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SWEET NANETTE LEADS KEENELAND

Demand on Wednesday proved strongest for broodmare prospects as the top five prices for mares were for young females ready to visit the breeding shed for the first time. A multiple stakes winner of \$356,425, **Sweet Nanette** (You and I) topped yesterday's session of the Keeneland January Sale at \$250,000. The newly turned five-year-old was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency; the ticket was signed by Rainbow Stable. Rainbow Stable is a group of partners that will be put together by Taylor Made.



Sweet Nanette at Churchill

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The partnership will include Louis Brooks, who purchased Monday's session topper Belle Nuit, as well as White Fox Farm. Taylor Made will retain a 25 percent interest in the mare, whom they will send this year to their new stallion Our Emblem; he stands in partnership with WinStar Farm. During Monday's session, WinStar Farm president Doug Cauthen also bought Quidnaskra with the express purpose of sending her to the sire of Kentucky Derby hero War Emblem. "We are trying to buy mares to send to Our Emblem to try to get him off to a good start at Taylor Made," said Taylor Made's Pat Payne. "That is a very nice mare for him. She is very attractive physically and she was a very talented runner. I thought the price was good for her. That was just what I thought she'd go for." Another young stakes winner, **Al Max Diner** (End Sweep) was the second highest price among mares, with Frank Stronach purchasing the four-year-old from the family of Canadian champion Numerous Times. Wednesday's session held up well against last year's as 249 head sold for \$4,454,300, compared to 236 grossing \$3,669,700. Though cumulative numbers are down for the sale, the 2003 median is \$20,000, ahead of the \$15,000 achieved at this point in 2002. The sale continues today at 10 a.m. **More on Keeneland, p2**

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Atlantic Ocean, by **STORMY ATLANTIC**, wins the GIII Santa Ysabel S.

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MAGIC MILLIONS SET TO START

Two colts by Sunday Silence and some 30 Danehill yearlings are expected to dominate the Magic Millions Yearling Sale, which begins today at the Gold Coast in Queensland. Prospective buyers, including Demi O'Byrne and Adrian Nichol of BBA Ireland as well as a large contingent of Japanese, were among a throng at the sales complex this week. Hong Kong buyers have been active at the sale in the past, but concerns have arisen from that group over the 10-percent Goods and Services tax (GST) (for more information, see p4-5 of *Around the World*). Magic Millions co-director John Singleton's Strawberry Hill Stud will offer the second lot to go through the ring, a Sunday Silence colt from unraced mare Nance Chrissie (Aus) (Bluebird) colt and Lot 455, a Sunday Silence colt from Engraver (Miner's Mark), herself a half-sister to GISW winner Personal Business (Private Account). Sunday Silence ousted Danehill in 2002 as leading sire on average across all sales, but although the pair are expected to be popular, few at the sale complex this week are willing to name a potential top lot among the 969 catalogued. Consensus is that there is considerable depth in the large catalogue with plenty of middle-market quality. Australia's X-ray repository system, modeled on Keeneland, will also be fully tested, and Magic Millions and Aushorse have brought U.S. vet Steve Hance to act as consultant and advisor to Australian veterinarians feeling their way. "We have close to our best ever buying bench with strong interest from Korea and Japan, but it would want to be because we have 900-odd horses and we have worked hard to grow our buying bench," said Magic Millions managing director David Chester. "A lot of people are saying we'll do well to maintain last year's average, but I'll be disappointed if we didn't exceed it. I'm not nervous about the repository--it can only enhance buyer confidence, and we're getting positive feedback." In 2002, 521 horses averaged A\$85,205 and grossed A\$44,298,000 during four premier sessions of the sale, with Danehill accounting for A\$5,782,500 where 18 sold at an average \$321,250. For live video of the sale, log on to www.magicmillions.com.au.



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Timing is Everything

There are catalogue updates, and then there are catalogue updates. When Got Koko (Signal Tap) upset a top field in the GI La Brea S. Dec. 28, Texas breeder Eileen Hartis couldn't have been more pleased, knowing that she had an attractive Marquetry half-sister to the California runner selling at this sale. The timing was key, as Josham Farm purchased the chestnut for \$215,000, tops among the day's yearlings. "Got Koko's win is like hitting the equine lottery," Hartis acknowledged. "It's been a blessing for me and my family. I hope she continues to do well for those people." Josham's Teddy Burnett was pleased with his purchase, but wasn't sure if she would be pinhooked in the future. "She is just a beautiful, beautiful filly," he said. "She has a Grade I half sibling; conformationally she is perfect, just stunning. She is from a young family, too. We are going to take a little time and see how she progresses before we decide on whether to hold on to her or try to sell her back later this year." The Texas-bred youngster was consigned by Craig Bandoroff's Denali Stud. "The more time I spent with her, the more I really liked her," said Bandoroff. "She went way past her reserve, everyone was on her, so it was good. Would she have brought more money in November? I don't think so. Will she bring more money the next time, I sure hope so. It's been a very good sale for us. There have been a few disappointments. I still can't figure out why Tizsweet didn't sell better the other day, but at the same time, I've never sold a yearling for \$215,000 at January."

