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## EDWARD J. DEBARTOLO DEAD AT 85

Edward J. DeBartolo, one of the most influential forces in American racing, died yesterday at the age of 85 from complications of pneumonia, following a short illness. DeBartolo served as president of the three racetracks owned by the DeBartolo Corporation, Louisiana Downs, Remington Park and Thistledown. A pioneer in the multibillion dollar shopping center industry, he also earned recognition for his involvement in other facets of real estate development as well as professional sports management. Included in the DeBartolo holdings are football's four-time world champion San Francisco 49ers, and the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins. DeBartolo was honored with a special Eclipse Award in 1988.

**SOVIET PROBLEM ON VACATION** Top sprinting filly **Soviet Problem** (Moscow Ballet), who finished off the board for only the second time in her career when she was seventh in Japan's Sprinter S. Sunday, will return from her overseas adventure December 27 and head to her owner's Harris Farms in Coalinga, California for a well-earned rest. "We're going to give her three or four months off," said John Harris, who campaigns the filly with co-owner Don Valpredo. Remarking on the four-year-old's run in the Sprinter S., Harris said, "In hindsight, shipping over there and everything, it was probably asking too much. She didn't really have a lot of time to acclimate. But what really caused her the most problem was the right-hand turn. Chris (McCarron) said she seemed really confused and was trying to get out...she must have come ten-wide into the stretch. But she didn't get disgraced by any means and she pulled up good and seems to be no worse for the wear. Since we didn't win, now it's easy to second-guess the decision. But it's not often you have a world-class horse and we took a shot."

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## Saturday, Hollywood

GII \$100,000a Dahlia H., 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT

Trainer Bobby Frankel plans to enter both GII Palomar H. winner **Shir Dar (Fr)** (Lead On Time) and 5x SW **Skimble** (Lyphard), third in the GII Las Palmas H. last time out, in the closing-day feature at Hollywood. Also probable for the race are **Exchange** (Explorent); **Fantastic Kim** (Bates Motel), first in five of 11 starts this year; **Gold Splash** (Blushing Groom {Fr}), a GISW in England and France who earned her first NA victory in the Osunitas H. at Del Mar in August; **Miss Turkana** (Turkoman), **Queens Court Queen** (Lyphard), winner of the GIII California Jockey Club H. in her latest; and **Vinista** (Jade Hunter), who has won two of her last three starts. Sidney H. Craig's Exchange passed the \$1 million mark in career earnings with her victory in the GI Matriarch November 27. "She loves this turf course," said her trainer, Bill Spawr. "She had major excuses both times she was beaten over it. She's doing very well right now." Miss Turkana, runner-up in the Louis R. Rowan H. in her most recent outing, is still looking for her first official win of the campaign. The five-year-old has crossed the line in front twice this year, but was disqualified and placed third after the Avigation H. at Santa Anita in March; she was put back to fourth following an allowance race at Hollywood in June.

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# W • R • I • T • E • R • S U P

## THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

By: Bill Leggett

Unlike most sports, racing does not lend itself easily to trends. Baseball seems constantly to come up with "The Year of the Homerun;" football gets a lot of discussions started with things like "The Year of the Injured Quarterback."

Oddly, 1994 became a rare exception for racing because it produced not one interesting trend, but two. Assuredly it was "The Year of the Three-Year-Old," but it was something else as well: "The Year of the Gift Horse."

Jimmy Croll, of course, was willed probable Horse of the Year **Holy Bull** (Great Above). There has not been such a gift horse since 1930 when the death of Harry Payne Whitney gave his son the option to take over the stable. C.V. Whitney had never truly cared that much for racing, but Joe Widener convinced him to give it a try. The first horse C.V. ever ran was Equipoise.

Holy Bull has already bankrolled \$2,430,760 from a dozen victories in 14 starts, but he is far from the only 1994 runner to be overlooked and underpriced on the way to a big year. In fact, some of the nation's biggest races were won by horses who came cheaply either through sales rings or claiming boxes.

Last Sunday, for example, James and Luana Whyte's **A.J. Jett** (Jett Sett Joe) ran third behind Afternoon Deelites in the \$500,000 Hollywood Futurity, hoisting his earnings to \$184,465. Considering that A.J. Jett was a \$2,122 Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society Mixed Sale purchase, the return on investment is now 87-1.

