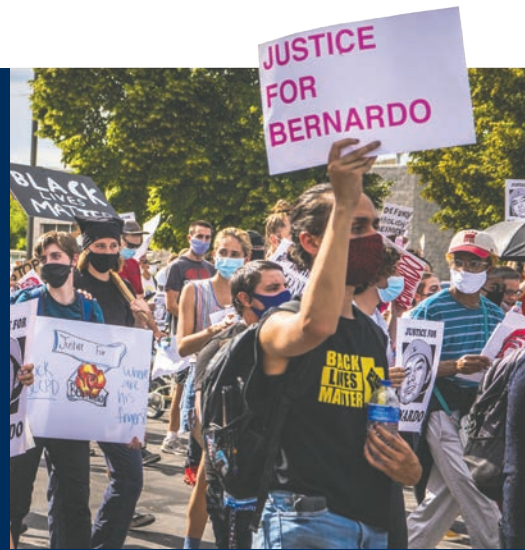




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- Protesters showed up in the streets to demand justice and support the family of police shooting victim Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal

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Tony and Gipper Finau pose for a photo after helping teach a golf clinic in 2005 at Rose Park Golf Course with a group of kids from the Rose Park and Woodscross areas.

Pro Golfer Tony Finau competes on world stage, gives back to Rose Park

By Michael Evans and Charlotte Fife-Jepperson

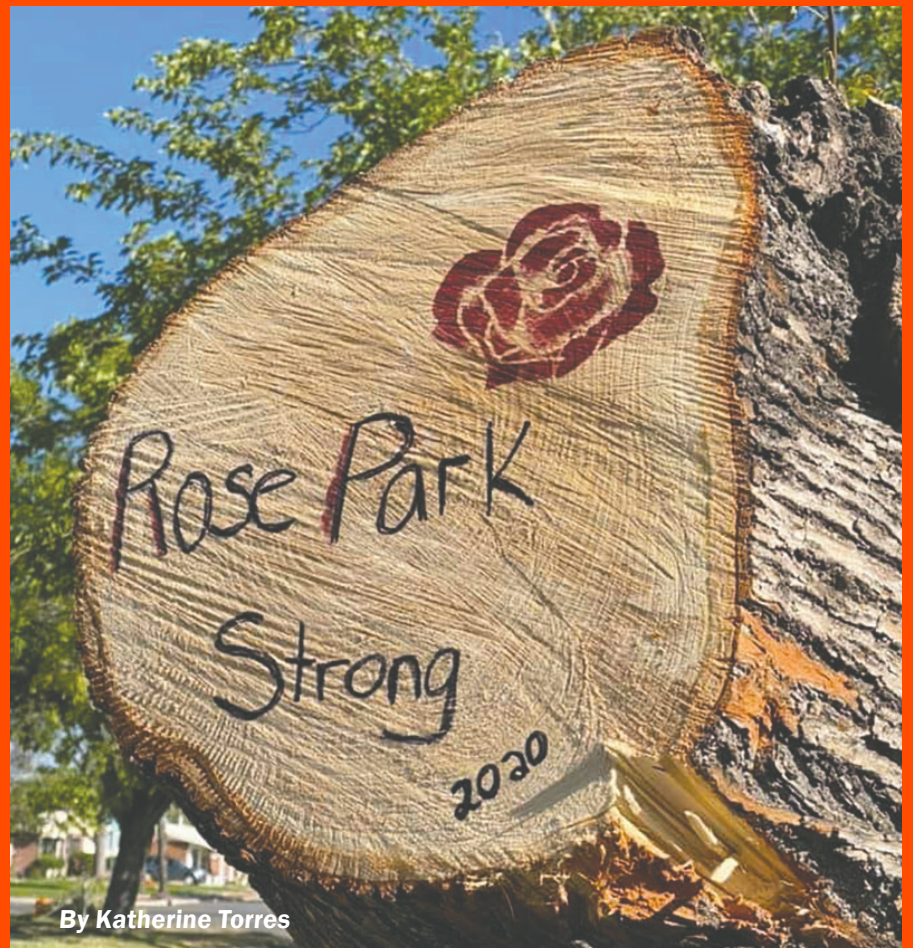
Pro golfer Tony Finau is a regular figure in sports news. His fans around the world, and in his home community of Rose Park, eagerly root for him as he often competes for first place on many suspense-filled last days of major tournaments. Ranked 14th in the world, Finau makes the cut in more than three-fourths of the tournaments he enters, and has finished in the top 10 in six of his last nine major starts.

His name is famous throughout the world, but the roots of his glamorous career grew deep under the tall trees of modest Rose Park Golf Course along wet, natural river-bottom land on Salt Lake City's West Side.

Milton Pouha "Tony" Finau and his younger brother Kelepi Jr. "Gipper" Finau grew up as teammates, commuting through morning mists and seagulls on the course to the old Northwest Middle School (now Salt Lake Center for Science

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Impact of windstorm goes beyond downed trees



By Katherine Torres

Intense winds on Sept. 8 caused massive destruction throughout Utah. According to the National Weather Service, wind gusts peaked at 89 miles per hour in Salt Lake City, and gusts in excess of 90 miles per hour were recorded in other parts of the state. The wind caused overturned semi trucks, property damage, school closures, and power outages that affected over 150,000 Utah residents. Thousands of trees were toppled.

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from the editor

This Fall Issue of 2020 focuses on the latter part of 2020 – a year that has been fraught with struggle. The novel coronavirus pandemic has taken lives, ruined livelihoods, and changed our way of life.



And as if that weren't enough, the Salt Lake valley was rocked by a frightening 5.7 magnitude earthquake on March 18 and a hurricane-strength windstorm on Sept. 8 that ripped thousands of trees out of the ground, knocked power out across Northern Utah, and caused extensive property damage.

Amid all the natural disasters, protests erupted after the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25 and continued throughout the summer as people took to the streets to demand justice and reform after a string of police brutality and excessive force incidents.

A politically-divisive presidential campaign season and challenges of resuming school amid a pandemic has only added to the stress and challenge for so many families, students and teachers.

The events of 2020 will go down in history, and this issue serves as one way to document them, but it also honors the way many of our community members have adapted to the challenges. The theme that has emerged through these stories is resilience.

Fortunately, there are a wealth of resources from government, religious, nonprofit and community groups to lend assistance during these troubling times. And west-side community members are looking out for one another and continuing to shine through the darkness.

In this issue you will read about an outstanding student from Rose Park, who continued her senior project despite the disruption of the pandemic to her schooling; a community health worker from Fairpark, who has been working to reduce COVID-19 infections in her Pacific Islander community; and the many people, including the Rose Park Brown Berets, who came to their neighbors' aid and helped clear debris after the windstorm.

You will also read about the Jordan River Commission, which has pressed forward to update a masterplan for the protection and responsible development of the Jordan River corridor, and about Tracy Aviary's new partnership with residents of the Men's Homeless Resource Center in South Salt Lake.

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What's all the buzz about mosquito abatement in SLC?

By Turner Bitton

As the summer comes to a close, so too does Salt Lake City's mosquito season. Mosquito abatement (reduction or control), is a public health practice that prevents much more than itchy bites from mosquitos. It is also key to combating viral threats like the West Nile Virus.

Mosquito abatement is a set of practices that control the spread of mosquitoes. National and international organizations are dedicated to professional development of the people who do this unique work. The American Mosquito Control Association is the preeminent professional organization that fosters international connection between mosquito control professionals from across the globe.

In Salt Lake City, mosquito control responsibility rests with the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District (SLCMAD). Established in 1924 by the Utah State Legislature, the SLCMAD is a special service district, meaning it receives a small portion of property taxes in Salt Lake City for the single purpose of controlling mosquitoes. Members of the Board of Trustees are appointed by the Salt Lake City mayor and confirmed by the city council.

The SLCMAD is headquartered on the West Side in a state-of-the-art facility constructed in 2019. The campus centralizes the many functions of the SLCMAD, including an onsite laboratory to test for West Nile Virus, equipment for the marshy northwest quadrant of Salt Lake City, and an aquaculture facility.

