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DUNKIRK RETIRED TO ASHFORD

Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's **Dunkirk** (Unbridled's Song--Secret Status, by A.P. Indy), runner-up in last year's GI Belmont S. and GI Florida Derby, has been retired to Ashford Stud in Versailles, Kentucky. The \$3.7 million KEESEP sale-topper will stand for \$10,000. "It's a pity Dunkirk had to retire, as we all expected he would have a huge year on the track in 2010," Ashford



Adam Coglianese

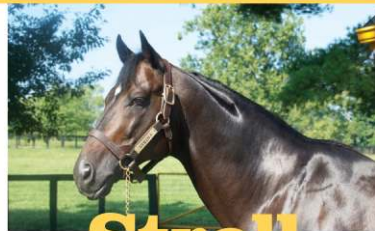
Manager Dermot Ryan said. "On the other hand, it's great to be able to stand a horse like him, with his combination of great ability, fantastic looks and a top-notch pedigree. He's by Unbridled's Song, who has been so consistent that his fee has stood at \$100,000 or more for eight consecutive years. Also, his pedigree contains the same major components--Unbridled and A.P. Indy--as Tapit, who has done so well that his fee has quadrupled to \$50,000 in the space of three years. Empire Maker, another member of the Unbridled male line, stands for \$50,000 after siring four Grade I winners in his first two crops, so we think Dunkirk is great value at \$10,000." Out of GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Mother Goose S. heroine Secret Status, Dunkirk was tabbed as a ★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ after posting an impressive debut victory at Gulfstream last January. "I liked this fellow very much, and I think the cross might be the right key for him to stay," said Demi O'Byrne, who signed the ticket on the strapping gray. "He was a great mover." Dunkirk was bred in Kentucky by W. S. Farish, James Elkins and W. T. Webber Jr.

FASIG-TIPTON TO SPONSOR 'FOUNTAIN'

Fasig-Tipton will sponsor Gulfstream Park's GII Fountain of Youth S. for the second straight year, it was announced. North America's oldest Thoroughbred auction company will also sponsor the inaugural Filly Festival at Gulfstream Feb. 27, anchored by the GII Davona Dale S., GIII Sabin S., GIII Very One S. and GIII Honey Fox S. "We are very excited to be partnering once again with Gulfstream Park for two weekends of world-class racing," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "This gives us an opportunity to showcase the finest group of two-year-olds offered for sale, alongside the finest group of thoroughbreds in training." Gulfstream Park President and General Manager Ken Dunn added, "We are very pleased, not only to continue Gulfstream Park's existing relationship with Fasig-Tipton, but to build on it through the creation of a new and exciting racing event in the Fasig-Tipton Filly Festival. We're sure both the Festival and the Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth will reflect the excitement and quality horsemen as well as fans have come to know and expect from both partners."



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★ TDN Rising Star ★ Revisited

DUNKIRK (Unbridled's Song) earned "Rising Star" honors Jan. 24, 2009. "A strapping grey son of GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Secret Status, Dunkirk entered the ring at the 2007 Keeneland September sale with plenty of fanfare and lived up to advanced billing, sparking a bidding duel between Coolmore representative Demi O'Byrne and Clarence Scharbauer, Jr. O'Byrne won the battle that day on a sale-topping \$3.7-million bid, and the colt was subsequently turned over to trainer Todd Pletcher." Click [here](#) to check out the race on the TDN website.



MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLING SALE

Jan. 6-8, 10 & 14, 11 a.m.; Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY TOPPER NO LAUGHING MATTER

A filly by Encosta de Lago (Aus) out of 2001 G1 AAMI Golden Slipper S. heroine Ha Ha (Aus) (Danehill) was



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hammered down for A\$700,000 (A\$ = US\$0.91706) to top Thursday's second session of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. Gai Waterhouse, who trained the bay filly to a total of eight wins and prize money of nearly A\$3 million, outlasted representatives of Ingham Racing and signed the winning ticket on behalf of the West Australia-based Mount Hallowell Stud of Craig Thompson. "I came here specifically to buy this filly," Thompson told reporters. "Just have a look at her pedigree. Hopefully she can win a few races as well-

-with her residual value outstanding." Thompson confirmed the filly would be heading to the Gai Waterhouse stable, but others he had purchased at the auction were heading back to his home state. "I bought three others here [Wednesday] that will go to David Harrison. He is my top-line trainer in Western Australia." Thompson is the owner and managing director of ship agency and broking Perth-based company Seacorp and called his purchase "the filly of the sale."

MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLING SALE

Thursday, January 7, 2010

SESSION TOTALS		2010	2009
Catalogued		200	390
No. Offered		191	352
No. Sold		159	274
RNAs		32	78
% RNA		16.8%	22.2%
Top Price		A\$700,000	A\$2,000,000
Gross		A\$21,619,000	A\$37,716,000
Average (% change)		A\$135,969	A\$137,650
CUMULATIVE		2010	2009
Catalogued		400	390
No. Offered		372	352
No. Sold		291	274
RNAs		81	78
% RNA		21.8%	22.2%
Top Price		A\$700,000	A\$2,000,000
Gross		A\$38,173,000	A\$37,716,000
Average (% change)		A\$131,179 (-4.7%)	A\$137,650

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2009 Yearling Sales Average Comparison

Fasig-Tipton July	\$77,716
Keeneland Sept. Book 3	\$67,510
Keeneland Sept. Book 4	\$38,816
OBS Select Session	\$33,023
Keeneland Sept. Book 5	\$23,176
Fasig-Tipton Saratoga	\$328,434
Keeneland Sept. Book 1	\$264,667
Tattersalls Oct. Book 1	\$189,671
Keeneland Sept. Book 2	\$122,461



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TOP FIVE - MAGIC MILLIONS THURSDAY

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>265</u>	f	<u>Encosta de Lago (Aus)</u>	Ha Ha (Aus)	700,000
Consigned by Glastonbury Farms, agent Purchased by Mount Hallowell Stud				
<u>333</u>	f	<u>Redoute's Choice (Aus)</u>	b <u>Baraka (Aus)</u>	590,000
Consigned by Kitchwin Hills, agent Purchased by Gerald Ryan				
<u>315</u>	c	<u>Dehere</u>	Joleur (Aus)	540,000
Consigned by Willow Park Stud, agent Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club				
<u>387</u>	c	<u>Encosta de Lago (Aus)</u>	Mary Marvel (Aus)	530,000
Consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club				
<u>306</u>	f	<u>Stravinsky</u>	Irongail (Aus)	520,000
Consigned by Widden Stud, agent Purchased by BBA Ireland				

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Magic Millions cont.

International Buying Bench...

Australian-bred and sold horses have shown up with increasing frequency and with increasing success at South African venues, and trainer Charles Laird was among the most prominent buyers Thursday. Laird, who has been active at Magic Millions since 2005, signed the ticket in the name of Laird Racing Stable, first on hip [242](#), a colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus) from Fusaichi Rose (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus), which he purchased from the draft of Coolmore Stud for A\$480,000. The Aug. 21 foal is out of a half-sister to Serenade Rose (Aus) (Stravinsky), the joint top three-year-old filly of 2005 and 2006 off wins in the G1 VRC Oaks and G1 Australasian Oaks. Laird was back at work a few hours later, landing hip [295](#) for A\$320,000. By the successful shuttler More Than Ready, the bay is out of Ida Pine (Pine Bluff), an unraced half-sister to GISW Victory Speech (Deputy Minister). Also prominent on the sales sheets were buyers from Hong Kong, including Ricky Yiu. The trainer of two-time G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Sprint winner Sacred Kingdom (Aus) went to A\$300,000 for hip [367](#), a colt by that champion's sire Encosta de Lago (Aus) from Looking for Gold (Mr. Prospector), herself a full sister to top sire Seeking the Gold. Other countries represented included Singapore, Malaysia, England, Ireland and the United States. Trainer American Kellyn Gorder signed the ticket on hip [330](#), a filly by Posse out of the stakes-winning Kota (Indian Charlie). With a new sales-topper and brisk trade throughout the day, Magic Millions' David Chester was pleased with the overall performance of the market. "I expect increases and we got them today," Chester noted. "It was a healthy session with spirited bidding on many lots. We still have plenty more quality lots for sale particularly over the next two sessions. The spread of buyers is excellent. We are delighted to have such a top buying bench on hand." The sale continues this morning at 11 a.m. Full results may be found at www.magicmillions.com.au.



RACING Round-Up

New Date for Turfway's Lane's End S...

Turfway Park's GII Lane's End S. has been moved to March 27, a week later than its traditional date. "We looked at several factors in making the decision to move the Lane's End," Turfway President Robert N. Elliston commented. "First, running the race five weeks before the Derby instead of the traditional six weeks should mesh with the trend toward giving horses more time between major races. Trainers can more comfortably make the Lane's End their final prep. In addition, March 27 is also the date of the Dubai World Cup, and the interest that card generates among bettors should mean more eyes will be on the Lane's End as well. Finally, March weather in Northern Kentucky is always a toss-up, and having an additional week gives us not only more time to promote the race but also a better shot at crowd-friendly weather." Last year's Lane's End was won by WinStar Farm's Hold Me Back (Giant's Causeway). To view Turfway's stakes schedule, click [here](#).

BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Sunday, Santa Anita

SANTA YSABEL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT)

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2 Whispering Hush	El Corredor	Kruljac	Smith
3 Crisp	El Corredor	Sadler	Rosario
4 Harissa	Afleet Alex	D Hofmans	M Garcia
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BLACK-TYPE RESULTS

Wednesday, Maronas, Uruguay

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1—**SING-A-SONG (BRZ)**, 132, c, 4, by Wild Event

1st Dam: Ovacionada (Brz), by Stuka

2nd Dam: Grain Lady, by Greinton (GB)

3rd Dam: Coutess Belvane, by Ribot (GB)

O-Rincon de España; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-Pedro C. Hernandez; J-Fernando Oliveira;

P1,676,700. Lifetime Record: 15-6-1-2, P3,216,700

2--**Desconfiado (Uru)**, 132, c, 4, Demostrado (Arg)--

Dillie (Arg), by Sonus (Ire). O-Stud Patria Blanca;

B-Haras Casupa (Uru); T-Walter Baez; P1,747,623.

