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THREE CHIMNEYS
The Idea is Excellence.
YES IT'S TRUE's Peisinoe Wins
Ocala S. at Gulfstream (ATW p. 1)

ACOMA DOMINATES IN AZERI

Riding with all the confidence in the world, jockey Julien Leparoux brought 4-5 choice **Acoma** (Empire Maker) from off the pace to post an easy score in yesterday's GIII Azeri S. at Oaklawn Park. Content to settle off early pacesetter **Devil House** (Chester House) in seventh through opening splits of :22.61 and :45.89, the homebred began to make up some ground, while working her way through traffic, on the far turn. Ready to strike



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turning for home, she angled out for the drive, took command in the stretch and powered home an easy five-length winner over 4-1 chance **Bear Now** (Tiznow). Devil House held on narrowly for third. "We are very happy with the way she ran," said winning trainer David Carroll. "We will take her back home to Fair Grounds, but we will consider our options with her, one of the main options being the GI Apple Blossom H. Apr. 4." Click for the [brisnet.com](http://www.brisnet.com) chart or the [brisnet.com](http://www.brisnet.com) PPs. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

Sunday, Oaklawn Park

AZERI S.-GIII, \$144,000, OPX, 3-8, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:42 2/5, ft.

1--**ACOMA**, 122, f, 4, by [Empire Maker](#)

1st Dam: **Aurora** (SW & GSP, \$285,236), by Danzig

2nd Dam: **Althea**, by Alydar

3rd Dam: **Courtly Dee**, by **Never Bend**

O-Helen Alexander & Helen Groves;

B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (KY); T-David M

Carroll; J-Julien R Leparoux; \$90,000. Lifetime

Record: 9-6-1-1, \$480,260. *1/2 to Arch (Kris S.),

GISW, \$480,990; Alisios (Kris S.), MSW, \$265,432;

Festival of Light (A.P. Indy), Horse of the Year-UAE,

GSW-UAE. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** Click for the

[eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Bear Now**, 118, m, 5, [Tiznow](#)--Controlled, by In Excess (Ire). (\$65,000 yrl '05 KEESep; \$950,000 HRA '08 FTKNOV). O-Town and Country Farm; B-ClassicStar (KY); T-Albert M Stall, Jr; \$30,000.

3--**Devil House**, 116, m, 5, Chester House--Diablo's Bobett, by Diablo. (\$42,000 yrl '05 KEESep; \$175,000 HRA '07 KEENOV).

O-Glencrest Farm LLC; B-Harrison Trust (KY); T-Lynn S Whiting; \$10,000.

Margins: 5, 1HF, NK. Odds: 1.50, 4.70, 10.00.

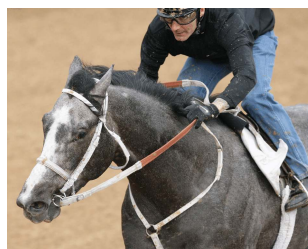
Also Ran: French Kiss, Smart Surprise, InitfortheKandy, Color Me Up, Maren's Meadow.



Triple Threats

OLD FASHIONED READIES FOR REBEL

☛ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☛ **Old Fashioned** (Unbridled's Song) posted a sharp five-furlong work in a bullet :59 flat at Oaklawn Park Sunday morning. The winner of




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the Feb. 16 GIII Southwest S., who was accompanied by rider Terry Thompson, is expected to make his next start in the GII Rebel S. Mar. 14. Sent out following the first renovation break, the three-year-old unexpectedly found some company at the five-furlong pole, and reeled off splits of :11.60 and

:23.20 for the opening quarter. After dispensing of that company approaching the quarter pole, he encountered traffic in the lane, completing three furlongs in :35.60 and :47.20 for the half before completing six panels in 1:12. "He did well, we had some unexpected company along the way, but Terry did good handling that, and Old Fashioned worked well," said trainer Larry Jones. "It was easy for him..he always trains so easily."

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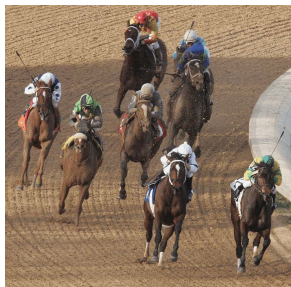
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Azeri cont.

Acoma marked her debut with a win in the one-mile GIII Dogwood S. May 31 before finishing a well-beaten



Acoma(center) red saddle cloth
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fourth in the 10-furlong GI Coaching Club American Oaks July 19. Cut back in trip for the 8 1/2-furlong GIII Monmouth Oaks Aug. 9, the filly found only winner Maren's Meadow (Meadowlake) too good that day. Switched to the turf for the GIII Valley View S. at Keeneland Oct. 17, she came home a 1/2-length winner over Tight Precision (Pure Precision) and added

another score over My Baby Baby (Bernstein) in her latest start in the grassy GII Mrs. Revere S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 8. Returning to the main track for this one, Acoma handled the task with aplomb. "We were a little concerned with how she would handle the dirt, but obviously that didn't affect her [yesterday]," said David Carroll. It was the fastest edition of the Azeri since Sister Act captured the 1999 edition of the race in 1:42.

☆ **TRIPLE THREATS CONT.** ☆

Pioneerof the Nile on Course for San Felipe

A week out from an intended start in the 8 1/2-furlong GII San Felipe S., **Pioneerof the Nile** (Empire Maker)



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worked five furlongs in a bullet :58.80 over Santa Anita's Pro-Ride Sunday. Ridden by regular rider Garrett Gomez, the dark bay posted the fastest of 85 moves at the distance yesterday. "He went really nice," said trainer Bob Baffert. "All systems are go." The Zayat Stables-owned colt closed

out 2008 with a score over I Want Revenge (Stephen got Even) in the GI CashCall Futurity at Hollywood Dec. 20 and kicked off the new season with another victory in the GII Robert B. Lewis S. Feb. 7. I Want Revenge, who ran third in the Lewis, came home an impressive 8 1/2-length winner in Saturday's GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct.

Rachel Alexandra Works at Oaklawn

Also sent out for a spin was GI Kentucky Oaks hopeful **Rachel Alexandra** (Medaglia d'Oro), who breezed a half mile in :49.20 under jockey Calvin

Borel yesterday. Working off the rail, the winner of the Feb. 15 Martha Washington S. reeled off internal splits of :12.40, :25.60, :37.40 before galloping out five furlongs in 1:01.40. "We wanted a nice easy work with her, and that's what we got," said trainer Hal Wiggins. "We wanted her to go about :48 or :49 for the half-mile and Calvin did just that. It was a nice workout." The winner of last season's GII Golden Rod S., who is scheduled to ship to New Orleans Wednesday, is slated to make her next appearance in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks Mar. 14.



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Theregoesjojo to Florida Derby

Theregoesjojo (Brahms), runner up to Quality Road in the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 28, will make his next start in the Mar. 28 GI Florida Derby instead of the GI Bluegrass S. Apr. 4, according to trainer Ken McPeek.



Adam Coglianese

"We're here, he's doing well and it looks like it's going to be a short field," McPeek told *Daily Racing Form* Sunday morning. In

his first start of the year, the bay handed Quality Road a 2 3/4-length defeat going seven panels at Gulfstream Jan. 10.

Free Country Eyes La. Derby

Silver Wing Stable's **Free Country** (Big Country) had his final major work ahead of a tilt at Sunday's GII Louisiana Derby. Ridden by jockey Kent Desormeaux, the sophomore breezed five furlongs in a bullet 1:00.20--the fastest of 25 at the distance--at Gulfstream Park yesterday. "Everything went good," said owner John Gerbas Jr. "We're good to go." The winner of his first two starts, including a nine-furlong event over Gulfstream's main track Jan. 8, the Ken McPeek-trained colt was fourth in his most recent start in the 1 1/16-mile GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Feb. 14. Free Country is scheduled to arrive at the Fair Grounds Thursday.



