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Boys at Tosconova
Adam Coglianese

do." Jay Em Ess Stable's GI Three Chimneys Hopeful S. hero has been taking it easy since arriving in Florida, most recently breezing five panels in 1:04 at Gulfstream Dec. 9. Dutrow also conditions **Mountain Town** (Cape Town), second in the GI Champagne S. and third in the GII Remsen S. "Mountain Town will most likely go to the [GII] Fountain of Youth [S. Feb. 26]," Dutrow said. "Both he and Boys At Tosconova are doing well at this point."

PREVIEWS

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Toocleverforwards (K)	Arch	Saez	Wolfson	116
2	Dynamic Barbie (K)	Roman Ruler	Cabassa Jr	Mora	112
3	Pink Palace (K)	Empire Maker	Pinto	Abbott	110
4	Funny Moon	Malibu Moon	Garcia	Clement	119
5	Amazing	Greatness	Trujillo	Wolfson	117
6	Musical Romance	Concorde's Tune	Cruz	Kaplan	115
7	Quiet Temper (K)	Quiet American	Velazquez	Romans	119
8	Striking Dancer (K)	Smart Strike	Leparoux	McPeck	117
9	Even Road	Stephen Got Even	Maragh	Ersoff	115
10	Joanie's Catch	First Tour	Santiago	Rose	118
11	Girl Can Rock	El Prado (Ire)	Lopez	Orseno	112

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2011 ROAD TO THE CLASSICS

DATE	RACE	TRACK
Jan. 1	Count Fleet S.	Aqueduct
Jan. 15	GIII Sham S.	Santa Anita
	California Derby	Golden Gate
Jan. 17	Smarty Jones S.	Oaklawn
Jan. 22	GIII Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
Jan. 30	GIII Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream
Feb. 5	Whirlaway S.	Aqueduct
Feb. 12	GII Robert B. Lewis S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	Tampa Bay
	GIII El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate
Feb. 19	GII Risen Star S.	Fair Grounds
Feb. 21	GIII Southwest S.	Oaklawn
Feb. 26	GII Fountain of Youth S.	Gulfstream
	Borderland Derby	Sunland Park
	John Battaglia Mem'l S.	Turfway
Mar. 5	GIII Gotham S.	Aqueduct
Mar. 12	GII San Felipe S.	Santa Anita
	GII Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay
Mar. 19	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn

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THE SECOND COMING

When Sea the Stars loomed up coming out of the “dip” in the 2009 G1 English 2000 Guineas at Newmarket, it had been 36 years since Secretariat set the standard for class for an entire generation of racing fans and professionals. Sea the Stars won the Two Thousand, all right, then won the G1 Epsom Derby equally easily, with the Coolmore number one, Fame and Glory (Montjeu), second. Trainer John Oxx then dropped him back to 10 furlongs for his next three races, in each case defeating a Coolmore star: Rip Van Winkle (Galileo) in the G1 Eclipse S.; Mastercraftsman (Danehill Dancer) in the G1 Juddmonte S.; and Fame and Glory again in the G1 Irish Champion S. There was a moment or two in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe when it looked like he might be in trouble, but jockey Mick Kinane eased him out, and he ultimately won easily again. He went six-for-six in 2009, and finished with a deservedly astronomical year-end Timeform rating (in Racehorses of 2009) of 140. But it wasn’t just about the numbers: Sea the Stars just oozed class. He was just that much better than everything else and, by the way, ‘everything else’ included some seriously good horses. Sea the Stars went into the history books as the Secretariat of Europe.

In spite of having been the greatest racehorse of his generation, and a half-brother to a very successful sire in Sir Gaylord (sire of Sir Ivor and Habitat), Secretariat was nowhere near as good a sire. There are a number of theories why this might have been the case, though none of those theories questioned his own class. One possibility is that Secretariat was a genetic freak, but, as in most cases in breeding populations, he bred back to the ‘middle.’ Another possibility is that a lot of us pedigree geniuses sent him the wrong type of mares: too Classic, too staying. The assumption was that he had such a turn of foot that he would add speed to more staying pedigrees. But he was out of a Princequillo mare, and it did seem he might have thrown more to the Princequillo than to his own sire, Bold Ruler. **Cont. p3**

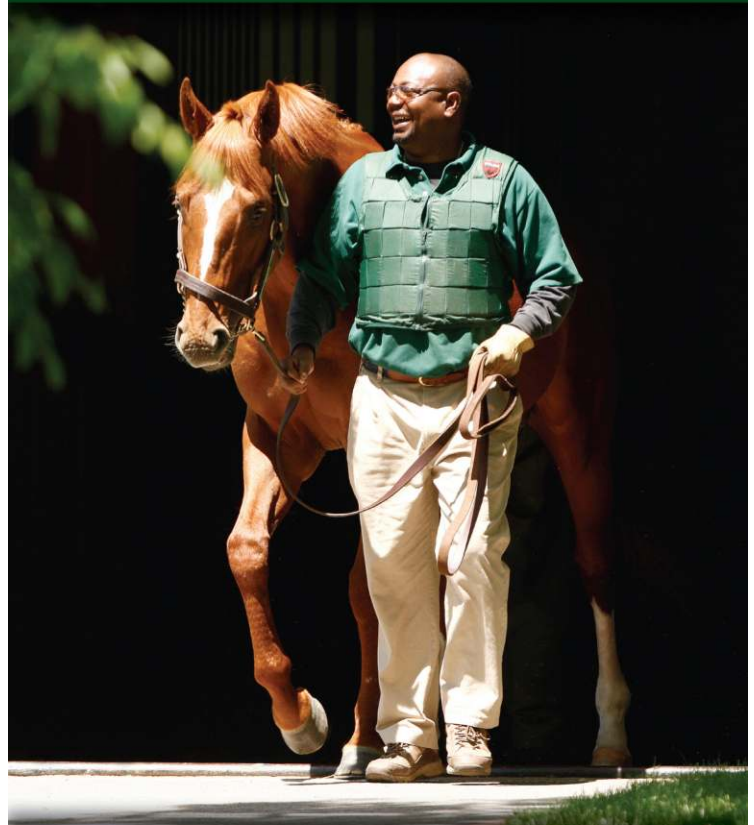


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It was a very striking example of the well-worn dictum: what they do on the racetrack isn't necessarily what they'll do at stud--for better or worse. So Sea the Stars doesn't have to be the second coming as a sire that he was as a racehorse. Having said all that, what breeder worthy of the name would not want to breed to Sea the Stars? We know there is a general correlation, after all, between class on the racetrack and class in the breeding shed, and this was a racehorse of maximum class. On top of that, he's a half-brother to the world's top sire, Galileo, out of the Arc winner Urban Sea; if he throws to his dam's side, all the better.

The Thoroughbred market is only just showing signs of beginning to recover from the most brutal drop in values since the crash of 1986-1992, so Sea the Stars is unlikely to be threatening all-time records for commercial performance--all the better for those who may be able to afford the hundreds of thousands they will still cost. Only three stallions with five or more mares sold in foal averaged over \$600,000 at this year's mixed sales, according to *TDN's Insta-Tistics* feature: Galileo, who had six mares in foal average over \$1.2 million; Medaglia d'Oro, whose five in foal averaged \$801,000; and Sea the Stars, whose nine mares in foal averaged \$694,604. On the entire *Insta-Tistics* table, which covers all stallions with one or more mares sold in foal, Sea the Stars ranks fifth (A.P. Indy, with two mares sold in foal, and Oasis Dream, with three, also had higher averages); the next best sire on covering average who retired in 2010 is Mastercraftsman, who ranks 50th.

