

# A View of the Valley

## News Briefs

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By Jennifer Swartwood

#### Press Release

Greenhorn Valley View

Pueblo, Colo.—The Pueblo City-County Library District Board of Trustees voted at their May meeting to file a lawsuit against the Colorado City Improvements Corporation. CCIC named PCCLD as its nonprofit beneficiary in 2010, with the purpose of donating remaining assets to the library district upon CCIC's planned dissolution. CCIC's assets are estimated to be more than half a million dollars in cash and receivables. Instead of dissolving and donating the money, the CCIC board decided to distribute the remaining money to its members, and when PCCLD questioned the propriety of such a distribution, CCIC's Board began efforts to name a new beneficiary that does not directly serve Colorado City.

"We're concerned about the legality and transparency of the process that's taken

place," said Jon Walker, PCCLD's Executive Director. "We want to open up the process and let the court decide what's fair."

CCIC, a nonprofit homeowners association of Colorado City property owners, formed in 1999 to maintain parts of the metro area not maintained by Pueblo County. Nonprofits in Colorado may not distribute assets to members in the event of dissolution. According to state law, they must name another nonprofit as their beneficiary and transfer the assets.

CCIC's previous attempts to dissolve were unsuccessful until it named PCCLD as the recipient of the assets. Once that designation was made, the members voted to dissolve the nonprofit corporation. Following the members' approval of the dissolution plan, the board of CCIC decided to distribute the assets to some, but not all members of the corporation.

With CCIC's troubled history and many unanswered questions, PCCLD's board took steps to protect the interests of the public library in Colorado City and stand up to CCIC in order to keep the funds with a nonprofit that will directly benefit Colorado City, as the collected dues were originally intended.

**There are still ticket available for this year's Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Awards Night. You can either call Jeannie at 676-3277 or stop by Digicare by Noon on Thursday.**

## Community Calendar

### MONDAY-6/13

Rye Town meeting - 7:30 p.m., United Methodist Church in Rye.

### TUESDAY - 6/14

Colorado City Metro District meeting - 7:00 p.m., CCMD office.

### WEDNESDAY - 6/15

Care and Share Produce Truck, Valley Community Church, 1-3 pm

### SATURDAY - 6/25

Colorado City/Rye Lions Club Golf Tournament—Dinner and Dance. Call 369-8178, 676-2221, or 676-3341 for more information.

### FRI, SAT AND SUN

6/24 - 6/26

Duo Fire Protection District

## Special Events

Call us with events that are coming up so we can put them in our community calendar. Call us at 676-3401 or email us at [editor@greenhornvalleyview.com](mailto:editor@greenhornvalleyview.com)

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## PEOPLE SPEAK

### What are your fourth of July plans?



**Theresa Perez**  
Social Worker  
Pueblo

"I'm working in the morning and watching the display at Runyon field — that's all that's left."



**Joyce Markusfeld**  
Nurse  
Pueblo

"For the of July I'll come back from visiting my daughter in Denver because of my dogs. I'll stick close to home."



**Kevin Bernal**  
Student of Life  
Pueblo

"I got big plans! I'm gonna make sure I'm singin', dancin' and hangin' out with my family."



**Angelina Montoure**  
Unemployed  
Pueblo

"Not lighting fireworks apparently! Spending time with the family."



**Tomas Martinez**  
Centennial  
student  
Pueblo

"Hanging out with friends and family and having fun."



**Rebecca Myli**  
Student  
Pueblo

"I'll be at my grandma's house with family from Denver. We will swim and probably have dinner."



**Greg Boerhave**  
Disabled  
Pueblo

"Just gonna spend time with the family. Burn some hot dogs and hamburgers."



**Daniel Eskelson**  
Call Center  
Pueblo

"Working."

Asked at Robert Hoag Public Library

## PEOPLE SPEAK

## Do you favor U.S. troops pulling out of Afghanistan?

**Art Roldan**  
Shelter Worker  
Pueblo

"Yes, because I don't want our young men and women fighting in a place that is still going to have bloodshed and strife when they leave."

**Rose Payne**  
Retired  
Pueblo

"Yes I do. I think it's time—we've been there long enough."

**Jerry Garrison**  
Retired  
Pueblo

"You bet! They shouldn't have been there in first place."

**Garry Amendola**  
Store Owner  
Pueblo

"They should have never been there."

**Susie Montez**  
Dental Assistant  
for VA  
Pueblo

"You work with a lady whose husband and I have heard too much. Afghanistan doesn't seem to be bothered by the Taliban, so why save them from themselves?"

