

## TODAY'S NEWS....

### Novice classes begin 9-day event

Les Timmons, who won last year's \$3,000 Novice division aboard Badger Traildust, for Georgia and Dale Husby, of British Columbia, rides the horse again, in this afternoon's \$10,000 Novice first go-round competition.

"He can run and stop and he has a lot of bend, but he can also drop and have lots of shake," said Timmons, of the six-year-old son of Travalena out of Missy San Badger by Peppy San Badger.

Tari Pines For You, winner of last year's \$10,000 Novice is back again with Drew Dunham for owner Robert Norris. The 7-year-old stallion, bred by Norris' T Cross Ranch, is by Doc Tari out of Pines Cross Too, by Pines Pondie.

Lenas Miss N Christy, reserve champion in last year's \$10,000 Novice division, cuts today with Rock Hedlund for Gene and Nicki Hiner of North Powder, OR.

## Cutting fans find Ogden perfect setting for sport 590 entries ready for showdown



Heidi and Lawson Hadlock, of Ogden, Utah, scored a double at last year's event with wins in the Open and Non-Pro divisions.

While sports fans around the world vie for tickets to the 2002 Olympic Games in Utah, cutting fans are guaranteed a front row seat for one of their sport's pinnacle events — the 2000 Chevy Trucks NCHA Western Championships,

April 27 through May 5, at the Golden Spike Arena in Ogden, Utah.

Ogden, which will host the downhill skiing and women's ice hockey at the 2002 Winter Olympics, is well versed in the art of

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TODAY & TOMORROW AT A GLANCE



**Complimentary Breakfast**  
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Daily  
Golden Spike Conf. Room  
Coffee, donuts, pastries,  
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**Friday, April 27**  
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
1st go-round  
\$3,000 Novice  
\$10,000 Novice

**Free Lunch for Cutters**  
Compliments today of  
Montana CHA &  
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Menu: BBQ beef sandwiches

**Friday, evening**  
**Perry's Egyptian Theatre**  
2415 Washington Blvd.  
6:30 - 7:20 p.m. - Welcome Party  
Theatre Gallery  
7:00 - 7:30 pm - Youth Meeting  
Theatre Boardroom  
7:30 p.m. Country Music  
Brenn Hill in Main Theatre  
(tickets available at party)

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making visitors feel right at home.

The historic city has a fascinating history. Two thousand five hundred years ago, several tribes of Indians roamed the area. The large population of wildlife that sustained the Native Americans also attracted the first white men to the valley, the trappers. Miles Goodyear built the first permanent home in Utah, and his cabin is still on display in Ogden. In 1850, Mormon leader Brigham Young named the city of Ogden after a brigade leader from the Hudson Fur Company.

Ogden was forever changed by the joining of the transcontinental railroad at Promontory Summit in 1869. The railroad made Ogden a bustling hub of commerce.

Weber County—locals pronounce it WEE-bur—is situated between the spectacular Wasatch Mountains to the east and the Great Salt Lake to the west, less than an hour's drive from Salt Lake City. Springtime temperatures are likely to range in the seventies during the day down to the forties or fifties at night. Here are a few attractions for cutters to see between go-rounds:

**Union Station** was built in 1924 and now houses a variety of attractions. It's the home of the **Browning/Kimbell Car Museum** which displays immaculate examples of Golden Age automobiles, from the early Stearns through the Pierce Arrows, Packards, Lincolns and Cadillacs of the '30s. It also offers the **Browning Firearms Museum** with designer's models and displays of the work of renowned firearms inventor John M. Browning.

Union Station also houses the **Utah State Railroad Museum** which preserves the state's rich railroad history. It includes a realistic model train as well as the most powerful locomotive ever built, which pulled large trains through the mountain ranges.

**Historic 25th Street** is an eclectic mix of restaurants, unique shops, antique stores, and art galleries.

The George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park exhibits more than 50 realistic replicas of prehistoric creatures ranging from life-size to one-half life-size.



Nationally recognized artist Don Weller, of Oakley, Utah, is a familiar face to cutters in the Mountain States.

**D**on Weller is well known to cutters not only as a fellow competitor, but as the artist and photographer who masterminded *The Cutting Horse*, a book which sold out its first edition for NCHA.

