

Maxine Newell Interview...part 2

went away. We even rented our house out and moved to Monticello. Hub was a county engineer up there because there was no work here. We stayed there for a couple of years; finally when the Texas Gulf operation started up in the early 60s, things started to pick up. It was good to get back because I was bored to tears in Monticello. We'd had a pretty exciting life in Moab and up there, there wasn't anything to do but church, and I didn't go to that church. But I did get a job with the Monticello paper for awhile. When we got back to Moab, I walked into the Times-Independent one day and he gave me a job. I stayed there for four years. I was the news reporter but it was just the title they gave me. By now Moab was back on its feet. It was during that time that the big explosion occurred at Texas Gulf. It was national news and reporters were here from all across the country. Later, after the other reporters had left, Blackie Esliek from the company invited me in and started telling me the story. Seventeen people were killed. It was a real trauma for the town; it affected so many people.

When did Charlie Steen finally leave?

It was in the early 60s. Charlie's sister-in-law was a real good friend of mine. She stored some things in our basement; she was going to move to New Orleans. By now Charlie and M.L. had left. You couldn't blame them for going somewhere else if they could afford it. We missed them a lot. And I guess you could say it was the end of an era.

MAXINE NEWELL still lives in Moab. She is 93 years old. The Times-Independent ran an excellent piece on Maxine just a few weeks ago:

http://www.moabtimes.com/view/full_story/21241049/article--Generations-Maxine-Newell-?

For more on MAXINE, there is a wonderful interview, conducted in 2003 by JEAN McDOWELL and the Dan O'Laury Moab Museum. Here is the link:

http://centralpt.com/upload/345/2871_Newell,%20Maxine.pdf

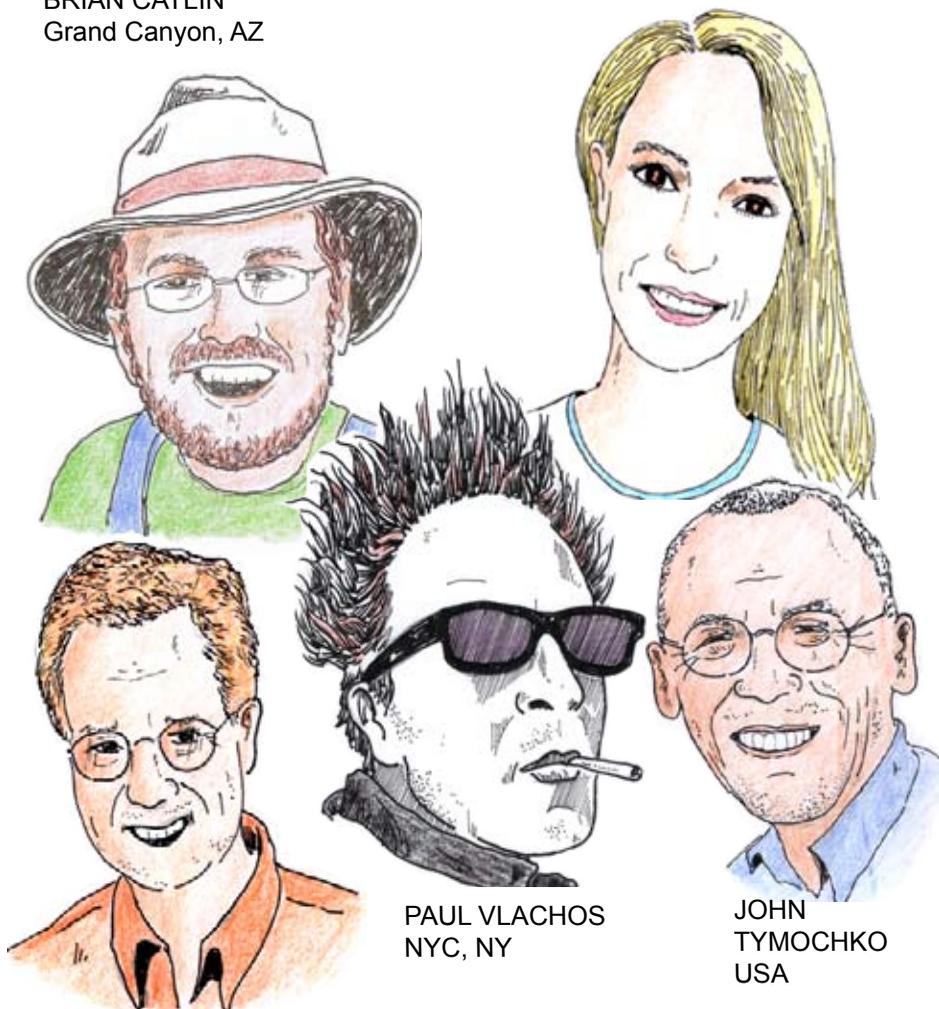


(above) An ore truck rumbles down Center Street past the courthouse. (below). Charlie & ML Steen survey the construction of their new home. Mi Vida, on a hill above Moab.



