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OWNER EDMUND GANN DIES AT 86

Edmund Gann, who had owned Thoroughbreds for more than 40 years, died Sunday at the age of 86 following a bout with cancer, *Daily Racing Form* reports. The resident of Rancho Santa Fe, California, teamed up with the late Bobby Frankel to campaign the 1988 G1 Japan Cup winner Pay the Butler (Val de l'Orne), and within the last decade the duo annexed Grade I races with 2000 Atto Mile victor Riviera (Fr) (Kris {GB}), 2002 Travers S. winner Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado {Ire}), 2002 Acorn S. heroine You (You and I), 2003 Manhattan H. winner Denon (Pleasant Colony) and 2003 Haskell Invitational hero Peace Rules (Jules). In 2009, Gann captured graded stakes with It's a Bird (Birdonthewire), Ikigai (Whywhywhy) and Motovato (Proud Citizen). "We went from claimers, to allowance horses and stakes horses," Gann said of his stable's development in a previous interview with the *TDN*. "We stayed with that for quite a while. We tried buying yearlings and later, we tried to buy two-year-olds. Mainly, in the early 70s, we were bringing horses in from Europe and running grass horses and doing fairly well with them." The native of Massachusetts moved to California with his family before World War II. He was involved in commercial fisheries, banking, hardware, wholesale food, real estate development and oil. He sold his 25-percent stake in Chicken of the Sea in 2000. A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Holy Cross Mausoleum in San Diego. The family requests donations be made to the [San Diego Hospice](http://www.sandiegohospice.org) in lieu of flowers.

EDMUND GANN - GRADE I WINNERS

GISW	Sire
Al Mamoon	Believe It
Denon	Pleasant Colony
Double Wedge	Northern Baby
Filago	Foolish Pleasure
Gravieres (Fr)	Saint Estephe
Johnny's Image	Stage Door Johnny
Louis Cyphre (Ire)	Niniski
Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado (Ire)
Midas Eyes	Touch Gold
Pay the Butler	Val de l'Orne
Peace Rules	Jules
Riviera (Fr)	Kris (GB)
Roi Normand	Exclusive Native
Timboroa (GB)	Salse
You	You and I
You and I	Kris S.

SUMMER BIRD MOVED TO TIM RITCHEY

Champion **Summer Bird** (Birdstone) has been transferred to the barn of trainer Tim Ritchey, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Owners Kalarikkal K. and Vilasini D. Jayaraman have also moved their remaining 24 horses away from conditioner Tim Ice. "I'm just another trainer in a long line he's hired and fired," Ice told *DRF*. "But I do have empty stalls, and I'm looking for new clients. I'm going to miss Summer Bird. He means the world to me. I hope Summer Bird goes on and is Horse of the Year. He's been very good to me. I can only hope for the best for him." Ice, 35, enjoyed a banner season in his first year out on his own, saddling Summer Bird to a trio of Grade I victories, including the final leg of the Triple Crown. Summer Bird continues to recover at Oaklawn Park from a condylar fracture suffered while training for the G1 Japan Cup Dirt.



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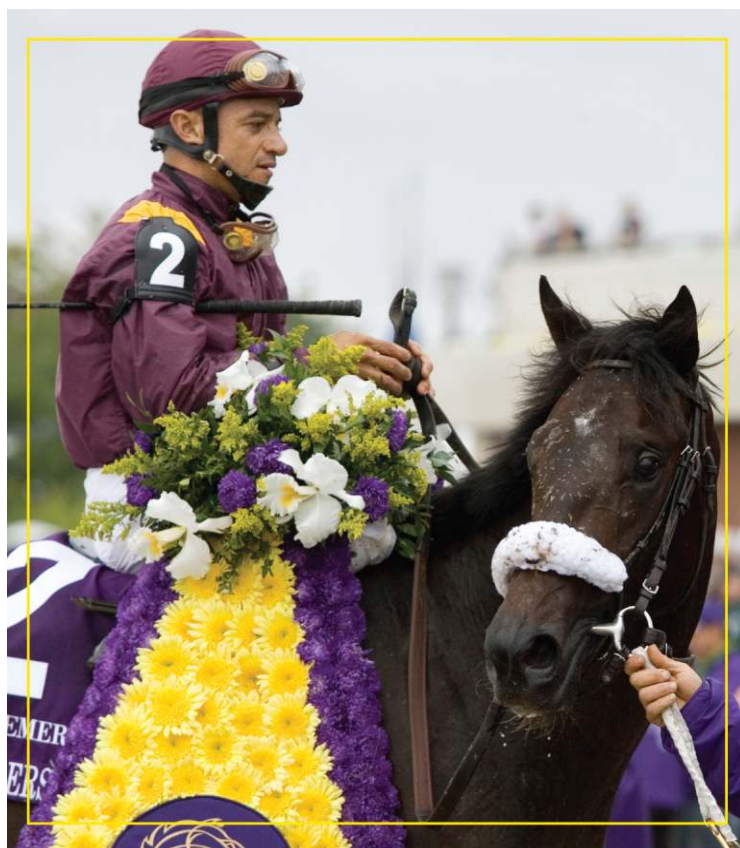


VALUE BUYS: APEX SIRES UNDER \$20,000

The APEX stallion rating method may not make a distinction between an earner of \$110,000 in a season (in North America) and a Grade 1 winner, but one thing it's always been great at doing is unearthing the best "racehorse sires," by which I mean the sires with the best record of siring runners that pay their way. Most of the best racehorse sires are also the best sires, period, which means they stand for the highest stud fees. But invariably there are a few who show up on the leaders' lists who stand for relatively low fees compared to their contemporaries. While we do a variety of "recommended sires" lists between the end of the mixed sales and the beginning of the breeding season, this is the only one based on the end-of-year APEX ratings. As such, this list is limited to sires that were assigned APEX ratings, that is, sires with first three-year-olds (F2006) or older at the end of 2009.

