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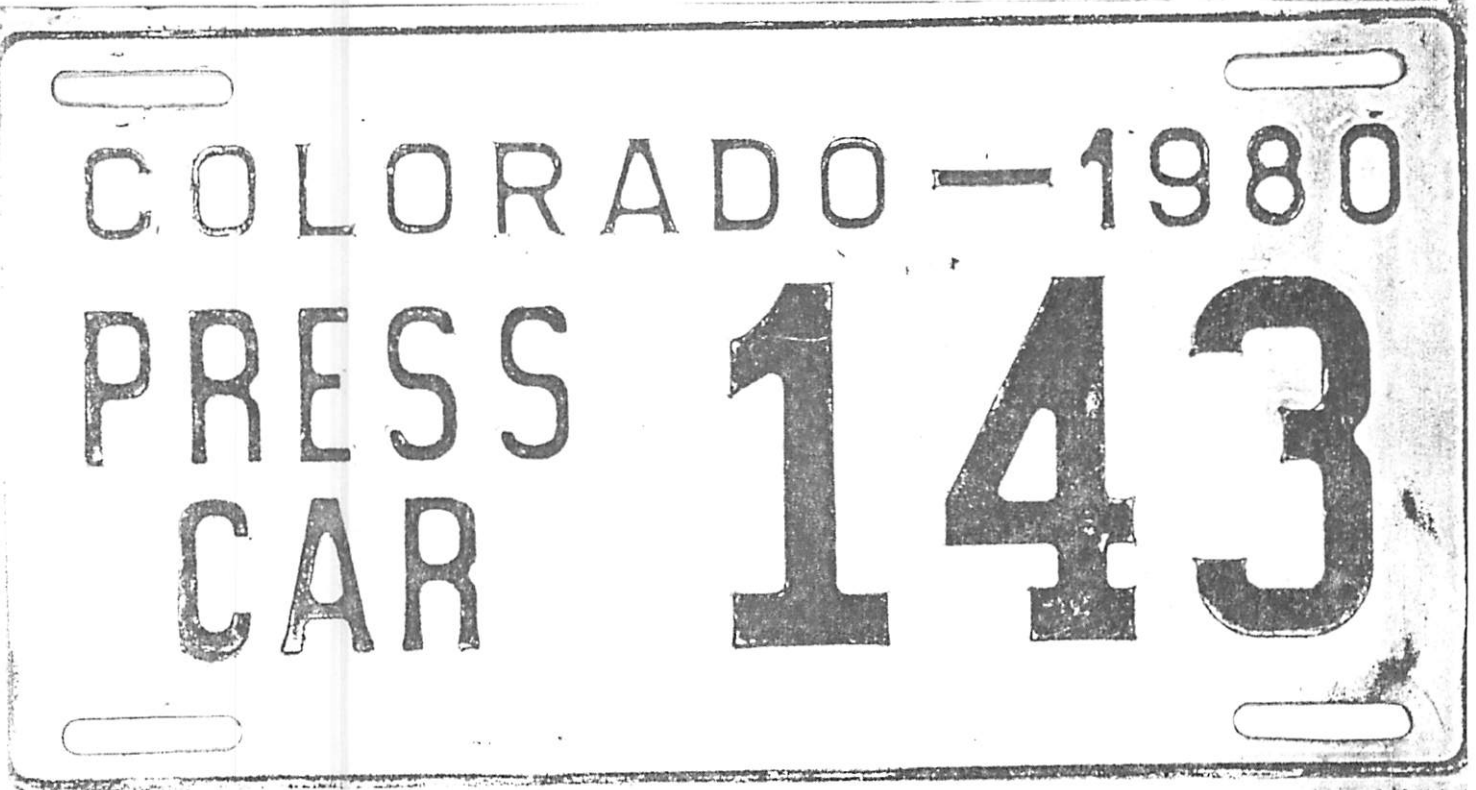
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Writers' Roost

Rubbing elbows in the elevator of a high-rise condominium with famous neighbors may be commonplace in L.A. or New York, but is, let's face it, rare in Denver.

That is unless you happen to live in the nineteen-story Penn Square tower at Twelfth and Pennsylvania in Capitol Hill. Living among and rubbing elbows with **James Michener**, **Leon Uris**, **Harold Robbins**, and **Herman Wouk** could become a daily occurrence.

Another thing Penn Square's brochure won't say is that behind its thirteen-year-old walls the epic novel *Centennial* was written, not to mention other works from the golden pens of writers who unobtrusively live and create bestsellers on several of the Square's anonymous floors.

Leon Uris bought a Penn Square condo last year, adding Denver to Aspen and Ireland as one of his home bases, although, according to businessman Marty Baker, who almost sold one of his Penn Square units to the writer, "He seems to spend most of his time in Ireland," underlining Uris's love affair with that country.

Of **James Michener**, Penn Square manager Roy Gillin says, "He comes and goes. He goes off to where research for his latest book takes him." He spent a year-long stretch at the Square writing *Centennial*.

For the last seven years Penn Square has been the prolific incubating chamber for the novels of **Harold Robbins**, included among them *The Adventurers* and *The Dream Merchants*.

Herman Wouk has rented at the Square for the last four years. This writer, who attends a synagogue in southeast Denver, wrote his opus *War and Remembrance* at Penn Square.

Along with the famous, the Square has housed the infamous, such as the reputed underworld figures, the Smaldones, according to manager Gillin. And, one of the largest porno operators in Denver is said to own a unit in the Square.

