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**CRIST GROUP PURCHASES RACING FORM** A group of investors spearheaded by former New York Racing Association executive and Racing Times Editor-In-Chief Steven Crist has reached an agreement with Primedia, Inc to purchase the *Daily Racing Form*, sources confirmed yesterday. An official announcement is expected to be made this morning. It is not expected that a purchase price will be disclosed. The investors are known as the Alpine Capital Group, which is a New York City-based investment banking firm. NYRA trustee Charles Hayward is involved as a consultant. The paper is not expected to change hands until mid-August. The group outbid other possible purchasers after Primedia, Inc. put the paper up for auction. It is believed that Crist's group outbid a group of racing industry executives also interested in "America's Turf Authority."

**BYRNE CANCELS SARATOGA TRIP** Trainer Patrick Byrne and his string of horses for the Stronach Stable will stay in Kentucky through the summer after a last-minute decision to scrap plans to ship to Saratoga. Byrne said plans to ship a string of 16 horses to up-state New York were changed following a disagreement over stalls with New York Racing Association officials. According to Byrne, owner Frank Stronach made a late request for additional stalls and, when NYRA officials couldn't offer any more, the Canadian industrialist decided to leave his horses in training at Churchill Downs. "It was Mr. Stronach's decision and I support it 100 percent," said Byrne, who has been Stronach's private trainer since January. "It suits me fine. I'd just as soon stay here and ship up for the stakes." In Byrne's shedrow are Belmont S. winner **Touch Gold** (Deputy Minister), **Awesome Again** (Deputy Minister) and the undefeated filly **Relaxing Rhythm** (Easy Goer).

## W • E • E • K • E • N • D P R E V I E W

**Saturday, Ascot, England:**  
**KING GEORGE & QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND S.-G1, \$1,002,841, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

The field of nine, from the rail out, will be: **Daylami (Ire)** (Doyoun {Ire}), **Happy Valentine (GB)** (Rainbow Quest), **Romanov (Ire)** (Nureyev), **Silver Patriarch (Ire)** (Saddlers' Hall {Ire}), **Swain (Ire)** (Nashwan), **Central Park (Ire)** (In The Wings {GB}), **High-Rise (Ire)** (High Estate {Ire}), **Risk Material (Ire)** (Danehill), **Royal Anthem (Theatrical {Ire})**.

**Saturday, Belmont:**  
**COACHING CLUB AMERICAN OAKS-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/2m**

The field, in post position order, will be: **Hansel's Girl** (Hansel), **Keeper Hill** (Deputy Minister), **Best Friend Stro** (Jade Hunter), **Starry Lake** (Meadowlake), **Sweet and Lovely** (Chief's Crown), **Banshee Breeze** (Unbridled). All will carry 121 pounds.

**Saturday, Del Mar:**  
**SAN DIEGO H.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

The field, according to the draw, will be: **Mud Route** (Strawberry Road {Aus}), 117; **Ayrton S** (Polish Numbers), 109; **Benchmark** (Alydar), 117; **Don't Blame Rio** (Rio's Lark), 112; **Grajagan (Arg)** (Tempranero {Chi}), 110; **Silver Charm** (Silver Buck), 125; **Hal's Pal (GB)** (Caerleon), 113.

**Saturday, Del Mar:**  
**SAN CLEMENTE H.-GII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

From the rail out, the field will be: **Bang Up Play** (Waquoit), 114; **Socket Set (GB)** (Tragic Role), 114; **Miss Hot Salsa** (Houston), 117; **Adel** (Strawberry Road {Aus}), 116; **Country Garden (GB)** (Selkirk), 122; **Yolo Lady** (Eastern Echo), 115; **Chenille (Ire)** (Tenby {GB}), 116; **Sicy D'Alsace (Fr)** (Sicyos), 114; **Sochi** (Prized), 114; **Tranquility Lake** (Rahy), 114; **Mom's Day** (Din's Dancer), 113; **Sapphire Ring (GB)** (Marju {Ire}), 113; **Janine Rose** (Skywalker), 113; **The Sandfly** (Sheikh Albadou {GB}), 112; **Golden Sunflower** (Iam the Iceman), 110.

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, FRIDAY, JULY 24:**

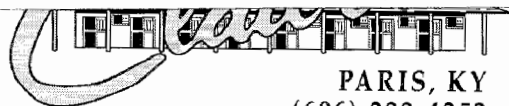
8-9 \$1,000,000 **Buick Haskell Invitational**  
H.-GI, Mth, 3yo, 9f (INV)



**TOMORROW, SATURDAY, JULY 25:**

8-8 \$400,000 **Whitney H.-GI, Sar, 3yo/up, 9f (\$400)**  
8-9 \$250,000 **Jim Dandy-GII, Sar, 3yo, 9f (\$250)**

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**KOBUK KING S.**, \$66,000, DMR, 7-23, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:15, fm.  
 1--**MILITARY**, 122, c, 4, Danzig--Wavering Girl (Ch. 2yo filly-Can, MSW, \$314,084), by Wavering Monarch. (\$250,000 yrl '95 KEESEP). O-The Thoroughbred Corp; B-Morven Stud Ltd. (Va); T-Wallace Dollase; J-C Nakatani; \$33,405. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$72,698.