There were 664 sires with 2003-2009 APEX ratings and 200+ year-starters during that period, and I looked at the "top 50" lists for these in 12 different categories: both the indexes and number of qualifying runners for A Runners, B Runners, C Runners and ABC Runners; and the ABC indexes for the four age groups: two-, three- and four-year-olds, and five-year-olds and up. Then I also looked at the numbers for the 443 sires which were assigned APEX ratings, but that had fewer than 200 year-starters 2003-2009. I ended up with a list of 18 sires standing in North America for under \$20,000, plus one complete standout on the numbers who stands for a lot less than his contemporaries at the top.

Having said that, this is the second straight year the ratings have come up with **Lemon Drop Kid** as The Next Big Thing, and the second straight day he's been featured by our columnists, as my colleague Andrew Caulfield reviewed him in detail in his column yesterday. He's the name on everyone's lips this week. Although he ranked 10th on bloodhorse.com's General Sire List in 2007, the year his first five-year-olds raced, he did not penetrate the top 10 in either 2008 (14th) or 2009 (16th).



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So, OK, maybe he isn't siring enough Grade 1 winners (or maybe these also include crops when his stud fee was on the way down), but, as a sire of racehorses that pay their way, he is terrific. I'm sure there must be other sires that rank among the top 50 in 12 out of 12 possible categories, but I guarantee you none of them stand for anywhere nearly as low as Lemon Drop Kid, who is pegged at \$35,000 for 2010. He ranks 10th by A Runner index (3.28), 18th by B Runner index (2.26), third by C Runner index (2.19), fourth by ABC Runner Index (2.48, just under 20 percent of his runners), seventh by three-year-old ABC index (2.36), 15th by four-year-old ABC index (2.20), ninth by five-year-old plus ABC index (3.27), and is among the top 30 in both two-year-old ABC index (2.48) and number of 2003-2009 A Runners (48, with first runners 2004). That's nine categories, and he's also among the top 50 in number of B Runners (33), number of C Runners (64), and number of ABC Runners (145). Twelve out of 12, as a racehorse sire, for \$35,000--that's got to be the best deal going.

Of the 18 stallions that made this list, it's interesting that 10 of them stand in Kentucky for \$10,000 (seven) or under (three), plus I throw in one at \$12,500, which makes 11 standing in Kentucky for under \$15,000. Three more stand in Kentucky--perhaps coincidentally (at least, all are at different farms)--for \$17,500 each; and four others stand in four different states, one each. So I guess those four get the awards as their states' best-value APEX sires.

The first two, alphabetically, of the Kentucky 11 under \$15,000 are, like Lemon Drop Kid, Lane's End stallions: 21-year-old **Belong to Me** (\$7,500), a son of Danzig; and 12-year-old **City Zip** (\$10,000), by speed-ball sire Carson City and a half-brother--would you believe it--to Ghostzapper. **Belong to Me** is an old standby and a thoroughly above-average sire, registering an index of no lower than 1.44 in any of the 12 categories. He's among the top 50 in four of them: number of 2003-2009 A Runners (41), C Runners (68), ABC Runners (137) and C Runner index (1.75). His 1.76 ABC Index literally ranks him just outside the top 50, which is 1.77. **City Zip** has only had runners for five of the seven years covered, so he'd be unlikely to figure among the leaders by number of A,B,C, or ABC Runners, but he does hit the board in six of the eight index categories. He ranks 24th by A Runner Index (2.69), 25th by B Runner Index (2.13), 49th by C Runner Index (1.67), 20th by combined ABC Runner Index (2.04), and ranks ninth overall for two-year-old ABC Runners (2.96) and 12th for three-year-olds (2.29). He doesn't hit the list for four-year-olds (1.38) or five-year-olds and up (1.40), but, considering he scores over 2.00 for A Runners, B Runners, ABC Runners, two-year-olds, and three-year-olds, I think we can forgive him if they show their best by their three-year-old years. Maybe best not to be claiming them as older horses, looking for improvement.

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STALLION	2010 FEE	ABC INDEX
Giant's Causeway	\$100,000	2.06
Forestry	\$17,500	1.75
PURE PRIZE	\$10,000	1.74
Stormy Atlantic	\$35,000	1.62
Tale of the Cat	\$30,000	1.58
Bernstein	\$25,000	1.51



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Next on the list alphabetically are two \$10,000 Darley stallions, **E Dubai** and **Holy Bull**. **E Dubai**, who is by Mr. Prospector out of a tough Lord at War mare from originally an Elmendorf family that has produced in recent years Raven's Pass and Rainbow View, is the sire of no Grade I winners yet from his first four crops. But, as a \$10,000 stallion, he's doing great: he ranks 33rd by A Runner Index (2.51), 41st by ABC Runner Index (1.85, just under 15 percent of runners) and 28th by three-year-old index (1.99). **Holy Bull**, now a veteran, qualifies by virtue of having sired 72 C Runners 2003-2009 (ranks 28th) and 131 ABC Runners (ranks 49th). He also has a 1.69 C Index (ranks 46th).

Like **E Dubai** (and also on this list, **Pure Prize** and **Red Bullet**), **Airdrie's Include** had his first five-year-olds racing in 2009 (F2004, four crops of racing age). He ranks among the top 50 in only one category, 1.79 C Runner Index (32nd), but is below 1.50 in only one of the eight indexes, and his 1.28 two-year-old index is fine for a horse who won a Grade I at four himself. He's a solid \$10,000 stallion.

