

LITTLETON REPORT

City of Littleton August 2001

Littleton Hospital begins \$40 million expansion

Littleton Hospital held an inaugural excavation July 19 to announce that the \$40 million expansion project launched in the fall of 2000 is on track and due for completion by the end of 2002. The excavation phase has begun and is scheduled to last until mid-August. During this time, a parking lot, helipad and vacant field will be excavated. Then, construction will begin on a new four-story medical tower.

When finished, the expansion will add approximately 130,000 square feet to the existing 210,000-square-foot structure. It will double the size of the emergency department, add 32 beds to the hospital, add two operating rooms and augment the radiology department. (Emergency will be on the ground floor of the tower, radiology on the first floor, surgery on the second and obstetrics on the third.) As the tower is finished, the new helipad will be built and final touches put on parking and landscaping. Interior connections and remodeling will continue through April 2003.

Littleton Fire Rescue EMS Division Chief Wayne Zygowicz said, "Call volume went up ten percent in 2000 to just over 12,000. Seventy-five percent of our trans-

ported patients are already going to Littleton Adventist Hospital and the increase in trauma services will greatly improve our EMS system's ability to provide advanced life support and trauma care for our customers. Our EMS transport units will have shorter patient turn-around times within our immediate response area, trauma victims will have faster access to surgical services, shortening the "golden hour" of trauma care."

During the past several months, preparations were made for excavation and construction phases of the project. These preparations include relocating utilities; building a new radiology suite, parking lot, retaining walls and a temporary helipad.

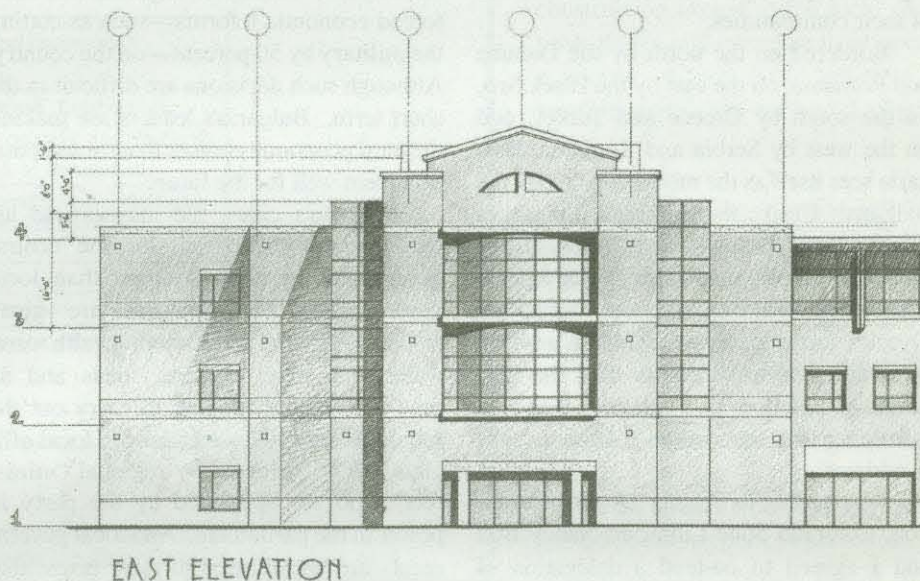
"We are very pleased that this project is on schedule and due for timely completion," said Gary Irish, chief operating officer for Littleton Adventist Hospital. "This expansion will help us meet the escalating health needs of our community."

"Littleton Hospital has anchored a cluster of health services industries," said Christian Gibbons, director of Littleton's Business/Industry Affairs Department. 222 related businesses employing 1,736 people

have been created. Nine new medical offices have been built or approved including the new 17,000 square-foot Rocky Mountain Cancer Center and the 18,000 square-foot Lincoln Court Medical Office," Gibbons added.

Littleton Adventist Hospital is part of Centura Health, a faith-based hospital sys-

tem sponsored by PorterCare Adventist Health System and Catholic Health Initiatives. Known for its birthing services, surgical services and Level III trauma and emergency care, Littleton Adventist Hospital has grown from an 82-bed to a 139-bed facility during the past decade.



Firefighters and police host EMT-Tactical course

Littleton Fire Rescue and the Littleton Police Department played host the week of July 16 to the National Emergency Medical Technician-Tactical Provider Program. The EMT-Tactical course trains medical support for the specialized needs inherent with the violence associated with drug activity and terrorism. Littleton Fire and Police are serving as a case study to outline how communities across the nation can build a successful program.

So, what is a SWAT Medic? Basically, it is a paramedic or EMT who has received additional intensive training in tactical operations traditionally reserved only for members of police SWAT teams. As paramedics often respond to incidents simultaneously with police officers, paramedics can find themselves in hostile situations. A perfect example was the Columbine High School tragedy where four Littleton Fire Rescue personnel were forced to dodge gunfire coming from inside the building.

Some may think the Tactical Emergency Medical Specialist (TEMS) team was created as a knee jerk reaction to the Columbine incident. However, the concept for the team was discussed with Littleton police and fire department members prior to the Columbine tragedy. There is no doubt the incident helped galvanize the process.

The Counter Narcotics & Terrorism Operational Medical Support (CONTOMS) course was provided by the Casualty Care Research Center (CCRC). The class included a clandestine drug lab raid, emergency medical care in barricade situations, care under fire, forensic science during patient care, medical operations planning and intelligence, wound effects of weapons and booby traps, special medical gear for tactical operations, personal protective gear and special needs for extended operations.

The weeklong course included classroom and hands-on practical skill stations. The culmination of training was a nighttime scenario utilizing local SWAT teams (including Littleton SWAT) and live role-playing victims. All students operated in full tactical gear during the scenario that lasted until midnight. Littleton Fire Rescue now has 16 EMT-T certified TEMS team members.

Relations between Littleton police and fire personnel are at a high point. Through the integration of the TEMS and SWAT teams, an improved working relationship has developed. Both departments' personnel have a better understanding of the capabilities of the other and a higher level of cooperation has resulted.



Area SWAT Team and student SWAT medics practice rescuing a downed officer under fire.

2002 city budget workshops scheduled

Preparations are underway for production of the 2002 City of Littleton budget. The Littleton City Council held a pre-budget meeting June 19 to hear citizen's ideas on 2002 expenditures. Littleton City Manager Jim Woods, Finance Director Jim Harmon and Deputy City Manager Phil Cortese have begun budget discussions with individual department directors. Woods will finalize his proposed budget in early August with the city council conducting work-sessions on August 28 and September 11 and

September 12 at 7 p.m. (if necessary).

The 2002 proposed budget will be ready for citizens October 12. The first reading of the budget will occur at the October 16 Littleton City Council meeting. The second reading and public hearing will take place November 6. Copies of the finalized 2002 budget will be available to the public December 5.

For further information on the 2002 budget process, contact the finance department at 303-795-3765.

