An Interview of a Wyoming Native

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History of Wyoming

Growing up in Wyoming can be a very, "special" experience. Robin Vesco has lived in Green River, Wyo. all but 6 months and a few years of his life. The first six months of his life were spent in Rock Springs, Wyo. and 2 years of schooling were spent at the U. of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Growing up in Wyoming, Robin had many unique experiences one won't find in the city or subdivisions. Everybody basically knew everybody so for the most part everyone was a friend. Imagine a neighborhood and some of the people you knew on your block. Green River was like this. More of a neighborhood than a town. "Having 10,000 acres in my backyard", gives an idea of the freedom experienced by a child such as Robin. The different races such as Mexican, Negro, etc., seemed to get along just fine. (This could be because they were outnumbered).

About the early seventies an influx of people came for work. This is what is called the, "Big Boom". Robin explains some of the changes going from bad to good. In the beginning there was a lot of distrust. "Everyone was a stranger". But with the influx of people came an influx of money and Green River prospered. This made the boom much easier to accept. Robin says, "The change was harder for the newcomer to accept than for us". All in all, it must of been some change considering the suicide rate jumped to record heights.

Political and religious changes have been very evident within the last 10 years. The Church of Latter Day Saints, (Mormons), have become the majority of the denominations in this particular area. Robin sees this as a threat. "They've become active in politics and it's like they want to legislate morality". These feelings could stem from living in Salt Lake City for two years. "The power," he says, "used to be with the Catholic religion". Robin is, of course, Catholic.

Being away from Wyoming was a bit of a change mainly because of the city size. Salt Lake City offered much more entertainment and activities. Robin felt the people were more helpful to out of towners than most of the people in Wyoming. "Wyoming has more of a selfish, not give a damn, attitude". This attitude could be from the social changes in Wyo. over the last few years.

What does the future hold? "Wyoming may be the state that leads the United States out of this recession". This could be true, consid-
ering the negotiations of the M.X. Missile. Some of the people such as Robin, feel Wyoming has lost some of the magic from those pre-boom days. These days the Wyoming spirit may be emphasized by a dollar sign. As Robin says, "The economy had alot to do with my returning here". This is where the money is at. But still the wide open spaces and serenity is a big part of what Wyoming is and shall be. Robin summarizes his view this way. "To live here is an honor".
NAME:  Robin S. Vesco

PRESENT ADDRESS:  397 East 2nd North, GR, 82935

1. Present profession or occupation: Program Director, KSIT

2. Occupations followed in the past (give dates):

3. Date of birth: 1/14/62  Place of birth: Rock Springs, WY

4. Date of moving to Wyoming:

5. Full name of parents (give mother's maiden name)
   Joyce Marie Huber, Albert B. Vesco

6. Names of brothers and sisters (and to whom married):
   Laurie Vesco

7. Schools attended (give dates):
   Green River High School 1977-1980
   Univ. of Utah 1980-1982

8. Places of residence in Wyoming (give dates):
   Superior, WY 6-months 1962
   Green River, WY 1963-Present

9. Military service (dates, awards, area served, rank, etc.):

10. Political offices held (give dates):

11. Political affiliation:

12. Religious affiliation: Catholic

13. Marriage (spouse's name, date and place of marriage):

14. Children (names, dates of birth, grandchildren, etc.):

15. List of clubs and societies of which you are a member: