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**HEADLINE NEWS**

**TATTERSALLS FOALS SELL TODAY**

Tattersalls's 2001 December Foal Sales begin today at 3 p.m., with both numbers and quality seemingly slightly down on recent years. One notable exception is Lot 760, a full sister to Galileo (ire) (Sadler's Wells), this season's G1 Epsom Derby, G1 Irish Derby and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. winner, who himself comes from a top active family. She is offered to dissolve a partnership, but unusually no vendor is listed by Tattersalls. She is one of only three representatives of Sadler's Wells, compared to six last year and 15 in 1999, and could conceivably threaten the world-record weaning price of 2.5 million guineas for Padua's Pride (ire) at Tattersalls in 1997. Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds consign Lot 736 by champion sire Sadler's Wells through agent John Troy. The colt is a half brother to G1 July Cup winner Owington (GB) (Green Desert). The same vendor is responsible for Lot 793, a Danehill half sister to seven winners out of Northern Script (Arts and Letters). Darshaan (GB)'s sole offering is Lot 772, a colt from the Wigan family's West Blagdon out of the 1988 G1 1,000 Guineas fourth Gharba (ire) (Final Straw (GB)). Lot 588 will be of interest to Japanese buyers. The Marhill House Stud-consigned Spectrum (ire) filly is out of Former Probe (Dynaformer), a half sister to star Japanese performer Tokyo Perfect. There are several U.S.-based stallions with representatives, including Bahri, Catrail, Distant View, King Of Kings (ire), Royal Academy, newcomer Stravinsky and Woodman. Jimmy George, Tattersalls' marketing manager, said, "Last year's record-breaking December Foal Sale was exceptionally strong and we have a good solid catalogue this year. Obviously the highlight of the sale looks set to be the own sister to Galileo, who comes up on Friday night and there is a strong representation from the leading sires in Europe." There are 862 lots catalogued, compared to 1,004 last year. The sale runs through Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. on the remaining days.

**UNPAD YEARLINGS RETURN TO THE RING**

Six yearlings are scheduled to re-enter the ring for Deauville's Mixed Sale Dec. 7-10 after the auction house reported to the *Racing Post* that payment had not been received. Agent Paul Collins, acting largely on behalf of Berkshire businessman Bobby Kilbran, purchased the yearlings for approximately FF8,320,000 at Deauville in August. The group includes a FF2.6 million Sadler's Wells colt and a FF2.2 million son of Darshaan (GB). Jocelyn de Moubray, a spokesman for L'Agence Francaise, told the *Racing Post*, "It is a large amount of money involved and Agence Francaise paid all the vendors a good time ago--we always pay our consigners. They are a nice bunch of horses and they are the six we have still to receive payment for." Collins also signed the ticket on several horses at Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton in the United States. Both auction houses are reportedly set to commence legal proceedings following non-payment of \$3.345 million, but it has not been decided whether action will be taken against Collins or his clients. Two colts purchased at Keeneland for \$700,000 each have already been re-sold at Goffs October Sale, where they realized a total of \$570,000.