Free Country (inside)
Adam Coglianese

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

ZARKAVA NAMED FRENCH HORSE OF THE YEAR

His Highness The Aga Khan's unbeaten superfilly **Zarkava (Ire)** (Zamindar) was named Horse of the Year in a ceremony at Auteuil racetrack yesterday. The prestigious award is the latest staged by the magazine *Courses Elevage*, which has polled France's racing journalists annually since 1979.



Horsephotos

Zarkava, who garnered five Group 1 events in an unblemished seven-race career, was also named champion three-year-old filly. Additionally, G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero **Vision d'Etat (Fr)** (Chichicastenango {Fr}) was named champion three-year-old colt; Carla Giral's **Marchand d'Or (Fr)** (Marchand de Sable) claimed champion older horse honors; and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere victor **Naaqoos (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) was presented with the champion juvenile rosette.

RIBAUDO RUNNERS READY FOR RETURN

Trainer Bob Ribaldo indicated that GISW **Grand Couturier (GB)** (Grand Lodge) is getting closer to making his 2009 debut following a sharp work at Gulfstream Sunday morning. The six-year-old completed four furlongs in :49 3/5 over Gulfstream's main track. "He is really sharp right now," said Ribaldo. "There's still a possibility we could get him into a race [next month]." With a start date a little closer at hand, **Bribon (Fr)** (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) is set to step up in class in his next start in Saturday's GII Gulfstream Park H. The six-year-old, who worked five furlongs in 1:01 2/5 at Gulfstream Sunday, was a six-length winner in an allowance over the track Feb. 12. "He seems to be doing well," said Ribaldo. "I just hope he brings his 'A' game on a big day instead of when he's in allowance races."

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YOUTH IS SERVED

The juvenile sales season continues its unrelenting path this Tuesday when Barretts stages the 20th anniversary of the March Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training. Over the years, the catalogue has fluctuated from over 300 horses heading through the ring to more manageable sizes in recent years, including this year's edition of 124 head. The sale's honor roll includes current leading sire Unbridled's Song (Unbridled), who sold for \$1.4 million in 1995 before being turned back after the sale; Dubai Escapade (Awesome Again), the \$2-million topper in 2004 who became a Grade I winner; and Backseat Rhythm (El Corredor), a \$240,000 buy-back in 2007 before going on to be a top-level winner in 2008. "It's always been a great place to try to find a runner," said Kim Lloyd, the auction house's vice president of sales. "Our track is so fair and horses move over it well, so you can get a real idea of the talent." Among the runners to have emerged from last year's renewal are stakes winners Pamona Ball (Pleasantly Perfect) and Suni (Soto), as well as the highly regarded Captain Cherokee (Sir Cherokee) and Pinkarella (Malibu Moon).

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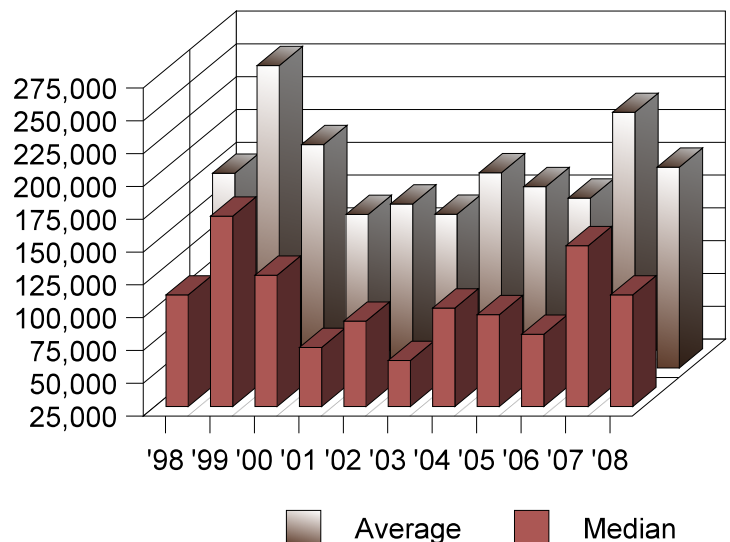
BARRETTS MARCH GRADE I WINNERS

Horse	Price	Year
Backseat Rhythm	\$240,000*	2007
Brocco	\$215,000	1993
Brother Derek	\$275,000	2005
Came Home	\$145,000*	2001
Cash Included	\$70,000	2006
Catinca	\$725,000	1997
Dubai Escapade	\$2,000,000	2004
Exchange	\$25,000*	1990
Habibti	\$450,000	2001
Henny Hughes	\$370,000*	2005
Honour and Glory	\$410,000	1995
Kalookan Queen	\$275,000	1998
Kissin Kris	\$60,000	1992
Officer	\$700,000	2001
Our New Recruit	\$120,000	2001
River's Prayer	\$180,000*	2005
Royal Anthem	\$500,000	1997
Pt's Grey Eagle	\$80,000	2003
Sharp Cat	\$900,000	1996
Sinister Minister	\$40,000	2005
Squirtle Squirt	\$25,000	2000
Unbridled's Song	\$1,400,000**	1995
Well Chosen	\$360,000	1997
Wild Fit	\$240,000*	2005
Yes It's True	\$800,000	1998

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A New Star for NexStar?

Last May, David Showalter of NexStar Sales offered a Stephen Got Even--Megual (Arg) (Roy) colt on behalf of breeder David Lanzman, but wound up taking him home after the bidding stopped at \$95,000. Named I Want Revenge and turned over to Jeff Mullins at the track, the dark bay colt capped 2008 with a narrow second-



Dave Showalter
Jim Farios photo

place finish in the GI CashCall Futurity. He was third in the GII Robert B. Lewis S. Feb. 7 with the addition of blinkers, but got on a plane to New York, and ran away with the GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct Saturday. Showalter, who has the colt's Thunder Gulch half-brother catalogued as [hip 15](#), missed out on seeing the Gotham live.

"It was one of those situations," Showalter explained. "We were watching it on HRTV's feed, and then they said 'contractual obligations' and they shut us off! So then we flipped it to TVG, and they were talking

about Sunland Park. We didn't get a chance to watch the race for about 10 minutes. But my phone started ringing, and when your phone starts ringing, you know you did well. We finally got to watch the race, and when he came into the stretch at the quarter pole...the hair stood up on the back of my neck." Showalter added, "That was a pretty well-regarded field. He had the slowest numbers going in, had the West Coast/East Coast bias against him, and he toyed with that field. I couldn't be any prouder to say I raised, broke and trained that horse. It's great to be a part of a good team."

Hip 15 has already been named I Want Noise, and the dark bay has earned himself some notoriety around the barn from Showalter, who affectionately referred to the youngster as the 'escape artist,' for his ability to bust his stall latches. The Detroit, Michigan, native sees some parallels between the two Lanzman colts.

"They're strikingly similar," said Showalter. "I must say, with him being a May foal that, it being March, he's actually ahead of his brother, which is just scary. He just displays such talent. Donato [Lanni] over at Hill 'n' Dale had said that this colt was better than his brother, and I said, 'Well, he's got to be pretty fancy then, because that is a pretty nice colt.' He developed into everything Donato said he would. The reason I bring that up is that we have a Tale of the Cat filly, the yearling [out of the mare] that they're fixing to send to us, and she's supposed to be better than both of them."



Hip 15 at the barn...

Hip 15 gawked a bit at the stands during his :10 3/5 move at Thursday's preview, but moved within himself, which satisfied his consignor.

"The situation at the breeze sale is that we didn't have enough riders," Showalter explained. "Simply put, it was a four-hour deal, and it should have been done in an hour and a half. We love this colt. I'm happy with his breeze--I develop racehorses. In May last year, his brother went :10 and two



...and on the track
Jim Farios photos

and was out in :21 and three. The highest-priced Stephen Got Even sold for \$50,000 and we RNA'd him for \$95,000. We knew what we had. This colt--he's a May foal, his knees are open and I won't do anything to harm his career because this is going to be a really nice three-year-old."