**Angela Valasquez**  
Supervisor  
Pueblo

"Yes, I don't think we should be there in the first place."

**Shirley Harr**  
Day care  
Pueblo

"Yes and no. It's a good idea but we bring them home, where are they going to find a job? There are so many unemployed already."

**Gary Vertrees**  
Real estate  
Pueblo

"Yes, I don't think they are accomplishing what they should be."

Asked Thursday on the 100 block of Abriendo Avenue

## PEOPLE SPEAK

## Do you think justice was served in Florida's Casey Anthony trial?

**Jim Benfatti**  
Sales  
Pueblo

"I thought between them finding the chloroform, her Googling it and the duct tape they would have found her guilty. Plus it took 30 days to report the girl was missing and Casey was partying during the time."

**Mitch Scanga**  
Unemployed  
Alamosa

"That's just how our justice system works and what a good defense attorney will give you."

**Mitch Myers**  
Olive Garden  
and Old Navy  
Pueblo

"I think she did do it. Evidence points to her."

**Javierra Carrasco**  
Unemployed  
Pueblo

"She shouldn't have gotten the death penalty, but there was enough evidence to put her in jail."

**Ian Garcia**  
Olive Garden  
Pueblo

"She needs to rot in hell."

**Stacy Martinez**  
Dental Assistant  
Pueblo

"No, not at all. I thought she was guilty. I think our justice system failed us."

**Carol Ecker**  
Retired  
Pueblo

"I'm disappointed but I don't think they proved it beyond a reasonable doubt—which they have to do."

**Kyra Williams**  
Musician  
Pueblo

"No, not at all, she's guilty! They're dumb."

Asked Thursday at the Pueblo Mall.

## PEOPLE SPEAK

## Has the smoke from the wildfires affected you or anyone you know?

**David Dean**  
Retired  
Pueblo

"I can't say it's had an affect on me so far."

**Jeanette Vallejos**  
Unemployed  
Pueblo

"It has affected me and my children, we have allergies. Smoke makes the air thicker and harder to breathe."

**Maygan Davis**  
Research  
Employee  
New Mexico

"No we're not around it, it's up in the mountains and Arizona."

**Courtney Fisher**  
Washington  
Day-care  
Arizona

"My aunt had to evacuate her home."

**Krystal Baker**  
Unemployed  
Pueblo

"No we're not around it, it's up in the mountains and Arizona."

**Sam Montanez**  
Cook  
Pueblo

"It has affected my son's allergies but it hasn't really affected me at all."

**Dan Ramos**  
Pastor  
Pueblo

"A little, I have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and it gets to me a little."

**Anthony Martinez**  
Disabled  
Monte Vista

"No it hasn't affected me."

Asked Thursday at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library.

## Library district to consider East Side branch

Some want to improve access for underserved quadrant.

By JOHN NORTON  
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

Library district officials and city and community representatives will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday to discuss the possibility of using part of the old St. Leander School as a branch library. The meeting will be at the church's parish hall in the 1400 block of East Seventh Street.

Jon Walker, executive director of the Pueblo City-County Library District, said, "the library (board) has in its long-range strategic plan a desire to put library services on the East Side. There have been discussions off and on over the last seven years."



Currently, the nearest services for East Side residents is the Barkman Branch in Belmont and a satellite operation working on limited hours at Risley Middle School.

"There are two reasons for this plan," Walker said, "to improve access for the underserved and improve their quality of life and to remove pressure on the Barkman Library, which is our busiest per-square-foot location."

The Risley satellite also is only open eight hours a week.

"We've had discussions with community leaders and I've taken tours of different properties," Walker said. "St. Leander's school has come up very recently. There are some people that think that is a good location and the library

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JON WALKER,  
executive director of the  
Pueblo City-County Library  
District

district is certainly interested."

The problem, he said, is coming up with money to renovate the building because the library district doesn't have the funding now. One possibility would be to use grants if the building gets a historic designation.

Walker said that architect Justin Martinez, an East Side native who now works for a prestigious firm that specializes in libraries, has volunteered to spend some time looking at the location.

"I have a very, very preliminary estimate of what it could run to remodel that facility," Walker said. "In our very preliminary estimate we're talking about \$800,000 to \$900,000 in capital money. Then to staff it, we're looking at more. Barkman costs just under \$500,000 a year."

Walker said that Walsenburg renovated an old public school comparable in size to St. Leander with \$500,000 from the Colorado Historical Society.