STALLIONS RETIRING IN 2011 (Stud Fee\$10,000+ or equivalent)

SIRE	YOB	HIS SIRE	LOC	FARM	'11 FEE
Kentucky:					
Blame	'06	Arch	KY	Claiborne	35,000
Quality Road	'06	Elusive Quality	KY	Lane's End	35,000
Lookin At Lucky	'07	Smart Strike	KY	Ashford	35,000
Eskendereya	'07	Giant's Causeway	KY	Taylor Made	30,000
Super Saver	'07	Maria's Mon	KY	WinStar	20,000
Tale of Ekati	'05	Tale of the Cat	KY	Darby Dan	15,000
Warrior's Reward	'06	Medaglia d'Oro	KY	Spendthrift	15,000
Summer Bird	'06	Birdstone	KY	Pauls Mill	15,000
Midshipman	'06	Unbridled's Song	KY	Darley	15,000
Discreetly Mine	'07	Mineshaft	KY	Lane's End	15,000
Munnings	'06	Speightstown	KY	Ashford	12,500
All American	'05	Red Ransom	KY	Darby Dan	10,000
Majesticperfection	'06	Harlan's Holiday	KY	Airdrie	10,000
Desert Party	'06	Street Cry	KY	Darley	10,000
Afleet Express	'07	Afleet Alex	KY	Gainesway	10,000
Europe:					
Makfi	'07	Dubawi	GB	Tweenhills	25,000
Paco Boy	'05	Desert Style	GB	Highclere	8,500
Equiano	'05	Acclamation	GB	Newsells Park	8,000
Rip Van Winkle	'06	Galileo	IRE	Coolmore	20,000
Starspangledbanner	'06	Choisir	IRE	Coolmore	15,000
Lord Shanakill	'06	Speightstown	IRE	Ir Nat'l Stud	7,500
Lope de Vega	'07	Shamardal	IRE	Ballylinch	15,000

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Today's unproven stallions include tomorrow's proven sires, and there is always a certain attraction to horses familiar in people's minds. As we've reviewed in the last couple of weeks, next year sees the first progeny racing of top racehorses like Teofilo, Street Sense and Hard Spun, and this year we've seen the first foals by the likes of Henrythenavigator, Raven's Pass, New Approach, Curlin and Big Brown--all very interesting and exciting prospects. But Sea the Stars is a different matter entirely. If--a big if, we know--he is the same level of sire he was a racehorse, there's no telling what heights he might reach.

Focusing on stallions who retired in 2010 and had eight or more mares sell in foal at the major sales, there were 17 stallions with averages as low as \$8,000. But only one--Sea the Stars--had a covering sire average over \$100,000. You don't have to reach really hard to say something positive about the other 16, yet their covering sire averages range from \$8,000 to \$80,000. The market seems underwhelmed by this group, excepting Sea the Stars. **Cont. p4**



Sea the Stars
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In fact, only eight of the 16 averaged over \$30,000: four in Kentucky, two in Ireland, and one each in Britain and France. The next three by covering sire average, though a long way down the scale from Sea the Stars, were headed by the aforementioned Mastercraftsman (\$78,426 average for 12 mares sold in foal). He took a pretty impressive resume to stud this year: a dual Group 1 winner at two (Phoenix S., National S.), though only fourth behind Naaqoos in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere to close out his two-year-old campaign; he ran fifth in the G1 English 2000 Guineas to Sea the Stars first time out at three, then won two important Group 1 races at a mile, the Irish 2000 Guineas and the St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot. He then placed twice behind Sea the Stars at 10 furlongs, when second in the G1 Juddmonte International, then third (Fame and Glory second) in the G1 Irish Champion S. A winner of four important Group 1 races at two and three, his credentials read pretty well.

Intense Focus (Giant's Causeway) was heavily campaigned at two by co-owner and trainer Jim Bolger, starting nine times and recording only his second win in the 2008 G1 Dewhurst S. He only ran twice at three and did not reappear after finishing fifth to Mastercraftsman in the G1 St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot. But he was well-patronized, including by his owner/trainer, who sold a couple of expensive mares in foal to him at Tattersalls' December Sale.

Archipenko (Kingmambo) has an awesome pedigree--his dam, Bound, is a half-sister to Nureyev and to the dam of Sadler's Wells--and his page got another boost when Blame, out of Archipenko's 3/4-sister Liable (Seeking the Gold), won this year's G1 Breeders' Cup Classic. Archipenko's best run for his breeders, a Coolmore group, was his win in the G2 Derrinstown Derby Trial as a three-year-old. Sold to Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum and trained by Mike de Kock, Archipenko became a globetrotting four-year-old, winning the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup, over 10 furlongs in Hong Kong in April, and the G2 Summer Mile at Ascot in July, before finishing an unlucky second to front-running Spirit One (Anabaa Blue) as the hot favorite for the 2008 G1 Arlington Million. That's very good form.

The two leading American F2011 stallions by 2010 covering sire average were both bought at auction by Zayat Stables, were both trained by Bob Baffert, and both hail from the Fappiano branch of Mr. Prospector, which is responsible for so many top runners in North America these days ('all other Mr. Prospector' is still the biggest line in North America. Some pedigree students and writers divide this up into Gone West, Kingmambo, etc., but I'm still not convinced; it still seems, remarkably, quite homogenous to me). This was a tough year to retire a stallion other than Sea the Stars, and it shows in the averages.

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Zensational (Unbridled's Song) went off the favorite in the 2009 G1 Breeders' Cup Sprint off three straight Grade I wins at six and seven furlongs in California, though he only finished fifth, having met trouble, on the day; 15 mares in foal to him averaged \$51,800. Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker) came off a fifth in the 2008 G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile, won by Midshipman

(another by Unbridled's Song), to win four straight Grade I/II races in California: the G1 CashCall Futurity at two; and the GII Robert Lewis, the GII San Felipe, and the G1 Santa Anita Derby at three. He looked the winner of the 2009 G1 Kentucky Derby until Mine That Bird (by Birdstone, a grandson of Unbridled) came along, but he didn't run again after being



Pioneerof the Nile
Sarah K Andrew photo

virtually eased behind Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) in the G1 Preakness. Pioneerof the Nile compiled a very good race record, I thought, and you wouldn't have said mares in foal to him were expensive, at an average of \$44,205 (18 sold). **Cont. p5**



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Naaqos (Oasis Dream) looked a really hot prospect when he defeated Intense Focus and Mastercraftsman in the 2008 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere on 'Arc' day, but that proved to be the high point of his career. He stands in France at Haras du Mezeray, and 10 mares in foal to him averaged \$43,420. There are plenty of other attractive stallion prospects farther down the list, and they were not expensive to buy mares in foal to them, either, including WinStar's Colonel John (Tiznow; 16 mares in foal averaged \$25,812); Ashford's Dunkirk (Unbridled's Song; 17 mares in foal averaged \$17,488), and Adena Springs's pair of Tiago (Pleasant Tap; 23 mares in foal averaged just \$8,404) and Einstein (Spend a Buck; 13 mares averaged \$8,246). There are going to be some big bargains among this sire crop if these prices are anything to go by.



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Retirements for 2011...

There may not have been many high-profile retirements in 2010, but it's a different story for 2011, especially in Kentucky. At least 15 stallions are retiring in Kentucky at fees of \$10,000 and higher, headed by a quartet of top-class racehorses retiring for fees of \$30-\$35,000: the four-year-olds Blame (Arch) and Quality Road (Elusive Quality); and this year's two top three-year-olds, Eskendereya (Giant's Causeway) and Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike).

Blame, bred and owned by Claiborne and Adele Dilschneider and trained by Al Stall Jr., improved throughout his career. He was a good three-year-old, running second to Regal Ransom in the GII Super Derby and finishing his sophomore season by defeating 'olders' in two Kentucky fall Grade II races, the Fayette H. at Keeneland and the Clark H. at Churchill Downs. He went four-for-five this year, winning the GI Stephen Foster H. at Churchill and the GI Whitney H. at Saratoga, though he was only second to all-the-way winner Haynesfield (Speightstown) in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup before becoming the only horse to lower Zenyatta's colors in a thrilling GI Breeders' Cup Classic. I'm still voting for Zenyatta for Horse of the Year--much as I like Blame, he didn't have a '60 Minutes' segment run on him; but boy, do I like Blame as a stallion prospect. Cont. p6

6 stallions bred on the A.P. Indy/Mr. Prospector cross sired Gr.1 winners in 2010. They are **Congrats, the leading freshman sire in 2010, and...**

STALLION	2011 FEE
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Bernardini	\$75,000
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Not only does he have that Classic, two-turn Hail to Reason profile (think Roberto, Blame's great-grand sire) as a racehorse, he has a mouth-watering pedigree, and is certain to appeal to Europeans as well as American breeders and buyers. Arch has done well in Europe, and besides that, Blame is out of a Seeking the Gold mare, Liable, who is out of Bound, the Nijinsky half-sister to Nureyev, and to Fairy Bridge, the dam of Sadler's Wells. It's a brilliant sire family, one of the best. He goes to stud at Claiborne for \$35,000, a very fair price.