But there was one far better in '94. **Southern Truce** (Truce Maker), a six-year-old mare, was retired to Arthur Hancock III's Stone Farm for broodmare duty after a remarkable career in which she earned \$844,888. She was originally purchased for \$1,300 as a two-year-old at a Northern California sale and later claimed by trainer Roger Stein for \$16,000.

Among her accomplishments for owner Peggy Johnson were the winning of the Santa Monica, Santa Margarita and San Gorgonio as well as being named the Outstanding Cal-Bred Older Filly or Mare of '93. Not long after winning the Santa Monica in January, Southern Truce was sold privately as a broodmare prospect; on her racing record alone she returned in excess of 649-1 on the original investment.

During the course of the year the Handicap Division became more confusing with each passing race. There was no doubt, however, about the early season leader, **The Wicked North** (Far North). In the summer of '93 his main goal was the then one-mile Washington D.C. International on turf.

But he kept getting better and better on dirt in '94 and going longer and longer. Victories in the Californian, Oaklawn H. and the San Antonio also helped him get richer and richer with \$865,600 for the year--despite a disqualification in the \$1 million Santa Anita H. He cost retired plumbing contractor Phillip Hersch and wife Sophie \$10,000 as a '90 product of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale.

**Slew of Damascus** (Slewacide) is one of the oddest of all the "gift horses." He has won 10 stakes at the ages of five and six including this year's Hollywood Gold Cup. He was named "Horse of the Meeting," "Best Handicap Horse" and "Best Turf Horse" at the '93-'94 Bay Meadows meet.

And Slew of Damascus is a geographical enigma. Vic Naccarato of Yakima, Washington bought the Tennessee-bred as a two-year-old at a Little Rock, Ark. sale for \$4,500 and gave his wife Dolores part of him. Then money ran short so Dolores called her sister Edris Harbeston in Bellevue, close to Seattle. The Harbestons' bought a third for \$1,500.

Next, Naccarato called his cousin Florence Losh, in Gig Harbor near Tacoma, and the Loshes came up with \$1,500 for their third. Having bought the horse through an agent, none of the owners even had a chance to look their gift horse in the mouth until he got to Yakima.

But Edris, who had once been elected Princess of Soap Lake during the Wenatchee Apple Festival, designed a set of silks with red apples in front of a yellow background, and the dream started for the six owners who lived three hours apart. Slew of Damascus has now earned \$1,101,550 for them.

In October of 1991 a yearling sold for \$6,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Sale. Purchased privately by trainer Rick Schosberg and the Heatherwood Farm just over a year later, he burned up the Inner Track at Aqueduct; this spring he went to Pimlico and won its \$600,000 Special. His name: **As Indicated** (Czaravich). Earnings: \$792,612 with 10 wins and a second from 14 lifetime starts.

These are not the only horses to watch for 1995. King Leatherbury yanked three-year-old **Taking Risks** (Two Punch) for \$20,000 late in '93 and the horse has won nine of eleven starts for the Lakeville Stables of Baird Brittingham and close to \$500,000.

**Recoup The Cash** (Copelan) is just what happened for owner Richard Trebat and trainer Jere R. Smith with the then three-year-old of that name which they claimed in the summer of '93 in Chicago. They shook the pills for \$15,000 and got their horse, who had sold at auction as a weanling in '90 for \$22,000 and as a yearling at Keeneland for \$36,000.

The gelding won the \$250,000 National Jockey Club at Sportsman's Park; he went to Churchill Downs and took the \$163,500 Stephen Foster; he was also victorious in the \$400,000 Budweiser Hawthorne Gold Cup. This year alone that \$15,000 claim brought back \$693,589.

It certainly was a year for Gift Horses.



News cont.

### HOOSIER PARK APPLIES FOR SATELLITE WAGERING FACILITY IN INDIANAPOLIS

Officials from Hoosier Park, L.P. announced yesterday that the track has filed an application with the Indiana Horse Racing Commission for a license to operate a satellite wagering facility in Indianapolis. The proposed facility, to be known as the Churchill Downs Sports Spectrum, has a projected opening date of August 1, 1995. Said Jeffrey M. Smith, president of Hoosier Park, "The Sports Spectrum will be a first-class entertainment facility, offering quality racing and wagering as well as a variety of dining options." Hoosier Park, L.P. operates Hoosier Park at Anderson, Indiana's first pari-mutuel racetrack. Under Indiana law, up to four satellite wagering facilities may be developed around the state in conjunction with the racetrack. The Company already has been granted licenses to operate satellite wagering facilities in Merrillville, Fort Wayne and Jeffersonville.

