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ECLIPSE AWARD OF MERIT TO FARISH

William S. Farish will be honored with the Eclipse Award of Merit for a lifetime of outstanding achievement in Thoroughbred racing, it was announced Tuesday. The Lane's End Farm head will receive the award at the Eclipse Awards ceremony at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, California, Jan. 18. "I am so honored to have been selected for a sport which has given me and my family so much pleasure and enjoyment for the past 35 years," Farish said. "I am humbled to be chosen to join this list of outstanding people who have received this Award of Merit, many of whom have been long-time friends." Farish is currently a steward and vice chairman of The Jockey Club, a director and former



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chair of the executive committee of the Breeders' Cup, a member of the board of directors of the Keeneland Association, and a Keeneland trustee. The prominent owner/breeder was also chairman of the board of Churchill Downs from 1992-2001, as well as the U.S. Ambassador to the Court of Saint James between 2001-2004. "Will Farish is deeply involved in every phase of the Thoroughbred Industry," said Keeneland President Nick Nicholson. "If you follow the life cycle of the Thoroughbred each stage from mating, breeding, raising, registration, sales, training, racing, and then back to the farm for breeding, Will has positively impacted each step along the way. His knowledge, passion and willingness to give his time for the betterment of the industry and the sport have meant so much for the modern Thoroughbred world. We are grateful to have him serve as a trustee of Keeneland, and appreciate his advice and counsel." Earlier this summer, the William Stamps Farish Fund donated \$1 million to the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. Farish, a member of the PDJF board, is currently working to help raise more than \$10 million to provide a continuous fund for disabled riders. "The more I explored the situation, the more I realized that a sustaining pool of monies was necessary," Farish commented. "I feel that everyone who is associated with our sport realizes that a permanent source of funding is needed improve the lives of these disabled riders." Born in Houston, Texas, Farish purchased his first Thoroughbred in 1963. He is a two-time recipient of the Eclipse Award as leading breeder and has raced no fewer than 150 stakes winners, including 1972 Preakness S. hero Bee Bee Bee.



**RACING
Round-Up**

This One's For Phil to Await Sunshine Millions...

This One's For Phil (Untutttable), the morning-line favorite in last Saturday's GIII Kenny Noe Jr. H. at Calder, was scratched out of that contest due to a mild cough, *Daily Racing Form* revealed. The 2009 Sunshine Millions Dash S. hero quickly returned to action, working four furlongs over the Gulfstream turf in :54 4/5 the following day. "I was looking for a reason to scratch him from the race anyway, so when he coughed I was sort of relieved, because it made the decision a no-brainer," trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. told *DRF*. Sidelined after finishing fifth as the favorite in the GII Woody Stephens S. June 6, the GII Swale S. winner resurfaced with an easy victory in a \$40,000 optional claimer at Laurel Nov. 28. "I just wasn't crazy about running him in that race," Dutrow said of the Kenny Noe. "I didn't have a good feeling about it. He ran a two on the sheets in his last start, and I thought I might be bringing him back a little too quickly. He had a two-month break before winning the Sunshine Millions last year, so now he'll have some extra time off before coming back in the Sunshine Millions [Sprint at Gulfstream Jan. 30]."

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Pletcher Duo To Line Up in Hal's Hope...

Trainer Todd Pletcher told *Daily Racing Form* that he intends on running Edward P. Evans homebred **Quality Road** (Elusive Quality) and Stronach Stables' **Harlem Rocker** (Macho Uno) in Sunday's GIII Hal's Hope S. at Gulfstream Park. The former, second in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S. Oct. 3, makes his first start since being scratched at the gate in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Harlem Rocker, disqualified from first and placed second in the 2008 GI Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile H., returned to action with a rallying second-place finish in a \$100,000 optional claimer at Churchill Downs Nov. 14. "Quality Road will definitely start," Pletcher told *DRF*. "I'll have to talk to Mr. [Frank] Stronach regarding Harlem Rocker, but I think he'll probably go to. I hate to run two horses of this quality against one another, but I have to consider what's best in the long run for each individual horse. Hopefully, we'll be able to separate them again later this winter." The duo worked at Palm Meadows Monday--Quality Road covered four furlongs in :49.45 and Harlem Rocker worked five furlongs in 1:03.90.



Quality Road
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1 Gator Tiger	Tiger Ridge	Cruz	Catanese	115
2 Bernie the Maestro	Bernstein	Lopez	Mi Wolfson	117
3 Lost Aptitude	Aptitude	Court	Romans	119
4 Fly by Phil	Act of Duty	Nunez	O'Connell	117
5 Sunrise Nursery	Roman Ruler	Maragh	Pinchin	117
6 Our Champion	Value Plus	E Coa	Braddy	117
7 King Prada	El Prado (Ire)	Marquez Jr	Ritvo	115
8 Cat Park	Tale of the Cat	Leparoux	Motion	117
9 Three Deadly Sins	Repent	Jurado	Pinchin	115
10 Forty Nine Acres	West Acre	Saez	Kaplan	115
11 Trippo	Trippi	Velasquez	Alexander	117
12 Becky's Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Trujillo	Ward	117

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5-1-3-1 \$255,200

5th on Experimental
(122 lbs.)

STREET HERO

● **at Two...**

Won Norfolk-G1
Placed BC Juvenile-G1
& Del Mar Futurity-G2

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6-1-2-3 \$419,360

4th on Experimental
(122 lbs.)

Street Hero

by STREET CRY
\$10,000 Live Foal

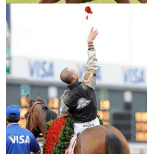


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The *TDN* is proud to present our inaugural Readers' Choice Awards. We came up with our favorite performances of the year--and beyond--and added nominations based on your input. (If you voted during the nomination process that ended Dec. 22, but want to change your vote now that we have added nominees, you can vote again).

From now through Jan. 17, we will be accepting votes for the award winners, to 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 from the Sarah K. Andrew gallery (click [here](#)), or a free full-page ad in the *TDN*.




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**FROM THE DESK
OF...**

Bill Oppenheim



EURO PROSPECTS

It's a slightly different approach this week. Because a large section of our readership may not be familiar with many of these horses, rather than try and speculate which of these European stallions yet to have runners will hit the bulls-eye, I thought it might be more useful just to run through the major names in each of the four relevant sire classes (first foals 2008-2011).

Two things which stand out when you look over the list of 57 stallions covered in this column: first, the rivalry between Coolmore and Darley, who between them dominate the lists up until this year (sires retiring 2010, first foals 2011), which of course features the retirement of the superstar **Sea the Stars**, arguably the best racehorse the world has seen since Secretariat, and owned by neither Coolmore or Darley. The other notable feature has been the raft of promising French racehorses retiring to stud in France, though, interestingly, the highest price for any of the 13 stallions reviewed which have retired there in the last three years is €10,000.

