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OBSFEB Toppers  
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## THE IDES OF FEBRUARY

Some of the bigger buyers in the two-year-old-in-training market were in attendance at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's February Sale in Ocala, but at the end of the day, it was a little-known husband-and-wife team who swooped in to land the day's top-priced lot, a colt by Tiznow who made \$475,000. The winning bidders were Chuck and Maribeth Sandford, who saw off all challengers for hip 29, a son of the stakes-placed Six Pack Sally (Tale of the Cat). Bo Hunt consigned the colt, born on the Ides of March, for Carl Bowling's Straightaway Farm.



Louise Reinagel photo

Chuck Sandford did his bidding out back standing alongside Bowling, and was all smiles after signing the ticket. Asked what he liked about the colt, he replied, "Everything.

He's just gorgeous. He's well-balanced, has a nice head on him, and if you watch him move over the ground, he's just spectacular. He went in :10 1/5 and he wasn't even trying. We think he has a giant upside. We weren't done [bidding] yet--we weren't going home without him."

As expected, there was plenty of play for the upper echelon horses. Lively bidding for the sales topper and others gave the sale a good, upbeat feeling. But when the dust settled, the numbers told a somewhat different story. Sixty-six of the 108 horses through the ring sold. That equated to a buy-back rate of 38.9 percent, and meant that only 41.3 percent of the catalogued horses found new homes (not including private transactions). The average of \$97,182 was down a modest 8.2 percent, while the median of \$66,000 took a more substantial 25.6-percent hit. **Cont. p2-10**

## OBS FEBRUARY SELECTED TUESDAY, FEB. 16, 2010

CUMULATIVE	2010	2009
Catalogued	160	200
No. Offered	108	154
No. Sold	66	97
RNAs	42	61
% RNA	38.9%	39.6%
No. Over \$250K	4	4
High Price	\$475,000	\$340,000
Gross	\$6,414,000	\$9,868,700
Average (% change)	\$97,182 (-8.4%)	\$106,115
Median (% change)	\$66,000 (-26.7%)	\$90,000

## BETTY MABEE DIES

Betty L. Mabee, who together with her late husband John garnered three Eclipse Awards as outstanding breeders, passed away Monday evening after an extended illness at her home in Rancho Santa Fe, California. She was 88. Mabee's son Larry said that his mother passed "peacefully and quietly." Born in Missouri, Mabee grew up in Iowa, where she met and married John. The couple moved to San Diego in 1941 and opened a grocery store, which eventually grew into the 30-store Big Bear Supermarket chain. In 1957, the Mabees acquired two yearlings at a Del Mar sale and, in the early 1970's, established Golden Eagle Farm in Ramona, California. The farm was named for the insurance company run by John Mabee. Their bloodstock empire expanded to approximately 550 head at one point, including racing stock and broodmares in both Kentucky and California. Betty Mabee was involved with various charitable organizations over the years, and was a founding member of both Voices for Children and the Angels of Aseltine Auxiliary. In addition to her son, she is survived by three grandchildren. Service arrangements have not yet been finalized. **Cont. p10**



Betty Mabee (1921-2010)  
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# TizNow

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**OBS February cont.**

"I think what the numbers tell you is that it was a bit top-heavy," said OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "There were three horses here that brought \$400,000 or better, and last year our topper was \$320,000. The average held up okay, but then it was a little tougher at the middle to lower end of the market. Going into the sale, there was plenty of activity at the barns, and most, if not all, of the top buyers were represented. We had a few new faces, like Amy Tarrant, who has supported us in the past and bought some higher-priced horses. The bright side, in my mind, was that there were plenty of shoppers here. Maybe they didn't get what they wanted, or the ones they wanted brought too much money, but at least they were here, and hopefully they'll come back for the next sale. Maybe that's where the numbers will be better."

**First Time, Long Time...**

Chuck and Maribeth Sandford have been longtime fans of racing, but just purchased their first horse last June, a two-year-old son of Distorted Humor named Jambonied who they acquired privately. That led to the purchase of another nicely bred horse, the as-yet



**Chuck Sandford**

unraced Storm Cat colt Kildare Cat (Ire). Carrying a two-horse stable into 2010 with conditioner Pat Byrne, the Sandfords sent out Jambonied to a strong debut second at Gulfstream Jan. 23. The colt finished five lengths adrift of the highly touted Savemyspotimbeting (Vindication) while earning a 92 BRIS figure.

"The bad news is that he came up lame after the race, so he is going to get 90 days

off," said Chuck Sandford, who added with a smile, "We caught a colt who ran in 1:08 and change--if you're really lucky, stuff like that will happen to you."

The Sandfords came to Ocala looking to add a few more runners to the stable, and succeeded in landing two this week. Chuck Sandford reports he also purchased an Awesome Again colt privately.

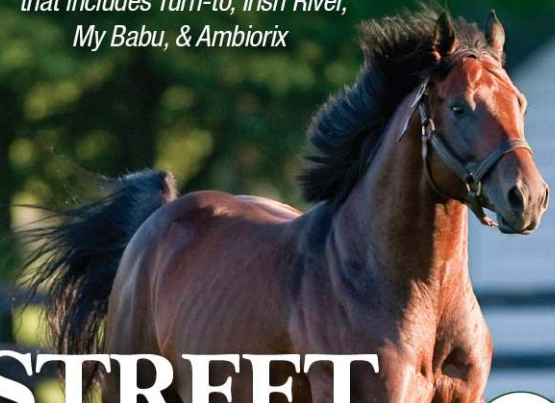
"We're trying to put together a nice, small stable," he said. "We're trying to do it right, like a lot of people are." He added of the Tiznow two-year-old, "That was the colt we came to buy. I have a partner on him, a silent partner at this point. We're both really excited about him."

Both of Sandfords' new purchases will ship to Byrne's barn at Palm Meadows tomorrow.

The Sandfords are based in Marengo, Illinois, a small town of 5,000 located 70 miles northwest of Chicago.

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"My wife started the company 30 years ago in a barn, and today we have 400 employees and a facility of about 200,000 square feet," Sandford explained. "When we were growing the company, we were working 100 hours a week, and horses were always my four hours of the day off. On Saturday afternoon, I'd go to my local OTB."

Sure enough, Chuck Sandford talks like a man who's been around the game for some time, and is well aware he skipped past the shallow end in favor of deeper waters.

"To get into it at this level is just a dream come true," he said. "We hope to be successful, but I know I'm going to have more lumps than successes. But it's a really great industry with terrific people."

He added that, at this point, he is concentrating on well-bred colts.

"I have a business plan of about one sentence: I'm looking for high-quality colts--that I can afford--that have high upside potential," he said.

Sandford said he is likely done shopping for the year, but added, "I guess one more purchase couldn't be ruled out."



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## OBS FEBRUARY -- TOP PRICES

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>029</u>	c	<u>Tiznow</u>	Six Pack Sally	475,000
(\$55,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)				
B-St George Farm (Ky)				
Consigned by Bo Hunt, agent				
Purchased by Chuck & Maribeth Sandford & Partners				
<u>106</u>	c	<u>Yes It's True</u>	Debit or Credit	425,000
(\$53,000 yrl '09 KEESEP)				
B-White Fox Farm (Ky)				
Consigned by W. D. North Thoroughbreds, Agent I				
Purchased by Amy Tarrant, Hardacre Farm				
<u>084</u>	f	<u>Harlan's Holiday</u>	Burn Brightly	400,000
B-Ocala Stud (Fl)				
Consigned by Ocala Stud				
Purchased by Let's Go Stable				
<u>052</u>	f	<u>Rockport Harbor</u>	Truart	250,000
(\$60,000 wnl '08 KEENOV)				
B-John & Martha Jane Mulholland (Ky)				
Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent				
Purchased by Amy Tarrant, Hardacre Farm				
<u>104</u>	c	<u>Bluegrass Cat</u>	Dancing Gulch	195,000
(\$160,000 wnl '08 KEENOV)				
B-W.S. Farish & Dr and Mrs Scott Kendall (Ky)				
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XLII				
Purchased by Jeff Treadway				
<u>018</u>	f	<u>Rockport Harbor</u>	Sari	185,000
B-Lawrence Goichman (NY)				
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent VIII				
Purchased by Kinsman Farm				
<u>021</u>	c	<u>El Corredor</u>	Search for a Cure	180,000
(\$23,000 yrl '09 KEESEP)				
B-Millennium Farms (Ky)				
Consigned by Costanzo Sales				
Purchased by Hubert Guy, agent				
<u>139</u>	f	<u>Grand Slam</u>	Is Kylie Good	165,000
(\$50,000 yrl '09 SARAUG)				
B-New Dawn Stud (NY)				
Consigned by Kenneth Lejeune, agent				
Purchased Buzz Chace, agent for Klaravich				

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B-CLS Stables (NJ)				
Consigned by Ocala Stud, agent				
Purchased by RNB Racing LLC				
<u>099</u>	f	<u>Tiznow</u>	Crazy Woman Creek	155,000
(\$60,000 yrl '09 KEESEP)				
B-Ed Few (Ky)				
Consigned by Nick de Meric				
Purchased by Richard, Bert & Elaine Klein				
<u>074</u>	c	<u>Congrats</u>	A True Star	150,000
B-Brent and Crystal Fernung (Fl)				
Consigned by Journeyman Stud (B & C Fernung), agent				
Purchased by Richlyn Farm				
<u>130</u>	c	<u>Tale of the Cat</u>	Golden Gazelle	150,000
(\$70,000 yrl '09 FTKJUL)				
B-Dr & Mrs Jim D Little (Ky)				
Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent				
Purchased by Court St. Farm				

### OBSFEB - LEADING BUYERS

*by average, 2 or more purchased*

Buyer	Head	Average
Amy Tarrant	2	\$337,500
Kinsman Farm	2	\$150,000
Buzz Chace, agent	4*	\$126,250
Hubert Guy, agent	4	\$116,250
Smart Choice Stable	2	\$115,000
*3 for West Point, 1 for Klaravich		<a href="http://www.obssales.com">www.obssales.com</a>



**Bowling 'Em Over...**

From a \$55,000 yearling to a \$475,000 sale topper, yesterday's Tiznow colt was the proverbial home run for Carl Bowling, who selected him as a yearling and sold him here through consignor Bo Hunt.