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"Head of the Class" Fast: 112 Beyer

In '08, multiple G1 winner *Student Council* clocked a 112 Beyer in the Whitney (G1), as *fast* as *Curlin*, *faster* than *Big Brown*.



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Showalter added, "David [Lanzman] loves the action, he loves the sales. He has supported California sales for many years. This colt is...being offered for sale. We just hope the right players are here to see if we go forward with that."

Lanzman also bred [hip 18](#), an In Excess (Ire) filly, also in the NexStar consignment.

Originally from Michigan, Showalter's family began spending time in California when his grandfather retired from the military in 1964.

"He went to work at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard," Showalter recalled. "[My parents] would bring us out here--my brother, sister and myself. My grandparents lived by Los Alamitos, back when there was cowtown and little horse farms."

Showalter mucked stalls for "what seemed like all day," then began working at Los Alamitos.

"There's no 12-step program for what we have," he said. "All through high school and college, there wasn't a day that I wasn't mucking out a stall at Los Al."

Showalter started training Quarter Horses after college.

"I won my first race in 1984, beating some guy named Bob Baffert, with a filly named Jet's Beduino," he explained.

Showalter left the training game following the death of his first wife.

"I had two young daughters, aged five and seven at the time, so I quit and walked away," he recalled. "Blaine Schvanenveldt was instrumental in getting me back on the path. He sold me an \$800 filly named Pickamoon. He said she'd be good for me, because I wouldn't have anytime to think about anything else but her. She was nuts. I won my first out back with her in September 1991."

Showalter connected with California native Sommer Smith on the Los Alamitos backstretch in the 1990s, and worked for Ron Gomez, who owned the original NexStar Ranch in Temecula, California. After suffering a heart attack, Gomez sold the land in parcels.

"We were lucky enough to buy the original 25 acres," said Showalter. "We broke Texcess, who won the Cal Cup Juvenile, an allowance race at Hollywood Park where he beat Giacomo, and went to Louisiana and won the Delta Jackpot beating Closing Argument. So we beat the one-two finishers in the [2005 Kentucky] Derby and we were at home when it happened."

NexStar also featured as a vacation spot for California legend Lava Man, whose owners included Jason Wood and Steve Kinley. It was through Wood that Showalter met David Lanzman.

"Jason was actually with David [Saturday]," he said. "They're best friends. They called me last night--they were drinking champagne, and said that they even got Mullins to take that beer out of his hand and pick up some champagne."

That champagne just might go hand and hand with roses on the first Saturday in May.

HIGHEST

2006 Equibase Speed Figures (ESF)



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Hoods Up Stables	1	0
John Ferguson, agent	0	4
JMJ Racing Stables	0	1
Kudo Farm	0	0
Legacy Ranch	0	1
Maverick Racing	0	0
Larry Richardson, agent	2	0
Mike Ryan, agent	1	0
John Sadler, agent	1	2
Sierra Sunset	0	1
Southern Equine	2	0
Stonestreet Stables	2	1
Tommy Town T'bred	1	0
W K Warren Jr	0	1
West Point Thoroughbreds	0	1
WinStar	0	0
Zayat Stables	0	2
Total:	10	14



O'Hara Gearing Up...

John O'Hara will likely field an 18-horse draft during Tuesday's sale, including the lone offering by Unbridled's Song, a colt catalogued as [hip 44](#). Produced by the Silver Deputy mare Scrambling--a half-sister to Canadian champion Saoirse (Cure the Blues) as well as GSW More Happy (Vindication)--the rangy grey colt was acquired privately after being withdrawn from Keeneland last September. While the colt was timed in :22 4/5 for his two-furlong move, O'Hara wasn't displeased with how he finished up.



Jim Firios photo

"Actually, I'm not too disappointed, because he's so growthy," O'Hara explained. "Around the turn, he started to figure it out a little bit and at the wire he finally dropped his head down. Up until then he kind of had his head up in the air; he was sort of pulling in front rather than pushing behind. We haven't pushed him. He's just too big to really lean on him, so we just let him do what he did, and actually he's been out of his stall several times, which tells you at least that people saw something on the TV. He's a beautiful strong mover. He's going to be a very nice horse--I have no doubt in my mind that he's going to be a real player."

O'Hara grew up in Pittsburgh, and became interested in racing as a teenager.

"My folks were good friends with a couple from Washington D.C. that had owned a horse or two," he explained.



Hip 44 Jim Firios photo

"They got into a horse with them while I was going to high school. Over the summer during college, I went and worked in Maryland and New Jersey--the Northeast circuit. After I finished college, I went to the Midwest. I had known one of Jack [Van Berg]'s assistants--Ron Wallerstadt--and wanted to work for an outfit that was in circuits all across the country. I ended up at Santa Anita as Jack's assistant [and was there] until Alysheba retired [in 1988]."

O'Hara was quick to recall the 1987 GI Kentucky Derby and Preakness hero's personality.

"He was a handful," O'Hara said. "I mean he had to be cross-tied from five different directions while his groom took care of him. He was a handful, and if you didn't train him enough he was worse. Nobody gives Jack enough credit--that horse trained from his two-year-old year until he was four."

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John O'Hara cont.

That's almost three full training years; [Alysheba] never missed a day, never had a pimple. In this day and age, everybody gets time off with those good horses. Jack did such a phenomenal job. As far as watching horses over the last 20 years, I don't think there's anyone that's done a better job with a good horse than Jack did with Alysheba. I learned a lot of lessons, because that horse needed a lot of training to keep from getting too sharp with people, and that's the difference between knowing your horse and not knowing your horse. That horse would breeze an eighth of a mile the day he was in to keep the edge off him. His groom was a phenomenal groom, and that was one tough horse to take care of."

After Alysheba retired at the end of 1988, O'Hara took out his own trainer's license and wound up training a pair of horses for John Toffan and the late Trudy McCaffery. They suggested pinhooking as a possible side business.

"Prior to that, I had no idea of what pinhooking was--I just figured they were all breeders' horses," he explained. "So this is the side of the game I'm on now it's a lot better for me because there's a beginning and an end."

O'Hara helped establish Equine Prep, which consigned a Gone West colt bred by Toffan and McCaffery to Barretts in 2001. Offered as agent, the dark bay son of Nice Assay wound up RNA'ing for \$145,000. Named Came Home, he went on to collect three Grade I victories, earning in excess of \$1.8 million.

"He was a medium-sized horse, a wonderful mover," O'Hara reflected. "He was from a really good family. John [Toffan] had said, 'Well, let's see if he works really good, and we can sell him for a lot of money, we will, and if he's a nice horse and we don't get a lot of money we'll just keep him.' He was a wonderful horse to be around, very classy. He just wasn't real big, but a beautiful mover. He worked the identical time both times--he worked :10.9. I do give credit to [Bob] Baffert and [Neil] Drysdale--they were both on that horse, they just could not influence their clients to go to enough money for him. The whole key to that horse was that he could go :10 4/5, :11 flat forever--he looked like one of those horses that could go in :10 flat, but he was really one of those quicker, one-paced horse."

O'Hara, who went out on his own as a pinhooker last year, is much happier with the single breeze format.

"I like having one," he said. "You're asking them to do something they're never going to do again in their life, and the second one is six days later, and you're going to have to repeat that or do better. **cont. p6**

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ATTWO, debut winner at Santa Anita with a **105 Beyer**



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AT FOUR, winner of the **SALVATOR MILE (G3)** with a **109 BEYER**


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John O'Hara cont.