3--**Escolaso (Uru)**, 121, c, 3, Essayons--Look Out (Arg),

by Lockout (Arg). O-Stud Don Tito; B-Haras El Ran-

chero (Uru); T-Julio Abarno; P2,643,468.

Margins: 1HF, 2, 2HF. Odds: 3.15, 13.75, 11.35.

Also Ran: Relemto (Brz), Rock Emperatriz (Uru), Bien Toi (Arg), Just One (Uru), Laberinto (Uru), Mascherano (Arg), Cacio (Uru), El Bolichero GG (Uru), Goecochea (Brz), Argenti (Uru), Flag Copado (Arg).

Local star Sing-A-Song did not disappoint his backers with a clear victory in the 112th running of this prestigious event in Montevideo. The crowd's favorite strode into racing history, securing his fifth consecutive victory in Uruguay's marquee event. Desconfiado closed ground late to earn second from the dual Classic-winning Escolaso. Sing-A-Song entered off a wire to wire score in the 2400-meter G2 Clasico Carlos Pellegrini Nov. 8. [Click for a video replay.](#)

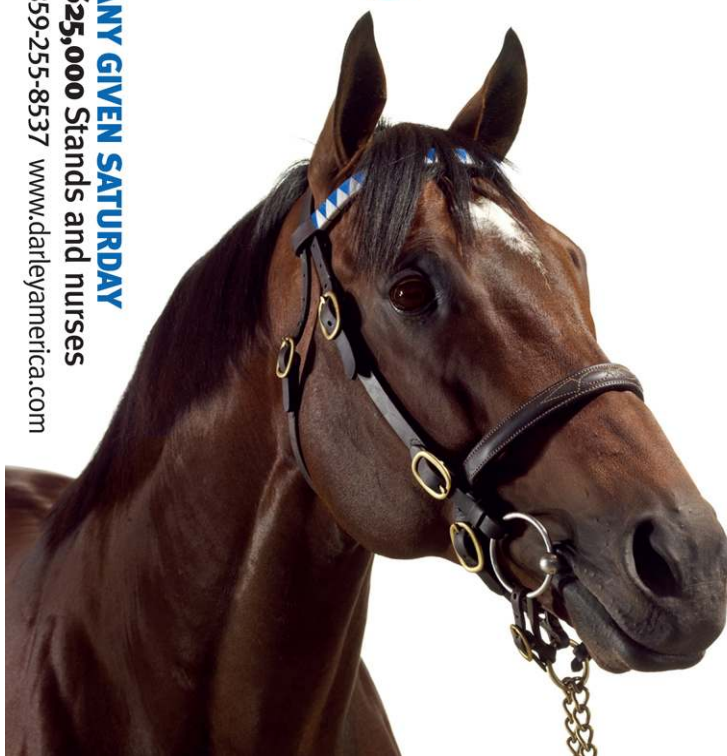
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WRITERS UP

INDUSTRY CAN LEARN FROM GREYHOUND BAN

By Bill Finley, special to espn.com

A dog named Rain Spot crossed the wire first in Saturday's (Dec. 26) 10th race at Raynham Park, a track that has been around for 69 years, and then it was over. Rain Spot's race is the last dog race that will ever be run in Massachusetts, a state where voters decided the sport was so cruel to its animals that it had to come to an end. With a ban on dog racing in the Bay State about to go into effect Jan. 1, Raynham ran its last-ever card Saturday.

The Kentucky Derby breakdown of Eight Belles in 2008 has helped to darken horse racing's image in recent years. Raynham's closing is not, of course, a horseracing story. It is a cautionary tale for every other animal-related sport that doesn't do nearly enough to protect its competitors while racing and guarantee them safe, dignified retirements after their careers are over. Sadly, horse racing falls into that category.

In a different era, dog racing flourished in Massachusetts. Wonderland, a couple of miles north of Suffolk Downs, was one of the top greyhound tracks in the sport. The Raynham and Taunton tracks were also viable operations with long, proud histories. But dog racing fell into steep decline and by the mid-nineties attendance and handle had reached pitiful levels.

Much of that had to do with some of the same problems facing horse racing: aging fan bases, competition from casinos, crumbling facilities. But what finally killed off dog racing in Massachusetts was the public's aversion to animal cruelty. Attitudes had changed dramatically over the years; mistreating an animal in any way was no longer okay. There's little doubt that animal cruelty issue played a major part over the years in the public turning away from dog racing. Then the voters of Massachusetts had their say in November 2008, passing the Greyhound Protection Act by a 56-44 margin.

It took an organized campaign from animal rights activists to make that happen. But what they had to tell the voters of Massachusetts resonated with the electorate.

They shed light on an industry that had long tolerated kennel owners killing their dogs after their racing days were over. Plenty of grisly stories seemed to come out each year, like the 2002 report that the remains of 3,000 greyhounds were found on the property of a former racetrack security guard in Alabama. The ex-guard said he was sometimes paid \$10 to shoot a dog.

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Animal rights activists also successfully argued that racing dogs were kept in cramped, stacked cages for as many as 20 hours a day and that hundreds of dogs were seriously injured each year while racing.

