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Aussies Hold Strong Hand in Sprint...

While each of the 10 previous winners of the G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Sprint was bred in Australia, only Falvelon (Aus) (Alannon {Aus}), who took the 2000 and 2001 runnings in dramatic style, actually represented the nation in the race. Horses based in Hong Kong have won the last seven renewals, including **Inspiration (Aus)** (Flying Spur {Aus}) and **Sacred Kingdom (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), victorious in 2008 and 2007, respectively, and both part of the field for Sunday's outstanding 1200-meter test. That domestic dominance looks to be in some jeopardy this weekend given the strongest group of foreigners ever assembled, including a trio of Aussies with a combined 13 Group 1 wins to their credit. **Apache Cat (Aus)** (Lion Cavern) is out to avenge his effort in last year's Sprint, where he finished a willing third by a half-length. Eight times successful at the highest level, the seven-year-old won the G2 Schweppes S. at Moonee Valley Oct. 24, but was most recently fourth to **All Silent (Aus)** (Belong to Me) in the G1 Patinack Farm Classic up the Flemington straight Nov. 7. "The horse is in great order," said trainer Greg Eurell. "I'm starting to think he really enjoys it here and, you know, I prefer him racing right-handed. All Silent is probably the horse to beat. He had our measure at Flemington, but my horse's form at Flemington has been a little bit mystifying in the latter part of his career. It's a great race on Sunday." Apache Cat will be ridden by Damien Oliver, who rode Falvelon to his two wins. All Silent was third to Apache Cat in the G1 Doomben 10,000 back in May, but has won his two starts since, including his 3/4-length success in the Patinack.



All Silent

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The bay galloped on the turf yesterday, finishing up his final 400 meters in :24.7 beneath big-day jockey Nicholas Hall. "I was impressed with him," he commented. "I can tell you he did it very, very comfortably. He looks terrific, he's very bright and I'm starting to get excited about Sunday. I know I haven't been around as long as many other jockeys, but he is the fastest horse I have ridden." **Scenic Blast (Aus)** (Scenic {Ire}) won the G1 Lightning S. in January and the G1 Newmarket H. in March before annexing the G1 King's Stand S. at the Royal meeting in June. The bald-faced bay, last of 16 to **Laurel Guerreiro (Jpn)** (King Halo {Jpn}) in the G1 Sprinters S. at Nakayama Oct. 4, could take down a \$1-million Global Sprint Challenge bonus with a win Sunday.



Youm Da Man?...

Jaber Abdullah's **Youmzain (Ire)** (Sinndar {Ire}) makes his 19th consecutive start in Group 1 company as he goes in search of the most prestigious victory of his career in Sunday's G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Vase. In search of his first win since taking the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in July 2008, the six-year-old ran a blinder to be second for the third consecutive year in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Long-champ Oct. 4. Youmzain will be the fourth starter at the International meeting for trainer Mick Channon. "He was a bit sweaty on this first couple of days here, but that was more his freshness and just acclimatizing rather than anything to be worried about," said Channon, who put his charge through a light gallop Wednesday. "He went well this morning and I am really pleased with him. I would like a decent draw and an even gallop in the race--I just hope they don't slow the speed up too much going into the back straight." **HK Vase cont. p2**



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The Vase has been kind to members of the fairer sex, with Borgia (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}) winning in 1999, Vallee Enchantee (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) scoring in 2003 and Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) following in 2005.



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Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk) looks to join that collection and become the second sophomore to take this. A perfect four from four in her brief career, she enters off a 2 1/2-length victory in

the G2 Prix de Royallieu at Longchamp Oct. 3. "She only started her career in July and she will stay in training next season, so she could be back in 2010," explained trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre, who sent out Shamdala (Ire) (Grand Lodge) to finish fourth for the Aga Khan in 2005. "The Vase is a hot race but she will like the ground and has a strong turn of foot which can be very helpful here."



PREVIEWS

Saturday, San Isidro, Argentina

GRAN PREMIO CARLOS PELLEGRINI-G1,

Ar\$1,302,000, 3yo/up, 2400mT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Banganyko (Arg)	Incurable Optimist	Hahn	Borelli	134
1a	City Black (Arg)	City West (Arg)	Anselmo	Borelli	134
2	Bombon Suiza (Arg)	Sunray Spirit	Karamanos	J Etchechry	119
3	Braddock (Per)	Keseff	Trujillo	Salas	119
3a	Zeide Isaac	Freud	Padilla	Suarez	134
4	Escolaso (Arg)	Essayons	Lazo	Abarno	119
5	Eternal Fire (Arg)	Lode	Noriega	Maldotti	132
6	Eyeofthetiger (Arg)	Tempranero (Arg)	Carbajal	Reigert	134
7	Feel Fast (Arg)	Halo Sunshine	Villagra	Romero	132
8	Flymetthmoon (Brz)	Roi Normand	Ricardo	Nahid	132
8a	Jeune-Turc (Brz)	Know Heights (Ire)	Mazini	Nahid	134
9	Fuego e Hierro (Arg)	Pure Prize	Barrueco	Linares	119
10	Great Champion (Arg)	Luhuk	Leyes	San Millan	132
10a	Seminu (Arg)	Gem Master	Mendez	Viviani	134
11	Grivko (Arg)	Editor's Note	Toscani	Diaz	132
11a	October Four (Arg)	Incurable Optimist	Diaz	Dima	134
12	Interaction (Arg)	Easing Along	T'lvavrnno	Dassie	119
13	Jungle Count (Arg)	Southern Halo	Mendez	Perez	119
14	Life of Victory (Arg)	Incurable Optimist	Gianetti	C Etchechry	134
15	Lingote de Oro (Arg)	Orpen	Mendez	Romero	119
16	Reraise (Brz)	Know Heights (Ire)	Calvente	C Etchechry	132
16a	Snd in the Clwns (Brz)	Know Heights (Ire)	Blanco	Dassie	119

Stud El Gusy's reigning Pellegrini hero **Life of Victory** figures to have his hands full in Saturday's renewal at San Isidro, facing a stellar international field of 22 rivals. Argentina's 2008 Horse of the Year will seek a repeat victory in South America's marquee event, but finds a field where young and old talent abounds.

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Carlos Pellegrini cont.

Life of Victory's major adversaries are headed by several of South America's leading three-year-olds, topped by Argentine classic winner **Interaction**, winner on the San Isidro turf course of the Gran Premio Jockey Club in October. Also in the lineup is Uruguay Derby winner **Escolaso**, but the centerpiece of the foreign delegation is headlined by the very strong Brazilian entry of **Jeune-Turc** and Brazil's Horse of the Year **Flymetothemoon**. Peru is represented by the American-bred **Zeide Isaac**, runner-up in South America's continental championship, the G1 Gran Premio Latinoamericano in March in Sao Paulo.

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[The effect on Kentucky's horse industry of the Dubai debt crisis](#)

Dan Dickson, Business Lexington



Saturday, San Isidro, Argentina

GRAN PREMIO JOAQUIN S. ANCHORENA-G1,

Ar\$263,500, 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Aldeano Nov (Arg)	Romanov (Ire)	Ricardo	J Etchchry	132
1a	Lord Nov (Arg)	Romanov (Ire)	Leyes	Prestano	130
2	Bless My Destiny (Arg)	Sekari (GB)	Ruiz	Mayansky	132
3	Bochi's Flirt (Arg)	Flirteador (Arg)	Coria	Castro	132
3a	Rupit (Arg)	Lucky Roberto	Mendez	Mayansky	132
4	Conocedor (Arg)	Colonial Affair	Marinhas	Borelli	132
5	Deepak	Pikepass	Trujillo	Salas	132
5a	Ola Azul	Teton Forest	Berrios	Banda	121
6	El Garufa (Arg)	Luhuk	Quiroga	Bedoya	132
7	Equal Libero (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Karamanos	Viviani	119
8	Evocado (Arg)	Southern Halo	Hahn	Ramallo	119
9	Incasico (Arg)	Southern Halo	Calvente	Maldotti	132
10	Intermediario (Arg)	Interprete (Arg)	Blanco	Labanca	130
11	Julieto Prince (Arg)	Potrilon (Arg)	Carrizo	Bani	114
12	Kapo di Tutti (Brz)	Redattore (Brz)	Domingoes	Garcia	130
12a	Lieve (Brz)	Golden Voyager (Brz)	Mazini	Barros	130
13	Manijero Cat (Arg)	Easing Along	Falero	Cafere	119
14	Maruco Plus (Arg)	Alpha Plus	Talaverano	Mezzotero	132
15	Mont Yuta (Arg)	Mont Laurier	Giorgis	Domingo	119
16	New Killer (Arg)	Hidden Prize	Giannetti	C Etchchry	132