Quality Road, bred and raced by E.P. 'Ned' Evans, didn't always have the rub of the green--remember his refusal to load at Santa Anita in the 2009 GI Breeders' Cup Classic?--but, on his day, he was an exceptionally high-class racehorse. He ran Beyers of 113--111 when winning the GII Fountain of Youth and GI Florida Derby in winter 2009, but was sidelined and missed the Triple Crown races. He came back with a sensational win over sprinters in the 6 1/2-furlong GII Amsterdam at Saratoga, but was beaten twice by Summer Bird on off tracks thereafter. He came back this winter with an off-the-graph, near-13 length win in the GI Donn H. (Beyer 121), and won the GI Met Mile at Belmont (Beyer 112), but was beaten a head by Blame in the GI Whitney at Saratoga. That, I'm sure you'll agree, is absolutely top-class form. Quality Road goes to Lane's End, also for \$35,000.

Eskendereya was the best three-year-old in the country early last season, and would have been the favorite for the GI Kentucky Derby, but was injured after his second consecutive wide-margin win in a Derby prep, the GI Wood Memorial, and was ultimately retired. Previously he had annihilated the opposition in the GII Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream; he ran Beyers of 109 and 106, respectively, figures that would win plenty of Derbies. He goes to Taylor Made for \$30,000. I would call him a very exciting prospect at a very reasonable price.

Lookin At Lucky was bought by Coolmore, and gives them another top-class Mr. Prospector-line sire prospect--by his world-class son, Smart Strike--with plenty of charisma. Lucky he actually wasn't; after winning his first four starts at two, he drew 13 of 13 for the 2009 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and failed by a head to catch Vale of York (Invincible Spirit). However, he did bounce back to win the GI CashCall Futurity, and was rightfully named champion two-year-old colt. Baffert shipped him to Oaklawn Park for the GI Rebel S. to give him a run on dirt, and he duly got up to win by a head over Noble's Promise (Cuvee), who had been one place behind Lookin At Lucky in his previous two races as well. Then luck deserted 'Lucky' big-time in his next two races: he had a nightmare trip in the GI Santa Anita Derby, and was nearly put into the fence from the one hole shortly after the start of the GI Kentucky Derby.

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The first was probably pilot error, but the second--the Derby--was just rotten luck; the fact that he stayed on to be sixth said a lot about his grit and gameness. He bounced back to gain a much-deserved win in the GI Preakness, with Derby winner Super Saver down the field. He came back after a break with an easy win in the GI Haskell at Monmouth, and prepped for the Breeders' Cup with a bloodless win, at 2-5, in the GII Indiana Derby. Lookin At Lucky ran another great race, I thought, to finish fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, nearly getting to the lead from the outside 12 post in the stretch, but failing to hold off Blame and Zenyatta, then lost third to Fly Down in the shadow of the post. He gets my vote for champion three-year-old, and the fact he was champion two-year-old, too, is a great recommendation as a stallion prospect. He's another of this quartet standing for \$35,000. It's a righteous price, because he has a big shot of making a sire.



Lookin At Lucky
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There's a really strong group retiring in Kentucky for \$15,000, though WinStar's 2010 GI Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver (Maria's Mon), is priced the next tick up, at \$20,000. Summer Bird, one of two 2009 Classic winners from the first crop by Birdstone, was named champion three-year-old last year after winning the GI Belmont, the GI Travers and the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, with Quality Road behind him in the latter two. His final race was a good fourth, behind Zenyatta, Gio Ponti, and Twice Over in the 2009 GI Breeders' Cup Classic. He joins the cast at Paul's Mill for Ben Walden Jr., who's always done a great job with his stallions, for \$15,000; interestingly, he is inbred 3x3 to Storm Bird. Darley retires Midshipman (Unbridled's Song), the 2008 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and champion two-year-old, at the same price. He only ran four times for Godolphin in the last two seasons, winning twice and running a close third in the 2009 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. Also at \$15,000 is Tale of Ekati, by Tale of the Cat out of a Sunday Silence daughter of Maplejinsky (next dam Gold Beauty); he was supposed to go to stud in 2010, but had to be delayed until this upcoming season. He won the GII Futurity as a two-year-old and the GI Wood Memorial and GI Cigar Mile at three, and goes to Darby Dan for owner Charles Fipke. Discreetly Mine (Mineshaft), a half-brother to another rocket in Discreet Cat (Forestry) and winner of this year's GI King's Bishop (three-year-olds, seven furlongs, Saratoga--a 'siremaker' race), goes to Lane's End at the same price. Finally, at \$15,000, is Warrior's Reward, at Spendthrift. From the first crop by Medaglia D'Oro, he was a seven-furlong specialist who won the GI Carter H. this year, but last year he ran a Beyer 113 in an allowance race at that distance at Churchill, in which he handily defeated Munnings (Speightstown), who went on to win two Grade II races in his next two starts.

Which, conveniently, brings us to the aforementioned Munnings, a \$1.7 million Calder two-year-old from



Munnings
Sarah K Andrew

Speightstown's first crop, trained by Todd Pletcher for the Coolmore team, and who joins Lookin At Lucky at Ashford, at \$12,500 for 2011. I think this was a much-underrated horse, and, by the way, as you'd expect, he's gorgeous, too. After Warrior's Reward beat him in the allowance race at Churchill (in Munnings' first start at three), he won two seven-furlong Grade II races in New York, the GII Woody Stephens on Belmont day (Beyer 111), then came

back a month later to beat older horses (in July, very early for a three-year-old to be taking them on) in the GII Tom Fool H. (Beyer 110). Then it started to rain. Munnings' remaining three races of 2009 were all Grade I's run on sloppy tracks, and he was third in all three of them; I just don't think he handled the slop as well as he did fast tracks, end of story. **Cont. p8**

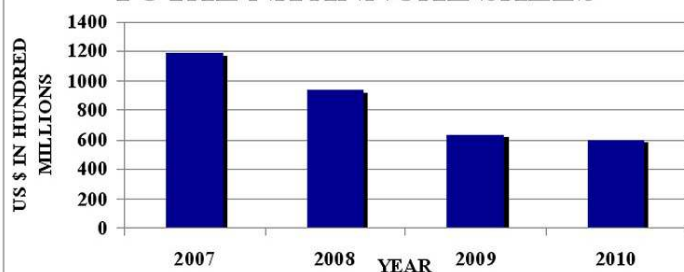
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"Last week we saw that the combined North American and European auction markets had 21 percent fewer horses catalogued and 22 percent fewer sold in 2010 than in 2007. The combined gross declined by 45 percent, the average by 30 percent. Here we can separate the sales by continent, and it's plain that it's been even worse in North America than in Europe. In NA: 24 percent fewer catalogued (15 percent in Europe); 27 percent fewer sold (16 percent in Europe); the gross has dropped by 50 percent in NA (38 percent in Europe), the average by 33 percent (26 percent in Europe)."

