



## Western Colorado Chapter Update -- December 2010

The fledgling Western Colorado chapter of HLAA had a very successful second meeting with 15 attendees on Saturday, December 4th, 2010 at the Center for Independence, 740 Gunnison Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Amy Beckett opened the meeting with an opportunity for attendees to introduce themselves, and explained that HLAA is a national organization with local chapters that offer information, education, advocacy and support to people with all types of hearing loss. Every chapter meeting offers an opportunity to meet other people who share and understand hearing loss, plus information about different coping strategies and assistive technologies, and updates on national issues such as hearing aid tax credits, insurance coverage, and captioning.

There was an electronic audio-loop to amplify Amy's voice directly to attendees' hearing aids that were equipped with T-coils and a PowerPoint outline of Amy's talk, plus Robin Taber wrote notes on a white board during the meeting at the front of the room. For the January 2011 meeting, we also plan to provide live captioning projected on the wall from a laptop computer.

Next, Amy gave a live demonstration of captioned telephones, which can be a huge help for people who miss parts of phone conversations. Sprint CapTel offers 3 types of captioned phones - a landline version, an internet service that works off your computer screen, and a cell-phone service. The group was small enough to have some open discussion and a question/answer session.

The Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of

Hearing is scheduled to speak at two upcoming Western Colorado HLAA meetings -- Saturday, February 5th, and Saturday, March 5th, 2011, about their Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (TEDP), and other services. Applications for free mobile phones will be available at these meetings.

We need at least 4 members to officially start a HLAA chapter in Western Colorado. Please join us at our next meeting, January 8th, 2011, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Center for Independence!! January's program topic will be learning to lipread, plus an open question and answer time. Free copies of HLAA's new video on hearing loss and Hearing Loss Magazine, catalogs of assistive devices, and refreshments will also be provided.

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More about the Hearing Loss Association of America at: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org).  
More about the Center for Independence at: [www.cfigj.org](http://www.cfigj.org) □

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# Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Debbie Mohney, HLA of CO State Coordinator

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Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112,  
Boulder, CO 80303, behind Safeway

*What's Bugging You? Bring Your Hearing Issues to Discuss and Resolve!*

Here's hoping you all had a wonderful Holiday season!

We had a nice Holiday Party in December. A lot of people must have been doing their holiday shopping, but we had a nice little turnout, and shared some great food, conversation, and played a fun game of Hearing Loss Bingo testing our lip reading skills. Karen Keil won both of the games by scoring bingo first, but everyone learned that they could lip read so everyone was a winner!

Our January meeting finds our President Christie Nudelman back in Singapore for work. She says Hi to everyone and will see us in March 2011.

Please NOTE that the Boulder Chapter meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday for January. Our meeting is on Saturday, January 22, 2011, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The topic is: "What's bugging you? Bring your Hearing Issues to discuss and resolve!"

We hope to see you all at the meeting!

See maps and directions on page 5. □

## 9-1-1 emergency system upgrade

November 30, 2010  
posted by Parri T - Awareness Network Manager

FCC has announced that it plans to upgrade the capabilities of the 9-1-1 emergency system by allowing texting, video streaming and data sharing as part of the National Broadband Plan's Next Generation 9-1-1 at <http://www.broadband.gov/issues/public-safety.html>. Many people, particularly those with disabilities, depend on texting as their primary means of communication. In some emergency situations -- especially in circumstances where a call could further jeopardize someone's life and safety -- texting is the only way to reach out for help.

[See] [http://www.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2010/db1123/DOC-302988A1.pdf](http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2010/db1123/DOC-302988A1.pdf) to read the Federal Communications Commission's press release.

Benefits of Next-Generation 9-1-1

Text for Help: Many Americans, particularly those with disabilities, rely on texting as their primary means of communication. In some emergency situations -- especially in circumstances where a call could further jeopardize someone's life and safety -- texting is the only way to reach out for help. Next-Generation 9-1-1 would allow call centers to receive texts and put them to use. (Source: <http://www.cochlearcommunity.com>) □



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**Submission deadline for February 2011 newsletter: no later than Sunday, Jan. 30th, at 9:00 pm. The newsletter is mailed at least 10 days prior to Colorado Springs monthly meeting.**

A major objective of HLAA is to develop a constituency of hard of hearing people. This cannot be achieved without members throughout the U.S. Members of HLAA groups and chapters should be members of HLAA National to help accomplish the goals that will benefit all hard of hearing people and at the same time receive the benefits of that national membership.