Home Run for Hartis

Eileen Hartis purchased Baby North (Northern Bay) for just \$11,000 at the 1998 Keeneland November Sale. Originally purchased for \$260,000 as a Saratoga yearling by trainer D. Wayne Lukas, Baby North was acquired by Hartis while carrying Got Koko in utero. "It's nice to know that not everyone in this game is a Phipps or someone big like that," said Hartis. "It's nice that you can buy an inexpensive mare and turn out nice horses. I really enjoy the day-to-day work that goes along with raising horses. You go out there and forget about any other problems. Anyone can do it if you work hard. I just try to raise a nice horse."

Since foaling the La Brea heroine, Baby North has produced Runaway Chanel (Runaway Groom), who ran third in the GIII Sorority S. in 2002. The most expensive of Baby North's previous foals was Got Koko, who went through the ring at Keeneland September for \$30,000. "I am just thrilled with the way she [Marquetry filly] sold," said Hartis. "I expected that she'd sell well; there were a lot of people that came to look at her. She was clean, she scoped good and she just had a lot of presence. I am a small-time operation--I'm raising just four foals this year. This filly was in a field up until the day that I went out there to put a lead shank on her and put her on a van. She is an extremely sensible filly that handles everything well. She's got a lot of confidence. This was a tremendous opportunity for me."

What Have You Done for Me Lately?

That question was answered for another January entrant as Hip 923, Way Out of Bounds (Boundary) was purchased by Denali Stud as agent for \$120,000. The unraced four-year-old is a half-sister to California turf star Grammarian. That Definite Article (GB) gelding has, since the catalogue, run second in the GI Hollywood Turf Cup before adding a victory in the GII San Gabriel H. Dec. 29. In addition, the second dam Flamenco Wave (Desert Wine) has been very live recently, with her 1999 colt Ballygarry (Ire) winning the GI Canadian International in 2002, marking the mare's third individual Group/Grade I winner. "I love the family," stated Denali's Craig Bandoroff. "She's a very pretty filly. She sure had the looks. If you don't have the looks, you can't even consider it. Grammarian is a very nice horse, so that helps too. We'll breed her this winter, but I don't know yet to whom. Also, being by Danzig, I think Boundary can make a nice broodmare sire. I also thought the price was very fair for her."

KEENELAND OUTS - THURSDAY							
1150	1156	1171	1173	1179	1187	1192	
1193	1206	1228	1232	1233	1236	1238	1242
1245	1248	1279	1294	1304	1305	1306	1311
1316	1317	1322	1336	1343	1351	1362	1367
1369	1386	1392	1394	1396	1398	1401	1419
1441	1447	1463	1468	1470	1471	1500	1513
1516	1528						

BELONG TO ME, Danzig – Belonging

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FROM THE DESK OF...
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MIXED MESSAGES

It's always especially perilous to read too much into year-to-year changes in mixed sales' revenues, and this is especially true of the Keeneland January Sale. Normally, the quality of mixed sale catalogues varies significantly from year to year, whereas yearling sales catalogues are more stable in terms of the level of pedigree available. Last January, for example, four horses--three mares, including Desert Stormer at \$3.6 million, and a \$1.1 million Unbridled's Song yearling--were sold for \$800,000 or more. The total for the four was \$6.5 million. This year, with a \$475,000 high mare and a \$400,000 high 'short yearling,' Book 1 revenues were down \$7.25 million--25 percent. It's becoming a bit of a mantra around here, but in this case, 90 percent of the drop in Book 1 revenues can be ascribed to four horses who didn't sell this year for \$6.5 million. The Book 1 average was down 15 percent (probably even with those top four from last year out), but the median for the 454 sold did rise 36 percent, from \$22,000 to \$30,000.

Short yearlings--foals of 2002--sold markedly better than mares, and that was especially true of the top ones. Eight yearlings in Book 1 sold for \$150,000-plus, six of them on Monday, headed by Jim Conway's \$400,000 Charismatic colt. First-year sires were prominent in this category, as usual: High Yield had two colts, one for \$250,000, another for \$160,000; Anees (\$160,000) and [Dixie Union](#) (\$155,000) had one each. Fillies by [Distorted Humor](#) (\$165,000) and Forestry (\$160,000) completed that list, along with Tuesday's session-topping Silver Deputy colt (\$185,000). Since there has been an enforced contraction of 30 percent in the Kentucky 2003 yearling crop due to 'MRLS,' prices like these do suggest demand for good yearlings by credible sires will be brisk later this year.

