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Attracts 14 Fillies
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HEADLINE
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SWEEP THE (FIRST) LEG, JOHNNY!

The three-year-old gelding **Johnny Eves** (Skimming) had to work every step to do it, but was able to dig in and post the upset victory in the first leg of the Strub Series, the seven-furlong GI Malibu S., on opening day at Santa Anita. Owned by Sharon and Carl Hilliard Jr.'s Mooncoin operation, the 11-1 Johnny Eves was up to contest the pace from a three-wide perch as he battled through fast :22 and :44 fractions with **E Z Warrior** (Exploit) and **Desert Code** (E



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Dubai). Let loose in upper stretch as those foes retreated, Johnny Eves bounded clear to a daylight lead and was a length to the good of 42-1 bomb Carrilero at the wire. "Down the backside, I was just trying to figure out what the speed was going to do," said winning jockey David Flores. "At the 5/16th [pole], I just decided to go. This horse is very sharp now. We don't know yet how good he is because he's still learning. When I asked him, he really responded well." **Cont. p2**

Wednesday, Santa Anita

MALIBU S.-GI, \$250,000, SAX, 12-26, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:21, ft.

1--#**@JOHNNY EVES**, 117, g, 3, by Skimming

1st Dam: Capote's Halo, by Capote

2nd Dam: Nueces Strip, by Halo

3rd Dam: Satan's Pride, by Crimson Satan

O/B-Mooncoin LCC (CA); T-Jay M Robbins; J-D Flores; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-0, \$324,720. *First graded stakes winner for sophomore sire (by Nureyev).

2--**Carrilero** (Arg), 117, c, 3, Royal Academy--Keno, by Mountain Cat. O-R Bone and Desperado Stables; B-Don Arcangel (ARG); T-Mike Puype; \$50,000.

3--**Horse Greeley**, 115, c, 3, Mr. Greeley--Chile Chatte, by Storm Cat. O/B-Martha Parfet & R T Parfet Jr (KY); T-Richard E Mandella; \$30,000.

Margins: 1, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 11.00, 42.00, 15.70.

Also Ran: Hurry Up Austin, Les Grands Trois, Ididn'tdoanything, Incriminate, Silver Stetson Man, Divine Park, Unusual Suspect, Great Hunter, Cobalt Blue, E Z Warrior, Desert Code.

'JAZZ' SMOOTH IN SIR BEAUFORT WIN

Looking to cap off a big day for jockey David Flores, **Monterey Jazz** (Thunderello) made all the pace in the one-mile GIII Sir Beaufort S. over Santa Anita's sod and wouldn't be caught, cruising home a length clear of the hard-charging **Mr Napper Tandy** (Bahamian Bounty {GB}). "I tried to clear early and get him to relax," explained Flores, who won four races yesterday, including all three stakes on the card. "I was really happy with the way he was running to the far turn, he was in a tight hold and happy." The Craig Dollase-trained Monterey Jazz was making his stakes debut. An allowance winner on the dirt at Fairplex Sept. 21, he ran third in an allowance sprint on the Cushion Track at Santa Anita Oct. 26, then signaled his readiness to compete at this level with a sharp wire-to-wire optional claiming victory at Hollywood Nov. 10, a race in which he stopped the clock in 1:32 4/5 for the mile. **Cont. p2**

DATE SET FOR BAIRD FUNERAL

Funeral and visitation dates have been set for Dale Baird, the winningest trainer in Thoroughbred history who was killed in an automobile accident on Sunday, Dec. 23 in Greenfield, Indiana. Visitation will be held tomorrow from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Greenwell Funeral Home in Martinsville, Illinois, Baird's hometown. The funeral will be held at the same location on Saturday at 10 a.m. At the time of his death, Baird had saddled the winners of 9,445 races, the majority at Mountaineer Racetrack in Chester, West Virginia, where he was a fixture for some 35 years. The affable Baird rarely sported stakes-quality horses in his barn, instead earning a staggering amount of wins with inexpensive claimers, many of which he owned himself. Baird became the first trainer to win 7,000, 8,000 and then, in 2004, 9,000 races. In 2005, Baird was honored with a Special Eclipse Award for his achievements. Baird and a friend, Shelby Bartholomew, were towing an empty horse trailer when their westbound SUV crossed the median and struck an oncoming car. The occupants of that car, two teenage cousins, died instantly, as did Baird, who was thrown from the vehicle. Bartholomew was also thrown from the SUV but survived the accident. Two other cars and a semi-truck were also involved in the accident. None of the occupants of those vehicles were killed.

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Past Performance...

The California-bred Johnny Eves didn't debut until April, but progressed nicely, breaking his maiden in his third start at Hollywood in June, winning a state-bred allowance at Del Mar in August and an open NW1X at Santa Anita in September. He failed to make an impact as the favorite in his stakes debut, the Nov. 3 Cal Cup Sprint, an effort that confounded trainer Jay Robbins, but Johnny Eves got back on track with a smart optional claiming victory at Hollywood Nov. 25. Having essentially run out of conditions for his charge, Robbins decided to take another shot in stakes company here. "We had to take a big leap in faith, but he's always given the appearance of a good horse," said Robbins, who was winning just his second graded stakes since Tiznow battled to his second consecutive GI Breeders' Cup Classic victory in 2001.

Gutsy Geldings...

For a race that has produced notable sires Round Table, Buckpasser and Damascus, and more recently stallions like Dixie Union and Mizzen Mast, there have been a conspicuous number of geldings who have won the Malibu in recent years. Four of the last 10 renewals have gone to our shear-fearing friends, including Run Man Run (1998), Love That Red ('99), Debonair Joe ('02), and yesterday's winner, Johnny Eves.

A Slew of Disappointments...

Given that Johnny Eves was the shortest horse in the superfecta at 11-1, it is safe to say there were a few disappointments in the Malibu. Tepid favorite **Divine Park** (Chester House), returning from a long absence, raced evenly and finished ninth. Second choice **Les Grand Trois** (Officer) made up some ground to be fifth, while Grade I winner **Great Hunter** (Aptitude), another trying to shake off the rust after an extended break, was 11th, just ahead of stablemate **Cobalt Blue** (Golden Missile). [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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Wednesday, Santa Anita

SIR BEAUFORT S.-GIII, \$122,100, SAX, 12-26, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34 1/5, fm.

1--**@MONTEREY JAZZ, 118, c, 3, by Thunderello**
 1st Dam: Reefside, by Dynaformer
 2nd Dam: Puddie Q., by Loom
 3rd Dam: One Quest, by One-Eyed King

(\$85,000 2yo 2006 OBSAPR). O-A and R Stables LLC and Class Racing Stable; B-Danzel Brendmuehl (KY); T-Craig Dollase; J-David Flores; \$73,260. Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-3, \$167,740.

*First stakes winner/graded stakes winner for sophomore sire (by Montbrook).

2--**Mr Napper Tandy (GB)**, 118, c, 3, Bahamian Bounty (GB)--Starfleet (GB), by Inchinor (GB). (22,000gns wlng '04 TATDEC; 60,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT). O-La Canada Stable LLC; B-Mrs N F M Sampson (GB); T-Jack Carava; \$24,420.

3--**Twilight Meteor**, 118, c, 3, Smart Strike--One Over Prime, by With Approval. (\$57,000 wlng '04 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL). O-Peachtree Stable; B-Kinghaven Farms Limited (ON); T-Todd A Pletcher; \$14,652.

Margins: 1, NO, 3/4. Odds: 5.40, 12.40, 4.10.
 Also Ran: Bad Boy, Mast Track, Rutledge Cat, Stoneside (Ire), Adagio (GB), Warning Zone, No Dream, Silent Soul, Wing Forward (Arg), Whatsthescript (Ire). Scratches: Augment. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#).
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☆ RESULTS ☆

Wednesday, Ellerslie, New Zealand

ZABEEL CLASSIC-G1, NZ\$200,000, Ellerslie, 12-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:03.81, dead.

1--**SIR SLICK (NZ)**, 130, g, 6, by Volksraad (GB)

1st Dam: Miss Opera (NZ) (SW & GSP-NZ), by Paris Opera (Aus)

2nd Dam: Brierley (NZ), by Sir Godfrey (Fr)

3rd Dam: Justaz Wealthy (NZ), by Resurgent (Ire)

O-B N Brown & G A Nicholson; B-Monovale Holdings Pty Ltd; T-Graeme Nicholson & Paul Allbon; J-Bruce Herd; NZ\$125,000. *Full to Mr Jinky (NZ), GSP-NZ; 1/2 to Shortblackmini (NZ) (Black Minnaloushe), SP-NZ.

2--**Xcellent (NZ)**, 130, g, 6, Pentire (GB)--Excelo (NZ), by Centro (NZ). O-G W Breingan, G K V Holdings Ltd, M J Gatt, P A Heath, D A Nicholson & Wellington Racing Syndicate; B-G F Gimblett Family Trust; T-Mike Moroney & Andrew Scott; NZ\$40,000.

3--**Dezigna (NZ)**, 130, g, 8, Volksraad (GB)--Label Basher (NZ), by Conquistarose. O/B-Mrs M E A Evans; T-Wayne & Vanessa Hillis; NZ\$20,000.

Margins: LHD, 1 1/4. Winner's Odds: 7.40.