**Individual:** \$35/USA, \$35/Canada/Mexico, \$45/Overseas (via airmail).

**Professional:** \$35/USA, \$45/Canada/Mexico, \$55 /Overseas (via airmail).

(Other types of memberships include **Library, Non-Profit Organization** and **Organization**, etc.)

For information, send a SASE to HLAA, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

### Quote of the month

*Fear will always knock on your door. Just don't invite it in for dinner. And for heaven's sake, don't offer it a bed for the night.*

--- Max Lucado, from his book *Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear*



## Colorado Springs Chapter

*By Chris Hampton, President*

Greetings from the Colorado Springs Chapter. We had a wonderful Christmas party on Dec. 11th with a friend of mine providing live entertainment and Karen Hampton doing Christmas bingo. Our loop system was functioning wonderfully.



*Friend providing free entertainment*



*Karen Hampton doing Christmas Bingo*

The speaker at the January 8th meeting of HLAA Colorado Springs will be: Namati Katungu, Education and Training Specialist at the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

We will also be discussing the *Walk4hearing* and loop systems.

### **COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER**

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 PM January-October

Where: Mission Medical Clinic, 2125 E La Salle Street, Colorado Springs, CO

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**Hearing Loss Association of Denver. Chapter meeting Saturday, January 22nd, at 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy, Englewood Civic Center. 1:00 pm for socialization and greeting one another. 1:20 pm program.**

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with a good dose and infusion of love and peace to your spirit and you as you head into the new year.

We had a very nice holiday party at Emilie's place with lots of homemade tasty treats blended with fun fellowship and sharing. And we were blessed with nice weather with no ice underfoot. One of the highlights was having Carol Cain do some impromptu vignettes of the many fond memories she came away with from the HLAA convention she attended in June in Milwaukee.

We have reviewed the surveys you provided us re: programs you would like to have this coming year. We will provide you with a summary at our next meeting. We look forward to having a host of programs to enlighten and entertain you.

One of the topics which scored very high was to take a behind the scenes look at TV captions and why they sometimes come out garbled. Hopefully, we will learn how we can let our concerns known to effect positive change. We are most fortunate to have Valerie Miller to be with us to speak on this subject. Valerie has been a captioner for 15 years, so she clearly brings some real expertise. We know that this will be a very interesting presentation. We are indebted to our new captioner, Diane Humphreys, for arranging for Valerie to be with for us!

We have already received many renewals for Chapter membership. If you do not want to be left out, please make your \$15.00 contribution payable to *HLA of Denver*, and bring it with you to our next meeting or if you cannot make the meeting you can mail it to: Ann Monson at 21298 E. Powers Pl., Centennial, CO 80015-3338. Thank you.

We wish to thank Marjorie for providing refreshments for this month.

Finally, we wish to thank the Englewood Library for providing us such excellent space, and we want to especially thank Karen Keil for preparing such a valuable and professional newsletter each month. I wonder how many of us realize the time, effort and devotion she puts forth for us! What would we do without her!

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## HLAA Chapters in Colorado COLORADO

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### State website:

<http://www.hearinglosscolorado.org>

Join the Hearing Loss Association of America e-mail E-News:  
<http://www.hearingloss.org/membership/Sen.asp>

### BOULDER CHAPTER (Boulder)

When: Third Saturday of Month at 10:30 AM, Sept. - May

Where: Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112, Boulder, CO 80303

Chapter Contact: Christie Nudelman e-mail [hlaaboulder@yahoo.com](mailto:hlaaboulder@yahoo.com)

### CENTRAL DENVER CHAPTER

When: Fourth Saturday of Month at 1 PM, no meeting July/August (special event in Sept. and Dec., date TBA)

Where: Englewood Public Library Anderson Conference Room 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy in Englewood Civic Ctr.