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Oppenheim cont.

Hill 'n' Dale's **Mutakddim** is another now at the veteran stage. The son of Seeking the Gold is in five Top 50's: he ranks 39th by number of B Runners (34), 13th by in number of C Runners (84), 24th by number of ABC Runners, with 156; also 27th by C Index (1.81), and 46th by three-year-old ABC Runner Index (1.81). These numbers make him, too, a good buy at \$10,000.

Though he had sired Afleet Alex (a horse I think could be a big name among sires with their first three-year-olds this year), **Northern Afleet** had otherwise been a borderline above-average sire until 2009. Last year he ranked seventh on the general sire list, partially due to Big City's Man win in the G1 Golden Shaheen sprint in Dubai and how he was the leading North American sire of 2009 in number of winners with 159, but also due to the fact he had 12 new A Runners in 2009, eight from his three-year-old (and first Kentucky) crop, plus two-year-old, GSWs Negligee and Aegean. Vinery's **Pure Prize** has done really well, qualifying on four lists: 38th by the all-important A Runner Index (2.48); 41st by C Runner Index (1.74), and just misses the top 50 by ABC Index (also 1.74); 25th by two-year-old ABC Index (2.28); and 16th with his first five-year-olds (2.97) last year.

For a horse who didn't race at two himself and won the GI Preakness S. as a three-year-old in 2000, it's hard to know why the best runner by Adena Springs' **Red Bullet** is the sprinter Fatal Bullet, or why he's such a good sire of two-year-olds, with a 2.53 two-year-old ABC Index (ranks 16th). But you could pose the same questions about another son of Unbridled out of a Caro mare, Unbridled's Song. Red Bullet is also very good for B Runners, ranking fourth overall by B Rubber Index (2.74); and he also hits the top 50 by ABC Runner Index (1.77). A recent import from Florida when Adena Springs redistributed their Florida stallions to Ontario and Kentucky, Red Bullet's \$5,000 price tag looks pretty attractive in light of his figures

Gainesway's **Smoke Glacken** breaks the rhythm a little bit with his \$12,500 fee, but he's another who appears on five different Top 50 lists: he ranks 42nd in number of 2003-2009 A Runners (41), 14th in number of C Runners (84); and 27th in number of ABC Runners (154). He also ranks 28th by C Runner Index (1.80), and, even better, 17th by two-year-old ABC Index (2.48). You definitely get a shot with him. And finally, in Kentucky for \$12,500 and under, we have Claiborne's **Stroll**, who stands for \$7,500. He's pretty "lightly-raced" as a sire, having had fewer than 40 foals total in his first two crops (F2006, oldest three-year-olds of 2009), then having spent the last two seasons in Italy. Though he has a perilously small number of year-starters (46), his 4.35 A Runner Index and 3.71 two-year-old ABC Index read very well. He's back at Claiborne now, and it's a safe bet he'll be a lot more popular now than he was before he went to Italy.
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Oppenheim cont.

Though we're on a sort of \$10,000 stallion kick, there are three horses standing for \$17,500 in Kentucky that also deserve a mention for having at least some impressive numbers. Ashford's **Grand Slam** has been at or near the top of North America's leading sires of winners the last few years. Though his A Runner (1.40) and ABC Runner (1.44) indexes don't make the top 50 lists in those categories, he has had a mind-blowing 1,642 year-starters, and does hit five Top 50 lists. He ranks 33rd by number of A Runners (46), an impressive fourth by number of B Runners (60), 16th by number of C Runners (83) and 15th by number of ABC Runners (189). He also hit the rankings when 46th by B Runner Index (1.83). He's consistently siring an awful lot of horses that pay their way.

Langfuhr, another son of Danzig who stands at Lane's End, has been a very successful stallion just about from the word go, so much so that in their early years he looked just as good, if not better, than his much more celebrated contemporary from the 1999 sire crop, **Pulpit**. With a massive 1,440 year-starters himself 2003-2009, Langfuhr ranks ninth by number of A Runners (67) and 20th in B Runners (42). He's number one by number of C Runners (108), and number four by combined ABC Runners, with no fewer than 217. He's also ranked by A Runner Index (2.33), C Runner Index (1.88), ABC Runner Index (1.88) and four-year-old ABC Index (1.86). By contrast, **Walmac's Successful Appeal** has had a far smaller number of year-starters (458). He's therefore no threat on the quantity lists compared to sires with three or four times the number of runners, but he's got some very good indexes. He just misses the top 50 with a 2.29 A Runner Index, but ranks fourth by both two-year-old ABC Index (a very impressive 3.29) and C Runner Index (2.18), 19th by combined ABC Runner Index (2.05) and 21st by three-year-old ABC Index (2.10). Like City Zip, they are, on the whole, best as two- and three-year-olds. He's still not that well-known, but he's a very good sire; that two-year-old index is big news.