First Foals 2008 (First Two-Year-Olds 2010)...

This group is by far the smallest numerically of the four sire classes we're reviewing this week. Of the nine horses we're covering (we're concentrating on horses in the £7,000/€7,500 range and up, with a few assorted cheaper ones thrown in) with first foals 2008, seven come under either the Coolmore or Darley banner.

Coolmore has the two most expensive, **Hurricane Run** and **Holy Roman Emperor**. Hurricane Run, from Montjeu's first crop, won four Group 1s at three and four, namely the Irish Derby and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at three, and the Tattersalls Gold Cup and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. at four. He went to stud for €35,000 in 2007, but is down to half that for next year. A lot of judges really rated them at the yearling sales. Holy Roman Emperor, the best two-year-old of 2006 at Ballydoyle when he won the G1 Phoenix S. and gave Teofilo a real scare in the G1 Dewhurst S. (he had also finished second to him in the G1 National S.), was pressed into stud service when George Washington came up infertile. He was a real speedball, but plenty of people fancied him to turn the tables on Teofilo in the 2007 G1 2000 Guineas, which neither ultimately made. He started out at €40,000, so at 56 percent less, if you believe Holy Roman Emperor is most likely to succeed among 2010 European freshman sires, now's the time to roll the dice.

Coolmore also stands **Aussie Rules**, a grey son of Danehill out of Last Second (who won both the Nassau S. and Sun Chariot S. when both were Group 2 races; they're both now Group 1), from the fabulous family founded by Alruccaba, a daughter of Caro's son, Crystal Palace. Winner of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and the G1 Shadwell Mile at Keeneland as a three-year-old in 2006, Aussie Rules is another there was good chat about from the conformation judges. He retired at €15,000, but will stand for 60 percent less (€6,000) in 2010. Coolmore's fourth contender who started at €15,000 or higher is **Ad Valorem**, by Danzig himself, and winner of the G1 Middle Park at two and the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot at four. His stud fee is down by two-thirds to €5,000 for 2010.




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Darley was not as ambitious in 2006 as subsequently, and their 2007 stallion intake in Europe was primarily horses their group had produced. The exception was **Shirocco**, one of two top sons of German sensation Monsun that Darley bought in training. Shirocco had won both the G1 German and (then G1) Italian Derbies at three, then added the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf at four and the G1 Coronation Cup at five. His stud fee has never wavered from its original £10,000, but his first yearlings averaged nearly as much as Hurricane Run's, so he should have a dedicated following. Darley also retired **Iffraaj**, a triple Group 2 winner at six and seven furlongs by Zafonic (he started at €12,000, now half that); and **Librettist**, a Danzig horse who won the G1 Jacques le Marois and G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp--both at a mile--as a four-year-old in 2006. A half-brother to the disappointing sire Dubai Destination, Librettist started at Dalham Hall for £10,000, but was transferred last year to the Haras du Logis in France, where he stands for €7,000.

It wasn't a banner year for expensive European stallion retirements in 2007. About the only other five-figure stud fee belonged to Plantation Stud's **Araafa**, who had the misfortune to be by Mull of Kintyre (now at stud in India), but won the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas (defeating George Washington) and the G1 St. James's Palace S. (both one mile) at Royal Ascot. He's out of a full-sister to Pivotal, which isn't a bad recommendation. He's down to £7,000 from an original fee of £15,000. Among those which started at four-figure fees, one a few judges fancy a little is **Diamond Green**, a son of Green Desert who ran second in three one-mile Group 1 races at three: the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, St. James's Palace S., and Prix du Moulin. Diamond Green (originally €8,000, now €5,000) stands at Joe Foley's Ballyhane Stud in Ireland.

First Foals 2009 (First Yearlings 2010)...

Darley's estimated \$200-million spending spree on stallion prospects in 2007 significantly altered the map of stallion distribution. With first foals 2009 in Kentucky, they have Street Sense, Henny Hughes, Any Given Saturday, and Discreet Cat. In Europe, their roster features 2007 G1 Epsom Derby winner **Authorized**; Europe's unbeaten champion two-year-old of 2006 **Teofilo**; and triple 2007 Group 1 winner **Manduro**. They also bought 2007 European champion two-year-old **New Approach** from trainer Jim Bolger, and that colt went on to win the 2008 Epsom Derby in the colors of Sheikh Mohammed's wife, Princess Haya, before retiring to stud in 2009. Darley and other Maktoum associates had quit buying yearlings by Coolmore stallions in 2006, but both Teofilo and New Approach were European champion juveniles, both trained by Jim Bolger, and both by Galileo. Authorized is by Montjeu, so they weren't averse to buying stock by the top Coolmore stallions off the racetrack.

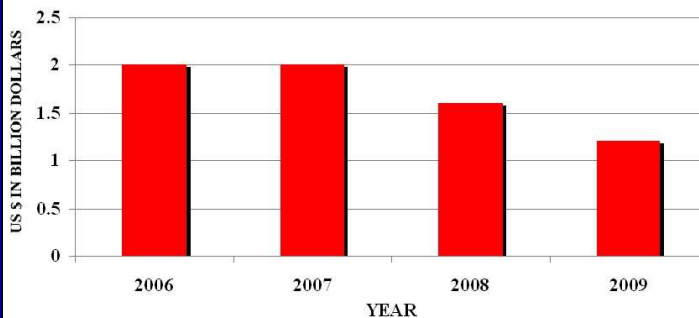
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"The returns are in on the North American and European auction marketplace in 2009. Given our usual disclaimers about how we've done our best in the absence of any official figures, we found the important comparison is with 2007, when the sales grossed over \$2-billion for a second consecutive record year. Since then the number of horses catalogued dropped by almost 10,000 horses (19 percent); the number sold dropped by 24 percent (over 7,000 horses); the all-important gross dropped by 44 percent, and the average per horse dropped by 26 percent. That's the overall measurement"

- Bill Oppenheim

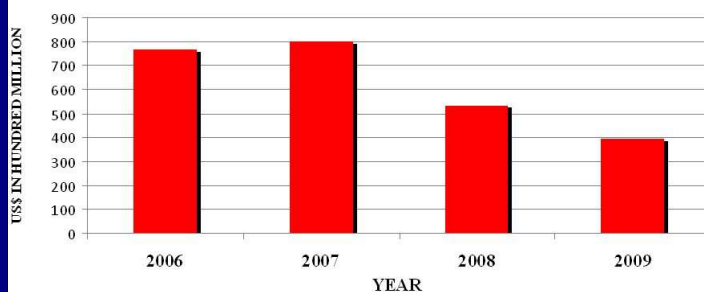
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	41,489	33,072	23,917	20.3%	72.3%	57.6%	\$1,158,068,473	\$48,420
2008	48,732	38,672	27,108	20.6%	70.1%	55.6%	\$1,586,499,308	\$58,523
2007	51,433	42,824	31,483	16.7%	73.5%	61.2%	\$2,049,922,751	\$65,112
2006	49,165	40,950	31,089	16.7%	75.9%	63.2%	\$2,021,534,798	\$65,024

