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HEADLINE NEWS

CROWN OF THORNS OFF DERBY TRAIL

A shin injury has derailed B. Wayne Hughes's **Crown of Thorns** (Repent) from the Kentucky Derby trail, it was revealed yesterday. Trainer Richard Mandella told



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Daily Racing Form that the colt, a \$350,000 juvenile purchase, had the "beginnings of a saucer fracture" in his left fore and would be sidelined for several months. "He'll stay here for a while, then go to Mr. Hughes's farm in Malibu," Mandella explained to the publication. Crown of Thorns was on more than a few Derby watch lists when, after a seven-length romp in a Santa Anita maiden, he captured the GII Robert B. Lewis S. Feb. 2 in his stakes and route debut.

CURLIN CANTERS AT NAD AL SHEBA

Reigning Horse of the Year **Curlin** (Smart Strike) had his first look at Nad Al Sheba racecourse under exercise rider Carmen Rosas Wednesday morning. The Gl Breeders' Cup Classic hero is scheduled to breeze on Sunday

or Monday. "Curlin made the trip in good shape," Scott Blasi, assistant to trainer Steve Asmussen, said. "He's doing fantastic and has a lot of energy. The track doesn't have a lot of turn to it, which Curlin will appreciate as he has a tendency to look to the inside." The strapping chestnut remains on target for a Feb. 28 handicap in preparation for the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 29. Blasi



Curlin at Nad Al Sheba
Dubai Racing Club/Monica Pinheiro

recognized last term's G2 UAE Derby winner **Asiatic Boy (Arg)** (Not for Sale {Arg}) as the main danger in the World Cup. "Mike de Kock is a great trainer and Asiatic Boy is an impressive horse; we know he's going to be tough to beat," Blasi continued. "But Curlin is a special kind of horse. He was third in the Kentucky Derby on only his fourth ever start. We expect him to do big things." In related news, HRTV announced yesterday that it would provide live coverage of Curlin's return to the races Feb. 28.

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COURT VISION WORKS TOWARD FOY

WinStar Farm and IEAH Stables's **Court Vision** (Gulch) put the finishing touches on his preparations for his seasonal debut, Sunday's GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream, with an easy half-mile breeze yesterday. Working at trainer Bill Mott's base at Payson Park, Court Vision stopped the clock in :51 2/5 (8/10). Court

Vision, one of several Triple Crown hopefuls in Mott's barn, won three of four last term, including the GIII Iroquois S. and GII Remsen S. He'll be one of the favorites for the Fountain of Youth, his first race wearing the red, white and blue colors of IEAH Stables. That operation bought into the colt from



Court Vision A Coglianese

WinStar about three weeks ago. "We know he is coming into this race well, and we are really looking forward to his first race of the year," IEAH Co-President Michael lavarone said. "We obviously have our sights set on the Kentucky Derby, and hopefully this is a first step toward that goal. From what we've seen so far, the Fountain of Youth doesn't look like it will be an easy race--but we know we fit. We'd love to see him come running through the lane and be along in time." Probable for the Fountain of Youth are Adriano (A.P. Indy), Anak Nakal (Victory Gallop), Cool Coal Man (Mineshaft), Elysium Fields (El Prado {Ire}), Golden Spikes (Seeking the Gold), Kentucky Bear (Mr. Greeley), Make the Point (Menifee), Monba (Maria's Mon), and Ready Set (Touch Gold).



ANOTHER IMPRESSIVE STAKES WIN FOR RAVALO WHO MAKES IT THREE IN A ROW

RAVALO carves out fractions of :22 3/5, :45 2/5 and :57 2/5 en route to an easy victory in the Impressive Stakes at Aqueduct on February 17th. The son of Mutakddim has now gone wire-to-wire in THREE consecutive Stakes races and has earned over \$250,000.



☆ NEWSTODAY ☆

WAR PASS RETURN POSTPONED War Pass (Cherokee Run), the champion two-year-old of 2007, will



Equi-Photo/Sarah K Andrew

have to wait at least one more day to make his much-anticipated sophomore debut after his intended comeback race at Gulfstream Park did not attract enough entries. Owned by Robert LaPenta, War Pass was expected to launch his 2008 campaign in a one-mile open allowance race on Saturday. Officials at Gulfstream Park will attempt to bring back the

race on Sunday's program and have listed the race, which carries purse money of \$60,000, as an extra on Saturday's overnight sheet.

KEENELAND CATALOGUES 191 FOR APRIL

Keeneland has announced that 191 horses have been catalogued for the April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, which will be held over two evening sessions this year



Apr. 8-9. Sessions will begin at 7 p.m. "We are very excited about the changes in date and format, which will make the sale more convenient for horsemen," said Geoffrey Russell, Keeneland's director of sales. "First, we've moved the dates forward on the calendar to [GI] Toyota Blue Grass week, when many horsemen are already here. Secondly, we have scheduled only one preview show, as preferred by all. And finally,

we believe that dividing the sale into two sessions will allow buyers more time to evaluate the horses." Keeneland will stream live coverage of the preview day works, as well as both sessions of the April Sale, on www.keeneland.com. Freshman sires Birdstone (Grindstone), Canadian Frontier (Gone West), Cuvee (Carson City), Domestic Dispute (Unbridled's Song), Johar (Gone West), Lion Heart (Tale of the Cat), Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado {Ire}), Pleasantly Perfect (Pleasant Colony), Read the Footnotes (Smoke Glacken), Saarland (Unbridled), Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality), Speightstown (Gone West), Strong Hope (Grand Slam), and Tapit (Pulpit) are slated to be represented.

