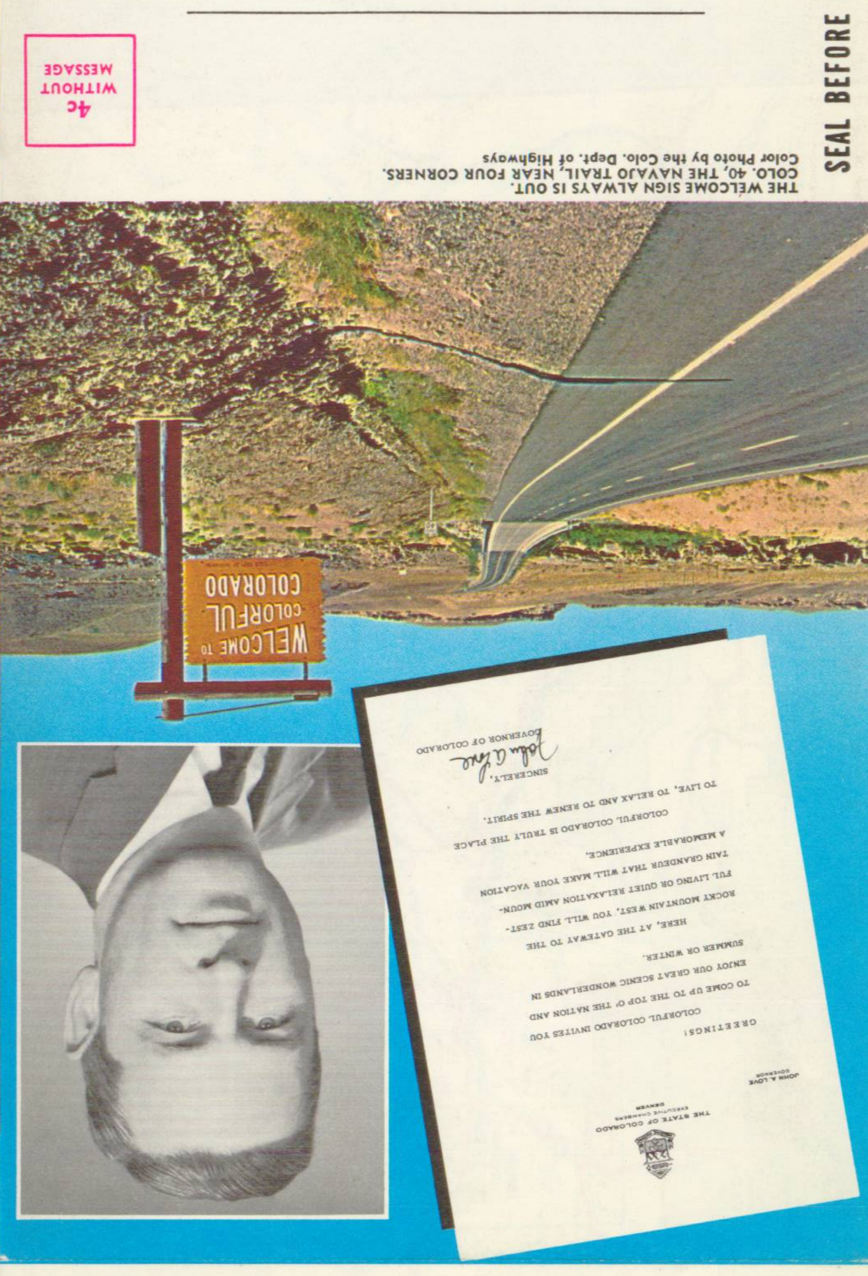
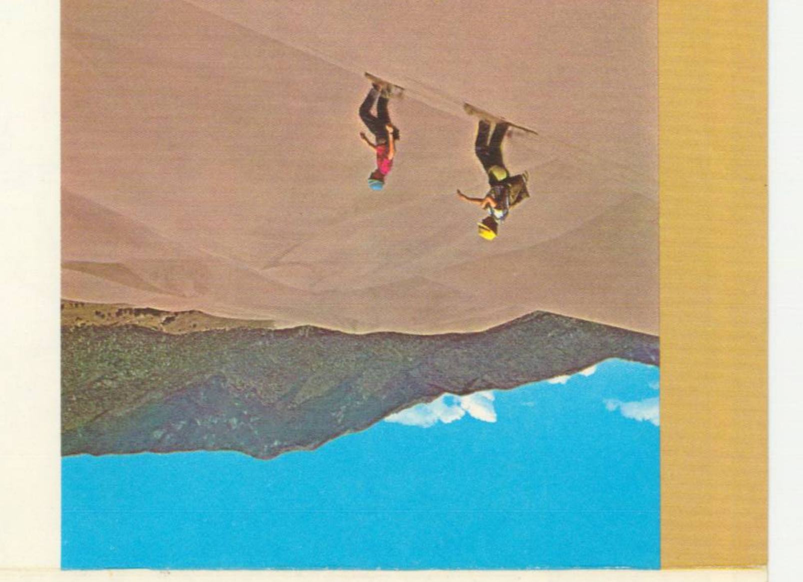




