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**HOWARD KECK DEAD** Thoroughbred breeder and owner Howard B. Keck died Saturday at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, California. He was 83. Keck was the former president and chairman of the Superior Oil Company and a prominent philanthropist. Involved with Thoroughbreds since 1955, he bred and raced 1986 Kentucky Derby and '87 Breeders' Cup Classic winner Ferdinand. In addition to his success in horse racing, Keck owned the winning cars in the 1953 and 1954 Indianapolis 500.

**HILL 'N' DALE BUYS DEFRERE** Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Lexington, Kentucky has announced its purchase of **Defrere** (Deputy Minister), the full brother to champion Dehere. Hill 'n' Dale President John Sikura said, "Defrere is a superior individual and demonstrated in 1996 that he is as excellent a breeder. Defrere had the ability to be a world class racehorse before succumbing to injury. We eagerly anticipate his first foals and feel Defrere has all the ingredients to become a successful sire." Plans are to syndicate the four-year-old stallion, who entered stud at Hill 'n' Dale in 1996 for \$5,000 live foal, for \$12,500 a share. Defrere made five starts in his abbreviated career, winning three with a second and one third.

**RAN RICKS SUFFERS FATAL HEART ATTACK** Thoroughbred owner Ran Ricks, 70, died Wednesday at Oklahoma City's Mercy Hospital after complications from a heart attack suffered at his home Tuesday. Ricks was the founder and owner of Ran Ricks Exploration, an Oklahoma City-based oil company. He also owned and operated his 480-acre CresRan Farm in Crescent, Oklahoma. Remington Park's all-time leading owner in both races won and purse earnings, Ricks was named Oklahoma Horseman of the Year in 1993. "Ran Ricks was one of the largest supporters Remington Park has ever had," said Patrick Jaynes, the track's Executive Vice President and COO. "Though I knew him for only a short time, I found him to be a truly wonderful human being. He will be sadly missed." Ricks is survived by his wife Carol and their daughter, Becky Brown.

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Sunday, Hollywood Park:

**NATIVE DIVER H.-Gill, \$100,000a, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

In a move intended to keep his options open down the road, **Gentlemen (Arg)** (Robin des Bois), winner of the Gill Bay Meadows H. and Gill Citation H., both on turf, in his last two starts, will move to the main track for Sunday's Native Diver. "He went a nice five-eighths in 1:00 2/5 Sunday," trainer Richard Mandella said. "He's coming up to the race in good order." The four-year-old colt has won twice on dirt in his native Argentina, but faltered in his lone start on the main track in the U.S., finishing sixth in a Hollywood Park allowance June 19. "There's a lot of money to win on the dirt," Mandella said. "So if I can get him to run on the dirt, I want to know if that's going to be an option for him next year. Right now, there's no important turf race around, so we're not going to lose anything to try this now. If this isn't going to work, we can get it out of our minds and point to the best grass races."

A trio of Native Diver hopefuls prepped for the race earlier this week. **Dramatic Gold** (Slew o' Gold), away from the races since finishing ninth in the Oct. 26 Breeders' Cup Classic, drilled six furlongs in 1:12 2/5 Tuesday. **Spectal** (Spectacular Bid) and **Torole** (Ferdinand), second and third respectively against allowance company last time out, also breezed for the Grade III event. Spectal went a half-mile in :51 3/5 Monday at Hollywood, and Torole covered seven furlongs in 1:26 Monday at Santa Anita. Also pointing for the race are **Arrivederci Baby** (Caros Love), **Cleante (Arg)** (Kleight), **Kingdom Found** (The Bart) and **Powerful Punch** (Danzig Connection).