Ironically, the greyhound industry has done a commendable job curbing the widespread killing of dogs once they are done racing. The industry teamed with dog lovers and retirement groups in a concerted effort to find homes for as many retired racers as possible. According to the Greyhound Racing Association of America, more than 152,000 greyhounds have been adopted as pets since 1990.

It has been a case of too little too late. There are a few dog tracks left, many of them in Florida. But this is a sport that is bound for extinction.

With the high-profile breakdowns of Eight Belles and Barbaro and repeated reports that have shed light on the sport's drug problems, racing has had its own share of problems with animal rights activists. But no one has talked about banning horse racing and any efforts to do so probably wouldn't get very far. The sport is fortunate that its image is better than dog racing's and that the public has more of a soft spot for man's best friend than it does for horses.

Yet, what has happened in Massachusetts to the dog racing game should be a wakeup call to everyone in horse racing. Does this sport do enough for the horses?



The answer is an unequivocal and resounding no.

The public sees that, and a public that believes there is even a hint of animal cruelty involved in a sport is not going to support it or be a customer of it.

There are many wonderful people in this sport who care about the animal. There are organizations that have done their part to see to it that horses don't go to slaughter. Any list of the "good guys" has to include The Jockey Club, Suffolk Downs and the New York Racing Association.

But there are also a lot of people out there who just don't get it. There are breeders and owners, very wealthy individuals, who do nothing to support the retirement organizations, most of which are having serious financial problems, all of which routinely solicit these people. There are influential organizations like the American Association of Equine Practitioners that stand in the way of passage of anti-slaughter legislation.

The public is demanding more. This is still a sport where catastrophic injury rates are far too high, where thousands of Thoroughbreds go to slaughter every year and where the use of legal drugs is condoned.

This isn't just the right thing to do. It's the smart thing to do. When the public turns away from your product, the only thing to do is to fix the product. That's the proper business decision. But horse racing tries to get by with half measures and spin rather than seriously attacking the problems that have turned the public off.

The greyhound industry made the same mistakes. And look where it is now.



1ST ANNUAL TDN READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

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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January 14, 1932...Jockey **Eddie Arcaro** rode his first career winner at Agua Caliente.

January 14, 1953...Pimlico's **Preakness S.**, originally slated for May 16, was put back to May 23, allowing a three-week layover after the Kentucky Derby for the first time.

January 14, 1989...Jockey **Kent Desormeaux** scored is 1,000th career win in the 10th race at Laurel Racecourse, aboard Eesee's Taw, in the Francis Scott Key H.

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PENNSYLVANIA LEGALIZES TABLE GAMES; NO REVENUE FOR PURSES The Pennsylvania legislature passed a bill Wednesday night by a vote of 103-89 that will allow the state's casinos to offer table games, but that is not necessarily good news for the Thoroughbred industry. Thoroughbred racing will not be receiving any revenue from the additional gaming.

Pennsylvania HBPA Executive Director Todd Mostoller said yesterday that his organization lobbied heavily for a share of the revenue, but was unsuccessful, and the state's horsemen are apprehensive about the impact the bill will have on purses. "We have two concerns," Mostoller said. "The first is that Thoroughbred racing didn't get any monies from table games. The second is the potential that tables games may decrease revenue to slot machines. If we don't get a piece of the revenue, and table games cannibalize slots play, we will see a decrease in the revenue available for purses."

Pennsylvania purses took a hit in October of last year when the state budget included a provision that reduced the horsemen's share of slots revenue from 12 percent to 10 percent. The table games bill could well reduce the money available for purses even further.

"Based on what we've seen happen in Iowa and at Mountaineer, the bottom line is that slots play will be adversely affected when table games arrive," Mostoller said. "The Innovation Group did a study that indicated slots play will actually go up 3 1/2 percent with the arrival of table games, so you have two conflicting opinions. We are hopeful that comes to fruition, but we're not optimistic. We'll have to wait and see."

Richard Knight, president of Presque Isle Downs, put a more positive spin on the bill. The Presque Isle casino --in approximately six months--will be able to introduce as many as 250 tables. Knight believes the players drawn to table games could find themselves wagering on the races as well.

"Obviously, this is very good for us," Knight said. "Additionally, it is important to the Thoroughbred industry. This adds a new dimension of gaming that complements racing. It's a synergistic relationship. Table games bring in a segment of the population that could find horse racing appealing; the table game players could become horse players. We see a little bit of crossover with the slots players, but we'd expect to see more with table game players. I think it will be very favorable."


Mostoller agreed that a new influx of horseplayers was a possibility. "Both poker players and blackjack players have skill sets that mirror those of handicappers," he said, but cautioned, "How much crossover there will be is anybody's guess. Hopefully, we will see some."

Another worry is whether the decision to cut up the table games revenue without including a share for the Thoroughbred industry could lead to further cuts in racing's slice of the slots pie.


"That is always a concern," Mostoller said. "We have been vigilant, and we will continue to be vigilant, in making the legislators understand how important the Thoroughbred industry is to the state of Pennsylvania. Agriculture is the number one industry in the state, and Thoroughbred racing has a huge influence on that industry."