Colorado

Treasure Chest of History, Zestful Air, Spectacular Scenery, Natural Resources

MILLIONS OF YEARS in the past, the 85-foot long dinosaur roamed through Colorado. Ancient Man tracked down the ponderous mammoth 25,000 years ago in this state, one of the first areas on the continent to be inhabited. Later the Cliff Dwellers built their strange settlements and vanished behind the mysterious veil of time to be replaced by the prehistoric Indians.

LESS THAN 50 YEARS after Columbus discovered America, Captain-General Francisco Coronado ...

NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL MONUMENTS

TOP OF THE NATION is a designation properly belonging to Colorado because it is the highest of the 50 States and contains 75 per cent of all the area in the United States except Alaska which is 10,000 feet or more above sea level. Colorado has 1,143 mountains and peaks which rise to an elevation of 10,000 feet. Of these, 830 peaks tower between 11,000 and 14,000 feet, and 53 peaks are 14,000 feet high, or more. Colorado's average altitude is 6,800 feet.

THE DENVER-BOULDER TURNPIKE, 17.3 miles long, Colorado's only state-operated toll road, connects the Capital City and the site of the University of Colorado. It is a favored route to summer and winter playgrounds. Toll is 25 cents a car.

AMERICA'S HIGHEST AUTO ROAD climbs to the top of Mount Evans, 14,264 feet high, which is 56 miles west of Denver. State Highway 103 runs from Idaho Springs to Echo Lake, which also may be reached by a paved road which leaves U.S. 40 at Bergen Park and goes over Squaw Pass. From enchanting Echo Lake, State Highway 5 lifts to Mount Evans and breathtaking views far across the plains or over the tops of row upon row of mountain ranges.

THE TOP OF PIKES PEAK, 14,110 feet high, may be reached by an auto road which is owned by the City of Colorado Springs. Toll charge is $1 a person; children, 6-12 years old, 25 cents.

THE TRAIL RIDGE ROAD, on U.S. 34, through Rocky Mountain National Park, rises to 12,183 feet to connect Estes Park to Grand Lake, and is the highest continuous auto road in the nation. A fee of $1 a car is charged by the Federal Government. All three of these highways usually are open from early June through October.

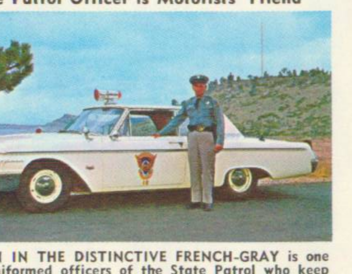
ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, embracing 406 square miles of spectacular scenery, is easily accessible the year round over broad, paved roads. The Park contains 80 massive peaks, including 14,256-foot Longs Peak. The town of Estes Park, beside Lake Estes at the Park's eastern entrance, is a well-equipped, year-round resort area, served by U.S. 34 and State Highways 7 and 66. The Western Park entrance is on U.S. 34, which goes through the Shadow Mountain National Recreation Area and past Granby Reservoir and Shadow Mountain Lake to Grand Lake. The Hidden Valley Winter Use Area offers excellent skiing, and shuttle buses operate throughout the area in the winter sports season, usually from December to May. In the Grand Lake-Estes Park areas is located the mammoth Grand Lake-Big Thompson water diversion project of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation which brings water from the Western to the Eastern Slope through a 13-mile tunnel piercing the Continental Divide.

INFORMATION FOR MOTORISTS

SPEED LIMITS: The posted speed limit constitutes the legal speed limit, and more than 8,100 miles of the State Highway System are posted. By statute, speed limits are set at 20 miles an hour on narrow, winding mountain highways and blind curves, 40 miles an hour on open mountain highways, 60 miles an hour on other open surfaced highways or 70 miles an hour where approved by the Highway Commission and so posted.

COLORADO'S HIGHWAY PROGRAM is proceeding at an accelerated rate. Extensive roadbuilding in every section of the State may cause slight delays, and motorists are asked to follow instructions to slow down and to drive carefully through construction projects.

State Patrol Officer is Motorists' Friend



THE MAN IN THE DISTINCTIVE FRENCH-GRAY ...

AS YOU DRIVE, observe the white and yellow center-stripes on curves and hills — keep in the right-hand lane and do not pass the car ahead while yellow line is in your lane. Posted speed signs, "Curve," "Winding Road" and other caution signs ...

FREEWAY DRIVING is different. ...

