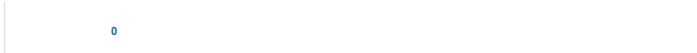


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Library honored for budget principles



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The Pueblo City-County Library District recently received the distinguished budget presentation award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

The district was among 1,250 organizations honored but the only government agency in Pueblo County to be honored by the group.

The award was based on the way the district's 2011 budget, developed by Chris Brogan, chief financial officer, "displayed a commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting."

The award is given to governmental entities that apply for the recognition and demonstrate they are striving to improve the quality of budgeting and providing an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

— John Norton



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Chris Brogan, chief financial officer for the Pueblo City-County Library District, received this year's Unsung Hero award from the Colorado Association of Libraries.

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InfoZone film

Romanian production "If I Want to Whistle, I Whistle" is the InfoZone News Museum's independent film for November. The movie is a drama about an abandoned teen who is two agonizing weeks away from his release from a juvenile detention center.

The film will be shown at 7 p.m. Saturday in the InfoZone, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., in the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library. It is not rated but is recommended for ages 17 and older.

For information, call 562-5604.

Council delays urban renewal decision

Panel postpones action on north Downtown area until Feb. 13.

By PETER ROPER
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

City Council will decide on Feb. 13 whether to establish a North Side project area for the Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority.

It was a start-stop process Monday night before council finally voted 4-3 to postpone a final decision on creating

a new project area that would extend from Third Street north to 15th Street in Downtown and from Peppersauce Bottoms in the west to Goat Hill to the east. Councilman Larry Atencio and Councilwomen Vera



John Batey



Phyllis Sanchez

and Councilwoman Judy Weaver voted against postponing, wanting to make the final decision Monday night.

Council President Ray Aguilera along with Councilmen Leroy Garcia, Steve Nawrocki and Chris Kaufman voted to delay final action.

What council stepped into was the continuing fight between the renewal authority and local governments, including Pueblo City Schools and the Pueblo City-County Library District, over the property tax revenue that the authority can take from improvements in a project area.

In deciding to postpone action, council clearly hopes to work out some compromise, if possible, in addressing those complaints.

John Batey, executive director of the renewal authority, said the purpose of declaring the North Side a project area would be to improve parking and commercial

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EYE-OPENERS

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Museum, Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

The Pueblo City-County Library District recently hired six new librarians and other supervisory workers. They are:

Jill Deulen is the new librarian for collection development/interlibrary loan. Deulen previously was employed at Colorado State University-Pueblo as the electronic resources/interlibrary loan coordinator.

Deulen earned a master's of library information science degree from Clarion University and a bachelor's degree in speech communication from CSU-Pueblo. Deulen has more than 10 years of library experience.

Kimberly Young has been hired as lead reference librarian. She previously worked for the Richland County Public Library in South Carolina. She has a master's degree in library information science from Wayne State University, a master's degree in education from Ashford University and a bachelor's degree in English literature from Adrian College.

Janina Goodwin, the new circulation supervisor, previously worked at the Pikes Peak Library District as a children's specialist. Goodwin has a master's degree in library science from Emporia State University and holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Colorado.

Andrew Bregar is the emerging technologies librarian. Bregar has been instructional coordinator at CSU-Pueblo. He earned a master's degree in library information science from the University of Oklahoma and a bachelor's degree from Metro State University. Bregar has more than five years of library experience.

Bregar is the son of Bill Bregar, who recently finished his final term on the Pueblo County School District 70 board and his wife Marlene, who serves on the library board.

Maria Kramer is the new youth/teen librarian. She worked as the teen librarian at Ann Arbor, Mich., Public Library. Kramer has a master's of

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library science degree from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in English and Spanish from the University of New Mexico.

Susan Wolf has been named the programs and events coordinator. Wolf previously was self-employed as co-owner of Downtown Bar and publisher of the "Pueblo P.U.L.P." magazine. She has a bachelor's degree in art history from DePaul University. Wolf has more than 10 years of event-management experience.