**Bowling**  
*Horsephotos*

Bowling said the colt's modest price tag as a yearling had more to do with a lackluster shoeing job than his true quality.

"They had his feet set backwards at the sale, and he walked a little bit funny," said Bowling. "Even Bo said, 'He looks a bit crooked to me, Carl.' I said, 'Wait til we set him right, and he'll walk good.'"

Bowling's keen eye and horsemanship proved right to the tune of a \$420,000 pre-expense profit.

"Carl's right, he wasn't shod as good as he could have been shod,"

said Hunt. "But the horse was also a bit thicker and stouter than he is now--he leaned up a little bit and came around. He matured a lot and came together on his own. I think the biggest thing was that he was immature, and he still is a little immature."

Asked about expectations, Hunt said, "We thought he'd bring between \$300,000 and \$500,000."

Bowling chimed in, "I told Bo that if he didn't bring close to \$400,000, I was going to take him home and race him. I just loved him, and I've had a little fun this year with one I have racing right now. His name is Acting Zippy [City Zip]. I brought him here a couple years ago, and he brought \$100,000. But when I went to congratulate the guy who bought him, the guy was rude. He said, 'According to the terms and conditions of the sale, I can't turn him back. But if I could, you'd own him.' I said, 'Listen, mister, you don't pay for no horse of mine you don't like. You go up to the sales office and tell them to put him back in my name.' The horse has now made me \$550,000, and just won 10 days ago."

Acting Zippy won his first graded event in the Gill John B. Connally Turf H. at Sam Houston Jan. 30].

"I stand behind my horses," Bowling continued. "This horse is squeaky clean. He's been vetted, he's been scoped four or five times, and I told [Mr. Sandford], 'You buy him and want a partner, call me.' I like to race a nice one. So if he wants a partner, I'm in."

The colt, purchased by Bowling at Keeneland September, worked an eighth in :10 1/5 at the breeze show ([video](#)).

Bowling previously sold under his own Straightaway Farm banner, but is moving away from that aspect of his business.

"I am still Straightaway Farm and still doing what I've always done, just not training them myself," said Bowling. "I did that for years and years, but I got old and lazy, and I'm looking for younger guys that want to do something and enjoy making a living." **OBSFEB cont. 5**

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## RINGSIDE... with Lucas Marquardt

### *Hunt, Back on Own, Plays Longball...*

Bo Hunt, who enjoyed success with partner Terry Oliver consigning as O & H Bloodstock in recent years, is back on his own. The 39-year-old's draft--Hunt consigns under his own name--enjoyed its own success yesterday, led by hip [29](#), the Tiznow--Six Pack Sally (Tale of the Cat) colt who topped the sale on Chuck Sandford's \$475,000 winning bid.



**Bo Hunt**

"A lot of people say that he's a typical Tiznow, but I think he's got more of his momma in him," Hunt said when asked about the colt's physical. "He's got a lot of chrome like the Tiznows do, but he looks more Tale of the Cat to me. The Tiznows I've seen are bigger, rangier horses; he's a little typier. He's got a really good way of going."

Hunt was quick to thank Carl Bowling, who owned the Tiznow and several other horses Hunt consigned yesterday.

"Mr. Carl's always been a big help," said Hunt. "When I went out on my own originally I had horses for him, and then when Terry and I were together he helped us there, too."

Quipped Bowling, "A guy told me a long time ago, 'Carl, if you would surround yourself with some young, smart people, you wouldn't have to work as hard.' And he was right."

If Hunt fits that criteria, he says it's because he received a proper education of the horse business.

"My father, Larry Hunt, was a jockey who later trained horses, and my mother owned a tack shop at Calder when I was growing up," he said. "I was always friends with the McKathans, and I would come up during the summers and work with Kevin, J.B. and Luke."

When he was just 21, Hunt and his father started consigning as H & H Equine and were represented by the likes of **Personal First** (Personal Hope), a \$190,000 OBS March juvenile in 1999 who won the following year's GIII Amsterdam S. *Cont. p6*

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**Bo Hunt cont.**

After joining forces with Oliver as O & H, Hunt was responsible for horses like GISW Game Face (Menifee), a \$280,000 OBSMAR sale; **Indyanne** (Indian Charlie) a \$375,000 FTFFEB sale; and this year's promising Dryfly (Jump Start), who RNA'd for \$140,000 at Fasig-Tipton Calder last term.

"We didn't get him sold, but we sold him privately afterwards," Hunt explained. "He was the second choice in Monday's GIII Southwest S., but the race was postponed."

Owned by Charles Cella, Dryfly has won three of four, including the \$100,000 Smarty Jones S. at Oaklawn Jan. 18 in his latest.

Hunt said that the split between he and Oliver was amicable.

"We were very successful, but he started training more horses [at the track], I was at the farm more, and with the way the economy was, it was getting tougher and tougher to support two families," Hunt explained. "I had sold horses by myself before, and just decided to go back to doing that. Everything is really good between us--we sold a bunch of good horses--but it was getting harder and harder to make it. It's going to be tough this year."

Hunt said he has about 25 juveniles to sell this year, down from the 45 or 50 that O & H were selling.

Asked what he typically looks for in a pinhooking prospect, Hunt explained, "I like a real athletic horse. Pedigree-wise, I try to deal with young families, because I can't afford the big pedigrees. I try to look for a real well-balanced individual who is maybe a little immature and will improve and hopefully turn into something. When I first started, we shopped for sprinters, mostly. You always wanted a fast work. People still want the horse to go fast, but the biggest thing now is that they have to look good doing it. Also, if you buy a sprinter pedigree, he can look good and work good, but there's always going to be a ceiling. I try to buy horses that aren't going to have a ceiling, even with the little amount that I'm spending on them. I try to buy a horse that looks like he can go two turns, but obviously in my business, you need a little speed."

Hunt gets a single day of downtime before getting back to work. He and his three-horse draft head down to Miami for the Calder sale tomorrow. Included in his draft is another Tiznow colt, a half-brother to GISP Mystery Girl (Stormy Atlantic) who sells as hip 4.

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3	Smart Strike	\$75k	18	6
4	Street Cry	\$150k	15	8
5	Dynaformer	\$150k	14	6
-	Pulpit	\$60k	14	4
-	Storm Cat	Pens.	14	3
-	Unbridled's Song	\$100k	14	6
9	Maria's Mon	Dead	13	3
-	Rahy	Pens.	13	2
-	Tiznow	\$75k	13	5
12	Distorted Humor	\$100k	12	5
13	Dixie Union	\$35k	11	2
-	Lemon Drop Kid	\$35k	11	4
15	Awesome Again	\$50k	10	3
-	Kingmambo	Private	10	5
-	Malibu Moon	\$40k	10	2
-	Stormy Atlantic	\$35k	10	0
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**Tarrant Proves 'Hard' to Beat...**

Hardacre Farm's Amy Tarrant typically is more active in the yearling market, but made some noise as a juvenile-in-training buyer yesterday, landing two lots for a combined \$675,000. That included the day's second-highest-priced horse, hip [106](#), a colt by Yes It's True who went for \$425,000; and the second-highest-priced filly, hip [52](#), a gray from the first crop of the Unbridled's Song stallion Rockport Harbor who was secured for \$250,000.



**Amy Tarrant**

"When I first started 11 years ago, I shopped at the two-year-old sales," said Tarrant, an owner/breeder/trainer who is based at Palm Meadows in the winter and at Monmouth Park in the summer. "But then I

started focusing on the September sale. Now, as we lose horses--through being claimed, etc.--this is a great way to restock."

First up for Tarrant was the Rockport Harbor filly, who sold from the draft of Jim Crupi's Crupi's New Castle Farm. Bred by John and Martha Mulholland in Kentucky, the filly was sold to Josham Farms for \$60,000 as a weanling. Put back through the Fasig-Tipton July Sale, she was bought back for \$70,000. She made an eye-catching video at the breeze show, stopping the clock in :21 4/5 for the quarter mile ([video](#)).



**Hip 52, by Rockport Harbor**

"I loved everything about her," said Tarrant. "She had beautiful conformation, she was very calm and had a lot of presence about her. Even in the ring here, she showed a lot of presence. I never mind investing on a filly like this, because she's got some pedigree and she's beautiful. The fillies are nice because they have residual value."

Asked how busy she planned on being at the sales this spring, she said, "Well, if I'm able to buy what I want here--and I have a very short list--not very busy." **Cont. p8**

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**Amy Tarrant cont.**

That foreshadowed Tarrant's next foray, for the Yes It's True colt. Purchased by W.D. North Thoroughbreds and offered through his consignment, the colt ran to his good looks when he breezed a quarter in a bullet :21 flat under modest encouragement ([video](#)).

Tarrant said afterwards that it was the colt that really stole her heart.

"I said to my friend before that sale that I wanted to save my money for him," she said. "He wasn't even on our short list, but I saw him back at the barns and kept saying, 'Barry, look at this horse. Barry, look at him--I'm falling in love right now.' I told him at first I might have to go to \$400,000 for him; then I changed it and said I might have to go to \$500,000. So for \$425,000, I think I got the best colt in the sale. He's big



**Hip 106, by Yes It's True**

and rangy and has a great walk. He has fantastic feet. Everything about him I love."

Tarrant, who has a stable of roughly 20 down at Palm Meadows, also boasts a breeding farm here in Ocala, where her two February purchases will now go to unwind.

She currently has seven mares who are getting ready to drop foals, as well as a few maiden mares who she'll breed this season. Her best runner is probably Kiss the Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), who through five seasons of racing has amassed a record of eight wins, five seconds and six thirds in 37 starts and earned \$760,873.

Tarrant said he fits the mold of what she looks for in a runner--a two-turn horse that's durable.

