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Agree or disagree--and it seemed everyone in Lexington had an opinion--Michael Paulson has an unending reserve of confidence in Azeri (Jade Hunter). That conviction was in evidence during yesterday's



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opening session of the Keeneland January sale when, amid a flurry of excitement at the sale pavilion, Paulson chose to buy back the 2002 Horse of the Year for \$4.4 million. Azeri, offered in foal to Ghostzapper, became the top-priced RNA for a mare at Keeneland in at least a decade, which puts her in the rarified atmosphere recently occupied by her first foal Vallenzeri. The A.P. Indy colt earned the distinction of the highest yearling RNA in history when Paulson bought him

back for \$7.7 million at the 2008 Keeneland September sale. "We were very close to selling," Paulson said of Azeri, who was bred by his late father Allen and raced for the Allen Paulson Living Trust. "When she went above \$4 million, I thought we had her sold, but it just missed where we were on the reserve. It's bittersweet. I was hoping to sell. But the good thing is that we still own her." **Cont. p2**



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<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
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No. Offered	275	291
No. Sold	202	195
RNAs	73	96
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TOP 10 BROODMARES - MONDAY

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Covering Stallion</u>	<u>Price (\$)</u>
<u>90</u>	Island Fashion	Ghostzapper	950,000
	<i>(9, Petionville--Danzigs Fashion, by A Native Danzig)</i>		
	Consigned by Pope McLean (Crestwood Farm), agent for Everest Stables (Reduction Phase I) Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida		
<u>290</u>	Almonsoon	Racing/b'mare prospect	950,000
	<i>(6, Giant's Causeway--Garimpeiro, by Mr. Prospector)</i>		
	Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Southern Equine Stables		
<u>9</u>	Elusive Diva	Giant's Causeway	825,000
	<i>(8, Elusive Quality--Taj Aire, by Taj Alriyadh)</i>		
	Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig & Holly Bandoroff), Agent IV Purchased by Claiborne Farm, agent		
<u>93</u>	Jade Queen	Racing/b'mare prospect	450,000
	<i>(6, Giant's Causeway--Jade Flush, by Jade Hunter)</i>		
	Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Summer Wind Farm/Jane Lyon		
<u>59</u>	Harbor Blues	Indian Charlie	310,000
	<i>(9, Petionville--Downtown Blues, by Seattle Song)</i>		
	Consigned by Pope McLean (Crestwood Farm), agent for Everest Stables (Reduction Phase I) Purchased by James (Mike) Lauffer		
<u>235</u>	Susan's Angel	Bernardini	290,000
	<i>(8, Cape Town--Copeaway, by Copelan)</i>		
	Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XVII Purchased by Summer Wind Farm/Jane Lyon		
<u>208</u>	Shes All Eltish	Racing/b'mare prospect	280,000
	<i>(4, Eltish--Shesabullwinkle, by Hesabull)</i>		
	Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XCIII Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida		

Top Mares cont. p4

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Azeri cont.

Michael Paulson added, "We're going to talk to a few people shortly," to see if a private transaction could be hammered out. "I don't know who [the underbidder] was, but we're trying to find that out now," he said. "I know there were several people interested in putting a syndicate together. But if not, we'll take her home and get that Ghostzapper foal. Unfortunately, we've been the victim twice now of the global financial market meltdown. In a good market, I think she would have brought double what the price was today. With Vallenzeri, based on prices in 2006 and 2007, I thought that he'd bring high in the seven figures, and maybe even eight figures. But my father always said, 'when you have quality, you want to keep it.'"

AMAZING AZERI

Michael Paulson on some of Azeri's finest victories

GI Lady's Secret, 2002: "She was carrying 127 pounds, which I think was more than any male carried that year. The jockeys were ganging up on her--she was challenged three times in that race, and she was giving up anywhere from 10 to 20 pounds to the other horses. She set unbelievable fractions [:22 2/45, :45 2/5, 1:08 4/5], but was still just so dominant. Any time another horse came to her, she just blew them away [winning by 3 1/2 lengths over Starrer]. It's a race she doesn't get much credit for, but considering the weight she was carrying and the fractions, it was really dramatic."

GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, 2002: "We were very confident going into the race...I was actually considered running her against the males [in the Classic], and too bad I didn't. Even the NBC commentators said afterwards that no horse in the world could have beat Azeri that day. I remember the fractions were just amazing--she went :23, :46 and 1:09 and change, which was just a few ticks off what the Sprint went in."

GI Apple Blossom, 2003: "It came after we were named Horse of the Year. We came into it having breeze only a couple times and with very little training. We were going up against some of the top mares in the United States at that time. It was one of her most dramatic races--she won right at the wire against Take Charge Lady. Everybody was screaming, and it was such an unbelievable performance because she was probably only 80 to 85 percent fit."

The Hills and the Valleys...

Catalogued as hip 301 from the draft of John Sikura's Hill 'n ' Dale Sales, Azeri, who is believed to be carrying a filly, generated plenty of excitement simply walking the back ring yesterday. By the time she was led into the rear of the sales pavilion, people were packed two and three deep, jockeying to get a glimpse of the 11-time Grade I winner. Bidding started at \$500,000, and progressed in \$100,000 increments from there up to \$4.4 million. While representatives of Coolmore were present, they did not appear to be involved in the bidding.



Michael Paulson and Azeri
Horsephotos

Darley's Jimmy Bell was in his usual perch under the rear bid spotter and looked to be involved in the action right up to the end. Hill 'n' Dale's Sikura acknowledged that he bid on Azeri as well, representing himself and his father-in-law, Ed McGee.

"I was in up until right around the \$4-million mark," said Sikura.

Swarmed by reporters shortly after Azeri was led out of the ring, Sikura was forthright when asked about the pair of high-priced buybacks.

"I gave my opinion on what her market value was, and I think my market value would have had the mare sold," said Sikura, who said he instructed Paulson not to reveal the reserve to him, as he intended on bidding. "I told him he should keep it to himself. He set the reserve on his opinion of the value of the mare. The man who owns the horse always has the ability to reject or accept a bid. Sometimes it's proven folly and sometimes it's proven wise. Obviously, it's disappointing because it's a high-profile mare and a high-profile consignment."

Azeri cont. p3



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**Azeri cont.**

Sikura said there wasn't a Plan B if Azeri did not sell. "That was never discussed, because I didn't want to think of it not working," he said, adding, "I think a mare of that quality would have made double that last year. If barren mares can bring \$14 million, a Horse of the Year in foal to a Horse of the Year certainly could bring in excess of \$8 million."

Still, Sikura said that he understood if potential buyers were skeptical that Azeri would have a reserve that fit the current state of the market, especially after watching Vallenzeri RNA for \$7.7 million at September.

"It's human nature to question the motive [of the seller]," said Sikura. "Is it going to be the same approach? Frankly, we discussed it prior to the sale, the issue of buyer's confidence, and I thought that we had a pretty good understanding of how things were. But in the end, the man who owns the horse decides what she's worth. I know there'll be some people shaking their heads, but from the Hill 'n' Dale point of view, we represented this mare with all intentions that she would sell. In September, it was uncomfortable, because we have a reputation of selling horses and knowing the market. To have it happen again, it wasn't something that was foreseen or planned. But when you're representing a client, you always defend the client. I'm not going to say anything negative about their decision."

Paulson Looks Forward...

