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GOINS WINS SECOND PHOTO ECLIPSE

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), Daily Racing Form and the National Turf Writers Association announced yesterday that Matt Goins of Lexington, Kentucky, has won the 2008 Media



photo of Dettori and Donativum

Eclipse Award for Photography for his picture "Frankie's Flying Dismount" of jockey Frankie Dettori leaping off the two-year-old **Donativum** (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) in the winner's circle following his victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Santa Anita Oct. 25. The photograph appeared in Al-Adiyat, a Dubai-based racing publication, Nov. 6. It is the second Media Eclipse Award for Photography Matt Goins's Eclipse Award-winning for the 38 year-old Goins, who won his first bronze statue in 2006 for a

photo published in the Lexington Herald-Leader of jockey Julien Leparoux. "I am so fortunate to have the opportunity to work in such an exciting industry, and to be awarded the sport's highest honor on two occasions is extremely humbling," said Goins. "I've had a frontrow seat for some of the greatest moments in racing history while being surrounded by the beauty that is the Thoroughbred." Honorable mention in the Photography category went to Alexander Barkoff, whose photo of a morning sunrise on the Fair Grounds backstretch was published in the New Orleans Times Picayune Nov. 9, and to Matt Wooley, whose photo of Big Brown winning the Kentucky Derby appeared in Daily Racing Form May 6. The panel of judges in the Photography category was comprised of Ed Reinke, The Associated Press, Louisville; Jim Gensheimer, San Jose Mercury News; and Dan Farrell, former photographer for New York Daily News. The 2008 Eclipse Awards ceremony will be held Monday, Jan. 26 at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach in Miami Beach, Florida.

BLACK SEVENTEEN RETURNS THURSDAY

Black Seventeen (Is It True), upset winner of the GI Vosburgh S. in September, will try to rebound from an off-the-board effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint in Thursday's GIII El Conejo H., the New Year's Day feature at Santa Anita. Black Seventeen had Fabulous



Black Seventeen edges Fabulous Strike a sharp: 47 1/5 drill at in the Vosburgh Adam Coglianese

Strike back in second when he rallied to take the Vosburgh by a head, but, after attending a hot early pace in the Sprint Oct. 26, he faded to be a well-beaten seventh. Since then, he has seven listed works to his credit, including Santa Anita Dec. 26. That work was some-

thing of an anomaly, however, according to trainer Brian Koriner, who admits it's often tough to tell how Black Seventeen is coming into his races. "He's a terrible work horse," said Koriner. "He goes over this track all right, but because of how he goes in the mornings, it's hard to gauge where he's at. He knows the difference between a work and a race, and he doesn't perform as well in his works." Black Seventeen will face just four others in the El Conejo, which nonetheless sports two other Grade I winners in Johnny Eves (Skimming) and In Summation (Put It Back). "We'll see what happens," said Koriner. "We want to redeem ourselves, to see if he can deal with the synthetic. Hopefully, the Breeders' Cup was a bounce off the New York race. Hopefully, he'll have a good showing."

Thursday, Santa Anita

EL CONEJO H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT)

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1	Machismo	Trippi	Smith	115
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Monday, Oi, Japan GRAND PRIX DE TOKYO-G1, Oi, 12-29, 3yo/up, 2000m, 2:04.50, gd.

- 1--KANE HEKILI (JPN), 125, h, 6, by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)
 1st Dam: Life Out There, by Deputy Minister
 2nd Dam: Silver Valley, by Mr. Prospector
 3rd Dam: Seven Valleys, by Road At Sea
 O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm; T-K
 Sumii; J-C Lemaire; ¥80,000,000. Lifetime Record:
 17-10-2-0, ¥691,624,700.
- 2--Vermilion (Jpn), 125, h, 6, El Condor Pasa--Scarlet Lady (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm.
- 3--Success Brocken (Jpn), 121, c, 3, Symboli Kris S--Success Beauty (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Tetsu Takashima; B-Tanikawa Farm.

Margins: NK, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 3.10, 1.60, 5.60. Also Ran: Blue Concorde (Jpn), Furioso (Jpn), Bonneville Record (Jpn), Blue Hawk (Jpn), Clay Art Bun (Jpn), Combat Kick (Jpn), Con Te (Jpn).

Note: The unraced dam Life Out There, originally a \$250,000 KEEJUL yearling in 1993, went through the ring three times as a broodmare: in foal to Kingmambo, she went to John Gunther and Jerome Rak for \$240,000 at KEENOV 1996; in foal to Woodman, she went to Mueller Farm for \$260,000 at KEENOV 1997; and, in foal to Wild Again, she went to Katsumi Yoshida for \$270,000 at KEEJAN 1999. The mare is a full sister to Silver Deputy.



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Tuesday, Dec. 23, Nagoya, Japan NAGOYA GRAND PRIX-G2, Nagoya, 12-23, 3yo/up, 2500m, 2:45.80, gd.

