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MISREMEMBERED FACING TALL TASK

He is the morning-line favorite at odds of 4-1, but **Misremembered** (Candy Ride {Arg}) seems something other than a sure bet in Saturday's opening-day featured GI Malibu S. at Santa Anita. Indeed, it has been a remarkable season for the chestnut ridgling, who became the first graded winner bred by trainer Bob Baffert



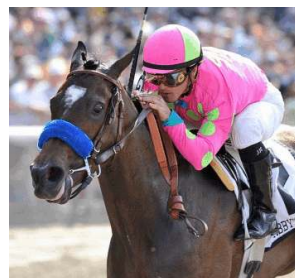
Misremembered Benoit

when he led throughout to take the GII Swaps S. at Hollywood Park over the summer. Following a 10th behind stable-mate Richard's Kid (Lemon Drop Kid) in the GI Pacific Classic at Del Mar in September, he rallied for a half-length score in the

GII Indiana Derby Oct. 3 and just missed by a neck to fellow sophomore Blame (Arch) in the GII Clark H. at Churchill Nov. 27. A wide-open field compels the gambler to seek out value, and that could come in the form of Spendthrift Farm's **New Bay** (Cuvee). The \$310,000 OBSMAR juvenile has three wins from four appearances at Santa Anita, his lone defeat coming at the hands of Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker) in the GII San Felipe S. last March. Perfect in two tries at Saturday's seven-furlong distance, he most recently returned from a two-month absence to take a second-level allowance by a widening 2 1/2 lengths Oct. 10. Trainer Richard Mandella goes in search of a fifth Malibu success. Rafael Bejarano was aboard New Bay last time out, but deserts in favor of **"TDN Rising Star"** **Hunch** (Lion Heart). Undefeated in his two starts to date, the CRK Stable colorbearer came back from a five-month spell to take a Dec. 11 allowance rained off the Hollywood turf. **Malibu S. field p3**

BAFFERT GOES FOR GRADE I DOUBLE IN LA BREA

Bob Baffert may still be looking for his first GI Malibu S. winner, but the Hall of Fame conditioner has no such holes in his resume when it comes to this sister event. He has saddled a record five winners in the seven-fur-



Gabby's Golden Gal Sarah K Andrew

long affair, including three of the last four, capped by champion Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie) a year ago. Baffert will rely on **Gabby's Golden Gal** (Medaglia d'Oro)--the field's lone Grade I winner--Saturday. Arnold Zetcher's homebred rebounded from a fade job in the GI Kentucky Oaks to post a 13-1 upset in the GI Acorn S. at Belmont June 6, but stumbled at the start

of the GI Prioress S. at that track July 4 and wound up ninth. "She pulled a shoe off, and her foot was sore; she took a chunk out of the foot," Baffert told *Daily Racing Form*. "I sent her to Saratoga, because I wanted to run her in the Test, but she wasn't going to make it, so I just decided to freshen her up." He added, "She's doing awesome." The late-running **Evita Argentina** (Candy Ride {Arg}) has done some of her best work at this seven-furlong distance, dashing past the boys in the GII San Vicente S. over this track and trip last winter, and defeating her elders in the GII A Gleam H. at Hollywood July 18. Sixth to the late Carlsbad in the GIII Rancho Bernardo H. at Del Mar Sept. 4, the chestnut was unable to make up much ground when seventh in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint at Santa Anita Nov. 6, but doesn't face the likes of Informed Decision (Monarchos) and Ventura (Chester House) this time, and there looks to be enough speed to set up her patented late move. **Pinkarella** (Malibu Moon), an impressive winner at first asking last December, was sidelined with an ankle chip following a third in Carlsbad's GII Santa Paula S. victory Mar. 29. The pretty bay came back to drill allowance rivals by five lengths at Hollywood Nov. 29.



Evita Argentina Benoit Photo

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4:17p	W. L. McKnight H.-GII, CRC	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
4:43p	Stage Door Betty H.-GIII, CRC	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
5:30p	Sir Beaufort S.-GIII, SA	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
6:00p	La Brea S.-GI, SA	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
6:30p	Malibu S.-GI, SA	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST

LA BREA S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT)

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Kays and Jays	Macho Uno	Bejarano Mitchell	6-1
2	Alice's Smart	Smart Strike	Flores Sahadi	10-1
3	Dani Reese	High Demand	D'meaux Hendricks	8-1
4	Amazed by Grace	Bowman's Band	Gomez Preciado	6-1
5	Evita Argentina	Candy Ride (Arg)	Rosario Sadler	9-2
6	Starlarks (Ire)	Mujahid	Solis Gallagher	20-1
7	Will O Way	Broken Vow	Espinoza Cerin	20-1
8	Mother Ruth	Speightstown	Garcia Baffert	15-1
9	Minute Limit (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Quinonez Sadler	12-1
10	Gabby's Golden Gal	Medaglia d'Oro	Smith Baffert	4-1
11	Rose Diamond (Ire)	Daylami (Ire)	Talamo Biancone	15-1
12	Pinkarella	Malibu Moon	T Baze O'Neill	6-1