Michael Paulson also acknowledged that the \$7.7 million buyback of Vallenzeri may have left January buyers skeptical. "That could be—I can't speak for everybody," he said. "But if they were in my shoes and had the only living female Horse of the Year and only three-time champion older mare, they would be in the same position. I adjusted the reserve to reflect the market, but she has a value. I was going to let her go for an extremely good value." Paulson confirmed that Azeri would return to Hill 'n' Dale, unless a deal was reached in the hours after the sale. Paulson said that he'd "absolutely" be interested in retaining an interest in Azeri.

"She's part of the family, but this is a business for us, and we have to treat it as a business," he said. "But when I look in her eyes, I see part of my father."

Vallenzeri, meanwhile, is scheduled to make a return to Keeneland. The now two-year-old is nominated to the April sale, and Paulson said his intention is to send the colt there with consignor Eddie Woods.

"Everyone that sees him says he looks like the real deal," Paulson reported. "He's the only horse I've ever been involved with who's never taken one step backwards. Since the day he was born, he's been perfect. I think he's going to be a super horse if we can get him to the racetrack." Azeri's yearling filly by Giant's Causeway has an engagement at Keeneland September. -LM

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Azeri Timeline

- May, '98 Foaled May 6 by Australian group stakes winner Zodiac Miss (Aus) (Ahonoora {GB}) in Kentucky, the second and last foal produced by the mare
- July, '00 Azeri's owner and breeder, Allen Paulson, dies at the age of 78
- Nov., '01 Azeri debuts for the Allen Paulson Living Trust at Hollywood Park. Trained by Laura de Seroux, she wins by an easy six lengths at 17-1 odds. It will be one of five times in her 21 starts that she isn't favored
- Feb., '02 Makes first start in a stakes. Off as the 5-2 second choice to Summer Colony in GII La Canada, she breaks slowly before rallying to be second to that foe
- Mar., '02 Favored over Spain in her next start, the GI Santa Margarita, Azeri wins by three lengths. She goes on to take her next 10 starts, including seven in Grade I company
- Oct., '02 Romps by five lengths in a wire-to-wire tour de force in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff
- Jan., '03 At Eclipse Awards, named Horse of the Year and champion older female
- Feb., '03 Having been entered to sell at Barretts March, Azeri is scratched from the sale
- Aug., '03 Has 11-race winning streak broken when she finishes third to Got Koko at 1-5 odds in GII Clement Hirsch H. at Del Mar
- Oct., '03 De Seroux announces Azeri has a tendon injury and recommends retirement. Azeri is given time off and brought back with trainer D. Wayne Lukas
- Jan., '04 Named champion older female for second time
- Apr., '04 Wins third straight GI Apple Blossom at Oaklawn; the track later names a stakes for her
- May, '04 In her first-ever start against males, Azeri finishes eighth to Pico Central (Brz) in GI Metropolitan H.
- Aug. '04 Snaps a three-race winless skid with a victory over Sightseek in GI Go for Wand at Saratoga
- Oct., '04 Registers her last victory in Oct. 10 GI Spinster S. at Keeneland. It was the only time she raced at the Lexington oval
- Oct., '04 Sent off at 15-1 in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic in her second start against males, Azeri finishes fifth, beaten 9 3/4 lengths by Ghostzapper
- Jan., '05 Named champion older mare a third time
- 2005 Barren to Storm Cat
- 2006 Produces A.P. Indy colt Vallenzeri on Valentine's Day
- 2007 Produces Giant's Causeway filly; bred back to Horse of the Year Ghostzapper
- Sept. '08 Vallenzeri RNA's for \$7.7 million, the highest-priced yearling buyback in history
- Jan., '09 Bought back for \$4.4 million



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- 147 Ms North Carolina Forestry 230,000**
(10, Honour and Glory--Ms. Charlotte, by Wild Again)
 Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXI
 Purchased by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC
- 185 Queen of America Indian Charlie 200,000**
(9, Quiet American--Our Dear Ruth, by Baldski)
 Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm,
 agent for Wayward Wind Farms
 Purchased by Seth W Hancock, agent
- 218 Smooth Maneuvers Bluegrass Cat 200,000**
(9, Grindstone--Aerobatics, by Caro {Ire})
 Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CII
 Purchased by Southern Equine Stables

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Far East for Fashion...

Multiple Grade I winner **Island Fashion** (Petionville), who ran in the 2004 G1 Yasuda Kinen at Tokyo Racecourse, will be returning to Japan. Katsumi Yoshida of Northern Farm purchased the nine-year-old mare for \$950,000 yesterday. "She was a good racemare, and she's still young--not so young, but young," explained Naohiro Hosoda, a representative of Shadai Corporation, who bid on the mare and signed the ticket for Yoshida. "We figured if she was going to bring that money, then we should try to buy her. So I made a call to Mr. Yoshida, and Mr. Yoshida said, 'Go.'" Island Fashion, consigned by Pope McLean's Crestwood Farm as part of the reduction of



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Everest Stables, won the 2003 GI Alabama S. and GI La Brea S., as well as the 2004 GI Santa Monica H. She retired with earnings over \$2 million.

Hosoda also cited Island Fashion's covering stallion as a selling point. The mare, originally mated to Storm Cat last spring, is in foal to Horse of the Year Ghostzapper on an Apr. 8 cover. Asked if the \$950,000 price tag was about what was expected, Hosoda said, "We expected around a million." Hosoda added that Island Fashion would likely be shipped to Japan prior to foaling the Ghostzapper she's carrying.

HIP 90	
Petionville	Seeking the Gold
ISLAND FASHION , f, 2000	Vana Turns
Danzigs Fashion	A Native Danzig
<i>In foal to Ghostzapper</i>	

The sale of Island Fashion ended Crestwood Farm's long relationship with the star racemare. "It's mixed emotions, because we've had her the whole time and she's such a hard-knocking, genuine mare," admitted Crestwood's Pope McLean. "It's sad to see her go." Island Fashion raced for breeder Jeff Nielsen's Everest Stables, and is by Everest stallion Petionville, who stands at Crestwood. "She was bred on the farm and by Petionville, so we've been there the whole time," McLean added. **Island Fashion cont. p6**

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Island Fashion cont.

This was the second time that Island Fashion had gone through the sales ring. The mare, in foal to Storm Cat, was also consigned by Crestwood when led out unsold for \$2 million at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale. While yesterday's price tag was significantly below that level, McLean said that, given current conditions, it was an acceptable offer. "We're satisfied [with the sale], but not elated," he commented. "In today's market, that is probably a fair price. She is an extremely nice mare, and I think [Yoshida] made a good buy, a good purchase. I think, with what will come out of her, it was a good investment. She's got a good home and we wish nothing but the best for them." McLean expects to offer Island Fashion's now yearling filly by Storm Cat in September.

Almonsoon to Southern Equine...

After falling short on several would-be purchases, Southern Equine Stables's Eric Guillot finally got his mare when going to \$950,000 to secure **Almonsoon** (Giant's Causeway). "I wanted to buy her for \$600,000," Guillot admitted. "I stopped at \$600,000. But the more I looked at her, the more I liked her. The more I saw the way she acted in the ring, the more I looked at the pedigree, the more I kept seeing."

Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent, the six-year-old Almonsoon sold as a racing or broodmare prospect. Guillot is hoping the graded-stakes placed mare fills a hole in Southern Equine's broodmare band.