The West View was invited to participate in a ride-along on August 5 with Jason Hardman, the operations supervisor at SLCMAD. On the ride-along we were given a behind-the-scenes tour of their operations, including the state-of-the-art laboratory where testing is done for the West Nile Virus – a type of testing so unique that at the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, the local health department borrowed equipment from the SLCMAD to support their response.

Testing in mosquito abatement can show not only the prevalence of a virus, but its spread. The on-site aqua-



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Staff from the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District prepare to apply mosquitoicide to marshland in the Northwest Quadrant in August.

culture facility cultivates *Gambusia affinis*, also known as the Mosquitofish, to help control mosquitoes.

Northwest of the airport in the marsh, we were shown the application of mosquitoicide on the surface of the water. This larvicide targets mosquito larvae to eliminate them prior to aging into adulthood. It is applied in a massive area of the city's northwest quadrant using equipment attached to a four-wheeler.

Following this stage, we drove to a mosquito trap near the proposed Utah Inland Port. Mosquito traps are set up to capture live mosquitoes for subsequent testing in the laboratory or

to measure a given population in an area. On the top of the trapping mechanism is a valve that releases CO₂ to attract mosquitoes, while a fan on the bottom pulls them into the trap.

Afterwards, we spoke with Executive Director Ary Faraji, PhD, BCE, who is the President of the American Mosquito Control Association. Below is our conversation:

How many different types of mosquitoes does the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District eliminate?

There are over 3,500 species of mosquitoes in the world and about 200 species are found in the United States. In Utah, there are about 50 recognized species of mosquitoes; but, fortunately, only a handful of them are of public health importance.

In Salt Lake City, there are 26 documented species of mosquitoes. However, the vast majority of our surveillance and control efforts are geared towards four species. These species are *Aedes sierrensis* (the western tree hole mosquito), *Aedes dorsalis* (our common flood water mosquito), *Culex pipiens* (the

northern house mosquito), and *Culex tarsalis* (the western encephalitis mosquito).

The larvae of the first species (*Ae. sierrensis*) thrives in small tree hole habitats (cavities that hold water inside deciduous trees) and loves to bite people and their pets. In fact, this species is the primary vector of dog heartworm in our area.

Aedes dorsalis also loves to bite mammals (which includes us!). But, luckily, this species is not a vector (a carrier of a pathogen) of any mosquito-borne diseases in our area and, hence, only impacts our quality of life by causing nuisance.

Culex pipiens is primarily a bird-biting mosquito, but this species is the primary vector of West Nile virus in our region and primary culprit for introducing and maintaining the virus between birds and mosquitoes annually.

The last species, *Cx. tarsalis*, is perhaps the most important mosquito that we deal with. This species is not only pestiferous and loves to bite humans and other mammals,

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“Mosquito control is not about mosquitoes; it is actually about people. It’s about protecting people, about developing relationships, and about working in solidarity with other groups.”

**Ary Faraji
President, American Mosquito
Control Association**

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but it also opportunistically feeds on birds and is the major vector of mosquito-borne disease in our area.

In short, *Cx. tarsalis* not only impacts our quality of life but is also of public health importance. I should also note that *Ae. sierrensis* and *Cx. pipiens* are mostly suburban and urban species, while *Ae. dorsalis* and *Cx. tarsalis* are mostly rural species.

You mentioned that mosquitoes are highly mobile. How does this impact the way that you plan for mosquito control in Salt Lake City?

Generally, the mosquitoes (*Ae. dorsalis* and *Cx. tarsalis*) that are produced in the wetland habitats of western Salt Lake City move about a mile a night. SLCMAD's primary responsibility is to prevent the dispersal of these two species from the wetland habitats into the city, where the vast majority of our residents are located.

Hence, we monitor the abundance (how many mosquitoes are out there), species composition (exactly what species are found), and pathogen infection rates (how many mosquitoes are infected with a virus) of all mosquitoes in our jurisdiction so that we can make scientifically-informed control decisions.

These efforts help guide where we need to conduct additional control measures in order to preserve our residents' quality of life and protect them from potentially infected mosquitoes that may transmit pathogens.

We encountered multiple duck hunting clubs when we were in the field. How does your relationship with these clubs support your mission?

Mosquito control is not about mosquitoes; it is actually about people. It's about protecting people, about developing relationships, and about working in solidarity with other groups.

The duck clubs have historically been great partners with our organization for many decades. They provide us access into their private properties, allow us to conduct treatments when/where they are needed, and understand that the surveillance and control efforts that we are conducting are not only for their benefit, but they are also for the benefit of the greater community outside the duck clubs.

Do you anticipate that the proposed Utah Inland Port Authority development area and relocation of the Utah state prison will affect your work?

Mosquito control is a job for everyone

Things you can do to help control mosquitos:

- Don't overwater your plants
- Empty your pet bowls and bird baths weekly
- Cover your rain water collection containers
- Don't leave out wheelbarrows, tires, and buckets
- You can report mosquito problems or standing water, request mosquito fish for ornamental ponds

at www.slcmad.org/

**Meet Culex tarsalis**

This rural species is the major vector of mosquito-borne disease in our area. It loves to feed on humans and other mammals as well as birds.

Yes, absolutely. The port and prison are both being located in primary mosquito habitats. The addition of lights and people will certainly attract more mosquitoes, and more development will demand more control from SLCMAD. We are fortunate to have great partners at the state level, particularly the Department of Administrative Services, who have been working with use to ensure mosquito control needs are being met.

Does the general public have a responsibility in mosquito control?

Mosquito control is a job for everyone. There are many standing water habitats located within private residential properties that can be addressed by the homeowner.

For example, don't overwater your plants and cause dishes or plant saucers to hold water for extended amounts of time; empty your pet watering bowls and bird baths weekly; cover your rain water collection containers; and don't leave out wheelbarrows, tires, buckets, or other containers that may collect rain or sprinkler water.

Additionally, if residents have an abandoned swimming pool or a pond, please contact us and we will provide a mosquito-eating fish or treat that habitat to ensure that no mosquitoes are being produced there. This service is provided to all of our residents within Salt Lake City and is of no additional cost to them, so please take advantage of it.

In what ways is climate change impacting the field of mosquito control?

Mosquito control is a very dynamic profession that is constantly changing. Factors such as climate change, epidemiology, biology, ecology, pesticide manufacturing, insecticide resistance, and even human cultural changes can greatly impact the way that mosquito control is conducted.

In general, since insects are cold-blooded and their development and also the amplification of the pathogens that they harbor are greatly affected by temperature, the greater the temperature, the faster their rate of development.

For the most part, warmer temperatures are not only expanding the geographic range of some mosquito species, but they may also increase the rate of pathogen amplification.

To boot, we are also seeing not only geographic expansion in latitude and longitude, but also one in altitude where some species are being found higher and higher in elevation.

How do you measure your success?

[One measurement] is the number of Service Requests that we get in relation to biting mosquitoes in the city. This number has drastically gone down since the introduction of our aerial mosquito control program. We conduct large area-wide applications when mosquito numbers are above our established thresholds, and this is intended to quickly bring down the total number of biting mosquitoes in an area.

Lastly, Jason mentioned that the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District is recognized internationally. What are some of the innovations that you have been able to share with other jurisdictions?

We take great pride in publishing our work and disseminating the information that we gather here to a much larger audience via peer-reviewed publications and also presentations at many meetings across the country.

Some recent innovations include the development, training, and publication of a Best Management Practices booklet for invasive mosquitoes in the USA; the use of unmanned aerial systems (drones) for mosquito surveillance and control; the utilization of 3D printers for making our own traps (We no longer purchase expensive traps because we design and print them in-house); and responding to and assisting other districts and areas when it comes to mosquito control.

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Preventing COVID-19 infections in my Pacific Islander community

By **Lisia Satini**



The year 2020 has been a very challenging year for everyone, especially for Latino and Pacific Islander communities. As of July 25, 1,477 Pacific Islanders have contracted COVID-19, the second highest infection rate of all races/ethnicities. Fourteen Pacific Islanders have died of COVID-19 in Utah – a rate of 9.5 deaths per 1,000 cases.

That is why I and other community health workers are trying to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by reducing stigma surrounding the virus and building confidence in following public health protocols. We have distributed over 7,000 masks to Pacific Islander-owned businesses and family gatherings, such as birthdays,

funerals, reunions, and weddings.