- 1--WONDER SPEED (JPN), 123, h, 6, by King Glorious 1st Dam: Wonder Heritage, by Pleasant Tap 2nd Dam: Casa Petrone, by Petrone (Fr) 3rd Dam: Grand Tania, by Grand Central
 - O-Nobuyuki Yamamoto; B-Fukuda Farm; T-T Hatsuki; J-F Komaki; ¥40,000,000. Lifetime Record: 35-9-4-2, ¥240,894,000.
- 2--Meisho Tokon (Jpn), 125, h, 6, Mayano Top Gun (Jpn)--Lunar Sphere (Jpn), by Jade Robbery.
 O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Niikappu Hashimoto Farm.
- 3--Voluntas (Jpn), 123, c, 4, Timber Country--Bridal Sweet (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Yomoji Saito; B-Shadai Farm.

Margins: 2HF, 3, HF. Odds: 4.00, 1.20, 19.00. Note: Acquired by Silky Green Inc. for \$95,000 as a KEENOV weanling in 1995, dam Wonder Heritage was unplaced in two starts in Japan.

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TDN GUEST COMMENTARY



A TRIBUTE TO MAURICE ZILBER By Claude Beniada

I was in South America on Dec. 20 when Oscar Zilber called me to tell me about the sad news of his brother Maurice passing away, and nothing could make me more sad. I had been enjoying a nice vacation in a



Paris Turf

beautiful country, and all of a sudden it was like a dark cloud was hanging over the blue skies of Santiago de Chile.

I had first met Maurice Zilber in 1973, the year Dahlia struck England by storm when taking the King George seven days after winning the Irish Oaks. I met him through Oscar, who had been a long-time friend of my parents. I was 20, had fallen in love with horse racing and had decided to become a trainer, and nothing seemed more appropriate at that time

than to ask Maurice Zilber if I could learn by his side.

I remember very well when I first talked to him, on a Sunday in early September at Longchamp. On that day he had introduced to racing a two-year-old named Mississipian who finished second on his debut, and Maurice Zilber was furious at his jockey Bill Pyers for losing the race. As a matter of a test, he asked what I thought of the race and why the horse should have won. I had absolutely no idea, and he knew I had absolutely no idea, and I was so impressed that I could hardly formulate an explanation--the wrong one of course.

I knew I had messed it up and thought in that stride that my future as a horse trainer was already in jeopardy, but such was Maurice Zilber that he immediately assured me that I had given the right answer and that I would be welcomed in his stable at any time. His judgment again proved to be right, as Mississipian went on to win the G1 Grand Criterium six weeks later.

I started in May of 1974, joined a few months later by David Smaga, who was to become a very successful trainer and my great friend, and we both recall until now that our years with Maurice had been the most wonderful ones of our youth.

Maurice Zilber was a great man, a great teacher, but more than anything else a great human being. He opened his house for both of us, we each had a room, and if we were paid very little in our jobs, his generosity was equal to none other and he always had his hand in his pocket to make sure that we were not left without money. When it happened, quite often, that he had a winning bet, we were the first ones to benefit from it.

When Maurice Zilber went to Canada in October of 1974 to saddle Dahlia in the Canadian International, we were left home like orphans with nobody to take care of us, and pasta without even butter was the ordinary for David Smaga and myself. Upon his return, triumphant from his trip to Woodbine, we welcomed him by congratulating him for his success, but also relieved that the dry days were behind us. Maurice Zilber's generosity is well known, but he never anticipated that he would be paid back for it, and everything he did, he was doing it with his heart. I say that today, but I know of hundreds of people who could testify the same.

When Empery ran in the Epsom Derby in 1976, it was not on television and there was no internet at that time. David Smaga and myself were listening to the

broadcast of the race on the BBC on a radio in Maurice Zilber's house. Our English was not as good as it is now, and we didn't understand all of Peter O'Sullevan's commentary. But we did catch enough to understand that, one furlong from home, the horse hit the front with Lester Pigott. I took the radio in my hand,



Empery After His Epsom Derby Win Getty Images

yelled, "He won!" and threw the radio and broke it. David Smaga told me, "You're crazy, the race is not over," and finally we were not certain that the horse had won until we returned to the evening stables at Maurice's yard in Chantilly at 5 p.m. and had the confirmation of the result.

Such stories, I have a hundred in the back of my mind, but of course I cannot tell all of them here. We would need 10 different editions of the *TDN*.

With Maurice Zilber, I have been around many top horses, champions and champions again and again, but I have realized over the years that my greatest satisfaction has been to be around a top-class man who has taught me, and others, many more things about life, and that is more important than anything else. Maurice Zilber was a man with universal culture, fond of classic music, of reading, of traveling and of exchanging ideas with other people. He was so intelligent, brilliant and cultured that he is the type of person who could have been a top physician, political figure, businessman or whatever he would have wished to be. He had chosen to live his passion for horses, and he brought it to excellence. All his owners were fond of him, and he was such a marvelous teller of stories, in his incomparable oriental style--inherited from his youth in Egypt, a country he always had deep in his heart--that dinners could go on and on throughout the night, but at six in the morning he was out training his horses.

We will sadly miss him, and for many of us it is the end of an era. Goodbye Maurice!