A recent study showed that Thoroughbred racing has a \$3-billion economic impact on the Pennsylvania economy. "That's billion with a B, and that's nothing to sneeze at," Mostoller remarked. "Our industry is extremely important to the state, and we will continue to educate the legislature regarding its importance."

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SALE OF MAGNA'S MARYLAND TRACKS

POSTPONED According to published reports, the auction to sell off the Maryland tracks owned by Magna Entertainment Corporation, scheduled for this Friday, Jan. 8, has been postponed until Jan. 21 by a Delaware bankruptcy court. Magna petitioned Judge Mary Walrath to delay the sale, and Walrath approved the request. In addition, she ruled that a prior agreement between Magna and the DeFrancis family, regarding future revenue should slots be installed at the tracks, could be vacated. The DeFrancis family sold a majority interest in the tracks to Magna in 2002, but the agreement would have allotted them as much as 50-percent of future slots revenue. They may appeal Walrath's decision on the agreement. Magna failed to pay a \$27.5 million licensing fee last year that was required as part of the process, disqualifying them from getting slots, but all six of the prospective bidders, including the DeFrancis family, have said they will pursue casino-style gaming should they acquire the tracks. Magna's Maryland properties include Laurel Park, Pimlico, and the rights to the GI Preakness S.

NBC SPORTS WINS TELEVISION MEDIA

ECLIPSE NBC Sports has won the 2009 Media Eclipse Award in the National Television Feature for its documentary "The Story of Mine That Bird, 50-1," the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers Association announced yesterday. The Story of Mine That Bird, produced by Rob Hyland and Jack Felling, aired at the beginning of the Preakness S. telecast May 16. "In conversations with Sam Flood [NBC Sports' Coordinating Producer], we had to tell the story of how a 50-1 longshot came to win the Derby," Hyland said. "There were so many layers of the story, filled with high drama, that we needed to let the viewers know. Telling this story is the true essence of horse racing. It reminds us that anything can happen on any given day." NBC also won the National Television Feature Media Eclipse Awards in 2002 and 2005. The 39th Annual Eclipse Awards will be held at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, California, Jan. 18.

MEDIA ECLIPSE AWARD FOR ESPN RADIO The 2009 Media Eclipse Award in the Audio/Multi-Media Internet category will go to ESPN Radio for its live coverage of last year's Kentucky Derby, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers Association announced Thursday. "We're thrilled and gratified to win the Eclipse Award," Sr. Director and Executive Producer of ESPN Radio Event Production John Martin said. "It's a tremendous honor for ESPN radio and everyone who worked on the broadcast. Radio is theatre of the mind. What we try to do with the Derby is place the listener there in the middle of the tremendous excitement and ambient sound of the jockeys, trainers and the fans." The two-hour live broadcast of the Derby also included the early scratch of morning-line favorite I Want Revenge, an examination of racing surfaces and safety measures in horse racing and a feature on 75-year-old local trainer Tom McCarthy.


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 INSIGHTS**

12:58p 2nd-AQU, \$41K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m70yds
TVG Darley homebred **CAFTAN** ([Awesome Again](#)) debuts. The bay is the first foal to race from the talented Grade I winner Jilbab (A.P. Indy). She gets Lasix in her first start for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin and has a few solid drills on the worktab. **Red Barchetta** ([Seeking the Gold](#)), herself a daughter of a Grade I-winning A.P. Indy mare in Indy Five Hundred, hasn't raced since finishing sixth on the grass at Belmont in mid-September. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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TODAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 9:

01-23 \$150,000 *Holy Bull-III, GP, 3yo, 8f (150)*

01-23 \$100,000 *Lecomte-III, FG, 3yo, a8f (100)*

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★ GULFSTREAM ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$37,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:36 3/5, ft. ESKENDEREYA (c, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Aldebaran Light, by Seattle Slew), an impressive winner of the off-the-turf Pilgrim S. at Belmont Oct. 4 before finishing ninth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 7, got back to winning ways yesterday. The \$250,000 KEESEP yearling was up to set a pressured pace while racing a bit off the rail. He clicked off :24.78 and :47.78 splits before being confronted in earnest by Middle of the Nite (Offlee Wild) turning for home. Eskendereya turned back that challenge and had enough in the tank to account for Thank U Philippe (Proud Accolade) by 1 1/2 lengths. The victor is a half to Balmont (Stravinsky), G1SW-Eng & GSP-Ire, \$474,382. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-2-1-0, \$125,700. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Sanford R Robertson (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

7th-GPX, \$37,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41, fm.

TOTTIE (GB) (f, 4, Fantastic Light--Katy Nowaitee {GB} {SW, \$180,953}, by Komaite), a two-year old winner in Brighton back in 2008, was winless in six starts last term, her latest effort being a sixth-place try for trainer Amanda Perrett in a Sandown Park handicap in August. Looking to turn things around as a member of the Chad Brown barn, the bay was made the 5-2 favorite in her stateside debut. Last of 10 after a half mile in :46 4/5, she got rolling under Jose Lezcano in the stretch and was up to post a sharp 1 1/4-length score over Speak Easy Gal (West Acre). Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 11-2-0-1, \$41,376. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

O-J Richmond-Watson. B-Lawn Stud (GB). T-C Brown.

9th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft.