With all that going for it, it seems only a matter of course that a writer's inspiration should flourish at the Square. —Ed Sadowski

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Polish Poet Sinks Roots in Denver

Edward Szczur-Zapotoczny speaks on poetry, plant photography, and the crisis in Poland.

Coming to America has given Edward Szczur-Zapotoczny a new lease on his creative life.

One of Poland's leading younger poets, Szczur-Zapotoczny was stifled in his country by the constraints of politics and economics.

"My self-expression was, of course, heavily limited by censorship. In addition, two books of my poetry have been held up at the publishers because of an acute shortage of paper," says Szczur-Zapotoczny.

The 39-year-old writer hails from Przemyśl in eastern Poland. He immigrated to the United States two years ago by way of East Germany, where he had lived for three and a half years. Reunited with his sister, who lives in Thornton, he now makes Denver his home.

In 1970 Szczur-Zapotoczny won second place in the Katowice (Poland) National Poetry Competition and, in 1978, took first prize in the Leipzig (East Germany) International Poetry Competition.

He lists Walt Whitman and contemporary William Stafford among his favorite American poets; he says he feels fortunate to have befriended Denver poets Michael Hogan and Douglas Anderson, who have provided him with some of the artistic comradeship he left behind in Europe.

But now that he has free rein over the subject matter of his work, he is shackled by a new constraint, lack of mastery of the

English language. He is overcoming that, and intends to publish translations of his works in the near future.

Szczur-Zapotoczny's creativity spreads into other areas. For several years he was a play director in his home town. He is currently writing a play he hopes to have produced in the United States. He is also working on a science-fiction novel and has an original conception for an opera.

But next to poetry, his great love is art. He is a gifted artist and has extended his interest into an art gallery which recently opened at 2307 N. Federal Blvd. The European Art Center Art Gallery specializes in imported European paintings as well as Eastern European handicrafts.

Szczur-Zapotoczny has also dabbled in some unusual scientific experiments. A few years ago he demonstrated that plants have the freakish ability to actually photograph their surroundings as they photosynthesize.

"This may sound odd to someone who hears this for the first time, but the cellular layers of a plant's stalk can act as a camera and darkroom," he explains. "Certain plants are capable of capturing images through their thin membranes which act as lenses, and through their internal chemical make-up develop these captured images into negatives which are stored in the plant."

In an experiment which was written up in a British biology journal, Szczur-Zapotoczny had taken a plant from a Polish swamp and magnified it 500 times under a microscope. The result is a picture showing two men crossing a field.

Szczur-Zapotoczny also focuses on less esoteric topics—such as the situation in Poland. He faults Solidarity with organizational lapses and says its failure to end the impasse with the Polish government brought about the crisis of martial law.

In assessing Poland's communist leader and his actions, Szczur-Zapotoczny says, "In General Jaruzelski we have a man who has been much misunderstood and



Edward Szczur-Zapotoczny

unfairly maligned. I realize this might be counter to the popular view, but I believe that Jaruzelski's decision to administer martial law was perhaps called for to prevent an even more serious national tragedy—that of direct Soviet intervention. He was undoubtedly pressured from the Kremlin and really had no options. His action prevented bloodshed on a larger scale.

"General Jaruzelski is more of a Polish nationalist than he is given credit for. He has not forgotten the fact that the Russians murdered his father in 1943."

Szczur-Zapotoczny says the corruption that pervades the entire strata of Poland's political structure was one of the problems that led to the current crisis. He has first-hand knowledge of the inner workings of the Polish governmental system, having served as administrator of the fire protection

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"I was a rare bird in the system in that I was one of the few who managed to rise so high without being a member of the party, where membership is practically mandatory," he says.

Szczur-Zapotoczny adds that he has always believed the labor strikes cannot be the ultimate means of solving Poland's problems: "Solutions need to be found in ways other than strikes."

One solution is to reverse Poland's relative isolation from the rest of the world and to gain more economic independence from the Soviets.

"Getting out of the economic clutches of the Soviets would be a monumental task," he concedes, saying Poland is presently locked involuntarily into economic interdependence with Russia and the other communist satellite nations.

He illustrates this interdependence with the case of the cooperatively produced tractor, where each satellite nation shares in the manufacturing process. The joke goes that Poland makes the engine, another country is responsible for the wheels, another country the transmission, and so on, while Russia's sole contribution is the ignition switch and the key.

"A good example of this is in the matter of coal production, along with other natural raw products, one of Poland's economic fortes, but sucked up by the Soviet leech. The purported fact that the Soviet Union is providing economic aid to Poland is a myth and nothing more than propaganda. The fact is the Soviets take much more than they give back to our country. This has been manifested monetarily in an economic deficit perpetrated by the fact that Poland has to spend hard currency to import certain materials needed in its manufacturing process, then it is forced to export these finished products to the Soviet Union which reimburses Poland with Russian currency that has no value as a medium of foreign monetary exchange,"

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Szczur-Zapotoczny believes the West can help Poland immeasurably by lending financial support. "The spine of Poland will be strengthened if the Western bankers give Poland some breathing room in regard to its debts," he says.

Along with economic independence from Russia, the expansion of free enterprise in Poland is necessary if Poland is to survive. "One big reason for so much corruption and inefficiency in the Polish system is the presence of excessive government control. A free-enterprise system is the only viable solution," he adds.

