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ARLINGTON VP'S ADVICE: CLOSE THE TRACK Predicting that head-to-head competition with the Elgin, Illinois riverboat casino would spell financial disaster for Arlington International Racecourse, the track's VP of Finance and Administration Scott A. Mordell yesterday released a statement which advised the closing of the track in 1995. Said Mordell, "For the past few years, I have studied in detail the adverse financial relationship between racing and casino gambling. And I can tell you with confidence that we cannot continue to operate as a viable business in direct competition with the Elgin riverboat casino given the current legislative, administrative and tax policies. The ultimate decision as to Arlington's future lies with those who own it, but, again, my professional recommendation as Arlington's chief financial officer is that operating in 1995 would be a violation of business common sense."

SHEIKH MOHAMMED CUTS BACK ON TWO-YEAR-OLDS Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum is to cut by 20 percent the number of two-year-olds he will have in training next year. Four established British handlers--Paul Cole, James Fanshawe, Guy Harwood and Dick Hern-- will lose the patronage of the world's biggest owner when he reduces his allocation for 1995 from 350 to 280. But two young trainers--Middleham-based Mark Johnston and Newmarket resident David Loder--are to increase their Sheikh Mohammed holdings this winter. Johnston, who took six yearlings for the Sheikh this time last year, is set to receive at least eight. Loder's crop will rise from seven to 16. Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Sheikh Mohammed, said, "We're putting quality ahead of quantity. We have got very big and it is time to rationalize and regroup." Ironically, the changes follow one of the most successful seasons the Sheikh has ever enjoyed. His silks have been carried to victory in ten European G1 events in 1994.

Sunday, Hollywood Park:
NATIVE DIVER H.-GIII, \$100,000a, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m Trainer Richard Mandella said Thursday morning he will run Golden Eagle Farm's **Best Pal** (*Habitony) in the Native Diver and not in the Dec. 11 Hollywood Turf Cup as had been previously announced. "He looks good and ready," said Mandella after the six-year-old gelding worked a half-mile in :49 4/5 at Hollywood Park yesterday. "It's a nice little race for him. He's hooked the nuts a few times and it's nice to put him somewhere where it's not quite as strong as we've been trying." The all-time leading California-bred money earner with \$5,065,645, Best Pal finished fifth in the November 5 Breeders' Cup Classic in his most recent start. At Santa Anita yesterday morning, Native Diver prospect **Sea Cadet** (Bolger) drilled a bullet five furlongs in :58 2/5 for trainer Ron McAnally.

Saturday, Fair Grounds:
LOUISIANA CHAMPIONS DAY
The fourth annual Louisiana Champions Day card will feature seven races for Louisiana-Bred Thoroughbreds, as well as a \$15,000 "winner take all" match race. Highlighting the day's card will be the \$125,000 Louisiana Champions Day Classic, contested at 1 1/8-miles for ages three and up. Heading the field is 18-time stakes-winner **Dixie Poker Ace** (Patriotically), who will be trying for his fourth win in Champions Day competition. His first three victories, from 1991-93, came in the Champions Day Turf race. Others entered in the Classic include MSW's **Far Out Wadleigh** (Far Out East), **Colonel Mac Mac** (Colonel Power) and **Finder's Wish** (Derby Wish). Seven-year-old Dixie Poker Ace has also been entered in the \$100,000 Louisiana Champions Day Turf, to be run at about 1 1/16-miles on the grass. Other Champions Day stakes include the \$70,000 Juvenile at six furlongs for two-year-old males, the \$70,000 Lassie at six furlongs for two-year-old fillies, the \$70,000 Sprint at six furlongs for ages three and up, and the \$100,000 Ladies at 1 1/16-miles for fillies and mares, ages three and up. The match race involves a pair of three-year-old Louisiana-bred fillies. **Little Miss Leader** (Yesterdays Hero), the Thoroughbred entrant, will face off with **Miss Fancy Patch**, the Quarter Horse entrant. The match race will be contested at 870 yards (10 yards short of a half-mile).