**UPCOMING GRADED STAKES**

**Saturday, December 1**

Queens County H.-GIII, Aqueduct  
Hollywood Turf Cup H.-GI, Hollywood Park

**Sunday, December 2**

Vernon O. Underwood S.-GIII, Hollywood Park

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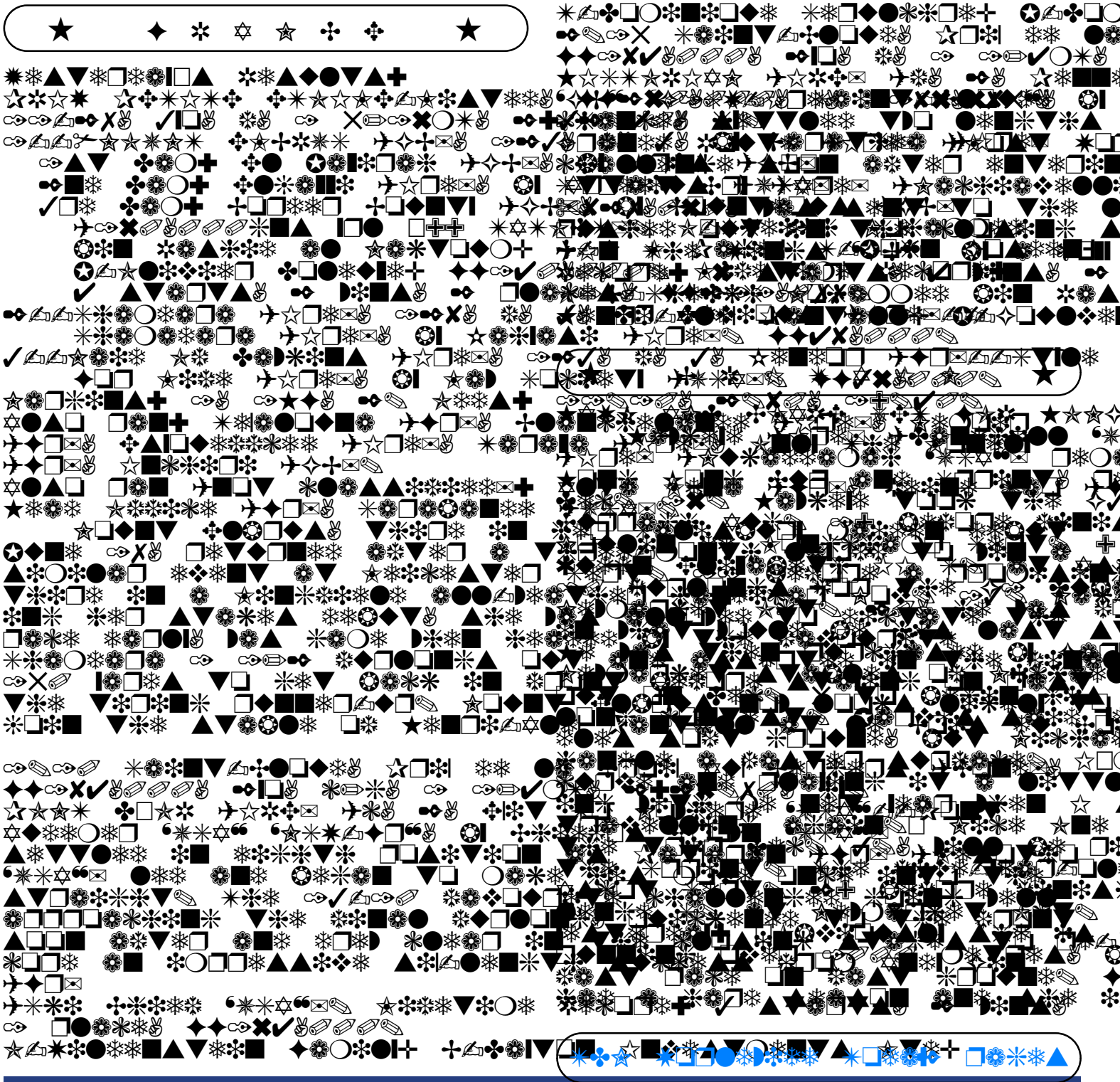
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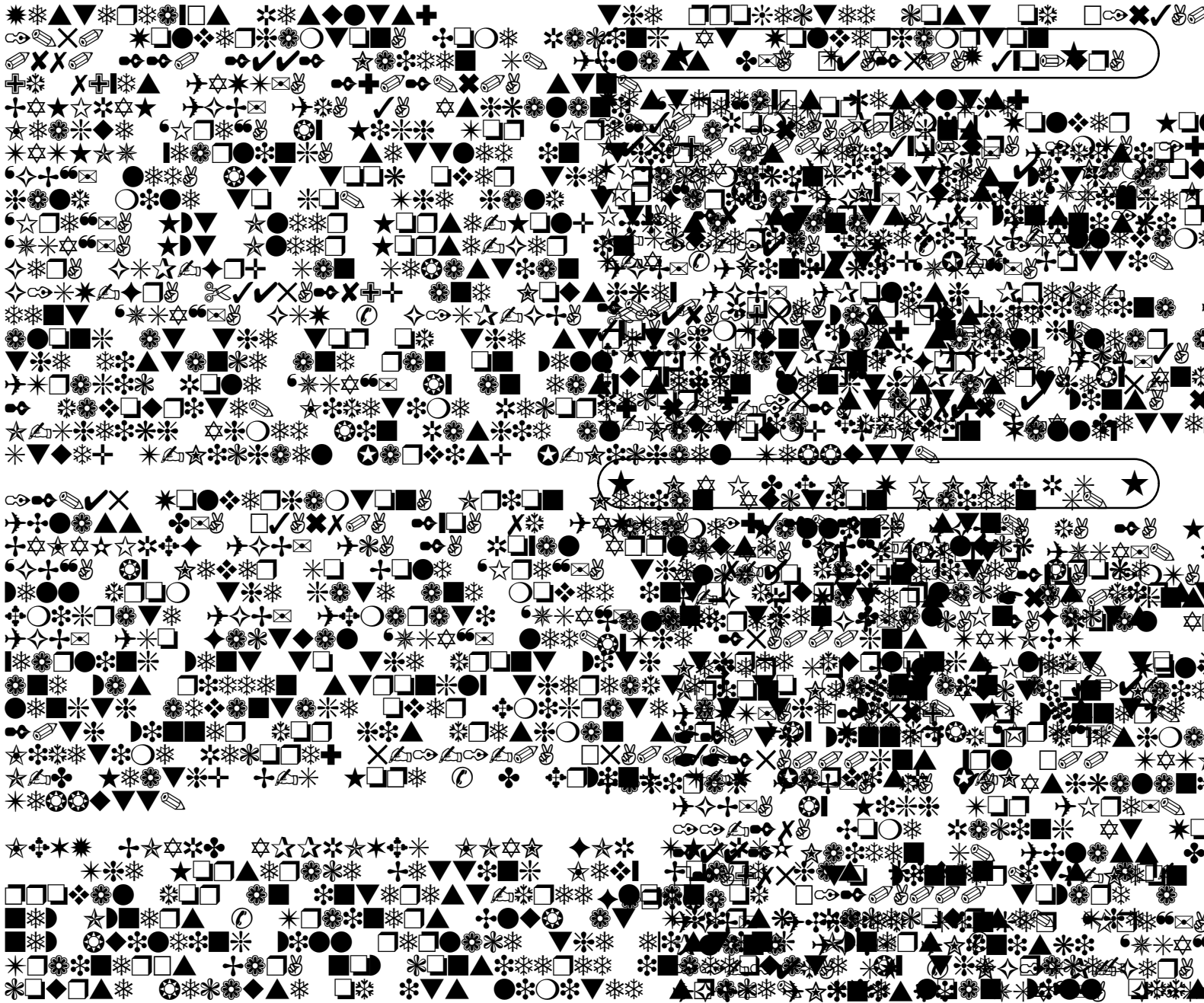
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**THA PROPOSES NEW DRUG PROCEDURES** The Thoroughbred Horseman's Association has released a list of recommendations for a major restructuring of drug testing and medication in racing in the United States. The recommendations have been made after consultation with experts, a review of the current industry practices in the United States and Canada and the examination of medication regulatory control in non-racing equine sports. The group advocates the formation of a non-profit consortium of the industry stakeholders and scientific experts to oversee all industry drug testing and medication issues and conduct research into drugs. The consortium would be paid for by a per-start fee for every Thoroughbred, harness and quarter horse starter. The report also called for an increased emphasis on blood plasma testing, a minimum standard for testing laboratories, the constriction of the RCI drug classifications from five to three, the adoption of recommended withdrawal time guidelines and the implementation of new penalty guidelines which differentiate between legitimate therapeutic treatment and non-therapeutic violations. The THA represents more than 20,000 licensed owners and trainers of Thoroughbreds in the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest. The American Association of Equine Practitioners will hold a medication summit Dec. 4 at the Symposium on Racing in Tuscon, Arizona.