- Bill Oppenheim

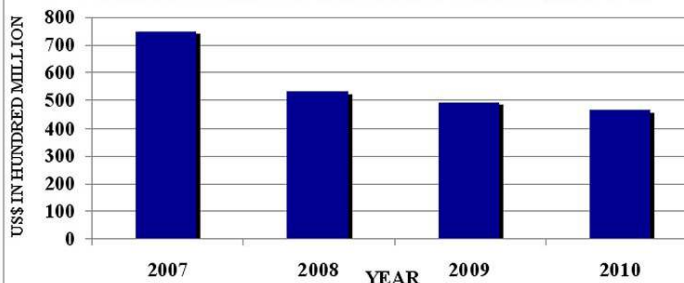
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2010	20,737	16,870	12,345	18.6%	73.2%	59.5%	\$595,413,250	\$48,231
2009	22,891	17,695	12,848	22.7%	72.6%	56.1%	\$634,208,950	\$49,362
2008	26,132	20,445	14,569	21.8%	71.3%	55.8%	\$937,420,600	\$64,344
2007	27,287	22,461	16,826	17.7%	74.9%	61.7%	\$1,187,763,600	\$70,591

TOTAL EUROPEAN ANNUAL SALES



TOTAL ANNUAL EUROPEAN SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2010	16,111	13,505	9,895	16.2%	73.3%	61.4%	\$464,410,254	\$46,934
2009	15,406	12,870	9,836	16.5%	76.4%	63.8%	\$493,699,063	\$50,193
2008	17,800	14,399	9,999	19.1%	69.4%	56.2%	\$530,713,320	\$53,077
2007	18,918	16,005	11,774	15.4%	73.6%	62.2%	\$748,656,641	\$63,586

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Oppenheim cont.

He won the GII Gulfstream Park Sprint Championship this year, and ran third to Warrior's Reward in the GI Carter (so you have to like Warrior's Reward if you like Munnings, because he beat him in key seven-furlong races two years in a row), but was disappointing in his subsequent two starts, and was retired. Munnings comes from a great family, too; his second dam was the Grade I-winning Lord at War mare La Gueriere, raced by Peter and Diane Perkins' Winborne Farm and tracing back to the mighty *La Troienne.

Four horses from varied and interesting backgrounds are retiring in Kentucky for \$10,000, and all are sure to have big followings, but none more so than Airdrie's Majesticperfection (Harlan's Holiday), the pro-tem champion sprinter of 2010. He was injured and retired in September, but, in his final two starts, he ran a Beyer 117 in a sprint stakes at Prairie Meadows, followed by a Beyer 115 in the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. at Saratoga, with Big Drama (Montbrook) nearly three lengths behind in second. Considering how good Big Drama looked winning the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, Majesticperfection's Eclipse Award should be a formality. Also new for \$10,000 in Kentucky: Darby Dan brings in All American, a Group 1-winning miler in Australia by Red Ransom out of a half-sister to Rock Hard Ten, from powerful Arrowfield Farm; Darley adds Desert Party, a \$2.1-million juvenile by Street Cry who won the GII Sanford S. at Saratoga as a juvenile, to their roster; and this year's GI Travers S. winner, Afleet Express, joins his sire, Afleet Alex, at Gainesway.

Only four stallions are retiring for five-figure fees in Europe for 2011, headed by Makfi (Dubawi), a big shot in the arm for mid-price range breeders in Great Britain, as Qatari Sheikh Fahad al-Thani's Pearl Bloodstock trumped a group of French breeders to buy the winner of the G1 English 2000 Guineas and the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois--in which he defeated Goldikova and Paco Boy--to stand at David Redvers' Tweenhills Stud in England. He'll stand for £25,000.

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



REPUBLICANS PREPARE FOR 112TH CONGRESS

With the new Congress set to convene on January 5, Republicans have prepared to reclaim their House majority by naming various House committee chairmen. These chairmen serve an influential role by determining those bills that are taken up for consideration and ultimately sent to the full House.

Representative Frank Lucas (OK), who has served on the Agriculture Committee since 1994, is the new committee chair. The [Agriculture Committee](#) has jurisdiction over agriculture-related matters, including the Farm Bill, wide-ranging legislation that covers numerous aspects of farm policy for five-year periods. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized accelerated depreciation for young racehorses, a provision that NTRA will seek to renew.

Representative Fred Upton (MI) was elected to head the [Energy and Commerce Committee](#), whose jurisdiction extends to the [Interstate Horseracing Act](#). The IHA was amended in 2000 to authorize pari-mutuel wagering on horseracing via the Internet. Numerous Internet gaming bills were floated in the 111th Congress, but none passed. NTRA continues its efforts to protect horseracing's interests and the \$1.65 billion market for online pari-mutuel wagering.



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Coolmore retires two five-figure prospects: Rip Van Winkle (Galileo), who was first or second in seven Group 1 races at 1 mile or 10 furlongs (won three, second four times), goes to stud for the very reasonable fee, I would have thought, of €20,000; and Starspangledbanner (Choisir), who was a Group 1 winner at six furlongs and a mile in Australia, but proved himself the best six-furlong sprinter in Europe as well, with Group 1 wins in the Golden Jubilee at Royal Ascot and the July Cup at Newmarket this year. **Cont. p9**

SIREs with FIRST MARES IN-FOAL 2010 (8+ Sold)

Sire	His Sire	Loc	Farm	Ring	Sold	Average (\$)	2011 Fee	2010 Fee
Sea the Stars	Cape Cross	IRE	Gilltown	12	9	694,604	85,000	85,000
Mastercraftsman	Danehill Dancer	IRE	Coolmore	22	12	78,426	17,500	20,000
Intense Focus	Giant's Causeway	IRE	Ballylinch	34	22	66,856	6,000	6,500
Archipenko	Kingmambo	GB	Lanwades	11	8	52,692	6,000	8,000
Zensational	Unbridled's Song	KY	Hill 'n' Dale	18	15	51,800	22,500	25,000
Pioneerofthenile	Empire Maker	KY	Vinery	24	18	44,205	17,500	20,000
Naaqoos	Oasis Dream	FR	H du Mezeray	13	10	43,420	6,000	6,000
Kodiak Cowboy	Posse	KY	Vinery	10	9	35,000	10,000	12,500
Old Fashioned	Unbridled's Song	KY	Taylor Made	20	15	34,066	12,500	12,500
Yeats	Sadler's Wells	IRE	Coolmore	13	11	29,391	9,000	10,000
Colonel John	Tiznow	KY	WinStar	21	16	25,812	15,000	15,000
Champs Elysees	Danehill	GB	Banstead Manor	13	11	19,892	10,000	10,000
Dunkirk	Unbridled's Song	KY	Ashford	29	17	17,488	10,000	10,000
Bushranger	Danetime (Ire)	IRE	Tally Ho	14	10	14,612	7,500	7,500
Cowboy Cal	Giant's Causeway	KY	Pin Oak	14	12	13,766	7,500	7,500
Tiago	Pleasant Tap	NY	McMahon	32	23	8,404	5,000	5,000
Einstein	Spend a Buck	KY	Adena Springs	15	13	8,246	7,500	7,500



Oppenheim cont.

Starspangledbanner kicks off at €15,000. The 2010 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix du Jockey-Club winner Lope de Vega (Shamardal) will be standing for €15,000 at Ireland's Ballylinch Stud. Lope de Vega's sire, Shamardal (Giant's Causeway), won the same two races the first year the Prix du Jockey-Club was shortened to 2100 meters.

Two other stallions in England will be standing for the equivalent of five figures when converted to US dollars: Highclere Stud's new acquisition Paco Boy (Desert Style), who won three Group 1s and four Group 2s at seven furlongs and a mile, including top-level wins in the G1 Prix de la Foret as a three-year-old and the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot at four. He'll stand for £8,500. Newsells Park will be standing Equiano (Acclamation) for £8,000. He won the five-furlong G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot twice, and was only narrowly beaten by Starspangledbanner in this year's G1 July Cup at six furlongs. Both these horses will be really popular with British breeders. In Ireland, another son of Speightstown, Group 1 winner Lord Shanakill, goes to the Irish National Stud for €7,500--very nearly \$10,000.

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RIFT (c, 2, Not for Love--Indian Head Penny, by Waquoit)
 \$120,000 yrl '09 FTMOCT
 Consigned by Becky Davis Inc, agent
 Purchased by Jay Em Ess Stable

Boys at Tosconova isn't the only up-and-coming colt wearing the Jay Em Ess silks. Dutrow also conditions the two-year-old **Rift** (Not For Love), a good-looking maiden special weight winner at Aqueduct Dec. 11. Put on the lead that day by Ramon Dominguez, Rift cut out :22 3/5 and :45 2/5 fractions and cruised home a comfortable winner over Arch Traveler (Sky Mesa). a \$260,000 KEESEP yearling who was making his debut for Centennial Farms and the Jimmy Jerkens barn. The final time for the six-furlong race was 1:09 3/5 ([video](#)).

