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LINNGARI DEFENDS HIS FORT

Linngari (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) successfully defended his title in the G2 Al Fahidi Fort S. last night, parlaying a rail-skimming trip into a 3 1/4-length success. The winner of the Aug. 27 G2 Goldene Peitsche S. and runner-up in the Sept. 30 G1 Prix de la Foret, the chestnut was having his first run since finishing a creditable fifth in the Dec. 10 G1 Hong Kong Mile. Settled in fourth, Linngari hugged the wood into the stretch, came around a tiring rival to lead at the 200-meter mark and went well clear. "I'm delighted--he's shown just what a good horse he is," commented winning trainer Herman Brown. "We kept him back for this and hopefully he will now get an invite for the [G1] Dubai Duty Free [Mar. 31]." **For video of the race, click [here](#).**



Linngari Andrew Watkins

ENGLISH CHANNEL DAZZLES IN RETURN

If his effort yesterday is anything to go by, James Scatuorchio's **English Channel** (Smart Strike) will be a force to be reckoned with in the turf division this year. Making his first start of the season, the five-year-old chestnut set a new course record at Gulfstream Park, rallying from just off the pace to capture a nine-furlong allowance event in 1:44.51. Previously announced plans call for the Todd Pletcher trainee to tackle either the 1777-meter (about nine furlongs) G1 Dubai Duty Free or the 2400-meter (about 12 furlongs) G1 Dubai Sheema Classic. Both races are on the Dubai World Cup card Mar. 31 and carry a purse of \$5 million. English Channel was an Eclipse Award finalist last year for champion grass horse. *(For more, see p3-ATW)*



English Channel Equi-Photo

Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai

AL FAHIDI FORT S.-G2, \$250,000, Nad al Sheba, 2-22, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:38.45, gd.

1--**LINNGARI (IRE)**, 126, h, 5, by Indian Ridge (Ire)

1st Dam: Lidakiya (Ire), by Kahyasi (Ire)

2nd Dam: Lilissa (Ire), Doyoun (Ire)

3rd Dam: Lisana (Ire), by Alleged

O-James Atkinson & Peter Walichnowski; B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Herman Brown; J-Kevin Shea; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ger, SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, 16-8-1-1, \$732,373.

2--**Seihali (Ire)**, 126, h, 8, Alzao--Edwina (Ire), by Caerleon. (Ir£180,000 yrl '00 GOFORB). O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Rathbarry Stud; T-Dhruba Selvaratnam; \$50,000.

3--**Kapil (SAf)**, 126, g, 5, Jallad--Outstanding Star (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). O-M Fullard, J Drew, D Watson-Smith & C Carey; B-Arc-En-Ciel Stud; T-Mike de Kock; \$25,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 1 1/4, 1 3/4.

Also Ran: Killybegs (Ire), King Jock, Lord Admiral, Vortex (GB), Court Masterpiece (GB), Celtic Silence (GB).

Scratched: Desert Anger (GB), Lucky Dance (Brz), Nayyir (GB), Red Racketeer, Vanderlin (GB).

☆ **PREVIEW** ☆

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

GULFSTREAM PARK BREEDERS' CUP TURF S.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dynantonia	Dynaformer	Velasquez	123
2	Honey Ryder	Lasting Approval	Velazquez	118
3	Jambalaya	Langfuhr	Castellano	123
4	Go Between	Point Given	Prado	123
5	Fri Guy	Theatrical (Ire)	Cruz	123
6	Ramazutti	Honor Grades	DeCarlo	123
7	Mustanfar	Unbridled	Jara	123
8	Revved Up	Sultry Song	Castro	123
9	Embossed (Ire)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Guidry	123
10	Einstein (Brz)	Spend a Buck	Bejarano	123
11	Interpatation	Langfuhr	Turner	123

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STEPPEWOLFER RETURNS TODAY Robert and Lawana Low's **Steppenwolver** (Aptitude) today makes



Steppenwolver
Horsephotos

his first start since finishing fourth to Jazil in the GI Belmont S. last June. The four-year-old colt returns in the ninth race at Oaklawn Park, a 1 1/16-mile NW4L allowance event. Steppenwolver was on the Kentucky Derby trail last year after hitting the board in Oaklawn's Southwest S., GIII Rebel S. and GII Arkansas Derby, and completed the trifecta behind Barbaro in the Run for the Roses. He spiked a fever before an anticipated start

in the GII Virginia Derby in July and has been on the sidelines since. Steppenwolver, who is trained by Dan Peitz, breaks from post three today. Terry Thompson rides.

