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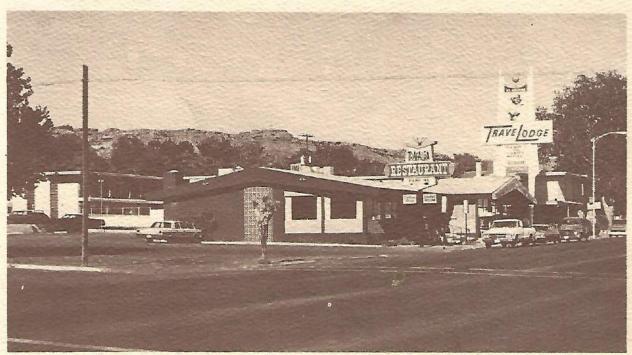
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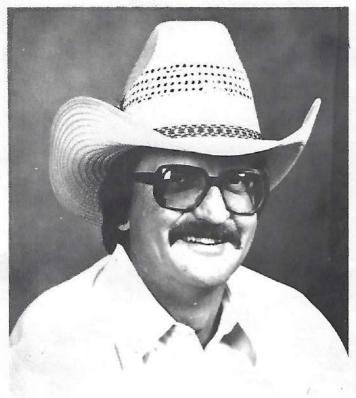
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A special thanks to all Lions Club members, and their families, for the hard work and dedication necessary to make this a successful project.

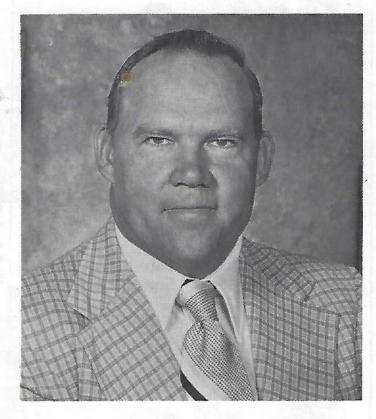
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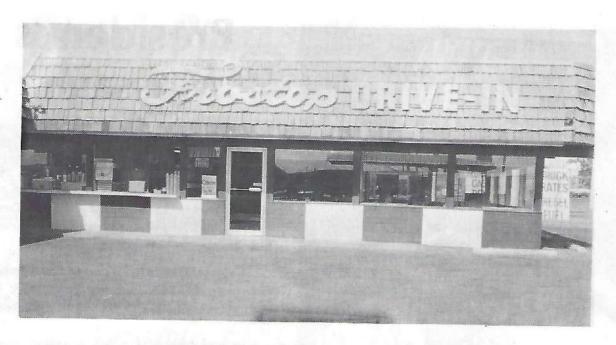
Joe Bowcutt
Lions Club President

Mayor's Message

On behalf of the City of St. George, I would like to welcome each of you to the 46th annual Lions' Dixie Roundup. The residents of St. George and surrounding areas are proud of the great contribution by the Lions Club to civic affairs and for the beautiful Sun Bowl which they provide for the use of the community. I hope those from outside our fair city enjoy our hospitality and that each of you enjoy this year's famous Dixie Roundup.

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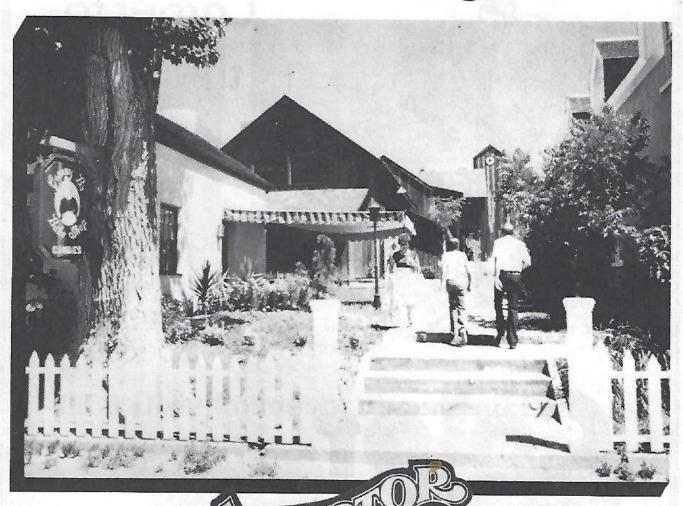
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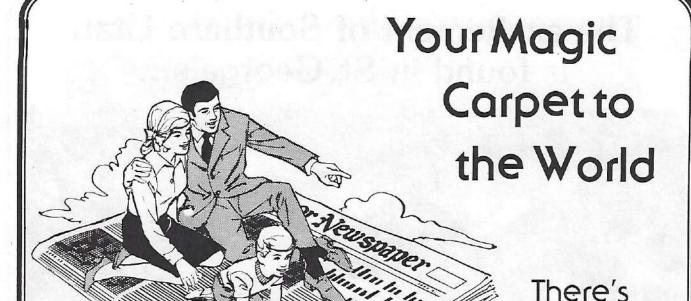
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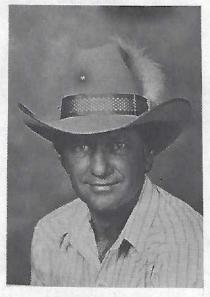
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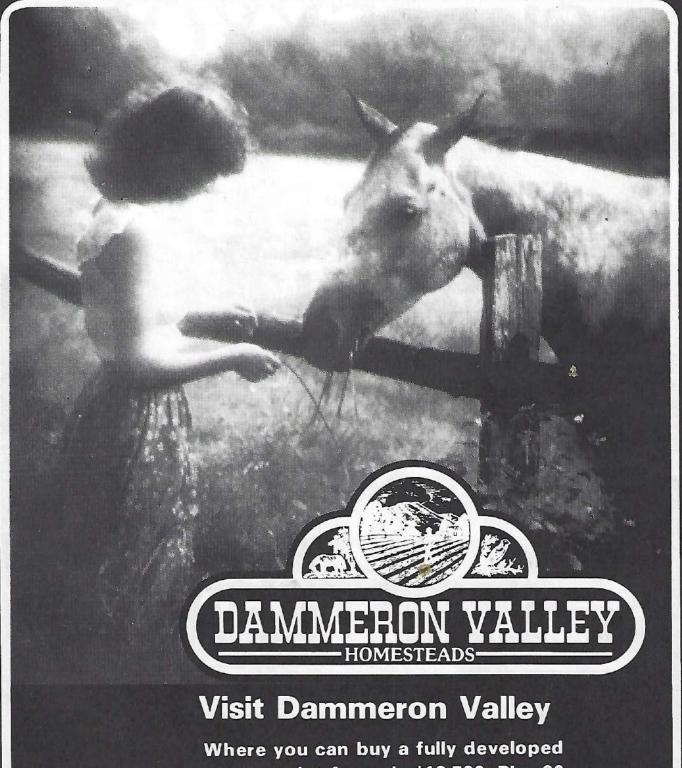