—Edward B. Sadowski

EASTERN COLORADO PLAINSMAN
One killed, 2 injured in plane crash

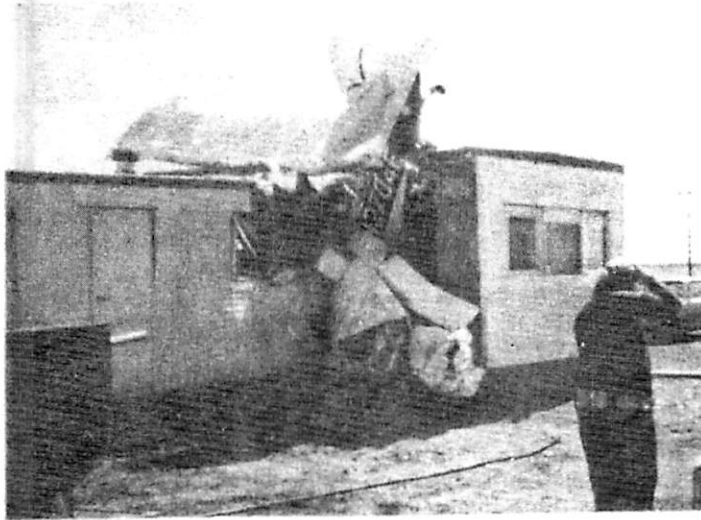
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A pilot escaped death when his plane plunged through the roof of a mobile home in Rush last Saturday.

By ED SADOWSKI

One man died and two others were injured, in separate plane accidents near the south Lincoln County line last weekend.

The fatal crash occurred near Sugar City, in northern Crowley County, as a small craft, piloted by Steve Hagans, 26, and also carrying Hagans' brother, Tom, 24, circled back to land in dense fog after having taken off for a trip to Lamar.

The plane, while attempting to land at the Hagans' ranch near Sugar City, slammed into the ground, killing pilot Steve Hagans.

Tom Hagans, whose wife, Marilyn, is a teacher at Karval School, was taken to the La Junta Medical Center, then transferred to St. Mary Corwin's Hospital in Pueblo, where he was released after two days.

Only minutes after Jack Ledbetter and his eight-year-old son, Clint, had stepped out of the Ledbetters' mobile home in Rush, a small, private

plane crashed down through the roof, into the living room of the mobile home. It narrowly missed several adjacent mobile homes with people inside.

Miraculously, the pilot, Ronald Lane Brown, 42, of Larkspur, survived the Saturday morning accident with a broken jaw and lacerations, and is recuperating in Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs.

From his hospital room, Brown explained that he had taken off from a nearby field, and had made a turn in his single-engine Arcona two-seater to wait for a friend in a second plane, which was to take off from the same field.

"I guess I didn't have enough altitude. I turned downwind, and lost flying speed," Brown said, noting that the winds were quite strong, and that he should have climbed higher to get out of the gusts.

Brown says he's not sure how high up he was, but Jack Jenkins, whose house was next to the mobile homes,

says he thought he saw the plane reach an altitude of only about 70 feet before it plummeted down.

"He brushed the top of my trees," Jenkins said of the plane's path as it plunged into the mobile home.

Sharon Atkins, a Miami School District teacher who was inside her mobile home, next to the one that was hit by the plane, said she heard a thud, and went outside to see the plane sticking out of the roof of the Ledbetter mobile home.

She and several other persons with first aid training immediately ran to the crash site to pull the pilot out as fast as possible, in case the plane should explode.

Brown says he doesn't remember anything after he hit the mobile home. "I just completely blacked out."

Observers at the scene say that hitting the mobile home may have saved his life, as the structure cushioned the force of the impact.

Air hunters stump officials

By ED SADOWSKI

Some airborne hunters have been illegally hunting coyotes from a helicopter this last week, much to the chagrin of area residents in the south end of Lincoln County.

A number of complaints have been received by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department about the helicopter, which is presumably bagging the coyotes for their valuable hides.

The area of the county in question is about a couple of dozen miles south of Hugo, just north of Karval. The chopper has been seen above property owned by the Webbs, Forristalls, Moshers, and several other farmers and ranchers.

The helicopter has been spotted both day and night, and has reportedly been dropping flares to the ground then picking them up. Witnesses have also seen the helicopter pick up a coyote that had been shot.

The game warden for the area has checked with the state Game and Fish Department, which has verified that no permits have been issued for such hunting in that area.

"They're pretty cagey," state game warden Donald Lengel says of the chopper's maneuvers. As soon as the helicopter sees a vehicle approach it takes off, with the result that so far no identification of the craft has been able to be made.

"We've checked out all sources. We don't have a thing to go on," Lengel says.

No one has been close enough to read any insignia or numbers on the craft, and descriptions of the machine's colors have ranged from yellow to brown to blue to black.

Lengel says it's not hard to get a permit to hunt coyotes in such a fashion, which involves getting permission from a property owner. One of the ranchers in the area has indicated that he would pro-

vide permission. "There are some that will approve it, and there are some property owners that won't," Lengel says.

Some similar reports have been received of a helicopter hunting coyotes in the Arkansas Valley, and authorities believe this may be the same party.

If the helicopter hunter should be apprehended by authorities, he could be slapped with a \$1,000 fine by the state, as well as being penalized by FAA action.

Residents of the area have expressed concern that stray bullets could end up killing their livestock, or even people.

But Game Warden Donald Lengel says there is no need for alarm, that there is no real danger of such a thing happening.

