

# Big Week more than Rodeo



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The Horse Parade makes its way up Main Street in Salinas in July 2004 on its way to the Salinas Sports Complex and the opening of the California Rodeo Salinas.

*Parades, carnival, golf and poetry offer fun and variety*

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Not all of the California Rodeo action takes place inside the arena at the Salinas Sports Complex or even during the Rodeo's four-day run.

From downtown Salinas to Sherwood Hall, Big Week is full of fun activities for rodeo fans and non-rodeo fans alike.

## Rodeo Carnival

Open since Friday at the Expo Site off Highway 101 and Market Street, the Rodeo Carnival has rides and attractions for the whole family.

The carnival opens at 4 p.m. on weeknights and 11 a.m. on weekends, and it will continue until Sunday.

## The Cowboy Astronomer

The J. Fredric Ching Planetarium at Hartnell College has launched a new Western star show that is out of this world.

Cowboy poet Baxter Black will narrate "The Cowboy Astronomer," the planetarium's newest show just in time for Big Week and the Rodeo.

The star show starts at 7 p.m. Wednesday and continues until Saturday.

Tickets can be purchased at Hartnell College's Workforce and Community Development Center at Room HCC104 or 10 minutes before show time at the door. To buy tickets for four people or more, call 755-6800. Tickets are \$6 per person. Advanced orders are highly recommended since the facility only has room for 54 people.

## Kiddie Kapers Parade

The annual Kiddie Kapers Parade, the traditional opening event for the California Rodeo Salinas, turns 76 this year. During this year's parade, thou-

sands of youngsters are expected to march through Oldtown Salinas in creative costumes. This year's theme is "Fun in the Sun." The parade is free to all youngsters 12 and under.

The event starts at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Salinas Recreation Center at 320 Lincoln Ave.

## Cowboy Shoot Out Golf Tournament

Beginning with a bright and early cowboy breakfast, the 14th annual California Rodeo Cowboy Shoot Out Golf Tournament kicks off with a "shotgun start" at 8 a.m. sharp Wednesday at the Laguna Seca Golf Ranch.

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