"I'm trying to fill a gap here, trying to get to 30 foundation mares, and I just couldn't see why Almonsoon couldn't be one of them," he said. The mare will likely be bred to either A.P. Indy or Ghostzapper, according to Guillot.

Almonsoon was second in last year's GIII Orchid H. and won this year's Omnibus S. at Monmouth in August. In her final appearance, she ran ninth in the Oct. 19 Dowager S. at Keeneland. Bred and raced by the Allen E. Paulson Living Trust, the mare is a half sister to graded stakes winners Geri (Theatrical {Ire}) and A.P. Arrow (A.P. Indy).

"She's gorgeous," Guillot continued. "She's by Giant's Causeway, and is a half to two multiple Grade I horses that were as good as they've got in the country. She showed the class. I liked her better than Azeri--put it that way."

Guillot admitted the \$950,000 price tag was more than he expected to pay, but concluded, "Good horses cost money, it's as simple as that."

Guillot revealed that he was among the underbidders on several of the session's highlights, including Elusive Diva and Island Fashion.

"I almost bought Elusive Diva, but I liked Almonsoon better from a pedigree perspective for

about the same money. I bid up to \$650-700,000, something like that, on Elusive Diva. I think I stopped at \$800,000 on Island Fashion, just on her pedigree. I prefer pedigree like Almonsoon. I'd rather have pedigree than race record any day of the week."

Almonsoon takes Southern Equine just past the half-way mark on its goal of 30 broodmares. "She makes 16 or 17," Guillot said. "We've got about 12 more to go, but we don't have to reach that number this year. We might see one or two that look good on the market this year; we might buy five next year. We just try to get the right horses--it doesn't matter when or where or how." Guillot was busy at Keeneland yesterday. In addition to Almonsoon, he purchased six mares to support former Southern Equine runner Salute the Sarge (Forest Wildcat) in his first season at stud.

Almonsoon cont. p7

HIP 290	
Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat
ALMONSOON , f, 2003	Mariah's Storm
Garimpeiro	Mr. Prospector
	Far Flying
<i>Racing or broodmare prospect</i>	

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The speedy Salute the Sarge captured the 2007 GII Best Pal S. and GIII Hollywood Juvenile Championship S., and Guillot said he is looking for mares who will help get the sire off to a quick start on the track. "We're looking at open mares [to get early cover dates] and early babies," he said. "We're trying to get mostly speed horses that can throw precocious two-year-olds and try to put some runners on the ground early for Salute the Sarge." Salute the Sarge stands his first season at stud at Walmac at a fee of \$7,500.

Bass Fishing for a Diva...

Ramona Bass is a long-time breeder, but admitted her newest acquisition was her biggest splash to date. Bass, sitting next to Claiborne's Dell Hancock, went to \$825,000 to bring home **Elusive Diva** (Elusive Quality). The eight-year-old mare, consigned by Denali Stud, is in foal to Giant's Causeway.

"When I looked at her, I just fell in love with her," admitted Bass, who is daughter of the late owner and breeder Arthur Seeligson Jr. "And she's such a great racemare--that's the exciting thing for me. I've been breeding for a long time, but I've never had such a nice racemare."

Bass, along with her brother Arthur Seeligson III, last year campaigned Belmont allowance winner Gravitational (Swain {Ire}) and Hollywood allowance winner Sartorial (Charismatic). Elusive Diva won the 2005 GIII Las Cienegas H. and GIII Senator Ken Maddy H., as well as the 2004 GIII Railbird S. She was third in the 2004 GI La Brea S. On the board in 13 of 17 starts, she retired in 2006 with six wins and earnings of \$484,510.

Of Elusive Diva's immediate future, Bass said, "She's going to Claiborne and will live the life of luxury."

Bass explained she is interested in racing her own stock. "I might sell one here or there," she said. "But I like to race."

Elusive Diva's price tag fell short of the \$1.6 million she attracted while in foal to Distorted Humor at the 2006 Keeneland

HIP 9	
Elusive Quality	Gone West
ELUSIVE DIVA , f, 2001	Touch of Greatness
Taj Aire	Taj Alriyadh
	Whimsical Aire
<i>In foal to Giant's Causeway</i>	

November sale, but Bass thought it was a solid price. "I think the good mares are going to go for money, period," she said. "But I think it was a great price for her. It was the top of my limit." Still basking in the glow of the purchase, Bass added, "I'm thrilled, absolutely thrilled. I can't wait to give her a pat."

Denali's Craig Bendoroff pronounced himself satisfied with the sale of Elusive Diva. "We're happy," Bendoroff said. "This shows there is a market for quality--quality always seems to hold up. And she was a beautiful mare and got a good home. We hope they do real well with her."

Denali was selling Elusive Diva for Guy and Diane Snowden, who were the winning bidders at the 2006 November sale. "It was a long-term project that turned into a short-term project," Bendoroff said of the Snowden's involvement with the mare. "The first foal, the Distorted Humor colt, they are going to keep and race. The second foal is a colt by Bernardini. He's nice and, if he sells, then I expect he'd either go to Saratoga or Book 1 in September."

KEEJAN coverage cont. p8



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Missed Daughter, Landed Mom...

Two months ago, Belvedere Farm's Mike Lauffer came up just short for a handsome Dynaformer weanling filly at Keeneland November, finishing runner-up to Shadwell Estate Co., which landed the daughter

Hip 59	
Petionville	Seeking the Gold
HARBOR BLUES , m, 2000	Vana Turns
Downtown Blues	Seattle Song
	Sultry Sally
<i>In foal to Indian Charlie</i>	

of SW and GSP Harbor Blues (Petionville) for \$400,000. Yesterday, Lauffer, sitting inside the sales pavilion, went

straight to the source, purchasing Harbor Blues for \$310,000.

Harbor Blues sold from the Everest Stables reduction being handled by Pope McLean's Crestwood Farm and is currently in foal to Indian Charlie. A short-yearling filly by Forestry out of Harbor Blues preceded the mare into the ring. Ed Rosas/GSB Racing purchased the Forestry filly for \$15,000.

Lauffer said that Harbor Blues, a half-sister to GSW Night Patrol (Storm Boot), would be making another visit to Three Chimneys' Dynaformer this spring.

"We were underbidder on that foal in November and liked her a lot, so she'll go back to Dynaformer," said Lauffer. "Plus she's got a real nice Forestry filly that just raced. She just got beat a head for third in a Grade III."

Lauffer is speaking of Harbor Blues's three-year-old daughter Lady Lumberjack (Forestry), who ran second in a pair of Hollywood Park maidens last November. Lady Lumberjack ran fourth, beaten a head for third and 2 1/2 lengths for the whole prize, behind Century Park in the GIII Santa Ysabel S. at Santa Anita Sunday.

Lauffer, who lives in Paintsville, Kentucky, is a principal of the Paris-based Belvedere Farm. He owns the land Belvedere sits on, along with partner Bill Cabbage. Marty Takaks leases the farm and acts as farm manager at Belvedere. Both Cabbage and Lauffer are in the natural gas and oil business in Kentucky.

Belvedere is stressing quality over quantity when it comes to its broodmare band, which currently numbers eight mares. That includes Minister's Mom (Deputy Minister), dam of two stakes horses, and In Truth (Quiet American), a half-sister to Hot Novel, dam of GISW Behrens.

"We breed to race and breed to sell," Lauffer said shortly after signing the ticket. "We have about six fillies in training right now."