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A fascinating journey to scenic Bulgaria

by Mayor Susan M. Thornton

Tree-covered mountains and the sparkling Black Sea. Tumbling waterfalls and the gently flowing Danube. Modern, bustling cities and tiny, remote villages. The Valley of Roses and the Thracian Kings. Neolithic, Paleolithic, Thracian, Greek, Roman and Byzantine archaeological sites. Castles that repelled the Crusaders. Hillsides blanketed with wildflowers. Ornate Orthodox churches and monasteries standing next to austere Moslem mosques. Welcoming people, and long, leisurely meals. And most exciting of all—citizens working hard to bring democracy to this former communist country.

Seven other Coloradans and I experienced all this and more when we traveled to Bulgaria in May. The two-week journey was made at the request of Senator Ahmet Dogan, member of the Bulgarian parliament and founder of Association Tolerance, an organization dedicated to bringing minority people more fully into the life of their communities.

Bordered on the north by the Danube and Romania, on the east by the Black Sea, on the south by Greece and Turkey, and on the west by Serbia and Romania, Bulgaria sees itself as the model of peace in the Balkans. Unlike its neighbors, Bulgaria's major ethnic groups—Bulgarians, Turks and Gypsies—have not gone to war against each other. However, minority Turks and Gypsies are under-represented in government and tend to be poorer than the Bulgarian population as a whole. It is this imbalance that Association Tolerance seeks to address.

Responding to Senator Dogan's invitation, Colorado State Librarian Nancy Bolt and I agreed to co-lead a delegation of Colorado officials to make presentations at three conferences. Our delegation included Jack O'Boyle, mayor of Lone Tree, and his wife, Marge; Rick Goncalves, president of RG Engineering, consulting engineers for eight Colorado cities; Andrew Schmidt, director of public works for the town of Milliken, Colorado, and his father Hal Schmidt, an oil geologist; and John Thornton, an expert on conducting ethnic festivals.

At conferences with Bulgarian mayors, we described the relationships between the levels of government in the U.S. and how American cities are funded and run. The Bulgarian mayors were especially interested in how Littleton reaches out to inform and involve citizens with the city Website, the *Littleton! Show* on cable TV, the *Littleton Report*, monthly neighborhood meetings and so on. They were also very interested in Littleton's innovative economic development approach, which focuses on strengthening local businesses, and in community-building festivals like Western Welcome Week.

In turn, the Bulgarian mayors told us of their struggles to implement democracy in a country where there is little tradition of local control, no history of a free press and a low level of civic involvement by ordinary people. For example, our suggestion

that the mayors urge citizens to put pressure on parliament to meet local needs was met with amazement. "Citizens wouldn't understand the issues," one mayor told us.

Another said, "The people aren't used to doing that." We assured them that given accurate information, citizens can and do become advocates for a positive future.

At the heart of Bulgaria's struggle is unemployment that ranges from 30 to 80 percent. When the Soviet Union collapsed, so did Bulgaria's economy. In one town, 30,000 jobs in a factory that manufactures precision parts for the military disappeared overnight. In another, a factory that manufactured clothing shut down because the USSR state of Georgia stopped producing the fabric on which the factory depended. We heard similar stories as we crisscrossed the country.

Unemployment has been increased by Bulgaria's desire to join the European Union and NATO. These two organizations have forced economic reforms—such as cutting the military by 50 percent—on the country. Although such decisions are difficult in the short term, Bulgaria's leaders are making the hard economic choices that should position them well for the future.

Bulgaria's cities, the mayors told us, face special challenges, for the central government is much stronger than local governments. Municipalities are given responsibility for education, health care, water and sewer service, roads and so on—but without funding to carry out the required tasks. The decisions of local officials can be reversed by regional "ministers" who are appointed by the party in power in the parliament. And local governments are not allowed to raise taxes; that prerogative is reserved for the parliament.

Despite these challenges, most people in Bulgaria are optimistic about the future. And as U.S. Ambassador Richard Miles told us when he greeted our delegation at a special reception, Bulgarian leaders look to the U.S. as a model for economic development.

One industry the mayors would very much like to develop is tourism. When Americans discover Bulgaria, we assured them, tourism will flourish. The people are extremely welcoming (in many places, we were greeted by musicians and by children in brilliantly colored costumes who presented us with flowers, bread and honey). The countryside is lovely, the food is excellent, and beautifully handcrafted rugs, jewelry and artwork are available at bargain prices. The entire country is an archaeological and historical treasure (on one occasion a professor of archaeology known as the "Indiana Jones of Bulgaria" took us to the top of a mountain where he is excavating a four-story Thracian castle cut into solid rock). Every activity awaits for the adventuresome—from hiking and scuba diving to mountain biking and skiing. "We'll be back," our delegation assured the Bulgarian mayors. And when Americans visit fascinating Bulgaria, we know they'll be back, too.



Mayor Susan Thornton (right side, center) is seen as she makes a presentation at a conference in Bulgaria's capitol. Mayor Thornton and the Colorado delegation made presentations to Bulgarian mayors at three conferences across the country, discussing economic development and how Colorado local government works.

Could this be Littleton's Golden Age?

This may well be the Golden Age of Littleton. Not since its founding in the 1860's has the city seen such a spurt of public and private development across the city.

Under the successive leadership of several city councils, the city has embarked on massive public improvements including the construction of the light rail and its crown jewel station in Littleton, the renovation of the historic courthouse, rebuilding of Littleton Boulevard and Broadway, new sidewalks downtown, the construction of interchanges at Santa Fe and Belleview, Santa Fe and County Line and C-470 and Lucent Blvd., and over \$12 million worth of street paving. The city has instituted neighborhood policing, built neighborhood police offices, put more officers in the schools, and created a neighborhood services team.

A series of innovative programs have also been instituted. These include the Citizen's Police Academy, participation in the Greater Littleton Youth Initiative, and an economic gardening approach to economic development.

The private sector has responded with a decade-long building, business and job creation boom. Major office parks were

opened at Hilltop, the Ridge at SouthPark and on the Newton/Poag McEwen property. Aspen Grove lifestyle shopping center is under construction. EchoStar Communications Corporation occupies the long vacant Riverfront shopping center. Littleton Hospital is adding a second tower and has sparked a health services industry cluster including the construction of five new medical buildings.

A second industry cluster, telecommunications, has centered around Qwest's Network Reliability Center which houses 3,200 employees and serves a 14-state region. Nineteen telecommunications-related companies are located in Littleton not including Lucent, which employs another 3,000, but is located just across the city limits in Highlands Ranch.

Over 500 new businesses were started occupying 20 new office buildings and 15 industrial buildings. Growth companies which have created high paying jobs for the community include Clarent Corporation, Peels Salon, Beyond Sight, McDonald Auto Group, Kuni Lexus, and Courtesy Ford.

2001 Household Hazardous Material Roundup

The 2001 Household Hazardous Material Roundup will be held September 8 and 15 at the Englewood Service Center, 2800 South Platte River Drive. The city will help protect the environment by providing safe disposal of some common hazardous household chemicals.

Accepted materials include: automotive batteries, flammable liquids (paint thinner, kerosene, gasoline), liquid mercury (thermometers, barometers, blood pressure gauges), oil-based paint, and lawn and garden chemicals. Others that will be accepted include: antifreeze and motor oil, however, these items should be recycled throughout

the year. Latex paint will not be accepted.

