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## LDS Hospital is named one of America's best hospitals

LDS Hospital has been ranked as one of the best hospitals in America for the fourth time by U.S. News & World Report, which annually ranks the capabilities and skills of the nation's medical centers. LDS is the only hospital in the state that's ranked among the nation's top 50 centers in four different medical specialties. They are: Orthopedic care, respiratory disorders / pulmonary medicine, endocrinology / diabetes care, and urology.

Out of nearly 5,200 American hospitals, only three percent -- 176 in all -- are ranked by the magazine. "I'm proud of these honors because they reflect so well on both the long history and the bright future of LDS Hospital," says Mikelle Moore, the hospital's administrator. LDS was also selected this summer in Utah's "Best of State" competition as "The Best Healthcare Facility" in the state.

*(This letter was read during the concluding meeting of settlement discussions which resolved legal action filed by Peter Von Sivers and Bonnie Mangold of the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council against Salt Lake City and an interested party, the LDS Church, regarding the issue of parking in and around the LDS Church campus.)*

Dear Fellow Citizens,

I address you as citizens, as this word, citizen, has a deep meaning for me, and I use it in the sense that we are all members of Salt Lake City, owe an allegiance to this city, and have the reciprocal right to the enjoyment of the privileges afforded by this government body and the protection both by it and from it. I believe that we have jointly carried out an action of true citizenship in coming to this agreement.

I wish to thank Mr. Bill Evans and Mr. Alan Sullivan and the institution of the LDS Church which you represent, for being willing to acknowledge and understand the impacts that uncontrolled and escalating parking demands have had on our Capitol Hill Historic neighborhoods. I believe you have understood how precious this area is to those of us who have chosen to live in it – despite its drawbacks – and also how vulnerable and fragile it is by comparison to more typical neighborhoods. Perhaps we have seemed like “mother bears” in our passion to protect this area, but the caring goes deep. There are many wonderful stories that could be shared about our district.

I want to thank those in the City Administration – Mr. Louis Zunguze, Mr. Lynn Pace, Mayor Rocky Anderson and others – for your choice to value the protection of neighborhoods, to strengthen procedures and for your willingness to implement procedures that can assist in mitigating past and future impacts. Our thanks also to the LDS Church for the choice to support increased mitigation efforts.

Peter (Peter Von Sivers, Chair, Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council), my thanks to you for your willingness to see this through on your own if needed. When we undertook this appeal it seemed it was the only available tool with which to instigate a “wake up call.” Legal action is not an approach that comes comfortably to either of us, and we have had to step well beyond our areas of expertise and our comfort zones. I respect and appreciate your courage and leadership in this.

My thanks also to the City Council staff members who have put effort and time into working through snags and details of this lengthy process and the resulting agreement.

Above all, my thanks to you, Eric (Eric Jergensen, our District's City Council member), for seeing that there was another way to resolve these issues, for bringing all parties to the table and for following through to a resolution which I believe harms no one and will benefit the whole. I know it has taken a large expenditure of time, energy and skill on your part, and we all owe you thanks for making this a collaboration rather than a combat.

It is my hope that the Capitol Hill Community for which I have served as Trustee and advocate will be valued, nurtured and protected as needed, in order to be the jewel in our City which it potentially is.

I deeply believe in the responsibility of those who serve in trust – whether for a neighborhood, a City or a Church. It is not always easy to find the right actions to carry out such a trust. I believe we have done so and am grateful for that.

Most sincerely,

Bonnie Mangold  
 Trustee, Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council

**This Old House by Nelson Knight  
Perkins-Thompson  
“Double House”  
458 & 460 North 400 West**

The focus of this month's article is an example of what is referred to as the “double house” type by architectural historians. More commonly known simply as a duplex, the double house comes in a wide variety of styles and layouts. Many historic duplexes looked very similar to single-family houses, with only two doors to distinguish them. A well-rehabbed example of such a building (although technically a triplex) can be found at 554 N. 200 West. Other duplexes were built with one unit atop another, such as the example at 74 W. 200 North. A third variant is the true double house, with two units having separate entrances and porches, but joined by a common wall.

The double house was an extremely popular building type in Salt Lake City in the first decades of the Twentieth Century. They provided an opportunity for small investors get into the real estate market. Duplexes fit well onto the small lots common in Salt Lake City's first subdivisions. Often, as today, an owner would live in one unit and rent out the other unit, providing a source of income. The separate porches provided residents a sense of their own space and provided a place for residents to socialize and keep cool during the summer.