Weller has received many awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Los Angeles Society of Illustrators. He has taught design at UCLA, Utah State and Brigham Young University, as well as giving guest lectures at countless art departments in the United States and Japan.

He and his wife, Cha Cha, live in Oakley, Utah with their studio, their skis, and a few horses. Beyond his professional awards, Weller has sneaked into the

NCHA's national standings in the \$10,000 Amateur class.

When he was in high school in Washington State, other students might sketch cars, but Weller couldn't stop drawing horses. He fooled around at the rodeos in high school and college, having fun with roping and wild cow milking.

"I trained my own roping horse in high school," Weller admits, "but there was not a lot of horsemanship involved."

In college, Weller switched from pre-vet work to art, then moved to California and became a leading illustrator and designer.

"I tried to put horses out of my mind," he says. "I didn't ride a horse for 25 years. Every once in awhile, we'd go past a store with cowboy boots in the window and Cha Cha—she's from Japan where they don't have cowboy boots—would say, 'What are those?'"

"I'd shrug and we'd go on. That was as close as I came to cutting while we lived in California."

One day while thumbing through a copy of *Western Horseman*, Weller spotted an advertisement for the National Cutting Horse Association. He remembered the horses he'd seen at the county fair years earlier, so he clipped it out.

Eventually, he got in touch with some local cutters and began to hang around shows in Utah in the mid-1980s. He taught design for a semester at a col-

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You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

- Scott Amos ..... Loma, CO
- Teri Arney ..... Lebanon, TN
- Cindy Brooks ..... Lesterville, MO
- Amy L Brown ..... Canada,
- Steve Brown ..... Findlay, OH
- Ferron Carroll ..... Big Sandy, MT
- Bryan Cobb ..... Rutledge, GA
- Debbie Day ..... Reno, NV
- Kathleen Ferrante ..... Somis, CA
- Kathy Greenwell ..... Paul, ID
- Joanne Herring ..... Cross City, FL
- Johnny B Johnson ..... Bunch, OK
- Judy Johnson ..... Harrison, AR
- Clint Johnson ..... Canyon, TX

- David R Jones ..... Gardnerville, NV
- Raimo Kaanko ..... Australia,
- Ronnie C King ..... Gilmer, TX
- Donna McMahon ..... Springfield, OH
- Mark Miller ..... Gilbert, AZ
- Sandi Robinson ..... Canada,
- H E Sutton ..... Shreveport, LA
- Michael R Simpson ..... Manuel, TX
- Jane L Steele ..... Abbeville, AL
- Ashton Stephens ..... Corvallis, MT
- Michelle A Sterner ..... Orwigsburg, PA
- Hal Sutton ..... Shreveport, LA
- Pete Trout ..... Wichita Falls, TX



*Dandyolena took home three championship titles at last year's event here.*

**D**andyolena was without a doubt the star of last year's Chevy Trucks NCHA Western National Championship Finals. And this year the 16-year-old gelding added another jewel to his crown by earning the title of NCHA World Champion Gelding, for current owner Jim Milner, of Southlake, TX. Milner, the current president of NCHA, purchased the gelding from Heidi Hadlock, who had ridden the horse for a win in the 1999 Western National Championship Non-Pro division and reserve championship of the \$20,000 Non-Pro. Heidi's husband, Lawson, claimed the Open championship on the son of Docs Texas Dandy out of Beggar Leno by Doc O'Lena.

Dandyolena was the only horse to rank among both open and non-pro 2000 NCHA Top Ten competitors. He placed fourth among non-pros with Milner, and Lawson Hadlock rode him for Milner to finish ninth among Open Top Ten contenders.