GO BETWEEN TO BIG 'CAP Successful turfer Go Between (Point Given), who showed a new dimension winning the Sunshine Millions Classic on Santa Anita's Cushion Track Jan. 26, will aim to make it back-to-back \$1-million races when he tackles the Mar. 1 GI Santa Anita H. Trainer Bill Mott yesterday confirmed that would be Go Between's next target. "He's doing great," said Mott from his base at Payson Park in Florida. "He'll fly out of here on the 28th. He handled that trip well last time."



☆ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ☆

Dear Editor,

In his *TDN* column "Blinded By The Light" (Feb. 20th), Bill Oppenheim was on target, on several fronts, with his typically insightful data-driven commentary. His observations begin by revealing the fundamental obstacle and limitation inherent in trying to make a case for the existence and nature of "true" nicks. As Bill implies, most hypotheses and generalizations about so-called "nicks" are typically formulated on meager and statistically inadequate sample size and therefore have questionable predictive value.

For sure, pedigrees are wonderful things, possess intrinsic beauty, and have the capacity to trigger our fondest memories. Furthermore, their historical significance provides a fascinating source for intellectual stimulation and aesthetic appreciation. And it makes common sense to study them and to think that quality racehorses will beget quality racehorses. Yet if our preoccupation with pedigrees can yield any practical utility, their value would be found in our ability to analyze the historical detail and emerge with an improved probability of achieving a stakes performer from a particular mating. Toward that end, however, it is not descriptively useful to be told that a proposed mating is an A + or a C or has an index of 71.93. Instead, we need probability statements that are anchored in substantive data. Letter cont. p3



We need to be told that, based on X number of prior identical or closely similar matings, we have an X probability of breeding a stakes horse.

The problem for most "nicking" paradigms is that the number of prior comparisons in most samples is nearly always either too small or too dissimilar to provide a meaningful (statistically significant) predictive correlation. Unfortunately, this doesn't seem to stop us, in the face of uncertainty and great monetary expenditure, from grabbing on to them and seeking comfort in pointing to something that happened some place, some time. But because something happens a couple of times does not mean that it is likely to happen again. A handful of occurrences does not create a statistically viable pattern or a sound basis for statistically significant prediction. Thus, "nicks" derived from small samples are perhaps the most visible poster children for our widespread industry tendency to attribute broad meaning from a small number of events.

In more formal terms, attempting to explain or predict an event based on a small number of occurrences defies the laws of Logical Composition. When we draw conclusions (and base our beliefs) on an insufficient sample size, we are particularly subject to the Fallacy of Composition, which arises when we infer that what is true of a part of something is also true of the whole. This fallacy, in turn, frequently spawns a closely related fallacy which we know, in colloquial terms, as the Hasty Generalization. This fallacy has many false faces and disguises that impinge on us daily. Hasty Generalization examples abound at every turn. Someone says that they have a really good foal by a new stallion, so the word is out that the stallion is getting really good foals. A mare has a bad foal and she "needs to find another home." A trainer has a horse that doesn't work out and he won't buy another by the same sire, etc., etc.

Yet, fallacies related to Logical Composition are not the only logical fallacies that work to reduce our sales scene toward its lowest common denominator. With regard to our irrational obsession with first year sires, for example, we see a prime incidence of the fallacy of Argumentum ad Ignorantium. Simply put, this fallacy occurs when it's argued that something must be true, simply because it hasn't been proved false. How else can we explain the illogic of looking past proven stallions to line up for stallions who haven't even produced a runner? And, of course, we continue to find comfort in numbers and conformity as we embrace the fallacy of Argumentum ad Numerum. Plain and simple, this fallacy asserts that the more people who support a belief, the more likely it is that it is correct. Regards, Rob Whiteley

Editor's Note: Rob Whiteley, a commercial breeder, is owner of Liberation Farm. A former professor, Rob took his statistics and logic classes at Stanford and Harvard and then was a National Defense Research Fellow during his Ph D studies at the University of California, Berkeley.



Thursday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 9:55 p.m. AL FAHIDI FORT-G2, \$250,000, NH4yo/up/SH3yo/up, 1600mT

PP HORSE **TRAINER** 1 Linngari (Ire) Indian Ridge (Ire) Brown Big Timer Street Cry (Ire) Semple Pivotal (GB) Danak (Ire) Watson Lord Admiral El Prado (Ire) C O'Brien Warriors Key (Ire) Key of Luck Seemar 6 Royal Oath Kingmambo Gosden 7 Admiralofthefleet Danehill de Kock 8 Archipenko de Kock Kingmambo Etihaad (GB) Dubai Millennium (GB) Bouresly 10 Dark Islander (Ire) Singspiel (Ire) Hills AE Quebec Citizen (Brz) Know Heights (Ire) Al Muhairi AE Delude (Ire) Be My Guest Bouresly

All carry 125 pounds, except Linngari, 132.