Officials from both cities will verify residency and will provide information about how to recycle certain items on your own anytime. The roundup will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and there will be a limit of ten gallons of household material per vehicle. Also, no commercial waste will be accepted. There will be a \$10 co-payment. Should you have further questions about this event, call Tim Weaver at 303-795-3834.

Thanks to Safety-Kleen Corporation for their generous support of the 2001 Household Hazardous Material Roundup.

City helping market East Elementary School

The city has been working closely with East Elementary School to market the school and solicit assistance from local businesses. The school is a key institution in the revitalization efforts in the northeast neighborhoods. Recently, a dozen local businesses attended a breakfast and made commitments to help with mentoring, fund

summer scholarships for New American students and help with physical projects at the school.

East Elementary has shown significant advancement in test scores and was recently featured in the Denver Post. If you would like to help, contact Marilyn Allen, Principal, at 303-347-4450.

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What's next for T-REX?

A great deal of activity will be taking place both behind the scenes and in the community this summer, before construction begins this fall. Following are some major T-REX milestones:

Summer	2001	Expand Public Information Program and community outreach. Begin detailed project design.
Fall	2001	Begin corridor-wide highway and light rail construction.
Spring	2002	Begin Narrows bridge work between Logan St. and Steele St.
Fall	2002	Improve capacity from County Line Rd. to Evans Ave.
Fall	2004	Begin testing of Light Rail Line from Broadway to University. Open Mainline Lanes from University to County Line (including Ulster to Parker Rd.)
Fall	2005	Complete I-25/I-225 Interchange.
Fall	2006	Complete highway and light rail construction.

Specific dates and construction information will be provided as the project proceeds.

What can you do?

I-25 and I-225 are the alternate routes during construction and our goal is to keep traffic moving as smoothly as possible. You can help by:

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- Thinking about commuting alternatives such as joining a carpool or vanpool, riding the bus, talking to your employer about flex-time or teleworking.
- Keeping us aware of issues or concerns before and during construction. We want to hear from you. We are committed to ensuring we all work together for the next five years to tame T-REX.

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Local road construction scheduled for summer

Rangeview Drive

The City of Littleton has awarded a contract to Premier Paving, Inc. for the street pavement rehabilitation of Rangeview Drive between Prince Street and Windermere Street. The work will include the removal of the asphalt and repaving the street as well as the asphalt pedestrian path along the north side of the street. New traffic calming features called chicanes will be constructed concurrently with the pavement work at the request of the residents in the area. Some trees and shrubs will be planted in the chicane areas to beautify the street appearance.

Construction started July 16 and will be completed by August 15 just in time for the beginning of the school year at Heritage High. In order to complete the paving work in four weeks, the street is closed during construction except to the local residents, trash trucks and emergency services. The contractor is required to maintain an all weather, gravel type surface at all times.

Fremont Avenue

Premier Paving was also awarded the street pavement rehabilitation of Fremont Avenue from Broadway west to Easter Avenue; however, this street work will be delayed until after August 15.

The street pavement will be narrowed about two feet on each side of the street, a new six-inch vertical curb, gutter and four-foot sidewalk will be installed. The existing speed humps will be replaced at their present locations per city standards.

During construction, half of the street will be closed and traffic will be limited to one-way, west bound from Broadway in case there is an emergency service required.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding either of these projects, call Bob Deeds, city engineer, at 303-795-3865.

Hickory Baked Ham site to be redeveloped

It is the passing of an era—the Hickory Baked Ham site, at Prince and Santa Fe, has changed ownership and will soon be seeing dramatic changes.

Landon Enterprises, a Denver based development company, has purchased the property and currently has plans to bring new businesses to Littleton. On June 18, 2001, the Planning Commission reviewed a Planned Development Overlay (PDO) proposal which would allow for the development of two buildings approximating 15,000 square foot of retail space. The PDO process was required as a result of the Transit Impact Zone (TIZ) which was created by the City of Littleton in anticipation of changing development patterns due to Light Rail. This half-mile circle (a radius from the transit platform) requires commercial development and redevelopment to create a PDO—this allows the Planning Commission to review projects they might otherwise not have the opportunity to, as well as requires a public hearing.

The Planning Commission approved the PDO with a unanimous vote. This project will allow for the development of six or seven retail bays that permit uses such as small specialty shops and restaurants. The developer also did the project at 6th Avenue and Broadway in Denver—The Shops at Riverbend will have a similar layout and feel to them.

Landon Enterprises worked closely with its architect and city staff to create a design to complement the historic downtown area. This intersection serves as an entryway into downtown, which makes the design a very important feature.

The project is anticipated to begin construction in early fall. Leases have been signed with Peaberry and Panda Express, but several others are under negotiation.

Call Denise Naegle, director of community development, at 303-795-3748 with questions.

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The Shops at RiverBend

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City announces neighborhood leadership institute

The Littleton Neighborhood Leadership Institute is looking for people in our community who have that Special Spirit! We realize that our most important asset is our people. And, the combination of resident participation and active neighborhoods contributes to the quality of life in our city. As we continue to meet the challenges of today's society, residents and neighborhoods play an important role in preserving and improving what is best about our city. As a result, the quality of neighborhood leadership becomes even more important.

The Littleton Neighborhood Leadership Institute is being developed to ensure that Littleton has a continuing base of knowledgeable and talented people ready to step into leadership positions.

Some of the topics to be covered include city government, neighborhood communications, effective meetings, diversity in our community, and Littleton history.

For more information on how to participate in the fall's Leadership Institute, contact Sue Wilson, neighborhood resources coordinator at 303-795-3755.



The new handicap entrance to the Littleton Post Office is now open to the public. Council Member Shirley Harris spearheaded the effort at the suggestion of a Littleton citizen. Postal service officials were recently honored as guest citizens for their timely response and their sensitivity in preserving the building's historical integrity.

Western Welcome Week right around the corner

The Western Welcome Week brochure inserted in the *Littleton Report* lists more than 30 events during the 73rd community celebration, August 9-19, and includes dates, times and locations. "Many of the events are traditional each year—there is something for everyone," says Sue Hill, WWW 2001 chairperson.

The Taste of Littleton—Wine, Beer and Food Tasting and a silent auction, August 9 (5:30-7:30 p.m.), will be held in the Littleton Center Courtyard at Rio Grande and Berry Avenue. Tickets are \$15 at County Line Liquor and the Western Welcome Week office, and \$20 at the door. Several local restaurants, 5280 Roadhouse, Platte River Bar & Grill, 3 Margaritas, Old Chicago, and Albertson's Deli will provide their specialties. County Line Liquor, Littleton Sertoma, Western Welcome Week, and the City of Littleton are hosting the event.

WWW salutes RTD on their first anniversary of bringing light rail to Littleton. Last year over 25,000 people rode the light rail to WWW events. "Light Rail is a convenient and easy way to get to Littleton and enjoy the celebration," stated Bruce Wolf, WWW president.