TDN Feature Presentation
GRADE 1 LA BREA STAKES

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DIXIE UNION: Easy as 1-2-3 in '07
 Grade 1 winner **DIXIE CHATTER**
 Grade 2 winner **MOST DISTINGUISHED**
 Grade 3 winner **TURF WAR**

Saturday, Santa Anita

LA BREA S.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 7f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----|
| 1 | Pinata | Vision and Verse | Pedroza | 117 |
| 2 | Cathrine's Hope | In Excess (Ire) | Court | 119 |
| 3 | Ashley's Kitty | Tale of the Cat | T Baze | 119 |
| 4 | Silky Smooth | Mr. Greeley | Gryder | 117 |
| 5 | Dawn After Dawn | Successful Appeal | Gomez | 117 |
| 6 | Shriek | Street Cry (Ire) | Migliore | 115 |
| 7 | Glorified | Honour and Glory | Valdivia Jr | 115 |
| 8 | Frisk Her | Officer | Nakatani | 119 |
| 9 | Dearest Trickski | Proudest Romeo | Smith | 117 |
| 10 | Sindy With an S | Broken Vow | M Baze | 121 |
| 11 | Look Deep | Petionville | Espinoza | 117 |
| 12 | Macadamia | Artax | Leparoux | 115 |
| 13 | Swiss Diva | Swiss Yodeler | Delgadillo | 117 |
| 14 | Unspoken Word | Catienus | Bejarano | 117 |

A full field of 14, the largest in the history of the race, will line up for the nation's last Grade I event of the year, the La Brea S. One of the more interesting fillies in the race is Dawn After Dawn, who made 11 starts on the East Coast for Wesley Hawley before being switched to John Sadler's barn. While under Hawley's care, Dawn After Dawn put up a number of credible efforts, including a pair of stakes placings. Arguably her best race came over Keeneland's Polytrack last April, when she rallied to be third, beaten just a length, to Christmas Kid and Octave in the GI Ashland S. **La Brea cont. p4**

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

| Date | Race | Track |
|---------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Dec. 29 | GI La Brea S. | Santa Anita |
| | GIII Frances A. Genter S. | Calder |
| | GIII Stage Door Betty H. | Calder |
| Dec. 30 | GII San Gabriel H. | Santa Anita |
| Jan. 1 | GIII Tropical Park Derby | Calder |
| | GIII El Conejo H. | Santa Anita |
| | GIII Monrovia H. | Santa Anita |
| Jan. 4 | GIII Canadian Turf H. | Gulfstream |
| Jan. 5 | GII Hutcheson S. | Gulfstream |
| | GII San Pasqual H. | Santa Anita |
| | GIII Santa Ysabel S. | Santa Anita |
| | GIII Mr. Prospector H. | Gulfstream |

“a shrewd play”

“Fusaichi Pegasus.....has big things in his favor for a horse now priced under \$50,000: he is 14th on the Juvenile Sire List this year, with eight two year old stakes horses, and 65 yearlings by him averaged just under \$175,000. He could be a shrewd play right now.”
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La Brea cont.

Dawn After Dawn subsequently ran fourth to Rags to Riches in the GI Kentucky Oaks, missed the board in two more graded races, then was shelved. In her first start for Sadler, she posted a game head victory over **Swiss Diva** in a Hollywood Park optional claiming sprint Nov. 30--just her second start on a synthetic surface. "She had a little rest before her race last month, and she's doing great now," said Sadler. "This filly's had an extensive campaign back East, so she's battle-tested." Dawn After Dawn worked six furlongs on Santa Anita's Cushion Track in 1:11 2/5 Sunday.

Saturday, Calder Race Course

STAGE DOOR BETTY H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|---------------------|-----------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Bayou's Lassie | Outflanker | Trujillo | 117 |
| 2 | Beautiful Daniele | A.P. Indy | Desormeaux | 116 |
| 3 | Potra Clasica (Arg) | Potrillon (Arg) | Garcia | 118 |
| 4 | Annabill | Outflanker | Prado | 120 |
| 5 | Quiet Royal | Royal Academy | Velazquez | 116 |
| 6 | Amazing Speed | Langfuhr | Olivero | 121 |
| 7 | Cindy's Mom | A.P. Indy | Castro | 116 |
| 8 | Exchanging Fire | Exchange Rate | King, Jr. | 119 |
| 9 | Stop a Train | Devil His Due | Coa | 116 |
| 10 | Cat Can Do | Adcat | Cruz | 118 |

Saturday, Calder Race Course

FRANCES A. GENTER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-------------------|----------------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Sweet Ransom | Red Ransom | Desormeaux | 116 |
| 2 | Beautiful Venue | Came Home | Nunez | 121 |
| 3 | Street Sounds | Street Cry (Ire) | Lezcano | 121 |
| 4 | Katerbug | Pulpit | Cruz | 116 |
| 5 | Cozzi Capital | Cozzene | Castellano | 121 |
| 6 | Silence Dogood | Grand Slam | Prado | 118 |
| 7 | Dattts Awesome | Awesome Again | Coa | 116 |
| 8 | Rutherienne | Pulpit | Douglas | 121 |
| 9 | Maddy's Heart | Lion Hearted | Velasquez | 121 |
| 10 | Pitamakan | Danzig | Velazquez | 116 |
| 11 | Pretoria Light | Colony Light | Chavez | 118 |
| 12 | Snow Cone | Cryptoclearance | Castro | 121 |
| AE | Lady Carlock | Chester House | Smith | 116 |
| AE | Marchesa | Outflanker | Fuentes | 116 |
| AE | Foret | Forest Camp | Olivero | 116 |
| AE | Precious Princess | Horse Chestnut (SAf) | Lezcano | 116 |

Did You Know?...

Four U.S. freshman sires have been represented by a Grade I winner in 2007: Empire Maker, Harlan's Holiday, Macho Uno and Van Nistelrooy.

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| Stallion | Stud Fee | Wnrs | Rpt Wnrs |
|---------------|----------------|------------|-----------|
| Broken Vow | \$30,000 | 143 | 72 |
| BRAHMS | \$8,500 | 118 | 66 |
| El Corredor | \$30,000 | 112 | 59 |
| Tiznow | \$30,000 | 102 | 48 |
| Aptitude | \$20,000 | 100 | 45 |

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JAPANESE SIRE RANKINGS (2007 Final Standings)

| Sire | Rnrs/Wnrs | Earnings |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Sunday Silence (by Halo) | 249/73 | \$33,137,192 |
| Agnes Tachyon (Jpn) (by Sunday Silence) | 241/100 | \$24,113,166 |
| Dance in the Dark (Jpn) (by Sunday Silence) | 296/81 | \$21,828,596 |
| Brian's Time (by Roberto) | 204/83 | \$19,717,500 |
| Fuji Kiseki (Jpn) (by Sunday Silence) | 246/81 | \$19,055,219 |
| French Deputy (by Deputy Minister) | 177/61 | \$17,486,947 |
| Sakura Bakushin-Oh (Jpn) (by Sakura Yutaka Oh {Jpn}) | 232/82 | \$16,146,561 |
| Special Week (Jpn) (by Sunday Silence) | 222/76 | \$15,658,377 |
| El Condor Pasa (by Kingmambo) | 98/39 | \$12,503,526 |
| Admiral Vega (by Sunday Silence) | 189/44 | \$11,333,666 |



FROM THE DESK OF...
Bill Oppenheim



INTO THE UNKNOWN

For most of the last three months, I've been writing about how difficult, how long-term a proposition it has to be for Darley to truly match the accomplishments of their rivals at Coolmore. The attached table provides the first tabular evidence of their campaign: of the 30 Kentucky stallions whose first foals will arrive in 2008 or 2009 I selected to tout (ie. recommend) in this week's column--without regard to where they stand, I assure you--eight stand at Darley, but none stand at Ashford, Coolmore's Kentucky arm. Mind you, Ashford rarely buy stallions; they tend to stand what comes out of their racing stable, which is probably one reason they were 'buying American,' to some extent, at the Keeneland September sale this year.



One of Darley's new stallions, Street Sense
Horsephotos

But, of the 135 stallions we list as having retired to Kentucky

for 2007 and 2008, Darley, with eight new additions, is way ahead of more familiar names like Lane's End (two), Three Chimneys (two), and Ashford (one). New kids Stonewall have retired seven stallions in the last two years, but five of those stand for \$10,000 and below. Airdrie has retired five, all of which stand for \$17,500 or less; and Claiborne has retired four, three of which stand for \$10,000--\$15,000, plus First Samurai (\$40,000).

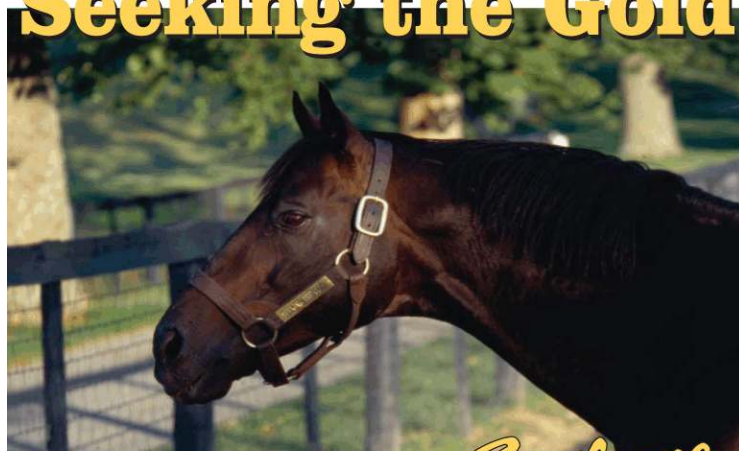
By contrast, the median stud fee of Darley's eight new retirements is \$40,000. Of the nine stallions which have retired in Kentucky for more than \$30,000 the last two years, five stand at Darley, and one (Invasor) stands at Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Farm.

Though seven of the eight Darley America 2007--2008 retirements were acquired at various stages (Discreet Cat and Henny Hughes as racehorses, Street Sense, Hard Spun, Any Given Saturday, and Rockport Harbor essentially as stallion prospects, though mostly while still racing). Their most expensive retirement, the \$100,000 stallion Bernardini, was a homebred. By A.P. Indy out of Cara Rafaela, winner of the GI Hollywood Starlet and the then-GII Alcibiades at two, and placed in no fewer than six other Grade I races, she did a lot to put Quiet American on the map as a sire, and she's certainly made a big contribution to doing the same for him as a broodmare sire.

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Trained by former Godolphin assistant Tom Albertrani, Bernardini burst on the scene with a five-length win in the GI Preakness in which Barbaro suffered his ultimately fatal breakdown. He probably



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never really received the credit he should have in what was meant to be Barbaro's year, though he wrested the three-year-old championship from Barbaro with successive wins in the GII Jim Dandy, GI Travers, and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup (against elders), and he would have been Horse of the Year as well, but for going down by a length to

Invasor in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. In his five starts from the Preakness to the Classic, Bernardini ran Beyers of 113-114-116-117-115.

He was a serious animal, what we used to call a proper July sale sire, as illustrated by the fact that 10 mares in foal to him in November averaged \$1,152,000.



Oppenheim cont.

As everybody knows by now, Darley swooped to buy three of the top four North American three-year-old colts of 2007, only GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner and presumptive Horse of the Year Curlin escaping their grasp thus far. But they are standing GI Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense; GI King's Bishop winner and Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup Classic runner-up Hard Spun; and GI Haskell winner Any Given Saturday. Their estimated combined purchase price of \$90 million is about 545 times their combined entering stud fees (\$165,000), whereas conventional wisdom these days is that the stallion owner can afford to pay 250-300 times the entering stud fee, at most, to have any chance of it penciling out.

A lot of major Kentucky stallion farms are entitled to be disturbed by the fact Darley has essentially paid double the market value to acquire these sires, but it is great news for breeders that their stud fees are based not on what was paid for them, but the price at which it's judged they will be competitive to attract mares.

