



City's library plans quashed

By DONNA BROWN
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SYRACUSE — The mayor threw cold water on a hot city project Tuesday when he announced the proposed city municipal complex will not include a library as planned.

Plans for a 2,700-square-foot library included in architectural drafts for the 9,000-square-foot building were squelched when Mayor DeLore Thurgood received word late Tuesday afternoon of the Davis County Library Board's decision not to stock and operate a library in the building.

"I have some sad news," he told about 25 citizens who attended a public information meeting that evening.

"I'm going to have to throw a little cold water on this project."

Thurgood said the request was denied because it was contrary to the board's branch library policy. The main Davis County Library is in Farmington with branches in Clearfield, Layton and Bountiful.

He said county officials told him it would take about 5,000 books to stock the library initially and \$50,000 to \$55,000 in operating and maintenance costs annually.

"That would really put a crimp into their program. I guess they still need those funds to stock and upgrade the current branches," Thurgood said.

He said there is enough demand for a library, just not enough money. The city also had a hard time selling the board on the idea of having the library be part of the complex instead of in a separate building.

"They said in time population will probably dictate a library in the north end of the county...I guess I can't really argue with what they were telling me, it's kind of hard to accept."

In December 1988 and January 1989 the city conducted a needs assessment and attitude survey in Syracuse. Of about 1,200 homes polled nearly 600 responded.

Thurgood said the city was surprised to find that the number one need expressed by citizens was that of a local library.

One resident said she is very disappointed.

"These kids need something out here," Diane Smith said. "Not all kids are athletic. These other kids need something to do too, and even those that are athletic

should be using a library."

Architect Denis W. Butler and Joe Rhoads of the Rhoads Company, Inc., brought draft floor plans and drawings of two proposed sights to the meeting.

They proposed a one-story brick veneer building to serve as city administrative offices, a police complex, community heritage center, reception and community activity center and — until Tuesday — a library.

Two sights are proposed for the building, one at about 1650 S. 1750 West at Founders Park and the other on city-owned property behind the existing building.

The total budget for the project was estimated at \$900,000 including site preparation.

Rhoads said the estimate was high, "It's easier to pull money out of a project and put it somewhere else than it is to try to come up with more," he said.

Rhoads said he guessed without the library the cost of the building would drop by roughly \$150,000. No alternative plans were made.

If approved in a bond election Sept. 4, the city will seek \$500,000,000 in funding with a general obligation bond.

The suggested method of repayment is a 3 to 3.5 percent franchise tax on power, gas and telephone bills.

A 3 percent tax for 10 years would cost the average user an extra \$4.10 per month total. A 3.5 percent tax would cost about \$4.80. Averages are based on information from the respective utility companies.

Additional funding will come from more than \$100,000 in the city's building fund and possibly the sale of 2.56 acres of city owned commercial property.

"First you've got to justify this in the minds of the people. You've got to think about the feasibility and the pocket book."

"We are bulging at the seams here and ready to explode," Councilman Michael Gailey said. The city's main computer is located over the toilet in the women's restroom because there's no place else to put it.

"We really want this city complex, but if you don't want us to build it, we won't build it," Thurgood said.

If the building is approved construction could start as early as March 15 next year and be completed by November.

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Green thumbs not needed to plant organic garden



Clearfield resident and research biophysicist Perry Martin says for him, gardening is a spiritual experience.

Gardener goes for the gold

CLEARFIELD — Perry Martin says he doesn't waste his gardening time on corn and beans. He's going for the gold with exotic organic flowers, berries and vegetables from Thailand.

The 44-year-old research biophysicist is conducting research

in his own backyard to find out which plants are most likely to make his future gardening business a success.

Martin, who has a degree in research biophysics from Westminster College, Salt Lake, is a

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Performing a religious ritual, Apache dancer McClean has been studying authentic Indian dances for about 40 years. McClean is a fifth-grade teacher by profession.

Dancer entertains crowd

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SYRACUSE — Fathers and sons watched wide-eyed as Apache McClean performed an Indian rain ritual on stage with his three slithering companions — a bull snake, indigo and grey rat snake.

The PTA-sponsored father and son outing at Cook Elementary Thursday featured the Indian entertainer who danced and mesmerized with colorful costumes made of animal skin, porcupine quills, feathers, bone and teeth.

"I was fortunate enough to start collecting

these things 40 years ago when you could still get them," he said.

The rain ritual is performed three different ways: By dancing around a coiled snake, by imitating snake movements, and the way McClean performs it, by actually dancing with them.

He said it is an Indian belief that snakes are the closest thing to the earth. Because of that they believe snakes understand the problems and needs of the soil.

One at a time, McClean removed each snake from a white bag. He wrapped them around his

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CLEARFIELD — So, spring has sprung. As the frost warning season slowly turns to summer heat, we're slipping across the border line between planting too early and planting too late.

Now is the time to get a jump on that flower or vegetable garden that will make your neighbor's brown thumb turn green with envy.