It was Rift's third trip to the post, but he ran strong races in both of his previous efforts. Sent off the even-money choice in his 5 1/2-furlong debut at Belmont Oct. 10, he finished second, 5 1/2 lengths adrift of ♀ **"TDN Rising Star"** ♀ Fort Hughes (Henny Hughes), who scorched the distance in 1:02 4/5. Fort Hughes, a Darley homebred, was making his bow that day. He came back to run second by a head at 2-5 odds in the Southampton S. at Parx Dec. 21.

Rift was runner-up in his second start, too, finishing 1 1/4 lengths off another highly regarded two-year-old in Klaravich Stable's Leave of Absence (Harlan's Holiday) in a six-furlong maiden at Aqueduct Nov. 7. Leave of Absence, making his second career start, hasn't returned to the races, but is working forwardly at Palm Meadows for the red-hot Rick Violette Jr. barn.

Rift put it all together next out, though, and his exertions earned him a 95 BRIS.

Unlike Boys at Tosconova, Rift will remain in New York for the winter--or at least that's the current plan. "We'll probably look for an allowance race next," said Jay Em Ess Stable's Samantha Siegel. "Rick thinks he looks like a sprinter, but is willing to try him long if a race came up."

Siegel said she expects Rift to improve into next season. "Not For Loves seem to get better as they get older, so getting some experience before winning his first race is not a bad thing," said Siegel. "Unfortunately, he hooked some runners his first two starts. Rick has liked him all along. He has been easy to train."

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Rift is a son of the 16-year-old Waquoit mare Indian Head Penny, a stakes winner around two turns as a five-year-old and the dam of stakes winner Headsandtales (Tale of the Cat). Jay Em Ess purchased Rift, who was bred by Skeedattle Associates, for \$120,000 out of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Sale. "We like Not For Love as a sire, and he came out of our favorite sale," said Siegel. "He was correct, nicely made and handled himself well."

The Fasig Midlantic Sale has indeed been good to Jay Em Ess. Its champion and GISW Declan's Moon (Malibu Moon), GISW I Believe in You (Pleasant Tap) and GSW Love of Money--another son of Not For Love--were all purchased there. --LM



NEWS TODAY

ESPN WINS TELEVISION- LIVE PROGRAMING MEDIA ECLIPSE AWARD FOR BC TELECAST

Edited press release

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers And Broadcasters (NTWAB) announced that ESPN has won the Media Eclipse Award for Television--Live Racing Programming for its telecast of the 2010 Breeders' Cup World Championships at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. The Breeders' Cup program, which culminated with the dramatic battle between Blame and Zenyatta in the Breeders' Cup Classic, aired on ABC and ESPN and ESPN2 on Nov. 5-6. Mike McQuade was coordinating producer. This is the second consecutive Media Eclipse Award in the Live Television category for ESPN, which won the award in 2009 for its telecast of the Belmont S. that was shown on ABC. "We are extremely proud to win this award for the second consecutive year," said McQuade, who is vice president of event production for ESPN. "Our team does horse racing as well as anyone in the industry. We are blessed with a crew that is dedicated to putting together a terrific production of the races, but also bringing viewers closer to the action as never before." The main focus of the 2010 Breeders' Cup program was the attempt by Zenyatta to retire a perfect 20 for 20 with a repeat victory in the \$5-million Breeders' Cup Classic against her strongest competition today date, coupled with the national attention she had garnered over the past three years. "She had turned the Breeders' Cup into a cultural event, not just a sporting event," said McQuade. "We tried to bring out the formidable task she faced that day by preparing the viewer with stories and information on all 11 horses in the Classic." In between the live telecast of 14 races over the two days of the Championships, the program included poignant features on the closeness between Zenyatta and her jockey Mike Smith and a segment on Classic contender Quality Road, who returned successfully to competition following his scratch at the gate in the 2009 Classic. The final 45 minutes of the Saturday telecast were commercial free. In the last stages of Zenyatta's walk-over to be saddled for the Classic, the ESPN announcer team went silent as she paraded up the paddock runway and entered her stall to just the loud cheers of the crowd from all directions. "She was the star of the show, not us," said McQuade. "We felt letting the scene play for itself was the best way the get the viewer to be as close to that moment as possible." For the running of the Classic itself, McQuade credits his production team for keeping the shots simple and reducing the number of cuts to a minimum. ESPN also utilized a second extra slow motion camera facing the finish line that defined Blame's short victory over Zenyatta. **Cont. p11**

SECOND ANNUAL

TDN READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

We have come up with the finalists in the 10 categories for the 2010 TDN Readers' Choice Awards, and now voting begins for the winners. From now until Jan. 16, you can submit your votes on our website--one vote per category for each subscriber. (If you have already voted, but want to change your vote now that we have added nominees, you can do so). We will publish the award winners in the Jan. 23 edition of the TDN.

When you vote, you will be automatically entered into a drawing. We will draw five names from among those who participate, and the five winners of the drawing will receive either a framed 11x14 photo of a Sarah K. Andrew original--their choice of anything in Sarah's TDN gallery (to view the gallery, click [here](#))--or a free full page ad in the TDN. A list of categories and finalists follows today's TDN, or you can view them by clicking [here](#).

2010 U.S. SEVEN-FIGURE YEARLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)	Sale
<u>14</u>	c	A.P. Indy	Balance	4,200,000	KEESEP
B-Mrs Jerry Amerman (KY) Consigned by Mill Ridge Sales, agent Purchased by Besilu Stables					
<u>116</u>	c	Distorted Humor	Angel's Nest	2,050,000	KEESEP
B-Flaxman Holdings (KY) Consigned by Lane's End, agent Purchased by Flag Lake #2					
<u>101</u>	c	A.P. Indy	Maryfield	1,200,000	FTSAUG
B-Southern Equine Stables (KY) Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent XXIII Purchased by Besilu Stables					
<u>351</u>	c	Smart Strike	Ask Me No Secrets	1,000,000	KEESEP
B-Earl H Shultz (KY) Consigned by Greenfield Farm (B D Gibbs Farm), Agent IX Purchased by George Bolton					



That shot replayed over and over during the next several days in the national spotlight. The Breeders' Cup World Championships telecast was produced by David Ceisler and directed by Doug Holmes. Joe Tessitore hosted the program. He was joined by analysts Randy Moss, Kenny Mayne and Jerry Bailey. Jeannine Edwards, Jay Privman, Caton Bredar, Steve Cyphers and Jeremy Schaap were the reporters, and Hank Goldberg was the handicapper. Judges for the National Television--Live Racing category were: Chris Svendsen of CBS Sports; Stan Isaacs, former *Newsday* sports television columnist, and Howard Sudberry, former sports director for WBBM-TV in Chicago. Honorable mention in the National Television Live Programming went to NBC Sports for its live telecast of the Preakness Stakes from Baltimore, Md., which aired May 15. Sam Flood was executive producer.