Coyotes are quite a profitable export item, particularly to Germany and the European continent. Skinned and stretched pelts reportedly can be sold for \$75-\$80, and coyote coats have been advertised for as much as \$350.

Anyone in the area who sees a helicopter hovering or circling around is asked to report it to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.

In Limon appearance

Kramer blasts 'Master Charge Congress'

By Ed Sadowski

Congressman Ken Kramer, stopping in Limon last Saturday morning as part of his five-day tour of his Congressional district, repeatedly assailed a liberal, spend-happy Congress that has been irresponsibly "buying things on a Master Charge card for the last 40 or so years" without regard for the consequences.

He told a packed town hall audience that New Deal spending habits have finally caught up with the nation in the form of inflation and recession, with a \$40 billion budget deficit and a one trillion dollar total debt by 1980, a result of "government spending out of control," marked by such

practices as "printing money as a way of solving problems," whereby "symptoms are treated, and not the causes."

For too long, he declared, legislators have been saying yes to constituents instead of learning how to say no in order to curb excessive government deficit spending.

"We in Congress are reactors instead of planners, we're torn in different directions," he said. "What we need is some form of external control because we are unable to discipline ourselves."

He blamed powerful committee chairmen on Capital Hill for holding down balanced budget legislation.

He decried the mounting bur-

eaucracy where "the hand and foot in government don't know what each other is doing."

Besides cutting spending, he advocated the use of production incentives such as tax credits as a means of aiding the sagging economy.

Much of the session was filled by audience input, which reiterated and seconded Kramer's pronouncements, with additional criticisms and mutual agreement on such things as the welfare system, energy policies, national health insurance, and inheritance tax laws.

The Congressman also spoke in Simla, Kit Carson, Castle Rock, Aurora and Colorado Springs before winding up his trip.

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Colorado jeweler creates ring for the Pope

By Edward Sadowski



Stanley Krasnodebski

Denver. — The day Pope John Paul II was shot was significant to Stanley Krasnodebski in more ways than one.

On that day he joined millions in prayer for the wounded pontiff. On that day also, the Denver jeweler vowed he would make a special ring for the Pope should the Pope survive.

"I knew he had given away his ring to the poor people in Mexico," the Polish-born Krasnodebski says. "This would be my way of doing something for the Holy Father."

After more than three months of an off-and-on labor of love, the ring is ready. A magnificent piece of jewelry, it is made of 22½ carat yellow gold weighing more than 2½ ounces, on which is set a large South African amethyst stone bearing an intaglio engraving of the Pope.

The papal seal and a platinum Polish national eagle emblem on either side of the ring complete Krasnodebski's own original design. The eagle emblem is that of the pre-communist era, with a crown above the head of the eagle.

"I'm hoping to get an appointment to see the Pope by the end of the year," Krasnodebski says.

Asked about the value of the ring, he allows that it runs in the thousands, but will not specify the exact amount. "I've been asked that by many people and all I can say is that it does not have an exact value because, to me, it is priceless."

Krasnodebski has been involved in the design, repair and sale of jewelry most of his life since learning the trade in Birmingham, England. He owns Krasno Creations, Inc. in downtown Denver,

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Seth Perlman

Dana Daniel returns to the ball diamond after a near brush with death.

Dana Daniel beats odds in overcoming disorder

By Ed Sadowski

A little more than a month ago, Dana Daniel's parents had called a priest to his hospital room to administer the last rites. Today Dana is throwing and catching baseballs.

Dana, 9, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Daniel, 6368 S. Chase Court, has beaten overwhelming odds and amazed his doctors by surviving one of the worst recorded cases of a rare and mysterious disorder called Reyes syndrome.

Dana was admitted to Porter Memorial Hospital on May 20, after chicken pox developed into the Reyes condition. He was treated for swelling of his brain tissue and other acute medical problems in the hospital's pediatrics intensive care unit. For nearly a week his life hung on a slender thread as he lay in a coma. A bolt was placed in the boy's skull, enabling doctors to monitor pressure within the head and administer medication to control it. The delicate procedure was continued for some five days, while Dana hovered between life and death.

By Wednesday, June 6, Dana was described as alert and in good spirits and was beginning to walk again with the aid of physical therapists.

It was the worst case of Reyes that Dana's attending physicians, Frank J. Martorano and Paul Levisohn, had ever seen in which the patient had survived. The doctors, who say it was the first documented case of Reyes at Porter, call Dana's recovery "miraculous."

Dana's whole left side could have been paralyzed, yet instead the aftereffects of Dana's illness are minimal and his progress points to a complete recovery.

His left side is still not as strong as his right side, but gradually catching up with twice-a-week coordination and muscle control therapy. He is also undergoing speech therapy to combat a still-paralyzed vocal chord and weakened, almost half-whisper voice, which is getting stronger each week.

IN EVERY RESPECT Dana is coming back strong, and he shares his family's confidence that soon no traces of his illness will be left. Without blinking an eye, Dana says he wants to be a football player when he grows up.

For the Daniel family the awful nightmare is over. No more all-night vigils at the hospital, no more missing work, no more being emotionally wrenched by the terrible specter of tragedy. Everything has returned to about normal. Dana's father, Bruce, who is production manager at Samsonite, can now concentrate on selling his sideline greenhouse business, while 10-year-old brother Chris and mother Kay resume their daily activities.