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BERTRANDO MAY RACE ONE MORE TIME

Bertrando (Skywalker) has returned to Hollywood Park following his 10th-place finish in Saturday's NYRA Mile at Aqueduct, and owner/breeder Ed Nahem indicated the five-year-old is being kept in training. There had been speculation that the NYRA Mile might be the final race for Bertrando, who is due to begin his second year at stud this winter. "He will definitely go to stud, but he might race one more time," Nahem said. "I'm not saying yes and I'm not saying no, but he is still in training." Nahem added that he didn't have a particular race in mind for Bertrando. "We'll see what comes up," he said. Bertrando, who has won nine of 22 starts for earnings of \$3,182,765, won the 1993 Eclipse Award for best older male.

SOVIET PROBLEM POSTS LAST WORK

BEFORE HEADING TO JAPAN Getting in her last stateside work yesterday for the \$1.9 million, six-furlong Sprinters S. in Japan Dec. 18, **Soviet Problem** (Moscow Ballet) drilled six furlongs clockwise over Bay Meadows' turf course in 1:13 3/5. Fans had a chance to watch the move as the four-year-old filly worked between the second and third races. The work was Soviet Problem's second clockwise drill on the turf; she has been working the "wrong way" because that is the direction in which horses race in Japan. "The first time she worked well, but she didn't finish near as well as she did today," said her trainer Greg Gilchrist. "And considering the course was soft today and the fence (inside rail) was out, it was a very nice work."

GULFSTREAM IMPROVES FACILITIES

Gulfstream Park, fresh from a record-breaking meeting in 1994, will have a brighter, more fan-friendly look when it opens for its 56th season of racing Wednesday, January 4, 1995. Over \$750,000 has been spent in a capital improvements program that included expansion of the paddock bar area, refurbishing of the first floor Clubhouse Bar and renovation of the cafeteria on the second floor of the Grandstand. "We feel confident the improvements will be well received," said Rick Relicke, Gulfstream VP and General Manager. "This is part of our continuing effort to make Gulfstream Park even more convenient and to make a day at the races something everyone will enjoy." Other improvements include the construction of an additional Customer Service area, a new Group Picnic Tent, an expanded playground and petting zoo area and a completely rebuilt upper media box.

TATTERSALLS THIRD SESSION SHOWS

GAINS There were 199 horses sold for a gross of 6,393,000 guineas at Wednesday's third session of Tattersalls Ltd. Mares, Horses In and Out of Training and Stallions Sale. The average of 32,128 guineas was up 13 percent from last year's third session aver-

age of 28,465. The top price of 350,000 guineas was brought by the nine-year-old bay mare **Organza** (High Top). Sold by Corbally Stud, Ireland to Kerr & Co. Ltd., Organza, the dam of multiple Group 1-placed two-year-old Desert Style (IRE), is in foal to Last Tycoon. The sale concludes today.

ATLANTIC CITY RECEIVES DATES FOR 50TH SEASON

A half-century of Thoroughbred racing will be celebrated this summer at the Atlantic City Race Course. During the November 29 meeting of the New Jersey State Racing Commission, Atlantic City received approval to operate a 57-night meet commencing June 1, 1995 and concluding September 2. Live racing will be conducted Wednesdays through Saturdays, post time 7:25 p.m. The GI \$500,000 Caesars International H. is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 25. Saturday, July 22 officially marks 50 years since the doors to Atlantic City Race Course first opened.

AUCTIONEER MICHAEL WATT STEPS

DOWN With Lot 1666 at Wednesday's session of the 1994 Tattersalls December Sales, auctioneer Michael Watt retired from selling at Tattersalls. Watt jointed the firm in 1954 and started selling in 1957. Bringing to a climax 37 years as a master of his trade, he commented, "I have always loved the auctioneering and will treasure many great memories. The highlight will probably be selling Ravinella for my great friends Roland de Chambure and Alec Head." Commented Tattersalls' Chairman Edmond Mahony, "Everyone at Tattersalls will always have fond memories of Michael auctioneering and he has set a great example to auctioneers not only within the firm but around the world. We thank him for his many years of great service."