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

ARIMA KINEN-G1, ¥346,560,000, Nakayama, 12-28, 3yo/up, 2500mT, 2:31.50, fm.

1--DAIWA SCARLET (JPN), 121, f, 4, by Agnes Tachyon (Jpn)
1st Dam: Scarlet Bouquet (Jpn) (MSW-Jpn,
\$2,010,675), by Northern Taste
2nd Dam: Scarlet Ink, by Crimson Satan
3rd Dam: Consentida, by Beau Max

O-Keizo Oshiro; B-Shadai Farm; T-Kunihide Matsuda; J-Katsumi Ando; ¥183,192,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3yo Filly-Jpn, 12-8-4-0. *3/4 to Daiwa Rouge (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), SW-Jpn, \$1,097,647; Daiwa Major (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), Ch. Sprinter & Ch. Miler-Jpn, MG1SW-Jpn, G1SP-UAE, \$9,186,406; 1/2 to Scarlet Mail (Jpn) (Tony Bin {Ire}), SP-Jpn, \$239,005. Werk Nick Rating: A + + . Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.

Click for the Racing Post chart or the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.

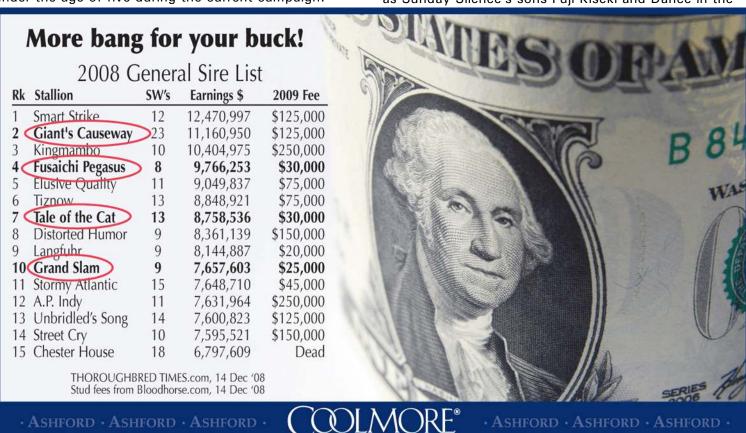
After an uninterrupted reign of 13 years as champion sire in Japan, 1989 Kentucky Derby and Preakness hero Sunday Silence was bound to lose the top spot in 2008, as his death in 2002 left him with no runners under the age of five during the current campaign.

However, his dethronement has proved to be a case of "The King is dead, long live the King," as his successor as champion sire is his son Agnes Tachyon. This 10-year-old stallion had filled the runner's-up position behind Sunday Silence in 2007.

The Shadai Farm resident rounded off an excellent year by taking the Arima Kinen with his formidable daughter Daiwa Scarlet, who became the first filly in 37 years to land this prestigious prize, after filling second place last year.

Agnes Tachyon--himself a winner of the Japanese 2000 Guineas over a mile and a quarter in 2001--is exerting a powerful influence on the Japanese Classics. His sons Captain Thule and Deep Sky, respectively, won the 2008 equivalents of the 2000 Guineas and Derby, while Daiwa Scarlet won the 1000 Guineas equivalent in 2007. Deep Sky went on to finish a very close third in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) behind the fillies Vodka and Daiwa Scarlet, and was then beaten only half a length in the Japan Cup.

The Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup was another of Daiwa Scarlet's three Group 1 successes in 2007, and Agnes Tachyon also supplied the 2008 winner of this race in Little Amapola. It is therefore beginning to look as though Agnes Tachyon has strong claims to being considered Sunday Silence's rightful heir. However, he faces stiff competition for this honor, as Sunday Silence's sons Fuji Kiseki and Dance in the





Dark filled second and third places behind him on the leading sires' list. Four more sons of Sunday Silence--Manhattan Cafe, Admire Vega, Special Week and Stay Gold--also made it into the top 20 this year.

It is also important to remember that several of Sunday Silence's best sons are too young to have had runners, such as the hugely popular Deep Impact, the 2004 Horse of the Year Zenno Rob Roy, the internationally tested Heart's Cry and the triple Group 1 winner Daiwa Major (of whom more later).

Keep an eye out, too, for Neo Universe, who provided Sunday Silence with his fifth victory in the Japanese Derby (Tokyo Yushun) in 2003, when he also won the 2000 Guineas. Neo Universe's first two-year-olds raced in 2008, and he appears to have an excellent prospect in Logi Universe, an unbeaten winner of two Japanese Group 3 events, including the Radio Nikkei Hai Nisai S. three days ago. Mikrokosmos, another of Neo Universe's early runners, was third in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies earlier in December.

An interesting aspect of Neo Universe's pedigree is that he is by a son of Halo and his dam, Pointed Path, is a granddaughter of Boulevard. Street Cry is another hot young stallion out of a granddaughter of Boulevard, and he, too, has Halo in his pedigree, as the broodmare sire of his sire Machiavellian. It looks as though Logi Universe's breeders were intent on strengthening the links between Neo Universe and Street Cry, as the youngster's second dam is by none other than Machiavellian (creating 3x5 to Halo). It is also worth mentioning that Logi Universe's third dam is Nureyev's excellent daughter Sonic Lady, who defeated the best male milers in the Sussex S. and Prix du Moulin de Longchamp.