BLACK CANON NATIONAL MONUMENT near Montrose is truly one of nature's impressive masterpieces. The monument area embraces a 10-mile strip of the most spectacular section of a 50-mile canon cut through granite by the Gunnison River. Scientists say that millions of years were required by nature to carve out this narrow canon with its sheer walls ranging up to 2,425 feet high. The canon is reached by State Highway 347, leading from U.S. 50 a few miles east of Montrose, or from a local road leading from State Highway 92, a few miles south of Crawford.

COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT, a half-hour's drive west from Grand Junction, is a high-walled mesa of red and white sandstone formations that overlooks the Colorado River and its broad, fertile valley of orchards and farm lands. Bison, deer and elk roam the region, protected by the National Park Service. Nearby are great dinosaur beds from which have been excavated skeletons of 75-foot long reptiles. An excellent highway, built by the National Park Service, winds through the Park area. Grand Mesa, a two-mile high tableland, dotted with lakes, the largest flat-topped mountain in the U.S., may be reached by Colo. 64 from Grand Junction or Delta.

DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT, in northwestern Colorado and northeastern Utah, includes 206,760 acres of primitive country untouched by the works of man. Impressive scenic features have been fashioned by the Green and Yampa Rivers, which flow through deep, narrow canons with pecipitous, queerly carved, delecately tinted sandstone cliffs. These canons are dark and forbidding, with sheer walls which reach a height of 2,000 feet. At Jensen, Utah, a local road from U.S. 40 takes the motorist to the western section of the area where great beds of dinosaurs, some more than 84 feet long, may be seen.

GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL MONUMENT is reached via State Highway 17 and State Highway 150 from Alamosa, on U.S. 160. The area includes 36,740 acres of varicolored sand, 600 feet high, that lie in ever-shifting waves and rolls in the San Luis Valley, just west of the Sangre de Cristo Range.

HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT, on the Utah border west of Cortez, contains groups of ancient cliff dwellings. A ranger is on duty at the Square Tower Group.

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK contains the best preserved cliff dwellings and other works of early man in the U.S. The Park, 80 square miles in area, embraces a high-walled mesa that rises 2,000 feet above Montezuma Valley. Deep canons with sheer cliff walls pierce the mesa. In these canons, clinging like swallow nests under the lips of the huge cliffs, are the deserted villages of a bygone race, the small-statured Cliff Dwellers. The Basket Makers inhabited the area before 600 A.D., and the Cliff Dwellers as late as 1100 A.D. Where they came from, where they went, and what happened to them, are shrouded in mystery. Housing accommodations and meals are available at Park headquarters near Spruce Tree Ruin. Entrance fee is $1 per car. Season, May 15 to October 15.

The Southern Ute Indian Reservation, only Indian Reservation in Colorado, is adjacent to Mesa Verde.

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS may be viewed to good advantage by driving over a county road from U.S. 6 near Vail Pass to Redcliff.

COLORADO MOUNTAIN PEAKS

Fifty-three Colorado peaks are 14,000 feet high or more. The State has 830 other peaks more than 11,000 feet in altitude.

Mt. Elbert	14,431	Mt. Belford	14,197	Culebra Peak	14,069
Mt. Harvard	14,420	Mt. Yale	14,194	Missouri Mountain	14,067
Mt. Massive	14,418	Crestone Needle	14,191	Sunlight Peak	14,060
La Plata Peak	14,340	Mt. Bross	14,169	Mt. Bierstadt	14,060
Blanca Peak	14,317	El Diente	14,159	Redcloud Peak	14,050

NATIONAL FORESTS • SCENIC AREAS • SPECIAL EVENTS

COLORADO'S MOUNTAIN REGION includes 12 National Forests containing 13,714,353 acres administered by the U.S. Forest Service. These National Forests (shown in green on State Highway map) include areas set aside by the Federal Government for the protection of watersheds for cities and irrigated farming land, for the conservation of timber, and the development of these great forest resources. Game refuges, administered by Colorado's Game and Fish Department, have been established for the conservation of wild life.

THOUSANDS OF SPORTSMEN visit Colorado each year to fish and hunt. Hundreds of tons of trout are placed annually in the streams and lakes by Colorado's Game and Fish Department, which issues licenses. Fishing season, year round. Big game season opens October 19. Annual harvest: 148,000 deer, 11,800 elk.