TOTAL EUROPEAN AND US MIXED SALES



TOTAL EUROPEAN AND US MIXED SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%R/S	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	16,301	12,628	9,191	22.5%	72.8%	56.4%	\$390,226,940	\$42,458
2008	20,432	15,544	10,807	23.9%	69.5%	52.9%	\$531,643,093	\$49,194
2007	21,930	17,929	13,281	18.2%	74.1%	60.6%	\$797,337,281	\$60,036
2006	20,993	17,015	12,971	18.9%	76.2%	61.8%	\$765,885,211	\$59,046

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



While I wouldn't presume to know the reasoning behind the Maktoum family's moves, it could have gone something like this: seeing that Coolmore had struck gold with their 2002-2003 sire classes, which included Giant's Causeway, Montjeu, and Galileo, they may have determined that they, too, should be able to produce world-class stallions from their own stock. Street Cry's emergence as a top sire (his first foals, including GI Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense, were three-year-olds of 2007) would only go to support that view; he is their first homebred superstar stallion. It will be 2011 before the produce of all these acquisitions will hit the racetrack; only then will we begin to find out if this strategy bears fruit. Sheikh Mohammed has always been willing to play the long game. They don't all have to hit for the strategy to be successful, so one or two as good as Street Cry would achieve the objective.

Both Teofilo and Manduro went to stud for €40,000 at Kildangan in 2008, and both are due to stand there for half that amount in 2010. Authorized, at Dalham Hall, started at £25,000 and will stand next year for £20,000; in between (this year), Authorized and Manduro swapped farms. Both of Coolmore's top prospects from this sire class also stand for half of what they entered stud for in 2008. **Dylan Thomas**, winner of six Group 1 races including the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Irish Derby, and Irish Champion S. twice, is down to €25,000 for 2010, from his original 2008 price of €50,000. I thought he was a colt with the immense virtues of soundness and durability, as well as class. Coolmore also stands **Excellent Art**, a Pivotal colt they bought after his two-year-old campaign, who won the G1 St. James's Palace S. for them. He is now €12,500 from €25,000.

Between them, Darley and Coolmore accounted for five of the six highest-priced stallions to retire in Europe in 2008. The exception is Ballylinch's **Lawman**, from Invincible Spirit's first crop. He won the 2007 G1 Prix du Jockey-Club (the 2100-meter version), went to stud for €25,000, and is down to €15,000 for 2010. Four other stallions that started out at €10,000-€12,500 in Ireland, and are now down to €6,500-€8,000, are all speed or mile horses. These include: the Irish National Stud duo of **Amadeus Wolf**, winner of the G1 Middle Park S. at two, and a hard-knocking sprinter (Group 2 winner, Group 1-placed) at three and four; and **Jeremy**, winner of Royal Ascot's G3 Jersey S. at three and Sandown's G2 Betfred Mile at four; Morrinstown Lattin's **Dark Angel**, the G1 Middle Park winner from Acclamation's first crop; and **Red Clubs**, a Group 2-winning sprinter at two and three, and a Group 1 winner at four.

Four British stallions with good credentials also kicked off for prices ranging from £8,000-£12,500 in 2008. These include 2006 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner **Rail Link**, a Juddmonte homebred from Dansili's second crop. He retired to his owner/breeder's Banstead Manor Stud for £12,500, but is down to a really tempting price of £7,500 for 2010. Standing for £6,000 each are: Lanwades' **Sir Percy** (originally £8,000), winner no less of the G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Dewhurst S., and second to George Washington in the G12000 Guineas--that's a whole lot of racehorse for that price; Stanley House Stud's **Notnowcato** (originally £8,000), a three-time Group 1 winner at 10 furlongs, including defeats inflicted on Authorized and Dylan Thomas at that distance; and Cheveley Park's **Dutch Art** (originally £10,000), four-for-four as a two-year-old, including the G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S., and placed in three Group 1s at three from six to eight furlongs.



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NEW STALLIONS FOR 2010: THEWAYYOUARE

Thewayyouare (b h, 2005, Kingmambo x Maryinsky, by Sadler's Wells)

Ashford Stud, Ky; \$10,000

Thewayyouare is a typey son of leading international sire **Kingmambo** and comes from a female family that is truly outstanding... Thewayyouare won the **G1** Criterium International in France at 2, when he won four of five starts, including the **G3** Prix Thomas Bryon... he might be one to strike early with his first crop.

Frank Mitchell, Bloodstock in the Bluegrass, www.ematings.com, 17th Dec. 2009



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France's latest renaissance has seen 10 stallions go to stud there for €5,000-€10,000 in the last three years, the first two of which entered stud in 2008. On one hand, it is fair to point out these are not the most expensive stallions in Europe; almost all of them stand for four-figure stud fees. But, on the other hand, it does mean French breeders have a lot of reasons to keep their mares at home that otherwise might have gone to Ireland. Plus their stallions may be attracting mares from Britain and Ireland, thanks to the lucrative French breeders' premiums and the 20-percent cutbacks in Irish prize money. The two who kicked off with their first foals this year are Haras d'Etream's **Stormy River** (originally €8,000, now €7,000), winner of the G1 Prix Jean Prat, but, more importantly, placed in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, St. James's Palace S., and Prix du Moulin; and **Turtle Bowl** (€5,000 all three years), who is by Dyhim Diamond, an obscure son of Night Shift. He also won the Prix Jean Prat, and also placed in three Group 1s: the Prix d'Ispahan, Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot, and the Prix du Moulin. These were both really credible horses and have a chance to make a real impact as sires.

First Foals 2010 (Retired 2009)...

When Dylan Thomas retired, he passed the baton to stablemate **Duke of Marmalade**, from Danehill's last crop. Placed in a Goodwood seven-furlong Group 2 at two, and second, third or fourth in six Group 1s from eight to 10 1/2 furlongs in six starts at three, Duke of Marmalade won five Group 1s from 10 to 12 furlongs at four. He retired to Coolmore in 2009 for €40,000, and has dropped to €30,000 for 2010. Coolmore also retired top three-year-old miler and GI Breeders' Cup Classic second Henrythenavigator in 2009, but he went to their Ashford arm in Kentucky (\$65,000 in 2009, \$40,000 in 2010). Darley retired two top 2008 three-year-olds to Europe--G1 Epsom Derby winner **New Approach** (£30,000, remains at that fee) to Dalham Hall in Newmarket; and GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Raven's Pass**, who came to them as part of the Stonerside package, to Kildangan in Ireland. Like Duke of Marmalade, he was €40,000 in 2009, and drops to €30,000 in 2010. These were all really outstanding racehorses, and to be able to breed to any of the four for \$50,000 or under is a pretty attractive proposition.

