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'CAL' FOLLOWS IN BARBARO'S HOOFSTEPS

An easy maiden winner going a mile on the grass. An overwhelming winner of the Laurel Futurity. Unproven on the dirt. Favored to take his seasonal bow, the GIII



Cowboy Cal

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Tropical Park Derby at Calder. You'll recognize the profile as that of Barbaro, winner of the 2006 GI Kentucky Derby. It's also the profile of Cowboy Cal (Giant's Causeway), and while it's premature to draw many comparisons between the two, the connections of Cowboy Cal

hope the homebred can reach at least some of the peaks scaled by Barbaro. To do so, Cowboy Cal will have to prove he can be as effective on dirt as he has been on turf, like Barbaro, a challenge that is likely to come sooner than later. But today, Cowboy Cal, trained by Todd Pletcher for owner/ breeder Stonerside Stable, sticks to the green stuff and figures to go favored in the nine-furlong Tropical Park Derby over Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf third Cannonball (Catienus). Cont. p2

Tuesday, Calder Race Course, post time: 3:03 p.m. EST TROPICAL PARK DERBY-GIII, \$100,000, 3vo, 1 1/8mT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS	
1	Cannonball	Catienus	Ward	4-1	
2	Why Tonto	Indian Charlie	Pletcher	8-1	
3	Wise Answer	Wised Up	Brownlee	6-1	
4	Celestial Comet	Smart Strike	Mott	12-1	
5	Cowboy Cal	Giant's Causeway	Pletcher	5-2	
6	Titan of Industry	Giant's Causeway	Violette Jr.	8-1	
7	Joey the Scholar	Double Honor	Braddy	12-1	
8	Heaven's Awesome	Awesome of Course	Gold	20-1	
9	Kim's Dixie Tune	Concorde's Tune	Hartman	20-1	
10	Moral Compass	Grand Slam	Tagg	10-1	
11	Dynhocracy	Adhocracy	Kaplan	10-1	
12	Pir At the Moon	Black Minnaloushe	Wilensky	20-1	
ΑE	Fire Lookout	Forest Camp	Pletcher	15-1	
ΑE	El Profeta	Double Honor	Arias	12-1	
ΑE	Concertos Song	Concerto	Potter	20-1	
ΑE	Horse Doctor	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	Romans	20-1	

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3:03p Tropical Park Derby-GIII, CRC

4:34p El Conejo H.-GIII, SA 7:07p Monrovia H.-GIII, SA (brisnet.com PPs) TVG (brisnet.com PPs) HRTV (brisnet.com PPs) **HRTV**

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Tuesday, Santa Anita, post time: 1:34 p.m. PST **EL CONEJO H.-GIII**, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT)

PΡ	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Barber	Storm Boot	Sherman	15-1
2	Bushwacker	Outflanker	Currin	5-1
3	Idiot Proof	Benchmark	Sise Jr.	7-5
4	In Summation	Put It Back	Clement	2-1
5	Barbecue Eddie	Stormy Atlantic	Koriner	9-2
6	Council Member	Seattle Slew	Hofmans	8-1

At the 3/16ths pole, it looked like Idiot Proof was going to be the winner of the 24th GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Monmouth Park. That was before Midnight Lute stormed down the center of the track to win going away, but Idiot Proof lost little luster in defeat, having set a blistering half-mile fraction of :44 flat while still beating eight others home. The Pam and Marty Wygod homebred is unraced since, but sports a series of eyecatching bullet drills, including a best-of-18 five-furlong breeze in :59 2/5 at Santa Anita Dec. 26. Idiot Proof previously showed his affinity for the Cushion Track with a 3/4-length tally in the GI Ancient Title S. in early





MIZZEN MAST LOOKS GREAT FOR 2008

Among Mizzen Mast's 14 Stakes Performers in 2007, 3 ARE JUVENILE STAKES WINNERS AND 9 ARE JUVENILE STAKES PERFORMERS. NO OTHER NORTH AMERICAN SIRE HAS MORE TWO-YEAR-OLD STAKES HORSES THAN MIZZEN MAST.



Tropical Park Derby cont.

Can 'Cal' Take the Next Step?

Cowboy Cal was unveiled at Saratoga in late August, sprinting six furlongs on the dirt. He chased the leaders from a wide perch that day before fading to be seventh, beaten 11 1/4 lengths. Moved to the sod next out, he



Cowboy Cal stonerside.com

led by a wide margin for most of the way and cruised home well clear in a one-mile Belmont maiden Sept. 26. John Velazquez was aboard for both of those, but it was Edgar Prado who steered Cowboy Cal to a rallying 6 1/4-length victory in the Nov. 24 Laurel Futurity. Velazquez and Cowboy Cal are reunited here, but look for an-

other off-the-pace trip, according to John Adger, racing manager for Stonerside. "I think we'd all like to see him run a similar race, sitting a few lengths off the lead," Adger said yesterday. "But John's a great rider and knows the horse, so however it sets up, he'll be ready." At this point in his career, Barbaro was unproven on the dirt because he hadn't run on the surface. Cowboy Cal ran poorly in his lone dirt start, but Adger, willing to chalk that up to inexperience, isn't ready to call Cowboy Cal strictly a turf animal just yet. "Obviously, he has some talent," said Adger. "I think you always have to give them another chance or two on the dirt. His family is dirt-oriented. His mother, Texas Tammy, had ability, but she got hurt and ran just once. And she comes from the female family of Behrens, who was an outstanding dirt horse." Texas Tammy, by Seeking the Gold, is a half-sister to Behrens, a triple Grade I winner on the dirt. "Todd had mentioned, after we won the Laurel Futurity, that he might put Cowboy Cal on the same path that Barbaro took. We would like to put him with some of the better three-year-old dirt horses and see how he handles it. We hope he's going to be a colt who could possibly figure in the Kentucky Derby and some of the big three-year-old races on dirt, but if not, we know that he can run on the grass."