"In the end, it will take community will," Walker said, "meaning the East Side in particular. We'll see what happens at this meeting. We'd love people to turn out for that."

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## LIFE

FAITH & RELIGION

### In the spotlight

InfoZone slates free presentation on history of local synagogue, Judaism

By LORETTA SWORD  
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

**M**ichael Atlas-Acuna was still formulating an upcoming presentation on the history of Judaism in Pueblo when he had an exchange that convinced him to include the topic in his talk.

Atlas-Acuna, president of the board of directors at Temple Emmanuel — Pueblo's oldest Jewish faith community — was working with a contractor who was replacing an air-conditioning unit that recently was stolen from the synagogue.

"We were in the basement, and the contractor asked me what I do for a living," he said. "I explained what it was. I explained that it's not really a church, but a synagogue," Atlas-Acuna said.

"And he said, 'just Michael, look at me, you mean there's Jews here?'" he said with a laugh. "I asked him, 'well, there have been Jews in Pueblo for more than 100 years. He had no idea. It got me then that maybe a lot of people don't know what a synagogue here — especially one as old as Temple Emmanuel, so they certainly don't understand the contribution Jews have made."

to Pueblo's social and economic history.

So Atlas-Acuna is happy that he and his wife, Linda (Acuna, his secretary), have been asked to give a free public presentation on the Jewish community's history — with a focus on Temple Emmanuel — at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the InfoZone News Museum in the Robberson Community Readings Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave.

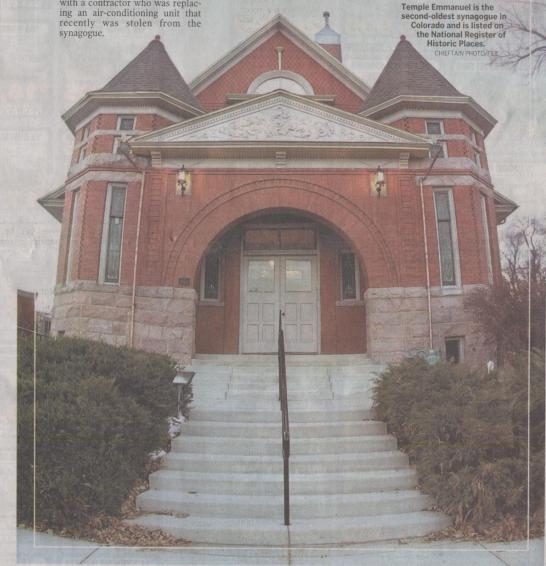
The presentation is being offered in conjunction with "In a New Land: The Worldwide Museum," a traveling exhibit that runs through Friday.

The traveling exhibit is sponsored by the Rubenstein Museum and Library of Philadelphia. It was

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Temple Emmanuel is the second-oldest synagogue in Colorado and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Max Markuson (left) and Seth Logan, both 12, recline on an oversized map of North America at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library on Saturday.

## Mapping knowledge

National Geographic helps kids learn where they're at (and not at)

By ADRIAN GARCIA  
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

All over North America, children play games and learned Saturday at a 26-by-33 foot map of the continent filled the Ryals Room at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

"I like it because it's big and colorful," said young Isabella Thorton.

The map is a part of the National Geographic's Giant Traveling Maps. The long-time geographic society sends giant maps around the country to promote geographic and map-related skills for children grades kindergarten through eighth.

There are maps that fill entire gymnasiums that schools for children to get engaged in learning the lay of the land.

The kids played a Alliance and National geography version of Simon Says, traced the United States' water-sheds, learned latitude and longitude and other ups and downs of maps.

"My favorite activity was finding out how much carbon dioxide is released in each area," explained Sophia Markuson.

Sophia's father is Chris Markuson, the Geographic Information Systems manager for Pueblo County.

He got on his hands and knees while he worked with children to point out various places.

"I work with the police so every day I help provide maps for the city and the police so they can get from Point A to Point B the quickest," said Markuson.

Markuson helped the Colorado Geographic

team bring the map to the library. He said Michael Cox, youth librarian, and Michael Clark, press relations manager for the library, were instrumental in the effort.

"This map is great for children to learn, it gives them context, it gives them latitude and longitude and the high and low points of the continent," said Markuson.

More than 40 children

came to see North America, but adults also filtered in to see the map on display.

"Something piqued my interest so I came to see the map. It's a great way to relearn because when you've been out of school for two years things seem to slip away from you," said Kevin Vinton, a 20-year-old.

Markuson helped the city at chieftain.com

## Possible East Side library discussed

Former St. Leander School could become community resource in underserved area.