To get back to Daiwa Scarlet, it was encouraging to hear her trainer Kunihide Matsuda comment:

"I haven't gotten the owner's permission yet, but speaking strictly from a trainer's standpoint, I would like to try her overseas. We haven't decided where, when and which race yet, but we want to put her up against the best horses in the world."

DAIWA SCARLET (JPN), f, 2004

	Sunday Silence	Halo	Hail to Reason	
		IIaiu	Cosmah	
		Wishing Well	Understanding	
Agnes Tachyon			Mountain Flower	
(Jpn)	Agnes Flora (Jpn)	Royal Ski	Raja Baba	
		Huyai Ski	Coz Onijinsky	
		Agnes Lady (Jpn)	Remand (GB)	
			Ikoma Eikan (Jpn)	
	Northern Taste	Northern Dancer	Nearctic	
		Northern Dancer	Natalma	
Scarlet Bouquet		Lady Victoria	Victoria Park	
(<mark>Jpn)</mark> MSW-Jpn		Lauy Victoria	Lady Angela (Ire)	
11Fls, 2Ch,	Scarlet Ink Unplaced	Crimson Satan	Spy Song	
2GSW, 1SW, 1SP		Gillisuli Satali	Papila (Arg)	
	11Fls, 2SW	Consentida	Beau Max	
		11Fls, OSW	La Menina	

Her form certainly justifies such a venture. Last year, she was rated just two pounds below Vodka, the top three-year-old on the Japanese Thoroughbred Rankings, but it was Daiwa Scarlet who was named champion three-year-old filly by the JRA. Her recent efforts in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) and Arima Kinen suggest that she is at least as good as ever. Her record now stands at eight victories and four seconds from 12 starts, and it is possible that she is still improving, as she was born as late as May 13.

Daiwa Scarlet has every right to be as good as she is. Not only is she by a Classic winner and champion sire, but she is also out of a very accomplished mare in Scarlet Bouquet, a daughter of the celebrated Japanese stallion Northern Taste.

Northern Taste, a son of Northern Dancer bred by Windfields Farm, raced in the colors of the late Zenya Yoshida after being bought as a yearling for \$100,000 in 1972. This was a comparatively modest sum for a youngster whose sire was responsible for such as Nijinsky, Fanfreluche, One For All, True North, Northfields, Lauries Dancer and Alma North in his first few crops. I suspect that Northern Taste's price might have been inhibited by his markings. His broad white face extended just beyond his left eye, and his flashiness also included two lengthy socks. Perhaps would-be buyers also had qualms about his being inbred 3x2 to Lady Angela, even though this famous mare numbered Nearctic among her many winners.

Needless to say, Northern Taste proved an excellent buy, becoming a Group 3 winner at two before developing into a high-class performer at up to a mile at three, when he took the G1 Prix de la Foret. He also finished fifth in the Derby on one of the rare occasions he ventured beyond a mile, so it was no great surprise that he went on to sire winners of the Japanese Derby and Oaks and even of the two-mile Tenno Sho (Spring). He was Japan's champion sire 10 times in an 11-year period, and his success laid the foundations of the Shadai Farm empire which flourishes to this day.

Daiwa Scarlet's dam Scarlet Bouquet became one of Northern Taste's numerous group winners when she took the Sapporo Sansai S. over six furlongs on her second start as a juvenile, and later confirmed her class and versatility by winning three more Group 3 events and by being Group 1-placed over a mile and a half.

Prior to producing Daiwa Scarlet, Scarlet Bouquet had several talented foals by Sunday Silence, headed by Daiwa Major, whose Group 1 victories included the Japanese 2000 Guineas and the Tenno Sho (Autumn) over a mile and a quarter, plus two editions of the Mile Championship. He was named Japan's champion sprinter or miler for a second time in 2007, the same year that Daiwa Scarlet was named champion three-year-old filly.

Scarlet Bouquet has a 2007 colt by Neo Universe, plus a 2008 colt by Deep Impact, and these three-parts brothers to Daiwa Scarlet must have every chance of adding further chapters to their dam's outstanding story.



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CENTRAL

Yesterday's Results:

9th-FGX, \$44,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:40, ft.

MAYBE BABY (f, 2, Johar--Dynamite Luv, by **Dynaformer)** made her first start in an off-the-turf test going 1 1/16 miles at Arlington Sept. 13 and scored by 1 3/4 lengths. The dark bay moved to the grass for her second outing, an allowance at Keeneland Oct. 9, but faded after pressing the pace and beat just one under the line. Finding herself on a sloppy Fair Grounds strip after a Nov. 29 allowance was taken off the lawn, she just missed, running second by a half length, and she was off at 5-2 to go one better in yet another race moved to the main track. Maybe Baby raced just off the leaders in third for a half, went up to challenge at the quarter pole and outgunned One for Jim (Distorted Humor) to the wire for a one-length tally. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$52,000. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

O/B-Phillip S Maas (KY). T-Michael Stidham.

