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**NTRA RETAINS SMTI & CLARION** The National Thoroughbred Racing Association has retained the services of Sports Marketing & Television International and Clarion Performance Properties for the organization's Spring 1998 launch, it was announced yesterday by D. G. Van Clief, Jr., the interim chief executive officer of the NTRA. SMTI will be responsible for the creation and execution of the NTRA's national television strategy. Clarion will concentrate on sponsorship strategy and sales as well as the development of a fan promotion to coincide with the launch of the NTRA. "Television is a vital component of the NTRA plan and SMTI's experience and success as the Breeders' Cup agency make the company the perfect choice for this new and challenging endeavor," Van Clief said. "Clarion Performance Properties also has a rich history of successful sponsorship and promotions programs with professional sports and other major corporations and we're confident that the company's expertise will ensure that the NTRA prospers in those areas as well." Clarion's client list includes NFL Properties, the Discovery Channel and Indianapolis Motor Speedway as well as corporate sponsors such as Federal Express, IBM, Wendy's, Chase Bank and Pontiac.

**LIVELY ONE TO JAPAN** John Franks and Arthur Hancock have announced the sale of their graded stakes-winning stallion **Lively One** (Halo--Swinging Lizzie {The Axe II}) to Haruo Kuroiwa. The 13-year-old stallion will be moved to Japan for the 1998 breeding season. Lively One captured the 1988 GI Swaps and 1990 GII Goodwood H. and ran second in the 1988 GI Santa Anita Derby. He won nine of 36 starts for earnings of \$1,544,100. From five crops, Lively One has sired stakes winners She's a Lively One, One Mean Man, Boggle, Littlebitlively and Steprock.

**RAIN SINKS SUFFOLK CARD** A strong wind and rain storm swept through New England Tuesday night, forcing the cancellation of Wednesday's live racing at Suffolk Downs. The jockeys and track management agreed to call a halt to the program after the running of the first race. It was the second time this winter that Suffolk was forced to call off a card after it had already begun. Simulcasting continued as scheduled yesterday and live racing will resume Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

*By Alan Porter*

**KEEPER HILL** (f, 3, Deputy Minister--Fineza, by Lypheor {GB}) Last year's Champion Sire Deputy Minister is starting the new season in the same way as he finished the old, and last weekend he was represented by GII Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H. winner **Flag Down** (h, 8, Deputy Minister--Sharp Call, by Sharpen Up {GB}) and GI Las Virgenes S. heroine Keeper Hill.

Keeper Hill is the first stakes winner to be sired by Deputy Minister (or any other representative of Vice Regent's male line) out of a mare by Lyphard or one of his sons. Since, however, a considerable percentage of Deputy Minister's pedigree is an outcross for most popular commercial strains, we have come to expect the unexpected. This state of affairs is particularly likely if our speculation that Deputy Minister throws back to concentrations of the great tap-root mare, Queen Mary, is correct. If the key to his success is mares with concentrations of a mare foaled in the mid-1800's, then it is not going to be immediately apparent from the six generation pedigrees of his offspring.

Keeper Hill's six generation pedigree shows Northern Dancer 3x4, Nearco 5x6x6, Mahmoud 6x5 and Ariel 6x6. This last duplication, to the 1927 Saratoga Special and Youthful S. winner Ariel, is one which is seldom seen in pedigrees. From the Queen Mary point of view, we might note that Ariel was by Eternal, a horse linebred 4x5 to Queen Mary's son, Bonnie Scotland, with another son of Queen Mary, Blinkhoolie, also in the fourth generation.

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### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19:**

2-28 \$150,000 **Buena Vista H.-GII, SA,**  
4yo/up, f/m, 8fT (\$150)

3-1 \$200,000 **San Rafael-GII, SA, 3yo, 8f**  
(\$200)

**TOMORROW, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20:**

8-15 \$1,000,000 **Pacific Classic-GI, Dmr, 3yo/up, 10f**  
(3yo-\$250)

8-15 \$1,000,000 **Pacific Classic-GI, Dmr, 3yo/up, 10f**  
(4/up-\$500)





## ◆ PREVIEW ◆

### Saturday, Gulfstream Park:

#### FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

Lil's Lad (Pine Bluff), made the 8-5 favorite on the overnight odds line, breezed a half-mile yesterday in :48 1/5. "He went good, real good," commented trainer Neil Howard.