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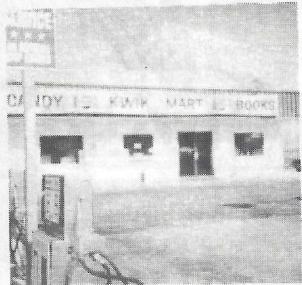
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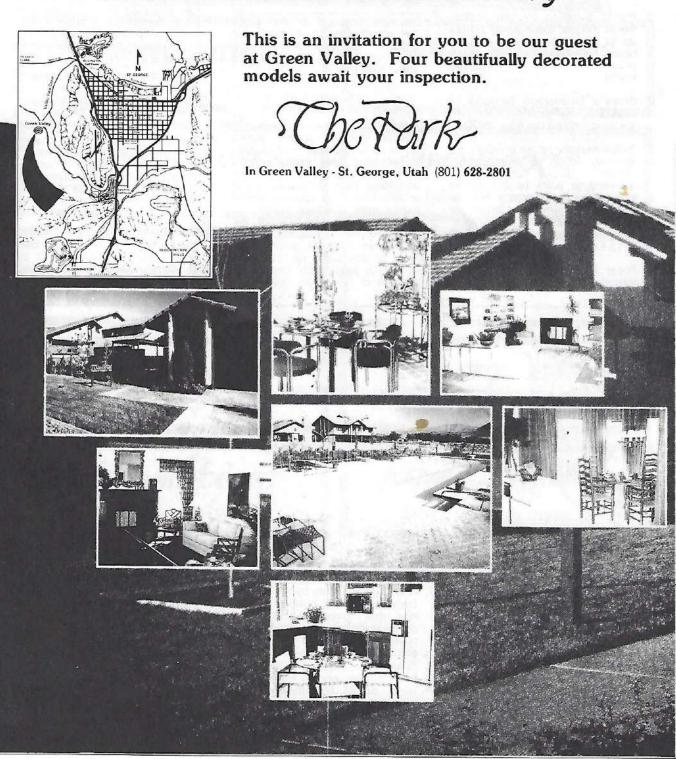
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- To qualify, rider must ride 8 seconds.
- Points awarded by two professional judges. Each judge scores up to 25 points for rider, 25 for horse 50 each judge—maximum possible (never yet achieved) 100 points.
- Score of 64 average, 68 good, 74 excellent, 78 superior, 80 outstanding, more than 80—"WOW."
- Judge awards points primarily for spurring action in bronc riding. Length of stroke from shoulder rearward to point behind saddle increases score. Spurring must be done each jump or "buck" of horse. (See scoring zone illustrations.) Horse's most often buck 8 to 13 times in 8 seconds.
- Rider loses points if toes not turned with spur in contact with

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horse; if spurring's not continuous throughout ride; or if rider's not balanced and in control (body centered over horse, not tilted to either side.)

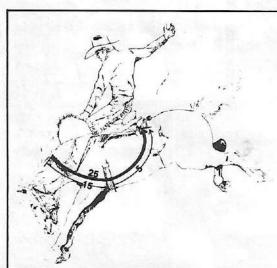
Points gained or lost according to rider's rhythm and timing with horse's bucking.

Example: Judge makes mental calculation-interpretation based upon professional standards. Horse and rider explode from chute, rider's spurs set in bronc's shoulders, then continues spurring action. With each spurring stroke judge may observe length of stroke, crediting each: i.e. 25, 25, 25, 17, 17, 14, 14, 10, 10. Ten jumps, ten rakes. A quick judgement or tally sums up (182) and divides by jumps (10), resulting in a score of 18 for the rider. Note

that the scoring lessened as the rider progressed, indicating the cowboy rode expertly the first 4 jumps, then lost control or tired. If both judges gave 18 for the rider, and 18 for the horse's effort (see Scoring The Animals), totaling 36 per judge, 72 for the ride.

SCORING THE ANIMALS

- High kicking action with hindlegs fully extended; the higher the kick, the better the score. Note: A highjumping animal appears more spectacular, but a high-kicking animal is far more difficult to ride.
- Power: the strength and force of the animal's bucking efforts; how hard he tries to throw the rider; how hard he kicks, lunges, and hits the ground.
- Changing direction: every change scores points. A spinning animal is harder to ride than one bucking straight; an animal that spins one direction, then reverses in the opposite direction is harder to ride than one spinning but one way.
- Rolling and twisting: an animal that "sunfishes" and "shows its belly" puts an added dimension into the up, down, sideways bucking action, and scores more points.



SADDLE BRONC RIDING

- See No. 1 through 7 in Scoring Rider.
- Additional disqualifications: losing a stirrup, touching horse, saddle, or self with free hand changing hands on buckrein.
- Buckrein for balance, not to help rider hold himself on.



BULL RIDING

- Rider scores points by maintaining body control and position regardless what moves bull makes. Recoveries look spectacular but lose points because rider "got out of shape" and had to recover.
- Spurring not required in bull riding, but cowboy accumulates additional points by spurring—real spurring action, not just moving feet or grabbing for new hold.

BAREBACK BRONC RIDING

- Scoring Zone and spurring action different from Saddle Bronc: Zone is at or ahead of area where bronc's neck emerges from shoulders. Action is up and down, rather than fore-and-aft.
- Additional disqualification: rider's hand hanging up in bareback rigging.

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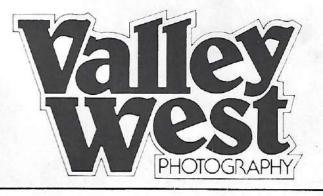




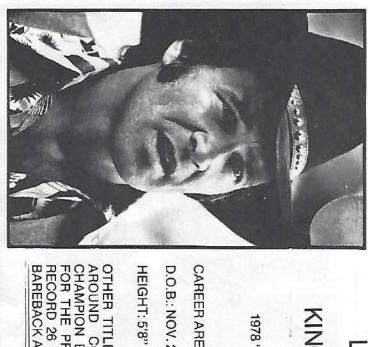
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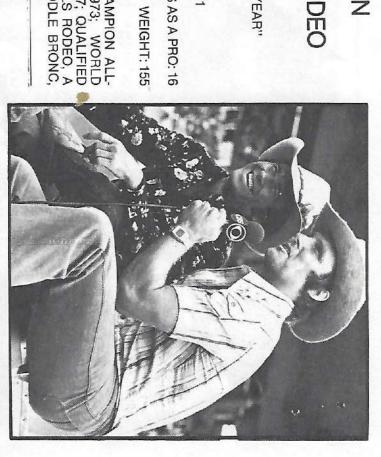
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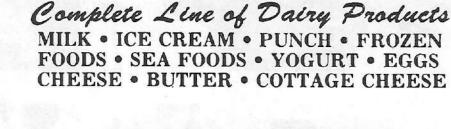


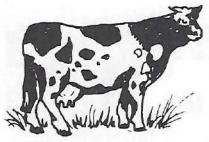
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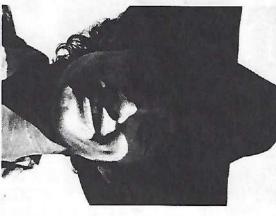


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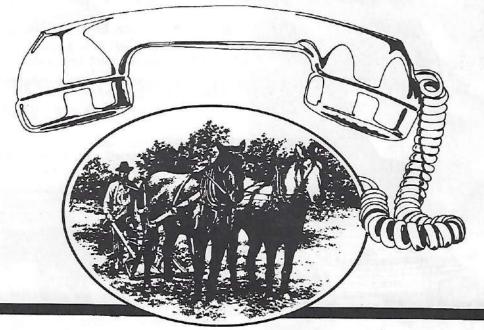
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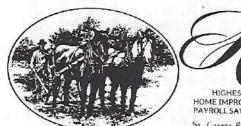
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Five years ago he was asked to stage two rodeos in West Virginia. And that's a long ride, even for a man who knows "every trail and waterhole" in the hidden splendors now called Canyonlands.".

Born and reared in and around Moab, Mr. Kerby spent his youth in the open spaces. By the 1940's he had a small ranch near Moab.

About that time the Bureau of Land Management decided to combat the population explosion of mustangs on the area's open ranges. Mr. Kerby organized an outfit, and won the contract.

For two seasons the horsemen rode through the spectacular scenery northeast of Arches National Monument from the Colorado line to the Green River. Wild horses were ferreted out from the rims beneath the Book Cliffs. And near the Devil's Garden, Kerby's horsemen found a herd of 275 animals running free as the wind.