Racetrack speed has been a major ingredient in recent high-profile stallion successes in North America lately, and the two Darley racetrack acquisitions each had plenty of that commodity. Henny Hughes emulated his sire, Hennessy, in finishing second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile (to Stevie Wonderboy, with First Samurai third), having won the six-furlong GII Saratoga Special (Beyer 105, a More Than Ready-type figure), then running second to First Samurai in two Grade 1's, the Hopeful and the Champagne. Henny Hughes came back as an out-and-out sprinter in the summer of 2006, and ripped off three straight wins, including in the GI King's Bishop, then against elders in the new-look, six-furlong GI Vosburgh, before flopping completely in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, in which he finished last of 14 and was promptly retired. But he was some serious speedball, and I would say an exciting sire prospect.

Discreet Cat was unbeaten in his first six races; Godolphin bought him after he broke his maiden as a two-year-old, running an off-the-graph 106 in a six-furlong maiden race at Saratoga. He went two-for-two in Dubai, inflicting upon Invasor his only career defeat in the G2 UAE Derby, then came back to run Beyers of 112-115-116 in three starts in New York that year, easily handling Badge of Silver and Silver Train in the GI Cigar Mile. It all fell apart this year at four, however; he was convincingly beaten in all three of his starts, clearly not the same horse he had been as a three-year-old. The good news for Darley, though, is that it's what they did at their best that correlates to stallion success, not how they finished out. Had Discreet Cat been retired unbeaten at the end of his three-year-old career he would be standing for at least double his entering \$30,000 fee, which might mean he qualifies as a big bargain.

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Weekly Sales Ticker

by BILL OPPENHEIM

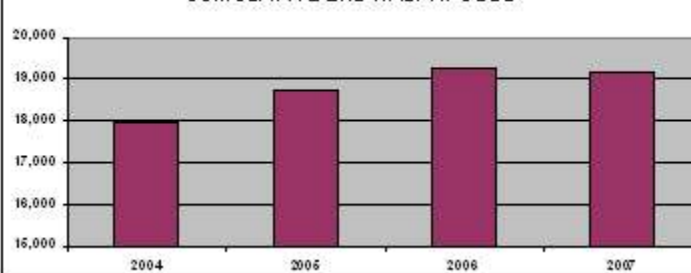
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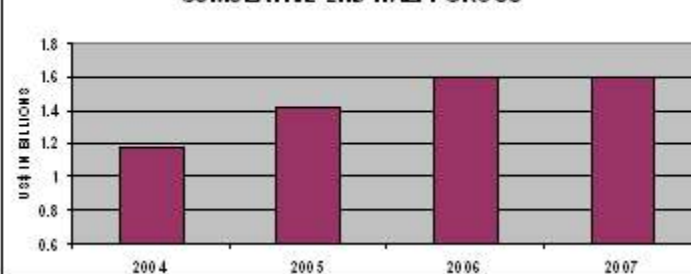
CUMULATIVE 2ND HALF SALES (IN U.S. DOLLARS)

| YEAR | SOLD | GROSS | AVG |
|------|--------|---------------|--------|
| 2007 | 19,161 | 1,601,363,851 | 83,574 |
| 2006 | 19,232 | 1,599,966,879 | 83,193 |
| 2005 | 18,762 | 1,420,859,556 | 75,731 |
| 2004 | 17,932 | 1,178,249,626 | 65,707 |

CUMULATIVE 2ND HALF: # SOLD



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The Darley retirement brigade is completed by two relatively cheaper stallion prospects from the Unbridled's Song tribe: Rockport Harbor, who was unbeaten in four starts at two, including the GII Remsen, but only ran four more times over the next two seasons, yielding a GIII win in Oaklawn's Essex H. at four. He definitely has a following, though, as evidenced by his \$99,157 in-foal mare average. Songster ultimately couldn't live with 'stablemate' Henny Hughes in the GI King's Bishop, but otherwise was never out of the first two in seven other career starts, five of them Grade II/Grade III races. He was a very fast and consistent sprinter who routinely ran up halves in :44 and change.

A Few More Bricks in the Stonewall...

New kids on the block Stonewall have retired seven stallions in the last two seasons, but, as stated above, only two of those stand for more than \$10,000. These are: A.P. Warrior, the poor man's Bernardini, since he is also by A.P. Indy out of a Quiet American mare, in his case the speedball, Warrior Queen; and Lawyer Ron, the highest money earner by the vastly underrated Langfuhr. Always a good horse, Lawyer Ron won the GIII Risen Star and GII Arkansas Derby early in his three-year-old year before finishing down the field in the GI Kentucky Derby. He came back later



Lawyer Ron
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as a three-year-old to finish second to Strong Contender in the GII Super Derby, but it was as a four-year-old this year, having been transferred to the Todd Pletcher barn from that of his original conditioner Bob Holthus, that Lawyer Ron really blossomed. He scored a huge Grade I double at Saratoga, running Beyers of 117 in the GI Whitney and 119 in the GI Woodward. Lawyer Ron's record in top 10-furlong races was less than pristine, as he finished well beaten in a Kentucky Derby and two GI Breeders' Cup Classics, though he did run a very good second to Curlin in this year's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup. Regardless, those races are far from the be-all and end-all of future stallion success, a fact which I think could be confirmed by hundreds, if not thousands, of breeders.

Stonewall also stands Strong Contender, the Maria's Mon colt who defeated Lawyer Ron in the Super Derby following a wide-margin win in the GII Dwyer S. at Belmont Park. Another interesting son of Maria's Mon is Latent Heat, trained by Bobby Frankel for Juddmonte. He won two important seven-furlong races at Santa Anita last winter, the GI Malibu S. (defeating Spring at Last and Midnight Lute) a year ago yesterday, then following up in the GII San Carlos H. almost two months later. He's the first stallion to stand at the popular Peter O'Callaghan's Woods Edge Farm, and looks sure to be well received by the marketplace.


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Former Governor Brere Jones's Airdrie Stud is a few days away from having 2007 Freshman Sire two-three Harlan's Holiday and Proud Citizen, so they'll have high hopes for their five 2007--2008 retirements, even



Airdrie's Badge of Silver
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though none stands for as much as \$20,000. Badge of Silver, by Posse's sire Silver Deputy, went to Frankel late in his four-year-old career and subsequently ran Beyers of 109-111 in four good races, including seconds to Lion Tamer and Discreet Cat in consecutive runnings of the GI Cigar Mile, plus wins in the GIII Hal's Hope H. at Gulfstream Park and the GII New Orleans H., early in his five-year-old year. He also ran third, behind Miesque's Approval and Aragorn in the 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Mile, on the grass. Among Airdrie's 2008 retirements are Stevie Wonderboy, winner of the 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile over Henny Hughes and First Samurai, both of whom stand for more than twice his price; and Flashy Bull, who finished third behind the disqualified Corinthian and subsequent winner First Samurai in the 2006 GII Fountain of Youth, and roared back this year to win four straight, culminating with the GI Stephen Foster H. at Churchill Downs.



Oppenheim cont.

In last week's column I mentioned Kitten's Joy, referring to him as one of four top recent middle-distance grass horses which had actually been developed in North America. The other three figure among these two sire crops, and two of the three stand at Ben Walden, Jr.'s new project, Hurricane Hall Stud. Artie Schiller, like Kitten's Joy by El Prado, won four graded stakes on the grass at nine furlongs, but his two one-mile graded race wins included the 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Mile. From the time he won his first graded stakes, the GIII Hill Prince S. in June of his three-year-old year, Artie Schiller ran triple-figure Beyers 10 times in graded stakes company. He only once finished out of the first four in 22 lifetime starts. Even more consistent, if possible, was English Channel, who retires to Hurricane Hall this year. In the last 17 of his 23 career starts (all on grass), this son of Smart Strike ran in 15 Grade I races. He ran triple-figure Beyers 13 times in those races, in which he had a record of 6-4-1, culminating in his 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Turf win, run in a career-high Beyer 111. He retired with career earnings of over \$5.3 million.

Shakespeare (Theatrical {Ire}), the fourth of the top-class homegrown grass horses I've mentioned, also retires this year, to Hill 'n' Dale. He won his first five races under the tutelage of Billy Mott, but was out with the washing as second favorite in Shirocco's 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Turf win. He returned after almost two years off to win twice at a mile for new trainer Kiaran McLaughlin, including the GI Atto Mile in a prep for the GI Breeders' Cup Mile, but went wrong again, and was retired with seven wins in eight lifetime starts, including Grade I wins at one mile and 12 furlongs.

To get back to Hurricane Hall, though, lest you think they just stand grass horses, they also stand Bellamy Road (Concerto), who ran an almost unheard-of Beyer 120 (for a three-year-old so early in the year) in the 2005 GI Wood Memorial. If that proves to be anything like a real number, this won't be the last time you hear this guy's name called.

A is for Aragorn, B is for...

Now I'd like to go back, roughly in alphabetical order by foal crop, and look at those sires which stand at other, mostly better-known farms. This consists of 11 more stallions, eight of which stood their first seasons this year, and three of which make their debuts in 2008. Aragorn was one of five Grade I winners from Giant's Causeway's first crop. He won four consecutive Grade I/Grade II races in California in 2006, and would have surely been divisional champion had he not been second to longshot Miesque's Approval in the 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Twenty mares in foal to him sold for an average of \$171,151 in November, which indicates both that he was bred to good mares and that the market is quite happy to pay for them.

PLUS PEDIGREE

"LEROIDESANIMAUX
is from the family of Dansili, too, by the way. He has lots of credentials - top miler on the grass, good Beyers, and a top sire close up in the family."

-Bill Oppenheim

The same would certainly be said about Bluegrass Cat, WinStar's Storm Cat horse who won the 2006 GI Haskell, and ran second in three top Grade I races--the



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Kentucky Derby (to Barbaro), the Belmont (to Jazil), and the Travers (to Bernardini). Sixteen mares in foal to Bluegrass Cat averaged \$310,000, second in average only to runaway leader Bernardini. WinStar also stands Sharp Humor, a fast son of Distorted Humor who won the GII Swale S. over

seven furlongs as a three-year-old, then came back to run a bang-up second, after setting the pace, to Barbaro in the 2006 GI Florida Derby. He's going to prove a very popular sire in his stud fee range.

