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SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND

He showed improvement as the 2007 season came to a close, and **Heatseeker (Ire)** (Giant's Causeway)



continued his climb to the top of his division with a determined victory in yesterday's GI Santa Anita H. A rallying second in the Feb. 9 GII San Antonio H. going nine furlongs, the chestnut settled in fourth as 7-2 favorite **Monterey Jazz** (Thunderello)

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opened up by as many as 10 lengths through fractions of :24.02, :46.89, 1:10.11 and 1:34.87. The pacesetter was still in front as they turned into the stretch, but Heatseeker charged from the outside to take over at the eighth pole and rebuffed **Go Between** (Point Given) in the waning yards to take it by a half length. **Cont. p2**

Saturday, Santa Anita

SANTA ANITA H.-GI, \$1,000,000, SAX, 3-1, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:00 2/5, ft.

1--▲HEATSEEKER (IRE), 116, h, 5, by <u>Giant's Causeway</u> 1st Dam: Rusty Back, by Defensive Play 2nd Dam: Chain Fern, by Blushing Groom (Fr) 3rd Dam: Chain Store, by Nodouble

O-William DeBurgh; B-R Barnes (IRE); T-J Hollendorfer; J-R Bejarano; \$600,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Ire, 15-6-4-2, \$931,172. Werk Nick Rating: A + . Click for the <u>eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree</u>.

- 2--Go Between, 118, h, 5, Point Given--Mediation (Ire), by Caerleon. O-Peter Vegso; B-Vegso Racing Stable (FL); T-William I Mott; \$200,000.
- 3--Champs Elysees (GB), 117, h, 5, Danehill--Hasili (Ire), by Kahyasi (Ire). O/B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Robert J Frankel; \$120,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 7.00, 5.80, 10.30. Also Ran: Tiago, Zappa, Student Council, Awesome Gem, Great Hunter, Air Commander, Big Booster, Seminole Native, Monterey Jazz, Medici Code (GB), Celtic Dreamin.



COLONEL JOHN IS THE REAL THING

El Gato Malo (El Corredor) was sent off the 3-5 chalk, but it was 3-2 **Colonel John** (Tiznow) who prevailed in

the GIII Sham S. at Santa Anita yesterday. Sent up to press a slow pace by jockey Garrett Gomez, WinStar's handsome bay drove to the front at the top of the lane and held off the crowd's choice to take it by a half- length. "I was impressed with him the first time I rode him [in his debut,

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a second-place finish at Del Mar in August], and I'm just glad to be back on him," said Gomez, who was subbing for the injured Corey Nakatani. Looking ahead to the GI Kentucky Derby, trainer Eoin Harty said, "I think he's got the ability and I'm sure he'll get the distance. Now it's just a matter of not getting in his way." Colonel John followed up on his runner-up finish at Del Mar with a 🗘 "TDN Rising Star" 🗘 maiden win at Oak Tree Oct. 7. He tried two turns for the first time in the Nov. 18 Real Quiet S., galloping home a three-length winner, and capped off his juvenile campaign with a second in the Dec. 22 GI CashCall Futurity. Making his sophomore bow yesterday, he rated in second through six furlongs in 1:14.35, grabbed a short lead at the head of the stretch and was under a vigorous hand ride as El Gato Malo closed late. Colonel John goes next in the Apr. 5 GI Santa Anita Derby. Chart, p2

Dflee Wild clocked a faster Suburban (2:00.4/) than Invasor (2:01.23), Mineshaft (2:01.5), Skip Away (2:02.39), Kelso (2:01.80), and Buckpasser (2:02.20)

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Big 'Cap cont. Moving Up the Ladder...

Heatseeker joined trainer Jerry Hollendorfer's barn after running second for Bobby Frankel in the Sept. 3



Owner William DeBurgh & jockey Rafael Bejarano Benoit Photo

Windy Sands H. at Del Mar. The Irish-bred won his first start under new management, an optional claimer at Oak Tree Oct. 8, but had to settle for second, albeit beaten just 2 3/4 lengths, when moved to the turf for the Oct. 27 GIII Morvich H. Back on the all-weather for the Dec. 8 GIII Native Diver H., he rallied to win as a 30-1 shot, then finished

a troubled third in the Jan. 12 GII San Pasqual H. Heatseeker was closing with every stride in the San Antonio, but came up just a nose short behind Well Armed. He relished the added distance yesterday, sweeping past Monterey Jazz at midstretch and turning back Go Between late to earn a Grade I score. "It's a nice feeling to win this race, and I hope it's the start of big things for this horse," Hollendorfer said. "I don't have a firm plan, but we'll be hoping to look for bigger things now. There are plenty of races left this year. There are a lot of places to run, a lot of things to prove. The [Breeders' Cup Classic] would be a long-range goal. It's a big thrill to win this. We've won some big races, but this is a real big one; I'm very proud of it." The Big 'Cap winner is out of a half-sister to the ill-fated Juddmonte homebred Spanish Fern, winner of the GI Yellow Ribbon S. The filly fractured her pelvis at the start of the 2000 GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf and later died of hemorrhaging. Click for the brisnet.com chart, the brisnet.com PPs or the free brisnet.com cataloguestyle pedigree. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

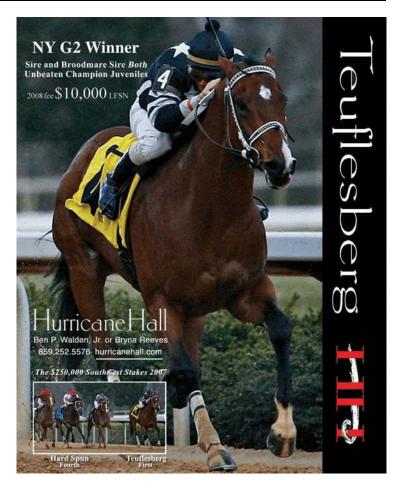
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<u>Gll Gulfstream Park H.</u> Sir Whimsey (Jump Start) makes it two-for-two at Gulfstream Park.

<u>GIII Sham S.</u> Colonel John (Tiznow) holds off El Gato Malo (El Corredor) for a game score.

GI Kilroe Mile H. Former claimer Ever a Friend (Crafty Friend) scores at the highest level.

GI Santa Anita H. Heatseeker (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) hangs on to earn his first Grade I victory,



Saturday, Santa Anita SHAM S.-GIII, \$200,000, SAX, 3-1, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:50, ft.

1--@COLONEL JOHN, 118, c, 3, by <u>Tiznow</u> 1st Dam: Sweet Damsel, by Turkoman 2nd Dam: Grande Dame, by Zen 3rd Dam: Fia, by One for All

O/B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Eoin G Harty; J-Garrett K Gomez; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 5-3-2-0, \$375,300. *1/2 to Caroline's Gold (Touch Gold), GSP, \$156,410. Werk Nick Rating: C+. Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.

2--El Gato Malo, 120, g, 3, El Corredor--One Bad Cat, by Mountain Cat. (\$95,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT). O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Kenneth C Roberts (KY); T-Craig Dollase; \$40,000.

3--Victory Pete, 116, c, 3, Five Star Day--Blabby B., by Tabasco Cat. (\$75,000 2yo '07 BESMAR).
O-Ellen & Peter O Johnson; B-American Equistock Inc (FL); T-Alexis Barba; \$24,000.

Margins: HF, 3, 1. Odds: 1.50, 0.70, 12.60.

Also Ran: Reflect Times (Jpn), Success Fee. Scratched: Trevor's Clever, Coast Guard.

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Saturday, Santa Anita

FRANK E. KILROE MILE H.-GI, \$300,000, SAX, 3-1, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:33 1/5, fm.

- 1--@▲EVER A FRIEND, 113, g, 5, by Crafty Friend 1st Dam: Never Is a Promise, by Capote 2nd Dam: Ms. Patty B., by *Grey Dawn II 3rd Dam: Apalachee Princess, by Apalachee (\$35,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL). O-Dan Capen & Steve & Jeff Ustin; B-Liberation Farm & Oratis Thoroughbreds (KY); T-M Mitchell; J-T Baze; \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-2, \$378,668. Werk Nick Rating: A + +. Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.
- 2--Artiste Royal (Ire), 118, r, 7, Danehill--Agathe, by Manila. O-David & Jill Heerensperger; B-Dayton Investments Ltd (IRE); T-Neil D Drysdale; \$60,000.
- 3--War Monger, 116, c, 4, War Chant--Carnival Delight, by Half a Year. O/B-Peter Vegso Racing Stable (FL); T-William I Mott; \$36,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, NK, NK. Odds: 9.30, 6.60, 1.10. Also Ran: (DH for 4th)-Out of Control (Brz) & Storm Military (Arg), Mr Napper Tandy (GB). Scratched: Willow O Wisp.

Ever a Friend, claimed for \$62,500 after finishing third just two starts back at Santa Anita Dec. 6, proved he could handle Grade I company yesterday. Two-for-10 last year, the five-year-old gelding won an optional claimer at Saratoga Sept. 1, and captured the Dec. 31 Impressive Luck H. going down the hill at Santa Anita in his debut for trainer Mike Mitchell. The gray gelding was a 9-1 chance with the jump in class. A persistent second as Storm Military (Bernstein) led through a half in :47.58 and six furlongs in 1:10.70, Ever a Friend forged to the lead in the stretch before drawing off to win handily. "This horse has so much class," winning jockey Tyler Baze said. "He's been training lights out and Mike's done a great job with him. At the top of the lane, when he kicked like he did, it was just awesome. It's a feeling you can't describe. This is just really special." Click for the brisnet.com chart, the brisnet.com PPs or the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

GULFSTREAM PARK H.-GII, \$343,000, GPX, 3-1,

- 4yo/up, 1 3/16m, 1:56 4/5, ft.
- 1--#@SIR WHIMSEY, 117, c, 4, by Jump Start

 1st Dam: Apogee (MSP), by Star de Naskra
 2nd Dam: A Thrilling Moment, by Lydian (Fr)
 3rd Dam: Moment of Touch, by Timeless Moment
 (\$75,000 2yo '06 OBSMAR; \$55,000 yrl '05
 KEESEP). O-Turtle Bird Stable; B-Chance Farm (VA);
 T-James J Toner; J-E S Prado; \$210,000. Lifetime
 Record: 13-4-3-1, \$356,043. *1/2 to High Moment
 (High Yield), MSW, \$156,340. Werk Nick Rating: n/a.
 Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.
- 2--Fairbanks, 115, h, 5, Giant's Causeway--Alaska Queen, by Time for a Change. (\$1,850,000 yrl '04 FTSAUG). O-Team Valor Stables LLC; B-Kidder, Grigg & J & J Mamakos (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; \$70,000.
- 3--Kiss the Kid, 115, h, 5, Lemon Drop Kid--Black Tie Kiss, by Danzig. (\$270,000 yrl '04 KEESEP).
 O/T-Amy Tarrant; B-Jayeff B Stables (KY); \$35,000.
 Margins: HF, 1HF, 4 3/4. Odds: 3.50, 1.20, 3.10.
- Also Ran: Leonnatus Anteas, Wood Be Willing.

Sir Whimsey was on the Triple Crown trail briefly last year, running second in the Whirlaway S. at Aqueduct in February and fourth in the GIII Gotham S. the following month. The dark bay tried his luck in the May 20 GII Peter Pan. S. off a decisive optional-claiming score in April, but finished fifth in that test and went to the shelf. Returning to be fourth in an optional claimer at the Big A Nov. 22, he ended the year with a second in the Dec. 14 Don Rickles S. over a sloppy Agueduct strip. The four-year-old came into this off an allowance win going nine furlongs over this track Jan. 16. Rated in third as Kiss the Kid and Leonnatus Anteas cut out leisurely fractions of :24.91, :50.50 and 1:14.46, Sir Whimsey drove to the front from the far outside at the top of the lane. Favored Fairbanks came through an opening on the rail as they raced out of the turn and went after the lead from the inside in the final furlong, but Sir Whimsey dug in and prevailed by a half-length. Click for the brisnet.com chart, the brisnet.com PPs or the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

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Saturday, Caulfield, Australia

FUTURITY S.-G1, A\$700,000, Caulfield (Melbourne), 3-1, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.77, dead.

- 1--NICONERO (AUS), 130, g, 6, by Danzero (Aus)
 1st Dam: Nicola Lass (Aus), by Scenic (Ire)
 2nd Dam: Dubai Lass (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus)
 3rd Dam: Frivolous Lass (NZ), by In the Purple (Fr)
 O-P B Devitt, L C Gordon & D A Hayes;
 B-Meadowvale Pastoral Co Pty Ltd, P B Devitt &
 L C Gordon; T-David Hayes; J-Craig Williams;
 A\$420,000. Lifetime Record: 41 starts, 10 wins,
 9 places, A\$1,992,680. *1/2 to Holly Go Lightly
 (Aus) (Desert King {Ire}), SP-Aus. Werk Nick Rating:
 A + . Click for the <u>eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree</u>.
- 2--Cargo Cult (Aus), 130, g, 6, Spectrum (Ire)--Cult Figure (NZ), by Ahonoora (GB). O-OTI Racing Syndicate, G Burns, M Peppard, M Fennessy, A Kroger, S Rienets, A Cork, N Falloon, A Flanagan & K Warne; B-Swettenham Stud; T-Jarrod McLean; A\$126,000.
- 3--Miss Finland (Aus), 125, f, 4, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Forest Pearl, by Woodman. O-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd Synd, Planette Thoroughbred Trading Pty Ltd Synd & Belford Productions Pty Ltd Synd; B-Gainsborough Stud Australia Pty Ltd; T-David Hayes; A\$63,000.

Margins: 2, 3/4. Odds: 11-2, 15-1, 7-2.

Also Ran: Molotov (Aus), Shinzig (Aus), Stillme (Aus), Arbitration (Aus), Publishing (Aus), Coalesce (NZ), Casino Prince (Aus), Cinque Cento (Aus), Tears I Cry (Aus).

If revenge is a dish best eaten cold, as the saying goes, then jockey Craig Williams--unceremoniously sacked from Miss Finland (Aus) two starts back--proved the theory when he partnered the mighty mare's less-heralded stablemate Niconero to a stealthy win in this. "I lost the good mare, but it's nice to replace her with a horse that's done a great job," Williams said. Niconero, beaten a short half-head by Shinzig (Danehill) in the G1 C.F. Orr S. when first-up for the season a fortnight ago, went one better vesterday. Settled among the tail-enders alongside Miss Finland, Niconero was steered wide for the drive, took command with a furlong to race and powered clear. Miss Finland came from a conspicuous last on the turn to flash home for third, a further three-quarters of a length back. The mare's managing co-owner John Messara said connections would wait to see how the mare pulled up before deciding whether to press on to the 2000-meter G1 Australian Cup next Saturday or retire her.

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-Haruya Yoshida Breeder of Hat Trick Owner-Shadai Farm Home of Sunday Silence



Saturday, Ellerslie, New Zealand NEW ZEALAND DERBY-G1, NZ\$700,000, Ellerslie (Auckland), 3-1, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:33.47, slow.

- 1-#@▲C'EST LA GUERRE (NZ), 123, g, 3, by Shinko King (Ire)
 1st Dam: La Magnifique (NZ), by Kampala (GB)
 2nd Dam: Mexiquenna (NZ), by Quetzal (GB)
 3rd Dam: Shankill (NZ), by Targui (Fr)
 O-K Barker, J N W Brookes, D A Gascoigne & K T
 Myers; B-A & Mrs B C Smith; T-Kevin Myers; J-David
 Walker; NZ\$437,500. Wek Nick Rating: B + .
 Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.
- 2--Prince Kaapstad (NZ), 123, g, 3, Kaapstad (NZ)--Brilliant Princess (NZ), by Spectrum (Ire). O-R Chan, Mrs Z Sing & Mrs N Y Wong; B-J A Burnet & R M Seal; T-Richard Yuill; NZ\$140,000.
- 3--Fritzy Boy (NZ), 123, g, 3, Brilliance--Fritzy Girl (NZ), by Cache of Gold. O-J M Jury & A R MacGregor;
 B-J M Jury; T-Alby MacGregor; NZ\$70,000.
 Margins: 4, SHD. Winner's Odds: 10.50.

C'est La Guerre, relishing the soft ground, romped clear in the straight to give Wanganui trainer Kevin Myers his first Derby victory. The 10-1 shot took an unusual route to the Derby, racing not in the customary lead-ups, but winning the Wairoa Cup and running second in the New Zealand St Leger Trial at Otaki. "It's an unusual path to the race, but Kevin is a great trainer and I knew he would be very fit," said jockey David Walker.

Saturday, Turffontein, South Africa

EMPRESS CLUB S.-G1, R1,000,000, Turffontein, 3-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.50, gd.

- 1-▲ STRATOS (SAF), 132, m, 5, by Jet Master (SAf) 1st Dam: Gilded Star (SAf), by Golden Thatch (Ire) 2nd Dam: Six Stars (SAf), by Elliodor (Fr) 3rd Dam: Star Crest (SAf), by Persian Wonder (GB) O-Team Valor (Nom: B Irwin); B-D Cohen & Sons (Pty) Ltd; T-Mike Azzie; J-Weichong Marwing; R625,000. Lifetime Record: 18 starts, 7 wins, 8 places, R1,225,250. *1/2 to World of Stars (SAf) (Sportsworld), G1SP-SAf. Werk Nick Rating: A + +. Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.
- 2--Rat Burana (Brz), 126, f, 3, Dodge--Carmina Burana (Arg), by Southern Halo. O-Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs M Slack); B-Haras Anderson; T-Mike de Kock; R200,000.
- 3--Bold Ellinore (SAf), 132, m, 5, Kahal (GB)--Ellinore (SAf), by Northern Guest. O-M Destombes & Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs M Slack);
 B-Summerhill Stud Ltd; T-M de Kock; R100,000.

Margins: SHD, 1, HF. Odds: 9-2, 2-1, 12-1. Also Ran: She's on Fire (SAf), Carry on Katie (SAf), Run Angel Run (SAf), Surabi (SAf), Silver Empire (Aus), Mochachino (SAf), Royal Fantasy (SAf), Island Swing (SAf), Moneycantbuymelove (SAf), Soft Landing (SAf), Alejate (SAf). Scratched: Young Sensation (Saf).

Stratos opened the season with a win in the Nov. 8 G3 Yellowwood H. at this track, followed up in the G2 Ipi Tombe Challenge Dec. 1, and maintained her perfect record for the campaign with this last-gasp score. Settled off the clear leader in third, she made headway into contention in the straight, but required maximum effort inside the final eighth to wrest victory from Rat Burana on the line. It was Team Valor's second straight victory in this race.





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Sunday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:13 p.m. EST DAVONA DALE S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	Bsharpsonata	Pulpit	Salzman
2	Informed Decision	Monarchos	Sheppard
3	American County	Gibson County	Romans
4	Game Face	Menifee	Pletcher
5	J Z Warrior	Harlan's Holiday	Mott

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DiMauro Straight Man 12-1 Bsharpsonata has been beaten just once since taking the Sept. 22 Irish Sonnet S. at Delaware Park by seven lengths. The bay filly was fourth over the boggy course when making her turf debut in the Oct. 26 Epitome BC S. at Monmouth and came back to win the Nov. 24 Selima S. and Jan. 1 Tropical Park Oaks on the grass. Switched back to the dirt for her latest, she fought her way past the game Keep the Peace to take the Feb. 9 GII Forward Gal S. in the slop at Gulfstream by a nose. J Z Warrior earned 🗘 "TDN Rising Star" 🗘 status with her 10-length maiden win at Saratoga in July. Sidelined by sore shins after that effort, she returned to finish first by a nose in a Gulfstream allowance test Feb. 2, but was DQ'd and placed second because her jockey had hit runner-up Informed Decision with his whip. Informed Decision, a \$320,000 FTMMAY juvenile purchase, broke her maiden by 6 1/2 lengths in her career opener at Gulfstream Jan. 3 and was making her second start in that allowance.



Stakes Previews cont. Sunday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:00 p.m. PST BALDWIN S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WТ	
1	Ten Meropa	Johannesburg	Ayers	115	
2	Sea Of Pleasure	Sea Of Secrets	G Stute	117	
3	D. Double You	Lion Hearted	Miller	117	
4	Nevada Worrier	Lord Carson	Wallace	115	
5	Sky Cape	Najran	Mulhall	117	
6	Doc On The Rock	Snow Ridge	O'Neill	115	
7	Standing High	Stormy Atlantic	Puhich	115	
8	Italian Rules	Tribal Rule	Glatt	117	
9	Returning	Forest Wildcat	Mandella	115	

☆ SALES NEWS ☆

PREMIER SALE KICKS OFF TODAY Boasting graduates including Sacred Kingdom (Aus), the leading turf sprinter in the world in 2007, and treble Group 1 winner Weekend Hussler (Aus), the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale kicks off today at 12 noon. A total of 818 youngsters have been catalogued for the event, to be conducted in two "sessions" over four days. Session I (Lots 1-602) will run consecutively through Tuesday, while Session II is scheduled for Thursday at 1 p.m. While this company's Easter sale and the Magic Millions remain the showcase auctions among Australian yearling sales, the Premier sale continues to make statistical inroads. The Easter sale boasts that 70 percent of its catalogue is comprised of horses that have a stakes-performing dam or sibling, but, at 46 percent, the Premier sale is in the same ballpark with Gold Coast Magic Millions (51 percent in lots 1-900). The 2007 renewal of the Premier sale showed an average price of A\$67,000, with a top price of A\$420,000 for a colt by Encosta de Lago (Aus) out of New Smyrna (Aus) (Rancho Ruler {Aus}). For the complete catalogue, go to <u>www.inglis.com.au</u>.

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????? **TDN Q and A** ?????

With the negotiations for the franchise to run New York racing finally concluded, TDN's Andy Belfiore talked with New York Racing Association President Charlie Hayward about the process that resulted in NYRA's 25-year extension, and the plans are for the future.

How do you feel about the franchise extension that was ultimately agreed upon?

CH: We are very pleased with the deal, number one. Number two, just to be clear, the new franchise doesn't



commence until we reach a settlement agreement with the state. In that settlement agreement, we have to get the funding from the state that's in the legislation to allow us to emerge from bankruptcy. Once we emerge from bankruptcy--and we think this is all going to happen early or the middle of next week--then NYRA can convey over the land to the state and the franchise can begin. We've got the leg-

Charlie Hayward successmagazineltd.com

islation, that's done, but there's a little bit of work in bankruptcy court that needs to be done.



The negotiations for the franchise involved a long and at times contentious process. How is NYRA's relationship with the state government now?

CH: As everyone knows, we had a poor relationship with Gov. Pataki. The VLTs should be operating now. But, from the time the Spitzer administration came in, things improved. They tried to keep MGM in the deal; we worked on it the first three months before MGM ended up bailing on Apr. 1. I think, clearly, if you look back at what I would call a tortuous and unpleasant process, it was really clouded by the people who just wanted to run the VLTs. If you look at the various candidates--Empire, Excelsior, Capital Play--they seemed to be much more highly motivated by the financial returns of the VLTS than they did by stepping up and making some suggestions on how to improve what we were doing at NYRA. But Gov. Spitzer's people have been just great throughout this whole process. The Assembly was really instrumental in making the franchise deal happen. And, although we had some very different points of view than Sen. Bruno, at the end of the day, Sen. Bruno has always been a great supporter of racing, and without his assistance in this legislation, it never would have gotten done.

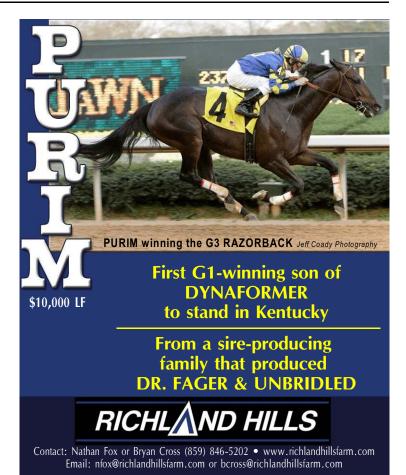
Under the franchise agreement, what will be the make-up of the NYRA Board?

CH: I think that it was our Board's firm belief that we needed to have an adequate majority of NYRA private board members and, where we ended up, there are 14 NYRA private board members and 11 various appointees from the state. Those appointees include a member from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and from the New York Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. There's also a member from organized labor--from the AFL-CIO--and from New York City OTB. Our current board structure is 20 private members, and eight political appointees, so it's a fairly substantial restructuring of the board.

Will NYRA need to have more than a simple majority to get approvals from the Board?

CH: In the early stages of the franchise negotiations, there was a super majority provision. At the time, it was proposed that there would be 11 private members and 10 political appointees. Anything that passed would have required a super majority of 15, which would have effectively taken control away from the private racing interests, because you would have had to get a substantial number of the political appointees to agree as well. The super majority provision, which was a big sticking point early on, is not in the current legislation. It would have been an obstacle--our Board never would have voted for that.





What provisions of the franchise agreement are most important?

CH: I think the final VLT splits for the breeders and the horsemen were very important. The horsemen start out getting 6.5 percent of the VLT revenues in the first year, go to 7, and then up to 7.5 percent in the third year. The breeders, for the breeders' fund, get 1 percent the first year, and it goes up to 1.25 percent and 1.5 percent. NYRA gets a total of 7 percent of the VLT splits. Four percent goes toward capital expenditures and 3 percent goes towards operational costs. We think that this will put NYRA on a much more secure financial basis than its been in the last 10 or 15 years. That, along with some of the changes we are making in the business, I think is going to go a very long way towards financially stabilizing NYRA for the foreseeable future.

Who will operate the VLTs?

CH: The selection will be made by the state government--I assume the Governor in consultation with the Assembly and the Senate. There were originally six different parties bidding on the VLTs, and I believe government is honing that down. NYRA participated in the initial meetings, but we're not going to be the operators. The intent was that, hopefully within 30 days of awarding the franchise, to make that determination. At this time I don't know what the state of play is and who is still involved, but I know the government is highly motivated to get this going.





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How long will it be before the VLTs are operational?

CH: I can give you an estimate. When we were working with MGM, our estimate was 12 months from the time that we got approvals. Now, the issue there is that we had all the permitting done, we had all the architectural drawing virtually done. We have made those architectural drawings available to the state, and, depending on how the selected operator chooses to build this out--if they want to use those plans, if the permits can be relevant--my guess would be that from the time they award this, it's probably going to be a little longer than 12 months, perhaps 12-15 months. But that's an uninformed opinion because it's unclear what the new operator would do, if they would do something substantially different than what MGM had planned to do.

What are the biggest issues currently facing NYRA?

CH: This next year is going to be a year of transition and planning because the benefit of the capital expenditures money from the VLTs doesn't kick in until they get up and operating. But among the things we are looking at in the near term and studying are artificial surfaces. We've got some decisions to make. Do we do it at all? If we do it, do we do it on a racing surface, or do we do it on the training track? That's going to be an important issue. We've been studying this fairly closely, but we'll have to come up with a plan over the next 12 months. We need also to look at our turf courses at Belmont and Saratoga, because they don't' drain as well as they should. We probably need new grasses, so that's something we will be studying. Obviously the big project here at Aqueduct is going to be the VLT build out. We are not going to be responsible for that, but since its going to be housed within the existing racing facility, there's a lot of shared surfaces, like parking and cleaning and even hospitality that are going to have to get worked out. And we'd like to really plan and be ready to implement some significant improvements on the backstretch, in particular in the dormitories. Those are the big things that we have that will be in the transition and planning stages over the next 12 months.

In the near term, there are a couple of significant things we will be doing. I think one of the biggest disappointments I've had in the time that I've been here is our lack of ability to focus on marketing, customer service and sponsorships. We hired Gavin Landry, who came in as Senior VP/Director of Sales and Market Development. Gavin has a strong hospitality background, and we really had nobody from the hospitality business here before. We are taking some money from our advertising budget--we spent about \$2.7 million in advertising last year, and we're reducing that to about \$1.7 million--and we're putting \$1 million into some head count increases and other initiatives. We also hope that, when the folks come to Belmont in the spring, they're going to see the nice renovations that we've done, in terms of landscaping, fixing up the facility, upgrading some of the bathrooms, etc. We will have a welcoming center at the clubhouse gate, right when you first walk in the building. And we are going to redo our entire rewards program for our account wagerers...we are going substantially upgrade it. In addition, we're focusing on new sponsorships. The first one we've rolled out involves the fact that we've always had problems with our ATMs. Now we have entered into a deal with Dime Savings Bank, and that's going to be worth a seven-figure deal for us over five years, so that's great.

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What changes will NYRA be making in the way it does business?

CH: NYRA has not embraced things like technology or marketing or customer service in the manner that they should have. When the world was being transformed by technology in the late 1990s, we were not part of that revolution. One simple thing, just to give you an example of that, and something we are changing right now, is the way we communicate with the members of our constituency. If you're a Belmont Stakes boxholder, we've got you on one list; if you're also an owner, we've got you on another list; if you bought tickets to the Travers or you're a season ticket holder at Saratoga, you're on another list, and if you happen to be a member of a NYRA rewards program and you're a pretty good wagerer, you're on another list ... so you could be a multi-faceted participant in New York racing, and NYRA was not in a position to acknowledge how significant you were, or communicate with you on any kind of consistent basis. I think that's been a huge problem for our organization because people want to be recognized, they want to understand that they are making a contribution, that they are significant in the industry. We haven't done a particularly good job in that regard, so that's one of the big initiatives we are working on right now, and I think people will see that change pretty dramatically. I think [the old method of communication] contributed to people's belief that NYRA was just doing things their own way and didn't want input from others. The reality is that they didn't have the tools to get the input that they needed to continue to try and improve the game. I think technology, and utilizing that technology--particularly in customer service, particularly in communicating with our constituent members--is something that's going to change pretty dramatically.

How is NYRA's relationship with the New York horsemen?

CH: The New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, very early on in the [franchise bidding] process, went out in support of Empire, and Empire got pretty nasty in terms of their criticisms of NYRA, a lot of them unfounded. But that got resolved, and we have a strong and good working relationship with NYTHA President Rick Violette. I think he is a good leader for that organization. At the end of the day, it was a small group of board members that influenced that selection of Empire, and, I think, as things evolved, it became clear that it wasn't a suitable and good alternative. When NYTHA chose to withdraw its support, I think it changed Empire's situation pretty dramatically. And, while there are always some differing points of view between different constituents members in the industry, I think that NYTHA and NYRA are more on the same page than they have been for a number of years. TDN Q & A cont. p10



David Scanlon



Accomplishment: Scanlon and his family's Scanlon Training Center are coming off an exciting few weeks. Last Tuesday, Scanlon consigned the \$2.1million Street Cry (Ire) topper at the Fasig-Tipton Calder Sale. Two days earlier, a horse Scanlon broke and trained, juvenile champ War Pass, made a successful return to racing. Triple Crown hopefuls Fierce Wind, Denis of Cork and Court Vision all received their early training from the Scanlon operation.

Birthdate: Aug. 7, 1969

Birthplace: Medina, Ohio

Family: Single.

Horsephotos

Current Residence: Williston, Florida You grew up in Ohio. How did your

family wind up in Ocala? My dad (the late Robert Scanlon) trained up north, first in Ohio and then in New York and New Jersey at Monmouth Park. When he got out of that, he decided to move on to the two-year-old market and we wound up in Ocala.

Did you ever think about training at the track? Yeah, I gave it a lot of thought at the beginning; you always think there will be more action and that the farm might be kind of slow. But I saw through my dad how hard it is to make a living there, and especially to raise a family there. I did do a four-month stint with Todd Pletcher, though, and that was a lot of fun. That was the summer of 1997, I think.

OK, tough question #1: You have to make a future bet today for the Derby. Who is your money on? [Laughs] Oh, man. I'd have to do a trifecta box with War Pass, Denis of Cork and Court Vision. Actually, I might have to make that a superfecta with Fierce Wind.

Tough question #2: What are the best three horses Scanlon Training Center has produced? Well, I have to put Unbridled's Song up there, because he was our first big horse. Rags to Riches--she can represent the fillies. And it's pretty close between Bernardini and Afleet Alex for third.

Favorite sport? I'm a big football fan, both college and pro. I like the Ohio State Buckeyes, but now I'm down here I've become a bit of a (Florida) Gators fan. That can get a bit tricky (laughs). And I like the (Cleveland) Browns and the (Dallas) Cowboys.

Funniest movie? Talladega Nights.

Favorite music? I like the Dave Matthews Band quite a bit. And I like any rock like Oasis, stuff like that.

Favorite meal? Oh, I'm a surf and turf guy.

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How is NYRA planning to boost the purse structure? CH: Our greatest contribution toward purses comes from live-track wagers, and, clearly, if we can improve business, we can improve purses. We set a record at Saratoga last year--our fans wagered \$123 million on track during the six-week meet. We had total purses paid out last year of about \$117 million, which was up about \$2 million from the prior year. We have been very aggressive in the rates that we're charging other account wagering customers, and any simulcasting fees that we get in New York, we split 50-50 with horsemen. I think, just through the normal course of business, we are hopeful, even before the VLTs kick in, that we will be able to continue to increase purses.

I can tell you, at Saratoga, we paid out almost \$800,000 in purses per day--that's number one. Keeneland is number two, and I think Keeneland is around \$640,000. Belmont is third or fourth with about \$550,000, and even at little Aqueduct, our purse level is substantially higher than Gulfstream, for example--I think we are 10th or 11th in the country. So, for a 250-day season, racing year-round, our purses are strong, and we're in a position to make them stronger.

We have competition here in New York, particularly from the Pennsylvania market--there are a lot of race dates there and a lot of money coming from VLTs. I know the breeders have had some concern--they've lost some mares to Pennsylvania-and we don't have as many shippers from Pennsylvania as we used to. I think certainly there are some concerns, but our purse structure is very strong and will get stronger.

How will VLTs affect the purse structure?

CH: All the contributions to both NYRA and purses will be a direct function of how successful the VLT machines are, but, right now, we are projecting a very conservative win per machine of about \$275 a day. Just to give you a sense of what the implications will be, if we're able to sustain that, that will yield an incremental contribution to purses of about \$30 million annually. So we'll go from having one of the highest purse structures in the country to having definitively the highest purses in the country. We were at \$117 million in 2007, and we're hoping to increase that through good business practices, let's say up to \$120 million this year. You add another \$30 million on top of that, you'll be looking at \$150 million for the year. If the machines yield \$400 per day, purses will be up over \$40 million. That's why its great to have the noise of this franchise behind us, it's great to be able to go forward because we can make the commensurate capital improvements and also purse enhancements to ensure that we'll have a very strong racing circuit here. I think a strong New York circuit really benefits everybody.

How have NYRA employees handled the recent distractions?

CH: This was a grueling process. When I showed up here in November of '04, we had federal monitor and a deferred prosecution from a federal indictment because of our pari-mutuel clerks, and then, the second month I was here, we had the state police raid us over the jockey weight issue. Then we had one of our trainers arrested for milkshaking horses, and we had this whole specter of bankruptcy. What has really been remarkable is that the employees continued to contribute at a very high level despite our less than great working conditions and the fact that people were taking shots in the paper all the time. That has been gratifying, and I am appreciative of their efforts. I'm also very appreciative of our board, particularly our chairman, Steve Duncker, who was extremely active during this franchise process. We have great executive talent on our Board, and we just never would have gotten through this without them.

Where does NYRA go from here?

CH: We've got a date in court in early March, so I think we'll get the settlement agreement and get out of bank-ruptcy, hopefully in the first week of March. Then the new franchise will begin and we'll be off to the races, as they say.

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Yesterday's Results:

6th-GPX, \$47,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft.

SO GLITZY (f, 4, Gilded Time--So Ritzy, by Darn That Alarm) finally got the job done in her seventh attempt over course and distance Jan. 24 and made it two straight here, rallying from fourth to score by two lengths over Young Musician (Yonaguska). So Glitzy is a half to Silver Wagon (Wagon Limit), MGISW, \$1,162,193; and Rehoboth (Wagon Limit), MSW & MGSP, \$471,000. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$73,505. O/B-Mr & Mrs Leverett S Miller (FL). T-H Allen Jerkens.

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7th-GPX, \$46,500, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 1/5, fm.

HIGHLY HONORED (c, 3, Double Honor--Hey City Girl, by Jeblar) beat just one home in a Calder maiden special on the grass Jan. 2, but improved to finish second by a head when dipped in for a \$40,000 tag at this venue Jan. 19. The chestnut graduated by a head for \$50,000 in an off-the-turf affair Feb. 18, but was dismissed here at 29-1. Drawn outside in 12, the \$13,000 OBSAUG yearling and \$125,000 OBSAPR juvenile raced off the pace, rallied three wide on the turn and was up late for a neck success. El Sultry Sun (Eltish) was trapped four wide for most of the trip and was just outfinished for the win. Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-4, \$61,335.

O-William J Condren & Michael H Sherman. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Angel C Salinas.

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8th-GPX, \$41,500, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:51 4/5, ft.

NISTLE'S CRUNCH (c, 3, Van Nistelrooy--Sam Eye Am {SW, \$127,695}, by Island Whirl) earned his diploma racing over the Keeneland Polytrack last October, then ran well in a pair of grass attempts, including a thirdplace finish in the Eddie Logan S. in December. Making his dirt debut at Gulfstream, he ran second to Face the Cat last time Jan. 30. Placed just behind the leaders as 4-5 favorite Understatement (Distorted Humor) set a pressured pace, the 3-1 shot rallied to take the lead in the stretch and drew off while racing a bit green to secure a two-length victory. Cool Gator (Macho Uno) finished second, a half-length ahead of Understatement. Bordeaux Bandit (Vindication) was scratched. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-2-2, \$81,352. Click for the brisnet.com chart or the Video, sponsored by Taylor Made. O-Alien Farm LLC & Alan Furst, B-Alien Farms LLC (NJ). T-Kenneth G McPeek.

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- <u>11th-TPX (Battaglia Memorial S.)</u> Absolutely Cindy (Arch) closes from far back to defeat the boys.
- <u>9th-LRL (Miracle Wood S.)</u> Gattopardo (Johannesburg) may head to the GIII Bay Shore S. off this score.
- <u>8th-AQU (Stymie H.)</u> Malibu Moonshine (Malibu Moon) pulls off the upset; Daaher (Awesome Again) finishes a disappointing third.
- <u>8th-GPX (Alw)</u> Nistle's Crunch (Van Nistelrooy) stamps himself as one to watch.
- <u>4th-GPX (Msw)</u> Barreling Home (Awesome Again) beats up on Florida-breds.

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5th-GPX, \$41,500, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 1/5, fm.

SWAY (f, 4, <u>Swain {Ire}</u>--Deb's Honor {SW & GSP, \$182,973}, by Affirmed), a half to Primary Suspect (Hennessy), GSW, \$241,282, resurfaced from an April freshening with a Jan. 9 maiden win over the Gulfstream lawn. She entered the starting gate as the lukewarm 3-1 choice following a fourth-place finish in an off-the-turfer Feb. 9. Exiting the stalls from the one hole with Eibar Coa aboard, Sway broke on top, but pressed Remoulade (Lemon Drop Kid) from second for most of the way. The chestnut put that one away in the stretch and streaked under the line one length ahead of Ochre (Red Ransom). Remoulade stayed on to complete the trifecta. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$59,775.

O/B-Lee Lewis (KY). T-Mark A Hennig.

4th-GPX, **\$40,000**, **Msw**, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft. **BARRELING HOME (c, 3**, <u>Awesome Again</u>--Season's **Flair {SW}, by D'Accord)**, a half-brother to Super Fuse (Lite the Fuse), MSW & GSP, **\$479,458**; and 3/4 to Richierichierich (Victory Speech), GSP, **\$192,510**, rallied from last of 12 to finish fifth versus Florida-breds in his Jan. 26 bow. Getting an additional furlong here, the 3-1 shot dueled through fractions of :22.50 and :45.51 before powering clear in the stretch to win by 5 1/4 lengths. Hyrule (Smart Strike) completed the exacta as the 7-5 favorite. <u>Video, sponsored by Taylor</u> <u>Made</u>. Lifetime: 2-1-0-0, **\$24,400**.

O-Stronach Stables. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-B Lynch.



2:13p 3rd-GPX, \$43K, Alw, N2X, 3yo, 1 1/8m

HRTV HEY BYRN (Put It Back) returns after running the race of his life in his sophomore debut, a 14 1/2-length victory over Bordeaux Bandit (Vindication) in a Gulfstream allowance Feb. 10. The latter, tabbed as a "TDN Rising Star"
following a sharp maiden victory Jan. 12, scratched out of a spot Saturday in favor of this. Sleuse (Grand Slam) returned from a June layoff with a five-length maiden tally Feb. 1.
Alaazo (A.P. Indy) looks to remain perfect after opening his career with a Monmouth maiden win last August and an allowance victory over track and trip Feb. 4. brisnet.com pps

3:25p 5th-FGX, \$39K, Msw, a1 1/16mT

HRTV MONOGRAM (<u>Mineshaft</u>) hasn't shown much in a pair of attempts on the dirt--including a seventh-place finish in an offthe-turfer last time Jan. 25--but should appreciate the switch to the lawn. The bay is a half to G1 Vodafone Oaks heroine Casual Look. <u>brisnet.com pps</u>

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Yesterday's Results:

STYMIE H., \$76,450, AQU, 3-1, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50, ft.

- 1--MALIBU MOONSHINE, 115, h, 6, Malibu Moon--Time to Coast, by Coastal. (\$33,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG). O-Winning Move Stable; B-Andrea Lematta (FL); T-G Contessa; J-M Pino; \$48,120. Lifetime Record: GISP, 39-10-3-5, \$507,459. Werk Nick Rating: A + +. Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.
- 2--Temporary Saint, 113, g, 5, Awesome Again--No Foul Play, by Great Gladiator. (\$7,000 yrl '04 KEESEP). O-Maggi Moss. \$16,144.
- 3--Daaher, 122, c, 4, Awesome Again--Irish Cherry, by Irish Open. (\$375,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Shadwell Stable. \$8,124.

Margins: 4HF, 2 1/4, 4. Odds: 14.80, 5.10, 0.40.

Winless since taking the Pleasant Colony S. on the Big A main track last April, Malibu Moonshine capped off 2007 with third-place finishes in the Dec. 5 Coyote Lakes S. going a mile and a half and the Dec. 29 Gallant Fox H. at 13 panels. He dropped back to 1 1/16 miles for the Jan. 19 Aqueduct H. last time out, finishing a lackluster fifth, but took advantage of a speed duel here to post the upset. Settled in third as Daaher dragged jockey Mike Luzzi through an opening guarter in :22.26 and a half in :46.81, Malibu Moonshine went after the leaders when they straightened for home and drove clear late. "When Daaher was entered, I was thinking about maybe an optional 75,000 claimer," trainer Gary Contessa admitted. "But my philosophy is that I don't duck one horse, and Daaher is only one horse." GISW Daaher, the 2-5 chalk, faded to third. "We'll look him over and re-group," trainer Kiaran McLaughlin said. "He's not the same, whether it's two turns or something else fighting him. He did have surgery as a two-year-old on a knee, so we'll have to look real close. Going in :22 1/5 didn't help going that far, but he should have been able to run with those." Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

3rd-AQU, \$53,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:40 3/5, ft.

WAFI CITY (c, 4, <u>E Dubai</u>--My Jody, by Private Account), last season's GIII Gotham S. runner-up, finished a well-beaten ninth in the Derby Trial S. at Churhill Apr. 28 before closing out the term with a fifth-place finish behind the ill-fated Sports Town in Belmont's Ogygian S. May 16. The Darley colorbearer returned to action with a third-place finish in a \$50,000 optional claimer Feb. 8 and was backed at 3-2 to post his first victory since last February. Right with the early pace from the git-go, the \$65,000 KEEJAN yearling gained a short lead in the stretch and ran away and hid from 'em. It was 9 1/2 lengths back to Spirit Warrior (Boundary) in second. Lifetime: GSP, 8-3-1-1, \$133,423. O-Darley Stable. B-Sun Valley Farm (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.



7th-AQU, \$49,980, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:42 1/5, ft.

OUIP (ARG) (c, 4, <u>Pure Prize</u>--Quepsy Town {Arg}, by Hidden Prize) made the final start in his native country a winning one, posting a maiden tally last May. He finished second at Gulfstream in his U.S. debut Jan. 7 and repeated that performance at the Big A last time Feb. 2. Favored at even-money this time, the Shadwell colorbearer was settled in fourth after having a slight advantage through the opening quarter. Ridden by Alan Garcia, he was taken wide into the stretch before drawing off to a four-length decision. Rock Hampton (Storm Cat) was second. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$59,161. O-Shadwell Stable. B-Orilla Del Monte (ARG). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

2nd-AQU, \$49,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m70y, 1:42 4/5, ft. MAGICAL FOREST (c, 3, Forest Camp--Silken Magic {SW & GSP, \$100,550}, by Naevus), a \$360,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase, came within a nose of graduating Jan. 19, but failed to build on that effort in his next start, finishing fifth, beaten 6 3/4 lengths Jan. 31. Making his two-turn debut last time, the dark bay crossed the wire a well-beaten second Feb. 17. Taking blinkers off here, the 8-5 chalk was settled in third and needed the length of the stretch to run down the pacesetting British Columbia (E Dubai) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$55,594. O-Paraneck Stable. B-Gulf Coast Farms Bloodstock LP (KY). T-Joseph DeMola.

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Yesterday's Results:

MIRACLE WOOD S., \$55,200, LRL, 3-1, 3yo, 7f, 1:24, ft.

1--#GATTOPARDO, 116, c, 3, by <u>Johannesburg</u>
1st Dam: Senza Paura (SW & GSP, \$150,141), by Fly Till Dawn
2nd Dam: Inca Princess, by Big Spruce
3rd Dam: Inca Queen, by Hail to Reason
O/B-Germania Farms Inc; T-Timothy J Tullock Jr;
J-Julian Pimentel; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-3-0,
\$84,540.

- 2--Apple Special, 122, c, 3, Outflanker--Apple Juice, by Pleasant Tap. (\$10,000 wlng '05 KEENOV; \$15,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT). O-Morgan W Wayson Jr. \$14,000.
- 3--Cave's Valley, 122, c, 3, Stephen Got Even--Kamaal, by Irgun. (\$85,000 wlng '05 FTKNOV; \$130,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Harry C & Tom O Meyerhoff. \$5,500.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1 3/4, 7. Odds: 1.60, 7.50, 4.20.

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MIRACLE WOOD S. cont.

Gattopardo finished second in a pair of two-turn allowance tests at Philadelphia Park Nov. 18 and Dec. 8, respectively, but got back on the beam in his

sophomore debut, taking a course-and-distance event by an easy 4 3/4 lengths. Favored for his stakes bow, the homebred sat off the moderate pace set by Cave's Valley, engaged that one in upper stretch and was going away late. "He gave me a pretty good feeling," said winning rider Julian Pimentel. "He made a big move when I asked him to. The main



Gattopardo MJC/JimMcCue

thing was to get him to relax, which [trainer] Tim [Tullock] told me to do, to rate out of there and make one move, which is what happened. He is a very nice horse." Tullock, who conditioned the good sprinter Abbondanza for Germania Farm, indicated the winner could make his next appearance in the GIII Bay Shore S. at Aqueduct Apr. 5. A good showing there could lead to a start in the GI Preakness S. May 17. <u>Video, sponsored by Taylor Made</u>.

9th-PHA, **\$44,000**, **Alw**, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft.

SAMHOON (c, 4, <u>A.P. Indy</u>--Key to My Heart, by Mr. Prospector) was off the board in his first three starts and picked up just minor awards in three Aqueduct maiden events between November and January, but is now a perfect two-for-two at Philly Park. The bay graduated by 10 lengths when stretched to a mile and a sixteenth at the oval Jan. 29, and was even-money to make it two in a row. Pressed through six furlongs in 1:12.14, Samhoon opened a little daylight at the eighth pole, then held off Brandons Beach (Graeme Hall) by a neck. A \$1.4 million KEESEP yearling, the winner, out of a full sister to Eillo, is a 1/2 to Love N' Kiss S. (Kris S.), GSW, \$383,150. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$65,210.

O-Shadwell Stable. B-Darby Dan Stables (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

Condition Codes for Allowance Races

<u>Code</u> NW	Description Non-Winner of
1-6	Number of Races
\$	Monetary Condition
R	Distance Condition
3M, 6M, 9M,	
Y, Y + , L	Time Period (ex: NW2L = NW 2 races lifetime)
x	Other-than Condition (ex: NW3X = non-winners of 3 races other than maiden, claiming, or statebred)
C	Other Conditions Not Specified



DeFrancis Set to Leave Magna:

According to a report in the Baltimore Sun, Joe DeFrancis will resign from the board of Magna Entertainment Corporation tomorrow. "I was always willing to remain on the board as long as I felt I could be helpful and make a contribution," DeFrancis told the publication. "My ability to do that has been very seriously constrained. As I mentioned, we've obviously had a clear parting of ways, so I don't think it really serves a purpose to carry on beyond next week." DeFrancis's announcement came one day after a terse teleconference by Magna officials, during which it was revealed that the company posted a near \$114-million loss in 2007. Magna CEO Frank Stronach indicated during the call that DeFrancis would not be returning to the Magna Board of Directors. The DeFrancis name has been synonymous with Maryland racing since 1984, when Frank J. DeFrancis and partners purchased Laurel Park and added Pimlico Race Course two years later. Joe DeFrancis and his sister Karin inherited the tracks when their father passed away, but sold an interest to Magna in 2002. The Canadian-based operation bought the remaining stake in the tracks last September.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

JOHN BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL S., \$100,000, TPX, 3-1, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44 3/5, ft.

- 1--ABSOLUTELY CINDY, 116, f, 3, by Arch 1st Dam: Ms. Boucheron, by L'Enjoleur 2nd Dam: Monitriece, by Rattle Dancer 3rd Dam: Needles Sword, by Needles O/T-Ronald Keith Kinmon; B-Keith Kinmon (KY);
- J-Orlando Mojica; \$58,280. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-3, \$163,374. Werk Nick Rating: C.
- 2--Your Round, 115, c, 3, Distorted Humor--Another Round, by Affirmed. (\$180,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Katie Rich Stables. \$18,800.
- 3--Dixie Decision, 115, c, 3, Dixieland Band--Jurist, by Kris S. (\$65,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Ralls & Foster LLC & Smith Ridge Stables. \$9,400.

Margins: 1 3/4, 6HF, 1. Odds: 19.80, 3.50, 40.30. It wasn't quite Rags to Riches winning the GI Belmont S., but Absolutely Cindy's victory against the boys here was quite impressive. The bay had done the majority of her running over grass and synthetic surfaces, posting a Keeneland maiden win over the Polytrack last October and a tally over the Churchill lawn in the Caressing H. in November. She finished a good third behind Bsharpsonata in the Tropical Park Oaks Jan. 1, but entered off a well-beaten sixth in her dirt debut in the GIII Silverbulletday S. Feb. 9. Last of 11 through a half mile in :45.78, Absolutely Cindy unleashed a furious rally while racing extremely wide on the turn for home and finished up full of run to pull off the upset. Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree or the Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

SPRING FEVER S., \$50,000, OPX, 3-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 3/5, ft.

- (DH)-1--#GINGER BAY, 119, f, 4, Golden Missile--Prior Park, by Silver Deputy. O-Melnyk Racing Stables Inc; B-Eugene Melnyk (KY); T-Anthony L Reinstedler; J-Eusebio Razo Jr; \$20,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$96,262.
- (DH)-1--#CLASSIFY, 119, f, 4, <u>Unbridled's Song</u>--Classic Olympio (MSW & MGSP, \$336,578), by Olympio. O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Mike Smith (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Luis S Quinonez; \$20,000. Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-1, \$120,710.
- 3--Fast Deal, 119, m, 5, Grand Slam--Catty, by Storm Cat. O-Overbrook Farm. \$5,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 2 1/4, 4. Odds: 2.60, 8.70, 12.50. Ginger Bay and Classify started alongside each other and finished in tandem, as the judge could not split them at the wire. Ginger Bay made her first four career starts on Polytrack, winning once, but made a successful transition to the main track, taking a six-furlong allowance at this track Jan. 21. Classify went four-forfive in 2007, but kicked off this season on a somewhat sour note, running fourth in the Jan. 19 American Beauty S. in Hot Springs. In front from the bell, Ginger Bay put away Fast Deal in upper stretch, opened a bit of daylight at the eighth pole and just held on for a share as Classify lunged late.

10th-TPX, \$24,600, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:39, ft.

MUD CREEK (f, 3, <u>Najran</u>--White Water Creek, by Silver Ghost), claimed for only \$15,000 out of a second-place finish at first asking at Turfway Jan. 11, graduated by 5 1/4 lengths going six furlongs Feb. 8. Favored at 6-5 for this, she set the pace and cruised home to a fourlength victory.Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$31,220. O-David P England & James Wright. B-Barbara Hunter (KY). T-David P England.

6th-FGX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11, ft. + GLORIOUSLY (f, 3, Indian Charlie--Glory's Story, by Defensive Play) prepped for this with a bullet half in :47 4/5 Feb. 24, and was bet from morning-line odds of 8-1 into 9-5 favoritism to score at first asking. The C\$90,000 ONTSEP yearling set a pressured pace and held off the late-running Irish Witch (Bernstein) for a 1 1/4-length victory. Halo's Verse (Unbridled's Song) was scratched. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,400. O-Woodford Racing LLC. B-Royal Oak Farm (ON). T-Mark E Casse.

Stars of tomorrow grabbing the spotlight today...



Friday Night's Results:

MADEMOISELLE S., \$55,000, DED, 2-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58 1/5, ft.

- 1--#POLYHYMNIA, 120, f, 4, <u>Songandaprayer</u>--Sweet Proud Polly (MSW, \$201,451), by Proud Birdie. (\$100,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL; \$500,000 2yo '06 FTFFEB). O-Little Red Feather Racing & Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Marablue Farm (FL); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Gerard Melancon; \$33,000. Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-1, \$97,676.
- 2--High Heritage, 116, m, 5, Silver Deputy--Sixkissesforsara, by Saratoga Six. \$11,000.
- 3--**Casino Transaction**, 120, f, 4, Carson City--Final Proposal, by Dehere. \$5,500.
- Margins: HF, 2 1/4, 3. Odds: 3.80, 8.50, 3.20. Polyhymnia stepped up to stakes company here following a sharp 4 3/4-length victory versus \$30,000 optional claimers Jan. 11. Breaking from the 10 hole, she raced with the early leaders and fought her way past a stubborn foe in High Heritage to post her first stakes victory.

Hystericalady to Run in Azeri:

Hystericalady (Distorted Humor), who closed her 2007 campaign with a narrow loss at the hands of Ginger Punch in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, will ship to Oaklawn for the GIII Azeri Breeders' Cup S. Mar. 9. Winner of last year's GI Humana Distaff H. over seven furlongs, Hystericalady proved equally effective going two turns, winning the GII Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup S. In her lone trip to the post this season, the five-yearold was a disappointing fourth as the odds-on favorite in the GI Santa Monica H. at Santa Anita Feb. 2. "My mare had no excuse that day, other than the fact that she doesn't seem to like that racetrack," trainer Jerry Hollendorfer said Saturday morning from Bay Meadows. "In fact, the main reason we're getting out of California is to get her on a conventional dirt racetrack. If she runs well in the Azeri, we'll bring her back for the Apple Blossom." The filly and mare centerpiece of the Racing Festival of South is set for Saturday, Apr. 5.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	<u>Track</u>
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
Mar. 9	GI Santa Margarita Inv.	Santa Anita
	GII Rampart H.	Gulfstream
	GIII Azeri BC S.	Oaklawn

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

CHINA DOLL S., \$94,550, SAX, 3-1, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm.

- 1--#SWEETER STILL (IRE), 115, f, 3, <u>Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)</u>--Beltisaal (Fr), by Belmez. O-David J Lanzman Racing Stable Inc & Jason Wood; B-Ann Marie O'Brien (IRE); T-Ral H Ayers; J-Martin Garcia; \$56,730. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$89,693. *1/2 to Belle Artiste (Ire) (Namid {GB}), GSW-Ire, \$134,701. Werk Nick Rating: B+.
- 2--Carnival Queen (GB), 116, f, 3, Carnival Dancer (GB)--Irish Light, by Irish River (Fr). (42,000gns 2yo '07 TATHIT). O-Newmarket TR LLC, Margolis, Maycock, et al. \$18,910.
- 3--Gorgeous Goose, 119, f, 3, Mongoose--Gorgeous Me, by Big Spruce. O-Mary Anne Denes & Mary Ellen Woelfel. \$11,346.

Margins: 1, HF, HF. Odds: 4.90, 12.60, 0.90. Sweeter Still ran well to finish fourth in her debut for trainer Aidan O'Brien in the Listed Flame of Tara EBF S. at The Curragh last September. The dark bay was transferred to Jeff Mullins when shipped to the U.S. for the Nov. 24 GIII Miesque S., and reported home ninth, beaten 4 1/2 lengths. Taking on maidens for the first time going down the hill Jan. 18, the dark bay closed from seventh to win by 3/4 of a length. With Ral Ayers listed as the trainer of record while Mullins serves as a suspension here, Sweeter Still sat a stalking second, gained the lead entering the stretch and held the others safe. Click for the <u>brisnet.com chart</u>, the <u>Video, sponsored by Taylor Made</u> or the <u>eNicks report and 5-cross</u> pedigree.

3rd-SAX, \$81,066, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15, ft.

MEDZENDEEKRON (g, 5, Unusual Heat--Fleet Sparrow, by Cozzene) came back after a 10-month layoff to take a state-bred allowance test on the turf at Hollywood June 10, but could do no better than seventh against open company on the Hollywood Cushion 20 days later. The dark bay picked up checks when switched back to the grass for a pair of allowance starts at Del Mar in August, then was sidelined once again. Making his comeback in a NW1X going down the hill at Santa Anita Feb. 18, he closed some ground late to be fourth, and was a 7-2 chance to improve in his second start off the bench. The gelding trailed through a half in :44.52, but responded to a Rafael Bejarano hand ride to get up for a 1 3/4-length score over Talkin To Mom Roo (You And I). Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, \$151,252. O/B-Abrams, Nakkashian & Roberts (CA). T-B Abrams. So. Cal Report cont. p7

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4th-SAX, \$79,780, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:29 4/5, fm.

CHANCELLOR (c, 4, Deputy Minister--Cozzene's Angel {MSP}, by Cozzene), a maiden winner last July over the Hollywood turf, failed to get his picture taken in his next five attempts, including a pair of fifth-place finishes going a mile at Hollywood Dec. 15 and Santa Anita Jan. 26. Working with some extra real estate here, the 11-1 shot was forwardly placed throughout and battled gamely to win by a head over Super Strut (Lil Tyler). The victor, a \$140,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, is 3/4 to Toccet (Awesome Again), MGISW, \$931,387. Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$118,720. O-Chancellor Racing LLC. B-Mr & Mrs William T Griffin & Hill 'n' Dale Farm (KY). T-Gary Mandella.

10th-SAX, \$77,114, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:50 1/5, fm.

FOREST MELODY (f, 4, Forest Camp--As We Sing, by Seattle Song), a maiden winner on the grass at Del Mar Aug. 1, picked up checks in four of her next six starts. Second in the Dec. 5 Hermosa Beach H. at Hollywood to close out 2007, she celebrated her fourth birthday with a third in a Santa Anita allowance Jan. 1 and was most recently the runner-up in an optional claimer going 10 furlongs Feb. 2. The 4-1 shot went right to the lead, set a leisurely pace and was all out as Lemonette (Lemon Drop Kid) came at her, scoring by a half-length. The winner was a \$22,000 FTMDEC weanling. Lifetime Record: SP, 12-2-4-2, \$150,480.

O-Capestro & R Man Racing Stables. B-Russell B Jones Jr (KY). T-Paula S Capestro.

6th-SAX, \$78,320, Msw, 3yo, f, a6 1/2fT, 1:14 4/5, fm. +LETHAL HEAT (f, 3, Unusual Heat--Lethal Leta {MSW, \$300,600}, by Synastry), a 22-1 chance to win at first asking, broke 10th after exiting from the one hole. She was sixth through a half mile in :46.32 and just got up to win by a nose over Good Time Sally (Forestry). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,920. O-Barry Abrams & M Auerbach LLC. B-David Abrams, Madeline Auerbach &Tom Roberts (CA). T-Barry Abrams.

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MEETINGWITHDESTINY (g, 3, <u>Belong to Me</u>--Capricha, by Pleasant Colony), a \$40,000 KEESEP yearling and an \$85,000 KEEAPR two-year-old, debuted with a ninthplace finish over the Santa Anita Cushion last September, then raced over the grass in his next four attempts, including a seventh-place finish most recently Feb. 2. Back on the Cushion here, the 13-1 chance stayed close to the early leaders, rallied to gain a slim advantage in deep stretch and got his nose down on the line first. Screen to Screen (Deputy Wild Cat) finished second. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, \$53,540. O-Bongo Racing Stable. B-William Marquard & Maz (KY). T-Doug F O'Neill.

11th-SAX, \$67,200, Msw, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16, ft.

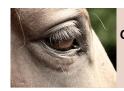
WINE ON THE PORCH (c, 3, <u>Royal Academy</u>--Hightshift, by St. Jovite) opened his account with a second-place finish at 33-1 on the Santa Anita allweather Feb. 16. He was the 7-2 second choice in his second appearance. Quickly into stride, the bay colt shadowed Tangled Tango (Petionville) through an opening quarter in :22.80 and put a head in front from the inside after a half in :45.83. Tangled Tango battled back, regaining the advantage at midstretch, but Wine on the Porch found a little something extra in the shadow of the wire, surging to a 3/4-length victory. A \$20,000 FTKOCT yearling and a \$140,000 BESMAY juvenile, the winner is a 1/2 to Shytoe Lafeet (King of Kings {Ire}), MSP, \$183,673. Lifetime Record: 2-1-10, \$48,000.

O-Case, House & Tjosvold. B-Kim & Rodney Nardelli & Stan Stefanski (KY). T-Mike R Mitchell.

\star CARIBBEAN \star

Saturday, Garrison Savannah, Barbados BARBADOS GOLD CUP-G1-Bar, Bds\$223,500, Garrison Savannah, 3-1, 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:50.8, fm

- 1--#PURE TEMPTATION, 125, c, 4, <u>Pure Prize</u>--Volitoria, by Unbridled. (\$30,000 wnlg '04 KEENOV; \$45,000 2yo '06 FTMMAY). O-Lord Michael Taylor-Clifton Racing; B-Meredith, Gray & Bryan Lyster (KY); T-W Clarke; J-A Ward; Bds\$121,750.
- 2-John Brian, 125, c, 4, Brahms--Miss Madeleine, by Woodman. (\$32,000 yrl '05 OBSAUG).
- 3-Apostle (Bar), 118, c, 4, Bandsman--Peace Token (Ire), by Common Grounds (GB). Margins: NK, NK, NK.



