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### LA BREA FIELD MORE THAN DESCENT

While **Turbulent Descent** (Congrats) will be a long odds-on favorite to register her fourth win at the highest level in Saturday's La Brea S. at Santa Anita, eight rivals--each of which will be in receipt of five pounds from the chalk--will line up for a crack at the season's final Grade I test. Trainers John Sadler and Bob Baffert have between them won the last half-dozen runnings of the La Brea, and the former will attempt a third straight with The Craig Family Trust's **Home Sweet Aspen** (Candy Ride



**Turbulent Descent** Horsephotos

{Arg}). The chestnut, who seems best on the front end, will have to be on her game, as she has drawn inside and will need to use her sharp speed beneath Joel Rosario. Sadler saddled Evita Argentina (Candy Ride {Arg}) to score in 2009 and Switch (Quiet American) last year. Baffert, who has won the La Brea a total of five times, including with champion Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie) in 2008, saddles Kaleem Shah's **May Day Rose** (Rockport Harbor), who cuts back to the trip at which she registered a career-best 97 Beyer Speed Figure in taking the GIII Railbird S. at Hollywood back in May. **Feature Presentation cont. p2**

**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:07 p.m. EST**  
**LA BREA S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Home Sweet Aspen	Candy Ride (Arg)	Rosario	Sadler	118
2	Turbulent Descent	Congrats	Flores	Puype	123
3	May Day Rose	Rockport Harbor	Garcia	Baffert	118
4	Include Me Out	Include	Talamo	Ellis	118
5	Sarah's Secret	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	Bejarano	Walsh	118
6	Sugarinthemorning	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gomez	McAnally	118
7	Great Hot (Brz)	Orientate	Sutherland	Avila	118
8	California Nectar	Stormy Atlantic	Berrios	O'Neill	118
9	Teddy's Promise	Salt Lake	Espinoza	Ellis	118

### TOP NEW ZEALAND SIRE VOLKSRAAD DIES

**Volksraad (GB)** (Green Desert--Celtic Assembly, by Secretariat), eight times the champion sire in New Zealand, was euthanized Tuesday following injuries sustained in a paddock accident and has been laid to rest at Windsor Park Stud, where he stood since 1999. He was just shy of his 24th birthday. A two-time winner and Group 2-placed in just three career starts, Volksraad was retired to stud in 1993 and sired a remarkable nine black-type winners from a crop of 49 foals, which included G1SW Dantelah (NZ). He led the New Zealand sire's premiership each season from 2001-2009 and is responsible for a total of 58 black-type winners with earnings in excess of NZ\$47 million. His 14 Group 1 winners also include the popular Sir Slick (NZ) and recent Levin Classic hero Distill (NZ). He remains one of the few sires based in New Zealand to account for Australian Group 1 winners at 1100, 1200 and 1400 meters. "We have been fortunate to stand a number of champion stallions at Windsor Park and Volksraad rates among the best," commented Windsor Park Stud proprietor Nelson Schick. "We will forever be indebted to Volksraad, who was not only a great stallion but a real character, and we are thankful for the journey we have enjoyed with him these past 19 years."



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**LA BREA COULD BE SWEET FOR WEISSMAN**

Steve Weissman has been a racing fan since his undergraduate days at John Hopkins University in the 1950s, but his multiple stakes-winning homebred **Sugarinthemorning** (Candy Ride {Arg}) could provide the New York native with his biggest victory to date when she goes postward in Saturday's GI La Brea S. at Santa Anita.

Sugarinthemorning, who Weissman co-owns with his 14-year-old granddaughter Samantha Clement, has enjoyed a solid 2011 season, hitting the board in five of six starts and winning the Manhattan Beach S. in June at Hollywood Park and the Fleet Treat S. at Del Mar in July. She was also second in the Sept. 4 Torrey Pines S. and is coming off a fifth-place effort down the hill at Santa Anita in the Oct. 29 California Cup Distaff S.

Weissman's introduction to horse racing came almost by accident during his first days at John Hopkins.

"It was during orientation week," Weissman recalled. "A friend of mine walked in one day and threw all kinds of money down on the bed. I said, 'Where did you get all that?' and he said, 'From the racetrack.'" I said, 'The what?'"