Also Eligible

Beauty Vision (Arg)	Vision and Verse	Betansos	Alonso	119
Temedero (Arg)	Southern Halo	Robles	Molina	132
Lucky Show (Arg)	Lucky Roberto	Zacarias	Martucci	119
En El Blanco (Arg)	Honour and Glory	Cunz	Moron	130
Bora Bora Spa (Arg)	Espaciado (Arg)	Ortega	Pellegata	132
Centauro Emperor (Arg)	Emperor Jones	Palacios	Martin	132

Saturday, San Isidro, Argentina

GRAN PREMIO FELIX DE ALZAGA UNZUE-G1,

Ar\$155,000, 3yo/up, 1000mT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Acronimo (Arg)	Southern Halo	Leyes	San Millan	130
1a	First Male (Arg)	First Halo (Arg)	Fernandez	Mansilla	130
2	Alado (Per)	Apprentice (Arg)	Herrera	Arredondo	130
2a	Lord Mateo (Per)	Apprentice (Arg)	Trujillo	Salas	130
3	Barbaro Cat (Arg)	Easing Along	Ramella	Gaitan	121
3a	Pebete Rade (Arg)	Bubble Caro (Arg)	Carrizo	Zancandaro	121
4	Bendito Victorio (Arg)	Lasting Approval	Villagra	Cura	121
4a	Curiche (Arg)	Orpen	Ortega	Mayansky	121
5	Bordonero (Arg)	Southern Halo	Noriega	Maldotti	130
6	Crazy Plus (Arg)	Alpha Plus	Ruiz	Crucci	130
7	El Noi (Arg)	Amjiz	Giannetti	Perez	130
8	Fire Planet (Arg)	Silver Planet (Arg)	Carbajal	Sahagian	130
8a	Robino (Arg)	Salt Lake	Ortiz	Zuin	130
9	Indomito (Brz)	Red Runner	Domingoes	De Oliveira	121
10	La Inmejorable (Arg)	Luhuk	Karamanos	Martucci	126
10a	Pure Electron (Arg)	Pure Prize	Alzamendi	Sahagian	130
11	Lloron Cat (Arg)	Easing Along	Talaverano	Dulom	130
12	Oystercatcher (Arg)	Luhuk	Giorgis	Intra	130
12a	The Credit (Arg)	Indygo Shiner	Quinteros	Gimenez	130
13	Pure Ready (Arg)	Pure Prize	Mendez	Diaz	130
14	Que Felicidad (Arg)	Bernstein	Falero	C Etchchry	126
15	Sin Descuento (Arg)	Parade Marshal	Calvente	Calvente	130
15a	The Dragon (Arg)	Don Veron (Arg)	Cunz	Libre	130
16	Stormy Publisher (Arg)	Bernstein	Blanco	C Etchchry	117

Also Eligible

Dorado Lord (Arg)	Lord Card (Arg)	Echeverria	Cura	130
Principe Dance (Arg)	El Baile (Arg)	Zacarias	Mendoza	130
Daurat (Arg)	Mutakddim	Palacios	Mateos	130

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2	Researcher	Two Smart	Velazquez	Runco	119
3	Naughty New Yorker	Quiet American	Samyn	P Kelly	114
4	Honour Devil (Arg)	Honour and Glory	Garcia	Magnuson	119
5	More Than a Reason	More Than Ready	Napravnik	Persaud	113
6	Rodman	Malibu Moon	Castellano	Hushion	114
7	Lord Kipling	Kipling	Hill	Lake	114
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**FROM THE DESK
OF...**

Bill Oppenheim



VALUE SIRE: KENTUCKY, WITH RUNNERS

Four of the top five sires on the 2009 General Sire List (per *Bloodhorse.com*, abbreviated GSL) are standing for an average of one-third less in 2010 than what they stood for in 2009. Three of the four stand at either Lane's End (A.P. Indy and Smart Strike) or Ashford (Giant's Causeway), two farms who clearly 'got it' when it came to deciding 2010 stud fees; the fourth is WinStar's Distorted Humor. This series of articles aspires to be about value, particularly in North America, so there are a number of top sires which can be wholeheartedly recommended (GSL #3, Tiznow, and #6, Street Cry, for instance). However, at least for top-level sires, we couldn't say they represent quite the value next year as these others we're endorsing. Their stud fees remained stable for 2010, which puts them at a value disadvantage compared to other top sires which have dropped around a third.

A.P. Indy, the most expensive of the four, has twice been Champion Sire in North America, and five times the leading sire by A Runner Index, using the APEX system. Number five on the GSL this year, and the sire of 25 Grade I winners in 14 crops of racing age, he'll be 21 next year. Lane's End dropped his fee 40 percent, from \$250,000 to \$150,000. As long as you're breeding for North American racing, he's been the number one sire for over a decade. Lane's End also dropped two-time leading sire Smart Strike by 40 percent, from \$125,000 to \$75,000. Considering he's proven at all ages, over all surfaces, and in Europe as well, this is a really righteous price. Both Smart Strike (he'll be 18 next year) and A.P. Indy will be standing in 2010 for half of what they stood for in 2008.

Distorted Humor, who is rising 17 himself, drops another 33 percent, from \$150,000 to \$100,000--a third of what he stood for at his peak. Considering he's number two on the 2009 GSL, he hasn't suddenly become a worse sire; quite the opposite. The same is also true for the 2009 number one, Giant's Causeway. Ashford took the scythe to his stud fee in 2008, dropping him from \$225,000 to \$125,000; but he too is down another quarter for 2010. I've thought for a couple of years he'd be leading sire (by progeny earnings) sooner rather than later because, although he's always had huge crops, all but his third crop have consistently delivered literally legions of good- to high-class runners.

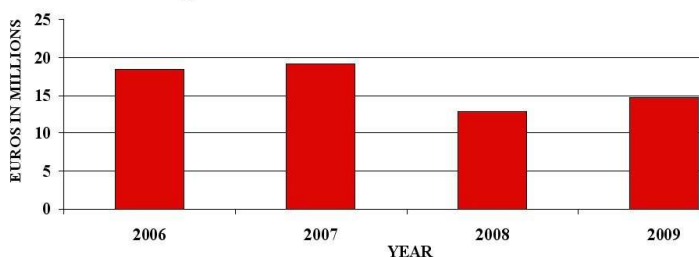
It's a lot of money, still, paying \$100,000 or so to breed to these top horses; but you have to say, do you not, that when you can breed to four of the top five on the General Sire List for half or less what they cost three years ago--these are pretty good offers. *Cont. p5*

Weekly Sales Ticker
by Bill Oppenheim

"The uptick continues: both the Tattersalls December mixed sale and the Arqana mixed sale recorded 14 percent increases in gross and slight gains in average over 2008. At Tattersalls, despite a 20 percent drop in the number catalogued, 10 percent more horses were sold, and the clearance rate from the catalogue improved from 47 percent to 64 percent. All the indicators say 2008 was the bottom for the mixed sale market, so the declines from 2007 tell us what's really happening: Arqana down 23 percent in gross, 21 percent in average; Tatts down 44 percent in gross (mostly at the top and bottom), a third in average."

-Bill Oppenheim

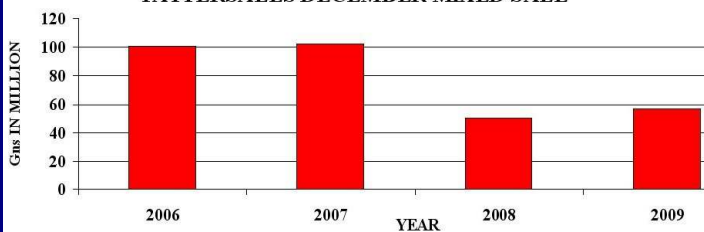
ARQANA DECEMBER SALES TOTAL



ARQANA DECEMBER SALES TOTALS

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%R/S	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	1,109	933	682	8.4%	73.1%	66.9%	€14,634,000	€21,457
2008	1,022	918	629	10.2%	68.5%	61.5%	€12,814,000	€20,372
2007	1,163	1,082	698	7.0%	64.5%	60.0%	€19,059,000	€27,305
2006	812	744	582	8.4%	78.2%	71.7%	€18,353,000	€31,534

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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%R/S	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	2,183	1,780	1,399	18.5%	78.6%	64.1%	56,903,100	40,674
2008	2,728	2,024	1,275	25.8%	63.0%	46.7%	49,901,250	39,138
2007	3,066	2,531	1,690	17.4%	66.8%	55.1%	102,269,400	60,514
2006	2,815	2,362	1,799	16.1%	76.2%	63.9%	100,630,900	55,937

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Oppenheim cont.