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### COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 PM January-October

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<b>Grand Junction</b>		
Little Fockers	Regal Cinemas Canyon View Stadium 14	Jan. 11-13
The Fighter	Regal Cinemas Canyon View Stadium 14	Dec. 28-Jan. 3
True Grit	Regal Cinemas Canyon View Stadium 14	Jan. 4-10
<b>Golden (Lakewood)</b>		
Black Swan	UA West Village Stadium 12	Dec. 31-Jan.6
True Grit	UA West Village Stadium 12	Jan. 7-13
<b>Broomfield</b>		
Tron: Legacy	AMC Flatiron Crossing 14	Dec. 29-Jan. 4* RWC
<b>Lakewood/Littleton</b>		
How Do You Know	Colorado Mills Stadium 16	Dec. 31-Jan. 6
Tron: Legacy	Colorado Mills Stadium 16	Jan. 7-13
Black Swan	UA Meadows 12, Littleton	Jan. 4-10
Gulliver's Travels	UA Meadows 12, Littleton	Dec. 31-Jan. 3
True Grit	UA Meadows 12, Littleton	Jan. 11-13
Little Fockers	AMC Highlands Ranch 24, Littleton	Dec. 29-Jan. 4* RWC
<b>Denver</b>		
NA	The Mayan, Denver	NA
NA	Chez Artiste, Denver	NA
<b>Boulder</b>		
NA	Century Boulder, 1700 29 <sup>th</sup> St.	NA
<b>Westminster</b>		
NA	AMC Westminster Promenade 24	NA

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## More great coverage of the California captioning case

A column in this morning's San Jose (Cal.) Mercury News takes another sympathetic look at the lawsuit filed last week in Oakland by the Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) and two individuals against Cinermark theaters.

Author Patty Fisher recounts the frustration people with hearing loss face when trying to go to the movies. Her conclusion: with 36 million Americans having some degree of hearing loss, and that number climbing rapidly, the theaters ought to be doing whatever is required to get people away from their DVD viewers and into the theaters.

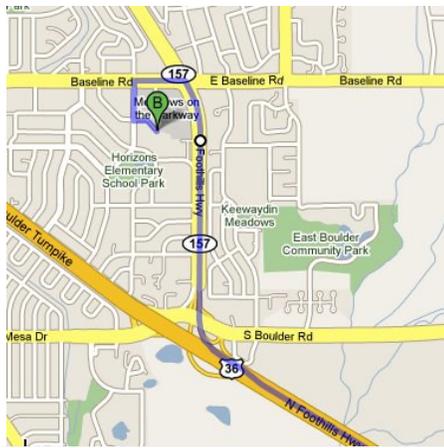
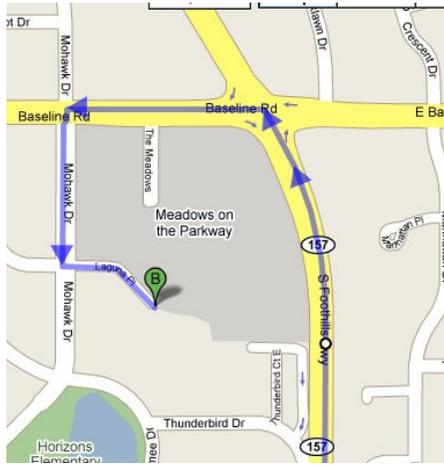
Her conclusion mirrors mine. The movie theaters are doing everything possible to create an experience that can't be duplicated at home -- witness the push for 3D movies. Yet they ignore the needs of those of us who are at home with our captioned DVDs by necessity rather than by choice.

<http://tinyurl.com/27waxss> □

## Directions to Boulder HLA Chapter

### Directions from Denver

Go on Highway 36 west from I-25. Exit on CO-157 Foothills Parkway ramp and merge (slightly left) into Foothills Parkway. Turn left onto Baseline Rd. Turn left at Mohawk Dr. Turn left at Laguna Pl. The library and its parking lot will be on the left.



### HLA of Pueblo Chapter News

**January 15, 2011, Rawlings  
Library, 1:30-3:30 PM  
Pueblo, CO**

At press time, the meeting information was not announced. Questions, please contact Sharon Campbell at e-mail [hlaapueblo@yahoo.com](mailto:hlaapueblo@yahoo.com) or Ph 719-561-0648. □

## Mohney's Musings

*By Debbie Mohney, HLA Colorado State Coordinator*

2011 is here and it's time to reflect on the coming year. I always feel good when January 1<sup>st</sup> comes around as I know that Spring will be here before we know it. Of course, winter is just beginning in Colorado. The New Year is always a great time to reflect on what we want to accomplish. Over the years, I have a shorter and shorter list of resolutions, since it is easy to become sidetracked and not accomplish them. What I have found instead is to leave myself open to possibilities during the year, and volunteer doing things that I enjoy, and I feel like I accomplish more that way.