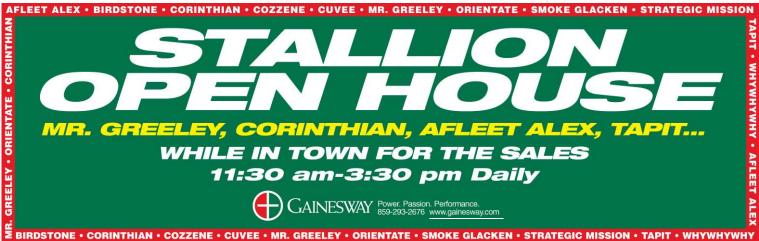
Tuesday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:07 p.m. PST MONROVIA H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/fT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER ODDS
1	Ms. Wonder Woman	Wild Wonder	McCarthy 30-1
2	Victory Spy	Victory Gallop	Sadler 4-1
-3-	Macadamia	Artax	scratched
4	Society Hostess	Seeking the Gold	Clement 5-2
5	Anamanor (Aus)	Anabaa	Gallagher 15-1
6	Audacious Chloe	More Than Ready	Pletcher 3-1
7	Alexandra Rose (SAf)	Caesour	Drysdale 8-1
8	Good Mood (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Guillot 15-1
9	Shriek	Street Cry (Ire)	Hofmans 20-1
10	Strong Faith	Pioneering	Mullins 7-2

☆ NEWSTODAY ☆

NYRA GETS EXTENSION THROUGH JAN. 23

Officials at the New York Racing Association confirmed yesterday that NYRA has been granted a temporary extension to run Aqueduct through Jan. 23 as officials continue to hammer out a deal with New York state representatives to renew NYRA's franchise, which was set to expire today. "On behalf of our fans, employees, and the participants in the racing industry, NYRA wants to thank Gov. Eliot Spitzer and Steven Newman, chair of the Oversight Board, for their extraordinary efforts to continue racing at Aqueduct," NYRA Chairman Steven Duncker said in a statement released Monday. Spitzer, the Non-Profit Racing Association Oversight Board and state representatives came to an agreement last week to give NYRA a temporary license to operate Aqueduct through Jan. 23, but that plan hit a snag Saturday morning when the New York State Racing and Wagering Board failed to give its consent, saying it did not have the authority to do so. Talks continue as NYRA looks to retain the franchise to operate Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga. NYRA has drawn a nine-race card for this afternoon, headed by the \$75,000 Interborough H., and has taken entries for Thursday, as well. Wednesday was a scheduled dark day at the track.





PEDIGREE INSIGHTS BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

CASHCALL FUTURITY-GI, \$753,000, HOL, 12-22, 2yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:40 4/5, ft.

1-A#@INTO MISCHIEF, 121, c, 2, by Harlan's Holiday
1st Dam: Leslie's Lady (SW, \$187,014), by Tricky Creek
2nd Dam: Crystal Lady, by Stop the Music
3rd Dam: One Last Bird, by One for All
(\$80,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT; \$180,000 2yo '07
OBSMAR). O-B Wayne Hughes; B-James T Hines Jr
(KY); T-Richard E Mandella; J-Victor Espinoza;
\$403,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$448,800.
*First Grade I winner for sire (by Harlan).

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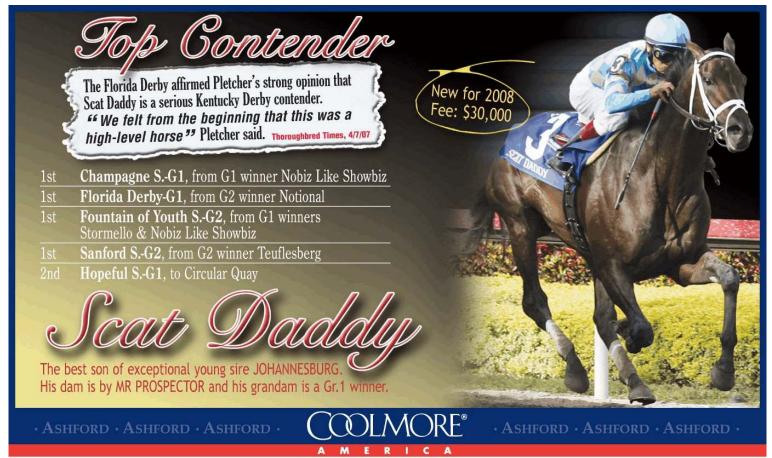
It was surely never going to be easy for Airdrie Stud to find a horse capable of filling the shoes of Silver Hawk, so long the stalwart of the stud's stallion team. After all, 2007 saw this son of Roberto represented by his 15th individual Grade I winner when Nashoba's Key won the Vanity H. and Yellow Ribbon S.

However, Airdrie has every reason for hoping that its difficult mission has been accomplished. Thanks to Into Mischief's victory in the Cashcall Futurity, Harlan's Holiday has a Grade I-winning juvenile among his first runners, as did Include, another Airdrie resident, when his first runners raced in 2006. Into Mischief's efforts-along with those of such as Bear Holiday (Colin S.), Tasha's Miracle (GIII Sorrento S.), P.S.U. Grad, Harlan's Song and Riley Tucker--have propelled Harlan's Holiday into second place on a freshman sires' list which features three Airdrie stallions among the top 12. He's one position ahead of Proud Citizen, whose main earner, the GII Matron S. winner Proud Spell, finished second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies to Indian Blessing, a filly whose sire, Indian Charlie, became an Airdrie crew member in 2002.