THE DENVER MOUNTAIN PARKS, a 30-minute drive west of Denver, are an extensive summer and winter recreation area. Scenic drives include: Lookout Mountain, the grave of "Buffalo Bill" Cody and Pahaska Tepee, a museum of his trophies; Red Rocks and amphitheater; the Mother Cabrini Shrine; Bear Creek Canon and Evergreen Lake. U.S. 6, through historic Clear Creek Canon, leads to the mining districts of Idaho Springs, Georgetown, Silver Plume, Black Hawk and Central City, site of famous Teller House and Opera House; St. Mary's Glacier, and the drive via Echo Lake to summit of Mount Evans. Points of interest in Denver include: Denver Museum of Natural History and the Zoo in City Park; State Capitol and nearby State Historical Museum and Denver Art Museum; Civic Center; U.S. Mint; Stapleton Airport, Lowry Air Force Base; Veterans' Hospital; Colo. General Hospital. Near Denver are: Fitzsimons General Hospital and the Federal Center.

THE PIKES PEAK REGION, centering around Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs, is a noted vacation area. Scenic drives include: Toll road to top of Pikes Peak; Garden of the Gods; Rampart Range; Ute Pass and Woodland Park; Gold Camp highway to mining towns of Cripple Creek and Victor; Palmer Lake; Seven Falls; Cheyenne Mountain with its Will Rogers Shrine and Mountain Zoo, and Cave of the Winds. In Colorado Springs are the Fine Arts Center and the Colorado College and Pioneer Museums. Just north of Colorado Springs is the Air Force Academy.

THE PUEBLO DISTRICT includes Pueblo, "The Steel City of the West," and Canon City, site of the State Penitentiary and, nearby, the world's highest suspension bridge over the Royal Gorge of the Arkansas River. Toll is $1 per person, 50c each for children. In Pueblo are the State Hospital and El Pueblo Museum. State Highways 76 and 165 lead to vacation areas in San Isabel National Forest.

MINERAL HOT SPRINGS, many of them reported to possess curative qualities, are located on every highway route through Colorado's mountains. The largest group is at Steamboat Springs on U.S. 40. Others on U.S. 40 are located at Idaho Springs and at Hot Sulphur Springs. The famed pool at Glenwood Springs is on U.S. 6 and 24. The springs at Manitou, at Hartsel, and the Cottonwood and Mount Princeton Springs near Buena Vista are all on or adjacent to U.S. 24. Others are located at Canon City and Salida, on U.S. 50; Pagosa Springs on U.S. 160; Ouray, Trimble and Pinkerton springs, on U.S. 550; Poncha Springs on U.S. 285, and Waunita Hot Springs, near Gunnison, on U.S. 50.

HISTORIC SITES are at Bent's Old Fort near La Junta, on the Old Santa Fe Trail; Pike's Stockade near La Jara, and Fort Vasquez near Platteville. Museums include: Fort Garland and Adams State College, Alamosa; Healy House and Dexter Cabin, Leadville; Baca House, Bloom Mansion and Pioneer Museum, Trinidad; Ute Indian Museum, Montrose; Henderson Museum, Boulder; School of Mines Museum, Golden; Meeker Memorial Museum, Greeley; and pioneer museums at: Akron, Boulder, Canon City, Cripple Creek, Ft. Collins, Las Animas, Longmont, Loveland, Saguache, Hot Sulphur Springs and Steamboat Springs. The Petrified Forest near Florissant contains some of the largest petrified stumps known.

THE STATE FLOWER is the mountain Columbine. The State seal carries the Latin words "Nil Sine Numine" (Nothing without Providence). The State flag consists of a large red C, with its inside circle colored a golden yellow, and three horizontal stripes, one white, two blue. Blue is for the skies, gold for the sunshine, white for snow-capped mountains, and red for Spanish interpretation of "Colorado." State bird is the lark bunting. State tree is the blue spruce.

COLORADO MOUNTAIN PASSES

O Indicates passes kept open throughout the year. ● Passes closed to winter travel.

O Berthoud Pass	E-13	11,314	U.S. 40	O North Pass	L-10	10,149	Colo. 114
● Cumbres Pass	P-11	10,022	Colo. 17	O Poncha Pass	K-12	9,010	U.S. 285

OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

MAY — 1) Great Sand Dunes National Monument opens, Alamosa; 15) Mesa Verde National Park opens; 25, 26) Arabian Horse Show, Littleton; 18) Pancake Festival, Aurora; 23-25) Buffalo Bill Rodeo, Golden; 26-28) 75th Anniversary Celebration, Holyoke; 30) Trail Ridge road opens, Estes Park; Narrow Gauge Train trip, Silverton and return, Alamosa; opening Francisco Fort Museum, La Veta.

