin Marietta's astronautics division, headquartered in Denver. Martin Marietta is NASA's third-largest contractor, with space projects worth more than \$450 million.

The new committee is to report back in four months to Quayle and NASA Administrator Richard Truly.

Most outside experts saw the selection as further evidence the Bush administration was serious about getting the space program back on track, even if it means restructuring NASA or altering its course.

But Augustine's selection was described as "flawed" by Sen. Al Gore, D-Tenn., chairman of the subcommittee that oversees space policy in the Senate.

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• AUGUSTINE: One of the industry's most visible figures. / 10A  
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# DENVER & THE WEST

## Birth gesture hardly heroic for PAC-man

The funny thing about politics, especially to the vast majority of us who probably don't pay as much attention as we should, is from one moment to the next you ever really tell whether the pros hopelessly simple or simply

ending on your world view, intrusion of the savings and loan scandal simplified or complicated the mess — though we can all agree made politics at least moderately

aining to the masses. It allows political neophytes to draw almost distinctions between the forces of ind evil and enjoy a political moplay to rival Hulkamania, except pro wrestlers perform more gracefully.

What status should we now accord Sen. Tim Wirth for giving back \$98,000 in campaign contributions "contaminated" by the S&L debacle? Conquering hero or rank opportunist?

give those of us who don't swoon is gesture. If Wirth were really need about contaminated money, n't he be wearing a rubber suit ggles to ward off the dangerous i and assorted bad juju emanating is political action committee conons?

yes, PAC money is above board irth's just playing by the same igh finance rules as everybody - let's not belabor that tired ex-or excess. Wirth plays harder and than most. While vocally support-its on PAC money as part of I campaign finance reform, he es his coffers to the max. It's he same story on honoraria. He or a ban, but in 1987 and '88 rank-and among U.S. senators in ac-g money for speeches, articles e like.

W HE'S PARADING as the white of congressional ethics, seeking much to distance himself from L scandal — no problem, since he against deregulation — but to political hay from it. The cost? An equatorial fraction of his last de-war chest.

th apparently even fine-tuned his ia for the giveback. Earlier this he announced he'd received 00 in the '80s from associates of do and California S&Ls that had s problems or failed. Not that the 0 difference matters, given the ne scope of congressional cam-s.

silver lining of the S&L debacle ll the political posturing it elicits he next several months is that pol-s serious about campaign financ n have been presented an unparal-opportunity. Even voters resid-ing political periphery are disgusted : influence S&L money bought and, tension, equally disgusted by the nce — whether by thought, word d — routinely purchased by politi-tion committees.

ry Hart once called PAC money oxie waste" of American politics. d, any campaign money coming special interests might just as well blown though the ventilation ducts cky Flats. Adding to the insult, dates routinely seek out-of-state ibutions, which in Colorado elec-sometimes outstrip in-state contri-ns. Under the current system, Cali-a — or New York, or any state e pockets run deep — can help buy 'ado's next member of Congress.

MPAIGNS ARE NO longer exer-in representative government, but ution on a national scale. Total nation of PAC money may sound

## Save Pavilion group wins in court

By Michael Booth

Denver Post Staff Writer

A district court judge yesterday said it is illegal for Denver to put its parks and recreation department headquarters in the City Park Pavilion, dealing a sharp defeat to Mayor Federico Peña's administration.

Denver Judge Clifton Flowers said the pavilion plan, pushed by parks Co-managers Don and Carolyn Etter and endorsed by Peña, violates state laws and Denver

zoning rules that prohibit office buildings of any kind in public parks.

Flowers accepted all the arguments presented by a vocal group of City Park neighbors who opposed the plan, and issued a permanent injunction against a transfer of the parks headquarters and its 75 employees into the pavilion "or any other portion of City Park."

"To do so would interfere with the public's common use and enjoyment of the park," Flowers said. "This is a real jewel

of a park, and I think it should be kept as such."

Save the Pavilion organizers, who said the headquarters plan would bring more traffic and pollution into the city's largest urban park, were jubilant.

They said it was time for the Etters to drop their unpopular idea and work with the community on another use for the abandoned pavilion.