"I like the Classic-type horses," she said. "I'm very conservative--these two will get 30 days on the farm to eat some grass and get some sun--so they won't get beat up. I want to make them last."

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	GII F-T Fountain of Youth S.	GP
	GII Hutcheson S.	GP
	GII San Carlos H.	SA
	GIII Canadian Turf S.	GP
	GIII Honey Fox S.	GP
	GIII Silverbulletday S.	FG
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### WinStar, as Seller, Feeling 'Blue'...

WinStar Farm is typically busy as a buyer during the two-year-old sales, but played the role of seller at OBS February as a means of showing support for its sire Bluegrass Cat, the Grade I-winning son of Storm Cat whose first foals race this year.



Hip 104, by Bluegrass Cat

WinStar came to February with a pair of Bluegrass Cats: hip [25](#), a half-sister to Pico Central (Brz) (Spend a Buck) who was scratched after working but before the sale; and hip [104](#), a son of SW and GSP Dancing Gulch (Gulch), herself a half-sister to top sire Distorted Humor.

The latter was purchased by WinStar for \$160,000 as a Keeneland November weanling and, following a :10 2/5 breeze ([video](#)), was hammered down to Jeff Treadway for \$195,000. Eddie Woods consigned the chestnut.

"Eddie really liked him and he's the kind you want to take to the races, but we wanted to get the word out on some of his two-year-olds, get them spread around and into different programs," said WinStar's Doug Cauthen, who was down in Ocala to watch the horse sell. "We've sold a lot of good horses as two-year-olds. When Victory Gallop had his first or second crop, we sold Victory U.S.A. at the Calder sale. We try to showcase all stallions by selling either good weanlings, yearlings or two-year-olds. With Bluegrass Cat, we had several good weanlings in the sales, and then didn't do as many yearlings because we wanted to have more two-year-olds. This was an opportunity where we wanted to come to this sale with two good physicals and pedigrees, and showcase the quality of mares he's getting."

Cauthen said they decided to scratch hip 25 when it looked like she wouldn't bring what they hoped.

"We thought she was a \$150,000, \$200,000 filly," he said. "She looks early, and she'll probably go to Todd [Pletcher, trainer], and we'll get ready for Keeneland and, hopefully, the stakes at Churchill [GIII Debutante S.]."

Cauthen estimated they had six more Bluegrass Cats to sell this spring, interspersed through the Calder, Keeneland April and Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sales.

"And I think we have 10 or 15 that we're bringing to the races ourselves," said Cauthen, who added that, at a fee of \$25,000, Bluegrass Cat already has a book of about 110 mares for the 2010 season.

"He's basically full, but we hope to come up with maybe 10 more for him," said Cauthen.

### On the Go...

Let's Go Stable's Ready's Echo (More Than Ready) came within 3/4 lengths of upsetting the upsetter Furthest Land (Smart Strike) in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at Santa Anita Nov. 7. After making the tough decision to sell the colt privately to Zabeel Racing, Bryan Sullivan and Kevin Scatuorchio's operation was back restocking yesterday, and landed the sale's top-priced filly, a Harlan's Holiday miss from Ocala Stud's draft.



Bryan Sullivan & Kevin Scatuorchio

Catalogued as hip [84](#), the filly is a homebred daughter of SW Burn Brightly (American Chance), who is the dam of SW Dream of Angels (Trippi) and SP Good to be Seen (Montbrook).

"She was a real standout," said Sullivan, who said he and Scatuorchio, son of owner Jim Scatuorchio, didn't necessarily come to February looking to buy. "But she vetted great, she looked great, and she came out of the work great. She looks like a filly that could be a two-year-old, too. When a horse like that ticks all the boxes, you have to go back and do some homework."

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**Let's Go cont.**

The men indicated that the filly, who breezed a quarter in a co-bullet :21 flat ([video](#)), might go directly to trainer Todd Pletcher's stable at Palm Meadows and be pointed toward the Keeneland meet this April.

Sullivan said the buying team of Let's Go, which syndicates its horses to a group typically comprised of eight to 12 investors, includes Pletcher, pedigree expert Alan Porter and veterinarian Scott Hayes.

Scatuorchio added that Let's Go currently has only a handful of horses in training, but has a number of promising two-year-olds who eventually will make their way to Pletcher's stable.

**115 c Silver Train Eastside Ballad 115,000**  
*B-Clarkland Farm (Ky)*  
*Consigned by Bridlewood Farm*  
*Purchased by Kinsman Farm*

Breeder Clarkland Farm offered this colt at last year's Fasig-Tipton July Yearling sale where the Mar. 17 foal was secured for \$20,000 by Bridlewood Farm's George Isaacs. That operation brought this colt back yesterday to make a nice score.

**Betty Mabee Passes Away cont.**

Betty Mabee's personal favorite homebred was Best Pal (\*Habitony), who was born at Golden Eagle in 1988. Hero of the GI Norfolk S. and GI Hollywood Futurity, the popular gelding was runner-up in the 1991 GI Kentucky Derby and, later that summer, captured the inaugural Pacific Classic for Golden Eagle. His exploits earned the Mabees their first Eclipse Award, and he eventually retired in 1996 as the winner of 18 of 47 career starts, and earned over \$5.6 million.

The Mabees' two other Eclipse Awards came in 1997 and 1998. They also campaigned Grade I-winning millionaires General Challenge and Excellent Meeting, both of whom were by the Mabees' stallion General Meeting. They also bred or raced Grade I winners Annual Reunion (Cresta Rider), Beautiful Melody (Alydar), Beau's Eagle (\*Golden Eagle II), Fantastic Look (Green Dancer), Golden Treat (Theatrical {Ire}), Jeanne Jones (Nijinsky II), Likeable Style (Nijinsky II) and River Special (Riverman).

John Mabee passed away in 2002. Betty Mabee joined the board of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club as a director and she served in that role until 2008, when she became Director Emeritus. In recent years, she downscaled the scope of Golden Eagle's operations by selling broodmares at both Keeneland and Barretts, but still retained several mares.



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**Hip 21 Sex c Sire El Corredor Dam Search for a Cure Price (\$) 180,000**  
*B-Millennium Farms (Ky)*  
*Consigned by Costanzo Sales*  
*Purchased by Hubert Guy, agent*

Breeder Millennium Farms, which claimed this colt's dam--Search for a Cure--for \$25,000 at Laurel in 2006, secured a \$23,000 final bid from Tony Costanzo at last year's Keeneland September Yearling sale. Offered back by Costanzo Sales yesterday, the operation generated a tidy profit for the May 14 foal. Tony and Peggy Costanzo, who maintained an Illinois training center for 18 years before relocating to Ocala in 2000, operate Samerin Oaks. They pinhooked subsequent Grade I winner Wicked Style, as well as multiple stakes winner Afrashad, who they purchased as a \$15,500 KEESEP yearling in 2003 and resold for \$500,000 as an OBSAPR juvenile.

**80 f Bandini Bouvet 130,000**  
*B-Norman G Houston III (Fl)*  
*Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent*  
*Purchased by Delray Farm*

Pinhooker Nick de Meric thought enough of this daughter of GISW Bandini, who had a yearling average of \$18,169 in 2009, to pay \$50,000 for her at last season's OBS August Yearling sale. Yesterday's sales price rewarded her backers with a solid return on the original investment.

**65 c Roman Ruler Winner's High 100,000**  
*B-Liberation Farm & Oratis Thoroughbreds (Ky)*  
*Consigned by Parrish Farms, agent*  
*Purchased by Dogwood Stable Inc.*

Roman Ruler, who battled down to the wire with Offlee Wild (Wild Again) before settling for second best in last season's freshman sire race, averaged \$30,202 for 40 yearlings sold in 2009. This colt, a Feb. 9 foal, was offered at last season's Keeneland September Sale and was snapped up for the bargain \$4,000 by Parrish Farm. Well below the seasonal high price of \$200,000 for a yearling by the son of Fusaichi Pegasus, the bay colt proved a slam dunk for this outfit yesterday.

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GISW	Sire
Annual Reunion	Cresta Rider
Beautiful Melody	Alydar
Beau's Eagle	*Golden Eagle II
Best Pal	*Habitony
Current Hope	Little Current
Dramatic Gold	Slew O' Gold
Excellent Meeting	General Meeting
Fantastic Look	Green Dancer
General Challenge	General Meeting
Golden Treat	Theatrical (Ire)
Jeanne Jones	Nijinsky II
Lambent Light	Capote
Likeable Style	Nijinsky II
Noble and Nice	Valdez
Notable Career	Avenue of Flags
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**CAREER LEADERS**

A by-product of our annual APEX runs is that we've built up a database over the years of 'unique' A Runners, meaning a horse is counted only once as an A Runner, regardless of in how many different years it may have qualified as an A Runner in the rolling seven-year compilations. As our database goes back 27 years (racing of 1983), there have now been over 31,000 unique A Runners, though today we're only concerned with those by the 1,107 sires which qualified for APEX ratings in 2009 (had 10+ three-year-olds in 2009).

Over the years, we've found a sire's percentage of 'unique' A Runners from foals of racing age tends to parallel their percentage of black-type winners. They aren't always the same horses, because APEX ratings are necessarily based on earnings, but there are about the same number. Certainly the standard for a top sire used to be 10 percent unique A Runners from foals, and certainly now the percentage standard is lower. At my most dramatic, I suggested six percent is the new 10 percent, but if you take the view that a sire had to be seriously good to achieve that 10-percent standard, and looking at *Table 1 (see p17)*, you can make a case that 7.5 percent is the new 10 percent. That's surely the most generous possible interpretation.

I've written extensively about the ways in which I think the world changed, beginning about the 1996 foal crop--the Big-Book Era--as far as stallion analysis is concerned. Whatever the reasons (my choices are: dilution of the quality of mares, plus the failure of American breeders to create new families), even the best stallions whose first foals raced in 1998 and later couldn't achieve that 10 percent figure. Sure, maybe today's best stallions simply aren't as good--as prepotent--as the stars of the recent past, like Mr. Prospector, Danzig, Sadler's Wells, and Storm Cat. But I suspect even the next ones of that class to come along won't get back to the 10 percent level.