MEA DOMINA RETIRED Janis Whitham's Grade I-winning homebred **Mea Domina** (Dance Brightly--Madame Pandit, by Wild Again), fourth as the favorite in Monday's GII Buena Vista H. at Santa Anita, has been retired to the breeding shed. The six-year-old mare is scheduled to visit

Bernardini. Trained by Ron McAnally, Mea Domina registered her biggest score in the 2005 GI Gamely Breeders' Cup H. The turf specialist also notched wins in that year's GII Las Palmas H. and in the 2006 GII Palomar Breeders' Cup H. She retires with a record of 16-7-3-1 and earnings of \$744,628. Mea Domina was produced by GSW & GISP Madame Pandit.

ISLAND FASHION RETIRED; BOOKED TO STORM CAT Multiple Grade I winner **Island Fashion**

(Petionville--Danzigs Fashion, by A Native Danzig) has been retired and is booked to top sire Storm Cat. The seven-year-old Everest Stable homebred, who RNA'd at last year's Fasig-Tipton November sale for \$2 million, was one of the best of her generation. At three, she won the GI Alabama S. and GI La Brea S., then took the GI Santa Monica H. at four before running second behind Southern Image while facing males in the GI Santa Anita H. Her 2006 efforts included a game third-place effort in the GI John C. Mabee H., in which she was beaten just a neck, and a third in the Sept. 2 GII Palomar Breeders' Cup H. in her career finale. Island Fashion was trained by Marcelo Polanco for the majority of her starts before being moved to Julio Canani's barn for the 2006 season. She retires with a record of 30-6-5-4 and earnings of \$2,037,970. After she was led out of the ring unsold at Fasig-Tipton, Pope McLean of Crestwood Farm, where Island Fashion resides, commented, "I know Jeff [Nielsen, owner] would hate to see her go, and maybe he's somewhat happy that he still has her. She's like a member of the family for the Niensens. In the long run, we'll probably come out way ahead. Hopefully we'll get a good foal out of her and there's no telling what that could bring." He added, "She's such a nice racemare...she was so versatile."



Island Fashion Benoit photo

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NORTH AMERICA

IS IT TRUE DIES *Is It True* (Raja Baba--Roman Rockette, by Proudest Roman), the oldest winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at stud in the United States, died yesterday in his paddock at Walmac Farm, the victim of an apparent heart attack. Bred in Kentucky by



Is It True walmac.com

Warner L. Jones, the bay was a \$550,000 purchase from the Keeneland Summer Yearling Sale and was trained by D. Wayne Lukas for Gene Klein. *Is It True* was a leading juvenile of 1988, capped by his upset of Easy Goer in that year's Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs. He added victories in the GII Jim Dandy S.

and the GIII Riva Ridge S. and retired with earnings of \$819,999. Following his three-year-old season, *Is It True* was sold for \$1 million at the Klein Dispersal for stud duty in Australia. He stood five years as a dual-hemisphere stallion, shuttling between Heytesbury Stud in West Australia and Walmac. His second U.S. crop featured *Yes It's True*, winner of the GI Frank J.

DeFrancis Dash and a prominent young sire today. *Is It True* stood from 2000 to 2005 at Hartley/DeRenzo Walmac South before returning to Walmac Kentucky in 2006. From 14 crops to race, he is the sire of 26 stakes winners and has progeny earnings of nearly \$19 million. "Is It True was a grand horse, one of the last links to Bold Ruler through a line other than Seattle Slew," commented Walmac Managing Partner John T.L. Jones III. "Although he was one of the first shuttle stallions, he will always be remembered for his head defeat of Easy Goer...not to mention the upset he caused in the process. He had a long and successful career. We are honored to have been associated with him."

TEXCESS INJURED Millionaire *Texcess* (In Excess {Ire})--Danish Alamode, by Regal Classic) suffered a fracture in his stifle area during a gallop at Hollywood



Benoit Photo

Park last week and may be retired, the *Daily Racing Form* reports. The winner of the Oct. 28 Cal Cup Classic in his final start last season, the five-year-old had made just one appearance in 2007, finishing a well-beaten ninth in the Jan. 27 Sunshine Millions Classic. The bay gelding captured the Cal Cup Juvenile

and the Delta Jackpot S. at two. Overall, he has compiled a record of 22-4-5-3 with earnings of \$1,235,335 for owners Carl Van Burger and Wayne and Scott Anastasi and trainer Mike Mitchell. "There is a slight chance he'll make it back as a racehorse," Mitchell told DRF. "If not, we'll retire him. That will be decided in about six months, and his quality of life will be fine."