JUNE — 1) Wild Game Dinner, Street Dance, Westcliffe; Kowboy Karnival, Hotchkiss; 2) Parade and Barbecue, Saguache; 7-9) Arkansas River White Water Boat Race, Salida; 8, 9) Rodeo, Salida; Rodeo, Grand Junction; Appaloosa Horse Show, Littleton; 9) Sunrise Slalom and Water Ski Tournament, Grand Lake; 13-15) Ute Mountain Roundup, Cortez; 14-16) Horse Show, Littleton; 15) Strawberry Day, Glenwood Springs; 15, 16) Cattlemen's Days and Quarter Horse Show, Craig; Horse Show, Grand Junction; 15-Sept. 30) Opera Season, Creede; 16) Rodeo, Westcliffe; 17-22) Rio Grande Raft Race, Creede to South Fork; 17-23) Horse Show, Loveland; 20-Aug. 22) Summer Theater, Aurora; 21-24) World's Championship Intercollegiate Rodeo, Fair Grounds, Littleton; 21, 22) Quarter Horse Show, Colorado Springs; 22) Barbecue, Alamosa; Ride 'n Tie Rodeo, Craig; 29) Street of Flags Festival, Empire; 29-July 27) Opera Season, Central City; 30) Water Ski Races, Grand Lake.

JULY — 1, 2) Arabian Horse Show, Estes Park; 2-4) Rodeo, Fireworks, Greeley; 3, 4) Amateur Rodeo, Brush; Rodeo, Reenactment, "Meeker Massacre," Meeker; 4) Celebrations: Boulder, Colorado Springs, Dove Creek, Englewood, Ft. Morgan, Gunnison, Otis, Security, Steamboat Springs, Telluride; Cherry Festival, Paonia; Rodeo, Sugar City; 4-5) Rodeo, Center; Red Ryder Roundup, Pagosa Springs; 4-6) Tote-Gote Classic, Glenwood Springs; 5-7) Convention, Photographic Society of America, Denver; Easter Seal Handicamp Gold Rush Days, Idaho Springs; 12-14) Gold Rush Days, Victor; Horse Show, Loveland; 13, 20, 27) Koshare Ceremonials, La Junta; 14) Buffalo Barbecue, Grand Lake; 15-21) Denver Post Opera, Denver; 19-21) Ute Trail Stampede Rodeo, Woodland Park; Cattlemen's Days Rodeo, Gunnison; Ride 'n Tie Rodeo, Craig; 20, 21) Quarter Horse Show, Estes Park; Rodeo, Walden; Horse Show, Littleton; 24) Missouri Day, Fowler; 25-30) Pow Wow Rodeo, Boulder; 25-Aug. 20) Rocky Mountain News Show Wagon, Denver; 26-28) Park County Fair, Rodeo, World Championship Pack Burro Race, Fairplay; Indian Pow Wow, Mancos Day, Mancos; 27, 28) Pack Burro Race Days, Leadville; Gold Days, Fairplay.

AUGUST — 1) Crowley County Day, Ordway; 1-3) Ski-Hi Stampede, Monte Vista; 1-4) Rooftop Rodeo, Estes Park; 2-4) Spanish Trails Fiesta, Durango; Jefferson County Rodeo, Golden; Kids Rodeo, La Junta; Teller County Fair, Cripple Creek; 3-4) Rodeo, Grand Lake; Horse Show, Steamboat Springs; 3, 10, 17, 24) Koshare Ceremonials, La Junta; 3-17) Shakespearian Festival, U of C, Boulder; 3-31) Theater, Central City; 3-Sept. 2) Douglas County Fair, Rodeo, Castle Rock; 4) Georgetown Day, Georgetown; 4-10) Ute Sun Dance, Ignacio; 5, 6) Weld County Jr. Fair, Greeley; 5-8) Morgan County Jr. Fair, Brush; 2-8) Phillips County Fair, Holyoke; 7) Howdy Day, Ft. Morgan; 7-10) Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, Colorado Springs; Fair, Brush; 8-10) San Miguel Basin Rodeo, Norwood; Elbert County Fair, Kiowa; 10-11) Appaloosa Horse Show, Estes Park; 11) Arapahoe Glacier Hike, Boulder; 11-18) Yacht Club Regatta, Grand Lake; 12, 13) Weld County Fair, Greeley; 12-14) Morgan County Jr. Fair, Brush; Yuma County Fair, Wray; 13) Baca County Fair, Rodeo, Springfield; 13-15) Sedgwick County Fair, Rodeo, Julesburg; 13-18) Arapahoe County Jr. Fair, Little Britches Rodeo, Littleton; 14) Flower Show, Center; 14-17) Delta County Fair, Hotchkiss; 15-17) Roundup, Akron; Tri-County Fair, Alamosa; 16) Quarter Horse Show, Springfield; 16-18) El Paso County Fair, Calhan; Buffalo Bar-B-Q Days, Manitou Springs; 17) Pancake Day, Glenwood Springs; 17, 18) Baca County Fair, Rodeo, Springfield; 18-21) Larimer County Fair, Rodeo, Loveland; 19-21) Sand and Sage Roundup, Lamar; 19-22) Arkansas Valley Fair, Rocky Ford; Logan County Fair, Rodeo, Sterling; 21-22) Moffat County Fair, Craig; 21-24) Boulder County Fair, Rodeo, Longmont; 23, 24) County Fair, Meeker; 24, 25) Skin Diving Meet, Grand Lake; 25) Pikes Peak Marathon, Manitou Springs; 28-31) Garfield County Fair, Quarter Horse Show, Rifle; 29-Sept. 1) Garfield County Fair, Glenwood Springs; 31) Valley Days Celebration, Fountain; 31-Sept. 2) Little Britches Rodeo, Cedaredge; Rodeo, Ridgway.