After majoring in English, Weissman went on to earn his law degree, but his love of racing remained.

"I would take the train down to Charles Town, West Virginia," he laughed. "I was studying constitutional law with guys you could not believe were on that train. And when the train pulled into the station, instead of there being a platform, you had to jump off the train, like 2 1/2 feet down to the ground. They were great days, I had more fun there than everything ever."

Weissman is particularly proud of one West Virginia betting coup.

"One day at Charles Town, I had two \$100 winners in a row--their names were Astraline and Turbine N. I don't know anybody who has done that in consecutive races."

Weissman, who now resides in Dana Point, California, was initially resistant to owning his own horses. He preferred instead to buy stock in racetracks. But eventually, he found himself dabbling in racehorse ownership. He purchased a yearling filly named Stephanie Bryn (Properantes) in 1981, but the novice owner still needed a trainer.

"I approached Charlie Whittingham," Weissman said. "I said 'Charlie, I'd be interested in you training my filly.' And he looked at me like I was half crazy. But he took her. Years later, his wife asked him, 'How come you took Steve's filly?' and he said, 'I just liked him.'"



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**Steve Weissman cont.**

Stephanie Bryn went on to finish third in the 1982 Hollywood Starlet S. The mare produced Bold Bryn (Bold Tropic {SAf}), who was second for Weissman in the 1988 GI Norfolk S., as well as GIII Senorita S. third-place finisher She's A V.P. (Total Departure).

After Whittingham's death, Weissman turned to another legendary trainer in Ron McAnally. McAnally trained Weissman's Domination (Prized) to victory in the 1999 Oceanside S.

In 2002, Weissman saw an opportunity he couldn't pass up. Social Belle (In Excess {Ire}), a filly who had opened her racing career with two strong performances in three starts in 2000, was entered for a \$20,000 tag at Santa Anita.

"I claimed Social Belle because her Beyer in her first start was a 93 and in her third start she had a 103 Beyer," Weissman explained. "Then she got hurt and went into a tailspin and nobody paid any attention to her. I claimed her for \$20,000 at the end of her career and I bred her to Candy Ride (Arg)."

Social Belle's first Candy Ride foal was named Candy is Quicker. The colt made only one start, finishing third at Santa Anita in 2008.

"He was a good horse," Weissman said of Candy is Quicker. "He had the lead after six furlongs in his first start, but broke down and finished third."

Social Belle's next foal was Sugarinthemorning. She produced a foal by Stormy Jack this spring. The filly is named Jessie's Storm, after another of Weissman's granddaughters. The mare is booked back to Candy Ride for 2012.

Social Belle is Weissman's only broodmare at the moment and Sugarinthemorning's success this year has caused him to reevaluate his racing operation.

"Once you taste a really good horse, you only want a really good horse," he explained. "I am cutting back and trying to go for quality. Trying to go to the Candy Rides--I'd rather have that offspring. I'd rather have one that is giving me thrills, than six that are all over the place. Now I am going to start looking around at the sales; if I got involved, it would probably be with a yearling or a 2-year-old."

In addition to Sugarinthemorning and her younger half-sister, Weissman also has a soon-to-be 2-year-old he has named O Wild West Wind (North Light {Ire}). He acquired the colt for just \$4,500 at this year's Barretts January sale, but has high hopes for the youngster who is training at the Craig family's Rancho Paseana in Santa Fe, California. **Cont. p4**

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"I didn't pay very much, but when he wins the Derby, you'll say 'I should have been nicer to him,'" Weissman laughs. "I majored in English and I named him 'O Wild West Wind' from the Shelley poem 'Ode to the West Wind,' which is a story about the mountain and freezing conditions and everything dying. At the very end of the poem, he says '*The trumpet of prophecy! O Wind, if winter comes, can Spring be far behind?*' So if this horse wins, the media will love me."

Weissman says the key to being competitive in racing is doing your homework.

"You just have to be smart with what you do," he said. "It is very hard unless you have unlimited funds. My analysis is always this, no matter who you are, unless you are paying the absolute top dollar, you are competing against Ferraris. They are all geared and ready to go. Is it possible for you to upset them? Yes. If you've done a tremendous amount of homework. For example Social Belle. Not many people knew she had a 93 Beyer and a 103 Beyer. And I study pedigrees for hours--I love that."