As for mares, the effects of overbreeding and over-production of moderate individuals with moderate pedigrees is obvious: the Book 1 buyback rate was 28 percent this year, a figure 75 percent higher than last year's 16 percent.

Whether 'later this year' will begin with the Keeneland July sale now looks to be seriously open to question. The storied sale's very existence now seems imperiled by a shortage of true 'summer sale' sires to begin with, a shortage of 2003 yearlings due to MRLS, and even more of a shortage of yearlings foaled early enough--the vast majority of foals lost were January through March foals. Page three of the catalogue tells us that Keeneland consignors Reiley McDonald, Duncan Taylor and Fred Seitz are now Keeneland Directors as well as the Old Guard consignors and directors. They'll know themselves what they'll have that could sell in July. There now seems a real possibility that there will be no July sale, this year at least.

HORSE OF THE WORLD?

Rock of Gibraltar was without doubt Horse of the World in 2002: when he broke the immortal Mill Reef's record with his seventh consecutive Group 1 win, that was Case Closed. But America's champion male turf horse? Please. I agree with Bob Baffert; how could a horse who goes 0-for-1 in North America be named North American champion? He ran once; he got beat. I think my credentials as an internationalist are well established, but for Rock of Gibraltar to be awarded a North American championship--which is what I thought we were voting for--is a disgrace. If he wins, his connections should decline the Eclipse Award and tell them to give it to a horse who at least won a Group 1 in North America last year. But it shows, too, what a good case there is for inaugurating true World Championship awards.

Oppenheim cont. p4

At Every Track, at Every Distance

Jan. 1 **WILZADA** Interborough H.

Jan 5 **DEER LAKE** 1:08 2/5, best 6f of GP meet

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Dec. 28 **SPRING MEADOW** 2nd La Brea S.-G1

Jan. 1 **MEADOWMINER** 3rd Chicago Six H.

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 KEENELAND JANUARY STATISTICS WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8, 2003		
KEENELAND.		
SESSION TOTALS	2003	2002
No. Offered	329	291
No. Sold	249	236
RNAs	80	55
% RNA (% change)	24 % (+26%)	19%
Gross	\$4,454,300	\$3,669,700
Average (% change)	\$17,889 (+15%)	\$15,550
Median (% change)	\$9,500 (+3%)	\$9,250
CUMULATIVE	2003	2002
No. Offered	963	898
No. Sold	703	747
RNAs	260	151
% RNA (% change)	27% (+59%)	17%
Gross	\$26,371,000	\$32,842,100
Average (% change)	\$37,512 (-15%)	\$43,965
Median (% change)	\$20,000 (+33%)	\$15,000
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KEENELAND JANUARY
WEDNESDAY - TOP FIVE MARES

Hip	Name	Status	Price
898	Sweet Nanette	Racing/b'mare prospect	\$250,000
<i>(5, You and I--Sweet Remedy, by Dr. Carter)</i>			
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXI Purchased by Rainbow Stable			
948	Al Max Diner	Racing/b'mare prospect	\$145,000
<i>(4, End Sweep--Hartwell's Gift, by Clever Trick)</i>			
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent for Raymond Dweck Purchased by Frank Stronach			
923	Way Out of Bounds	Racing/b'mare prospect	\$120,000
<i>(4, Boundary--Leaping Water {GB}, by Sure Blade)</i>			
Consigned by Gainesway, Agent I Purchased by Denali Stud, agent			
928	Western Side	Broodmare prospect	\$105,000
<i>(5, Gone West--North Sider, by Top Sider)</i>			
Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent for Jico, Inc. Purchased by Fred Allor			
794	Unnamed	Racing/b'mare prospect	\$100,000
<i>(3, Boston Harbor--My Dear Lady, by Mr. Prospector)</i>			
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XLVII Purchased by Robert C Muir			

WEDNESDAY - TOP THREE YEARLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
968	f	Marquetry	Baby North	\$215,000
<i>B-Eileen H Hartis (Tx)</i>				
Consigned by Denali Stud, Agent XXII Purchased by Josham Farms Ltd, agent				
780	c	Maria's Mon	Miss Cross	\$70,000
<i>B-Nancy & Richard Kaster (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Castle Park Farm LLC, Agent II Purchased by Insight Partnership				
858	f	Storm Boot	Saratoga Rhythm	\$60,000
<i>B-Martha & Lyn Bureson (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Clarkland Farm Purchased by Eldon Farm Racing Stable				

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Top 20 Covering Sires of 2002 and Keeneland January 2003 (Book 1)
(1+ Sold, Listed by Average Selling Price)