Sunday morning, August 12, families and friends can enjoy the Family Pancake (all-you-can-eat) Breakfast at ACC from 7:30-11:30 a.m., and the long-distance Frisbee catching dogs. Catch the thrills of Bill Hames Carnival—ride the rides with a one-

price wristband from noon to 6 p.m. for \$15 and from noon to midnight for \$20.

George M! is playing at the Town Hall Arts Center August 9-12 and August 16-19. Tickets are \$15 to \$20. Call 303-794-6850.

Festival Day, Saturday, August 18 is the biggest day of Western Welcome Week—a free day of fun on Main and Prince Streets with an all-day Arts and Crafts Festival, Children's Parade (8:45 a.m.), Grand Parade (10 a.m.), entertainment on three stages, lots of food and activities for all ages. Look for the outstanding 50-foot-long Dish Network float in the parade. Pulled by six handsome horses, the theme is Happy Trails/Rails into Littleton's Future.

New entertainment for the Festival Day Main Stage in Bega Park includes headliner "Opie Gone Bad," "Colfax and Wadsworth" and "Molly Weaver."

The Horse and Pony Show on Sunday, August 19 at Ketrang Park features the fun and amazing miniature horses. At noon bring the kids to the 6th Annual Mayor's Cup Stick Horse class. Also on Sunday is the Old Timer's Luncheon at the Littleton Historical Museum—call 303-795-3950 for reservations.

Grand sponsors of Western Welcome Week 2001 are RTD, Dish Network, Union Bank & Trust, 9KUSA News, KLZ 560 AM Radio, Kuni Lexus and Colorado Community Newspapers/Littleton Independent.

Western Welcome Week names Grand Marshal

David A. Lorenz will be honored as Grand Marshal of Western Welcome Week 2001, according to WWW Grand Parade Chair Mike Giesen. The Western Welcome Week Board of Directors chose Lorenz for his leadership and service in many areas of the community including public parks and recreation.

"We are especially pleased to honor Mr. Lorenz for his commitment and his vision in making a positive impact on Littleton's development and improving the quality of facilities serving the community. He is a long-time resident of Littleton and has been

with South Suburban Parks and Recreation for 33 years," Giesen said.

Lorenz will be recognized as Grand Marshal at the Arapahoe Philharmonic Concert and Fireworks event Friday, August 10. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and is preceded by the Lions Club Community BBQ at 5 p.m. He will lead the Festival Day Grand Parade "Happy Trails/Rails into Littleton's Future" on August 18, at 10 a.m. The parade starts at Gallup Street, goes down Littleton Boulevard to Main Street in downtown Littleton, and ends on Main and Rapp Street.

Hard working volunteers help construct playground

The saying goes "Rome wasn't built in a day" but if you visit Littleton's Southbridge community you will find that a new-state-of-the-art playground was. Over 100 neighborhood volunteers, including fathers, mothers, children and youth, worked alongside South Suburban Parks and Recreation staff last July 13 and 14 in the sunny weather to plant nearly a dozen trees and complete a multicolored, ADA accessible playground suitable for use by children ages two to twelve. Possibly the most exciting components that volunteers added to this facility were the junior-sized skate ramps that have been filled to capacity since project completion.

"This bond-funded playground renovation was a huge success due to the special dedication of community volunteers," said Bob Francois, treasurer of the South Suburban board, who worked at Southbridge on both days. "This community really came together to make this happen." Local busi-

nesses were also involved with the project donating food to feed the tireless volunteers. Mission Trujillo restaurant provided breakfast, Fazoli's furnished a spaghetti luncheon and the undertaking culminated with a dedication celebration where freshly baked Old Chicago cookies were served and the Littleton Community Music Association entertained the crowd. "This upgraded facility will be enjoyed by youth and families for years to come," Francois said during a dedication speech as he thanked the many volunteers.

The Southbridge playground was one of 11 playgrounds funded for upgrades in South Suburban's successful May 2000 bond election. Including Southbridge, five of these playground renovations have been completed, five more are projected to be finished in the fall of 2001, and the final playground reconstruction will be accomplished in spring 2002.



Southbridge Park volunteers take a well-deserved break from their hard work to pose for a group photo. The Southbridge playground was one of 11 playgrounds funded for upgrades in South Suburban's successful May 2000 bond election.

Free training offered to rental property owners

Free training is offered to owners/managers of rental property in Littleton. The Littleton Police and Community Services Departments provide the workshops. The training will be held at the Littleton Service Center (1800 W. Bellevue Avenue) on Friday, September 7, 1-4 p.m. and Saturday, September 8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Philip B. Wayne Consultants present the workshops. Phil Wayne has more than 30 years of experience in the multi-housing industry. He has testified as an expert witness in a number of court cases nationwide. Wayne will share his first-hand knowledge and

experience concerning what makes a property profitable. At the workshop he will cover the ins and outs of renting property from pre-screening applicants to evictions, and how to deal with crime, drugs, gangs and domestic disputes.

There have been many positive comments about Wayne's previous workshops. As one Littleton owner said, "I wish I had attended a seminar like this years ago. It would have made life as an owner a lot easier!" For further information or to register, contact Sue Wilson at 303-795-3755 or Officer Dan Stocking at 303-795-3887.



Littleton City Manager Jim Woods accepts the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) first place award for Cooperative Service Delivery from Arapahoe County Commissioner Susan Beckman at the July 3 Littleton City Council meeting. The city was recognized for the historic restoration of the former Arapahoe County Courthouse. An honorable mention was awarded for the construction of the WWII Memorial.



McGruff the Crime Dog will join the Western Welcome Week Parade August 18 to promote the McGruff Truck Program. The ten-foot walkaround McGruff will ride in the back of a McGruff Truck. After the parade he will greet children at W. Main St. and S. Curtice St. He is sponsored by Union Bank and Trust, 5501 S. Broadway.

LPD offers parents free Internet software

The Littleton Police Department is making free software available to Littleton residents to help protect children from Internet crimes. As computer technology continues to advance and people increase their use of the Internet, crimes involving children and the Internet are also on the rise.

It is estimated that 10 million children are using the Internet and by 2005, approximately 77 million kids will be online. Unfortunately, children and teenagers can become victims of Internet crimes where sexual enticement and exploiting of children occurs through online contact and distribution of child pornography. In a recent survey of Internet users between the ages of 10 and 17, one in five youth received a sexual approach or solicitation over the Internet in the past year, and one in 17 were threatened or harassed online.

The Littleton Police Department, in

partnership with 1st Bank of Littleton, is taking a proactive approach to preventing children from becoming victims of Internet crime. A generous donation by 1st Bank of Littleton has allowed the Littleton Police Department to purchase 250 copies of *Computer Cop* software that will allow parents to better monitor and protect their children's Internet contact. The software is easy to load and use and is endorsed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. 1st Bank President Andy Hancock said, "This is a great opportunity for 1st Bank to be involved in a partnership that betters the Littleton community and protects our children."

The software is available at the Littleton Police Department Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. while supplies last.

For further information, contact Detective Steve Johnson at 303-795-3891.