2--**Blue Sky (Ire)**, 120, c, 4, Marignan--Belle Bleue (GB), by Blazing Saddles (Aus). O-Rikmar Stables. \$11,135.

3--**Jack Sharp (GB)**, 118, c, 4, Sharpo (GB)--Tower Glades (GB), by Tower Walk (GB). O-George Krikorian. \$6,681.

Margins: 2, 6, 8. Odds: 1.40, 6.10, 1.90.

Military returned from a near year-long absence to win his American debut by one length June 27 at Hollywood in his last start. The dark bay colt stalked the pace, took the lead on the final turn and kicked clear in the stretch.

5th-DMR, \$53,212, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16, ft.

**DRIGGS RETREAT (g, 5, Carson City--Mountaineer Honey, by Northjet {Ire})** opened his 1998 campaign with a win for a \$40,000 tag in March and, off the board in two starts since, won for a \$50,000 tag in his last start June 24. Last early, the chestnut gelding rallied five wide into the stretch and closed determinedly for a neck win. Lifetime Record: 23-6-3-2, \$178,505. O-Jerry Pace. B-Dinnaken Farm (Ky). T-Peter Levine.

◆ **WEST** ◆

**Local News, California:**

The California Horse Racing Board approved a \$479,250 allocation Thursday to the Jockeys Guild Health and Welfare Trust, which provides medical, disability and life insurance to all qualified riders in California. In 1997, new legislation directed that a portion of the state revenue derived from unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets be used to establish a health and welfare program for California jockeys and their dependents. The \$479,250 is the second allocation of funds to that program.

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**Late Wednesday Result:**

6th-EMD, \$11,200, Msw, 7-22, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06, ft. + **HEARTY CAT (c, 2, Delineator--Hearty, by Northern Prospect)**, reserved early, made his move three wide around the turn and closed to get up in the final strides to post a 23-1 upset by a nose. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,160.

O/B-Ron Crockett Inc (Wa). T-Terry Gillihan.

**Yesterday's Result:**

7th-SOL, \$27,300, Msw, 2yo, 5f, :57 4/5, ft. + **ABSOLUTE HARMONY (c, 2, Seeking the Gold--Fantastic Look {GISW, \$681,247}, by Green Dancer)**, the 3-5 favorite in his debut, rushed up to take the early lead after a slow start and drew away to score by seven lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800.

O-Golden Eagle Farm. B-Mr & Mrs John Mabee (Ky). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

◆ **INDUSTRY INFO** ◆

Warren Buffet has agreed to acquire Executive Jet Aviation, a company which pioneered the concept of fractional jet ownership, for \$725 million in stock and cash, according to yesterday's *Wall Street Journal*. The company is owned by Thoroughbred owner and breeders Richard Santulli. Santulli is the managing partner in Jayeff B Stables, which campaigned the 1989 Eclipse Award-winning sprinter Safely Kept, who won the Breeders' Cup Sprint the following year. He purchased several yearlings at the recently concluded Keeneland July sale through bloodstock agent Reynolds Bell, and bred the highest-priced yearling in the history of the Keeneland September sale, a son of Mr. Prospector out of Missy's Mirage, who sold for \$2.3 million in 1997. Santulli's racing stable is trained by Alan Goldberg.

**TRACK ABBREVIATIONS:**

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>AQU</b> Aqueduct          | <b>BEU</b> Beulah Park   |
| <b>BMX</b> Bay Meadows       | <b>FGX</b> Fair Grounds  |
| <b>GPX</b> Gulfstream        | <b>GSX</b> Garden State  |
| <b>HOU</b> Sam Houston       | <b>LRL</b> Laurel Park   |
| <b>OPX</b> Oaklawn Park      | <b>PEN</b> Penn National |
| <b>PHA</b> Philadelphia Park | <b>SAX</b> Santa Anita   |
| <b>SPT</b> Sportsman's Park  | <b>SUF</b> Suffolk Downs |
| <b>TAM</b> Tampa Bay         | <b>TPX</b> Turfway Park  |
| <b>TUP</b> Turf Paradise     |                          |

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-BEL**, \$38,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.

**PENTATONIC** (f, 3, Cure the Blues--Aljadam {MSP, \$159,794}, by Anticipating) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$44,269. O-S Sherry. B-H Sherry (NY). T-R Schosberg.