Perry Martin, a research biophysicist in Clearfield, says gardening to him is a spiritual experience.

Although the 44-year-old Vietnam War veteran works at Hill Air Force Base as a mechanic, his true passion lies in organic gardening. Flowers, vegetables and berries are already flourishing around his half-acre lot.

Here are a few tips from Martin on ways to turn a mediocre family garden into the envy of the neighborhood.

Martin says the key to organic gardening is a solid foundation of mulch and fish emollient.

"Soil without dead plant matter is typically sterile," Martin said. With mulch and fish emollient a good strong organic foundation is set.

Mulch, such as wood chips or yard clippings, does magical things to sterile soil. Don't buy expensive wood chips though, he says.

Many tree services will deliver shredded waste to homes free because it beats paying the high cost of dumping, he said.

"As the mulch rots away it textures the soil," he said. The decayed matter provides nutrients necessary for plant growth.

"This is the foundation for an entire ecosystem, a whole complex world of organisms...thousands and thousands of varieties of organisms that do thousands of things we still don't understand," he said.

Ideally, a thick layer of mulch should be applied in the fall and left to decay all winter.

If you use green wood chips this summer get more than you need and find a place to put the mulch to dry for at least two weeks. Too much green wood will let off gases that are dangerous to plants, he said.

When the mulch is dry, pack it around the base of each plant and spread it along garden walk ways. This fall, till it under and add more throughout the garden. Bio-catalysts are available on

the market to help speed the breakdown process.

Fish emollient is a liquid form of fish by-products and can be bought where gardening supplies are sold. The fertilizer is a natural non-chemical agent that aids in the decay and gives plants an extra boost of nutrients. It is most commonly applied with a hose sprayer.

Weed and insect problems commonly plague the beginning gardener. Chemicals may seem like the easy way out, but Martin says the convenience is not worth the environmental cost.

The best form of weed control is to simply not allow them. In potential problem areas apply wood chips early in the spring and in the fall. "Wood chips don't kill, but they do prevent the light from getting in. Any seed would run out of energy before it gets to the light if you have a good thick layer of mulch," he said. Besides controlling the weeds, the mulched areas make great potting soil.

Martin also uses heavy black plastic to cover problem areas. While controlling weeds, the plastic helps retain moisture in the soil.

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NEIGHBORS

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Elected and selected

... Farmington Mayor Robert W. Arbuckle has been elected to serve as chairman of the Davis County burn plant board for the year. H. Kay Chandler will serve as vice chairman and Davis County Commissioner Gayle A. Stevenson will serve as secretary.

... Recognition of academic achievement in foreign language has been given to Laurie M. Goddard of Sunset, a student at Southern Utah State College.

... Carolyn Edwards of Bountiful, president of the Utah Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (UAA-DAC), was in Washington D.C. recently, as Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, was honored by addiction treatment professionals from all over the country.

At the annual Legislative Conference of the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC), Ms. Edwards introduced Garn to the conference, where he was named Legislator of the Year. During the three-day event, Ms. Edwards met with several congressmen on issues relating to the professional treatment and prevention of alcohol and drug addictions.

NAADAC represents the interests and concerns of nearly 25,000 counselors who work with addicted individuals.

A degree above

... LoRee Y. Crandall has completed requirements for a master of science degree in mathematics at Utah State University.

Degrees will be awarded at Utah State University commencement June 2.

She is a daughter of Masaru and Kiyoko Yamada, Syracuse. She is married to Wallace V. Crandall of Logan.

She attended Clearfield High School and received her bachelor of science degree in mathematics education at USU in 1988. She plans to teach in a junior college or university.

She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi academic honorary and Golden Key National Honor Society. She received outstanding student awards in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

... Gayle C. Cloke, Layton, has completed requirements for a master of education degree in elementary education at Utah State University. Degrees will be awarded at Utah State University commencement June 2.

She is a teacher in the Davis County School District. She achieved the Davis School Board Honor Roll for Excellence in Teaching and was a candidate for a Presidential Award for Excellence in Elementary Mathematics Teaching.

She attended Weber High School and received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education at Weber State College.

Cloke is a daughter of Keith S. and Betty Clark, South Weber. She is married to Ronald C. Cloke, formerly of Ogden.

Record attendance

... Brian Henrie, a senior at Clearfield High School, will graduate May 30 with six consecutive years of perfect attendance behind him.

"I kept setting a goal," Henrie said. "In seventh grade, I made it one quarter, then two quarters, then one year. I just kept on going. There were a lot of days I should not have gone, but I did."

Brian wants to attend Weber State College this fall for one year before going on an LDS mission.

He enjoys all sports, especially basketball, track and soccer.

At Clearfield High, he received academic letters in cross country and track.

Henrie, of 1983 N. 1225 W. Clinton, is the son of Michael A. and Susan Henrie.

Best quote

'Duct tape is like The Force in 'Star Wars'. It has a light side and a dark side and binds our universe together.'

— Member of the Society for Creative Anachronism on keeping pieces of armor together during battle. See story, page 11