Linngari seeks his third straight Al Fahidi Fort victory after annexing the Group 2 contest the past two seasons. Last term's G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua winner kicked off the new year with a handicap tally at Nad Al Sheba Jan. 24. "He is in good form and loves this track," trainer Herman Brown said. "Obviously the penalty makes it more difficult, but he will give a good account of himself." Danak makes his first start since finishing sixth in the GI Arlington Million Aug. 11. The 2007 G3 Amethyst S. victor was fourth in the G1 Tatttersalls Gold Cup last May. "He is as fit as we can get him and he has worked well at Nad Al Sheba when we have brought him over," trainer Doug Watson said. "It is a tough race, but we hope he goes well."



Undertack Show - Friday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. Sale - Tuesday, February 26 at 11:00 a.m.





Previews cont.

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park GULFSTREAM PARK TURF S.-GI, \$350,000, 4yo/up,

PP HORSE SIRE **JOCKEY** Dave Ends Well Bravo 1 Thorn Song Unbridled's Song Desormeaux Zann Dvnaformer Truiillo 4 Einstein (Brz) Spend a Buck Lezcano 5 Dancing Forever Rahy Douglas 6 Stream Of Gold (Ire) Rainbow Quest Castro Shamdinan (Fr) Dr Fong Leparoux Palace Episode Machiavellian Velazquez 9 Notable Guest Kingmambo Cruz 10 Cougar Bay (Ire) Daylami (Ire) Coa

All carry 123 pounds.

Saturday, Santa Anita SAN LUIS OBISPO H.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up,

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Porfido (Chi)	Mash One (Chi)	Flores	114
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3	Sudan (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	M Baze	116
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5	Spring House	Chester House	Gomez	116
6	Add Heat	Unusual Heat	T Baze	112
7	Isipingo	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	Gryder	115
8	Rocket Legs	Dynaformer	Smith	115
9	Church Service	Pulpit	Garcia	111
10	On the Acorn (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Espinoza	117
11	Niagara Causeway	Giant's Causeway	Court	112



SEE HOW SHE RUNS, 9, Maria's Mon--Beau Cougar, by Cougar II

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FROM THE DESK OF... Bill Oppenheim TDN 1/23/08

TOP 5 SIRES at STUD in KY by A RUNNER INDEX 2001-2007

 1.A.P. Indy
 5.08

 2. Storm Cat
 4.37

 3. Smart Strike
 3.87

 4. Distorted Humor
 3.70

 5. SUCCESSFUL APPEAL
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DOUG CAUTHEN, PRESIDENT OF WINSTAR FARM:

As was noted by several people, the free market is usually the best vehicle to guide someone's individual program. Our general program, over the five or six



Doug Cauthen Horsephotos

years, is to target 125 mares or so for our stallions. That was something we initiated with Tiznow when he first retired. On those years when demand is so overwhelming, we've gone upwards to 150, but we do our budgets and projections on 125 mares.

If you look at Distorted Humor, in the year after he was leading freshman sire, we stood him at a pretty reasonable level--\$20,000-and he bred 150 mares. The next year he was in the 140s, and we've continually

tried to cut back; now we're around 100. The philosophy behind that is that we're trying to help commercial breeders be successful. As his stud fee has gone up, we've had a lot more end users breeding to him. Whereas the typical stallion's book is made up of commercial mares--maybe 80 percent or even 90 percent compared to end users--Distorted Humor's book is probably 50-50, or maybe even 60 percent breed-to-race customers. So for the commercial breeders, there will be fewer yearlings in the yearlings sales and that creates exclusivity for the product.

We're also very cognizant of getting our customers' mares in to the stallions at the optimum time. We're trying to have a high rate of fertility for our customers and cut back on the number of jumps for our stallions.

Our customers have supported our policies and procedures by coming back, and so the free market is telling us that we're doing it in a way where it makes the customers happy, and we'll continue to do that.

TOM McGREEVY:

Large stallion books (100+) along with stud fees that are too high are both driven by one thing--THE SALES RING. Twenty-five years ago, the horse industry was driven by the end product, which is racing. Without a doubt, the horse industry today is driven by sales and if this becomes the end product, this great sport will not survive.

MICHELLE HUBBS, STILLFORK FARM, LLC:

Personally, I believe the large books drive the prices down as a whole. I also believe that we are no longer breeding for the betterment of the breed. Pinhookers and breeders alike are solely profit motivated and that is not good for the industry as a whole. Limited books with quality mares instead of large books of poor quality mares would benefit the breed as a whole, giving more stallions opportunity as well.