Only two other sires with runners standing for \$50,000 or more made this list, and they are both among five North American stallions with first three-year-olds of 2009, which make the first-foals-2006 sire class look like a very good one. Number seven on the GSL, and of course leading second-crop sire, is **Medaglia D'Oro**, who laid fears of potential biases to rest when Godolphin's two-year-old colt, Passion for Gold, won the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud in France on November 14 (Godolphin's Al Zir, also by Medaglia, had also run third in the G1 Racing Post Trophy in October). So, not just a filly sire, and not just a good sire in North America. He's value at \$100,000 (up from \$40,000 this year) because he could have gone to \$150,000 and didn't.

The other four second-crop sires also make this list because nearly always sires who start out this way will be standing for more later on in their careers than they're standing for now. They are Tapit (\$50,000), sire of a Breeders' Cup winner in each of his first two crops; Speightstown (\$35,000), sire of six graded/group stakes winners (abbreviated GSW) this year, including Grade 1 winner Lord Shanakill, Grade II winner Munnings, and the runner-up in both Breeders' Cup juvenile turf races; Birdstone (\$30,000), winner of the G1 Champagne, G1 Belmont, and G1 Travers, and sire of two Classic winners (Mine That Bird and Summer Bird) in his first crop, even if his sire, Grindstone, does now stand in Oregon; and Candy Ride (\$25,000), unbeaten on the racecourse and sire of five GSWs in his first crop. He seems to have a new black-type horse every time you open up the paper.

Seven sires standing for between \$25,000-\$35,000 get the nod (from here down, the criterion is not whether their stud fees dropped, but just whether they strike this observer as good value for the money)--starting with two more from Lane's End, both at \$35,000. The first is Dixie Union (remains at \$35,000), who doesn't necessarily feature towards the top of the leading sire lists, but he is very capable, especially for two-year-olds.

He probably had the best two-year-old filly in the country this year, Hot Dixie Chick, but she won't be champion because she didn't make the Breeders' Cup. Lemon Drop Kid (\$35,000, from \$50,000) is a model of consistency: he was 10th on the GSL in 2007, 14th in 2008, and is 14th again this year. He is short on Grade I winners, perhaps, but he is so solid at all other levels that for \$35,000 it's easily worth the gamble that more Grade I winners are in the pipeline.

Stormy Atlantic (\$35,000 from \$45,000) has been at Hill 'n' Dale since moving up from Florida, where he made a successful start at Bridlewood. He has finished 10th, 12th, 8th, and now 13th on the GSL the last four years. That also reads like a very reliable sire for the money. Ashford's Tale of the Cat (remains at \$30,000) is 10th on the GSL this year, and was the champion juvenile sire with his second crop in 2003. With top horses like Tale of Ekati (now retired) and G1 Breeders' Cup Classic second Gio Ponti (remains in training), he has proven he can play in the big leagues in the sire world. Claiborne's Arch (remains at \$25,000) and Castleton Lyons's Bernstein (\$25,000 from \$27,500) have both proven both very useful and versatile sires. Arch, a son of Kris S. who presents a good mid-range option from the Roberto line, has a particularly good record in Europe; Bernstein, who had a good record from his sojourns to Argentina, has continued his improvement since his move from Buck Pond. His first Castleton Lyons crop are three-year-olds, and he's stood the raise well. Also at \$25,000 (from \$30,000) is Three Chimneys' Sky Mesa, who recovered from a slow first-crop start to be Leading Second-Crop Sire last year, and is second on this year's Third-Crop Sire list to Empire Maker. He also ranked third on the 2008 Juvenile Sire List (Bernstein, from his first Castleton Lyons crop, was fourth).

El Corredor ran a close second to Tiznow on the 2005 Freshman Sire List, but has subsequently turned out to be just a somewhat above-average sire (1.58 APEX Runner Index, 1.38 ABC Index; ranked 45th on the 2008 GSL, 52nd this year).

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The future looks brighter for his half-brother Roman Ruler, who Andrew Caulfield wrote about on Tuesday. He is number two on the 2009 Freshman Sire list, now only \$4,000 behind leader Offlee Wild. Nothing can fool you more than freshman sires--who would have thought Posse would be standing for \$10,000 in New York after he ran away with the 2007 freshman sire title?--but Roman Ruler does impress as the type whose stock are going to improve with age. He remains at \$20,000, also at Hill 'n' Dale. Offlee Wild (remains at \$7,500!) has been a complete revelation himself. By Wild Again out of a Seattle Slew half-sister to Dynaformer, nothing about him shouted Leading Freshman Sire. Roman Ruler may outgun him this month, but when She Be Wild bounced back from her GI Alcibiades defeat to win the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies', his reputation was made. Darley decided to leave him at \$7,500, but even though freshman sire figures are notoriously misleading, that has to qualify as one of the bargains of the year.

The connections of Freshman Sire List number four, Kitten's Joy, took him out of contention for consideration of value when they jumped him to \$40,000, since you can breed to the three horses in front of him for \$7,500, \$20,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

But I would be seriously looking at Wintergreen's one-eyed Pollard's Vision, number three on the Freshman Sire List. Somebody referred to Carson City as a sire of sires, which I would say is stretching it: City Zip continues to have remarkable figures for a \$10,000 stallion, and Cuvee is doing well enough, but they hardly qualify Carson City--a most admirable sire of racehorses--as a sire of sires. However, Pollard's Vision is doing his part. He would never have figured on anybody's list of prospective top five freshman sires, but there he is. He won or placed in six Grade II-Grade III Derbies (won the GI Illinois and Grade III Lone Star, placed in Louisiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia) as a three-year-old, and placed in two Grade I's at four (including a third to Offlee Wild in what then looked like a weak renewal of the GI Suburban H.), so it's not as if he was devoid of credentials. He is \$10,000 next year (from \$5,000).

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Gainesway's Afleet Alex, the best three-year-old of 2005, now ranks sixth on the 2009 Freshman Sire List, and, after a slow start, looks to me like he is getting plenty who are showing promise, but are more likely to make three-year-olds--so his sixth placing can only be a good sign. He is down to \$15,000 (from \$20,000 this year, and \$40,000 when he went to stud in 2006), and wouldn't be the worst gamble to improve on that placing next year, when he has three-year-olds. More speculatively, I would point out Freshman Sire List number 10, Leroidesanimaux (\$15,000 from \$17,500), a crack miler bred in Brazil, by Blushing Groom's son Candy Stripes, out of a half-sister to the dam of Dansili; and two more Hill 'n' Dale stallions, number 11 Freshman Sire Closing Argument, the 2005 GI Kentucky Derby second, who has 19 winners but drops from \$12,500 to \$5,000; and number thirteen, Grand Reward, an impeccably-bred son of Storm Cat out of Serena's Song. He's sired 22 winners, and drops to \$6,500 from \$8,500. We must also put in a good word for Wildcat Heir, who stands at Journeyman Stud, Florida, not (yet) in Kentucky. He ranks fifth on the Freshman Sire List and at this writing has 37 two-year-old winners, one short of the modern-day record set by Oasis Dream last year.

Now a few older stallions standing at under \$20,000, and who else must kick us off but Forestry. If I loved him this year at \$40,000 I must really love him for next year at \$17,500, less than half that price. But talk about being in the freezer! In 2006, when he had his first five-year-olds racing, in crops which included Discreet Cat and the world record-priced Thoroughbred, The Green Monkey, Forestry ranked number 20 on the General Sire List, and his stud fee for 2007 jumped to \$125,000. Also standing at Taylor Made, he looked like he was going to be the next Unbridled's Song. But it's been just about all downhill from there. He ranked 55rd on the 2007 GSL, 73rd in 2008 (stood for \$100,000), and ranks 62nd this year. Nine weanlings by him, bred in the year of a \$100,000 stud fee, have averaged \$39,333 at the mixed sales. The gamble is that his three crops out of mares bred to a six-figure stallion (foals of 2007-2009) will ignite a comeback. He really looked like he was poised to become a major sire son of Storm Cat three years ago.