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Local News, Maryland:

Phoebe Hayes has joined the staff at Laurel Park/Pimlico Race Course and will be responsible for corporate and group sales. For six years (through 1991), Hayes was a member of the New York Racing Association marketing staff and coordinated a number of events, including the Belmont HorseFair. Hayes also supervised all aspects of the Laurel International Turf Festival for the past two years. She replaces Lois Ryan, who was recently named to the position of Assistant Director of Hospitality Services for Laurel and Pimlico.



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Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$34,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39, ft.
TURNER'S BID (f, 3, Explosive Bid--Lady On the Hill, by Baldski), claimed for \$32,500 in October and winner of an Aqueduct allowance in her last, made it 2 in a row here. Sitting just off the flank of frontrunner UPSTATE FLYER (Saratoga Six) throughout, she took over in midstretch to best that rival by 1/2-length. Lifetime Record: 22-4-4-5, \$85,846.

O-Jewel-E Stables. B-Joseph Barbazon (FL). T-Mitchell Friedman.

5th-AQU, \$28,000, Msw, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5, ft.
JUDGE ME NOT (c, 2, Judge Smells--Shugie Pugie, by Miswaki), sent off the 9-2 third choice despite having never finished worse than 3rd in 3 previous starts, went wire-to-wire for a 1 1/2-length triumph over HOOLIE (Criminal Type). 6-5 favorite PRIVATE RITE (Private Account), a 1st-time starter, was 3rd. Judge Me Not was a \$18,000 Kee. Sept. yearling and \$142,000 Fasig-Tipton Florida Feb. 2yo. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$32,480.

O-Stanley M. Hough & Beatrice Oxenberg. B-Mrs. O.M. Patrick (KY). T-Stanley M. Hough.



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Yesterday's Result:

7th-HOL, 37,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:42, ft.

DIXIE DUO (f, 3, Dixieland Band--Duo Disco {Gill, \$455,258}, by Spring Double), fresh off a maiden win at Santa Anita Nov. 6, crossed the finish line in front once again, denying 2nd-place finisher SEA OF SERENITY (Conquistador Cielo) her 4th straight victory. REAL CONNECTION (Vigors) was 3rd. Dixie Duo is 1/2 to Misspitch (MSW, \$176,691, by Waquoit). Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-2, \$76,290.

O-Rebecca N. Shields. B-Robert N. Verratti (KY). T-Jay M. Robbins.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-AQU, \$34,000, NY-Breds, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.

THOR THORS (g, 3, Eskimo--Silver Judy, by Silver Series) Lifetime Record: 24-3-4-6, \$108,399. O-Amherst Stable & Johnson. B-Amherst Stable (NY). T-Philip G. Johnson.

8th-MED, \$33,500, 11-30, NJ-Breds, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.

LAUREN'S WINNER (f, 4, Two Davids--Robins Winner, by Fuzzbuster) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, \$56,551. O/B/T-Edwin T. Broome (NJ).

9th-TPX, \$33,440, 11-30, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44, ft.
ROWDY ROWDY ROWDY (c, 4, Demons Begone--Rowdy Bird, by Topsider) Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-4, \$117,875. O-T.J. Brennan & T. Hoffman. B-Mrs. Frank Aulick (KY). T-Terry J. Brennan. *SP.

8th-TPX, \$29,800, 11-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft.

SIERRA CAT (g, 3, Storm Cat--Miss Airon, by Damascus) Lifetime Record: 15-6-2-2, \$104,092. O-J. English, V. Foley & D. Morgan. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Vickie L. Foley.

7th-TPX, \$27,155, 11-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18, ft.

PRINCESS NANA (f, 3, Pancho Villa--Tis Michelle {SW, \$184,395}, by Native Charger) Lifetime Record: 16-3-4-2, \$71,651. O-Yoshiko Sato. B-K. Kimura (KY). T-Akiko Gothard. *SP.

