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News Letter of

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The mission of the Hindu temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies is to provide a forum for religious worship and celebrations, and for cultural, religious, and spiritual development activities based on Hindu / Vedic / Sanatan - Dharma traditions.

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Upcoming Events

Shri Ram Navami, the birthday celebration of Lord Shri Rama, will be held in the temple on April 16 and 17. The Akhand Ramayan Paath (24 hour non-stop reading of Shri Ram Charit Manas by Tulsi Das) will start at 10:00 AM on Saturday with a brief Pooja by Acharya Ji, and will continue till Sunday morning. After the complete recital of the holy Ramayana, Shri Rama Stuti, chanting, and other festivities will continue till 2 PM. Please participate in any capacity you can, and make this

event more memorable. For details, please see the attached flyer.

Another annual event, the **Graduation Pooja**, will be held on June 5th. Graduates from kindergarten through postgraduate programs are invited to attend the ceremony. The families and friends of the graduates may sponsor the event.

Janmaashtami, the birthday of Lord Shri Krishna, will be celebrated on Friday, August 26. The celebration will begin at 6 PM and will conclude after the midnight. More details will be available at the temple.

Recent Celebration

The traditional Ganesha Pooja was held on January 1st to start the New Year, 2005 sponsored by Ram Vaithianathan. **Once again, people of all regions** gathered to seek the blessings of Lord Ganesha. On the first Sunday of the year, the Nava Graha Pooja (worship of nine planets) was performed. As in the past years, Reva and Inder Nayar sponsored the Nava Graha Pooja. Makar Sankranti (Pongal) was celebrated by Maratha Mandal and Tamil group. Following the tradition of Maharashtra, Devi pooja was performed and Haldi Kumkum and Til Gud (sweets made with sesame sweets) were distributed along with the Prasad. Tamil group organized a special pooja for Lord Sun to celebrate the festive Pongal on January 15th.

Saraswati Pooja (Vasant Panchami) was organized by the Bengali group on Sunday, February 13th. Maha Shiv Ratri Pooja was performed on Monday, March 7th. Several sessions were conducted till midnight to perform Lord Shiv's Abhishekas. Holi was celebrated on March 27th with Shri Satya Narayana Pooja and recital of the glory of Lord NriSinha and devotee Prahlad, sponsored by Arvind and Neena Sathi.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You...

Our heartfelt gratitude to all the sponsors of Sunday poojas and special celebrations. All major Hindu festivals are celebrated at the temple through out the year. A multitude of devotees gather on every Sunday and on special holidays. Individual members and group members sponsor the events and take the responsibility of Prasad and other chores to make each event pleasant and memorable one. With their selfless help and gracious support, the Hindu Temple has become a welcoming place to all devotees.

Tsunami Relief Efforts

An unimaginable tragedy of December 26th 2004 left a great impact on every human

being. So many lives were devastated with the blink of an eye. As the news spread, Acharya Ji offered the prayers at the temple to the victims. This event was also covered by local television news and Denver Post.

Hindu Temple opened a Tsunami Relief Fund and collected money to help the victims. Community members poured their heart and opened their wallets. Two music concerts were organized in the temple. Vinata Gangoli, along with Mr. Hiralal Khatri and Dr. Bhushan Sopoli accompanying on harmonium and tabla, gave a memorable performance of Hindustani classical music. Many people contributed much more than the suggested donation amount. Venkat and Chitra Ramachandran donated \$500 for the event. All the proceeds were donated to the Tsunami Relief Fund.

Maratha Mandal organized another concert of light music by a young renowned singer visiting from Pune, Sanya Patankar and donated the proceeds to the Tsunami Relief Fund.

Tsunami Relief Fund Donors

We sincerely thank all the donors who contributed to the Tsunami Relief Fund. So far \$6,748 have been collected in the Relief Fund, \$5000 have already been sent to the Tsunami victims in Tamilnadu, India. The rest of the funds will be directed to the appropriate source as available.

Local Tragedy

Mr. Moti Lal was shot at his convenience store in Lakewood by some predators, causing the family enormous troubles including financial difficulties. The temple board members reached out the family and tried to help with the donations collected at the temple. Much more needs to be done. If you can help the family, please contact Kathy Nanda or any board member

Join in the celebration of Ram Navami Poojaa at the Hindu Temple

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Schedule of Events

Saturday, April 16, 2005

Shri Rama Poojaa

10:00 AM

Akhand Paath of Rama Charit Maanas begins

11:00 AM

Sunday, April 17, 2005

Akhand Paath of Ram Charit Maanas ends

11:00 AM

Bhajanas, Pravachan etc.