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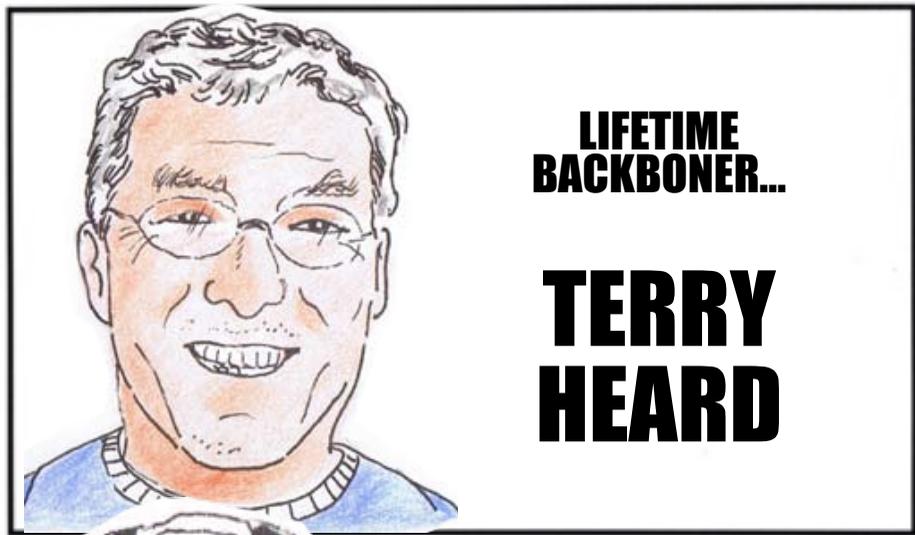
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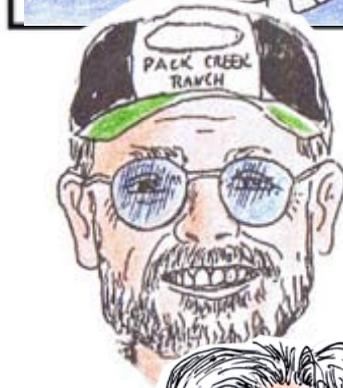


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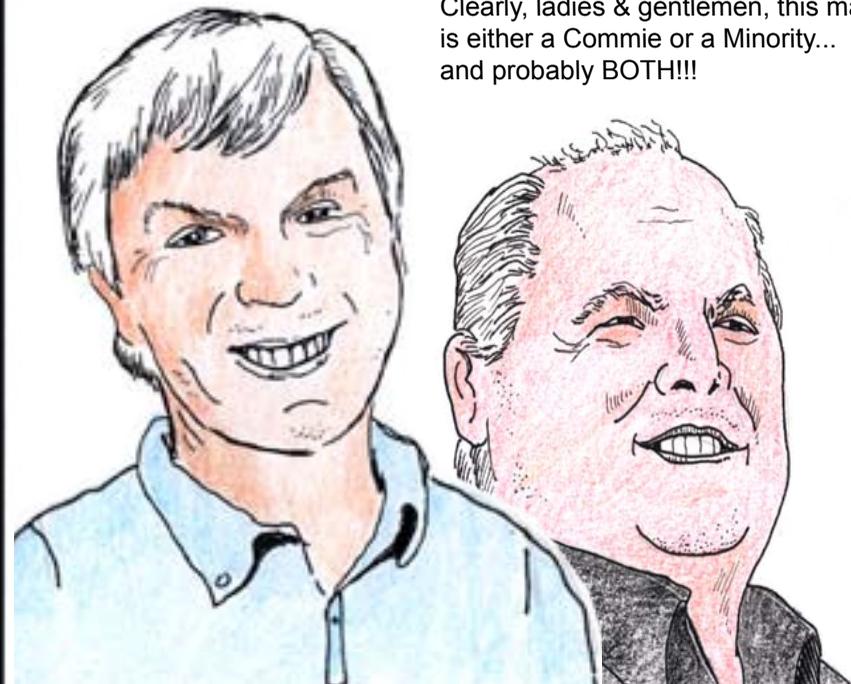
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