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CASTANEDA REMAINS IN INTENSIVE CARE

Jockey Marco Castaneda, listed in serious but stable condition at Mills Hospital in San Mateo, California, was in a good mood Wednesday despite learning he had incurred further injuries. Castaneda, who went down Monday in a spill involving four horses at Bay Meadows, suffered multiple skull fractures and a slight hemorrhage in the brain. Wednesday he was diagnosed as also having a re-fractured left clavicle and a re-fractured left ankle. "They removed the respirator (Tuesday) night and he's able to talk," reported agent Brian Beach, who was permitted to visit his rider yesterday. "I spoke with him and he's in good spirits." Castaneda, 44, remains in the Intensive Care Unit. "The doctors are continuing tests because he's not holding his blood supply," Beach continued. "They're looking for some internal leak." When doctors deem he's ready, Castaneda will have an operation on the fractured ankle. "He already had a plate and some pins in there (the ankle) so they have to go in and clean up the hardware," Beach said. "But they can't do that until after his head clears up."

FERNANDO VALENZUELA'S CONDITION

UPGRADED Fernando Valenzuela, the most seriously injured jockey in Monday's first-race spill at Santa Anita with compression fractures of his spine, was upgraded from "fair" to "good" condition at Arcadia Methodist Hospital. Valenzuela is expected to be sidelined for six-to-eight weeks. Agent Ray Kravagna added that the jockey is doing well and is scheduled to be released from the hospital Thursday. "He hasn't had a pain shot since Tuesday," said Kravagna. "He's been up walking around a couple of times. He's in a back brace and he has a chip on one of his vertebrae, but there isn't anything that's career-threatening."

SAN FERNANDO NEXT FOR STRODES

CREEK Kentucky Derby runner-up **Strodes Creek** (Halo) worked seven furlongs in 1:27 3/5 with Eddie Delahoussaye up Tuesday morning at Santa Anita. Trainer Charlie Whittingham said the colt, who returned from a six-month layoff to take the J.O. Tobin S. Dec. 7, is on target for Santa Anita's \$200,000 San Fernando S. Jan. 14. "So far, so good," said Whittingham. "If all goes well, he'll run."

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Saturday, Bay Meadows:

WILLIAM P. KYNE H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 9f Slew of Damascus (Slewacide), winner of this year's GI Hollywood Gold Cup, is expected to head a small but talented field. Trained by Craig Roberts, the six-year-old gelding kicked off his 1994 campaign with a victory in the William P. Kyne January 8. Because of the way this year's stakes schedule came up, he has the chance to become the first horse ever to win the stake twice in the same year. Slew of Damascus will tote highweight of 123 pounds and will be ridden by Tom Chapman. Assigned second highweight of 116 pounds was **Sea Cadet** (Bolger), fourth in the GIII Native Diver at Hollywood in his last outing December 4. A three-time Grade I winner of \$1,767,150, the six-year-old Sea Cadet finished third in the 1992 William P. Kyne H. Also probable for the race are **Nancy's French Fry** (French Legionaire), 115 pounds, and **Double Jab** (Rajab), 114 pounds. Considered possible starters are **Emerald Jig** (Green Dancer), 114; **Bai Brun** (White Mischief), 113; **Exalto** (White Mischief), 111; **Warning Label** (Never Tabled), 111.

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RACE BOOK AT TURFWAY OPENS The Race Book at Turfway Park, offering state-of-the-art services in the all-new first-floor area, opened Wednesday to large and enthusiastic crowds. Turfway President Mark Simendinger said he was pleased with the excellent turnout for the opening. "It's very gratifying to see how our fans have immediately found a home in the Race Book," he said. "They are very comfortable here and that was our goal--to give them the best facilities at an affordable price." Particularly popular on opening day was Players' Row, where many of the 258 handicapping stations were occupied by fans. From their comfortable seats, the fans could watch races at Turfway, Hawthorne and Calder. "This is great," said one fan. "I've never seen anything like this outside of Vegas."

IS IT TRUE BACK IN THE U.S. Is It True (Raja Baba), winner of the 1988 Breeders' Cup Juvenile, is due to arrive Sunday, January 1 at Walmac International in Lexington, Kentucky for the 1995 breeding season. The eight-year-old stallion stood his first North American season at Walmac in 1994. While racing in the U.S. at two and three, Is It True won five races, including the GII Jim Dandy S. and the GIII Riva Ridge S., for earnings of \$819,999. He was subsequently retired to stud duty in the Southern Hemisphere. His first Australian crop includes 1994 undefeated MSW Mobile Link. He will stand the 1995 season at Walmac for a fee of \$3,500 live foal.



SOUTHERN C • A • L • I • F • O • R • N • I • A REPORT

Yesterday's Results:

LA BREA STAKES-GII, \$108,700, SAX, 12-28, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:21 4/5, ft.