Allen Jerkens's unbeaten **Limit Out** (Northern Flagship) will not start in the Fountain of Youth. "His ankle filled," explained Jerkens. "We don't know when he'll start next."

## ◆ FLORIDA ◆

### Local News, Gulfstream Park:

James McIngvale's three-year-old colt **St. Michael** (Devil's Bag) will be out for three months with a sprained right rear ankle, according to trainer Nick Zito. "He worked Tuesday, and while he was cooling out the ankle appeared to become tender," said Zito. St. Michael worked five furlongs in 1:00 1/5 on February 17, the fastest time for the distance that day at Gulfstream, according to the clockers. The bay ran third behind Grand Slam in his debut at Belmont last July and, in his second start February 7, broke his maiden by 10 1/4 lengths.

Trainer Sonny Hine didn't say whether he was going to send **Skip Away** (Skip Trial) to the Big 'Cap at Santa Anita, but he did say he was picking the champ's starts, in part, based on food. "We'll go in the GI Pimlico Special and have crab cakes there. Then we'll go to the GIII MassCap for the lobster," said Hine. Asked about California, Hine said, "They have that nouveau cuisine out there. I'm not sure what kind of food that is. I don't know if we want to try that."

**Coronado's Quest** (Forty Niner) schooled in the paddock during the third race on Gulfstream's Wednesday card. He was a perfect gentleman in the paddock and while he was being saddled. But, coming and going to the paddock, he jumped while under the restraint of two shanks. Trainer Shug McGaughey said, "I'd rather not see it, but it didn't bother me that much. Sometimes a horse gets jumpy when they go to the paddock and don't get to race."

**Wagon Limit** (Conquistador Cielo) breezed four furlongs in :50 yesterday. The Allen Jerkens trainee is pointing towards the Feb. 28 GI Gulfstream Park H.

### Local News, Ocala:

Franks Farms, Ocala Division, will stand **Heaven's Wish** (Halo--Wishing Mood {Coastal}) for the 1998 breeding season. The six-year-old stallion was second in the GIIIC Simcoe S. and third in the GIII Dominion Day H. A winner of six of 30 starts for earnings of \$191,718, Heaven's Wish will stand for \$1,000 live foal.

### Yesterday's Results:

**10th-GPX, \$38,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft. BANKER'S GOLD (c, 4, Forty Niner--Banker's Lady {MGISW, \$594,297}, by Nijinsky II), winner of last year's GII Peter Pan S. at Belmont, ran second last time out in a Feb. 1 Gulfstream allowance contest when making his first start off a six-month layoff. The 3-2 second choice stalked the early pace prior to grabbing the lead turning for home and prevailing by a neck in the drive over LOVE VIEW (Sports View). Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-5-1-1, \$200,420. O-Georgia E Hofmann. B-E. A. Cox, Jr. (KY). T-H Allen Jerkens.**

**9th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft.**

**COLONIAL MINSTREL (f, 4, Pleasant Colony--Minstrella {Ch. 2yo-Ire, MG1SW-Ire, G1SW-Eng, \$358,429}, by The Minstrel) finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the Jan. 21 GIII Joe Namath H. over the Gulfstream turf last time out and picked up her first victory here since capturing the Sept. 6 Oakley S. at Colonial Downs for Virginia-breds on dirt. Returning to the main track after dropping three straight grass events, the even-money favorite established a pressured early advantage and pulled away in the stretch under a hand ride for a 6 1/2-length tally. She is a 1/2 to Minidar (Alydar), GSW, \$350,900. Lifetime Record: SW, 10-4-3-1, \$116,567.**

O/B-Edward P. Evans (VA). T-Mark Hennig.

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## PLEASANT TAP

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**11th-GPX, \$31,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:54 1/5, ft.**

**LIFES REWARD (c, 4, Tasso--Insilca, by Buckpasser),** a 1/2 to Turk Passer (Turkoman), GISW, \$735,320, closed to be sixth in a Jan. 16 Gulfstream turf allowance in his prior outing and returned to the winner's circle here for the first time since scoring in a Sept. 13 Arlington grass maiden event, six races ago. Coming into this race winless in five previous attempts on the main track, the 15-1 longshot steadied around the first turn, made a five-wide run leaving the far turn, and closed ground strongly in the stretch to get up for a 1 3/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 20-2-2-2, \$47,060. O-Brian S Dance. B-The Oaks Horse Farm Corp. (FL). T-Michael Trivigno.