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST

SIR BEAUFORT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Gallant Son	Malabar Gold	Smith Lucarelli	12-1
2	Tamborim	Belong to Me	Rosario Hofmans	8-1
3	Mr. Rod	Scrimshaw	Sutherland Hendricks	12-1
4	Quoted	City Place	Quinonez O'Neill	30-1
5	Massone	Menifee	Gomez McAnally	9-2
6	The Usual Q. T.	Unusual Heat	Espinoza Cassidy	4-5
7	Riviera Cocktail	Giant's Causeway	Talamo Drysdale	8-1
8	Pleasure to Ride	Candy Ride (Arg)	Solis Hollendorfer	8-1
9	Brenthurst	Johannesburg	Pedroza Armstrong	30-1

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Saturday, Calder Race Course, post time: 4:17 p.m. EST

W. L. MCKNIGHT H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Winchester	Theatrical (Ire)	Garcia Clement	4-1
2	Memorial Maniac	Lear Fan	Marquez Jr Demeritte	20-1
3	Warning Zone	Chester House	Castro Ma Wolfson	6-1
4	Spice Route (GB)	King's Best	Velazquez Attfield	6-1
5	New Fandan (Brz)	Fantastic Dancer (Brz)	Prado Fawkes	15-1
6	Mr.Universo (Brz)	Roi Normand	Cruz Lobo	15-1
7	Silver Mountain	Victory Gallop	Lezcano Proctor	10-1
8	Imawildandcrazyguy	Wild Event	Nunez Kaplan	20-1
9	Cloudy's Knight	Lord Avie	Homeister Jr Sheppard	5-1
10	Presious Passion	Royal Anthem	Trujillo Hartmann	5-2
11	Livingston Street	Mr. Livingston	L Saez Kaplan	20-1

Saturday, Calder Race Course, post time: 3:51 p.m. EST

KENNY NOE JR. H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 7f


PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Prince Joshua	First Tour	D Coa Rose	6-1
2	War Fighter	Repent	Castro Ness	15-1
3	Pechito (Arg)	Interprete (Arg)	Penalba Azpurua	12-1
4	Dream Maestro	Concerto	Cruz Kaplan	20-1
5	You and I Forever	A.P. Indy	Lezcano Ma Wolfson	8-1
6	Motovato	Proud Citizen	Trujillo Ma Wolfson	5-1
7	Biker Boy	Came Home	Velasquez Zito	3-1
8	Hypocrite	Outofthebox	Saez Tortora	8-1
9	This Ones for Phil	Untuttable	Velazquez Dutrow Jr	5-2
10	Make Me Zach	First Tour	Rivera Rose	20-1



Black-Type Previews cont.

Saturday, Calder Race Course, post time: 4:43 p.m. EST
STAGE DOOR BETTY H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m,
 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Aurora Lights	Pulpit	Velasquez	Coatrieux	8-1
2 Sweet Repent	Repent	Cruz	Braddy	4-1
3 Morena (Per)	Privately Held	Lezcano	Matz	6-1
4 Flying Dixie	Dixieland Band	Garcia	McGaughey	12-1
5 Nicksappealinglady	Successful Appeal	Velazquez	Tagg	20-1
6 Lomaki	A.P. Indy	DeCarlo	Coatrieux	15-1
7 Sweetsouthernqueen	Sweetsouthernsaint	Prado	Blengs	20-1
8 Cat Can Do	Adcat	D Coa	Ziadie	30-1
9 Even Road	Stephen Got Even	Arango	Ersoff	12-1
10 Miss Singhsix (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	J B'mohan	Ma Wolfson	6-1
11 Jessica Is Back	Put It Back	L Saez	Ma Wolfson	3-1
12 Amazing	Greatness	Trujillo	Lynch	12-1
13 Kiddari	Smarty Jones	Castro	Mott	20-1
14 Hopeful Image	Gulch	Nunez	Procino	30-1



REMINDER:

Due to the Christmas holiday, the TDN office will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25.

There will be NO newsletter for Fri. Dec. 25 or Sat. Dec. 26.