1--**#@TOP RUNG**, 115, f, 3, **Seattle Slew--Feature Price**, by **Quack**. O/B-Glen Hill Farm (FL); T-Willard L. Proctor; J-G. Stevens; \$63,700. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$118,765.

2--**Klassy Kim**, 119, f, 3, **Silent Screen--Kool Arrival**, by **Relaunch**. (\$42,000 2yo 1994 BESJAN). O-Bill M. Thomas; B-P. Valenti & J. Coelho (CA); \$20,000.

3--**Twice the Vice**, 119, f, 3, **Vice Regent--Double Set**, by **Resurgent**. (\$34,000 yrl '92 KEESEP; \$130,000 2yo 1993 KEEAPR). O-Mr. & Mrs. Martin J. Wygod; B-Angus M. MacLean (KY); \$15,000. Margins: 3/4, 1, 2. Odds: 9.30, 4.90, 1.10.

Also Ran: Phone Chatter, Shapely Scrapper, Sophisticatedcielo, Airistar.

The consistent Top Rung, making her stakes debut, was unhurried well off the rail on the backstretch, drifted out early on the turn, came five wide into the

stretch and finished with a rush to overtake frontrunning SW Klassy Kim late. "(Trainer) Willard Proctor has told me since the first time I rode (Top Rung) not to rush her," said winning jockey Gary Stevens. "I just let her gallop down the backside and she still was in striking distance without doing anything. Going into the turn I thought she was going to win by as far as you can throw a tennis ball. She saw something at the three-eighths pole down on the rail and she bolted with me clear out past the middle of the racetrack. We must have lost 7 or 8 lengths around the turn and she was still able to overcome it." Even-money favorite Twice The Vice, winner of the GIII Linda Vista Breeders' Cup in her last start, broke a step slowly then ran evenly for 3rd. Last year's Champion Two-Year-Old Filly PHONE CHATTER (Phone Trick), who trailed the field through the first 1/2-mile, made up some ground late to finish 4th. "She ran nice and steady," said Phone Chatter's trainer Dick Mandella. "We're pointing at the La Canada, so this race should help her. She ran well and I'm happy with that." The winner is 1/2 to Undercut (GSP-N.A., G3-Eng, \$172,508, by Roberto), Repriced (SW, \$288,412, by Roberto) and Gray Cashmere (GII, \$516,123, by Relaunch).

THE MARKET BASKET S., \$60,800, SAX, 12-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:15, ft.

1--**KEY PHRASE**, 114, f, 3, **Flying Paster--Sown**, by **Grenfall**. O/B-Mr & Mrs Martin J. Wygod (CA); T-Ronald W. Ellis; J-C W. Antley; \$33,800. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$117,699.

2--**Pirate's Revenge**, 116, f, 3, **Pirate's Bounty--Symbolically**, by **Flying Paster**. O-Mr. & Mrs. Martin J. Wygod. \$12,000.

3--**Velvet Tulip**, 122, f, 4, **Valid Appeal--Payola Miss**, by **Nearctic Traveller**. O-N & M Boyce Racing Stable Inc. \$9,000.

Margins: 1, 3 1/2, nose. Odds: 1.80a, 1.80a, 4.30. Key Phrase, undefeated in 3 previous starts including the Crimson Saint H. and the Miss California S., had been away from the races since May. With regular rider Chris Antley aboard, she took the lead at the start and never looked back, posting a 1-length tally to keep her perfect record intact. Her stablemate Pirate's Revenge, a MSW who had been off since July, closed from mid-pack to finish 2nd. ELIZA (Mt. Livermore), the Champion Two-Year-Old Filly of 1992, was 4th in the 8-horse field.

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FRESHMAN SIRE REPORT:

BIG MUKORA, 1985, Mr. Prospector--Jameela (Rambunctious)

Stands at The Stallion Park in Millbrook, NY
1995 Stud Fee: \$2,500 Live Foal
Race Record: 41-5-6-3, \$131,683.

2YO'S	RUNNERS	WINNERS (SW)	Earnings
13	7	3	(0) \$32,395



Southern California Report, Continued.

5th-SAX, \$46,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39 3/5, gd.

1--REAL CONNECTION, 116, f, 3, Vigors--Right

Connection, by Unconscious. O-Bill M. Thomas; B-W.R. Hawn (KY); T-Melvin F. Stute.

Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$71,723.

2--Comply (NZ), 119, f, 4, Touching Wood--Compel, by Ace of Aces.

3--Mille Nuits, 116, f, 3, Lyphard--Moontime (Fr), by Habitat.

Margins: 1/2, 3/4, 1. Odds: 7.40, 8.70, 1.00.