Sugarinthemorning will be making her graded stakes debut in the La Brea. Weissman admits it is an ambitious placement, but he thinks the filly is ready for a big effort.

"She needed time," Weissman said of the filly, who was a picky eater earlier in her career. "It's almost like a woman sometimes. You have to take your time, develop her slowly and let her tell you. She's had a very good year this year, she's won two stakes and she just missed in the Torrey Pines. And that pace in the beginning was torrid, :22, :45--who the hell is running like that for a mile--and she hung on, beaten only 3/4 lengths. So, that was the key race for her."

Weissman likes what he has seen of the filly since her last start.

"Lately she's been eating well," he said. "She has put on weight. She's stronger. And she's turning four. In Excess got good at four, Candy Ride became great at four. I looked at the race and, although there a lot of really nice horses, there wasn't anybody like The Factor in there. So in my head, I said, 'You know what, don't knock her.' I thought if she can improve, you don't know what will happen with this race."

Weissman and his co-owner and granddaughter Samantha, a standout varsity basketball player at her high school, will be at Santa Anita Saturday, but Weissman won't say where he'll be during the race.

"We hide," he laughed. "Like John Shirreffs. I can't sit in a box. I can't even talk. I get too nervous. When your horse runs--this is not a betting thing, this is something that you love that you are watching."

Weissman is hoping for plenty more thrills from Sugarinthemorning in 2012 and he is looking forward to her joining her dam in his broodmare band when she is done racing. *-Jessica Martini*

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# PREVIEWS

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:45 p.m. EST**

**MR. PROSPECTOR S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Apriority	Grand Slam	Saez	Fawkes	118
2	Zero Rate Policy	Trippi	Lopez	Pompay	118
3	Capt. Candyman Can	Candy Ride (Arg)	Borel	Wilkes	118
4	Indiano	Indian Charlie	Castellano	Wolfson	120
5	Immortal Eyes	Greatness	Lezcano	Toner	120
6	The Hunk	Speightstown	Trujillo	Perkins Jr	118
7	Nathan's H Q	Yonaguska	Rocco Jr	Martin	118

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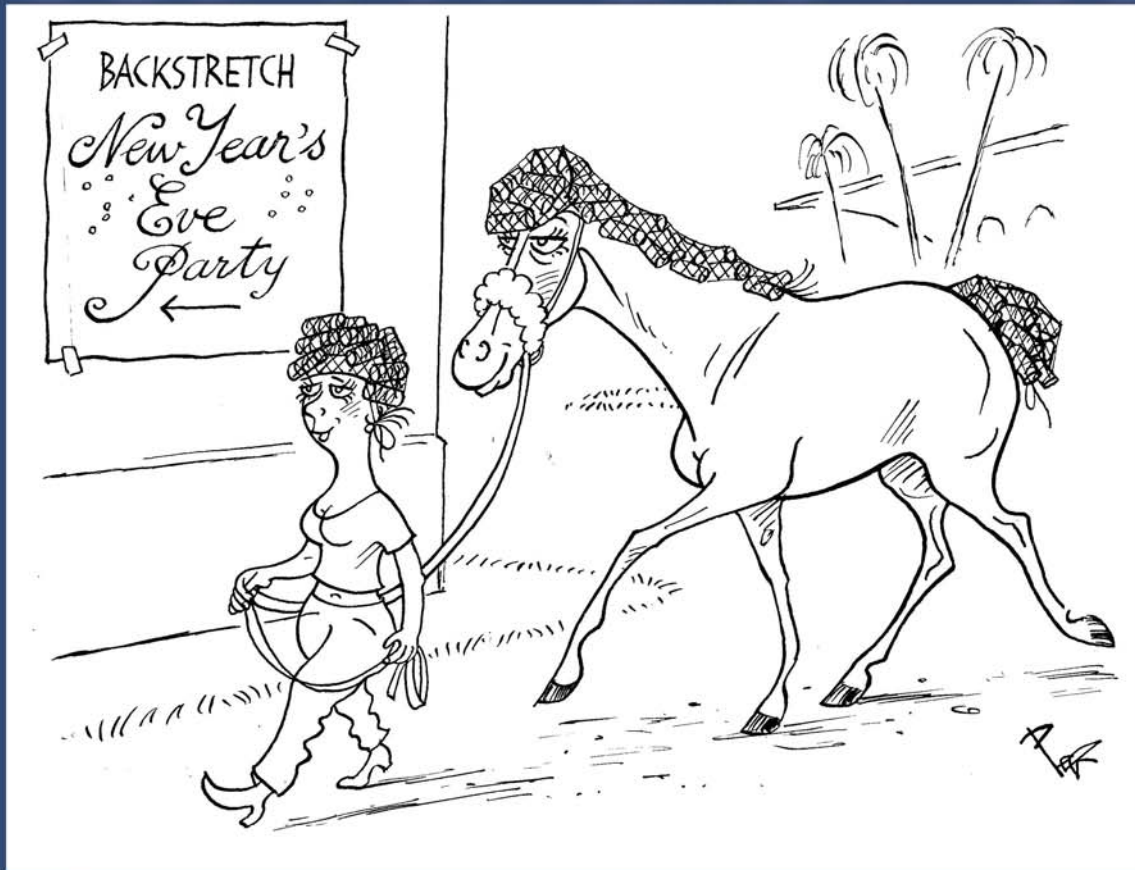
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**Sunday, Ellerslie (Auckland), New Zealand**

