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Limbaugh's "dream" insults Denver

Radio talker Rush Limbaugh's April 24 on-air remarks that "I'm dreaming, I'm dreaming riots in Denver" (sung to the tune of "White Christmas") drew immediate criticism from Councilman Charlie Brown and others.

"What an insult," Brown told a local newspaper. "Regardless of political labels, for any radio announcer to wish a riot on a city so his party could win, that's disgraceful and it's absurd."

Speaking April 25 on KOA's "Caplis & Silverman" show, Brown said, "If a liberal radio talk show host advocated riots in St. Paul to help



elect Democrats, Rush would be first on the attack". Bown's remarks were also quoted on Keith Olbermann's MSNBC show April 25.

With just four months until the Democratic National Convention opens, security and the possible costs of achieving it do remain a concern.

"This could be a \$200 million economic hit for the city," Brown said about possible costs during a recently televised appearance with Glenn Spagnuolo of Recreate-68, a group planning protests during the Aug. 25-28 convention.

The two appeared on "Independent Thinking," the Channel 12 show hosted by Jon Caldara of the Independence Institute, and at a later meeting at the University of Denver law school.

A point of disagreement between the city and Recreate-68 has been Denver's ban on over-

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News & Notes



THE 2008 JUNIOR SYMPHONY GUILD'S Designer Showhouse will be the Phipps Tennis Pavilion at 3300 Belcaro Drive. The showhouse is an annual Guild fundraiser that feature a notable home or building that is redone by a variety of interior decorators.

The Tennis Pavilion will be open from April 29 to May 9, plus on Mother's Day on May 11. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday evenings until 7 p.m.

For more information, check the Guild's website at www.jrsg.org or call (303) 355-7855.

GET A TREE

The "Denver Digs Trees" sale has been extended for one last day, Saturday, April 26 in Washington Park (near South Franklin Street and East Kentucky Avenue). Several varieties still are available at \$30 for bare-root trees and \$50 for balled and bur-lapped trees. Proceeds benefit The Park People.

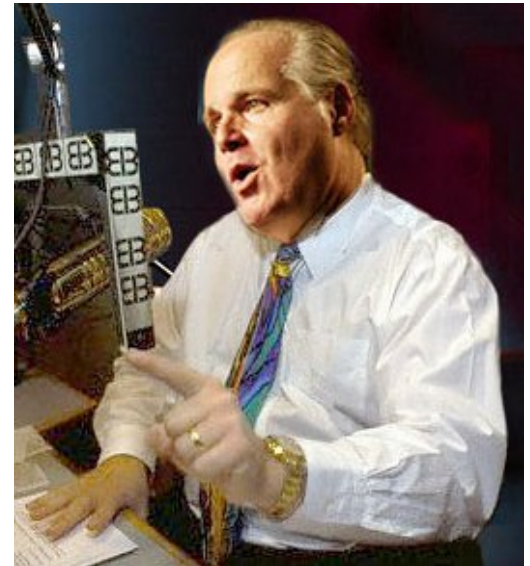
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night camping in city parks. Spagnuolo claimed during the Channel 12 discussion that the city changed the rules to prevent protestors from staying in parks overnight, but Brown refuted that. "We have never allowed overnight camping in our parks."

Spagnuolo complained that "thousands of people are coming to protest ... they need someplace to stay" and noted that hotel space will be hard to find. "We do intend to put people in those parks."

Caldara repeatedly asked Spagnuolo if his group would have protestors leave parks at the 11 p.m. closure time if that's what the city insists on. Spagnuolo said that would be a group decision, not his, adding, "We might have to leave the park."

The city held a lottery to determine park use during the convention. Recreate-68, which wanted to use Civic Center during the entire convention, was not happy with the lottery. Brown said, "Like any lottery, sometimes you win, sometimes you lose." He said Recreate-68 received two days in Civic



Center and noted the group is "in eight of 12 parks."

Spagnuolo insisted that the protestors don't want to "recreate Chicago '68," but "We want to recreate that spirit of civic engagement" from that pivotal year.

The councilman repeated the key points he's made about convention demonstrations: "We welcome [protestors] as long as they are peaceful and obey our laws," and "I'm just saying follow the law, protest peacefully."



Councilman Charlie Brown rode in a carriage downtown with NBC political reporter Tim Russert, who was in Denver on April 13 to receive the Denver Press Club's annual Damon Runyon Award.

Annual University Park house tour set for May 4

The 4th annual University Park Home Tour will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 4. It's a benefit for students of University Park Elementary School.

It will be a great chance to get a look at historic homes that have been updated and expanded.