Again, whatever the reasons, there is a very marked decline in the percentages for sires now 18 years of age and younger, compared to the previous wave of top sires. Thus the 'older' sires appear in red on the two tables (percentage of Unique A Runners from foals, and number of Unique A Runners) ranking all sires. As you can see, in the table ranking the top of 656 sires with 2009 APEX ratings and 200+ foals of racing age through 2009 (150+ if their first foals were born in 2005 or 2006), the top six are all in red, meaning the sires are 19 years old or older in 2010. Since sires will be rated until the year their final crops of three-year-olds race, many of these will either be dead or retired.  
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**Oppenheim cont.**

Eight of the top 10 sires by 'percentage of unique A Runners from foals,' and 17 of the top 23, are from this older group; only six of the top 23 are 18 or younger this year.

The amazing A.P. Indy tops the list, with just under 14 percent career unique A Runners from foals. Considering he is an all-American sire, and that he is 21 years old, and thus far, has shown no sign whatsoever of a decline in his figures, looking at these numbers, if you breed for North American racing and can afford to breed to him, you just have to. He's just in a class of his own, maybe the last of that great procession of superstar American sires which began almost 40 years ago with Northern Dancer--though A.P. Indy is the first one of those superstar sires to have registered something like 14 percent unique A Runners from foals based almost completely on just North American racing.

Their aptitudes may have been completely different, but Northern Dancer's grandson Storm Cat (11.73 percent unique A Runners from foals) and son Sadler's Wells (10.64 percent)--the most prolific sire of class of all time, perhaps--are the only other sires on the list of 656 with more than 10 percent, though the California sire phenomenon Unusual Heat (9.98 percent) misses it by the smallest possible margin. Top German sire Monsun (9.76 percent) and the former Claiborne star Seeking the Gold (9.64 percent) round out the geriatric top six.

Only six sires aged 18 and under (with the requisite number of foals) had 7.50 percent or higher unique A Runners from foals: Distorted Humor (9.10 percent) and Smart Strike (9.03 percent) are very close together at the top of this group, which comprises 380 sires. Next comes Street Cry (8.63 percent), then Lemon Drop Kid (8.35 percent), Galileo (7.76 percent) and Pulpit (7.75 percent). Of those, Smart Strike is 18 this year, Distorted Humor 17, Pulpit 16, Lemon Drop Kid 14, and Street Cry and Galileo are both 12. As you'll see, they are the top six sires on Table 3, which ranks sires 18 years old and under in 2010 by percentage of unique A Runners from foals.

That there is such a prevalence of sires aged 19 and older among the leaders by percentage tells us something important, that on the whole, older top sires have better records than younger top sires, which requires explanation--such as, younger sires aren't as good; mares are significantly diluted, etc. In a table ranked by cumulative unique A Runners, we would expect older sires to be the leaders; in fact, when you see a young sire poking his head up in a list like this, you're going to take notice. Sure enough, in Table 2, ranked by the number of career unique A Runners, the top 14, and 22 of the top 24, are sires which still had at least three-year-olds last year, now aged 19 and older. **Cont. p13**

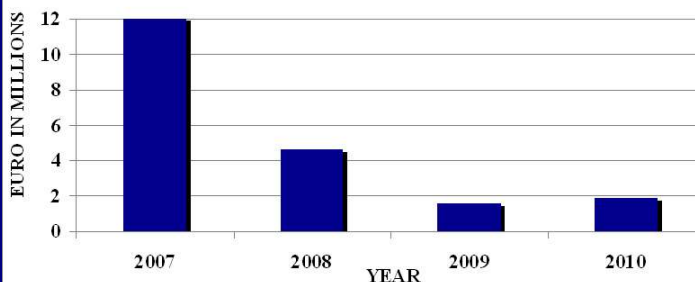
# Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"Want to show those Irish politicians a graphic summary of the collapse of the Celtic Tiger? The Goffs February Sale: down 60 percent in the number of days (five to two) in three years; down 56 percent in number catalogued; down 70 percent in number sold; down 85 percent in gross; and down 48 percent, on average, for those which did get sold. Want to show politicians anywhere how nobody wants to be a breeder anymore? The mixed sales (not including Arqana and OBS two-year-olds yesterday) so far in 2010 are down 70 percent in gross from three years ago."

- Bill Oppenheim

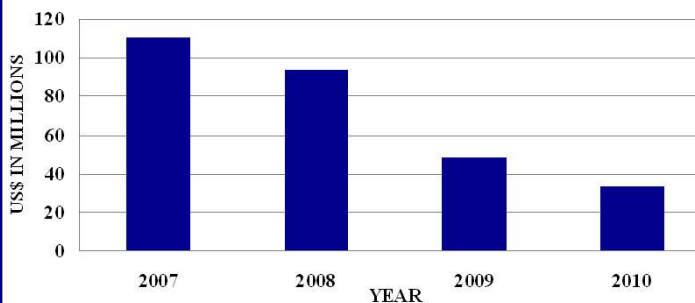
### GOFFS FEBRUARY MIXED SALE



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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2010	515	393	193	23.7%	49.1%	37.5%	€1,856,100	€9,617
2009	535	397	189	25.8%	47.6%	35.3%	€1,629,800	€8,623
2008	989	702	372	29.0%	53.0%	37.6%	€4,562,000	€12,263
2007	1162	933	652	19.7%	69.9%	56.1%	€12,028,000	€18,448

### CUMULATIVE US AND EUROPEAN SALES



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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2010	3,850	3,087	2,091	19.8%	67.7%	54.3%	\$33,553,943	\$8,715
2009	4,573	3,441	2,498	24.8%	72.6%	54.6%	\$48,357,658	\$10,575
2008	5,960	4,411	3,231	26.0%	73.2%	54.2%	\$93,686,180	\$15,719
2007	6,950	5,645	4,118	18.8%	72.9%	59.3%	\$110,537,252	\$15,905

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



**Oppenheim cont.**

The most prolific sire of top runners in history has to be Sadler's Wells, who leads this list with an amazing 235 unique A Runners, from an equally mind-boggling 2,208 foals (21 crops, so an average of about 105 foals per crop). Storm Cat is a distant second, with 163 unique A Runners; A.P. Indy third, with 144. Dixieland Band--in fourth--has 100. The top three are miles ahead of the rest, but of course A.P. Indy is the only one of those still active. Of the 'younger' sires on this list, actually only Giant's Causeway (63) and Galileo (47) are under the age of 15; but that's perhaps not unexpected, considering we're looking at a list in which the older the sire, the more chance he's had to sire unique A Runners.

I've always found being able to subdivide a population of 1,000 sires into smaller comparable groups is very helpful in trying to assess information realistically. That's why I find it so helpful to be able to divide current sires into these broad age groups (19 and over, 18 and under). There does appear to be a correlation between the advent of the Big-Book Era and the decline in top sires' ratings, which is why I find it more meaningful, really, to be able to compare Distorted Humor to Smart Strike than to Sadler's Wells and Storm Cat, and even to A.P. Indy. If the task is to try and evaluate contemporary sires, I think the standards we see in *Tables 3 and 4* are the most significant.

Using a demarcation of Class which is similar to percentage of black-type winners, and looking at the leaders by percentage of unique A Runners from foals in *Table 3*, we do see that Distorted Humor (now 17 years old, by the way) and Smart Strike (now 18), head the table with 9.10 percent and 9.03 percent unique A Runners from (named) foals of racing age, respectively. So it looks to me like, practically speaking, nine percent is the new high, as far as what percentage of unique A Runners from foals the top sires are going to throw (at least with books this big). Street Cry, just 12 years old this year and with his oldest foals (including Zenyatta) now six, ranks third on this list with 8.63 percent unique A Runners from foals; Lemon Drop Kid (8.35), who is sure punching above his stud fee in his position on these lists, ranks fourth, ahead of Galileo (7.76) and Pulpit (7.75). As noted above, these are the only six under-18's of the 23 current sires with 7.50+ percent unique A Runners from foals.

However, another 15 of the remaining 27 top 50 sires in this category are 18 years old and under, again indicating the compression in top sire ratings which has occurred in the last 10 years. They are the top 21 in *Table 3*, therefore, and it's fair to say this is the list I would pay most attention to, as a breeder now. These are the younger sires which are getting the racehorses. Of course, young sires which are now unproven arrive every year, and Smart Strike and Distorted Humor will be older (if still Big-Book Era sires) soon enough, which is why these lists need to be compiled and analyzed once or twice a year.

I want to mention one sire in particular who seems to come up on every list, every year, yet I haven't had occasion to mention him much: Stormy Atlantic, who stands at Hill 'n' Dale for \$35,000 this year. He's been a great success story, both when he started out at Bridlewood in Florida and since Jay Sikura brought him up to Kentucky. He's an extremely prolific sire of very useful horses: he ranked 12th, 10th, 6th, and 13th on the General Sire List the last four years, and is third, behind only Elusive Quality and Giant's Causeway, so far this year. I'm not surprised: when I picked the *TDN* up on Monday morning and looked at Sunday's results, it seemed like every other horse's name you looked at was by Stormy Atlantic. Well, maybe not. But he is a very good yardstick: 6.36 unique A Runners from foals, which is 53 unique A Runners, ranking him 20th among under-18 sires by percentage, and seventh by number of unique A Runners. He is averaging about 120 foals per crop these days, so has plenty to run for him.

***Postscript...***

Like many others, I was shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Jack Werk this week. Though I didn't know Jack very well at all, I had a lot of respect for him as the person who singlehandedly legitimized what we now call "computer dating for horses." Many is the time, when asked exactly what it is I do besides journalism, I have been able to give the short answer: "computer dating for horses." It's thanks to Jack that any of us are able to put it that succinctly, even if none of us do it quite the same way as each other, or as Jack did it. All of us who work in the pedigree field are indebted to him for making us much more visible. He will be greatly missed by those of us who work on the breeding side of the business. We extend our condolences to his friends, family, and associates.