The two best sires outside Kentucky both stand for \$20,000, so I could easily have included them on this list, but didn't. They are, of course, **Unusual Heat** in California and **Not For Love** in Maryland, so that means in real life six different states effectively have a winning APEX sire each. Both these sires are 20 years old this year. **Unusual Heat** is a phenomenon, ranking second among all 664 sires by both A Runner Index (4.18) and ABC Runner Index (2.53); he also ranks in the top twenty for three-, four-, and five-year-olds and up, including ranking fourth by four-year-old ABC Index (2.76). **Not For Love** is ranked in 10 of the 12 categories, and is among the top six sires in number of B Runners (59), C Runners (102), and ABC Runners (214). Both have been excellent sires. *Cont. p6*

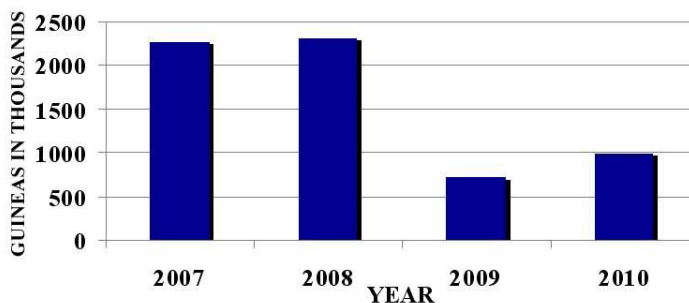
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"Welcome news to see a sale up instead of down, but let's not make too much of Fasig February's 28 percent increase in gross: it was because of four mares each bringing \$200k+ (total for the four: \$1,005,000), whereas there were none last year. But well done to Fasig for attracting the mares; none of them were in Keeneland January (though the saletopper had gone through Keeneland in November for \$350,000). The trend is clear from the two sales: up some from last year, fine, but still less than half the gross, in both cases, of two years ago."

- Bill Oppenheim

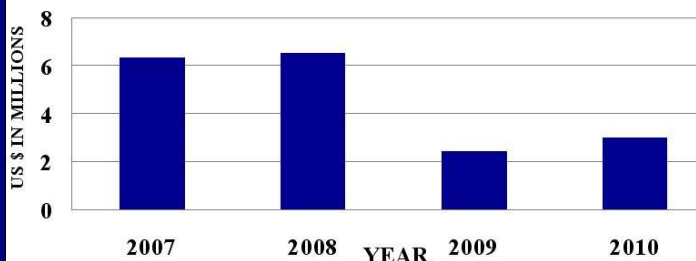
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2010	289	233	147	19.4%	63.1%	50.9%	991,500	6,745
2009	222	155	108	30.2%	69.7%	48.6%	707,100	6,547
2008	290	231	151	20.3%	65.4%	52.1%	2,312,400	15,314
2007	329	251	191	23.7%	76.1%	58.1%	2,268,000	11,874

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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2010	337	270	192	19.9%	71.1%	57.0%	\$3,052,600	\$15,899
2009	306	244	206	20.3%	84.4%	67.3%	\$2,392,900	\$11,616
2008	510	421	318	17.5%	75.5%	62.4%	\$6,452,400	\$20,291
2007	641	496	371	22.6%	74.8%	57.9%	\$6,332,300	\$17,068

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Oppenheim cont.

The best stallion outside Kentucky at \$10,000 or under right now just might be **D'wildcat**, a son of Forest Wildcat who stands at Vinery's Florida division. He doesn't qualify for the top 50 lists because those lists require 200 or more year-starters, whereas he'd had 161 by the end of 2009. He's got absolutely blockbuster figures, including a 3.73 A Runner Index and a 3.47 index for two-year-old ABC runners. Winner of the Gill Swale S. at three and GI Frank DeFrancis Memorial Dash at four, he was a fast dude himself and gets fast and precocious, including GI Futurity S. winner D' Funnybone last year.

Keane Stud's **Freud** used to just be Giant's Causeway's stakes-placed younger brother, but now he's the best stallion in New York. Though his ratings are undoubtedly upgraded by earnings through New York's generous state-bred purse supplements and restricted racing, this horse has posted some really impressive numbers, including the number one ranking by C Runner Index (2.22), as well as number nine by combined ABC Runner Index (also 2.22). He's also ranked in three age categories, including an impressive fifth ranking (3.56) from his first two crops of five-year-olds. He'd be a good sire anywhere.

Pennsylvania has experienced a slots-financed sire explosion that has seen the likes of **Jump Start** and **Tocet** be relocated there in the past few months. One who hasn't had the ink of some of the others, but has some good numbers for a \$5,000 stallion is a recent arrival from Florida, Ghost Ridge Farm's **Greatness**. By Mr. Prospector, the third-crop (F2005) sire had 13 ABC Runners last year, including three A Runners and two B Runners, without much fanfare. Also at \$5,000 is the recent arrival at La Mesa Farm in Louisiana, **Yankee Gentleman**. He posted some impressive numbers from his Kentucky crops, including rankings by B Runner Index (2.51), ABC Runner Index (1.77) and three-year-old ABC Index (1.99). He should work really well down there.