**BLANDFORD LODGE RAILWAY S.-G1, NZ\$200,000, 3yo/up, 1200mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	15	Atomic Force (Aus)	Danehill Dncr (Ire)	N Rawiller	Smith	128
2	13	Durham Town (NZ)	Falkirk (NZ)	Colgan	Logans	126
3	4	Ego (NZ)	E Dubai	No Rider	Foote	126
4	2	Atapi (Aus)	Last Tycoon (Ire)	No Rider	Otto	121
5	17	Fuzzle (NZ)	Johar	Waddell	Mrdch/Olsn	121
6	11	Double Barrel (NZ)	Bertolini	Ormsby	Mrdch/Olsn	121
7	5	The Hombre (Aus)	Lucky Owners (NZ)	Spratt	Bary	121
8	19	Upsala (NZ)	Oratorio (Ire)	Cameron	Raes	121
9	18	Guisepina (NZ)	Johar	McDonald	Rmsy/Rtche	119
10	9	Twilight Savings (NZ)	Secret Savings	Allpress	Baker	119
11	8	Mae Jinx (NZ)	Stravinsky	No Rider	Mrny/Clrkn	117
12	6	Aspinal (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Innes	Pke/Dnghe	117
13	7	Cool Storm (NZ)	One Cool Cat	Thornton	McKee	117
14	10	Mi Payday (NZ)	Hwbddoyouwantit	T Collett	Crutchley	117
Also Eligible						
15	3	Magic Briar (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	No Rider	Kelsos	117
16	14	Rough Odds (NZ)	Stravinsky	No Rider	R Collett	121
17	16	Charma (NZ)	Volksraad (GB)	No Rider	Sanderses	121
18	12	Captain Kirk (NZ)	Captain Rio (GB)	No Rider	Frost	121
19	1	Kaptain Kirkup (Ire)	Captain Rio (GB)	No Rider	Mrny/Clrkn	121

**RACETRACK ROUND-UP**

**Secret Circle Likely for Sham...**

Watson, Weitman and Pegram's ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ **Secret Circle** (Eddington), perfect in three career starts including a last-out victory in the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint at Churchill Downs Nov.



**Secret Circle** Horsephotos

4, went six furlongs in a sharp 1:10 4/5 Wednesday at Santa Anita and is currently being pointed for a start in the one-mile GIII Sham S. Jan. 7, *Daily Racing Form* reports. The work was the fastest of 26 at the distance and follows on another six-furlong breeze Dec. 22, which

went in a bullet 1:11 3/5. Trainer Bob Baffert toyed with the idea of stretching Secret Circle out for the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, but instead settled on the Juvenile Sprint, which he won by a length from a fast-closing ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Shumoos (Distorted Humor).

