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Spectacular growth for Triple Crown \$10 million total purse

TODAY'S ACTION

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Classic/Challenge

Open 1st go-round - 8 sets

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Classic/Challenge

Open 1st go-round, cont. - 8 sets

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Junior Youth Go-round

(Youth in Watt Arena)

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Classic/Challenge

Open 2nd go-round

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Senior Youth Go-round

(Youth in Watt Arena)

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Classic/Challenge Non-Pro

1st go-round - 9 sets

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Senior Youth Go-round, cont.

(Youth in Watt Arena)



Clint Allen, shown here on July 30, 2007 with wife Shayle and seven-week old daughters Kate and Addison, won the 2007 NCHA Derby with 225 points on Wrigley Ranches-owned Wood I Never, by Zack T Wood. Allen rides Wood I Never in today's fifth set.



The National Cutting Horse Association, which is about to pass the \$600 million milestone in purses awarded since its inception in 1946, will mark another landmark this year with a total of \$10 million awarded in the Triple Crown events that culminate with the 2008 NCHA Derby on August 3.

NCHA Triple Crown purses have increased 55 percent in the past five years, surpassing Thoroughbred racing's total Triple Crown purse (from the Kentucky

Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes) by \$6 million, and Quarter racing's Triple Crown (Ruidoso, Rainbow and All American futurities) by \$7 million.

"The excitement and popularity of cutting horse competition have driven the phenomenal growth we've seen in our Triple Crown events," said NCHA executive director Jeff Hooper. "We've hosted a total of well over 5,000 entries at the three shows.

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Left to right: Roger Wagner, winner of the 2007 NCHA Classic Challenge on Marvine Ranch-owned Quintan Blue, by Mecom Blue; Michelle Anderson, winner of the NCHA Derby Non-Pro on Cats Quixote Jack, by High Brow Cat; Glade Knight, champion of the NCHA Classic Challenge Non-Pro aboard Lynx Of Style, by Docs Stylish Oak.

“It’s also worth noting that while the owner of a Kentucky Derby starter pays a minimum of \$50,000 to enter the Triple Crown events, NCHA Futurity contestants can take a shot at a bigger purse for \$2,500.”

In 2007, purses for all NCHA events amounted to over \$43 million, exceeding that of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, whose signature event is the \$5.6 million National Finals Rodeo, at the end of each year in Las Vegas. According to a recent article in the *New York Times*, PRCA reported total purses of \$40 million for its 2007 season.

The annual NCHA Triple Crown trail begins with the \$4.4 million NCHA Futurity in December, and continues with the \$3.4 million Super Stakes in April, followed by the \$2.2 million Derby, a division of the Summer Spectacular. All three events are held at Will Rogers Equestrian Center in Fort Worth, TX.

With a victory in the 2008 NCHA Derby, High Brow CD, winner of the NCHA Futurity and co-champion of the NCHA Super Stakes, would become just the fourth horse in history to win cutting’s Triple Crown. Chiquita Pistol was the last Triple Crown winner, in 2003. Smart Little Lena and Docs Okie Quixote, in 1983 and 1984, are the only other Triple Crown champions.

Ridden by Austin Shepard for Chris and Staci Thibodeaux’s Grace Ranch, Jennings, LA, High Brow CD also won the Augusta Futurity and the Tunica Futurity and has earned \$430,580.

