

The Bulletin

CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

An Old Friend Remembers

Larry H. Miller

by Stephen Sorenson

With the recent passing of Larry H. Miller, who grew up in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, the Bulletin asked Stan Olsen, a long-time friend, to share a few memories of Larry.

Q: How did you become acquainted with Larry?

A: We lived in the same neighborhood on Capitol Hill. Larry was on Columbus Street and I was on DeSoto. He was a year ahead of me in school, and we first really became acquainted when Little League baseball was established in the Capitol Hill area. From then on, we had a continued association in school and sports.

Q: Tell me a little about Little League ball on Capitol Hill and your and Larry's involvement.

A: The Little League ballfield was located

on the northeast section of the Capitol grounds, the area now occupied by the upper parking lot, bordered by 500 North and East Capitol Boulevard. The league started in 1956 (my father was the first league president). We had a diamond and some bleachers. It wasn't exactly Dodger Stadium. There was lots of dirt — the closest grass was probably across 500 North in the residential yards. No sky suites in those days.

Larry was a pitcher, but also a good catcher. He soon discovered you could get your knuckles and head hurt that way. He was a very talented athlete — very competitive as well.

Q: I understand that Larry went on to achieve some real notoriety playing ball.

A: Larry's great expertise was in softball, although if he had put his mind to it, he could have been a fine quarterback — he could really throw a football a long, long way. After Little League I don't think he played baseball, although he had a great love for it (as evidenced in his acquisition of the Bees team). Larry got into softball playing on the local LDS ward team, coached for many years by Glen Lloyd. Larry was drawn to pitching and could also hit well. He went on after that and expanded and started to play in recreational and commercial leagues with some of the really good teams like the ones sponsored by Page Brake and Peck & Shaw. He began to play a lot more, and apparently he played a lot when they moved to Colorado.

We really had a great time. When you play with somebody who's really got remarkable ability — he was clearly the standout of our team, whether it was curve balls, rise balls, drop balls, change-ups, he could do all those things. I think it was somewhat self-taught, but knowing him, he may have read every book on softball he could get his hands on. The memories come back of me catching for Larry, squatting in the dirt and waiting for Larry to throw it past some guy who didn't know what was coming.

As you know, he eventually ended up in the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame as one of the top pitchers in the country.

He knew math well and science well. When Larry was a senior at West High and we had that great basketball team with Dick Nemelka and others, won 21 straight and went to the state finals, Larry was the basketball manager, the stats guy. If you told him, "So-and-so shot five for six today" or whatever, he'd know the percentage instantly. He did all kinds of statistical things with great ability. He was a great fan — he really would get excited at some of the games when we were winning.

Q: Do you remember when he played marbles as a boy, when he was the city champion?

A: A little. I remember the rings they played in were immense. Larry could really shoot.

Q: As a friend growing up, did you see any indication of his later business skill?

A: Of course, you can look back and make stuff up, but really, Larry always had an incredible memory and a great ability to understand technical things. I've said before, without exaggeration, that Larry would read Scientific American (with articles about radio space and so on — serious stuff by people who knew what they were talking about, not just pop science) and would understand it, while the rest of us were still reading comic books. And Larry would talk about gear ratios and understand it perfectly, and the rest of us would say, "What?" He had a great memory for songs — KNAK was the big station then — and I think he had very fine recording equipment. In understanding technical and scientific things, he was remarkable. Clearly a different and unusual guy.

As you look back, given his intelligence and understanding of how things worked, it's not surprising that he would end up doing something unique and unusual. But it helps to put it in perspective — his great ability to do things.

Larry clearly knew he had ability in all
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CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

State Capitol Senate Cafeteria

6:00pm Mobile Watch Meeting

6:30pm Neighborhood Council Meeting

Welcome by Chair, Polly Hart

- 6:35 Police Report, Brian Wahlin
- 6:45 Mobile Watch Report, Georg Stutzenberger
- 6:55 Mayor's Office Report, Joyce Valdez
- 7:05 Elected Officials Reports
- 7:30 Request for zoning/master plan change at Hansen's Service Station, 200 N / 200 W from RMF35 to Neighborhood Business
- 7:50 Request for conditional use for condominium conversion at 324-326/326R W 600 North, Nephi Kemmethmueller
- 8:05 Informational presentation on proposed inter-county natural gas pipeline, Kern River Gas Co.
- 8:20 Swedetown updates, Willie Salas
- 8:30 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING:
JUNE 17, 2009, 6:30 P.M.