Real Connection, 2nd or 3rd in her last 3 starts, all over Hollywood's main track, stepped onto the turf and rallied from last-to-first under Corey Nakatani for her first victory since taking a maiden claimer in Aug. Comply and Mille Nuits, both making their U.S. debuts, finished 2nd and 3rd respectively. The winner is 1/2 to Right Con (GI, \$664,425, by Beau Buck).

9th-SAX, \$39,000, Msw, 2yo, 1m, 1:37, ft.

SOVEREIGN SAGE (g, 2, Sovereign Dancer--Charming Lassie, by Seattle Slew), sent off at 34-1 after finishing 7th, 16 1/2-lengths behind the winner, in his only prior start Dec. 4, trailed the field through the first 1/4-mile, closed ground while 4-wide on the turn for home, then surged between rivals in the stretch to win by a head. 2-1 second choice LONGLINER (Flying Paster) finished 2nd, while 51-1 longshot CALYPSO CLUE (Ogygian) rounded out the \$6,352.80 trifecta. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,450.

O-Randi & Ronald Waranch. B-W.S. Farish & W.S. Kilroy (KY). T-Warren Stute.

Local News, Santa Anita:

The 1993 Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Arcangues** (Sagace {FR}) left trainer Richard Mandella's barn Dec. 19 and will soon begin a career at stud in Japan.

Trainer Richard Mandella said undefeated 2yo **Afternoon Deelites** (Private Terms) is tentatively scheduled to make his next start in the \$100,000 San Vicente Breeders' Cup S. at 7 furlongs Feb. 12. After that, the plan is to run the GI Hollywood Futurity winner in either the March 4 San Rafael S. or the March 19 San Felipe S. prior to the April 8 Santa Anita Derby.

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Substitutes Ready If Jockeys Walk Out by Clark Spencer, The Miami Herald

"I'll talk," Katy Sweeney says Thursday. But when Saturday comes, she is no longer certain she wants to open herself to criticism by baring her thoughts.

I ask her: "Do you expect to take some..."

"Heat?" Sweeney completes the question. "Yeah."

We sit opposite each other at Nick's Restaurant, a popular diner near Florida's Gulfstream Park where horsemen gather after morning training hours to talk racing over egg specials and coffee. Sweeney notices my open notepad and the blank page on top before agreeing reluctantly to stick her neck out in print one week before she may be doing so in silks.

Sweeney is a jockey, and Jan. 1, jockeys across the country may stay home if their demands for increased insurance and pension benefits aren't met by then.

Yet, if Sweeney is one example of many, the headlines Jan. 2 are likely to read: "Jocks walk, horses run."

Sweeney, 27, intends to ride, boycott or no boycott.

"I spent a lot of time thinking about it," she said. "I did a lot of mulling over and came to the conclusion that I'm not going to follow blindly. If it were a cause I felt was worth fighting for, I would fight tooth and nail for it."

At first, Sweeney said she was 100 percent behind the Jockeys' Guild and its stance that the Thoroughbred Racing Associations, a 41-member organization of racetracks, sweeten the pot on insurance and pensions for riders.

The two sides have not been able to reach agreement. And Sweeney has had a change of heart.

She asked questions, searched for answers. She said she wasn't exactly sure what the fight was about, where the money the Guild was demanding would end up or how she would benefit.

"I was told that if I rode, I would immediately lose my membership and my health insurance," said Sweeney, who has been a dues-paying member of the Guild since 1989. But Sweeney is unflinching in her beliefs. She sees an opportunity to ride for the major training outfits and the money that will come with it if she is successful. "It's a quick hit," she said. "It may be a one-day hit. It could be a two-day hit."

At the same time, she remains realistic. Sweeney knows that if and when there is a jockeys' walkout, it won't last forever, and that when the big-name jockeys go back to work, they'll push her and others like her aside and ride the good horses again.

"They'll come back unscathed," she said. "I would hope I could stay with somebody if I got my foot in the door, but the reality is that 99 percent of the riders will not be riding back on the same horses, whether it's me or anyone else."

Yvonne Azeff, an exercise rider who once rode professionally, said she was working into riding shape and planned to serve as a fill-in if a walkout occurs.

"If the jocks don't want to ride them, we'll ride them," Azeff said after filling a seat up at Nick's. "There are a lot of exercise riders on the backside getting fit. There's just too much money up for grabs. A whole lot of money for a bunch of people who don't get to make a lot of money."

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-TPX, \$32,290, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. INDIAN SURVIVOR (f, 4, Apalachee--Summer Starlight, by Graustark) Lifetime Record: 23-4-5-3, \$94,486. O-Bwamazon Farm. B-Mr. & Mrs. James W. Phillips (KY). T-Eric R. Reed.