2010 TOP 10 U.S. BROODMARES/BROODMARE PROSPECTS

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)	Sale
<u>378</u>	Dreamtheimpossible	i/f Galileo (Ire)	2,550,000	KN
	<i>(4, Giant's Causeway--Spain, by Thunder Gulch)</i>			
	Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent			
	Purchased by Adena Springs Farm			
<u>10</u>	Awesome Feather	racing/b'mare prospect	2,300,000	FTN
	<i>(f, 2, Awesome of Course--Precious Feather, by Gone West)</i>			
	Consigned by Hidden Brook, agent			
	Purchased by Adena Springs			
<u>97</u>	Careless Jewel	broodmare prospect	1,950,000	FTN
	<i>(f, 4, Tapit--Sweet and Careless, by Hennessy)</i>			
	Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent			
	Purchased by Southern Equine Stables LLC			
<u>429</u>	Lucky One	i/f Pollard's Vision	1,850,000	KN
	<i>(8, Best of Luck--Twilight Spectre, by Imp Society)</i>			
	Consigned by Fairlawn Farm			
	Purchased by Shadai Farm			
<u>146</u>	Serious Attitude (Ire)	racing/b'mare prospect	1,850,000	FTN
	<i>(f, 4, Mtoto {GB}--Zameyla {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire})</i>			
	Consigned by Sweezey & Partners, agent			
	Purchased by Shadai Farm			
<u>43</u>	Society Selection	i/f Medaglia d'Oro	1,850,000	KN
	<i>(m, 9, Coronado's Quest--Love That Jazz, by Dixieland Band)</i>			
	Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency,			
	agent for The Dispersal of Irving Cowan Phase 2			
	Purchased by Aisling Duignan, agent			
<u>122</u>	Playa Maya	i/f Broken Vow	1,650,000	FTN
	<i>(m, 10, Arch--Dixie Slippers, by Dixieland Band)</i>			
	Consigned by Denali Stud, agent for Respite Farm			
	Purchased by M V Magnier			
<u>404</u>	Heart Shaped	i/f A.P. Indy	1,550,000	KN
	<i>(4, Storm Cat--Twenty Eight Carat, by Alydar)</i>			
	Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent			
	Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock			
<u>161</u>	Golden Ballet	i/f Unbridled's Song	1,400,000	KN
	<i>(m, 12, Moscow Ballet--Golden Jewel Box, by Slew o' Gold)</i>			
	Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent for Aaron & Marie Jones			
	Purchased by Aisling Duignan, agent			
<u>69</u>	Gabby's Golden Gal	broodmare prospect	1,250,000	FTN
	<i>(f, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Gabriellina Giof {GB}, by Ashkalani {Ire})</i>			
	Consigned by Winter Quarter Farm, agent			
	Purchased by Shadai Farm			

HRTV WINS TELEVISION FEATURE MEDIA ECLIPSE AWARD FOR SWALE DOCUMENTARY

Edited press release

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers And Broadcasters announced that HRTV has won the 2010 Media Eclipse Award in the Television Feature programming category for its documentary "Inside Information:

Swale," about the 1984 Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes winner, which aired Feb. 28. This is the third Media Eclipse Award won by HRTV, but its first for a program that it wrote and pro-



Swale Horsephotos

duced. HRTV received the Media Eclipse Feature award in 2006 for the Pony Highway production of "On the Muscle" and in 2008 for the Hennegan Brothers' documentary "The First Saturday in May." "Inside Information: Swale," written and produced by Amy J. Zimmerman, recounts the glorious and tragic story of the Claiborne Farm's talented three-year-old, who achieved the farm's elusive dream of winning its first Kentucky Derby. The documentary concludes with his shocking and unexplained death just eight days after winning the Belmont. The story is told through the eyes of owners Seth and his sister Dell Hancock of Claiborne Farm, and includes interviews with Phil Gleaves and Sandy Bruno, assistants to Swale's trainer, the late Woody Stephens; Swale's jockey, Laffit Pincay, Jr. and retired Claiborne Farm manager John Sosby. "I'm absolutely thrilled for everyone at HRTV involved with this project," said Zimmerman, who is also executive producer of HRTV, based in Arcadia, Ca. "I have wanted to tell this story for a long time. The year 1984 is remembered for the first Breeders' Cup and the victories by John Henry, but for five weeks that year there was nothing greater than Swale. We are grateful to Seth and Dell Hancock for letting us tell his story." In addition to Zimmerman, Phil Kubel was supervising producer of "Swale." The program was edited by Steve Scheidler. Joan Ciampi was the field producer. Laffit Pincay III was the narrator. Honorable mention in the Television Feature programming category went to CBS News' "60 Minutes" for its feature "Zenyatta," which aired Oct. 31; and to WIPB in Muncie IN, for its documentary "Sculpting the Wind," about the creation of the Barbaro statue at Churchill Downs, which aired July 10. Judges in the National Television--Features category were Stu Kirschenbaum of Oak Street Productions; Dave Johnson, television producer, host and longtime racing voice of the Triple Crown; and award-winning television producer Toni Slotkin.



WRITERS UP

TAX BILL CONTINUES AND IMPROVES BENEFITS FOR HORSE OWNERS AND BREEDERS

by Thomas A. (Tad) Davis

On December 17, 2010, the President signed into law the high profile tax bill that extended the current income tax rates and many other tax benefits that were expiring at the end of 2010. Included in the new law, in addition to lower rates, were several provisions that can significantly lower taxes for thoroughbred owners and breeders. Certainly two of the most important benefits are the continuation of more generous bonus depreciation and a higher expense allowance through 2012.

Bonus Depreciation was increased to 100 percent for eligible horses or farm equipment placed in service after September 8, 2010 and before January 1, 2012. In other words, the entire cost of eligible horses or farm equipment purchased and placed in service during that period can be written off. For example, two yearlings purchased and placed in service in 2011 at a total cost of \$1 million can be entirely written off that year. The rate goes down to 50 percent for eligible horses placed in service during 2012. As has been true in the past, to be eligible for bonus depreciation the original use of the eligible property must commence with the purchaser. Any prior use, personal or business, disqualifies the property.

The Expense Allowance currently in effect allows the purchaser to write off up to \$500,000 of the cost of horses or farm equipment purchased and placed in service in 2010 and 2011 if the total of all purchases of depreciable property during the year do not exceed \$2 million. If purchases exceed \$2 million, the expense allowance goes down one dollar for every dollar purchases exceed \$2 million. Unlike bonus depreciation, the expense allowance applies to all horses or farm equipment regardless of whether they have been previously used for some purpose by someone else. The expense allowance was scheduled to go down to \$25,000 in 2012 and thereafter.

The new law changes the expense allowance to \$125,000 in 2012, with an investment phase-out that starts once purchases exceed \$500,000.

The new law also keeps the top tax rate on capital gains and dividends at 15 percent through 2012. Otherwise, the top rate on capital gains would have gone to 20 percent and the top rate on dividends to 35 percent.

Estate tax rates in 2011 and 2012 will be a maximum of 35 percent, with an exemption of \$5 million per person and \$10 million per couple. Estates of people who died in 2010 will have an election to choose no estate tax and modified carryover basis or the 2011 rates and exemptions.

The limits on contributions of Conservation Easements and the carryforward period for contributions of appreciated real property in effect in 2009 were extended in the new law through 2011.

Author Thomas A. (Tad) Davis is tax counsel for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and the American Horse Council. Readers are urged to consult their tax advisor for additional information.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Jan. 1	GII Robert J. Frankel S.	SA
	GIII Daytona H.	SA
	GIII Stage Door Betty H.	CRC
Jan. 2	GIII La Prevoyante H.	CRC
	GIII Monrovia H.	SA
Jan. 5	GIII Old Hat S.	GP
Jan. 8	GII San Pasqual S.	SA
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP
Jan. 9	GIII Ft. Lauderdale S.	GP
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
Jan. 15	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	SA
	GII San Fernando S.	SA
	GII Santa Ynez S.	SA
	GIII Sham S.	SA
	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	GP
Jan. 16	GII El Encino S.	SA
	GIII Sugar Swirl S.	GP
Jan. 17	GII San Marcos S.	SA
Jan. 22	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA
	GIII Toboggan H.	AQU
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
Jan. 29	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU
	Sunshine Millions	GP/SA
Jan. 30	GI Santa Monica S.	SA
	GII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GIII Holy Bull S.	GP