It sort of defeats the purpose of what these sales were originally designed for, which is to show someone that 'Hey, regardless of pedigree, here's an individual, here's his physical and here's how he moves on the track.' I like the fact that there's five days to let them down, whereas if you breeze them two days out they're on go all the way through the sale. It's a little harder to show them in a relaxed atmosphere. I think buyers have gone from absolutely having to have the fastest horse to seeing how they move and looking at the individual look at all the information, and the last thing they'll do is look at pedigree to decide what their ceiling is. That's really what a two-year-old sale was designed for--using pedigree as the last barometer as to how much you're going to pay for them."

As for this year's crop at Barretts, O'Hara offered, "The one thing I will say about this sale, this is very, very good group of individuals. I'll be very curious to see just how many of them get sold. I think the top 40 percent went :10 2/5 or better."

This year, O'Hara will be consigning on behalf of two clients.

"One, Marc Ferrell, is just getting into the business, and the other [undisclosed owner] that's been in it for 37 years," said O'Hara. "He's had some luck with us--owned a piece of Santa Teresita, and just sold her this past year. His family loves the racing, and he offered us to go out and find some horses that he could race if we didn't sell them. It's the same principle as my other client [Ferrell], who was once a hotwalker for me, back in 1989. He now owns some hospitals in partnership. He got in touch with me in May or June. We sat down and went over all of the industry segments. He definitely wanted some racehorses right away. I showed him what the expenses were for every part of it. He wants to make it a year-round business. Fortunately, he's one of the few right now that's sitting in a good position where he can obtain quality horses. He's trying to build his racing stable."

As for the state of the market in the midst of the stuttering economy, O'Hara offered, "I think the high end is still strong, but you're not going to get the top dollar that used to be the high end. Having said that, you're going to have an opportunity to buy a good horse and not give the kind of money that you'd have had to do two years ago. I think it's very cyclical. Everything has to get back in line--the stallion fees were getting out of hand, and the breeders are the ones that really get killed on that. That gets passed on to people breeding less horses, then there's less horses to buy as weanlings and yearlings, then there's less horses to race. At this point, a lot of people are just trying to stay even and not worry about making a killing, just being able to keep playing the game, whether it's a breeder, pinhooker or a racehorse person. I do think a well-made horse is always accepted."--MK

PINHOOK PROSPECTS - TOP 5 BY PRICE

Hip	Price (\$)	Sale
<u>26</u>	\$280,000	KEESEP
	f, <i>Giant's Causeway</i> --Miss Soft Sell, by Siyah Kalem Purchased by Donver Stables '09 Consignor: Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), agent	
<u>34</u>	\$250,000	KEESEP
	c, <i>Empire Maker</i> --Rahy Dolly, by Rahy Purchased by John Brocklebank, agent '09 Consignor: BC3 Thoroughbreds, agent	
<u>65</u>	\$230,000	KEESEP
	f, <i>Thunder Gulch</i> --Tricky Squaw, by Clever Trick Purchased by Gulf Coast Farm '09 Consignor: Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent	
<u>114</u>	\$220,000	KEESEP
	c, <i>Tapit</i> --Harve de Grace, by Boston Harbor Purchased by Coleton Stables '09 Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent II	
<u>121</u>	\$200,000	KEESEP
	c, <i>Tiznow</i> --Hurricane Judy, by Storm Cat Purchased by Edmonton '09 Consignor: Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), agent	



Bailey Brings a Handful...

When the catalogues for this year's sale were printed, Jerry Bailey had a five-horse consignment that featured a \$900,000 Maria's Mon half-brother to champion Midnight Lute, as well as a Five Star Day sibling to Cowtown Cat, a multiple graded winner after topping

this sale in 2006. However, Bailey was forced to withdraw those two individuals. "With the Five Star Day, he's going to need some time," said Bailey. As for the Maria's Mon, the consignor stated, "He's an outstanding colt and, as things worked out, he just didn't come around to hand in time, so I obviously wasn't going to push. He's going to be raced; we might have been dreaming anyway with a colt like that. But he's doing great."

Bailey added, "Had I known that both my colts were going to

dissolve, I certainly would have had some other colts out here, because you can always sell a colt well here. But who knows? [Barretts] has had a tough time, both with getting horses and buyers out here. I hope it goes well--I don't want to see this sale go away. I think the May sale will be very active, all the Northern trainers will be here. But with all of this stuff going on--the stock market being what it is and the uncertainty with [Stronach/Magna] being in receivership, it may not really be a good time to be selling horses."

When asked what he thought the summer sales would be like for yearlings, Bailey responded, "I'll expect to buy them cheaper. They've got to be off. Pinhookers are a big part of the yearling market, and when pinhookers are 30-40 percent off on what they can sell them for, then they're certainly going to give less for yearlings. I really think the closer a horse is to the racetrack, the less he's affected by this market. Broodmares are getting hammered, weanlings are off, and I suspect yearlings are going to be off, too."

He continued, "We try to only break and train horses that we would be willing to go to the racetrack with. I feel we're in an envious position, where we don't have to fold up and say 'we've absolutely got to sell.' It's worked for us in the past. We had Henny Hughes out here--he couldn't make \$500,000 and thank God, because he ended up being worth a lot more. It's worked for us, and we'll continue to do it with the right horse."

Henny Hughes, bought back for \$370,000 in 2005, became a graded winner in Gulf Coast's colors, then was sold privately and went on to capture the GI King's Bishop S. at three. Bailey has also consigned Barretts graduates Deputy Commander, Dubai Escapade, Honour and Glory and Yes It's True--all Grade I winners.



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Bailey added, "I have a Tapit filly that's a wonderful filly, and certainly the table is set for a Tapit to sell well, right? There's been quite a few nice Tapit fillies out here. She breezed exceptionally well and galloped out well." Hip 97, a \$65,000 buyback at FTKJUL, is out of the Miswaki mare Cross Your Heart.-MK



Hip 97 - Tapit filly
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No. Sold	73	88
RNAs	59	62
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No. Over \$500K	3	9
High Price	\$800,000	\$1,500,000
Gross	\$12,996,000	\$19,340,000
Average	\$178,027 (-18.9%)	\$219,773
Median	\$110,000 (-25.4%)	\$147,500

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TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALE Under-tack preview--Mar. 5

Time	Hip#	Sex	1/8-mile works Sire	Dam
:9 4/5	67	f	Distant View	Upgraded
:10	37	f	Sky Mesa	Refugee
:10	52	f	Officer	Spanish Hound
:10	89	c	Tribal Rule	Chalk Face
:10	122	c	Songandaprayer	Inviting
1/4-mile works				
:20 4/5	10	f	Cactus Ridge	Lodden Blue
:21 1/5	112	c	Consolidator	Funshine
:21 2/5	102	f	Afleet Alex	Dynasty
:21 4/5	8	c	Saint Liam	Ling
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Castledale (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	14
Consolidator	Storm Cat	79 112
Eurosilver	Unbridled's Song	58 62
Forest Danger	Forestry	11
Grand Reward	Storm Cat	77
Medallist	Touch Gold	49
Pollard's Vision	Carson City	41
Purge	Pulpit	36
Saint Liam	Saint Ballado	8 64
Southern Image	Halo's Image	20 69 120
Taste of Paradise	Conquistador Cielo	106
Value Plus	Unbridled's Song	107
Wando	Langfuhr	17

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Consignor	#	Gross	Average
Stonestreet Stables LLC	3	\$1,760,000	\$586,667
Mike J Ryan, agent	2	\$870,000	\$435,000
Southern Equine Stables LLC	2	\$850,000	\$425,000
Larry Richardson, agent	2	\$825,000	\$412,500
Omar Trevino Bloodstock LLC	2	\$770,000	\$385,000
John W Sadler, agent	2	\$500,000	\$250,000
Murayama Bloodstock Inc	3	\$480,000	\$160,000
Sierra Sunset LLC	2	\$395,000	\$197,500

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Hip 114, [Tapit--Havre de Grace](#), by [Boston Harbor](#)
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Consignor	#	Gross	Average
Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent	6	\$2,700,000	\$450,000
B.C.3. Thoroughbreds, agent	8	\$1,605,000	\$200,625
Scanlon Training Center, agent	5	\$1,540,000	\$308,000
Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I	2	\$1,030,000	\$515,000
Kirkwood Stables, agent	9	\$939,000	\$104,333
Murray Smith, agent	3	\$795,000	\$265,000
Stephens T'breds, agent	2	\$440,000	\$220,000
SAB Training, agent	5	\$430,000	\$86,000
Wavertree Stables Inc, Agent II	1	\$410,000	\$410,000
NexStar LLC, agent	4	\$315,000	\$78,750

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Hip 112, Consolidator--Funshine, by Deputy Commander
 Consigned by John O'Hara, agent
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OCALA S., \$75,000, GPX, 3-8, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 2/5, ft.

