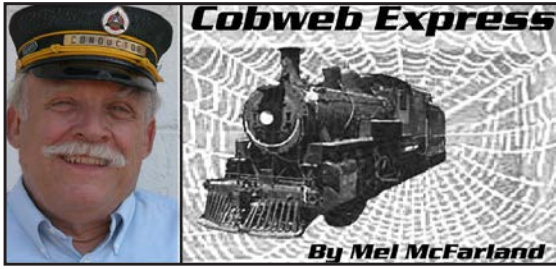


### Over the hills



For those who have good views out to the west, you may find it interesting that some people like the view to the east. As a child, my parents had some friends who lived at Myron Stratton Home. Some of you may not even know where that is, but it is between Fort Carson and the south end of Colorado Springs. At one time, the home owned most of the area we know as Stratton Valley and ran it as a farm. There are many stories with that place, but, mine today, is a memory of looking from there out to the east.

The area where they have cottages is still pretty much the same, at least by layout. I remember being there on many summer afternoons, looking to see how far east you could see. There was no I-25, nor any buildings to speak of except Kelker. The Army had a couple buildings they used as warehouses, and their track to the Fort. It was possible to see the trains traveling the Army tracks. Out past there, there was no Academy, or Powers only the airport and the Air Force buildings north of the field. The city terminal was over there then.

Out to the east the hills roll. It does look a bit level here and there, but it is not! There was a railroad that joined US24 near Falcon, and you could see that far! I have told the stories about the old Rock Island and the other railroads out to the east. I was looking out that way in the mid-1950's and there were not even many trees between the home and the airport except along Fountain Creek.

I was up visiting friends of mine who live there recently. It is a nice quiet place, even though it is surrounded by the city. As I drove around, even there, you can see many changes on the land. There was a big dairy barn there, too. Like all the other ones this one is gone, too. Hard to believe, here at Fountain there must have been at least six!

# Pages of the Past

(1958 - Present)



### Sixty Years Ago (1961)

#### NEW MANAGER AT WILLIS AGENCY

Robert K. Willis, president of the Agency, announced that Willis Agency's Branch Office in Security would be getting a new manager. Jim Moore, 26, was appointed and replaced Keith Lord in that office. Willis Agency represented old link stock insurance companies and specialized in new homeowner's policies. (Fountain Valley News file photo)

### Fifty Years Ago (1971)

#### ASSOCIATED GROCERS OF COLORADO ELECT NEW BOARD MEMBER

David P. Simms was elected to the Board of Associated Grocers of Colorado at the 36th annual convention for the board. Simms was the vice president of Simms Supers of Security and Colorado Springs. Representing District 4, Simms succeeded Curtis Lowry. (Fountain Valley News file photo)



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### Forty Years Ago (1981)

#### TECHNICIAN DETERMINED TO BREAK STEREOTYPES

Denise Rodgers, a student at Widefield High School, believed that women also belong in the electronics field. At just 15 years old, she was already an electronics repairperson at her father's Minute Man retail television outlet. She stated, "I think women should have an equal opportunity to pursue similar interest (as boys)." (Fountain Valley News file photo)

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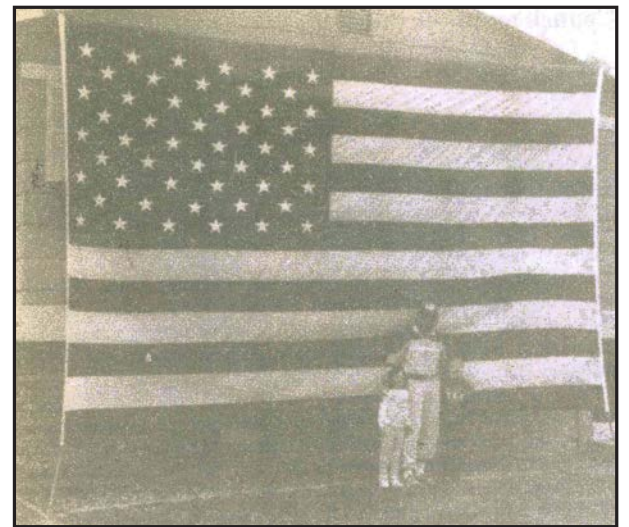
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### Thirty Years Ago (1991)

#### GRAND OLD GLORY

David Jones, the owner of Security Jewelry, and his children, Medea and Mike, show off their patriotism in front of their huge American flag. The flag was 12 x 18 foot and covered the front of the home on Woodstock in Sunrise Ridge. Jones planned on displaying his flag from Affordable Flags on the weekends. (Fountain Valley News photo by Patricia St. Louis)



### Twenty Years Ago (2001)

#### STAR ATHLETES SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT

Three Fountain-Fort Carson High School seniors, Kyle Welte, Zenon "Pat" Pacheco and Mike Broadnax, signed their National Letters of Intent on Feb. 7, 2001. Welte and Pacheco both signed letters for football scholarships at Adams State College in Alamosa, while Broadnax signed his letter for a football and basketball scholarship at Western State College in Gunnison. (News photo by Karen Johnson)