***In Other News...***

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

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**Bob Ehalt, NTRA.com**



# Triple Threats

## SIDNEY'S CANDY MAY BE GOTHAM BOUND

Sidney's Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), authoritative winner of Monday's GII San Vicente S. at Santa Anita, may take his show on the road for his next start.



Benoit Photo

The Craig homebred could head to Aqueduct next for the Mar. 6 GIII Gotham S., according to *Daily Racing Form*. "There's a lot of choices," trainer John Sadler told *DRF*. "We'll look around the country. He needs

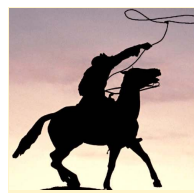
more graded earnings. And he needs to go two turns." Sidney's Candy was making his stakes and sophomore debut in the seven-furlong San Vicente. His 4 1/2-length triumph was his second win in four lifetime starts. Sadler also trains **Dave in Dixie** (Dixie Union), a late-rushing second in Saturday's GII Robert B. Lewis S. That colt, owned by Dawn and Ike Thrash, is headed for the Mar. 13 GII San Felipe S. Sadler will saddle **Domonation** (Maria's Mon), third in the Jan. 16 GIII San Rafael S., for this Saturday's rescheduled GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park.

## Wait and See for Maximus Ruler...

**Maximus Ruler** (Roman Ruler), runner-up in the GIII Lecomte S. Jan. 23, was not entered for Saturday's GIII Risen Star S. due to a foot problem. "He didn't want to place his right hind foot down toe to heel when he was being walked [Sunday] afternoon," said trainer Clark Hanna. "Usually, he walks very forwardly, but when we took his shoe off, his foot seemed to be a little sensitive. We took some pictures and they came back clean, so we gave him some hot water therapy and some anti-inflammatory medication to take the soreness out, and he seems to be much, much better [Monday] morning. Now, we're going play things by ear, and evaluate him for a few days. We'll see how he does with no medication over the next 24 to 48 hours to make sure he's okay." Hanna added, "I just don't feel comfortable running him back this weekend. This is the best horse I've had in my lifetime, and I don't want to ruin him. My best educated guess right now is it's only a stone bruise and he'll be fine, but he'll have plenty of other opportunities."

## Savemyspotimbeting Sidelined...

Frank Calabrese's **Savemyspotimbeting** (Vindication), an impressive winner of his debut at Gulfstream Jan. 23 ([video](#)), will be sidelined indefinitely with an unspecified leg injury, according to *Daily Racing Form*. The dark bay wired the field by five lengths while covering six furlongs in 1:08.78.



# RACING Round-Up

## ROYALE MICHELE RETIRED



Jim McCue/MJC photo

Graded stakes winner **Royale Michele** (Elusive Quality--Michele Royale, by Groovy) has been retired and will be bred this season to Unbridled's Song, the mare's connections announced yesterday. Bred and raced by Sam and Jo Pollock, the bay captured the 2009 GII Barbara Fritchie H. and

finished third in the GII Distaff H. last March. The five-year-old ran second to Sweet Goodbye (Repent) in the What a Summer S. Jan. 9 before finishing 10th to that rival in her Barbara Fritchie title defense this past Monday. Trained by Matt Kintz for most of her career, Royale Michele heads to the breeding shed with a record of 15-5-3-2 and earnings of \$231,365. "Royale Michele retired sound, has a great disposition and has been a joy to be around," Kintz said. "She has done a lot for me, and I'd like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Pollock for letting me train her; they are great clients to work for. I look forward to seeing her foals in the future."

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Will be bred back to Smart Strike.

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Accomplishments: Ch. Turf Mare-US, MGISW-US, SW & MGSP-Fr, \$1,695,373.



## BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

**Thursday, Meydan Racecourse, Dubai**  
**UAE 2000 GUINEAS-G3, \$250,000, 3yo, 1600m**  
 (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Oroveso (Brz)	Fahm (GB)	Pereira	Bary
2	Dubai Miracle	Consolidator	Buick	Simcock
3	Quartier Latin (Arg)	Orpen	Hills	Watson
4	Della Barba (Chi)	Della Francesca	Peslier	Barton
5	Maroon Machine (Ire)	Muhtathir (GB)	Fallon	O'Neill
6	Real Secret (Brz)	Redattore (Brz)	Blandi	Cintra
7	El Amarillista (Arg)	Mutakddim	Supple	Barton
8	Storm Chispazo (Arg)	Bernstein	Moore	Brown
9	Olympic Danz (Brz)	Shudanz	Nunes	Cintra
10	Jardim (Brz)	Ski Champ	Mullen	Cintra
11	Frozen Power (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Ajtebi	bin Suroor
12	Rock Jock (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Smullen	Manuel
13	Solid Choice (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Shea	de Kock
14	Musir (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Soumillon	de Kock

Also Eligible:

15	Mr Crazy Boy (Arg)	Numerous	no rider	de Kock
16	Black Snowflake	Elusive Quality	no rider	bin Suroor
17	Astonishment (Ire)	Desert Style (Ire)	no rider	Nass
18	Happy Dubai (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	no rider	Al Raihe

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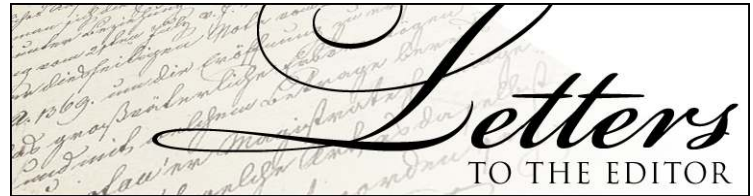
**Thursday, Meydan Racecourse, Dubai**  
**AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE-ROUND 2-G3, \$200,000,**  
**NH4yo + /SH3yo + , 1900m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Mr Crazy Boy (Arg)	Numerous	Soumillon	de Kock
2	Bon Grain (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Supple	bin Shafya
3	Allybar (Ire)	King's Best	Ajtebi	bin Suroor
4	Perfect Stride (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Moore	Stoute
5	Jet Express (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Ffrench	Al Raihe
6	Calvados Blues (Fr)	Lando (Ger)	Durcan	bin Suroor
7	Storm Sir	Johannesburg	Peslier	Al Abed
8	Jalil	Storm Cat	Dettori	bin Suroor
9	Poet (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Smullen	Charpy
10	Crowded House (GB)	Rainbow Quest	Spencer	Meehan
11	Snaafy	Kingmambo	Hills	Al Muhairi
12	Mr Brock (SAf)	Fort Wood	Shea	de Kock

All carry 131 pounds, bar Mr Crazy Boy at 121.

**Saturday, Golden Gate Fields**  
**EL CAMINO REAL DERBY-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**  
 (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Haimish Hy	Ecton Park	Martinez	Sherman	121
2	Thomas Baines	Johannesburg	T Baze	O'Neill	121
3	Posse Power	Posse	Mawing	Lucarelli	121
4	Very Fair	Our New Recruit	Antongrgi	Hollendorfer	121
5	Fog Alert	Thunder Gulch	Schvaneveldt	Sherman	121
6	Our Minesweeper	Cause Ur Mine	Alvarado	Lenzini	121
7	Ranger Heartley	Lost Soldier	J Garcia	Sadler	121
8	Connemara	Giant's Causeway	R Baze	Pletcher	121
9	Bert' N the Group	Bertrando	Hernandez	Rhoden	121
10	Jairzinho (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Blanc	Callaghan	121



*Editor's Note: The following is a letter from Arthur Hancock to Dr. Gordon Layton, a respected veterinarian in Bourbon County, Kentucky, which Mr. Hancock was kind enough to pass on to the TDN. We found it well worth sharing with you.*

Dear Gordon,

It was nice talking to you yesterday and hearing about Dr. Tom's interest in the nitrates. You have been unrelenting in seeking the truth about MRLS since we talked early on.

I was speaking with Bill Ferguson right after the first outbreak and we were talking about how putting up dry grass as silage and not waiting for rain could kill cattle due to the high concentration of nitrates. I had forgotten that, but Bill brought it up and said he thought nitrogen was the underlying problem causing MRLS. In retrospect, it seems to me that we experienced a "perfect storm" of nitrate saturation right before the MRLS epidemic.

1. There had been no rain all spring and the grass was dry and had not grown and must have been full of nitrogen.

2. Without competition from the grasses, the clovers predominated. Clover is loaded with nitrogen and feeds it to the grasses.

3. We had two consecutive heavy frosts, and each morning the ground was white like snow from these heavy frosts coated on a flat sea of clover with no grass showing. This frost caused more nitrogen in the clover, I believe.

4. Then, a day or so later it snowed, which also contains nitrogen. All of this was in late April, and had never happened before, in my lifetime anyway.

5. The fifth element of this perfect storm was the fact that for the first time ever, as I understand it, the University of Kentucky Agriculture Department recommended that farms could spread nitrogen in the spring. I know this because I called the Bourbon County agent, Glenn Mackie, and asked him if they had done this and he said yes. This was unheard of in the practice of farming, according to Bill Ferguson, and was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back. A lot of the big horse farms and many others who suffered extensive losses used a lot of nitrogen fertilizer and the big farms seemingly had more losses proportionately than the smaller, "cheaper" farms who used no nitrogen.

All of these nitrate insults converging simultaneously in some way caused foals to be born dead and mares who were in foal for a short time to abort, in my opinion.

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Letter to the Editor cont.

The following year, the University of Kentucky recommended that in foal mares be kept off the early morning grass after a frost, so there was obviously some conjecture and theory that this could perhaps be a problem. This speaks volumes.

I had four mares recently pronounced in foal at the time of the second-year frost, two of them good mares and the other two cheap ones that I owned. ALL FOUR WERE IN THE SAME BARN AND FIELD. We kept the two good mares up until 9:00 a.m. until after the frost had melted and left the other two out all night. The two cheap mares we left out both contracted MRLS and the mares we kept up did not get it. We lost one foal and Dr. Bryan Boone of Hagyard's was able to save the other pregnancy by treating her. Many other farms also lost a large number of foals during this second year, especially the farms who had spread nitrogen.