11:00 – 12:00 Noon

Birthday Celebration

Giving Bath etc. to Lord Rama and placing Him in cradle

12:00 - 12:15

Stotra Reading

12:15 - 12:45

Announcements

12:45 - 12:50

Aaratii and Prasaadam (Arati and prasad)

12:50 – 1:30

If you are interested in participating in Akhand Ramayan Paath, please call Dr Manohar Arora at 303-568-0746.

Thank you for your continued support of the temple!

For further details, please contact Acharyaji at (303) 948-9693 (Temple) or at (720) 344-1448 (Residence).

Direction: From C-470 & Wadsworth Blvd. –north on Wadsworth Blvd. West on Chatfield Ave (first light), left on Wadsworth court (first street), first left to the temple parking area.

For current activities, please visit the temple web site:

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Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies
Calendar of Hindu Religious Days for Year 2005

<u>Festival/Occasion</u>	<u>Actual Date</u>		<u>Celebration at Temple**</u>		<u>Time</u>
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	
<i><u>April</u></i>					
Ugaadi (Hindu Calendar New Year)	9	Saturday	9	Saturday	7:00 PM
(Vikram Samvat 2062 begins)	9	Saturday			
Vasant Navratri begins	9	Saturday			
Durga Ashtami	16	Saturday			
Sri Ram Navami	17	Sunday			
Ram Navami Celebration	<u>April 16 Saturday 10 AM to April 17 Sunday 2 PM</u>				
Sri Hanuman Jayanti	24	Sunday	24	Sunday	11:00 AM
Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha*	24	Sunday	24	Sunday	6:45 PM
<i><u>May</u></i>					
Parashuram Jayanti	10	Tuesday			
Akshay Tritieeya	11	Wednesday			
Aadi Shankaracharya Jayanti	14	Saturday			
Nrisimha Jayanti	22	Sunday			
Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha*	23	Monday	23	Monday	6:45 PM
<i><u>June</u></i>					
Graduation Pooja			5	Sunday	11:00 AM
Ganga Dashami	17	Friday			
Nirjala Ekaadashi	18	Saturday			
Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha*	22	Wednesday	22	Wednesday	6:45 PM
<i><u>July</u></i>					
Devashayini Ekaddashi	17	Sunday			
Guru Poornimaa/Satyanarayana Katha*			21	Thursday	6:45 PM
Shrawan month begins	22	Friday			
<i><u>August</u></i>					
Teeja Vrat	8	Monday			
Naaga Panchami	10	Wednesday			
Var Laksmi Vrat	12	Friday	12	Friday	7:00 PM
Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha,*	19	Friday	19	Friday	6:45 PM
Rakshaa Bandhan,	19	Friday			
Upaa-Karm	19	Friday			
Sri Krishan Janmashtami	26	Friday	26	Friday	6:00 PM
<i><u>September</u></i>					
Ganesha Utsav			4	Sunday	11:00 AM
Haritalika Teej Vrat	6	Tuesday	6	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Vinaayak Chaturthi	7	Wednesday	7	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Poornimaa/Satyanarayana Katha*	18	Sunday	18	Sunday	7:00 PM
Pitri Paksh (Shraaddha) begins	18	Sunday			
<i><u>October</u></i>					
Pitri Paksh (Shraaddha) ends	3	Monday			
Sharad Navaratri Begins	4	Tuesday			
Chowki			9	Sunday	5:00 PM
Durgaa Ashtami	11	Tuesday	11	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Das-hara/Vijaya Dashami	13	Thursday	13	Thursday	7:00 PM

Sharad Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha*			17	Monday	6:45 PM
Karava Chowth	20	Thursday	20	Thursday	4 - 6 PM
Ahoi Ashtami	25	Tuesday			
<i>November</i>					
Deepaavali, Lakshmi Pooja	1	Tuesday	1	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Govardhan Pooja	2	Wednesday			
Bhaiyaa Dooj	3	Thursday			
Tulsi Vivaah	12	Saturday			
Poornimaa/Satyanarayana Katha*	15	Tuesday	15	Tuesday	6:45 PM
Guru Naanak Jayanti	15	Tuesday			
<i>December</i>					
Geetaa Jayanti	11	Sunday	11	Sunday	11:00 AM
Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha*	15	Thursday	15	Thursday	6:45 PM

Board Briefings...