8th-TPX, \$29,640, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36 4/5, ft. LORD GORDON (c, 4, Slew o' Gold--Faster Than Fast {MSW, \$153,104}, by Raja Baba) Lifetime Record: 16-3-1-2, \$53,248. O-David P. Holloway. B-Albert Fried Jr. (KY). T-Paul J. McGee.

7th-TPX, \$27,900, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft. REAL COOL LOU (f, 3, Cryptoclearance--Real Class, by In Reality) Lifetime Record: 17-6-1-1, \$45,981. O-Linda Psihountakis. B-Vinery & Mr. & Mrs. Stan Burnstein (KY). T-Dennis Mammen.

7th-BMX, \$24,300, 3yo/up, 1m (off the turf), 1:35 4/5, gd. CORSLEW (c, 4, Seattle Slew--Corsage, by Native Royalty) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-1, \$96,225. O-Sahadi & Wooden Horse Investments Inc. B-Cardiff Stud Farm (CA). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. *1/2 to Top Corsage (GI, \$1,110,028, by Topsider) and full to Seattle Symphony (GSP, \$114,700).

1st-CRC, \$20,900, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft. REGAL JOY (f, 3, Regal and Royal--Nanna's Joy's, by Tentam) Lifetime Record: 32-9-6-2, \$87,785. O-Margulies Stable Inc. B-Dr. Dan W. Frazier (FL). T-Larry Bates.

9th-HAW, \$19,500, Illinois-Breds, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 2/5, ft. KASI S.B. (f, 4, Gold Crest--Declined, by Judger) Lifetime Record: 24-5-5-3, \$96,168. O-Ora W. Blankenship. B-Doug Lane & Matt Meyer (IL). T-Donald J. Gibbons. *SP.

7th-HAW, \$19,250, Illinois-Breds, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft. BEN GUNN (g, 3, Buckfinder--Fan Mail, by Zen) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-2, \$43,611. O-Fred D. Drake. B-Jane C. Denby (IL). T-Danny L. Miller. *1/2 to Royal Fanfare (SW, \$129,165, by Royal Roberto).

8th-HAW, \$18,150, Illinois-Breds, 2yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

AMBIVILENT FORCE (g, 2, Royal Roberto--Jan's Lyle, by Giboulee) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$23,233. O/B-Joseph & Thomas Digrizia (IL). T-Danny Miller.

10th-CRC, \$17,500, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5, ft. REGAL ROYAL BOWL (c, 4, Regal and Royal--Big Royal Bowl, by Big Burn) Lifetime Record: 26-3-5-5, \$42,623. O/B-Anne Ambrosio (FL). T-Merritt Buxton.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Exceed Speed, f, 2, Incinderator--Make the Sunshine (SP), by Plotting. SAX, 12-28, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Black Gold Enterprises (Ca). *\$5,500 2yo 1994 BESAPR.

Shellybird, c, 2, Jeblar--Wind in Her Sails, by Mr. Leader. CRC, 12-28, a1 1/8mT, 1:53 4/5. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). *\$15,000 2yo 1994 OBSFEB. **1/2 to Airborne Skier (SP, \$150,977, by Baldski).

Ruby Beads, c, 2, Prospectors Gamble--Singular Hope, by Singular. SAX, 12-28, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5. B-Jan Siegel (FL). *13th winner for freshman sire.

Gold Facts, c, 2, Slew o' Gold--Bald Facts, by In Reality. CRC, 12-28, a1 1/8mT, 1:54 1/5. B-Hartland Farm & Arnemann Farms (Ky). *\$14,000 yrl '93 KEESEP. **1/2 to Fortunate Facts (MSW, \$202,949, by Sir Ivor).

Sovereign Sage, g, 2, Sovereign Dancer--Charming Lassie, by Seattle Slew. SAX, 12-28, 1m, 1:37. B-W.S. Farish & W.S. Kilroy (Ky). *\$80,000 yrl '93 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo 1994 BESMAR.

Instant Panic, c, 2, Sovereign Dancer--Holdyoursuspicious, by Hold Your Peace. TPX, 12-28, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Jaime S. Carrion (Ky). *\$41,000 wlng '92 KEENOV; \$170,000 2yo 1994 KEEAPR.

Little Art Faye, c, 3, Bolger--Pelope (IRE), by Bold Lad (IRE). SAX, 12-28, 1m, 1:37 3/5. B-Charlene & Tim Conway (Ca). *\$5,200 yrlg '92 BESNOV.

Joe Popeye, c, 3, Zen--Metric Type, by Arcadia Type. HAW, 12-28, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-William Pacella & Ronald Schwed (IL). *Won by DQ.

Chrysocolla, f, 4, Manila--Cheap Seats (MSW, \$211,218), by Stage Director. CRC, 12-28, a1 1/8mT, 1:52 3/5. B-Kinderhill Select Bloodstock, Inc. (NY). *\$25,000 yrl '91 KEESEP.

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.