Though Coolmore and Darley dominated the top end of the stallion market once again, there were a number of other interesting prospects that retired in 2009, particularly in France. All of the 11 other horses we've listed stood for four-figure fees, except for Derrinstown's **Tamayuz**, from Nayef's first crop, and the best three-year-old miler in France in 2008. He beat older horses impressively in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois. He, however, stands in Ireland.

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Given Nayef's success with Danzig, and that Tamayuz is out of a Nureyev mare (from the family of Urban Sea, Galileo, and Sea the Stars, no less), it's a pretty good bet he'll have a lot of opportunity with Danzig-line mares himself. Ireland's Coolagown Stud stands **Papal Bull**, a dual 12-furlong Group 2-winning son of Montjeu who also ran second to Duke of Marmalade in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S.

The late Klaus Jacobs unfortunately did not live to see Newsells Park Stud's first stallion acquisition **Mount Nelson** take up residence, but he would certainly have approved of the shot Newsells, with the direction of Jacobs' son, Andreas (of Gestut Fahrhof and Maine Chance Farm in South Africa) and GM Julian Dollar, is giving the horse. He won the one-mile G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud at two and the G1 Eclipse S. at four for Aidan O'Brien; Newsells bred approximately 20 mares of their own and went out and bought a similar number to breed to the horse, and got him a book of over 100 mares in 2009. He drops from £10,000 to £8,000 for 2010, and Newsells has publicized their intention to continue to support their horse.

Also in Britain, with first foals due: Norman Court Stud's **Sixties Icon** (remains at £6,000), one of Galileo's first-crop Classic winners, the G1 St. Leger; he's out of G1 Epsom Oaks winner Love Divine, by Diesis; and the little-known **Assertive**, who stands for £4,000 at Throckmorton Court Stud.



He's by a horse called Bold Edge, a good sprinter for Richard Hannon who is a grandson of Sharpen Up, by a useful sprinter named Beveled. Also trained by Hannon, Assertive was a listed winner at two, three, and four, and won the six-furlong G2 Duke of York S. at five. He was a good, tough sprinter, and I'll bet Hannon gets some of his offspring to train.

France has a banner crop of four-figure stud fee stallions who retired in 2009. Tied at €8,000 were Haras d'Etream's **Falco** (remains at €8,000), by Pivotal out of an Unbridled mare and winner of the 2008 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains; and Haras de la Reboursiere's **Astronomer Royal** (drops to €6,000 for 2010), a son of Danzig who won the previous year's Poulains for trainer Aidan O'Brien, and added a Group 3 sprinting in 2008. The same stud has **Literato**, who won nine of his 11 starts, with two seconds, for trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. One of his seconds was to Lawman in the 2007 Prix du Jockey-Club, but Rouget brought him back later in the year to capture the G1 Champion S. at Newmarket. He remains at €6,000 for 2010.

The Aga Khan brought one in and sent one out. He brought back **Linngari** (remains at €5,000), who he had bred and sold, after the son of Indian Ridge had won Group 1s in Italy and Germany, three group races in Dubai, and placed in Group 1s in France, Great Britain, Dubai, and Hong Kong. He sent out **Montmartre**, a son of Montjeu who won the 2008 G1 Grand Prix de Paris impressively, but never ran again. He remains at €4,000 at Haras du Pin, part of the French National Stud organization. Remaining at €3,000 at Haras du Mesnil is the admirable **Doctor Dino**, a globe-trotting son of Muhtathir who won the 12-furlong G1 Hong Kong Vase twice, the 11-furlong G1 Man O'War S. in New York, and earned over €2.7 million in 30 career starts. He wouldn't be a slam-dunk commercial proposition, I'll grant you that, but he did have a lot of virtues as a racehorse.

Retiring 2010 (First Foals 2011)...

If anybody knows how good **Sea the Stars** actually was, it would be the combinations of his trainer, John Oxx, and jockey, the now-retired Mick Kinane, and the trainer/jockey combination they kept beating, Aidan O'Brien and Johnny Murtagh. That pair saw the back end of him at the finish line often enough, and with three different top horses: Fame and Glory, Rip Van Winkle (both of which stay in training), and the number two retirement for 2010, **Mastercraftsman**.

We needn't dwell too long on Sea the Stars' credentials. He goes to stud at the Aga Khan's Gilltown Stud in Ireland for €85,000, and if you're not in now, your mare isn't going to get in. He's the best horse to race in Europe for as long as most of us can remember, maybe ever.

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Digger	Yonaguska	Gravesend H.	108
Golden Country	Menifee	Holiday Cheer S.	105
Harlan Street	Street Cry (Ire)	Christmas S.	105
M One Rifle	One Man Army	Malibu S.-G1	101
Motovato	Proud Citizen	Kenny Noe Jr. H.-G3	101
The Usual Q. T.	Unusual Heat	Sir Beaufort S.-G3	100
Cloudy's Knight	Lord Avie	W. L. McKnight H.-G2	99
Sweet Repent	Repent	Stage Door Betty H.-G3	98
Princeville Condo	Morluc	Buddy Diliberto Memorial H.	97
Proudinsky (Ger)	Silvano (Ger)	San Gabriel H.-G2	97
Wishful Tomcat	Tactical Cat	Alex M. Robb H.	97
Evita Argentina	Candy Ride (Arg)	La Brea S.-G1	95
Gesu	Proud Accolade	Inaugural S.	91
Stealth Cat	Magic Cat	Bold Ego H.	91
Taste's Sis	Marquetry	Kachina H.	90
Caracortado	Cat Dreams	California Breeders' Champion S.	87
Criolla Bonita	Lightnin N Thunder	Sandpiper S.	87
Napili Point	Truckee	Lost in the Fog Juvenile S.	86
Tornado Betty	Comic Strip	Arizona Juvenile Fillies S.	85
Evening Jewel	Northern Afleet	California Breeders' Champion S.	78
Huntin the Trash	Halory Hunter	Red Hedeman Mile H.	75
Stowe White	Not for Love	Eleanor M. Casey Memorial S.	75

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He ran six times this year at three, all in Group 1 races, and won them all, at distances ranging from a mile (G1 2000 Guineas, his first start of the year) to 12 furlongs (G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, his final race) with three wins at 10-10 1/2 furlongs in between: the G1 Eclipse, G1 Juddmonte International, and G1 Irish Champion S. In the Guineas he defeated Delegator and the subsequently disappointing Gan Amhras, with Rip Van Winkle fourth and Mastercraftsman fifth. Fame and Glory was second to him in the Epsom Derby and Irish Champion; in between he won the G1 Irish Derby. Rip Van Winkle, also fourth at Epsom, ran second to him in the Eclipse, then came back to win the G1 Sussex S. and the G1 Queen Elizabeth S., both at a mile. Mastercraftsman exited the 2000 Guineas to win the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and G1 St. James's Palace S., both at a mile, then ran second to Sea the Stars in the Juddmonte International. So all Sea the Stars did was beat all three of Ballydoyle's best colts every time he met them this year. Oh, and he's a half-brother to Galileo by Cape Cross. He's the most exciting stud prospect in Europe since maybe Sadler's Wells.