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Keeneland	Polytrack
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Santa Anita	Cushion Track
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Maria's Mon - Regal Band, by Dixieland Band \$6,000 LF



Charles Nuckols III (859) 846-4438 **STALLION PROSPECTS - OLDER HORSES**

Rank (Prev.Rank) Name Last Race - Video **BRIS STATUS Owner** Breeder Trainer 1(1)-CURLIN (Smart Strike) 1st GI BC Classic 121 2/28 2000m Hcp (Dubai) Stonestreet et al Fares Farm Asmussen ('07: 9-6-1-2, \$5,102,800) (Recently crowned Horse of the Year, the giant chestnut will get started in Dubai...Christina Bossinakis) 2(2)-DAAHER (Awesome Again) Shadwell Y&D Schwabe McLaughlin 7th GI Donn H. 115 undecided ('08: 1-0-0-0, \$0; '07: 7-4-0-1, \$447,039) (Full to MGISW Spun Sugar, topped sprint champ Midnight Lute in GI Cigar Mile, but faltered in the Donn...Christina Bossinakis) 3(3)-CHAMPS ELYSEES (Danehill) 1st GII San Marcos H. Homebred Frankel 103 3/1 GI Santa Anita H. Juddmonte ('08: 1-1-0-0, \$90,000; '07: 6-1-3-1, \$235,630) (A full to leading sire Dansili, Grade I placed on two continents last year and is now a graded stakes winner in the U.S...Jessica Martini) 4(4)-TIAGO (Pleasant Tap) 2nd GII Strub S. Moss Homebred Shirreffs 99 3/1 GI Santa Anita H. ('08: 2-0-1-1, \$84,000, '07: 8-4-0-1, \$1,234,750) (In a wide open division, the half to Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo should build off an even performances early in 2008 season... Steve Sherack) 5(5)-SPRING AT LAST (Silver Deputy) J. Reddam/WinStar WinStar LLC 1st GI Donn H. 104 3/29 G1 Dubai World Cup? ('08: 1-1-0-0, \$300,000; '07: 5-2-1-0, \$722,000) (From a solid family, by the sire of last year's leading freshman sire Posse and now a Grade I winner...Jessica Martini) 6(6)-CIRCULAR QUAY (Thunder Gulch) Homebred Pletcher 106 5th GI San Carlos H. undecided ('08: 1-0-0-0, \$3,000; '07: 10-4-2-0, \$1,177,434) (A GISW at two & GSW at three, out of a GISW; now in California...Lucas Marquardt) 7(7)-MIDNIGHT LUTE (Real Quiet) Watson&Weitman Evans/Macon Baffert 2nd GI Cigar Mile H. 112 4/5 GI Carter H. ('07: 6-2-2-0, \$1,368,000) (Champion sprinter is training forwardly for his 2008 debut...Alan Carasso) 8th GI Hollywood Derby 103 8(8)-NOBIZ LIKE SHOBIZ (Albert the Great) Valando Homebred Wintering in Florida Tagg ('07: 13-7-2-1, \$1,544,730) (GISW on dirt and G2SW on turf will be back at four...Lucas Marquardt) 9(9)-STUDENT COUNCIL (Kingmambo) Millennium Farms Cerin 5th GII San Antonio H. 102 undecided ('08: 1-0-0-0, \$5,000; '07: 9-4-2-1, \$1,041,755) (Burst into prominence with wins in the GI Pacific Classic and GII Hawthorne Gold Cup in 2007; has plenty of black type on his page...Marie Kizenko) 10(10)-RAVEL (Fusaichi Pegasus) Pletcher 4th GII San Fernando H. 93 3/1 GII Gulfstream Park H.? Tabor/Smith Humphrey ('08: 1-0-0-0, \$12,000; '07: 3-2-0-0, \$100,671) (\$950K KEESEP yearling, the handsome colt won the GIII Sham S. in an abbreviated 3yo campaign and could be a force in this division in 2008...M. Kizenko)

AT THE GAP: Air Commander (Point Given), A.P. Arrow (A.P. Indy), Chatain (Forest Wildcat), First Defence (Unbridled's Song), Go Between (Point Given), Grasshopper (Dixie Union), Heatseeker (Ire) (Giant's Causeway), Idiot Proof (Benchmark), In Summation (Put it Back),

Jamie's SEASON of the week

Kip Deville (Kipling), Thorn Song (Unbridled's Song).

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GULFSTREAM

Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$43,500, Alw, NW2X, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 3/5, fm.