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST
MALIBU S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 7f (AWT)

PP	HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER/JOCKEY	ML
1	Misremembered	Baffert & Jacobs	Bob Baffert-KY	Baffert	4-1
	(r, Candy Ride {Arg} -- <i>Beyond Perfection, by Quack</i>)			Espinoza	
2	Kinsella	Team Valor International	Lliberation Farm & Oratis-KY	Pletcher	12-1
	(c, Mr. Greeley -- <i>Win My Heart, by King of Kings {Ire}</i>)			Gomez	
3	Square Eddie	J Paul Reddam	Kinghaven Farms Ltd-ON	O'Neill	15-1
	(c, Smart Strike -- <i>Forty Gran, by El Gran Senor</i>)			Talamo	
4	Supreme Summit	Joseph LaCombe StbIs Inc	Wm A Thomson-KY	O'Neill	8-1
	(c, Cactus Ridge -- <i>Studentoftheweek, by Sunny Clime</i>)			M Baze	
5	Mythical Power	Peachtree Stable	Peachtree Stable -KY	Baffert	8-1
	(c, Congaree -- <i>School for Scandal, by Is It True</i>)			Rosario	
6	Jeranimo	B J Wright	Brylynn Farm Inc-FL	Pender	30-1
	(c, Congaree -- <i>Jera, by Jeblar</i>)			Blanc	
7	Papa Clem	Bo Hirsch LLC	Bo Hirsch-KY	G Stute	6-1
	(c, Smart Strike -- <i>Magical Maiden, by Belong to Me</i>)			T Baze	
8	Join in the Dance	Ballis, Lewis & Swinbank et al	The Answer LLC-KY	Pletcher	20-1
	(c, Sky Mesa -- <i>Dance Darling, by Devil's Bag</i>)			Sutherland	
9	Coronet of a Baron	Darley Stable	Edward & Hannah Poremba-FL	Harty	20-1
	(c, Pure Prize -- <i>Time for a Crown, by Time for a Change</i>)			Ajtebi	
10	New Bay	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Ironwater Farms Joint Venture-KY	Mandella	12-1
	(c, Cuvee -- <i>Royal Dove {Ire}, by Royal Academy</i>)			Solis	
11	Smart Bid	Augustin Stable	George Strawbridge Jr-PA	Motion	6-1
	(c, Smart Strike -- <i>Recording, by Danzig</i>)			Rose	
12	Hunch	C R K Stable	Pennston Farm-FL	Sadler	10-1
	(c, Lion Heart -- <i>Whattacapote, by Capote</i>)			Bejarano	
13	M One Rifle	Bernstein/Greenspun/Headley, et al	Bernstein/Greenspun/Headley/Irwin-CA	Headley	5-1
	(g, <i>One Man Army--Leanessa, by Bertrando</i>)			Smith	



Black-Type Previews cont.

Sunday, Santa Anita

SAN GABRIEL H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Acclamation	Unusual Heat	Flores	Warren	113
2 Cherokee Artist	Cherokee Run	Ros e	Motion	116
3 Proudinsky (Ger)	Silvano (Ger)	Bejarano	Ascanio	119
4 Lava Man	Slew City Slew	T Baze	O'Neill	119
5 Great Siege (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Espinoza	Hofmans	113
6 Sir Dave	Untuttable	Rosario	Carava	113
7 Loup Breton (Ire)	Anabaa	Gomez	Canani	119



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- Mare's name, age and sire
- Mare's owner; farm where mare is boarded
- Which stallion the mare will be bred to in 2010

CAROLYN'S CAT, 4, Forestry--People's Princess, by Meadowlake
 Booked to Tapit.
 Owned by William K. Warren.
 Boarded at Shamrock Glen Farm
 Accomplishments: MGSW, \$307,415.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR THE
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 TDN READERS' CHOICE AWARDS**

The TDN is proud to present our inaugural Readers' Choice Awards. Voting is now underway, and the winners will be announced in the Jan. 22 edition of the TDN. All voters will be entered in a drawing, with five winners getting to choose either a framed 11x14 photo by Sarah K. Andrew, or a free full-page ad in the TDN. For a list of categories and nominees, please click [here](#).

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 UNRESTRICTED FIRST-TIME STAKES
 WINNERS (through Dec. 13)**

Stallion	Loc	SWs
Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat)	KY	14
A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew)	KY	12
Smart Strike (Mr. Prospector)	KY	11
Dynaformer (Roberto)	KY	10
Distorted Humor (Forty Niner)	KY	10
Elusive Quality (Gone West)	KY	10
Lemon Drop Kid (Kingmambo)	KY	9
Tapit (Pulpit)	KY	9
Malibu Moon (A.P. Indy)	KY	8
Maria's Mon (Wavering Monarch)	dead	7
Speightstown (Gone West)	KY	7
War Chant (Danzig)	KY	7
Exchange Rate (Danzig)	KY	6
NorthernFleet (Afleet)	KY	6
Not For Love (Mr. Prospector)	MD	6
Storm Cat (Storm Bird)	pen	6
Stormy Atlantic (Storm Cat)	KY	6
Tiznow (Cee's Tizzy)	KY	6
Unbridled's Song (Unbridled)	KY	6

(Based on winners of unrestricted stakes with purses of \$45,000 or more in North America and winners of European stakes that qualify for "black-type" by North American catalogue standards, graded SWs in Japan, and the graded Dubai World Cup races.) Compiled by Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, specialists in assisting breeders in their stallion selection and buyers in their auction purchases. For more information call (510) 490-1111.