He now keeps several hundred head of stock, including a string of 100 bucking horses. Rodeos also use his Brahmas bulls, steers and calves for events.

He acquires Brahmas from Mexico and Louisiana, and buys bucking horses "wherever we can find them." Broncs — which are useless for gentlemen riders — are bought for about \$200 each. If they stop bucking they become "runaways" and are sold for as little as \$100 each. Mr. Kerby estimates that each season his loss for replacements is over \$8.000.

"We have as good a herd as any in the Northwest," Mr. Kerby says. And the quality of his stock is endorsed by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. Each year the PRCA sends out "spotters" to locate the broncs and bulls that buck the hardest. Mr. Kerby usually has sent "a good share" of stock to the annual National Finals.





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Bull Riding

There is something awe inspiring about watching a cowboy on top of a writhing, massive bull for an eight second ride and the escape is equally impressive. Donnie Gay, winner of the World Championship in bull riding four times, finds this a unique aspect of his event. "In bull riding," Donnie explains, "you are not done when you get off the bull; you still have to make your escape." The cowboy is protected and aided in his effort to get away from the bull by a bullfighter. The matador in baggy pants distracts the unpredictable bull from fallen cowboys and frees any riders that get hung up in their bull ropes.

A bull bucks differently than a horse, so a bull rider must be prepared for the downward thrust, as the animal tries to throw the cowboy over his head. Donnie puts it this way, "You are holding on to 1,400 to 1,600 pounds of an animal going in different directions, with nothing but a bull rope to hold on to." The toughest bulls to ride are the ones that spin when they buck. While on the bull, the rider's free hand must not come in contact with the bull, any equipment or the rider himself, as in the other riding events.

The factor judges consider most important in bull riding is control. This means a cowboy who stays upright throughout the ride will be given a higher score than one who is hanging off the side for part of the ride. Extra points are awarded for spurring, although it is not required. Again, turn-out of the toes figures into the score. For a qualified ride, the cowboy must have a hold on the rope and not have touched the ground with any part of his body, when the whistle sounds.

The bull rope is the primary piece of equipment for the bull rider. This rope has been unraveled and then plaited flat, with a hand hold.

A bell is attached to the bottom of the rope and, after the cowboy turns the rope loose, it falls off the bull due to the weight of the bell. A leather glove and spurs round out the bull rider's accounterments. Resin is used on both the rope and glove.



Donnie Gay reveals the respect he has for the animals he rides. "When you climb over the chute to get on the bull, you need to have complete concentration on the animal that you have drawn. You have to be ready to react to whatever the bull does," he says. While he sits on the bull with his hand in the hand hold, the champion rider has a friend help him tighten the rope. Then Gay scoots forward on the rope as far as possible, so he can maintain maximum leverage and control while he rides. Once he gives the nod, the chute swings open and its man versus bull.

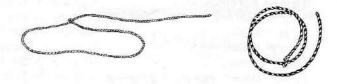
Calf Roping

Calf roping is one of rodeo's earliest events, evolving directly from work on the range. A timed contest, the calf gets a designated head start on the cowboy, who cannot leave the roping box until the animal has tripped a barrier. If the roper "breaks the barrier," a 10-second penalty is added to his time. After the cowboy ropes the calf, he must dismount, run down the rope and "flank" the animal from a standing position. Once the calf is on the ground, the competitor crosses three feet and ties them together with a pigging string. When the tie is completed the cowboy throws his hands in the air and the clock is stopped.

Eight-time World Champion calf roper Dean Oliver feels that the horse a cowboy uses for roping is extremely important. Dean explains, "It's kind of like Will Rogers said, 'A good horse, to a roper, is 75 percent of his winning ability.' If a roper doesn't have a horse that fits his style, he'll never be able to win up to his ability." Roping horses must be very quick and are trained to follow the calf and stop instantly once the calf has been roped. While the cowboy is tieing the calf, the horse backs up to keep the rope taut.

In timed events no score is given by the judges and the winner is chosen on the basis of the fastest time. The tie that the roper uses must include at least one wrap and a half-hitch and must be completed in 35 seconds. When the tie is finished, the cowboy remounts and rides forward to slack the rope. The calf must remain tied for six seconds or the roper receives "no time." Any time under nine seconds is considered a very good run.

Other than the horse, a rope and pigging string are the most important things a cowboy needs in calf roping. The rope, which is tied to the saddle, is made of hemp and is about three-eighths of an inch in diameter and 25 feet long. A smaller line, called a pigging string, is used to tie the calf's legs. About six feet in length and a quarter inch thick, the pigging string is carried in the roper's mouth with the tail tucked in his jeans. Since the roper usually travels with his horse, he must have a horse trailer and a good supply of feed for the animal.



Dean Oliver admits there is a very special relationship between the roper and his horse. He says, "Horses are like people, some are smooth and others aren't. In my lifetime I've had about 20 roping horses, but there have only been two that I felt comfortable with." His favorite horse was a sorrel gelding named Mickey. Although Oliver paid \$2,500 for the horse, he was more than reimbursed by the numerous titles he won roping with Mickey.



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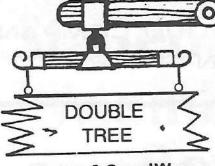


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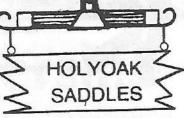
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Scholarships totalling \$32,000 will be awarded by Nestea and the PRCA to National High School Rodeo Association student winners in the 1980 program in competition similar to pro football's punt, pass, kick and pro baseball's pitch, hit, run.

PRCA stock contractors and rodeo secretaries also benefit through Nestea bonuses for handling the special events.

A measure of the program's initial year success in 1979 was evidenced by literal clusters of PRCA hands at the NFR volunteering advice, assistance and general encouragement to Nestea Teenage Top Hand Challenge finals qualifiers, and at least one team of Nestea ropers was mounted on horses loaned by PRCA contestants.

The selection of PRCA 1980 rodeos at which the special competition takes place (along with PRCA and GRA regular contests) is based on local committee approval and support, and on logistics considerations involving the dates of each state or provincial high school rodeo finals.

At each of 30 PRCA Qualification Rodeos, the 1st. 2nd and 3rd place bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and barrel race winners (a total of 12 students) from that state's high school finals rodeo held earlier in the year are invited by the PRCA to participate in special competition with their peers.

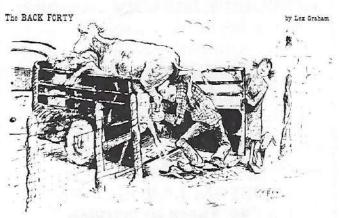
The 1st-place winners in the four events at each Qualification rodeo are than eligible to advance to one of six area-designated PRCA Elimination rodeos, where approximately six students will compete in each of the events.

Winners at Elimination rodeos earn from the PRCA and Nestea a \$500 scholarship each, along with invitations to participate in two final rounds of Nestea Teenage Top Hand Challenge competition in conjunction with the PRCA National Finals Rodeo, December 6-14 in Oklahoma City. Up for grabs at the NFR are scholarships of \$5,000 in each event.

PRCA/Nestea Teenage Top Hand Challenge scholarships are to be used at colleges or universities which offer National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association programs.

Another Nestea Program provides special insurance for PRCA clown/barrelmen over and above the insurance included in PRCA membership dues.