## DEFENDING CHAMPIONS (1999)

**Open** – DANDYOLENA, owned by Heidi Hadlock; ridden by Lawson Hadlock

**Res.** – PF Son Ofa War Leo, owned by Bill Marcy; ridden by Jack Hitchings

**Non-Pro** – HEIDI HADLOCK, riding Dandyolena

**Res.** – Jimmy Kemp Jr., riding Smart As Einstein

**\$20,000 Non-Pro** – DEBBIE STROH, riding A Little After Nine

**Res.** – Heidi Hadlock, riding Dandyolena

**\$10,000 Amateur** – KAREN BRODY, riding Charming Que

**Co-Res.** – Nicki Hiner, riding Leanin Eighty Eight

**Co-Res.** – Carolyn Lindsey, riding Teninolina Lynx

**Co-Res.** – Mandy Williams, riding Docs Smokin Bandit

**Co-Res.** – Sandy Henderson, riding Montana De Oro

**\$50,000 Amateur** – KELLY PITTMAN, riding Rebas Little Lena

**Res.** – Nina Lundgren, riding Dirty Dually

**\$3,000 Novice** – BADGER TRAILDUST, owned by Georgia & Dave Husby; ridden by Les Timmons

**Res.** – Solowla, owned by Pamela Hatley-Williams; ridden by Phil Hanson

**\$10,000 Novice** – TARI PINES, owned by Robert Norris; ridden by Drew Dunham

**Res.** – Lenas Miss N Christy, owned by Gene & Nicki Hiner; ridden by Jack Hitchings

**\$10,000 Novice Horse/Non-Pro Rider** – MERADAS STYLE, owned and shown by Wade Rust

**Res.** – Freckles Aboy, owned and shown by Eddie Stewart

**\$2,000 Limit Rider** – TIM SNYDER, riding Missed Reward

**Res.** – Kali Olson, riding Smokin Manzana

**Senior Youth** – MANDY WILLIAMS, riding Docs Smokin Bandit

**Res.** – Jessica Vieth, riding Rey Del Gato

**Junior Youth** – AMANDA ARCULETA, riding Honky Tonk Hickory,

**Res.** – Ashley Smith, riding Dunny Hickory

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lege in Texas and began to visit trainers and shows in that state during his spare time.

His career finally merged with cutting horses in 1990 when his photographs formed the basis of the popular book, *The Cutting Horse*. In the past few years, he has shot thousands of photos for *Pride in the Dust*, a book co-authored by Sally Harrison and Alan Gold, that looks at the first century of competitive cutting.

"In *Pride in the Dust*, we have the luxury of many color pages, so there's a wider look at cutting than you usually

see," Weller explains. "We were able to include fresh angles, the ambiance, and suggest the smells and sounds that surround the split second that you see captured in the photos."