It's going to be interesting to see whether the younger members of the team can prove similarly effective. Among them are a champion two-year-old in Stevie Wonderboy, a GI Florida Derby winner in Friends Lake and a son of a Silver Hawk mare in Badge of Silver.

One thing's sure. Harlan's Holiday is well qualified to build on the solid foundations laid down by his first juveniles, just as Include did in 2007 (to boost his fee to \$35,000).

Caulfield cont. p4





Caulfield cont.

Although Harlan's Holiday boasted a record of four stakes successes in a six-race juvenile campaign, three of them were gained in Ohio. He quickly showed he had a future outside his home state, though, when he followed up a second in Keeneland's GII Breeders' Futurity with a victory over Request for Parole in the GIII Iroquois S. at Churchill Downs. While these efforts were good enough to earn him 114 on the Experimental Free Handicap, they still left him 12lbs below Johannesburg, 10lbs below Siphonic, 9lbs below Repent and 7lbs below Officer.

Ken McPeek's comments made it clear that he believed Harlan's Holiday had every chance of developing into an even better performer in 2002:

"He's got so much speed, and it's tactical speed," the conditioner said. "He's just a very talented horse, a very easy horse to handle. He's push-button, no problem."

By the end of 2002, Harlan's Holiday had closed the gap on the leaders of his generation. Indeed, he did so well in the spring, notably winning the GI Florida Derby and GI Blue Grass, that he headed the betting for the Kentucky Derby. There were times, including in the Derby, when it seemed that Harlan's Holiday's stamina didn't quite stretch to 1¼ miles, but he had no such troubles over a mile and an eighth, as he showed with victories in the GIII Pennsylvania Derby and GI Donn H. He also enjoyed a rich payday when second in the 2003 G1 Dubai World Cup, but a strained suspensory ended his career at Saratoga, with his earnings standing at more than \$3.6 million.

INTO MISCHIEF, c, 2005

		Storm Cat	Storm Bird
	Harlan	Storiii Gat	Terlingua
		Country Romance	Halo
Harlan's Holiday		Guilli y Hulliance	Sweet Romance
iiaiiaii S iiviiuay	Christmas in Aiken	Affirmed	Exclusive Native
		Attitilleu	Won't Tell You
		Dowager	Honest Pleasure
			Princessnesian
	Tricky Creek	Clever Trick	Icecapade
		GIEVEI TIICK	Kankakee Miss
Leslie's Lady		Battle Creek Girl	His Majesty
SW, 28-5-3-2, \$187,014		Dattie Greek dill	Far Beyond
5Fls. 3Strs.	Crystal Lady 6-2-0-0 10Fls, 6Wnrs,	Stop the Music Hail to Reason	
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.,		One Last Bird	One For All
	1SW	16Fls, 2SW	Last Bird

He started out at a fee of \$17,500, well short of the \$100,000 charged for such as Empire Maker and Mineshaft. His comparatively modest fee reflected the



Harlan's Holiday

fact that he wasn't quite the whole package in a highly competitive industry. On the plus side he had been a graded winner in each of his three years on the track, and his form fell only a little short of the highest level. There was also plenty to admire about the bottom half of his pedigree (even though his dam, the Affirmed mare Christmas In

Aiken, had been sold for only \$17,500 a few months before his conception). In addition to being by a Triple Crown winner, Christmas In Aiken had a highly distinguished second dam in Princessnesian, a top-class racemare who was also a half-sister to Boldnesian and to some very good broodmares.

The main obstacle facing Harlan's Holiday, in some eyes, was the fact that he was by Harlan. This son of Storm Cat didn't race at two and then failed to earn black type at three. Although good enough to become a Grade I winner in the Vosburgh S. at five, that was Harlan's only stakes success in 30 starts. Attracting mares didn't prove easy for Harlan, and his death at the age of 10 meant that he left only 98 named foals.

However, those 98 included two colts which ranked among the best of their age at three. The first, Menifee, was second in the first two legs of the 1999 Triple Crown. The second was Harlan's Holiday.

Harlan's Holiday seems to have passed on a good measure of his push-button tactical speed to Into Mischief, but the colt will also have inherited speed from his dam, Leslie's Lady. A stakes winner over six furlongs at two in Indiana, Leslie's Lady was conceived at a fee of \$2,500 in 1995, her sire being the tough nine-furlong performer Tricky Creek. As often happens with cheaply produced horses, the bloodlines become more impressive a few generations further back and Into Mischief's second, third and fourth dams were all by stallions--Stop The Music, One For All and Sea-Bird-which won over at least 1½ miles. Into Mischief therefore has a fair chance of staying the Derby distance next May, if he proves as effective on the main track.

Incidentally, three of Harlan's Holiday's most promising performers--Into Mischief, Bear Holiday and Tasha's Miracle--are all stakes winners on synthetic surfaces, so he looks well qualified to cope with any further moves away from traditional dirt in years to come.