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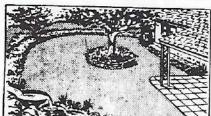
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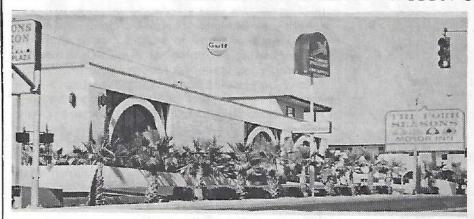
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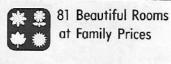
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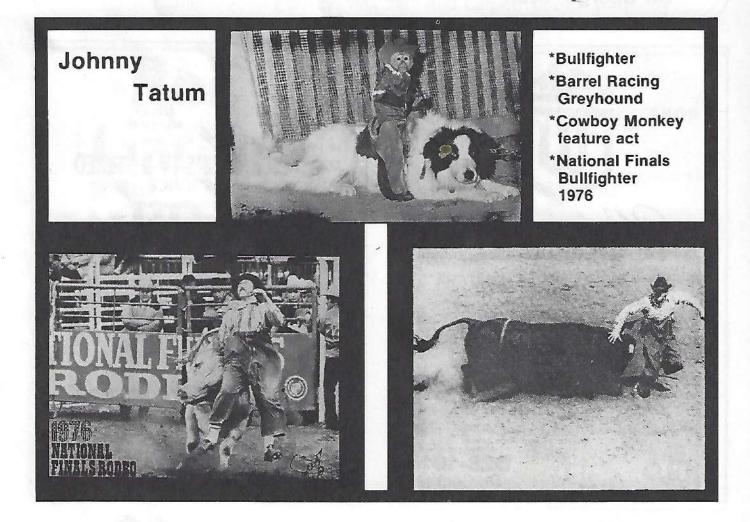


Johnny Tatum, a ten year veteran of Professional Rodeo, has been selected to appear as clown & bullfighter at this year's rodeo.

A native of Benton, Arkansas, Johnny moved to Phoenix, Arizona while in his mid-teens where he began competing at Junior and High School rodeos. After completing school he rodeoed full time, riding bulls and bareback horses. While traveling with a professional rodeo clown, Johnny became interested in bullfighting. With instruction and encouragement from his travelling partner he tried his hand at bullfighting, thus starting his career.

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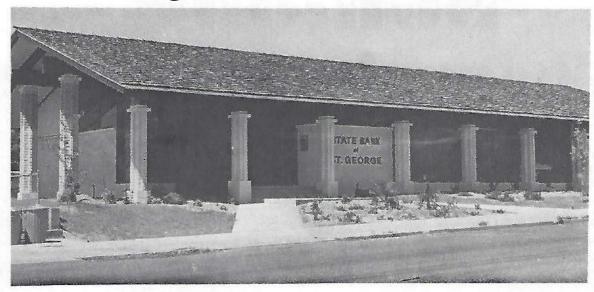
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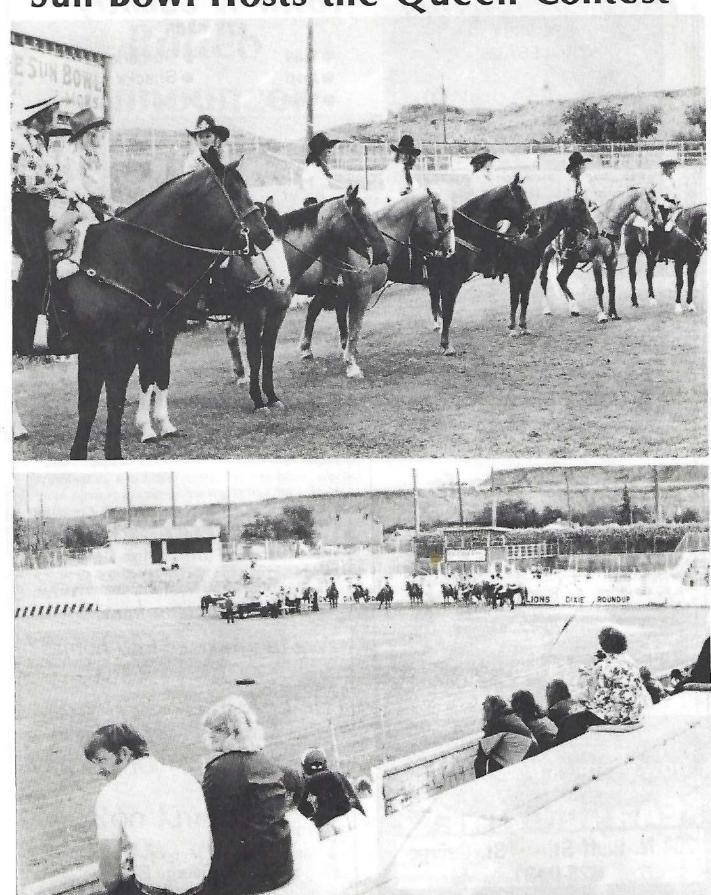
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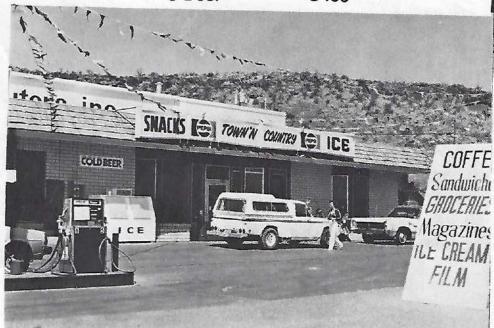
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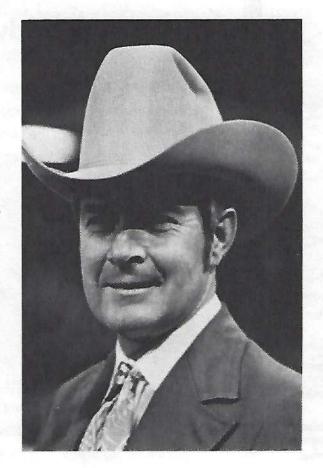
Jay Harwood, well-known rodeo personality from Albuquerque, New Mexico, is recognized at the microphone for his ability to capably relay the excitement, spirit, and thrills of the arena activity to the audience.

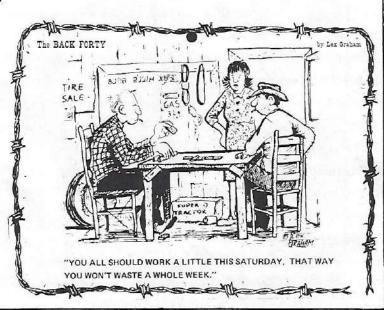
Jay is regarded as one of Professional Rodeo's top spokesmen and has a wealty of information about the participant's accomplishments and records. He makes every rodeo performance enjoyable with his commanding voice by turning the information over to you, the spectator. Jay has appeared at most all the big rodeos from Prescott, Arizona, to Edmonton, Canada; including the Days of '47 at Salt Lake City; the Northern International Livestock Show Rodeo, Billings, Montana; the Pendleton Round-up; the world-famous Calgary Stampede; the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, Colorado Springs; Ellensburg, Washington, and many more. He has been selected three times to announce the National Finals Rodeo at Oklahoma City, and has appeared on radio, television and in motion pictures. He was ranch reared in Montana and for a number of years was an active rodeo contestant.

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One of the most glamorized lifestyles has been that of the pro cowboy. It is true that there are few dull moments for the cowboys, as the demands of getting from one rodeo to another would boggle the mind of the layman.

Pro rodeo has what is known on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association circuit as the "Buddy-System," where two cowboys may enter rodeos for the same performance. In this way they can share the driving chores and split expenses for a private plane.

Often on the PRCA national circuit the concept of the "Buddy System" extends much further. It is practically impossible to rodeo and make it "down the road" solo. So much of today's pro cowboy's life is dependent on his travel companions. Entire lives become interwoven by sharing clothes, money, hotel rooms and a great deal of intimacy and soul-searching.