SEPTEMBER — 2) Fall Festival, Simla; Harvest Festival, Cedaredge; Whitewater Races, Glenwood Springs; 6-8) La Plata County Fair, Durango; Routt County Fair, Hayden; 7, 8) Harvest Festival, Bennett; 12-14) Kiowa County Fair, Eads; 13-15) Ute Indian Fair and Rodeo, Ignacio; 14, 15) Beecher Island Reunion, Yuma; 15-30) Fall Color Days, Ouray; 20-22) "Color-ide," Telluride; 21) Corn Festival, Haxtun; Fall Festival, Fleming; 22) Jeep Aspen Color Tour, Salida; 23-28) Aspencade, Steamboat Springs; 24-Oct. 4) National Security Seminar, Denver; 27-29) Stone Age Fair, Loveland; 29) Rodeo, Alamosa.

OCTOBER — 3-6) Jr. Rodeo, Four Corners Horse Show, Cortez; 5) Pioneer Day, Norwood; 7-12) Four Corners Harvest Festival, Cortez.

NOVEMBER — 11) Slum-Gullion Meal, Veterans Parade, Springfield.

DECEMBER — Christmas Lighting: Boulder, Denver; 22) Yule Log Ceremony, Palmer Lake; 28, 29) Koshare Ceremonials, La Junta; 31) AdAmAn Fireworks display, Top of Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs.

JANUARY, 1964 — 10-18) National Western Stock Show.

STATE FAIR — Pueblo, Aug. 24-31.

FISHING — All Year.

HUNTING — Big game opens Oct. 19, Western Slope; Oct. 26, Eastern Slope.

BASEBALL — Pacific Coast League AAA season opens April 15, Denver.

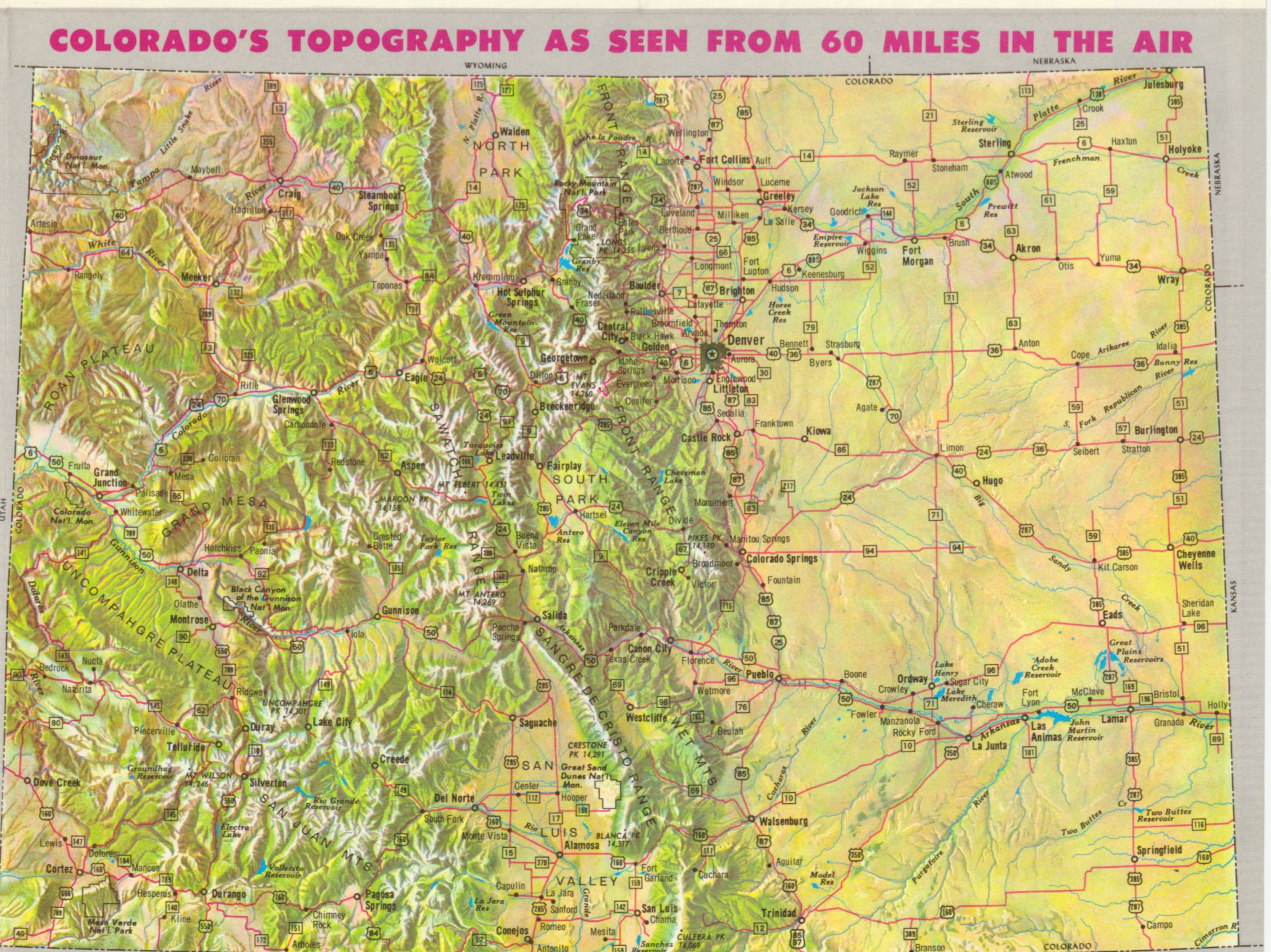
PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL — AFL season opens in September, Denver.