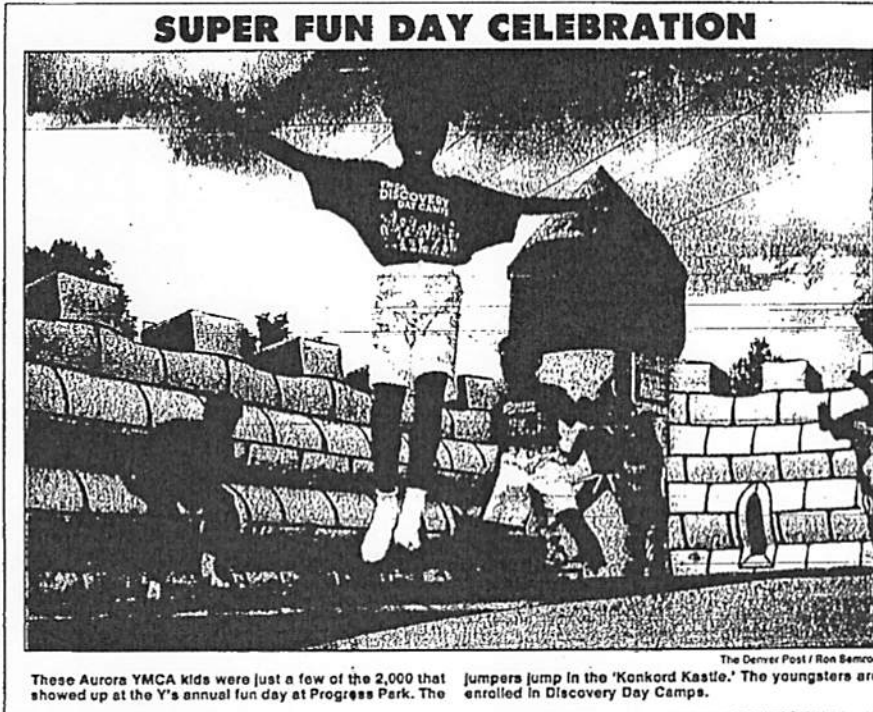
"There's a very large group of citizens who want something else in there, and the

court has agreed with us," said Woody Garnsey Jr., the attorney and park neighbor who fought the city's plan.

Late yesterday, Peña conceded defeat, saying the city will begin looking elsewhere for a new parks headquarters.

Peña said the city may appeal the decision, however, "based on concerns that the decision has broader implications for future city projects."

Please see PAVILION on 2B



These Aurora YMCA kids were just a few of the 2,000 that showed up at the Y's annual fun day at Progress Park. The jumpers jump in the 'Konkord Kastle.' The youngsters are enrolled in Discovery Day Camps.

## Thousands participate in Bike to Work Day

By Bruce Finley

Denver Post Staff Writer

BOULDER — Thousands of Front Range residents rode their bicycles to work yesterday and most found it more fun than commuting by car, suggesting a will for alternative transportation.

But Colorado's biggest cities — Denver and Colorado Springs — did not participate in "Bike to Work Day." Perhaps their aloofness explained why the state ranked only 19th in a national survey of cycling conditions.

"Boulder's pretty good, but the rest of Colorado is not into it," said John Cornellison, executive director of the League of American Wheelmen, which ranked states based on government policy in support of cycling and road conditions.

In Boulder, tabbed by Bicycling magazine as one of the top five cities in the nation for cycling — "Bike to Work Day" organizers counted more than 4,000 participants. They ranged in age from 5 to 78 and pedaled as far as 40 miles.

"If we keep this up, maybe the brown cloud won't be such an issue," said Nancy Dutko, Boulder's bike program coordinator. Greeley, Loveland, Fort Collins and Golden joined in the effort.

Many participants pedaled mountain bikes — ideal for urban commuting be-

Please see BIKE on 4B

### BEST AND WORST CYCLING STATES

#### TOP FIVE:

1. Oregon
2. Arizona
3. Ohio
4. California
5. New York

#### (19. Colorado)

#### BOTTOM FIVE:

46. Nebraska
47. Montana
48. New Mexico
49. Wyoming
50. South Carolina

Ratings based on League of American Wheelmen study of laws related to cycling, public policy and government support given to cycling and overall conditions for cycling.

## Up With People gets royal sendoff

By J. Sebastian Sinsal

Denver Post Staff Writer

"Up With People sang and danced its way into Denver last night to kick off a four-day convention for 4,500 people from 38 countries that is, itself, a kickoff for a year-long celebration of the organization's silver anniversary.