**8th-LRL**, \$34,300, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

**VIV** (h, 5, Houston--Urbacity, by Fappiano) Lifetime Record: MSW, 27-9-6-5, \$311,042. O-Meyerhoff Harry C & Thomas O. B-Pine View Partners Inc (KY). T-Grover G Delp. \*1/2 to Urbanity (Superbity), MSW, \$141,594.

**8th-MTH**, \$33,700, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

**HEATHER LOUISE** (c, 3, Prosper Fager--Career Quest, by T. V. Commercial) Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-2, \$44,229. O-M B S Racing Stable. B-Denise M Smylie (NJ). T-Michael B Smylie.

**7th-WOX**, \$30,900, 3/up, f/m, a1 1/4mT, 2:02 4/5, fm.

**PINAFORE PARK** (f, 3, Ascot Knight--Fleet Courage {MSP}, by Fleet Nasrullah) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-5, \$145,874. O-Anderson Farms & Ferguson Roderick. B-Anderson Farms Inc (CAN). T-Roger L Attfield. \*1/2 to Iron Courage (Caro {Ire}), MGSW, \$628,276; Dance For Lucy (Dance Bid), MSW, \$315,198.

**7th-LRL**, \$29,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51 4/5, ft.

**TOWER APPEAL** (c, 4, Irish Open--Amherst Wayside {SW, \$118,024}, by Dance Spell) Lifetime Record: 31-6-4-7, \$109,775. O-Linda S Gaudet. B-Albert H & Randy L Cohen (MD). T-Edmond D Gaudet.

**9th-MTH**, \$27,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.

**HIT DE BORD** (f, 3, Reverse Mulligan--Ebony Jewel, by Advocate) Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-6, \$75,949. O-Richard Felder. B-Lake Charles III (Ky). T-R P Klesaris.

**9th-LAD**, \$23,000, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 1/5, fm.

**CAPOTE'S PROSPECT** (c, 4, Capote--Ballerina Princess, by Mr. Prospector) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-5-1-3, \$130,092. O-Barnett Stables LLC. B-Robert N. Albert G. Clay (KY). T-J Keith Desormeaux. \*1/2 to Salmon Lad-der (Bering {GB}), GSW-Eng, \$212,055.

**10th-CRC**, \$22,700, 3yo, 7f, 1:24 2/5, ft.

**THRILLIN DISCOVERY** (g, 3, Alaskan Frost--Appealing Laughter, by Mighty Appealing) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$51,095. O-Three G Stable. B-Ocala Stud Farms (FL). T-Luis Olivares.

**8th-LAD**, \$18,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft.

**SAINTLY BROAD** (f, 4, Broad Brush--Angelic Dancer {SW}, by Marshua's Dancer) Lifetime Record: SP, 26-3-8-3, \$94,238. O-J Minos Simon. B-J. Minos Simon (LA). T-Ronald J Matthieu.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Country Judith**, f, 2, Country Pine--Germana, by Big Burn. CRC, 7-23, (C), 5f, 1:01 1/5. B-J D Farm (FL). \*\$5,500 wlng '96 OBSOCT.

+ **Hearty Cat**, c, 2, Delineator--Hearty, by Northern Prospect. EMD, 7-22, 5 1/2f, 1:06. B-Ron Crockett Inc (Wa).

**Sweeping Hours**, f, 2, End Sweep--Minutes Into Hours (SP), by Dauphin Fabuleux. CRC, 7-23, (C), 5f, 1:01 4/5. B-Harry T Mangurian Jr (FL). \*\$37,000 yrl '97 OBSJAN; \$45,000 2yo '98 OBSMAR. \*\*Eighth stakes winner for freshman sire (by Forty Niner).

**Fortune's Glow**, f, 2, Fortunate Prospect--Shesacountrygirl, by Country Pine. CRC, 7-23, (C), 5f, 1:00 4/5. B-Rosenberg AI (FL).

**Coco Bear**, c, 2, Groomstick--Abbate's Girl, by Qui Native. CRC, 7-23, 5f, 1:01. B-Elkin Herman N (FL). \*\$15,000 2yo '98 OBSAPR.

**Emerging Class**, f, 2, Regal Classic--Emergency Nurse, by Blue Ensign. DMR, 7-23, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Jack Liebau Sr (Ca).

+ **Absolute Harmony**, c, 2, Seeking the Gold--Fantastic Look (GISW, \$681,247), by Green Dancer. SOL, 7-23, 5f, :57 4/5. B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (Ky).

**Sefas Rainbow**, c, 2, Sefapiano--Joanne's Devilish, by Batonier. DET, 7-23, (S), 5f, :59 2/5. B-Farid Sefa & Joan Pat Sefa (Mi). \*1/2 to Devil By Habit (Habitionia), MSW, \$348,756.