1st-FGX, \$44,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

GARIFINE (c, 4, Belong to Me--Vassar, by Royal Academy) a \$1,800,000 OBSMAR juvenile, broke his maiden at Belmont in June of 2007, but was off the board in two subsequent starts that summer and disappeared. The bay was out of action for 14 months, finally getting back on track with a third-place finish in a Keeneland allowance test Oct. 22. Trying turf for the first time at Fair Grounds Nov. 27, he had the lead at the eighth pole in that 5 1/2-furlong allowance, but weakened late to be second. Garifine was the 7-5 chalk with the switch to the dirt here. The crowd's choice pressed the pace of Cool Hero (Montbrook), drove past that rival in the stretch and pulled away to beat him by two lengths. The winner is a 1/2 to Coast Guard (Stormy Atlantic), GISP, \$182,180. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$68,478. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made. O-Gold Square. B-Mike Akers, Jeff Bowen & Randy Zeller (KY). T-Steve Margolis.

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6th-FGX, \$42,000, Msw, 2yo, 1m40y, 1:41 1/5, ft. SOUL WARRIOR (c, 2, Lion Heart--Urmia, by Meadowlake) gave his freshman sire (by Tale of the Cat) his 33rd winner with this popular score. The chestnut colt caught a sloppy track in his Nov. 15 debut at Churchill and rallied to be second. Trying two turns this time, the even-money chalk tracked the leaders down the backstretch, swung wide for the drive and finished full of run for a 3 3/4-length success. A \$175,000 KEENOV weanling, \$95,000 KEESEP yearling and \$290,000 OBSMAR juvenile, the winner is a 3/4 to My Miss Storm Cat (Sea Of Secrets), SW & GSP, \$190,026. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$33,640. Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Bob Austin, Copperhead Stable & David Hanley (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

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ON THE WORKTAB

BELMONT PARK

SIR WHIMSEY (Jump Start), 5f (tt), 1:02.87, 37/49

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AUSPICIOUS (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:02.40, 20/53 BEAR NOW (Tiznow), 5f, 1:01.40, 12/53 FOUR GIFTS (Even the Score), 6f, •1:14.20, 1/3 MY PAL CHARLIE (Indian Charlie), 4f, :52.00, 64/77 SELVA (Forest Wildcat), 4f, :54.80, 76/77 TERRAIN (Sky Mesa), 4f, :49.20,16/77

HOLLYWOOD

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ELUSIVE HEAT (Elusive Quality), 4f, :48.25, 5/28 GAME FACE (Menifee), 5f, •1:00.00, 1/24 NOW A VICTOR (Yankee Victor), 4f, •:48.00, 1/28 ONE CAROLINE (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:02.00, 8/24 Z HUMOR (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:03.00, 18/24

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CROWN OF THORNS (Repent), 4f, :51.20, 44/44 GRACE AND POWER (More Than Ready), 5f, 1:01.80, 34/48 MARCHFIELD (A.P. Indy), 6f, 1:14.40, 21/25 MASSIVE DRAMA (Kafwain), 4f, :46.40, 3/44 ROSHANI (Fantastic Light), 4f, :49.00, 32/44

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Central Report cont.

8th-TPX, \$22,120, Msw, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:12 1/5, ft. + STRATOS (g, 2, Mutakddim--Clarins, by Storm Cat) was off at 7-1 at first asking. Unhurried early, the Courtlandt homebred grabbed the lead while racing wide around the bend and galloped away to a six-length victory. Happy Olive (Distorted Humor), the 3-1 second choice in his debut, pressed the pace before weakening to be ninth. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,730. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

O/B-Courtlandt Farm (KY). T-James E Baker.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Go-Go Boots Home Two After Returning from Spill:

Two days after a nasty spill in which he lost several upper front teeth, suffered a gash on his left knee and a swollen left hand, Garrett Gomez was back in the saddle at Santa Anita Monday in pursuit of Jerry Bailey's record of \$23,354,960 for purse earnings in one year. Gomez didn't miss a beat, riding Suit Yourself (Tribal Rule) to victory in his first mount of the day in the third race, a \$16,000 claimer. After finishing fourth in the fourth race, Gomez was back in the winner's circle in the fifth race on the card, winning aboard Trainspotting (Northern Afleet) in a \$25,000 claimer. He finished last in his only other mount on the day. Through Saturday, Gomez, who turns 37 on New Year's Day, was \$109,014 short of Bailey's record, set in 2003. He now sits just \$79,454 shy of Bailey's mark. Gomez was injured Saturday after the two-year-old colt Back At You (Stormy Atlantic) veered in during the stretch and hit the rail, unseating Gomez. Gomez will not ride Tuesday when Santa Anita is dark, but has four scheduled mounts on Wednesday, New Year's Eve, including Baroness Thatcher (Johannesburg) in the \$70,000 Kalookan Queen H.