Proud Citizen, by Gone West and second to War Emblem in the 2002 GI Kentucky Derby, was third on the 2007 Freshman Sire List and second on the 2008 Second-crop Sire List, but he's running only 11th on the third-crop sire list this year. He'd been jumped to \$30,000 for 2009, but Airdrie has slashed him in half, to \$15,000 for 2010. That looks fair value, considering his bright start.

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



UPDATE ON EXPIRING AND CONTINUING TAX BENEFITS

Horse and farm owners still have a few weeks to take advantage of tax benefits from the Economic Stimulus Bill. Note that the benefits are not limited to the purchase of horses, as certain farm equipment and other depreciable business property also qualifies.

The 2009 Economic Stimulus Bill expires at the end December and allows the purchaser to expense up to \$250,000 of a horse or qualifying property this year, even if either had been used previously. It also permits an owner to write off 50% of the cost of a horse or almost all other new property that has a depreciation life of 20 years or less.

The Farm Bill offers through 2013 a uniform three-year depreciation schedule for all young racehorses (24 months and under) when purchased and placed into service. In prior years, these purchases were depreciated on a seven-year schedule. The new legislation better matches the length of a horse's racing career to its depreciation schedule.

Please contact a tax professional to discuss your personal situation.



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There's some very attractive value among proven horses at the \$10,000 level. Lane's End's City Zip, had 18 two-year-old winners, four black-type winners (abbreviated BTW), including unbeaten Run Away and Hide, in his first Kentucky crop in 2008. This year, in his second Kentucky crop, City Zip's had no fewer than 35 two-year-old winners and ranks number four on the national Two-Year-Old Sire List. Yet he drops 20 percent, from \$12,500; that has to qualify as good value. Darley stands two at \$10,000 who merit a mention. E Dubai, who has al-



City Zip
Lane's End photo

ways scored well on the APEX scale (2.38 A Index, 1.90 ABC Index), has four GSW this year--his oldest are just five-year-olds--but drops from \$15,000 to \$10,000. We loved him at \$15,000, so we must love him even more at \$10,000--and we do, genuinely.

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Oppenheim cont.

There's a lot to be said for useful \$10,000 stallions. Holy Bull, rising 19 now (remains at \$10,000), is the sire of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner, champion juvenile, and successful sire Macho Uno; GI Kentucky



Holy Bull
Darley photo

Derby winner Giacomo; and GI Stephen Foster winner Flashy Bull. Flashy Bull is a good idea for a promising young mare, and by the way, talk about an outcross. He's by Great Above, from the Rough'n Tumble line (very American), out of a mare by Al Hattab, out of a mare

by Grey Dawn II, Believe it or not, he's a complete outcross to Nearco! And my final \$10,000 nominee is Vinery's Pure Prize. Sire of the near-\$2 million-earner and multiple Grade I winner Pure Clan 'up north,' he has also been a very successful sire in Argentina. He's down from \$12,500 this year, and is another who has consistently racked up good APEX ratings (2.35 A Index, 1.81 ABC Index) for this stud fee range.

Finally, three candidates at bargain-basement \$7,500 fees. First (these are alphabetical) we have Hill 'n' Dale's Indygo Shiner, a Grade III winner on the turf at Churchill Downs, by A.P. Indy out of a Grade III-winning full sister to Toussaud, Grade I winner and dam of Empire Maker and Chester House. This is Indygo Shiner's second year as a 'reverse shuttler'; he went to stud in Argentina in 2003. His first crop there included the dual Group 3 winner in Dubai, My Indy, and his second crop included four Group 1 winners in Argentina (three in Classics), and So Shiny, Group 1-placed in Argentina and winner of the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas in Dubai. Claiborne repatriates Stroll after a two-year lease to Italy. He had only 57 foals in his first two crops, but a 3.95 A Runner Index grabs your attention. He was a Grade I winner himself, by Pulpit. And the final nominee is Ashford's Van Nistelrooy, a son of Storm Cat who kicked off with four two-year-old GSW and was fourth on the 2007 Freshman Sire List from his first crop. Though he's only 14th on the 2009 third-crop sire list, his stud fee has been cut in half for 2010, and there was no fluke about that good first-crop two-year-old form. He's also the sire of the very good mare Boundless from his first crop in New Zealand.

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OPPENHEIM'S RECOMMENDED 'VALUE' KENTUCKY SIRES with RUNNERS

Arranged in descending order by 2010 stud fee, then alphabetically

2003-8/2/2009

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	ST	FARM	2010	2009	A	ABC
						Fee	Fee	Index	Index
A.P. INDY	1989	SEATTLE SLEW	1994	KY	LANE'S END	150000	250000	5.10	2.93
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000	KY	WINSTAR	100000	150000	3.02	2.48
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002	KY	ASHFORD	100000	125000	2.87	2.06
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1999	EL PRADO	2006	KY	DARLEY	100000	40000	3.55	2.42
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	KY	LANE'S END	75000	125000	3.38	2.07
TAPIT	2001	PULPIT	2006	KY	GAINESWAY	50000	35000	3.76	1.69
DIXIE UNION	1997	DIXIELAND BAND	2002	KY	LANE'S END	35000	35000	2.10	1.56
LEMON DROP KID	1996	KINGMAMBO	2002	KY	LANE'S END	35000	50000	3.06	2.45
SPEIGHTSTOWN	1998	GONE WEST	2006	KY	WINSTAR	35000	35000	3.85	2.88
STORMY ATLANTIC	1994	STORM CAT	2000	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	35000	45000	2.39	1.71
BIRDSTONE	2001	GRINDSTONE	2006	KY	GAINESWAY	30000	10000	3.38	1.35
TALE OF THE CAT	1994	STORM CAT	2000	KY	ASHFORD	30000	30000	1.70	1.62
ARCH	1995	KRIS S.	2000	KY	CLAIBORNE	25000	25000	1.73	1.84
BERNSTEIN	1997	STORM CAT	2002	KY	CASTLETON LYONS	25000	27500	2.70	1.40
CANDY RIDE	1999	RIDE THE RAILS	2006	KY	LANES END	25000	12500	4.70	2.14
SKY MESA	2000	PULPIT	2005	KY	THREE CHIMNEYS	25000	30000	2.54	1.95
ROMAN RULER	2002	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	2007	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	20000	20000		
FORESTRY	1996	STORM CAT	2001	KY	TAYLOR MADE	17500	40000	2.65	1.77
AFLEET ALEX	2002	NORTHERN AFLEET	2007	KY	GAINESWAY	15000	20000		
LEROIDESANIMAU	2000	CANDY STRIPES	2007	KY	STONEWALL	15000	17500		
PROUD CITIZEN	1999	GONE WEST	2005	KY	AIRDRIE	15000	30000	1.31	1.39
CITY ZIP	1998	CARSON CITY	2003	KY	LANES END	10000	12500	2.57	2.05
E DUBAI	1998	MR. PROSPECTOR	2004	KY	DARLEY	10000	15000	2.38	1.90
HOLY BULL	1991	GREAT ABOVE	1996	KY	DARLEY	10000	10000	1.60	1.54
POLLARD'S VISION	2001	CARSON CITY	2007	KY	WINTERGREEN	10000	5000		
PURE PRIZE	1998	STORM CAT	2004	KY	VINERY	10000	12500	2.35	1.81
INDYGO SHINER	1998	A P INDY	2010	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	7500	7500		
OFFLEE WILD	2000	WILD AGAIN	2007	KY	DARLEY	7500	7500		
STROLL	2000	PULPIT	2006	KY	CLAIBORNE	7500		3.95	1.64
VAN NISTELROOY	2000	STORM CAT	2005	KY	ASHFORD	7500	15000	1.24	1.33
GRAND REWARD	2001	STORM CAT	2007	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	6500	8500		
CLOSING ARGUMENT	2002	SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	2007	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	5000	12500		

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THE MILLENNIUM OF RO

by Jessica Martini

Ro Parra's involvement in racing began innocently enough. He spent weekends at the racetrack with his father as a youngster in Ecuador. But what began as father-son bonding time has turned into a way of life for the 50-year-old owner of Millennium Farms, who has campaigned such graded stakes winners as Student Council (Kingmambo), Even the Score (Unbridled's Song) and Santana Strings (Wheaton).