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**NEWS PENDING**

- 1st Dam: **Motivated Sreva**, by Lear Fan
- 2nd Dam: **Amore E Baci**, by Dixieland Band
- 3rd Dam: **Love And Affection**, by Exclusive Era

**5th-GPX, \$40,500, Msw, 12-22, 2yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:48 4/5, fm.**

**NEWS PENDING (c, 2, [Harlan's Holiday](#)--Motivated Sreva, by Lear Fan)** Sales history: \$180,000 wlng '09 KEENOV; \$220,000 RNA yrl '10 KESEEP; \$185,000 RNA 2yo '11 FTFEB; \$250,000 2yo '11 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$39,580. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [video replay](#). [Click for the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

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***First Win for Ligett as Breeder...***

John Ligett fell in love with horse racing as a kid in the Detroit area. He and a pal would head out to the old Detroit Race Course every Saturday to escape the tribulations of high school and, hopefully, cash a few tickets. The thrill and intrigue Ligett found at the track never left him, but last Thursday, Ligett was able to experience a new kind of a high associated with the sport. That's when the 2-year-old colt **News Pending** (Harlan's Holiday) gamely rallied to a half-length victory in a grassy Gulfstream maiden, and in the process, gave Ligett his first-ever winner as a breeder. Ligett breeds under the name Jayde, Inc. Dale Romans trains News Pending for the red-hot team of Klaravich Stables and William H. Lawrence. News Pending was making his fifth career start, but only his second on the turf.

For 25 years, Ligett was a computer analyst for the Michigan Department of Treasury. But racing was never far from his mind. "In my spare time, I wrote several computer programs to handicap the races," he explained. He also wrote programs to forecast the overseas equity markets. "While playing the horses was more enjoyable, my investments were more profitable," said Ligett.

Ligett's success in the markets allowed him to retire in his early 50s and move to Charlevoix, a small town in northern Michigan, roughly 275 miles from his old stomping grounds in Detroit.

"In 2003, with the time and money, I entered in a racing partnership [with] Linda Rice [as] our trainer," Ligett explained. "She bought three horses at the Florida 2-year-old sales--all winners. It was a great learning experience, but not a profitable one, and the partnership ended in 2007. At that time, I decided breeding horses would offer a better chance of returning a profit."




The NTRA Safety & Integrity Alliance substantially achieved its twin goals in 2011 of renewing accreditations for racetracks that were first accredited in 2009 and of adding newly accredited racetracks. Of the initial racetracks accredited in 2009, all but three will have been re-accredited by the end of the calendar year. Two new racetracks went through the accreditation process for the first time in 2011 - Suffolk Downs and Kentucky Downs.

Also in 2011, the Alliance held its second annual Professional Education seminar (ProEd) on continuing education in October. ProEd included seminars for trainers, stewards, racing officials, veterinarians and aftercare organizations. Similar to 2010, this year's conference was particularly well-attended by aftercare representatives and enthusiasts.

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So Ligett visited a few farms in Kentucky and attended several breeding clinics sponsored by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. There, he met Nicoma Bloodstock's Headley Bell. After talking over his plans with Bell, the two spent a few days looking at mares at the 2007 Keeneland November Sale. They bought two. Included were Jacqui's Promise (Loup Sauvage), who sold in foal to Bernstein for \$80,000; and Motivated Sreva (Lear Fan)--ultimately the dam of News Pending--a half to GSW Adore the Gold (Formal Gold) who sold in foal to Flower Alley for \$100,000.

After a slow start selling in his first year, Ligett enjoyed a handsome score in his second when News Pending brought \$180,000 as a KEENOV weanling. "It was thrilling to be at the sale and watch the sale price climb over \$100,000, and then even higher," said Ligett.

Ligett thinks there is more to come from Motivated Sreva. Last year, she had a Bernardini filly that Ligett describes as "beautiful and correct" that he plans to race and then breed. "I was very impressed with Bernardini's first crop, and was outbid on several of his weanlings," he said. "When his fee dropped to \$60,000 in 2010, I didn't hesitate to breed Motivated Sreva to him, as I knew that would be the only way I could afford a Bernardini." **Cont. p2**

**In Sharper Focus cont.**

Motivated Seva is currently in foal to Henrythenavigator. She is slated to visit Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) in 2012.