It is commonplace to find cowboys who compete in the same events traveling with one another. One must have a great deal of tolerance to be able to live so closely with someone he competes against day in and day out.

Just as the nature of the different rodeo events exist, so does the way in which cowboys in different events travel. The timed event cowboy must travel by pickup and trailer much of the time, since he has at least one horse, and often two, that he must haul and care for all year long. This dictates that he haul feed for his "equipment"; keep all the current and necessary papers verifying the ownership and medical status of the horse; keep "good" shoes on his

mount; stop every four hours or so to exercise and water the animal and handle all the other various chores of caring for the \$20,000-plus horses. Sometimes another driver is needed so the roper or steer wrestler can hop a plane, "rent" a horse at another rodeo and then fly on to where his horses are being hauled at the next show.

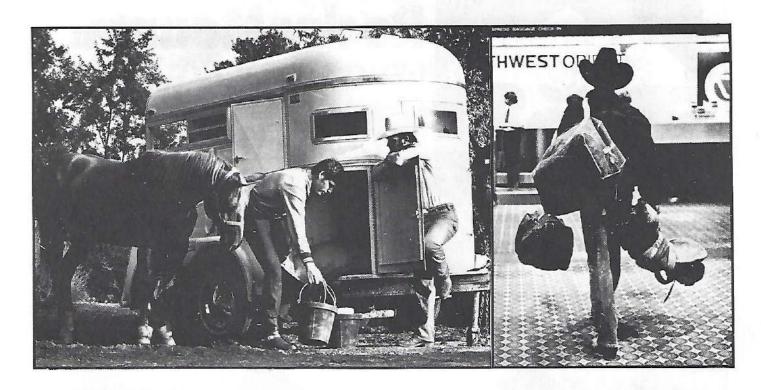
The riding event cowboys have somewhat more freedom, as they don't have any horses to haul. The ideal situation is to have three or four cowboys in one large auto or van so the driving chores can be shared, making many overnight runs to rodeos.

The physical modes of traveling have changed drastically since the early days of the cowboy, but they are still at odds with the elements. Time is the number one element with which the cowboy has to deal. Today's pro cowboy knows he is not going to make any money sitting still, so he must stay on the move. Weather is still an important factor to the cowboy both in traveling and competing. Rain or shine rodeos go on, with the cowboy facing the consequences.

Pro rodeo is a young man's sport and a young man grows up quickly when he is traveling the circuit. It is the kind of life that appears very glamorous and exciting, and much of it is. Yet the pressure of being on the road takes its yearly toll on new young talent that cannot stand the strain.

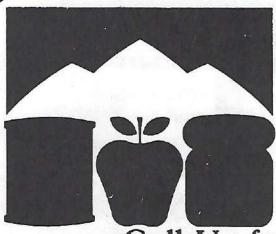
Five-time PRCA world champ in bareback riding, Joe Alexander, put it well by stating, "There are a lot of cowboys that can rope and ride, but there are a much smaller percentage who can stand the pace and still win. That's one of the real tests of a cowboy. You will find out how tough he is real fast when he has to get out and go to rodeos. It's the original school of hard knocks!"

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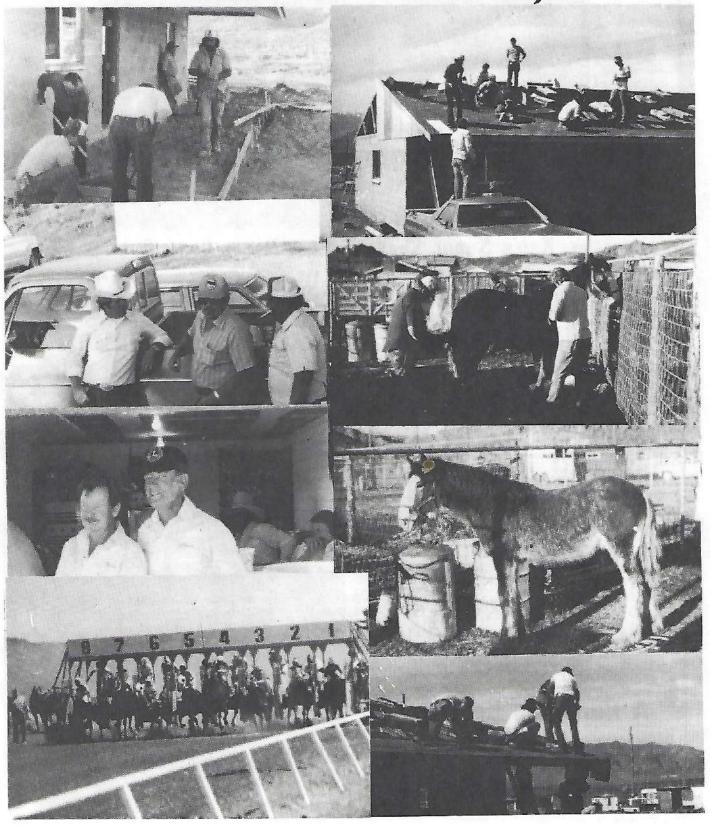
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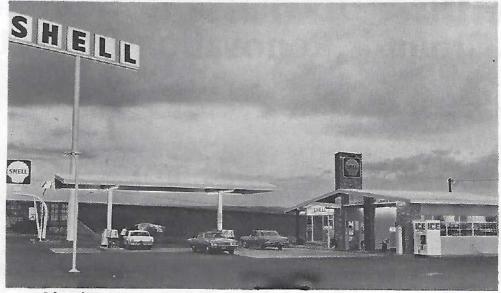
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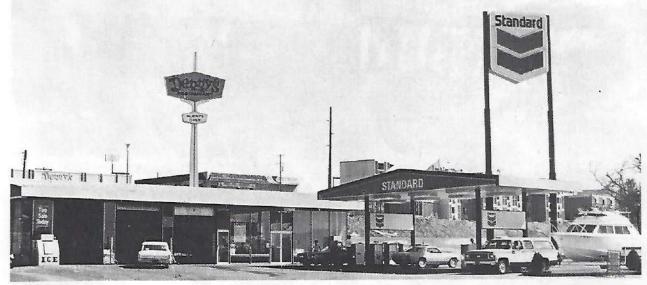
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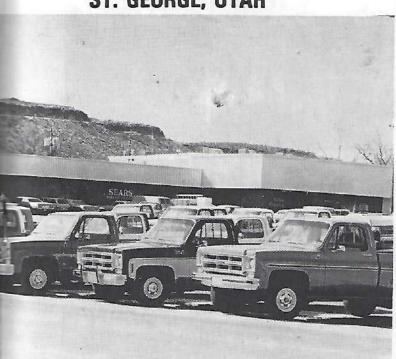