RUN SULLY RUN (c, 3, Cherokee Run--Woodman's Dancer {MGSP, \$298,486}, by Woodman) placed in three juvenile stakes on the main track at two, including a nose defeat in the Dec. 29 lanugural S. at Tampa Bay Dows. Returned to Florida's Suncoast for his latest, he failed to make an impact and was fifth as the favorite in the Pasco S. Jan. 19. Stretching out and trying the turf for the first time, the \$65,000 KEESEP yearling and \$130,000 FTMMAY juvenile bided his time from midpack, raced three wide on the turn, took command at the eighth pole and outlasted Sporting Art (Doneraile Court) to win by a neck at 5-1. Lifetime Record: MSP, 8-3-1-2, \$95,800. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made. O-Ol Memorial Stable & C E Glasscock. B-Grapestock LLC (KY), T-Cam M Gambolati,

4th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. ARIZONA (c, 3, Carson City--Splash Em Baby, by Bucksplasher) was sent off the 2-1 favorite for his Sept. 1 debut going a mile over the Arlington Polytrack and was blocked for a run on the turn before finishing third. A 5-2 chance in his three-year-old bow, the \$160,000 KEESEP yearling stalked odds-on Tiz It (Tiznow) for the opening half-mile, pressed by that one in upper stretch and drew clear to score by 4 1/4 lengths as Ecton (Ecton Park) outfinished the favorite for second. Public Speaker (Distorted Humor) broke slowly and was sixth of seven. The winner is a half to Unruled (Notebook), MSW & MGISP, \$638,573; and Boy Genius (Beau Genius), MSW, \$463,669. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$27,080. Video, sponsored by Taylor

O-M S Stables, B-Gulf Coast Farms Bloodstock (KY), T-Kenneth G McPeek.

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9th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3vo, f, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft. + SENIOR RITA LADY (f, 3, Fusaichi Pegasus--Gloriosa, by Pleasant Colony), a \$155,000 FTMMAY two-yearold purchase, sported a solid-looking worktab, but was sent off at debut odds of 9-1. Displaying good speed from her outside draw, the dark bay filly sprinted to the front and was well-rated by jockey Eibar Coa. She held a narrow advantage into the stretch, began to lug in leaving the eighth pole and held on for a neck success. Grand Intentions (Grand Slam) switched off the heels of the tiring leader inside the final furlong and ran on well once clear. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

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8th-GPX (Alw \$43K) Run Sully Run (Cherokee Run) takes his turf debut.

4th-GPX (Msw \$40K) Arizona (Carson City) raises heck in his sophomore debut.

9th-GPX (Msw \$40K) Senor Rita Lady (Fusaichi Pegasus) leads 'em gate to wire.

8th-LRL (Msw \$28K) Access Fee (Menifee) rolls home an easy winner at first asking.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21:



03-01 \$200,000 Sham-III, SA, 3vo, 9f (AWT) (200)

03-02 \$150,000 Davona Dale-II, GP, 3yo, f, 8f (150) www.stakesdigestweekly.com

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-LRL, \$28,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, ft. + ACCESS FEE (f, 3, Menifee--Denied Access {SW}, by Cryptoclearance), sent off the 5-2 chalk to open her account, made light work of this field. A half-sister to Access Agenda (Twilight Agenda), SP, \$259,985; and Access Approved (With Approval), SP, \$186,880, the homebred filly showed the best early speed, turned for home well in front and finished with good energy to post an effortless 7 3/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,960. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made. O-Sondra D Bender. B-Sondra Bender & Howard M Bender (MD). T-Lawrence E Murray.



3:11p 5th-GPX, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, f, 5fT HRTV GOO GOO EYES (Mr. Greelev), a

GOO GOO EYES (Mr. Greeley), a half-sister to GSW Saint Anddan (A.P. Indy), kicks off her career in this turf sprint. The chestnut has some solid works over that surface at Palm Meadows, including a three-furlong blowout in :37 1/5 Monday. brisnet.com pps

3:40p 6th-GPX, \$42K, Msw, 3yo, 1m HRTV YOU AND I FOREVER (A.P. Inc.

YOU AND I FOREVER (A.P. Indy) is the first foal to race out of five-time Grade I and \$2.1-million winner You (You and I). The bay colt is owned by his breeder Edmund Gann, who raced You for the majority of her career and offered her at the 2004 Keeneland November sale carrying this foal in utero. He elected to buy the mare back when bidding stalled out at \$2 million. Anewday (Vindication), a half-brother to MGISW Tout Charmant, was a \$1-million graduate of last year's Fasig-Tipton Calder sale. He looks to improve off a debut fifth at Saratoga Sept. 1. brisnet.com pps

5:13p 9th-GPX, \$42K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT HRTV REVE DE FILLE (Storm Cat) beco

REVE DE FILLE (Storm Cat) becomes the first foal from European champion Bosra Sham (Woodman) to race in the United States. Owned by Masatake lide, the dark bay fired a bullet five furlongs over the turf at Palm Meadows in 1:01 Feb. 4. Loquacious Lil (Pulpit) tries the turf for the first time. The dark bay is a daughter of GISP Speaking of Time (Gilded Time). brisnet.com pps

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First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, February 21 Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

