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Despite the fact that the Denver Council is located in the center of Colorado, let us consider Utah.

Why? It just fits.

Utah scenery is mostly sand, rocks, dry bull sh*t, sage brush, and prickly stuff. It is not very fertile, but bright flowers do make brief appearances. And, there are the views!

“Wait!” you say. You’d like to go back to, “It just fits.” Fits what?

So glad you asked.

The landscape between my ears is all too similar to Utah’s. My writing, even more so.

I’ve enjoyed looking at square dancing from the desert -- some bull, some sage (At least a touch of sage? A smidgen? Any?), some prickly stuff, and a few colorful “flowers.” And, certainly, some unusual views.

But there is that fertility issue. There must be hundreds more ways to write about square dancing, and include the bright flower of a smile. Unfortunately, I just can’t think of any more.

It has been six years at ten articles a year. That’s, ah, er, ..., a lot. Really a lot, given a soil of sand and rocks.

So, although I’ll miss it, that’s all for me as the TT reporter. (Right, I use “reporter” rather loosely in this context. I should admit, in parting, that I’ve had a tendency to mix fact and fiction.)

Come to think of it, why not part with a little test? Which of the following are facts? Which are fiction? (Top prize is a plate of sun-dried prairie oysters.)

- Timberline Topper dances are great fun.
- You’ll find the latest TT news at: www.timberlinetoppers.org.
- I (Dan Schweitzer) never make a mistake when square dancing (unless it was the caller’s fault).
- Clem Kadiddlehopper actually is the deputy sheriff of Frisco.
- Matilda Kumquat’s middle name is Joy.
- The call, *Now*, is on the approved list of Mainstream calls.
- I secretly love Round Dancing.
- I’ll carefully grade all test results sent to:
someotherguy@timbuktu.net

Have a great summer. Visit us in the mountains. Keep dancing. And, most important, keep smiling.

Bye.