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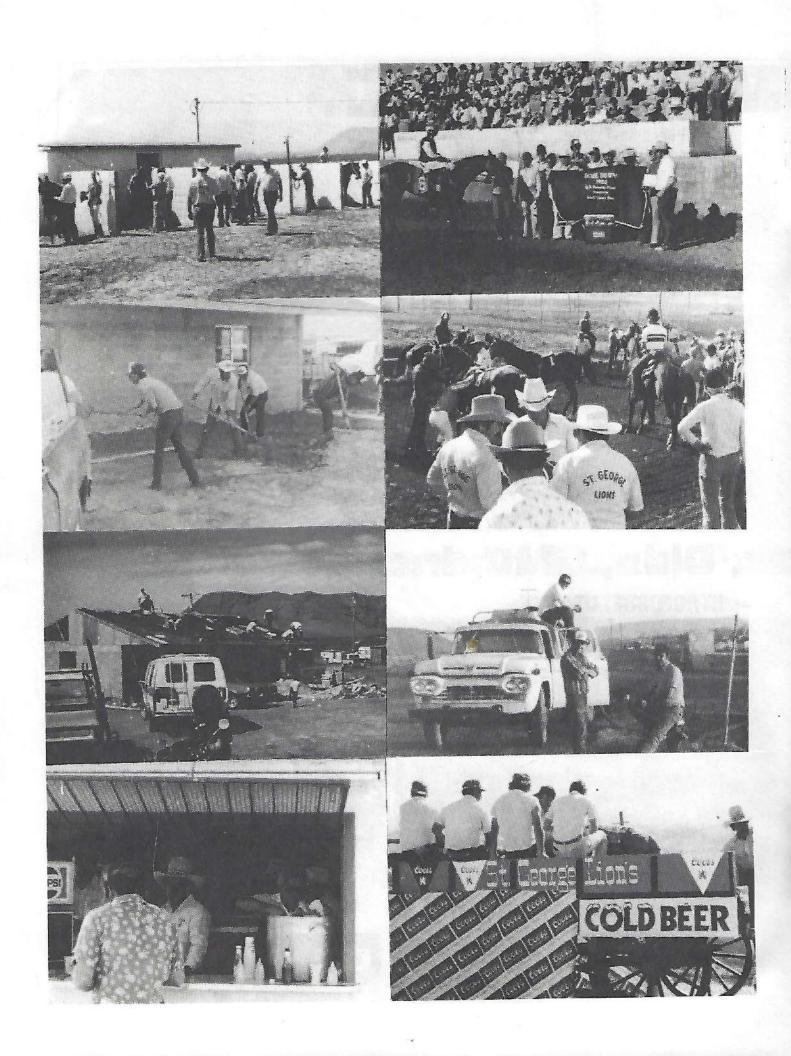


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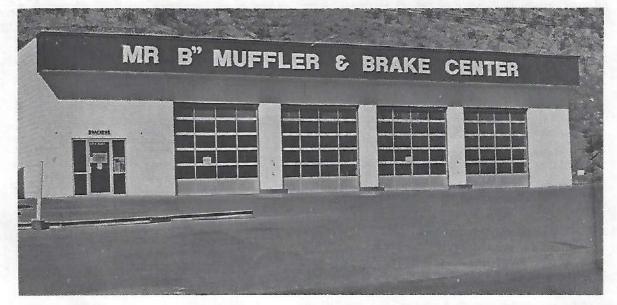
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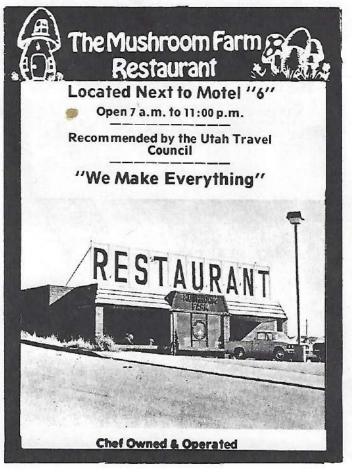


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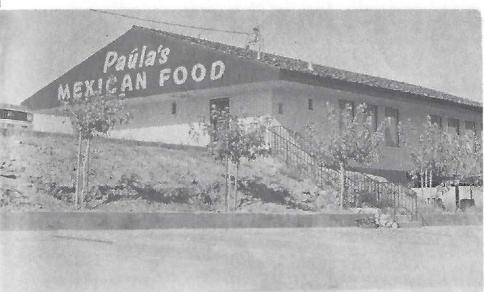


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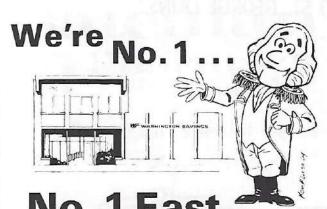
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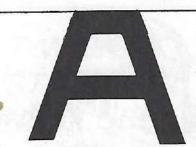
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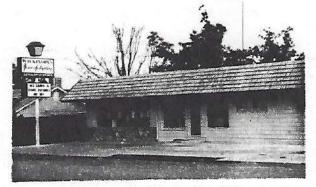
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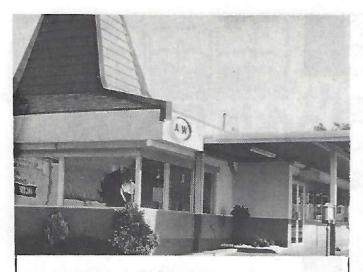
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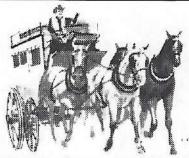
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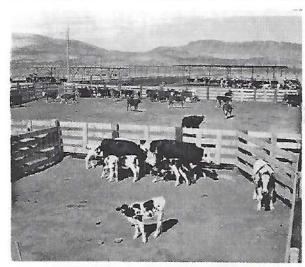
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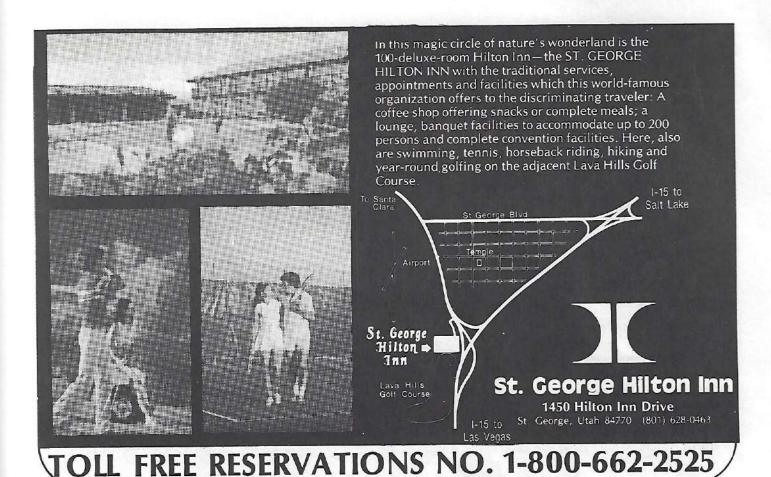
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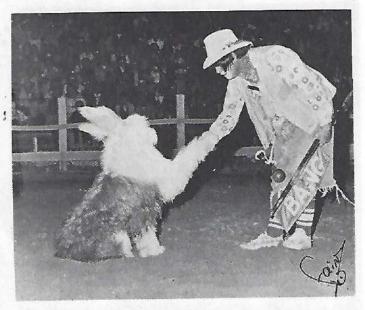
Gary Parli

Rodeo Clown Gary Parli of Caney, Kansas, was selected by the top 20 bullriders in the PRCA to serve as barrelman for the 1976 National Finals Rodeo last December at Oklahoma City. In 1974 and 1975, he was selected as alternate for the NFR and is presently serving as clown secretary.

Parli, a former Oklahoman, is a vocational instructor at Caney and finds the clowning business an exciting summer activity. He started out competing in rodeos while in high school, and in college he discovered a demand for clowns-bullfighters.

He needed entry fee money and decided to try his hand at the risky profession. As with many clowns who continue in the sport, it just "got in his blood". He was tutored by another great rodeo clown, Buck LeGrande and started clowning regularly in the summer of 1967.

Since then, he has worked at many of the top contests in North America, including the celebrated Calgary



Stampede. His speciality acts include a Model T car known for its mechanical flub-ups and a trained dog named Prissy. Presently, he is combining his teaching and clowning ability to teach rodeo clown schools.