By JOHN NORTON  
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

The operation of and funding for an East Side library branch are still the big unknowns but an enthusiastic group of city and library officials and community leaders came up with a lot of ideas Thursday afternoon for what they would like to see.

It's far from being the final site but the shuttered St. Leander School is the prime candidate for a branch and the community meeting was held at the parish hall, drawing about 50 people.

Jon Walker, executive director of the Pueblo City-County Library District, told the group, "I would love nothing more than to have a full service library in this neighborhood."

He said it would improve the quality of life and take some pressure over the heavily used Barkman branch in Belmont.

Walker said that the East Side needed such a public service with one in three households below the poverty line and a median income two-thirds of Pueblo's overall level.

At the end of the meeting, he asked if a library was needed and if the community would help and received a resounding "Yes."

"We will need your help," he said. The library district doesn't have the \$2 million or so it would take

to renovate the three-level building and pointed out that operating costs of the Barkman branch, for example, run close to \$500,000 annually.

That doesn't mean it's not possible to find the money and when the crowd broke up into separate groups one of them brainstormed funding ideas like government and private grants, special taxing districts and other ideas.

Walker told the entire group, "The East Side, I have to tell you, does have some unique opportunities that don't exist in other parts of Pueblo and at subsequent meetings we will discuss that."

Walker also pointed to City Councilman Larry Atencio, saying that the neighborhood needs to have an advocate on City Council.

Atencio told the group that the city manager had already assigned planning department people to work on the project but said, "I can't do it unless I have the community behind me."

He said that if he asks for something, it's one voice among seven, but "if I bring in 50 people from the neighborhood, politicians cannot say no to the community people they serve."

Don Bruestle, who has served on the Urban Renewal Board, said that not everyone interested was able to attend the late afternoon meeting and that the people who did should get the word out. "If you really want something, talk to your family and your

neighbors about it."

Walker said that the library district's board wants to do more than just the Books in the Park program at El Centro del Quinto Sol and the limited hours at the Risley Middle School satellite.

"We came here today to talk about more than that," he said, but cautioned, "We're at the very early steps of that journey. We cannot do anything unless we have will power and one of the biggest hurdles that we're going to have to overcome is money."

There could be some

help with that from a Minnesota architectural firm that has built or installed in renovated buildings more than 150 libraries.

Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle Ltd. has done restoration work in the U.S. Capitol building, turned a historic

closed school in Walsenburg into a library and helped to raise funds to repair New Orleans libraries damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Attending the meeting were Justin Martinez and Traci Lesneski of MSSR. It was a long trip for the two architects but a special one for Martinez who attended Bradford Elementary School, Risley Middle School and East High School before going to Colorado State University-Pueblo and on to architectural school.

He'd known about the desire for the East Side to have a library and had pushed the idea at a Denver firm where he worked, but the lack of funding discouraged them. His new employer, however, gets involved in developing community support and helping to find grants and sent him and Lesneski to Pueblo to help get the

process started, at the company's expense.

Martinez offered a slide show that city planner Wade Broadhead had helped produce, showing a number of historic buildings that the East Side had lost.

Lesneski showed examples of what MSSR had done renovating old schools, supermarkets and other buildings in libraries and Martinez asked the group to imagine what St. Leander School would look like with big windows, lit up at night and lots of activity inside.

Lesneski talked about how libraries in the 21st century had changed to offer more technology, community gathering places and other services. "It's not about the book anymore. It's about the users," she said.

But the group already was aware of that. When they came back from their subcommittees, it was obvious they wanted more than bookshelves. Technology, especially Internet access and eBooks were high on their lists, along with child care areas and a cafe — maybe rented out to providers to offset operation costs — and community meeting areas and art galleries.

There are still a lot of questions, Walker and others acknowledged.

Rev. Jim King of the Diocese of Pueblo business office said that the building, even unused, is costing money for insurance and an electric meter. There have not been any talks about selling it and a look at the assessor's map shows that the building is offset from lot lines that could allow it to be sold off separately from the city block the parish owns now.

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The Pueblo Library District announced a series of personnel moves:

**Jane Palmer**, previously the library's youth services supervising librarian, was promoted to director of public services. She holds a master's degree from Emporia (Kan.) State University.

**Charles Hutchins** was named director of information technology. Previously, he was information technology manager for Kelloff Brown & Root in Iraq and a systems administrator for Pueblo County. He holds a master's degree from Colorado Technical University.