Police department adds seven new faces in 2001

In these tough times in the workforce marketplace, private industry is not the only place where employers are having difficulty finding qualified employees. Police departments all over the country are dealing with this same issue. The Littleton Police Department is on a continuous quest to obtain quality officers that will readily fit in with the community and the department. One way the department does this is to hire police officers that have experience and a proven track record at other departments from around the state. The Littleton Police Department has hired seven new officers since the first of the year, five of whom were lateral transfers from other police departments.

James Fountain came aboard as an entry level officer. He is a graduate of Arapahoe Community College with an AA in Criminal Justice. He worked for two years at the Adam's County Jail and spent three years as a volunteer firefighter for the Glendale Fire Department.

Dwayne Kinion is a native of Montrose, Colorado. After spending three years in the U.S. Army, he attended Colorado Northwestern Community College, earning an AS in Criminal Justice. His prior law enforcement experience was with the Pagosa Springs Police Department as well as the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.

Brian Makloski graduated from Trinidad Junior College. He worked for the Las Animas County Sheriff's Office for two

years, and the LaJunta Police Department for three and one half years before joining the Littleton Police Department.

Rodney Martinez also received his college degree from Trinidad Junior College. His prior law enforcement experience was with the Commerce City and Walsenburg Police Departments.

Eric Miller is a graduate of Littleton High School. He has a bachelor's degree in business from Regis College. He spent the last 14 years as a deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. He is a certified Level 3 accident reconstructionist, police motorcycle operator/instructor, and an NRA firearms instructor.

Kevin Ridder received his college education from the Denver Business College and University of Northern Colorado. He worked for the Lamar Police Department for about three and one half years before coming to Littleton.

Joe Ward joined the department as an entry level officer. He obtained a degree in law enforcement from Kishwaukee Community College. Before coming to the Littleton Police Department, he worked for the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office detention facility for two years.

We are proud to have these new officers on board and are certain they will be great additions to the police department and our community. Be sure to say hello when you see them on the streets.

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2001 St. Mary's School graduates

Mrs. Lovitt's 5th Grade Class

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Mitchell Inkrott
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Frieda Valdez
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Bridget Whalen
Kyle Young

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Summer news from Littleton Fire Rescue

Annual Children's Parade promotes "Happy Trails into Littleton's Future"

Saturday, August 18, the 2001 Children's Parade sponsored by Littleton Firefighters Union 2086 and the Littleton Firefighter's Foundation will kick-off down Littleton Boulevard for children ages 13 and under. This year's costume theme is "Happy Trails into Littleton's Future;" however all types of costumes are welcome.

Similar to previous years there will be five categories for participants: costume single, costume groups, bike single, bike groups, and floats. However there will be two new changes for this year's children's parade:

- No motorized entries will be accepted
- No advertisements will be allowed on float, bike or costumed entries

Littleton Fire Rescue welcomes all children to this fun-filled event. There will be plenty of prizes for all! Children and their parents should register for the parade the morning of the event at Bega Park on Littleton Boulevard. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the parade begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. For any questions regarding this event, please contact Littleton Fire Rescue at 303-795-3701.

Littleton Fire Rescue and Littleton Police Department host nationally recognized S.W.A.T. Medic Class

From July 16-20, Littleton Fire and Police served as the host city for the Emergency Medical Technician-Tactical (EMT-T) Provider Program. This week-long program, held on the old Marathon Oil grounds, was taught by the Casualty Care Research Center of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The students in this class are EMTs, paramedics and physicians who operate as part of a tactical law enforcement team. The EMT-Tactical course is designed to train medical support for the specialized needs inherent with the violence associated with drug activity and terrorism. Littleton Fire and Police also served as a "case study" to outline how communities across the nation can build a successful program.

Free car seat safety checkpoints

If you are having difficulty installing

your child's car safety seat, Littleton firefighters can give you a one-on-one educational session on how to properly install your specific model car seat to your vehicle-at no charge! If you have the time, we have the commitment to help. Please visit any of the following car seat safety checkpoints to have Littleton Fire Rescue help you protect your family. Each of these checkpoints will be operating during the times listed below:

- August 7 at the Recreation Center at Northridge, Highlands Ranch, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- August 25 at King Soopers on Littleton Blvd. and Broadway, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- September 4 at the Recreation Center at Eastridge, Highlands Ranch, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- September 22 at Newton Jr. High School on Arapahoe and Colorado Blvd., 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Free File of Life program

Littleton residents who have severe or chronic illnesses, and elderly residents are welcome to stop by Littleton Fire Rescue Administration Offices at 2255 West Berry Avenue to receive a FREE File of Life. This handy red folder is magnetized for a resident's refrigerator and contains personalized medical history information. Paramedics and EMT's can treat patients faster and easier with this up-to-date information. For more information call 303-795-3701.

Tyler Turley-LFR's newest paramedic

Littleton Fire Rescue is proud to announce the June 22 graduation of firefighter Tyler Turley from the HealthONE Paramedic Education Program, a nationally-recognized program of excellence offered through Columbia Swedish Medical Center.

Turley was among the seven graduates who completed the intensive six-month program that includes over 1,000 hours of clinical and classroom time. Now, as a State Certified paramedic, Turley is back on-line with Littleton Fire Rescue. Over the next year, he will undergo additional evaluation through a required one-year probationary period that includes three evaluations in 43 categories by Littleton Fire Rescue.

School bus safety is everybody's business

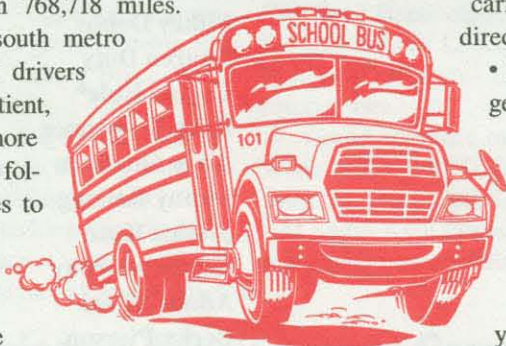
School starts again August 20, and that means the big yellow school buses will once again be stopping on busy streets to load and unload students. Last school year Littleton Public Schools buses transported students more than 768,718 miles.

As traffic in the south metro area increases and drivers become more impatient, it becomes even more urgent that everyone follow the safety rules to prevent accidents and injuries.

Parents are asked to review the following safety tips with their children, and all drivers are asked to remember that they must stop from both directions when a school bus is loading or unloading students. The penalties for passing a school bus that is loading or unloading students are severe.

Safety tips for students at the bus stops:

- Use the designated bus stop only.
- Arrive five minutes early.
- Respect the rights of residents, property, and fellow students.
- Stand a safe distance from the street while waiting for the bus.



Loading and unloading:

- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door is open.
- Sit in your assigned seat on the bus.
- Store instruments, class projects, and carry-on items as directed by the driver.
- Keep aisle and emergency door clear at all times.
- Never bring unsafe objects on the bus, including animals.
- Get to and from your seat quickly and remain seated while the bus is moving.

- Cross the street at least ten feet in front of the bus. NEVER cross behind the bus.
- Always stay where the driver can see you.