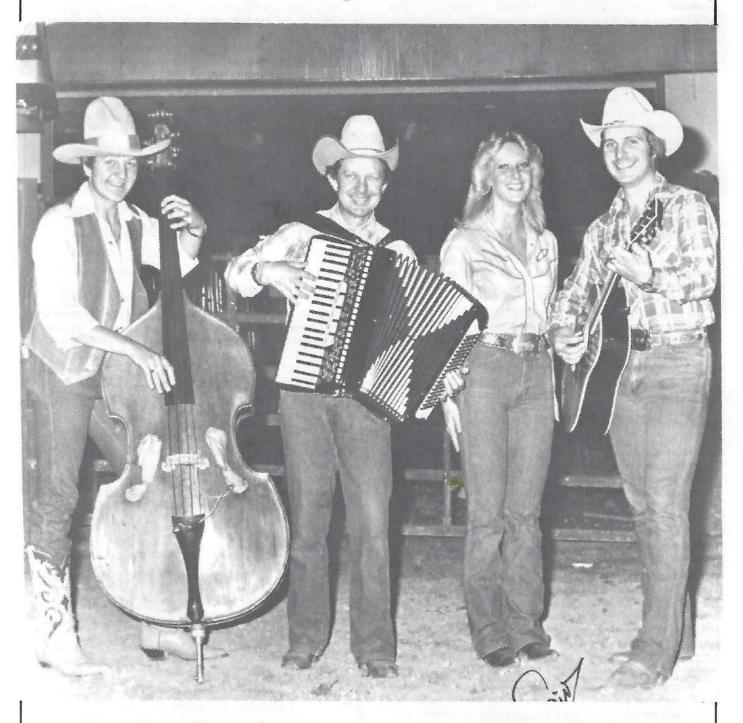
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Saddle Bronc Riding

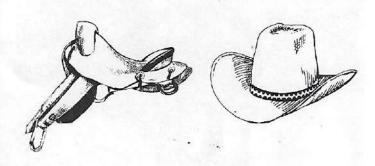
Rodeo's oldest event, saddle bronc riding, is an exercise in style and finesse, which demands near-perfect timing. For a qualified ride, the cowboy must spur over the points of the horse's shoulders as the animal's front feet hit the ground, the first jump out of the chute (called "marking him out"). The contestant then uses his upper body for balance, while his feet move in a smooth arc from the horse's neck to a point near the back of the saddle. To score, he must remain mounted for eight seconds.

Two-time World Champion bronc rider Monty "Hawkeye" Henson feels balance is a very important factor. "Saddle bronc riding is more of a balance event than a contest of strength," he explains. "Lifting the rein and spurring aggressively help keep you in the saddle." Hawkeye says it is also important to know where to hold the rein so the horse will not buck the rider over its head and will perform at its best.

In the riding events (saddle bronc, bareback and bull riding) the cowboys can score up to 100 points. Two judges award from one to 25 points each for the rider and the animal. The animal is judged on how hard it bucks, while the cowboy is judged differently for each event. In saddle bronc riding, the rider is judged by how much he spurs, the degree to which his toes are turned out and if he is in control of the horse. The smoother and more rhythmic the ride, the higher he will score.

To compete in saddle bronc riding at a PRCA rodeo, the cowboy must use an Association saddle built with certain specifications on an approved tree. This is required so that it will not be too easy for the

horse to buck off the rider or too easy for the cowboy to stay seated. The rider may use only one hand to hold onto the six-foot, braided rein and his free hand may not touch the animal, any equipment or his person. Bronc riding spurs are relatively dull and the chaps are of light, soft leather and worn snugly around the legs. Dry resin may be applied to the chaps where they come in contact with the swells, or pommel, of the saddle.



Henson is proud he is a saddle bronc rider. "Saddle bronc is the cornerstone of all the other rodeo events," he says. "If we hadn't broken the horses, the ropers wouldn't have anything to ride."

Bareback Riding

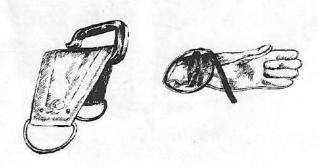
Like saddle bronc, bareback riding is a spurring contest, where the cowboy must make an eight-second ride. The contestant must mark the horse out of the chute, as in saddle bronc, but once in the arena the major difference becomes clear: there are no stirrups and no bronc rein for the rider to hang on to. The rigging, a suit-case like handle, is the only thing between the man and the bucking animal. The tremendous strain placed on the riding hand produces a medical phenomenom known as hypertrophy, an enlargement of a bone in the forearm.

Joe Alexander, five-time World Champion in bareback riding, says, "Bareback is the wildest and most physical of all the events. Because of this it is the second most popular event with the fans, next to bull riding." The rider must do more than just use brute strength to stay on the horse if he wants to score well. A short, snappy type of spurring is employed by the cowboy, ranging from the horse's neck to the rigging. The "lick" (spurring motion) in bareback is more abrupt than that of saddle bronc.

Judging in bareback is based on turn-out of the toes, the amount of exposure to the power of the horse, the proficiency of the lick and how much the rider is in control. Like saddle bronc, the rider must not let his free hand touch anything. With only the rigging to hold on to, the cowboy is affected by each movement of the horse. Generally, this causes the bareback ride to appear wilder and less controlled than a saddle bronc ride.

The rigging is obviously the most important piece of the bareback rider's equipment. Made completely of leather and rawhide, the

rigging fits on the animal's back, specifically over the withers. It measures about two feet in length and must be no more than 10 inches in width at the hand-hold. A leather glove, spurs and usually chaps comprise the remainder of the cowboy's equipment. Resin is allowed on the hand-hold of the rigging and on the glove.



"Alexander the Great" describes what it is like to ride a bareback brone, "The main thing is to concentrate on getting your rigging set straight and then putting your hand in it so it will stay. You scoot up on the rigging and start to think about spurring him out. After that its timing and just trying to stay on the animal. If you really concentrate you can stay ahead of the horse and stay in control."

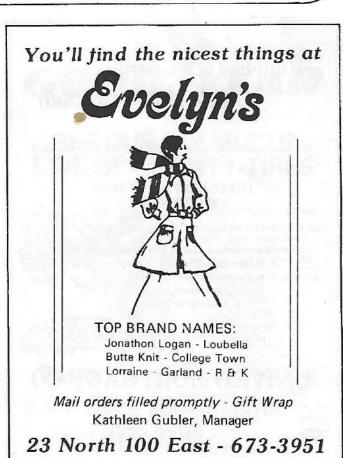
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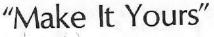
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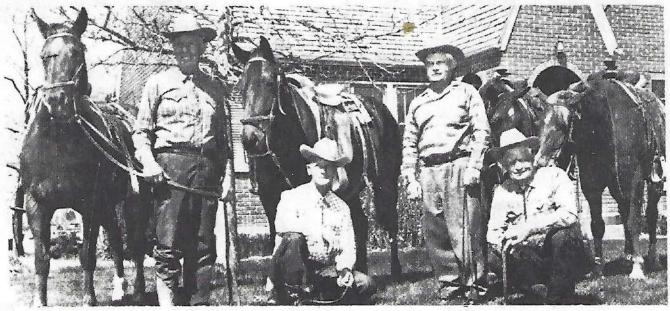
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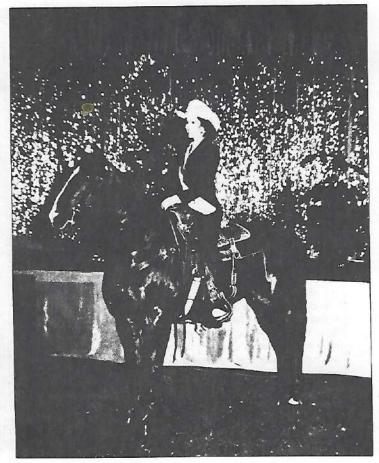
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Steer Wrestling

It takes two people for steer wrestling, a hazer to keep the steer running straight ahead and the wrestler to twist the steer to the ground. From the back of a horse, the cowboy leaps on to the steer's horns while the animal is on the run and wrestles it to the arena floor. As in calf roping, a barrier is used and a 10-second penalty is assessed for breaking the barrier. Time is called when the steer's head and feet are free and pointing in the same direction.