### Daily Chatter

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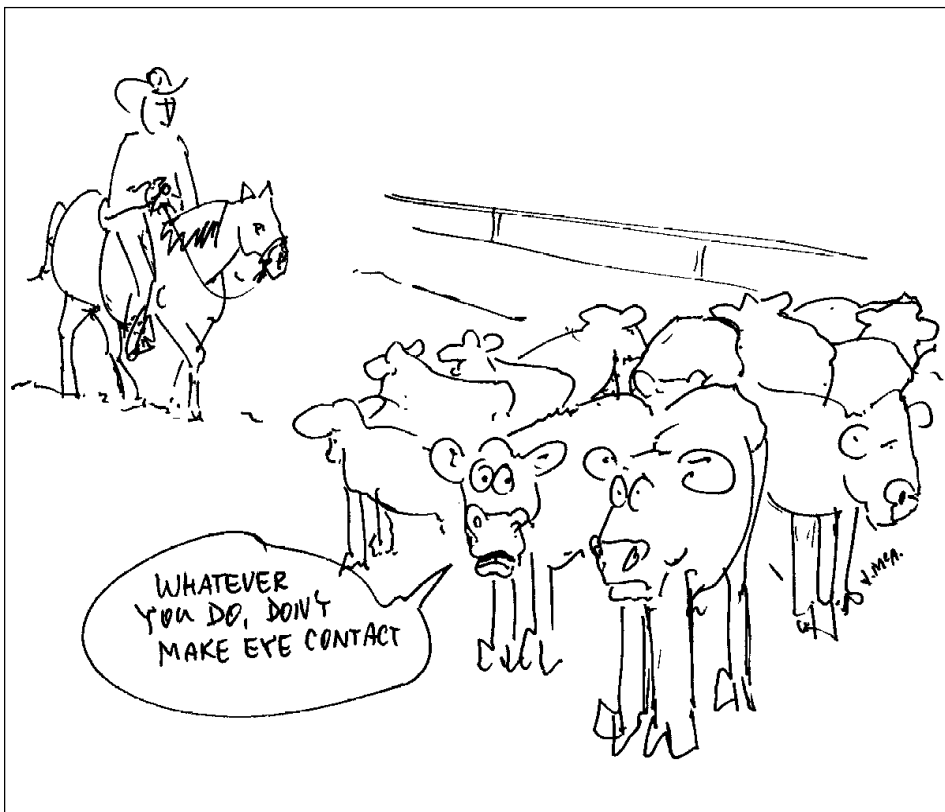
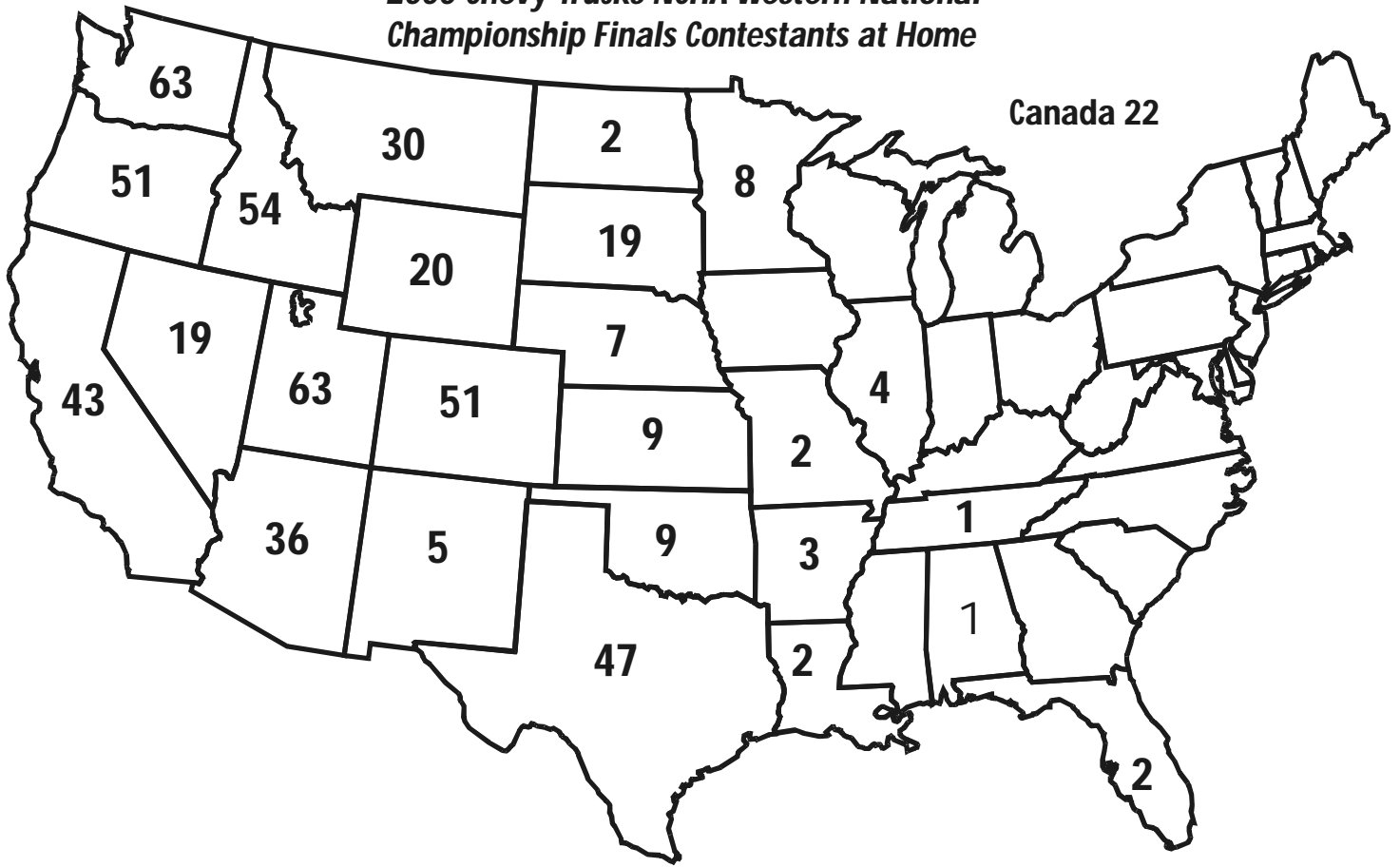
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**"One bad cow can ruin the whole bunch."**

**Bob Joy,  
NCHA Cattle Inspector**

**2000 Chevy Trucks NCHA Western National  
Championship Finals Contestants at Home**



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