**KEENELAND CONTRIBUTIONS** Keeneland yesterday announced charitable contributions totalling \$322,135 for 1994. Fifty-three organizations, including the Racetrack Chaplaincy of Central Kentucky (\$35,000), the United Way of the Blue Grass (\$30,000) and Habitat for Humanity (\$30,000), shared in the distribution of funds.



### F • O • R • E • I • G • N R E P O R T

#### Weekend Results:

**SANKEI SPORTS HAI HANSHIN HIMBA TOKUBETSU-GII Jpn**, \$1,169,861, Hanshin Racecourse, Japan, 12-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 10fT, 2:00.60, fm.

1--**#MEMORY JASPER**, f, 3, *Ile de Bourbon--Balawaki (GSW-Fr)*, by *Miswaki*. O-Shinzan Club Co., Ltd.; B-Tanigawa Bokujo (Jpn); T-S Watanabe; J-K Tsunoda; \$618,112.

2--**Agnes Parade**, f, 3, *Bamboo Atlas--Agnes Charade*, by *Targowice*. \$246,141.

3--**Golden Jack**, f, 3, *Afleet--Comaz*, by *Danzig*. \$153,494.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 1.

**WINTER S.-GIII Jpn**, \$792,415, Chukyo Racecourse, Japan, 12-17, 3yo/up, 11.5f, 2:27.10, ft.

1--**LIVELY MOUNT**, c, 3, *Green Mount--Shinano Kachidoki*, by *Fathers Image*. O-Tetsuro Kato; B-Wakabayashi Bokujo (Jpn); T-F Shibata; J-M Ishibashi; \$421,742.

2--**Bamboo Genesis**, h, 5, *Bamboo Atlas--Madonna Bamboo*, by *Moubariz*. \$163,959.

3--**Eishin Raijin**, g, 5, *Empery--Eishin Haruko*, by *Tai Tehm*. \$102,261.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, NK.



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#### Yesterday's Results:

**8th-FGX**, \$24,000, Alw, 4yo/up, a1 1/16T, 1:44 3/5, fm.

**DIXIE POKER ACE** (g, 7, *Patriotically--Hot Stripper*, by *Poker*), a stakes winner 18 times over and on the board his last seven times out, was sent off the slight 2-1 choice. Reserved just off the pace for three-quarters, the veteran moved to the lead on the far turn and held sway to the wire to win by a length and a half. Lifetime Record: MSW, 73-24-15-14, \$801,541.

O-Sebastien Farm Inc. & Shepard Robert. B-John Franks (LA). T-James A Sebastien.

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#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**5th-CRC**, \$23,500, 2yo, a1 1/16mT, 1:44, fm.

**MARCIE'S ENSIGN** (c, 2, *Blue Ensign--Runaway Marcie*, by *Diplomat Way*) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-2, \$55,951. O-Cobble View Stable. B-Stanley Ersoff (FL). T-Luis Olivares. \*1/2 to *Always Running* (GSP-N.A., SW-Mex, by *Great Prospector*).

**8th-PHA**, \$22,473, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:45 2/5, ft.

**NORTH HALL BETTY** (f, 3, *Iron--Bellegorian*, by *Gregorian*) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-4-4-4, \$77,502.

O-Lyman Charles B & Mucklow Russell C. B-Russell C. Mucklow & Mrs. Charles B. Lyman (PA). T-Guadalupe Preciado.

**6th-HAW**, \$18,150, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

**MISS LOIE** (f, 3, *Due Diligence--Unlikely*, by *Navajo*)

Lifetime Record: 14-3-0-1, \$32,428. O-Shirley Webb. B-Webb Farm Enterprises & Dr. Harold L. Webb (IL). T-Paul Darjean.

**7th-HAW**, \$18,150, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

**NICE STAR** (f, 4, *That's a Nice--Cosmic Type*, by *Tartar Chief*) Lifetime Record: 23-2-7-7, \$57,157.

O-Schwed Ronald T & Yanez Moises R. B-Estate of Zoe Frye & Moises Yanez (IL). T-Moises R Yanez.