Ligett boards his mares with John and Martha Jane Mulholland at their Mulholland Springs Farm in Lexington. "They are excellent horse people who take very good care of all their horses, and I have learned a lot from them," he said. "They are more concerned about raising and selling their clients' horses than their own. John is a very shrewd operator--he takes a profit when he can while leaving something on the table for the buyer. Because of this, his previous customers keep coming back at every sale to see what he is selling."

In addition to Jacqui's Promise and Motivated Seva, Ligett owns four other mares in partnership with the Mulhollands. He is also getting back into racing. "I have a 2-year-old Kitten's Joy filly that had bullet works at Keeneland earlier this year and is taking a break from training until next spring. I also own a Malibu Moon filly in partnership with the Mulhollands that John is very high on, and we are looking forward to her racing next year as a 2-year-old."

Ligett says his overall experience in racing has thus far been very positive. "I enjoy the people who I've met, and look forward to my many trips to Kentucky for the sales, seminars and the races," he said. "The industry has several issues that everybody is aware of, and I admire those such as Mr. [Bill] Casner, Mr. [George] Strawbridge and Mr. [Frank] Stronach who take a stand on these issues."

Having bred a promising young juvenile is always exciting, but Ligett said his goals in racing are pretty straightforward. "My goals are simply to sell a few horses and win a few races so that I can stay in this game I enjoy so much," he said. -L Marquardt

# FLORIDA

**Gulfstream to Race Jan. 2, Dark Jan. 4:**

Officials at Gulfstream Park have been given approval to stage a live racing program next Monday, Jan. 2 and will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 4. "We requested the change due to the incredible response we had from our fans for racing on Monday, Dec. 26," said Gulfstream President and General Manager Timothy Ritvo. "With Jan. 2 being a holiday for many people, and with both Santa Anita and Aqueduct racing, we thought it was the right decision." Entries for the program will be taken this Friday. First post Monday will be 12:35 p.m. The facility will be open for simulcasting Wednesday.

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-TAM, \$17,000, Msw, 2yo, f, a1mT, 1:38 3/5, fm. SPIELZEIT (f, 2, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Symbol of Hope, by Mr. Prospector)** encountered some trouble when a debut sixth in a \$75,000 maiden claimer over the Gulfstream lawn Dec. 9. Given a 5-1 chance this time, she was settled in seventh through a half mile in :50.27. Spielzeit began to advance entering the turn for home, was guided out five wide and came charging down the lane to get up by a head over Tell Me Everything (Giant's Causeway). Sales history: \$120,000 wlng '09 KEENOV; \$147,000 RNA 2yo '11 FTFFEB. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$10,500.

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**4:17p 9th-GP, \$51K, Msw, 2yo, 1mT HRTV**  
**BIG BLUE SPIRIT (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}),** a debut second behind subsequent G3 Killavullan S. hero Nephrite (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) at The Curragh Sept. 25, makes his U.S. bow here. Formerly trained by Kevin Prendergast, the Silverton Hill colorbearer switches to the Darrin Miller barn. He worked a bullet five furlongs in 1:01 2/5 at Payson Dec. 19. Green Lantern Stables homebred **Exothermic (Empire Maker)**, the first foal out of South African champion Irridescence (SAf) (Caesour), makes his career debut for conditioner Rusty Arnold. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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# EASTERN U.S.



## Yesterday's Results:

1st-PRX, \$46,650, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13 3/5, gd.  
**SHE'S STRIKING** (f, 2, [Smart Strike](#)--[Top Notch Lady](#) {[GSW](#), \$382,524}, by [Sultry Song](#)), an \$80,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, reported home a well-beaten fifth at 21-1 after a slow start in her Parx unveiling Oct. 2. Backed at 5-2 here, she pressed the early pace from third after breaking from post one. The bay was sent through an inviting opening along the inside in the stretch, hit the front shortly thereafter and drew off to score by 2 1/2 lengths. [Lawless Miss](#) (Posse), favored at 6-5, got up for second. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$28,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or a [video replay](#).

O-Anthony Mitola. B-Nuckols Farm Inc, Graeme Lang & W S Farish (KY). T-Steve Klesaris.