Belvedere enjoyed a smashing success at the most recent renewal of the Keeneland November sale. The operation purchased the stakes-placed mare Oatsee (Unbridled) for \$135,000 at the 2006 January sale. By the time she revisited the Keeneland ring in November, Oatsee was the dam of GSW Baghdaria (Royal Academy) and GISW Lady Joanee (Orientate), and was subsequently hammered down to My Meadowview LLC for \$1.55 million.

Commenting on the market on the first day at January, Lauffer offered, "I think the quality horses are bringing pretty good prices, there's just not many to choose from. We were at our upper limit with Harbor Blues." -LM

Baker's Half-Dozen...

A Sovereign Award winner as Canada's outstanding trainer, Reade Baker is well-known as an astute conditioner. Baker dabbles in breeding, too. Or dabbled, as the case may be. Baker is selling off all his bloodstock holdings at Keeneland January, a total of five mares and four weanlings. "I just don't have the time," said Baker from his winter base in Florida. "It used to be that I could go to the farm and look at my mares, but now I've just got too much going on."

Baker said the move corresponded with his decision to add a string in New York in 2009. Baker confirmed that he would be sending roughly 10 horses to Belmont in the spring, while retaining his usual barn of 45 runners at Woodbine.

"I just want to give some of my horses a chance to run on conventional dirt," he explained. "I'll send an assistant down to Belmont."

Six of Baker's nine horses went through the ring yesterday, from the consignment of Taylor Made Sales Agency. The top price, and lone horse to eclipse the six-figure mark, was realized by [hip 166](#), the eight-year-old stakes winner **Ontheqt** (Mazel Trick). Southern Equine's Eric Guillot purchased the mare, who was offered in foal to Tiznow. Bred by Baker in Ontario, Ontheqt banked over \$285,000 and won stakes at two and three.

"A lot of these horses were produced from mares I claimed," said Baker. That indeed was the case with Ontheqt. Baker claimed the mare's granddam, Off the Record (Chas Conerly), for \$8,000 back in 1991. Off the Record never won for Baker, but did produce Ontheqt's dam Confidential, who earned black type in 1998 while banking nearly \$50,000.

Baker cont. p9



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Baker cont.

Baker sold Ontheqt's first two foals at Keeneland. The filly Queen of Gossip (Montbrook), now three, sold for \$27,000 in 2006, while another filly, Noticin' You (Mr. Greeley), was knocked down to Bill Farish for \$60,000 at last year's September sale. Ontheqt's latest offspring, a filly by Officer, sold yesterday as a short yearling to Michael Sucher, who landed her for \$22,000. -LM

Lots of Outs...

Even before the start of bidding at Keeneland Monday, one statistic was jumping off the page. While 406 lots were catalogued for the first day of the auction, a full 131 were withdrawn and never saw the sales ring.

"I think that a lot of people were probably anticipating a bad sale," commented Three Chimney's Case Clay.

"Our clients--the ones who withdrew their horses--were. They thought they wouldn't be able to get the price that they wanted. For some, it was something on the track that they withdrew, and she could just keep racing, or it was something that they just withdrew to sell next year." According to Clay, most of his clients withdrew their horses even before they made it to the sales grounds. "Most of our people withdrew last week," he said. Clay did find some good news in current market conditions, adding, "Trying to find the positive, there is good value out there. We just have to make ourselves spend it."

Duncan Taylor of Taylor Made Sales Agency agreed that market conditions were the major factor in the large number of outs from Day 1. "There is just indecision in the market and what people should do," Taylor said. "Everyone is uncertain--when they are uncertain, one minute they want to sell, and one minute they don't want to sell." According to Taylor, scratches from his consignment were spread out evenly. "I'd say we had half of them scratch way ahead of time. And then there was another half that scratched within one week of the sale."

Keeneland's Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell felt the large number of outs could be attributed to influences other than market conditions. "It's a factor of the market at the moment," Russell admitted. "But there is also a segment of those that will be from people who decided to retain their horses, and there is a situation where some mares may have aborted. So I think it's a factor of all three."

Both Clay and Taylor agreed that people who left their horses in the auction were motivated sellers, and proved it with their reserves. "I think if they left them in, they wanted to sell them," Taylor explained. "So they're being realistic with their reserves."

Clay called the reserves his clients set "realistic." The conservative reserves were reflected in a lower buy-back rate. For the session, 275 horses were offered, 202 horses sold and 73 were reported as not sold. The buy-back rate was 26.5 percent, down from last year's opening day buy-back rate of 33 percent.

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<u>25</u>	f	<u>Tapit</u>	Fickle Factor	150,000
B-JMJ Racing Stables (NY)				
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXVIII				
Purchased by Black Cherry Farm				
<u>160</u>	f	<u>Elusive Quality</u>	Noisette	110,000
B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras SA & Darley Stud (KY)				
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent V				
Purchased by Lane's End Bloodstock				
<u>28</u>	c	<u>Smart Strike</u>	Flager (Arg)	80,000
B-Stony Oak Thoroughbreds (KY)				
Consigned by Chesapeake Farm (Drew Nardiello), Agent IV				
Purchased by Stanley D Petter Jr, agent				
<u>186</u>	c	<u>Cherokee Run</u>	Queen of America	77,000
(\$80,000 in utero '07 KEENOV)				
B-J David Smith (KY)				
Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent for Wayward Wind Farms				
Purchased by PDQ Racing				
<u>222</u>	c	<u>First Samurai</u>	Spectacular Moon	77,000
B-Dapple Bloodstock, Steve Bishop & Gryphon Investments (KY)				
Consigned by Dapple Stud, agent				
Purchased by HP Directed				



Figures Fall...

The majority of people in the industry had low expectations going into the January sale, and figures at the end of the day did not disappoint. With 202 horses selling for \$11,945,900, gross sales were down 44 percent from a year ago. The average of \$59,138 was down 46 percent from last year's figure of \$109,364, while the median fell 51 percent, from \$55,000 in 2008 to \$27,000 yesterday. But Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell found some bright spots in the market. "I think people brought their horses here to sell, and the not-sold rate has gone down," he pointed out. "Given the current global situation, people have adjusted their expectations and traded their horses." The January sale continues today at 10 a.m.



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Hip	Name	Covering Sire	Price (\$)
185	Queen of America	Indian Charlie	\$200,000

(9, Quiet American--Our Dear Ruth, by Baldski)

Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent for Wayward Wind Farms

Purchased by Seth W Hancock, agent

185	yr1 c, Cherokee Run--Queen of America	\$77,000
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Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent for Wayward Wind Farms

Purchased by PDQ Racing

Queen of America was in foal to Cherokee Run when David Smith went to \$80,000 to buy her at the 2007 Keeneland November Sale. Her first foal, Jimmy Simms (Lost Soldier), made his debut just one week later, running second in a maiden special weight event on the dirt at Churchill Downs. Now four, the bay blossomed when moved to the turf last season, and is now three-for-four on the surface. He posted maiden and allowance victories at Woodbine and, in his latest, took the Woodchopper S. at Fair Grounds Dec. 20. He was also third, beaten just 3/4 of a length, in the GIII Commonwealth Turf S. at Churchill in November. David and Karen Smith's Wayward Wind Farms of Morganfield, Kentucky, sent the mare back through the ring here, capitalizing on her offspring's success. Queen of America's Cherokee Run colt followed her into the ring, adding to the profits.

