

Vail's Antlers Lodge still a locals favorite

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When Rob LeVine started working at the front desk at the Antlers Lodge in the 1970s, he had no idea that he'd end up to serve as the general manager a few years later. What's even more amazing is that other staff members have been there longer than LeVine.

"We have about a dozen staff members that have been here more than 12 years," LeVine says. And that's saying something, considering employee turnover rates in the valley.

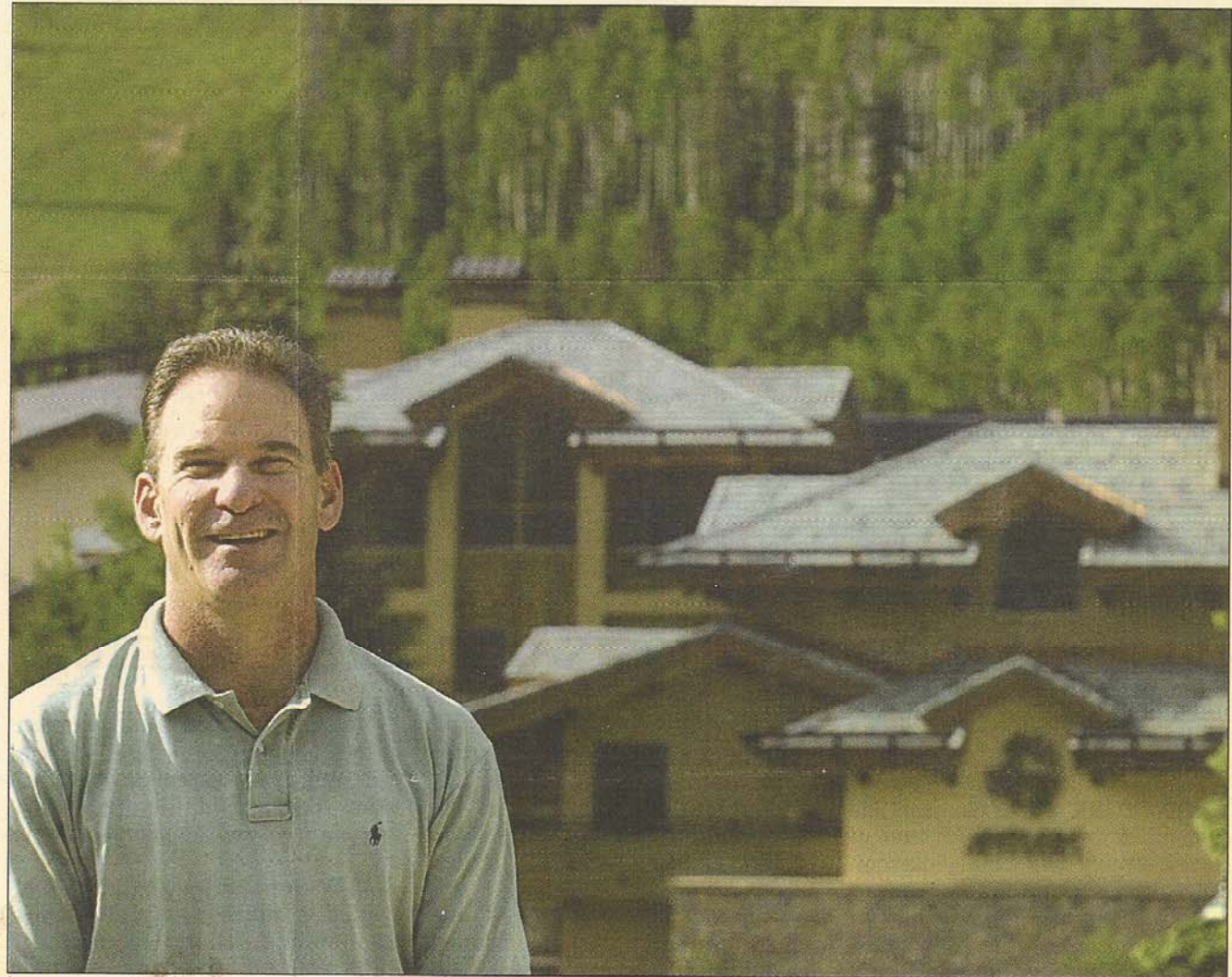
Why are staff members there so long? The sense of family, says LeVine.

"I've stayed so long because I thrive on the family atmosphere," says LeVine. He goes on to say that with the stable staff members and return guests, the environment is very comfortable. "We've had the same family reunions coming here for up to 27 years in a row."

When you walk into the Antlers, located at 650 Lionshead Place in Vail, you're instantly surrounded in comfort. The approachable, laid back attitude is relaxing and refreshing in our all-too-busy world. The Antlers welcomes pets and is an independent property, which allows the staff flexibility.

The Antlers also offers locals discounts throughout the year and just received their Green Star certification.

"We've always been environmentally conscious, but receiving the certification is an honor," says LeVine. In fact, the Antlers was the first property in Vail to change their wood burning fireplaces to gas fireplaces in 1991 — all 70 of them. They've also been a part of the adopt-a-highway program for the last 14 years. And you won't see the Antlers recycling in bins and then pushing it to the curb for pick-up. They have a designated recycling



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Rob LeVine, the general manager for Antlers, has been with the lodge since the 1970s.

van that takes it to the recycling center each week. That, along with a water saving program, makes them the place to stay if preserving the environment is important to you.

Recently, the 70 homeowners got together to spear-

head the redevelopment and renovation project for the Antlers. The \$20-million project created some incredible improvements.

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