We have also offered Zoom meetings as a platform to talk openly about the virus, allowing recovered COVID-19 Pacific Islanders to share their stories. We are sharing instructions on the importance of wearing a mask, hand washing, and social distancing in translated languages for Pacific Islanders.

This is all happening through

the Utah Pacific Islander Health Coalition (UPIHC), which is part of the COVID Community Partnership Project that our very own Sen. Luz Escamilla got funded through the Utah Department of Health. The purpose of this community-based organization is to foster community health related to COVID 19 in underserved and underrepresented communities, particularly the Pacific Islander community in Utah.

Getting the number of COVID-19 cases down is difficult for a number of reasons, including lack of access to updated COVID-19 education; lack of support from Pacific Islander leaders; ongoing family events; lack of resources such as masks; and lack of access to health services for the Pacific Islander community.

“Life is better with family” is an idea we’re sharing in our community, meaning that as we stay safe and stay home, we can also stay alive to enjoy our families.

However, some Pacific Islanders have other family members living with them in multiple family or multigenerational households, where physical distancing is exceptionally hard to practice. As a result, many of our people are getting COVID, and we are working hard to make changes.

We will continue to distribute masks and educate community members to help decrease our case numbers. We want to help those with symptoms to come forward so they can have a place to isolate or have food delivered to them. We are working to build a network of support in the Pacific Islander

community to avoid shaming of those infected with the virus by focusing on the virus rather than the individual; to be understanding that we’re on pause and to wait for family gatherings or to keep them small; and to practice COVID-19 safety procedures, such as wearing a mask in public and staying home if infected.

As the journey continues, we seek to improve the quality of life for our people as we continue to offer education, wellness services, and advocate for the Pacific Islander community. We can work together to keep our families healthy. #staysafe #stayhome #stayalive #ccppiut

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More services (childcare, food assistance, utility payment assistance, etc) at www.slc.gov/mayor/covid-19

***¡Hola vecinos!** A medida que nuestra batalla contra la pandemia continúa, la División de Desarrollo de Vecindarios y Viviendas de Salt Lake City (HAND) está anunciando programas de asistencia para residentes elegibles. Si ha sido impactado por el COVID-19 y necesita asistencia de vivienda, por favor contacte a una de las agencias para saber si cumple con los requerimientos.

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Voters can take advantage of state commission to vote on judges

By Turner Bitton

During general elections, most attention is paid to major races and presidential contests, and information about items that appear further down the ballot is often difficult to find. Judicial retention elections are one such example.

In retention elections, judges do not have opponents, nor do they campaign. Instead, voters decide whether or not a judge should remain in office. If a judge receives a simple majority of “yes” votes, the judge may serve another full term. If a judge receives a simple majority of “no” votes, the judge is removed from office at the end of the year.

Utah is one of fifteen states that use judicial retention elections, but that hasn’t always been the case. When statehood was granted in 1896, the state opted for a direct election of judges, a process that was changed in 1985 to the one that closely resembles the current system.

Today, bipartisan commissions exist in each of Utah’s judicial districts and when a vacancy arises, they begin the process of selecting a new judge for the vacancy. These commissions accept applications, conduct interviews, and assess the candidate based solely on merit. Utah law states that “...selection of judges shall be based solely upon consideration of fitness for office without regard to any partisan political consideration.”

After reviewing the candidates for the vacant position, the nominating commissions then select the top five (seven for Supreme Court vacancies) and forward those names onto the governor. The governor reviews the candidates and makes a selection from the list. After selection, the nominee must then be approved by the Utah State Senate prior to taking office.

After taking office, state law requires judges to face a judicial retention election in the first general election held at least three years

after they take office. For example, a judge appointed in 2013, would face their first retention vote in 2016.

The year of their first retention vote then becomes the basis of future retention votes with the next election happening either six or ten years afterward depending on the judge’s position. Most judges in Utah face a retention election every six years. Members of the Utah Supreme Court are an exception to this, as they face retention votes every ten years.

Every few years, voters have the opportunity to vote in judicial retention elections. In 2008, to support voters’ ability to evaluate judges, the State of Utah established the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission (JPEC). This independent agency uses a variety of criteria to evaluate the performance of Utah’s judges.

The committee is made up of thirteen members with four members appointed by the Utah Supreme Court and Governor, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint two members, and the executive director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice also serves on the JPEC. JPEC’s membership is restricted so that no more than seven members of JPEC may be practicing attorneys and no more than half the members appointed by each branch of government may be of the same political party.

JPEC looks at a variety of criteria including legal knowledge, skills as an administrator, integrity, and judicial temperament. Using surveys, courtroom observers, and other information, JPEC then creates a written report for use by the public to evaluate judges standing for retention. JPEC does not review misconduct allegations, as those are reviewed by a separate agency called the Judicial Conduct Commission.

According to JPEC Executive Director Jennifer Yim, the public reports are designed to provide

voters with the information they need to evaluate the judges appearing on their ballots. “Utah’s judicial retention process works because JPEC engages judges in a term-long performance improvement process that is largely unknown to the public...The extensive work JPEC does with judges for the five years prior to the election – providing midterm feedback, doing courtroom observation, and collecting feedback from court participants – is all confidential by law, but it is critical to creating a strong, high-quality judiciary,” she said.

In the last decade, voters have chosen to retain every judge that has appeared on the ballot. Yim credits JPEC’s dedication to continuous improvement and robust process with the high retention rate, “92% of judges get unanimous recommendations in favor of retention because they pass all of the minimum performance standards required by statute. Most of the time, judges who have a negative performance evaluation, or a recommendation against retention, resign or retire.”

Yim encourages voters to take advantage of JPEC’s work to make an informed decision when voting. “Across the state, 60 judges will be on the ballot in November. Nineteen of those judges serve somewhere in Salt Lake County. For voters on Salt Lake’s west side, there will be 16 judges on the ballot. As many people know, judges affect the lives of citizens, sometimes dramatically. JPEC invites voters to visit judges. utah.gov to get to know your judges before you vote. Your voice matters. Our justice system depends on you.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: In October, West View Media hosted a live town hall conversation with Jennifer Yim, Executive Director of JPEC. To learn more about judicial performance reviews through JPEC, view the recorded conversation at <https://www.facebook.com/WestViewMedia/videos/985474535298584/> and visit their website at judges.utah.gov.

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Jordan River getting new trees, master plan

By Sheena Wolfe

Thousands of invasive Russian olive and tamarisk trees along the Jordan River are quietly being replaced with Fremont cottonwoods and peachleaf willows; and the Jordan River Commission is in the process of revising its 10-year-old master plan.

So far more than 4,000 new trees have been planted along the Jordan River with another 1,000 scheduled for planting this fall, said Jordan River Commission Executive Director Soren Simonsen, noting that the above mentioned trees are being replaced because they push other growth out of the way and do not have the root systems needed to shore-up the river's sometimes steep banks. Older trees whose life span has ended are also being replaced.

To ensure that the new trees are ready for bank stabilization they first go through a process called tall-pot planting where seedlings first grow for a time in large deep pots with emphasis is on growing deep roots rather than just on making lots of foliage, said Simonsen. The roots have to be deep for the new trees to reach the water table as a result "we are planting really skinny trees with root systems that are three-feet deep," he said.

In addition to planting new trees, the Jordan River Commission is in the process of updating its master plan called Blueprint Jordan River, and input from more than 5,000 stakeholders and interested residents will help the Commission decide on priorities. The Blueprint was established in 2010 along with the commission which currently has representatives from 17 cities, two counties, two state departments and philanthropic partner the Jordan River Foundation.

"It's been 10 years since the Blueprint was developed," said Simonsen. "It's time for an update and some fresh ideas." Simonsen was amazed at the large number of responses to their online survey – 7,829 people responded. Top priorities were to clean up trash in the river corridor, improve water quality, preserve and acquire more natural, open spaces along the river, and improve safety with lighting and patrolling.

A copy of the current Blueprint is available on the Commission's website as well as information on ongoing projects. A draft of the new Blueprint is expected to be completed and ready for review by January 1, 2021.