Penalties for Passing a School Bus That Is Loading or Unloading Students

- City of Littleton Municipal Code
- Up to six points on license
- Up to \$990 fine
- Up to one year in jail
- Arresting officer has option of filing charges in municipal or county court

High speed DSL connection coming to Littleton

Qwest Communications International Inc., the broadband Internet communications company, has announced an innovative program to significantly expand its high-speed Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) Internet connection coverage area in Colorado and ten other Western states where it provides local phone service. The program will add approximately 1.3 million additional DSL-capable homes and businesses in these states by the end of 2001, and up to 1.2 million next year, bringing the total number of DSL-capable customers to more than six million by the end of 2002.

In Colorado this year, Qwest will provide DSL capability to an additional 214,000 homes and businesses located in metropolitan Boulder-Longmont, Colorado Springs, Denver and Fort Collins-Loveland, including such areas as Aurora, Brighton, Broomfield, Castle Rock, Golden, Littleton, Parker, Thornton, Westminster and others. DSL is currently offered to many customers in the Front Range metropolitan areas and Greeley, Pueblo, Grand Junction and Vail.

In Littleton, Qwest will deploy ten of the 63-inch boxes that provide DSL services this year. Some are on private property and Qwest representatives are working with the affected property owners. B/IA Director Chris Gibbons said, "DSL will provide the higher speed connections most 21st century businesses require. We're glad these needs will finally be met."

The program is designed to expand coverage significantly in Qwest's major metropolitan markets and some smaller communities, in addition to introducing Qwest DSL in communities that do not yet have high-speed Internet access. The expansion, which is now under way, is phased throughout the two-year period. Qwest is proactively notifying customers when DSL

service becomes available in their area.

"The City of Littleton signed franchises in 2000 with AT&T and newcomer Wide Open West who plan to offer similar capabilities. Neither company has yet begun the infrastructure rebuild necessary to offer these services," said Kelli Narde, assistant to the city manager.

Qwest is expanding its DSL program as it prepares to re-enter the long distance business in about one year in the local service region. Decisions about other markets where DSL service will be provided or expanded will be based on where the company may most effectively deliver a combination of long distance and broadband Internet communications.

Qwest has taken several important steps in preparing for expansion of its DSL coverage area. The company recently installed technology that allows DSL equipment to be placed in local telephone network centers and closer to customer homes and businesses, enabling Qwest to provide up to 60 percent more customers with high-speed, broadband Internet access by the end of 2002. The technology, referred to as a remote terminal, provides customers with the same telephone line quality and speed as those serviced directly from a central office. Qwest has committed to make space available in these remote locations for competitors.

"Currently, only customers within about three miles of a neighborhood central office are able to access DSL services," said Augie Cruciotti, executive vice president of Qwest local markets. "Remote terminals will enable us to more than double that distance, making it possible for more of our customers to receive DSL service."

Everything you've always wanted to know about www.littletongov.org but were afraid to ask

Did you know that the city of Littleton is "online?" The city's official government Website, www.littletongov.org, has been up and running for almost a year. It debuted last August, and since then has logged more than 40,000 visitors.

"The Web site provides access to city information and services when it's convenient for the user," said Cathy Weaver, the city's Webmaster. "You may not have time during the day to call the building depart-

site is the city's job openings page (www.littletongov.org/jobs). That page receives more than three times the number of "hits" than any other page on the site.

In May, the city introduced an online job application form, which allows prospective employees to apply for a job opening right online, without ever lifting a pencil.

"The Website has been a popular way for citizens to submit applications," said Kevin Burke, administrative services director. "We now receive about two-thirds of our applications through the Web."

The online application has saved time and postage. For example, the city does not accept resumes without an accompanying application. When an unsolicited resume is received, the applicant is notified and asked to complete the online application. In the past, city staff had to either fax or send them an application by mail.

Another popular feature on the Website is the comments page (www.littletongov.org/comments). Residents use this page to communicate with department supervisors and city council members. The city encourages comments, questions, compliments, observations and yes, even complaints about anything in the city.

The city is currently studying the feasibility of more online opportunities, sometimes referred to as "e-government." Some features that are being studied include online permitting, online sewer and storm drainage payments, and a virtual tour of the Historical Museum. The online job application and the online street light report forms are examples of e-government that are already in place on the city's Website.

Convenience, efficiency and speed are the objectives to online government. The city's Website offers a way to do business or get information from the city without dealing with traffic, parking or waiting in line.



ment about a fence permit for instance, but you can look it up on the Website anytime."

Littletongov.org offers information about city departments including a phone directory, email addresses for key city personnel, and the city's current year budget. You can also find the entire Littleton Municipal Code, a city limits map, city council minutes for the past two years, the city's COMPLAN, selected stories from back issues of the *Littleton Report* and several pages on the history of Littleton.

The most visited page on the Web-

A variety of fun and educational programs offered at Bemis Library

ALL ABOUT FENG SHUI

Karen Craig, expert on the ancient art of feng shui, will be at the library on August 7 from 7-8 p.m. Craig will present a program on feng shui, which means "wind" and "water," and is the Chinese art of arranging one's surroundings to create harmony and balance in the living and working environment. In recent years, feng shui has become a very popular decorating trend. Learn how to use feng shui in your home or workplace at this free program.

FREE PRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE INTERNET

Join the Littleton Internet Users Group every second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. and learn how to enhance your surfing experience.

August 9: Microsoft Outlook and Outlook Express. E-mail, Usenet newsgroups, staying organized, and little-used features to save you time and frustrations.

September 13: How to Search with Google. Find out about the many features of the world's top-rated search engine, as well as tips on searching.

October 11: Accessing Online Library Catalogs. Online library resources and services for both the casual user and serious researcher.

November 8: Wheeling and Dealing the eBay Way. Find those perfect Christmas gifts or sell your wares on everybody's favorite auction site.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Join other book lovers for a stimulating evening of conversation about current fiction and non-fiction books. The Bemis Evening Book Group meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Here is the schedule of books to be discussed through the end of the year.

August 13: *The Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson

September 10: *Good Benito* by Alan Lightman

October 8: *English Creek* by Ivan Doig

November 12: *Drowning Ruth* by Christina Schwartz

December 10: *Waiting for the Barbarians* by J.M. Coetzee

YEE-HAW

A saddle-bag full of the legendary songs and stories of the Old West! Join Leo Everett and The Clear Creek Cowboys at the library on August 15 at 2 p.m. There will be plenty of yodeling, grins, and general carrying on. A 1999 Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame inductee, Leo Everett was raised on a ranch in northern Montana where he began singing for community functions at about age ten. He and his group have delighted Colorado and Wyoming audiences for over 20 years.

UPCOMING COMPUTER TRAINING CLASSES

The following free computer classes will be offered in the computer training lab on the

lower level of the library. Call 303-795-3961 to register for a class.

Getting Started on the Internet: 9-10 a.m. on August 22, September 12, October 6.

Advanced Internet Skills: 9-10 a.m. on August 29, September 26, October 20.

Microsoft Word Basics with professional computer trainer Herb Engler: 1-5 p.m. on September 12.

Setting Up a Free E-Mail Account on the Web: 9-10 a.m. on September 15.