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Around the World **9 pages**

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

03-10 \$600,000 *Louisiana Derby-II, FG, 3yo, 8.5f (600)*

03-10 \$500,000 *New Orleans H.-II, FG, 4yo/up, 9f (500)*

03-10 \$500,000 *Mervin H. Muniz Jr. H-II, FG, 4yo/up, a9fT (500)*

03-10 \$400,000 *Fair Grounds Oaks-II, FG, 3yo, f, 8.5f (300)*

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ILLINOIS ANTI-SLAUGHTER BILL INTRODUCED

A bill was introduced in the Illinois State Legislature yesterday that would prohibit the transportation of horses into the state for the sole purpose of slaughter for human consumption. The bill is sponsored by State Representative Bob Molaro (D-Chicago). It follows on the heels of a Jan. 20 decision by the 5th Circuit Court which upholds a Texas law banning slaughter of horses for human consumption. With that court decision making it difficult for Texas's two facilities to operate, the passage of the Illinois bill could close the only other horse slaughter facility in the country. The Belgian company Cavel International runs a horse slaughter plant near DeKalb, Illinois. "Illinois has long been a leader in animal protection and anti-cruelty laws, and as such, it is high time we put an end to equine cruelty and join Texas and all other U.S. states in protecting horses from needless slaughter," commented Molaro. In May of 2004, a similar bill passed the Illinois Senate, but was narrowly defeated in the House. Proponents of the bill are confident it will pass both houses and will be signed by Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich. "I think there is a very good chance it's going to get passed this time," said Chris Heyde, deputy legislative director of the Society for Animal Protective Legislation. "The governor was very supportive last year and we will be reaching out to him again. Before he was governor, he was a U.S. congressman and supported our efforts there, as well. So I think there is a great chance it will be signed." The Illinois bill and the court ruling could signal an end to horse slaughter in the U.S. "Obviously the Texas plant is under pressure after the court ruling," Heyde said. "They are appealing and dragging their feet as long as possible. But I think most people realize the time has come and the end is near."

☆ TRACK OPENING ☆

Hawthorne Racecourse - Cicero, Illinois

Opens: Friday, Feb. 23

Closes: Sunday, April 29

Racing Days: Thursday through Monday

Post Time: 1:10 p.m. CST

Stakes Schedule: 16 stakes worth \$1.6 mil.

Highlights: \$500,000 GI Illinois Derby-Apr. 7 •

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- 2:27p HRTV 4th-GPX, \$44K, Msw, 4yo, 1m**
TRICKY CAUSEWAY (Giant's Causeway), a \$350K KEESEP yearling, makes his first start. The dark bay is a 1/2 to MGSW Rey de Cafe. Melnyk homebred **Clapham (Seeking the Gold)** was second, beaten just 3/4 of a length, after an awkward start in his Jan. 19 debut. He is out of a 1/2 to GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Desert Stormer. brisnet.com pps
- 4:08p TVG 6th-FGX, \$46K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16mT**
 Juddmonte homebred **TRIMARAN (Mizzen Mast)** tries turf for the first time after running third on the FG dirt Jan. 25. Out of GSW Privity, he is from the family of GI Matriarch S, winner Price Tag (GB). **Priceless Bull (Holy Bull)** makes his debut. His second dam is GISW Moment to Buy. brisnet.com pps
- 4:30p HRTV 2nd-SAX, \$55K, Alw/Opt Clm, 4yo/up, 1mT**
OUT OF CONTROL (BRZ) (Vettori {Ire}), second in a Group 1 event in his final hometown start, closed for second going 6 1/2f down the hill at Santa Anita Jan. 20 and should appreciate the added ground. **Tikraar (Dixie Union)**, a \$285K KEESEP yearling, broke his maiden in four starts in Ireland. He makes his U.S. bow. brisnet.com pps

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Adore the Gold Preps for Fountain of Youth:

GII Swale S. winner **Adore the Gold** (Formal Gold) worked five furlongs in 1:01 3/5 at Gulfstream Park yesterday morning. The three-year-old is being pointed for the Mar. 3 \$350,000 GII Fountain of Youth S. at nine furlongs. "He worked good, finished good and came out of it good," trainer Mike Gorham said. "I might blow him out before the race, but everything is ready to go." Gorham had been considering the Mar. 3 GII Hutcheson S. at 7 1/2 furlongs for his charge, but has decided on the longer test. "He's doing everything right and I want to try two turns," he explained. "Seven-and-a-half furlongs is really an extended sprint, and the two-turn race might be easier on my horse right now. Anytime you run for \$350,000, it's not going to be easy, but he's ready to try it."

Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$50,000, Alw, NW2\$R3MX, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:44 2/5 (NTR), fm.

1--**ENGLISH CHANNEL**, 118, h, 5, **Smart Strike**--Belva, by **Theatrical (Ire)**. (\$50,000 yrl '03 KEESEP).