**3rd-GPX, \$31,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, gd. SHEHAZAHOME (f, 4, Known Fact--Homeland {MSW, \$241,547}, by Current Hope)** was picked up for a \$25,000 tag when taking a June 29 Lone Star claimer in her previous trip to the post. Returning from an eight-month layoff, the 10-1 longshot prompted the early pace and rolled to the front nearing the furlong-pole to win going away by 3 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-2, \$44,580.

O-Acclaimed Racing Stable. B-David Schwartz (FL). T-Joseph Calascibetta.



## FOALING NEWS

**DINNER OUT, 10, Al Nasr (Fr)--Gourmet Dinner (Raise a Cup)**

Foal born 1-10-98, a filly by Night Shift.

Will be bred back to Grand Lodge.

Owned by Castle Haven Associates, Ltd.

Boarded at Haras Des Granges in France.

Accomplishments: Stakes Winner in France of \$119,498.

**LARIDA, 19, Northern Dancer--Kittiwake (\*Sea-Bird)**

Foal born 1-19-98, a filly by Thunder Gulch.

Will be bred back to Spinning World.

Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Offutt Cole Farm in Midway, Ky.

Accomplishments: MGSW & GISP, \$328,319; Dam

of Magic of Life (Seattle Slew), G1SW-Eng,

\$252,598; Brave Tender (Gulch), SW-Jpn,

\$1,093,174-Jpn.

## ◆ EAST ◆

### Yesterday's Results:

**9th-PHA, \$32,200, Alw, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16, sy.**

**LE GRANDE POS (g, 7, Nepal--Silvermento, by Silver Badge),** winner of the 1996 Sporting Plate H. at Aqueduct, finished second in a Feb. 2 \$28,000 Philadelphia Park claimer in his previous start and returned to the winner's circle for the first time since taking a Mar. 29, 1997 allowance event at Penn National, 12 starts ago. The 10-1 shot set the pace and fended off the late bid of CARWALLY (Carnivalay) for a half-length victory. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 51-12-13-9, \$395,182. O-Fox Hill Farm. B-Dominic J. Sarmento (PA). T-John C Servis.

## ◆ MIDWEST ◆

### Local News, Fair Grounds:

Gil Hutcheson S. winner **Time Limit** (Gilded Time) worked five furlongs in a bullet 1:00 2/5 Monday over a Fair Grounds track rated good. The three-year-old colt will start in Sunday's Risen Star S.

### Local News, Thistledown:

Thistledown will offer free admission for its 1998 season, announced John York, senior vice president of DeBartolo Racing. "Many of our most loyal fans have been visiting Thistledown for more than 20 years and management wants to show our appreciation to everyone," said York. "Although we have adopted a no-charge admission policy this season, we will continue to work diligently in promoting our product and attracting guests to our facility. Thoroughbred racing offers interactive sporting entertainment for people of all ages and we hope to strike a resurgence of fans to experience the 'Sport of Kings.'"

### Local News, Lone Star Park:

Students of Grand Prairie High School and South Grand Prairie High School are eligible for scholarships donated by Lone Star Park. Officials at the Texas track will review applications and will conduct interviews with three finalists before awarding the Stars of Grand Prairie Scholarships. "This is one way to give back to the community who has collectively allowed our project to become a reality," said Steve Sexton, vice president and assistant general manager of Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie.

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## ◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

### Local News, Santa Anita:

The recently retired **Vivid Angel** (Septieme Ciel) will be shipped from California to Kentucky in the next week or two to be bred to Storm Cat. The three-year-old filly, owned by Ed and Natalie Friendly, won last year's GI Oak Leaf S. and GI Del Mar Debutante.