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the over all management of the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies (HTCC). At the Annual Board Meeting in December 2004, Dr. Manohar Arora, Dr. Prabhakara Rao, and Mr. Nagesh Anupindi retired from the Board. While they decided to step down to make room for new members, they continue to serve the temple by helping on special activities. Dr. Arora is organizing the Akhanda Ramayan Paath during upcoming Ram Navami celebration as he has done in the past years. Dr. Rao continues to help in preparing and mailing the Annual Donation Acknowledgment Letters. While family and business responsibilities made it difficult for Nagesh to continue serving on the board, he is continuing to manage the temple web site.

We express our sincere thanks to the retiring Trustees, particularly to Drs. Arora and Rao, who have served on the Board as Trustee and Officers for many years. We are confident that we will continue to get guidance and help from these two veterans.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Paritosh Kaul has joined the board as a Trustee. In spite of their busy medical practice, Dr. and Mrs. Kaul with their two children have regularly volunteered their services on Sundays. Welcome aboard, Dr. Kaul and family! We are in the process of filling two other vacancies on the board.

At the Annual Meeting, the Board re-elected the current Officers for another term of one more year. The table below lists the names and phone numbers of the Officers and Trustees for 2005. Please feel free to contact any of them, if you are interested in helping the Temple in any way. Future Plans

We are continuing to look for the land for a new and larger temple. The land on Platt Canyon Road is still under contract, and not sold. If the contract falls through, we plan to raise our current offer. We have also looked at other parcels of land near Tower Road and East 22nd Avenue (accessible through I-70, E-470 or I-225) and near Tower Road and East 120th Avenue (accessible through I-76 or E-470). We solicit opinions of community members about these locations as well as any help in locating other suitable parcels of land (3 to 10 acres, zoned industrial or commercial, in the price range of \$300,000 to \$400,000).

Acknowledgment

The Board gratefully acknowledges a gift of \$5,000 from Dr. A. Kumar and Mrs. Roberta Bhasin Foundation. Part of this gift was used to help the Moti Lal family of Lakewood.

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		Thakor, Sanjiv & Neetu	

Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies
2003 Income/Expense Report
01/01/03 through 12/31/03

	Beginning Balance (01/01/2003)		\$85,156.31
Income			
	Donations (by checks)	\$81,994.57	
	Donations (Cash)	\$36,989.00	
	Interest Income	\$946.62	
	Total Income		\$119,930.49
Expense			
	Acharya Ji	\$31,373.00	
	Anup Jalota Fund Raiser	\$12,392.21	
	Cleaning and Maintenance	\$7,089.10	
	Insurance Premiums	\$3,723.23	
	Maha Yagya	\$1,969.79	
	Mandir Vani	\$3,467.69	
	Parking Lot & Patio	\$26,211.94	
	Pooja Materials	\$4,862.01	
	Interior Remodeling	\$32,834.95	
	Utilities	\$6,653.47	
	Miscellaneous	\$1,618.24	
	Total Expenses		\$132,195.63
	Ending Balance (12/31/03)		\$74,030.62

Balance Sheet

Assets		
Operating Cash	\$74,030.62	
Building & Parking Lot	\$210,000.00	
Undeveloped Lot	\$55,000.00	
Total		\$339,030.62
Liability		
Loans	\$0.00	
Total		\$0.00
Net Worth		\$339,030.62

Management Report

Plan to Purchase Land for New Temple

The expanded hall is generally full on Sundays. An overflow, during special celebrations underscores the need for a larger facility. We have learned that Jefferson County and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) are developing future plans for Wadsworth/Chatfield (a major arterial) intersection that may adversely affect the access to the temple. In view of this, and more importantly the size of land at the current location (about 34000 sq ft for the combined three lots), we are actively looking for a new site.

During Ram Navami celebration, we informed to the community that we are considering the purchase of an undeveloped lot on Platte Canyon Road near C-470 exit. The site is close to the current location and will therefore not cause any inconvenience to any one. The community members in attendance enthusiastically voiced their support and this was also reflected in their donation of over \$10,000 on the spot.

The shape and size of this land (94,000 sq ft rectangle) is very suitable for construction of a well-designed temple and cultural center (a two-level structure with about 4000 sq feet on each level, to house up to about 500 people) and about 250 parking spots to meet the current and future needs of the community. The site has open space on two sides and excellent view of the mountains. It is a quiet location near the end of a road.