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**A Daily Roundup of
 Racing Articles in Other Media**

[Slots vote could be deathknell for Laurel, most of Maryland racing](#)
 Andrew Beyer, Washington Post

[Folks who voted for Zenyatta as athlete of year should be reined in](#)
 Bob Molinaro, The Virginian Pilot

[Slots at the mall won't hurt horse racing; petition to stop them might](#)
 Baltimore Sun Editorial

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In addition, when you vote, you will be automatically entered into a drawing. We will draw five names from among those who participate, and the five winners of the drawing will receive either a framed 11x14 photo of a Sarah K. Andrew original--their choice of anything in Sarah's *TDN* gallery (to view the gallery, click [here](#))--or a free full page ad in the *TDN*.

1) Affirmed/Alydar: The best stretch drive

- a) Indian Blessing over Sara Louise - GII Gallant Bloom H. ([video](#))
- b) Man of Iron over Cloudy's Knight - Breeders' Cup Marathon ([video](#))
- c) Take the Points over Black Bear Island (Ire) in the GI Secretariat S. ([video](#))
- d) Capt. Candyman Can (via DQ) over Vineyard Haven in the GI King's Bishop S. ([video](#))

2) Eddie Arcaro: The year's savviest ride

- a) Calvin Borel aboard Mine That Bird - GI Kentucky Derby ([video](#))
- b) Mick Kinane aboard Sea the Stars - G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe ([video](#))
- c) Julien Leparoux aboard Informed Decision - GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint ([video](#))
- d) Mike Smith aboard Zenyatta - GI Breeders' Cup Classic ([video](#))

3) Da Hoss: The best comeback effort

- a) Ventura - GI Woodbine Mile ([video](#))
- b) Quality Road - GII Amsterdam S. ([video](#))
- c) Cloudy's Knight - GIII Kentucky Cup Turf ([chart](#) - video not available)
- d) Vineyard Haven (DQ'd to 2nd) - GI King's Bishop S. ([video](#))

4) Miesque: The best display of domination by a distaffer against the boys

- a) Zenyatta - GI Breeders' Cup Classic ([video](#))
- b) Rachel Alexandra - GI Haskell Invitational S. ([video](#))
- c) Ventura - GI Woodbine Mile ([video](#))
- d) Goldikova (Ire) - G1 Prix Jacques le Marois ([video](#))

5) Afleet Alex: The best recovery from a nightmare trip

- a) I Want Revenge - GI Wood Memorial S. ([video](#))
- b) Allicansayiswow - HOL Alw, Apr. 23 ([video](#))
- c) Careless Jewel - GI Alabama S. ([video](#))
- d) Crisp - HOL Msw, Dec. 10 ([video](#))

6) Bold Forbes: The best gate-to-wire performance

- a) Zensational - GI Bing Crosby S. ([video](#))
- b) Presious Passion - GI United Nations S. ([video](#))
- c) Rachel Alexandra - GI Preakness S. ([video](#))
- d) Well Armed - G1 Dubai World Cup ([video](#))

7) Risen Star: The best performance by a TDN "Rising Star"

- a) Sea the Stars (Ire) - G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe ([video](#))
- b) Zenyatta - GI Breeders' Cup Classic ([video](#))
- c) Life is Sweet - GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic ([video](#))
- d) Music Note - GI Ballerina S. ([video](#))

8) Arazi: The most exciting performance by a TDN "Rising Star" of 2009

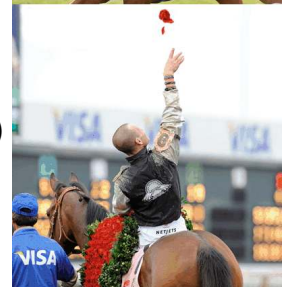
- a) Hot Dixie Chick - GII Schuylerville S. ([video](#))
- b) Siyouni (Fr) - G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere ([video](#))
- c) Lookin At Lucky - GI Del Mar Futurity ([video](#))
- d) Zensational - GI Triple Bend S. ([video](#))

9) Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons: The best training effort of the year

- a) Jonathan Sheppard - Cloudy's Knight
- b) John Shirreffs - Zenyatta
- c) Steve Asmussen - Rachel Alexandra
- d) Hal Wiggins - Rachel Alexandra
- e) John Oxx - Sea the Stars (Ire)