O-James T Scatuorchio; B-Keene Ridge Farm (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 17-10-2-1, \$2,709,028.

2--**Mending Fences**, 118, h, 5, Forestry--Mended Heart, by Le Fabuleux. (\$290,000 yrl '03 KEESEP).

3--**Sabre Baby**, 118, g, 6, Kissin Kris--Ballachulish, by Norquestor. (\$50,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$6,000 yrl '02 OBSJAN).

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 0.30, 6.60, 39.10.

A finalist for the Eclipse for male turf horse of 2006, English Channel kicked off his 2007 debut the right way, winning by 1 1/4 lengths and setting a track record in the process. The winner of the GIII Virginia Derby and runner-up in the GI Secretariat S. and GI Turf Classic Invitational at three, the James Scatuorchio representative recorded three Grade I victories in 2006--Churchill Down's Woodford Reserve Turf Classic, the United Nations H. at Monmouth Park and Belmont's Turf Classic Invitational. He closed out his campaign with a third in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Churchill Nov. 4.



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Well backed in a field that included **Gun Salute** (Military), who defeated the Todd Pletcher-trainee in the 2005 Secretariat, English Channel settled behind that foe, who pressed early pacesetter **Mending Fences** through a solid opening quarter mile in :23.59. Up to challenge **Gun Salute** for second after a half in :46.42, the five-year-old pulled to within a head of the game leader at the head of the stretch and overtook that foe with ease to post an unpressured 1 1/4-length victory. English Channel will make his next start in either the nine-furlong G1 Dubai Duty Free or the 12-furlong G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, both contested at Nad al Sheba Mar. 31. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)



Gulfstream Report cont.

5th-GPX, \$38,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm.
CLASSIC NEEL (f, 3, **El Corredor**--Nickel Classic {MSW, \$234,713}, by Regal Classic), a \$125,000 KEENOV weanling, \$235,000 KEESEP yearling and \$250,000 FTFEB two-year-old purchase, was ninth in both starts on the main track, but woke up at odds of 60-1 in her turf debut. The chestnut filly showed brief speed in her latest going seven panels at Gulfstream Jan. 14 before hitting the brakes to end up 27 1/4 lengths behind the winner. Rated in fifth off moderate splits yesterday, she came running down the lane and outfinished 10-1 Sweet Ransom (Red Ransom) to take it by a neck. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$23,303.
 O-Sheila & Fred Mead. B-Kildare Stud (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

STORMY KRISSY S., \$66,750, AQU, 2-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
 1--#**CANDY BOX**, 118, m, 5, Running Stag--Miners Mirage (SW, \$204,308), by Mining. O-Stronach Stables; B-Adena Springs (ON); T-Bruce N Levine; J-Michael J Luzzi; \$40,050. Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-0, \$173,820. *1/2 to Alpha Capo (Alphabet Soup), SW, \$211,776.
 2--**Livermore Valley**, 120, f, 4, Mt. Livermore--Secret Prospect, by Allen's Prospect. O-Robert G Hahn. \$13,350.
 3--**Secret Brook**, 118, f, 4, Montbrook--Argos Appeal, by World Appeal. (\$50,000 2yo 2005 OBSFEB). O-Michael J Divitto Sr. \$6,675.
 Margins: 6 3/4, 3 1/4, 4 3/4. Odds: 3.80, 1.05, 54.00.

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STORMY KISS S. Cont.

A winner over optional-claiming company at Woodbine in August, Candy Box was the runner-up in her last two starts of the season, and opened 2007 with a second in an optional claimer at Aqueduct Jan. 11. On the pace from the start, she took control after a half in :46.03 and galloped away to win handily. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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New York Report cont.

Horse Euthanized After Freak Shipping Accident:

Please Be Quick (Crowd Pleaser--Ok Be Quick, by Not for Love) was euthanized Thursday after a freak accident on the Cross Bronx Expressway, according to *New York Post*. The four-year-old gelding was being shipped to Belmont Park from Hudson, New York. His left hind leg went through the floorboards of the Eberts van, causing an 11-inch gash and torn tendons. A passing motorist alerted the van's driver to the situation. Transported via equine ambulance to Belmont, Please Be Quick was put down by veterinarians two hours after the accident. The bay had finished third in his most recent outing, an Oct. 5 allowance at Belmont, for owner Race Day Stable and trainer Linda Rice.