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**LOUISIANA STALLIONS CLOSES** In an effort to downsize and consolidate his horse operations, John Franks has decided to close his Louisiana Stallions operation in Opelousas, Louisiana. The stallions **A Corking Limerick** (Relaunch), **Hunting Horn** (Northern Dancer), **Mr. Sparkles** (Deputy Minister), **Nelson** (Seattle Slew) and **Track Rebel** (Devil's Bag) have been moved and will stand the 1997 breeding season at Franks Farm, Southland Division in Ocala, Florida. Entered in the Keeneland January Mixed Sale--consigned by Taylor Made Farm--are the stallions **Dansil** (Silver Hawk), **Derby Wish** (Lyphard's Wish {Fr}), **Mertzon** (Mr. Prospector), **Noble Savage** (Ire) (Caerleon), **Petrel's Flight** (Storm Bird), **Six Speed** (Saratoga Six) and **Seattle Knight** (Seattle Slew). Louisiana Stallions' long-time Farm Manager Lonnie Briley will now be training at the Fair Grounds. Among the many horses either bred, raised or trained at Louisiana Stallions over the years was **Dixie Poker Ace** (Patriotically), a winner of 27 races, 18 stakes and \$850,127.

**POLITICAL AMBITION RETURNS TO**

**CALIFORNIA** Harris Farms has purchased a 50 percent interest in **Political Ambition** (Kirtling {Ire}) and is returning the stallion to its Coalinga, California farm where the 12-year-old began his stud career in 1990, according to the *Daily Racing Form*. The horse most recently stood in Argentina. In his only season at stud in California, Political Ambition sired Work the Crowd, winner of five graded stakes and \$594,549. He is also the sire of Argentine Group 1 winners La Malpensada (Arg), Leyden (Arg), Musicologo (Arg) and Ski Iberia (Arg). As a racehorse, Political Ambition won nine of 18 starts--including the GI Hollywood Derby and GI Hollywood Invitational H.--for earnings of \$625,555.

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## ◆ NEW YORK ◆

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-AQU, \$35,350, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.**  
**NILE SAILS** (c, 4, Affirmed--Miller Maid, by The Minstrel) was off the board in his last nine starts, most recently finishing fifth in a Dec. 7 allowance. Third choice at 3-1, the chestnut colt moved three wide for the stretch run and held off THEPROMONROE (Distinctive Pro) for a half-length win. The winner is a half brother to Ontherightwicket (Cryptoclearance), SW, \$127,245. Lifetime Record: 14-3-0-2, \$48,390. O-Robert Perez. B-Ron Balderson & Harbor View Farm (MD). T-Alfredo Callejas.

**4th-AQU, \$34,720, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.**  
**ADAM THE PRO** (g, 3, Distinctive Pro--Jimmy's Girl, by Proudest Roman) had been knocking on the door for quite a while, having finished second or third in his last six trips to the post. Sent off the 4-5 favorite here to finally break through, the gelding obliged with a wire-to-wire, 2 1/2-length tally over first-time starter STAIRS TO STARS (Lyphard's Ridge). Lifetime Record: 10-1-3-3, \$56,997. O/B-Herbert T. Schwartz (NY). T-Scott M. Schwartz.

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

**Local News, Lone Star Park:**

Officials from Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie announced yesterday the appointment of R.D. Logan as the track's new Director of Security. Logan became involved in Thoroughbred ownership in 1987, and has raced horses in Arkansas, Illinois and Kentucky. He was elected to the Oklahoma Thoroughbred Association Board in 1993 and served as the organization's president in 1995 and 1996. As Director of Security, Logan will be responsible for the personal safety of the public as well as the security of the racetrack and stable area. Lone Star Park, located in the Dallas/Fort Worth area of Texas, will open for its inaugural season of racing April 17, 1997.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

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## ◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

### Yesterday's Results:

**3rd-HOL, \$55,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34 4/5, fm.**

**1--TRICKY CODE, 117, m, 5, Lost Code--Dam Clever, by Damascus.** O-Kallenberg Thoroughbreds Inc; B-Farnsworth Farms & M & M Bloodstock (FL); T-Martin F Jones. Lifetime Record: GSW, 28-9-4-6, \$584,781.

**2--Zoonagua, 115, m, 6, Silver Hawk--Made in America, by Explodent.**

**3--British Bauble, 122, m, 5, Kris S.--English Trifle, by Protanto.**

Margins: 3HF, 2, HD. Odds: 0.90CT, 6.60, 6.50.