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LEMON DROP KID	2002 KY	\$35,000	731	3.28	2.26	2.19	2.48	2.22	2.36	2.20	3.27
<i>(Ky, under \$15k:)</i>											
BELONG TO ME	1995 KY	\$7,500	972	2.11	1.44	1.75	1.76	1.55	1.66	1.70	1.92
CITY ZIP	2003 KY	\$10,000	539	2.69	2.13	1.67	2.04	2.96	2.29	1.38	1.40
E DUBAI	2004 KY	\$10,000	359	2.51	1.67	1.60	1.85	1.78	1.99	1.43	2.10
HOLY BULL	1996 KY	\$10,000	1066	1.59	1.17	1.69	1.54	0.98	1.75	1.45	1.53
INCLUDE	2004 KY	\$10,000	432	1.62	1.50	1.79	1.68	1.28	1.77	1.74	1.32
MUTAKDDIM	1998 KY	\$10,000	1161	1.64	1.46	1.81	1.68	1.57	1.81	1.35	1.87
NORTHERN AFLEET	2000 KY	\$10,000	950	1.79	1.32	1.32	1.43	0.80	1.64	1.13	1.79
PURE PRIZE	2004 KY	\$10,000	302	2.48	0.99	1.74	1.74	2.28	1.13	1.64	2.97
RED BULLET	2004 KY	\$5,000	219	1.37	2.74	1.48	1.77	2.53	1.59	1.57	1.19
SMOKE GLACKEN	1999 KY	\$12,500	1168	1.76	1.24	1.80	1.65	2.48	1.61	1.73	1.46
STROLL	2006 KY	\$7,500	46	4.35	1.09	1.09	1.90	3.71	1.35	0	0
<i>(Ky, \$17,500:)</i>											
GRAND SLAM	2000 KY	\$17,500	1642	1.40	1.83	1.26	1.44	1.52	1.63	1.24	0.92
LANGFUHR	1999 KY	\$17,500	1440	2.33	1.46	1.88	1.88	1.48	1.69	1.86	2.20
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	2002 KY	\$17,500	458	2.29	1.53	2.18	2.05	3.29	2.10	1.45	1.52
<i>(NA, outside Ky:)</i>											
D'WILDCAT	2005 FL	\$10,000	161	3.73	2.48	2.17	2.64	3.47	2.49	3.06	0
FREUD	2003 NY	\$6,500	366	1.64	1.91	2.66	2.22	2.33	2.30	1.66	3.56
GREATNESS	2005 PA	\$5,000	129	1.55	1.16	2.13	1.74	1.28	1.99	1.77	0
YANKEE GENTLEMAN	2005 LA	\$5,000	219	1.83	2.51	1.37	1.77	1.92	1.99	1.68	0

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Birthplace: New York City

Education: USMMA, Wharton Business School

Family: wife Lori; children: Kathryn, George Jr. and Charlotte

Principal business: Investing
Current residence: New York and New Jersey

How did you first get involved in horseracing? My grandfather, Larry Fagan, used to take my brother and me every week when we were in grammar school.

How many horses (racing and breeding stock) do you have now? Approximately 65.

What made you decide to branch out into the breeding end of the business? We purchased Annetes Farms in Lexington, really for recreational purposes, but when we needed to retire our first runner, Keeneland Kat, we opted to send her there and breed her. The business grew from that decision.

You seem to be fairly conservative at the horse sales. Do you have a business plan when it comes to buying at auction?

Our team: myself, Lori, Kelly Breen [trainer] and Dale Holly [farm manager] will look at each horse. After going through our vetting process, we set a price in advance of going into the [sales pavilion]. We don't get caught up in the emotion of the process; we remain focused and disciplined.

What is your biggest accomplishment since you've been involved in the business? Last year was our fifth year in the business, and we had two horses in the Kentucky Derby--I think that is a tremendous accomplishment.

Besides the Kentucky Derby, what race would you most like to win? The Haskell. We would love to win the big race at our home track.

If you could change one thing about our sport, what would it be? We would like to see purses designed to race older horses rather than focus on two-year-old speed. It would help promote breeding for soundness and improve the sport.

How did Bickersons get her name? It was a gesture to acknowledge my parents' 50th wedding anniversary. We often joke that, "they have bickering for 50 years."

What is the best horse name you've come up with? Lori does the naming, and we have been partial to a few over the years. Some of our favorites: West Side Bernie (Bernstein--Time Honored, by Gilded Time), Nacho Friend (Friends Lake--You'renotlistening, by Kennedy Road), Indy Anesthesia (A.P. Indy--Two Trail Sioux, by Indian Charlie).

Who do you admire most in Thoroughbred racing? Angel Cordero and Jorge Velasquez. My brother and I used to watch these jockeys ride when we were kids--they were true sportsmen. I have had the pleasure of getting to know them now and they are still just as passionate about the sport; whether they are riding or managing jockeys, it's their life!

What was the most exciting sporting event you've ever attended outside of racing? The 1994 Stanley Cup

What is the best vacation you've ever taken? Every vacation that is with my family.

Where would you like to go that you haven't already been? Russia.

What's your favorite film? "The Sting."

iPod or CD player...and what's playing on it right now? Both. Aerosmith on the iPod, and Piano Concerto No. 2 by Rachmaninoff on CD.

What's the best restaurant around Monmouth Park? Definitely David Burke's Fromagerie--I love taking the family there for Sunday brunch!



Bickersons

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

BANK ACCUSES ZAYAT OF HIDING MORTALITY PAYMENT ON THORN SONG; HORSE STILL ALIVE, ACCORDING TO TRAINER

Fifth Third Bank has accused Thoroughbred owner Ahmed Zayat of hiding a \$2.75-million payment from a mortality insurance policy on **Thorn Song** (Unbridled's Song), *Lexington Herald-Leader* reports. The 2008



Horsephotos

GI Shadwell Turf Mile S. and 2009 GI Shoemaker Mile S. winner is still alive, however, and is in the possession of North American Specialty Insurance, trainer Mike Mitchell told the *TDN*. The seven-year-old has been owned by the insurance company since nearly being euthanized in August after foundering. "[I believe the insurance company] paid the horse off, and have been taking care of the horse ever since," Mitchell said. "I know the horse is alive, and is doing pretty good.