Dana's mother has the fondest regard for the hospital's treatment of Dana. "I can't say enough for his doctors and nurses and Porter hospital. They were absolutely superb. They were always asking if they could do something for us. We could call them up any time of the day or night."

But Mrs. Daniel, an attractive, vivacious young woman, who admits to not being particularly devout in her religion, definitely ascribes Dana's recovery not only to the hospital staff's work, but also to the intervention of God through the prayers of many.

She had never heard of Reyes syndrome until Dana was struck with it. Now she wishes more parents would know about it, for she believes there are many milder cases which are undetected and unreported. In fact, shortly before Dana's episode with the illness, his brother Chris came down with chicken pox followed by a mild case of Reyes.

The Colorado Department of Public Health says 14 cases of Reyes syndrome have been reported so far this year in the state. Three of those cases were fatal, and several others resulted in permanent brain injury. The exact cause of the neurological disorder is unknown, although it frequently starts as a viral infection following chicken pox.

Dana has bravely fought a big fight, and now he's primed for still more. He's waiting for football season to start.

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Horsemen, developers enacting age-old battle

BY ED SADOWSKI

When Gordon and Alice Johnson bought a couple of acres on Simms St. just north of W.



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Bellevue Ave. one and a half years ago, there were wide open spaces for several miles around, and they thought they had found a great place for their horses.

They were wrong. Unknown by them the open agricultural land around them had become rezoned for residential development, and almost overnight they found themselves surrounded by rows of newly-constructed dwellings.

Because of a lack of communication and planning between the Johnsons and the developers, the couple and the new residents find themselves to be thorns in each other's sides. As a result a quiet war of sorts has waged between them, which the Johnsons concede they have already lost.

Totally landlocked

"We're just totally landlocked. We're the only agricultural property left. And eventually when the people buying these homes get tired of our dust and flies and squeally snarcs and odor, we'll probably be petitioned off," Alice Johnson utters with matter-of-fact resignation. There was not a hint of bitterness in her voice, just a realistic acceptance of urban progress.

"We face lawsuits if children are hurt over here. Children come all the way across the field to pet the horses. This one," she plays quite rough. Then I would be liable, trust. He would bite. He likes to play, and he plays quite rough. Then I would be liable, no matter if I put up the no trespassing signs, because I am considered an attractive nuisance.

"We face lawsuits if one of our boarder's horses becomes sick from colic from grass clippings thrown over the fence. Home-owners don't know that there are little things like that that can cause a quick death to a horse."

The developer has finally agreed to erect a six-foot privacy fence, but that won't keep out the odor and flies, she added.

Johnson, a Denver native who teaches grade school in Jefferson County, first became seriously interested in horses when she saw a performance by the Westernaires, a local youth horse group. Her husband

Gordon is a commercial construction manager, and they have a daughter Kim, 14, and a grown son.

Learning hard way

Looking back ruefully, she knows she's learned a few lessons about zoning and urban development the hard way. "You know, I'm not saying that we were totally right all along, because if I'd known where to go, — up in Golden, to the planning department — and had seen what was plotted out for this area, it would have been a little different," she said.

The horse is already out of the barn in the Johnsons' case, because planning in their neighborhood has gone too far to be changed.

But it still is not too late for other horse owners, which is why Alice Johnson is enthused about the newly-forming southwest branch of the Jefferson County Horseman's Association.

"We want to form this Southwest Jefferson County Horseman's Association to inform the horse property owners who are still in this area what is going to happen, how they can work with the developer — it's not going to be push come to shove — we know we can't stop the progress," she said.

"This organization is to help horse owners be aware of what is happening with the zoning, how zoning affects them, what the developer might be able to sit down and listen to and change in his plans.

"And we're not trying to be radical. Somebody said, 'Oh, you're gonna get up and fight and scream.' We're just trying to make things fair for everyone concerned."

Planning is needed

Ideally, she says, what is required is planning that makes for a compatible relationship between horse property and residential property. This would mean such things as a buffer zone, greenbelts and horse trails.

This kind of cooperative planning has already succeeded to some extent in north Jefferson County (where Lakewood and Arvada already have their own organizations), but the southern part of the county is still several years behind with such action, Johnson says.

The new south Jeffco group has already had one organizational meeting where the zoning commissioner spoke. The turn-out, however, was disappointing and the group intends to step up its publicity, including direct door-to-door contact.

The next meeting of the South Jefferson County Horseman's Association will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 10304 W. Bellevue Ave.

Fairview Hts-Meadowbrook gears up to upgrade roads

BY ED SADOWSKI

After months of fruitless buck-passing between the county and an absentee developer, representatives of Fairview Heights-Meadowbrook met with the Jefferson County commissioners to initiate plans for upgrading roads in the area to at least gravel standard.

Most of the roads in Fairview Heights-Meadowbrook are dirt, virtually impossible for driving when they become wet and muddy, an ominous situation in the event of a need for emergency vehicles.

Present at the meeting were Roy Hughes, Fairview Heights-Meadowbrook Association president; Phyllis Carey, secretary; and Debbie Boos, board member. Representing the county were commissioners Bob Clement and Hal Anderson; county engineer Les Wood and his assistant; and two county attorneys. Also present, from a bond company, was Steve Clark.

According to Hughes, the purpose of the meeting was "a clarification of our position, a commitment by both sides to build a foundation."

At this initial meeting roads qualifying for paving were identified, the criteria being the presence of a minimal number of housing units and a large sewer line.