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1	Tapit Sire: Pulpit	2001	3	\$14,443,871	211	146	23	40	9	20	4
				Stands: KY [US\$50,000]							
2	Medaglia D'Oro Sire: El Prado (IRE)	1999	3	\$15,400,542	214	120	20	35	9	15	5
				Stands: KY [US\$100,000]							
3	Speightstown Sire: Gone West	1998	3	\$13,153,839	217	141	19	32	8	16	4
				Stands: KY [US\$35,000]							
4	Candy Ride (ARG) Sire: Ride The Rails	1999	3	\$11,670,135	184	119	15	29	7	12	6
				Stands: KY [US\$25,000]							
5	Exceed And Excel (AUS) Sire: Danehill	2000	3	\$5,709,740	233	129	12	28	5	16	0
				Stands: GB [GBE12,000]							
6	Lion Heart Sire: Tale Of The Cat	2001	3	\$12,923,162	259	179	14	26	8	15	2
				Stands: USA [Dead/Retired/Exported]							
7	King Kamehameha (Jpn) Sire: Kingmambo	2001	3	\$3,931	32	19	10	24	6	14	2
				Stands: JP [—]							
8	One Cool Cat Sire: Storm Cat	2001	3	\$4,264,179	249	132	9	20	0	7	0
				Stands: EUR [Dead/Retired/Exported]							
9	Cuvee Sire: Carson City	2001	3	\$6,177,127	180	119	8	18	1	5	1
				Stands: USA [Dead/Retired/Exported]							
10	Elusive City Sire: Elusive Quality	2000	3	\$5,616,951	185	91	5	17	2	5	1
				Stands: FR [Eu€20,000]							
11	Pleasantly Perfect Sire: Pleasant Colony	1998	3	\$5,926,664	107	73	8	17	2	9	1
				Stands: KY [US\$10,000]							
12	Tenpins Sire: Smart Strike	1998	3	\$3,769,230	118	71	5	16	0	0	0
				Stands: LA [US\$3,500]							
13	Kheleyf Sire: Green Desert	2001	3	\$3,428,139	203	104	6	15	2	8	0
				Stands: IR [Eu€8,000]							
14	Refuse To Bend (IRE) Sire: Sadler's Wells	2000	3	\$5,211,226	207	99	9	15	3	7	1
				Stands: GB [GBE5,000]							
15	Smarty Jones Sire: Elusive Quality	2001	3	\$5,264,379	138	90	6	15	2	4	0
				Stands: KY [US\$10,000]							
16	Chapel Royal Sire: Montbrook	2001	3	\$6,676,507	233	148	5	14	1	2	0
				Stands: FL [US\$10,000]							
17	Even The Score Sire: Unbridled's Song	1998	3	\$5,848,605	145	103	6	13	2	4	1
				Stands: KY [US\$15,000]							
18	Toccet Sire: Awesome Again	2000	3	\$5,385,517	144	96	6	13	2	7	0
				Stands: PA [US\$3,500]							
19	American Post (Gb) Sire: Bering (GB)	2001	3	\$2,627,820	89	45	8	12	1	5	0
				Stands: FR [Eu€5,000]							
20	Congaree Sire: Arazi	1998	3	\$5,816,193	128	83	9	12	3	5	0
				Stands: NY [US\$7,500]							
21	Friends Lake Sire: A.P. Indy	2001	3	\$4,532,799	144	104	5	12	1	2	0
				Stands: KY [US\$7,500]							
22	Peace Rules Sire: Jules	2000	3	\$5,719,484	164	117	5	12	0	3	0
				Stands: USA [Dead/Retired/Exported]							
23	Birdstone Sire: Grindstone	2001	3	\$7,664,360	103	65	7	11	3	4	2
				Stands: KY [US\$30,000]							



NORTH AMERICA



WEST

Yesterday's Results:

10th-SUN, Riley Allison Futurity, \$100,000, 2yo, 6f, 1:15 4/5, ft.

Due to technical difficulties, we are unable to provide a chart for the above race in today's paper. Please check tomorrow's TDN for a full chart. An editorial recap follows.

Mike McCarty's **City Cool** (c, 2, [City Zip](#)--Stylish Manner, by Touch Gold) looked to have his Riley Allison Futurity rivals over a barrel on class, and so it proved, as the \$190,000 OBSAPR graduate streaked down the Sunland stretch to stamp himself one to watch in 2011. A debut fourth at Saratoga Sept. 2, the bay was second as the chalk in a Belmont maiden Sept. 25, but broke through with authority in his next, scoring by 8 1/2 lengths on the Halloween card at Churchill Downs. He set the pace in a Nov. 27 entry-level allowance beneath the Twin Spires, but could not quite seal the deal and settled for third. The 9-5 joint favorite here with the previously undefeated Remington raider **Lion Hall** (Lion Heart), City Cool jumped best of all to lead them down the backstretch at a comfortable clip. Confidently handled by Ken Tohill, he opened up at will at the head of the stretch and was ridden out to a very impressive nine-length success. **R Skydiver** (Benchmark) was second ahead of **It's My Party** (Unbridled Energy) in third. Bred by Hermitage Farm, City Cool is out of a half-sister to that outfit's GSW Kiss the Devil (Kris S.) and cost \$25,000 as a KEESEP yearling before being successfully pinhooked. City Cool has a career mark of 5-2- 1- 1. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

4th-SUN, \$21,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, ft. YANKEE TORI (f, 2, Yankee Gentleman--So Unusual, by Nijinsky II), a debut second at Zia Park Oct. 24, was last of six at 1-2 at the Hobbs track Nov. 14, but rebounded with a runner-up effort back there Dec. 5. A 7-1 chance in this first local appearance, the half to Haitian Vacation (Petionville), SW, \$151,653, dueled early with odds-on Hidden Crystal (Hidden City), but put that one away in upper stretch and stayed on for a 2 1/2-length victory. Dee Hubbard's homebred Cocktail Girl (Hennessy) was a solid second in her debut. Sales history: \$6,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$23,502. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Gale Brown. B-Timothy Thornton & E T Buckley (KY). T-Bennie L Woolley Jr.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

12:56p 2nd-AQU, \$47k, Alw, 3yo/up, 6f
HR/TVG SUNRISE SMARTY (Smarty Jones) earned a big figure when defeating a pair of next-out winners going six furlongs over the Belmont main track Oct. 20 and nearly duplicated that effort in his latest, finishing runner-up to the impressive Rule By Night (Malibu Moon) in the Nov. 21 Groovy S. over the outer track here. Ramon Dominguez, aboard for the maiden win, gets back in the boot today. **Bulls and Bears (Holy Bull)** defeated Discreetly Mine (Mineshaft) in his 2009 debut, but was sidelined off a troubled fifth in the Gil Sanford S. He has but one start under his belt since, an allowance third at Gulfstream last March. [brisnet.com pps](#)



First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, December 29

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2007 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

CONGRATS (A.P. Indy), Vinery Ltd., \$13K, 108/24/3

1-PEN, Alw, 6f, Encomium, \$9K OBS WIN yrl, 2-1

DEPUTY STORM (Forestry), Northview Stallion Station, \$4K, 27/6/1

1-PEN, Alw, 6f, Delta Donya, \$27K EAS SEP yrl, 7-2

ROCKPORT HARBOR (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$20K, 118/20/2

1-PEN, Alw, 6f, Deco Rocks, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Dec. 29

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

SEEKING THE CAT (Seeking the Gold), 7/1/0

9-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Rock Red, 15-1

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS



TODAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29:

01-08 \$100,000 **Hal's Hope-III, GP, 4yo/up, 8f (100)**

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30:

01-08 \$150,000 **San Pasqual-II, SA, 4yo/up, 8.5f (225)**

01-09 \$100,000 **Santa Ysabel-III, SA, 3yo, f, 8.5f (150)**

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INDUSTRY INFO



Feb. 1 is Deadline to Name Foals of 2009; Released Names Published:

Edited press release

The Jockey Club reminds owners and breeders that a valid attempt to name foals of 2009 must be made by Feb. 1, 2011, to avoid a \$75 late fee. As an aid in selecting a desired name, The Jockey Club once again has published a list of 40,646 names released from active use on Dec. 21. The list is available on both the Registry's website and mobile platform. A majority of the released names are those of horses that will be over 10 years old on Jan. 1 and that have not raced or been bred during the preceding five years. Names selected from the list for re-use are still subject to approval by The Jockey Club prior to use, pursuant to Rule 6 of the Principal Rules and Requirements of The American Stud Book. "Between our traditional and mobile websites, it's never been easier to review the list of recently released names or to access the Online Names Book to check the potential availability of a name selection," said Matt Iuliano, The Jockey Club's executive vice president and executive director. "We encourage all owners and breeders to take advantage of these resources when deciding on names for their Thoroughbreds." Both the list of recently released names and the Online Names Book are updated daily as names are claimed and are accessible through the Registry's homepage at registry.jockeyclub.com and Registry mobile at mobile.registry.jockeyclub.com. Interactive Registration™ (IR) is the most efficient means to submit name applications to the Registry. Name applications submitted through IR are preliminarily screened to eliminate direct matches with names unavailable for use. Owners who name their Thoroughbreds through IR receive their first choice approximately 75 percent of the time. More than 1 million IR transactions have been recorded since its launch in 1996. Owners who prefer to submit their name applications by mail should do so before Feb. 1, 2011, to The Jockey Club, 821 Corporate Drive, Lexington, KY 40503-2794.

