

## Safeway Subdivision houses

Most readers who had an interest in ownership of one of the abandoned houses to the west of the former Pioneer Safeway have probably already taken the steps necessary to have a shot at getting one of them from the State. For free. Just the cost of the relocation, which could be considerable.

I first suggested the State give over these unwanted (to them) houses to Wyoming residents who wanted them and could move them within a certain time frame.

And, on April 14, the State agreed to do that.

Because the houses are located on the westside of the city (not downtown as some have erroneously reported), not as much attention has been given this offer as it would had the houses been located elsewhere. They are in a part of the city where houses were confiscated from property owners who had lived in their houses for five or six decades, all for a new, oversized and unnecessary library.

In speaking with Rich Cathcart and others in his office several times over the past two weeks, I learned that at least 14 people have "applied" for one of those houses, with one, a professional house mover, asking for three of them. One house has multiple applicants.

The State must do what's in the best interests of all State residents and insure that the program is beneficial and does not leave the State in the lurch in the end.

So, there will be a binding agreement between those who want each of the houses and the State of Wyoming.

There is a window of opportunity for residents to seek ownership. And, grants should be made to any resident of Wyoming, not just Laramie County residents, because this is a State, not local, project.

The "initial procedural steps," in addition to those requirements that will be spelled out in detail in a contract not yet completed by the Attorney General's office, include, but are not limited to:

- Grantee may schedule appointments to inspect house with 48 hours advance notice ... ;
- Inspections of houses are limited to one (1) hour per house and the one hour will include asbestos sampling;
- Grantee must supply executed Agreement, required proof of insurance coverage, contractor information and permits by May 14, 2010; and
- Deadline for completed removal, with all clean up completed, is August 6, 2010.

Also, Grantees will not be allowed to enter and strip the houses on site - they must move them basically in tact. Grantees also will not be responsible for removal of the foundation, the State will do that with the demolition of other houses, if any remain. And, the State will not be responsible for any contamination cleanup that may exist in the houses, including asbestos. There will unlikely be any extension of time for removal - they have to be relocated by August 6, 2010.

If you're interested and haven't inquired, contact the State of Wyoming Construction Management Division, 777-7769.

## Warren National University former students lawsuit

Defendants in this lawsuit have been separated and are represented by two different attorneys. Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America has different counsel than the principals of WNU.

So, the First Amended Complaint filed by the plaintiffs, now numbering 197, was answered by two sets of attorneys.

Travelers was brief, the major point they made was that there was no bond for each student. What I've written here before is that the State of Wyoming reduced the requirement for bonding from \$100,000 to \$10,000 when the law was changed to require diploma mills be in the process of gaining accreditation or cease operations. Instead of better protecting students, the State greatly diminished their protection.

Attorneys representing the other Defendants, WNU, L3 Inc, Saltman, Patterson and Fletcher, made the following statements in their Answer to the Amended Complaint. Read these first, then read the box below.

#34 Defendants did not represent that Warren was accredited ... (Note: *The lawsuit also names Kennedy-Western, the predecessor name of Warren.*)

#43 Those counselors were supervised, managed and trained to appropriately represent the programs that were being offered at Warren to those prospective students.

#48 Defendants deny that false statements were made to Plaintiffs.

Defendants deny that prospective students were told that Warren's degree ... was accredited.

#49 ... admit that students could elect to take an examination in a particular course a second time ...

#107 Plaintiffs knew or reasonably should have known that Warren was ... not accredited.

With 197 Plaintiffs, several should have similar communications from Warren National University / Kennedy-Western University to that shown below. In spite of repeated denials in the lawsuit, "admission counselors" did tell prospective students that the programs at WNU/K-WU were accredited. How they think they can deny that representation was made when so many e-mails and letters are floating around defies logical explanation.

Part of an e-mail, sent on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 by Kim Duran, Senior Admissions Specialist, Kennedy-Western University 30301 Agoura Road, Agoura Hills, CA 91301 (800) 635-2900 ext. 352 818/707-9800 (fax) to a new Kennedy-Western student -- (full text provided to the Cheyenne Herald by that former student)

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## Cheyenne Animal Shelter's Pet Adopt-A-Thon 2010

Friday, Saturday and Sunday - April 30 - May 2

Great prizes for raffle winners, food for everyone and adorable and adoptable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available to good homes

During the Adopt-A-Thon, all dog adoption fees will be reduced \$20.00 and you can adopt two cats for the same fee as one

Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - 11 am - 9 pm  
 Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - 9 am - 9 pm  
 Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Noon - 5 pm

## Walk In My Shoes

The 13th Annual WCH Walk In My Shoes Fundraiser, presented by Beacon Hill Baptist Church, will take place June 12, 2010, starting at 907 Logan Avenue.



Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and the Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

The Walk registration form can be found at <http://www.wch.vcn.com/walkregis10.htm> Registration for walkers or ghost walkers is \$12.00 prior to the event and \$15.00 on the day of the event. Contributors and sponsors are needed. Door prize donations are needed.

Call Betty Ann (632-6248) or Virginia (634-8499) at Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless with questions

e-mail address is: [wch@vcn.com](mailto:wch@vcn.com)

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