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## Federal Judge Kane Goes After Denver Government



**High Noon:** Federal Judge John L. Kane is taking on the Denver Police Department, the Denver Sheriff's Office, the City Attorney's Office among others in pursuit of truth regarding corruption within law enforcement and legal departments of Denver.

### **Calls City's Actions A 'Sham, Disgraceful' Will A Federal Investigation Reach Up Into The City Attorney's Office?**

**Shawshank:** Jamal Hunter was put in Denver jail on a minor charge and put in a pod with vicious gang members. He was beaten and tortured with the aid of allegedly corrupt Denver Sheriff deputies.



In Courtroom A802 in the Alfred A. Arraj Federal Courthouse an amazing battle is taking place in which longtime federal district court judge John L. Kane is taking on large portions of the government of the *City and County of Denver*. His actions make it abundantly clear that he believes that the *Denver's Sheriff's Office* is corrupt along with the *Internal Affairs Bureau of the Police Department*. He also appears to believe little that is told to him by the City Attorney's Office of Scott Martinez and he clearly plans to do something about it.

by Jamal Hunter, a former inmate in the city jail against the city and two sheriff's deputies he claims brutalized him and incited other inmates to beat and torture him. Hunter was in the city jail on a misdemeanor domestic violence charge when he was placed in a pod with a group of gang members from the Bloods organization. They decided that he must be a snitch and with the help of a shockingly corrupt sheriff's deputy, Gaynel Rumer, they decided to viciously retaliate against him by beating and scalding his genitals with hot water. Hunter brought suit against the city and taped interviews by Hunter's attorneys

brought shocking, additional allegations against Sheriff's Deputy Gaynel Rumer who it was alleged to be drunk on the job and helped gang members run a black market involving drugs and porn at the jail.

In response, the Denver Police internal affairs started an investigation ostensibly about the deputy's misconduct although it is unclear why the Sheriff's Department's own internal investigation unit was not used. The tapes of the interviews of witnesses eventually made public appear to show that the police investigators were attempting to silence and intimidate the witnesses from testifying in the civil case and not to

investigate wrongdoing by the deputies. The City Attorney's office and private attorneys hired by the city fought furiously to keep the jailhouse tapes and the taped interviews by Denver internal affairs officers from going public. Legal experts indicated that Denver's legal pleadings to the court on the matter verged on the incoherent. The city also sought to go on a public relations gambit relating to the actions of its employees.

Police Chief Robert White told Channel 31 KDVR prior to any tapes being made public that "I feel very comfortable in say-

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## The Chuck And Julie Radio Show Triumphantly Returns

710 KNUS Every Saturday Morning 6-9 a.m.

by Keith Thompson  
The highly rated and critically acclaimed *Chuck and Julie Radio Show* is back on the air and can now be heard on 710 KNUS Saturday mornings. The show dominated the ratings when it was on 850 KOA but was cancelled last December as Clear Channel went into a massive cost cutting effort shelving a great deal of local programming across the country, including Denver. Whether you're a political junkie, avid talk show listener or a mom driving kids around on a Saturday morning, the *Weekend Wakeup Show with Chuck and Julie* on *Newstalk 710 KNUS* radio is intended to reach a broad audience.

the Rocky Mountain region. Kelly Michaels, Operations Director for Salem Communications in Colorado, stated, "We are thrilled to have been able to land *Weekend Wakeup with Chuck and Julie*. While our main competitors are cutting back in Denver were are expanding and we intend to make KNUS the top newstalk station in the entire area."

Bonniwell notes, "While other radio stations are doing less local programming and relying more and more on canned, nationally syndicated shows, KNUS is dedicated to doing what radio does best and that is focus on what's going on locally, in our own communities."

Hayden says, "We like to keep things upbeat. We tackle serious topics but we

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**The Show Returns:** The Chronicle's Chuck Bonniwell and KDVR's Julie Hayden have returned to the air with their award-winning Saturday morning show from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on 710 KNUS.



## Shark Tank Swims Into Rugbystown

### Ben Todd's Business Pitch Scores

by Kirsten Kreiling  
Benjamin Todd — a 5-ft., 11-inch, 210 lb. flanker for the *Glendale Raptors* rugby team — has scored on his first try. Not in a rugby game where grounding the ball in the in-goal area is known as a try, but rather when ABC TV's hit reality show *Shark Tank* held a casting call at *Infinity Park* May 30.