According to the existing Blueprint major strategies for the Jordan River corridor are to provide and maintain: a 50-plus mile, unobstructed trail from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake for boaters, cyclists, pedestrians and wildlife enthusiasts; and a 7,300-acre linear nature preserve with premier wildlife viewing tours.

The plan also provides for a return to the more historic river corridor with meanders, wetlands; improved water quality and water flow, and rich biodiversity; regional transportation access to the corridor including east-west connecting trails and several new

stops that bring recreational users to the trail for day-long excursions; and several new "river centers" with recreational support facilities and dining opportunities in previously industrial areas.

The purpose of the commission according to its website is to encourage and promote multiple uses; foster communication and coordination between various partners and users; promote resource utilization; and promote responsible economic development.

"It's been 10 years since the Blueprint [Jordan River] was developed. It's time for an update and some fresh ideas."

Soren Simonsen
Executive Director
Jordan River Commission



PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE FIFE-JEPPERSON

Dane Hess and Dara Mintz participate in the Great Glendale Cleanup on Sept. 26. This river cleanup was organized by the Glendale Community Council in partnership with the Jordan River Commission.

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Education) on Goodwin Avenue. They developed their golf skills after class under the eyes of municipal crews who were cutting holes, filling washers, running mowers, and maintaining golf carts.

Tony and Gipper knew Rose Parks's golf courses very well. "[Their dad] would often be out there with them on the chipping green, emphasizing form," said Lisa Imamura, who worked at the Rose Park clubhouse from 2000 to 2010.

The brothers were part of a supportive family. Their late mother, Ravena Finau, was a physical education teacher at nearby Backman Elementary, where they went to school. Their father, Kelepi Finau, spent countless hours helping them hone their skills, even setting up a mattress on the wall of their tract house garage for the boys to practice their golf swings.

Kelepi said that while "most Polynesian boys grow up to play football or rugby, "My wife, Vena, and I asked ourselves, 'Is there anything else we can get them involved with – something that will teach them good principles and habits and keep them out of trouble?'"

That brought them to the game of golf. "Both Gipper and Tony started showing potential when they were seven and eight years old," said Kelepi. Gipper started golfing first, but Tony learned alongside him. "They were so little!" said Imamura.

As teens, the Finau brothers joined West High School's golf team, which took the Utah State Championship in 2006. That same year, 16-year-old Gipper became the third youngest player to make the cut in the PGA Nationwide Tour, and Tony won the Utah State Amateur Championship, turning professional in 2007 at age 17.

Tony competed in the Junior Ryder Cup tournament in 2004 and 2006. Imamura recalls that

"the boys delighted in showing us their 'swag' from the Junior Ryder Cup in the clubhouse.

With its distant views of sun-bleached Ensign Peak and the rising snow-capped Wasatch Mountains, "Rose Park was the home course for West High's golf team," said Imamura. "That team produced players like Cory MacIntosh, Henry White, and Wayne Fisher over the previous thirty years," she said.

"The golf team would start gathering in August, then play through September and October. Students were responsible for getting to the course themselves. They would show up at 1 p.m. and shoot 18 holes before dark, which fell earlier and earlier as winter approached," said Imamura.

Intrasquad competition was intense. "Only eight students per school could play the next match at various home courses," she said. "Eight to ten schools could be involved at regional tournaments," said Imamura. That could mean as many as 80 student athletes on the links.

Imamura closely followed The Big Break TV show during 2009 when Gipper made it to the ninth week and Tony fought for the championship all the way to a nineteenth hole showdown and took second place. "The whole Rose Park Golf Course community shared the excitement," she said. "We watched every episode and celebrated their achievements."

Tony made new friends with his success. "We were thrilled when he brought Utah Jazz basketball players to golf here at Rose Park," said Imamura, "...like Kyle Korver and Deron Williams." But, that success did not come easy.

Kelepi said that it was hard at first for Gipper and Tony to feel like they belonged in the predominantly white sport. He told them, "Let people judge you by how hard you work and what you achieve."

"Over the years we taught our boys that with the principles of gratitude and hard work, they can overcome many hurdles in life," he said.

Giving Back

Tony's mother, Vena, who set an example for her children by volunteering for the student Polynesian Club at West High School, said to Tony, "If you ever make it, you need to give back to the youth in your community," said Kelepi.

Tony has made it – big. According to Golf Magazine, he has earned over \$20 million in PGA Tour events. And he honors his mother's wishes by donating to his hometown neighborhood through the Tony Finau Foundation.

In 2014, when Heather Newell began her tenure as Principal of Backman Elementary, the Tony Finau Foundation reached out to her and asked what they could do for the school. "Over the years they have been extraordinary partners with Backman in various projects," said Newell.

Recently, the foundation has partnered with the ongoing "For the Kids" project that helps make up for interrupted school nutrition programs during the Coronavirus pandemic. "They supply 500 meals per week for students and families

in four local schools," said Newell.

The foundation gave \$100,000 to Intermountain Healthcare for their Project Protect – a partnership between IHC, UofU Health, Latter-day Saint Charities, Utah nonprofits and volunteer sewers to manufacture Personal Protective Equipment for frontline caregivers in response to the pandemic.

Backman Elementary students love it when Tony visits in person. "Tony is not one for the limelight," says Newell, "He prefers personal conversations in classrooms, and really shines in small groups. He knows that he is a role model for the kids."

In addition to organizing food, toy and clothing drives and purchasing essential equipment for

the school, the Finau Foundation has been a long-term partner in the planned construction of a pedestrian bridge and children's learning park directly across the Jordan River from Backman Elementary. Not only will children living in the crowded economy apartments along Redwood Road have a more direct and safer route to school, but they will be able to study in the beauty of the river's natural wildlife corridor.

Construction of this bridge and educational annex is due to start in the spring of 2021, weather permitting, and proponents of this project suggest naming the bridge after Backman's own Ravena Finau, who died in a car accident during 2011.

"Over the years we taught our boys that with the principles of gratitude and hard work, they can overcome many hurdles in life."

Kelepi Finau

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The old Westside Drug Store building on the corner of 200 South and 1000 West was turned into a private residence and photography studio that featured a remarkable rose garden with over 400 distinct varieties of roses.

Neighbors rally to save roses from planned high rise development

By **Melanie Pehrson**

Another mixed-use high rise development is in the works for Salt Lake City, poised to break ground on 880 W 200 South in the quaint, quiet Poplar Grove neighborhood nestled in Salt Lake City's West Side. The development plans to level the historic Westside Drugstore, threatening to uproot one of Utah's most prized rose collections.

The plants were established and maintained until a few years ago by longtime Poplar Grove residents Bob Bauer and Mary Woodhead. In addition to the time and energy the couple invested, this historical property has deep 120-year-old roots in the West Side community.

On October 17, 1900, Charles D. Harding was issued a building permit for a store and double

cottage on the corner of 800 west (now 900 west) and 200 South. Throughout the next 100 years, the property went through a series of owners, most of whom not only maintained a business, but also made it their home. It served many functions, including a drug store, grocery store, pharmacy with a legendary soda fountain, drive-in diner, and photography studio. Its history has been about gathering.

Bob and Mary purchased the old Westside Drugstore in 1995, making it their home from 1996 until Bob's death in 2017. Bob had rented the store as a photography studio for several years when the owner approached the couple, gauging their interest in purchasing the property. If they could match the bid already presented, the property would be theirs. With some maneuvering, they were able to purchase it.

Gardening was an important part of their lives, so it was only natural to develop the plot to its fullest potential. What started as a vegetable garden, grape vines, berries and a few unique rose bushes grew into an oasis of more than 400 distinct rose varieties. Bob recognized them all by name.

He tenderly lists rose names throughout a 2014 YouTube video as he walks through a vibrant collection: Aloha, Trumpeter, Blue Girl, All Ablaze, Flower Girl, Ougust Renior, Lava Glute, Climbing Rainbows End, Rambod Dixon, Party Time, Sundance, Barbara Striasand, Modern Magic, Eureka, Perfect Moment. "More than anything," said his wife Mary, "he liked roses with different forms and with fragrance."