First Samurai, a Grade I-winning two-year-old from Giant's Causeway's second crop, proved very popular in his first season at Claiborne this year, as evidenced by 20 mares in foal to him averaging \$250,600. Trained by Frankie Brothers for Bruce Lunsford and Lansdon Robbins III, First Samurai was a real crack two-year-old, winning his first four starts, easily beating Henny Hughes in both the GI Hopeful S. and GI Champagne S., then running third to Stevie Wonderboy and Henny Hughes in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.



Claiborne also stands War Front (Danzig), who proved a top sprinter at four in 2006, when he won the GII Vanderbilt at Saratoga and ran second in five more



War Front
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graded sprints, including the GI Forego (to Pomeroy) and the GI Vosburgh (to Henny Hughes). Given his Beyer 114 when beaten a neck by Silver Train in the GII Tom Fool, this means War Front fulfils three important criteria shared by some very successful contemporary North American sires: won a graded race sprinting; placed in a Grade I up to a mile;

and ran a Beyer of 113 or higher. The following sires also had the same profile as racehorses: Distorted Humor, Elusive Quality, Mr. Greeley, and Posse.

Flower Alley got really good at Saratoga in 2005, running Beyers of 112 and 110 when winning the GII Jim Dandy and GI Travers, then ran back to that form with a Beyer 111 when second to Saint Liam in the 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Classic. He's a Grade I-winning two-turn horse by Distorted Humor at a top farm, so is sure to be well supported. Giacomo, whose younger half-brother, Tiago, was a dual Grade I winner this year, ran in nothing but Grade I or Grade II races in his last 11 career starts; he was in the first four in eight of them, including a shock 50-1 win in the 2005 GI Kentucky Derby. He was very consistent, and finished his career with his best Beyer ever, a 109 when fourth behind Invasor, Bernardini, and Premium Tap in the 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Here's another really good sprinter-miler: Silver Train. By A.P. Indy's son Old Trieste, he won the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint in 2005, as a three-year-old (beating, remember, the desperately unlucky Taste of Paradise), running a Beyer 114 that day, and confirming the form the next year, as a four-year-old, when he won the GI Met Mile (Beyer 112) and the GII Tom Fool H. (Beyer 115, defeating War Front). The judges say he is a seriously good-looking horse, too.

Last But Not Least...

Three final suggestions, from the entering sire class of 2008. First is Hat Trick, by Sunday Silence, no less, out of the American Grade II winner Tricky Code. Johnny Jones III and team have shown a lot of resourcefulness to go and find this horse, who ran Timeform ratings of 121-120 when winning two important one-mile Group 1 races at the end of his four-year-old campaign, in 2005: the G1 Mile Championship at Kyoto, and the G1 Hong Kong Mile. Next, Invasor. I'll be amazed if breeders don't flock to this horse, who stands for only \$35,000 at Shadwell. He was beaten just once in 12 career starts, in which he earned a total of \$7.7 million.

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| Horse | Sire | Race | BRIS Speed |
|------------------|------------------|---|------------|
| Sok Sok | Trippi | Sugar Bowl S. | 109 |
| Ravalo | Mutakddim | Christmas S. | 106 |
| Kadira | Kafwain | Gowell S. | 102 |
| Stormin Baghdad | Stormin Fever | Bonapaw S. | 102 |
| Greg's Gold | Lake George | On Trust H. | 100 |
| Blitzing | Montbrook | Letellier Memorial S. | 98 |
| Into Mischief | Harlan's Holiday | CashCall Futurity-G1 | 97 |
| Tres Dream | Chester House | Esplanade S. | 96 |
| Ask the Moon | Malibu Moon | Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S. | 95 |
| Curiously Sweet | Mud Route | Cat's Cradle H. | 93 |
| Goin' Dancin | Ihtimam | Answer Do S. | 91 |
| King Justin | Red | Cactus Wren H. | 88 |
| Good Looker R F | Silver Season | La Coneja H. | 86 |
| Shesdebonairness | Devon Deputy | Eleanor M. Casey Memorial S. | 85 |

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He won all four of his starts in North America in 2006; all four were Grade I's, culminating in a one-length defeat of Bernardini in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, which made him champion older male and



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Horse of the Year. He won both his starts at five this year, including a facile win over Premium Tap in the G1 Dubai World Cup. He's by Candy Stripes, who proved a very influential son of Blushing Groom in South America, and breeders have the advantage of knowing Sheikh Hamdan's highly successful operation will be breeding many of their top mares to him, and will support him at the sales. And finally, let's have a look at Tracy

Farmer's Sun King, who has gone to Darby Dan for only \$10,000. All right, Charismatic isn't anybody's favorite sire of sires, but this fellow ran in 16 Grade I races from 28 starts over four seasons, in which he earned more than \$2.2 million. He never won a Grade I race, but he did win two Grade II's, and was second, third, or fourth in no fewer than 12 Grade I races. That makes him a whole lot of racehorse standing for not a whole lot of money. **Bill Oppenheim may be contacted at bopp@erb.com. Please cc TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.**



30 RECOMMENDED KENTUCKY STALLIONS, FIRST FOALS 2008-2009

First Foals 2008

| <u>STALLION</u> | <u>YR</u> | <u>SIRE</u> | <u>FARM</u> | <u>08 FEE</u> | <u>1st YR</u> | <u>Sold</u> | <u>07 Avg I/F</u> | <u>*Best Beyer</u> |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| A.P. Warrior | 2003 | A.P. Indy | Stonewall | 15,000 | 20,000 | 2 | 63,500 | 103 |
| Aragorn | 2002 | Giant's Causeway | Lane's End | 30,000 | 30,000 | 20 | 171,151 | 113 |
| Artie Schiller | 2001 | El Prado | Hurricane Hall | 15,000 | 15,000 | 16 | 32,250 | 110 |
| Badge of Silver | 2000 | Silver Deputy | Airdrie | 15,000 | 15,000 | 11 | 44,863 | 111 |
| Bellamy Road | 2002 | Concerto | Hurricane Hall | 12,500 | 12,500 | 19 | 26,468 | 120 |
| Bernardini | 2003 | A.P. Indy | Darley America | 100,000 | 100,000 | 10 | 1,152,000 | 117 |
| Bluegrass Cat | 2003 | Storm Cat | WinStar | 50,000 | 50,000 | 16 | 310,000 | 106 |
| First Samurai | 2003 | Giant's Causeway | Claiborne | 40,000 | 40,000 | 20 | 250,600 | 107 |
| Flower Alley | 2002 | Distorted Humor | Three Chimneys | 25,000 | 25,000 | 21 | 80,190 | 112 |
| Giacomo | 2002 | Holy Bull | Adena Springs | 12,500 | 12,500 | 38 | 28,776 | 109 |
| Henny Hughes | 2003 | Hennessy | Darley | 40,000 | 40,000 | 16 | 231,500 | 113 |
| Rockport Harbor | 2002 | Unbridled's Song | Darley | 20,000 | 20,000 | 19 | 99,157 | 102 |
| Sharp Humor | 2003 | Distorted Humor | WinStar | 12,500 | 12,500 | 26 | 41,596 | 102 |
| Silver Train | 2002 | Old Trieste | Vinery | 25,000 | 25,000 | 22 | 83,977 | 115 |
| Strong Contender | 2003 | Maria's Mon | Stonewall | 10,000 | 10,000 | 7 | 24,100 | 107 |
| War Front | 2002 | Danzig | Claiborne | 12,500 | 12,500 | 12 | 48,250 | 114 |

First Season 2008

| <u>STALLION</u> | <u>YR</u> | <u>SIRE</u> | <u>FARM</u> | <u>08 FEE</u> | <u>*Best Beyer</u> |
|--------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Any Given Saturday | 2004 | Distorted Humor | Darley | 40,000 | 113 |
| Discreet Cat | 2003 | Forestry | Darley | 30,000 | 116 |
| English Channel | 2002 | Smart Strike | Hurricane Hall | 25,000 | 111 |
| Flashy Bull | 2003 | Holy Bull | Airdrie | 10,000 | 106 |
| Hard Spun | 2004 | Danzig | Darley | 50,000 | 112 |
| Hat Trick | 2001 | Sunday Silence | Walmac | 15,000 | ---- |
| Invasor | 2002 | Candy Stripes | Shadwell | 35,000 | 116 |
| Latent Heat | 2003 | Maria's Mon | Woods Edge | 15,000 | 111 |
| Lawyer Ron | 2003 | Langfuhr | Stonewall | 30,000 | 119 |
| Shakespeare | 2001 | Theatrical | Hill 'N' Dale | 20,000 | 108 |
| Songster | 2003 | Songandaprayer | Darley | 10,000 | 110 |
| Stevie Wonderboy | 2003 | Stephen Got Even | Airdrie | 17,500 | 105 |
| Street Sense | 2004 | Street Cry | Darley | 75,000 | 111 |
| Sun King | 2002 | Charismatic | Darby Dan | 10,000 | 113 |

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| Rank (last)-Name | Owner | Breeder | Trainer | Last Race (Click for Vid) | Best '07 Bris | Next Race/Stud Plans |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|
| 1(1)- STREET SENSE (Street Cry {Ire}) <i>(Derby winner from the family of Mr. Greeley & Danehill Dancer will stand for \$75K in 2008...Marie Kizenko)</i> | Tafel | Homebred | Nafzger | 4th GI BC Classic | 113 | RETIRED TO DARLEY |
| 2(2)- CURLIN (Smart Strike) <i>(Likely Horse of the Year after dominating Classic score; ownership issues cast a shadow...Christina Bossinakis)</i> | Stonestreet, et al | Fares Farm | Asmussen | 1st GI BC Classic | 121 | Wintering at Fair Grounds |
| 3(3)- HARD SPUN (Danzig) <i>(GI winner at 7f, runner-up in both the Derby and BC Classic to hold court at \$50K in 2008...Jessica Martin)</i> | Fox Hill | Moran/Brushwood | Jones | 2nd GI BC Classic | 116 | RETIRED TO DARLEY |
| 4(4)- ANY GIVEN SATURDAY (Distorted Humor) <i>(Signed off with so-so effort in BC Classic, but Haskell hero should be very popular at \$40K in 2008..Marie Kizenko)</i> | WinStar | Racehorse Mgmt | Pletcher | 6th GI BC Classic | 112 | RETIRED TO DARLEY |
| 5(5)- SCAT DADDY (Johannesburg) <i>(Won at the highest level at 2 & 3; standing for \$30K in 2008...Steve Sherack)</i> | Tabor/Scatuorchio | Axel Wend | Pletcher | 18th GI Kentucky Derby | 101 | RETIRED TO ASHFORD |
| 6(8)- DAAHER (Awesome Again) <i>(Full to MGISW Spun Sugar, impressive winner of the GII Jerome, added Cigar win over BC Sprint hero Midnight Lute...Christina Bossinakis)</i> | Shadwell | Y & D Schwabe | McLaughlin | 1st GI Cigar Mile | 115 | 3/29 G2 Godolphin Mile? |
| 7(6)- TIAGO (Pleasant Tap) <i>(West Coast's best sophomore proved ultra-game besting his elders at Oak Tree; fifth in the slop at Monmouth...Steve Sherack)</i> | Moss | Homebred | Shirreffs | 5th GI BC Classic | 104 | Uncertain |
| 8(7)- NOBIZ LIKE SHOBIZ (Albert the Great) <i>(Looked like a tired horse in Nov. 25 GI Hollywood Derby, but GISW on dirt, G2SW on turf will be back at four...Lucas Marquardt)</i> | Valando | Homebred | Tagg | 8th Hollywood Derby | 103 | Wintering in Florida |
| 9(9)- CIRCULAR QUAY (Thunder Gulch) <i>(A GISW at two & GSW at three, out of a GISW; spent some time on the farm...Lucas Marquardt)</i> | Tabor | Homebred | Pletcher | 6th GII Virginia Derby | 106 | Uncertain |
| 10(10)- FIRST DEFENCE (Unbridled's Song) <i>(SW out of GISW Honest Lady an gutsy second to Hard Spun in the GI King's Bishop, but regressed at Belmont..Christina Bossinakis)</i> | Juddmonte | Juddmonte | Frankel | 7th GI Vosburgh S. | 107 | Uncertain |