## ☆ EAST ☆

**Yesterday's Result:**  
**8th-PHA, \$20,880, Alw, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:41 4/5, gd.**  
**WITH A LITTLE LUCK (f, 2, Lucky Point--Square Trial, by \*Golden Pal II)** romped by 16 lengths to graduate against claimers Sept. 26 at Charles Town and followed that up with a fourth in her first try against winners Oct. 27 at Philly. Stretching out to a mile this time, the 11-1 shot battled for the lead, shook free turning for home and extended her advantage to 4 1/2 lengths under the wire. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$23,793. O-Rabbit's Foot Stable. B-Susan Haigh (NC). T-Lynda Knee.

**Monday's Late Result:**  
**2nd-MNR, \$19,700, Msw, 2&3yo, f, 5f, 1:00 4/5, ft.**  
**+ GRETCHEN, (f, 2, Foxhound--Fun in the Snow {MSW, \$148,159}, by All for Fun),** one of only two two-year-olds in the field, debuted as the 9-5 second choice. Up close early, the grey filly put a head in front in midstretch and edged clear for a 3/4-length tally over Petite Silver (Silver Minstrel) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,820. O/B-Wendy Cash (KY). T-Edward C Cash.

## ☆ MIDWEST ☆

**Sunday's Result:**  
**PONTALBA S., \$60,000, FGX, 11-25, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, ft.**  
**1--#FLICK, 112, f, 2, by Dehere**  
**1st Dam: Texas Cinema, by Mt. Livermore**  
**2nd Dam: French Flick, by Silent Screen**  
**3rd Dam: Tres Jolie, by \*Herbager**  
 (\$95,000 yrl '00 KEESep). O-James H Stone; B-Land of Believe Farm Inc (KY); T-Thomas Amoss; J-E M Martin Jr; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$82,205. \*1/2 to Cinemine (Mining), GSW, \$506,681.  
**2--Purple Princess, 119, f, 2, Carson City--Tapstress, by Desert Wine.** (\$150,000 wIng '99 KEENOV). \$12,000.  
**3--Carson's Baby, 117, f, 2, Carson City--Baby Feels So Good, by Baldski.** \$6,600.  
 Margins: 2, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.50, 1.80, 3.80.  
 Flick set the pace in her career debut at Arlington Aug. 31 before tiring to third, but carried her speed with better success in the Keeneland mud Oct. 6, breaking her maiden by three-parts of a length. Most recently a neck runner-up in Keeneland non-winners of two lifetime company Oct. 25, the dark bay was the second choice in this sextet. Straightened out after bumping with a rival at the start, Flick settled a bit off the pace, bid three wide into the stretch and closed determinedly to run down favored Purple Princess for the win.

Outstanding 1st crop weanlings at Keeneland November sold for: **\$280,000, \$260,000, \$220,000, \$190,000, \$160,000, \$145,000, \$120,000, \$100,000, etc.**

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**Remington Park Meet Concludes:**

The 2001 Thoroughbred meeting at Remington Park concluded Saturday with declines in attendance and handle. Average on-track attendance during the 59-day season was 2,337--down 4.29 percent from the 73-day 2000 meeting. Average on-track handle of \$120,551 was down 11.47 percent from a year ago. "While our attendance was down, it was not down drastically," said Dale Day, director of marketing at Remington Park. "However, our fans wagered less on our live product and on incoming simulcasting. That tells us our fans still came to the races, they were just more frugal with their dollars once they were here." Cliff Berry was the meet's leading jockey. Donnie von Hemel was the top trainer and Pin Oak Stables was the leading owner.

☆ **S O . C A L I F O R N I A** ☆

**Sunday's Result:**

**4th-HOL, \$36,000, Msw, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.**  
**TAILLEVENT (c, 2, Unbridled's Song--Number's Game {MSW, \$250,705}, by Soy Numero Uno)** broke last in a field of eight in his Oct. 20 bow at Santa Anita, but rallied late to finish third by 4 3/4 lengths. Sent off the 9-10 preferred part of the favored entry, the gray disputed the pace three deep to the stretch, overtook Sunday Break (Jpn) (Forty Niner) with a furlong to run and outgamed that foe to the line, prevailing in the end by a head. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$26,160. O-Kenneth & Lucille Poslosky Revocable Trusts. B-Lucille M Poslosky (KY). T-Julio C Canani.

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**BREEDERS' EDITION**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**11th-HOO, \$23,000, 11-26, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13 3/5, gd.**

**MORE BRAGG (g, 4, El Torre--Heart of Dixie, by Doonesbury)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-6-1, \$57,500. O/T-Harold Bragg. B-John Finch (IN).

**10th-HOO, \$23,000, 11-26, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14 4/5, gd.**

**CHARMIN' MISS (f, 3, Charmin' Merlin--Msveepee, by Honey Jay)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-0, \$38,510. O/B-Bonnie J Fuller (IN). T-Robert G Fuller.

**9th-PHA, \$21,000, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 2/5, gd.**

**JKEY D (c, 3, Chimes Band--Dead Letter, by Kirtling {Ire})** Lifetime Record: MSP, 17-3-3-2, \$68,099. O-Marshall E Dowell. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-W Robert Bailes. \* 1/2 to Northern Tract (Far North), SW, \$123,096.

**THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...**

**November 28, 1982...**Landaluce, who won her five lifetime starts by a total of 46 1/2 lengths, died of a viral infection. She was buried in the infield at Hollywood Park, where she had won her first two races. Trained by D. Wayne Lukas, Landaluce was later voted Champion Two-Year-Old Filly of 1982 over another undefeated filly, Princess Rooney.

**November 30, 1989...**Jockey **Kent Desormeaux** surpassed Chris McCarron's 15-year record for most number of victories in a single season when he rode his 547th winner for the year at Laurel Racecourse.

**December 1, 1962...**Ten thousand fans attended a ceremony at Tropical Park in honor of **Carry Back's** retirement. By Saggy out of Joppy, Carry Back was known as "the people's horse." He retired after 55 starts with earnings of more than \$1 million.

**December 1, 1982...**In the first race to feature **mother and daughter jockeys**, Patti Barton rode against her daughter, Leah, at Latonia. Patti finished fifth aboard Tam's Angel while Leah was tenth on Diane's Ms. Lolly.

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**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

- Dance With Carson**, f, 2, **Carson City**--Ladies Excuse Me (MSW, \$156,324), by Staff Writer. GGX, 11-25, 6f, 1:08 4/5. B-Paul Goldberg & Raymond Kwik (Ky).  
 + **Sunny Scarlett**, f, 2, **Excavate**--Brite Sunny, by High Brite. FGX, 11-26, (S), 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-Kay Thomas (La).  
 + **Gretchen**, f, 2, **Foxhound**--Fun in the Snow (MSW, \$148,159), by All for Fun. MNR, 11-26, 5f, 1:00 4/5. B-Wendy Cash (Ky).  
**Clark K**, c, 2, **Press Card**--Stage Pearls, by Gold Stage. PHA, 11-27, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Par 3 Stables (NJ).  
 + **Cyber Cowboy**, c, 2, **Technology**--Spirits of Annie, by Cojak. FLX, 11-27, 6f, 1:14. B-Patricia Staskowski Purdy (NY). \*1/2 to Turbulent Spirit (Tricky Creek), SW, \$206,390.  
**Taillevent**, c, 2, **Unbridled's Song**--Number's Game, by Soy Numero Uno. HOL, 11-25, 6 1/2f, 1:17. B-Lucille M Poslosky (Ky).  
**I'm So Cool**, c, 3, **Halissee**--Love Me Tomorrow, by Slew Baby. PHA, 11-27, 6f, 1:12. B-Lyno Maraspin (NJ).  
**Hen Party**, f, 3, **Hennessy**--Basking, by Alydar. MNR, 11-26, 5f, :59 4/5. B-William D Graham (On). \*Full to Sunray Spirit, GSW, \$111,058.  
**John Alan**, c, 3, **J. C.'s Challenge**--Miss Inky, by Mr. Ralph. SUF, 11-27, 6f, 1:15 2/5. B-Keith McIntyre (Ky).  
**Downtown Laddie**, c, 3, **Noble Novice**--Downtown Lady, by Queen City Lad. HOO, 11-26, (S), 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Donald G Horrell (In).  
**Milky Way Guy**, c, 3, **Skip Trial**--Milky Way Gal (MSW, \$203,807), by Valid Appeal. SUF, 11-27, a1m70yd, 1:47 4/5. B-Arthur I Appleton (Fl).  
**Smokin' One**, c, 3, **Soaking Smoking**--Rare One, by Stage Door Johnny. FLX, 11-27, a1m70yd, 1:48 1/5. B-Dr Keith Douglas (On). \*\$889 yrl '99 CBSOCT.

