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**Students fight ban on 'action' bake sale**

Plans by student Republicans at the University of Colorado at Boulder to hold an "affirmative-action bake sale" on Wednesday is causing a stir.

Robert Corry, the attorney for CU's College Republicans, said late Monday that the university's student affairs office has ordered the bake sale stopped and that he will go to court today if necessary to protect the First Amendment rights of conservative students.

Students planned to charge white and Asian students \$1 per item, while Hispanics would be charged 50 cents and black students 25 cents to underscore the "flaws of affirmative-action policies."

"The problem is these students want a First Amendment-protected demonstration Wednesday, and the university wants to shut it down on very dubious grounds," Corry said.

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Brad Jones, 20, chairman of the College Republicans, said he received a call from the campus scheduling office Monday advising him that the plan was a violation of state and federal laws and university rules.

"They said it would be shut down," Jones said. "We're not doing it to be racist but to prove a point."

**Unknown chemicals prompt evacuations**

Parts of two apartment buildings on Capital Hill were evacuated Monday evening while firefighters investigated a possible hazardous chemical dumped in a trash bin, said fire department technician Mike Hecker. Firefighters later neutralized any dangers from the chemical.

Police called firefighters to the rear of the El Castillo apartments at 969 Downing St. about 5:15 p.m. after the

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unknown chemicals were found in the trash, Hecker said.

The rear apartments of that building and another apartment building across the alley at 1120 E. 10th Ave. were evacuated as a precaution, he said.

Residents were allowed back in the buildings Monday night.

### Talks on developer nix council session

AURORA - Officials canceled a scheduled City Council study session Monday night after a closed-door discussion about a potential developer's financial woes spilled over.

A Sunday Denver Post article revealed that city officials last fall had launched exclusive negotiations with a team assembled by a developer, Daniel J. Yacovetta, who has incurred significant financial problems.

Aurora officials and Yacovetta's development partner said they had not fully checked his background. Planned development for a plaza featuring a grocery store, restaurants and small-scale retail are "on hold" until further investigation.

The council was set to talk about two other issues during an executive session that was supposed to last 35 minutes. But the article and the issues raised kept city leaders in the meeting for more than two hours.

Aurora Mayor Ed Tauer said officials will spend the next several days gathering more information concerning Yacovetta.

### Lakewood to seek charges in fatal crash

Lakewood police will recommend charges against an 18-year-old driver in a suspected drag-racing crash that killed her younger sister and injured six others.

Reyna Abad remains hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries and could face vehicular homicide charges when she is released, said spokesman Steve Davis.

Her sister, Destany Abad, 16, was killed Friday night when they crashed into another car, crossed a median and collided with a truck.

Investigators are trying to determine whether drugs or alcohol played a role.

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