Blue Northern Winner Navigator to Las Virgenes:

Jay Em Ess Stable's **Navigator** (Stormy Atlantic), front-running winner of Sunday's Blue Norther S. going a mile over Santa Anita's turf (<u>video</u>), will come back in the GI Las Virgenes S. at one mile on Pro-Ride Feb. 7. "That's kind of why I ran her in the Blue Norther, to give her five weeks [between races]," trainer Ron Ellis said. "Plus, it got her around two turns, rather than run her in the seven-furlong GII Santa Ynez in three weeks [Jan. 17]." Navigator was making her turf debut in the Blue Norther. The \$325,000 FTMOCT yearling ran second in her debut sprinting 5 1/2 panels at Santa Anita Oct. 23 before breaking her maiden in a six-furlong Hollywood event Nov. 16.

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Yesterday's Results:

IMPRESSIVE LUCK H., \$92,070, SAX, 12-29, 3yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 2/5, fm.

- 1--LUCKY J. H., 117, h, 6, Cee's Tizzy--Lucky C. H. (SP), by A.P. Indy. O/B-Harris Farms Inc (CA); T-Carla Gaines; J-Victor Espinoza; \$59,310. Lifetime Record: GSW, 18-8-3-4, \$630,065. Werk Nick Rating: A + . Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.
- 2--Majestic Diamond (NZ), 116, g, 5, Diamond Express (NZ)--Alta Veda (NZ), by Sepulveda. O-Paul A Viskovich. \$15,570.
- 3--Hewitts, 116, g, 4, Concerto--Romance Me, by Cozzene. (\$225,000 2yo '06 OBSAPR). O-Schroeder Farms LLC and Thomas F Hinds III. \$9,342.

Margins: HF, NO, HF. Odds: 1.00, 8.00, 7.10.

Two days from his seventh birthday, Lucky J. H. doesn't have many efforts to his credit, but he's rock solid when he does face the starter. The winner of the 2006 GIII Ack Ack H. over Captain Squire, Lucky J. H. had made just three starts in 2008, running third to War Monger (War Chant) in the Sunshine Millions Turf at Gulfstream last January, finishing third by a neck in the Crystal Water H. at Santa Anita in March and winning the Sensational Star H. over course and distance in April. Off since that race but favored nonetheless, Lucky J. H. hounded Hewitts through a half in :45 flat, opened a clear lead in the stretch and dug in late for the victory. "I love this horse," said winning jockey Victor Espinoza. "He takes a break, and he comes back running. He's all horse, and he's all heart. He loves to run." Owner/breeder John Harris said they would target the Jan. 24 Sunshine Millions at Santa Anita with Lucky J. H. "Either the six-furlong race [\$300,000 Sunshine Millions Sprint] on synthetic, or the 1 1/8-mile race [\$500,000 Sunshine Millions Turf] on the grass," said Harris. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

7th-SAX, \$**53,800**, **Alw**, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15, ft.

SHE'S CHEEKY (f, 3, Black Minnaloushe--Zadkiel, by Saint Ballado), a \$67,000 OBSAPR two-year-old, didn't miss the board in her first five career starts, but it wasn't until her sixth trip to the post that she graduated at Santa Anita Oct. 1. She rallied in her first test against winners Oct. 24, winning by a neck as the 5-2 favorite, and was once again the chalk after bypassing the Hollywood meet. The 9-5 chance settled into an easy stride while stalking the leaders from the three path. She moved into second when Flashing Forward (Outflanker) was abruptly pulled up going into the turn, overhauled longshot Sekira (Holy Bull) and inched away to win by 1 1/4 lengths. Modification (Vindication) nipped Sekira for place honors. Flashing Forward was vanned off. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-2, \$141,920. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

O-Frank Alesia, Bran Jam Stable and Joseph Ciaglia. B-Lynn & Kathy Jones (KY). T-Peter Eurton.



6th-SAX, \$47,600, Msw, 2yo, 1m (AWT), 1:36, ft. PAPA CLEM (c, 2, Smart Strike--Miss Houdini {GISW, \$187,600}, by Belong to Me) was sixth, beaten nine lengths, when he debuted at 22-1 odds sprinting 6 1/2 furlongs at Hollywood Park Nov. 8. He improved to be fourth, beaten three lengths, in a similar test Nov. 30, and was given a 3-1 shot here in his first afternoon go over the Pro-Ride while stretching to a route. Taking the initiative early, he assumed the lead under Rafael Bejarano and set modest :24 2/5, :48 4/5 and 1:12 4/5 splits. Favored Mayor Marv (Distorted Humor) was within a half length at the quarter pole and forged to the lead soon after, but Papa Clem was game on the rail and came on again to win by half a length. The chalk, who was notching his third straight runner-up finish, had another four lengths on 22-1 outsider Millennium Lakes (Storm Cat--Tweedside). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$30,940. Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made. O/B-Bo Hirsch (KY). T-Gary Stute.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Trusted Venture, c, 2, <u>Trust n Luck</u>--Afleet Canadian, by Bucksplasher. Great Leighs, Britain, 12-27, Hcp, 2yo, 1m (AWT). B-Yates Thoroughbreds. *\$7,000 wnlg '06 OBSOCT; \$9,500 yrl '07 OBSAUG.