10) Man o'War: The best performance of the last decade

- a) Zenyatta - 2009 GI Breeders' Cup Classic ([video](#))
- b) Rachel Alexandra - 2009 GI Kentucky Oaks ([video](#))
- c) Zarkava (Ire) - G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe ([video](#))
- d) Big Brown - 2008 GI Kentucky Derby ([video](#))
- e) Curlin - 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Classic ([video](#))
- f) Rags to Riches - 2007 GI Belmont S. ([video](#))
- g) Discreet Cat - 2006 GI Cigar Mile H. ([video](#))
- h) Street Sense - 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile ([video](#))
- i) Barbaro - 2006 GI Kentucky Derby ([video](#))
- j) Afleet Alex - 2005 GI Preakness S. ([video](#))
- k) Ghostzapper - 2005 GI Met Mile ([video](#))
- l) Candy Ride (Arg) - 2003 GI Pacific Classic ([video](#))
- m) Azeri - 2002 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff ([video](#))
- n) Dubai Millennium (GB) - 2000 G1 Dubai World Cup ([video](#))





MARK DEDOMENICO

Accomplishment: Dr. Dedomenico, cardiovascular surgeon and owner of the Pegasus Training and Equine Rehabilitation Center in Redmond, Washington, is co-owner of last Sunday's GI Hollywood Starlet S. winner **Blind Luck** (Pollard's Vision).

Birthdate: Oct. 9, 1937

Birthplace: San Francisco, CA

Education: Graduate of St. Louis University Medical School



How did you first get into horse racing? I started going to the races with my dad when I was about 10 years old. He and I bought our first Thoroughbred training center together here in Washington in 1970. I then built Pegasus, which we opened in 2005. I still have the original one that he and I had up in Monroe. I keep it--it's part of the family.

Why did you decide to start the Pegasus

Training Center? I've been involved with Dr. McIlwraith at the Colorado State University Vet School for a long time, and I thought we needed to do a better job with these horses in rehab. So a good part of it is the rehab. Plus I wanted to see if training horses on a Polytrack would stop injuries. And it has. We just don't have injuries there.

So you've noticed a big difference with the Polytrack? We have a dirt track at our other training center. It is probably one of the best dirt tracks in the state, but when it's raining and that stuff settles a little bit, you can get a few more injuries and have more leg problems. We just don't have any at Pegasus. I think when they get to the racetrack, we don't see the cartilage damage anymore, but we're racing the horses a little more and a little harder and now we are starting to see more soft-tissue injuries like you do in athletes. I think we're not going to get the knee cartilage problems that we had before. In fact, we're doing an experiment right here on middle and lower knee cartilage problems where we are doing a standard and we're doing a different system with hyperbarics and we're having trouble getting horses. We've had to go back east to find horses. We're paying for the horses to come in and have surgery, but we can't get the horses from the west coast where there is Polytrack--there just aren't the injuries occurring anymore. We want 24 horses and we're up to about eight. And it's taken us a year to get those eight. I think you're going to see more soft-tissue injuries, but I'm working with some guys right now on stem cells--I think stem cells might be the answer to the soft tissue injuries.

If you could change one thing about racing, what would it be and why? We have to figure out a way to diagnose these injuries before they happen. The equine athlete is a beautiful athlete, and we just need to find a way for him to talk to us without talking to us. So we need some way to know what is happening on these horses earlier. One of the things that McIlwraith and I have looked at is if there is some type of bio-marker in the blood that would tell us if something was going on--that there is some inflammatory response going on in the body. And maybe we could draw blood every couple weeks and see if there is a change. If everyone keeps thinking about it, somebody will come up the answer to it, but I think the first step was the Polytracks.

How did you first become involved with Blind Luck? Jerry

Hollendorfer called Pegasus and he said he had a horse he wanted to buy in Florida. Mike Puhich, our trainer down there, and [racing manager] Ed Bloom looked at her and said, 'Jerry wants us to take 25 [percent]. We think we should take 50.' And I said, 'Let's do it.'

Were you at Hollywood Sunday? No. I

was in Seattle. I've got three research projects going on and I've been trying to get everyone straightened out before they go on the holidays. I finally decided I couldn't make it and I watched it from up here.

What was your reaction to her win? I guess we were dancing around on the ceiling. We were all pretty excited and there was a lot of hand-slapping going on. It took our breath away. They always said that she had another gear she hadn't used yet. They expected it to show up in the Breeders' Cup, but then she got banged around so much on the first corner. When she gathered herself up and came around the last corner that day, she just couldn't get going. I can't believe how she opened up in the lane Sunday and the kid never even took the stick out of his hand.

How many racehorses do you currently have in training? Probably about 40. There are probably 20 or 25 at Pegasus that are about to turn two and probably 15 at the racetracks. I buy at September. And I have about eight mares that we breed.

If you could have dinner with one historical figure, who would it be? In medicine I've had some wonderful people that I've known. They aren't historical figures, but those are the people that I love to have dinner with when we can find the time.