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First-crop starters to watch: Sunday, March 2

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) ALMOSTASHAR (A.P. Indy), Running R, \$2K, 28/3/0 10-FG, Msw, 1m, Piegan's Bygones, \$21K EVA MAR 2yo, 20-1 BALLADO CHIEFTAN (Saint Ballado), Cleary Lake, \$1K, 17/0/0 5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +He's a Risen Cheif, 8-1 BAY HEAD KING (Saint Ballado), Buena Suerte, \$2K, 34/3/0 7-SUN, Alw, 6 1/2f, Bay Queen, 10-1 10-SUN, Alw, 1m, Rampaging King, 6-1 CHANGEINTHEWEATHER (Gone West), Xanthus, \$8K, 74/17/1 3-GP, Alw, 1 1/8m, Cold Trial, 8-1 COMIC GENIUS (Unbridled), Doubletree, \$3K, 50/6/0 10-SUN, Alw, 1m, Duke It Out Luke, 10-1 6-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, T Fudge, 8-1 DESERT WARRIOR (Deputy Minister), McMahon, \$3K, 87/9/0 6-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Desaloot, 20-1 7-CT, Msw, 7f, Tapazoz, \$14K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1 ESCRITO (Cox's Ridge), 15/1/0 10-FG, Msw, 1m, Escrito Blaze, \$4K TEX AUG yrl, 7-2 **ESSENCE OF DUBAI** (Pulpit), Hartley, 119/12/0 4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, American Essence, 30-1 GULF STORM (Storm Cat), Lou-Roe, \$4K, 137/15/1 7-MNR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Monnie Tee, \$5K OBS OCT wnl, 10-1 HARLAN'S HOLIDAY (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 169/26/5 9-GP, Stk, 1m, JZ Warrior, 5-1 HOLD THAT TIGER (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 250/30/2 4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Winning Idea, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1 5-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Righteous Tiger, \$9K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1 **INDY KING** (A.P. Indy), Adena South, \$2K, 58/4/0 8-FG, Msw, 6f, Indy Victor, \$87K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1 KAFWAIN (Cherokee Run), Darley, \$10K, 179/16/4 4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, English Rose, 3-1 MILWAUKEE BREW (Wild Again), Adena South, \$15K, 162/23/0 6-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Cervesa Especial, \$30K OBS AUG yrl, 20-1 9-OP, Alw, 6f, Salomea, \$30K ADS SPR 2yo 4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Musical Brew, \$27K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1 MINESHAFT (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$100K, 151/10/2 8-GP, Alw, 5fT, American Asset, 3-1 5-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Monogram, \$400K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1 NAJRAN (Runaway Groom), Hopewell, \$8K, 128/11/0 8-SA, Stk, 6 1/2f, Sky Cape NO ARMISTICE (Unbridled), Country Life, \$3K, 65/6/0 5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Arsiero, 6-1 POSSE (Silver Deputy), Vinery, \$10K, 154/28/7 9-MNR, Alw, 5 1/2f, Pistols N Pearls, \$12K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

PREMEDITATION (Afternoon Deelites), A & A Ranch, \$2K, 9/3/2 7-SUN, Alw, 6 1/2f, Treading Water, 5-2 PROUD CITIZEN (Gone West), Airdrie, \$13K, 210/22/3 6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Unique Citizen, \$10K EAS MAY 2yo SEEKING DAYLIGHT (Seeking the Gold), Maryland Stallion, \$7K, 55/7/0 6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Misty Daylight SKY MESA (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 177/15/1 4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Rateeba, \$275K FTK JUL yrl, 6-1 9-MNR, Alw, 5 1/2f, Tatum Chapel, \$39K FTK OCT yrl, 10-1 SWING LORD (A.P. Indy), Ascot Stud, \$4K, 9/2/0 7-CT, Msw, 7f, Warduty, 15-1 TRUST N LUCK (Montbrook), Vinery, \$9K, 118/12/1 9-OP, Alw, 6f, Wonderful Luck, \$75K KEE NOV wnl VINDICATION (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 229/25/1 3-GP, Alw, 1 1/8m, Bordeaux Bandit, \$350K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1 WACHEETAH (Wabasha), 2/0/0 10-SUN, Alw, 1m, Tuff Review, 6-1



BRITAIN ★

Friday's Late Results:

Kempton Park, 7.50, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:41.48, stn.

TRIMARAN (IRE) (f, 3, Red Ransom--Moonlight Sail, by Irish River {Fr}), a first-up second over course and distance Feb. 6, broke swiftly and hounded the leader from the break in this return. Sent to the front with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 3-1 chance was ridden out in the closing stages to safely hold the late thrust of Mekong Melody (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £3,316. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Mark Johnston.

\star EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS \star

IN HONG KONG:

Danesis (Ire), c, 4, <u>Danehill</u>--Sister Dot (MSP), by Secretariat. Sha Tin, 3-1, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:35.50. B-King Bloodstock & Janus Bloodstock. *1/2 to Dehere (Deputy Minister), Ch. 2yo Colt-US, MGISW, \$723,712. **€360,000 yrl '05 GOFORB; HK\$7,500,000 2yo '06 HKIS.



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WINNERS BY U.S. SIRES:

- Pure Fire (Arg), c, 2, <u>Pure Prize</u>--Flor de Fuego (Arg), by Firery Ensign. Palermo, 2-29, Maiden, 1400m, 1:24.42. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0. O-Stud Duky; B-Haras La Biznaga; T-M A Diaz.
- Mucho Vento (Arg), h, 5, <u>Mutakddim</u>--Go Looking (Arg), by Lookingforthebigone. San Isidro, 3-1, Allowance, 1200m, 1:12.17. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1. O/B-Stud Haras Dilu; T-C A Domingo.



GROUP WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:

@Augusta Proud (Aus), f, 2, <u>More Than Ready</u>--Kadasha (Aus), by Langfuhr. Morphettville, 3-1, South Australian Breeders' S.-G3, 2yo, 6fT, A\$67,000 to winner. B-Kerry O'Brien Thoroughbreds; T-Leon MacDonald

GROUP WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:

- @Hurried Choice (Aus), f, 3, <u>Choisir (Aus)</u>--Hustle Bustle (Aus), by Catrail. Randwick, 3-1, Challenge S.-G2, 3yo/up, 5fT, A\$75,000 to winner. B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd; T-David Payne.
- El Cambio (Aus), g, 3, Commands (Aus)--Chaparra (Aus), by Canny Lad (Aus). Randwick, 3-1, Royal Sovereign S.-G2, 3yo, c/g, 6fT, A\$75,000 to winner. B-Woodlands Stud; T-Peter Snowden. *1/2 to Cataclysm (Aus) (Marauding {NZ}), GSP-Aus; Frasassas (Aus) (Marauding {NZ}), GSP-Aus; Negev (Aus) (Desert Prince {Ire}), GSP-Aus.
- @Martini Red (Aus), f, 3, Red Ransom--Pernod (NZ) (G1SW-Aus), by Centaine (Aus). Ellerslie, 3-1, Darley Plate-G3, 3yo/up, 6fT, NZ\$62,500 to winner. B-Trelawney Stud; T-Ross Elliott.
- @Gallant Tess (Aus), f, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Dragoncello, by Diesis (GB). Randwick, 3-1, Breeders Classic-G2, 4yo/up, f/m, 6fT, A\$75,000 to winner. B-R W Reid; T-David Payne.

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Allowance Races - purses of \$20,000/up

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Saturday, Hanshin, Japan

ARLINGTON CUP-JRA (Listed), ¥76,720,000, Hanshin, 3-1, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:34.60, fm.

ASIA

- 1-#DANTSU KISSUI (JPN), 123, c, 3, by Symboli Kris S.
 1st Dam: Sunflower Girl (Jpn), by Taiki Shuttle
 2nd Dam: Lambada Style (Ire), by Dancing Brave
 3rd Dam: Santa's Sister, by Middle Brother
 O-Tetsuji Yamamoto; B-Maruko Kobayashi Farm;
 T-Toshimasa Hashimoto; J-Shinji Fujita;
 ¥40,504,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0.
- 2--A Shin Forward, 123, c, 3, Forest Wildcat--Wake Up Kiss, by Cure the Blues. (\$125,000 yrl '06 FTSAUG; \$290,000 2yo '07 FTFFEB). O-Hirotsugu Hirai; B-Edition Farm; ¥16,144,000.
- 3--Deep Sky (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Agnes Tachyon (Jpn)--Abi (GB), by Chief's Crown. O-Toshio Fukami; B-Kasamatsu Farm; ¥10,072,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, HD, NK. Odds: 18.70, 33.30, 35.30.

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STAKES RESULTS:

FOSTER CITY H., \$65,550, BMX, 3-1, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35 4/5, ft.

- 1--BAI AND BAI, 119, m, 5, Falstaff--Bai Shun, by Fappiano. (\$3,200 yrl '04 NCASEP). O-Robert & Beverly Lewis Trust; B-Mares' Nest (CA); T-Craig Dollase; J-Roberto M Gonzalez; \$39,550. Lifetime Record: GISP, 23-9-7-3, \$631,868.
- 2--Somethinaboutlaura, 124, m, 6, Dance Floor--Crystals of Ice, by It's Freezing. (\$375,000 HRA '06 FTKFEB). \$13,000.
- 3--**Swiss Current**, 116, f, 4, Swiss Yodeler--Brilliant Thunder, by Thunder Gulch. \$7,800.

Margins: 1, 3, 5. Odds: 1.90, 1.10, 6.00.

WAYWARD LASS S., \$65,000, TAM, 3-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.

- 1--CASH'S GIRL, 116, f, 4, <u>Northern Afleet</u>--Jolie Hawk, by Mister Jolie. O-Cash is King LLC; B-T Wynn Jolley & Mary Sue Jolley (FL); T-Timothy F Ritchey; J-Pablo Morales; \$37,500. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$176,252.
- 2--Lil's Lassie, 118, m, 5, Lil's Lad--Fivetwentyone, by Metfield. \$10,000.
- 3--Colony Queen, 118, f, 4, Behrens--Upity Lady, by Broad Brush. \$5,000.
- Margins: NK, 1, 1HF. Odds: 2.30, 4.30, 5.80.

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SARAH LANE'S OATES S., \$60,000, FGX, 3-1, (S), 3yo, f, a1mT, 1:39 1/5, fm.