The site is currently zoned commercial C-1. Discussions with Jefferson County and CDOT have indicated that it can be rezoned to build the temple, although it will take time and effort, which we are willing to put in.

The owner is asking a price of about \$425,000. This is in line with the current market price in that part of the metro area. While we plan to negotiate at a lower price, we also know that the land prices keep increasing. Therefore, our plan is to purchase the land, even if we may not have funds to start the construction right away.

Plan for Exterior Remodeling

In view of this development, the plan to modify the exterior remodeling of the current building to give it a temple like look has been put on hold.

Plans for Fund Raising

We are currently planning to hold a meeting with community stalwarts, from various cultural regions in India and various professions, to seek their advice and support, both financial and professional. If you would like to participate and help, please call Mahesh Jha at 303-526-0260.

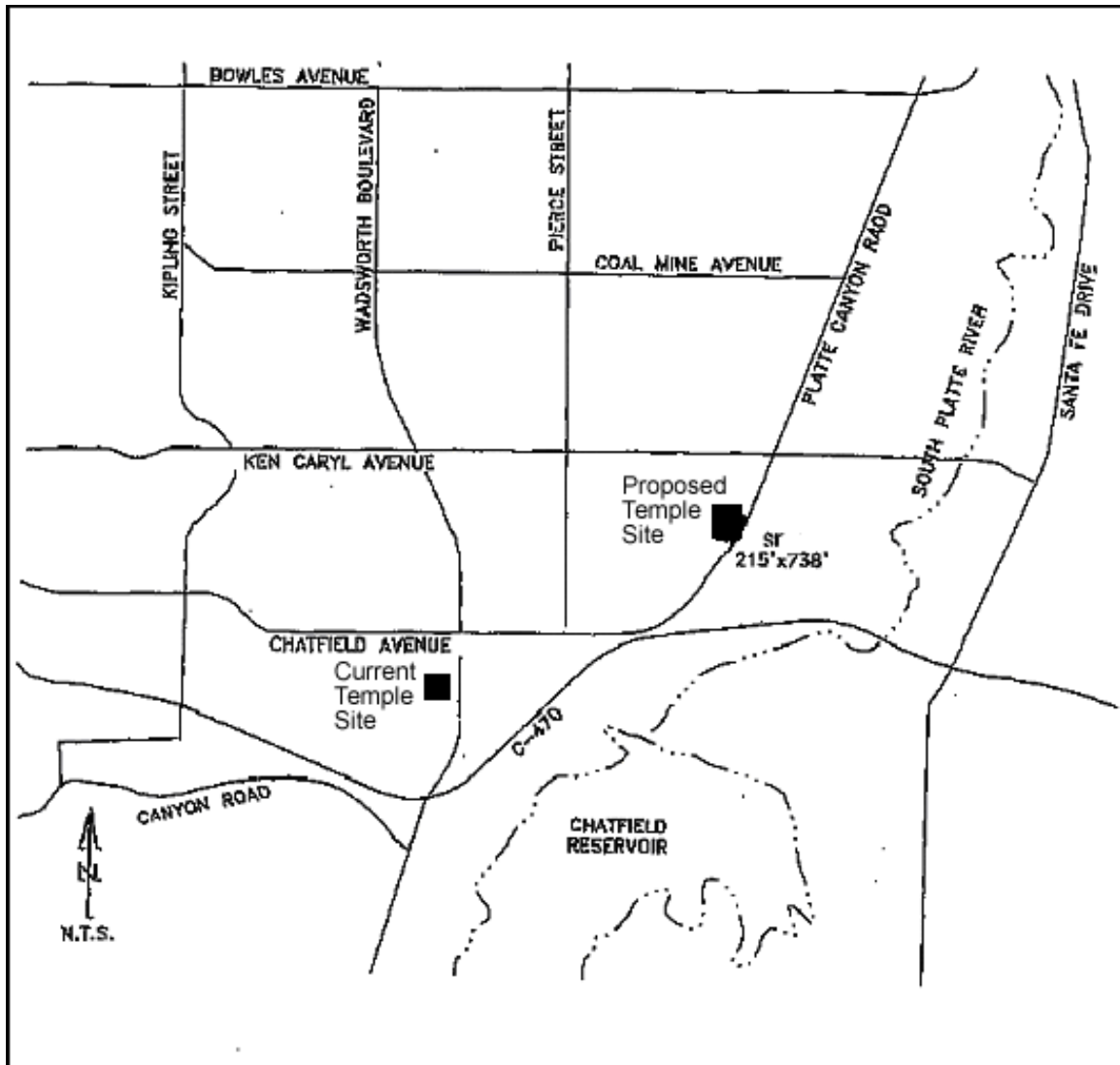
Other fund raising plans are also being considered to pool the resources from entire community. The idea of arranging a Jagjit Singh concert was dropped because of the high cost. But we will continue to look for such opportunities in view of the success of Anup Jalota concert last year. As an alternative, an evening of cultural program by local artists is being planned. We are also thinking of holding a parking lot sale this summer. Again, if you can help in developing and implementing such plans, please contact any board member.