Rank	Sire	FYR	***** 2002 In-foal Mares *****					*** 2002 Yearlings ***		
			Ring	Sold	Average	Median	TopMare	Sold	Average	Median
1	STORM CAT	F89	4	4	\$2,375,000	\$2,125,000	\$4,000,000	18	\$976,111	\$787,500
2	DANZIG	F82	1	1	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	10	708,558	500,000
3	BROAD BRUSH	F89	3	2	1,225,000	1,225,000	1,750,000	14	221,464	225,000
4	A.P. INDY	F94	4	3	928,333	500,000	2,000,000	25	408,360	275,000
5	DANEHILL	F91	9	8	764,642	248,047	3,100,000	33	328,587	313,195
6	SADLER'S WELLS	F86	2	1	692,384	1,132,089	692,384	54	388,795	255,186
7	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	F02	31	23	651,522	400,000	2,000,000	***	***	***
8	DEPUTY MINISTER	F85	6	4	612,500	362,500	1,525,000	23	296,391	200,000
9	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	F02	20	9	605,556	450,000	2,250,000	***	***	***
10	SEEKING THE GOLD	F91	5	5	596,000	550,000	950,000	20	494,872	306,401
11	KINGMAMBO	F95	1	1	550,000	550,000	550,000	36	336,271	285,000
12	DAYLAMI	F01	6	3	518,689	86,619	1,388,713	19	97,574	65,415
13	GONE WEST	F89	10	8	453,750	412,500	950,000	24	535,625	312,500
14	FORESTRY	F01	17	11	436,818	325,000	1,450,000	31	245,823	150,000
15	SAINT BALLADO	F94	8	7	423,571	430,000	775,000	48	133,042	100,000
16	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	F98	11	8	421,875	412,500	600,000	62	244,001	182,500
17	MACHIAVELLIAN	F92	2	2	402,027	622,534	692,956	26	339,101	236,119
18	PULPIT	F99	6	5	394,000	460,000	800,000	24	261,333	185,000
19	THUNDER GULCH	F97	8	6	380,833	227,500	1,300,000	19	177,039	55,000
20	GREEN DESERT	F88	9	8	345,438	301,549	582,713	17	175,321	123,738

Top 10 Freshman (F03) Covering Sires of 2002 and Keeneland January 2003 (Book 1)
(1+ Sold, Listed by Average Selling Price)

Rank	Sire	***** 2002 In-foal Mares *****				
		Ring	Sold	Average	Median	TopMare
1	MOZART	16	12	\$343,420	\$212,521	\$1,309,358
2	TIZNOW	13	9	268,889	230,000	675,000
3	FANTASTIC LIGHT	10	6	198,735	168,043	393,725
4	GALILEO	11	6	193,576	139,949	472,080
5	POINT GIVEN	16	15	188,000	175,000	525,000
6	MONARCHOS	11	9	149,667	90,000	420,000
7	APTITUDE	21	11	92,182	75,000	360,000
8	KALANISI	15	8	85,328	31,986	364,792
9	EL CORREDOR	9	6	80,500	45,500	190,000
10	KING CUGAT	6	5	68,540	23,000	210,000



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Top 20 Weanling Sires of 2002 and Keeneland January 2003 (Book 1)
(1+ Sold, Listed by Average Selling Price)

Rank	Sire	FYR	Ring	***** 2002 Weanlings *****				**** 2002 Yearlings ****			
				Sold	Average	Median	TopColt	TopFilly	Sold	Average	Median
1	STORM CAT	F89	1	1	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$***	18	\$976,111	\$787,500
2	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	F02	16	10	474,844	140,970	290,000	2,824,920	***	***	***
3	SEATTLE SLEW	F80	5	5	453,000	375,000	800,000	640,000	1	85,000	85,000
4	DANEHILL	F91	4	3	418,507	298,186	800,394	298,186	33	328,587	313,195
5	SUNDAY SILENCE	F91	1	1	392,350	639,827	392,350	***	***	***	***
6	CORONADO'S QUEST	F00	2	1	390,000	390,000	390,000	***	25	182,120	170,000
7	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	F02	7	5	322,000	350,000	725,000	410,000	***	***	***
8	A.P. INDY	F94	3	3	310,000	300,000	300,000	485,000	25	408,360	275,000
9	DARSHAAN	F86	2	1	266,798	266,798	266,798	***	5	333,454	203,753
10	WAR CHANT	F02	6	5	244,000	200,000	200,000	610,000	***	***	***
11	GREEN DESERT	F88	5	4	242,651	233,403	503,616	300,450	17	175,321	123,738
12	INDIAN RIDGE	F91	2	2	204,022	253,518	156,940	251,104	22	204,275	81,789
13	QUIET AMERICAN	F93	3	1	200,000	200,000	***	200,000	24	82,203	64,500
14	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	F98	9	5	179,000	150,000	380,000	150,000	62	244,001	182,500
15	EL PRADO	F94	7	4	168,750	77,500	95,000	480,000	37	97,505	75,000
16	GONE WEST	F89	2	2	167,500	167,500	***	200,000	24	535,625	312,500
17	DIXIE UNION	F02	3	3	156,667	155,000	270,000	45,000	***	***	***
18	PULPIT	F99	4	3	136,667	100,000	270,000	40,000	24	261,333	185,000
19	SILVER DEPUTY	F90	3	3	133,333	135,000	185,000	135,000	30	148,217	86,000
20	KING'S BEST	F02	10	7	129,930	132,199	250,375	212,463	***	***	***