I wanted to put all this down and you and Dr. Tom can draw your own conclusion. The recommendation by U.K. to keep mares off of frost the second year was the right move, but why has there been no follow-up? The only thing I've seen was a study that said caterpillars were the problem because mares slipped when they were given 500cc's of ground-up caterpillars. That would cause an elephant to slip! Then they said to cut down all of the cherry trees, and thousands of big, old, beautiful trees were chopped from the land...in spite of the fact that foals were lost at farms that had no cherry trees nearby.

Having said all this, I will tell you about my career as a veterinarian. My father thought it would help me in the horse business if I went to vet school, so I enrolled in Organic Chemistry while an undergraduate at Vanderbilt. I went to class Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and that was the end of my vet career. The professor could just as well have been speaking Chinese to me.

Therefore, you scientists and veterinarians who are trained in this field must make the final judgment about the nitrates. As a layman and "good ole country boy," however, the jury came in a long time ago with a verdict of "guilty" on the cause of MRLS, as far as I'm concerned. One final thought; you and I know that a horse can isolate and spit a seed out of his mouth, so I feel sure (being the picky eater that he is) that he would not have ingested a caterpillar or anything a caterpillar may have left behind.

With kindest regards,  
I am sincerely,  
Arthur Hancock



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**MY WHITE CORVETTE**, 12, Tarr Road--Wind Chime, by Marfa

Foal born Feb. 7, a filly by Unbridled's Song.

Will be bred back to Tapit.

Owned by B. Flay Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Denali Stud.

Accomplishments: SW & MGSP. Dam of Stardom Bound (Tapit), Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,859,600.

**DELTA PRINCESS**, 11, A.P. Indy--Lyphard's Delta, by Lyphard

Foal born Jan. 25, a filly by Street Sense.

Will be bred back to Smart Strike.

Owned by Palides Investments NV Inc.

Boarded at Chanteclair Farm Inc, KY.

Accomplishments: MGSW, \$740,918.

**QUEEN OF MONEY**, 16, Corporate Report--Chandelier, by Majestic Light

Foal born Feb. 5, colt by Kingmambo.

Will be bred back to Kingmambo.

Owned by Mueller Farm.

Boarded at Keene Ridge Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$167,325. Dam of Pocketfullofpesos (In Excess {Ire}), SW, \$192,516; and Quiet Cash (Real Quiet), MSW & MGSP, \$160,321.

**IRIDESCENCE**, 15, Mt. Livermore--Orient Pearl, by Manila

Foal born Feb. 10, a colt by Unbridled's Song.

Will be bred back to Distorted Humor.

Owned by Mueller Farm.

Boarded at Keene Ridge Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: Dam of Flashy Bull (Holy Bull), GISW, \$844,313; and Pink Viper (Smoke Glacken), \$207,812.

**THE ADMINISTRATOR**, 18, Afleet--Shahriza, by Cyane

Foal born Feb. 10, a filly by Giant's Causeway.

Will be bred back to More Than Ready.

Owned by/boarded at Mt. Brilliant Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: SW, \$115,221. Dam of Saint Marden (Saint Ballado), GSW, \$159,800; and Sweet Lips (Kris S.), SW & GSP, \$565,138.



**TOP 20 SIREs by Percentage of UNIQUE A RUNNERS to FOALS (200--150 Foals of Racing Age)**

RED = 19YO+ in 2010 or CANADIAN

U- No longer at stud in North America. E- No longer at stud in Europe. J- No longer at stud in Japan.

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SIRE	YR	1st FLS	ST	2010 FEE	A INDEX	FOALS	UNIQ A	PCT
A.P. INDY	1989	1994	KY	150000	5.13	1032	144	13.95
STORM CAT	1983	1989	U-	RETIRED	3.53	1390	163	11.73
SADLER'S WELLS	1981	1986	E-	RETIRED	3.97	2208	235	10.64
UNUSUAL HEAT	1990	1999	CA	20000	4.18	421	42	9.98
MONSUN	1990	1997	GE	PRIVATE	3.68	502	49	9.76
SEEKING THE GOLD	1985	1991	U-	RETIRED	2.89	934	90	9.64
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	2000	KY	100000	2.78	692	63	9.10
SMART STRIKE	1992	1998	KY	75000	3.36	786	71	9.03
BOLD EXECUTIVE	1984	1990	ON	15000	3.48	668	59	8.83
KINGMAMBO	1990	1995	KY	PRIVATE	2.94	847	74	8.74
STREET CRY	1998	2004	KY	150000	2.78	313	27	8.63
LEMON DROP KID	1996	2002	KY	35000	3.28	431	36	8.35
CRAFTY PROSPECTOR	1979	1985	U-	RETIRED	0.92	1088	90	8.27
RAINBOW QUEST	1981	1987	E-	DEAD	1.36	1077	86	7.99
THEATRICAL	1982	1989	U-	RETIRED	2.14	1003	79	7.88
DIXIELAND BAND	1980	1986	U-	RETIRED	1.07	1277	100	7.83
GALILEO	1998	2003	IR	PRIVATE	3.77	606	47	7.76
PULPIT	1994	1999	KY	60000	2.48	581	45	7.75
DYNAFORMER	1985	1991	KY	150000	2.48	1081	83	7.68
SILVER DEPUTY	1985	1990	U-	RETIRED	2.36	1025	78	7.61

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GONE WEST	1984	1989	U-	DEAD	1.20	1202	81	6.74
ROYAL ACADEMY	1987	1992	U-	AUSTRALIA	1.46	1341	81	6.04
THEATRICAL	1982	1989	U-	RETIRED	2.14	1003	79	7.88
SILVER DEPUTY	1985	1990	U-	RETIRED	2.36	1025	78	7.61
RAHY	1985	1991	U-	RETIRED	2.24	1046	78	7.46
KINGMAMBO	1990	1995	KY	PRIVATE	2.94	847	74	8.74
SMART STRIKE	1992	1998	KY	75000	3.36	786	71	9.03
BRIAN'S TIME	1985	1991	JP	JAPAN	1.61	1188	71	5.98
GREEN DESERT	1983	1988	GB	PRIVATE	1.41	1088	70	6.43
GULCH	1984	1990	U-	RETIRED	1.85	1050	69	6.57
DIESIS	1980	1985	U-	DEAD	1.70	1068	68	6.37
WOODMAN	1983	1988	U-	DEAD	0.53	1557	67	4.30



**TOP 20 SIRES by Percentage of UNIQUE A RUNNERS to FOALS (Sires 18yo & Under)**

BLUE = 1ST FOALS 2005-2006

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PULPIT	1994	1999	KY	60000	2.48	581	45	7.75
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	1998	KY	115000	2.97	893	66	7.39
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	2002	KY	100000	2.91	867	63	7.27
SPEIGHTSTOWN	1998	2006	KY	35000	4.49	195	14	7.18
AWESOME AGAIN	1994	2000	KY	50000	2.82	585	41	7.01
PIVOTAL	1993	1998	GB	65000	2.66	831	58	6.98
EXCHANGE RATE	1997	2003	KY	25000	2.89	258	18	6.98
MENIFEE	1996	2001	U-	S. KOREA	1.76	349	24	6.88
OASIS DREAM	2000	2005	GB	65000	2.90	335	23	6.87
DALAKHANI	2000	2005	IR	50000	4.00	196	13	6.63
TIZNOW	1997	2003	KY	75000	2.74	453	30	6.62
CITY ZIP	1998	2003	KY	10000	2.69	363	24	6.61
PRECISE END	1997	2002	JP	JAPAN	1.74	273	18	6.59
SMOKE GLACKEN	1994	1999	KY	12500	1.76	613	40	6.53
STORMY ATLANTIC	1994	2000	KY	35000	2.33	828	53	6.40

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UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	1998	KY	115000	2.97	893	66	7.39
DANEHILL DANCER	1993	1999	IR	PRIVATE	2.73	1049	65	6.20
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	2000	KY	100000	2.78	692	63	9.10
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	2002	KY	100000	2.91	867	63	7.27
PIVOTAL	1993	1998	GB	65000	2.66	831	58	6.98
STORMY ATLANTIC	1994	2000	KY	35000	2.33	828	53	6.40
LANGFUHR	1992	1999	KY	17500	2.33	786	50	6.36
FUJI KISEKI	1992	1996	JP	JAPAN	1.69	1218	50	4.11
TALE OF THE CAT	1994	2000	KY	30000	1.79	945	49	5.19
GALILEO	1998	2003	IR	PRIVATE	3.77	606	47	7.76
GRAND SLAM	1995	2000	KY	17500	1.40	974	47	4.83
MARIA'S MON	1993	1998	U-	DEAD	1.83	879	46	5.23
MR. GREELEY	1992	1997	KY	50000	1.54	997	46	4.61
PULPIT	1994	1999	KY	60000	2.48	581	45	7.75
MONTJEU	1996	2002	IR	PRIVATE	2.80	694	42	6.05
AWESOME AGAIN	1994	2000	KY	50000	2.82	585	41	7.01
FRENCH DEPUTY	1992	1997	JP	JAPAN	1.26	809	41	5.07
SMOKE GLACKEN	1994	1999	KY	12500	1.76	613	40	6.53
FUSAICHI PEGASUS	1997	2002	KY	15000	1.63	706	40	5.67



Lydia Williams

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

★ **CENTRAL** ★

**MARY BRADLEY DIES** Mary Florsheim Bradley, who campaigned 1972 Eclipse champion Cougar II, died Feb. 5 in California. She was 90. Bradley was the daughter of Chicago shoe businessman Irving Florsheim. During a long association with Hall of Fame trainer Charlie Whittingham, Bradley campaigned several stakes winners; in addition to Cougar II, Bradley also was co-owner of graded stakes winner Greinton, who won the 1986 GI Santa Anita H. "She was an amazing woman, an amazing lady," Bradley's daughter Ellen Hunt told *Chicago Tribune*. "She was friends with people from all walks of life. She loved people, parties, she loved to dance and she was always positive and an astonishing resource to a lot of people." A private memorial was held yesterday in Rancho Santa Fe.