Architectural historian Korral Broschinsky researched this building as part of The

Perkins-Thompson house was constructed by David Archer Ellis Thompson for his sister, Alice Thompson, and brother-in-law, John Absalom Perkins. The Thompson family owned the northwest corner of this block, and constructed several other houses on the property. David was a contractor, mason, and bricklayer, and his skills are still evident on the dressed stone foundation and decorative brickwork on this house. Alice and John Perkins, along with their three sons, were the first residents of the house. John Perkins was a blacksmith and teamster for the C.S. Martin Coal Company, and later worked for the J.W. Mellen Sand and Gravel Company on Beck Street.

In 1917 the Perkins sold the house and moved to 556 N. Second West in Capitol Hill. The double house became a rental unit, with a succession of residents. Many of the residents worked for the railroad; the house's location within walking distance of the Union Pacific Depot and rail yards was no doubt an attraction. Among the residents, the family of J. Henry Keppner is notable for its size. J. Henry, a freight officer for the railroad, lived in the north unit in the 1920s with his wife Cora, three young children, his mother-in-law, and sister-in-law.

By 1940, the house was owned and



occupied by Liza and Joseph Bulman. Other members of the Bulman family lived in the other unit at various times, along with other renters. Joseph died in 1952, but Liza remained in the house until her death in 1975. She worked as a maid at the Hotel Utah for 18 years. The building remains a rental duplex.

Thanks to recent investment by individual property owners, the Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency, and the nonprofit developer Neighborhood Housing Services, this neighborhood in Capitol Hill is undergoing a renaissance. Residents are rediscovering the area's convenience to downtown and easy walk to such attractions as the Gateway, which rose on the site of the old rail yards - the workplace of many former residents. Double houses such as the Perkins-Thompson House contribute to the great character of West Capitol Hill, and hopefully will remain in the neighborhood as it is redeveloped.

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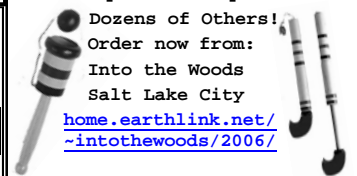
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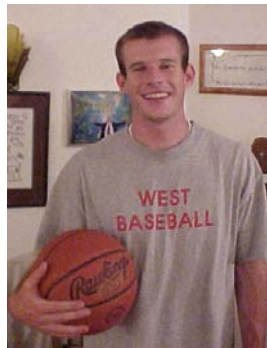
**FEATURED NEIGHBORS**

*Tom Olsen & Becky Sorenson*

*Collegiate Hoopsters*

In our June issue we spotlighted two high school athletes from Capitol Hill who are distinguishing themselves with record-setting performances in their chosen sport. This month we focus on two collegians who grew up here, played basketball at West High, and have gone on to play college ball.

Tom Olsen graduated from West High in 2002, having played basketball all four years and being appointed team captain for each year's team. Primarily a shooting guard, Tom saw varsity action starting his sophomore year; went with the team to the state tourney his junior year, where they lost to the eventual state camps; and averaged sixteen points a game his senior year. Tom's nickname on the team was "Old School" a tribute to his adherence to solid basketball fundamentals, maturity, and courtesy to teammates, opponents, and officials alike.



Following two years' service on an LDS mission in the Canary Islands, Tom worked hard to get back in top shape and tried out for the basketball team at Western Wyoming Community College, a Division I junior college in Rock Springs. He made the team and has just completed a successful first year, starting in 25 of 30 games and averaging eleven points per game. He's looking forward to a new year of basketball and then to moving on to a university to study sports medicine. Will that include

more basketball? "I'd love to continue on and keep playing," he smiles, "if the chance comes."

Another Capitol Hiller who's enjoyed basketball at Western Wyoming is Becky Sorenson (who should be acknowledged, in the interests of full disclosure, as the daughter of two of the co-editors of the *Bulletin*.) Becky also played basketball for four years at West High, starting as point guard on the varsity team the last three years. She was a first-team All-State selection; "prep of the week" in sports page and TV channel features; and team captain, MVP, and leading scorer for two years. She averaged seventeen points per game her senior year when the West High team placed third at the state tournament.



At Western Wyoming, Becky started both years, with thirteen points a game and a 44% three-point average her second year. She was first team on the all-region and all-conference teams, and runner-up for conference player of the year. This fall, drawn equally by an offer to play basketball and by the school's nursing program, Becky will attend the University of Montana Northern in Havre, Montana.

Becky stresses her gratitude to fine coaches and teammates. "I've obviously enjoyed what I do. Everything I've put into basketball I've gotten back out of it."

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