9th-MED, \$25,000, 11-30, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42 3/5, ft.

DISTINCT PLEASURE (g, 4, Distinctive Pro--Andrea's Pleasure, by What a Pleasure) Lifetime Record: 20-3-5-4, \$56,830. O-Helene Fair & Daniel J. Lopez. B-Whisper Hill Farm (FL). T-Daniel J. Lopez.

7th-BMX, \$23,000, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10, gd.

BOTH WAYS (f, 2, Siyah Kalem--Cucarucuru, by Shirley's Champion) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$43,575. O-Frank J. Gogliano. B-Thomas W. Bachman (CA). T-Mike Puype. *SP.

8th-WOX, \$22,600, 11-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft.

BLUE SPRUCE LADY (f, 4, Country Light--Quick Tilt, by Tilt Up) Lifetime Record: 30-7-12-3, \$123,251. O-Inner Circle. B-Blue Spruce Farms (CAN). T-Robert P. Tiller.



8th-WOX, \$21,800, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.

ALL OUT SEARCH (f, 3, Broad Brush--Eternal Search {Ch. Sprinter-Can, Ch. Older Mare-Can, Ch. Older Horse-Can, MSW, \$642,177}, by Northern Answer) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-1, \$44,299. O-Jim Dandy Stable. B-Mel P. Lawson (CAN). T-Sid C. Attard. *1/2 to Stop Searching (Stop the Music), SP, \$154,923.

1st-CRC, \$20,000, 3yo/up, f/m, a7 1/2fT, 1:32 1/5, fm.

ALWAYS NETTIE (m, 5, Vice Regent--Hail to Boldness {SW, \$100,075}, by Bold Reason) Lifetime Record: 44-8-1-10, \$165,870. O-Robert J. Sullivan. B-Barbara B. Wolfe & Charlton Bloodstock Agency (NJ). T-Vincent L. Blengs. *SW. **1/2 to Galliani (MSW, \$118,277, by Lypheor {GB}).

9th-FGX, \$19,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
RAISE AN ESKIMO (f, 3, Eskimo--Soft Call, by Raise a Man) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-1, \$34,280. O/B-C.E. Roller & James B. Shepherd (OK). T-Joseph O. Duhon.

4th-HAW, \$19,500, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:42 3/5, ft.
BROKEN CODE (c, 3, Lost Code--Tempest Hill, by Temperance Hill) Lifetime Record: 22-5-4-5, \$108,178. O-Jeffrey S. Sullivan. B-Richard Perkins (IL). T-Ernie T. Poulos. *MSP.

10th-FGX, \$18,000, 3yo/up, a7 1/2fT, 1:32 4/5, fm.
SMARTWEED (c, 3, Conquistador Cielo--Pickled {SW, \$179,352}, by Cox's Ridge) Lifetime Record: 17-3-2-5, \$43,229. O-Frank Caracci. B-Nursery Place & Barry R. Ostrager (KY). T-Edward J. Johnston.

9th-CRC, \$18,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 1/5, ft.
TASSO BEE (f, 3, Tasso--Joe's Bee {SW, \$131,953}, by King's Bishop) Lifetime Record: 19-4-6-4, \$83,750. O/B-J. Mack Robinson (KY). T-Frank Gomez. *SP.

8th-HAW, \$17,500, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:44, ft.
ANT'S IN HER PANTS (f, 4, Broad Brush--A Slim Chic {SW, \$143,529}, by Angle Light) Lifetime Record: 31-4-6-8, \$80,933. O-Penny Lane Stable. B-Dan C. Muckler (KY). T-Michael L. Reavis.

8th-CRC, \$16,500, 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:53 1/5, fm.
BABY MILLIE (f, 3, Gallapiat--Millie's Baby, by Codex) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$26,205. O-Filipe Freitas. B-Adnan El Assad (NY). T-Angel M. Medina.