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NORTH AMERICA

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The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company announced yesterday that Darley will sponsor the 2008 OBS Day of Champions. The five-race card is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 11, the day before the OBS Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training. Day of Champions races will be supplemented with a combination of increased purses and seasons to three of Darley's stallions, and will mark the debut of OBS' new Safetrack all-weather surface. "We are delighted to welcome Darley's participation in our Day of Champions," said OBS President Tom Chiota. "It will expand the relationship we enjoy with them and focus attention on the Florida thoroughbred industry." Darley Chief Operating Officer Dan Pride echoed that sentiment, saying, "Darley is thrilled to partner with OBS for their day of racing. The Ocala market continues to play a hugely important role in the Thoroughbred industry, and we are proud to be involved." The purse for the Darley OBS Championship S. for colts and geldings at a 1 1/16 miles will be increased from \$100,000 to \$150,000. The purse for the six-furlong Darley OBS Sprint for colts and geldings is being raised from \$50,000 to \$75,000. While the purse for the filly division of the Darley OBS Championship S. remains \$100,000, the winner will receive their choice of a 2008 or 2009 season to Darley stallion Henny Hughes, who stands for a \$40,000 stud fee. The purse for the Darley OBS Sprint for fillies remains \$50,000, but the winner will receive their choice of a 2008 or 2009 season to Rockport Harbor (\$20,000). The remaining race on the card will be the five-furlong Florida Thoroughbred Charities S., with a \$50,000 guaranteed purse, plus the winner getting the choice of a 2008 or 2009 season to Kafwain (\$10,000), a son of Florida-bred champion Cherokee Run.

FRANK GOMEZ PASSES AWAY AT 78

South Florida training legend Frank Gomez passed away Sunday, Dec. 23 in his home in Pembroke Pines, Florida. He was 78. Gomez, whose career spanned four decades, retired last month due to declining health.



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Gomez grew up with horses in his native Ireland, where his father was a trainer. He served a five-year apprenticeship as a teenager and rode jumpers for 12 years in England, Ireland and Scotland. He began his training career in 1967 in New York and first appeared on the Florida scene when Calder opened in 1971. He was the leading trainer at Calder several times: 1980-81, 1982-83 and 1992 (spring) Tropical Meets and 1982 season at both Calder and Gulfstream. Gomez trained juveniles to sweep Calder's Florida Stallion Stakes series twice: Smile (1984) and Naked Greed (1991), and his In Summation was within a nose of a sweep in 2005. Gomez started the careers of national champions Princess Rooney, Smile and Cherokee Run. He won over 100 stakes at Calder and Tropical throughout the years and was a Calder Hall of Fame charter inductee in 1995. He is survived by daughters Lisa Barnet and Beth Gomez, son Christopher Gomez, and three grandchildren. A viewing will be held on Friday, Dec. 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Fred Hunter Funeral Home, 6301 Taft Street in Hollywood. Telephone number (954) 989-1550. A memorial service will be held at the same location on Saturday, Dec. 29 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to: Peter Gomez Memorial Fund of the National Speleological Society, 2813 Cave Avenue Huntsville, AL 35810. Founded in honor of Gomez's late son Peter, the purpose of the fund is to support scientific study conducted by the NSS. More information can be found on the Internet at www.caves.org.

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Number of wins at NYRA tracks this year by trainer Gary Contessa. The mark, reached yesterday when Contessa saddled Honeymooning to victory in the first race at Aqueduct, equals Frank Martin's record, set in 1974. Contessa has eight horses entered today at the Big A.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27:

01-05 \$150,000 *Hutcheson-II, GP, 3yo, 7f* (150)

01-06 \$150,000 *Sabin H.-III, GP, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f* (150)

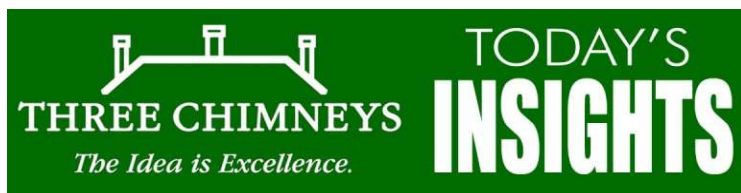
TOMORROW, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28:

01-05 \$150,000 *San Pasqual H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 8.5f* (150)

01-06 \$150,000 *San Gorgonio H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT* (150)

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3:56p EST 6th-FG, \$39K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f
HRTV HONEST PURSUIT (Storm Cat), a daughter of GISW Honest Lady racing for Overbrook, was hung out wide from post 12 in her debut Nov. 9 at Churchill before finishing fourth. The 1/2 to SWs Phantom Rose and First Defence has trained smartly since and has the rail this time. She faces a full field, including firsters **Catera (Gone West)** and **Our New Empire (Empire Maker)**. Catera, a Winchell homebred, is a 1/2 to GISW Cuvee and GSW Will He Shine, and has the leading combination of Steve Asmussen and Shaun Bridgmohan in her corner. Our New Empire, a \$150K FTMSEP yearling, is a 1/2 to GISW Concern and GSW Tennis Lady. brisnet.com pps

★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$59,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.
1--BEAU DARE, 120, f, 4, Military--Gen Corp Purposes, by Beau Genius. O-Walts David Stable LLC; B-Mike Walts (KY); T-Bruce N Levine. Lifetime Record: SW, 20-4-6-2, \$266,828. *Full to Victoire Bataille, MSP, \$236,647.
2--You Asked, 120, f, 3, Yes It's True--Dixie Deb, by Dixieland Band. (\$145,000 wlng '04 KEENOV; \$200,000 yrl '05 KEESEP).
3--Circuit Breaker, 120, f, 4, Yes It's True--Shocker T., by Nodouble. (\$435,000 2yo '05 FTFEB).
 Margins: 3 1/4, NO, 4 3/4. Odds: 3.05, 3.15, 4.80.

Beau Dare captured a turf sprint at Saratoga Aug. 31 before placing in a pair of stakes races at the Meadowlands. Second in the Phoenix S. Sept. 22, she missed by a head in the Witches Brew S. on Halloween in her most recent trip postward. The bay took the path of least resistance here, leading from flagfall to finish while closing out the year a winner.

7th-AQU, \$49,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
DANCE GAL DANCE (f, 2, Disco Rico--Dr Margaret {MSW, \$181,100}, by Dr. Blum) wired state-bred rivals Nov. 18, but didn't get much respect here at 10-1. The chestnut mirrored her debut effort here, cruising in front throughout to a 5 3/4-length triumph. The 3-2 chalk, Jet Setting (Forestry), completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$57,000. O-Rosalie Dirico. B-Alfred DiRico (NY). T-Timothy Ritvo.

2nd-AQU, \$53,000, Msw, 2yo, 1m70y, 1:42 4/5, ft.
BUDDY'S HOLIDAY (c, 2, Harlan's Holiday--Starry Daze, by Relaunch), a \$140,000 KEESEP yearling, raced a bit greenly when sixth in his Thanksgiving debut in a six-furlong contest on Aqueduct's main track. Sent off as the 2-1 third choice while stretching out here, the grey colt went straight to the lead and never looked back, coming home four lengths clear of Sebastian Cat (Catienus). Buddy's Holiday is the 23rd winner for his freshman sire (by Harlan). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$32,008. O-Kingfield Stables. B-Starlight Stables (KY). T-Bruce N Levine.

4th-AQU, \$52,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
WILD GARDEN (f, 3, Forest Wildcat--Cherry Hill Gal, by Tactical Advantage), who came on to claim the runner-up spot in her career debut Nov. 18 on the dirt at Aqueduct, was bet down to 3-5 this time. Breaking from the rail, the New Farm homebred ran to her odds by setting a comfortable pace before kicking away impressively. It was 5 3/4 lengths back to She's My Sunshine (Touch Gold). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$41,600. O/B-New Farm (KY). T-Benjamin W Perkins Jr.

★ EAST ★

Florida HBPA Shares the Christmas Spirit:

The Florida HBPA is currently giving out 3,000 \$25 gift cards redeemable for groceries at Publix and Winn Dixie Supermarkets to all backside workers at Calder and Gulfstream Park. The FHBPA also increased its donation to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation to \$30,000 and its donation to the Groom Elite program to \$10,000. "Although we are funded by one of the lowest percentages of purses in the country, we operate the Horsemen's Bookkeeper Office here and have been able to put the interest on that account to good use for horsemen at Calder and Gulfstream," commented FHBPA President Sammy Gordon.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-CRC, \$22,500, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.
SILK CANDY (f, 3, Langfuhr--Astrapi {MSW, \$155,709}, by Distinctive Pro), a half-sister to Sugar Swirl (Touch Gold), MSW & MGSP, \$471,124, graduated by six lengths on Woodbine's Polytrack Sept. 8. After finishing a close fifth in an allowance there Oct. 7, the Stronach homebred rebounded with a score over the same track Nov. 10 and went south for the winter. The 3-1 second choice came away alertly under Elvis Trujillo, sailed through a half in :45.35 and opened up under a hand ride to post a 3 1/2-length tally. Even-money Dixie Dreamer (Mutakddim) was second. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$79,364. O-Stronach Stables. B-Adena Springs (ON). T-Brian A Lynch.