That doesn't mean he's out of the woods yet, but he's doing a lot better, [and] there's a chance he could stand as a stallion." Mitchell said the horse was discovered to have a foot abscess the day after bolting on the first turn and being pulled up in his most recent start in the GI Eddie Read S. July 25. "We finally got the abscess to bust out the back of his frogs," Mitchell said. "Once it busted, I thought he'd be fine, but he wasn't. The next day, he was actually worse. We sent him to the best place [for treatment], which was Alamo Pintado [Equine Clinic] in Solvang. The Zayats spent a lot of money to keep him alive. He was foundering in the foot his abscess busted out of. The veterinarian said the horse



Benoit Photo

should be put down. The insurance company, from what I understand, took over the ownership of the horse." Meanwhile, Fifth Third Bank--which is owed \$34 million by Zayat Stables--is continuing its effort to take control of his racing operation and is using the hidden insurance payment as evidence, the *Herald-Leader* said.

According to court documents referenced in the *Daily Racing Form*, the bank said it should have received the \$2.75-million payment for Thorn Song as loan documents grant it a security interest in any proceeds derived from Zayat's equine collateral, including insurance proceeds. The bank previously said in a filing it plans to request to take over the Zayat Stables and appoint a trustee to oversee the racing operation. A hearing has been scheduled for Mar. 8.

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DENIS OF CORK TO VINERY FL Recently retired **Denis of Cork** (Harlan's Holiday--Unbridled Girl, by Unbridled) will enter stud this season at Vinery in Summerfield, Florida. The five-year-old will stand for \$2,500. "Denis of Cork showed a lot of class on the racetrack," said Vinery President Tom Ludt.

"He won three races, including a graded stakes, and placed in two Classics in only six starts. He's by a stallion who continues to prove himself, and we are very pleased to stand him." A \$250,000 Barretts March purchase by Mr. and Mrs. William



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K. Warren Jr., the bay colt captured his first three career starts for trainer David Carroll, capped by the GIII Southwest S. in 2008. He sustained his first defeat when fifth as the favorite in the GII Illinois Derby, but came back to run third in the GI Kentucky Derby and second in the GI Belmont S. in what would be his final career start. Denis of Cork compiled a record of 6-3-1-1 and earnings of \$613,252.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 7th Race, \$48,000 Allowance, at Gulfstream Park. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



REDESIGNED DERBY WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The official website of the 136th GI Kentucky Derby has been launched by Churchill Downs Incorporated. Redesigned in conjunction with FooCulture, KentuckyDerby.com features a condensed and easy-to-navigate homepage, a contenders section, and much more. "Whether you're a casual sports fan, entertainment seeker or diehard horse racing enthusiast, KentuckyDerby.com is the ultimate online destination for the Kentucky Derby experience--and it's the only website you need to visit for everything Derby related," said Julie Koenig-Loignon, Churchill Downs Incorporated's vice president of brand development and marketing. "We designed the site to blend the rich history and time-honored traditions that Derby fans love about the Run for the Roses with fresh, fun entertainment content that showcases the tremendous social experience wrapped around America's greatest horse race."

★ EAST ★

Winding Oaks Hosting Stallion Show:

Winding Oaks Farm will be hosting a stallion show Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Ocala nursery, which stands Graeme Hall (Dehere) and Strong Hope (Grand Slam), is located at 5850 S.W. College Rd. Food and beverages will be served, and drawings will be held for complimentary breeding seasons. For more information, contact Briggs & Cromartie at 352.591.5888 or info@bcbloodstock.com.

★ CANADA ★

Woodbine Photographer Michael Burns Dies at 84:

Award winning photographer Michael Burns lost his battle with cancer and died in an Ontario hospital Monday evening, reports *Daily Racing Form*. Burns is survived by his wife of 59 years, Helen; daughters Mary-Ellen and Patricia; and his son Michael. Longtime track photographer at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Burns, who launched Michael Burns Photography, holds the distinction of having collected both an Eclipse and Sovereign Award for his work. Although Burns remained active on the track in recent years, it was his son Michael Burns Jr. who handled most of the day-to-day operation of the company. The native Scotsman was declared the official photographer for the Ontario Jockey Club and subsequently earned his first of seven Sovereigns in 1975. Burns also collected a pair of Eclipse Awards, the most recent in 1997, the same year he was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Turner and Porter Yorke Chapel, 2357 Bloor St. West, Toronto. A funeral service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday at St. Clement Catholic Church, 409 Markland Drive, Toronto, with a reception to follow at 1 p.m. at St. George's Golf and Country Club, 1668 Islington Ave.

Which champion son of Sadler's Wells has sired a Classic winner?

- A) Galileo (Ire)
- B) Montjeu (Ire)
- C) Perfect Soul (Ire)
- D) all of the above

Click the answer you think is correct.



First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, February 10

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

EUROSILVER (Unbridled's Song), Dromoland, \$13K, 244/20/0
 9-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Saint Jude, \$135K OBS AUG yrl, 4-1

EXEMPLIFY (Unbridled's Song), 12/0/0
 5-DED, Msw, 5f, Two Ex, 8-1

LIMEHOUSE (Grand Slam), Vinery, \$18K, 163/17/3
 9-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Bigshot, \$180K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2



Wednesday's Cancellations

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Thursday's Cancellations

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*Due to pending snowstorm



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Spruce, g, 4, **Maria's Mon**--Valentine Band (MSP-GB), by Dixieland Band. Southwell, Britain, 2-9, Mdn, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Juddmonte Farms Inc. *6,000gns HIT '09 TATHIT. **1/2 to Putney Bridge (Mizzen Mast), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$197,546.

IN PERU:

Day of Celebration, c, 3, **Flutter**--Jessica Dance, by Northern Fashion. Monterrico, 2-7, Mdn, 1000m, :58 2/5. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0. B-Audubon Farm. *\$7,500 wnl '07 KEENOV.