1--**#PEISINOE, 114, f, 4, Yes It's True--Galadriel (SW), by Ascot Knight.** O-Royal Pegasus LLC; B-Padua Stables (FL); T-Ian R Wilkes; J-Jermaine V Bridgmohan; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 12-4-2-1, \$178,010.

2--**Zee Zee, 122, f, 4, Exchange Rate--Emblem of Hope,** by Dynaformer. (\$50,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR). O-Zayat Stables LLC. \$15,000.

3--**Peach Flambe, 122, m, 6, Flying Chevron--Eliza's Kiss,** by Sejm. (\$30,000 2yo '05 OBSAPR).

O-J Paul Reddam & Rockin BB Ranch. \$7,500. Margins: 1, 1HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 5.70, 3.70, 5.00.

Peisinoe, who ended her 2008 campaign with a runner-up effort behind J Z Warrior in the House Party S. at Belmont last October, stumbled at the break and came home sixth in her first start for trainer Ian Wilkes, the Jan. 24 Sunshine Fillies and Mares Sprint, last time out. Stretching out to a mile for just the second time in her career, the bay filly had company while setting fractions of :24.68, :47.74 and 1:11.81. She kicked clear in upper stretch and held on with determination. "She was very fast today and was able to settle in very nicely," said winning jockey Jermaine Bridgmohan. "I felt a little pressure at the half, but she really turned it on from there on. I've got to say this is a very special filly and I want to thank Mr. Wilkes and everybody for believing in me and giving me the opportunity. I know she has the capability to win a lot more stakes in the future."

Wilkes added, "She stumbled at the start in her last race, going six furlongs, and you can't recover against those kind. Jermaine did a great job of getting her to settle and slow down today. It also didn't hurt that [morning-line favorite] Victorina (Delaware Townshipe) scratched. She came to me this winter after she was purchased at the Fasig-Tipton sale. I haven't got anything in mind for her at this point. We'll just enjoy today's race." Peisinoe was listed as a \$250,000 RNA at last year's FTKNOV sale. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

3rd-GPX, \$44,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 3yo, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.

SABI SABI (c, 3, Songandaprayer--Shal Pal, by Time for a Change), a debut winner at Calder last June, was winless in four subsequent starts in stakes company at the Miami track before returning to the winner's circle in a Nov. 22 allowance contest. He closed to be second in his sophomore bow in the Feb. 16 OBS Championship S. last time out. Sent off at 4-1, the chestnut colt stalked the pacesetters, forged to the lead at midstretch and inched clear to the wire. Favored Rocketing Returns (Gone West), coming off a fifth-place effort in the Jan. 30 GII Hutcheson S., raced on the pace through fractions of :22.37, :44.96 and 1:10.06, but couldn't hold off the winner and finished second. Sabi Sabi was a \$12,500 OBSAUG yearling. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: MSP, 8-3-1-1, \$110,534.

O-Soldi Stable LLC. B-Michael & Judy Crowe (FL). T-Edward Plesa, Jr.

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5th-GPX, \$42,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f, 1:29 2/5, ft.

GATORETTE, f, 3, Distorted Humor

- 1st Dam: Gigi's Skyflyer (SW), by Skywalker
- 2nd Dam: Flying Paster Gigi, by Flying Paster
- 3rd Dam: Promised Woman, by Promised Land

Gatorette, a \$130,000 KEESEP yearling, earned a 90 Beyer speed figure for her 7 1/4-length debut victory sprinting six furlongs at this track Feb. 1. Sent off the 4-5 favorite for this second go, the gray filly set the pace through fractions of :23.08, :45.91 and 1:10.07. She spurred to a clear lead in upper stretch and effortlessly drew clear before finishing wrapped up and 7 3/4 lengths in front of Indy's Sonata (A.P. Indy). **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$48,200.

O-Katherine G Ball. B-Town & Country Farms, Corp (FL). T-David Fawkes.

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"Remember, remember the fifth from Gulfstream!" is one way of describing Gatorette's dominant victory yesterday.

Before she made her debut, trainer David Fawkes had high expectations for the gray, who remains untested after two starts.

"We liked her," said Fawkes. "She's a good work horse, so [her workouts] were relatively impressive. [Jockey Eibar Coa] started pulling her up at the eighth pole. She didn't exert herself at all today."

Gatorette is owned by Katherine Ball and her husband Mike, whose parents Don and Mira Ball own and operate Donamire Farm in Lexington. Donamire Farm is listed as Gatorette's buyer from the 2007 KEESEP sale.

Fawkes, who is based at Calder, but has found success away from South Florida with horses like MGISW Take D' Tour (Tour d'Or), wouldn't predict where Gatorette would race next.

"I want to talk to Katherine and we'll go from there," Fawkes explained. "[Gatorette] hasn't even cooled out yet."

Although Gatorette has displayed strong early speed in two sprint starts, Fawkes believes she'll be able to tackle added distance.

"[She has a fast] cruising speed," he said. "It looks like she handled the stretchout today. The added furlong and a half didn't bother her. She looked awfully comfortable doing it, didn't she?" -J.F.

8th-GPX, \$42,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:47, fm.

QUIET MEADOW (f, 4, El Prado {Ire}--Quiet Down {SP}, by Quiet American) concluded her career with trainer Nick Zito with a third-place effort over the Meadows turf last October and returned under the tutelage of Chad Brown with another third-place finish over the lawn at Tampa Bay Downs Dec. 26. She checked in that same spot going one mile over the Gulfstream turf last time out Feb. 8. Sent off at 3-1, the bay filly shadowed the early leaders, angled to the outside turning for home to take charge in upper stretch and gamely held off favored Kristi With a K (Petionville) for a 1 3/4-length triumph. The winner, a \$100,000 FTMMAY juvenile, sold for \$77,000 at last year's KEENOV sale. Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-1-3, \$84,008.

O-Hidden Brook. B-Arthur I Appleton (FL). T-Chad C Brown.

10th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 1/5, fm.

MAGICAL AFFAIR (f, 3, Giant's Causeway--Mayville's Magic, by Gone West), a \$1.55-million KEESEP yearling, debuted with a runner-up effort at Laurel Oct. 31 and was second again in her return at Gulfstream Jan. 4. Trying the turf for the first time, the chestnut filly settled near the back of the pack, swept to the outside for the drive and powered to the lead with a furlong to run en route to a 1 1/2-length victory at 3-1. Favored Starship Angel (Running Stag) was second, 3 3/4 lengths in front of 125-1 longshot Lastful Appeal (Successful Appeal) in third. Dame Ursula (GB) (Elusive Quality) was 12th. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)** Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$33,880.

O-Chiefswood Stable. B-Sha-li Leasing Association Inc (KY). T-Michael R Matz.

7th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.