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EUROPE





FRANCE

Yesterday's Result:

Deauville, 11.15, Mdn, €24,000, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.10, stn.

ETENDARD D'OR (FR) (c, 2, Archange d'Or {Ire}--Rotina {Fr}, by Crystal Glitters), a first up fourth going an additional furlong here Oct. 21, raced off the pace in ninth for much of this second go. Routed along at the top of the stretch, the 9-10 chalk made relentlessly headway along the rail under final-furlong urging to nail Fanny des Hardys (Ire) (Fasliyev) by a head on the line. The winner, the second for his freshman sire (by Danehill, is a half-brother to Appel Au Maitre (Fr) (Starborough {GB}), 2x Ch. Grass Horse-Sca, 2x Ch. Older Horse-Sca, Ch. Stayer-Sca, MGSW-Swe & Nor, GSW & G1SP-Ger, \$195,726-Ger; Belle et Celebre (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), G1SW-Fr, \$264,126; Valentino (Fr) (Valanour {Ire}), MGSW-Fr, \$475,133; Whortleberry (Fr) (Starborough {GB}), Co-Hwt 3yo-Ity at 9.5-11f, MGSW-Fr & GSW-Ity, \$348,490; Ysoldina (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), G1SP-Fr, \$181,301. Sales history: €200,000 yrl '09 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €14,400. O-Marquise de Moratalla; B-Mme Aliette Forien, Gilles Forien, Mme Sybille Gibson & Mme Charlotte de Chambord; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

Atoned (Repent), 4f, :51.40, 35/42
 Cash Refund (Petionville), 4f, 49.40, 14/42
 Jody Slew (Quiet American), 3f, :37.80, 9/14
 Justin Phillip (First Samurai), 4f, :50.20, 22/42
 Workin for Hops (City Zip), 3f, :36.40, 4/14

GULFSTREAM PARK

First Dude (Stephen Got Even), 5f, 1:00.80, 6/42
 Furthest Land (Smart Strike), 5f, 1:00.40, 2/42
 Just Louise (Five Star Day), 3f, •36.70, 1/7
 Kindergarden Kid (Dynaformer), 3f, :38.50, 5/7
 Yawanna Twist (Yonaguska), 5f, 1:03.00, 32/42

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Miss Match (Arg) (Indygo Shiner), 6f, 1:16.40, 4/5
 Noble Court (Doneraile Court), 6f, 1:14.60, 2/5
 Victor's Cry (Street Cry {Ire}), 4f, :49.00, 22/74
 Zardana (Brz) (Crimson Tide {Ire}), 4f, :50.60, 61/74
 2yo, c, Dynaformer--Away, 4f, :48.20, 8/74



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-SUN, \$33,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.
MAJOR BILLLY (g, 4, Majorbigtimesheet--Spooner, by Dixieland Heat) Lifetime Record: 19-4-1-6, \$64,690. O-Maria G Gonzalez. B-Brian J Stivers (CO). T-Andres Gonzalez. *1/2 to Spoonerism (Gold Legend), SW, \$151,847.

6th-MNR, \$20,200, 12-27, NW2L, 3yo, 1m70y,
 1:44 2/5, gd.

MR TIZ (g, 3, Tiznow--Epithet, by Gulch) Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$17,283. O/T-Frank F Jedlicki. B-Kennelot Stables Ltd (KY). *\$58,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. **1/2 to Acceleration (Vision and Verse), MGSP, \$134,572.

7th-MNR, \$20,200, 12-27, NW2L, 2yo, 6f, 1:12 2/5,
 gd.

CALL THE GUY (g, 2, Straight Man--Devoted Danzig {SP}, by Conquistador Cielo) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-3, \$30,448. O/T-Bart Baird. B-Signature Stallions & Richard Sacco (NJ). *\$7,000 wIng '08 FTMDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Oldhamburg, g, 3, Eddington--Dominica (SP,
 \$189,557), by Housebuster. TPX, 12-28, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:49 2/5. B-Lavin Bloodstock & Kenowa Stable (KY). *\$22,000 RNA 2yo '09 KEEAPR.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

PALM MEADOWS

Doubles Partner (Rock Hard Ten), 4f, :50.50, 23/38
 French Dip (Speightstown), 4f, :50.60, 29/38
 Guam Typhoon (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:00.90, 2/22
 Profiteroles (Afleet Alex), 6f, 1:16.30, 2/2
 Sovereign Default (Northern Afleet), 5f, 1:01.60, 5/22
 Sweet Ducky (Pulpit), 5f, •:59.50, 1/22

PAYSON PARK

Battle of Hastings (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}), 4f, :51.00, 1/4
 Sal the Barber (Alphabet Soup), 4f, :52.20, 2/4

SANTA ANITA

A Z Warrior (Bernardini), 3f, :36.40, 10/54
 Misremembered (Candy Ride {Arg}), 3f, :37.00, 19/54
 Sebastian Flyte (GB) (Observatory), 5f, 1:00.40, 6/49
 Sinai (Rockport Harbor), 4f, :47.40, 8/68
 Tweebster (Tapit), 4f, :48.20, 17/68
 Wilburn (Bernardini), 4f, :50.40, 58/68

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 15.20, 12-28, €19,000, 4yo/up,
 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:02.30, stn.

BANK GUARD (IRE) (g, 5, Peintre Celebre--Blue Cloud {Ire} {SW & G1SP-Fr}, by Nashwan) Lifetime Record: 27 starts, 5 wins, 10 places, €84,150. O-Ecurie Foret Jaune; B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Franck Foresi. *€65,000 HIT '08 ARQNOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

The Tichborne (Ire), g, 2, Shinko Forest (Ire)--Brunswick (GB), by Warning (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 12-28, Mdn, 2yo, 7f (AWT). B-Ms Alyson Flower & Chris Simpson.

Storming Honor (Spa), f, 2, Storming Home (GB)--Leventina (Ire), by Anabaa. Deauville, France, 12-28, Mdn, 2yo, f, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-Yeguada Milagro.

Just So Beautiful (Ire), c, 2, Zafeen (Fr)--Olvera (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Deauville, France, 12-28, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd. *€37,000 yrl '09 ARQAUG.

Country Music (Fr), c, 3, Country Reel--Song of Lark (Ger), by Platini (Ger). Deauville, France, 12-28, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Mme Muriel Delegue. *€22,000 yrl '08 ARQOCT.

Pluie d'Or (Fr), f, 3, Equerry--Pluie d'Ete (Fr), by Balleroy. Deauville, France, 12-28, Cond, 3yo, f, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Mme Nadia Quilichini.

Talayeb (GB), g, 5, Nayef--Paper Chase (Fr), by Machiavellian. Lingfield, Britain, 12-28, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Highfield Stud Ltd. *65,000gns wnlg '05 TATDEC.

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CARTIER AWARDS - HORSE OF THE YEAR

<u>Yr</u>	<u>Winner (Sire)</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
'10	Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa)	Head
'09	Sea the Stars (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire})	Oxx
'08	Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar)	de Royer-Dupre
'07	Dylan Thomas (Ire) (Danehil)	O'Brien
'06	Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire})	Dunlop
'05	Hurricane Run (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire})	Fabre
'04	Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire})	Dunlop
'03	Dalakhani (Ire) (Darshaan [GB])	de Royer-Dupre