"My father and I would go to the track on Sundays when I was a young boy," Parra recalled. "So that was how I first got hooked. At the time, I just became a fan. I never really dreamed that I would be involved in the Thoroughbred industry the way that I am today. I was simply a fan, and then someone who developed a passion for the sport and for the animals."

Parra and his family moved to the United States in 1974 and settled in Maryland. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in marketing in 1982. After working for several computer companies, Parra joined Dell, Inc. in 1993, eventually

serving as senior vice president and general manager of Dell Americas.

Along the way, he and his wife Cheryl relocated to San Antonio, Texas, where, as fate would have it, Retama Park had just opened its doors. The new track came along at the perfect time for Parra, and helped rekindle his childhood love of racing, leading him to claim his first horse for \$5,000 at Retama in 1999.

"First, I was fortunate enough to have the means to own a racehorse," Parra explained. "And second, I happened to, at the time, live across the street from a newly opened track named Retama Park. I began to go to the track in the mornings, met a trainer and claimed a horse. Unfortunately, we won the first two races with that horse. Before I knew it, we had 130 in training."

In the early days of his stable, Parra enjoyed plenty of success while racing in Texas.

"We were very lucky in our first year," Parra remarked. "We bought a horse privately for \$30,000 or \$40,000. His name was Heza Fast Tab (Just a Tab) and we won the [1998] Star of Texas S., which is the premier race for Texas-breds at Sam Houston Park, late in our first year. We had some success with lower stakes level, and that was a real thrill."

Despite the initial success, Parra knew he needed to make some changes in order for his racing venture to be financially successful.

"From a business standpoint, having so many horses really wasn't a good way to approach it," he admitted. "I think it was necessary to lower the quantity and increase the quality, which is what we've done over the years."

"I never looked at it as a hobby," he added. "I always looked at it as a business in which I thought I could make money. That just didn't happen initially, but since we changed our approach, we have made money in it."



Four Footed Fotos

Dawning of a New Millennium

In 1999, Parra purchased the 320-acre Millennium Farms on Paris Pike.

"Since we bought the farm in Kentucky in 1999, we have been heavily involved in the breeding business, as well as racing," Parra said, adding that getting more involved in the breeding industry has given him another perspective on racing. "It is yet another big part of the whole enterprise," he said. "There are so many different components of the business, the stallions, the broodmares and breeding and then to racing--having the farm helped me understand all the components better. And the way that it has changed how I look at racing, especially now that we have had some success, is that you only want to be involved at the higher level of the sport. That is where, economically, it is most appealing. And it's also just more fun to run in races like the Breeders' Cup and the Grade I races."

Millennium Farm owns interests in some 60 broodmares and owns all or part of nine stallions standing in Kentucky and Louisiana, but Parra admits his true love is still in the racing side of the business.

"Like they say, racing is the most exciting two minutes in sports," he said. "It's just has that thrill."

Parra credits Thoro-Graph's Jerry Brown with much of his success on the racetrack.

"I began to buy horses on Jerry Brown's recommendation and, when you look at the horses that we have bought, the record has been pretty stellar," Parra said. "One of the horses that I bought was Even the Score. He was my first graded-stakes winner in the 2004 GII Mervyn Leroy in California. Since then, the horse has become a very successful stallion. He stands for \$15,000, and he's been a leading second-crop sire. All of our fortunes really changed when we hired Jerry. I've lost track of how many graded-stakes winners we bought."

Student Council Proves the Thrill of a Lifetime

Brown also provided the impetus for Parra to acquire the then five-year-old Student Council from breeder Will Farish in 2007. The bay provided Millennium Farms with its biggest racing success to date, winning the 2007 GI Pacific Classic and GII Hawthorne Gold Cup. He returned in 2008 to win the GI Pimlico Special, and was second in the 2008 GI Whitney H. He even took the Parra family to Japan for the 2007 G1 Japan Cup.

Parra talks of Student Council, who retired to stud at Millennium Farms in 2009, with obvious pride.

"He is the only son of Kingmambo that has won Grade Is on the dirt and also on the synthetic," Parra said. "It was just a thrill racing him--we may never have another horse like him."



Student Council

Horsephotos

What I Love About Thoroughbred Racing cont.

But Parra has to admit he missed Student Council's biggest success, his half-length victory in Del Mar's Pacific Classic.

"Before we bought the horse, I had committed to my daughters that I would take them fishing that weekend in the mountains," Parra

confessed. "So I didn't even get to watch the race--I was fly-fishing. But it was a thrill to win the Pacific Classic, and, financially, obviously, it was a windfall."

Parra was on hand, however, back in his old stomping grounds in Maryland when Student



Pimlico Special Winner's Circle *Horsephotos*

Council took the Pimlico Special in May of 2008.

"The Pimlico Special was special for me because I grew up in Maryland and had been watching that race since I was very very young," Parra said. "In fact, when we won the Pimlico Special with Student Council, it was my first time watching a race from the grandstand there, after watching so many Preaknesses from the infield."

Asked the biggest difference between the grandstand and Pimlico's infield experience, Parra chuckled, "You can see the race from the grandstand."

While Student Council's racing days are behind him, Parra has plenty to look forward to.

"It was just an exciting ride for us for three years and I may never own another one like Student Council," Parra said. "But he was very well received in his first year at stud. He bred 107 mares. We are looking forward to racing his babies."

Wilko Puts Millennium Breeding in Spotlight

Millennium Farms has also enjoyed breeding success at racing's top level. The farm claimed the mare Native Roots (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) for \$30,000 in 2000. Her first foal was a 2002 colt by Awesome Again, which Millennium sold for \$35,000 as a Keeneland November weanling.

Native Roots was sold for \$22,000 at the OBS January sale of 2004, just nine months before that first foal, named Wilko, won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

"I was there," Parra recalled of Wilko's Breeders' Cup win. "My first reaction was, 'Gosh I wish I hadn't sold him.' But that was very quickly replaced by just feeling very happy for the owners and for the fact that we won it."



Wilko *Horsephotos*

"The second feeling that I got was, 'Shoot, I wish I hadn't sold his dam.' The good news is that I do have a half-sister to Wilko in our broodmare band and she is in foal to Student Council."

Giving Back

Parra admits he's been pretty lucky in life, and he thinks it's important to give back to the community. While serving as senior vice president of Dell, he joined forces with then University of Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith to found Tubby's Clubhouse. The program teaches basic computer skills to at-risk children in the Lexington area.

"We've been very fortunate and blessed and I think, as a result of that, you feel somewhat compelled to, in some small way, give some of that good fortune back," Parra commented.

Parra's association with Smith dates back to his school days.

"Tubby was my high school coach in Maryland--we grew up in the same town," he recalled. "I knew the family, and I got to know him better when we bought the farm in Kentucky. Over the years, we became friends, and we always talked about doing something together. I think the Clubhouses have graduated about 1400 at-risk middle school kids over the years. We've held three fundraisers at our farm, and we plan to continue to do it for many years to come."

Parra also feels an obligation to work to make racing better.

"I do feel a responsibility to work hard to improve the sport, and I am involved at different levels in trying to help that," he confirmed.

"Anthony Manganaro promoted an idea to see if we could use the content of racing to take advantage of the technology gaming craze that is going on. So given my background [with the computer industry], I've gotten involved in helping Anthony and Nick Nicholson and Robert Clay and others move that initiative forward."



Winning Isn't Always Everything

While he can't pick a single favorite racehorse, Parra said, "I think I have five or six favorite horses." Near the top of that list is Lexington Park (Williamstown), who Parra purchased for \$25,000 as a Keeneland September yearling in 1997.

"Lexington Park was one of the first horses that I bought at auction," Parra recalled. "He was just a great horse, very fast. Probably the biggest thrill in racing, even though he didn't win the race, was getting beat by a nose by Sir Bear in the 2000 GIII Texas Mile. That was fun."

Millennium Farms' primary focus is to sell, but the farm does maintain a small racing stable.

"We usually keep about a half-dozen homebreds, usually the ones that we can't sell for one reason or another," Parra said. "But our business plan has us selling everything we breed. Right now, we have about 15 in training. And that's kind of what we want to do on a regular basis, to race 10 to 20, somewhere in there."

Asked what his dream goal in racing would be, Parra answers like a true Marylander.

"Win the Preakness," he said without hesitation. "Because I grew up in Baltimore in Maryland, that would be my biggest thrill."



**At the RTIP Symposium on
Racing and Gaming**

**CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY
by RTIP Student Jim McVicker**

It is said that the Chinese word for tragedy also means opportunity; it might just be time for Thoroughbred racing to wake up and smell the jasmine tea.