CACTUS RIDGE (Hennessy), Walmac, \$7K, 138/16/1 8-LRL, Alw, 6f, Geared Up, \$19K EAS JUL 2yo, 10-1 **CENTURY CITY (IRE)** (Danzig), Wintergreen, \$10K, 92/4/0 3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +No Haggle, \$2K EAS SEP yrl, 6-1 EMPIRE MAKER (Unbridled), Juddmonte, \$100K, 185/9/3 6-OP, Msw, 6f, +French Colony FINDER'S GOLD (Seeking the Gold), 22/2/0 3-DED, Msw, 7f, Honor the Gold, \$1K LTB AUG yrl, 30-1 FLATTER (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$5K, 145/18/1 8-LRL, Alw, 6f, I'm Flattered, 7-2 FULL MANDATE (A.P. Indy), Hartley, \$, 173/19/1 9-GP, Msw, 1mT, +Full of Fire, \$3K OBS AUG yrl, 20-1 GULF STORM (Storm Cat), Lou-Roe, \$4K, 137/14/1 9-GP, Msw, 1mT, Shannon Brook MD, \$4K OBS OCT yrl, 30-1 **HOOK AND LADDER** (Dixieland Band), Sequel NY, \$10K, 100/10/2 2-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Evaluator, \$85K OBS MAR 2yo NO ARMISTICE (Unbridled), Country Life, \$3K, 65/6/0 8-LRL, Alw, 6f, Valin Time, \$4K EAS SEP yrl, 20-1 NO DREAMER (Noactor), 1/0/0 3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +I'm a Lucky Dream, \$3K OBS JUN 2yo, 10-1 PAYNES BAY (Mr. Prospector), Norse Ridge, \$3K, 82/4/0 9-AQU, Msw, 1m, Arthur's Seat PROUD CITIZEN (Gone West), Airdrie, \$13K, 210/21/3 6-OP, Msw, 6f, +Larmon, \$22K KEE SEP yrl **SEEKING DAYLIGHT** (Seeking the Gold), Maryland Stn, \$7K, 55/7/0

8-LRL, Alw, 6f, Seeking Options, \$10K EAS SEP yrl, 10-1 **STORM PASSAGE** (Storm Cat), Red River, \$2K, 49/3/0 8-DED, Aoc, 5f, Little Thorn, \$5K LOU OCT yrl, 8-1 **VAN NISTELROOY** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 201/30/6 9-GP, Msw, 1mT, Amazing Miss, \$37K CAN SEP yrl, 8-1 **VINDICATION** (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 229/24/1 6-GP, Msw, 1m, Anewday, \$1000K FTF FEB 2yo, 12-1 **WISEMAN'S FERRY** (Hennessy), Castleton Lyons, \$5K, 126/9/0 9-AQU, Msw, 1m, Second Mortgage, \$37K OBS MAR 2yo

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.



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Musical Script, g, 5, Stravinsky--Cyrillic (MGSP-US, SW & GSP-Fr, \$262,763), by Irish River (Fr). Lingfield, 2-20, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Juddmonte Farms Inc. *15,500gns HIT '05 DONNOV.

IN ARGENTINA:

Hidden Riches, f, 4, <u>Dixie Union</u>-Penny Mint, by Cox's Ridge. San Isidro, 2-20, Allowance, 1400m, 1:24.69. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0. O-Stud Santa Ines; B-Kathleen Schonefeld; T-J B Udadondo. *\$13,000 2yo '06 KEENOV.







★ BRITAIN★

GREAT LEIGHS TO OPEN IN APRIL

Great Leighs, Britain's first new racecourse in 81 years, has overcome a catalogue of delays and will stage its first meeting Apr. 4. The Essex track, on the outskirts of London, will host eight further racedays in April after receiving approval from the British Horseracing Authority. "It has been a long, hard journey, but naturally I am delighted at the decision," track owner John Holmes told PA Sport. "I would like to thank the BHA for their encouragement, advice and support, which has been unflagging. One must not expect a grand opening as this is a completely new destination where safety will take precedence. We see Apr. 4 as a soft opening and if we can achieve the headline 'Great Leighs goes off without a hitch' that will be a triumph. We have a further eight fixtures in April, upon which we can build. This will give both us and our operators a steer towards our two-day fixture on May 28-29, by which time our public grandstand and hospitality facilities will be fully operational."

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Meteor Shower (Ire), h, 5, Danehill--Teslemi, by Ogygian. Durbanville, 2-19, Hcp., 2000mT. O-Mrs L De Haast, Anfield Sport (Pty) Ltd (Nom: M Aronstam) & Messrs G L Blank, D I Scott; B-Western Bloodstock. T-Mike Bass. *Full to Johan Cruyff (GB), MGSW-Ire, MSW & MGSP-HK, \$1,753,675; and Spartacus (Ire), G1SW-Ire & Ity, \$362,812.

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

WALDROP TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS

NTRA president and chief executive officer Alex Waldrop is <u>scheduled</u> to <u>testify</u> February 27 in Washington, D.C. during a hearing on performance-enhancing drugs in sports. The hearing, entitled "Drugs is Sports: Compromising the Health of Athletes and Undermining the Integrity of Competition", is before the congressional Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection.

Waldrop's comments will be posted on the NTRA's legislative site www.SupportHorseRacing.org following the proceedings.

Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell released a report December 13, 2007 that led to the upcoming hearing. In his report, Mitchell chronicled steroid use among Major League Baseball players. The hearing will explore his findings, as well as the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs in athletes at all level of sports, including Thoroughbred racing.