 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Nov. 28**

- Sire (Sire's Sire), Fam, 1998 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW  
 Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)  
**CAPTAIN BODGIT** (Saint Ballado), Margaux, \$10K, 71/9/0  
 2-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Ms. Dowden  
**CROWN AMBASSADOR** (Storm Cat), Swifty, \$4K, 25/5/1  
 4-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, J B's Crown, \$3K OBS APR 2yo, 9-2  
**LANGFUHR** (Danzig), Vinery, \$20K, 127/12/0  
 4-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Lord Burleigh, \$110K KEE SEP yrl  
 2-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Espresso Love, \$35K FTF FEB 2yo  
**LOUIS QUATORZE** (Sovereign Dancer), Ashford, \$20K, 130/9/1  
 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, +The State, \$14K KEE SEP yrl  
**MARLIN** (Sword Dance (IRE)), Airdrie, \$10K, 108/5/0  
 2-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Sounds Fishy  
**OPEN FORUM** (Deputy Minister), Mockingbird, \$5K, 72/19/3  
 6-WO, Alw, 6f, Open Concert, 9-2  
 6-WO, Alw, 6f, Valued Forum, 8-1  
**SIPHON (BRZ)** (Itajara {Brz}), Airdrie, \$15K, 80/7/1  
 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Zigeuner  
**SIR CAT** (Storm Cat), Gainesway, \$8K, 63/6/1  
 8-LRL, Msw, 6f, Majestic Sir, \$20K FTK JUL yrl, 20-1  
**SMOKE GLACKEN** (Two Punch), Gainesway, \$10K, 69/16/3  
 4-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Smoked Em, \$170K KEE SEP yrl  
**VALID EXPECTATIONS** (Valid Appeal), Huisache, \$5K, 67/26/2  
 6-WO, Alw, 6f, Tank's Expectation, 8-1  
 4-AQU, Msw, 6f, Winning Intentions, \$150K FTF FEB 2yo  
 6-WO, Alw, 6f, Expected Hour, \$450K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

**LEADING SIRES OF 2001 GRADE/GROUP ONE WINNERS (through Nov. 14)**

Sire	Location	Winners
Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)	Ire	9
Danehill (Danzig)	Ire	4
Seattle Slew (Bold Reasoning)	Ky	4
End Sweep (Forty Niner)	Jpn	3
In the Wings (GB) (Sadler's Wells)	Ire	3
Nureyev (Northern Dancer)	Ky	3

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FROM THE DESK OF...  
**Bill Oppenheim**



**10% MARKET DROP REPEATED AT GOFFS**

There was some very good news from Goffs' Mixed Sale last week, where the overall sale dropped by only 10 percent in gross and nine percent in average from last year's version--and the foal section, which is the majority of the sale, was off only around five percent. Keeneland November, of course, was down 1,000 horses in the catalogue and 40 percent in the gross, but the Goffs results strongly suggest Keeneland's \$100-million plus drop was a result of the 'Inare reproductive bss syndrome' (30 percent), as well as the increasingly likely boking 10-percent across-the-board market decline in 2001. The reason that 10-percent number is boking increasingly persuasive is that that was the percentage the yearling sales declined this year. That's a broad-based and pretty reliable number in itself--6,000 yearlings at the 10 major Northern Hemisphere sales--so when a mixed sale with over 900 horses sold comes up with similar numbers, even more convincing.

But those numbers are still provisional, because today begins the foal section of Tattersalls' December Sale, which goes until the end of next week and which grossed over £50 million last year. Tatts' has already had a day of yearlings on Monday, which went pretty well. The average jumped 15 percent, to just under 17,000 gns--a record average. But the spin doctors neglected to mention the number sold dropped 29 percent and the gross was off 18 percent from the corresponding sale a year ago. Never mind. That sort of thing has already happened a few times this year.

Pending the progress of the December Sale, I think it's a pretty amazing result if 'the market' proves to be down just

10 percent this year. The actual numbers, when we add it all up, will be more, but I think we can quantify the effect of MRLS at the November sale (around \$80 million, I would say). It boks like, it feels like, the market is down about 10 percent. Considering dotcoms crashed two years ago, and the World Trade Center attack took place on what was scheduled to be the second day of the September Sale, a 10-percent slide from the peak doesn't bok bad after eight consecutive years of significant growth. It shows there is still a big demand for horses, quite a ways down the scale, in fact, it suggests a solid, broad, internal and professional base which supports the market. That's very good news.

**Johannesburg: Numbers and Form ...**

The disparity between form and numbers was never clearer than in 1997, when Favorite Trick was named Horse of the Year, really by default, when voters couldn't find anything else without any chinks in their armor. Favorite Trick was an unbeaten 8-for-8 as a two-year-old, capping his campaign with a bloodless 5 1/2-length win in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Hollywood Park. But the American speed figure handicappers were far from convinced. Favorite Trick won the BC Juvenile with a very average Beyer speed figure of 101, and, sure enough, he proved just a useful three-year-old, winning a nine-furlong Grade II on the dirt (Jim Dandy) and a one-mile Grade III on the turf. His best Beyer number at three was 108, which translates to about 120 on the Timeform scale (I figure Beyer + 12 = Timeform, though it can range up to +16 in some cases).