The hobby grew into a lifestyle as Mary and Bob traveled. They

cultivated strong friendships with other rose enthusiasts, who sometimes gifted Bob with a certain variety. Bob was an active member of the Utah Rose Society, serving on its board at times. He wrote several articles for the society, from which he received a bronze medal for his service on behalf of rose education. Bob was able to merge his two passions – roses and photography – by photographing roses for nurseries in California and Oregon, and for the magazine published by the American Rose Society. "To be honest, he was a bit obsessed...in a good way," said Mary.

After Bob passed away from cancer in 2017, Mary sold the property to visionaries who had tentative plans to turn it into a restaurant, utilizing the rose garden and continuing the care to which Bob devoted much of his life.

It was not to be. The property sold yet again to a developer with vastly different plans. When Mary sold it, the idea of organically repurposing the space as another gathering place for people in the neighborhood "was a really nice thought. But," Mary admits, "I know the economy is hard...it's not surprising to see a plan for more intensive use. And in these times, housing is important."

This turn of events lends itself to important questions about what the West Side community wants for its future. Will the legacy of gathering continue? Will West Side residents find a gathering place in the businesses that will eventually inhabit the ground floor? Will the 205 units within the buildings' walls offer affordable options? What will be done to cultivate growth while also respecting

heritage and diversity? What will be done to preserve the rich, fertile history of the northeast corner of 900 South 200 West?

“For me,” says Mary, “it’s heart-breaking to think of the garden being gone, but it’s not the same without Bob and it was fabulous while it was his baby.”

In an effort to preserve a prominent part of Poplar Grove neighborhood history, gardeners of all skill levels are invited to give Bob and Mary’s roses new homes throughout the community by participating in Operation Rescue Roses.

The event will take place October 23 and 24. With the developers’ permission and assistance, members of the Salt Lake City community will have access to the property to gather rose cuttings and rose plants of every imaginable variety to be transplanted,

providing them the opportunity of new life and growth.

While transplanting roses is hard work, many in the community feel it is well worth the effort. Prior to the event, volunteers will prep the roses through trimming, deep watering, and preparing new homes for the roses in advance. Social media, west-side community councils, and the tight-knit rose community of Utah will publicize the event. Interested individuals and families will be educated in utilizing cuttings and transplants from this beloved and extensive rose collection to give them a comfortable new home where they can thrive.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact melanie.pehrson@gmail.com, subject line “Operation Rescue Roses.”



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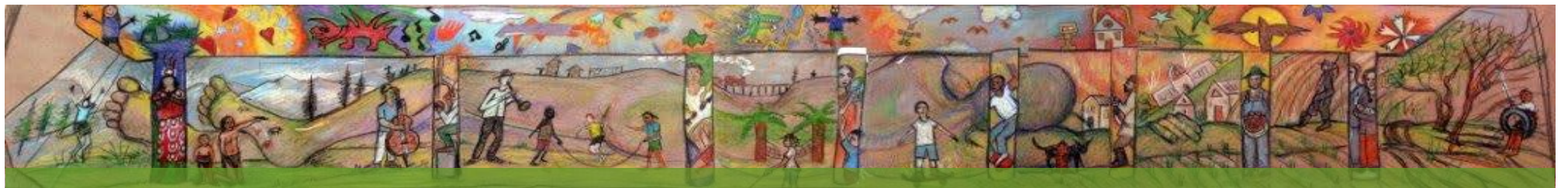
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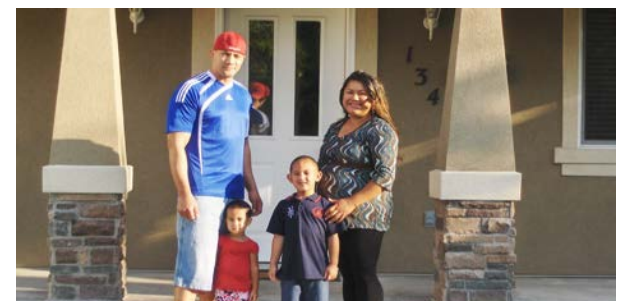
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From WIND page 1

In Rose Park, a neighborhood known for its tree-lined streets, a significant number of mature trees were downed. In some cases, trees fell on power lines and parked cars, damaged houses, and blocked traffic on neighborhood streets. Countless photos of mangled branches, exposed tree roots, and stumps were shared by Rose Park residents on social platforms.

State and local leaders, including Governor Gary Herbert and Mayor Erin Mendenhall, toured Rose Park streets to assess the damage on Sept. 9.

At a press conference conducted by state and local leaders that same day, Mayor Mendenhall reiterated her commitment to plant 1,000 new trees in Salt Lake City’s west-side neighborhoods, a commitment she made back in 2019 when she was a mayoral candidate.

“This storm sets us back a little bit, but I know that our commitment to planting trees and growing our urban forest is strong,” Mendenhall said at the press conference.

While much attention was given to the loss of trees that had been part of the neighborhood for multiple generations, many residents were also faced with personal property damage, prolonged power outages, and loss of perishable foods.

One Rose Park resident, Chris Cook, was without power for 13 days due to damage sustained to his power line and electric meter by fallen trees.

“You could tell that there was damage to the meter, but you couldn’t access it because there was so much tree in the way,” Cook said. “We couldn’t do anything until we could get the trees taken out.”

In order to restore power to his house, Cook had to hire help to remove the trees that were blocking access to his meter. In addition, he had to replace his electric panel. Those costs were reimbursed by his insurance company, but if they hadn’t been covered, his out-of-pocket costs would have totaled nearly \$5,000.

The 13-day power outage that Cook experienced was not widespread, but most Rose Park residents experienced power loss that lasted more than 24 hours, and many had to wait three to five days for their power to be restored.

Spencer Hall, a spokesman for Rocky

BY THE NUMBERS

89 MPH

Highest wind speed recorded in Salt Lake City during the storm.

150,000+

Number of Rocky Mountain Power customers who lost power.

1,500+

Estimated number of trees downed on city property during the storm.

Mountain Power, attributed the range of power outage durations to Rocky Mountain Power’s prioritization strategy.

“What we tried to do was prioritize the repairs that could bring the most people on at once,” Hall said. “As days went on, after we had repaired the main transmission and distribution systems, then it became kind of onesie-twowie.”

Hall noted the frustration some Rocky Mountain Power customers experienced if they were among the last few individuals in their neighborhood to have power restored.

“Nobody likes to be the last one, but in every neighborhood, there was somebody who was last, and I think that was frustrating for some folks,” he said.

During the 13 days that Cook’s power was out, he and his family were able to stay at a family member’s house in Farmington, but they still experienced some inconveniences, including a longer commute to and from work and increased costs from dining out more frequently.

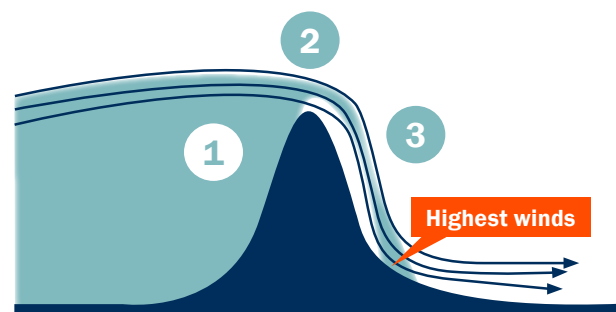
“We lost our food,” Cook said.

Celina Milner, a Senior Advisor in the Salt Lake City Mayor’s Office and a Rose Park resident, centered her response to the wind storm on helping residents overcome food loss. Working to build an emergency food safety net is a project Milner has been involved with over the last several months through her service on the Multicultural Subcommittee of Utah’s COVID-19 Task Force.



With assistance from the National Guard, Salt Lake City crews cleaned up debris in Rose Park w

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... things were just looking up, inland hurricane in the state of Utah.'



DAVID RICKETTS

Weeks after a hurricane-strength windstorm ripped through Northern Utah on Sept. 8.



MICHAEL EVANS

Riverside Park at 1490 West 600 North lost several old trees in the Sept. 8 windstorm.



DEBBIE GUTIERREZ

A fallen tree caused extensive property damage to this Rose Park home and sidewalk.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

A crane lifted a fallen tree off power lines in Rose Park.



VIRGINIA GONTIKA

A large tree fell on a car and blocked the street in Rose Park.