At a \$250-per-person, black-tie dinner at the new Colorado Convention Center, Gov. Roy Romer likened Up With People's positive attitude to Colorado's own.

With that, a cast of 150 students from 24 countries — 27 of them from the Soviet Union — charmed the audience with a

performance including a traditional Ukrainian kick-step dance.

The program also offered an ecumenical note when former General Motors President James McDonald presented a public service award to Toyota Motors President Shochiro Toyoda. Toyoda praised Up With People's work in overcoming international ethnic and cultural barriers.

Earlier yesterday, Denver got its first glimpse of the organization's gill-edged vanguard when Princess Margriet of the Netherlands emerged from a Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud and waded through the lobby of the Hyatt hotel downtown on a cloud of

smiles, hugs with UWP dignitaries and no comments.

Princesses don't have to talk with commoners, much less media types, but Her Royal Highness — the title princesses command — is a longtime Up With People supporter and will have a hand in many phases of the four-day conclave in Denver.

Along with Princess Margriet, last night's international cast of dignitaries — some of whom will take part in a UWP global forum tomorrow morning — included former NASA astronaut Eugene

Please see UP on 2B

## Utah doctor helps develop kidney-care breakthrough

By Lance Gurwell

Special to The Denver Post

SALT LAKE CITY — A medical breakthrough by a University of Utah physician and a California cancer researcher could spare the lives of thousands of people who might otherwise die of kidney failure.

Through experiments on rats, the doctors discovered an antigen that blocks the formation of scar tissue in the kidneys, or "glomerulonephritis," the cause of 85 percent of kidney failures.

Glomerular disease affects more than 200,000 Americans annually and is the most frequent cause of chronic kidney failure that leads to dialysis or the need for an organ transplant.

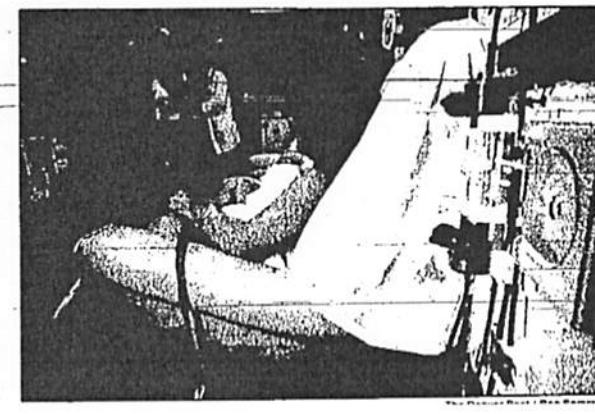
In a research project at the University

of Utah School of Medicine, and Dr. Erkki Ruoslahti, president of the La Jolla Cancer Research Foundation, discovered the antigen that prevents formation of scar tissue on kidneys.

"This important observation opens the door for the development of new therapeutic strategies to forestall the progression of glomerulonephritis," said Dr. Saulo Klahr, president of the National Kidney Foundation.

However, because of extensive testing required by the Food and Drug Administration, it may be several years before the treatment is available for human patients.

About 150,000 Americans are on dialysis, and most die prematurely; about 25,000 receive kidney transplants every





## THE REGION

### Old trees get saw reprieve

WASHINGTON — A stand of old-growth forest in the Bowen Gulch area near Rocky Mountain National Park got a reprieve from the chainsaw yesterday when a congressional subcommittee approved language which would accommodate cutting other lumber instead.

The House Appropriation Interior Subcommittee added wording to a spending bill which would allow the U.S. Forest Service to make other timber available to the Louisiana-Pacific Lumber company without a competitive process.

The Forest Service had granted the company authority to cut in the area before the current government policy of protecting old-growth forests was adopted. Some trees in Bowen Gulch, in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest, are believed to be 600 years old.

### Indian commissioner won't be prosecuted

SALT LAKE CITY — San Juan County Commissioner Mark Maryboy, Utah's only Indian commissioner, will not be prosecuted for double-billing certain travel and mileage expenses, Utah Attorney General Paul Van Dam announced yesterday.

The decision follows a seven-month investigation, and Van Dam disclosed three situations which appeared to amount to double payments for travel in the amount of \$278.89. But Van Dam said that receipts for the expenses were recorded so badly that it was impossible to discern any criminal intent.

Maryboy was not available immediately for comment.