Proposed Site

Platte Canyon Road
& West Canyon Trail
Jefferson County, CO
Lot 2 Block 3

Millbrook Townhouse Commercial

93,980 Sq. Ft.



We encourage you to visit this site and send us your comments. Your feedback and support will help us make the right decision.

Hinduism, Fact or Fiction...

The saga of Lord Rama Chandra's life has inspired Hindus for millenniums and will continue to inspire them for millenniums to come. The re-incarnation of Maha Vishnu as Lord Rama was introduced to us by the ancient Sanskrit poet Valmiki, who is believed to be present in Lord Rama's time. Hindus believe Lord Rama's time and corresponding poet Valmiki's time at least 10,000 years ago. Some historians of time have considered Saint Valmiki's time to be at least 1000 B.C. and have compared his epic Ramayana with the epic of Homer.

When it was acclaimed that the creation could be about 6000 years old, it did not leave any room for Hindus to take pride in their ancient history and culture. Some western and European scholars refused to acknowledge that Rama, Krishna and other characters from Ramayana and Mahabharata even existed. They believed that Ramayana and Mahabharata are not the history, but only the mythological treasures for Hindus. Thousands of well-educated and civilized Hindus believed in the antiquity of their religion, but the people who had no idea what Hindu religion is all about, tried to discredit it. But now time has changed. New findings have surfaced and suggest that what Saint Valmiki and Saint Vyas said, was correct.

Valmiki has mentioned in his epic Ramayana the location of different stars, which were occurring during the time of Lord Rama Chandra's birth, coronation and war with Ravana and other occasions. Dr. P.V. Vartak has given some astonishing and compelling details in his book, "Swayambhu". It may be worthwhile to mention that the occurrence of those stars mentioned by Valmiki happen only once in few thousand years. Based on those stars, it is determined that Lord Rama Chandra's time was 7600 B.C. The correct astronomical records go on to show that Valmiki has chronicled an account of a true story. It is also noteworthy to mention that an advanced time measurement system was known to Hindus (Indians) at least 9000 years ago.

To substantiate these claims to some extent, recently NASA has taken some pictures from space showing a link in the sea floor between India and Sri Lanka. This might have been the same man-made bridge erected by Lord Rama Chandra to conquer Ravana.

Similarly, based on the situation of stars in the time of Lord Krishna, it is determined that Mahabharat War started in 5661 B.C. Several years ago, archeologists found the remains of Dwarika city under the sea now in Gujarat. This city was built by Lord Krishna. Now Hindus are coming to believe that these findings are not mere mythological coincidence but are the sign of our lost history. No doubt, as our sages declared, the Ramayana and Mahabharat are the records of our ancient history.

The proof of history does not make us to weigh war on others, it helps us to understand that we are the most ancient faith on the earth. The debate goes on over the credibility of many historical personalities who were the founders of great religions. Even Jesus Christ who is much more recent figure than Shri Rama Chandra and Shri Krishna, has been in question. But now some theologians have come forward to say whether this person was really on this earth or not does not matter. As long as people find comfort and solace in the name and receive guidance even if it is mythology, is far better than a live ignorant person.

Hinduism is known for: "Yogyam Yogyen Yujyate" which means there is no power, which can withhold us from which we deserve. Patience, tolerance and non-violence are the foundation of our religion. Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi both were Hindus and no one in the world has matched them yet. May their love, compassion and non-violence prevail in the world!

-- Acharya Kailash Chandra Upadhyay

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We are currently looking at the possibility of purchasing a 2-acre site on Platte Canyon Road and C-470. (More details are included in the newsletter.) With your support, we can make it possible.

Please continue to show your support by making generous donations at the temple or by mail (cut and enclose the coupon printed below). The contributions are tax deductible. The Tax ID number for Hindu Temple and Cultural Center is 84-1301209

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