FIRST PASSAGE (f, 3, Giant's Causeway--Win's Fair Lady {MSW, \$150,485}, by Dehere), \$1.2-million KEESEP yearling, was a non-factor when 15th in her debut at Newmarket last August for trainer Brian Meehan. Sent off at 6-1 in her first start since, the Marty Wolfson trainee contested the pace through fractions of :22.39 and :45.52. She opened a clear lead in upper stretch and held sway late to defeat favored June Day (Gone West) by 1 3/4 lengths. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,000.

O-Andrew Rosen. B-ClassicStar 2004 Powerfoal Stable (KY). T-Martin D Wolfson.

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★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

AM CAPABLE S., \$66,150, AQU, 3-8, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft.

1--#**WINNING POINT**, 118, m, 5, **Point Given--Bibical Sense**, by **Blushing Groom (Fr)**. (\$30,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL; \$30,000 yrl '05 FTMOCT). O-Morris Bailey & Team Valor International; B-The Thoroughbred Corporation, Stephen A DiMauro & Dan Morgan (KY); T-Kiaran P McLaughlin; J-Rajiv Maragh; \$40,470. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 10-4-5-0, \$323,610. * 1/2 to Sense of Duty (Meadowlake), SW, \$313,967; Gilded Wings (Gilded Time), MSP, \$180,150.

2--**Lucky Revival**, 120, m, 6, Yankee Victor--Mystery Dance, by Sword Dance (Ire). O-Gumpster Stable LLC. \$13,490.

3--**Shining Sea**, 118, f, 4, Stormy Atlantic--Golden West, by Gone West. (\$27,000 yrl '06 KEEJAN; \$100,000 2yo '07 OBSFEB). O-Mark B Grier. \$6,770. Margins: 4HF, 2 1/4, NK. Odds: 1.50, 1.75, 2.50.

Winning Point, second in the 2007 GII Comely S., GII Black Eyed Susan S. and GII Delaware Oaks for trainer Eddie Gaudet, made only two trips to the post last season for Kiaran McLaughlin and had not been out since running a well-beaten sixth in a Saratoga allowance Aug. 11. Favored in her return, the chestnut mare rated off the pace, rallied three wide into the lane and drew clear to an easy victory. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

7th-AQU, \$48,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:43, ft.

ALAAZO (c, 4, A.P. Indy--Atelier {MGSW, \$741,112}, by Deputy Minister), fourth in last year's GI Haskell Invitational, returned from a four-month freshening to run fifth in a Gulfstream allowance Feb. 4. The \$350,000 KEESEP yearling stalked the pace, waited for racing room turning for home before forging the lead and drawing off to a two-length victory at 7-2. Take the Bluff (Pine Bluff) was second. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-0, \$151,420. O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Alexander, Groves & Matz LLC (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

1st-CTX, \$28,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 4 1/2f, :51 4/5, ft. + **HOLLYWOOD HILLS (f, 3, City Place--Pack'n the Sand, by Line In The Sand)** went quickly to the front end, opened a clear advantage and sailed under the wire 7 1/2 lengths in front as a 7-2 shot. The winner was a \$40,000 OBSOCT weanling and \$55,000 OBSAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,800. O-Puglisi Racing LLC. B-Southern Chase Farm Inc (FL). T-Steve Klesaris.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-FGX, \$46,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m40y, 1:40 1/5, ft.

RECAPTURETHEGLORY (c, 4, Cherokee Run--Cold Awakening {SP, \$128,430}, by Dehere), winner of last year's GII Illinois Derby and fifth in the GI Kentucky Derby, returned from a six-month layoff to run a solid third over track and trip last time out Feb. 15. The even-money choice to recapture the winning thread, the bay colt shadowed a tepid pace from third and reeled in the pacesetters down the lane to win going away by 2 3/4 lengths. Glamour Guy (E Dubai) held second. Recapturetheglory was a \$130,000 KEENOV weanling, a \$160,000 FTKJUL yearling and a \$215,000 FTFEB juvenile. Lifetime Record: GSW, 11-3-1-3, \$429,203. O-Louie Roussel III & Ronald Lamarque. B-Charles Jacobi (KY). T-Louie J Roussel III.

1st-FGX, \$46,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft.

PLEA (f, 3, Spanish Steps--Prophetic, by Red Ransom) aired by 6 3/4 lengths in her six-furlong debut at this track Jan. 11 and was just nosed out of an allowance victory when second last time out Feb. 12. Stretching out here, the 4-5 favorite chased the pacesetter through moderate splits, took over in upper stretch and reported home a 2 1/4-length winner. Plea was an \$85,000 KEENOV weanling and \$170,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$63,200. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-Cloyce C Clark Jr (LA). T-Mark E Casse.

7th-FGX, \$42,000, Msw, 4&5yo, a1 1/16mT, 1:45 4/5, fm.

GRAND STAGE (c, 4, Grand Slam--Elissa Beethoven {GB}, by Royal Academy) went to the sidelines after a close-up fourth in his turf debut at this distance at Monmouth last September and returned with an eighth-place effort sprinting over this course Jan. 15. The 5-1 shot pressed the pace through pedestrian splits, took charge at midstretch and came home 4 3/4 lengths ahead of Forest Warfare (War Chant). The winner is a half brother to Golden Sonata (Mr. Prospector, GSW, \$288,798). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$27,270. O/B-James C Spence (KY). T-Ralph E Nicks.



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CHINA DOLL S., \$78,460, SAX, 3-8, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm.

1--**#APRIL PRIDE (GB), 116, f, 3, Falbrav (Ire)--Hasta, by Theatrical (Ire).** (£25,000 2yo '08 GOFMAR). O-Forging Oaks Farm; B-Sir Eric Parker (GB); T-James M Cassidy; J-David Romero Flores; \$45,840. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 11-2-5-1, \$116,971.

2--**Acting Lady**, 115, f, 3, Theatrical (Ire)--Lady Fairfax (GB), by Sharrod. (\$35,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Stephen Russell & Andy Bell. \$15,280.

3--**Century Park**, 122, f, 3, General Meeting--Ecclesiastes, by Saint Ballado. O-Donald R Dizney. \$9,168.

Margins: 2, 1, 3/4. Odds: 3.50, 8.20, 7.30.

April Pride ended her European campaign with a third-place effort in Goodwood's G3 Prestige S. and made her stateside bow with an 11th-place effort in the Oct. 24 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf S. She ended her juvenile campaign with a second-place finish in the Blue Norther S. and returned in 2009 with a runner-up effort in a course-and trip allowance Feb. 4. Never far back, April Pride rallied three wide turning for home, took charge in upper stretch and won with authority. "I had a good position and going to the half mile pole, they started coming back to me like they were stopping," said winning jockey David Flores. "I didn't want to move too soon but I also didn't want to strangle my filly, so I moved out and just let her run along. Around the turn I decided to just go ahead and get away from the favorite. Turning for home, she was full of run and she finished great." [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

6th-SAX, \$54,600, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:12 3/5, fm.

GORGEOUS GOOSE (f, 4, Mongoose--Gorgeous Me, by Big Spruce) had been off since just getting nosed out by Tasha's Miracle when second in the Gill Harold C. Ramser Sr. H. over this course last October. The 3-1 shot settled into stride, angled out at midstretch and powered ahead of pacesetter Expensive Art (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the dying strides under a perfectly judged Rafael Bejarano ride. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 12-3-1-2, \$161,574.

O/B-Mary Anne Denes & Mary Ellen Woelfel (FL). T-Mike Puype.

2nd-SAX, \$52,800, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:01 4/5, fm.

POWER BLITZ (g, 4, Fusaichi Pegasus--Sunday Wish {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells), a maiden winner over this main track last April, returned from nine months on the sidelines to run fourth over course and trip Jan. 10 and was coming off a fifth-place finish Feb. 1. The 5-2 shot stalked the pace from fourth, moved to challenge for the lead in upper stretch and pulled clear late to best Catastaire (Hold That Tiger) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$88,120.