★ EAST ★

Calder Stakes Top \$9.7 million in '07:

The 2007 stakes schedule for the Calder and Tropical meets features 70 stakes worth over \$9.7 million and includes the Summit of Speed, Festival of the Sun, the Florida Million and Grand Slam series of races. Over the two meets, Calder will offer 17 graded events, including the \$500,000 GI Princess Rooney H., which will be run as part of the Summit of Speed program on July 7. "Our stakes program has come a long way since the track first opened in 1971," said Calder President Ken Dunn. "Not long ago, we only had graded races during the Tropical meet. Now we have eight during the Calder summer meet, including a Grade I." Also featured on the Summit of Speed card is the GII Smile Sprint H., GII Carry Back S. and GIII Azalea Breeders' Cup S. "The Summit of Speed, in a very short time, has become our top attraction, producing several Breeders' Cup Sprint contenders and two winners," Dunn added. "All in all, Calder's stakes program has become very important, not only to our local horsemen, but to owners and trainers nationally." The 16th renewal of the Festival of the Sun, to be held on Oct. 13, features eight stakes races, including the GIII Calder Derby, GIII Spend a Buck H. and the finales of the Florida Stallion Stakes. The Florida Million, consisting of eight stakes races for registered Florida-breds worth \$1.2 million, will be held on Nov. 10. The Grand Slam series will be held Dec. 1, Dec. 15 and Dec. 29.

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With her fiancé Donnie Kelly, she co-trains and co-owns Teufflesberg (Johannesburg), who upset last Monday's Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park at 23-1 odds. Gary Logsdon also owns part of Teufflesberg, who was purchased for just \$9,000 at the 2005 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky sale. Teufflesberg is slated to make his next start in the Mar. 17 GIII Rebel S. After spending years as an exercise rider and then assistant to trainer Nick Zito, Sanders went out on her own last spring.

Birthplace: Brownsville, KY

Resident: New Orleans, LA and Limestone Farm in Lawrenceburg, KY

First winner as a trainer? Pro Pink. She won first time out at Keeneland last April. [Pro Pink later finished second in the GIII Kentucky Breeders' Cup S. last May.]

How did Teufflesberg [pronounced too-fulls-berg] get his name? He was named after a mountain in Germany – it means Devil's Mountain in German. He's out of a Devil's Bag mare. Plus one of our partners, Gary Logsdon, was stationed overlooking that mountain when he was in the Army.

Best horse you've ridden? I've ridden a lot of good horses for Nick Zito. Strike the Gold, Albert the Great, Louis Quatorze. Before that I worked for D. Wayne Lukas and got on Open Mind, Is It True, Sacahuista. Strike the Gold is one of my favorites. And Louis Quatorze, who reminds me of Teufflesberg. They look a lot alike and have similar running styles.

What's your favorite music? I like country and a little bit of classic rock. For the rock 'n' roll avenue, I like AC/DC, and I love Toby Keith for the country. I would love to meet him and someday maybe even train for him.

Favorite vacation spot? We went on a cruise to Cozumel. That was great.

Favorite meal? I love Mexican.

Drink of choice? Coca Cola or Bud Light.

Funniest movie you've even seen? Blind Date [laughs]. It's old, but it's the only one that comes to mind.

Last purchase? A shirt from Hot Springs National Park.

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Hollywood Announces Stakes Schedule:

Officials have announced an \$8.7-million stakes schedule for the upcoming spring/summer meeting at Hollywood Park. With 31 graded-stakes events, the schedule features seven Grade I tests, highlighted by the \$750,000 Hollywood Gold Cup June 30 and the \$750,000 American Oaks Invitational S., a race won in 2006 by eventual three-year-old filly champion Wait a While. The richest event on the calendar is the GIII CashCall Mile, which has seen its purse increased by \$250,000 to an even \$1 million. Formerly the Royal Heroine H., the CashCall Mile is funded by prominent horse owner J. Paul Reddam, also the founder of the consumer loan company. The dates for the Gold Cup and the CashCall Mile/American Oaks (July 6 and 7) have been flip-flopped this year. "The Oaks and CashCall Mile are a much better fit for the national and European schedule in this slot," commented Martin Panza, vice president of racing. "We expect to attract exceptional fields with a strong international flavor to each of the races." The track has also raised purses for overnight stakes to \$75,000. Including those races, total stakes purse money reaches \$9.7 million.

Saturday Last Day for Threewitt:

Noble Threewitt, who will celebrate his 96th birthday when he officially retires Saturday, will be honored in the Santa Anita winner's circle following Saturday's fifth race. During a training career that has spanned eight decades, Threewitt, who conditioned 1954 Wood Memorial and Florida Derby winner Correlation, was leading trainer at Hollywood Park in 1959-61 and at Golden Gate Fields in 19970. Threewitt ranks 11th on Santa Anita's all-time trainers' list with 425 victories. Threewitt remains the president of the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation, which provides free medical and dental benefits for stable employees and their families out of the Santa Anita clinic.