Computer Skills for the Complete Novice with professional computer trainer Herb Engler: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on October 13.

Introduction to Using Windows with professional computer trainer Herb Engler: 1-5 p.m. on November 7.

ANTIQUÉ TALKS

Learn more about the fascinating world of antiques and collecting on August 25. The following free lectures will be presented by the library and the Littleton Historical Museum.

1-2 p.m., Appraisal Tips. Professional appraiser Dewey Smith will talk about how to obtain a fair appraisal on an antique or an estate collection.

2-3 p.m., Antiques 101. Mary Samora, a professional appraiser for 17 years, will cover the basics on collecting antiques and evaluating items for purchase. Participants may bring one small item of their choice (except for fine art, jewelry, coins, and stamps) for a discussion on value and history.

3-4 p.m., Rare Books and Their Values. Bob Topp, owner of the Hermitage Antiquarian Bookstore, will discuss how to determine the value of a book. Participants may bring a book for an informal appraisal.

POETRY JAM SESSION

On the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., poetry lovers get together at the library. Bring some poems to read or just listen and enjoy!

FALL FAMILY FUN FAIR

Families are invited to enjoy a free day of crafts, games, and music on the front lawn of the library on September 15 from 1-4 p.m. Craft booths for kids to make their own artwork will include autumn leaf painting, sidewalk art, seed shakers, origami, pine cone bird feeders, and bead jewelry. Football Toss, Baseball Catcher, Frog Splat, and other games will add to the fun! Children who stop at all of the craft and game stations will be eligible to win a \$50 gift certificate to Media Play. At 2 p.m., the Colorado Isle of Mull/St. Andrews Pipe and Drums will perform traditional Scottish music and Highland dancing on the outdoor stage.

JOHN GLENN: A MEMOIR OF SPACE

The library will host Pat Kenning's portrayal of John Glenn on September 19 at 2 p.m. Explore the life of this American

hero and relive his days as a marine, an astronaut, and a senator. Based on the book *John Glenn: A Memoir*, this program travels right up to the days of Glenn's return to space at the age of 77.

THE ILLUSTRATED COTTAGE

Nationally-known designer and author Nina Williams will talk about the creative process behind transforming her Denver home into a decorative cottage on September 4 at 7 p.m. With the help of trompe l'oeil artists Barb Fisher and Laura Chappell, who specialize in painting murals that fool the eye, Nina decorated the family cottage as a life-size storybook, complete with characters and landscapes from the tiny Provençal village of Sault. At the same time, she turned the home into an open, airy and beautiful place to live. Artists Fisher and Chappell will speak at the program with Williams, who is editor-at-large for *Country Living* magazine and founding editor of *Country Living Gardeners*. Copies of Williams' books will be available for purchase.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH NIGHT

Interested in your family tree? Come to the library on September 28 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of learning and fun! Activities will include Internet demonstrations on family history Websites, a workshop on getting started in genealogical research, tours of the reference collection, door prizes, free snacks and handouts. Tickets are required and will be available free of charge beginning September 1 at the reference desk. This event is sponsored by the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society and the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.

WILD, WILD WESTERN WEATHER

On October 16 at 7:15 p.m., popular television weather forecaster and author Mike Nelson will entertain you with stories of wild Colorado weather and explanations of why we experience such unusual weather in our state. He will also perform his famous "tornado dance." Nelson is the author of the book, *Colorado Weather*.

PRACTICE EXAMS ONLINE

Take a practice exam on the Website, LearnATest.com, available on the public computer Internet stations at the library. The library has recently purchased a subscription to this site, which provides practice exams in a variety of fields and subjects including civil service, law enforcement, post office procedures, firefighting, the military and real estate. Practice questions for the GED, ACT and SAT exams are also available. The tests are scored online and results are provided immediately after completion of the exam.

SUMMER TEEN PROGRAMS

Each week on Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. there is something quite different happening for teens, which means never a dull moment. On August 2, kids can participate

in a kite-making workshop, and on August 9, learn how to make wind chimes.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS ONCE UPON A TIME

Bring your child to the library and join the 300 other kids who have read at least five hours this summer. This summer's Summer Reading Program is "Once Upon a Time." Since reading is a year-round activity, the purpose of the program is to encourage reading for pleasure during the lazy summer days. There are weekly activities and great prizes! Children from birth through fifth grade can participate. The program continues through August 12.

THE WORLD OF SPIN WITH JENNY O

Rocky Mountain Yoyo Champion Jennifer Corey will amaze you with her yoyo skills at a program on August 7 at 2 p.m. Try your own yoyo skills with a hands-on workshop following the demonstration. Yoyo to see you there!

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Preschool Storytime, designed for kids three to five years old, will be held on Thursdays, August 2 and 9, at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. If you are three, the August 2 storytime is for you because all the stories have the number three. Following storytime, children can share their show-and-tell. On August 9, you can be "Just Ducky" at a storytime filled with duck stories and games. Storytime will resume September 6.

NIGHT TALES

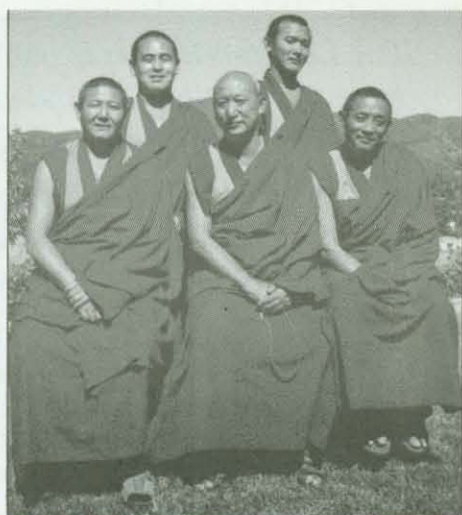
If you like animals, then you will enjoy Night Tales. Night Tales is a 30-minute program of stories for young children and their families held on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Kids can wear their pajamas! On August 2, "Once Upon A...Billy Goat!" will be presented, complete with bridge and troll. On August 9, "Once Upon A...Dragon" will arrive with "fire-breathing" dragons. Night Tales will resume on September 6 and continue weekly.

STORY BOX

For the youngest library patrons, we have 30 minutes of stories, songs, and finger plays available on Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. This program is designed to encourage an interest in books and language activities for children age birth through 36 months and their caregivers. Attendance is limited, so admission is by free ticket available one week in advance. This ten-week session begins September 11.

WINNIE-THE-POOH'S BIRTHDAY

Christopher Robin is holding a month-long birthday party for his good friend, Winnie-the-Pooh. On October 14, Winnie-the-Pooh will be 75 years young. So plan to come and celebrate his birthday at the library for the whole month of October. Watch for your invitation in the children's room.



ACC set to host Tibetan Monks September 21-30

Arapahoe Community College will be hosting a cross-cultural exchange with a group of Tibetan monks September 21-30, 2001. The six Buddhist monks from the Gyudmed Tantric Monastery are visiting sites in the U.S. and Europe on their Compassion Tour 2001. Funds raised through Compassion Tour 2001 are sent back to support the 500 monks at the Gyudmed monastery.