O-Henry E Pabst. B-Fusao Sekiguchi (KY). T-N Drysdale.

7th-SAX, \$47,400, Msw, (S), 3, f, 6f (AWT), 1:09 1/5, ft. + EXCESSIVE BLEND (f, 3, In Excess {Ire}--Blending Element {Ire} {GSW, \$449,008}, by Great Commotion), away slowly, was rushed up to chase the early pacesetters. The 9-2 shot was forced to steady briefly in traffic on the turn, cut the corner and charged past pacesetter Irridescent Red (Memo {Chi}) in upper stretch and powered clear to a professional 4 1/2-length score. The winner is a half sister to Tiz a Blend (Cee's Tizzy, SW, \$186,354) and to Tiz Elemental (Cee's Tizzy, GSW, \$483,740). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000.

O-Warren B Williamson. B-Williamson Racing LLC (CA). T-Carla Gaines.

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

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3rd-GPX (Alw/OC) Sabi Sabi (Songandaprayer) forges clear late.

5th-GPX (Alw) ☆ "TDN Rising Star" ☆ Gatorette (Distorted Humor) dominates.

7th-GPX (MSW) First Passage (Giant's Causeway), a \$1.2-million KEESEP yearling, holds on in her stateside bow.

10th-GPX (Msw) Magical Affair (Giant's Causeway) spurts clear in turf bow.



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Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

CUVEE (Carson City), Gainesway, \$10K, 208/25/2

9-WRD, Msw, 6f, +Catale Wind, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2

HERO'S TRIBUTE (Sea Hero), Buck Pond, \$5K, 42/5/0

9-WRD, Msw, 6f, +Fille En Noire, \$15K TEX AUG yrl, 10-1

• ON THE WORKTAB •

CALDER

Ikigai (Whywhywhy), 4f, :52.00, 19/23

It's a Bird (Birdonthewire), 4f, :49.60, 6/23

Smooth Air (Smooth Jazz), 5f, 1:02.60, 1/10

FAIR GROUNDS

War Tigress (War Chant), 4f, :48.00, 4/114

Z Fortune (Siphon {Brz}), 5f, 1:02.40, 18/46

GOLDEN GATE

Chocolate Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), 6f, 1:12.60, 1/13

GULFSTREAM PARK

Free Country (Big Country), 5f, 1:00.20, 1/25

Grand Couturier (GB) (Grand Lodge), 4f, :49.60, 16/33

HOLLYWOOD

Liquidity (Tiznow), 4f, :50.20, 20/22

Marsh Side (Gone West), 7f, 1:25.80, 1/3

OAKLAWN PARK

Old Fashioned (Unbridled's Song), 5f, :59.00, 1/22

Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), 4f, :49.20, 21/52

PALM MEADOWS

Atoned (Repent), 4f, :48.00, 7/47

Cribnote (Read the Footnotes), 5f, :59.60, 1/19

Laragh (Tapit), 4f, :50.00, 32/47

Unbridled Belle (Broken Vow), 4f, :49.60, 29/47

SANTA ANITA

Bahama Mama (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), 5f, 1:01.00, 32/85

Bittel Road (Stormy Atlantic), 5f, 1:00.00, 9/85

Black Mamba (NZ) (Black Minnaloushe), 5fT, 1:03.00, 14/16

Briecat (Adcat), 5f, 1:00.20, 14/85

Bsharpsonata (Pulpit), 4f, :48.00, 13/50

Desert Code (E Dubai), 4fT, :51.20, 5/6

Diamond Diva (GB) (Dansili {GB}), 5fT, 1:02.00, 4/16

Marchfield (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:02.60, 68/85

Missit (Ire) (Orpen), 6fT, 1:17.20, 3/9

Monterey Jazz (Thunderello), 4fT, :50.40, 2/6

Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker), 5f, :58.80, 1/85

Proudinsky (Ger) (Silvano {Ger}), 6f, 1:13.40, 8/25



★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Result:

PREMIO FEDERICO REGOLI-Listed, €50,400, Pisa, 3-8, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.30, sf.

1--**GESTURE (GB), 123, g, 7, Bahri--Stark Ballet, by Nureyev.** (78,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT; 9,000gns HIT '05 TATAUT). O-Scuderia Puntacolle; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-Devis Grilli; J-Marco Monteriso; €28,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ity, 36-11-7-3, €160,066. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + . Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Zenone (Ire), 129, h, 5, Orpen--Luna d'Estate (GB), by Alzao.** €12,320.

3--**Alleluja Angel (Ire), 123, h, 5, Elnadim--Irish Beam (Ire), by Mac's Imp.** €6,720.

Margins: 3HF, 3/4, 1 1/4. Winner's Odds: 1.85.

Also Ran: Xenos (GB), Sfilzatore (Ity), Ceprin (Ire), Remarque (Ire), Salisburgo (Ity), Dock Chicks (Ire), Poldors (Ire).

Friday's Result:

Rome, 15.00, Cond, €22,500, 3, 6fT, 1:14.10, hy. SOTTONE (GB) (c, 3, Observatory--Scundes {Ire}, by Baratheia {Ire}) went postward as the 4-6 chalk coming back from a win in the Aug. 17 Listed Criterium Labronico at Livorno and a sixth in the G3 Premio Chiusura at Milan last time Nov. 8. Positioned within striking distance until urged closer from halfway, he was ridden to the front with 100 meters remaining and pulled out extra nearing the line to best Mountain Excel (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: MSW-Ity, 8-6-0-0, €84,043.

O/T-B Grizzetti; B-Azienda Agricola Rosati Colarieti.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, MONDAY, MARCH 9:

DUBAI WORLD CUP

03-28 \$6,000,000 **Dubai World Cup-G1, Nad,** 3yo/up, 2000m (60000s)

03-28 \$5,000,000 **Dubai Sheema Classic-G1, Nad,** 3yo/up, 2400mT (50000s)

03-28 \$5,000,000 **Dubai Duty Free-G1, Nad, 3yo/up,** 1777mT (50000s)

03-28 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, Nad,** 3yo/up, 1200m (20000s)

03-28 \$2,000,000 **UAE Derby-G2, Nad, NH/SH3yo,** 1800m (20000s)

03-28 \$1,000,000 **Godolphin Mile-G2, Nad, 3yo/up,** 1600m (10000s)

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★ JAPAN ★

Yesterday's Result:

HOCHI HAI YAYOI SHO-Listed, ¥104,800,000, Nakayama, 3-8, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:03.50, gd.
 1--**LOGI UNIVERSE (JPN)**, 123, c, 3 by **Neo Universe (Jpn)**
 1st Dam: **Acoustics (Jpn)**, by **Cape Cross (Ire)**
 2nd Dam: **Soninke (GB)**, by **Machiavellian**
 3rd Dam: **Sonic Lady**, by **Nureyev**
 O-Masaaki Kumeta; B-Northern Farm; T-Kiyoshi Hagiwara; J-Norihiro Yokoyama; ¥54,910,000.
 Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.**
 2--**Mikki Petra (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Symboli Kris S--Petra (Jpn), by Hector Protector. O-Mizuki Noda; B-Yano Farm; ¥22,260,000.
 3--**Moere Expert (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Magic Miles--Azuma Tiger (Jpn), by Helissio (Fr). O-Big Red Farm; B-Kazuo Nakamura; ¥14,130,000
 Margins: 2HF, HF, NK. Odds: 0.30, 46.10, 64.30.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-SAX, \$47,400, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, (S), 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:22 2/5, ft.
KORBAN (c, 3, Benchmark--Hay Whatsamaddau, by Matty G) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$59,320. O-Gary Broad. B-Kirk Bell & Graham & Taylor (CA). T-Martin F Jones. *\$50,000 2yo '08 BESMAY.