**Curious Marlene**, f, 2, Sharp Victor--Curious Bidder, by Naevus. DMR, 7-23, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-Malmuth Marvin (Ca). \*\$5,000 yrl '97 CALAUG.

**Under Par**, c, 2, Shotiche--Crimean Rose, by Sevastopol. WOX, 7-23, (C), 5f, :58 4/5. B-Patricia & Robert Weber (ON).

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## WRITERS UP

### AT THE SALES WITH BILL OPPENHEIM

Instead of all those "What ifs," this was a sale of "Not since." Not since 1985 has a yearling sold for \$4 million...Not since 1989 have there been as many million-dollar yearlings (15)--and, incidentally, that's as many as had been sold in the last six years combined...and all this with just 149 listed sales, the smallest number ever.

In fact, that ought to give us pause for thought. You see, this might have been the strongest sale ever. Think about how much those catalogues have changed. In 1983-85, the three years the July sale averaged over \$500,000, 33 Northern Dancer yearlings averaged \$2.4-million--each. There was more money made by 33 yearlings during those three years than in the whole sale this year. So how could this sale have been stronger? Because it's not just Northern Dancers that have gone missing. There were enough top-class stallions in America at that time that we could still say 80-85 percent of a July catalogue was July pedigrees. Now there are under 250 catalogued, and half of those are promoted September pedigrees...which might account for a lot of the 27 percent buy-backs. Moderate pedigree, moderate individual...that's an especially tough sell in July.

So I'm just saying that all bears thinking about, the fact that 10 percent of the listed sales made \$1 million, and nearly 40 percent made \$500,000-plus. That's a big-time sale if only half the pedigrees are true summer sale standard.

Which brings me to sires. Five stallions accounted for 43% of the gross. They are: Mr. Prospector (5, averaged \$1,600,000); and four sons or grandsons of Northern Dancer: Danzig (9, averaged \$755k); Storm Cat (10, averaged \$743k); Deputy Minister (9, averaged \$650k); and Nureyev (6, averaged \$524k)...Average age of these five sires: 21. Youngest: Storm Cat, 15.

The two big-time first-year sires both had good sales: Thunder Gulch had just four sell, including a \$1.1 million colt, and averaged \$531k. Tabasco Cat had seven, averaging \$413k. Very good marks for both.

A wee tale (that's the Scottish influence) about Angel Fever, dam of the \$4 million colt. At the

Loblolly dispersal at the November, 1994 sale, long-time Loblolly racing manager Dr. Gary Lavin said to John Ed Anthony: "You've had a lot of good horses, Cox's Ridge, Demons Begone, Pine Bluff...but this is not just the best filly you ever had, she was the best racehorse you ever had."

Angel Fever broke her maiden as a two-year-old by 12 lengths at Churchill, then was injured coming out of the gate when finishing second in the Colleen at Monmouth, and never ran again.

Most interesting sight of the whole sale: Wayne Lukas and Satish Sanan moving across the pavilion to sit with the Coolmore camp before the sales topper, the next-to-last horse in the sale, came into the ring...they'd spent nearly \$22 million on 24 horses between them up till then, from opposite sides of the pavilion...but Mr. Sekiguchi never blinked, and so that's whose name we all wrote down...this time.

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#### Maiden winners cont.

**Monet, c, 3, Broad Brush**--Feelin Better, by Dancing Count. LRL, 7-23, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5. B-Dr & Mrs Thomas Bowman & Milton P Higgins III (MD).

**Farasha, f, 3, Carnivalay**--Born Anew, by Avatar. BEL, 7-23, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:48. B-Ramos Arturo Peralta Mrs (Ky).

**Milltown, c, 3, Cure the Blues**--Sleep Till Six, by Talc. BEL, 7-23, (S), 1 1/8mT, 1:49 1/5. B-Ruth Bedford & Kathleen O'Connell (Ny). \*1/2 to Turnbridge Wells (Ends Well), SW, \$291,823.

**Numerator, f, 3, Polish Numbers**--Sarabarrera, by Barrera. LRL, 7-23, (C), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Mobberley Gretchen B (Md).

**Salty Note, c, 3, Salt Lake**--A Letter From Mary (SP), by Arts and Letters. WOX, 7-22, 7f, 1:24 4/5. B-McClelland D G (Can). \*\$36,530 yrl '96 CBSSEP.

**Indian Style, c, 3, Waquoit**--California Style (MSW, \$112,245), by Coastal. BEL, 7-23, (S), 1 1/8mT, 1:49 4/5. B-Sloan Michael (Ny). \*\$38,000 yrl '96 KEESSEP.

**Loyal Spirit, h, 6, Cherokee Colony**--Johnny's Secretary, by Secretariat. LRL, 7-23, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 3/5. B-Evans T M (Va). \*\$7,500 yrl '93 FTMDEC.

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