“With COVID, the earthquake, racial unrest, and now an inland hurricane, you can imagine that the food safety net is stretched very, very thin,” Milner said. “We are in a community that is just getting on our feet... things were just looking up, and wouldn’t you know it, here came, of all things, an inland hurricane in the state of Utah.”

Milner said that after the wind storm, many constituents had reached out about available food resources. When those constituents were pointed toward local food pantries, they were unable to access those facilities.

“The response was ‘I can’t get out of my driveway. There’s a tree on my car,’” she said.

To provide access to food, Salt Lake City partnered with the Utah Food Bank to host a mobile food distribution event on Sept. 23 at the Rose Park LDS Stake Center.

While the city and the state worked in an official capacity to help Rose Park residents, community organizations like the Rose Park Brown Berets provided additional ad hoc support. In the days after the wind storm, the Brown Berets organized groups of 5-20 individuals to cut down fallen trees in the neighborhood.

“We didn’t know how long it would take for the city to cut down their trees,” said a spokesperson for the Brown Berets. “Instead of relying on it, we relied on ourselves.”

Relying on oneself and on one’s community is a recommendation that the Brown Berets have for Rose Park residents.

“[An] important thing is for our community to be self-sustainable and for the community to take care of each other, because the system we live under was not made for us and continues to fail us,” the spokesperson said.

Although neighbors helped one another, weeks after the storm debris was still being cleaned up. Gov. Herbert called in the Utah National Guard to help.

The process of restoring the urban canopy will take decades. It starts by planting and tending new trees, and the city is asking for help. Salt Lake City is calling on all community councils within the city to establish Urban Forestry Subcommittees to help ensure that newly planted trees in their community will receive the care and water they need.

TreeUtah and Salt Lake City have partnered up to replenish the city’s urban forest. There are two ways residents can help. The city is asking residents for donations to match a \$10,000 donation from Rocky Mountain Power. Donate at www.retreesc.com. Tree Utah is recruiting volunteers to help plant trees. Sign up at www.volunteer@treeutah.org.

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Linda Houtz and Mark Smedley were joined in matrimony in their yard in Poplar Grove on June 20, during a pandemic.

Love in the time of COVID-19

By **Linda Smedley**

I've heard the term "covidiot" aimed at people taking unnecessary risks and risking others during the pandemic. "Those covidiotics letting their kids on the playground equipment." "Those covidiotics having a party," "Those covidiotics not wearing their masks." I now realize that I, too, am a covidiot.

This summer, during a beautiful mountain picnic, my sweetheart of three years asked me to marry him. At age 54, this would be my first marriage. We both had decided that we wanted a small wedding, pandemic or not, and we figured that we would just go ahead and have a small outdoor one for the summer solstice. We invited some dear friends, leaving so many dear friends and family out, and came up with a list of

ten guests and two musicians to join us on our special day.

For two weeks, my fellow labored over the yard where we would be careful to distance chairs and distance our dear friend from us when she officiated our vows. Things would be beautiful, but safe. My only child said there was no way she was going to let her mama get married without her attending, so we arranged her flight and stay at an Airbnb.

She flew in on a Thursday afternoon. At the airport, I had the wherewithal to nod when she asked, "Should I sit in the backseat?" and we sadly agreed to no hugs and keeping our masks on. When I dropped her off at the Airbnb, she said she felt tired and a bit achy – scary words during a pandemic. She told me that her menstrual period was about to begin and she had been up late drinking the night before.

These good explanations for her condi-

tion sat well in my mind. Nevertheless, I shared the information with my sister that night. We three were scheduled to go on a picnic the next day. I wanted my sister, who has asthma and is over 60, to have a heads up. She immediately began texting me her worries and what-ifs. We agreed to see how my daughter was doing the next day.

Friday morning, she said she felt much better – just a little tired, maybe a little achy. We three agreed that she should not join us for the picnic, just in case. Then, my sister contacted my daughter and asked her to please join us, saying this would be a special girls' picnic before I would get married the next day. So, we joyously picnicked out in the open, masks mostly on and keeping a safe six-foot distance.

My daughter felt great all the rest of that day even into the next morning. "We got this," we thought. Certainly, if she had the

"I remember hearing an expert epidemiologist back in March say that risking interaction during this pandemic means possibly killing someone. Luckily, none of our guests tested positive for the virus. I still feel regretful that there was any risk to someone's health or life."

virus she wouldn't feel this great, and those other reasons could easily explain her feeling ill the day before. My sister said, "Why don't you get her tested anyway?" My daughter agreed, saying it wouldn't hurt to confirm things before she flew out of town. So, we spent a couple hours in the car (windows open as much as we could) at our west-side clinic, waiting in line. Results would come the following week.

When I had invited the guests, I told them that we would be COVID careful, physical distancing and wearing masks. Just to be extra safe, I asked my daughter to take her temperature that morning, which she did, and it was normal. She was careful at the wedding, telling people she didn't want to come into the house, staying back most of the time. Everyone arrived in masks. We had hand sanitizer placed in various places outside, disposable napkins in the bathroom. We had assigned a friend who had already fully recovered from the virus back in March to handle the food.

Somehow, after our vows, a lot of us demonstrated covidiot behaviors. My mask dropped off several times because I felt I was at a safe distance from others, despite a guest asking people to please keep their masks on because she was going to visit her aging mother the next week.

I noticed other guests sometimes dropping their masks, maybe to drink some wine or just to breathe a little bit of fresh air. One friend asked a guest to keep her mask on, that his wife has immune challenges and she was sitting too close. The guest scooted her chair back but didn't keep her mask on.

Someone reached out for a hug and I

accepted. The musicians played a foot tapping tune and my new husband and I danced without our masks. My daughter engaged in long conversations a little too close to a young friend of ours who had dropped his mask below his nose. After the music, later in the wedding, masks were sometimes up, sometimes down as people felt at ease and engaged in excited conversations. I noticed that a lot of people were scooting in closer than six feet.

Monday morning, my daughter received her test results. She had tested positive for COVID-19. I immediately contacted the other eleven people who were at our wedding. I told them all the facts, including that she had had some symptoms Thursday and that we had had her tested Friday. Most were supportive, some were understandably angry that I had not forewarned them or had allowed my daughter to attend our wedding. The friend with a compro-

mised immune system ended our friendship of over 12 years.

I remember hearing an expert epidemiologist back in March say that risking interaction during this pandemic means possibly killing someone. Luckily, none of our guests tested positive for the virus. I still feel regretful that there was any risk to someone's health or life.

I was at least as much of a covidiot as the others I have criticized. We thought we were having our wedding in spite of the seemingly invisible COVID monster, a bit of joy amongst a rough time, but we were creating a situation where there were too many chances to make a mistake, too many opportunities to be caught up in being human.

I don't regret gathering some of the people I love and marrying my sweetheart on that gorgeous summer day, even during the pandemic. But, if one of our guests had caught the virus, I know I would have felt responsible.

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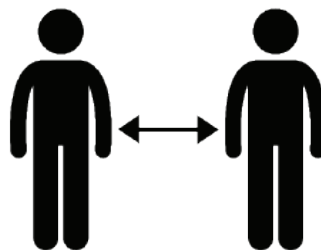
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Killing of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal sparks repeated protests and lawsuit against SLPD

By Jacobo Rueda

The fatal shooting of 22-year-old Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal by Salt Lake City Police on May 23, just two days before the killing of George Floyd, joined a string of nationwide incidents involving alleged excessive force by police.

People gathered on June 27 at the corner of 900 South and 300 West, where Palacios-Carbajal died, to protest his killing and that of other local victims of police brutality. This was one of dozens of protests organized throughout the summer to demand justice for Bernardo.

18-year-old Sofia Alcala called out a litany of police infractions on a megaphone. The crowd stood and listened while holding signs in support of victims. “Abolish police now,” said one sign while another said “No Justice, No Peace.” Still others simply said, “Justice for Bernardo.”

Hailee Ariana Kennedy stood in front of the crowd that day and tearfully spoke about Palacios-Carbajal as a talented artist and caring friend. They met when they were young, spent time growing up together and maintained a sibling-like relationship.

Her voice quivered as she recounted how much Palacios-Carbajal was loved and the impact he made on those close to him. “He was the best person I’ve ever met,” she said.