### AFA freshman gets 6 months in thefts

COLORADO SPRINGS — An Air Force Academy freshman has been sentenced to six months in the Fort Carson stockade after pleading guilty to stealing two cars, credit cards and \$450 in cash from classmates.

Christopher Wilson, 20, of Spokane, Wash., was accused of stealing from another cadet on April 17. Before he appeared before an honor board, however, Wilson stole a 1987 Pontiac in the cadet area and then a 1989 Ford that was found at the Seattle airport. He has been dismissed from the academy.

### Campaign-spending limits supported

DENVER — Aaron Harber, Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, said yesterday he supports campaign spending limits and cuts in the price of radio and television air time for candidates. "Campaign spending must be controlled," Harber told a State Capitol news conference. "Special interests are using political contributions in efforts to buy influence."

Harber said state and federal legislation would be needed to set up a program under which broadcast media would offer discounted air time to candidates who agree to overall campaign spending limits.

### Amusement center operator arrested

DENVER — The operator of two Denver-area children's amusement centers was arrested yesterday on suspicion of donning a disguise and damaging a competitor's equipment. Nathan Ellinoff, 32, was arrested on a warrant accusing him of felony criminal mischief in the July 17 incident at Big Fun, 920 S. Monaco Parkway. Damage was estimated at \$34,000.

Ellinoff, who operates Funtastic Nathan's at Cinderella City in Englewood and Lollipop Park in Westminster, is suspected of going to the indoor play center on South Monaco with a youngster and slashing inflatable equipment with a razor-type knife. Accompanied by a lawyer, Ellinoff came to police headquarters to surrender to detectives yesterday.

### Bouncer will face assault-case charge

DENVER — A bouncer employed at a Tivoli center bar surrendered to authorities yesterday and will face a charge of first-degree assault in the beating last month of a Denver Zephyr baseball player.

Vincent Dean Ciccerelli, 39, a bouncer at the Ellex, appeared with his attorney in Denver County Court and was released on a \$25,000 personal recognizance bond.

Ciccerelli is accused of kicking Gus Polidori in the face while another bouncer held the player on the ground during a scuffle that occurred outside the bar in early June. Polidori has undergone ocular plastic surgery to mend a fractured eye socket.

## Confidential settlement reached in Anschutz case

By The Denver Post

After six hours of negotiations yesterday, a confidential court settlement was reached in the legal battle between Denver billionaire Philip Anschutz and Wichita businessman George Abrah.

Anschutz sued Abrah for \$3.2 million he claimed Abrah owed him for an interest in an Idaho drilling project.

Abrah, who said he poured \$14.5 million into the unsuccessful search for oil, counter-sued, saying

Anschutz misled him about the potential of the venture.

Denver District Court Judge William Meyer dismissed the jury shortly before 5 p.m. yesterday. Meyer told the jurors he had no idea what the terms of the settlement entailed.

The trial had been scheduled to last four weeks.

Lawyers filed voluminous papers in the case, filling 22 files in Meyer's courtroom.

## It's up with Denver from Up With People

By Joanne Davidson  
Denver Post Society Editor

Up With People's four-day Silver Celebration got off to a glittering start last night as 1,000 people from around the world came together at the new Colorado Convention Center.

Princess Margaret from The Netherlands, her husband, pianist Pieter Van Vollenhoven; astronaut Eugene Cernan; National Football League Executive Director Don Wells and Shochiro Toyota, president of Toyota Motor Corp. were among the dignitaries attending. Gov. Roy Romer and Mayor Federico Peña headed the long list of distinguished Coloradoans attend-

ing this black-tie affair coordinated by commercial Realtor John Fuller and his wife, Jeannie.

Up With People founder J. Blanton Belk and his wife, Betty, gave high marks to Denver and its convention facility. "Denver is just fantastic; what a welcome we've received," Belk said. "Even the little flower stands in Larimer Square have signs to greet us. And your convention center is just beautiful."

It took the Denver design firm Atmosphere Inc., three days to decorate the center's ballroom with flags, balloons and flowers.

Among those dining on steak

# Bush honors trailblazer Gudy Gaskill

## Lookout Mountain woman, 63, turned dream into winding reality

By Michelle P. Fulcher  
Denver Post Staff Writer

The woman who turned a dream into 540 miles of winding reality for Colorado bikers has been honored by President George Bush.

