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## Union Station Or Divisive Crossroads? Redevelopment Plan For Central Denver Under Fire

by Janet Manley

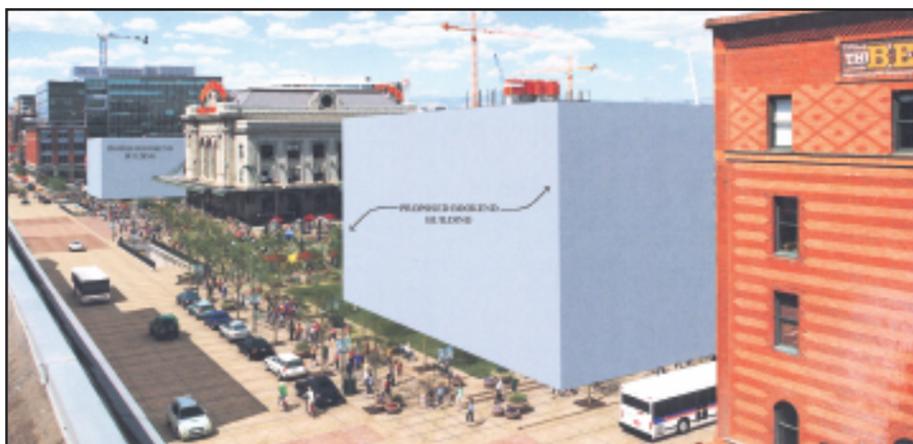
Just east of 16th Street Mall and Denver Union Station, the city appears to crumble, a vacant lot built of yesterday's industrial dust extending toward the Platte River. The empty site is slated for a 19.85 acre redevelopment and preservation of Union Station, encompassing a nearby light rail hub, underground bus transit center, additional Amtrak lines, commercial and retail space, as well as open space. As a symbol of Denver's history, Union Station is proving a sensitive cultural landmark, and the subject of a crucial act of urban planning, over which planners and community groups disagree.

Closed Design

In 2001, a four agency project management team composed of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Regional Transportation Committee (RTC), the City of Denver, and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) was established to handle the purchase and redevelopment of the Union Station land.

The current plans provide for two commercial buildings bookending the front facade of Union Station, a feature that has been discussed since 1988. Albert Melcher, Secretary-Treasurer of the Open Space Initiative Group (Open Space), stated that un-

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**Flawed Design?:** The accepted proposed redesign of Union Station, above, with its square bookend buildings has brought harsh criticism from citizen groups like the Open Space Initiative Group whose proposal, below, has garnered high praise from outside groups but scant attention from the City and County of Denver and the development team.



## Aloha Party, Vacation Of A Lifetime Await You Join Us On SuperTarget Lawn On Colorado Boulevard August 12 For Huge Luau, AAA's Maui Vacation Drawing

by Glen Richardson

It's a party you'll never forget. Moreover, if you've been entering AAA's Win A Fabulous Vacation Contest, the August 12 Aloha Party could be your lucky day.

You're invited to relax, indulge and be entertained compliments of the Chronicle, AAA Colorado, Applebee's, Butler Rents, Target, the Greater Glendale Chamber of Commerce and its many Cherry Creek Valley businesses. Best of all it's free for Chronicle readers! The party starts at 5 p.m. and will go to 7 p.m.

If you've been entering the Chronicle's monthly Word Jumble Puzzle Contest — and more than 800 already have — you could also win that Maui dream vacation for two arranged by AAA Colorado. It only takes one entry to grab the grand prize so this is your last chance to enter. Of course those that have been entering since the contest began nine months ago have a greater chance to win. Remember, only one entry per person per month is allowed.

The Win A Fabulous Vacation Party will be under a huge outdoor tent on the lawn of

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**Outstanding Facility:** Gate Tennis Center's multi-million dollar renovation resulted in the center winning the USTA's Outstanding Public Facility of the Year Award.



**Programs For Kids:** Gates offers many programs for kids of all ages including the Gates "Tennis For Kids" Outreach Program which provides tennis for anyone with a desire to play.

## Renovated Gates Tennis Center Gears Up For Spectacular September

by Laura Lieff

One of the gems of the Cherry Creek Valley is the publicly owned Gates Tennis Center that is almost hidden at the corner of E. Bayaud Avenue and

Adams Street, just east of the Cherry Creek Shopping Center. It is a public facility owned by the City and County of Denver but privately managed by Colorado Tennis Management Inc. (CTM). Since it has the

look, feel and all of the amenities of a private club, many people mistake it for one. But according to Eric Rose and Sam Hitman (the principals of CTM), the Gates Tennis Center has the very public purpose of growing the game of tennis for all the residents of the Cherry Creek Valley. With 20 tennis courts available, programs for all ages, free tennis clinics every third Saturday, an outreach program for kids and a pro shop with affordable prices, Rose and Hitman say that Gates takes it public mission very seriously. CTM also manages the Tennis Facility at the Jewish Community Center.

"Since our main goal is to grow the game of tennis as much as possible, we want to give people every opportunity available so they can come to Gates to learn about and enjoy tennis," explained Rose.

**Centrally Located**

With its location at E. Bayaud Avenue and Adams Street, Rose continued, "Gates is unique because we are very centrally located, allowing our guests to walk to shops, restaurants and the Cherry Creek Mall. We have great real estate right in the middle of Cherry Creek!"

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## Glendale Scores Big With Churchill Cup Games At Infinity Park

**MVP Showing For City:** More than 10,000 rugby fans flocked to Infinity Park, Glendale for three days of Churchill Cup games. The June 14 game between the USA and England was the largest crowd ever to attend a game in the short history of the city stadium. See story on Pages 4 and 5.



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