Over the holidays, we find ourselves around friends and family, and while it can be stressful for good hearing, we can also help those around us. One thing about hearing loss is that it's often friends and family that notice hearing loss first, and for those of us who have hearing loss, we sometimes can have a second sense about others who are starting to lose their hearing. The problem is that while we can give others information, we can't always convince them to take action.

In 2011, I challenge each of you to reach out to those around you who may be starting to show signs of hearing loss, or even those who have had it for years but not done much about it. Invite them to come with you to a chapter meeting or join in the annual *Walk4Hearing*. Share what you have gained from being involved in Hearing Loss Association of America and the local activities and ask them to join you. You can also invite family members or friends who are concerned about people in their

lives who have hearing loss.

Speaking of opportunities, you can join in the *Colorado Walk4Hearing* in May 2011. We plan on having the event at Clement Park again this year, so stay tuned on all the exciting progress reports! We had a great walk in 2010, and we plan on having an even better walk in 2011!

Check out the information on the 2011 Hearing Loss Association of America Convention in the Washington DC area at Crystal City, VA, June 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. <http://www.hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp>. The research symposium is always a highlight of the convention. This year will feature "*The Impact of Noise on Hearing*" and is moderated by George A. Gates, M.D. medical director of The Deafness Research Foundation.

There is also an opportunity to see the captioned performance of "*Wicked*" at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are limited, so the earlier you register for the Convention and add tickets for the performance the better. I hope to see you in Washington D.C.! □

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### Researchers Explore New Treatments to Silence Tinnitus

Some people hear a high-pitched buzzing sound. Others describe it as a ringing, roaring, hissing, chirping, whooshing or wheezing. It can be high or low, single or multi-toned, an occasional mild annoyance or a constant personal din. Tinnitus-whose Latin root means "to jingle"-is defined as the perception of sound when no external sound is present. It usually accompanies hearing loss, and while no one knows for sure what causes it, many experts believe that when people lose the ability to hear in certain frequencies, the brain fills the void with imaginary or remembered noise-like phantom limb pain for sound. "Those auditory centers are just craving input," says Rebecca Price, an audiologist who treats tinnitus at Duke University Health Systems in Durham, N.C. <http://tinyurl.com/25penqs> □

## Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) Open-Captioned Live Shows

### Captioned Live Showings Coming up in 2010/2011/2012 at Buell Theatre

*Next to Normal*...Jan 15 at 1pm (2011)  
*Avenue Q*.....Mar 13 at 2pm  
*9 to 5*.....May 8 at 2pm  
*Billy Elliot*.....June 5 at 2pm  
*Rock of Ages*.....June 26 at 2pm  
*Les Miserables*....Sept 4 at 2pm  
*Hair*.....Oct 16 at 2pm  
*The Lion King*.....Dec 4 at 1pm  
*West Side Story*...Jan 1 at 2pm (2012)

### Please come and support this open captioning effort!

#### Tickets

Voice: (303) 893-4100  
TTY: (303) 893-9582

Online: [www.denvercenter.org](http://www.denvercenter.org)

If you wish to get updates on these shows and any other shows in e-mail, please send e-mail to

[kkeil75@yahoo.com](mailto:kkeil75@yahoo.com) to be put on the **Captioned Movies and Shows e-mail list.**

From the DCPA: Because Open Captioning uses a text display at the side of the stage, it is important that you alert our box office staff that you would like this service. This way we can ensure your seats are in the optimal location. Contact the Denver Center Box Office at (303) 893-4100; (800) 641-1222 or TTY (303) 893-9582. □

## Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) ASL Sign Language Interpreted and Audio Description Live Shows

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts provides American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and Audio Description of all of our productions on select dates. We invite persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to join us for these plays and we will seat you in an optimal location to view the interpreters and the stage.

When you purchase your tickets, please alert our box office staff that

you would like ASL interpretation, so that we can secure appropriate seats.

Blind or low vision patrons can check out assistive listening devices for the Audio Description and large print versions of the Applause program magazine at the patron services desk in the Bonfils Theatre Complex and through house management at the coat check in the other theatres (photo id required).