Is it all research talk at those dinners? Well, it starts there. It probably ends there, too. If you're sitting with McIlwraith talking research, horses come into it sooner or later and what's going on at the track. But mostly it's research. We're kind of nerdy. We're not a great date.

What is your favorite vacation spot? Hawaii.

Favorite meal? Anything Italian. My family was in the food business and they're all Italians. I'm pretty careful about my diet. I run a big research project on metabolic disorders. I have 160 people working on that project and you can't manage a project like that and not walk the walk.

What's your favorite film? I like any of the horse films like Seabiscuit and Phar Lap. Every couple of years I just get Phar Lap out to play it again.

Childhood ambition? I scrubbed my first surgery when I was 15 years old. My godfather was an orthopedic surgeon and he started to take me up to set bones when I was 14. I was 15 years old and one Saturday he said, 'Come on I'm going to the hospital to do a surgery and you're coming with me.' That was it. I was hooked.

Describe your perfect day? Dec. 20. That's the perfect day. But I would have been there.



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NORTH AMERICA

GULCH JOINS OLD FRIENDS Gulch (Mr. Prospector), champion sprinter of 1988, has been retired to Old Friends, the Thoroughbred Retirement Facility in



Georgetown, Kentucky. The 25-year-old stallion had stood at Lane's End Farm since retiring in 1988 and was pensioned earlier this year. He joins fellow Eclipse Award winners Black Tie Affair (Ire), The Wicked North, Hidden Lake and Sunshine Forever. "When Lane's End announced Gulch's retirement, I called the farm and explained we would be thrilled to have him," said Old Friends' founder and president Michael Blowen. "I know his legion of fans would love to visit him here. Lane's End has their lovely facility and a professional staff to give Gulch a great home, but we're overjoyed that he's coming."

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Gulch to Old Friends cont.

"Lane's End has contributed significantly to Old Friends ever since we started, but Gulch is one of the greatest contributions we've ever received," Blowen added. Gulch was a six-time Grade I winner on the racetrack, capturing the 1988 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and GI Carter H., as well as the 1987 GI Wood Memorial Invitational S. He won the 1987 and 1988 renewals of the GI Metropolitan H. Gulch is the sire of Kentucky Derby winner Thunder Gulch, English champion Nayef and Grade I winners Court Vision, The Cliff's Edge and Wallenda, Harayir, Great Navigator and Torrential. "Gulch has had a long and wonderful career here," said Lane's End principal Bill Farish. "We wanted to make sure that he was well taken care of in his retirement and we thought our nearby neighbor Old Friends would be a great place for him. He was a horse that was well known to the public, having been through the Triple Crown trail and having been a top two-year-old and a champion sprinter. He was a horse that people always wanted to see. Plus, he's kind of a ham, and he will enjoy the attention immensely."



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- 19th Dec. - My Jen took the Letellier Memorial Stks-L.R., Fair Grounds
- 13th Dec. - She's Funomenal won the Ifyoucouldseemenow Stks-L.R., Hollywood Pk
- Other recent impressive juvenile winners include...
- 21st Dec. - Barton Springs won easily at Fair Grounds for Bret Calhoun & Mike Rutherford.
- 19th Dec. - Bonita Donita won at Turfway Park for Kenny McPeck by 2 1/2 L.
- 3rd Nov. - Amagansett won at Deauville for Jean-Claude Rouget and Joe Allen by 6 L.

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★ EAST ★

PA Governor: Table Games Dead at State Racinos:

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell (D) told Philly.com yesterday that the installation of casino table games at the state's racinos appears unlikely to happen and has ordered his cabinet secretaries to begin reducing their staffs. Rendell had reportedly said that 1000 jobs would need to be cut if legislation approving table games was not approved by Jan. 8, 2010. When asked about the chances of legislators ultimately passing the bill, Rendell said, "Nil. I'm not sure we will ever have a table games bill." A state representative, however, said that legislative staffers were set to meet on the issue and that it was possible there could be some resolution when that meeting takes place Jan. 5. The bill would allow blackjack, roulette and other games at the state's casinos and racinos.

Saturday's INSIGHTS

5:00p HRTV 8th-FG, \$49K, Opt. Clm., 3yo/up, 6f
GENERAL QUARTERS (Sky Mesa), the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. and Gill Sam F. Davis S. hero, gets back on track after disappointing in the first two Classics. Tenth following a troubled trip in the May 2 GI Kentucky Derby, the grey colt emerged from a ninth in the May 16 GI Preakness S. with a chip in his right knee. He has two sharp works over the local dirt, including a bullet six furlongs from the gate in 1:12 4/5 Dec. 19. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