343	Cream Only	Smart Strike	\$170,000
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(5, Exchange Rate--Raspberry Egghcream, by Time for a Change)

Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent for Padua Stables

Purchased by Nobuo Tsunoda

Padua Stables paid just \$15,000 when acquiring Cream Only's dam, Raspberry Egghcream, at OBSWIN in 2003. In foal to Delaware Township, she produced Electrify, who carried the Padua colors to 10 wins, including an 8 3/4-length score in the Forever Whirl S. at Gulfstream last March, and earned \$666,890. Cream Only RNA'd at \$9,500 as an OBSAUG yearling, and also ran for Team Padua, retiring as a stakes winner of \$133,349. She attracted a healthy final bid her second time through the ring.

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Hip 585, Rose of Killarney, 4, Proud Citizen--Rose of Summer, by El Prado (Ire)

Consigned by Warrendale Sales, Agent III

From the family of MGSW Dixie Dot Com (Dixie Brass) and GISW Siphonic (Siphon {Brz}), Rose of Killarney saw her stock rise when her year-younger half-sister Laragh (Tapit) won the Jessamine S. and ran third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf last fall. Since the catalogue, Laragh solidified her status as one of the best young fillies in the nation with a good-looking win the GI Hollywood Starlet S. in December.

Hip 473, Lady Attack, 5, Mutakddim--She's a Slewp, by Slewp

Consigned by Lane's End, agent

A \$30,000 yearling who sold for \$150,000 to Bradley Thoroughbred Brokerage at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Sale, Lady Attack proved to be a very good turf performer in 2007. She aired by three lengths in her grass debut at Churchill in June of that year, followed up with a five-length win in an allowance race under the Twin Spires, then was beaten just a neck by subsequent Grade I winner Rutherienne (Pulpit) in the GIII Lake George S. at Saratoga. She was also third to Sharp Susan (Touch Gold) in the GII Lake Placid S. The five-year-old sells as a racing or broodmare prospect.



Hip Happenings cont.

Hip 675, Vestrey Lady, 6, Vicar--Episode, by Kris S.
Consigned by Cara Bloodstock (Bernard McCormack), agent
 Harlequin Ranches acquired Vestrey Lady for just \$6,000 at the 2004 Keeneland September sale. The dark bay would go on to be first or second in 12 of 21 starts and earn over \$490,000. Her resume includes three stakes wins, including a tally in the GIII Royal North S. at Woodbine, and she also ran second by 3/4 lengths to Leah's Secret (Tiger Ridge) in the GII Raven Run S. here at Keeneland. Vestrey Lady's dam Episode is a half-sister to top sire Mr. Greeley and to the granddam of Derby winner Street Sense.

Hip 762, Cold Awakening, 13, Dehere--Chilly Chick, by Raise a Native
Consigned by Viking Stud Inc, Agent IV
 Cold Awakening, runner-up in the Kentucky Cup Juvenile Fillies S. in 1998, got off to a solid start in the breeding shed when her second foal, Recapturetheglory (Cherokee Run), took last year's GII Illinois Derby. Cold Awakening, a half-sister to graded winners Rotsaluck (Rajab) and Chilly Rooster (Arch), sells in foal on a May 22 cover to Yes It's True.

Hip 782, Double Park (Fr)--Just Pretty, by Danzig
Consigned by Four Star Sales, Agent XIII
 The stakes-placed Double Park was hammered down to country music star Toby Keith for \$75,000 at this sale in 1999. In the past decade, she's been a very good producer for Keith's Dream Walkin' Farms. Her second foal was the undefeated GSW Cactus Ridge (Hennessy), while her third to make the races was the stakes winner and graded-placed Harriett Lane (Giant's Causeway). Double Park's latest success is the now four-year-old Sebastian County (Hennessy), also a stakes winner and graded placed. There is but one mare at Keeneland January selling in foal to Distorted Humor, and this is it.

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CORRECTION: Cozzene's Angel (Cozzene), the sales topper at KEEJAN in 2005, was consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent, and purchased by Eaton Sales, agent. We regret the error.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK			
A snapshot of how first-time in-foal mares* and racing/broodmare prospects are selling at KEEJAN, categorized by their best on-track performance.			
	Sold	Average	Median
G2 wnrs	1	\$280,000	\$280,000
Listed wnrs	8	\$161,125	\$57,500
KEENOV 2008	Sold	Average	Median
G1 wnrs	13	\$1,910,385	\$1,625,000
G2 wnrs	13	\$751,154	\$515,000
G3 wnrs	22	\$521,591	\$400,000
Listed wnrs	50	\$196,040	\$122,500

*Covering stud fee has been subtracted from the in-foal mares' prices.
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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Saturday, Fair Grounds

LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$100,000, FGX, 1-10, 3yo, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft.

1--#@**FRIESAN FIRE**, 116, c, 3, by **A.P. Indy**

1st Dam: **Bollinger (Aus) (G1SW-Aus)**, by **Dehere**

2nd Dam: **Bint Marscay (Aus)**, by **Marscay (Aus)**

3rd Dam: **Eau d'Etoile (Aus)**, by ***Sir Tristram**

O-Vinery Stables & Fox Hill Farm; B-Grapestock LLC (KY); T-J Larry Jones; J-Gabriel Saez; \$60,000. Life-

time Record: 5-2-1-1, \$123,265. **Werk Nick Rating:**

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While it's hard to know what the form of the GIII LeComte S. amounts to, subscribers to the theory that history repeats itself will be reassured that Friesan Fire shares the same trainer, Larry Jones, as the 2007 winner Hard Spun. Hard Spun, of course, developed into a leading Triple Crown performer and there is no reason, on pedigree, why Friesan Fire shouldn't also develop into a very good three-year-old.

For a start, he is by A.P. Indy (who also ranks as the broodmare sire of the LeComte runner-up Patena and as the paternal grandsire of the LeComte third Au Moon). And he is out of Bollinger, a mare who possesses a champagne name and champagne performances.



Friesan Fire Lou Hodges Jr.

The fact that Bollinger was bred and raced in Australia possibly didn't help when Friesan Fire came on the market at Keeneland in 2007. The bidding for the Vinery colt stalled at \$725,000, even though six other sons of A.P. Indy made seven-figure sums at the same sale. Perhaps would-be buyers of Bollinger's son were unsure what to make of his dam's Australian pedigree, and whether it would adapt successfully to American dirt racing. They should have been encouraged that Bollinger is a daughter of Dehere, America's champion two-year-old colt of 1993. Dehere, of course, is by Deputy Minister, who was in the headlines in 2007 as the broodmare sire of A.P. Indy's magnificent daughter Rags To Riches.

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Deputy Minister mares currently have six stakes winners among their 23 foals by A.P. Indy, which equates to an eye-catching 26 percent.

Memories being short, I should perhaps remind you of Dehere's achievements. He owed his Eclipse Award to five wins from seven starts as a juvenile, when he became the first horse since 1916 to complete Saratoga's graded stakes treble of the GII Saratoga Special, GIII Sanford S. and GI Hopeful S. Another juvenile Group I victory came Dehere's way when he took the Champagne S. by four lengths.

Dehere went on to take the GII Fountain of Youth S. over 1 1/16 miles, to confirm his position as a leading contender for the Kentucky Derby. Although his Fountain of Youth opponents included Go For Gin and Holy Bull, Dehere was good enough to win despite stumbling out of the stalls and grabbing a quarter. Sadly Dehere's career was ended soon afterwards when he fractured his off-hind cannon bone during a workout. Consequently we never discovered the full extent of his stamina but, with Deputy Minister as his sire and daughters of Secretariat and Damascus as his first two dams, he should have found a mile and a quarter within his compass.

