

The New Year



I enjoy reading the first copy every year of the old newspapers. Usually, they are full of glowing tales of how well everybody did that year. This year, forget it!

Even back in 1918, when the old Flu Epidemic hit, the news was pretty good. After all, WWI had just about ended. Well, I do not think I will say anything about our current epidemic, other than, I hope everyone is well! So, I ran across a story that could have come from today's news.

On Friday afternoon in December of 1890, Deputy Sheriff Anderson received a telegram from the office up in Colorado Springs, telling him to arrest Joe Thompson, who was onboard the Santa Fe south-bound train, also to hold a box which was in Thompson's possession. Mr. Anderson waited for the train that left for Pueblo, and when the train arrived at the station in Fountain, he arrested Thompson. The man was perfectly astonished, when the officer informed him that he would have to return to the Springs and answer to the charges preferred. When asked what the charges were, Mr. Anderson could not inform him, as they were not stated in the telegram. Thompson was taken to the Rio Grande station over on Walnut and put on the next passenger train back to the Springs and placed in the county jail. Saturday morning the sheriff took him over to the court house to the judge. They had not left the building, when a phone call was received informing the sheriff to let the man go. The supposition is that Thompson was suspected of robbery and instead of investigating the case thoroughly, the city police jumped to conclusions and had the man arrested. He made it as far as Fountain, but soon was back on a train to Pueblo, paid for by El Paso County!

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Sixty Years Ago (1962)

VINTAGE AD

A Cleaning Special ad from Security Cleaners from 1962. (Fountain Valley News file photo)

Fifty Years Ago (1972)

TRAFFIC DISCUSSION

County Commissioner Jack Mitchell (right) discussed the plan with Ray Hunke, vice president of Widefield Homes, who outlined the route where residents of Cardinal, Squire, Drew, Athletic and Metropolitan will save time and frustration if they are headed for I-25 or Fort Carson.

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Forty Years Ago (1982)

FAMILY OF BARBERS

Rosie Sigala (center) holding the second place trophy she received in barber school. Rosie joined her father Manny (right) and her brother Ray (left) at Manny's Main Barber Shop in Security in 1982. (Photo by Janet Miner)



Thirty Years Ago (1992)

DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Members and guests of the Bijou Springs Hunt, their horses and hounds dashed through the snow near Calhan in 1992. Shown in the photo are Whippers In, who keep the hound pack together when traveling, Nancy Mitchell and Jane Worrall, left, Huntsman Gary Worrall, center, and two members of the hunt field.

(Photo by Carl Wiese)



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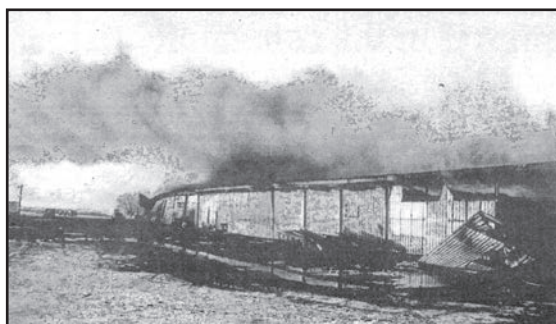
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Twenty Years Ago (2002)

TIRE FIRE BURNED FOR 22 HOURS

Dark smoke from a tire fire that was located northwest of the intersection of Fountain Mesa Road and Mesa Ridge Parkway that burned for nearly 24 hours in January 2002 filled the skies over the Fountain and Widefield area. To this day, the contaminated site is the subject of legal requirements that it not be disturbed. (Photo by Jerry Bahner)



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