It is undeniable that horseracing faces untold challenges these days in attracting new fans, as well as retaining its core audience. At the same time, never before have so many tools been available to address these challenges.

The University of Arizona Race Track Industry Programs 36th Annual Symposium on Racing and Gaming provided a panel session entitled, "Bringing Cutting-Edge Technology to Wagering Platforms." It was moderated by Craig Fravel, executive vice president of Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

Daniel Hubbell, the "Technology Evangelist" for Microsoft Accessibility Technology Group, touched on the concept of accessibility in the electronic age.

There are three basic modes of accessibility: TV, PC, and Mobile. Enhancement to these modes are being addressed in several ways: Magnification (zoom capabilities of on-screen content); Audio (to accompany the content, with language translation capabilities); and Media Captioning (when a noisy environment might render an audio portion unlistenable).

Jeremy Clemons, vice president of marketing of TwinSpires.com, detailed the range of choices his company is now offering its customers, including "Conditional Wagering." A TwinSpires client can now choose to wager on a horse only on the condition that it goes off at odds of, for example, 9-2 or better. There is now also the option of "Wager Cancellation," in the event the bettors has a change of heart or needs to correct a mistake. Also available is TwinSpires Mobile, which permits PDA and Smartphone wagering, offering access to entries, results, and live video. Integrated TwinSpires TV allows viewing on HD screens, along with full wagering capabilities.

"Business is shifting to where the customers want it," Clemons said. "We are no longer in the position to dictate to them. We have to provide choice and convenience to customers and let them decide their preferences."

Jeff Grossman, chief marketing and sales officer of Youbet.com, remarked, "Player acquisition and retention is dependant upon utilizing cutting-edge technology platforms, while meeting the user experience expectations."

To meet the goal of improving the user experience, Youbet.com has implemented improved speed in updating odds and live data, dedication to customer service overall, and multiple wagering platforms.



Jeff Grossman

In addition, innovations addressing the popularity of social networking have been integrated via the website "whodoyoulike.com," which aggregates Twitter racing related content, and allows the user to search data by horse, track, jockey, etc.

Another interesting Youbet offering is "MyROI." Tailored to the individual user, this feature permits the customer to access their own aggregate historical wagering information to search for trends/patterns of previous profitability.

Grossman emphasized the need to "spot individual player trends to maintain customer satisfaction and improve retention."

The message? While new technology certainly provides the tools to address many of the challenges faced by racing, and can serve as a means to attract and retain fans, providing the customer with choices is a key component that should not be overlooked.


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Thoroughbred Futures Racing's **GOLDEN GALLEON** ([Medagliad'Oro](#)) debuts for the Todd Pletcher barn, which is hitting at a 37-percent clip at the current Aqueduct meet. This miss, a \$250K FTFEB juvenile, is a daughter of the very good racemare Atlantic Ocean (Stormy Atlantic). Also making her first start is Cloverleaf Farms homebred **Tranquil Song** ([Unbridled's Song](#)), a daughter of the hard-knocking New York-bred Travelator (A. P. Jet). She has been working well for the Kiaran McLaughlin barn and will be saddled here by his assistant Arthur Magnuson. [brisnet.com PPs](#)



LIGHTS, CAMERA...RACING!
by RTIP Student Jim McVicker

A fundamental method of increasing racing's fan base is to expose the general public to the sport via the big screen (with films such as "Seabiscuit," "Phar Lap" and "Ruffian"), as well as the small screen--television.

A panel of professionals in the areas of production and broadcast services, as well as an on-screen partici-

pant, spoke at the Symposium session, "Lights, Camera...Racing!" Moderated by Turf Publicists of America President John Englehart, the speakers included Mike Ciardi, producer of the upcoming feature film "Secretariat"; jockey Jon Court, one of the stars of Animal Planet's "Jockeys"; John Hennegan, producer of the acclaimed documentary, "The First Saturday in May"; Keeneland's Director of Broadcast Services, G.D. Hieronymus; and Leonard Lusky, founder of Secretariat.com.



The Cast Of "Jockeys"

There are numerous stories worth telling at the track and Hieronymus stated, "We must rely more on television, as a medium, to get these stories told."

Animal Planet's "Jockeys" is a prime example of utilizing the medium for depicting the life--or in the case of "Jockeys," lives--of the jockey. Court commented that bringing the audience into the jockeys' lives, and locker room, "brought a whole new audience" to the world of racing."

On the big screen, we have seen how popular racing stories can be. "Seabiscuit" drew large crowds to the theaters and proved popular in the DVD rental market, as well.

Hennegan, raised in a racing family, revealed that his motivation for producing "The First Saturday in May" was to "show the racetrack as he knew it, to bring the track to life for those unfamiliar with it. Racing is an underserved element in popular culture."



John Hennegan (left) and his brother Brad

His current project is a documentary based on the trainer Larry Jones.

Lusky has worked with Secretariat's owner, Penny

Chenery, to maintain and publicize the story of Secretariat via his website. He related that Chenery, who will be portrayed in the upcoming movie by Diane Lane, wants to "perpetuate Secretariat's iconic story for the good of racing," adding, "Racing must utilize media to reach an audience outside of its core fans. The Secretariat film is one of them."

Producer Mike Ciardi chose not an underdog character as in his previous sports film "The Rookie," but instead a phenomenal champion who won the hearts of racing fans, and non-racing fans, around the world.

When asked if he was a fan before making the "Secretariat" film, he replied, "I am now. Racing is a beautiful sport and needs more fans."

ARE WE DEALING WITH RACING TECHNOLOGY, OR A RACE WITH TECHNOLOGY?

by RTIP Student Candice Curtis

The racing industry got an overview of current internet technology and a glimpse at what the future holds during Wednesday's panel, "Are We Dealing with Racing Technology, or a Race with Technology?" The session was moderated by Rohit Thukral, president of Twinspires.com, a leader in online racing content providers.



Rohit Thukral

"The best events will always be on TV," said Thukral, whose company was the first to utilize high-definition signals online. "Because marginal costs are so low, you can put anything on the internet. ADWs are showing everything online in HD."

Thukral showed off the Twinspires.com interface, which boasts an HD broadcast, intuitive navigation and easy-to-use wagering applications. The online content provided by each track includes on-demand videos created by the track, as well as those produced by outside entities.

Thukral also outlined the various business models associated with internet-based content providers, which include ad-based sites such as Hulu.com, which streams TV shows; pay-as-you-go services such as iTunes; and subscription services such as Netflix. According to Thukral, TwinSpire offers "unlimited free content to wagering customers," with the result that "consumption is exploding" on the site.

Scott Daruty, president and CEO of HRTV/TrackNet Media Group, spoke about his company's new venture into internet-based content.

"Nearly every major sport has launched an online presence--it's about time racing joined in," Daruty said.

The site has only been live since October.

HRTV's site is subscription-based at this time, but Daruty said that the content provided was well worth the cost. He added that the on-demand feature was like "TiVo on steroids," and has given the company insight into what type of content is most popular.

"The platform has tremendous potential for promoting the sport of racing...at minimal cost," Daruty said. "Cable TV and sports media are still trying to figure out exactly how to utilize the internet. We don't know what it is going to look like in two years."

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Technology cont.

Attendees got a preview of future technology from Tom Seeley, coordinating producer for NBCSports.com. The network pulled out all the stops for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, offering 3,000 hours of live streaming video online, as well as interactive content and on-demand video. In addition, Seeley demonstrated video streaming innovations used during the network's Sunday Night Football broadcast. These allow viewers to vote on which players should be featured on isolated cameras. There are also "hashmarks" embedded in the live stream, which give easy access to replays of key moments in games.

Seeley said that all of these things will be utilized for the network's coverage of the 2010 Vancouver Games, as well as in conjunction with its Kentucky Derby and Preakness broadcasts.

★ EAST ★

Black Mambo Euthanized:

Black Mambo (Kingmambo--Lassie's Lady, Alydar) was humanely euthanized at Bridlewood Farm yesterday after suffering from a severe case of Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis. He was 10. "Black Mambo contracted EPM in June of this year," explained George G. Isaacs, Bridlewood's general manager. "From Day 1, an aggressive treatment program was administered to combat this insidious disease. Although he fought valiantly, he was not able to recover from the damage that the parasite caused. In my entire career, I have never seen a horse so affected by this condition." A \$1.1 million KEESEP yearling purchase, the stakes-placed performer currently ranks in second on Florida's Second Crop Sires List with progeny earnings of \$1,196,779 for 2009. He has sired 40 winners so far this year, including multiple stakes winner Big Push. "I would like to thank Dr. Corey Miller, Dr. Bob Bloomer, and Dr. Kent Cantrell for their efforts in trying to save him," added Isaacs. "We're very saddened by his passing and our hearts go out to all involved."