SKI SEASON — Starts in November.

MILEAGE TABLE

KEY TO LOCATIONS OF CITIES AND TOWNS

COLORADO'S TOPOGRAPHY AS SEEN FROM 60 MILES IN THE AIR



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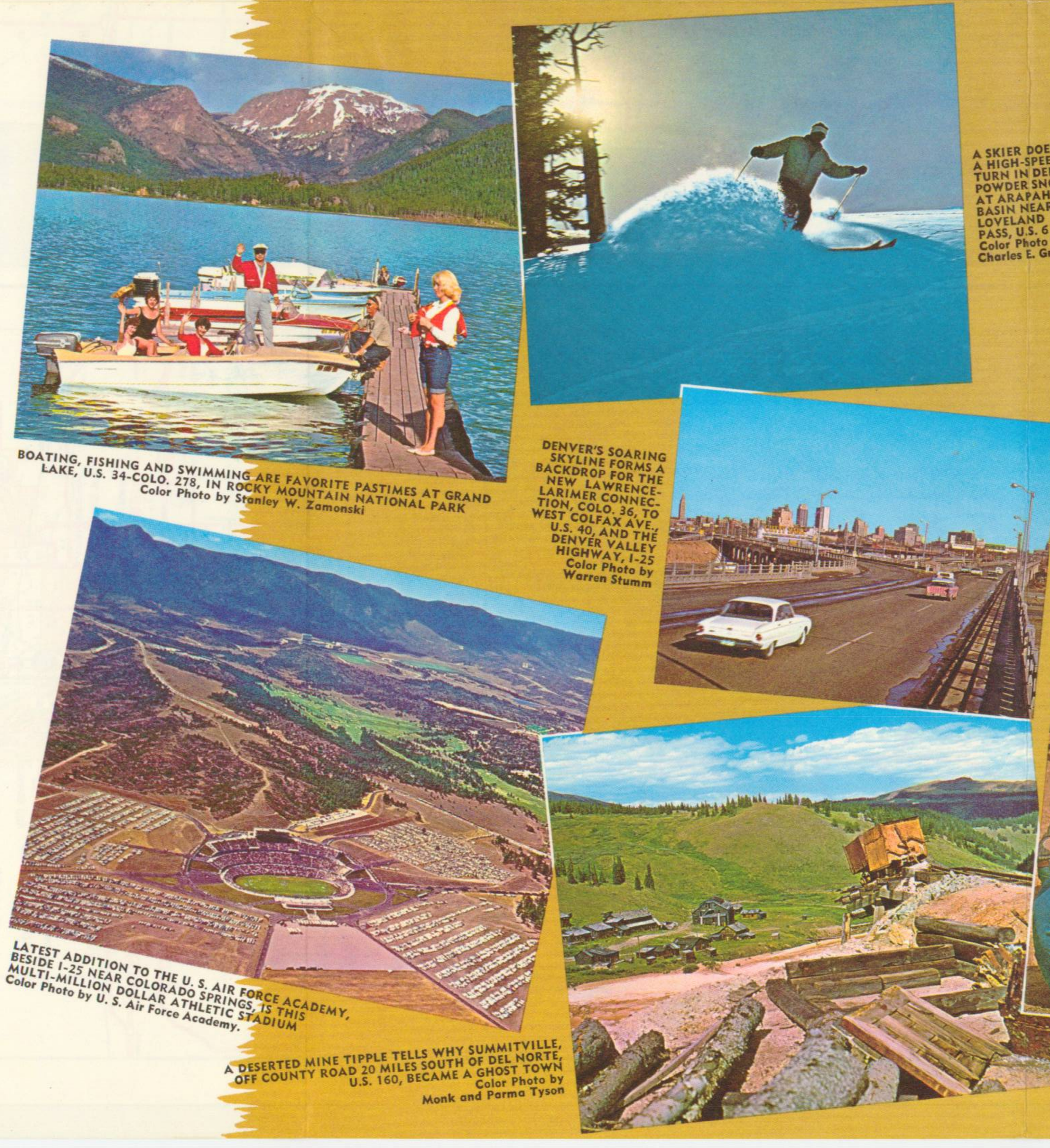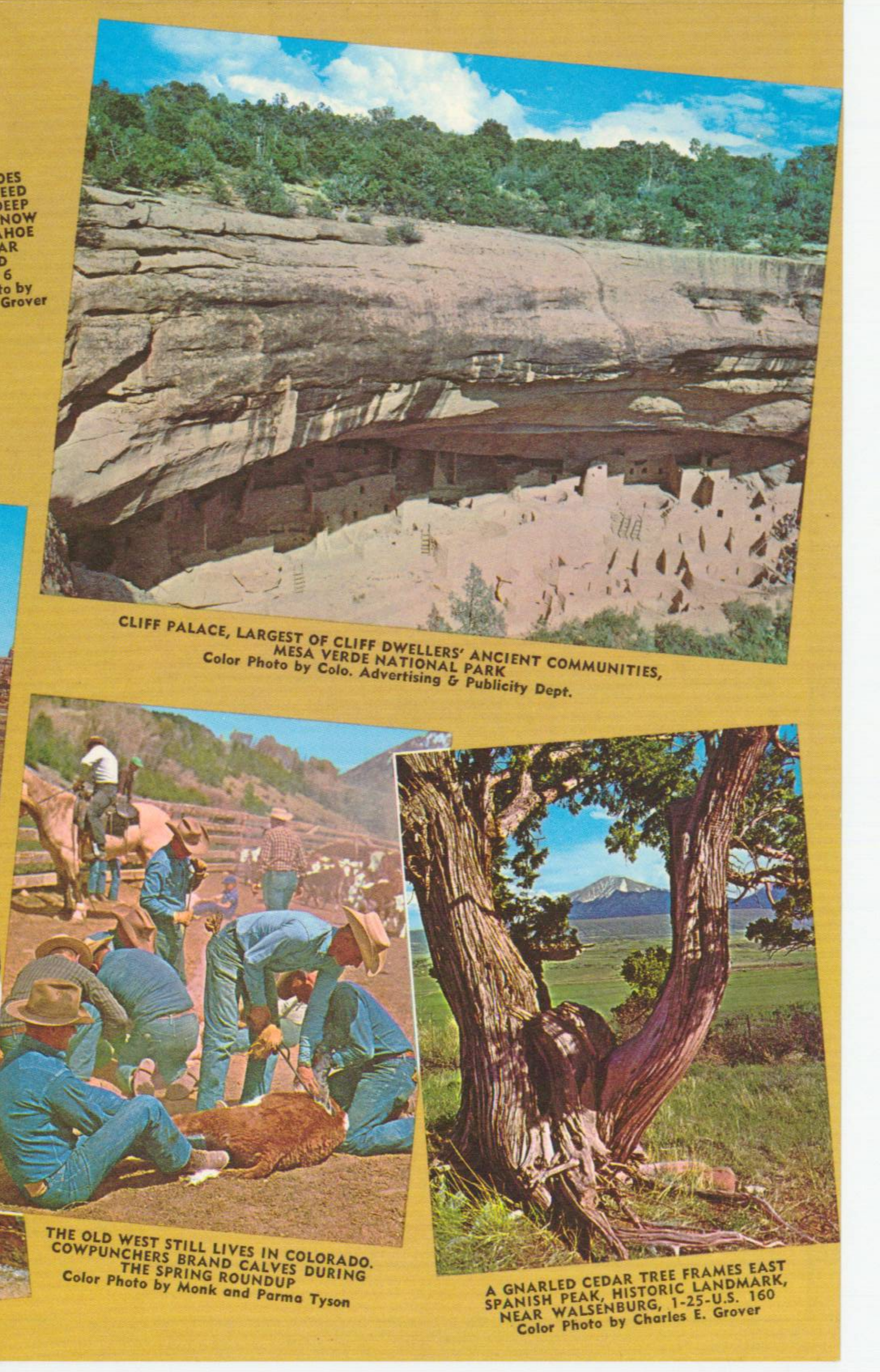
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