'The Shops at Santa Anita' Gain Support:

The Thoroughbred Owners of California, California Thoroughbred Breeders Association and California Thoroughbred Trainers announced their support for 'The Shops at Santa Anita,' the outdoor, upscale shopping and dining center proposed by Caruso Affiliated, which will be constructed on the parking lot south of the grandstand. "In our view, this plan is precisely the type of project that can bring new energy to Santa Anita Park, and that can improve its long-term viability as one of California's-if not the nation's-premier racetracks," said TOC President Drew J. Couto. "This is critical to both the industry and, we understand, to the city of Arcadia, which has always been very supportive of our industry." The Shops at Santa Anita is also supported by Arcadia organizations, including the Arcadia Firefighters Association, the Arcadia Police Officers Association, the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, the Rancho Santa Anita Residents' Association and the Arcadia Unified School District.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

AQUEDUCT

Liquor Cabinet (Ire) (Hennessy), 6f, 1:13.23, 1/3

GULFSTREAM PARK

Adore the Gold (Formal Gold), 5f, 1:01.60, 6/16

Ecclesiastic (Pulpit), 3f, •:36, 1/5

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Battle Won (Honour and Glory), 5f, 1:01.20, 16/57

Bob and John (Seeking the Gold), 5f, 1:01.80, 29/57

Citronnade (Lemon Drop Kid), 4f, :49.80, 26/36

Mananan Melir (Royal Academy), 5f, 1:01.80, 29/57

Molengao (Brz) (Royal Academy), 6f, 1:14.80, 20/32

Three Valleys (Diesis {GB}), 6f, 1:14.40, 16/32

PALM MEADOWS

Chatain (Forest Wildcat), 4f, :50.80, 17/20

SANTA ANITA

Dixie Meister (Holzmeister), 5f, 1:01.20, 21/56

Ermine (Exchange Rate), 5f, 1:00.80, 19/56



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★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

RMTC Board Sends Model Rule on Steroids to RCI:

During its meeting on Wednesday in Tampa, Florida, the board of directors of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) passed a model rule on anabolic steroids that will be forwarded to the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) for approval during the RCI Annual Convention on Apr. 23-27. Once the RMTC receives input from the RCI, the model rule language will be released to the industry. In addition, the RMTC tentatively approved an agreement with the Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council to establish a 25-horse research stable pending final review and approval from the Drug Research Council and the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN DUBAI:

Seal Point, c, 3, **Point Given**--Maudie May, by Gilded Time. Nad al Sheba, 2-22, Maiden, 1500mT. O-Prime Equestrian; B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & The Thoroughbred Corporation; T-Christian Wroe. * \$65,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; 72,000gns 2yo '06 TATAPR.

Dynamic Saint, c, 4, **Sweetsouthernsaint**--Le Nat, by Dynaformer. Nad al Sheba, 2-22, Hcp., 2000m. O-Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Harold J Plumley; T-Doug Watson. * 1/2 to Midwife (Family Calling), SW & GSP, \$152,458. ** \$22,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG.

Munaddam, g, 5, **Aljabr**--Etizaaz (SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr), by Diesis (GB). Nad al Sheba, 2-22, Hcp., 1300mT. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC; T-Edward Dunlop.

IN BRITAIN:

Dodaa, g, 4, **Dayjur**--Ra'a (SW-Eng), by Diesis (GB). Southwell, Britain, 2-22, Cond, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT). B-Silverleaf Farm, Inc. * \$13,500 wnlg '03 KEENOV; 50,000gns yrl '04 DONSEP. ** Full to Musafi, SW-US, \$251,846.

