

# Daily Chatter

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## TODAY'S ACTION



Brad Loesch, of Cow Horse Supply, was part of a roundup on Montgomery Street and I-30 on Thursday. See page 3 for details.

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
**Classic/Challenge**  
**Non-Pro 1st go-round**  
 100 entries • 7 sets

### SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
**Classic/Challenge**  
**Non-Pro 2nd go-round**  
 9:00 a.m. Watt Arena  
**Senior Youth go-round**  
 6:00 p.m. Cutting Seminar  
 Centennial Room  
 Amon Carter Exhibit Hall

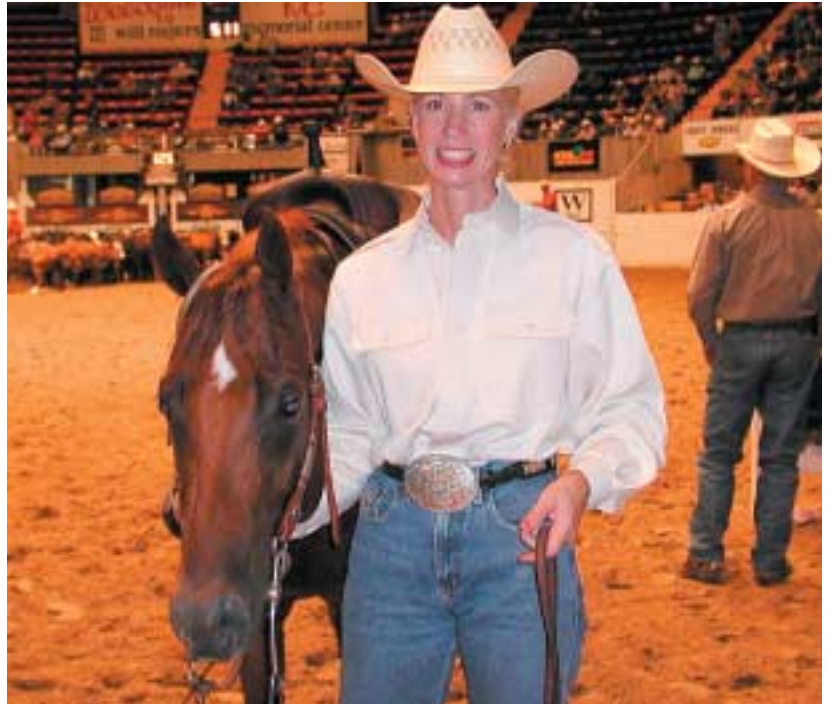
### MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
**Derby Amateur**  
**1st go-round**  
**Classic/Challenge**  
**OPEN FINALS**  
**JUNIOR YOUTH FINALS**  
**SENIOR YOUTH FINALS**



## Bucki James marks 220 on first day

### Women command top 8 scores



Bucki James, who won the 2002 Non-Pro Derby on Rambo, pictured here, led all contenders, with 220 points aboard Sonita Lena Chick, on the first day of Classic/Challenge Non-Pro action.

It was Ladies Day on Friday, as eight women cut their way to the top of the ranks in the first go-round of Non-Pro Classic/Challenge competition.

Riding Sonita Lena Chick, as the thirteenth rider in the first bunch of cattle, Bucki James, of Purcell, Oklahoma, set the bar with 220 points. Jo Ellard, who was the first rider in the second bunch, came the closest to James's mark, with 219 on Scratchin. Nancy Moses, first up in the last bunch, rode Meradas Boonsmal for 218.5 - the third highest score of the day. Four riders tied with 218 points.

James's most recent win in Fort Worth was in the Non-Pro Super Stakes Semi-Finals, where she scored 223 points riding Peppers Little Lena. Last year, she won the Non-Pro Derby aboard Rambo. Sonita Lena Chick has given James two wins this year, including the Augusta Non-Pro Classic. She was also an open and non-pro finalist in the NCHA Super Stakes.

Sired by Smart Chic Olena out of a Doc O'Lena daughter, six-year-old Sonita Lena Chick was a birthday present to James

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Yesterday's high-scoring riders included, left to right: Jo Ellard with 219 on Scratchin; Nancy Moses with 218.5 on Meradas Boonsmal; and Linda Mussallem with 218 on Budasa Little Smart. Linda was also an eyewitness to the Montgomery Street roundup.

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from her husband David, who is prominent in the AQHA performance horse world with the sires The Invitation and Invitation Only.

James trained Sonita Lena Chick herself and rode her to qualify for the 2000 NCHA Futurity Open and Non-Pro Semi-Finals. In 2002, she rode the mare to place third in the Super Stakes Classic.

James grew up in Pleasanton, California where her father, Glen Nolan, was a race horse trainer. James assisted Nolan at the track, until she married and moved to Oklahoma ten years ago.

**Scratchin for a win**

Jo Ellard and six-year-old Scratchin have been a team just since the first of the year, but lately, they have been making up for lost time.