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Fame and Glory and Rip Van Winkle stay in training, but Mastercraftsman, who won the Irish 2000 Guineas and St. James's Palace S., and ran second to Sea The Stars in the Juddmonte International, retires to Coolmore for €20,000, easily the second most expensive horse to retire in Europe for 2010. A dual Group 1 winner at two, including Ireland's most important two-year-old race, the seven-furlong G1 National S., he has plenty to recommend him. Coolmore also retires four-time G1 Ascot Gold Cup winner **Yeats**, who will stand for €10,000. He did have the speed and class to win Ireland's two major Derby preps, the G3 Ballysax S. and the 10-furlong G2 Derrinstown Derby Trial as a three-year-old, after which he was favorite for the G1 Epsom Derby. But soreness in a hip caused him to miss that race and the rest of his three-year-old season. He came back at four to win the G1 Coronation Cup at 12 furlongs, then at five stepped up in trip to become a Gold Cup horse. So it's not like he was a plodder--far from it.

Darley pretty much stood pat with their hand for 2010--they did retire **Creachadoir**, who came to Godolphin as part of the Teofilo deal from Jim Bolger, and won the G1 Lockinge S. in his only start in Britain for them in 2008. He goes to Haras du Logis in France for €4,500. But no major retirements for Darley in Europe for 2010.

There are quite a few other retirements at £10,000/€10,000 and below, though, surprisingly, not as many as usual in Ireland. Tally-Ho gets **Bushranger**, by Danehill's second-best surprisingly successful son (after Danehill Dancer), Danetime, who unfortunately died just as he was getting good. Bushranger won the six-furlong G1 Prix Morny/Middle Park S. double at two, and is sure to be popular with the commercial players. He'll stand for €7,500. At €7,000 is **Art Connoisseur** at the Irish National Stud. He only liked that straight six furlongs at Royal Ascot, winning the G2 Coventry there as a two-year-old and the G1 Golden Jubilee there this year at three. Those are two really big races to win.

It's a good group retiring in Britain, the most expensive of these being Dansili's full brother, **Champs Elysees**, who mainly plied his trade going long on the grass for the late Bobby Frankel in the North America. He won the G1 Hollywood Gold Cup last year and the G1 Canadian International this year, both at 12 furlongs. He'll stand for £10,000 at Juddmonte. At £8,000 is Lanwades' new recruit, **Archipenko**, who has about as good a pedigree as can be written, being by Kingmambo out of Bound, a Nijinsky half-sister to Nureyev and Fairy Bridge, the dam of Sadler's Wells. Talk about a sire family. His best form was at 10 furlongs, at which distance he won the G2 Derrinstown Derby Trial for the Coolmore team, then later a Group 1 in Hong Kong at that distance, and also in 2008 he was probably the better horse when second to all-the-way winner Spirit One in the G1 Arlington Million for the Mike de Kock team. He also won two Group 2s at a mile, which is a good recommendation.

Oasis Dream needs no introduction these days, and Shadwell retires his good son **Aqlaam** to their Nunnery Stud near Newmarket, where he'll stand for £7,000. He made a huge impression when he won the G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot as a three-year-old, and came back from injury at four to score a deserved Group 1 win for trainer William Haggas in the Prix du Moulin, having previously run second to Goldikova in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville.

The National Stud has acquired **Myboycharlie**, another son of Danetime; he won the G1 Prix Morny in 2007, the year before Bushranger, and will stand for £5,500. Cheveley Park introduces Virtual, who won the G1 Lockinge S. at a mile this year. He's by Pivotal, and is a three-quarter brother to Iceman, who won the G2 Coventry S. and stood at Cheveley Park himself (first two-year-olds 2010), but died in 2008. Virtual is a pretty good horse to be standing for £5,000. Then a couple at only £3,500: Bearstone Stud, which also has Firebreak, gets the Hannon-trained **Major Cadeaux**, winner of the G2 Sandown Mile and a pair of seven-furlong Group 3s, including the Greenham S. He also placed in Group 1 company at a mile behind Henrythenavigator and Tamayuz; and Norman Court Stud will stand **Winker Watson**, dual Group 2 winner at two, including the Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot (five furlongs) and the six-furlong July S. at Newmarket.

The French renaissance, 2010 edition, is headlined by 2007 G1 Irish Derby winner **Soldier of Fortune**, who goes to Haras du Logis for €10,000. Haras de Quesnay has landed an interesting prospect in **Mr. Sidney**, a \$3.9-million yearling who won the G1 Maker's Mark Mile on the grass at Keeneland this spring. He's by Storm Cat out of a full-sister to Mineshaft from a top Lane's End family, so is long on pedigree besides being a Grade I winner. **Naaqos**, another son of Oasis Dream raced by Sheikh Hamdan, won the 2008 edition of the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere like he could be anything, but was winless in three starts at three this year. He goes to Haras de Mezeray for €6,000. **Le Havre**, who upset Naaqos in the Listed Prix Djebel, ran second to Silver Frost in this year's Poule d'Essai des Poulains, then came back to win the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club decisively, but didn't run again. He retires to Haras de la Cauviniere for only €5,000, and should be assured of a good book of mares, a la Mount Nelson, as his connections were busy buying mares to go to him at the broodmare sales. Finally, at only €4,000, at Haras de la Hetraie is **Zambezi Sun**, by Dansili, whom Pascal Bary trained to win the prestigious G1 Grand Prix de Paris (called by some, including me, the 'new' French Derby) for Juddmonte.

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Nominations From the Floor: European Sires With Runners...