In the six-week interim before their next meeting in September, certain preparations will be undertaken to lift the project off the ground.

The county engineers will prepare cost estimates, while the association will prepare a list of affected property owners that will be contacted with petitions later in the fall. According to Hughes, about 40 percent of the property owners are out of state and scattered across the country and will have to be reached by mail.

Financing of the project is being proposed by formation of a special assessment district, where a yet undetermined method of assessment will be levied on each property. The property owners will then float their own bonds.

Approval by over 50 percent of the property owners will be required to start the project.

Senatorial candidate Frank Lee picture of confidence in Limon

By ED SADOWSKI

Republican candidate Frank Lee exudes confidence.

President Carter will not be re-elected. The GOP is going to landslide into control of Congress in November.

Included in the "groundswell that is becoming a tidal wave" of voter "dissatisfaction . . . the likes of which we haven't seen before" will be the demise of Gary Hart and Pat Schroeder.

And emerging as one of the top three Republican senatorial candidates in Colorado, out of a field of seven, will be Frank Lee, the man who understands the issues, in

swing through the eastern plains, to help people get acquainted with Frank Lee.

His first stop was Limon, then he was on his way through Burlington, Cheyenne Wells, Eads and Ordway.

Lee is a 20-year resident of Colorado from Littleton, with a broad business and government-related background, unequalled "as an expert in organizational Republican politics in Colorado," from committeeman to campaign manager, locally and nationally.

He served as press secretary and special assistant to former Colorado senator Peter Dominick, and as administrative assistant to Senator Bill Armstrong.

Currently, he runs his own businesses, Frank R. Lee & Associates government relations consultant firm, and Intermountain Aviation.

"I'm not trying to build a political career," he told a couple of dozen people at the Nordica

restaurant in Limon. If he is in Congress for just one term, fine.

He's getting involved because of "my deep concern for what's happening to our country, economically and politically."

He makes it clear that "Gary Hart is part and parcel of that problem."

When he goes on to tear Gary Hart apart, he says nothing that hasn't been thrown Hart's way before. But then, one gets the impression that no one could do better than Lee does in pointing out Hart's big-spending foibles, and deviousness and inconsistency in flip-flopping through the issues.

Lee is a conservative, and he made no bones about it in his Limon delivery.

Government overspending, especially in the area of social programs, is spared no mercy in Lee's rhetoric. "Social programs are more to satisfy the

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empire-building egos of bureaucracies than to help people."

A two-and-a-half per cent, across-the-board cut in the nation's budget could be made without any trouble, he says, echoing the catchwords of the other conservatives:

de-control, de-regulate prices of commodities, loosen the leash on free enterprise, and just plain get government out of everything.

Refreshing, candid, articulate. A lot more people are going to take notice of Frank Lee as the months go on.

Campaigner Sam Zakhem Stratton, receives warm welcome

By ED SADOWSKI

State senator Sam Zakhem got a taste of eastern plains hospitality, last weekend, as part of a busy campaign jaunt through the state.

Joshin' with his newfound country friends that Bill and Joan Hornung took a slight gamble in taking in a stranger into their house for the night, he set the tone just right for the friendly gathering at the Golden Prairie Inn in Stratton, and the easygoing, down-to-earth senatorial aspirant won everyone over with his effusive charm.

The immigrant from Lebanon (his father was German, his mother was Lebanese) is far from a stranger to folks outside of his southwest Denver constituency, having spoke and met with people in more than 250 communities, in every county in the state, over a 13-year period.

Dr. Zakhem (besides being a politician he is a Ph.D. political science academician) is making a hit with people on the plains, where he has spent a good part of the week, being the featured speaker at Arriba's and Bethune's commencement exercises, showing up at several county Republican assemblies, and swinging through the Wray and Akron areas before being greeted by Kit Carson County's Zakhem for U.S. Senate campaign chair-

man Bill Hornung, and other county Republicans.

Although Zakhem is a diehard conservative Republican, he has a basic appeal that has cut across party lines, with a history of having won elections against incumbent Democrats. He was the first Republican ever elected from his district, and against a two-to-one Democratic registration.

Part of his basic appeal is a fundamentalist stance toward issues, an emotional call for support of God and the flag.

"We need people who love God, people with integrity, with the spirit of Paul Revere," he told his Stratton audience in a rousing style.

"This is still the land of the free, but I don't know if it's the land of the brave . . . we have people who all they say is give me . . . the gainfully unemployed . . . living at the expense of God-fearing people."

"By the grace of God," he says, the sorry state of the nation—excessive government control and interference, the subsidizing of the lazy, deficit spending, inflation must be turned around.

Zakhem displays a strong empathy for the farmer, noting that he introduced legislation in the state that would limit land ownership to residents of this country, as a way of staving off the rush by foreigners

to own American farmland. And, if that is not legally palatable, then foreign purchasers should at least be required to have American partners, so that this country can benefit in some way, instead of solely benefitting foreign interests.

Zakhem made it clear, likewise, that he is dead-set against inheritance taxes, and is well aware of its effect of preventing farms from being handed down in the family, because of the exorbitant sums of money that have to be paid off to the government when the owner dies.

Domestically, he is for energy development in a "free and unfettered marketplace. Controls, rationing, and new taxes on gasoline are unwarranted."

The federal government should also keep a low profile in other matters such as welfare, and wherever else there is the "over-bureaucratization of bureaucracy."