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- BUDDHA** (Unbridled's Song), Hill 'N' Dale, \$18K, 274/13/1 8-AQU, Alw, 6f, Belly Rub, \$73K EAS JUL 2yo
- FORBIDDEN APPLE** (Pleasant Colony), Bridlewood, \$5K, 50/2/0 5-TAM, Msw, 1 1/8m, +Sweet Adare, \$22K OBS JUN 2yo, 15-1
- GARCON ROUGE** (Mt. Livermore), 13/2/0 5-HAW, Alw, 6f, Meho Rouge, 9-2
- ILE ST. LOUIS (CHI)** (Hussonet), 22/2/0 2-DED, Msw, 5f, Harbor Bill, 7-5
- JOHANNESBURG** (Hennessy), Ashford, \$25K, 273/32/8 3-TAM, Msw, 6f, Chautauqua Belle, 9-2
- MAX'S PAL** (Marquetry), 86/10/0 3-TAM, Msw, 6f, Sister Odell, 8-1
- MILLENNIUM WIND** (Cryptoclearance), Highcliff, \$5K, 151/14/0 3-DED, Msw, 7f, Millennium Maddie, \$20K TEX AUG yrl, 3-1
- MIZZEN MAST** (Cozzene), Juddmonte, \$15K, 192/16/1 6-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Trimaran, 2-1
- OFFICER** (Bertrando), Taylor Made Farm, \$15K, 177/28/6 6-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Field Commander, \$200K KEE APR 2yo, 7-2
- 7-HAW, Msw, 6f, Harassment, \$10K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1
- ORIENTATE** (Mt. Livermore), Gainsway, \$20K, 205/27/3 11-SUN, Alw, 6 1/2f, Lost On Champagne, \$15K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- 7-HAW, Msw, 6f, Accustom, \$10K KEE NOV wnl, 10-1
- PARISIANPROSPECTOR** (Geiger Counter), T.C. Westmeath Stud, 53/3/0 3-TAM, Msw, 6f, Counter Proposal, \$4K CAN SEP yrl, 8-1
- PERSONAL FIRST** (Personal Hope), Rosebrook Farm, \$3K, 34/4/0 10-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, Pay Now, \$100K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-1
- RED BULLET** (Unbridled), Adena Springs South, \$30K, 102/8/1 4-TP, Msw, 6f, Jonsie's Hero, \$45K KEE SEP yrl



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- SILKY SWEEP (End Sweep), Duetowin Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 33/4/0 3-DED, Msw, 7f, Kissed Me Twice, 15-1
- TOP VENTURE (Storm Cat), 35/2/0 3-DED, Msw, 7f, Groovy Venture, 4-1
- TRIBAL RULE (Storm Cat), River Edge, \$5K, 109/12/1 11-SUN, Alw, 6 1/2f, She's Outrageous, 15-1
- YONAGUSKA (Cherokee Run), Vinery, \$10K, 208/34/2 10-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, +Cherokee Jane, \$75K KEE SEP yrl



PERCY HAS LINGFIELD OPTION Trainer Marcus Tregoning yesterday revealed that **Sir Percy (GB)** (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) could tackle the £100,000 G3 Winter Derby on Lingfield's Polytrack Mar. 24 if his Dubai assignment is not taken up. Anthony Pakenham's G1 Epsom Derby hero is being prepared for a tilt at the Mar. 31 G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Nad al Sheba, but his conditioner has the 10-furlong contest as back-up. "If for some reason he doesn't make it to Dubai, I'm not going to get the horse fit and not run him," he told *PA Sport*. "It's a valuable prize and although it's not quite the Sheema Classic, it's still a Group 3 and is worth £56,000 to the winner. The Polytrack at Lingfield is fantastic--it's the best all-weather surface in the country in my opinion. If he were to miss Dubai, it would be a long time to wait until Ascot after getting him ready so we would have an alternative target." Sir Percy has been absent since finishing seventh in Newmarket's G1 Champion S. in October and Tregoning is beginning to wind up his work ahead of his four-year-old bow. "He seems in good form," he added. "He's just starting to do some quite serious work, so we will see how it goes over the next few weeks."

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN DUBAI:

Boston Lodge (GB), g, 7, **Grand Lodge--Ffestiniog (Ire)** (SW-Eng), by Efisio (GB). Nad al Sheba, 2-22, Hcp., 1600m. O-Fawzi Abdulla Nass; B-Elite Racing Club; T-Doug Watson. * 1/2 to Eisteddfod (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), GSW-Fr, SP-Eng, \$287,945; and Brecon Beacon (GB) (Spectrum {Ire}), MGSP-US, MSP-Eng, \$206,204. **68,000gns HRA '04 TATJUL.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	1	Don't Dili Dali (GB)	Dansili (GB)	J Moore
2	2	Afaf (Fr)	Spectrum (Ire)	Delzangles
3	3	Estrela Brynhild	Lion Cavern	Morgado
4	4	Royal Alchemist (GB)	Kingsinger (Ire)	Mohammed
5	5	Jet Past (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Seemar
6	6	Alexandra Rose (SAf)	Caesour	de Kock
7	7	Expensive (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Wall
8	8	Zaafran (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	D Selvaratnam
9	9	Vista Bella (GB)	Diktat (GB)	bin Suroor
10	10	Abhisheka (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	bin Suroor

Also Eligible:

11	11	Palm Cove (UAE)	Jade Robbery	Kettle
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BALANCHINE S. cont. p9

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, and a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races.