Top 10 Freshman (F02) Weanling Sires of 2002 and Keeneland January 2003 (Book 1)
(1+ Sold, Listed by Average Selling Price)

Rank	Sire	***** 2002 Weanlings *****					
		Ring	Sold	Average	Median	TopColt	TopFilly
1	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	16	10	\$474,844	\$140,970	\$290,000	\$2,824,920
2	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	7	5	322,000	350,000	725,000	410,000
3	WAR CHANT	6	5	244,000	200,000	200,000	610,000
4	DIXIE UNION	3	3	156,667	155,000	270,000	45,000
5	KING'S BEST	10	7	129,930	132,199	250,375	212,463
6	LEMON DROP KID	9	6	118,167	128,500	102,000	190,000
7	HIGH YIELD	15	12	115,083	72,500	290,000	200,000
8	MONTJEU	23	21	96,959	78,690	220,332	125,188
9	CHESTER HOUSE	8	8	95,625	82,500	170,000	80,000
10	YANKEE VICTOR	15	13	83,231	60,000	320,000	75,000



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BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS



CLOSES	TRACK	RACE	CONDITIONS	PURSE	RUNS
1-17	TuP	Turf Paradise Breeders' Cup H.	3yo/up, 1 1/16mT	\$150,000	2-1

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CASNER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED Race for Education, Inc., a non-profit organization funded by various Thoroughbred racing interests, will be giving its first scholarship awards for the 2003-2004 school year. The awards, granted by The Karri Casner Memorial Scholarship Fund, are designed to assist the children of farm and racetrack backside employees. The Race for Education, committed to funding four-year scholarships, also provides mentoring, guidance and career placement for students. The deadline for all applications is Jan. 30. For applications go to www.racingscholarships.com.

ARLINGTON ANNOUNCES 2003 SCHEDULE Officials at Arlington Park have announced their stakes schedule for 2003. The 104-day meeting will run from May 9 through Sept. 27. The Illinois oval will feature the Arlington International Festival of Racing Aug. 16, with the \$1-million GI Arlington Million being accompanied by the \$700,000 GI Beverly D. S. and the \$400,000 GI Secretariat S. A total of 16 graded stakes will be run over the course of the meeting, which will conclude Saturday, Sept. 27 with the renewals of the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity and the GIII Arlington-Washington Lassie. For more information, go to www.arlingtonpark.com.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 9:

- 01-18 \$150,000 *Santa Catalina-III, SA, 3yo, 8.5f (150)*
- 01-19 \$150,000 *El Encino-II, SA, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (150)*
- 01-20 \$150,000 *San Marcos-II, SA, 4yo/up, 10fT (150)*
- 01-20 \$150,000 *Santa Ynez-II, SA, 3yo, f, 7f (150)*

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Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$40,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), NW4X, 4yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:46 1/5, fm.

REQUEST FOR PAROLE (c, 4, Judge T C--Madison's Quest, by Deputy Minister) kicked off 2002 with a pair of stakes wins at Turfway, including the 1 1/16-mile Battaglia Memorial in the slop Mar. 2. A close third in the nine-furlong Spiral S. over that track Mar. 23, the dark bay ran an even fifth in the GI Kentucky Derby May 4, his final race for trainer Stephen Margolis. On the sidelines until a distant fifth in his most recent race, a mile dirt allowance at Aqueduct Nov. 29, the colt went off the 4-1 fourth choice for his turf debut. Far back early, the four-year-old appeared to have too much ground to make up a furlong from home, but once in the clear, he closed on 2-1 favorite Boastful (Cozzene) in deep stretch and forged ahead in the final strides to defeat that foe by a 1/2-length at the wire. Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP, 13-5-3-2, \$369,522. O-Jeri & Sam Knighton. B-Robert H & Bea Roberts (KY). T-Stanley M Hough.

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Gulfstream Report cont.

4th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49 4/5, ft.

ABDUCTION (h, 5, **A.P. Indy**--Jurisdictional, by **Damascus**), fifth by 14 1/2 lengths in his latest going this distance over a muddy Aqueduct track Nov. 27, was faced with a contentious bunch here. The field included Nothing Flat (Peaks and Valleys), the Nick Zito trainee who finished third in the GI Travers S.; GISP Peekskill (Meadowlake); and GSP This Guns For Hire (Norquestor). Sent to post as a 7-1 chance against those foes, Abduction was allowed to settle behind This Guns For Hire and Wave (Ocean Crest), who set moderate fractions up the backstretch. With those two preoccupied with each other, Abduction swept to the front with a furlong remaining and was all out to account for Wave by 3/4-lengths, with another 1 1/2 lengths back to This Guns For Hire. The winner is a half to Secret Savings (Seeking the Gold), G1SW-Aus, \$184,540-US; and Law of the Sea (Polish Navy), GISP. Nothing Flat showed little and finished fourth, a half-length in front of Peekskill. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$81,900.
O/B-Ogden M Phipps (KY). T-Claude McGaughey III.