9th-CRC, \$20,500, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42, gd.

DROP A LINE (f, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--[Bull's Crown](#), by [Holy Bull](#)) broke through in her second start at Presque Isle Sept. 24. Third by a neck in an all-weather allowance at Keeneland Oct. 20, the grey was bet down to 9-5 favoritism in this turf bow. J. Mack Robinson's homebred set a pressured pace, shook loose entering the lane and reported home a 4 1/4-length winner.

[Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$65,500.

O/B-J Mack Robinson (KY). T-H Graham Motion.

Monday's Results:

7th-PHA, \$37,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft.

LASSIE'S TICKET (f, 3, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--[Lassie Connection](#), by [Seattle Slew](#)), a \$250,000 KEESEP yearling, recovered from a troubled start to finish runner-up in her career debut over this surface Nov. 23. Bet down to 3-5 to go one better here, the dark bay settled just off the pace, made her move in the lane and crossed the wire a neck in front of [Soft Science](#) (Not for Love). The winner is a half-sister to [Thrilla In Manila](#) (Manila), GSP, \$191,099; [Houston Connection](#) (Alysheba), GSP, \$162,469; [Winning Connection](#) (St. Jovite), MSW, \$520,597; [Unbridled Lassie](#) (Unbridled), GISP, \$170,220; and [Bankruptcy Court](#) (Dixieland Band), GSP, \$162,230. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,230. O-Amanda Pope. B-Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY). T-Steve Klesaris.

★ CENTRAL ★

Deer Lake to Indiana's Foot Fall Farm:

Stakes winner **Deer Lake** ([Meadowlake](#)--[Dorothy Dear](#), by [Foolish Pleasure](#)) will stand his first season at stud at Foot Fall Farm in Palmyra, Indiana, for a fee of \$2,000, stands and nurses. Third in the [Gill Mr. Prospector H.](#) in 2004, [Deer Lake](#) retired with a record of 35-9-8-7, and earnings of \$ 356,980. [Deer Lake](#) is a half to three stakes horses and was produced by a half-sister to champion turf horse [Sunshine Forever](#).

Monday's Results:

WOODCHOPPER H., \$58,200, FGX, 12-24, 3yo, a1mT, 1:38 2/5, fm.

1--**INCA KING, 124, g, 3, [Sir Cat](#)--[Inca Prize](#), by [Prized](#).** (\$8,500 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable; B-Dr Ben F Roach & Parrish Hill Farm (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Shaun Bridgmohan; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 14-6-3-0, \$448,888.

2--**Jazz Quest, 124, c, 3, [Jambalaya Jazz](#)--[Angel's Our Star](#), by [Broad Brush](#).** O-Richard C Colton Jr. \$12,000.

3--**Tactical Weapon, 118, g, 3, [Tactical Cat](#)--[Rise Again](#), by [Wild Again](#).** (\$32,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Nathan Fox & James & Mary Durlacher. \$6,000.

Margins: NK, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.40, 3.70, 8.90.

Woodchopper H. cont.

A sharp winner of the [GII Jefferson Cup S.](#) in his first start for Steve Asmussen [Inca King](#) faded to ninth in each of his next two outings. He rebounded to score in [Keeneland's Bryan Station S.](#) Oct. 14 and paired up a success in the [Commonwealth Turf S.](#) at Churchill Nov. 11. Heavily favored to make it three straight here, the dark bay was a menacing presence from the start, angled out for running room turning for home and finished up smartly to add yet another stakes tally for Asmussen and jockey Shaun Bridgmohan. "He has a quick acceleration," Bridgmohan said. "I know him. I've ridden him a lot."



Lou Hodges Jr photo

6th-FGX, \$40,500, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m40y, 1:41, ft.

SILVER LORD (c, 4, [Unbridled's Song](#)--[Whatamiss](#), by [Miswaki](#)), who debuted belatedly with a second at [Retama](#) Oct. 27, graduated next out at Churchill Nov. 18. Sent off at 3-1 while stretching out this time, the grey colt put his head in front on the backstretch and maintained his advantage for the remainder, coming home 1 1/4 lengths clear of [Sea Gaze](#) (Graeme Hall). The winner was a \$280,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$57,412.

O-Bowman Couch Racing LLC. B-Pollock Farms & Taylor Made Farm Inc (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

10th-FGX, \$40,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m40y, 1:42 3/5, ft.

ELLE SOCIETY (f, 2, [Eltish](#)--[Lienholder](#), by [Deputy Minister](#)) made one start at [Saratoga](#), finishing third in a \$100,000 maiden claimer Aug. 30. Working well for her return to action, the 4-1 third choice raced under a hold early, set her sights on [Nicksappealinglady](#) (Successful Appeal) in the lane and went on to best that rival by a length. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$27,500. O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Live Oak Stud (FL). T-William I Mott.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

GULFSTREAM

Mythical Pegasus ([Fusaichi Pegasus](#)), 6f, 1:13.00, 1/2

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Audacious Chloe ([More Than Ready](#)), 4f, :47.80, 2/8

PALM MEADOWS

Ready Set ([Touch Gold](#)), 3f, :36.80, 5/7

SANTA ANITA

Idiot Proof ([Benchmark](#)), 5f, :59.40, 1/18

Pussycat Doll ([Real Quiet](#)), 4f, :49.40, 14/24



★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

CALIFORNIA BREEDERS' CHAMPION S., \$138,375, SAX, 12-26, (S), 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:20 1/5 (NTR), ft. 1--**#BOB BLACK JACK, 117, c, 2, Stormy Jack--Molly's Prospector, by Native Prospector.** (\$4,500 yrl '06 BESJAN). O-Jeff Harmon & Tim Kasparoff; B-Gary & Marlene Howard & Bruce Dunmore (CA); T-James M Kasparoff; J-David R Flores; \$83,025. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$131,425. *First SW for freshman sire (by Bertrando).

2--**Dirty Dish Mitch, 115, g, 2, Mr. Broad Blade--Feed the Kitty, by Coronado's Quest.** O-Jump Sucker Stable. \$27,675.

3--**Red Hot Flame, 117, c, 2, Malek (Chi)--Red Hot Girl, by Red Ransom.** O-Mike Harrington Trust. \$16,605. Margins: 6 1/4, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 2.10, 10.70, 8.50. Bob Black Jack, who led throughout when graduating in his second try at Del Mar Aug. 26, came into this contest off a fourth in the GIII Hollywood Prevue S. on Thanksgiving. Without having to worry about the likes of Massive Drama and Into Mischief here, the dark bay threw down the gauntlet with a :44.32 opening half and kept on going for a sharp first stakes success. It was a big day for 33-year-old trainer Jim Kasparoff. "This is my first stakes win and it's pretty exciting," he said. "[I've] been training for seven years. This horse is high strung and real tough to be around, but we'll look at the Sunshine Millions [Sprint, 6f, Gulfstream, Jan. 26] next." [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

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6th-CRC (Alw) Silk Candy (Langfuhr) ships in from Canada to win in style.

9th-CRC (Alw) Drop a Line (Lemon Drop Kid) looks sharp in her turf debut.

California Breeders Champion S. Bob Black Jack (Stormy Jack) sets a new track record.

1st-SA (Msw) Sweet August Moon (Malibu Moon) misses the track mark by .01 of a second.

3rd-SA (Msw) Hoods Up (Dixie Union) gets it done in his third try.

4th-SA (Alw) Spring at Last (Silver Deputy), off since March, makes a winning return.

4th-SAX, \$73,720, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$125,000), NW1R6MX, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 4/5, fm.

1--**SPRING AT LAST, 119, c, 4, Silver Deputy--Winter's Gone, by Dynaformer.** (\$675,000 HRA '06 KEENOV). O-J Paul Reddam & WinStar Farm LLC; B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Doug F O'Neill. Lifetime Record: GSW-UAE & GISP-US, 10-3-2-2, \$237,650. *1/2 to Sharp Lisa (Dixieland Band), GISW, \$658,100; and Sharp Susan (Touch Gold), MGSW & GISP, \$285,843.

2--**Heroi Do Bafra (Brz), 119, h, 5, Royal Academy--Bride's Fantasy (Brz), by Roi Normand.**

3--**Epic Power, 121, g, 6, Epic Honor--Petite n Powerful, by Eighty Below Zero.**

Margins: 1HF, HF, NO. Odds: 4.80, 4.20, 4.20.

Spring at Last, runner-up a year ago in the GI Malibu S. in his first start in J. Paul Reddam's colors, proved a rousing winner in the G2 Godolphin Mile at Nad al Sheba Mar. 31 before heading to the sidelines. Sent off as the fourth choice in this return to action, the dark bay stalked the pace in the early stages, angled to the outside in the lane and rallied nicely to have his picture taken. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

6th-SAX, \$55,736, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:14, fm.

BUCK (h, 5, Unbridled's Song--Kate Again {SP}, by Wild Again), a \$375,000 KEESEP yearling, was making just his fifth career start here at five. The dark bay horse won on debut at Bay Meadows Fair in August of 2005, then returned to just miss by a head in an allowance race at the track in September. Off for the next 25 months, Buck ran well in his return, digging in to be third by a head in a track-and-trip effort Oct. 25, his turf bow. He had to settle for third again last time after battling for the lead in a grassy Hollywood sprint Nov. 11, but was tightened for this. The slight 5-2 second choice vied for the lead through a half in :44 2/5, battled back after losing the lead to Rateau (Rahy) and defeated that rival by a neck. The victory was marred when Buck failed to pull up sound. He didn't return to the winner's circle and was vanned off the track. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, \$63,075. O-Marjorie and Jerry Engelauf, B-Harry & Betty Quadracci & Dr Lance Bell (KY). T-Peter Miller.

3rd-SAX, \$49,200, Msw, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:09 1/5, ft. HOODS UP (c, 2, Dixie Union--Ocean Air {SP}, by Pleasant Colony), third in his Oct. 21 debut at Bay Meadows, battled for the lead before finishing second on Hollywood's Cushion Track Nov. 18. Favored at 9-5 to continue his progression, the dark bay raced just off the pace, challenged four wide and reeled in Liberty Watch (Came Home) to prevail by a neck. He was a \$180,000 FTKJUL yearling and a \$280,000 OBSFEB juvenile. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$40,800. O-Weitman Performances LLC, Mike Pegram & Karl Watson. B-Donald R Disney (KY). T-Bob Baffert.



SoCal Report cont.

1st-SAX, \$48,800, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:02 1/5, ft.