The industry has been proactive in working to regulate the use of anabolic steroids in horses through a <u>model rule</u> promulgated by the Association of Racing Commissioners International that has already been adopted by some states.



For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, Director of Membership Development, (800) 792-6872, ext. 677 or visit www.SupportHorseRacing.org.

IN HONG KONG:

Sounds Fantastic (Ire), c, 4, Catienus--Night Life (Ire), by Night Shift. Happy Valley, 2-20, Hcp., 1650mT. B-Michael Dalton. *Formerly Fabrigas (Ire). **€40,000 yrl '05 TATIRE.





★ DUBAI ★

DIRC SALE CATALOGUE AVAILABLE

Catalogues for the inaugural Dubai International Racing Carnival Sale--in association with Tattersalls--have been released and are available online. The Sale takes place at Nad Al Sheba Mar. 4 & 5. Forty-five lots, including four supplementary lots, are catalogued for the Sale, which also incorporates the Emirates Racing Authority Horses in Training Sale. Lord Admiral (El Prado {Ire}), entered in today's G2 Al Fahidi Fort at Nad Al Sheba, Group 1 Brazilian winner Nepotista (Brz) (Know Heights {Ire}) and 2005 G1 Dubai World Cup third-place finisher Choctaw Nation (Louis Quatorze) are among those slated to go through the ring. To view the catalogue, visit www.tattersalls.com.





AUSTRALASIA



MM NATIONAL SALE TO INCLUDE SWETTENHAM WEANLING DISPERSAL

The Magic Millions National Sale, which gets underway May 26, received a boost yesterday when it was announced that 41 weanlings from Swettenham Stud would be added to the sale. Sires represented in the Swettenham draft include, Anabaa, Danehill Dancer (Ire), Dehere, Elusive Quality, Encosta de Lago (Aus), Exceed and Excel (Aus), Hussonet, Johannesburg, Redoute's Choice (Aus) and Royal Academy. Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester is pleased with the quality of the youngsters slated for the sale. "Many of these weanlings would be pin-up youngsters at any sale in the world," Chester said. "Everyone knows the Sangster family has developed a number of great Thoroughbred families and these weanlings represent a number of them. Vendors and buyers alike know that the National Sale is now the premier breeding stock sale of the Southern Hemisphere. Whether it's a yearling, a weanling, a race filly or broodmare--the quality lots will hit the buyers thick and fast."



GROUP WINNER IN CHILE:

Last Impact (Chi), c, 5, Stuka--Angel de Furia (Chi), by Stagecraft (GB). Club Hipico de Santiago, 2-15, Clasico Verano-Arturo Cousino Lyon-G2, 2,000mT. B-Haras Don Alberto. *G1SP-Chi.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

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<u>Date</u>	Race	<u>Track</u>	
Feb. 24	GII Fountain of Youth S.	Gulfstream	
Mar. 1	GI Santa Anita H.	Santa Anita	
	GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile	Santa Anita	
	GII Gulfstream Park H.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Sham S.	Santa Anita	
Mar. 2	GII Davona Dale S.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Baldwin S.	Santa Anita	
Mar. 8	GI Santa Anita Oaks	Santa Anita	
	GII Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds	
	GII Mervin Muniz Mem. H.	Fair Grounds	
	GII New Orleans H.	Fair Grounds	
	GII Fair Grounds Oaks	Fair Grounds	
	GII Richter Scale Sprint H.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Gotham S.	Aqueduct	
	GIII Toboggan H.	Aqueduct	
	GIII The Very One H.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Razorback H.	Oaklawn	
	GIII El Camino Real Derby	Bay Meadows	

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-LRL, \$30,000, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40 4/5, ft. MY DANCE PARTNER (f, 3, Partner's Hero--My Dance, by Rhythm) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-4-0-2, \$76,410. O-Manfred Roos. B-Charles Walters Jr (MD). T-John Rigattieri.

11th-SUN, **\$29,400**, 2-19, NW3L, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft.

HIGH PITCH (h, 5, High Yield--Squalling, by Beau's Eagle) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-5, \$62,318. O-Double Eagle Ranch & Shannon West. B-Meadowbrook Farms, Inc (FL). T-Bennie L Woolley Jr. *\$85,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG; \$45,000 HRA '06 KEENOV. **1/2 to Orville N Wilburs (Out of Place), GSW, \$327,249.

8th-TAM, \$20,200, NW1X, 3yo, f, a1mT, 1:42, fm. BE MY GAL (f, 3, West Acre--Always Belle, by Always a Classic) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$30,497. O/B-Gilbert G Campbell (FL). T-Kathleen O'Connell.

5th-TAM, **\$20,200**, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

COMMANDER BAY (g, 3, Paynes Bay--Kitridge Bay, by Gilded Time) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$28,620.

O-Reniere M Dossantos. B-Eugene Melnyk (FL).

T-Gregory A Griffith. *\$1,200 yrl '06 OBSAUG.