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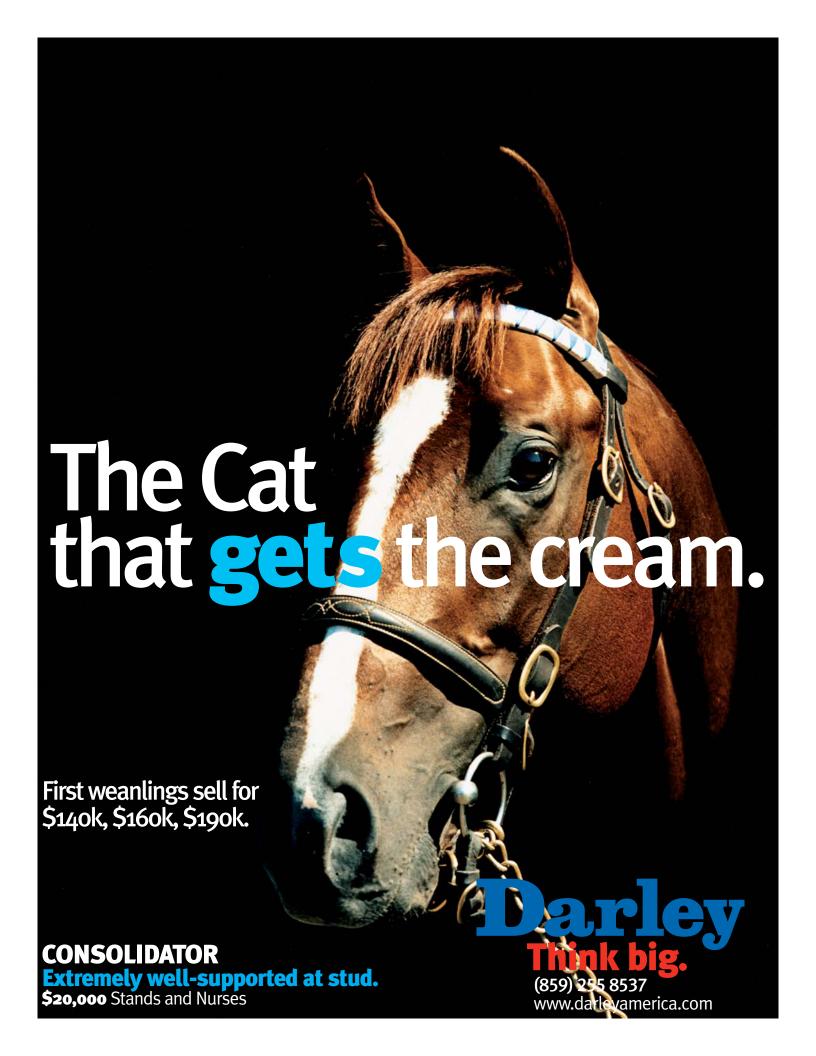
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LOUIS WOLFSON DIES Louis Wolfson, who bred and raced Triple Crown winner Affirmed, died Sunday at his Bal Harbour, Florida home. He was 95. The St. Louis native was a longtime racing fan before buying his first horse in the late 1950s. His homebred Affirmed was named champion juvenile colt of 1977 before defeating archrival Alydar in all three legs of the legendary 1978 Triple Crown races. Affirmed was named Horse of the Year in 1978 and 1979 and was champion three-year-old of 1978 and champion older horse of 1979. Wolfson also campaigned champions Roman Brother, Raise a Native, Outstandingly, It's in the Air and Flawlessly. Harbor View Farm received the Eclipse Award as the nation's top owner in 1978 and 1979 and as top breeder in 1978. The stable led all owners in national wins in 1971-1973 and again in 1979 and led the nation in money earned in three consecutive years, from 1978-1980. Harbor View was leading breeder by money earned in 1970 and 1971. Wolfson's son Marty is a Florida-based trainer. His sons Steve and Gary are the former owners of Happy Valley Farm, breeder of 1978 champion juvenile filly It's in the Air. Wolfson is survived by his three sons and his wife. Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Temple Ahaveth Chesed in Jacksonville, Florida.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2: 01-12 \$150,000 Old Hat-II, GP, 3yo, f, 6.5f (150)



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4:54p 11th-CRC, \$24K, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT TVG A trio of horses makes their respective U.S. d

A trio of horses makes their respective U.S. debuts. PARTY GIRL (Fr) (Bering {GB}) remains eligible for this condition despite a close third-place effort in the G3 Prix Vanteaux at Longchamp last April. Augustin Stable's Skill (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) is the most lightly raced member of this bunch, having won a Cologne maiden in her lone trip to the post in July 2006. Shadwell Stable's Ela Enta (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) was last seen finishing third in a conditions heat at Naas July 25. brisnet.com pps

5:36p 6th-SAX, \$48K, Msw, 3yo, 7f HRTV THAT'S GRAND (Grand Slam

THAT'S GRAND (Grand Slam), a \$500K OBSMAR juvenile purchase, looks very well-meant in his career debut. The dark bay, from the family of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Summerly, has some impressive morning works at Hollywood Park, including a bullet half-mile in :46 3/5 Dec. 28. Square Deal (Sky Mesa) made \$650K as a BESMAR juvenile and turned in a promising debut effort at Hollywood Dec. 8, finishing third. Crown of Thorns (Repent), a \$300K OBSMAR grad, was fifth in that same event, three lengths behind Square Deal. brisnet.com pps

5:48p 10th-FGX, \$39K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m

Jay Em Ess Stable's **REVENGE IS SWEET** (Vindication) failed to hit the board in two tries over artificial surfaces to begin his career, but seemed to appreciate a stretchout in distance and a switch to conventional dirt when he missed by a head in a Churchill maiden Nov. 24. A 3/4-brother to MGSW Suave (A.P. Indy), the dark bay is out of GISW Urbane. **Not For Gold (Not for Love)**, a \$550K FTFFEB two-year-old, tries two tums off a second in a six-furlong maiden at this track Dec. 9. brisnet.com pps



HRTV



★ NEW YORK ★

Tuesday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:49 p.m. EST INTERBOROUGH H., \$75,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Control System	Lion Hearted	Trombetta	118
2	Karakorum Starlet	Skip Away	Odintz	115
3	Meadow Breeze	Meadowlake	Contessa	115
4	Tamberino	Freud	Bush	114
5	Oprah Winney	Royal Academy	Dutrow	122
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The first, third and fourth-place finishers from the Dec. 1 Garland of Roses H. rematch in this New Year's Day feature. Trainer Richard Dutrow was reportedly upset with the ride put on **Oprah Winney** when she rounded out the triple that afternoon and has made a switch from jockey Alan Garcia to Ramon Dominguez this afternoon. A rebound still might not be good enough to catch the in-form **Control System**, the 2007 GIII Cicada S. winner who drove to a clear-cut success in the Garland of Roses.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