BALANCHINE S. cont. p9

A Group 2 winner and twice Group 1-placed in South Africa, **Alexandra Rose** will attempt to give Team Valor back-to-back wins in this event, following on the success of Irredescence (SAf) a year ago. Third in the G1 Majorca S. in January 2006, the bay returned to be second, with **Zafran** third, in the Cape Verdi S. Feb. 8. "I have to be very hopeful, as that was a big run last time and I could not have been more pleased," trainer Mike de Kock told *Racing Post*. "She will have needed that badly, as she'd been off a long time with various problems." **Vista Bella** won the Listed Masaka S. in March 2005 and was third in that year's G1 English 1000 Guineas May 1. She returned from a 21-month absence to be fifth in Cape Verdi.



AUSTRALASIA



NUMBERS UP AS ADELAIDE SALE WRAPS The Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale concluded yesterday with a third and final session which posted across-the-board gains versus 2006. Gross receipts of A\$1.3 million represented a gain of 17.3 percent while the average of A\$10,540 was better by 9.9 percent. The clearance rate was 73 percent, an improvement from last year's 70 percent. The session was topped by a pair of offerings from Parador Park Thoroughbreds, a colt by Golden Snake--Photo (Aus) (Bellotto) and a filly by Dangerous (Aus)--Purdah (Aus) (Big Boost {NZ}).

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-AQU, \$44,100, NW2L, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.
HERETIC (g, 5, **Holy Bull**--**I Fell for It**, by Hagley) Lifetime Record: 18-2-6-3, \$126,819. O-Three Peaks Racing LLC. B-Stony Lane Farm (KY). T-William H Turner, Jr. *\$50,000 yrl '03 KEESEP. **1/2 to Iron Pyrite (Strike the Gold), SP, \$150,602; and Pharaoh's Cat (Sir Cat), SW, \$103,819.

7th-AQU, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40 4/5, ft.

MICHELE THE GREAT (f, 3, **Distorted Humor**--**Smartullah**, by Smarten) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-2, \$76,500. O-Michael J and Patricia M Palenscar. B-Michael J Palenscar & Patricia Palenscar (NY). T-David G Donk.

6th-DED, \$40,250, 2-21, NW2L, (S), 3yo, f, 5f, :59 4/5, ft.

HIGH'S PRIDE (f, 3, **Silky Sweep**--**Bit to Bit**, by Kipper Kelly) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$48,650. O/B-Marion High (LA). T-Melton Wilson.

6th-LRL, \$32,000, NW1X, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, ft.
MUNSON ROY E. (g, 3, **Slew City Slew**--**Ghostly Flight**, by Silver Ghost) Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-1, \$74,780. O-Leo Gaspari Racing Stable Inc. B-John D Murphy (KY). T-Scott A Lake. *\$38,000 yrl '05 FTMOCT.

8th-LRL, \$32,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25 1/5, ft.
STAN THE MAN (c, 4, **Grand Slam**--**Vivalita**, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-3, \$86,130. O-Dogwood Stable. B-Foxfield (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher. *\$150,000 2yo 2005 FTMMAY.

4th-DED, \$29,300, 2-21, NW1X, 3yo, 7f, 1:27 2/5, ft.
WHO LET THE CAT IN (g, 3, **Cat Thief**--**Picco Bello**, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, \$54,300. O-Anthony L Zuppardo. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Joseph E Broussard. *\$55,000 2yo 2006 KEEAPR; \$10,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. **3/4 to Storm Commander (Storm Cat), SW, \$221,270.

8th-TPX, \$25,200, 2-21, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft.
BOND STREET (c, 4, **Unbridled's Song**--**Cruising Haven**, by Shelter Half) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$66,129. O-Derrick Smith & Michael Tabor. B-Twin Creeks Farm, Gaines-GentryThoroughbreds & Rancho San Miguel (KY). T-Derek Galvin. *\$2,800,000 yrl '04 KEESEP. **1/2 to Royal Haven (Hail Emperor), MGSW, \$891,500; and Belterra (Unbridled), GSW & GISP, \$324,859.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bello Capote, c, 3, **Capote**--Forest Princess (SW, \$302,812), by Hansel. GPX, 2-22, (C), 1mT, 1:35 2/5. B-Minerva Stud LLC (FL).
Raven H, g, 3, **Oriente**--Darling L (SW, \$222,387), by Premiership. AQU, 2-22, (S), 1m70y, 1:45. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (NY). *\$65,000 yrl '05 FTNAUG.
Golden Gallant, f, 3, **Stravinsky**--Dressed in Gold (SW, \$114,498), by Black Tie Affair (Ire). OPX, 2-22, (C), 6f, 1:14. B-B. S. Dance (KY).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lady Gloria (GB), f, 3, **Diktat** (GB)--Tara Moon (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Southwell, Britain, 2-22, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-M H & Mrs G Tourle.



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