— John Norton

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Child's book hero visits libraries

Skippyjon Jones will be at the Rawlings Library at 2 p.m. Friday.

By JOHN NORTON
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

Six-year-old Zachary Parks had come down to Pueblo from Littleton this week for a family Thanksgiving celebration, but he got an added bonus Wednesday morning when he got to meet Skippyjon Jones at the Barkman Library.

Walking up to the hero of a dozen books, with a stuffed version of Skippyjon Jones in his hand, he said: "I'm your No. 1 fan!"

Allison Parks, his aunt, explained: "His uncle got him addicted to Skippyjon Jones. As soon as we heard about this, we grabbed his Skippyjon Jones doll and came down here."

"He's awesome and he wears a mask," said Zachary. "He has a cape and it's green — my favorite color."

Skippyjon Jones is a character in a series of books by Judy Schachner. He is a Siamese kitten with an identity problem: His unusually large ears have led him to think he's a Chihuahua.

Natalie Gallegos, library assistant at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, read one of the books to about 40 children at the Barkman branch Wednesday morning with a very large version of the character standing alongside.

"We wanted to do something for Thanksgiving for the kids," she said. "We chose Skippyjon Jones because he's just a cool character."



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The library district rented the costume, and with the help of teen volunteers the character made appearances at the Lamb branch Saturday and the Pueblo West branch Monday. He went to the YMCA Wednesday afternoon and will be at the Rawlings Library at 2 p.m. Friday.

Library workers came up with a number of activities, including a large sheet of paper hung on the wall of the Barkman conference room for kids to draw on. The youngsters also donned masks and huge ears and had their photos taken with the character.

Alysha Lopez, 7, a second-grader at Ben Franklin Elementary School, said she's read three of the books so far. She said she came, "because I wanted to get my face painted and meet Skippyjon Jones."

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PEOPLE SPEAK

What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving?



Shadrack J. Thomas
Student
Pueblo
My health. My state of mind. I'm a non-traditional student and I'm back in school.



Eloy Sanchez
Student
Pueblo
Cars. I like cars. I have a '64 Fairlane.



Jessica Matthews
Student
Pueblo
My friends, my family, my pets.



Justin Espinoza
Student
Pueblo
Family, because they say 'I love you' and they help you.



Jerry Hoke
Retired
Pueblo
Good health. And family's good; it's the best.



Lydia Apodaca
Retired
Pueblo
My family. I've been lucky God has had mercy and kept my family by me.



Nancy Louaillier
Unemployed
Pueblo
Just family being together, having enough to eat — and being alive.



Emily Jason
Cashier
Pueblo
I'm grateful for finally living here in Pueblo with my brother.

Asked Thursday at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library

PEOPLE SPEAK

What do you think of the sex-assault scandal at Penn State?



Annie Ronquillo
Registered nurse
Pueblo
"It's real sad. The report of the abuse should have been investigated immediately. Paterno should have turned that guy in right away."



Scott Bishop
Ranch hand
Pueblo
"Joe Paterno should not be persecuted. He probably did not know what was going on. The other coach, maybe he did, maybe he did not."



Bill Holubek
Disabled
Pueblo
"Very interesting. Who do you believe, the man of greatness, Paterno, or others? How can you not act on (reporting) it and do the right thing?"



Robert Cancellieri
Retired
Pueblo West
"I wouldn't blame the students if they walked out of the game Saturday and the team refused to play. That's better than rioting."



Cokes Esparza
Customer service rep
Pueblo
"Apparently Paterno deserved to be fired. He should have kept the pressure up from the beginning."



Lynda Bishop
Sales
Pueblo
"(Paterno) should not have lost his job over accusations."



Fred Sodamann
Retired
Pueblo
"Get right down to the facts: Paterno's responsible too. He should share the punishment."



Rochelle Johnson
Customer service rep
Pueblo
"Terrible. It was right to fire Paterno. I can't believe the other coach got away with it for so long."

Asked Thursday at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library.