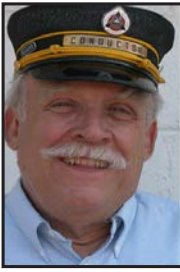


### High Water?



Back in 1912 there was an interesting incident on the Fountain Creek, in north Pueblo. It was July 30th, and it involved a Rock Island passenger train. The Rock Island arrived in Colorado Springs, running from Limon, in the 1890s. They ran from Limon to Denver and from Colorado Springs to Pueblo. They used the Denver and Rio Grande's tracks from Colorado Springs as far as Pueblo. They did not pick up passengers at any of the inbetween stations.

It was to leave Pueblo at 8 p.m., but there was a big rain storm north of Pueblo. Some flooding had been reported as far north as Fountain. The train waited until a train from Colorado Springs arrived to be sure the track was still safe. At 10 p.m. they started north. The train only traveled a mile and a half before it was in trouble. The train, only moving at about 10 miles an hour, hit soft track and rolled into Fountain Creek, on its side! The crew of the engine and only one passenger lost their lives. In fact the bodies of the engine crew were never located, presumably washed down into the Arkansas River.

There had been an earlier accident at Eden, at the north edge of Pueblo, where a southbound Rio Grande train was hit by a flash flood coming from a normally dry creek, which starts on what is now down range Fort Carson, into Fountain Creek about six years earlier. In that one, many of the passengers were lost. The railroad actually relocated its tracks to higher ground after that. It used to be possible to see the old roadbed in this area, but it is getting eroded away too!

When we get summer storms, the creeks often rise suddenly and swiftly. There have been some interesting stories about our floods. Generally the town sits on "high ground", but as Fountain has grown it has developed into some flood-prone areas. The Countryside area as well as some to the east has seen high water. Back a hundred years ago Old Pueblo Road was the road to Pueblo. When I-25 was built, it was generally on higher ground. Then, there are the hail storms! That is another story to be told!

# Pages of the Past

(1958 - Present)



### Sixty Years Ago (1962)

#### FREE ROOT BEER FLOATS!

Miss Pat Wright, employed by Kennedy's A&W Root Beer Stand, passed out hot dogs to hungry boys at the grand opening of the stand June 1962. More than 3,000 free root beers were given away by the Stand to the thirsty.  
(Fountain Valley News file photo)

### Fifty Years Ago (1972)

#### DELBERT CHOCKLEY

Fountain's former Town Coordinator, Delbert Chockley, submitted his resignation to the Town Board of Trustees at its meeting Monday, June 19, 1972. The Council accepted his letter with regret. Delbert told a reporter of Security and Fountain Valley Advertiser, "I have enjoyed my service with the Town of Fountain. It has been quite a challenge and I have learned a great deal as coordinator which will always be of value to me. I appreciate having been allowed to occupy this position."  
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### Forty Years Ago (1982)

#### LLAMAS AUKI AND PEPE

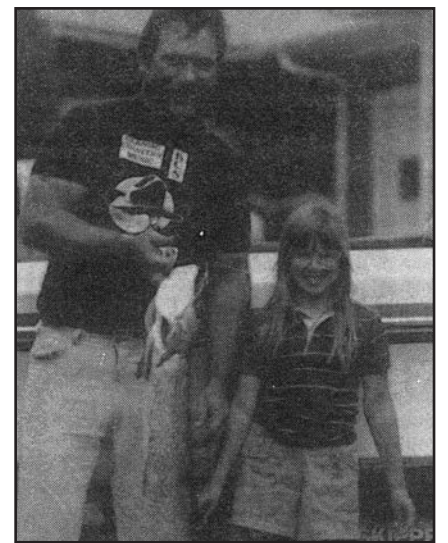
Col. Buck Tinsley, B&H Ranch, east of Fountain was training two llamas, Auki and Pepe (left to right) for Howard, Kersetter, and his wife, Josie, of Black Forest. The Kersettters owned the Kahua Uyu Llama Ranch. Just like the Incas used the Llamas to carry heavy loads on journeys, Kersetter used his llamas as pack llamas for journeys through the mountain terrain.  
(Fountain Valley News file photo)



### Thirty Years Ago (1992)

#### ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS!

Shannon Minnerly, 9, of Widefield, posed with her father, Bob Bresciani, and the fish he caught on Father's Day at Skagway Reservoir. The pike weighed in at 15 and a half pounds and was 38 inches long; it was a new lake record. Shannon used the money she earned as a newspaper carrier for the Fountain Valley News to pay for the fishing trip.  
(Photo by Rick Wade)



### Twenty Years Ago (2002) THE ALL-AMERICA CITY



The All-America City Delegation from City of Fountain was honored by Fountain's City Council June 25, 2002.  
(Photo by Peggy Ives)

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