Ellard and the Laker Doc daughter won the Longhorn Non-Pro Maturity in March, while Guy Woods rode the mare to win the open division of the same event. Scratchin also carried Ellard and Woods to the finals of the NCHA Super Stakes Classic open and non-pro divisions. Most recently, Ellard rode the mare to tie for reserve in the NCHA Eastern National Championship open division and as a non-pro finalist in the same event.

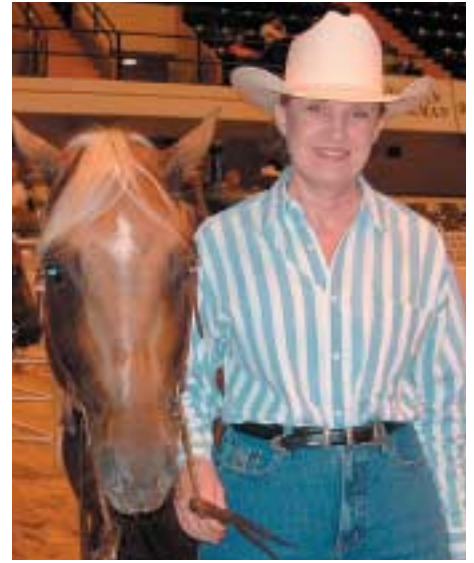
"She can cover those cows and stop and get back over on the other side pretty handily," said Ellard, who

raised Scratchin. "She's so cowy that she wants to retreat on a cow. So I've had to learn how to cut on her, and ride her and stay out of her way. Those things you just have to learn with a new horse. It's fun. I love showing her."

Ellard, who owns EE Ranches, raised Scratchin's sire, Laker Doc, by Bob Acre Doc out of Laney Doc, a leading money earning mare. Woods rode Laker Doc as a champion or finalist in 21 limited age events.

Decorative flourish  
"Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else."  
Ogden Nash  
Decorative flourish

  
**You say it's your birthday!**  
These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.  
Duane Barton ..... Spring Creek, NV  
Christie Beyer ..... Stephenville, TX  
Elizabeth Bowerman ..... Fossil, OR  
John Burgun ..... El Centro, CA  
Pam Candel ..... Batesville, AR  
William Caplinger ..... Echo, OR  
Dawn Christian ..... Missoula, MT  
Jason Clark ..... Gainesville, TX  
David Cogburn ..... Higgins, TX  
Ted Davus ..... Hillsboro, OR  
Kara Gunderson ..... Ephrata, WA  
Ryan Halligan ..... Draper, SD  
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Rick Rikard ..... Elkland, MO  
Jackie Schimek ..... Hoffman, MN  
Wendy Schultz ..... Council, ID  
John Smith ..... Elgin, TX  
Kenneth Smith ..... Hopkins, SC  
Kimberly Syra ..... Veguita, NM  
Carylye Taylor ..... Lake Sherwood, CA  
Mark Teal ..... Logandale, NV  
Susan Van Pelt ..... Gallatin Gateway, MT  
Wayne Wagner ..... Austin, TX  
Douglas White ..... Athens, WI



Left to right: Mary Ann Rapp rode her Super Stakes Classic Non-Pro champion Amanda Stargun to score 218 yesterday; Mary Jo Milner marked 218 on Boonsmart; Suzan Cardwell and John Acre also scored 218.

**That's why they call it Cowntown**

If you want to hear about the one that got away, ask Brad Loesch, who owns Cow Horse Supply. Loesch sells and mends tack in his trailer behind the barn area during the shows. That's where he was on Thursday, when a heifer escaped from a cattle truck and sprinted down the street toward the Cowgirls Museum.

Bob Sandlin, who helps with the cattle, was in hot pursuit of the heifer, when his horse slipped and threw him onto the pavement.

Loesch, who had grabbed a rope from his trailer and took off on foot when he saw the heifer split, stopped just long enough to rip off his shirt and wrap it around Sandlin's bleeding head, before taking up the chase.

By then the heifer was on Montgomery Street and headed for the Dairy Queen (who said cows are dumb?), with a posse of NCHA officials in cars and pickups on her trail.

While the posse split up on either side of Montgomery, the heifer meandered around the neighborhood. At one point, NCHA assistant executive director Mike Kelly stopped a couple on one of the side streets.

"Say, have you'all seen a heifer go by here?" Kelly asked them.

"No, we haven't seen a heifer," came the answer. "But we saw a guy run by here with a rope and no shirt."

In the meantime, the heifer had crossed Montgomery Street again and was making tracks for I-30.

"We were running the wrong way

down the access road and I was looking at the lights with my rope in my hand," said Loesch. "Luckily she turned off and went in behind the Antique Mall."

At this point, horseshoe Keith Beller, who has a trailer outside of the John Justin building, was on the scene in his truck, along with four police cars.

It was Beller who managed to rope

the heifer. One of the policemen tailed her, and Loesch threw her down.

"By the time I found everybody, the heifer was tied up and laid on the ground and Brad was standing there with his foot on her," said Kelly. "We just backed a trailer up there and rolled her in the trailer and she stood up."

**SENIOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP CUTTING FINALISTS**

Score	Rider	Horse	Owner
153	Patrick Stull	Flickacat	Dave Georgia Husby
150	Corrie M Rousey	Smart Like Tachita	Tom & Nancy Loeffler
149	Hilary Hightower	Smart B Back	Matt & Donna Gaines
148.5	Thomas Bray	Gato Bob	Bob Frazier
148	Justin White	Commanding Memories	Jon & Ellen White
148	Shayla Smith	Dual Nurse	Cindy & Wes Smith
148	Tatum Rice	Montanas Musical Sox	Boyd & Haley Rice
147.5	Curry Diehl	Credit Doc	Frank & Ora H Diehl
147.5	Jamie Sokol	Lucky Bottom Roy	Ted Jr & Kathy Sokol
147.5	Mica Motes	Dually Lena	Mica Motes
147	Kacee Millsap	Power Proof	Bob Mayfield
147	Ryan Michelle McCarty	Wrangler Four	Ryan Michelle McCarty
146.5	Dusty Davis	Freckles Fox Fire	Davis Ranch
146.5	Joshua Ian Hopkins	Sweet Pepper Spice	Joshua Ian Hopkins
146	Evan Wells	Rutger Merada	Michael & Sheila Reese
146	Kendal Kern	Playstyle	Strawn Valley Ranch
146	Mary Ellen Graves	Zacks Luvaboy	Robert L Graves
146	Sutton Eddings	Peppy Lenas Star	Sutton Eddings
145.5	Alyssa Morine	Equalizers Regret	Alyssa Morine
145.5	Lydia Butler	CD Redlight	Troy & Marsha Nelson
145	Jacob Haag	Little Acre Doc	Carl Haag
145	Katherine Weeks	Litae Lena Bo	Curtis & Brenda Weeks
145	Lacey E Farmer	Freckles Dry Fly	Pamela Bartholomew
144.5	John David Tolbert	Lil Peppys Playboy	John David Tolbert
144.5	Matt Miller	Down and Dually	Matt Miller
144.5	Russell Smith	Kiss My Acre	Ronnie & Cindy Smith



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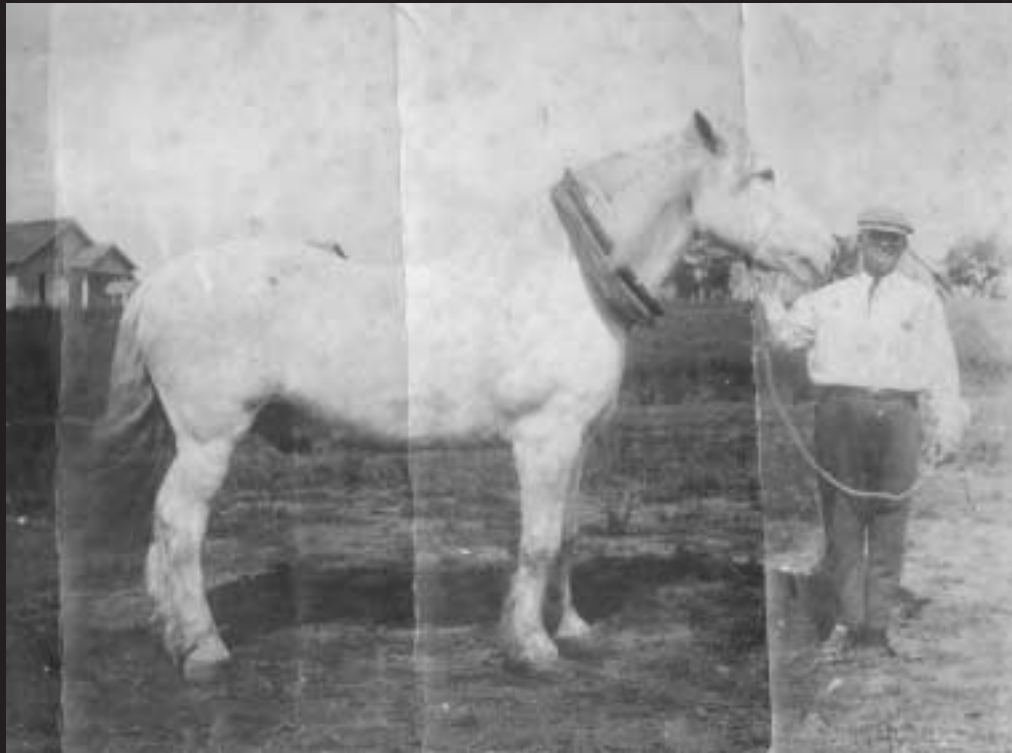


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# TODAY'S MYSTERY PHOTO



The best caption for this photo will win a \$30 Gift Certificate from Shrimpers, 215 University Drive, Fort Worth.

Submit your answer in writing to Carolyn Crist in the Show Office.

The winner will be identified in tomorrow's Daily Chatter.

Jim Reno correctly identified yesterday's Mystery Photo as Jerri Ann Porter on Kip Mac. He wins breakfast for two at Montgomery Street Cafe, 2000 Montgomery Street.



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