Tricky Code, fourth in the Pine Tree Lane H. over Hollywood's main track in her last outing Dec. 1, hadn't tried the turf in five starts since July 13, when she finished third in a Hollywood Park grass allowance. Returning to that surface here as the 4-5 bettors' choice, the graded stakes-winner tracked front-runner SUNLIT SILENCE (Tremolino) (5th) early, took command at the top of the stretch and won under a hand ride from jockey Gary Stevens.

**5th-HOL, \$34,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:01 3/5, fm.**

**TOWER FULL (g, 4, Irish Tower--Fine Dining {SW}, by State Dinner),** away from the races since taking a starter allowance at Hollywood June 28, returned from his 5 1/2-month layoff here as the 5-2 second choice. Ridden by new jockey Corey Nakatani, the dark bay dueled on the front end with CUVÉE BRUT (Pentelicus) (3rd) to midstretch, then inched clear for a 1 1/4-length tally. The winner is 1/2 to Carry Out (SW, \$221,337, by Phone Trick) and Dinners On Me (MSW, \$201,653, by Lost Code). Lifetime Record: 20-6-3-1, \$94,925.

O-Moon S Han. B-McMillin Brothers & James J. Devaney (KY). T-Craig Dollase.

### UPCOMING SALES:

Jan. 5 - Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Mixed, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 6-9 - Keeneland Mixed, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 7 - Fasig-Tipton Stallion Access, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 13 - Barretts Mixed, Fairplex Park, Ca.

## ◆ WEST ◆

### Local News, Emerald Downs:

There will be no racing at Emerald Downs this Friday and next Friday, December 27 as a result of an insufficient number of entries for those cards of the winter meeting. Friday racing is scheduled to resume Jan. 3. There will racing this week both Saturday and Sunday. The winter meeting, now scheduled to cover 38 days of racing, began December 6 and runs through March 2.

### LEADING SIRE OF 2YO WINNERS IN 1996 (Through 12/1/96)

SIRE	STATE	FOALS	WINNERS
Woodman	KY	89	24
Fortunate Prospect	FL	47	20
Phone Trick	KY	60	19
Carson City	KY	60	18
Geiger Counter	KY	76	17
Capote	KY	62	15
*Diablo	FL	43	15
Gone West	KY	50	15
Houston	KY	76	15
Premiership	KY	53	15
Storm Cat	KY	69	15
Unreal Zeal	FL	50	15
Clever Trick	KY	52	14
Crafty Prospector	KY	60	14
Mining	Jpn	81	14
Black Tie Affair	KY	86	13
Glitterman	KY	45	13
Pentelicus	FL	41	13
Tough Knight	WA	33	13
Valid Appeal	FL	44	13
*Alaskan Frost	FL	30	12
Carnivalay	MD	47	12
Danzatore	TX	47	12
High Brite	CA	66	12
Housebuster	KY	47	12
Irish Open	TX	44	12
Kipper Kelly	FL	34	12
Notebook	FL	41	12

\*Denotes Freshman Sire

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-HOL, \$40,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 4/5, fm.**

**SHIRTTAIL FLYING (c, 3, Alleged--Childhood Memories {SP-Ire}, by The Minstrel)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-0, \$87,700. O-505 Farms. B-505 Stables & Edward Nahem (CA). T-John Shirreffs.

**9th-AQU, \$37,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:40 3/5, ft.**

**SUNSHINE SAPPHIRE (f, 3, Classic Pursuit--Satin Dawn, by \*Grey Dawn II)** Lifetime Record: 23-3-5-5, \$121,050. O-Sunshine Hill Farm. B-No L Stable (NY). T-Robert J Ribaud.

**7th-AQU, \$35,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43, ft.**

**OUT TO WIN (g, 3, Carr de Naskra--Etoile Joyeux, by L'Heureux)** Lifetime Record: SW, 11-2-3-1, \$101,220. O-Bernard F Brennan. B-J. Watson Lynch & Dr. Bernard F. Brennan (NY). T-Brian Brennan.