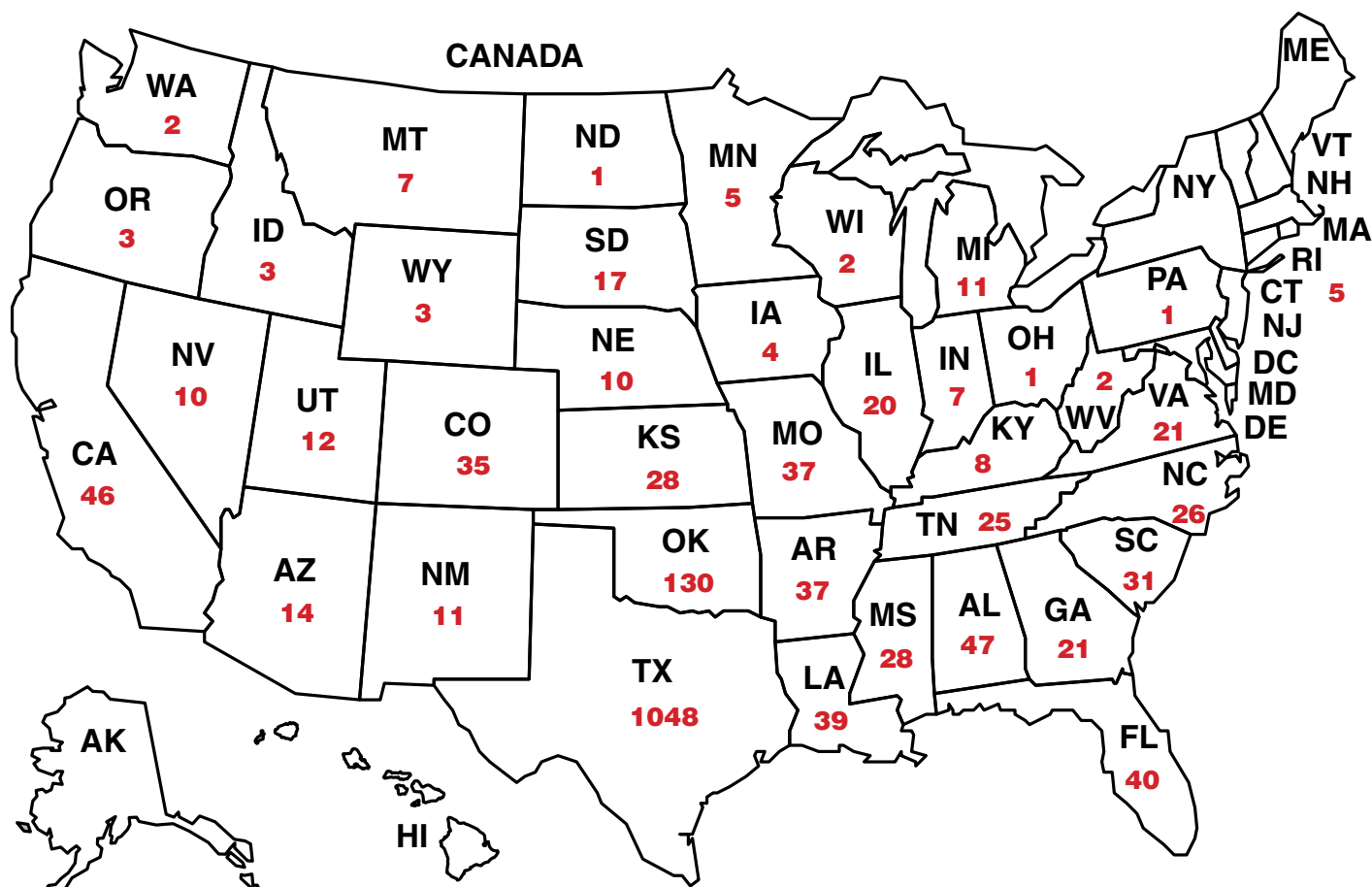


You say it’s your birthday!

*These NCHA members
are celebrating their birthday today.*

Kerry Baumann	Canada	Andy Loague	Mantachie, MS
Harlna Blancet.....	Willis, TX	Ashton Lockwood.....	Solvang, CA
Richard Bobrowicz.....	Kent, OH	Penni Luton.....	Gordonville, TX
William Bolton	Godley, TX	Debra Burris	Denver, CO
Gary Braley	Lumberton, TX	T Harold Martin.....	Charlestown, IN
John H Brown	Brenham, TX	Ann Maxwell.....	Frankston, TX
Jeannie Bunn.....	Locust Grove, GA	Richard L Mendenhall.....	Alpine, UT
Michael Cartee.....	Georgetown, KY	Laurel Morais	Pleasanton, CA
Victor F Child	Jamestown, CA	Nevin L Morine	Brock, TX
Melinda Cowan	Reno, NV	Raul Munoz.....	Chicago, IL
Dennis Deal.....	Pilot Point, TX	Tim Olson	Buffalo, SD
Clifford Elliott.....	Canada	Don Perkins.....	Flint, TX
Steve Evans	Johnson City, TN	Rebecca Phillips.....	Chico, TX
Robert Gaddis.....	Mancos, CO	Jim Robinson.....	Canada
Jon Glocknitzer	Gardnerville, NV	Micky Rogers.....	Collinsville, TX
Michael Grimes	Rowlett, TX	Tony Seamons	Brenham, TX
Kristie Hambrick.....	Dewey, AZ	Jeannie Seamons	Brenham, TX
Caroline Hardesty	Roswell, NM	Rob Singleton	Yatesville, GA
Beverly Harper	Arab, AL	Blake Strack	Buffalo, TX
William N Hood Jr.....	Lithia, FL	Bryce Strack	Buffalo, TX
James E Hooper	Decatur, AL	Barry D Syra.....	Veguita, NM
Sheri Jamieson	La Jolla, CA	Krista Turner	Hobbs, NM
Leida Jones	Leesburg, FL		
Brian Kruger.....	Maynard, MN		
Glory Ann Kurtz	Boyd, TX		