6th-LRL, \$16,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5, ft.
OKEMO NOT (f, 2, Fuzzbuster--Lady Randolph {SW}, by Sham) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$17,194. O-Melvin J. Sanders III. B-T. Rogers Harrison (MD). T-Richard J. La Vey.

8th-LRL, \$16,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.
ARTURAS (c, 3, Deputy Minister--Legarto {Ch. 2yo filly in Canada, MSW, \$138,040}, by Roberto) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$23,855. O-Due Process Stables Inc. B-Windfields Farm (CAN). T-Carlos Garcia.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Atomistic, c, 2, Ascot Knight--L' Empress, by Empery. WOX, 12-1, 1 1/16m, 1:47. B-Austin Taylor (Can).
Revolutionary Era, g, 2, Distinctive Pro--Terrorize, by Cox's Ridge. AQU, 12-1, 1m, 1:39 4/5. B-Kimran Stable (NY).
Austrian Empress, f, 2, Exclusive Gem--Decorated Empress, by Well Decorated. AQU, 12-1, 6f, 1:14. B-Elisabeth Jerkens (FI).
Malachia, f, 2, *Habitony--Reason to Rage (SP), by Bel Bolide. HOL, 12-1, 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5. B-Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas C. Banche (Ca).
Queen of Fairway, f, 2, It's Freezing--Thirst for Gold, by Mr. Prospector. TPX, 12-1, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-William Floyd (Ky). *1/2 to Thirst For Peace (SW, \$188,610, by Time for a Change).
Judge Me Not, c, 2, Judge Smells--Shugie Pugie, by Miswaki. AQU, 12-1, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5. B-Mrs. O.M. Patrick (Ky). *\$18,000 yrl '93 KEESEP; \$142,000 2yo 1994 FTFFEB.
Hooked, f, 2, Known Fact--Midnight Rapture (MGSP), by Giboulee. LRL, 12-1, 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Audley Farm, Inc. (Va). *\$29,000 yrl '93 KEESEP. **1/2 to Lemhi Go (GII, \$330,805, by Lemhi Gold).
Royal Coachman, f, 2, Mr. Leader--Far Image, by Far North. HAW, 12-1, 6f, 1:13. B-A. Duncan (Ill).
Rare Fever, f, 2, Rare Performer--Vic's Fever, by Dr. Blum. HAW, 12-1, 6f, 1:12. B-SMS Racing Enterprises (Ill).
Our Roman Angel, g, 2, Roman Majesty--Top Quality, by *Golden Eagle II. HOL, 12-1, 1 1/16m, 1:45. B-Lester Holt (Ca).
Backroad Baby, f, 2, Royal Value--Backroad Woman, by Springhill (Ire). WOX, 12-1, 5f, :59 3/5. B-R. Hasmatali (Can). *\$7,260 2yo 1994 ONTJUN.
Royal Act, g, 3, Acaroid--Regal Marjorielee, by In Reality. AQU, 12-1, 7f, 1:27 3/5. B-Mr. & Mrs. Ronald L. Harris (FI). *\$4,200 yrlg 1992 OBSAUG; \$27,000 2yo 1993 OBSAPR.
Governor Elect, c, 3, Political Ambition--Silently Said, by Silent Screen. BMX, 12-1, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Gary Deter, Jean Deter, Et Al (Ca).
Simple Grace, c, 3, Simply Majestic--Baby Grace (Arg) (MSP), by Cipayo (Arg). FGX, 12-1, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Goodwood Thoroughbreds (Ky). *\$55,000 yrl '92 KEESEP. **1/2 to King Ruckus (GIII, \$448,123, by Bold Ruckus).
Music Reel, c, 3, Stop the Music--My Virginia Reel (GSP, \$272,380), by Roanoke Island. CRC, 12-1, 7f, 1:26 2/5. B-R.R. Dodderidge (Va). *\$32,000 yrl '92 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo 1993 BESMAR.
Rideofyourlife, c, 4, Red Ryder--Misguided, by Clue Chips. MED, 11-30, 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Bud Mills (FI). *1/2 to Sir Vixen (GIII, \$314,778, by Kona Tenor).