**7th-HAW, \$25,056, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:40 3/5, ft.**

**RUN ALDEN (g, 5, John Alden--Run Equine Run {SP}, by Run Fool Run)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 48-10-12-3, \$336,504. O-Thomas J Stepan. B-Hal C.B. Clagett (MD). T-Anthony J Granitz. \*1/2 to Ameri Run (Amerrico), MSW, \$203,747.

**10th-HAW, \$25,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.**

**ZEE LADY (f, 3, Unreal Zeal--Try to Be a Lady, by Sham)** Lifetime Record: SW, 17-4-2-1, \$115,419. O-Eiserman M & Fishbein K & Silver E. B-Eric A. Delvalle (FL). T-Charles L Bettis.

**9th-HAW, \$22,000, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.**

**DAVE HIGGINS (g, 3, Mari's Book--Cara Lark, by Mara Lark)** Lifetime Record: 24-5-1-6, \$47,818. O-Louis D O'Brien. B-Tom Walsh (IL). T-Raul A Martinez.

**8th-LRL, \$19,250, 2yo, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.**

**TALLY UP (c, 2, Dancing Czar--Ellie's Consort, by Royal Consort)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$27,466. O-Eleanor M Casey. B-James Casey (VA). T-James M Casey.

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Berkshire Shopper, f, 2, Carr de Naskra--Instant Shopper, by D'Accord.** AQU, 12-18, (S), 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Mrs. Walter J. Salmon (Ny). \*1/2 to Shoppers Gold (Gold Seam), \$122,466.

**Cee Me Tizzy, c, 2, Cee's Tizzy--Bonito Dia, by Mr. Leader.** HOL, 12-18, (S), 7 1/2f, 1:29 1/5. B-Carl & Olivia Cannata (Ca). \*SP.

**Cherokee Squaw, f, 2, Cherokee Colony--Sistine Chapel, by El Gran Senor.** TPX, 12-18, 1m, 1:38 2/5. B-Robert E. Hibbert (Ky).

**Dixie Love, c, 2, Dixie Brass--Dutch Love, by Swaps.** AQU, 12-18, 6f, 1:11. B-Parrish Hill Farm & Vinery (Ky). \*\$25,000 yrl '95 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Hour of Love (SP, \$142,574, by Bold Hour) & Bentom (Horse of the Year in Barbados, by Marshua's Dancer). \*\*\*4th winner for freshman sire.

**Dr. Doyle, c, 2, Fast Play--West Side Secret, by Gone West.** LRL, 12-18, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5. B-Mike Catanco (Ky).

**Splendid Wolf, f, 2, Wolf Power (Saf)--Splendid Purchase (MSW, \$109,260), by Our Native.** HOL, 12-18, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5. B-Demco Management (Ky). \*\$26,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

**Adam the Pro, g, 3, Distinctive Pro--Jimmy's Girl, by Proudest Roman.** AQU, 12-18, 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Herbert T. Schwartz (Ny).

**Missedconfession, c, 3, Evening Kris--Sunday Shoes, by Warm Front.** AQU, 12-18, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Marie Parisi (Nj).

**Pop Ronis, c, 3, Houston--Coming Event, by Riverman.** HOL, 12-18, 1 1/16m, 1:43 3/5. B-Linda L. Ramsey (Ky). \*\$4,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.

**Our Napoleon, c, 3, Pentelicus--Great Nation (SW), by Great Sun.** GGX, 12-18, 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Marion G. Montanari (Fl). \*\$57,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$23,500 yrl '94 OBSJAN.

#### TRACK ABBREVIATIONS:

AQU	Aqueduct	CRC	Calder
FGX	Fair Grounds	GGX	Golden Gate
HAW	Hawthorne	HOL	Hollywood Park
LRL	Laurel Park	PHA	Philadelphia Park
TDN	Thistledown	TPX	Turfway Park

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