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On top of the World



Non-pro Mary Jo Milner, pictured with granddaughter Jordan Milner, is after her seventh World Championship title; Jordan, 2004 Junior Youth Reserve Champion, leads the 2005 Senior Youth standings.

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AQHA Welcome Reception

American Quarter Horse at the Ambassador Hotel

Friday, February 17
6:30 p.m.



The race is on, as riders in 11 divisions vie for approximately \$600,000 in prize money and a coveted spot in the 2005 NCHA World Championship standings.

This year's World Finals ushers in a new format for the Open and Non-Pro divisions, where four checks will be awarded during three go-rounds and a finals, rather than five checks for

four go-rounds and a "non-working" finals, as in the past.

All other divisions will consist of two go-rounds and a finals. After all the go-rounds are complete, each entry's earnings will be tabulated and the World standings in each division updated.

The top five contenders in the revised World standings will advance to the finals only if they have competed in a go-round

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$50,000 Amateur - 1st round
\$20,000 Non-Pro - 1st round

Amarillo Hospitality Room
Open daily

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$50,000 Amateur - 2nd round
\$20,000 Non-Pro - 2nd round

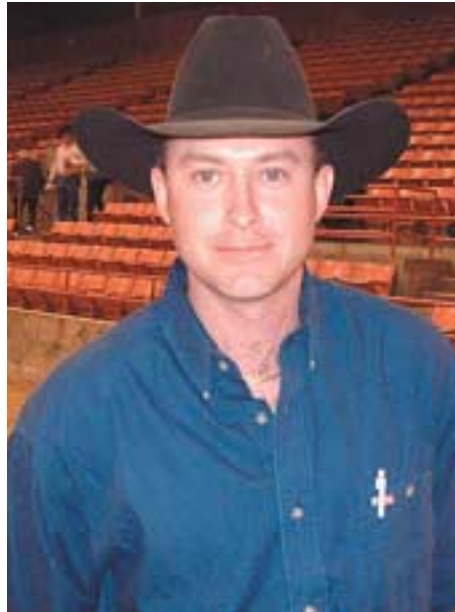
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Live webcast of World Finals

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Junior Youth - 1st round
Senior Youth - 1st round

\$20,000 Non-Pro - Finals
\$50,000 Amateur - Finals



Left to right: Boyd Rice leads 2005 Open standings on Bobs Hickory Rio, owned by James Kenney, Amarillo, TX; Allen Crouch is ranked second in Open competition aboard Show Biz Pep, owned by Lee Garner, Batesville, MS; Jim Milner, Southlake, TX, is in second place behind his wife Mary Jo in Non-Pro standings.

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of that class at the World Finals. The remainder of the finalists will be determined by the highest combined scores from the go-rounds and a total of 15 entries (plus ties) will advance to each class finals.

Divisional show champions will be determined by the total money won at the World Finals, except for the Youth classes, which will be determined by points.

Bobs Hickory Rio, ridden by Boyd Rice for James Kenney, has a lock on the Open World Championship with \$87,153. Show Biz Pep doesn't have a lock on the Reserve Championship, but he does have a big key with \$65,510 earned under Allen Crouch for Lee Garner.


"He's the best horse I've ever owned," said Kenney, 91, of Bobs Hickory Rio, an 8-year-old son of Bob Acre Doc. "And I think Boyd Rice is one of the best young hands there is."

"He likes to win," said Rice of Kenney's stallion. "We weren't second very many times. We were either first or last - but lots of firsts."

Kenney was ranked among the NCHA Open Top 10 in 1958 and 1959 aboard Joe's Last, and again in 1966 on Jose Uno, who went on to become 1969 World Champion under Roy Huffaker. Kenney also won the 1968 Futurity on Uno Princess.

While a still robust Kenney enjoys watching Rice ride, he admits nothing compares to the thrill of doing it himself.

"You bet," said Kenney, when asked if he misses being able to ride. "But I'd have to call back about 50 years, as old as I am."



"A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor."



You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

Ronald Abbott	Sumner, TX	Arturo Hernandez	Whitewright, TX
Christy Ainsworth	Georgetown, LA	Dennis Hines	Loretto, PA
Richard Andersen	Salinas, CA	Colin Horowitz	Malibu, CA
Katherine Cecelia Bonelli	Penngrove, CA	Donald Hudson	Canada
Floyd Boss	Fresno, CA	Vickie Hurt	Weatherford, TX
Brady Bowen	Jacksboro, TX	Joe Kimbro	Sunol, CA
Richard Bright	Waverly, OH	Daniel Lee	Easley, SC
Monti Byers	Rockville, IN	Bob Lee	Terrell, TX
Christel Cash	Ukiah, CA	Happy Lempesis	Wadmalaw Island, SC
Andres Castro	Brooks, GA	Wayland Long	Poolville, TX
June Marie Chittenden	Jackson, MI	Keith Martin	Lamar, OK
Patricia Corley	Calhoun, LA	Larry McCoy	Mount Vernon, IL
George Costa	Aledo, TX	Alan Norton	South Wayne, WI
Sherry Craft	Stephenville, TX	Bret Wayne Parsons	Congerville, IL
Cathy Dalton	Ava, MO	Laurie Pieterick	Spokane, WA
Frank Dillon	Lewiston, ID	Cobb Prince	Sanger, TX
Denny Dixon	Canada	Robby Richardson	Madisonville, TX
Lia Ferrarini	Italy	Kailee Rodenbeck	Sanger, CA
Marti Fonsen	Windsor, CA	Darrell Slinkard	Fulton, KS
Melissa Lyons Gardner	La Marque, TX	Denise Spitler	Weatherford, TX
Bud Gibson	Waimanalo, HI	Neil Stevenson	Canada
Mitch Harrison	Catlett, VA	Susan Tatum	Clovis, NM
Barbara Hazard	Bellville, TX	Dan Van Cleve	Meridian, MS
Joe Heim	Thackerville, OK		