IN JAPAN:

Arc Bisty, c, 2, Street Cry (Ire)--Celestic, by Sky Classic. Nakayama, 12-28, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$67,033. O-Toshiko Bizenjima; B-Darrell & Lendy Brown; T-Yoshito Yahagi.

*€90,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG. **1/2 to Hope 'n' Charity (Smart Strike), SW-GB. Winning jockey Hiroyuki Uchida said, "He was little nervous in his first race, but he learned something in his second start, and he traveled very smoothly. The winning time was also brilliant. I think he will improve a lot."

A Shin Do Better, c, 3, <u>Dixie Union</u>--Eishin Blaine, by Devil's Bag. Hanshin, 12-27, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-1, \$391,538. O-Hirotsugu Hirai; B-Winchester Farm; T-Ken Kozaki.

Central Coast, c, 3, War Chant-Taine, by Sir Ivor.
Hanshin, 12-27, Santa Claus S., 7f, Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$552,967. O-Danox Inc; B-J V Shields Jr & Robert N Clay; T-Yasutoshi Ikee. *\$280,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Puzzlement (Pine Bluff), MGSW & GISP, \$717,590.

IN PERU:

Samra, f, 2, Crafty C.T.--Storm's Advance (SP-US), by Storm Creek. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-28, Mdn, 8fT, 1:37.40. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, S4,400. O-Stud Ehden; B-Barry R Ostrager Jr (NY); T-Juan Suarez. *\$3,500 wnl '06 KEENOV. Makluva, f, 3, Chief Seattle--Southern Ivy (SW, \$156,348), by Majestic Light. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-28, Cond, 7f, 1:25 1/5. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-3. O-Stud Soribel; B-Stewart L Armstrong (KY); T-Felix Banda.

Apple Ollie, c, 3, Swain (Ire)--Soundtrack (SW, \$351,668), by Lear Fan. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-28, Cond, 9fT, 1:53. Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-1, S4,000. O-Stud Discusion; B-Dr John Storer & Mr & Mrs Hugh Lowenstein (ON); T-Juan Manuel Umbert. *\$8,500 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$5,200 2yo '07 FTKFEB.



First-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, Dec. 30 Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

ALKE (Grand Slam), Vinery FL, \$4K, 64/18/0 9-TAM, Alw, 1mT, Osterville, 15-1 BOWMAN'S BAND (Dixieland Band), Dead, 55/7/1 6-MNR, Alw, 1m, My Friend Ken, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1 CONGAREE (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 93/18/3 11-TP, Msw, 6f, Alexabella, \$47K FTK OCT yrl EAVESDROPPER (Kingmambo), Walmac, \$8K, 53/6/0 11-TP, Msw, 6f, Maggie's Pleasure ROAR OF THE TIGER (Storm Cat), Hartley, 75/15/0 11-TP, Msw, 6f, +Yes Imatiger, \$10K KEE SEP yrl SAARLAND (Unbridled), Darby Dan, \$10K, 90/7/0 11-TP, Msw, 6f, My Little Sister, \$2K KEE JAN yrl SAFE IN THE USA (Gone West), Lambholm South, \$3K, 18/6/0 9-TAM, Alw, 1mT, See I A, 20-1 SCRIMSHAW (Gulch), Millennium, \$7K, 76/14/1 6-MNR, Alw, 1m, Hieroglyphic, 12-1 SPEIGHTSTOWN (Gone West), WinStar, \$40K, 100/17/2 8-PHA, Alw, 6 1/2f, In Speight of It, \$140K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1 TAPIT (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 96/24/2 10-SUN, Stk, 6 1/2f, Retap, 5-2

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, Dec. 30 Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2004 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

EARLY FLYER (Gilded Time), Valor, 63/23/3
10-SUN, Stk, 6 1/2f, Come On Flyer, \$15K TEX AUG yrl, 6-1
VINDICATION (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 231/76/5
11-TP, Msw, 6f, +My Little Hokees, \$42K KEE SEP yrl
VANKEE GENTLEMAN (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$10K, 114/47/4
8-MNR, Stk, 6f, Whataclassybroad, \$19K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1









★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Meiner Kluger (GB), c, 4, Montjeu (Ire)-Breakfast Bay (Ire), by Charnwood Forest (Ire). Chukyo, 12-27, Plate Race, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 23-3-4-4, \$654,615. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-R W K Lewis; T-Toru Miya. *40,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT.

Hishi Windsor (Ire), c, 4, Singspiel (Ire)--Hishi Lover, by Pleasant Colony. Hanshin, 12-27, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 18-3-2-3, \$459,011. O-Masaichiro Abe; B-M Abe; T-Hiroshi Kawachi. *1/2 to Prince Rahy (Rahy), MGSP, \$236,865.

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STAKES RESULTS:

NAVIDAD S., \$72,535, CMR, 12-25, (S), 2yo,

1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, sy.

- 1--#MANDINGOS DREAM, 116, g, 2, Fappiano's Star-Harvest Avie, by Lord Avie. O-My Own Shangai; B-Potrero Los Llanos Inc (PR); T-Sammy Garcia; J-Juan C Diaz; \$43,521. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$67,957.
- 2--El Emprendedor, 116, g, 2, El Justo--Folly May Pay, by Twining. \$14,507.
- 3--Arabian Prospector, 116, g, 2, Brahms--Diana Love, by Red Ransom. \$7,254.