For a Braille script, please call 303.893.6003 or contact [jalexander@dcpa.org](mailto:jalexander@dcpa.org) at least two weeks before the performance.

*Next to Normal*.....Jan 16 at 1pm (2011)  
*Map of Heaven*.....Feb 5 at 1:30pm  
*The Catch*.....Feb 19 at 1:30pm  
*A Midsummer Night's Dream*...Feb 26 at 1:30pm  
*Ruined*.....April 23 at 1:30pm  
*Superior Donuts*.....May 7 at 1:30pm  
*9 to 5*.....May 8 at 2pm  
*Billy Elliot*.....June 5 at 2pm  
*Rock of Ages*.....June 26 at 2pm  
*Les Miserables*.....Sept 4 at 2pm  
*Hair*.....Oct 16 at 2pm  
*The Lion King*.....Dec 4 at 1pm  
*West Side Story*.....Jan 1 at 2pm (2012)

Should you need assistance in ordering tickets to these programs, contact us at 303.893.4100, 800.641-1222 or TTY 303.893.9582. □

## URGENT!!! Send Your Comments to DOJ on Movie Theater Captioning

Twenty years ago, HLAA members came out in force when it was time to comment on rules under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Our comments helped shape the way the rules were written. We need you to do that again to push for captioned movies.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) published a notice that it is considering changes to its regulations to require movie theater owners and operators to show

captioned movies. DOJ is inviting written comments from members of the public.

**If movie captions are important to you, tell the DOJ!**

**The DOJ proposes to require movie theater owners and operators to show films with closed captioning. DOJ proposes to limit this requirement to no more than 50 percent of the films shown, and DOJ is willing to give owners and operators up to 5 years to get to the 50 percent mark.**

HLAA believes that "full and equal enjoyment" of services under the Americans with Disabilities Act means that people with hearing loss must be provided the kind of accommodations that would allow us to attend any movie anytime. For people with significant hearing loss, that means 100% captioning. We believe that an across the board industry cap of 50% is arbitrary and inconsistent with the law. HLAA's position on movie captioning is:

- All movies should be made accessible to movie goers with hearing loss though captioning.
- People with hearing loss should be able to see any movie at any time on any day.
- There are many ways to caption movies today. HLAA does not specify the method used to caption the movie so long as it provides effective communication.

DOJ is seeking comments in response to 26 questions. The entire document with all the questions can be accessed at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You can reply to some or all of the questions. We suggest at a minimum, that you respond to DOJ Question #1:

[above link is <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=DOJ-CRT-2010-0007-0001> ]

1. DOJ is proposing that the

percentage of movie screens offering closed captioning be set at 10 percent after one year and increased 10 percent a year until 50 percent is reached. Does this approach provide a proper balance between providing accessibility to consumers, on one hand, and giving owners and operators time to acquire the necessary equipment, on the other hand?

**Send your comments to the DOJ today!**

Comments sent by U.S. mail must be postmarked and electronic comments must be transmitted on or before **January 24, 2011**.

- State the question(s) you are responding to. You can focus all your comments on question #1 or add more.
- State why you are interested in responding. For example, that you have a hearing loss and cannot attend movies without effective closed captioning.
- State what you want to see: 100% captions, 5 years or less, no later than January 2016.
- State how lack of captions has impacted you. State why you think 100% captioning is needed.
- Thank the DOJ
- Sign your name.

[See our Sample Letter.](#) [See flyer.]

We did it for the ADA. Let's do it again for movie captioning. Send your comments to the DOJ!

Thank you!

Brenda Battat  
Executive Director, HLA A ☐

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## **TSA Guidelines for Airport Screening the Hearing Impaired**

If all of the news regarding new x-ray full body scanners and optional pat downs is confusing to those who can hear, the information can be even more

confusing to those with hearing aids.

As a result, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has issued the following guidelines for travelers who suffer from hearing loss or have hearing aids.

Perhaps the most relevant of the guidelines for hearing aids, the TSA states: "According to Otolaryngologist and Otolaryngology surgeons, hearing devices such as hearing aids, cochlear implants, external component of cochlear implants, and middle ear implants are not affected by X-ray inspection or walk-through metal detector screening. In addition, these devices may also safely be screened using Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT)."