Grand Maritere, f, 3, **Grand Slam**---Luxuriously, by Danzig. Monterrico, 2-7, Cond., 1000m, :57 3/5. Lifetime Record: 6-3-3-0. B-Mt Brilliant Farm LLC. *\$30,000 RNA '08 KEESEP.

Airlanes, f, 3, **Officer**--Heaven Knows Why (MSW-US, \$133,720), by Star de Naskra. Monterrico, 2-7, Cond, 1000m, :58. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0. B-Payson Stud Inc. *\$1,700 yrl '08 KEESEP.

Rupak, f, 3, **Saint Liam**--Lunes Grito (MSP-US, \$119,970), by Roar. Monterrico, 2-7, Cond, 1800mT, 1:50 3/5. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1. B-Caldara Farm. *Won by 2 1/2 lengths. **\$10,000 yrl '08 KEESEP.

Thundering Emilia, f, 4, **Thunder Gulch**--Saint Emilia (Per) (GSW-Per), by Saint Ballado. Monterrico, 2-7, Cond, 1500mT, 1:28. Lifetime Record: GSW-Per, 14-6-3-2. B-Teneri Farm Inc & Ashford Stud. *\$15,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

GULFSTREAM

PERSISTENTLY (Smoke Glacken), 3f, :36.90, 6/10
PULSION (Include), 6f, 1:11.10, 1/2

PALM MEADOWS

CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (More Than Ready), 4f, :49.60, 4/16

CALDER

THANK U PHILIPPE (Proud Accolade), 4f, :49.40, 8/19
YOU AND I FOREVER (A.P. Indy), 4f, :48.80, 2/19

FAIR GROUNDS

WAR ECHO (Tapit), 4f, :50.80, 3/7

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TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11:

02-20 \$150,000 **San Carlos H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT) (150)**

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MONTJEU COLT TOPS GOFFS OPENER Goffs launched their two-day February Sale yesterday, and it was a yearling son of Montjeu (Ire) who stole the show when selling for €100,000. Coolmore's star resident had been responsible for the sale of the subsequent G1 Irish Derby hero Frozen Fire (Ger) for €250,000 at this auction four years ago, and yesterday's offering from Abbeville & Meadow Court Studs is bred to make a splash. Out of a sister to the 2006 GII Dahlia H. winner Grande Melody (Ire) (Grand Lodge), hip [229](#) hails from the high-class family of the 2000 G1 Fillies' Mile winner and 2001 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Coronation S. runner-up Crystal Music (Nureyev), as well as Michael Poland's top-class Solar Crystal (Ire) (Alzao) and State Crystal (Ire) (High Estate {Ire}). He was snapped up by Hugo Merry Bloodstock and will be re-offered later this year.

Yearlings dominated the top lots. Thistle Farm later paid €75,000 for hip [265](#), a son of Dalakhani (Ire) from the Moyglare family of the Classic heroine Trusted Partner (Affirmed) from the draft of Jockey Hall Stud. Earlier in the afternoon, a pair of colts from the consignment of Honeypond Stud fetched €48,000 apiece. First of them was hip [129](#), a son of High Chaparral (Ire) from the immediate family of Driving Snow (GB) (Verglas {Ire}) who sold to Camas Park Stud and later BBA Ireland stepped in for hip [204](#), an Acclamation (GB) colt whose dam is a half to Linda's Lad (GB) (Sadler's Wells).

Of the older horses on offer, the two-year-old filly from the Moorpark Stud consignment was in demand before being knocked down to Martin Cullinane for €22,000. Hip [82](#), by Green Desert, is a half-sister to last year's GI E.P. Taylor S. heroine Folk Opera (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}).

At the end of the first session, the statistics told their own story with the gross, average and median making significant jumps on the 2009 equivalent. Selling continues at 10 a.m. today. Full results are available on www.goffs.com.



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SESSION TOTALS	2010	2009
No. Catalogued	293	302
No. Offered	230	235
No. Sold	110	101
RNAs	120	134
% RNA	52.2%	57%
Gross (% Change)	€1,008,300 (+44.5%)	€698,000
Average (% Change)	€9,166 (+32.6%)	€6,911
Median (% Change)	€4,000 (+81.8%)	€2,200

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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Quality Road	Elusive Quality	Donn H.-G1	116
Musket Man	Yonaguska	Super S.	109
Racing Bran	Awesome Again	Essex H.	105
Court Vision	Gulch	Gulfstream Park Turf H.-G1	104
Cosmic	El Prado (Ire)	King Cotton S.	103
John Charles	Belek	Premier Night Sprint S.	101
Peppi Knows	Stephen Got Even	Whirlaway S.	101
Meese Rocks	Rock and Roll	Personal Girl S.	98
Star Guitar	Quiet American	Premier Night Championship S.	97
Redsugar	Laabity	Premier Night Prince S.	95
Richard's Kid	Lemon Drop Kid	San Antonio H.-G2	95
Royal Express	Royal Academy	Black Gold S.	95
Shezacrazygirl	Ide	Premier Night Starlet S.	93
Superior Storm	Stormy Atlantic	Premier Night Distaff S.	93
American Classic	Distorted Humor	Budweiser S.	92
Little Capt.	Capt. Tiff's Beau	Premier Night Ragin Cajun Starter S.	92
Bim Bam	Deputy Wild Cat	Hallandale Beach S.	91
Flawless Gold	Gold Tribute	Premier Night Matron S.	90
Storm Bate	Storm Day	Premier Night Bon Temps Starter S.	89
Twilight Ross	Twilight Agenda	Premier Night Gentlemen Starter S.	89
Tottie (GB)	Fantastic Light	Suwannee River S.-G3	88
Eccentric Girl	Slew City Slew	Premier Night Ladies Starter S.	84
Red Hot Buddha	Buddha	South Mississippi Owners & Breeders S.	83