BEST ACTOR (c, 3, [Rock Hard Ten](#)--Dance for Dixie {SP, \$192,051}, by Unaccounted For), a \$230,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half to the good grass horse Summer Doldrums (Street Cry {Ire}), GSW, \$863,159. In his debut, the dark bay just missed by a neck sprinting six furlongs at 4-5 odds at Arlington Park in August. The 3-1 pick in his second start stretching out at Keeneland Oct. 10, he rallied from last to collect show honors, then threw in a lackluster effort on Churchill's dirt Nov. 8, running sixth as the chalk. A 4-1 shot in this second start over conventional dirt, the West colorbearer kept close tabs on Chasing Ted (Lion Heart) up the backstretch, overhauled that foe in mid-stretch and edged away to secure the win by four lengths. Chasing Ted completed the exacta for the third straight start. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$31,783. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

O-Gary L & Mary E West. B-Gentry Stable (KY). T-Wayne M Catalano.

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Cash Refund (Petionville), 4f, :49.60, 7/79

General Quarters (Sky Mesa), 4f, :50.40, 22/79

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Arson Squad (Brahms), 4f, •:46.75, 1/45

The Maillet (Rock Hard Ten), 4f, :49.00, 13/45

This Ones for Phil (Untutttable), 5f, 1:01.20, 3/33

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Bob Black Jack (Stormy Jack), 5f, 1:01.00, 7/32

Marsh Side (Gone West), 4f, :50.80, 16/17

PALM MEADOWS

Grasshopper (Dixie Union), 4f, :48.80, 11/42

Mambo in Seattle (Kingmambo), 5f, 1:02.00, 10/21

PAYSON PARK

Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor), 4f, :48.80, 2/18

Hold Me Back (Giant's Causeway), 3f, •:36.60, 1/10

SANTA ANITA

American Lion (Tiznow), 5f, :59.40, 2/35

Concord Point (Tapit), 4f, :47.20, 2/30

Crisis of Spirit (Vindication), 3f, :37.40, 11/17

Hunch (Lion Heart), 5f, 1:02.20, 26/35

Papa Clem (Smart Strike), 7f, 1:26.20, 1/5



★ NEW YORK ★

Objections Filed to OTB Bankruptcy Plea:

The New York Racing Association and New York Thoroughbred Breeders have filed objections to dismiss the New York City Off-Track Betting bankruptcy petition. New York City OTB filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy Dec. 3. NYRA is owed in excess of \$14.7 million, New York City OTB's second-largest creditor; the NYTB is owed more than \$1.8 million. A statement from NYRA read, "A successfully reorganized New York City OTB is vital to the New York racing industry. NYRA has been clear in its belief that New York City OTB needs to be completely reorganized, and we have spent considerable time discussing our ideas for how that might be accomplished with the chairman of New York City OTB and his staff. NYRA believes that OTB's bankruptcy will unnecessarily limit the state's and the racing industry's options for fixing OTB."

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$42,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

MEESE ROCKS (m, 5, Rock and Roll--Meeses Pieces, by Grindstone) registered two straight victories in state-bred allowance company, including a last-out score going six panels on the inner track Dec. 12, and was looking for the natural hat trick here at 3-1 odds. Up to contest the pace from the inside, she pulled clear by daylight in the lane and kept Kissa Melissa (Full Mandate) at bay by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-2, \$125,060. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Henry Terranova. B-Robert W Misa Jr (NY). T-Edward R Barker.

8th-AQU, \$42,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

HAVE YOU EVER (g, 4, Van Nistelrooy--Hope Soon, by Jules) earned a 99 Beyer winning a \$50,000 starter allowance at the Big A Nov. 7 before finishing third at this level Dec. 6, over 15 lengths behind **★ "TDN Rising Star" ★** Well Positioned (Awesome Again). Cutting back from that two-turn test, the gray raced up to set measured :23 and :46 fractions and drew off to prevail by eight lengths. Sales history: \$4,500 RNA w/ing '06 FTMDEC. Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-2, \$96,360. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Drawing Away Stable. B-Frank A Bonsal Jr (MD). T-David Jacobson.

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Yesterday's Results:

3rd-SAX, \$59,102, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09 1/5, ft.

1--DOTSY JEAN, 121, m, 5, Lit de Justice--Grandjean, by Pentelicus. O-AJM Racing LLC; B-Ed DeJoy (CA); T-Martin F Jones. Lifetime Record: 26-8-5-5, \$198,690.

2--Sleep Tight, 119, m, 5, Exchange Rate--Shimmering Night, by Meadowlake. (\$55,000 2yo '07 OBSMAR).

3--Emmy Darling, 119, f, 4, Graeme Hall--Dance Delight, by Colonial Affair. (\$100,000 RNA yrl '07 OBSAUG; \$260,000 2yo '08 OBSMAR).

Margins: 1HF, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 5.10, 6.50, 4.10.

Dotsy Jean won four of nine in 2009, including a victory in a grassy NW1X sprinting at Hollywood Nov. 28. A 5-1 chance in a six-horse field with no starter going postward longer than 7-1, the gray attended fast :21 4/5 and :44 4/5 splits and inched away in the stretch. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)



7th-SAX, \$48,856, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09 3/5, ft.