7th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:48 1/5, fm.

STRIZZI (c, 3, **Lit de Justice**--Mysteriously {**MGSW, \$659,579**}, by **Afleet**) graduated by a neck going two turns for the first time over Woodbine's main track Nov. 3 and was closing gamely to be fifth by two lengths in his first test against winners Dec. 1. Away last in a field of 10 in his grass bow and first start south of the border, the 8-1 shot trailed the rest through six furlongs, but angled out for the drive and came flying through the lane to best the favored Country Judge (Judge TC) by 4 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$62,517.
O-Stronach Stable. B-Adena Springs (ON). T-Malcolm Pierce.

8th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 4yo, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft. + CONSISTENCY (c, 4, **Unbridled--Top Rung {MGSW & MGISP, \$594,369}**), by **Seattle Slew**), debuting with Lasix, entered this contest with a wealth of breeding behind him, as his second dam, the Quack mare Feature Price, produced three graded stakes winners in addition to the stakes-winning Darby Dan stallion Repriced. Hustled to the front by jockey Jerry Bailey after hitting the gate at the break, Consistency locked horns with fellow first-timer Be Like Mike (Unbridled's Song), dispensed of that foe on the turn and showed an impressive turn of foot as he sped away from the pack en route to a dominating nine-length victory at odds of 5-2. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200.
O/B-Glen Hill Farm (FL). T-Thomas F Proctor.

Gulfstream Dates Amended for 2004:

President and General Manager of Gulfstream Park track Scott Savin announced yesterday that Gulfstream has amended its application for 2004 racing dates. The dates for the new application, filed with the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering, run from Dec. 26, 2003, through Apr. 18, 2004, a total of 91 racing days. Gulfstream originally requested dates from Dec. 26, 2003, through Apr. 25, 2004.

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, NW3L, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09, my.
1--**LETHAL WEAPON (ARG), 113, h, 5, Southern Halo--Le Midi (Arg) (MGSW & MG1SP-Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg).** O-Lansdon B Robbins; B-Orilla Del Monte (ARG); T-Richard E Dutrow Jr. Lifetime Record: MG1SP-Arg, 12-3-3-2, \$81,468
2--**Outathechute, 118, c, 4, Conte Di Savoya--Damastar, by Claim.** (\$2,700 yrl '00 FTKOCT).
3--**Prospect Kid, 118, h, 5, Prospect Bay--Sadie n' Nell, by Clever Trick.** (\$42,000 yrl '99 KESEP).
Margins: 4 1/4, 6 1/4, 2. Odds: 1.80, 1.05, 4.10.

8th-AQU cont. p3

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Lethal Weapon, who hit the board in two Group 1 events in his native Argentina in 2001, had raced honestly since making his debut in the U.S. last July for trainer Bobby Frankel, but hadn't seen the inside of the winner's circle in six starts prior to this contest. Switched to Aqueduct specialist Richard Dutrow in November, the dark bay was a 1 1/4 lengths back in second against this level over trip and track Dec. 14 and went to post as the second pick to finally win a race in this hemisphere. After breaking on top under jockey John McKee, he set sensible fractions before drawing clear under a hand ride to earn the success.

6th-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 4/5, my. + SCORPION MISSILE (f, 3, Ormsby--Wakonda {MSW, \$415,400}, by Fappiano), a \$33,000 KEE OCT yearling, has patiently been preparing for this start since mid-July, breezing four furlongs in her latest work in :48 flat over Laurel's strip Dec. 31. Sent to post here by astute bettors as the 5-2 second choice, the chestnut filly let 63-1 longshot Our Tune (Concorde's Tune) open up a daylight lead on the field, but reeled in that one as they rounded the far turn, battled down the stretch and edged clear late to prevail over her rival by three lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600. O-S J B Stable Jr. B-John A Nerud Revocable Trust (NY). T-Tim F Ritchey.

Reserved Seating Applications Available for Spa 2003:

Applications for the Reserved Seating Drawing is currently available for the 2003 season which runs from Wednesday, July 23 through Labor Day Monday, Sept. 1. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2003 to be eligible for the lottery. For a copy of the application go to www.NYRA.com.