LOUISIANA FUTURITY, \$112,935, FGX, 12-31, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

- 1--# + VERY SEXCESSFUL, 122, f, 2, In Excess (Ire)-Smart N Sassy, by Smart Strike. O-Dianne B Dunham;
 B-L H Dunham Jr (LA); T-P Mouton; J-J Jacinto;
 \$67,761. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$67,761.
- 2--T C's Charmer, 122, f, 2, Leelanau--Kissin Charm, by Kissin Kris. (\$34,000 2yo 2007 TEXMAR). O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch. \$22,587.
- 3--Sax Appeal, 122, f, 2, Successful Appeal--Louetta, by Hadif. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. \$12,422. Margins: 1, 4, 1HF. Odds: 8.80, 6.80, 0.70.

Very Sexcessful sported a very solid worktab ahead of this debut, including a half-mile in :48 Dec. 15, the fifth-fastest of 118 drills at the distance. She had her fair share of backers for this debut in stakes company and was able to pull the upset. In front after a quarter mile in :21.70, the dark bay opened it up turning for home and was leg-weary late, but had enough left for the win.

6th-TPX, \$22,165, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:12, ft. INSURE (f, 2, Menifee--Minbar, by Holy Bull) was sent off at 5-1 odds for her Dec. 14 debut and did not disgrace herself, crossing the line an even third. Nicely into stride here, the bay filly was tucked in neatly at the rail just behind the early pace. She was steered out three wide at the eighth pole and finished well to record a 1 1/4-length victory over River City Woman (Stephen Got Even) at odds of 5-1. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$15,930.

O/B-Louis Wright (KY). T-Gregory D Foley.

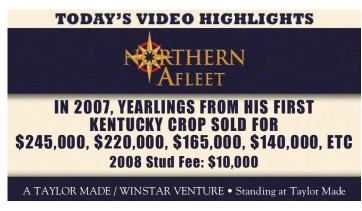
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Sunday Night's Results:

NEW YEAR'S EVE S., \$75,000, MNR, 12-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, my.

- 1--COUNTRY DIVA, 124, f, 4, Songandaprayer-Tactical Info, by Tactical Advantage. (\$60,000 yrl
 '04 FTKJUL). O/B-Marablue Farm (FL); T-Michael T
 Trivigno; J-Rex A Stokes III; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 26-10-4-4, \$328,727.
- 2--La Chica Rica, 118, f, 4, Disco Rico--Colonial Conquest, by Colonial Affair. \$15,000.
- 3--Roving Angel, 118, m, 5, Cape Canaveral--Angelinahalo, by Halo. (\$20,000 wlng '02 KEENOV). \$7,500.

Margins: 3/4, 1, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.00, 13.80, 2.70. Winner of an Oct. 4 allowance at this track, Country Diva shipped to Churchill Downs for the Nov. 4 Very Subtle S. and ran with credit when third to Sugar Swirl. The dark bay returned to Chester to take a Nov. 30 allowance and was well backed to run her local record to seven from 11. Away quickly, Country Diva set a good pace in advance of Laurel shipper La Chica Rica, who proved a stubborn rival, but Country Diva was able to hold sway after an extended drive.



Impressive Luck H. (7th-SAX) Claimed for \$62,500 out of his last start by trainer Mike Mitchell, Ever a Friend (Crafty Friend) rallies to victory in this turf sprint.

2nd-SAX (Msw \$50K) Champagne Eyes (Flatter) gives her freshman sire (by A.P. Indy) his second winner on the day.

1st-GGX (Msw \$31K) Life is but a dream for Merrily (Distorted Humor).

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.



East Report cont.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-CRC, \$20,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:35 3/5, fm. HOLY GRACE (f, 2, Holy Bull--My Marchesa {SW, \$132,996}, by Stately Don) debuted with a troubled third-place effort in a five-furlong maiden over the Delaware Park main track Oct. 9 and tried two turns to no avail in her latest, finishing a distant fourth at the Midlantic oval Oct. 30. Trying the turf for the first time as the 3-1 second choice, the homebred was pinched back early on and gained ground on the backstretch. Three wide on the final turn, she overtook Tale of a Lady (Tale of the Cat) inside the final furlong and went on to a 1 3/4-length win. The winner is 1/2 to Daiwa Carson (Carson City), SW-Jpn, \$510,136; Golden Corona (Gulch), MGSP, \$280,908; Mark One (Alphabet Soup), MGSW, \$744,916; and Benz Boy (Siphon {Brz}), SP, \$187,220. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$18,800. O-Stronach Stables. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-H Graham Motion.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

IMPRESSIVE LUCK H., \$75,000, SAX, 12-31, 3yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:12 4/5, fm.

- 1--#EVER A FRIEND, 111, g, 4, by Crafty Friend--Never Is a Promise, by Capote. (\$35,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL). O-Capen or Ustin; B-Liberation Farm & Oratis Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Mike Mitchell; J-Tyler Baze; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-2, \$195,938.
- 2--Bonfante, 119, g, 6, Fruition--Tahoma Cat, by Mountain Cat. \$15,000.
- 3--Night Chapter (GB), 118, h, 6, Night Shift--Context (GB), by Zafonic. \$9,000.

Margins: 3/4, NO, 1HF. Odds: 7.60, 5.00, 2.50.