Yesterday's Results:

6th-LRL, \$27,440, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, gd. SECRET INFATUATION (c, 2, Not For Love--Hushlu {SP, \$207,809}, by Tsunami Slew), a half to Bingobear (Polish Numbers), MSP, \$219,319, was 6-1 in his debut sprinting 4 1/2 panels at Charles Town Nov. 20, but showed little in a fifth-place effort. Dismissed at 9-1 in this five-horse affair, the colt was up to duel early with No Peace At All (Peace Rules) through a quarter in :22.57 before falling back a half-length on the turn. Secret Infatuation was through, however, as he battled back gamely along the rail and edged away to defeat the rallying Cherokee Raider (Cherokee Run) by 2 1/2 lengths. Sales history: \$30,000 RNA yrl '08 KEEJAN; \$37,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$16,800. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Happy Hour Stable. B-Jack M Queen (MD). T-Paul G McClelland.

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[6th-LRL \(Msw\)](#) 2yo colt **Secret Infatuation** (Not For Love) gets it done at second asking.
[6th-HOL \(Msw\)](#) 3yo gelding **Quoted** (City Place) wins off the claim for the Doug O'Neill barn.

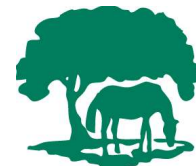


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★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Santa Anita's George Woolf Finalists Announced:

Santa Anita Park announced yesterday the five finalists for the 61st annual Santa Anita George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award, with the winner to be announced in January. The nominees, which will face an electorate comprised of their peers, are Calvin Borel, Garrett Gomez, Randall Meier, Gallyn Mitchell and DeShawn Parker. The award, presented annually by Santa Anita since 1950, honors those riders whose careers and personal character earn esteem for the individual and the sport of Thoroughbred racing.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-HOL, \$37,200, Msw, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:10 1/5, fm. QUOTED (g, 3, City Place--Romantic Honor, by Honor Grades) was a \$95,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$320,000 OBSMAR juvenile purchase. He debuted for Spendthrift Farm and trainer Richard Mandella in a six-furlong maiden special weight at Santa Anita Nov. 1, running fourth, then was risked for \$40,000 in a 6 1/2-furlong test at Hollywood Nov. 26. Second by a neck that day, he was haltered by trainer Doug O'Neill, who saw an immediate return on his investment with this switch to the lawn. Ideally placed off the pacesetter in the early going, the 9-2 chance took a narrow advantage in the lane and held well to best Launching Pad (Cherokee Run) by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$27,160. Click for the brisnet.com chart or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Gardner, O'Neill & W C Racing. B-Robert John Harris Training Center (FL). T-Doug F O'Neill.

★ CENTRAL ★

Hope for Kentucky Slots Dwindles:

Hope continues to wane in regard to the installation of slots at Kentucky tracks when Republican Jimmy Higdon won a special Senate election over former Democratic state representative Jodie Haydon to maintain Republican's 21-17 vote control of the Senate, according to the *Harness Tracks of America* yesterday. Haydon, who had the financial support from the state's tracks, is a proponent of expanded gaming, while Higdon supports a referendum on a constitutional amendment on the issue.



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★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Voting Begins for NTRA Racing 'Moment of the Year':

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association has launched its 11th annual "NTRA Moment of the Year," and voters can make their selections at www.ntra.com. A total of 14 events have been chosen and are represented by an image depicting the race in question. Those selecting the winning image will be entered automatically in a random drawing for a trip for two to the Jan. 18, 2010 Eclipse Awards ceremony in Beverly Hills, California, where the winning moment will be unveiled. The prize includes airfare, hotel accommodations and tickets to the Eclipse Award Ceremonies. Listed chronologically, the moments selected are:

- Well Armed blows away the field in the Dubai World Cup
- I Want Revenge overcomes a horrific start to capture the Wood Memorial
- Rachel Alexandra runs off with the Kentucky Oaks by more than 20 lengths
- Mine That Bird posts stunning, 50-1 upset in the Kentucky Derby
- Rachel Alexandra turns back the late charge of Mine That Bird in the Preakness
- Presious Passion fires out to a 20-length lead en route to course record win in United Nations
- Rachel Alexandra toys with the boys in the Haskell Invitational
- Gio Ponti captures his fourth consecutive Grade I score in the Arlington Million
- Rachel Alexandra holds off her male elders in the Woodward Stakes
- Linda Rice becomes the first woman to win the Saratoga training title
- Summer Bird registers historic triumph in the Jockey Club Gold Cup
- Goldikova wins her second straight Breeders' Cup Mile
- Conduit runs down the stubborn Presious Passion for a repeat score in the Breeders' Cup Turf
- Zenyatta remains undefeated and becomes first female to win the Breeders' Cup Classic

"The NTRA Moment of the Year gives fans a voice and sense of ownership at the Eclipse Awards," said Keith Chamblin, NTRA senior vice president of communications and industry relations. "It allows them to salute the people, horses and memories that make our sport so appealing. We look forward to seeing which one of the many outstanding moments from 2009 they select as this year's winner." Fans 18 years and older can register to vote online at www.ntra.com. Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. (E.T.) Saturday, January 2, 2010. Void where prohibited. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Wunder Strike, g, 3, **Smart Strike**--Bishop's Mate, by Lyphard. Lingfield, 12-8, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Mike Abraham. *\$65,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP. **Full to Strike It Up, MSW, \$201,485.



First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, December 10
Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2006 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

NORTH LIGHT (IRE) (Danehill), Adena Springs, \$50K, 67/4/1

3-CRC, Msw, 5fT, Mission Mike Clark, 9-5

ROMAN RULER (Fusaichi Pegasus), Hill 'n' Dale, \$30K, 155/28/3

3-CRC, Msw, 5fT, He's a Dia Lucrui, \$40K OBS AUG yrl, 20-1

WILDCAT HEIR (Forest Wildcat), Journeyman, \$7K, 122/37/2

3-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Splitting Heirs, \$40K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1

7-HOL, Str, 6 1/2f, Jocata, \$10K OBS APR 2yo

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Dec. 10

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

MEDAGLIA D'ORO (El Prado (IRE)), Stonewall, \$35K, 252/63/12

3-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Golden Galleon, \$250K FTF FEB 2yo, 9-5



★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX PETITE ETOILE-Listed, €55,000, Deauville, 12-9, 3yo, f, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:00.60, stn.

1--**SAVOIE (FR)**, 123, f, 3, by Anabaa

1st Dam: Seacleef (Fr), by A. P. Indy

2nd Dam: Silverqueen (Fr), by Alydar

3rd Dam: Silvermine (Fr), by Bellypha (Ire)

O-Philippe Bellaiche; B-Alec & Ghislaine Head; T-Yann Barberot; J-Davy Bonilla; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 14 starts, 5 wins, 7 places, €120,850.

2--**Lake Palace (GB)**, 123, f, 3, Nayef--Lia (Ire), by Desert King (Ire). €11,000.

3--**Hidden Brief (GB)**, 123, f, 3, Barathea (Ire)--Hazaradjat (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). (280,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT). €8,250.

Margins: 3/4, NK, NK. Odds: 11.00, 7.30, 19.00.

Also Ran: Sahabah, Cool and Composed, Karlisse (Ire), The Only Key (GB), Volver (Ire), Isaonor (Fr), Black Rose (Fr). Also Ran (not classified): Entre Deux Eaux (Fr), Symba's Dream, Guerande (Ire), Singing Machine, Becomes You (GB), Russiana (Ire), All Annalena (Ire), Liberty Chery (GB).

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PRIX PETITE ETOILE-Listed

Claimed by new connections at Chantilly in May, Savoie shaped well in handicap company before finishing fourth in the Listed Grand Prix du Nord at Le Croise-Laroche Nov. 7 and fifth in the Fontainebleau's Listed Prix Solitude 12 days later. Switched to the Polytrack here, the bay was settled wide in mid-division early before swooping to lead with 150 metres remaining and asserting as Lake Palace closed in late.