Following up on our column from last week, readers submitted five more nominations from the floor--horses they think merit consideration as good-value sires in 2010. In descending order of stud fee, the most expensive: **Invincible Spirit** (Irish National Stud, €45,000). He's been a hit from the word go and, with his first crop five-year-olds of 2009, is pushing at the bottom of the top 10 sires in Europe--as we've been seeing, a formidable group. He's sired around 120 winners and the earners of around £2.5 million this year. He also has a blockbuster 3.13 ABC Runner Index for two-year-olds. **Peintre Celebre** (Coolmore, €17,500), G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner and the best three-year-old in Europe in 1997, seems to always have one or two good ones to represent him, including nine Group 1 winners; merits consideration. **Royal Applause** (Royal Studs, £9,000) is just an average sire overall, but has two big pluses in that he is 1.86 for two-year-olds, and works very well in America. **Orpen** (Haras du Thenney, E8,000) won the G1 Prix Morny in 1998 and is inbred 4x3 to Natalma, dam of Northern Dancer. He's bounced around a lot, and good ones by him have popped up from all over the place, especially the last couple of years. He has a speedy two-year-old filly, Sorciere, who won a Group 3 in France this year. Now, you may not yet have heard of **Big Bad Bob** (Islanmore, €2,000), but very likely you will in 2010. Trained by Windflower's principal trainer, John Dunlop (they have 2010 Classic contender Elusive Pimpernel, second to St. Nicholas Abbey in the G1 Racing Post Trophy in October). Big Bad Bob won four in a row at two, culminating with Ascot's one-mile Listed Autumn S. At three, he won a Group 3 in Germany and a listed race at Deauville, both at 10 furlongs. His owner wanted to give him a shot at stud, and here's the report so far: 10 named two-year-olds of 2009, according to the U.S. Jockey Club; nine runners at two, four winners at two, four more placed at two. Seven have run Racing Post Ratings (RPRs) between 74-88, and his highest-rated horse, Buy Back Bob, won a one-mile Dundalk maiden in November like he might be a nice horse. You heard it here first.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

December 31, 1966...Buckpasser won the 13th consecutive race of his three-year-old campaign, taking the Malibu S. at Santa Anita Park. He was voted Horse of the Year and champion three-year-old and handicap horse.

December 31, 1989...Jockey Pat Day edged **Angel Cordero Jr.** as the year's leading jockey by just two wins after chartering a plane to Louisiana and riding Dana's Woof Woof and Miltons Magic to victory during the evening program at Delta Downs. Day won the title--his first--with 399 wins to Cordero's 397.

December 31, 1989...Jockey Kent Desormeaux set a world record for the most wins in a single season, 598, riding East Royalty to victory in the Inner Harbor S. at Laurel. He surpassed the old mark, set by Chris McCarron, by 52 wins.

December 31, 1993...Jockey Mike Smith set the record for the most stakes victories in a single year, 62, with a win aboard Bit of Puddin in the Bertram F. Bongard S. at Aqueduct.

Courtesy of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

In Other News...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

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 Kim Segal and John Zarrella, CNN

[Is 'new' NYRA the same deal?](#)
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 Casey Seiler, Albany Times Union

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 Brendan Scott, New York Post

[Industry can learn from greyhound ban](#)
 By Bill Finley, espn.com

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR - EUROPE, with RUNNERS

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	FARM	2010	2009	A INDEX	ABC INDEX
Invincible Spirit	1997	Green Desert	2004	IRE	Ir Nat'lstud	45,000	50,000	2.16	1.86
Peintre Celebre	1994	Nureyev	1999	IRE	Coolmore	17,500	20,000	1.97	1.43
Royal Applause	1993	Waajib	1999	GB	Royal Studs	9,000	9,000	1.01	1.10
Orpen	1996	Lure	2000	FR	H du Thenney	8,000	6,000	0.61	1.20
Big Bad Bob	2000	Bob Back	2007	IRE	Islanmore	2,000	2,000	-----	-----



PRINCIPAL EUROPEAN SIREs without RUNNERS

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	FARM	2010	Cat	Sold	\$ Average
1st Foals 2008 - Coolmore									
Holy Roman Emperor	2004	Danehill	2008	IRE	Coolmore	17,500	Y	49	110,454
Hurricane Run	2002	Montjeu	2008	IRE	Coolmore	17,500	Y	76	100,989
Aussie Rules	2003	Danehill	2008	IRE	Coolmore	6,000	Y	43	46,019
Ad Valorem	2002	Danzig	2008	IRE	Coolmore	5,000	Y	40	24,632
1st Foals 2008 - Darley									
Shirocco	2001	Monsun	2008	GB	Dalham Hall	10,000	Y	39	94,644
Iffraaj	2001	Zafonic	2008	IRE	Kildangan	6,000	Y	58	52,153
Librettist	2002	Danzig	2008	FR	H du Logis	7,000	Y	42	23,588
1st Foals 2008 - Other									
Araafa	2003	Mull of Kintyre	2008	GB	Plantation	7,000	Y	28	30,350
Diamond Green	2001	Green Desert	2008	IRE	Ballyhane	5,000	Y	58	23,176
1st Foals 2009-Coolmore									
Dylan Thomas	2003	Danehill	2009	IRE	Coolmore	25,000	W	13	123,383
Excellent Art	2004	Pivotal	2009	IRE	Coolmore	12,500	W	16	63,171
1st Foals 2009 - Darley									
Authorized	2004	Montjeu	2009	GB	Dalham Hall	20,000	W	16	123,420
Manduro	2002	Monsun	2009	IRE	Kildangan	20,000	W	21	73,220
Teofilo	2004	Galileo	2009	IRE	Kildangan	20,000	W	18	155,622
1st Foals 2009 - Other									
Lawman	2004	Invincible Spirit	2009	IRE	Ballylinch	15,000	W	20	61,520
Amadeus Wolf	2003	Mozart	2009	IRE	Ir Nat'l Stud	8,000	W	31	41,707
Jeremy	2003	Danehill Dancer	2009	IRE	Ir Nat'l Stud	8,000	W	13	28,223
Dark Angel	2005	Acclamation	2009	IRE	Morristown	7,000	W	24	23,289
Red Clubs	2003	Red Ransom	2009	IRE	Tally-ho	6,500	W	22	24,601
Rail Link	2003	Dansili	2009	GB	Banstead Manor	7,500	W	7	26,875
Dutch Art	2004	Medicean	2009	GB	Cheveley Park	6,000	W	23	25,889
Sir Percy	2003	Mark of Esteem	2009	GB	Lanwades	6,000	W	9	27,928
Notnowcato	2002	Inchinor	2009	GB	Stanley House	6,000	W	7	26,193
Stormy River	2003	Verglas	2009	FR	H D'etreham	7,000	W	7	17,947
Turtle Bowl	2002	Dyhim Diammond	2009	FR	H Rebourriere	5,000	W	3	25,275
1st Foals 2010-Coolmore									
Duke of Marmalade	2004	Danehill	2010	IRE	Coolmore	30,000	CS	11	294,197
1st Foals 2010 - Darley									
New Approach	2005	Galileo	2010	GB	Dalham Hall	30,000	CS	0	-----
Raven's Pass	2005	Elusive Quality	2010	IRE	Kildangan	30,000	CS	4	222,513
1st Foals 2010 - Other									
Tamayuz	2005	Nayef	2010	IRE	Derrinstown	15,000	CS	4	92,932
Papal Bull	2003	Montjeu	2010	IRE	Coolagown	6,000	CS	7	6,236
Mount Nelson	2004	Rock of Gibraltar	2010	GB	Newsells	8,000	CS	17	26,150
Sixties Icon	2003	Galileo	2010	GB	Norman Court	6,000	CS	3	3,279
Assertive	2003	Bold Edge	2010	GB	Throckmorton	4,000	CS	0	-----
Falco	2005	Pivotal	2010	FR	H D'etreham	8,000	CS	17	19,864
Astronomer Royal	2004	Danzig	2010	FR	H Rebourriere	6,000	CS	6	32,098
Literato	2004	Kendor	2010	FR	H Rebourriere	6,000	CS	4	14,681
Lingari	2002	Indian Ridge	2010	FR	H De Bonneval	5,000	CS	5	57,112
Montmartre	2005	Montjeu	2010	FR	St Etalons	4,000	CS	0	-----
Doctor Dino	2002	Muhtathir	2010	FR	H du Mesnil	3,000	CS	0	-----
1st Foals 2011-Superstar									
Sea the Stars	2006	Cape Cross	2011	IRE	Gilltown	85,000			
1st Foals 2011-Coolmore									
Mastercraftsman	2006	Danehill Dancer	2011	IRE	Coolmore	20,000			
Yeats	2001	Sadler's Wells	2011	IRE	Coolmore	10,000			
1st Foals 2011 - Darley									
Creachadoir	2004	King's Best	2011	FR	H du Logis	4,500			
1st Foals 2011 - Other									
Bushranger	2006	Danetime	2011	IRE	Tally-ho	7,500			
Art Connoisseur	2006	Lucky Story	2011	IRE	Ir Nat'l Stud	7,000			
Champs Elysees	2003	Danehill	2011	GB	Banstead Mnr	10,000			
Archipenko	2004	Kingmambo	2011	GB	Lanwades	8,000			
Aqlaam	2005	Oasis Dream	2011	GB	Nunnery	7,000			
Myboycharlie	2005	Danetime	2011	GB	National Stud	5,500			
Virtual	2005	Pivotal	2011	GB	Cheveley Park	5,000			
Major Cadeaux	2004	Cadeaux Genereux	2011	GB	Bearstone	3,500			
Winker Watson	2005	Piccolo	2011	GB	Norman Court	3,500			
Soldier of Fortune	2004	Galileo	2011	FR	H du Logis	10,000			
Mr. Sidney	2004	Storm Cat	2011	FR	H du Quesnay	9,000			
Naaqoos	2006	Oasis Dream	2011	FR	H du Mezeray	6,000			
Le Havre	2006	Noverre	2011	FR	H Cauviniere	5,000			
Zambezi Sun	2004	Dansili	2011	FR	H De La Hetraie	4,000			