Dehere's record as a stallion isn't the easiest to summarise, as he has done more than his fair share of travelling. After five seasons in Kentucky, he was transferred to Japan for six seasons, starting in 2000.

He arguably left America too soon, as he ranked second to El Prado on the 2002 general sires' list, thanks to an extensive team of stakes winners led by that fine filly Take Charge Lady. Dehere finally returned to Ashford at the end of 2005, so his current crop of two-year-olds is his first from his second stint in America.

Dehere has also been shuttled fairly consistently to Australia, both from the U.S. and Japan, and it is possible to argue that he has been at his most success in Australia. In addition to Bollinger, his best winners there include the champion filly Belle du Jour, who numbered the G1 Golden Slipper S. among her victories, and the tough gelding Defier, who gained his Group 1 victories over eight, 10 and 11 furlongs. Interestingly, Defier shares the same broodmare sire, the Golden Slipper S. winner Marscay, as Bollinger.

Dehere's daughters are also doing well as broodmares in Australia, where their current representatives include the Group 1 winners Rebel Raider (Victoria Derby) and Forensics. Their success isn't limited to Australia, though, as they also have good recent winners in Japan, Canada (the Medaglia d'Oro filly Retraceable) and the U.S., where the top sprinter Midnight Lute leads the way.

I have already mentioned the Golden Slipper on two occasions and Australia's premier two-year-old race crops up again in connection with Bollinger's dam Bint Marscay, who collected this six-furlong contest on her way to becoming Australia's champion two-year-old.

Bint Marscay's trainer, Lee Freedman, once paid this tribute to her:

"Bint Marscay was probably the most natural two-year-old I have trained. I regard her as the benchmark for our two-year-olds. She won her Golden Slipper on a very limited, and injury hindered campaign. She came back to win at group level at three, but her injuries prevented her from training on. She has been a wonderful broodmare, and I won the 2005 Victoria Derby with her grandson, Benicio."

It appears that Bint Marscay's broodmare career hasn't been without its problems, either, although she started out in great style. She produced four consecutive foals, to Scenic, Danehill, Woodman and Dehere. She was rested in 1999 before failing to conceive to Danehill and Red Ransom in 2000 and to Flying Spur in 2001. Bint Marscay was then transferred to the U.S. in January 2002 but her problems seem to have continued.

FRIESAN FIRE, c. 3

A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning	Boldnesian Reason to Earn
		My Charmer	Poker Fair Charmer
	Weekend Surprise	Secretariat	Bold Ruler Somethingroyal
		Lassie Dear	Buckpasser Gay Missile
Bollinger (Aus) 8 starts, 5 wins, \$410,79, G1SW 3FIs, 1GSW	Dehere	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent Mint Copy
		Sister Dot	Secretariat Sword Game
	Bint Marscay (Aus) Ch. 2yo Filly-Aus, G1SW-Aus 3FIs, 1G1SW, 2GSW	Marscay (Aus)	Biscay (Aus) Heart of Market
		Eau D'etoile 7FIs, 3G1SW	*Sir Tristram Fille D'Etoile (NZ)

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Pedigree Insights cont.

This is a great shame, as three of her four foals became group winners in Australia. Bollinger was the most successful, winning five of her eight starts as a three-year-old, including the G1 Coolmore Classic and a pair of Group 3s at around seven furlongs. Bint Marscay's Danehill filly Mannington was also among the best fillies of her generation.

It is a measure of this family's reputation that Mannington set a new Australian record of A\$2,050,000 when offered as part of the Vinery dispersal. Like Bollinger and Bint Marscay, Mannington was sent to the U.S., where she has produced two Kingmambo foals for Darley. Although Mannington was fast and precocious, she produced Benicio, winner of the Victoria Derby over 1 9/16 miles, to a mating to More Than Ready.

This excellent female line was introduced to New Zealand from Britain in the mid-nineteenth century. Friesan Fire's third dam, Eau d'Etoile, was a New Zealand-bred daughter of that great sire Sir Tristram and she was good enough to be third in the New Zealand Oaks. Eau d'Etoile also showed smart form in Australia before finding fame as the dam of three Group 1 winners. Two of them, Bint Marscay and the Australian Guineas winner Kenny's Best Pal, were by sons of Biscay. Kenny's Best Pal was a group winner at up to a mile and a quarter, as was Eau d'Etoile's third Group 1 winner, Filante, so there are sections of Friesan Fire's pedigree which suggest that this progressive colt will be suited by further than a mile.

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Sunday, Hipodromo de Monterrico, Peru
CLASICO GRAN PREMIO NACIONAL AUGUSTO B. LEGUIA-G1, S109,000, Monterrico, 1-11, 3yo, 2600mT, 2:41.80, fm.

1--MAITENA (PER), 117, f, 3, by Apprentice
 1st Dam: Nieve Perpetua (Per) (SW-Per), by Devil's Moon
 2nd Dam: Rosa Nevada, by Perfect Parade
 3rd Dam: Crownit (Fr), by King of Macedon (Ire)
 O-Stud Pope; B-Haras Gina Santa Rosa; T-Juan Suarez; J-Benjamin Padilla; S72,000. Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 5 wins, S271,052.

2--Danger (Per), 123, c, 3, Fregy's--Daryn (Per), by Keseff. O-Stud Myrna; B-Haras Myrna; S18,000.

3--Interoceanico (Per), 123, c, 3, Privately Held--India Brava, by Fast Gold. O/B-Haras Gina Santa Rosa (Per); S12,000.

Margins: 2, 3 1/4, 1/4. Odds: 8.50, 8.20, 7.20.

A switch in surfaces couldn't stop Maitena, Peru's two-year-old female champion and G1 1000 Guineas winner, from posting a convincing score in the final race of the Peruvian Quadruple Crown, the only race in the series contested on turf. Runner-up Danger, third to WinStar Farm's Al Khali (Medaglia d'Oro) in his debut, was unplaced in the Peruvian Derby, but returned to win his next two starts on grass. Interoceanico, third in the previous three legs of the series, continued the streak here in the field of 11. Fillies have now won four of the last five renewals of the Augusto B. Leguia.

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2nd Dam: Distant Echoes (SAf), by **Prince Sao (Fr)**
3rd Dam: Bounceaway (SAf), by **Akbar (GB)**
 O-N M Shirtliff, Mr & Mrs A D Webber; B-Zandvliet Stud; T-Mike Bass; J-Bernard Fayd'Herbe; R625,000.
 Lifetime Record: 27 starts, 13 wins, 11 places, E6,207,275. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +** [Click for the eNicks reprot and 5-cross pedigree](#). *Full to River Jetez (SAf), MGSW-SAf.

2--**Our Giant (Aus)**, 128, g, 5, [Giant's Causeway](#)--
 Macroasa (NZ), by Mr. McGinty (NZ). O-M J & Mrs I Jooste; B-D R Fleming; T-Charles Laird; R200,000.

3--**Kapil (SAf)**, 128, g, 6, Jallad--**Outstanding Star (Aus)**, by **Blethingly (Aus)**. O-M I Fullard, J H Drew, D Watson-Smith, Mrs C L Gabler & Arc En Ciel (Nom: S P Pfeiffer); B-Arc-En-Ciel Stud; T-S Elley; R100,000.
 Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 2HF. Odds: 13-20, 3-1, 6-1.