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these areas, but he was very willing to share the limelight. It wasn't all about him. He was very generous in his praise of others and acknowledgment of what they did well. He was not a prima donna in any way.

Q: Did Larry stay in touch over the years?

A: Oh, yes. Most recently, at Christmas time he had 10 or 12 of the old Capitol Hill guys to his and Gail's home. He did stay in touch periodically and sometimes invited us to come and sit with him at Jazz games. When a mutual friend, Ron Westerman, who grew up on 500 North, passed away about three years ago, Larry hosted an appreciation night for Ron at the Jazz practice facility. There was a really loyal part about Larry that was great.

I remember that he was always very respectful to older people — I never saw him act disrespectfully to them even when we were growing up.

His funding of so many college educations, all of his charitable endeavors — really an amazing amount of generosity.

Really a wonderful, remarkable guy. We miss him.

6 Risks to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Youth

The following list was compiled by the Utah Pride Center located at 361 North 300 West. For more information, the center can be contacted toll free at 1-888-874-2743.

1. Those who experience negative feedback and rejection from their families are eight times more likely to attempt suicide, six times more vulnerable to severe depression, and three times more likely to abuse drugs compared with peers who experience no or low levels of family rejection.

Caitlin Ryan et al. 2009 Family Rejection as a Predictor of Negative Health Outcomes in White and Latino Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Young Adults. Journal of Pediatrics, Vol. 123 No. 1 January 2009, pp. 346-352.

2. 33% of transgender youth have attempted suicide. 50% of LGBT youth have seriously considered suicide.

Clements-Nolle K., Marx R., Katz M. (2006). Attempted suicide among transgender persons: The influence of gender-based discrimination and victimization. Journal of Homosexuality, 51(3): 53-69.

3. Many get kicked out of their homes and some end up on the street. According to the Utah's Volunteers of America Homeless Youth Resource Center, 43% of Utah's homeless youth identify as something other than straight and 75% of Utah's homeless youth reported having been in a child welfare placement at some point in the past.

4. In our nation's schools, 74% of LGBT youth hear derogatory remarks such as "faggot" or "dyke" frequently or often, and nearly 89% of us hear "that's so gay" or "you're so gay", meaning stupid or worthless, frequently or often.

GLSEN; 2007 National School Climate Survey. The Experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Youth In Our Nations Schools http://www.glsen.org/binary-data/GLSEN_ATTACHMENTS/file/000/001/1290-1.pdf

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5. In our schools, 86% of LGBT youth reported being verbally harassed, 44% reported being physically harassed, and 22% reported being physically assaulted in the past year because of our sexual orientation.

GLSEN; 2007 National School Climate Survey. The Experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Youth In Our Nations Schools http://www.glsen.org/binary-data/GLSEN_ATTACHMENTS/file/000/001/1290-1.pdf

6. In a survey of 402 transgender people, 78% reported having been verbally harassed and 48% reported having been victims of assault, including assault with a weapon, sexual assault and rape. Wilchins R., Lombardi E., Priesing D., & Malouf, D First National Survey of Transgender Violence.

Gender Public Advocacy Coalition (1997).

Graffiti Chaser

by Georg Stutzenberger

Coming into a big city like Salt Lake City makes you always wonder if the first thing you'll see is graffiti wherever you look. Not so, thanks to the endless efforts of the city's Graffiti Removal Patrol.

Traveling all over the country on business, I have seen big cities bombarded with graffiti that makes me wonder, "Is it really safe to be here?"

There is a lot of cooperation behind the Graffiti Removal Program. Working together with residents in neighborhoods across SLC, and countless calls from Mobile Watch members to the graffiti hotline (801-972-7885), the task is taken care of by the graffiti removal crew, most of the time within 24 hours.