When I first saw that last weekend's two Grade II two-turn two-year-old races (the Kentucky Jockey Club at Churchill and the Remsen at Aqueduct) were won by BC Juvenile second and eighth Repent (Louis Quatorze) and Saarland (Unbridled) respectively, my first thought was that the Breeders' Cup form had been forcefully upheld. And so it has. The form horses came out of the year's biggest

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race, and upheld that form. But then I e-mailed up my friend Mr. Beyer and asked him about the numbers: 92 for Repent, he said, 87 for Saarland. Whoops.

**Oppenheim cont. p. 3**  
**(Oppenheim cont. from p. 2)**

Actually, this is consistent with Johannesburg's number, which was 99—right in the average range for BC Juvenile winners. Favorite Trick, as already mentioned, was 101, and I'm sure I remember Unbridled's Song and Hennessy had also run right in that 99-101 range when they were one-two in the 1995 Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Three-year-olds need to run 105-110 to be Kentucky Derby contenders, so top two-year-olds need to improve 6-10 lbs. to become contenders at three. That's normal improvement.

Quite a bit has been written about Johannesburg's pedigree and about how unlikely he is to stay 10 furlongs from that standpoint. Hennessy's best so far have gone nine furlongs, and this recently very hot Claiborne family has produced Tale of the Cat (best at seven furlongs), his half brother Minardi (best at six furlongs at two), and Pulpit (by A.P. Indy, stayed nine furlongs, finished seven lengths fourth in the 1997 Kentucky Derby, his final start). So there must be a pedigree doubt about Johannesburg being the first to complete the BC Juvenile-Kentucky Derby double. He, and the others he beat, like Repent and Saarland and BC third Siphonic, who will be a big favorite for the Hollywood Futurity, must continue to progress to be factors over 10 furlongs at Churchill Downs next May, regardless of how good the form looks right now.

In fact, this year's two-year-old fillies may be better than the colts. Unbeaten Queen's Logic, Europe's leading two-year-old filly, is rated equal to Johannesburg (both at 125) by Timeform and Godolphin's Tempera, winner of the BC Juvenile Fillies, ran a Beyer 107, compared to Johannesburg's 99. Considering she's by A.P. Indy, maybe Godolphin will get their first Kentucky Derby win with a filly.

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**WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES**  
*by Alan Porter*

**Saturday, Aqueduct**

**CIGAR MIE H.-GI**, \$350,000, AQU, 11-24, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:33 1/5, ft.

1-- **LEFT BANK, 120, c, 4, by French Deputy**

**1st Dam : Marshesseaux (MSP, \$201,710), by Dr. Blum**

**2nd Dam : Loboette, by Good Counsel**

**3rd Dam : Chanderele, by Graustark**

(\$130,000 yrl '98 KEESEP; \$600,000 2yo 1999 FTFEB). O-M Tabor; B-J Youngblood & F Gray (KY); T-T Pletcher; J-J Velazquez; \$210,000. Lifetime Record: 20-11-2-0, \$776,659. \*1/2 to Code Blum (Lost Code), SW, \$151,630; Marsheslew (Houston), SW, \$289,233; and Flag On The Play (Meadowlake), SW, \$250,615.

**Saturday, Tokyo Racecourse, Japan**

**JAPAN CUP DRIT-GI**, ¥252,920,000, 3yo/up, 2100m, 2:05.90 (NIR), std.

1-- **KUROFUNE, 121, c, 3, by French Deputy**

**1st Dam : Blue Avenue (SW), by Classic Go Go**

**2nd Dam : Eliza Blue, by Icapade**

**3rd Dam : Coralla, by Roberto**

(\$70,000 yrl '99 KEESEP; \$430,000 2yo '00 FTFEB). O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Nicholas M Lotz; T-Kunhide Matsuda; J-Yutaka Take; ¥133,444,000. Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-2, ¥370,235,000. \*Full to Bella Bellucci, GSW & GSP, \$208,555.



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Just two weeks ago we were recounting the sudden rise to prominence of French Deputy, following the GII Long Island H. victory of his daughter Queue. At the time, we said that French Deputy had enjoyed a banner year in 2001, and the most recent weekend saw him crown that year in spectacular style.

On Saturday at Belmont Park, Left Bank produced a dominant display in the GI Cigar Mile. After dueling with Affirmed Success for the early lead, he took command on the turn, and drew off to score by 3 1/4 lengths, while running the mile in 1:33 1/5, the third fastest clocking ever achieved in the race. A few hours earlier and half a world away, French Deputy's three-year-old son Kurofune produced an even more spectacular performance in the GI Japan Cup Dirt.

