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## RockyTalk

Views from the Mile High City



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ON THE TOWN

Andrew Hudson was hot.

So hot that Mayor Wellington Webb's mouthpiece fired off a blistering e-mail Wednesday to roughly 1,000 recipients blasting radio yakker Peter Boyles for his alleged comments regarding possible motives behind Emily Johnson's slaying.

In Hudson's version (and he says he has radio-transcript tapes of the show to back him up), Boyles theorized on the air that Johnson's slaying may have been racially motivated. Hudson accused Boyles of advocating the theory "that this murder case may have been the result of white racists who killed Ms. Johnson because they were upset by an interracial couple."

Johnson, a Skinner Middle School teacher, was white. Her boyfriend, Robert Davis, is black.

Webb also blasted Boyles and other talk-show hosts for "advocating speculative theories about this murder." Hud-

week.

"The crux of the whole issue is that the point of talk radio is to throw everything up in the air and see what sticks to the wall," Hudson said. "At the same time, a tragic murder has occurred where the murder victim's character is completely assassinated, and she can't defend herself. Is that appropriate?"

Says Boyles: "Andrew's job is to come to work and make a mountain out of a molehill. (Nonetheless) I plan on walking in and shaking his hand and try and figure out where the train went off the tracks."

Wanna bet they'll fight over the check?

**BOYS (AND GIRLS) ON THE BUS:** At 6 a.m. today, an official Broncos bus loaded with Denver's young Democrats headed to Des Moines, Iowa, to stump for Al Gore's primary campaign. The Dems will be met by actor Billy Baldwin, who will spend the weekend with the group knocking on doors and putting fliers on car windshields.

The group returns Monday to watch and wait out the returns from the Iowa primary. Busing it to Des Moines are trip leaders Tish Maes, of the mayor's education office, and Scott Hutchings, who was deputy of the mayor's re-election campaign.

**SLOPE-SIDE STARS:** The annual Black

activist the Rev. Al Sharpton, and radio and TV personality Donny Simpson.

**CHANNEL 2 CAPTURES CUPID:** Michele Fields, a professional matchmaker based in Denver, has signed on with Channel 2 to offer dating and relationship advice on the station's new morning show. She says she won't be making any matches (that will cost you \$800), but she'll answer viewers' questions sent to her Web site. Look for Fields to start fielding questions Jan. 31.

**DOINGS:** Are you a woman who gets intimidated by an unwieldy wine list? You say you don't know a chardonnay from a cabernet? Here's help. The Palm restaurant and Grand Vin, a Denver wine distributor, are teaming up for "Women and Wine," an evening of good grub and good grape, on Jan. 25. The cost is \$90 per person (including tax and tip) for a four-course feast including appropriate wine for each course. Call Beth Hornstein at (303) 825-7256. ... Local musicians Duncan Tuck, Kim Baloni, the Michael Collins Pipe Band, Warren Floyd & Eric Baker, Susie Lewis and Walt Conley will perform a benefit show from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday to raise money for Barney Hart, the English rugby player who was critically injured in a New Year's Day game in Las Vegas. Hart was in Denver this season on an exchange program.