The hazer can play a major role in the success of the steer wrestler according to three-time World Champion Roy Duvall. He says, "This is the only event where you have a man helping you in the arena who is not competing at that time. I try to have my brother haze if I can. The hazer plays an important part, because if he's not where he's supposed to be, you can't get the steer." When the hazer does his job properly, the steer will be positioned near the wrestler's horse, so he can slip out of the saddle and on to the horns. The bulldogger wraps his arms around the horns with a hold resembling a full-nelson. By planting his feet on the ground, he slides the steer to a stop before bringing him to the ground.

This event is also decided by the quickest time, but it is up to the judges to determine if the catch is legal and when the clock is stopped. A good time is under 4.5 seconds. If the steer gets free the wrestler is only allowed to take one step to catch the animal. He is also forbidden from placing his fingers in the eyes, lips or nose of the steer.

Very little special equipment is used in this contest. The bulldogger must furnish his own horse and hazer, but his body is the main piece of "equipment." This is an event which requires both timing and strength. A cowboy who wrestles steers is usually big and powerful,



but since he depends on a combination of strength and leverage, smaller cowboys can make good competitors, too. Duvall adds, "In the last three or four years the steers have been getting smaller and the little guys have the advantage." "Smaller" cattle is in the 400 pound range, while the larger steers can weigh up to 750 pounds.

Team Roping

The secret to team roping is teamwork: between the two cowboys who are roping and between the ropers and their horses. The steer is caught, while on the run, by the header who loops a rope around the animal's horns and dallies his rope (wraps it around the saddle horn). Immediately the heeler ropes both hind feet while the steer is still in an upright position and dallies his rope. Then the cowboys turn their horses so they face each other to "shape the steer." Occasionally a Tie-Face-Option is employed and the ropers are allowed to tie their ropes to the saddle horn. There is a 10-second penalty if the barrier is broken and a five-second penalty if the heeler only ropes one foot.

This event is especially popular in the western states where it originated. Team roping is required in California, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico and Oregon, unless the rodeo offers steer roping. In that part of the country team roping is a part of the cowboy's work. Four-time World Champion team roper Leo Camarillo is a native Californian. "I utilize team roping skills on my own ranch," says Leo. "It's a challenge to catch an unbroken animal in a humane way." Camarillo is a heeler and enjoys his part of the contest. "The heeling process is an art form; it is never the same with two steers," he explains.

Judges, while not assigning scores, do determine if the steer is roped legally and if the header has dallied his rope and turned the steer before the heeler catches the hind legs. For a legal catch the rope must be either around both horns, around half of the head or around the neck. Before time is called the horses must be facing each other and the ropes must be tight. The cowboys are only allowed to carry one rope apiece, but the team is permitted three throws in all. Any time under seven seconds is a good run.

The ropers must provide their own horses and rope. The specifications of the rope depend on the individual, but it is usually a little less than half an inch thick and can be soft, medium or hard. Sometimes the header wears a leather glove on his right hand to prevent rope burns when he dallies the rope to stop the steer. As in the other timed evens, horses play an important role in team roping. Well trained and suited to fast handling, the mounts can make or break a roping team.





Camarillo feels strongly about the significance of the horses. He says, "The more you can work in one unit, the easier it is to excell. You have to try to recognize the horse's leads, so you can coordinate the timing between horse and rider. It is a very similar situation to when you're showing a horse." Team roping is definitely an event of partnership, partnership of more than one kind.

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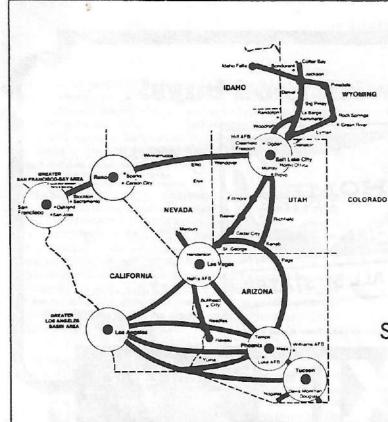
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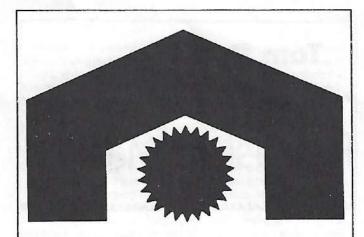
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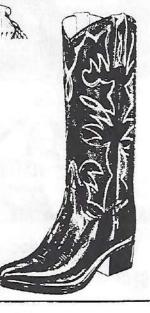
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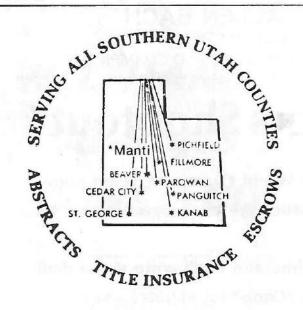
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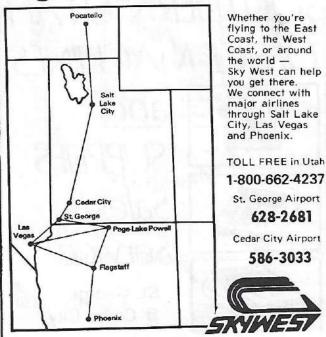
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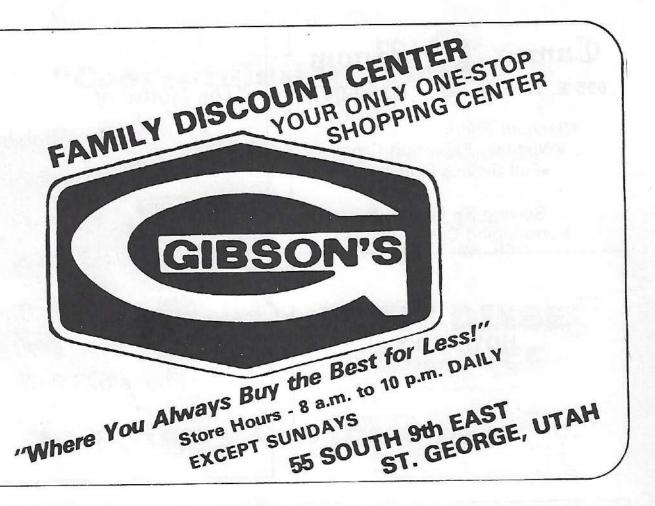
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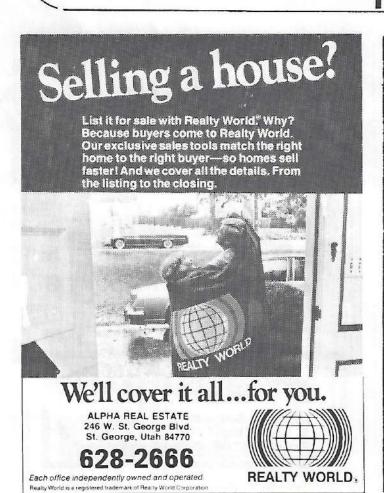


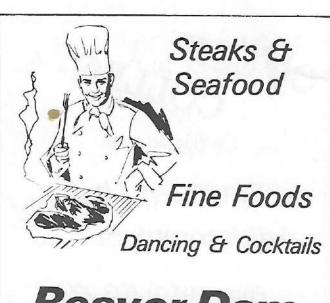
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