Trainer Mike Mitchell is always dangerous off the claim, and handicappers who remembered that were rewarded with a \$17.20 mutuel when Ever a Friend stormed to a good-looking win in this event. Based on the East Coast for much of 2007, Ever a Friend, an allowance winner sprinting at Saratoga in early September, came west to be fourth to Bushwacker in a \$100,000 optional claimer on the main track at Hollywood Nov. 10. Dropped in to a grassy \$62,500 optional claimer by trainer Christophe Clement last out, Ever a Friend ran third in the six-furlong dash at Hollywood Dec. 6, and was haltered by Mitchell, who won a shake for the big gray. Looking for his first stakes win, Ever a Friend broke alertly from post seven, but was reined in by jockey Tyler Baze and sat in a good tracking spot a few lengths off the leaders. A chain reaction to his inside crossing over the dirt pushed Ever a Friend widest of all, but he recovered quickly and showed grit to catch and pass Bonfante, who staved off Night Chapter for place honors. Ever a Friend's upset ensured a Pick 6 carryover today of over \$900,000. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

2nd-SAX, **\$50,000**, **Msw**, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:42 1/5, ft.

CHAMPAGNE EYES (f, 2, Flatter--Corking {MSP}, by Sensitive Prince) became the 18th winner for her freshman sire (by A.P. Indy) with this easy victory. Fourth going six furlongs during the Oak Tree meeting Oct. 20, the \$30,000 FTKJUL was a good second to Foxy Danseur in the Nov. 17 Sharp Cat S. at Hollywood Park. The bay was coming off a good fourth in the Delta Jackpot S. in Louisiana Dec. 7 and was a warm item here. Settled just off a moderate pace, the half to Betty Van (Broad Brush), GSP, \$128,538, eased to the front while being shown the whip and came home two lengths better than Skylighter (Sky Mesa) as the 3-5 chalk. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-1-1-0, \$66,922. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made. Click for the brisnet.com chart.

O-Suarez Racing Inc. B-B D Gibbs Farm LLC & Fleetwood Bloodstock (KY). T-Doug F O'Neill.

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Somethinaboutlaura Races on at Seven:

It's rare that a million-dollar racemare is back for a seven-year-old campaign, but such is the case with Somethinaboutlaura (Dance Floor), who makes her 2008 debut in today's \$75,000 Campanile S. at Golden Gate. Owned by a partnership which includes John Sikura, George Todaro and trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, the chestnut disappointed as the 6-5 favorite in the Cal Cup Matron H. over the Cushion Track at Santa Anita Nov. 3, but atoned for that effort with an easy victory in the Pacific Heights S. back at this venue Dec. 1. That win, her 17th from 30 career starts, took her earnings to \$1,008,865, and she looks to pad those marks in this prep for the Sunshine Millions Jan. 26. Hollendorfer is as yet undecided on which race she will contest. His options are the Distaff at Gulfstream Park or the Filly and Mare Sprint or F/M Turf, both at Santa Anita.

Sunday Night's Results:

RILEY ALLISON FUTURITY, \$105,950, SUN, 12-30, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:15 4/5, ft.

- 1--#RAPPER S S, 118, c, 2, by Monarchos 1st Dam: What'salltheruckas, by Bold Ruckus 2nd Dam: Muskrat Love, by Muscovite 3rd Dam: Phils Love, by Philately
 - (\$50,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR). O-Lathrop G Hoffman; B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Henry Dominguez; J-Joe A Martinez; \$63,570. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$101,865.
- 2--**Yonegwa**, 122, c, 2, Kafwain--Newmar, by Salt Lake. \$23,309.
- 3--Capetown Royal, 118, c, 2, Cape Town--On Top of That, by Gate Dancer. (\$310,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR). \$10,595.

Margins: 1 3/4, 8 3/4, 1. Odds: 2.60, 0.80, 16.60.



West Report cont.

Riley Allison Futurity cont.

Rapper S S graduated by six lengths at second asking at Zia Park Oct. 30 prior to finishing third as the oddson favorite in the Eddy County S. at Zia Nov. 23. He dropped into a conditioned allowance spot at Sunland Dec. 16 and romped by five lengths, setting him up for this year-end test. Content to race just off the pace of favored Yonegwa, Rapper S S went after that one in earnest entering the final furlong and pulled away late for the win.

Yesterday's Results:

1st-GGX, **\$31,980**, **Msw**, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09 1/5, ft.

MERRILY (f, 3, <u>Distorted Humor</u>--Pib's Rush, by Phone Trick) nearly got the job done in her first career trip to the post, leading past midstretch before yielding to be second by a 3/4 of a length. Favored at 7-5 to get it right this time around, the homebred filly sprinted to the early lead and was never seriously menaced, scoring by 2 1/4 lengths. Jovani (Broad Brush) was second best. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$24,000. <u>Video, sponsored by Taylor Made</u>.

O/B-Jeffery Lovinger & Monty Roberts (KY). T-Art Sherman.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN PERU:

Fernandinha, f, 2, Bernstein--Whiskey Babe, by Whiskey Wisdom. Monterrico, Peru, 12-30, Mdn, 7.5fT, 1:311/5. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$4,400.