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-OPX, \$36,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46, gd. TURN TO THE QUEEN (m, 5, Lyphard's Ridge--Riva's Queen {MSP}, by Riva Ridge) Lifetime Record: MSP, 23-5-4-5, \$168,453. O-Jayaraman Kalarikkal K & Vilasini. B-Dr. K. K. Jayaraman & Dr. Vilasini D. Jayaraman (Ark). T-Bobby C Barnett.**

**10th-OPX, \$30,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5, gd.**

**WESTERN FLICK (m, 5, Western Trick--Screen Landing {SP}, by Silent Screen) Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-1, \$87,308. O-Oak Tree Stables Inc. B-R Farms Inc. (OK). T-Joe Petalino. \* 1/2 to Slide Show (Slewacide), MSW, \$347,917.**

**10th-PHA, \$28,455, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22 3/5, sy. WOULD YOU MIND (h, 6, Citidancer--Lee's Tsakus, by Bold Forbes) Lifetime Record: SP, 35-14-6-5, \$165,947. O-Gary Gristick. B-Elser Andrew (PA). T-Michele Snyder.**

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Call Gemmie, c, 3, Caller I. D.--Gemmie, by Rollicking. GPX, 2-18, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:49. B-Hart Farm, Inc (Fl). \*\$11,000 yrl '96 FTKJUL.**

**Rocky Baby, f, 3, Fenter--Grand Arrival, by Grand Revival. OPX, 2-18, (S), 6f, 1:15 1/5. B-Richards Mike (Ar).**

**Bigado, c, 3, Dynaformer--Lailee, by Caveat. TPX, 2-18, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5. B-Ramos Arturo Peralta Mrs (Ky).**

**Brown Streak, f, 4, Gothic Revival--Leading Times, by Mr. Leader. OPX, 2-18, (C), 1m, 1:43 3/5. B-Cart Jerry (La).**

## FOALING NEWS:

**FAR FLYING, 18, Far North--Nalees Flying Flag (Hoist the Flag)  
Foal born 1-21-98, a filly by Crafty Prospector. Will be bred back to Deputy Minister. Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds. Boarded at Offutt Cole Farm in Midway, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW & MGSP, \$278,226. Dam of Dalhart (Forty Niner), MGSW, \$333,440.**

**TOPSA, 11, Topsider--Exactly Like You (Ire) (Sassafras {Fr})  
Foal born 1-24-98, a filly by Red Ransom. Will be bred back to Conquistador Cielo. Owned by Robert Masterson. Boarded at Denali Stud in Paris, Ky. Accomplishments: SW & MGSP, \$252,414.**

**BID ME ADIEU, 15, Spectacular Bid--Tommy's Folly (Jacinto)  
Foal born 1-31-98, a filly by Hennessy. Will be bred back to Mr. Prospector. Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds. Boarded at Offutt Cole Farm in Midway, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Spectacular Tide (Tsunami Slew), GISW, \$521,412; Check Ride (Tsunami Slew), SW & MGSP, \$134,223.**

**TURKISH TREASURE, 23, Sir Ivor--Turban (Bagdad)  
Foal born 2-2-98, a filly by Prospect Bay. Will be bred back to Prospect Bay. Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds. Boarded at Offutt Cole Farm in Midway, Ky. Accomplishments: MGSW-Eng & Ire.**

**TOP OF MY LIFE, 12, Topsider--For Once'n My Life (Key to the Kingdom)  
Foal born 2-4-98, a filly by Afternoon Deelites. Will be bred back to Flying Chevron. Owned by Robert Masterson. Boarded at Denali Stud in Paris, Ky. Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$168,595.**

**COUNTESS STEFFI, 9, Geiger Counter--Steven's Treat (Raise a Bid)  
Foal born 2-5-98, a filly by Pentire (GB). Owned by Shadai Corporation, Ltd. Boarded at Shiraoi Farm in Japan. Accomplishments: MSW of \$594,279.**

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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES**

*by Alan Porter*

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It is also instructive to look at the Ariel sources in the two halves of the pedigree. In Deputy Minister, Ariel comes in through his daughter Air Post, granddam of Bunty's Flight, the broodmare sire of Deputy Minister. In Fineza, Ariel appears as broodmare sire of Grey Flight, whose son, What a Pleasure, is broodmare sire of Fineza. Oddly enough, in both Air Post and Grey Flight, Ariel is combined with English classic sires Gainsborough and Swynford. Gainsborough's sire, Bayardo, traced directly back to Queen Mary through Blue Light, a five-eighths sister to Blinkhoolie. Swynford's broodmare sire, Tristan, was out of Thrift, a granddaughter of Queen Mary and a three-quarters genetic relative to Blinkhoolie. This combination of genetic relatives from the Queen Mary served Ariel well in both cases. Air Post was only a minor winner, but she was a sister to multiple stakes winner Black Raider and to stakes winner Breezy Louise, and Grey Flight was the equivalent of a Grade I placed stakes winner, not to mention a wonderful broodmare.