★ **EAST** ★

**Yesterday's Result:**  
**7th-PHA, \$53,394, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:39 3/5, gd. SHELLBACK (c, 3, Tapit--Daddy's Princess, by Mud Route),** second by a head in a Philadelphia Park sprint Sept. 15, completed the exacta once again when denied by a neck over a route of ground at that venue Oct. 13. Facing Keystone-breds in the Nov. 28 Pennsylvania Nursery S., the \$150,000 FTFFEB juvenile passed tiring rivals to finish third in his juvenile finale. The chestnut was the 1-2 favorite to get the job done here in his seasonal debut. Always prominent, he pressed the pacesetter from the inside through a half of :47.89. He took the lead on the far turn while racing under a tight hold and needed only intermittent urging to report home a 2 3/4-length winner. Carnivore (Giant's Causeway) was second. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-1-2-1, \$68,140.  
 O-Fox Hill Farms Inc. B-Venneri Racing Inc & Ray Broquire (PA). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

**Yesterday's Result:**

**MARDI GRAS S., \$58,800, FGX, 2-16, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04 3/5, ft.**

1--#**CHANTILLY NAYLA, 118, f, 3, Five Star Day--Appomattox, by Stravinsky.** (\$1,000 RNA wlng '07 KEENOV). O-Salman Rashed; B-John J Greely IV, Ralls & Foster, Phil Elliott & Phil Houchens (KY); T-Neil L Pessin; J-James Graham; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$96,700.

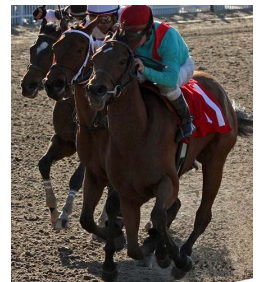
2--**Kinsolving, 116, f, 3, Posse--No End in Sight, by Straight Man.** O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. \$12,000.

3--**Hathors Legacy, 116, f, 3, Buddha--Amandas Bandit, by Royal Academy.** (\$14,000 RNA wlng '07 KEENOV). O-Robert Pierz. \$6,000.

 **HATHORS LEGACY** consigned by **WARRENDALE** 

Margins: HF, 1, NK. Odds: 5.50, 5.30, 23.70.  
 Also Ran: Bronx City Girl, Midway Holiday, Baby Sister, Wicked Uno.

Chantilly Layla, second to Amen Hallelujah (Montbrook) in an Arlington Park optional claimer Sept. 18, ran away to a 5 1/4-length score in a Keeneland starter allowance Oct. 23. Stretched out and trying turf for the first time in a Fair Grounds allowance Dec. 6, she made a three-wide rally to prevail by a neck last time out. Breaking from post one here, Chantilly Nayla was reserved in fifth in the early stages. She came off the fence with a furlong left, exchanged bumps with Kinsolving and Hathors Legacy, and asserted superiority late to earn a career high. The stewards conducted an inquiry into the stretch run before electing to make no change to the original order of finish.



Lou Hodges

"I got split between Shaun [Bridgmohan aboard Kinsolving] and Brian [Hernandez Jr. on Hathors Legacy] and we 'pinballed,' but there wasn't much any of us could have done about it. I wasn't too happy when this race was taken off the grass--she seemed a little uncomfortable when I've worked her on the dirt--but today she proved she could run over broken glass."

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• **ON THE WORKTAB** •

FAIR GROUNDS

El Brujo (Candy Ride {Arg}), 4f, :50.20, 12/39  
 Ron the Greek (Full Mandate), 4f, :49.60, 6/39

GULFSTREAM

Brass Hat (Prized), 4f, :49.75, 13/21  
 D' Funnybone (D'wildcat), 4f, :49.00, 9/21  
 Pulsion (Include), 5f, •:59.75, 1/14

**BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS**



**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17:**

04-03 \$400,000 **Central Bank Ashland-I, Kee,** 3yo, f, 8.5f (AWT) (250)  
 04-10 \$750,000 **Toyota Blue Grass-I, Kee, 3yo, 9f** (AWT) (200)

**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18:**

02-27 \$150,000 **Sham-III, SA, 3yo, 9f (AWT) (150)**  
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# TODAY'S INSIGHTS

**3:49p HR/TVG** 8th-AQU, \$42K, Alw/Opt. Clm, 3yo, 6f  
 Darley Stable's **LISTON (Storm Cat)** looks to KO his opponents here in his first start since the Keeneland fall meet. Out of the 2000 GI Ashland S. winner Rings a Chime (Metfield), the dark bay debuted a winner at Saratoga before he faded to eighth in the GI Hopeful S. The half-brother to the 2007 GI Darley Alcibiades S. and GI Hollywood Starlet S. heroine Country Star (Empire Maker) prevailed by a neck in a NW2L allowance at Keeneland Oct. 9, but was later disqualified from purse money after testing positive for ipratropium, a bronchial dilator. He returns at the comparable NW1X level here. "He got sick on us after the Keeneland race," McLaughlin said. "He's been training very well leading up to this race. If he runs well [here], we've love to stretch him out. We nominated [him] to the Triple Crown because he is very well bred, and we do want to give him a try going long." [brisnet.com PPs.](#)

**4:43p HRTV** 8th-GP, \$48K, Alw, 3yo, 1 1/8mT  
 Lael Stables homebred **LENTENOR (Dynaformer)**, a full-brother to the late 2006 GI Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro, faces winners for the first time. The bay rolled to a 3 1/2-length victory last time in his third start, a 1 1/16-mile maiden affair over this course Jan. 20. "It's an exciting time of year to have a horse like him going in the right direction, and if he runs well Wednesday, we'll give him one shot on the dirt in one of the big stakes leading up to the Kentucky Derby" trainer Michael Matz told *Daily Racing Form*. "The [Mar. 20 GI] Florida Derby would be a possible option." [brisnet.com PPs.](#)

# ★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

## Weisbord Named Finance Manager for Zayat:

Bradley Weisbord has been named Finance and Stallion General Manager for Zayat Stables, and will begin working out of their corporate offices in Hackensack, New Jersey, effective immediately. For the past three years, Weisbord has worked for the *Thoroughbred Daily News* and Executive Bloodstock Management as an analyst. Both companies are owned primarily by his father, Barry Weisbord. In his new role, Weisbord will oversee all financial aspects of Zayat Stables, as well as assuming responsibility for their stallion management. A Philadelphia native, Weisbord grew up on New York's Long Island and is a 2007 graduate of the University of Wisconsin's Granger School of Business, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Real Estate and Urban Land Economics. "Without the knowledge and helping hand given to me by my father, I never would have been able to realize this amazing opportunity," said Weisbord. "I am very fortunate to have been given this chance, and will continue my association with the *TDM* and EBM as well." Said Zayat Stables' owner Ahmed Zayat, "I am happy to have Bradley join us. He will surely be a credit to Zayat Stables. I have always had my eye on him since I met him at the sales when I entered the business." Said Barry Weisbord, "The chance to administer one of the largest racing stables in the country was a fantastic one, and one which he couldn't pass up. I am thrilled that Mr. Zayat has shown the confidence in him to afford him this incredible opportunity. Brad has been immersed in stallion investment, promotion and management from a very early age. I am proud to have been the one who introduced him to that world, and that he has chosen to make this his career."

## 2010 ROAD TO THE CLASSICS

DATE	RACE	TRACK
Feb. 20	GII F-T Fountain of Youth S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Southwest S.	Oaklawn
	GIII Risen Star S.	Fair Grounds
	GIII El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate
Feb. 27	Turf Paradise Derby	Turf Paradise
	GIII Sham S.	Santa Anita
	Borderland Derby	Sunland Park
Mar. 6	John Battaglia Mem'l S.	Turfway
	GIII Gotham S.	Aqueduct
Mar. 13	GII San Felipe S.	Santa Anita
	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
	GIII Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay
Mar. 20	GI Florida Derby	Gulfstream
	Private Terms S.	Laurel

## • ON THE WORKTAB •

### HOLLYWOOD PARK

Awesome Gem (Awesome Again), 5f, •:59.80, 1/25  
 Fluke (Brz) (Wild Event), 6f, 1:13.80, 4/7  
 Tres Borrachos (Ecton Park), 5f, 1:01.80, 18/25

### SANTA ANITA

She's Funomenal (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4f, :46.40, 6/35

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**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Feb. 17**  
*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs*  
*Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- CLOSING ARGUMENT** (Successful Appeal), Sequel FL, \$10K, 190/25/1  
 7-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, What's the Verdict, \$75K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1
- EUROSILVER** (Unbridled's Song), Dromoland, \$13K, 244/24/0  
 4-AQU, Msw, 1m, Eurosensation, \$65K EAS MAY 2yo, 10-1
- FOREST DANGER** (Forestry), Taylor Made, \$20K, 151/14/0  
 11-SUN, Msw, 6f, Cali Ta, \$14K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2
- GHOSTZAPPER** (Awesome Again), Adena Springs, \$200K, 174/11/0  
 8-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Stately Victor, \$250K ADS SPR 2yo, 8-1
- 7-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, In This Life, \$400K FTS AUG yrl, 10-1
- KITTEN'S JOY** (El Prado {Ire}), Ramsey, \$25K, 206/22/5  
 8-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Becky's Kitten, \$37K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- LEROIDESANIMAUX (BRZ)** (Candy Stripes), Stonewall, \$30K, 136/9/0  
 4-AQU, Msw, 1m, Considerate, 20-1
- LYDGATE** (Pulpit), Red River, \$2K, 58/5/0  
 3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Mary's Faith, \$10K EVA MAR 2yo, 6-1
- OFFLEE WILD** (Wild Again), Darley, \$15K, 127/20/2  
 7-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, Aphrodite's Tears, \$17K FTK JUL yrl, 5-1
- ROCK HARD TEN** (Kris S.), Lane's End, \$50K, 150/10/3  
 8-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Doubles Partner, \$450K FTS AUG yrl, 6-1
- 8-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Krypton, \$170K OBS MAR 2yo, 4-1
- SAINT LIAM** (Saint Ballado), Lane's End, \$50K, 98/19/1  
 8-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Saint Eligius, 10-1
- WILDCAT HEIR** (Forest Wildcat), Journeyman, \$7K, 222/44/4  
 6-GP, Alw, 5fT, Convoy Ahead, \$15K OBS AUG yrl, 3-1