SWEET AUGUST MOON (f, 2, Malibu Moon--Silent Academy, by Royal Academy), a \$50,000 KEESEP yearling who matured into a \$400,000 OBSMAR juvenile, was a bit overmatched in her career bow--the GI Del Mar Debutante S. Sept. 3--but managed to finish seventh that day. Second in a one-mile maiden at Oak Tree Oct. 12, the dark bay tired in her latest and wound up fourth after setting the pace going two turns Nov. 8 at Hollywood. Cutting back sharply in distance, the 9-5 second choice stalked the pace, made her move turning for home and went on to score by 4 3/4 lengths.

[Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$40,440.

O-Legacy Ranch & Shirley MacPherson. B-Maple Leaf Farm (PA). T-Brian J Koriner.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

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First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, December 27

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2004 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- DESERT WARRIOR** (Deputy Minister), McMahan, \$3K, 46/6/0 2-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Tapazoz, \$14K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1
- EMPIRE MAKER** (Unbridled), Juddmonte, \$100K, 93/8/3 6-FG, Msw, 6f, Our New Empire, \$150K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1
- FLATTER** (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$5K, 81/14/1 7-FG, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Mad Flatter, \$29K FTK OCT yrl, 2-1
- 5-LRL, Msw, 6f, Safe Journey, \$47K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
- GULF STORM** (Storm Cat), Lou-Roc, \$4K, 99/11/1 6-FG, Msw, 6f, +Category Seven, \$11K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1
- HOLD THAT TIGER** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 149/19/2 5-LRL, Msw, 6f, Premiere Tigresse, \$43K EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1
- MORLUC** (Housebuster), Buck Pond, \$5K, 17/1/0 6-HAW, Alw, 6f, S'morluc, 9-2
- NO ARMISTICE** (Unbridled), Country Life, \$3K, 44/3/0 2-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Sgt. Bart, 10-1
- 9-LRL, Msw, 1m, Eye of the Cat, \$13K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1
- PARKER'S STORM CAT** (Storm Cat), Country Life, \$3K, 52/3/0 4-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Don't Tell Ellie, 4-1
- REPENT** (Louis Quatorze), Cloverleaf II, \$5K, 79/17/2 7-FG, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Sinister, 12-1
- SEEKING DAYLIGHT** (Seeking the Gold), MD Stn, \$7K, 29/7/0 2-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Busch the Bandit, \$6K EAS SEP yrl, 3-1
- SKY MESA** (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 89/11/0 6-FG, Msw, 6f, Storm Mesa, \$80K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1
- VAN NISTELROOY** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 133/26/6 4-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Lady Striker, \$45K EAS MAY 2yo, 2-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, December 27

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2003 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- CIVILISATION** (Gone West), Naylee, \$4K, 78/14/0 4-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Val's Dream, 12-1
- 4-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Nozation, 12-1

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 9th Race, \$41,000 Allowance, at Fair Grounds. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN FRANCE:

Estrela Brage, g, 4, **Silic (Fr)**--Devine Blade, by Blade. Deauville, 12-26, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-Gavin Murphy & Catherine Donovan. * \$5,000 wnlg '03 KEENOV; €48,000 HIT '07 DEAFEB.

IN JAPAN:

Platina Mane, c, 2, **Cat Thief**--Seductivelyelegant (SW, \$149,371), by Thirty Six Red. Hanshin, 12-23, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$43,860. O-Hiroo Race; B-Dede & Delia McGehee; T-Hideyuki Mori. * \$90,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT; \$150,000 2yo '07 FTFFEB. **Went wire-to-wire to score by 3 1/2 lengths in track-record time.

Apollo Mahal, c, 2, **Cozzene**--Laurentine (SP-Fr), by Private Account. Nakayama, 12-23, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$94,737. O-Apollo Thoroughbred Club; B-Patchen Wilkes Farm, LLC & Hopewell Investments; T-Isamu Shibasaki. * \$180,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

+ **A Shin Good Chief**, c, 2, **Mr. Greeley**--Catalina, by Storm Cat. Chukyo, 12-23, Maiden Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$61,040. O-Hirotsugu Hirai; B-Winchester Farm; T-Hideaki Fujiwara. * 1/2 to A Shin P C (Fusaichi Pegasus), SP-Jpn, \$471,283. **Won by 1 1/4 lengths.

+ **High Emotion**, c, 2, **Songandaprayer**--Strikingperfection (SW), by Strike the Gold. Nakayama, 12-22, Maiden Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$61,040. O-Koji Maeda; B-Sabrina Plumley; T-Kiyoshi Hagiwara. * \$140,000 wnlg '05 KEENOV. **Broke well to stalk the pace from third, powered to the lead in the stretch and drew clear to win by nine lengths.

Tiger Mask, c, 3, **Kingmambo**--Krisada (GSW, \$267,980), by Kris S. Nakayama, 12-23, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$85,614. O-Hidetoshi Yamamoto; B-Stonerside Stable; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *Won by four lengths.

Complezzo, c, 4, **Golden Missile**--Knight Prospector (GSW, \$236,825), by Native Prospector. Hanshin, 12-23, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 18-4-3-1, \$423,860. O-Takeshi Fujita; B-Pegasus Bloodstock USA, Inc.; T-Yasutoshi Ikee. * 1/2 to Estreno (Holy Bull), SP-Jpn, \$288,355.

Satono Throne, c, 4, **Woodman**--Zarani Sidi Anna (GISP-US & Eng, \$146,942), by Danzig. Hanshin, 12-22, Maya S., 9f. Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-0, \$646,579. O-Hajime Satomi; B-Forging Oaks LLC; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. * 1/2 to Base Commander (Officer), GSP-US.

IN HONG KONG:

Bullish Win, g, 3, **Mizzen Mast**--Salini, by Woodman. Sha Tin, 12-26, Hcp., 1400mT. B-September Farms, W A Fabry & Dick Cohen. * \$105,000 yrl '05 KEEJAN; \$255,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; HK\$2,500,000 2yo '06 HKIS.

JAPANESE WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRE:

+ **Paris Etrangere (Jpn)**, f, 2, **Fusaichi Pegasus**--Legion Etrangere, by Carson City. Hanshin, 12-22, Maiden Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$61,040. O/B-Shadai Farm; T-Mikio Matsunaga. * 1/2 to Rare Friends (Helmsman), Ch. 2yo Colt-Can, MSW, \$772,992.

Daiwa Mach One (Jpn), c, 2, **Langfuhr**--Caught Out (Jpn), by Horisky (Jpn). Nakayama, 12-22, Christmas Rose S., 6fT. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$392,895. O-Keizo Oshiro; B-Shadai Farm; T-Sueo Masuzawa.



ASIA



★ JAPAN ★

Yesterday's Results:

HYOGO GOLD TROPHY-Listed, Sonoda, 12-26, 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:26.30, yl.

1--**LIMITLESS BID (JPN)**, 131, h, 8, by **Sunday Silence**
 1st Dam: **Elizabeth Rose (Jpn) (SW-Jpn, \$1,201,226)**, by **Northern Taste**
 2nd Dam: **November Rose**, by **Caro (Ire)**
 3rd Dam: **Jedina**, by **What a Pleasure**

O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Tadashi Kayo; J-Yasunari Iwata; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Jpn, 42-13-6-6, ¥482,769,000. *Full to Fusaichi Zenon (Jpn), SW-Jpn, \$768,157; Agnes Gold (Jpn), MSW-Jpn, \$1,118,810.

2--**Precise Machine (Jpn)**, 130, h, 8, **Mayano Top Gun (Jpn)**--Be Silent (Jpn), by **Sunday Silence**.

3--**Meisho Battler (Jpn)**, 126, m, 7, **Meisho Homura (Jpn)**--**Meisho Hagoromo (Jpn)**, by **Dyna Gulliver (Jpn)**.

Margins: 1/2, NK, 1/2. Odds: 4.90, 3.60, 2.50.

Monday's Results:

NAGOYA GRAND PRIX-Listed, Nagoya, 12-24, 3yo/up, 2500m, 2:41.0, sy.

1--**FIELD ROUGE (JPN)**, 123, h, 5, by **Croco Rouge (Ire)**
 1st Dam: **Mejiro Romer (Jpn)**, by **Lindo Shaver**
 2nd Dam: **Mejiro Rivera (Jpn)**, by **Symboli Rudolf (Jpn)**
 3rd Dam: **Mejiro Ramonu (Jpn)**, by **Mogami (Fr)**

O-Katsumi Chida; B-Hideki Nakata; T-Masato Nizhizono; J-Norihiro Yokoyama; ¥40,000,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Jpn, 23-8-4-3, ¥298,010,000.

2--**Long Pride (Jpn)**, 119, c, 3, **Sakura Laurel (Jpn)**--**Mugen (Jpn)**, by **Adjudicating**.

3--**Chance Torai (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, **Black Tuxedo (Jpn)**--**Daitaku Pulchra (Jpn)**, by **Dancehall**.

Margins: 1 1/2, 1 1/2, 2. Odds: 1.60, 3.00, 17.80.

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AUSTRALASIA



GROUP WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:

Satinka (NZ), f, 3, **Stravinsky--Miss Saigon (NZ)**, by Kings Island (Ire). Ellerslie (Auckland), 12-26, Eight Carat Classic-G2, 3yo, f, 1mT, NZ\$78,125 to winner. Mrs V A & W K Pike; T-Lance O'Sullivan & Andrew Scott; NZ\$78,125. *1/2 to She Wishes (NZ) (Kenfair {NZ}), GSP-NZ. **MG1SP-NZ.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Coreles Hurricane (Ire), c, 3, **Desert Prince (Ire)--My Brightia (Aus)** (G1SW-Aus), by Bellotto. Chukyo, 12-23, Plate Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-0, \$142,544. O/B-Masashi Kobayashi; T-Tatsuo Fujiwara.

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Galileo's Night (GB), c, 4, **Galileo (Ire)--Niyabah (Ire)**, by Nashwan. Kenilworth, 12-26, Maiden, 2000mT. O-L'Ormarins (Pty) Ltd; B-Summerhill Stud; T-Joey Ramsden.

IN HONG KONG:

Lucia (GB), g, 3, **Fraam (GB)--Maid for Running (GB)**, by Namaqualand. Sha Tin, 12-26, Hcp., 1000mT. B-Redmyre Bloodstock & R Cornelius. *16,000gns wnlg '04 TATDEC; 20,000gns yrl '05 DONSEP.

Mission (GB), g, 3, **Komaite--Leominda (GB)**, by Lion Cavern. Sha Tin, 12-26, Hcp., 1400mT. B-P Balding. *20,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT.