If all this ancient history seems fanciful, consider something else. Deputy Minister's two weekend stakes winners both have Tudor Minstrel in their pedigrees. That doesn't seem remarkable until one notes that of the 13 Grade I winners (including Canadian Grade I) sired by Deputy Minister, Tudor Minstrel appears in five--Victory Speech, Awesome Again, Deputy Commander, Clear Mandate and Keeper Hill. That works out at 38 percent of Deputy Minister's Grade I winners carrying Tudor Minstrel, a figure far in excess of opportunity. Is there any Queen Mary in Tudor Minstrel? Well, like Air Post and Grey Flight, he has Bayardo and Swynford (in fact he has three crosses of Swynford's dam, Canterbury Pilgrim), giving him a total of four crosses of Blue Light/Thrift, the close genetic relatives to Blinkhoolie. And just to round the story off, Tudor Minstrel's sire, Owen Tudor, goes back in tail-female line to Bonnie Lieth, another three-parts-sister to Blinkhoolie.

**PEDIGREE SHORTS**

The Feb. 16 GIII Rare Treat H. resulted in a first graded stakes victory for **Dewars Rocks (f, 4, Big Mukora - Carr Shaker by Carr de Naskra)**, who also became the first graded scorer for her sire, a full brother to Gulch. As in most cases where a horse outruns his or her pedigree, we find an interesting pattern here. The broodmare sire, Carr de Naskra, is out of a mare inbred 3x3 to the three-quarters related Tellaris and Ardan. This pair are by Pharis II (Pharos--Carissima) and Ardan is out of Adargatis (by Asterus), while Tellaris is out of a daughter of Adargatis. Big Mukora is out of a mare by Rambunctious. He in turn is out of a mare by The Solicitor II, a grandson of Fairway (brother to Pharos), out of Caprifolia, who is a half-sister to Pharis II and by Asterus--Carissima. Thus, the horse in the center of Big Mukora's pedigree--Rambunctious--has a virtually identical background to Ardan and Tellaris, the horses closely duplicated in the dam of Carr de Naskra.

**Watch the Bird (c, 3, Rahy--Bright Feather, by Fappiano)** joined the ever growing list of stakes winners by Rahy and with a duplication of Almahmoud when taking the Whirlaway S. at Aqueduct Feb. 14. Ten of the first 18 stakes winners for Rahy have the cross, and Watch the Bird also has another popular pattern, as he combines Spring Run (dam of Rahy's grandsire, Red God), with her three-quarters relative Tom Fool.

**FOALING NEWS:**

**CORAL DANCE (FR)**, 20, Green Dancer--Carvinia (Fr) (\*Diatome)

Foal born 2-5-98, a colt by Storm Cat. Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds. Boarded at Offutt Cole Farm in Midway, Ky. Accomplishments: G1SP-Fr; Dam of Nasr El Arab (Al Nasr {Fr}), MGISW-N.A., MGSW-Fr, \$1,149,844; Pennekamp (Bering {GB}), Hwt. Colt at 2 in Fr, MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Fr, \$479,100.

**T.V. COUNTESS**, 13, T.V. Commercial--Count on Kathy (Dancing Count)

Foal born 2-18-98, a colt by Salt Lake. Will be bred back to Storm Cat. Owned by Mr & Mrs Richard Kaster and Mr & Mrs Don Propson. Boarded at Sunny Oak Farm in Paris, Kentucky. Accomplishments: SW of \$117,237; Dam of Fighting Countess (Ringside), SW, \$120,076; Count on Numbers (Polish Numbers), MSW, \$234,005; Countess Diana (Deerhound), Ch. 2yo filly, MGISW, \$1,019,785.



**BREEDERS' CUP NATIONAL STAKES RACE CLOSINGS**

<u>CLOSES</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>CONDITIONS</u>	<u>PURSE</u>	<u>RUNS</u>
2-21	HOU	John B. Connally BC Turf H.	3yo/up, 1 1/8mT	\$125,000	3-7
2-24	FG	Bayou Breeders' Cup H.	4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT	\$125,000	3-7

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