First-time Starters & Stakes Progeny: Thursday, Jan. 9

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1998 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- CAPE TOWN** (Seeking the Gold), Overbrook, \$10K, 127/8/0 8-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Devils Peak, \$39K KEE JAN 2yo
- ELUSIVE QUALITY** (Gone West), Gainsborough, \$10K, 164/23/6 10-HOU, Msw, 1mT, +Quality Hero, \$25K KEE NOV wnl, 8-1
- GENTLEMEN (ARG)** (Robin des Bois), Walmac, \$30K, 126/10/1 5-SA, Msw, 1mT, +Baby Angel, \$16K KEE OCT yrl
- INDIAN CHARLIE** (In Excess {IRE}), Airdrie, \$10K, 149/13/1 8-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Running Charlie, \$65K FTF FEB 2yo, 8-1

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Yesterday's Results:

BLUE NORTHER S., \$76,300, SAX, 1-8, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:34 4/5, fm.

1--#**MAJOR IDEA, 118, f, 3, by Cherokee Run**
1st Dam: Ciencia, by El Gran Senor
2nd Dam: Toast to Zookie, by Raise a Cup
3rd Dam: Zookalu, by *Herbager

(\$35,000 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$65,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$185,000 2yo '02 BESMAR). O-The Thoroughbred Corporation; B-Russell S Fisher (KY); T-Neil Drysdale; J-V Espinoza; \$45,780. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-3-1-2, \$144,100.

2--**Chief Little Dan, 114, f, 3, Aggressive Chief--Sara's Halo, by Sunny's Halo. O-Daniel M Borislow. \$15,260.**

3--**No Kings, 115, f, 3, Tabasco Cat--Only Queens, by Transworld. (\$165,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '02 BESMAR). O-Lewis A Lakin. \$9,156.**

Margins: 2, 2, HD. Odds: 1.70, 18.30, 2.50.

Major Idea broke her maiden in her turf bow at Del Mar Sept. 4 and followed that up with a third in the restricted Hidden Light S. over course and distance Oct. 25. The dark bay then ran third to fellow Thoroughbred Corp. colorbearer Atlantic Ocean in the Gill Miesque S. Nov. 29 and, most recently, captured an \$80,000 optional claimer going a mile on the Hollywood lawn Dec. 14. Favored in this contest, she was never far from the front before taking charge at the top of the stretch and being hand-ridden to victory.

Mayakovsky Tries the Green Stuff:

Mayakovsky (Matty G), winner of the Gill Gotham S. as a sophomore, makes his four-year-old debut in his first start on the turf in today's second race at Santa Anita, an \$80,000 optional claiming contest. Returning from a five-month respite after having minor surgery, the striking dark colt showed little verve when ninth by 12 1/2 lengths in the GI Malibu S. over Santa Anita's main oval Dec. 26. Trainer Patrick Biancone said the switch to the grass had less to do with trying to shake up his charge in preparation for the 1 1/8-miles \$1 million Sunshine Millions Classic to be held at Gulfstream Jan. 25, and more to do with good timing. "He had not run for a very long time going into the Malibu," Biancone told *Daily Racing Form*, "and he choked a little bit. I would prefer the race be on dirt, but we need a race around two turns. I galloped him on grass a few times, and he didn't seem to mind."



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Century City to Make Dirt Debut:

Century City (Ire) (Danzig), who was second in last year's Irish 2000 Guineas, will make his dirt debut with the addition of blinkers in Saturday's \$200,000 GII San Fernando S. going 8 1/2 furlongs over the main track at Santa Anita. The bay looked sharp yesterday as he put in his final workout for the race, blowing out three furlongs in :36 flat. "He worked super," said trainer C. Beau Greely. "We're putting blinkers on him for the first time for his first start on the dirt, but I couldn't be happier with the way he's coming up to the race." Third by a neck in his stateside debut in the GIII Bay Meadows Derby, Century City finished a disappointing eighth in the GI Hollywood Derby Dec. 1.

★ **INDUSTRY INFO** ★

And The Eclipse Award Goes To...

Premiere Radio Networks have been recognized for their coverage of the May 4 Kentucky Derby and received yesterday the Media Eclipse Award for Audio/Multi-Media Internet coverage of Thoroughbred racing. It is the fourth Eclipse Award for Premiere Radio, whose Derby broadcasts are produced by Shelby Whitfield. "Premiere Radio is a firm believer and supporter of Thoroughbred racing, and I'm fortunate to have a great broadcast team," said Whitfield. "The Kentucky Derby is indeed the 'world's greatest two minutes in sports,' and we are proud to have provided coverage of the race to those across the country and to our military forces around the world who may have been unable to view the race on television." A portion of the broadcast can be heard online at www.NTRA.com.