Kennedy appreciated the support of people at the protest, because it brought more attention to Palacios-Carbajal’s death. She keeps in contact with the family and said the situation has been very difficult for them.

Kennedy feels outrage over what happened to Palacios-Carbajal. Watching the bodycam videos took an emotional toll on her and

she copes by supporting his cause and making flyers. “I want all of this to stop. No more shootings,” she said.

For some people in the crowd, the issue of police brutality had a broader scope. “I believe it is a race issue and a systemic issue,” said Chase Breinholt, who represented his late brother Chad at the protest. He said that the systemic issues stem from legal protections set in place to protect police officers. Those protections prevent accountability, leaving friends and families of victims wanting for justice.

Police killed Michael Chad Breinholt while in custody at the West Valley Police Department in August of 2019.

Since his brother was killed, Chase Breinholt and his family have yet to see any progress in the case. His mother relocated to Chicago, and Chase goes to school in Oregon which makes it difficult for the family to represent Chad in Utah.

“We just need Chad’s name to be included,” said Chase, who is originally from Kearns but traveled from Oregon for the protest. “My brother didn’t deserve to die.”

Madelyn Boudreaux and her spouse Rhuarc Garmsten have witnessed many protests against police brutality and the tributes to victims in the form of murals across the street from their home on 300 West. They live just north of the parking lot where Palacios-Carbajal was killed. Although they did not directly witness what happened, they heard the shooting.

“I was awake watching televi-

sion when it happened,” said Boudreaux. She ran to see the commotion and when she saw the police vehicles arriving at the scene, she went back into the house.

“The entire bedroom was filled with police lights bouncing off the walls,” said Garmsten, who woke up after hearing what sounded like fireworks outside.

Boudreaux was glad the protests were taking place. Despite the im-

perfections of the justice system, she says being killed by police is no alternative.

During the march on June 27, Boudreaux and Garmsten offered water and hand san-

itizer to supporters. As the crowds chanted “Justice for Bernardo,” “Justice for Cody” and “Justice for Everybody,” passing cars honked in support.

More people arrived on foot and bicycle to participate and show their support. Almost all the protesters wore masks to protect themselves from the novel coronavirus during the march.

The crowd began marching north on 300 West, blocking traffic along the way. The march moved west onto 800 South and stopped by the Salt Lake City fleet building where faces of police brutality victims were painted on the sides of the building by a group of anonymous artists.

As the march paused, an unidentified woman stood in front of the crowd and called out Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall for inaction. The crowd booed the mayor.

A statement from Mendenhall on July 9 said that while she em-



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Family, friends and supporters of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal gather downtown on June 27 to demand justice after he was fatally shot by SLC police in May.



pathized with Palacios-Carbajal's family, she agreed with Salt Lake District Attorney Sim Gill that the shooting was justified.

"Mr. Gill has done his job according to the system we elected him to work within," Mendenhall said in her statement, "and he has determined that the officers involved did their jobs according to the system we hired and trained them to work within."

She said that she was given great confidence as "we work to reform for greater justice and a more equitable city" and the police department "will continue to follow their training and the law as those standards evolve."

The same day, the mayor's statement of support for Gill's ruling prompted a public outcry. Protesters shattered windows at the Salt Lake County District Attorney's office. They splattered red paint around the building. Flyers with Palacios-Carbajal's face were taped over the doors as well as on the outside walls of the building.

People wrote "too much blood," "no more bodies," and "abolish all cops" throughout the property, and plastered red hand prints around the building.

In August, Gill charged nine protesters for criminal mischief and rioting in connection with the vandalism of his office building. Several individuals were charged with first-degree felonies with a gang enhancement, meaning they faced sentences of five years to life in prison. Those charges were later reduced by retired 3rd District Judge Dane Nolan.

In late September, attorneys for the Palacios-Carbajal family filed a wrongful-death suit against the Salt Lake City Police Department.

Friends and family remain determined to prevail in their cause for justice. "[I'm] just trying to light his path," said his friend, Kennedy, knowing that despite her and the family's best efforts, they cannot bring Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal back.



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Adjusting to life in the 'house of commons'

By Lila Sweeney

This September marks our one-year anniversary of living in an intentional cohousing community in Glendale, called Wasatch Commons. Moving across the country from Pennsylvania with our dogs, Chagall and Noonan, over four days was the easy part. Getting adjusted to a different lifestyle at the Commons was a much greater challenge.



Consensus is the glue that binds the residents here and something we never dealt with in our previous life. The oldest resident in our community is of indeterminate age, the youngest is several months old and the rest of us are somewhere in between. Bi-weekly communal meals and work projects bring us together as well as ACM's (All Community Meetings) to address issues of concerns.

Okay, I am a naive and positive person, who creates my own reality, who believes everything is going to be fine and even better than fine. My imagination wove a dream-like existence that would be full of friendly neighbors creating a community of like-minded people. Is there such a thing as like-minded people? I am not sure even now, but that is what I had hoped for. Instead, the reality is that people are people even in what might be thought of as an ideal community.

I found out about cohousing on-line by chance, serendipitously,

or as I prefer, providentially. Yes, I believe in signs, and since this cohousing info found me instead of me finding it, I believed it was meant for my husband and me. We had been looking for several years for a home out west for our retirement – one that would bring us physically closer to our oldest son, Kenyon and our six grandchildren, but not too close.

Wasatch Commons fit the bill. And then there was the way we finally bought the perfect (there I go again) condo. We visited the Commons for the first time and it was love at first sight. Two resident llamas, a flock of chickens and two ducks on campus instantly appealed to my inner farm girl. Twenty six cottage-like homes with only foot traffic permitted was another bonus, reminding me of the Chautauqua Institute in New York State.

Unfortunately, nothing was available for us to buy that day, so we came back a year later. It took three visits, but finally a unit came up for sale. Perfect. Two bedrooms upstairs, one bedroom downstairs with a bathroom on both floors, and most importantly, a fenced-in yard for our pups. One glitch, the seller changed his mind. That was November.

Fast forward to June of the following year. The seller sent me a message that he was putting the house on the market again and asked if we were still interested. Hell yes! So, we went into full gear. We had already made plans to go to Park City for the month of July to continue our search for our retirement home, but now we were making plans to purchase the condo at the Commons – at nearly the same time we had a buyer for our house in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Coincidence, maybe, but I prefer to think it was the hand of God. Without putting our home on the market, just through word

of mouth, we had a buyer. Buying a house and selling another in the same month was especially stressful for my fastidious accountant husband.

Enough said, our marriage is still intact. In fact, we are celebrating our 52nd wedding anniversary. This move to Wasatch Commons was clearly an act of love on the part of my husband. Here was a man content with his life in Erie. An avid bridge player, working part time as a manager of a credit union, and a member of an early morning breakfast club, he was not at all eager to move 2,000 miles across the U.S. I take full responsibility for this major move.

Unlike my husband, I was not as content. Our son had died of an overdose several years ago and the memories evoked just by driving around Erie were overwhelming. I was hoping that by living in an entirely different community the pain of his loss would be lessened. Was it? Somewhat.

Our son, Merritt, had mental health issues and although he never had to face the indignities of living on the street, the pain of his illness permeated his life and ours. He suffered for 18 years before he gave up on finding a solution, let alone a cure, for his illness.

So where are we now? After spending several months painting the interior of our condo and other DIY projects, withstanding COVID, an earthquake, the blight of the local box elder bugs, the 90-plus degree heat, and a 100-mile-an-hour windstorm, we are still here and, God willing, we will remain until there is another more permanent change.

People in Utah have told us that there is an adjustment period for dealing with the summer heat and the altitude. We are waiting for just that, as well as adjusting to living in a new community.



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(From left to right) Olivia Slaughter and her senior project mentor, Crystal Rudds, pose in front of a banner on May 23 during an exhibit featuring lesser-known (yet impactful) Black, female writers.

Rose Park scholar persists, thrives despite pandemic challenges

By **Crystal Rudds**

Homegrown in Rose Park, 18-year-old Olivia Slaughter is a recent high school graduate with big goals. Last May, after schools moved to online learning due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, Olivia persevered to win several major awards and create an exhibit she hopes will impact Utah's education curriculum.