I recently had the opportunity to talk to one member of the graffiti removal crew, and he told me that they are kept very busy in helping to keep the city clean from the increasing graffiti problem. My hat goes off to those who work so hard in this fast manner of helping the neighborhoods before it becomes a graffiti war.

The crew removing graffiti has a big task: painting over graffiti, pressure washing off brick walls, sanding for more delicate surfaces, and cleaning street signs which are frequently defaced. Each graffiti tag is photographed and recorded, and in many cases the SLC Police Gang Unit is called to see the graffiti before its removal. Whether taggers call it an art form or not, it is an eyesore for the

majority of the taxpayers and it is costing the city dearly.

I am proud to have a city that takes the graffiti problem seriously and has a well established removal process in place. We the people in our Capitol Hill neighborhood are very grateful for their job well done. Thank you to the entire graffiti removal team!



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CAPITOL HILL BLOOD DRIVE: June 25th from 4-8 p.m. 142 West 200 North in the Salt Lake Stake meeting house

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A Sociologist's Look at Graffiti

by Sewell Chan

Gregory J. Snyder, a Baruch College sociologist, spent years hanging out with graffiti writers, earning their trust and conducting scores of interviews.

The new book based on his studies, "Graffiti Lives: Beyond the Tag in New York's Urban Underground," reveals that he became more than an observer in that decade and a half: On very few occasions he wrote graffiti himself, scrawling his tag perhaps seven times.

Graffiti writers, the book argues, cannot be understood merely as practitioners of vandalism and social disorder, but also as members of a diverse subculture who, in many cases, have used their experiences to build legitimate careers.

It was as a graduate student at the New School that Professor Snyder built relationships with graffiti writers, carrying around a hardbound sketchbook. At the bottom of each page he wrote a word, which he then asked graffiti writers to represent visually in the space above.

Professor Snyder, 40, argues that while graffiti culture emerged around the same time as hip-hop, in the early 1970s, graffiti in fact comes from a variety of cultural sources.

Whatever their class, race, ethnicity, religion, or age, writers define themselves not by what they look like, or what

language they speak, or what clothes they wear, but by what they do. Their identities are as writers first, and as members of ethnic, religious, and other subgroups second.

He adds, "In its purest form, graffiti is a democratic art form that revels in the American Dream."

The book, just published by New York University Press, argues that graffiti culture has, in some ways, been uniquely democratic. "What is lost sometimes in the cacophony of the debate over whether graffiti is art or vandalism is that when it's art, it is free art," he writes. "You don't need money, or special knowledge, or the right outfit, or a car, or an ID to see it. This is why the graffiti subculture has inspired such a diversity of young people."

Even so, Professor Snyder notes that graffiti has been associated with crime and disorder ever since the social scientists George L. Kelling and James Q. Wilson introduced their "broken windows theory," which holds that low-level and petty crimes, if not addressed, create an atmosphere conducive to more serious and violent crimes.

While some scholars have questioned the theory's validity, Professor Snyder acknowledges that it has become highly influential. It was embraced by Rudolph W. Giuliani, the former mayor, and by Raymond W. Kelly, the former and current police commissioner.

"I'm not trying to make an argument that graffiti is art and not vandalism,"

Professor Snyder said in a phone interview. "I hope I've made it clear that it's both."

The article in its entirety can be located at: <http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/02/17/a-new-look-at-graffiti-writers-lives/?scp=3&sq=graffiti&st=cse>

Neighbor Shout-Out

by Rosann Greenway

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My family and I love to stroll the splendid streets of our Capitol Hill neighborhood. We sometimes, however, have trouble crossing Columbus Street adjacent to the Capitol due to the volume of cars that fail to notice that we are waiting patiently to cross safely at the designated cross walks. Recently we were thrilled to find dozens of fresh, bright orange flags awaiting our arrival on Columbus Street at Apricot St., 400 N., West Capitol St., and 500 North!

Thank you to Georg Sturzenberger for donating these valuable flags to our community.

UPCOMING EVENT

**Annual Capitol Hill Community
Talent Showcase
Wednesday, May 13th, 7:00 P.M.
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A Community Council co-sponsored event featuring musical talent in the neighborhood. Free!