7:00p HRTV 10th-SA, \$44K, Msw, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT)
AD INFINITUM (Storm Cat), scratched out of a Hollywood maiden that came off the turf, makes his career debut in this hot heat on Santa Anita's opening day. The Juddmonte homebred, out of G1SW Etoile Montante (Miswaki), has a host of good works for trainer Humberto Ascanio. Also in the field is **Concord Point (Tapit)**, who gets underway for Oxbow Racing and trainer Bob Baffert. Produced by a 1/2 to GSW Tasha's Miracle (Harlan's Holiday), the grey colt was the highest-priced yearling from his sire's second crop when selling for \$220K at KEESEP. **Screaming Destiny (Street Cry {Ire})** also topped his sire's 2008 receipts as a \$410K acquisition at KEESEP. Trained by Eoin Harty for Darley, the dark bay colt is a 1/2 to SWs Whitwaterspritzer (Virginia Rapids) and The Missing Key (You and I). **Nextdoorneighbor (Lido Palace {Chi})**, a son of GSW Fencelineneighbor (Wild Rush), came up 3/4 of a length short when second in his career bow in a seven-furlong maiden at Hollywood Nov. 14. Trained by Mike Machowsky for owner/breeders John and Jerry Amerman, the Florida-bred bay drilled a bullet (1/112) five-eighths in :58 2/5 Dec. 16 over this surface. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

Eastern Standard Time

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



2010 ESTATE TAX UNCERTAINTY

The treatment of estate taxes in 2010 remains uncertain after a flurry of activity in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

White House officials and Senate Democratic leaders last week failed to reach an agreement to extend the 2009 estate tax parameters of a top rate of 45 percent and an exemption for the first \$3.5 million in inherited assets per spouse (\$7 million for couples). Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) pushed for a three-month extension of 2009 law, which Republicans opposed.

Earlier this month, the House passed a permanent extension of the estate tax rate at its 2009 parameters. No Republicans voted for the extension.

For now, estate taxes are scheduled to go to zero on estates of individuals who die next year. Estate taxes are scheduled to rise to 55 percent with a \$1 million exemption in 2011 unless Congress passes new legislation. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charles Rangel (D-NY) has indicated that Congress will likely act early next year to reinstate the tax.



For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of membership development, (800) 792-6872, ext. 677 or visit www.SupportHorseRacing.org.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-HAW, \$31,000, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:10 1/5, gd.
+ WINDY CITY CAT (c, 2, Include--Peekaboo Cat {SP}, by Crafty Prospector) went postward as the 5-2 second choice on the strength of a solid work tab for trainer Wayne Catalano. After vying for the lead early, the well-named chestnut turned for home with the lead and maintained a 1 3/4-length margin to the wire. Cherokee Lord (Sir Cherokee) was the runner-up. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)
 Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000.
 O-Carmy Cat Racing Stable. B-Carmen Catizone (IL).
 T-Wayne M Catalano.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

AQUEDUCT
 WISHFUL TOMCAT (Tactical Cat), 3f, :37.15, 1/7
CALDER
 HEY BYRN (Put It Back), 5f, 1:02.00, 1/12
GULFSTREAM
 LE GRAND CRU (Dynaformer), 4f, :48.20, 11/35



★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Feb. 1 Deadline to Name '08 Foals:

Owners and breeders have until Feb. 1 to make a valid attempt to name foals of 2008, or face a \$75 late fee. The Jockey Club, on its Registry website, has published a list of 40,263 names released for active use on Dec. 23. The majority of the names on the list belong to horses that will be over 10 years old on Jan. 1 and that have not raced or been bred during the last five years. "We encourage owners and breeders to take advantage of the resources available on the registry's website when selecting names for their Thoroughbreds," said Matt Iuliano, The Jockey Club's president of registration services. "Besides perusing the list of recently released names, they can check the potential availability of their name selections using the On-Line Names Book, which lists all of the names currently in use or otherwise unavailable." To view the list of released names, the Online Names Book and the Principal Rules and Requirements of The American Stud Book visit registry.jockeyclub.com.

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

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7th-HAW (Msw) Windy City Cat (Include) wins at first asking.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

SILVERFOOT (With Approval), 3f, :40.40, 20/21

HOLLYWOOD PARK

NEKO BAY (Giant's Causeway), 4f, :49.60, 13/18

PALM MEADOWS

SONG OF SOLOMON (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :47.00, 1/29

WINSLOW HOMER (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :47.00, 1/29

PAYSON PARK

DROSSELMAYER (Distorted Humor), 3f, :39.40, 6/7

JUSTWHISTLEDIXIE (Dixie Union), 4f, :50.60, 16/21

SANTA ANITA

AMERICAN LION (Tiznow), 4f, :47.20, 4/45

CONVEYANCE (Indian Charlie), 5f, :58.80, 1/63

DREAM EMPRESS (Bernstein), 4f, :50.00, 38/45

FANNY FREUD (Freud), 5f, :59.60, 5/63

HUNCH (Lion Heart), 4f, :47.80, 8/45

MACIAS (Purge), 5f, 1:00.20, 9/63

MASSONE (Menifee), 4f, :49.60, 33/45

NEXTDOORNEIGHBOR (Lido Palace {Chi}), 4f, :48.40, 12/45

TAKE CONTROL (A.P. Indy), 6f (g), 1:11.80, 1/21

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REMINDER:

Due to the Christmas holiday, the TDN office will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25.