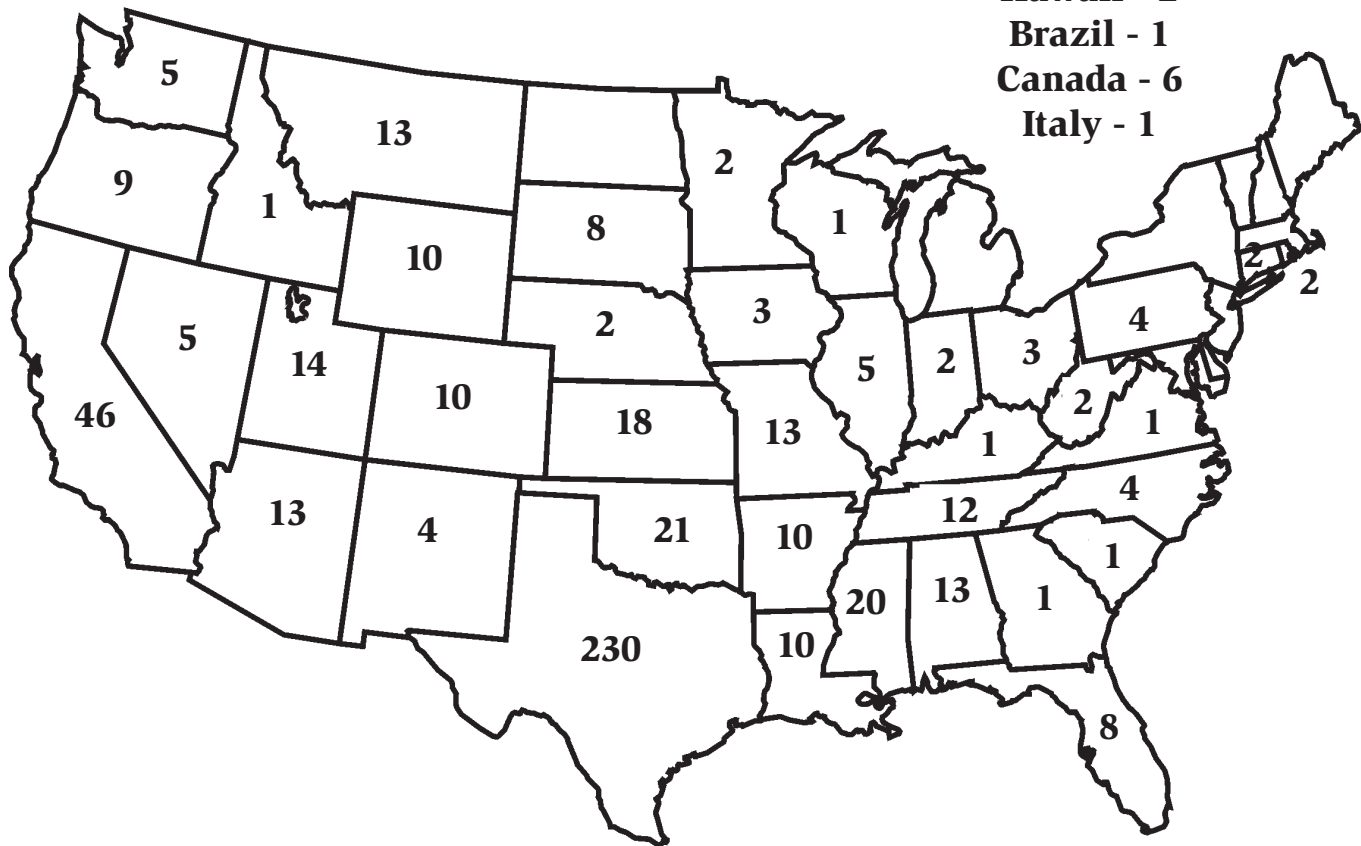


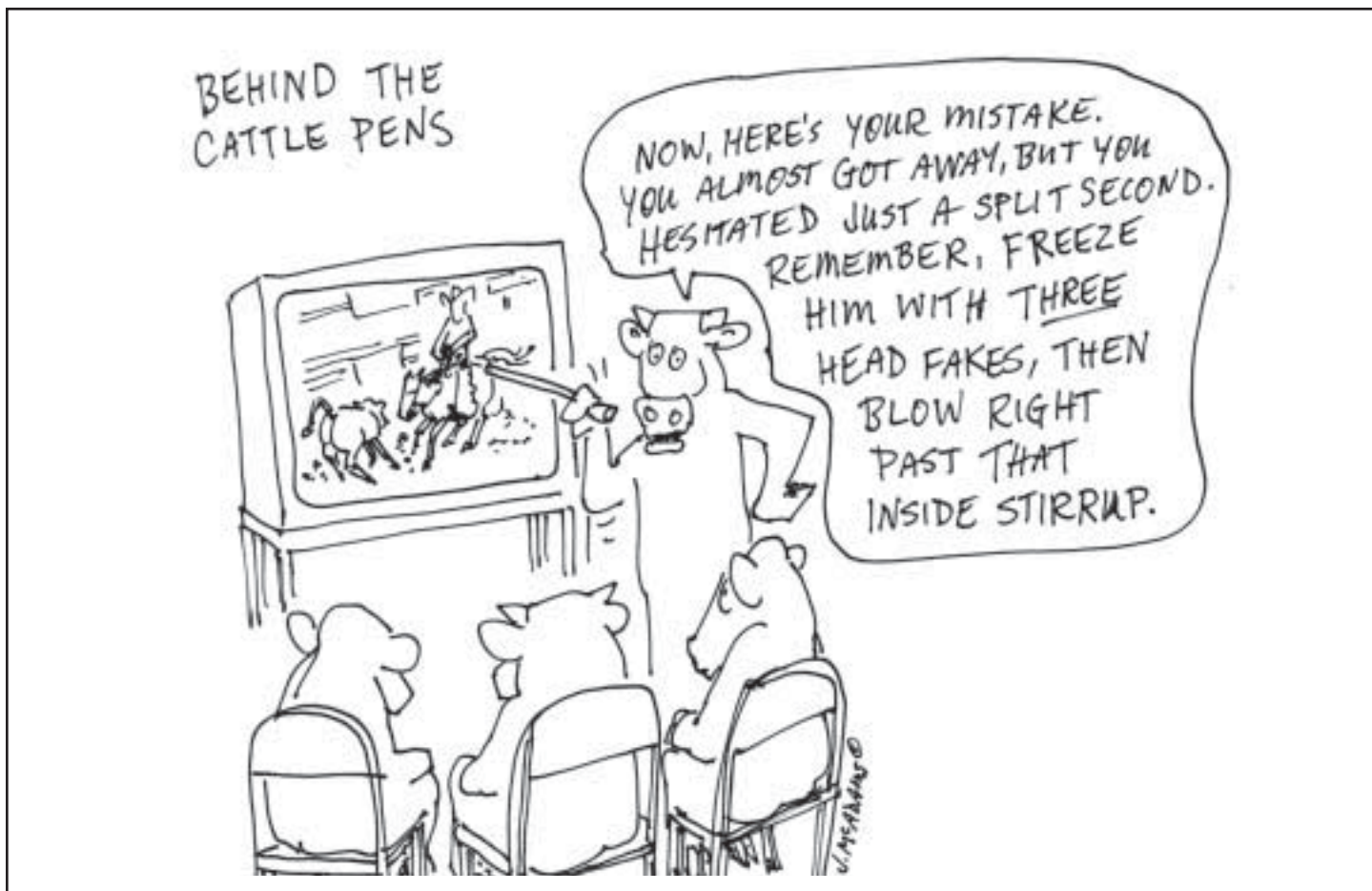
Left to right: Suzanne Rodoni-Silverberg, Soquel, CA, leads \$50,000 Amateur contestants with \$36,419; Cody Hedlund, Acampo, CA, is ranked first among \$20,000 Non-Pro contenders and also stands fourth in the Senior Youth; Ty Moore, Madill, OK, heads the Junior Youth competition with 235 points, while Jake Milner, Southlake, TX, Senior Youth leader Jordan's brother, is second with 209 points.

2005 World Finalists Coast-to-Coast

537 NCHA World Finals entrants across the map

Hawaii - 2
 Brazil - 1
 Canada - 6
 Italy - 1





Cartoonist Jerry McAdams, "that cow art guy," is publisher of the Hico News Review and a nationally recognized artist whose favorite subjects are horses and cattle.

Special Events during the World Finals

- Horseman for Christ Youth Mixer - 7:30 p.m., Saturday, February 11, with pizza, door prizes, games and entertainment for all youth and families at the Holiday Inn Amarillo.
- Horseman for Christ church service - 6:30 a.m., Sunday, February 12, VIP Room
- Participant Appreciation Dinner sponsored by Coors - 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 15, Rex Baxter Building. Please pick up tickets at the show office.
- AQHA Welcome Reception - 6:30 p.m., Sunday, February 17, Ambassador Hotel



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