Margins: 5 3/4, 3 1/4, HD. Odds: 1.60, 4.30, 3.15.

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BOLD EGO H., \$50,000, SUN, 12-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02, ft.

- 1--GOODBYE NORMA JEAN, 122, f, 4, Tale of the Cat
 --Norma's Legacy, by Red Ransom. (\$140,000 yrl '05
 KEESEP). O-G Chris Coleman; B-Gracefield, Brad Ray
 & Dearborn Stable (KY); T-Henry Dominguez;
 J-Alejandro Medellin; \$30,000. Lifetime Record:
 17-7-2-5, \$233,380.
- 2--Stealth Cat, 123, f, 4, Magic Cat--Dixie's Integrity, by Mr. Integrity. (\$24,000 2yo '06 FTMMAY). \$10,750.
- 3--Catera, 116, f, 3, Gone West--Christmas Star, by Star de Naskra. \$5,000.

Margins: 1HF, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 9.60, 1.20, 8.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PHA, **\$46,686**, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:44 3/5, ft.

NASREEN (f, 3, Not For Love--Student Wife, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: SW, 6-2-2-1, \$69,790. O-Mojallali Stables Inc. B-B Linder, C Kimmel & P Solondz (KY). T-T Pletcher. *\$24,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT.

2nd-DED, \$32,120, 12-28, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW26MX, 3yo/up, 5f, :59 3/5, my. JOHN CHARLES (g, 4, Belek--Whistlers Nite Out, by Boys Nite Out) Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-7-2-0, \$193,380. O-L & R Racing Stable LLC. B-Rudy D Douglas (LA). T-Samuel Breaux.

10th-TPX, **\$24,180**, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18 4/5, ft.

GRUENEWALD (g, 3, Forestry--Lady Nichola, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-3, \$50,453. O-B M H Stable. B-B Wayne Hughes (KY). T-Rick Hiles. *\$25,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

6th-CRC, **\$22,400**, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), NW1X, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:37 4/5, fm.

SWEETSAINTOMINE (f, 2, Sweetsouthernsaint--Notice, by Time for a Change) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, \$54,609. O-Lendy F & Wanda Brown. B-David J Lavoie (FL). T-William P White. *\$62,000 wlng '06 OBSOCT. **Full to Alexandersrun, MSW, \$272,713.



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7th-CRC, **\$20,750**, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.

MR. UNSTOPPABLE (c, 4, <u>Devil His Due</u>--Oh Niner (MSP, \$202,920), by Forty Niner) Lifetime Record: SP, 18-4-2-3, \$67,815. O-Joseph Straus Jr & Andrew Novak. B-Straus Medina Ranch (KY). T-Philip A Gleaves.

ADDITONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pound Foolish, g, 2, Exchange Rate--Kobella Bean, by Mecke. CRC, 12-29, 7f, 1:26 2/5. B-Emanuel & Jacqueline Tortora (FL).

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IN ARGENTINA:

La Jolla (Arg), f, 3, Pure Prize--Forli Vous (Arg), by Forlitano (Arg). San Isidro, 12-28, Mdn, 8fT, 1:37.72, Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1. O-Stud Monti; B/T-Thomas Michael Tribolet.

IN BRAZIL:

Software (Brz), c, 3, Put It Back--Jeanne Arpels (Brz), by Roy. Cidade Jardim, 12-28, Cond, 7 1/2f, 1:28.71. G2SP-Brz; Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1. O-Stud Raca; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; T-M G Campos. *Won by 8 1/2 lengths.

IN JAPAN:

Officer (Jpn), h, 6, Fusaichi Pegasus--Circling, by Irish River (Fr). Hanshin, 12-28, Galaxy S., 7f. Lifetime Record: 41-6-6-3, \$1,810,879. O-Hiroo Race; B-Shiraoi Farm; T-Hideyuki Mori. *MSP-Jpn.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Hillside Lad (GB), g, 2, Tobougg (Ire)--Cumbrian Concerto (GB), by Petong (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 12-28, Mdn, 2yo, 5f (AWT). B-B Whitehouse. *€22,000 yrl '07 TATIRE.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRES ★

IN CHILE:

Casablanca Star (Chi), c, 3, Dushyantor--Granate (Chi) (MGSW-Arg), by Golden Voyager. Club Hipico de Santiago, 12-28, Gran Clasico Coronacion-G2, 2000mT, 2:00.32. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Chi, 10-4-0-1. O-Stud Carillanca; B-Haras Matancilla; T-Patricio Baeza. *Full to El Merito (Chi), MGSW & MG1SP-Chi.

+ Frambuesa Fresca (Chi), f, 3, Dushyantor--Red Berry (Arg), by Louis Quatorze. Club Hipico de Santiago, 12-28, Mdn, 6fT, :58.72. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O-Stud Umbria; B-Sebastian Santa Cruz Sutil; T-Patricio Baeza.



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