There will be NO newsletter for Fri, Dec. 25 or Sat, Dec. 26.

All news and results from Dec. 24 and 25 will appear in the December 27 issue.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-DED, \$37,000, 12-22, NW2L, (S), 2yo, f, 5f, 1:00 4/5, ft.

ROYAL RECEIVER (f, 2, Kingkiowa--Polish Spender, by Polish Numbers) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$32,400. O-Patricia Chenault. B-Circle H Farms (LA). T-Tony J Richey. *\$5,000 yrl '08 OBSAUG.

10th-SUN, \$34,000, 12-22, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft.

GERDYS GOLD (f, 3, Quinton's Gold--Judge Gerdy, by Judge T C) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-2, \$52,818. O-Fred Howard. B-Paul D & Steve Prather (NM). T-Emmitt B Burelsmith Jr. *\$300 yrl '07 RUIAUG.

8th-HAW, \$28,000, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000-\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43, gd.

MARILYN'S GUY (g, 3, Yonaguska--Marilyn Merlot, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-3, \$63,475. O/B-Chesapeake Farm & Mary R Odom (KY). T-Chris M Block. *\$42,000 RNA wIng '06 FTKNOV; \$19,000 RNA yrl '07 FTMOCT. **Won by 7 lengths.

7th-PEN, \$25,000, 12-22, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

SYLVIA'S FORTE (c, 3, Mazel Trick--Inthebeginning, by Opening Verse) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-2-2-3, \$68,805. O/B-Lydee Shea (PA). T-Timothy H Shea.

6th-SUN, \$25,000, NW1X, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

CERTAIN PRIDE (f, 2, Offlee Wild--Tioga {MSP}, by Hadif) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-2-0, \$50,868. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-L William Heiligbrodt (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

7th-CRC, \$24,700, NW1X, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5, gd.

DANCING RAGE (f, 2, Sligo Bay {Ire}--Wild Vanilla, by Wild Rush) Lifetime Record: SP, 11-2-3-1, \$62,071. O-Warehouse Investments Inc. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Manuel J Azpurua. *\$9,500 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP; \$15,000 2yo '09 ADNMAR.

9th-CRC, \$22,700, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:50, gd.

EDGE OF A SHADOW (g, 6, Robyn Dancer--Out of Laughs, by Out of Place) Lifetime Record: 30-4-6-5, \$90,599. O-Laurence I Foggie. B-Larry Foggie (FL). T-Timothy A Hills.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Diary, f, 2, Congaree--Precious Feather (MSW & MGSP, \$257,441), by Gone West. CRC, 12-23, 1m70y, 1:47 2/5. B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc (FL).

Julie's Warrior, c, 2, Littlebitlively--Julie's Red Dancer (SW, \$167,048), by Odd Feller. DED, 12-22, 6 1/2f, 1:23. B-Arnold A Haynie Jr & Candice E Haynie (LA).

Haitian Hero, c, 2, Petionville--Regal Boot (SP), by Storm Boot. PEN, 12-22, 1m70y, 1:44. B-Everest Stables Inc (KY). *\$12,000 2yo '09 KEEJAN.

Blushing Bear, g, 3, Rahy--Bonnie Bear, by Gone West. TAM, 12-23, 1 1/16mT, 1:43. B-Richard Maynard (KY). *\$25,000 RNA yrl '07 FTKOCT.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 12.40, 12-23, €21,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:39.00, stn.

DELPHES ERIA (FR) (f, 3, Martaline {GB}--La Mesange {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Olmeto {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 14 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €34,000. O-Patrice Delauneux & Jacques Seror; B-Daniel Chassagneux; T-Yann Barberot.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **The Living Room (Fr)**, f, 2, **Gold Away (Ire)**--Leave of Absence (Fr), by Exit to Nowhere. Deauville, France, 12-23, Mdn, 2yo, f, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-Baron Thierry de Zuylen de Nyevelt. *€28,000 yrl '08 ARQOCT.

King's World (Ire), c, 2, **Kingsalsa--Gandelina (Fr)**, by Ganges. Deauville, France, 12-23, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-Mme Christian Wingtans. *Full to Queensalsa (Fr), MGSP-Fr, \$100,230; 1/2 to Queen America (Fr) (American Post {GB}), SW & GSP-Fr, \$102,130.

Super Valny (Fr), g, 3, **Vertical Speed (Fr)**--Mendoreva (Fr), by Mendocino. Deauville, France, 12-23, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Tony Salva & Mme Charlotte Thoreau.



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