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Denver Enterpriser Carries Big Ideas in a Big Frame

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Denver has numerous claims to fame, but high among them is the fact that it has two famous John Kings—both oil millionaires.

Although neither is very well known outside the Denver area, except in the financial world, John J. King is perhaps best known as the man who tried to buy the rifle that killed President Kennedy.

John M. King is probably best known, as he himself has said, as "a space nut" who loves to throw lavish parties for astronauts.

Beginning today, he may become known as the man who seems to have beaten some of the biggest bankers in the world, tentatively winning voting control of Investors Overseas Services.

But despite repeated protestations that he doesn't "give a damn what people think," one thing that really disturbs John M. (for McCandish) King, is to be confused with the man interested in Lee Harvey Oswald's rifle.

"You don't know how painful that confusion over the gun was to me," he once told an interviewer from The Denver Post. "I got crank letters, paint slung on my house and threats against my children."

For, if there's one thing that John M. King wants more than anything else—unless it's to become a billionaire—it's to be loved.

One way Mr. King has succeeded in making friends is to embrace the space program—heart, soul and pocketbook.

A few years ago, when the space race was just beginning to attract national attention, Mr.

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