**9th-FGX**, \$18,000, 2yo, c/g, a1m40yd, 1:43, ft.

**VAST JOY** (c, 2, *Broad Brush--Joy Deb Jamey*, by *Verbatim*) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-0, \$18,750. O/B-J Minos Simon (TX). T-Ronald J Matthieu. \*1/2 to *The Mad Doctor* (Dr. Blum), MSW, \$259,272.



5th-FGX, \$18,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.  
**REASON TO RUCKUS** (f, 3, Bold Ruckus--One More Medal, by Military Bearing) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$34,308. O-Barbara Minshall. B-Aubrey W. Minshall (CAN). T-James E Day.

8th-HAW, \$17,500, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.  
**RANDANYA** (c, 3, Crossed Swords--Vandanya {SW, \$112,360}, by Tumiga) Lifetime Record: SW, 22-4-3-6, \$46,457. O/B-Curtis A. Sampson (MN). T-Bernell B Rhone.

8th-CRC, \$17,000, 2yo, 7f, 1:26 2/5, ft.  
**FIRM DECREE** (c, 2, Valid Appeal--Iambic Pentameter, by Arts and Letters) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$23,920. O/B-J Shields Jr. (FL). T-Frank A Alexander.

10th-CRC, \$16,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26 1/5, ft.  
**MISS NANCE** (f, 3, Blushing John--Lola Montes, by L'Emigrant) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$43,349. O-James T Gottwald. B-Foxfield (KY). T-David Carroll.

7th-PHA, \$15,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.  
**BOOK ON IT** (f, 3, Notebook--Harriet's Halo, by Sunny's Halo) Lifetime Record: 13-7-1-1, \$42,833. O-Frank Giosa. B-H. H. Polk & Ocala Stud Farms (FL). T-John J Maria.

#### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Count de Monnaie**, c, 2, Red Ransom--Kemolina (Fr), by Kenmare (Fr). PHA, 12-19, 1m, 1:41 3/5. B-Happy Hill Farm (Ky). \*\$22,000 yrl '93 HBSSEP. \*\*12th winner for freshman sire.

**Valid Advantage**, c, 2, Valid Appeal--Gilded Lilly, by What a Pleasure. FGX, 12-19, 1 1/16m, 1:47. B-Mangurian Harry T Jr. (Fl). \*\$115,000 yrl '93 OBSAUG. \*\*1.2 to Gilded Time (Timeless Moment), Ch. 2yo colt, GISW, \$975,980.

**Bail Requested**, f, 3, Bailjumper--Bear Feet, by Winged T. PHA, 12-18, 6f, 1:12. B-D Davies & F Tolle (Pa)

**Spooky Monster**, c, 3, Distinctive Pro--Princess Clemente, by Roberto. HAW, 12-19, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Kinderhill Select Bloodstock, Inc. (Ny). \*\$3,200 wlng '91 KEENOV.

+ **Wild Smile**, c, 3, Wild Again--Full of Smiles (MSW, \$231,069), by Full Out. FGX, 12-19, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5. B-Jack Powell (La).

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners and a + will denote winners who are first-time starters.

## 1994 LEADING NORTH AMERICAN Sires OF 2YO WINNERS (By number of winners-through Dec. 14)

Sire	2yos	Winners
Crusader Sword	54	21
*Carson City	46	20
Wild Again	77	18
*Beau Genius	50	16
Crafty Prospector	51	16
*Glitterman	35	16
Gulch	49	15
Afleet	68	14
Fast Play	47	14
Gold Alert	27	14
Notebook	40	14
Shanekite	69	14
Strike Gold	62	14
Bering	60	13
Distinctive Pro	44	13
Falstaff	49	13
Fortunate Prospect	52	13
Judge Smells	69	13
Allen's Prospect	58	12
Copelan	33	12
Dixieland Band	48	12
High Brite	59	12
Knight's Choice	39	12
Synastry	49	12
Capote	31	11
Cure The Blues	43	11
Cutlass	34	11
Danzig	53	11
Gone West	44	11
Horatius	52	11
Jebbar	43	11
Mt. Livermore	44	11
Never Tabled	46	11
Pirate's Bounty	58	11
*Prospector's Gamble	38	11
Rare Brick	52	11
*Red Ransom	60	11
*Septieme Ciel	41	11
Silver Buck	39	11

\*Denotes freshman sire.

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