



"No Trespassing" signs have become common fixtures in many front and back yards in Antelope. Donna Smith, the owner of this house, sold her property because she was worried about its value after the incorporation of Rajneeshpuram.

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that these plans won't be thwarted."

"As far as we're concerned," says Sunshine, a Rajneeshi tour guide at the newly incorporated city, "we brought a little life into the town. As far as Don Smith is concerned, he doesn't want a little new life in the town."

"There's always the perspective that, 'we were here first.' Well, the pioneers moved into an area where the Indians were first. Here we are on 120 square miles not bothering anybody. But our presence is psychologically threatening to the people in Central Oregon."

"They intend to take all of Antelope," Donna Smith says. "Everyone that still owns property feels very threatened

as to its value. People see these abrupt changes and wonder what will they do next. I feel really lucky to have sold. They're power-hungry maniacs. They will never have enough power or money."

"We've never wanted to take over," says Swami Krishna Deva, the former David Knapp, a Los Angeles psychotherapist who is now Rajneeshpuram's mayor. "They're creating their own destiny there. Through their own negativity, they're creating a situation that is becoming intolerable."

"We're loving people," Deva says. "We get along wherever we go. It's never been a problem. We'll get along with people that are negative."

"Things are always changing. What to do? That's the life in life. When change stops happening, you're dead. We came here with some new energy. I don't see our being there as changing their lifestyle."

On Nov. 2, Antelope residents will cast ballots for a new mayor and town council. Mayor Margaret Hill's recent census counted 90 residents, 50 more than the sign at the town's entrance says.

A group of Rajneeshis which moved into town in time to vote down Antelope's disincorporation attempt last spring, make up the difference. Don Smith, running unopposed for mayor, calls them "the invisible citizens."

"I think they'll take the mayor's position by write-in and most of the seats on the council," Smith says.



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"I underestimated them all the way," he says. "If you're not involved, you gotta sit back and admire what they did. If you're emotionally involved, you cuss the sonsabitches."

"They've got as much right to be here as anyone else," says John Stewart, who is writing Antelope's history. Stewart lives in the house his grandfather built at the turn of the century.

"I've found they're very nice, intelligent people," he says. "They bought the house next door. I've had no problems with them as neighbors."

"I hope they preserve the character of the town — that it doesn't turn into the Rajneesh truckstop."



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