In moral issues—a big part of Zakhem's politics—he is a hard-liner, with opposition to public funding of abortion, opposition to gun control, support of prayers in public schools, and support of mandatory prison terms for criminals.

Although his political career has thus far encompassed only the state level, he is not a provincial man. He is as equally at ease, and conversant with, international politics, as he is indeed a scholar, and an

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expert, who has taught American foreign policy, international relations and economics at Loretto Heights College in Denver (where he chaired the Division of Political Science and Economics), at the University of Denver, and the University of Colorado.

"We need to chart a foreign policy that our allies can trust, and which our enemies will respect and understand," he says.

"We need people in Congress who know, and appreciate, the political thinking, the values, culture and language of those nations with whom we have to work. Having a doctorate in political science and a master's degree in business administration, along with the ability to speak numerous languages, I will bring an understanding of foreign cultures and foreign languages to the Senate that no other candidate can."

In regard to the current drawn-out problem with Iran, Zakhem said, "Iran holds America hostage, not just Americans."

On national defense, he says, "A strong America is the best deterrent to Communist aggression; I am deeply committed to making America the strongest nation on earth again," meaning an all-out commitment to defense weapons spending.

Snowstorm brings out best in human nature

By Ed Sadowski

A Philadelphia bank president, hunters returning to places as far away as New Jersey, a Missouri family returning home from a visit to California, and a lone-some hitchhiker shared sleeping quarters—on some rather hard floors and church pews—on a Tuesday night last week when another infamous Limon area snow blizzard struck.

Six hundred was the estimated number of stranded persons who could not find motel space after eastbound and southbound highways closed, with the result that they spent the night bedding down in a number of local churches, as well as Rip Griffin's Truck Stop and Mountain View Electric's building.

Most got coffee and donuts, a few were lucky enough to be lent blankets, while everyone was glad just to get out of the cold and into some warm shelter.

The Rev. Sammons, of the First United Methodist Church in Limon, says 80 people spent the night at his church, representing 12 states and four Canadian provinces. Forty Canadian Mennonites on their way to a convention in Kansas provided entertainment for their fellow travelers with some spirited singing, and it was reported a good time was had by all.

Zion Lutheran had about 35 souls under its wing that night, capped by a visit from Denver's channel nine news cameras.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Limon and United Methodist Church in Hugo also joined in the act of taking in stranded motorists out of the cold.

"A storm like this always brings out the best in people,"

local pastors echoed, noting the cooperation and comradeship that was evidenced during that rough night.

There were some truckers—who crowded their big semis in the parking spaces of Rip Griffin's and the Husky stop—who weren't so high in the praises of the human spirit.

"You a newsman?" one shivering trucker asked a shivering Leader staffer taking pictures of stranded trucks at Rip Griffin's. "I want you to take a look at my truck. See, this is what happened when a dad-blamed little car who thought he had enough traction to go faster than me zipped out in front of me and started spinning

around in circles, forcing me to run off the road to avoid hitting him, wrecking my trailer. Maybe you can print this in the paper and tell these people to be more careful."

The storm created some noticeable absenteeism among workers, as in the case of Prairie View Nursing Home, where a few employees who lived as far as 30 miles away didn't make it to work.

Mountain View Electric, on the other hand, which had put up over a hundred stranded people during the night, reported that the storm did not create any noticeable effect on its staff work attendance.

One noticeable effect, however, was the power outage that hit 150 families scattered throughout several counties, and in some cases it took quite a few hours for Mountain View workmen to repair broken lines in the midst of frigid blowing snow that would knock down lines again as soon as they were hooked up.

But for old timers, this storm was just a baby. They can recall from the recent past when there were twice as many stranded travelers, when houses and cars were practically buried by drifts, when one wondered if there would be any end to it all.

But that was small comfort for travelers who had never been in a blizzard before.

City fathers elated

Water-sewer plans materializing

By Ed Sadowski

"Things are moving so fast and moving so well, that it's really a pleasure to be in a position where you have something to do with it and to watch it progress," Mayor Kinkel reflected on Limon's water and sewage projects now in the start of the construction phase.

"It seems like we've been planning water and sewage ever since I've been on the board and now it's becoming a reality. Now we can actually see something. I can't believe it!"

This is the elated mood of the city fathers on having fully turned the corner on meeting the challenge of fulfilling such vital needs for the town.

Recently, the mayor and other town officials inspected the work

on the sewer system, where pumps and a station have been started to be put in. All work is expected to be completed in December.

The first functioning water transmission lines should be completed in April, with all lines finished in June, "providing ample water in time for the start of the big demand period," town manager McQuay says.

With the completion of the water project the town will be eagerly awaiting some business and residential growth to help build up the tax base and provide added revenue to finance other needed projects.

Water Reuse Project

Additionally, in a move to maximize the town's water resources, Limon has applied for a

Farmers Home loan for \$162,885 to construct a pump station and transmission facilities to transport sewage effluent to the municipal golf for use as irrigation water. This will free more water for primary use during the summer months. The required recommendation for the funding of the project has been granted by the East Central Council of Governments.

Joint Sewer-Water Operator

The town has also started exploring the possibility of several communities jointly hiring a qualified sewer and water operator as an economy measure.

It is felt that within a year the sewer and water purification regulations are going to be more stringently enforced by the state, and with the hiring of one person to take care of this matter for several communities might be the most economical means.

If the person were to be hired through the ECCOG the towns involved would pay according to the amount of time spent in each community.

Written inquiries are being sent out by the Council of Governments to various communities in the area to determine what interest there may be in this approach.