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Monday Night's Results:

1st-PEN, \$34,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06, ft.
+ **T. M.'S TREASURE (f, 2, [Flatter](#)--Treasure Lake, by Salt Lake)**, sent off at 5-1, broke slowly and was unhurried through opening splits of :21.77 and :45.76. Gradually reeling in pacesetter Perfect Angel (Richter Scale) approaching the home stretch, the bay got up in the final strides to eke out a neck victory. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#).** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. O/B-Bruce Levy (KY). T-Christopher W Grove.

 **TODAY'S INSIGHTS**
The Idea is Excellence.

4:31p HRTV 2nd-SAX, \$46K, Alw, 2yo, 6f
Thoroughbred Legends Racing's **TINY WOODS ([Roman Ruler](#))** took his debut going 5 1/2 panels at Del Mar July 25 before tiring to seventh in his dirt bow in Saratoga's GII Sapling S. Aug. 20. Failing to settle without blinkers for the first time in the Nov. 21 Golden Nugget S. at Golden Gate, the \$180,000 KEESEP yearling tired to third after setting the pace. **Sidney's Candy ([Candy Ride](#))**, a Jenny and Sid Craig homebred, was only a head back of Tiny Woods in the July maiden before earning ★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ status after breaking through with a rousing, four-length victory over that track and trip Aug. 22. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

5:03p HRTV 3rd-SAX, \$45K, Msw, 2yo, 1m
Kaleem Shah's **TAKE CONTROL ([A.P. Indy](#))** makes his much anticipated debut for trainer Bob Baffert. Out of champion Azeri (Jade Hunter), the \$1.9 million KEEAPR juvenile completed six furlongs in 1:11 4/5, the fastest of 21 moves at the distance Dec. 23. [brisnet.com PPs](#)
Eastern Standard Time



Tuesday's Cancellations
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NYRA's Statement On Comptroller's Subpoenas...

NYRA operates without a single penny of taxpayer subsidy. The revenue NYRA received as a result of the franchise renewal in 2008 was consideration paid to NYRA by the State in exchange for over \$1 billion dollars worth of real estate. The franchise renewal was not a "bailout" of NYRA. Moreover, the State agreed in the Franchise Agreement that NYRA would need additional revenue if VLTs failed to be operational by April of 2009. NYRA's current financial situation is not a surprise to anyone in state government who is familiar with the NYRA franchise agreements.

As the holder of the State Thoroughbred racing franchise, NYRA is one of the most pervasively regulated private companies operating in New York State. As a not-for-profit, NYRA is overseen by the State Attorney General. As a racing association, NYRA is overseen by the State Racing and Wagering Board. As a State franchisee, NYRA is overseen by the State Franchise Oversight Board. As a generator of tens of millions of dollars in pari-mutuel taxes for the State, NYRA is overseen by the State Department of Taxation and Finance. Both the Racing and Wagering Board and the Department of Taxation and Finance maintain fully staffed offices at each NYRA racetrack. NYRA cooperates fully with those State agencies that have actual legal authority to regulate and audit its operations. The State appoints 11 of NYRA's 25 directors, who oversee and approve NYRA's annual budgets. Any suggestion that the taxpayers are placed at risk by the constitutional prohibition on comptroller audits of NYRA is misleading.

NYRA informed the State legislature at the time the NYRA franchise law was drafted that the State Constitution prohibits the Comptroller from auditing not-for-profit associations, as the State's highest court has clearly ruled. The law is clear. If NYRA and the Comptroller cannot agree amicably on the clear meaning of the Court of Appeals decision, we should agree to immediately seek a declaratory judgment from the judiciary to quickly resolve this matter.

