

# This ain't the library you voted for!

## What you're getting

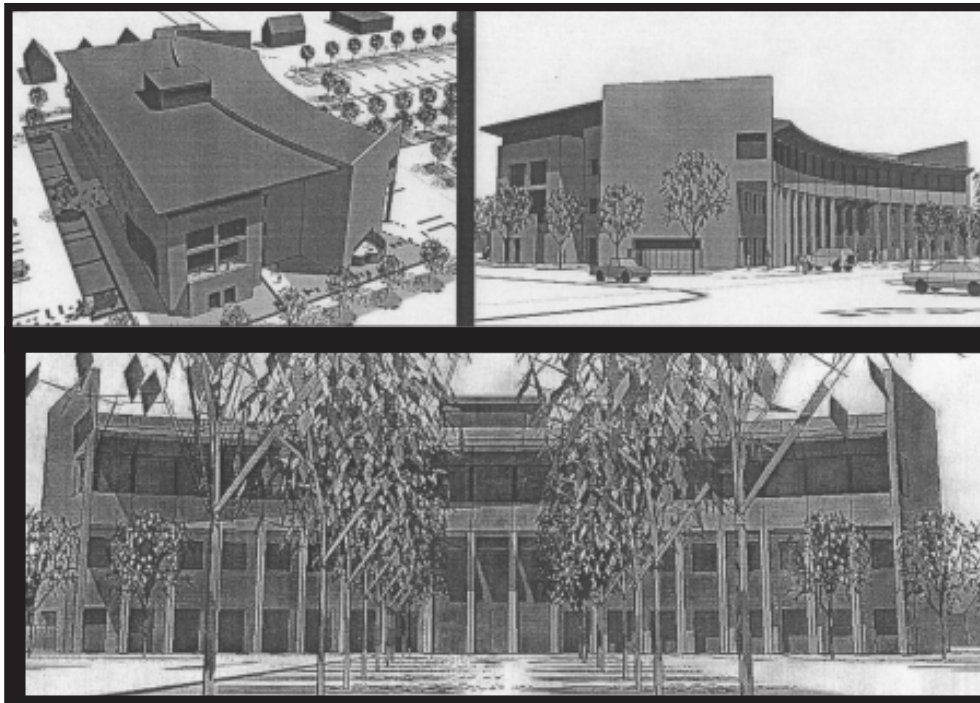
A "big box" with windows on the east side (Pioneer Ave.) and a half silo against that east wall.



The new library will look like a downtown Wal-Mart with a lot of books. It also looks like a 1930's school building with a water tank imbedded on its side. All in all, it's pretty ugly.



## Here's what you thought you'd be getting ↓



What the west side (above) of this monstrosity is supposed to represent is anyone's guess. The new library has succeeded in displacing the downtown parking garage as the most weird design for a new structure in Cheyenne.

This will be the side most people enter - at least those brave enough to park in that area of downtown after dark.

Perhaps the parking lot will have armed guards. And security personnel to escort women and children to the entrance and back to their vehicles when they depart. Or maybe those various-sized windows in the gray area above are for sniper positions - to provide cover for those running for their cars.

The line drawings at the left were published in the June 16, 2003 issue of the Cheyenne Herald. They were the final design drawings for the new library which were represented to voters before the November Specific Purpose Sales Tax (6th penny) proposition was presented to voters.

The final product above bears no resemblance to the design voters may have supported.

While a specific design was not presented on the ballot - it would be impossible to provide those graphics for viewing on a ballot - and proponents of the new design can use that as a defense, they have broken faith with voters who had some hope of the new design picking up on the Carnegie Library columns.

In comparison, the library being built (above) is a poor substitution for the unique design offered voters in 2003.