**Deborah Krauth** was hired as a librarian with business emphasis. Previously a librarian in Topeka, Kan., she holds a master's degree from Emporia (Kan.) State and a law degree from the University of Iowa.

**Jennie Bachelor** recently was hired as museum and special collections coordinator. She worked previously at archives and museums in Denver and Boulder. She holds a master's degree from the University of Colorado-Denver.

**James Boyle** was promoted to archive and collections coordinator. Boyle previously worked as a library assistant. He holds a master's degree from the University of Denver.

**Nick Potter** was hired as the marketing coordinator. Previously, he was marketing manager at Pueblo Bank & Trust. Potter has a master's degree from Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

**Felicia Sanchez-Garbiso** was promoted to part-time Hispanic resources coordinator. She also will continue as a part-time library assistant in youth services.

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She holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish with a minor in Chicano studies from Colorado State University-Pueblo.

**Sara Wykoff** was hired as the programs and events coordinator. Wykoff previously was employed as the special events coordinator for the Wildlife Experience and as the marketing coordinator of the Larimer Arts Association in Denver. She holds a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Denver.

## 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.

## AT THE LIBRARY

### Fiction

“Star Wars: Fate of the Jedi: Conviction,” by Aaron Allston

“One Summer,” by David Baldacci

“Against All Enemies,” by Tom Clancy

“The Borrower: A Novel,” by Rebecca Makkai

“Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War,” by Karl Marlantes

“Trader of Secrets: A Paul Madriani Novel,” by Steve Martini

### Nonfiction

“Think Straight Talk for Women to Stay Smart in a Dumbbed-Down World,” by Lisa Bloom

“A Famous Dog's Life: The Story of Gidget, America's Most Beloved Chihuahua,” by Sue Chipperton

“Truth Be Told: Off the Record about Favorite Guests, Memorable Moments, Funniest Jokes, and a Half Century of Asking Questions,” by Larry King

“Found: A Daughter's Journey Home,” by Tatum O'Neal

“Honest Medicine: Effective, Time-Tested, Inexpensive Treatments for Life-Threatening Diseases,” by Julia E. Schopick

“The Scent of Water: Grace for Every Kind of Broken,” by Naomi Zacharias

The Pueblo Board of County Commissioners and Pueblo City Council are seeking interested **volunteer** applicants to fill one vacancy on the Pueblo Library District's Board of Trustees. For information, visit [www.co.pueblo.co.us](http://www.co.pueblo.co.us) or call 583-6514.

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**Library to celebrate Juneteenth at the park**

The Pueblo City-County Library District has scheduled a Books in the Park outdoor library program next week in conjunction with the local Juneteenth celebration.

The library district and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Museum and Cultural Center have scheduled events at Bessemer Park, 100 W. Northerly, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

On Monday, Sharon Wade, a former backup singer for Aretha Franklin and Diana Ross, will sing freedom songs. Her daughter, Myracle Wade, will read stories to children.

On Tuesday, Ruth Steele, director of the MLK museum and cultural center, will present the history of Juneteenth and the Emancipation Proclamation. Mary Goshay will perform a Chautauqua-style presentation as Cathay Williams, who was the only known female Buffalo Soldier and was a part-time resident of Pueblo during Civil War times.

Festivities continue Wednesday with more stories and crafts celebrating African American culture and history.

## Free music offered at library website

Three songs per week allowed to card-holders.

By JOHN NORTON  
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

Anyone who wishes they had that favorite tune on their MP3 player but didn't want to pay for it, or acquire it illegally, can get it "fregally," through the Pueblo City-County Library District.

Library patrons can now use their accounts to download three MP3 files a week for free from the hundreds of thousands of files in the Sony Music Entertainment collection by logging on to the library district's website.

The new Freegal service is one of many digital download options now available from the library.

To use the service, it's necessary to have a library card. Freegal can be found by clicking on Search in the menu bar and going to eAudio-books, eBooks and eMusic.

The Freegal link is under the eMusic

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heading. Other downloads can be found under the Online Tools heading.

To use the service, it's necessary to type in the user's library card number and their personal identification number, which is the patron's birth date in eight digits.

There's an advanced search figure that lets the user look for songs under album, artist, title and genre and each can be previewed before downloading.

The file is saved to the computer. On a Macintosh, it will go directly into the iTunes library.

There are no digital rights management restrictions so it's just like buying the song or ripping it from a CD.

When the weekly download limit is reached, a wish-list queue is available for future reference. Downloads are tracked on individual Freegal accounts, and each subscriber gets three more downloads on Sunday at midnight, Eastern Daylight Time.

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