The tour will feature homes at 2240 S. Madison, 2655 S. Milwaukee, 2447 S. Cook, 2160 S. Columbine and 2576 S. Milwaukee streets, plus the Chamberlin Observatory.

The tour starts at the school, 2300 S. St. Paul St. Food and auction



items will be available at the school.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Seniors and teachers are \$15. Tickets can be purchased

online at www.uparkhometour.org, at Lulu's Furniture & Decor (2553 S. Colorado Blvd.) or at the school.† Please call the school at 303-756-9407 if you have questions about purchasing tickets.

Money OK'd for Cherry Creek trail work

The 1.5 mile trail improvement project along Cherry Creek from Cook Park to Garland Park has received \$725,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado.

The money will be used along with additional funding from the City and County of Denver (part of the bond issue passed by voters last November), the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District and the Greenway Foundation. Councilman Charlie Brown worked with Jeff Shoemaker of the foundation and the city to help get the project going.

The improvements include building a concrete bicycle/pedestrian trail along the only remaining “non-channel” section of the Cherry Creek Greenway and will eliminate six at-grade crossings that currently exist.

The stretch of creek between the two parks has been a gap in the trail system that starts at Confluence Park and runs southeast.

The new trail will begin at the existing pedestrian bridge adjacent to Cook Park and continue along the creek under Monaco Parkway, travel along the natural area between Monaco and Holly Street and will then pass under the new Holly Street bridge, connecting to the existing trail just downstream of Holly Street. Construction of the 10-foot wide trail is to begin later this year, and the trail extension is expected to be open in about a year.

A community meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks to present a more detailed overview of the project to neighboring residents and interested citizens.



WASH PARK HOME TOUR

Wash Park home tour

This year's Washington Park Home Tour benefiting Steele Elementary will be held on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Five homes are on the tour, along with South High School. Tickets are \$15 or are available for \$20 on the day of the tour. They are available online at www.washparkhometour.org. On May 10, tickets can be purchased at any of the homes or at the school, Marion and Alameda. There also will be food and a plant sale at the school.

Busy spring at Wash Park

The warming weather already has brought lots of walkers, joggers, cyclists and other folks out to enjoy Washington Park, but park users also should mark their calendars for an event promoting safety in the park.

The Spring Safety Fair will be held Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the east side of the park near E. Mississippi Avenue and South Franklin Street. The event is sponsored by Denver Parks and Recreation, the Denver Police and Friends and Neighbors of Washington Park.

The event will include information on bike safety and maintenance, proper control of animals in the park and planning a walking or running

training program. There will be a tricycle rodeo and radar tests for bicycle speed, kids can be “deputized” as Junior Park Rangers and there will be drawings for free prizes.

For more information, call the Denver Parks and Recreation Ranger Hotline at (303) 331-4050.

Just a few weeks later, the annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held from 9 a.m. to about 1 p.m. at the Lily Pond by the fire station in the park’s northeast corner.

The derby is open to kids from 6 to 15 (with adult supervision), but you need to register before the event. Registration opens May 1 at the Washington Park Recreation Center.

Camera-equipped red lights coming

The Denver Police Department is moving ahead with a program to install cameras at four major intersections to catch drivers who run red lights.

The cameras are expected to be operational by early June at four major intersections, including East 6th Avenue and Lincoln Street, West 8th

Avenue and Speer Boulevard, West 6th Avenue and Kalamath Street and East 36th Avenue and Quebec Street.

For the first 30 days, drivers recorded running a red light will receive a warning. After that, drivers will receive violations in the mail. Police cite safety as the primary reasons for the cameras.

Brown garden about spirit of the West



A patio designed for Councilman Charlie Brown was one of seven celebrity “Gardens of Excellence” on display at the April 10-13 Spring Home & Patio Show at the National Western Complex.

The patio, named “Where the West Lives,” designed by Michael Swanson of Living Stone Landscaping Inc., featured a log cabin, rock garden, waterfall and

pool, a rustic bridge plus a log corral with alpacas in it.

Other gardens of excellence honored Patricia Perry of Highlands Garden Cafe, Jake Schroeder of Opie Gone Bad, Miles the Broncos mascot, Stock Show president Pat Grant, columnist Penny Parker of the Rocky Mountain News and Cydney Payton of the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Avoid a costly ticket on sweeping days

Spring begins street-sweeping season, and a tickets if you forget to move your car on sweeping day. Now, there’s an easy way to avoid a ticket. MyMotorMaid.com will

send sweeping-day reminders to your e-mail account or your cell phone. To sign up, go to <http://www.denvergov.org/StreetSweepingReminders/tabid/429784/Default.aspx>.