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## Local man is a "city rancher"

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CHEYENNE - Karl Zunker's battered pickup truck creeps along the jagged two-track along a valley at the Belvoir Ranch.



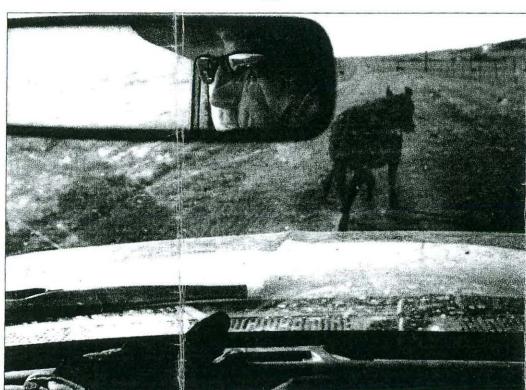
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The morning has taken a detour for the city's ranch manager. He must gather up all the weed killer he can find so

the sprayer aircraft can continue its work spraying the western pastures for a plant that's deadly to cattle.

The pickup is dwarfed by the hills that heave high above, hills nearly as green as a golf course, very unusual for midsummer. Below, an occasional cottonwood clings to the bank of Lonetree Creek, which is still fat with water - it would normally be shrunken to a trickle by now.

Away from the interstate. it's easy to imagine this is how Chevenne looked 200 years ago, before the railroad tracks, the depot, the houses, the capital, the viaducts, the Greenway. But on this acreage are rem-



Karl Zunker, ranch manager of the city-owned Belvoir Ranch, drives his truck as he checks on cattle last month, AAron Ontiveroz/staff

nants of American Indian teepees, General Pershing's ranch and homesteads.

The city bought the ranch in 2003 from the owner of Major League Baseball's Colorado Rockies as a possible landfill site and to build new wells for the city's water supply. These purposes do not oppose each other as

much as one might think the ranch is 13 miles long and more than 18,000 acres, larger than the city itself.

The city still must build water lines and settle the landfill question. A cleanup of trichloroethylene found near the former Atlas Missile site - also on the ranchland - is under way.

Meanwhile, the general public cannot set foot on its lands but the city leases it for grazing. It's Zunker's job to maintain the fences and make sure the yearlings are getting water, among other

In the winter, he works for the city's public works de

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