Dr. Tsering Lhamo will also be visiting ACC on this tour. Lhamo is from the new generation of physicians trained in traditional Tibetan medicine. She has traveled

extensively with the personal physicians of the Dalai Lama as their interpreter.

The visiting monks all have the equivalent of a doctoral degree in Buddhist philosophy and a master's degree in Tibetan sacred arts. The monks range in age from 30 to 60. Most entered the monastery as children around the age of ten.

A wide variety of art exhibitions, musical demonstrations, cultural and education classes, videos and lectures will be offered during this ten day visit.

A special feature of the monks' visit will be the creation of a Manjushri Wisdom

Sand Mandala. Mandalas have become an international symbol of the Tibetan culture and their mission to serve as a role model for a non-violent, peaceful, compassionate society. The sand mandala will be created in ACC's newly-remodeled student space. The monks will work on the extremely intricate and colorful mandala all day, every day while interested onlookers watch their progress. The monks will also lead a series of morning meditation sessions for the public to set the intention for the day.

For more information about Compassion Tour 2001, call 303-797-5949.



Work is progressing ahead of schedule and under budget at the Littleton Historical Museum's caretakers residence. Valoy and Naomi Archuleta reside at the museum year round to provide 24-hour care for the museum's property and animals. The current residence was about 50 years old and presented numerous health and safety conditions.

Don't forget your sewer and storm drainage bills!

A friendly reminder...the sewer and storm drainage bills are due in full to the city by August 15, 2001, to avoid late fees.
If you have any questions, call 303-795-3772 or 303-795-3903.

2002 Calendar deadline quickly approaching

Time is running out for local shutterbugs who wish to enter their photographs in the annual Littleton Calendar photography competition. The deadline for submitting entries is Friday, September 21 at 5 p.m.

- Only color slides or prints taken within the Littleton city limits will be accepted (horizontal images are strongly encouraged, 5x7 or 8x10 preferred). Photographers are strongly encouraged to take images that are easily recognizable as being in the city limits.
- Your photograph must be released for reproduction in the calendar and future city publications.

- Five photographs can be entered, only one may win.

- Your name, address, and where the photo was taken must be included with your entry.

- Winners receive \$25, ten calendars and publicity via news releases and distribution of 15,000 calendars.

Deliver your entries to the City Manager's Office, City of Littleton, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, 80165. For more information please call Chris Harguth, public relations specialist at 303-795-3728.

Town Hall Arts Center presents *George M!*

Town Hall Arts Center will celebrate Western Welcome Week 2001 by presenting *George M!*, a Broadway musical about the life and music of George M. Cohan.

Once known as "the Man who Owns Broadway," George M. Cohan was a performer, composer, producer and playwright who dominated American theatre and popular music during the first part of the twentieth century. Before his death in 1942, he wrote 40 plays, collaborated on 40 more, made over a thousand appearances as an actor, and wrote over 500 songs. Some of those songs became national hits, including "Give My Regards to Broadway," "You're

a Grand Old Flag," "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy," and "Over There."

George M! showcases many of Cohan's hit songs as it tells his life story. Phil B. Gottlieb is both directing and choreographing this musical, which will feature tap dancing. Mary Gottlieb is the music director for the production.

Western Welcome Week falls in the middle of the run of *George M!*, which opens July 27 and plays through August 26. *George M!* is suitable for the entire family. Patrons may reserve a seat by calling the box office at 303-794-2787 (303-794-ARTS).



The Hudson Gardens has changed its name to The Hudson Gardens and Event Center to reflect their new focus on hosting weddings, corporate meetings and other events. Their phone number is 303-797-8565.

Harvest Festival coming to Historical Museum

Saturday October 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. is the Littleton Historical Museum's annual Harvest Festival.

As was the custom in the late 1860s, families gathered together to help with the fall harvest and to share in the merriment. Visitors will be able to go into the fields and select their own pumpkin for purchase. Wagon rides, cider and other refreshments will be available for purchase. A food concessionaire will be selling frankfurters and other tasty treats as well as beverages out-

side the east entrance to the main museum building.

Activities on the 1860s farm include cider pressing, broom making, Dutch-oven cooking, sauerkraut making and soap-making in the cabin. The beekeeper will show off his hives and sell his honey. There will also be period games in the schoolhouse and yard.

The Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum sponsor this special event.

Historical Museum to sponsor statehood dance

On August 1, 1876, Colorado became a State within the Union. In celebration of this 125th anniversary, the Littleton Historical Museum will host a dance, featuring live music and one of the best dance callers in the state. The August 1 festivities will begin with a session of dance instruction from 2-4 p.m. Henry The Fiddler, a national fiddling champion, will provide dance music from the 1890s. Chris Kermiet, a dance-calling legend in his own right, will instruct novice and advanced dancers alike in some of the steps and turns from the past 125 years. Light refreshments will be served.

This afternoon of instruction will prepare visitors to the museum for an interac-

tive role in our dance celebration, to be held August 4 from 3 to 5 p.m. A dance band featuring fiddle, dulcimer, guitar, banjo and folk percussion will play historical tunes that inspire even clumsy feet to dancing. Visitors will experience the same excitement of dancing as did our ancestors of four generations ago. This afternoon of celebration welcomes couples and families of all ages. Light refreshments with a historical flair will be served. Admission to the instruction and the afternoon of dance celebration is free.

The Littleton Historical Museum is located at 6028 South Gallup Street. Further inquiries will be answered at 303-795-3950.



These lovely young ladies enjoy an afternoon in the garden during this summer's Adventure's in History Program at the Littleton Historical Museum. Week long sessions are limited to 20 children ranging from the 4th through 6th grade. City of Littleton residents have first choice for registration. For more information about the program call 303-795-3950.

Community picnic coming to Historical Museum

Bring a picnic dinner and visit the Littleton Historical Museum Wednesday, August 8 from 5:30-8 p.m. The museum will host an old-fashioned community picnic to include music, the Colorado Isle of Mull, a banjo group and a barbershop quartet,

children's games, clowns, sack races and a variety of other activities. Volunteers are needed to help with games and activities. Call the museum at 303-795-3950 for information and volunteer opportunities.

Littleton! Show features South Platte Park history

South Platte Park is Littleton's 650-acre open space park. The history of the park, and the people who created and protected it, will be featured on the August edition of the *Littleton! Show*.

Learn how a flood led to the creation of the park, how it took an act of Congress to protect the river that flows through it, and

how most of the lakes in the park were once part of a gravel mining operation.

Service organizations will be featured on the September edition of the *Littleton! Show*.

Watch the *Littleton! Show* each Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m. on Littleton's Channel 8.

Please note: City offices will be closed Monday, September 3, 2001 for observance of the Labor Day holiday.

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City Council Accommodations

- The public is invited to attend all regular meetings or study sessions of the Littleton City Council or any city board, commission or public program.

Please call 303-795-3857 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or program if you will need special assistance or any reasonable accommodation in order to be in attendance at or participate in any such meeting or program.

For any additional information concerning the city's compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, please call 303-795-3857.

Additional city government information can now be accessed via the Internet at <http://www.littletongov.org>.