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Limon School broken into

Burglars broke into the Limon Elementary School building Tuesday, Oct. 30, taking off with an IBM typewriter, an adding machine, and a record player.

Entry was made at three different places, according to Limon Police, and the activity of the burglars took place in lighted areas. Tracks in the snow indi-

Planners hear citizens on Kipling parkway

By Ed Sadowski

Planners and citizens bumped heads together in a friendly confrontation over the proposed Kipling Parkway.

Although some potentially nasty headaches were brought to the fore, the number of verbal tomatoes flung at the county planners was minimal. The overall tone of the meeting was a positive and productive exchange of viewpoints and ideas.

The public hearing, the first of a series of open forums on the parkway, was held at the Bear Creek High auditorium, and was set up to get initial public input into the beginning stages of designing of the parkway.

Maps and a slide show shared the spotlight along with Valdis (Zeke) Zebauers, Jeffco transportation director; Randy Russell of the Colorado Department of Highways, and top officials of the URS Company, the engineering-planning firm handling the project.

The Kipling Parkway, which will span from West Hampden Avenue to the planned Centennial Parkway, is intended to relieve existing congestion and anticipated traffic demands and to improve accessibility for the southwest region of the metro area. It is slated for completion in the mid-1980's.

A MAJOR DECISION to be made is whether Kipling will be a two-, four-, or six-lane arterial. These alternatives will be the focus of a study for an upcoming environmental impact statement. The study will also consider pedestrian lanes, mass transit, parks, and bikeways impact.

Various homeowners' groups were represented in the audience, such as Fairview-Meadowbrook, Stony Creek, and Westfield Park, as well as agencies and organizations, such as the Foothills Park and Recreation District and Jefferson County Open Space. Numerous individuals also participated in the discussions.

Much of the concern voiced by the audience centered around such things as parkway impact on pedestrians, especially children walking to school; access and service roads; bus transit; open space trails and bike paths.

David Sloan of the Westfield Park Association voiced concern that the parkway may touch too close to many homes and that noise would reach excessive levels. He said the VA and FHA loan programs place a decibel-rated limit on noise levels for qualification of homes for purchase. This brought on discussions of noise attenuation and developer right-of-way provisions. All parties concerned were assured that noise impact would be carefully studied and dealt with.

PLANNING OFFICIALS were pleased with the substantial citizen turnout and participation.

Steve Holt, vice president of URS and project manager, who also heads the Centennial Parkway project, said, "I haven't seen such a good group in quite some time. This has really been a constructive session."

An informal poll of those in attendance showed that most persons were in agreement

Westbury beset with apathy, president says group may fold

Unless Westbury homeowners come to the rescue, their association may die of apathy after a short life of two years.

The following is an interview with Carol Williams, president of the Westbury Association. What she has to say here may serve as a timely warning not only to Westbury, but also to other associations beset with similar problems.

Williams, 35, a former journalist from Ohio, moved here with her husband Bruce, a research engineer at Johns-Manville. Westbury is a Witkin subdivision at S. Kipling St. and W. Bowles Ave., consisting of about 298 homes.

Sadowski: What's the level of homeowner participation in the Westbury Association been?

Williams: We're finding it difficult to get participation. It's the same four or five people all the time at each meeting. We've managed to accomplish very little. We had quite a turn-out when we had the school board elections. We had speakers for that. I'd say that was the largest meeting we had — maybe 30 people — which, out of 200 some odd homes is not so hot.

Sadowski: So, then, would you say that your association has not been very successful?

Williams: It hasn't. I don't know if it's because there's no need. We've tried all different things. We've tried bringing in speakers monthly. We've had a monthly newsletter that goes to every home in the neighborhood so people are informed on what's happening. We did have quite a lot of response at one point because the

newsletter did list that our neighborhood was one that had possibly defective fire alarms — they were causing fires in some homes — so we did have quite a bit of response after that newsletter, but still not a lot of people at the meetings.

Sadowski: Are you afraid your association may fold?

Williams: Yes, we are. We have discontinued meetings for the summer because those are even slower than usual, and in October when we have our annual meeting and election of officers we're going to vote on whether or not to disband. Until then I'm just trying to hold the thing together. Ours is not a matter of a real positive experience, but we kind of hate to give up because if anything does come up we feel it's good to have an association that's there somewhere to contact, to be a transmitting device. It's nice to have an agency that can be there to help. But until there's a crisis no one really cares.

Sadowski: You say you've managed to accomplish little. What kind of things have you tried to accomplish or would like to see accomplished?

Williams: We did attempt a neighborhood clean-up day. We have two

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large greenbelt areas. Actually the weather was not good, which did account for some of the bad turn-out. We did do a distribution of a community guide of local attractions, things that would help people find their way around the community.

We canceled several projects because of a lack of interest. Three people aren't enough when my husband and I are two of them. The neighborhood clean-up day we got four. The level of interest has been low from the beginning. This just never got off the ground in this neighborhood. There is very little interest.

It's not a matter of not having projects that they like as nearly as I can tell, because we've tried several different things — we've had very good speakers at some of our meetings. We had the Foothills board here at one point, and we had more board members than people here to listen to them, which was kind of embarrassing. We've just never had a real good turn-out. And we're at the point now where we can hardly get people to fill vacancies on the board. I just proposed that we disband. The rest of the board members talked me into staying on until fall and have a general election to see if at that time there is a little more interest.



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