O-Stud Manning; B-Douglas S Arnold; T-Juan Suarez. *Won by 1 1/2 lengths. **\$5,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u>	Race	<u>Track</u>
Jan. 1	GIII Tropical Park Derby	Calder
	GIII El Conejo H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Monrovia H.	Santa Anita
Jan. 4	GIII Canadian Turf H.	Gulfstream
Jan. 5	GII Hutcheson S.	Gulfstream
	GII San Pasqual H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Mr. Prospector H.	Gulfstream
Jan. 6	GII San Gorgonio H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Hal's Hope H.	Gulfstream
	GIII Sabin H.	Gulfstream
Jan. 12	GII Old Hat S.	Gulfstream
	GII San Fernando BC S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	Fair Grounds
	GIII San Rafael S.	Santa Anita



Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, January 1 Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2003 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

AWESOME OF COURSE (Awesome Again), Rising Hill, \$3K, 8/3/1 7-CRC, Stk, 1 1/8mT, Heaven's Awesome CACTUS RIDGE (Hennessy), Walmac, \$7K, 70/13/0 10-FG, Msw, 1 1/16m, Cactus Tom, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1 **DESERT WARRIOR** (Deputy Minister), McMahon, \$3K, 46/6/0 7-AQU, Alw, 1m, Carms Gold Warrior, 30-1 DREAM RUN (Cherokee Run), Empire Stud, \$5K, 35/2/0 4-AQU, Msw, 1m, +Bold Dreamer, \$2K EAS SEP yrl, 20-1 FATHER STEVE (Pulpit), 14/4/0 6-CRC, Alw, 5 1/2f, Prince Steve, \$25K OBS APR 2yo **GREATNESS** (Mr. Prospector), Adena South, \$5K, 41/8/0 6-SA, Msw, 7f, Masterwork, \$25K OBS WIN yrl HARLAN'S HOLIDAY (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 99/24/4 7-AQU, Alw, 1m, Shot Gun Holiday, \$80K OBS MAR 2yo, 15-1 MAYAKOVSKY (Matty G), Mill Creek, \$3K, 25/3/0 7-AQU, Alw, 1m, Alexandros, 4-1 5-CRC, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Mine Or Who's, \$80K SAR AUG yrl MILWAUKEE BREW (Wild Again), Adena South, \$15K, 83/14/0 10-FG, Msw, 1 1/16m, Fire Brewed, \$80K ADS SPR 2yo, 9-2 MINESHAFT (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$100K, 73/9/1 10-FG, Msw, 1 1/16m, A. U. Miner, \$42K KEE APR 2yo, 10-1 NAJRAN (Runaway Groom), Hopewell, \$8K, 71/8/0 5-CRC, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Wasted Tears **REPENT** (Louis Quatorze), Cloverleaf II, \$5K, 79/18/2 6-SA, Msw, 7f, Crown of Thorns, \$300K OBS MAR 2yo **SEEKING DAYLIGHT** (Seeking the Gold), Maryland Stn, \$7K, 29/7/0 7-LRL, Alw, 1m, Seeking Options, \$10K EAS SEP yrl, 5-1 **SKY MESA** (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 89/12/0 6-SA, Msw, 7f, Square Deal, \$650K BAR MAY 2yo VINDICATION (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 119/19/1 10-FG, Msw, 1 1/16m, Revenge Is Sweet, 8-1 10-FG, Msw, 1 1/16m, Stungbythestorm, \$115K OBS APR 2yo, 7-2 **VOLPONI** (Cryptoclearance), Hopewell, \$, 55/12/3 4-AQU, Msw, 1m, Hoist the Gala, \$33K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1 WISEMAN'SFERRY (Hennessy), Castleton Lyons, \$5K, 67/7/0 7-AQU, Alw, 1m, Fort Drum, \$290K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2 YANKEE GENTLEMAN (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$10K, 73/15/2 7-LRL, Alw, 1m, Lovers Spat, \$12K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

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Yesterday's Results:

Wolverhampton, 3.20, Mdn, £4,350, 2yo, 7f 32yds (AWT), 1:31.35, stn.

GLITTERING PRIZE (UAE) (f, 2, Cadeaux Genereux {GB}--Tanami {GB} {G1SP-Eng}, by Green Desert) had failed to make an impact on turf and was down the field on her last try at Yarmouth Oct. 30. Breaking smartly before being restrained to stalk the early pace, the 6-4 second choice strolled to the front with three furlongs remaining and opened up to record a convincing six-length success from Molly Ann (Ire) (Medicean {GB}). The winner is a full sister to Cairns (UAE) (GSW-Eng). Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, £5,112.

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Mark Johnston.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

LOUISIANA FUTURITY, \$106,135, FGX, 12-31, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

- 1--#CUBERA, 122, g, 2, Cape Canaveral--Gilded Halo, by Gilded Time. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable; B-Larry Romero (LA); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Shaun Bridgmohan; \$63,681. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$121,953.
- 2--Doble Quebrado, 122, g, 2, Ide--Pastel Gown, by I'ma Hell Raiser. (\$3,500 yrl '06 TEXAUG; \$23,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR). O-Ruben Valdes. \$21,227.
- 3--Cush, 122, c, 2, Arch--Think Pink, by Coronado's Quest. O-Stewart Mather Madison. \$11,674. Margins: HF, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 1.80, 21.90, 4.60.

VERSET'S JET-GI, \$58,560, CMR, 12-30, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m, 1:56 1/5, ft.

- 1--TRULY FRISKY, 124, c, 4, Frisk Me Now--P. J.'s Day, by Demaloot Demashoot. (\$12,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG). O-Establo Hermosura; B-Carol R Dender & Martin Friedman (FL); T-Gaston R Capote; J-Edwin Castro; \$36,600. Lifetime Record: 25-14-5-1, \$274,438.
- 2--Dazzling Dr. Cevin, 124, g, 5, Cutlass Fax--Dazzling Dixie, by Dixieland Band. (\$7,500 yrl '03 OBSJAN). \$12,200.
- 3--Old Midleton, 118, g, 4, Concerto--Hurry Home Hillary, by Deputed Testamony. (\$80,000 2yo "05 OBSAPR). \$6,100.

Margins: NO, 4HF, 7. Odds: 0.45, 2.10, 3.20.

BOLD EGO H., \$50,000, SUN, 12-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02 1/5, ft.