Runner-up in the G2 Diadem S. going six furlongs here Dec. 20, Pocket Power cemented his status as one of South Africa's all-time greats with a third straight score in the country's premier mile event. He was reserved off the pace until making ominous headway to the front at the distance, and his superiority was not called into question in the closing stages as he ran on strongly to outclass his rivals.

Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa

TBA PADDOCK S.-G1, R1,000,000, Kenilworth, 1-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.84, gd.

1--**EMBLEM OF LIBERTY (SAF)**, 127, f, 4, by **National Emblem (SAf)**
1st Dam: Dafka (Aus), by **Kendor (Fr)**
2nd Dam: Arguing (Ire), by **Pharly (Fr)**
3rd Dam: Arantelle (Fr), by **Tapioca (Fr)**

O-L I Cohen & Mrs C L Cheyne; B-D Cohen & Sons (Pty) Ltd; T-Geoff Woodruff; J-Greg Cheyne; R625,000. Lifetime Record: 12 starts, 6 wins, 2 places, R1,145,250. **Werk Nick Rating: B + .** [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**River Jetez (SAf)**, 128, m, 5, **Jet Master (SAf)**--
Stormsvlei (SAf), by **Prince Florimund (SAf)**. O-Mr & Mrs C A Amm & N M Shirtliff; B-Out Of Africa Stud; T-Mike Bass; R200,000.

3--**Dancer's Daughter (GB)**, 128, m, 5, **Act One (GB)**--
Reason to Dance (GB), by **Damister**. (52,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT). O-G J & Mrs R D Beck; B-Mrs D O Joly; T-Justin Snaith; R100,000.
 Margins: HD, HF, 2HF. Odds: 15-1, 11-2, 1-4.

Paddock S. cont.

Successful in the Oct. 11 Listed Renounce S. at Turffontein, Emblem of Liberty repeated the dose in the G2 Ipi Tombe Challenge back there last time Dec. 6, and continued on the upgrade with a game score in this. Stalking the pace in third for much of the contest, she took control approaching the final eighth and was tenacious in the dive to just hold River Jetez for a career high.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Jan. 17	GII Santa Ynez S.	SA
	GII San Fernando BC S.	SA
	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	GP
Jan. 18	GIII San Rafael S.	SA
	GII El Encino S.	SA
	GIII First Lady S.	GP
Jan. 19	GII San Marcos S.	SA
Jan. 25	GII Palos Verdes H.	SA
	GIII Tuzla H.	SA
Jan. 30	GII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GII Hutcheson S.	GP
Jan. 31	GI Santa Monica H.	SA
	GI Donn H.	GP
	GIII Holy Bull S.	GP
Feb. 1	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP
	GIII Suwannee River H.	GP
	GIII La Habra S.	SA
Feb. 7	GI Las Virgenes S.	SA
	GII Strub S.	SA
Feb. 8	GII Robert B. Lewis S.	SA
	GIII Risen Star S.	FG
	GIII Silverbulletday S.	FG
Feb. 14	GIII Mineshaft H.	FG
	GIII Thunder Road H.	SA
	GII San Antonio H.	SA
Feb. 15	GI Santa Maria H.	SA
	GII Barbara Fritchie H.	LRL
	GII Richter Scale H.	GP
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	TAM
	GIII El Camino Real Derby	GG
	GIII Endeavour BC S.	TAM
Feb. 15	GII La Canada S.	SA
	GIII Daytona H.	SA
	GIII Hurricane Bertie H.	GP

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was born at Shadwell Farm in Lexington, Kentucky Sunday. Bred by Shadwell, the colt is out of stakes winner Abby Road (Ire) (Danehill), who is herself out of Bells Are Ringing (Sadler's Wells), a half sister to Unbridled's Song. A farm release revealed that the five-year-old mare will be bred back to Shadwell resident stallion Daaher (Awesome Again) in 2009. The

Argentine-bred stallion was also voted Eclipse Award winning older male in 2006 following victories in the GI Suburban H., GI Whitney H., Pimlico Special H. and GI Breeders' Cup Classic. The bay won the GI Donn H. and G1 Dubai World Cup early in 2007 before retiring to Shadwell because of an injury.

NORTHVIEW OFFERS BREEDER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Northview Stallion Station announced yesterday that, in an effort to help mare owners during the current recession, they will offer substantial discounts on a majority of their stud fees in 2009. Under Northview's Breeder Assistance Program, breeders who send three or more mares to Northview stallions will save 30 percent on most stud fees. The savings is 25 percent for two mares. Breeders can team up to take advantage of the Program, and Northview will, at no charge, act as agent between mare owners to find partners for those with single mares. For more information, contact Linda Bench at (410) 885-2855.

Yesterday's Results:

1st-FGX, \$44,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

AUSPICIOUS (f, 3, Indian Charlie--Hannah's Doll, by Boston Harbor) showed her class with an eye-catching 6 1/2-length victory in her debut at Churchill Downs Nov. 1, earning ★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ status in the process. Pounded down to 1-5 favoritism this time, the \$300,000 KEESEP yearling stalked the early pace, rolled to the front with ease at the head of the lane--and despite racing greenly in the stretch--romped home to win by 6 3/4 lengths over Just for Annika (Concerto). **Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$55,172.

O-Padua Stables. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

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• **ON THE WORKTAB** •

HOLLYWOOD

Georgie Boy (Tribal Rule), 4f, :48.00, 8/30

SAN LUIS REY

Backbackbackgone (Put It Back), 3f, :36.40, 1/3

SANTA ANITA

Flashmans Papers (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), 4f, :49.20, 29/44

Roshani (Fantastic Light), 4f, :48.40, 13/44

Stardom Bound (Tapit), 5f, :59.40, 3/48

Midships (Mizzen Mast), 6f, 1:12.40, 6/22

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IN BRITAIN:

Sicilian Warrior, c, 3, **War Chant**--Gravina, by Sir Ivor. Wolverhampton, Britain, 1-12, Hcp, 3yo, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-Claude Schoch. * \$25,000 yrl '07 KEEJAN; 33,000gns 2yo '08 TATGNS. ** 1/2 to Potomac Bend (Polish Numbers), GSW, \$149,345.

Cartesio, g, 5, **War Chant**--Rosebloom, by Red Ransom. Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 1-12, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Anthony Pacella & Robert N Clay.

IN DUBAI:

Hawks Home, h, 6, **Distant View**--Altamura, by El Gran Senor. Abu Dhabi, 1-11, Hcp, 2400mT. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0. O-Sh Majid bin Mohd Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Musabah Al Muhairi.

IN JAPAN:

A Shin Madam G, f, 3, **Giant's Causeway**--Mission Girl, by Deputy Minister. Kyoto, 1-11, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$67,778. O-Hirotsugu Hirai; B-Winchester Farm; T-Shigeki Matsumoto.

IN PERU:

+ **Chipriota**, f, 3, **Pure Prize**--Damie's Sis (GSW, \$112,625), by Sunny Clime. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-10, Mdn, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.60. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,400. O-Stud Soribel; B-Gary Bogue (KY); T-Felix Banda. * \$10,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. * 1/2 to Chin High (Smart Strike), GSW, \$205,432.