SUMMER SPECTACULAR ENTRIES FROM COAST-TO-COAST



2007 Senior Youth Cutting champion Tarin Rice and 2007 Junior Youth Cutting champion Travis Barton.

2007 champions on tap today

Wood I Never, by Zack T Wood, and Play Miss, by Playgun, champion and reserve, respectively in last year's NCHA Derby, both work today in Classic Challenge first go-round competition.

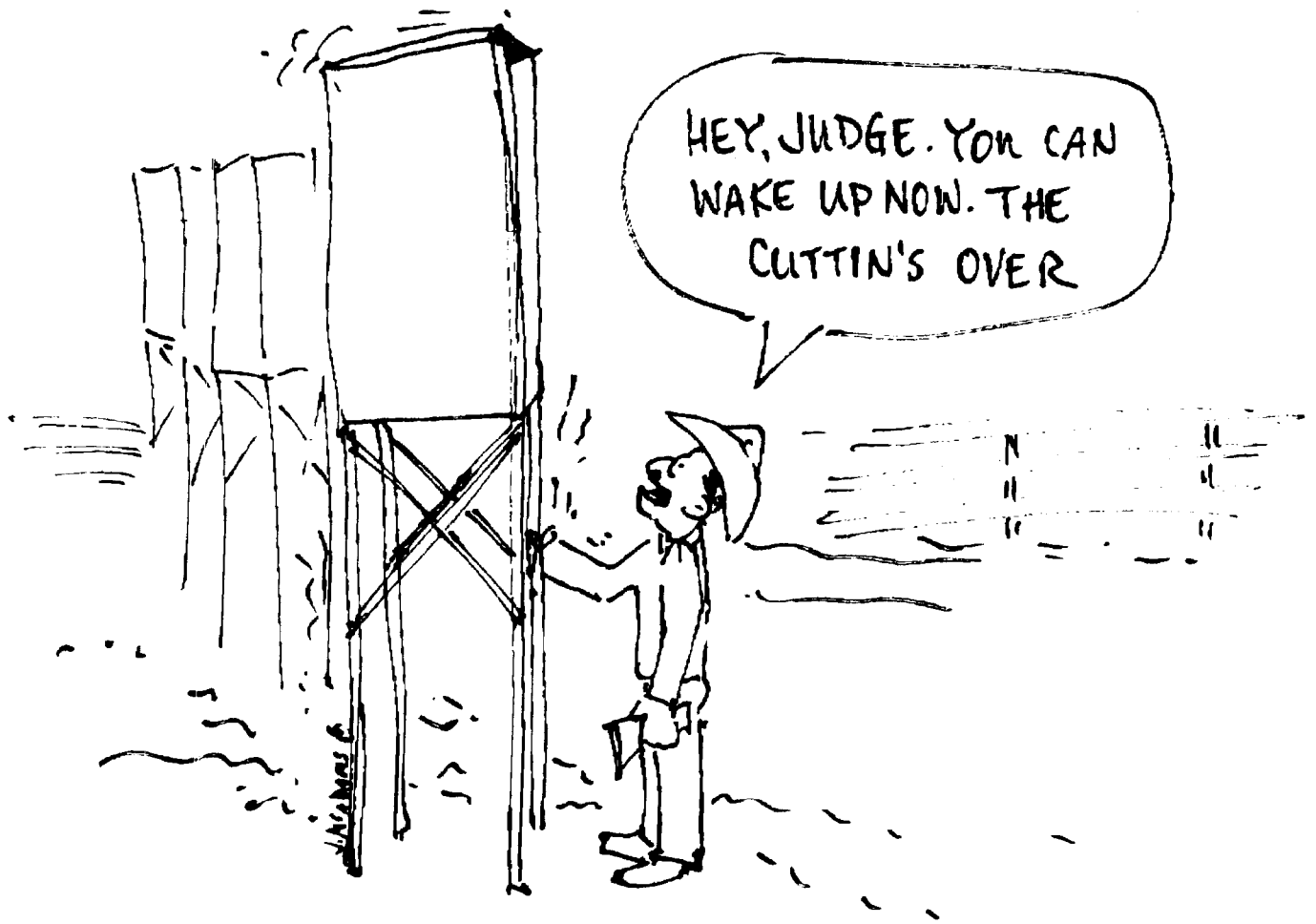
Wood I Never, ridden by Clint Allen for Wrigley Ranches, drew the fifth bunch, while Play Miss, under John Mitchell for Slate River Ranch, is in the third.