- 1--#GLEAMING ELEGANCE, 120, f, 4, High Yield--Juliet's Way, by Farma Way. O/B-Padua Stables (FL); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Casey T Lambert; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-3, \$144,168.
- 2--Kranky Karol, 118, m, 6, Pioneering--Desert Haze, by Baldski. \$11,000.
- 3--Diamond Chimes, 118, m, 5, Chimes Band--Belle Amie, by Marquetry. \$5,000.

Margins: 5HF, 1, HD. Odds: 2.50, 4.60, 42.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-FGX, \$41,000, NW2L, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, ft. MAREN'S MEADOW (f, 2, Meadowlake--Gold Liaka, by Yukon) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$73,120. O-River Ridge Ranch. B-Josham Farms Limited (ON). T-J Larry Jones. *\$25,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Golden Path (Slew O' Gold), MSW, \$191,214; and Chamul (Mutakddim), SW, \$165,799.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

FAIR GROUNDS

Adhrythm (Adhocracy), 4f, :48.20, 80/127 Proud Spell (Proud Citizen), 3f, :37.00, 4/20 Silverfoot (With Approval), 7f, 1:27.40, 1/1 Z Fortune (Siphon {Brz}), 4f, :50.20, 57/127

FAIR HILL

Better Talk Now (Talkin Man), 5f, 1:02.00, 4/6

GULFSTREAM PARK

Dance Away Capote (Capote), 5f, 1:01.20, 16/44 **Einstein (Brz)** (Spend a Buck), 6f, 1:11.80, 1/2 **Santana Strings** (Wheaton), 5f, 1:03.00, 36/44

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Awesome Gem (Awesome Again), 3f, :36.40, 14/44
Bai and Bai (Falstaff), 3f, :35.40, 3/44
Bilo (Bertrando), 6f, 1:13.00, 9/34
Down (Mr. Greeley), 5f, :59.80, 16/108
El Gato Malo (El Corredor), 5f, 1:02.20, 83/108
Grace Anatomy (Aldebaran), 4f, :49.80, 48/78
La Traviata (Johannesburg), 4f, :49.40, 40/78
Mananan McLir (Royal Academy), 4f, :49.80, 48/78
Notional (In Excess {Ire}), 4f, :50.00, 52/78
Ravel (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4f, :49.20, 36/78
Rathor (Ire) (Machiavellian), 6f, 1:14.00, 21/34
Sahara Heat (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:00.00, 20/108
Theverythoughtof U (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:00.40, 31/108
Tiago (Pleasant Tap), 7f, 1:25.60, 1/2

PALM BEACH DOWNS

Chitoz (Forest Wildcat), 4f, :52.00, 10/10 **Mini Sermon** (Pulpit), 5f, 1:00.20, 1/9

SANTA ANITA

Albertus Maximus (Albert the Great), 5f, :58.60, 6/76 Artiste Royale (Ire) (Danehill), 4fT, :50.20, 2/2 Dawn After Dawn (Successful Appeal), 6f, 1:12.00, 4/30 Nashoba's Key (Silver Hawk), 5f, :59.60, 15/76 Surf Cat (Sir Cat), 5f, :59.20, 9/76



9th-FGX, **\$38,800**, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47 1/5, ft.

MISS PEACHTREE (f, 4, War Chant--Moon Drone, by Drone) Lifetime Record: 19-2-3-2, \$71,110. O-Hinkle Farms & John Millward. B-Stonerside Farm Inc & Hinkle Farms (KY). T-Jeffrey D Thornbury. *\$80,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

9th-PHA, **\$38,628**, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, gd.

PRIVATE HALL (f, 4, Truly Met--Private Collection, by Private Terms) Lifetime Record: 31-8-3-7, \$166,660. O-James W & Marcia S Equils. B-Benjamin C Warren (CA). T-Randy Allen.

9th-CTX, \$28,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52, my. SIDE BUSTER (g, 3, Housebuster--Als Delight {SP}, by Wayne County {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 15-6-1-2, \$58,290. O-Linda M Harding. B-Concepts Unlimited (VA). T-A Ferris Allen III.

9th-TPX, **\$21,125**, NW1X, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04 4/5, ft.

MARGARET B (f, 2, Hennessy--Miss City Halo, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-3, \$36,959. O/B-KatieRich Stables (KY). T-Mark Hubley.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Norman's Girl, f, 2, Flatter--I'm a Crypto, by Cryptoclearance. PHA, 12-31, (C), 1m70y, 1:45 4/5. B-Tony Evangelista (KY). *17th winner for freshman sire (by A.P. Indy).

Debbie's Fast Girl, f, 2, Milwaukee Brew-Hugmelikeyouloveme, by Notebook. CRC, 12-31, (C),
1 1/16mT, 1:43 2/5. B-Dr Michael Galvin DVM (NY).
*\$30,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG. **14th winner for freshman sire (by Wild Again).

Perfectly Sane, g, 2, Perfect Mandate--Kassidy Kate, by Siphon (Brz). SAX, 12-30, (S), (C), 6f (AWT), 1:10. B-Charlotte Wrather (CA). *\$5,000 yrl '06 BESOCT.

Western Angel, c, 2, West Acre--Dream With Angels, by Saint Ballado. TPX, 12-31, 6f (AWT), 1:11 2/5. B-Majestic Farm (FL). *\$50,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG.

Sarahlane'sdestiny, f, 3, Point Given--Sarah Lane's Oates (MSW, \$888,295), by Sunshine Forever. FGX, 12-31, 1m (off turf), 1:40 1/5. B-Dr Glen Warren (KY).

Prized Monarch, c, 3, Reprized--Hialeah Cindy, by Buckaroo. CTX, 12-31, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20 3/5. B-Donald P Saville (WV).

Peytonrella, f, 3, Stormin Fever--Hollie Collie, by Roanoke. CRC, 12-31, (C), 5fT, :57. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). *\$57,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

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