Although born in New York, Olivia has lived in Rose Park since she was three. She attended Rose Park Elementary and graduated from the Salt Lake Center for Science Education (SLCSE) in June of 2020. She says growing up in Rose Park gave her a sense of community and how to "go with the flow of life while at the same time working hard towards a better future."

In March, Olivia won the state-wide finals of the national Poetry Out Loud contest and took first place in the Earth and Environmental Science category of the

University of Utah Science and Engineering Fair, qualifying as a finalist for the International Fair. This was a big deal, because after years of persisting, she not only made it to regionals in both contests, but won.

Such honors meant that Olivia would represent Utah on the national stage in Washington, DC, and at Disneyland, respectively. However, both competitions were canceled due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Although she was disappointed, Olivia chalked up the cancellations to one of those hazards of life. But when she found out the capstone project for her senior seminar would also be canceled, she decided to host the exhibit she had planned on her own.

The capstone, co-led by teachers Kelly Haakenson, Myles Crandall, and Niki Hack, is part of SLCSE's optional senior seminar. Participating students write a research paper with the help of a communi-

ty mentor and then design a project to bring their research to life.

Some students had planned civic outreach for their final projects, for example, a voter registration drive and an educational outreach project on the problem of clothing waste. Olivia wanted to spotlight Black female changemakers, who aren't often heard of or taught. Newly developing coronavirus restrictions, such as social distancing requirements and bans on large gatherings, presented a huge obstacle for all of these audience-engaged projects.

When it was clear that Salt Lake County schools would have to end the term virtually, Olivia had the option to drop the assignment, but that didn't sit well with her. "One of the main parts of the project was reaching out and informing people about these women and their importance. I felt like if I didn't go forward with the exhibit, that would kind of get lost."

So she brainstormed another

alternative with her mentor on the project – me. I am a University of Utah professor who teaches African American literature and a course on Black Feminism, and was connected with Olivia through the outreach committee of the UofU's English Department. This committee has volunteered in a number of schools over the last six years, including West High, Horizonte Instruction and Training Program, and SLCSE.

To meet the challenge of raising public awareness but also following social distance protocols, Olivia came up with the idea to host the exhibit in her own yard.

Titled "Outspoken Literary Perspectives: The Impactful Voices of Black Women," with a colorful banner to announce it, the event took place in Olivia's driveway on May 23. Those attending were treated to a collection of hand-painted shoe boxes which opened to images, biographies, and powerful quotes by activists

that Olivia had researched.

To ensure the safety of guests, Olivia staggered her invite times and provided gloves and extra masks, if needed. She hosted around twenty people by the end of the day – teachers, family, class peers, friends, and even a curious neighbor.

"The six women that I highlighted in my exhibit are Mary Church Terrell, Pauli Murray, Florence Kennedy, June Jordan, Toni Cade Bambara, and Claudia Rankine. A majority of people haven't heard of them," Olivia said, "even though each of them have done extraordinary work and written impressive works."

Olivia learned from a statistic published in *The Guardian*, only three out of the top ten books taught in secondary and higher ed institutions are written by women, and none are by women of color. Therefore, she says, "The shoe-boxes I used represent the confinement of Black women's voices

throughout history.”

Spanning centuries, the Black feminist tradition can be summarized as a practice that promotes the visibility, social equity, and celebration of Black women. Olivia is proud to take part in that and connects her research project to the 21st century Movement for Black Lives, also initiated by Black women. “Something that made me happy is that directly following my exhibit there was a wave of Black Lives Matter protests and people started to bring African American

history to the table. I just felt really good that that was something I was already trying to do,” she said.

Olivia received great feedback from friends who came to the exhibit and encountered such a rich history for the first time. “Studying these women made me encouraged to go out in the world and just be fearless, and really focus on change,” she said.

This fall, Olivia began attending Barnard College in New York as a prospective biology major. She also plans to continue study-

ing women of color’s contributions to history through general ed and elective courses.

She worries, though, how gentrification will change Rose Park and its strong culture while she’s gone. She leaves these words of experience to other teens in the

neighborhood: “The best advice I could give is just to look at the bigger picture. Especially right now, during this time of isolation, take the time to reflect on your values and who you want to be as a person, and I think that’ll come through in whatever work you do.”

To view Olivia Slaughter’s Poetry Out Loud performance at the SLC Main Library during the 2020 Arts Festival, visit <https://uaf.org/fvf-june19/item/2988-readings-from-poetry-out-loud-2020-winner>.

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Food Assistance FAQs

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Government Health Websites

Salt Lake County Health Department

slco.org/health

Utah Department of Health

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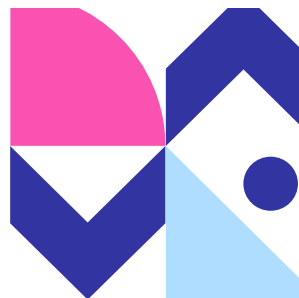


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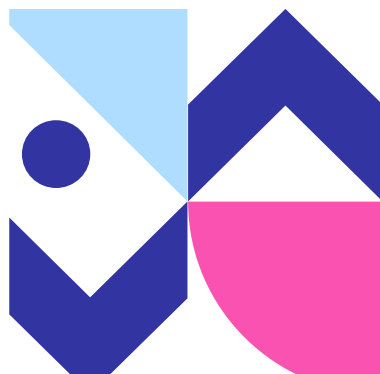
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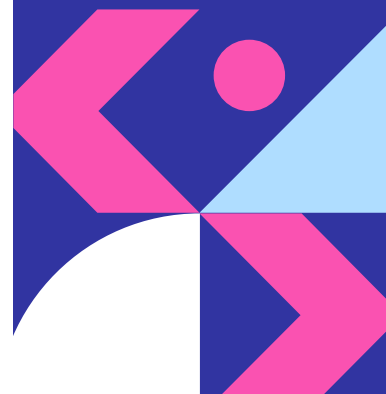
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jordan river: heart of the west side

A different story about homelessness and the Jordan River

By Anne Terry

You may be familiar with the complex issue of unauthorized camping along the Jordan River. While that remains a topic that multiple entities are working to address, I want to share with you a new project in which people experiencing homelessness are enhancing the habitat of the Jordan River.



This year, Tracy Aviary and The Road Home moved into the same neighborhood in South Salt Lake. Tracy Aviary opened its new Jordan River Nature Center at 1125 W 3300 S, and The Road Home is operating the new Men's Resource Center at 3380 S 1000 W. The two organizations quickly formed a partnership. Tracy Aviary is dedicated to making the Nature Center a place that is for all of its neighbors, including guests of the Resource Center.

We initially considered bringing a nature-focused lecture series

to the Resource Center, but when the pandemic hit, it became apparent that we should pursue the safer option of outdoor activities. At the same time, Tracy Aviary was planning habitat restoration efforts to support birds, butterflies, and bees. This spring, through funding from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Tracy Aviary staff planted five native plant gardens along the Jordan River Parkway south of the Nature Center.

When asked if the guests of the Resource Center might be interested in helping care for the plants, The Road Home staff thought it was worth a shot. We set up a weekly schedule in which anyone at the Resource Center that morning could join us.

Our expectations have been greatly exceeded! With consistent support from Resource Center guests, the plants are thriving – and they're not the only ones. The Road Home sends staff along each week, and walking the trail together affords them an opportunity to have individual conversations with the guests, getting to know them better, making them aware of the resources available, and offering words of encouragement. I have been fortunate to be there for it all. The guests I've met have inspired me with their resilience, kindness, and openness, and I am so glad they have caring professionals helping them navigate this time in their lives.



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Tracy Aviary's new Jordan River Nature Center overlooks the Jordan River at 1125 W 3300 S.

This is just the beginning. Tracy Aviary is excited to continue our partnership with The Road Home and to build more community partnerships. The current Jordan River Nature Center is a transition campus; we have big plans to bring more amenities to this site. The transition campus allows us to get

to know our neighbors and their dreams for the Nature Center.

We are grateful for those who made the transition campus possible, including Salt Lake County, Granite School District, the State of Utah, the Jordan River Commission, Dominion Energy, and the Walbridge Fund. If you know

of a community group we should connect with, contact us through our website, www.jordanrivernaturecenter.org.

Anne Terry is a Poplar Grove resident and works as the director of Tracy Aviary's new Nature Center.