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NOM DU JEU TO FAIRDALE Group 1 winner **Nom du Jeu (NZ)** (Montjeu {Ire}--Prized Gem {NZ}, by Prized)



will enter stud this year at Fairdale Stud near Palmerston North. The five-year-old will stand for NZ\$6,000. Bred and campaigned by the Morton family, Nom du Jeu captured the 2008 G1 Australian Derby, and also placed second in the G1

Caulfield Cup and G1 Queen Elizabeth S. The son of New Zealand highweighted-older mare Prized Gem bankrolled over US\$1.6 million. The Mortons will retain a 50-percent interest in the stallion, while Fairdale Stud and Goodwood Stud have a 35-percent share. A total of 15 shares are still available to breeders.

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$42,450, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5, ft.

AFFLUENT LADY (m, 5, West Acre--Seductive Lady, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$75,300. O-Joey P Stables. B-Gilbert G Campbell (FL). T-Juan Carlos Guerrero.

5th-SUN, \$27,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

CHIMNEY SWEEP (g, 5, Trippi--Madam Fireplace {MSW & GSP, \$169,558}, by Out of Place) Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$42,648. O-Class Racing Stable & Keith Johnston. B-Karen Silva (FL). T-Bart G Hone. *\$41,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$160,000 2yo '07 BESMAR; \$25,000 RNA wlng '05 OBSOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Soaring Goddess, f, 3, Desert God--Soaring Ego (SW, \$110,262), by Run Paul Run. SUN, 2-9, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18. B-Dan Hardisty (NM).

+ **Blaise N Tony, g, 5, Western Borders--Formal Mrs. B., by Formal Dinner. PHA, 2-9, (C), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Tim & Jill Pape (NJ).**

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Pau, 13.50, 2-9, €20,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:01.86, stn.

MISTER CAMILAU (FR) (c, 3, Sagacity {Fr}--Land Bridge {Fr}, by Bering {GB}) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €23,300. O-Fernando Martin Barrios; B-I Lengin & M Lengin; T-A Imaz Ceca. *€22,000 yrl '08 ARQOCT.

ITALY, Naples, 15.40, 2-8, €13,500, 3yo, 1mT, time: n/a, hy.

CHRISTIAN LOVE (ITY) (c, 3, Tout Seul {Ire}--Nicol Love {Ity}, by Nicolotte {GB}) Lifetime Record: 18-7-2-1, €47,464. O/B-Scuderia Razza dell'Olmo Srl; T-Riccardo Menichetti.

ITALY, Naples, 17.40, 2-8, €10,800, 4yo/up, 5fT, time: n/a, hy.

KALASHNYKOV (IRE) (c, 4, Fasliyev--Golden Center {Ire}, by Brief Truce) Lifetime Record: 26-6-2-3, €58,242. O/T-Fabio Saggiomo; B-Rodolfo Casieri. *€6,000 yrl '07 ITYSEP.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Loveinthesand (Ire), c, 3, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Love Emerald, by Mister Baileys (GB). Southwell, Britain, 2-9, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-M Doyle. *€42,000 RNA yrl '08 GOFMIL.

Invincible Girl (Ire), f, 3, Orpen--Janet Girl (GB), by Polar Falcon. Varese, Italy, 2-8, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-Eugenia Farm. *€9,000 yrl '08 ITYSEP.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

February 11, 1933...The Jockey Club released data showing that as of 1932, the U.S. had surpassed Great Britain and Ireland in foal production for the first time to become the world's leading producer of Thoroughbreds.

February 11, 1995...1994 Horse of the Year Holy Bull injured his left front leg during the running of the Donn Handicap at Gulfstream Park and subsequently was retired to stud at Jonabell Farm.

February 12, 1981...Julie Krone rode her first career winner, a \$3,500 claimer named Lord Farkle, who was owned and trained by Les St. Leon, in the sixth race at Tampa Bay Downs.

February 14, 1966...Buckpasser suffered the only defeat of his three-year-old season, finishing second in a non-betting race, the Black Caesar Purse, at Hialeah. He went on to win 13 straight races in 1966, 12 of them stakes, but missed the Triple Crown due to injury.

Courtesy of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.



• ON THE WORKTAB •

SANTA ANITA

BLACK BEAR ISLAND (IRE) (Sadler's Wells), 5f, 1:01.40, 50/109
 BLIND LUCK (Pollard's Vision), 5f, :59.20, 3/109
 CALIFORNIA FLAG (Avenue of Flags), 5f, 1:00.60, 19/109
 CONVEYANCE (Indian Charlie), 6f, 1:13.60, 7/35
 CRISIS OF SPIRIT (Vindication), 6f, 1:14.60, 19/35
 DANCING IN SILKS (Black Minnaloushe), 5f, :59.40, 4/109
 LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Smart Strike), 3f, :36.60, 7/35
 QUIET INVADER (Songandaprayer), 5f, 1:01, 44/109
 RAVEL (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4f, :48.60, 22/85
 STARDOM BOUND (Tapit), 5f, 1:01.60, 59/109
 TINY WOODS (Roman Ruler), 5f, 1:00.80, 35/109
 TUSCAN EVENING (IRE) (Oasis Dream {GB}), 6f, 1:13.40, 6/35
 WELL MONIED (Maria's Mon), 4f, :50.60, 65/85

SAN LUIS REY DOWNS

BACKBACKBACKGONE (Put It Back), 4f, :50.40, 4/6