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***(Pedigree Perspectives cont. from p. 3)***

Kurofune stormed home seven lengths clear while running the 2100m (a few yards short of 10.5 furlongs) in a track record 2:05.9.

We recounted French Deputy's racing and stud career in detail when covering the pedigree of Queue, but to briefly recap: French Deputy, a son of Deputy Minister and the top-class racemare Mitterand, started just six times in two seasons, recording a graded stakes victory in the GII Jerome H. He retired to stud for the 1996 breeding season at Three Chimneys Farm, Midway, Kentucky. Following a somewhat lethargic start, French Deputy was exported to the Shadai Stallion Station in Hokkaido, Japan in time stand there for the most recent breeding season. Of course the inevitable has happened and since leaving for Japan, French Deputy has simply exploded, and with three crops of runners he has eight 2001 stakes winners, including, in addition to Left Bank and Kurofune, other graded scorers Queue, Bella Bellucci (a sister to Kurofune), Latour and Nobo Jack.

Left Bank is out of the very tough sprinting mare,

Marshesseaux. By the good sprinter Dr. Blum, one of the best stallion sons of Dr. Fager, Marshesseaux won 13 races and just over \$200,000. She earned black type with seconds in the Hibiscus S. and third in the Dogwood S. At stud, Marshesseaux has been a remarkable success, four of her first eight named foals winning stakes, Left Bank being joined by the Lost Code filly, Code Blm; Marsheslaw, a daughter of Houston; and the Meadowlake gelding Flag on the Play.

As a daughter of Dr. Blm out of a Good Counsel mare, Marshesseaux wasn't exactly bred in the height of fashion, but the blood gets pretty blue pretty quickly. Marshesseaux's dam Loboette is a sister to Buckeye Gal, a stakes winner who is herself dam of River Bay, an Irish River son who numbers the GI Hollywood Turf Cup and GI Charles Whittingham H. among his triumphs. Marshesseaux's granddam Chanderele won just once in three starts, but she was a sister to Oh So Fair, dam of five stakes winners, including the GI English 1,000 Guineas, GI English Oaks and GI St. Leger winner, Oh So Sharp. The theme of notable sisters goes back another generation, as Chanderele and Oh So Fair are out of Chandelle, who in turn was by Swaps out of Malindi, a stakes-winning sister to Nasrullah.

Left Bank's own pedigree shows that he has Nasrullah's son Bold Ruler 4x5, and Nasrullah/Malindi 5x6x5. Marshesseaux also has Turn-to, a son of Royal Charger (three-parts brother to Nasrullah and Malindi) 4x4, and French Deputy has Ambiorix, a half brother to Turn-to.

Kurofune is somewhat similar to Left Bank in that he is out of a talented runner by a less than fashionable sire. His dam Blue Avenue is a minor stakes winner by Classic Go Go, a hard-knocking son of Australian-bred sire Pago Pago. Blue Avenue got off to a rather sticky start to her stud career, beginning with a Red Ransom filly which never ran and a minor winner by Silver Deputy. She slipped the following year, but her next two foals were Kurofune and Bella Bellucci, winner this year of the GII Astarita S. and also an excellent third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile

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Kurofune's family very nearly had a real banner day on Saturday, as Blue Avenue's half brother Nokoma (by Pupit) -- racing in the Left Bank colts -- was beaten just a neck by the fast-closing Saarland in the GI Remsen S. Blue Avenue and Nokoma are not the only notables out of their dam Eliza Blue, as she also produced the GI Vanity Invitational H. and GI Milady H. victress Brought to Mind. Eliza Blue is by Tescapade out of a Roberto mare, but the pedigree gets rather less familiar in the next generation, as Eliza Blue's fourth dam is Catania II, a New Zealand-bred daughter of the Royal Charger stallion Pride of Kildare. Catania II proved to have ability in both her homeland, where she landed the Great Northern Oaks, and in North America, where she captured the Twilight Tear H.

The presence of Eliza Blue's sire Tescapade might be the key to the pedigree of Kurofune and Bella Bellucci. By Nearctic out of a Native Dancer, Tescapade is a three-parts relative to Northern Dancer. Since French Deputy is a great-grandson of Northern Dancer, Kurofune and Bella Bellucci have Northern Dancer/Tescapade 4x3 at the top and bottom of the pedigree.