1--**VIA VENETO, 119, f, 4, Orientate--Run Sarah Run (SP, \$181,022), by Smart Strike.** (\$95,000 RNA yrl '07 FTKJUL). O/B-Donald R Disney (FL); T-Bob Baffert. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$71,780.

2--**Underground, 119, f, 4, Indian Charlie--Goldminess,** by Mr. Prospector. (\$200,000 yrl '07 FTSAUG).

3--**Barbara's Love, 119, m, 5, Benchmark--Oh No It's You,** by Miswaki. (\$20,000 yrl '06 BESOCT).

Margins: HF, HF, 1. Odds: 4.10, 1.30, 7.50.

Via Veneto, a debut winner at Del Mar at two, failed to hit the board in two starts following a year layoff the next summer, then received more time off. She resurfaced to place third in an Oak Tree allowance Oct. 16, and entered off a well-beaten runner-up effort at Hollywood Nov. 27. Sitting a stalking second behind favored Underground here, Via Veneto fought her way to the front late to post a narrow score. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

1st-SAX, \$44,400, Msw, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10 2/5, ft.

BE DRIVEN (f, 4, Poteen--One Smart Tart, by In Excess {Ire}) came on to be second in a \$25,000 maiden claimer Dec. 17. Stepping up in class in this Cal-bred test, she hounded the pacesetter through a half in :45 3/5, kicked away in upper stretch and finished up a half-length to the good of odds-on Chicago Gal (Illinois Storm). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

O-Ed Ahrens, Dave Austin, Henry Santiago & Ted Serna. B-Wilfrido Mayuga (CA). T-Sam J Scolamieri.

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8th-GP (Alw) Zayat Stable's 3yo colt **Eskendereya** (Giant's Causeway) returns to winning ways.

9th-GP (Msw) 3yo colt **Best Actor** (Rock Hard Ten) graduates in his second start on conventional dirt.

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★ WEST ★

Yesterday's Results:

1st-GGX, \$36,232, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:11 2/5, ft.

+ **CAROLINE ELENA (f, 4, Tannersmyman--Thanks Tissar {SW}, by In Tissar)**, a \$5,000 CTNSEP yearling, was given a 3-1 chance to win at first asking. It looked like she'd have to settle for second in mid-stretch as the pacesetter Exclusive Game (Redattore {Brz}) opened a demanding lead, but a strong late burst--coupled with a leg-weary rival--led to the half-length winning decision. Caroline Elena is a half to Dexter Drive (Hermes), SW, \$219,755. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,840. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

O-Maria E Hess & David & Quan Perea. B-Jim Eaton, Paul Arndt, Dave Marabela & Mr & Mrs Terry Smith (CA). T-Robert B Hess Sr.



★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

WinStar Open House Jan. 9-Jan. 15:

WinStar Farm will be holding its open house Saturday, Jan. 9 through Friday, Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New addition Colonel John (Tiznow) joins his sire as well Distorted Humor (Forty Niner), Speightstown (Gone West) and others. There is no appointment necessary; snacks and beverages will be provided.

Ashford Open House:

The 2010 Ashford Stud open week will begin Saturday, Jan. 9 and run through Saturday, Jan. 16. The Versailles, Kentucky, operation will highlight a roster that is joined this year by Thewayouare (Kingmambo) and Dunkirk (Unbridled's Song). There is no appointment necessary, and refreshments will be served.

Richland Hills Open House:

Richland Hills Farm in Midway, Kentucky, will be holding an open house Saturday, Jan. 9 through Tuesday, Jan. 12. The farm's four stallions will be available for viewing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, and lunch will be offered Saturday and Sunday. For more information, e-mail Leanna@richlandhillsfarm.com, or call (859) 421-3453.

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Apprentice jockey Kristina McManigell after riding her first career winner in Tampa Bay's second race yesterday

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ROOKIES

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

AFLEET ALEX (Northern Afleet), Gainesway, \$40K, 232/20/2
4-PHA, Msw, 6f, +All About Alex, \$45K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1

CLOSING ARGUMENT (Successful Appeal), Sequel FL, \$10K, 190/20/1
7-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Ponzi, \$42K EAS SEP yrl, 10-1

DANCE WITH RAVENS (A.P. Indy), Northview, \$8K, 159/8/0
1-PEN, Msw, 1m, Ravens Bid, \$14K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

FORD EVERY STREAM (Seeking the Gold), Clear Creek, \$3K, 72/3/1
7-FG, Alw, 6f, Perilous Crossing, \$35K LOU OCT yrl, 15-1

HECKLE (Hennessy), Sequel FL, \$5K, 30/2/0
2-AQU, Msw, 1m, Destiny Road, \$15K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1

MIDWAY ROAD (Jade Hunter), Lane's End, \$5K, 63/4/0
7-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Hobby, 6-1

MINGUN (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$8K, 133/7/0
1-PEN, Msw, 1m, Big Mingun, 20-1

OUR NEW RECRUIT (Alphabet Soup), 28/2/0
7-GG, Aoc, 1 1/16mT, Very Fair

POWERSCOURT (GB) (Sadler's Wells), Ashford, \$13K, 133/3/1
7-TAM, Msw, 1mT, High Aspirations, 5-2