Wood I Never was co-champion of the 2007 Super Stakes Open, while Play Miss was Derby Open reserve champion.

Sister CD, by CD Olena, an all-time earnings leader with more than \$600,000 and most recently the 2008 NCHA Super Stakes Classic Open champion, is up in the first set of the day under his owner Skip Queen.



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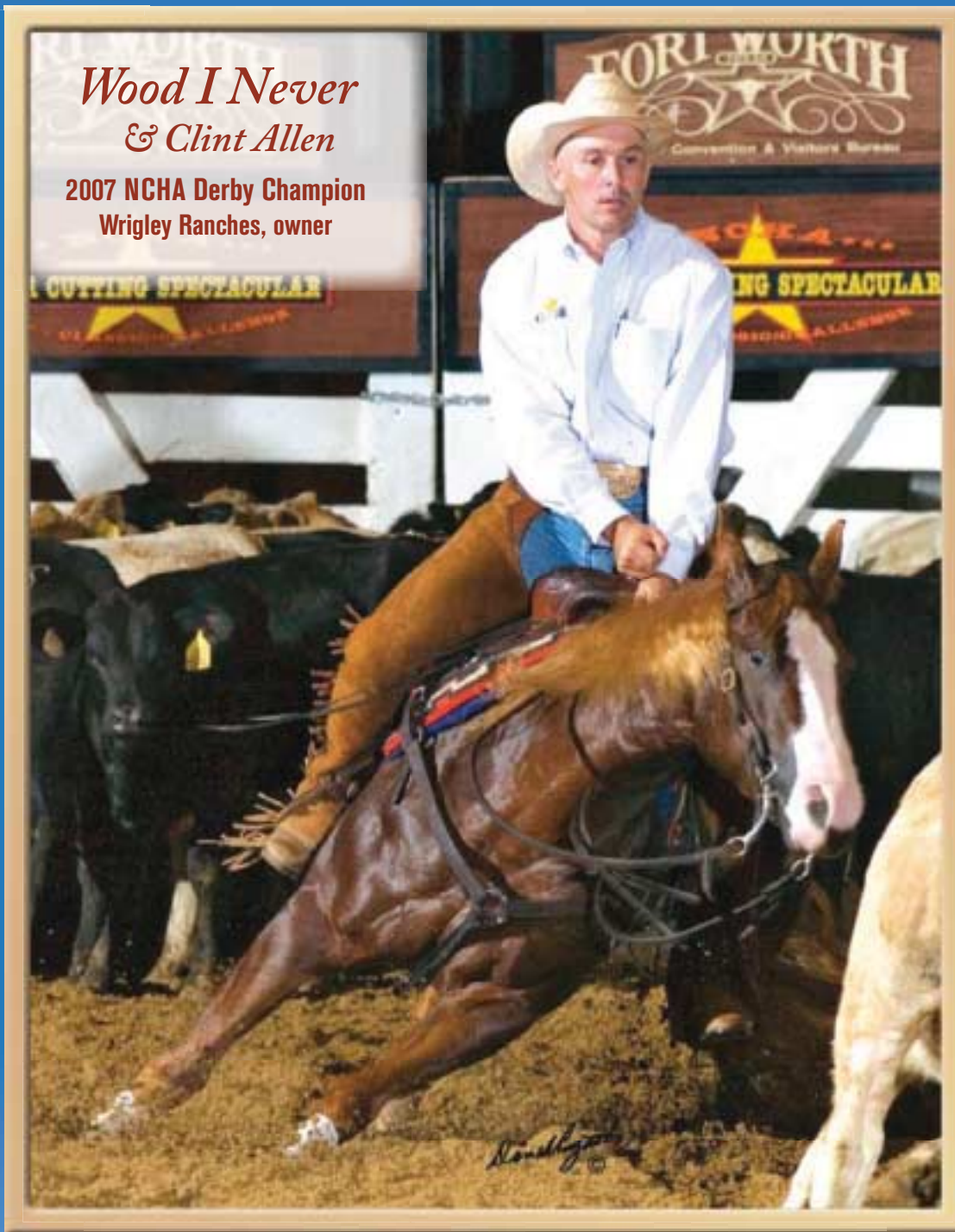
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