Gudy Gaskill, who spearheaded the 17-year effort to build and maintain the Colorado Trail through the Rockies, was named yesterday to receive Bush's "Daily Point of Light" award, part of president's Thousand Points of Light program to award volunteer effort.

The Lookout Mountain resident is the 204th recipient of the award. A White House official told her she will receive a personal letter of

commendation from Bush.

"It hasn't sunk in yet . . . I'm flabbergasted because it's just something that was not expected," said Gaskill, who took control of the once-floundering trail construction effort and rallied thousands of volunteers to build the path, which runs from Waterton Canyon to Durango.

This summer, an estimated 1,300 workers will build new trail sections or maintain existing paths.

"Emerson said behind every great institution is the shadow of a single person . . . There's no question that the Colorado Trail would not have happened without Gudy

Gaskill," said former Gov. Dick Lamm, who backed Gaskill's construction efforts while he was in office and once spent a day building trail.

"She's got that ability to lead by doing," he said. "She has this marvelous touch about her that makes it impossible to say no."

Lawyer Sam Guyton, a member of the Colorado Trail Foundation board, said Gaskill took on a task nobody thought could be accomplished. In addition to recruiting and supervising volunteers and overseeing the technical aspects of construction, the project required constant negotiations with government agencies such as the U.S.

Forest Service and with private property owners.

"She said 'I believe it can be done and I'm going to work to do it' and she did it," Guyton said.

Former Regional Forester Bill Lucas conceived the idea of the 500-mile trail in the early 1970s, then watched as organizations formed to build it nearly gave up on the effort.

"Once she saw the opportunity she was just dedicated," Lucas said.

The trail opened in 1988 with 480 miles, and has been expanded since. Gaskill, 63, still leads regular hikes and volunteer construction crews.



HAPPY: From left, Patty Paul, Barbara Wright and Cathy McNeil celebrate the decision in

front of the City Park Pavilion. The three work for the Save the Pavilion effort.

## Pavilion won't become parks HQ

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The Eilers maintain that Flowers' ruling could cost the public \$2.5 million in renovation and improvement funds that only can be used to transfer the park headquarters.

That amount includes \$400,000 approved by Denver voters in last fall's bond issue, and the city may not be allowed to use that money for another pavilion renovation plan, Don Eiler said.

"We went into this thinking the project is legal, and we still think it's legal," he said. "We still think it's a superb solution

to a very difficult problem."

In addition to clouding the pavilion's future, yesterday's decision was a major setback for the Eilers' plans to consolidate parks and recreation administration in one area. Parks offices currently are scattered throughout the city in often dilapidated buildings.

The pavilion issue has been a thorn in Peña's side since last winter. Parks officials backed their plan as a way of bringing life to the center of the 320-acre park and driving out illicit activity at the historic pavilion.

of the office building would choke the park with cars and exhaust fumes and endanger park users.

Peña was forced to reopen the issue in May, when he appointed a citizens' committee to study other possible uses for the pavilion. The opponents welcomed the move, but continued with their lawsuit as an insurance policy.

Save the Pavilion organizers say the 1890s structure should be used for a public meeting place, a concession area or an open-air site for weddings and other events.

## Runaway's death investigated as murder

By Jim Kirksey

Denver Post Staff Writer

Mesa County authorities are investigating as a murder the death of a 16-year-old Denver runaway found last week lying face down in the water at the edge of a small lake.

Sheriff Dick Williams of Mesa County said yesterday the body of Phillis Marie Bunting was discovered

by a maintenance crew last Friday in a small lake in the Island Acres recreation area about 18 miles east of Grand Junction along Interstate 70.

"We don't think she had been there very long; the night before, anyway," Williams said. The maintenance crew is at the area every day.

A large, flat rock was found par-

tially on the girl's head, as if it were put there to keep her head under water, the sheriff said.

An autopsy reportedly showed she was unconscious when she apparently was dragged a short distance to the water and drowned.

Sheriff's detectives Mike Smith and Ted Hartman are in Denver investigating the death. There are no suspects, Williams said.

"I have always found Dave to be sensitive, caring and helpful with our parents. Most importantly, the parents adore Dave. They praise his gentle nurturing ways and are delighted to see their children are being provided with a solid, intelligent role model."

The jury deliberated for six hours yesterday and will resume this morning.

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