**HAKAM DISPERSAL BOOSTS FEBRUARY**

**MIXED SALE** Aided and abetted by the 27-strong dispersal of the late Zakaria Hakam's racing and breeding stock, Arqana's one-day February Mixed Sale witnessed advances across the board at its temporary Saint-Cloud venue yesterday. Leading the way was the unraced two-year-old filly **Ivory Pearl (Fr)** (Muhtathir {GB}), a Hakam homebred, who was knocked down to Sylvain Vidal for €77,000. Consigned as hip 21 by the pre-training arm of Haras du Chene, she is a half-sister to last term's Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux victor **Ivory Land (Fr)** (Lando {Ger}). That price was almost matched when the five-year-old dual-purpose performer **Blue Bresil (Fr)** (Smadoun {Fr}) went the way of Agence FIPS for €76,000. Offered as hip 97 by owner Freddy Tondelier, who is also ceasing his racing activities, he hit the board in the 2008 G2 Prix Noailles and the G2 Prix Hocquart, as well as placing at graded level under national hunt rules last year. With the Hakam dispersal acting as a catalyst for keen early trade, third place on the podium was achieved by the unraced three-year-old colt **Zack Hall (Fr)** (Muhtathir {GB}), who was acquired by HB Bloodstock for €56,000. Presented by the Chantilly racing yard of conditioner Mikel Delzangles as hip 26, he is a half-brother to the 2006 G3 Prix Fille de l'Air victress Afaf (Fr) (Spectrum {Ire}), and the 2008 G3 Prix du Lys runner-up Zack Dream (Fr) (Dream Well {Fr}). Despite a reduced clearance rate, returns reversed last year's dip and recovered ahead of the 2008 figures. The sale aggregate of €1,160,500 jumped over 40 percent, despite 15 fewer horses selling. The median, €4,000, improved by one third and the average, €8,996, surged by an impressive 59 percent. Full results can be found at [www.arqana.com](http://www.arqana.com).

NORTH AMERICA - TRACK ABBREVIATIONS			
AQU	Aqueduct (NY)	APX	Arlington Park (IL)
ATL	Atlantic City (NJ)	BEL	Belmont Park (NY)
BEU	Beulah Park (OH)	CBY	Canterbury Park (MN)
CDX	Churchill Downs (KY)	CMR	Camarero (PR)
CNL	Colonial Downs (VA)	CRC	Calder (FL)
CTX	Charles Town (WV)	DED	Delta Downs (LA)
DEL	Delaware Park (DE)	DMR	Del Mar (CA)
ELP	Ellis Park (KY)	EMD	Emerald Downs (WA)
EVD	Evangeline (LA)	FEX	Fort Erie (ON)
FGX	Fair Grounds (LA)	FLX	Finger Lakes (NY)
FNO	Fresno (CA)	FPX	Fairplex Park (CA)
GGX	Golden Gate (CA)	GPX	Gulfstream Park (FL)
HAW	Hawthorne (IL)	HOL	Hollywood Park (CA)
HOO	Hoosier Park (IN)	HOU	Sam Houston (TX)
HST	Hastings Park (BC)	IND	Indiana Downs (IN)
KDX	Kentucky Downs (KY)	KEE	Keeneland (KY)
LAD	Louisiana Downs (LA)	B L	Laurel Park (MD)
LSX	Lone Star Park (TX)	MED	Meadowlands (NJ)
MNR	Mountaineer (WV)	MTH	Monmouth Park (NJ)
NPX	Northlands Park (AB)	OPX	Oaklawn Park (AR)
OSA	Oak Tree at SA (CA)	PEN	Penn National (PA)
PHA	Philadelphia Park (PA)	PID	Presque Isle (PA)
PIM	Pimlico (MD)	PLN	Pleasanton (CA)
PRM	Prairie Meadows (IA)	RDX	River Downs (OH)
RET	Retama Park (TX)	RPX	Remington Park (OK)
RUI	Ruidoso Downs (NM)	SAC	Sacramento (CA)
SAX	Santa Anita (SA)	SAR	Saratoga (NY)
SOL	Solano (CA)	SRX	Santa Rosa (CA)
SUF	Suffolk Downs (MA)	SUN	Sunland Park (NM)
TAM	Tampa Bay (FL)	TDN	Thistledown (OH)
TIM	Timonium (MD)	TPX	Turfway Park (KY)
TUP	Turf Paradise (AZ)	WOX	Woodbine (ON)
WRD	Will Rogers (OK)	ZIA	Zia Park (NM)

ARQANA FEBRUARY MIXED SALE TUESDAY, FEB. 16, 2010		
	2010	2009
No. Catalogued	239	245
No. Offered	218	212
No. Sold	129	144
RNA	89	68
% RNA	40.8%	32.1%
High Price	€77,000	€32,000
Gross	€1,160,500	€815,500
Average (% change)	€8,996 (+58.9%)	€5,663
Median (% change)	€4,000 (+33.3%)	€3,000
*Total Private Sales:		
No. Sold	11	12
Gross	€48,100	€63,000
Total Gross	€1,208,500	€878,500
<a href="http://www.arqana.com">www.arqana.com</a>		



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**JOCKEY DIES IN GALLOPS ACCIDENT** Irish jockey Ronan Lawlor was killed in an accident at trainer Pat Fahy's gallops yesterday, according to *Racing Post*. The 21-year-old apprentice was thrown from his mount into post and fencing, and was unable to be revived by medics called to the scene. "The horse just took off the gallop with him," Fahy told the trade daily. "When he tried to pull him back he was thrown into the post. I cannot quite believe it. It's devastating as he was like family to me." The Irish Turf Club's Denis Egan added, "He was an apprentice who had the world at his feet, having only just commenced his career. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family and friends for their sad loss." Lawlor is survived by his parents, John and Helena, and siblings Gavin, Conor, Cathal and Aoife.

## ★ BRITAIN ★

**Yesterday's Result:**

**Southwell, 14.30, Mdn, £3,600, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:43.13, stn.**

**SHERNANDO (GB) (c, 3, [Hernando {Fr}](#)--[Shimmering Sea {GB} {GSP-Ire}](#), by [Slip Anchor {GB}](#))**, a debut fifth at Nottingham in his only prior go Oct. 7, raced in a close-up third after the opening steps of this seasonal bow. Easing to the front with three furlongs remaining, the 4-11 chalk was coaxed clear once turning for home and coasted to the line inside the final furlong to easily best [Wrongwayround \(Ire\) \(Barathea {Ire}\)](#) by seven lengths. The winner is a half-brother to [Sea Dane \(GB\) \(Danehill, SW-Eng, MSW-Den, SW & GSP-Swe, MSP-Nor\)](#); and [Starlit Sands \(GB\) \(Oasis Dream {GB}, GSW-Fr, GSP-Eng & Ger, \\$129,004\)](#). Sales history: 22,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,457. O-The Originals; B-Kirsten Rausing; T-Mark Johnston.

**An Explanation of Black Type and Stakes Terms**

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-PHA, \$43,000, NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, gd. SMOKIN HEART (g, 5, [Smoke Glacken](#)--[Sconneltown Road, by Ack Ack](#))** Lifetime Record: 24-8-4-2, \$169,340. O-Lee A Rogalski. B-Phyllis M Browne & Richard L Golden (MD). T-Juan Carlos Guerrero. \*\$56,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT; \$18,000 2yo '07 FTMMAY. \*\*3/4 to [Smolderin Heart \(Two Punch\)](#), MSW & MGSP, \$467,686.

**6th-SUN, \$40,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), C, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37 4/5, ft.**

**LESTERS SECRET (g, 4, [Lesters Boy](#)--[Beauty Secret, by Souvenir Copy](#))** Lifetime Record: SW, 17-5-7-2, \$277,564. O-Henry Dominguez & Simply The Best Thoroughbreds. B/T-Henry Dominguez (NM).

**9th-SUN, \$31,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.**

**SMASH DANCER (g, 3, [Robyn Dancer](#)--[Some Smash, by Rare Brick](#))** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$33,480. O/B-Barbara M Coleman (NM). T-Todd W Fincher. \*1/2 to [Star Smasher \(Full Choke\)](#), MSW, \$437,992; [Some Ghost \(Ghostly Moves\)](#), MSW, \$845,535; [Zzss Ghost \(Ghostly Moves\)](#), SW, \$116,735.

**4th-FGX, \$20,000, Opt. Clm. (\$17,500), (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:49, ft.**

**BEVERLY BELLE (m, 5, [Far Out Wadleigh](#)--[Texas Squaw, by Apalachee](#))** Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-2, \$70,096. O-Morris Hewitt. B-Debbie L Jenkins (LA). T-John F Taylor. \*1/2 to [We Are Family \(Island Whirl\)](#), SP, \$199,170; [Betnow \(Pine Bluff\)](#), MSP, \$197,272. **(DH)--COLLEGE BOUND KATE (m, 5, [Littleexpectations](#)--[Arma, by Farma Way](#))** Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-2, \$83,176. O-Johnie Todaro. B-Rebecca Bynum (LA). T-Howard Alonzo. \*\$22,000 yrl '06 TEXAUG.

# BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Vanga (Ity), f, 3, [Antonius Pius](#)--[White Quartz \(Ire\)](#), by Sadler's Wells. Naples, Italy, 2-15, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT. B-Gianluca Boesso.**

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