- 1--HISSE, 116, f, 3, Buddha--Street Beat, by Dixie Brass. (\$40,000 wlng '05 KEENOV). O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable; B-Estate of Jackie D Huckabay MD (LA); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Shaun Bridgmohan; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 9-2-5-1, \$184,081. *1/2 to Ahead Of Her Time (Leestown), MSW, \$304,100.
- 2--Clouds in the Sky, 117, f, 3, Straight Man--Dilate, by Northern Flagship. \$12,000.

3--Runaway From Itall, 116, f, 3, Runaway Groom--Hope List, by List. \$6,600.

Margins: 4, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 1.40, 1.90, 4.00.

GENTILLY S., \$60,000, FGX, 3-1, (S), 3yo, a1 1/16mT, 1:46, fm.

- 1--#CLASSY DEELITES, 118, g, 3, <u>Afternoon Deelites</u>--Classy Aly, by Sky Classic. O-Jerry Bonhagen;
 B-Allen Guillotte Jr (LA); T-Howard Alonzo; J-Jamie Theriot; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$69,230.
- 2--Peteadoris, 118, c, 3, Smart Strike--Marie's Pride, by Saratoga Six. (\$125,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). \$12,000.
- 3--**Snug**, 117, g, 3, Swamp--Tulia, by West by West. \$6,600.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 18.60, 2.60, 2.00.

DELTA EXPRESS S., \$53,955, DED, 2-29, 4yo/up, 5f, :58 1/5, ft.

1--**PROBATION READY**, **116**, **c**, **4**, <u>More Than Ready</u>--**Satinet**, **by Olympio**. (\$170,000 wlng '04 KEENOV). O-Vinery Stables; B-Chris & Kirt Cahill (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Colby J Hernandez; \$32,700. Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-1, \$188,670. *1/2 to Social Probation (Jules), GISP, \$205,381; Britt's Jules (Jules), MSW & MGSP, \$434,598.

- 2--Sumfun, 123, g, 4, Menifee--Totally, by Miswaki. \$10,900.
- 3--**Mystery Classic**, 123, g, 5, Mystery Storm--Kristy's Regency, by Regal Classic. \$5,450.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, 2. Odds: 5.80, 13.40, 9.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-AQU, \$47,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:40 4/5, ft.

LEE STEWART (c, 4, <u>Pleasant Tap</u>--Matter of Trust, by Leo Castelli) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$59,172.

O-Stewart Hoffman. B-Kathleen Hoffman (NY). T-James A Jerkens. *1/2 to Win With Beck (Personal Flag), SW, \$368,522.

8th-FGX, \$42,250, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW3X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

SUCCESS SUCCESS (g, 5, <u>Successful Appeal</u>--Caribbean Success, by Bet Big) Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-2, \$105,931. O-David P Holloway. B-Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds (FL). T-Paul J McGee. **7th-FGX, \$42,000**, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a5 1/2fT, 1:04 3/5, fm.

WHITEFISH (m, 5, Diesis {GB}--Motokiks, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-2, \$95,130. O/B-Barbara Hunter (KY). T-Thomas F Proctor.

1st-FGX, \$41,250, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.

WARREN'S MARK (c, 4, B. J.'s Mark--Senora Gayle, by El Gran Senor) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-2-5-3, \$92,347. O-Glen C Warren. B-Dr Glen Warren (LA). T-Andrew Leggio Jr.

3rd-BMX, **\$39,040**, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, ft.

ICE LADY (f, 3, <u>Cat Thief</u>--Numero Uno {MSW & MGSP, \$244,794}, by Afleet) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-0-2, \$75,076. O-Venneri Racing Inc. B-Shields Thoroughbreds Inc (CA). T-Steve M Sherman. *\$52,000 yrl '06 BESOCT.

8th-OPX, \$37,500, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW3\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft. SUMAC (c, 4, Crafty Prospector--Dynamiss, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: MSP, 19-4-1-4, \$143,121. O/B-Whippoorwill Farm Inc (KY). T-John L Hall.

2nd-OPX, \$36,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36 4/5, ft.

RICHLAND CREEK (c, 4, <u>Smart Strike</u>--Miss Summer Reign, by Summer Squall) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$79,185. O-Shortleaf Stable Inc. B-Robert LaPenta (KY). T-D Wayne Lukas. *\$135,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

5th-DED, \$32,750, 3-1, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:41, ft.

KIMUA MAN (g, 4, Zarbyev--Kimua Silk, by Smokester) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-1, \$52,270. O/B-Foxwood Plantation Ltd (LA). T-Ray Spencer. *Full to Kimua Baby, SW, \$121,935.

7th-BMX, \$32,200, NW1X, (S), 4/up, 1m, 1:37 2/5, ft. TOUCHDOWN CALL (g, 5, Huddle Up--Telephone Tag, by Moscow Ballet) Lifetime Record: 23-4-4-3, \$106,929. O-Kevin O Kleczka. B-Harris Farms Inc (CA). T-William E Morey.



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and the list indicates how many times a sire's progeny have appeared in **TDN Progeny PPs** for that period. *Progeny PP Counts reflect Northern Hemisphere racing only.* **8th-LRL**, **\$30,000**, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft. **LIGHTENING FLASH (c, 4, Two Punch--Angel Lady, by Polish Numbers)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, **\$39,780**. O/B-James M Courtney (MD). T-Christopher W Grove.

11th-SUN, \$29,400, 3-1, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 4/5, ft.

PRIVATE AFTANOON (f, 4, <u>El Prado {lre}</u>--Gud Aftanoon, by Private Terms) Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-4, \$85,216. O-Mary C & Robert L Zollars. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen. *\$48,000 2yo '06 ADNMAR.

9th-DED, **\$28,520**, 3-1, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW4L, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 3/5, ft.

CINNAMON STRIKE (m, 5, <u>Smart Strike</u>--Vivacious M {SP, \$154,369}, by Lively One) Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-0, \$75,310. O-Danny & Donna Brown. B-Danny M & Donna B Brown & W S Farish (KY). T-Wesley E Hawley. *\$9,000 wlng '03 KEENOV.

8th-SUN, \$27,200, NW2L, 3yo, 1m, 1:37 2/5, ft. DEPUTYVILLE (g, 3, Deputy Warlock--Lawrenceville {SW, \$101,740}, by Personal Flag) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$36,015. O-E DwayneTaylor, W V Palmer & Steven Prather. B-S Prather (NM). T-H R Ashford Jr.

10th-TPX, \$23,380, 3-1, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:39, ft.

NOLAN'S CAT (g, 6, Catienus--Single Goer, by Easy Goer) Lifetime Record: GISP, 19-3-6-3, \$373,992. O/B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY). T-Michael J Maker. *\$50,000 yrl '03 FTKOCT.

6th-TAM, \$20,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57 2/5, fm. ROYAL REGAN (m, 5, <u>Royal Academy</u>--Shingalana, by Jolie's Halo) Lifetime Record: MSW, 30-6-8-5, \$180,662. O-Seven Gables Farm. B/T-Cathy Rountree (KY).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Desert Cowboy, c, 3, <u>Cactus Ridge</u>--Quarry Hill, by Relaunch. BMX, 3-1, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5. B-Landis Penry (CA). *1/2 to Stonington (Always a Classic), SP, \$393,624; and Gemstone Rush (Wild Rush), SW, \$183,450.
- Fortune Faded, g, 3, Catienus--Gabarouse, by Sunny's Halo. AQU, 3-1, (S), 1m, 1:41 1/5. B-Richard & Dawn Schosberg (NY).



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Dancing Turk, f, 3, Dancinwiththedevil--Turkoticoturko, by Turkoman. CTX, 3-1, (S), 4 1/2f, :55 1/5.
B-Robert A. Bir (WV). *1/2 to Terko Bates (Bates Motel), SW, \$189,048.

Lady Devinsky, f, 3, Devil's Bag--Stravinsky Girl, by Stravinsky. DED, 3-1, (S), 5f, 1:01. B-Aaron Hebert & Juliana Calzone (LA). *\$10,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$10,000 2yo '07 OBSJUN.

Acting Out, c, 3, Exploit--Reason to Ransom, by Red Ransom. TPX, 3-1, 1m (AWT), 1:39 1/5. B-C E Adkins (KY). *\$7,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

 + Mymamastillstandin, c, 3, Finest Hour--Spreading the News, by Cahill Road. DED, 2-29, (S), 5f, :59 3/5.
 B-Al & Melody Helms & Stephen & Kaye Shinker (LA).

Fightin Ruckus, g, 3, Fistfite--More Ruckus, by Bold Ruckus. WRD, 3-1, (S), 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Center Hills Farm (OK).

Sophia's Jewel, f, 3, Storm and a Half--Slew of Diamonds, by Tarakam. OPX, 3-1, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Thoroughbred Investments Ltd. (OK).

Streetwiseandtough, f, 3, <u>Street Cry (Ire)</u>--Golden Thatch, by Slew o' Gold. TPX, 2-29, 1m (AWT), 1:40 4/5. B-Mr & Mrs G David Shashura & Darley (KY). *\$65,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Raw Gold (Rahy), MGSW, \$509,005; Point Ashley (Point Given), GISW, \$237,200.

- Raised for Speed, c, 3, Thunderello--Distinctly Raised (SW), by Procida. TAM, 3-1, 1mT, 1:40 4/5. B-Four Horsemen's Ranch (FL). *\$7,000 yrl '06 OBSJAN.
- + The Big Chopper, c, 4, Kokand--Bet the Card, by Press Card. CTX, 2-29, (S), 4 1/2f, :54 1/5. B-James Sanford Morris Jr (WV).
- Cryptoteka, m, 5, <u>Cryptoclearance</u>--Regis Road, by Southern Rhythm. WRD, 3-1, (S), 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-M Gerald & Oteka Ann Ball (OK).

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Rome, 3.30, 2-29, €19,800, 3yo, 5fT, :59.90, gd. LOVE INTRIGUE (IRE) (f, 3, Marju {Ire}--Love Contest {Ire} {SP-Ity}, by Love the Groom) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, €71,315. O-Scuderia Alex; B-Locsot SRL; T-Antonio Peraino. *€12,000 yrl '06 ITYSEP.

FRANCE, Marseille Pont-de-Vivaux, 2.25, €18,000, 5yo/up, 10f 138ydsT, 2:12.71, gd/sf.

MONASTERIO (FR) (h, 5, Pivotal {GB}--Hadra, by Dayjur) Lifetime Record: 25 starts, 5 wins, 15 places, €72,240. O-Jean-Claude Seroul; B-J van der Weide; T-Jean-Marc Capitte.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ Haneczka (GB), f, 3, Bertolini--Poiana (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Rome, Italy, 2-29, Mdn, 3yo, f, 6fT. B-Emilio Borromeo.