8th-PHA, \$39,770, NW2L, 3yo, 6f, 1:09, ft.
RHYAD (c, 3, Essence of Dubai--Radyla, by Country Pine) Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$67,000. O-J E Asbell. B-Michael & Judy Crowe (FL). T-P Aristone. *\$80,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG; \$25,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY.

2nd-OPX, \$39,000, Opt. Clm. (\$65,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03 2/5, ft.
GRAND SENSATION (c, 4, Grand Slam--Beloved by All {GSP}, by Rubiano) Lifetime Record: MSP, 13-4-5-3, \$141,369. O-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong. B-Twin Hopes Farm Inc (KY). T-Steve Hobby. *\$285,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

7th-OPX, \$36,000, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, ft.
COYOTEPASS (g, 3, Pikepass--Coyote, by Wolf Power {SAf}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$49,854. O/B-Dwight Sprague (AR). T-Kenny P Smith.

11th-SUN, \$32,500, 3-7, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:19, ft.
ECHO OF HOPE (c, 3, The Trader's Echo--Angelique, by Stop the Music) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$49,025. O-Don Heim. B-Harry Joseph Allen (NM). T-Alex T Hartman.

7th-CTX, \$29,000, 3-7, NW3LX, 3yo, 4 1/2f, :51 3/5, ft.
STONE IN LOVE (c, 3, Lion Hearted--Purse Snatcher, by Allen's Prospect) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-2-1, \$64,120. O-Konrad M Wayson. B-Margaret M Addis (MD). T-John J Robb. *\$10,000 yrl '07 FTMOCT.

7th-CTX, \$29,000, NW2LX, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5, ft.
LION BY MY SIDE (g, 4, Lion Hearted--Mymet {GSW, \$205,777}, by Mehmet) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-3, \$78,870. O-Puglisi Racing LLC & Steve Klesaris. B-Clover Hill Racing LLC (MD). T-Steve Klesaris.

6th-SUN, \$29,000, NW2L, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42 4/5, ft.
SILVER TOHATCHI (c, 4, Silver Charm--Afare {MSW, \$162,550}, by Meadowlake) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$26,150. O-Charles Holland. B-Dreamfields Inc & Don Brady (KY). T-Albert P Araiza. *\$8,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT; \$20,000 2yo '07 BESMAY.

9th-MNR, \$28,400, 3-7, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:43 4/5, ft.
UNDENIABLY SILVER (m, 6, Silver Deputy--Notagoldbrick {GSW, \$248,500}, by Fortunate Prospect) Lifetime Record: 27-3-4-4, \$90,237. O-Michael R Berry. B-Margaux Farm Inc & Dr & Mrs Ira P Mersack (KY). T-Gary Welsh. *\$50,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '05 FTMMAY. **1/2 to True Gold (Touch Gold), SP, \$130,923.

3rd-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, sy.
THRUWAY (f, 4, Petionville--Boz Connection, by Danzig Connection) Lifetime Record: 20-3-4-4, \$93,930. O/B-Crown's Way Farm & Steve Holland (IL). T-Andrew M Hansen. *1/2 to Spanning (Prospect Bay), SP, \$226,736.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- + **Adelita's Gold**, f, 2, **Avenue of Flags**--Rhythm'n Gold, by Rhythm. SUN, 3-8, (S), 2f, :21 1/5. B-Carlos Gutierrez & Tom Felix (NM).
- Boston West End**, c, 3, **Arrested**--Buckflower, by Buckaroo. TAM, 3-8, 1mT, 1:40 3/5. B-University of Florida Foundation (FL). * \$1,300 yrl '07 OBSAUG.
- Indycency**, f, 3, **Indy King**--Sno Connection (SP), by Danzig Connection. PHA, 3-8, (C), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-M Annete Davis (FL). * \$5,000 yrl '07 FTMOCT.
- Son of Destiny**, c, 3, **Kafwain**--Destiny Awaits, by Chief's Crown. OPX, 3-8, (C), 1m, 1:38 1/5. B-Windsworth Farms (KY). * \$20,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$85,000 2yo 2008 OBSMAR.
- Lee's Zeal**, f, 3, **Leestown**--Northern Zeal, by Unreal Zeal. DED, 3-7, (S), 1m, 1:43. B-Larry Romero (LA).
- Artist Moon**, g, 3, **Malibu Moon**--Arty'svirginiagirl (MSW, \$301,016), by My Boy Adam. CTX, 3-8, 7f, 1:27. B-E H Beau Lane III (KY). * \$80,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '08 OBSMAR.
- L. C. Bulgari**, c, 3, **Not For Love**--Sleepless, by Seattle Slew. AQU, 3-8, (S), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-William Lanyi (NY). * 1/2 to Sleepless Joy (Joyeux Danseur), SP-Fr & US, \$230,352.
- Been Awhile**, g, 3, **Polish Miner**--Maria's Reply, by Maria's Mon. TAM, 3-8, 1mT, 1:40. B-Northview Stallion Station (MD). * \$4,000 yrl '07 FTMOCT.
- Bigsurprisemister**, c, 3, **Quaker Ridge**--Pewbirty, by Superbity. HAW, 3-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07 1/5. B-Mary B Zimmerman (IL).
- Pretty Unusual**, f, 3, **Unusual Heat**--Sci Fi Kin, by Siphon (Brz). SAX, 3-8, (C), 1m (AWT), 1:37 2/5. B-David Abrams & Madeline Auerbach (CA).
- El Numero Uno**, c, 4, **Ghostly Minister**--My Numbers Up, by Polish Numbers. CTX, 3-8, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22 1/5. B-Charles A Woodson Jr. (WV).
- Henny Boy**, h, 5, **Hennessy**--Elkin, by Sovereign Dancer. MNR, 3-7, 5 1/2f, 1:08 1/5. B-Triple Crown Enterprises (KY).

★ WINNERS BY U. S. S I R E S ★

IN CHILE:

- Quiere Volar (Chi)**, c, 3, **Muqtarib**--Quiet Call, by Quiet American. Hipodromo Chile, 3-7, Alw, 1000m. O-Stud Dona Sofia; B-Haras Porta Pia; T-Ricardo Rojas.
- Nice to Win (Chi)**, c, 4, **Real Quiet**--One to Want, by Kingmambo. Hipodromo Chile, 3-7, Hcp, 1200m. O/B-Haras Carioca; T-Roberto Maggi.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

- ITALY, Rome, 16.40**, 3-6, €22,500, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:26.40, stn.
- LE BARON JENNEY (ITY) (c, 4, College Chapel {GB}--Beverly Pepper {GB}, by Love the Groom)** Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-3, €58,565. O/B-Razza Della Sila SRL; T-Luigi Riccardi.
- ITALY, Rome, 15.30**, 3-6, €22,500, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:13.90, hy.
- POLAR WIND (ITY) (h, 5, Rob's Spirit--Miss Buffy {GB}, by Polar Falcon)** Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 46-8-11-4, €169,711. O-Scuderia Razza Dell'Olmo SRL; B-Azienda Agricola Le Ferriere; T-Riccardo Menichetti.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- + **Sundek (Ity)**, c, 3, **Colossus (Ire)**--Distant Asia, by Distant View. Rome, Italy, 3-6, Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Gisella Alderuccio.

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- HISHI AMAZON**, 18, Theatrical (Ire)--Katies (Ire), by Nonoalco
Foal born Jan. 26, a filly by Posse.
Will be bred back to Corinthian.
Owned by Masaichiro Abe.
Boarded at Taylor Made, Ky.
Accomplishments: Champion 2yo Filly in Japan; Champion 2yo Filly in Japan; Champion Older Mare in Japan; MSW & G1SP-Jpn, \$6,981,102.
- HABIBTI**, 10, Tabasco Cat--Miss Sobriety, by Temperance Hill
Foal born March 1, a filly by Smart Strike.
Will be bred back to Distorted Humor.
Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: MGISW of \$564,851.

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