ROMAN RULER (Fusaichi Pegasus), Hill 'n' Dale, \$30K, 238/31/3
2-AQU, Msw, 1m, Volare Cantare, \$70K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

WILDCAT SHOES (Forest Wildcat), Elite T'breeds, \$3K, 63/3/0
7-FG, Alw, 6f, Mr. Wildlee, \$3K LOU OCT yrl, 3-1



★ BRITAIN ★

HIGH HEELED JOINS GOSDEN

Last year's G1 Epsom Oaks third **High Heeled (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) will be trained by John Gosden in 2010, the *Racing Post* revealed yesterday. Purchased for 600,000gns at Tattersalls December for George Strawbridge and James Wigan, the former Barry Hills-trained filly had ended her sophomore campaign with an impressive success in the G3 St Simon S. At Newbury in October. "High Heeled will be trained John Gosden this season and I would think she would be campaigned in races over ten to 12 furlongs," Wigan told the trade daily.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-DED, \$37,000, 1-6, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21, ft.

BIG ADAM (g, 4, Afternoon Deelites--Seeking d'Oro, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$56,200. O/T-Maynard T Chatters Jr. B-Dr Rod Gex (LA).

2nd-GGX, \$30,866, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 2/5, yl.

CITY TO CITY (f, 3, City Zip--Stormbow, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$56,470. O-Mark DeDomenico LLC, William DeBurgh & Jerry Hollendorfer. B-Dr D Michael Cavey Jr (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. *\$15,000 wlng '07 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '08 WASSEP.

7th-LRL, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, ft.

LADY IN THE MONEY (f, 4, Yes It's True--For Rubies {GSW, \$354,743}, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-2, \$76,906. O-David A Ross. B-Audley Farm (VA). T-Michael V Pino. *\$45,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Crescenda**, f, 3, **Bowman's Band**--Waevus On, by Naevus. GPX, 1-7, (C), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Bruce Walker & Partners (FL).

Peacock Alliance, c, 3, **Dixie Union**--Swift Alliance (SW), by Afleet. SAX, 1-7, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:10. B-Robert Raphaelson (KY). *\$65,000 2yo '09 OBSAPR; \$27,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP. **1/2 to Classic Alliance (Sky Classic), SW, \$172,428; Sky Alliance (Sky Classic), GSW, \$325,733; Prime Ruler (Orientate), SW, \$153,726; Modification (Vindication), GISP, \$165,706.

Itsagiantcauseway, f, 3, **Giant's Causeway**--Countervail, by Seeking the Gold. GPX, 1-7, (C), 7 1/2fT, 1:30 1/5. B-Zayat Stables LLC (KY). *\$80,000 2yo '09 FTMMAY; \$75,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP.

Tanivan, f, 3, **Wiseman's Ferry**--Bid On Love (SP), by Not For Love. LRL, 1-7, 6f, 1:13. B-Louis Carrico (KY). *\$7,000 RNA wlng '07 FTMDEC; \$7,500 RNA 2yo '09 FTMMAY.

Hot Damon, g, 4, **Unusual Heat**--Craven Cottage, by Smokester. SAX, 1-7, (S), a6 1/2fT, 1:12. B-Abrams, Huston & Thoroughbred Equine Mgt (CA).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Pisa, 16.05, 1-6, €11,700, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.30, hy.

CEPRIN (IRE) (h, 9, Desert Prince {Ire}--Black Wood, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP-Ity, 60-24-18-6, €530,553. O/B-Scuderia Siba Spa; T-Stefano Botti. *1/2 to Moriwood (Ity) (Morigi {GB}), SW-Ity, \$242,150.

ITALY, Siracusa, 15.45, 1-6, €10,800, 4yo/up, 1 7/16mT, time: n/a, gd.

BERNHEIM (ITY) (h, 7, Dr Devious {Ire}--Annonay {Ire}, by Rousillon) Lifetime Record: 38-10-4-1, €100,521. O-Scuderia Andy Capp Srl; B-Allevamento della Berardenga Srl; T-Gianluca Bietolini. *1/2 to Ambohitra (Ity) (Roi Danzig), SP-Ity, \$187,609.

ITALY, Siracusa, 18.15, 1-6, €10,800, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, gd.

GELSOMINO (ITY) (c, 3, Della Scala {Ire}--Umbria Jazz {Ire}, by Lure) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-3, €19,023. O-Paolo Calvo; B-Enrico Riccioni; T-Vincenzo Caruso.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Oyeryz (Fr), f, 3, **Equerry**--Oyez Oyez (Fr), by Nombre Premier (GB). Pau, France, 1-7, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-Ecurie de la Roseraie EARL. *€6,000 HIT '09 ARQJUL.

Cosimo de Medici (GB), g, 3, **Medicean (GB)**--Wish (GB), by Danehill. Southwell, Britain, 1-7, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Shortgrove Manor Stud. *70,000gns wnlg '07 TATDEC; 55,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT; 800gns HIT '09 TATHIT.

+ **Slick Knight (GB)**, c, 3, **Slickly (Fr)**--Poli Knight (GB), by Polish Precedent. Pau, France, 1-7, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-D Clee & Mrs J P Clee. *€5,000 RNA wnlg '07 DEADEC.