Shirazo, c, 3, **Saarland**--Nat's My Gal, by Gold Crest. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-10, Cond, 8f, 1:39 4/5. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$4,600. O-Haras Santa Maria; B-Moreau Bloodstock International Inc (FL); T-Francisco Arriagada. * 1/2 to Gold for My Gal (Gold Alert), MSW & GSP, \$332,989.

Samra, f, 3, **Crafty C.T.**--Storm's Advance (SP), by Storm Creek. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-11, Cond, 9fT, 1:53.40. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$4,600. O-Stud Ehden; B-Barry R Ostrager Jr (NY); T-Juan Suarez. * \$3,500 wnlg '06 KEENOV.

Thundering Emilia, f, 3, **Thunder Gulch**--Saint Emilia (Per) (G3SW & G1SP-Per), by Saint Ballado. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-11, Mdn, 6 1/2f, 1:19.00. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,400. O-Stud Couet; B-Teneri Farm Inc & Ashford Stud (KY); T-Juan Suarez. * \$15,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. ** Won by 3 1/2 lengths.



★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Cagnes-sur-Mer, 13.00, Cond, €27,000, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:37.37, stn.

COUBIZA (FR) (c, 3, **Fasliyev**--Catalane (SP-Fr), by **Septieme Ciel**), off the mark at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat first time Oct. 4, started as the 6-5 favorite and raced behind the early leaders. Launching his challenge inside the final quarter, the €72,000 DEAAUG yearling rolled to the front passing the furlong marker before asserting to record a comfortable length success from So Gold (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €20,500. O-Nelson Radwan; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



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STAKES RESULTS:

CLASICO EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS S., \$56,430, CMR, 1-11, (S), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25 1/5, ft.

1--**DENUNCIA**, 116, f, 3, **Royal Merlot--Solar Beam**, by **Majestic Light**. O-Establo Caridad Inc; B-Haras Santa Isabel Inc (PR); T-Jose M Jimenez; J-Juan C Diaz; \$33,858. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$51,218.

2--**Las Carmelitas**, 116, f, 3, **Myfavorite Place--Bricola**, by **Fappiano's Star**. O-Establo Vaquero; B-Pedro Ortiz Aloreu (PR); T-Maximo Gomez; \$51,218.

3--**Traicionera**, 116, f, 3, **Ordway--Wonderwhyme**, by **Relaunch**. O-Establo Santa Ana; B-Jose Carro (PR); T-Maximo Gomez; \$5,643.

Margins: 2 1/4, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.95, 5.70, 3.00.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-FGX, \$46,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

VICAR OF LA (c, 4, Vicar--Handfullofmints, by Key to the Mint) Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$76,250.

O-Midwest Thoroughbreds. B-Dr Nicholas A Plaisance (LA). T-Alvin Sider. *15,000 yrl '06 OBSJAN; \$42,000 2yo '07 EVDMAR.

9th-FGX, \$46,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:46 4/5, fm.

SUGAR BABY LOVE (GER) (m, 5, Second Empire {Ire}--Salzgitter {GB}, by Salse) Lifetime Record: GSP-Ger, 9-2-3-0, \$78,570. O-Team Valor International and Green Lantern Stables. B-Mario Hofer GmbH (GER). T-Ralph E Nicks. *1/2 to Smooth Operator (Ger) (Big Shuffle), MGSW-Fr, SW-Ger, \$227,575.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wing a Ding, c, 3, **Far Out Wadleigh--Got Her Wings**, by Halo. FGX, 1-12, (S), 1m, 1:40 2/5. B-Debbie L Jenkins (LA).

Pomegranate, c, 3, **Stormy Atlantic--Miss Salty Gift**, by Salt Lake. FGX, 1-12, (C), 1m40y, 1:42. B-N B Hunt (KY).

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FAIR GROUNDS

Myboycharlie (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}), 4f, :51.40, 67/82

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Go Between (Point Given), 6f, 1:17.80, 1/2

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Audacious Chloe (More Than Ready), 5fT, 1:03.00, 1/17

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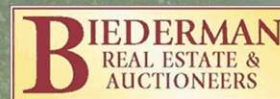
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IN JAPAN:

+ **Tosen Meursault (Jpn)**, c, 3, **Tiznow--Leslie's Love**, by **Combat Ready**. Nakayama, 1-11, Maiden, 6f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$77,778. O-Takaya Shimakawa; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yasuhiro Suzuki.

Keiai Gembu (Jpn), c, 3, **Smart Strike--Brush With Destiny**, by **Broad Brush**. Kyoto, 1-11, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$104,444. O-Keiai Othopedic Appliance Co Ltd; B-Y Otaki; T-R Okubo.

Win Premium (Jpn), h, 5, **Cozzene--Carmelita (GB)**, by **Zafonic**. Chukyo, 1-11, Plate Race, 1 1/16m. Lifetime Record: 17-3-0-3, \$350,889. O-Win Inc; B-Paca Paca Farm; T-Ryuji Okubo.



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BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 14.35, 1-12, €25,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:00.78, stn.

SILVER POINT (FR) (g, 6, Commands {Aus}--Silver Fame, by Quest for Fame {GB}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 21 starts, 7 wins, 11 places, €130,850. O-Alec Head; B-Alec & Ghislaine Head; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Freedom Tango (Ity), c, 3, College Chapel (GB)--Diaminika (Fr), by Nikos (GB). Pisa, Italy, 1-11, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Elia Tanghetti.

Tinshu (Ire), f, 3, Fantastic Light--Ring of Esteem (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). Wolverhampton, Britain, 1-12, Mdn, 3yo, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-Mrs M L Parry & P Steele-Mortimer. *10,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT.

Villa Molitor (Fr), f, 3, Muhtathir (GB)--Sizal (Fr), by Sicyos. Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 1-12, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Ecurie Maulepaire. *12,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT.

Morgante (Ire), c, 3, Orpen--Modern Goddess, by Gulch. Pisa, Italy, 1-11, Cond, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Scuderia Fert Snc.

Grandcamp (Fr), c, 3, Platini (Ger)--Gaudera (Ger), by Big Shuffle. Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 1-12, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-U Stallmann. *€13,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT; €32,000 2yo '08 ARQAPR.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRES ★

IN JAPAN:

Win Patient (Jpn), g, 4, Dr Fong--Fernery (GB), by Danehill. Nakayama, 1-11, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$151,556. O-Win Inc; B-Kineusu Farm; T-Yoshiyuki Goto.

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January 15, 1969...**Barbara Jo Rubin** was named to ride in a race at Tropical Park. Thirteen male riders subsequently boycotted the race rather than compete against a female, and were fined \$100 each.

January 19, 1955...**Swaps** won the San Vicente S., the first race of his three-year-old campaign, by 3½ lengths at Santa Anita Park. He went on to triumph over Nashua in the Kentucky Derby, but was in turn defeated by his rival in a \$100,000 match race at Washington Park on Aug. 31, his only loss that year.

January 20, 1972...**Secretariat** was shipped from Virginia to Florida to be trained by Lucien Laurin.

January 20, 1979...Odds-on favorite **Affirmed**, with Steve Cauthen aboard, finished second in the San Fernando S. at Santa Anita, beaten 2 3/4 lengths by Radar Ahead. It was their fourth consecutive defeat. Cauthen subsequently lost the mount on Affirmed to jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr., who rode the horse for the remainder of his four-year-old season, winning seven victories in as many starts. Affirmed was later voted Horse of the Year for 1979. Cauthen had ridden Affirmed to a Triple Crown sweep the previous year and the pair recorded 11 wins in their 16 races together.

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