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AUSTRALASIA



AUSTRALIA COULD LOSE HK BUYERS Hong Kong Jockey Club Director of Racing Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges has warned the HKJC will review whether Australia's 10 percent Goods and Services Tax effectively make the cost of purchasing yearlings in Australia prohibitive as peak body Aushorse fights the Australian government on the issue. The club is a major purchaser of Australian yearlings for its annual ready-to-run Piaget International Sale, where Australian horses have topped the sale for the past three years and Australian purchases are currently the best performed from last year's catalogue. Australian-bred horses have won 48 percent of Hong Kong races held this season. "We are going to have to consider whether it is sound business to buy as many horses in Australia," Engelbrecht-Bresges told the *South China Morning Post*. "If you add the 10 percent GST to the price of the horse and the early costs, and then consider that the Australian dollar is 10 percent stronger this year than last, then we have a serious rise." The news is potentially devastating for vendors of some 900 horses to be sold at the five-day Magic Millions Yearling Sale at the Gold Coast in Queensland from Thursday through to Tuesday. Aushorse has lobbied Federal Treasurer Peter Costello to review legislation whereby offshore purchasers must register for GST to claim their 10 percent payment back or forfeit the extra payment if the horse is not exported within 60 days, or if it is pre-trained or broken-in prior to export. "Foreign buyers don't have to come to Australia, they can go to New Zealand, Ireland, France, wherever. You can whistle 'register' forever and they just won't," said Aushorse Chairman John Messara. "We'll lose a share of these markets after we've busted a gut for years to get them." Aushorse estimates that at least 30 percent of A\$151 million receipts for yearlings in 2002 is generated via international purchasers such as HKJC. "If the treasury would just allow horses to be broken in before being exported within 12 months, then all of this red tape could be dispensed with," said Thoroughbred Breeders' Australia President Richard Turnley. "It will probably end up being decided in court, but I'll be interested to know how, in this case, GST is helping exporters, as it was supposed to do. It's making export much harder."

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Engelbrecht-Bresges said that the current regulations are problematic. "The registration requirements are extremely cumbersome," he said. "Every member of our board of stewards would be required to submit virtually a curriculum vitae to be registered individually and it is not possible for us to register as a company." Australian Stud Book data shows exports to HK have risen by 79 percent since 1999 while exports to countries such as Malaysia and Singapore have doubled, with 505 of 808 horses registered in Singapore being Australian-bred. "We have briefed the Owners' Association here about the problem," Engelbrecht-Bresges added. "And it is not only Hong Kong--I am sure that there is an impact for other countries which buy horses in Australia like Singapore, Malaysia and Macau." Aushorse fears that Pacific Rim purchasers will look to New Zealand to fulfil their quotas of Southern Hemisphere-bred horses unless the Australian government reviews its stance.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-SAX, \$52,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

THERMAL ABLASION (f, 4, Unusual Heat--Chemolo {SW, \$137,465}, by Be a Native) Lifetime Record: 16-4-1-4, \$95,360. O-Madeline Auerbach. B-James S & Madeline Auerbach (CA). T-Barry Abrams.

7th-AQU, \$45,000, NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, my.

CALL LEO (c, 4, Caller I. D.--Spectacularcrystal, by Spectacular Bid) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$77,080. O-Joseph J Balsamo. B-Patricia Staskowski Purdy (NY). T-Michael Miceli. *\$16,500 wIng '99 FTMDEC.

10th-GPX, \$34,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, ft.

HERE COMES TURNER (h, 5, Conquistador Cielo--Gute Nacht, by Play Fellow) Lifetime Record: 17-2-6-4, \$104,005. O-Paul J Morsches Jr. B-Builders Mart Inc (KY). T-Steven C Penrod. *1/2 to Strategic Intent (Conquistador Cielo), MSW & GSP, \$417,586.

10th-SUN, \$31,800, NW23MX, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08 1/5, ft.

PACER (c, 4, Pancho Press {Arg}--Tilt Gate {MSW}, by Tilt Up) Lifetime Record: MSW, 15-5-4-2, \$95,444. O-Joe Dee & Lisa Brooks. B-Old School Racing (TX). T-Todd W Fincher. *\$8,000 yrl '00 RUIAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Carson's Girl, f, 3, Carson City--Ascent, by Capote. AQU, 1-8, (C), 6f, 1:12. B-Overbrook Farm (Ky). *\$21,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$105,000 2yo '02 FTMMAY.

Why Worry, c, 3, Concern--Smartly (SW, \$172,327), by Horatius. LRL, 1-8, (C), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Buckingham Farm (Md).

Hidden Account, c, 4, Bankbook--Hidden Princess, by At the Threshold. AQU, 1-8, (S), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Contention Partnership (NY).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Langham (Fr), c, 3, Medaaly (GB)--Castilly (GB), by Inchinor (GB). Pau, France, 1-8, Cond, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-F A Waugh. *FF37,000 yrl '01 DEAOCT.

Weecandoo (Ire), m, 5, Turtle Island (Ire)--Romantic Air (Ire), by He Loves Me (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 1-8, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Doreen Corridan. *1/2 to Toocando (Ire) (Nordance), MGSP-Eng. **21,000gns yrl '99 TATOCT; 11,000gns HRA '01 TATDEC.

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