TDN Photo of the Day
Dancing Forever gets up to win in a blanket finish at Calder
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STAKES RESULTS:

OUR DEAR PEGGY S., \$45,000, CRC, 12-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47 3/5, gd.

1--#**DANCING FOREVER**, 120, c, 4, **Rahy--Dancinginmydreams (GISP)**, by Seeking the Gold. O/B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claude R McGaughey III; J-Eddie Castro; \$27,000. Lifetime Record: 16-3-5-2, \$153,870.

(DH)-2--**Terrific Storm**, 123, h, 6, Storm Cat--Twenty One A. C., by Deputy Minister. \$6,975.

(DH)-2--**Croton Road**, 120, c, 4, Mr. Greeley--City Skiff, by Slew City Slew. \$6,975.

Margins: NK, 2 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 6.30, 1.60, 1.70.

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COPA NAVIDAD (Listed), \$78,034, CMR, 12-25, (S), 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.

1--**#TIO JUAN, 116, g, 2, Ordway--Devil's Deva, by Devil's Bag.** O-Establo Santa Ana; B-Ruben Rosado (PR); T-Maximo Gomez; J-Carlos A Pizarro; \$46,820. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$60,540.

2--**Kristian Quiles, 116, c, 2, Casanova Star--Princesa de Oro,** by Noblesse Oil. \$15,607.

3--**Be Aggressive, 116, c, 2, Be Frank--Agresiva,** by Gengii (Ire). \$7,804.

Margins: 1 1/4, HD, 3 3/4. Odds: 3.50, 0.65, 11.55.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-AQU, \$50,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40, ft.

CHERNA (f, 3, Judge T C--Nasty Cure {SP, \$150,622}, by Cure the Blues) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$51,748. O-Aliyu Ben J Stables. B-Aliyuee Ben J Stable Inc (NY). T-James T Ryerson. *1/2 to Netcong (Meadow Flight), SP, \$295,070.

3rd-FGX, \$43,000, 12-24, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW4X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38, ft.

CROSSWORD (c, 4, A.P. Indy--Mumbo Jumbo {MSW, \$168,366}, by Kingmambo) Lifetime Record: GSP, 23-5-3-6, \$230,699. O-Sarah Sharp Farish. B-Bee Zee LLC (KY). T-Neil J Howard.

8th-FGX, \$42,750, 12-24, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft.

AUTOBEACAT (g, 4, Autocracy--Storm the Lane, by Storm Boot) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-5-2-1, \$90,832. O-Valene Farms. B-Mike T Fitzmorris & Peter Feringa (LA). T-Richard R Scherer.

9th-PHA, \$41,588, 12-24, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

HESOGOODWITHMONEY (c, 3, Forest Wildcat--Gold and Lively, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$68,607. O-Char-Mari Stable. B-Gulf Coast Farms Bloodstock LP (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher. *\$350,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

8th-PHA, \$39,000, 12-24, NW1X, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.

PHILLY GAL (f, 2, Doneraile Court--Aunt Imo, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$53,910. O-Main Line Racing Stable. B-Mike Pegram (KY). T-John C Servis. *\$24,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

8th-LRL, \$36,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), C, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25 1/5, my.

COYOTESHIGHESTCALL (h, 5, Regal Humor--Ballerina Dancer, by Majesty's Prince) Lifetime Record: 55-9-8-7, \$264,112. O-Robert L Cole Jr. B-J J Coyote (FL). T-Scott A Lake.

10th-SUN, \$29,400, 12-24, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5, ft.

LA CONFIDENCE (f, 3, Grand Slam--Storming Heaven, by Hennessy) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$37,998. O-Frontier Stables LLC. B-Padua Stables (FL). T-Chris A Hartman.

4th-SUN, \$29,300, NW2L, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

ASKMETODANCE (f, 2, Ghostly Moves--Askance, by Irish Tower) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$23,810. O-Double Eagle Racing Stable. B-Geraldine Shipler (NM). T-H Ray Ashford Jr. *\$17,000 yrl '06 RUIAUG.

4th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 3/5, ft.

COCKADOODLE (c, 3, Sahm--Shuttlecock, by Cox's Ridge) Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-3, \$43,433. O-Nancy A Vanier. B-Mr & Mrs Harvey L Vanier (IL). T-Brian Williamson. *1/2 to Journey Fever (Gold Fever), SW, \$271,299.

8th-CRC, \$24,500, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04, ft.

REAL TRUTH (c, 3, Yes It's True--Epistola {MSP}, by Buckaroo) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$45,130. O-Richard Siemens. B-Ocala Stud Farm (FL). T-Kirk Ziadie. *\$90,000 2yo '06 OBSMAR.

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9th-TPX, \$23,015, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16 2/5, ft.

POLA'S PLACE (f, 4, Out of Place--Pola, by Strawberry Road {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-0, \$52,765.

O/B-John O'Meara, Charlie Goldberg & Richard Rosee (KY). T-David E Pate. *1/2 to Going Wild (Golden Missile), MSW & MGSP, \$358,180.

7th-CRC, \$20,500, 12-24, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55 1/5, gd.

GIVEITYOURBESTSHOT (c, 3, Yonaguska--Lady Corona, by D'Hallevent) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$50,092. O-Alan Brodsky. B-Thomas & Lakin (KY). T-Mark A Hennig. *\$75,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo '06 OBSFEB.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Weathered, f, 2, Key Contender--Thunder Stand (SP),** by Thunder Puddles. LRL, 12-26, (C), 7f, 1:27 4/5. B-Edward L Shapoff (NY). *1/2 to Dare to be Great (Expensive Decision), SP, \$190,101.

Monster Boots, c, 2, Meadow Monster--Natalie's Bootie, by Storm Boot. PHA, 12-24, (C), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Connie Scherr (PA).

Chantilly Lady, f, 2, Shore Breeze--Blue Iris (SP, \$121,737), by Black Tie Affair (Ire). HAW, 12-26, 1m70y, 1:42 2/5. B-John F Haran (KY). *Sixth winner for freshman sire (by Danzig).

Gallantprospect, c, 2, Suave Prospect--Brave and Gallant, by Alydeed. FGX, 12-24, (C), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Manali Farm (FL).

Jazzy Gin, f, 3, Albert the Great--B. J.'s Hennessy, by Hennessy. FGX, 12-24, (S), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Dr Glen Warren (LA).

Noble Tiger, c, 3, Tiger Ridge--Maple Sundae, by Irgun. CRC, 12-26, (C), 5fT, :56 1/5. B-C. Roger Verrier (FL).

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE:

Causeway Queen (Aus), f, 3, Giant's Causeway--Soul Singer (Aus), by Danehill. Sandown (Melbourne), 12-22, Hcp, 3yo, f, 7fT. B-P Horwitz.

Little Luke (NZ), g, 3, Stravinsky--Dare to Win (NZ), by Centaine (Aus). Te Rapa (New Zealand), 12-22, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-T E Luke, C J Waller & Ms L Williams.

Bella Renza (NZ), f, 3, Van Nistelrooy--Katrina Belle (NZ), by Conquistarose. Te Rapa (New Zealand), 12-22, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-M J Robertson.

Pedrillo (Aus), g, 6, Favorite Trick--Wild Thunder (Aus), by Our Poetic Prince (Aus). Sandown (Melbourne), 12-22, Hcp, 3yo/up, 5fT. B-A Cheung.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

BRITAIN, Wolverhampton, 1.30, 12-26, £4,350, 2yo, 7f 32yds (AWT), 1:31.72, stn.

GEEZERS COLOURS (GB) (c, 2, Fraam {GB}--Konica {GB}, by Desert King {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, £11,861. O-C Waters; B-Bloodhorse International Ltd; T-Karl Burke. *2,800gns wnlg '05 TATDEC; 6,500gns yrl '06 DONOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Eclipse d'Artois (Fr), f, 2, Cardoun (Fr)--Neruda (GB), by Slip Anchor (GB). Deauville, France, 12-26, Cond, 2yo, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-B Bucher & Mlle F Perree.

Midory (GB), f, 2, Dr Fong--Bios (GB), by Lammtarra. Naples, Italy, 12-24, Cond, 2yo, 1 1/8mT. B-Grundy Bloodstock Ltd. *€30,000 yrl '06 ITYSEP.

Equinoreva (Fr), g, 2, Enrique (GB)--Ainhoa Bacchanale (Fr), by Kaldounevees (Fr). Deauville, France, 12-26, Mdn, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-Corinne Ruffie-Huve.

Annes Rocket (Ire), c, 2, Fasliyev--Aguilas Perla (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Wolverhampton, Britain, 12-26, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 216yds (AWT). B-S Coughlan.

Wendel (Ger), c, 3, Definite Article (GB)--Wild Side (Ger) (GSW-Ger), by Sternkonig (Ire). Deauville, France, 12-26, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Gestut Rottgen.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRE:

Go Buster (Aus), c, 2, Danetime (Ire)--Madam Gunda (Aus), by Baryshnikov (Aus). Ascot (Perth), 12-22, Hcp, 2yo, 5fT. B-D R Harrison, Mrs J B Harrison, G Donovan, D George & G Beauglehole.

I Robot (NZ), c, 2, Ishiguru--Echo Beach (Aus), by Prince Echo (Ire). Awapuni (New Zealand), 12-22, Hcp, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-J W Campin.

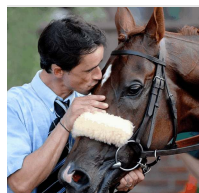
Testy (Aus), f, 2, Testa Rossa (Aus)--Musical d'Accord, by D'Accord. Morphettville (Adelaide), 12-22, Hcp, 2yo, 5f 55ydsT. B-Riverdene Stud Pty Ltd.

Sieger Sieger (Aus), g, 3, Dansili (GB)--Black Velvet (Fr), by Black Tie Affair (Ire). Seymour (Victoria), 12-23, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-Glenlogan Park Pty Ltd.

Kick 'n' Chase (Aus), g, 3, Red Ransom--Cool Chick (NZ), by Centaine (Aus). Randwick (Sydney), 12-22, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT. B-Hallatex Pty Ltd.

Rouge Mamzelle (Aus), f, 4, Red Ransom--Mamzelle Perdu (Aus), by Vite Cheval (NZ). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 12-21, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 10f 45ydsT. B-Oamaru Stud.

Takeover Target (Aus), g, 8, Celtic Swing (GB)--Shady Stream (Aus), by Archregent. Randwick (Sydney), 12-22, Razor Sharp S.-Listed, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$65,000 to winner. B-Meringo Stud Farm.



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