ON THE WORKTAB

HOLLYWOOD

Caressive (A.P. Indy), 4f, :48.20, 7/26 Salute the Sarge (Forest Wildcat), 5f, 1:01.60, 14/17

OAKLAWN PARK

Brownie Points (Forest Wildcat), 7f, 1:27.80, 1/1 Kadira (Kafwain), 6f, 1:16.00, 4/6

PALM MEADOWS

Adagio (GB) (Grand Lodge), 4f (T), :49.00, 3/20 Lady of Venice (Ire) (Loup Solitaire), 3f (T), :37.80, 2/3 Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat), 6f, 1:12.20, 1/2

PAYSON PARK

Baroness Thatcher (Johannesburg), 5f, 1:02.40, 1/2 Court Vision (Gulch), 4f, :51.40, 8/10 Go Between (Point Given), 6f, 1:21.00, 2/2 War Monger (War Chant), 6f, 1:18.20, 1/2

SANTA ANITA

Coco Belle (Storm Boot), 4f, :48.00, 5/25 Dawn After Dawn (Successful Appeal), 4f, :48.40, 6/25 Golden Doc A (Unusual Heat), 5f, 1:00.80, 2/20 Medici Code (GB) (Medicean {GB}), 6f, •1:12.20, 1/15



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bay Olivia, f, 3, Bay Head King--April Journey, by Helmsman. SUN, 2-19, (S), 6f, 1:10. B-Steve Prather (NM). \$5,500 yrl '06 RUIAUG; \$20,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

Conchita, f, 3, Cozzene-Desert Gold, by Seeking the Gold. TAM, 2-20, a1mT, 1:40 2/5. B-Stonerside Stable (KY).

Mister Clarke Said, c, 3, Horse Chestnut (SAf)--Detach, by Unbridled. PHA, 2-20, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-Adele B Dilschneider (KY). *\$28,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

+ Secret Shuttle, g, 4, Cape Canaveral--Victoria's Wedding, by Summer Squall. SAX, 2-20, (C), 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15 4/5. B-Shining Armor Stables, Royal Oak Farm & Overbrook Farm (KY). *\$20,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

Yeah Me, f, 4, Menifee--Marry Me Scarlett, by Dixie Brass. TAM, 2-20, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Robert A & Dr SandyPrice-Murphy (FL).

Ballado's Gold, h, 5, Saint Ballado--Golden Ballet (MGISW, \$732,145), by Moscow Ballet. MNR, 2-19, 5 1/2f, 1:10 1/5. B-Aaron U & Marie D Jones (KY). \$425,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$47,000 HRA '07 BESNOV. **1/2 to Stage Luck (Unbridled's Song), SW.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2.50, €27,000, 3yo, 1.1/4m (AWT), 2:05.18, stn.

ROSE GRISE (FR) (f, 3, Verglas {Ire}--Tempete Tropicale {Fr}, by Kaldoun {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €32,100. O/T-Nicolas Clement; B-Elevage de Bois Carrouges. *€45,000 yrl '06 DEAAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Haydens Mark, g, 3, Efisio (GB)--Lady in Colour (Ire), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 2-20, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-A J & Mrs Dye.

Sagodi Mogotsi (Fr), f, 3, Numerous--Symbolic (Arg) (G1SW-Arg), by Mutakddim. Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 2-20, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Ecurie des Monceaux.



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HIGHER WORLD, 6, Peaks and Valleys--Sarah's World, by Holy Bull

Foal born Jan. 29, a filly by Unbridled's Song.

Will be bred back to Awesome Again.

Owned by Sienna Farms.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$278,948.

SUNYATA, 19, Proud Truth--Far Beyond, by Nijinsky II Foal born Jan. 29, a filly by Rock Hard Ten.

Will be bred back to Belong to Me.

Owned by Robert S Evans.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: Dam of New Economy (Red Ransom), MGSW, \$442,118.

MAPLE SYRPLE, 7, American Chance--Sweet and Low-down, by Stalwart

Foal born Jan. 30, a filly by Forestry.

Will be bred back to Hard Spun.

Owned by Bonnie Baskin.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$170,892.

MISSED THE STORM, 18, Storm Cat--Missed the Wedding, by Blushing Groom

Foal born Jan. 30, a filly by Broken Vow.

Will be bred back to Quiet American.

Owned by and boarded at Pin Oak Stud.

Accomplishments: GISW of \$334,986.

CORONATION CUP, 17, Chief's Crown--Glowing Tribute, by Graustark

Foal born Jan. 31, a filly by Rock Hard Ten.

Will be bred back to Mizzen Mast.

Owned by Ben Walden and Larry Taylor.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$172,179.

GASTRONOMICAL, 15, Sunshine Forever--Esprit d'Escalier, by Diesis (GB)

Foal born Jan. 31, a filly by Flower Alley.

Will be bred back to Posse.

Owned by A Breed Apart LLC and John McClutchy. Boarded at Denali Stud.

Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$468,008. Dam of Hippogator (Dixieland Band), SW, \$233,958.