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS



TODAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30:

- 01-09 \$100,000 **Mr. Prospector-III, GP, 4yo/up, 6f (100)**
- 01-09 \$100,000 **Sugar Swirl-III, GP, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (100)**
- 01-09 \$100,000 **Old Hat-III, GP, 3yo, f, 6f (100)**

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31:

- 01-09 \$150,000 **San Pasqual H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 8.5f (AWT) (150)**

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First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, December 30

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2006 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

CLOSING ARGUMENT (Successful Appeal), Sequel FL, \$10K, 99/20/1

4-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, The Last Bird, \$50K OBS MAR 2yo, 9-2

EUROSILVER (Unbridled's Song), Dromoland, \$13K, 143/15/0

3-SA, Msw, 1m, El Gran Matador, \$82K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1

MAVERICK (Dixieland Band), 18/2/0

2-DED, Alw, 7f, Royal Hay Patch, 8-1

ROMAN RULER (Fusaichi Pegasus), Hill 'n' Dale, \$30K, 155/29/3

2-SA, Alw, 6f, Tiny Woods, \$180K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2

WILDCAT HEIR (Forest Wildcat), Journeyman, \$7K, 122/39/2

4-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Wild Dixie Cat, 5-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., Dec. 30

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

TIMBER LEGEND (Storm Cat), OakhurstTBreds, \$1K, 9/2/0

6-PM, Stk, 1m, T J Timber, 5-1

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN ABU DHABI:

#Ibn Battuta, c, 4, **Seeking the Gold**--Sulk (Ire) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 14f + , G1SW-Fr, MG1SP-Eng, \$251,729), by Selkirk. Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, 12-27, HH The President Cup-L, Dhs150,000, 1400mT, 1:24.44. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0. O-Sh. Mansoor bin Moh'd Al Maktoum; B-James Wigan; T-Musabah Al Muhairi. *\$900,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

IN ARGENTINA:

Forest Bird, f, 4, **Forest Wildcat**--Beyrouth (GSW-US, SP-Fr, \$220,183), by Alleged. Palermo, 12-28, Cond, 1600m, 1:35.62. Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-4, P22,000. O-Pueyrredon; B-George Strawbridge Jr (PA); T-Juan Panizza. *\$3,700 HRA '09 KEEJAN. **Won by 7 lengths.



EUROPE



★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Result:

Deauville, 11.20, Cond, €28,000, 2yo, f, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:02.80, stn.

GOLD HARVEST (FR) (f, 2, Kaldounevees {Fr}--Last Harvest {Fr}, by Kahyasi {Ire}), a first-up winner over course and distance last time Dec. 9, led after the initial strides of this second go. Stoked up once into the stretch run, the 2-5 chalk was pushed clear in the closing stages to easily defeat Maita (Ger) (Tertullian) by four lengths. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €24,500.

O/B-Mme Antonia Devin; T-Yves de Nicolay.



ASIA



★ JAPAN ★

Yesterday's Result:

TOKYO DAISHOTEN-Listed, Ohi, 12-29, 2000m, 2:05.90, gd.

1--**SUCCESS BROCKEN (JPN), 126, c, 4, Symboli Kris S--Success Beauty (Jpn), by Sunday Silence.** O-Tetsu Takashima; B-Tanikawa Farm; T-Hideaki Fujiwara; J-Hiroyuki Uchida. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Jpn, 15-7-2-2.

2--**Vermilion (Jpn), 126, h, 7, El Condor Pasa--Scarlet Lady (Jpn), Sunday Silence.** O-Sunday Racing.

3--**Roll of the Dice (Jpn), 126, c, 4, Twining-Love Forever (Jpn), Sunday Silence.** O-Tokyo Horse Racing.

Margins: NO, 1 3/4, HD. Odds: 2.90, 2.00, 48.10.

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GULFSTREAM

Court Vision (Gulch), 3f, :37.50, 8/11
D' Funnybone (D'wildcat), 3f, :39.10, 10/11

SANTA ANITA

American Lion (Tiznow), 5f, 1:01.80, 20/39
Bulldogger (Dixie Union), 4f, :48.00, 5/29
Conveyance (Indian Charlie), 6f, 1:10.40, 1/17

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IN ARGENTINA:

Glory's Song (Arg), f, 3, **Honour and Glory**--Potrisong (Arg), by Potrillazo (Arg). Palermo, 12-28, Mdn, 5f, :57.16. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2. O-Estudiantes; B-La Madrugada; T-Hugo Perez.

Springbox (Arg), c, 3, **Thunder Gulch**--Spring Gun (Arg), by Kitwood. Palermo, 12-28, Cond, 7f, 1:22.27. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0. O-Vacacion; B-Nicolas Fernandez Aramburu; T-Roxana San Millan.

IN CHILE:

Lord Omar (Chi), c, 2, **Wiseman's Ferry**--Lady Kitty Carson, by Carson City. Valparaiso Sporting Club, 12-28. Premio Diario La Estrella, 1200m, 1:13.81. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0. O/B-Haras El Sheik; T-Hector Castillo.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 11.50, 12-29, €28,000, 2yo, c/g, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:02.30, stn.

KING'S WORLD (IRE) (c, 2, Kingsalsa--Gandelina {Fr}, by Ganges) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €28,700. O-Mme C Wingtans & Robert Collet; B-Mme Christian Wingtans; T-R Collet. *Full to Queensalsa (Fr), MGSP-Fr, \$100,230; and 1/2 to Queen America (Fr) (American Post {GB}), SW & GSP-Fr, \$102,130.

FRANCE, Deauville, 13.55, 12-29, €24,000, 3yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:38.70, stn.

LE FEU DU CIEL (FR) (g, 3, Johann Quatz {Fr}--Gialla {Fr}, by Le Nain Jaune {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 4 wins, 1 place, €32,700. O-Alfredo Garzon Almaraz; B-Roger-Yves Simon & Mlle Betty Fravallo; T-Guillermo Arizkorreta Elosegui. *€11,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT.

FRANCE, Deauville, 12.50, 12-29, €24,000, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.90, stn.

JACDAN (FR) (c, 3, Septieme Ciel--Meehania {Fr}, by Homme de Loi {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €38,850. O-Gerard Lheritier; B-Ecurie du Sud & Idatzi Inc; T-Jacques Rossi.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Exearti (GB), f, 2, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Graffiti Girl (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Southwell, Britain, 12-29, Mdn, 2yo, 6f (AWT). B-P A Mason. *30,000gns RNA yrl '08 TATOCT; 2,000gns HIT '09 TATAUT.

Thundering Home (GB), c, 2, **Storming Home (GB)**--Citrine Spirit (Ire), by Soviet Star. Southwell, Britain, 12-29, Mdn, 2yo, 1m (AWT). B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd.

Zegodlessman (Fr), g, 3, **Lord of Men (GB)**--Zayine (Ire), by Polish Patriot. Deauville, France, 12-29, Cond, 3yo, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-Myriam Bollack-Badel & Mme Rachele lamy.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRE ★

IN ARGENTINA:

Don Letal (Arg), c, 4, **Orpen**--Dona Polenta, by Candy Stripes. San Isidro, 12-27, Clasico Orange; 7fT, 1:22.72. Lifetime Record: 16-6-3-1. O/B-San Benito; T-Carlos Daniel Etchechoury.

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