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No Vote, No Trial, No Citizen Input On Hentzell Park May 19 Denver District Court Trial Vacated



Urban Blight? Mayor Hancock was able to seize 11 acres of Hentzell Park for development by calling portions of the park "urban blight."

David Steel Awarded Business Leader Of The Year



Admired Businessman: David Steel, the CEO of the Western Development Group was honored at the May 8 Cherry Creek Chamber luncheon as the Business Leader of the Year for his work in Cherry Creek North.

by Charles C. Bonniwell

David Steel, President, Chief Operating Officer and Partner in *Western Development Group, LLC*, was presented the prestigious "Business Leader of the Year" by the Cherry Creek Chamber of Commerce at its annual luncheon on May 8, 2014, at the *JW Marriott* in Cherry Creek.

Western Development is a company capitalized by Philip Anschutz, the wealthiest man in Colorado according to *Forbes* magazine. The company built and developed the *NorthCreek*, a mixed use condominium project on Fillmore Street in Cherry Creek North. Units in the project sell for one million dollars or more. Western Development is also in the process of building and developing 250 Columbine, a \$100 million mixed use project and also in Cherry Creek North. Western Development will construct a seven story building that will have 71 luxury high end residences as well as retail stores on the ground level.

At the luncheon, Steel was praised for his "honesty and forthrightness." He was also lauded for his work as past chair of the *Cherry Creek North Business Improvement District* as well as his work with the *Cherry Creek Steering Committee* and his role in founding the *Cherry Creek Business Alliance*.

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Glendale Fireworks To Light Up Valley Skies July 3



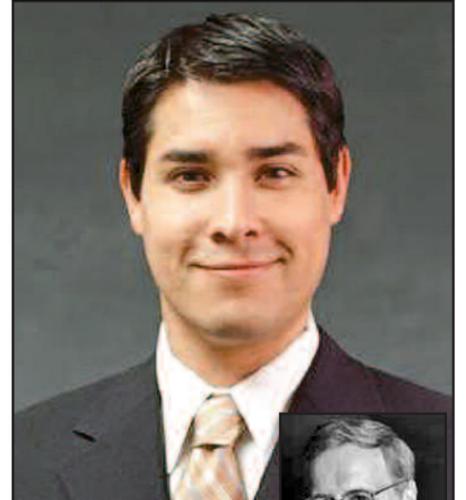
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For over two years Denver park advocates who formed the entity *Friends of Denver Parks* have attempted to assert the rights of citizens of Denver as guaranteed by the *Denver City Charter* and the *Colorado State Constitution* to vote on matters critical to them and in particular on whether Mayor Michael Hancock could simply trade away 11 acres of open space land for development at *Hentzell Park* for a run-down office building in downtown Denver.

The city, led by Assistant City Attorney David Broadwell, has blocked all efforts for citizens to have that say. First he claimed that Denver City Charter Sec. 2.4.5., that requires "approval of a majority of registered voters" for the sale or lease of any park or any portion of any park, does not apply since it had not officially been designated a park notwithstanding all appearances to the contrary, and even prior statements by the Mayor of Denver in 1979 that the property was "dedicated park land."

When parks advocates sufficiently gath-

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Who is the real City Attorney? Asst. City Attorney David Broadwell, right, who has successfully destroyed citizens' voting rights with regard to Hentzell Park is considered a brilliant attorney by his co-workers and Denver City Council members while his ostensible boss City Attorney Scott Martinez, above, is viewed by some as an inexperienced, inept, and, at times, bumbling lawyer.

Raptors Edged In Title Thriller, 39-38



Exciting Play: Title game between Raptors and Golden Gate was filled with excitement and drama featuring five lead changes.

by Glen Richardson

When the *Glendale Raptors* and *San Francisco Golden Gate* went toe to toe in the deciding clash of the inaugural *Pacific Rugby Premiership* season at

Infinity Park May 17, it produced a match the likes of which even the best script writers couldn't conjure up. Accompanying incredibly good rugby was a stack of subplots together with a controversial referee call that kept the huge crowd on the edge of their seats until the final whistle.

There have been some monumental rugby games here — the *Collegiate All-Stars*, two *Churchill Cups*, and the *North American Four* among others — but none that have created more excitement and drama highlighted by bruising hits and jaw dropping tries. There were five lead changes during the 80-minute contest, but despite an up-and-under try by Glendale Center Chad London in the waning minutes, the Raptors came up one point short, 39-38.

Making the game all the more remarkable is that the Raptors were ranked at the bottom of the Pacific League's power rankings at the start of the season. Going into the playoff, however, the Raptors were ranked number one with an 11-1 record, two games ahead of San Francisco. In their previous match-ups during the season they were tied with a win apiece.

Seesaw Action Game

Despite San Francisco's early domina-

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