Deauville, 10.50, Debutantes, €21,000, 2yo, c/g, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:05.90, stn.

+ **HOT WATER (GER)** (c, 2, Diktat {GB}--Hot Blues {Fr}, by Zayyani {Ire}), sent off at 29-1, was waited with in mid-pack early before being produced wide in early stretch. Inhaling rivals one by one, the homebred overhauled Sixpence (Fr) (Kingsalsa) in the final strides to score by a short neck. He is a half-brother to Blue Inside (Fr) (Akarad {Fr}), MSP-Fr. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €10,500.

O/B-Gerard Samama; T-Joel Boissard.

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SANTA ANITA

Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike), 6f, •T:11.80, 1/12



Deauville, 11.20, Debutantes, €21,000, 2yo, f, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:09.10, stn.
GOLD HARVEST (FR) (f, 2, **Kaldounevees {Fr}**--**Last Harvest {Fr}**, by **Kahyasi {Ire}**), sent off the 11-2 second choice, broke well and was soon in front before accepting a lead from **Soul Friend (GB)** (**Galileo {Ire}**). Regaining the advantage in the final 100 yards, the homebred drew away to record a 2 1/2-length success. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €10,500. O/B-Mme Henri Devin; T-Yves de Nicolay.

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:
Kempton Park, 18.50, Mdn, £4,000, 2yo, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:06.32, stn.
RED COURTIER (GB) (c, 2, **Red Ransom**--**Lady In Waiting {GB}** {**GSW & G1SP-Eng**, \$238,551}, by **Kylian**), third at Wolverhampton last time Nov. 6, was sent off at 5-1 and soon had the lead under enterprising tactics. Never in any danger, the 25,000gns TATOCT yearling registered a six-length success from **Cast of Stars (Ire)** (**Nayef**). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £3,094. O-C Shiacolas; B-Pegasus Racing Ltd; T-Paul Cole.



★ JAPAN ★

Yesterday's Results:
QUEEN SHO (Listed), ¥42,500,000, Funabashi, 12-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1800m, 1:54.5, yl.
 1--**YUKICHAN (Jpn)**, 121, f, 4, **Kurofune--Shirayukihime (Jpn)**, by **Sunday Silence**. O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Northern Farm; T-Hiromi Yamazaki; J-Tadanari Konno; ¥25,000,000. Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-1, ¥96,287,000.
 2--**T M Yokado (Jpn)**, 115, m, 5, **T. M. Opera O (Jpn)**--**T.M.Cinderella (Jpn)**, by **Forty Niner**.
 3--**Panorama Beauty (Jpn)**, 115, m, 7, **Dance in the Dark (Jpn)**--**Muguet Rouge (Jpn)**, by **Real Shadai**. (¥10,000,000 fl '02 JPNJUL).
 Margins: NK, 3, NK. Odds: 1.50, 7.00, 32.80.

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★ HONG KONG ★

THREE-WAY TIE IN CXIJC

France's Christophe-Patrice Lemaire, England's Ryan Moore and John Murtagh of Ireland each booted home one winner and earned 12 points to force a three-way dead heat in the Cathay Pacific International Jockeys'



Murtagh (left), Moore (center) and Lemaire (right) share the spoils
 HKJC.com

Championship Wednesday night at Happy Valley on Hong Kong Island. Based on the horses he was allotted in the three-race competition, Lemaire was expected to factor strongly and struck first, guiding 10-year-old **Bobo Win (Aus)** (**Danehill**) to an easy 1 3/4-length score from favored **Perfect Ten (NZ)**

(**Howbaddoyouwantit**), the mount of local rider **Howard Cheng**. Murtagh got on the board in the second race of the series, timing his ride perfectly astride the betting choice **Master Dreamer (NZ)** (**Dream Well {Ire}**) before sweeping past for a 1 1/2-length success over the Matthew Chadwick-ridden **Jolly Wongchoy (Belong to Me)**. Moore threw his hat into the ring, but needed every meter of the Happy Valley straight before getting the nose of **Mings' Hero (Aus)** (**Danzero {Aus}**) down on the wire first at odds of nearly 40-1. Lemaire will be forced to sit out the International meeting due to a four-day suspension handed down by Tokyo stewards last weekend, but was happy to land a share of the HK\$300,000 in prize money. "Winning here is much appreciated after my misfortunes of last weekend in Japan," he commented. "There is a special atmosphere at Happy Valley, and I really enjoy riding here. It was a great thrill to share it with Johnny and Ryan." Jockey Joe Talamo, representing the United States, finished 12th, 10th and fourth in his three rides, while Canada's Chantal Sutherland's mounts were seventh, 12th and fifth.

BREEDERS' EDITION
 AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-PEN, \$40,320, 12-8, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.
ROBYNTHEKOOP (f, 3, Pure Precision--Meri Robyn, by Robyn Dancer) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-2, \$78,392. O-Adam Winn Stable. B-Patrick Wall (PA). T-Thomas H Lingenfelter.



American Breeders' Edition cont.

7th-MNR, \$22,400, 12-8, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, my.

DRESS IN DUBAI (f, 4, **E Dubai**--Dressed in Gold {SW, \$114,498}, by **Black Tie Affair** {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-2, \$36,371. O/B-B S Dance (KY). T-Michael T Trivigno.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rodney Square, g, 2, **Eurosilver**--Yukon Lady, by Saint Ballado. PEN, 12-9, 1m, 1:41 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs Bayne Welker Jr (KY). * \$25,000 wng '07 KEENOV; \$1,500 yrl '08 KEESEP. **13th winner for freshman sire (by Unbridled's Song).

On Board Charade, f, 2, **Oratory**--Deck Game, by Waquoit. LRL, 12-9, (C), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Wirth Brothers (MD). *13th winner for freshman sire (by Pulpit).

Kingofthebluegrass, c, 2, **Petionville**--Two to Waltz, by Seattle Slew. MNR, 12-8, 1m70y, 1:46 3/5. B-Everest Stables Inc. (KY). * \$13,000 2yo '09 KEEJAN. **Full to Two Step Salsa, MGSW-US & GSW-UAE, \$1,104,040.

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRES ★

IN ARGENTINA:

Star Bloom (Arg), f, 4, **Salt Lake**--Star Brown (Arg), by Luhuk. La Plata, 12-8, Especial Sociedad Hipodromo Chile; 5.5f, 1:03.73. SW & G2SP-Arg; Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-1. O/B-La Quebrada; T-Roxanna San Millan.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 12.50, €33,000, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:20.00, stn.

OTOU (GER) (c, 2, Big Shuffle--Old Tradition {Ire}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €42,850. O-Stall Moorlage; B-Gestut Kussaburg & R Stoeckli; T-Sascha Smrczek. *€1,500 RNA wnlg '07 DEADEC. **1/2 to Out of Control (Ger) (No Excuse Needed {GB}), SP-Tur.

FRANCE, Deauville, 14.25, €28,000, 3yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.90, stn.

PRIME SPIRIT (IRE) (c, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Turtulla {Ire}, by Night Shift) Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 3 wins, 4 places, €42,883. O-Prime Equestrian Sarl; B-Frank Gleeson; T-Xavier Thomas Demeaulte. *€56,000 wnlg '06 GOFNOV; €115,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL.

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ITALY, Siracusa, 15.10, 12-8, €13,500, 3yo, 6fT, time: n/a, sf.

COCOT (ITY) (f, 3, Martino Alonso {Ire}--Emperor Circo {GB}, by Emperor Jones) Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-1, €36,278. O-Dioscuri Srl; B-Soc Agrienda Al Deni Srl; T-Stefano Botti.

ITALY, Siracusa, 15.45, 12-8, €13,500, 3yo/up, 7fT, time: n/a, sf.

POLYDORS (IRE) (h, 7, Monashee Mountain--Polista {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by Persepolis {Fr}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 49-26-5-7, €240,550. O/B-Scuderia Siba di Azienda Agricola Antezzate Srl; T-Stefano Botti.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pyrus Time (Ire), g, 3, **Pyrus**--Spot In Time, by Mtoto (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 12-8, Mdn, 3-5yo, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Nadja Humphreys. *17,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRES ★

IN ARGENTINA:

Orpen Star (Arg), f, 3, **Orpen**--La Grand Damme (Arg), by Slew Gin Fizz. San Isidro, 12-9, Mdn; 6f, 1:09.60. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2. O-Garabao; B-Arturo y Susana Vargas Lerena T-Juan Carlos Maldotti.