If you have patients that are traveling this holiday season, you may want to inform them of the following suggestions from the TSA:

\* If you need to communicate with the Security Officer, inform her/him of your disability and the way in which you can communicate. TSA Security Officers are trained to provide whatever assistance they can to persons with hearing disabilities.

\* If the screening process is unclear to you, motion to the Security Officer that you can't hear and ask him/her to ask the Security Officer to write the information down.

\* If you can read lips or are hard of hearing, ask the Security Officer to look directly at you and repeat the information slowly.

\* It is not necessary to remove hearing aids or the exterior component of a cochlear implant at security checkpoints.

\* It is best if you wear your hearing device while going through the metal detector.

\* According to Otolaryngologist and Otolaryngology surgeons, hearing devices such as hearing aids, cochlear implants, external component of cochlear implants, and middle ear implants are not affected by X-ray inspection or walk-through metal detector screening. In

addition, these devices may also safely be screened using Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT).

\* If you are concerned or uncomfortable with going through the walk-through metal detector, or are uneasy with having your external component of your cochlear implant X-rayed, you can ask for a full body pat-down of your person and a visual and physical inspection of the exterior component while it remains on your body.

\* Assistive listening devices must undergo x-ray screening.

\* If you use a hearing dog, you and the dog will remain together at all times while going through the security checkpoint. See the "Service Animal" section for more tips on service animals in the screening process.

SOURCE: Transportation Security Administration ☐

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### **Lack of 3D captioning standard stymies development**

As more content is being produced in 3-D, the need for captioning, now mandated by the U.S. government, has been brought to the forefront. While all of the vendors in this category are aware of the need to do it, very few customers have asked for it, which holds back development. "We certainly have the capability to produce captions in 3-D space, but we're not investing a lot in R&D until there is customer demand and a standard specification for how to do it," said José M. Salgado, president and CEO of Los Angeles-based SoftNI, a veteran captioning and subtitling software provider. To be clear, the issue has to do with closed-captioning, not necessarily "subtitling." 3-D subtitling is typically predetermined by the content producer and is inserted into a plane (below, on the side or on top of the screen) that's most aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Because subtitles are simply a part of the picture, there is no need for new technology to transmit or display them.

<http://tinyurl.com/2uktslh> ☐

**Directions and Maps to Englewood Public Library**

**From East Hampden:**  
Turn right on to S. Inca St.

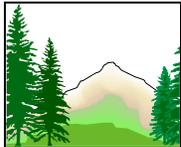
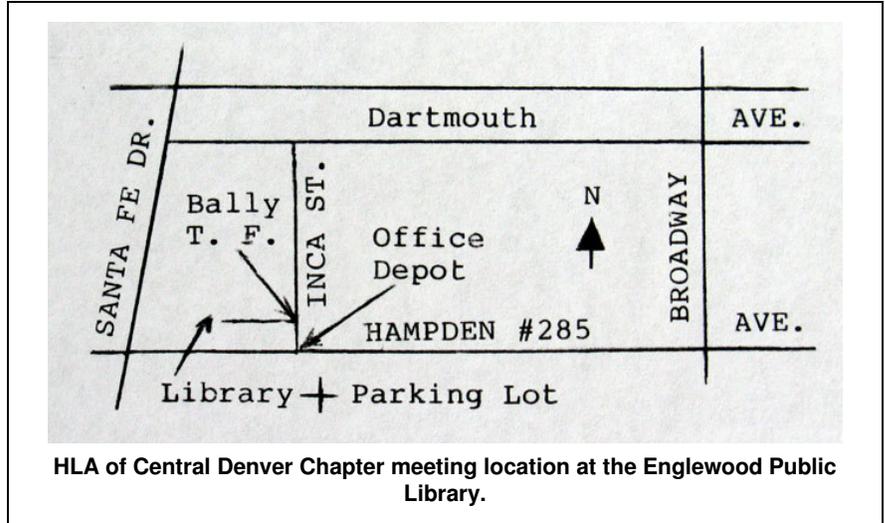
**From West Hampden:**  
Turn left on to S. Inca St.

Turn left where the Bally store is and continue to go into the parking garage to park. The library is on the right next to the garage.

**From Dartmouth Avenue:**  
Turn left from the East or turn right from the West into S. Inca St. at the northern end.

Continue south on S. Inca St. Turn right where the Bally store is, and continue into the parking garage. Library is to the right.

See map at right on this page. □



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