More than 200 entrepreneur hopefuls came to *Infinity Park* to give their pitch at the site where the rugby playing field is also known as a pitch. To score in this competition contestants were given only 60-seconds to try for a winning pitch to producers. The show that was renewed for a fifth season in 2013 features business pitches from aspiring entrepreneurs to a panel of six multimillionaire "sharks." The sixth season will start this September.

For an infusion of cash in exchange for a stake in their business, contestants face long odds and multiple screenings to present their business concepts. Nevertheless, a few days after his first attempt at goal, Todd received an email divulging that he

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**Try On Target:** Glendale Raptor Ben Todd, standing left, scampered to the second round in try to get Shark Tank investors for his Mobile Menu business.

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had scammed past 180 others and had made it to the second round. "I am so excited. I had to submit a 5-10 minute video to them by June 13. If the producers of the show like it, I'll be invited to come and pitch to the Sharks for real," he tells the Chronicle.

### Sharp Shark Skills

"I've been watching *Shark Tank* since 2008. I remember the first time I saw it, I immediately knew that I wanted to pitch ideas to investors. I usually come up with about three new business ideas per week. I've had 27 jobs throughout my life," Todd admits. One of my college mentors often said entrepreneurs have trouble working for other people because they keep coming up with better ways to do things, he recalls, "Some call it being a control freak, some call it marching to the beat of your own drum. I like to call myself terminally entrepreneurial."

Todd jumped at the chance to participate in pitching his idea to the *Shark Tank*

associate producers, taking the whole day off from work. He even brought donuts to the field for contestants that had arrived earlier than he did. "I was pumped and ready to go. I arrived at 7:30 a.m. and was nervous all morning, practicing my pitch-points. Then the producer came out and told everyone they would only get 60 seconds to give their pitch. We all freaked out. It was time to really hone in on what was important about our ideas."

His winning pitch is for a business he has started calling *Mobile Menu*. It's an iPhone app (Android as well) that allows the user to browse a restaurant's menu visually with a full-screen professional photo of every single menu item. "It's been well-received over the last four years," he reveals. But, he adds, "I've decided it's time to scale the business up and grow exponentially instead of one spot at a time."

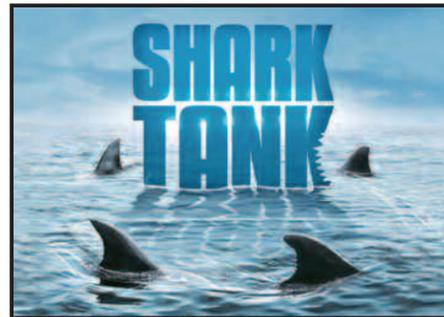
### Mix Of Shark Bait

Start-up business contestants at the *Infinity Park* casting call — one of three lo-

cations selected for the nationwide search — presented a full gamut of products, including a disposable cardboard device that women can use to stand up and urinate, to a multi-temperature "barbecue booster," and a cheerleader-training device. A Colorado Springs couple auditioned for their *SALUS Natural Body Care*, a business that has opened its first store in Manitou Springs. One enterprising entrepreneur even camped out at *Infinity Park* selling umbrellas for \$20 each to the crowd, many who came unprepared for the light showers that fell in the morning.

"We were delighted to be asked to host the casting call for *Shark Tank* and looked at it as a wonderful opportunity to show off the *Infinity Park* campus," says *Infinity Park Event Center* General Manager Bobbi Reed. "The ABC casting crew was wowed by the Event Center's ballroom production technology and loved the *Shark Tank* logos that were 'swimming' around the ballroom." She adds that the Stadium was the perfect site to stage the applicants as they waited to be called to the tank for their presentation.

Business owners who have appeared on



the show say the exposure is invaluable, even without a shark's offer to invest. Meg and Matt Meyer, owners of *The Bear & The Rat* in Denver, came away empty after appearing on *Shark Tank* in 2012. But when the episode about their business selling cool treats for dogs (an alternative to ice cream) aired for the third time in repeats, it caught the attention of some dog-loving investors in New York. After negotiations, the investors put \$130,000 into the business to be used for salaries, marketing and distribution of the frozen goodies. "We doubled our sales last year, and I'm anticipating we will at least quadruple this year," reports Meg Meyer. "The exposure is huge. Every time the episode airs, it's in front of six to eight million people, which is pretty awesome."



**Tank Time:** Entrepreneur hopefuls practice their business pitch at *Infinity Park's* pitch before entering the Event Center's *Shark Tank*.

**More Bark Than Bite:** Meg and Matt Meyers came away empty in 2012 *Shark Tank* appearance but reruns of show attracted investors for their dog treats.



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