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Jonah Sweeney of Western States Fire Protection in Centennial crashes as his teammates, from left, John Hulett, Matt Boughton, Bryan Horn and Robert Merlino head to the finish without him Friday during the fifth annual Colorado Fire Protection Association Fire Hose Relay at Arapahoe Basin. Teams of five skiers and 'boarders carried a fire hose through a slalom course. The relay races are part of a fundraiser for Children's Hospital's Burn Camps Program. *RJ Sangosti, The Denver Post*

RULES ALTERED

Hick rouses brew battle

The governor catches flak for changing the way that low-alcohol beer is policed.

By **Tim Hoover** *The Denver Post*

Convenience-store owners are accusing Gov. John Hickenlooper of meddling in a battle over who gets to sell low-strength beer in Colorado.

Hickenlooper, a Democrat and a former restaurateur and micro-brewer, on Friday confirmed that his office had been involved in altering a rules process originally aimed at preventing bars and liquor stores from selling low-strength beer. But he said it was about streamlining regulations.

"All we've done is to try to cut back on the red tape to make sure that both the letter and the spirit of the law are being obeyed," he said. "We've done this with every industry, right? It's not just beer. One of our goals since six months before the election is to cut red tape."

"We turned it (the proposed beer rules) back and said, 'Is there any way you can make it simpler?'"

Convenience-store owners say the governor is throwing out months of input with stakeholders
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Adult crime, child suspect a legal challenge

By **Felisa Cardona** *The Denver Post*

Teen killers are not unusual in Colorado, but a preteen, like the boy in Burlington now accused of killing his parents, poses unique challenges for the criminal justice system.

As long as the boy is in the juvenile system, prosecutors and judges must

carefully balance the best interests of the boy against those of the public, and even his family, who are relatives of both the victims and the defendant.

"Nobody wants to forever throw away the life of a 12-year-old child," said Peggy Jessel, chief prosecutor in the Boulder County district attorney's juvenile division. "They will try everything they can to rehabilitate him if it can be done."

On Friday, 13th Judicial District Attorney Robert Watson filed a petition in juvenile court declaring the boy delinquent in the killing of his parents.

The boy, who has both a guardian

ad litem and public defender representing his interests, was advised Wednesday that the petition could include two counts of first-degree murder, two counts of attempted first-degree murder and two counts of first-degree assault for attacks on his younger siblings. The details are all
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LIBYA ATTACKS AIM TO RECLAIM POWER

Moammar Khadafy struck back at opponents Friday in a powerful attack on the closest opposition-held city to Tripoli and with a barrage of tear gas and bullets to smother new protests in the capital. At least 37 people died in the country. »12-13A

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