# NEW YORK



## Dominguez, Studart Join 2012 MDA Muscle Team:

New York-based jockeys Ramon Dominguez and Maylan Studart will join professional athletes from New York's professional sports franchises while participating in the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)'s 2012 Muscle Team Gala and Benefit Auction scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012, at Chelsea Piers on the West Side of Manhattan. "The Muscle Team Gala & Benefit Auction is an incredibly important fundraising event," said Dominguez, who has led the country in purses earned for two consecutive years. "I am excited to come together with so many other New York-area athletes and bring awareness to a great cause." The auction offers guests the chance to mingle with some of the top athletes in metropolitan New York, including Mathias Kiwanuka, Ramses Barden, Steve Weatherford, Michael Boley, Hakeem Nicks, Chris Snee, Da'Rel S Cott, Lawrence Tynes, and Clint Sintim from the New York Giants; LaDainian Tomlinson, Shonn Greene, Jamaal Westerman, and Bryan Thomas from the New York Jets; the New York Knicks's Toney Douglas, Anthony Morrow from the New Jersey Nets, and Matt Kassel and Stephen Keel from New York's professional soccer franchise, the Red Bulls. Each member of the 2012 Muscle Team will be paired with their MDA 'Buddy'--a child from the area who is affected by a neuromuscular disease.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

# CENTRAL U.S.



## Yesterday's Results:

6th-FGX, \$41,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04 4/5, ft.  
**ALWAYS HERE TOO** (f, 2, [Include](#)--[Always Sure](#) {[SW](#), \$308,845}, by [Lord At War](#) {[Arg](#)}), an impressive maiden winner at Ellis Park July 31, finished a close fifth as the 5-2 favorite in the GIII Arlington-Washington Lassie S. Sept. 10. She entered off a third-place finish behind [Grace Hall](#) ([Empire Maker](#)) in Delaware's [Blue Hen S.](#) Oct. 1. Favored at 4-5 in this off-the-turfer, the bay was outspurred in sixth through an opening quarter in :22.15. With [Rosie Napravnik](#) aboard, [Always Here Too](#) was angled out for racing room in the stretch and finished with authority to win by a length. [Ready to Unleash](#) ([More Than Ready](#)) was second. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-0-1, \$56,043. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or a [video replay](#).  
O/B-Pop-A-Top LLC. (KY). T-Thomas M Amoss.

## Massons Purchase Clovelly Farms:

Clovelly Farms, which has been owned and operated by Robin Scully since 1960, has been purchased by Richard and Sue Masson. The couple will rename the 619-acre facility Green Lantern Farm. Scully, 87, is best known for having bred MGI/G1SW [Pleasantly Perfect](#) from his G1 [Prix Morny](#) winner [Regal State](#), and raised fellow G1 [Breeders' Cup Classic](#) hero [Arcangues](#) and G1 [Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile](#) hero [Albertus Maximus](#). Clovelly is also the breeder of prominent sire [Silver Hawk](#), as well as G1 [Japan Cup](#) hero [Alkaased](#). Richard Masson, founder of [Oak Tree Capital Management](#) in Los Angeles, began racing on a high level in 1997, with a concentration on fillies and mares towards the goal of amassing a broodmare band. Racing as [Green Lantern Stables](#), the Massons campaigned MGSW [Gotta Have Her](#) and were partners with [Team Valor](#) in [Irridescence](#) (SAf) before buying out their partners to retain her as a broodmare. [Green Lantern](#) also raced GISW [Karelian](#). The sale of Clovelly was brokered by [Biederman Real Estate of Lexington](#), with [Mike Morrison](#) as agent. No sale price was disclosed.



## AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN BRITAIN:

Change the Subject, c, 3, [Maria's Mon](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

Career Victory  
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When: [Wednesday, December 28](#)  
Where: 5th race, [Tampa Bay Downs](#)  
With: [Rich Hero \(Maria's Mon\)](#)

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## INDUSTRY INFO

### Rees, Novak Win Media Eclipse Awards:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers Association have announced that Jennie Rees of the Louisville *Courier-Journal* and Claire Novak of ESPN.com have won Media Eclipse Awards. Rees, who has written for the C-J since 1983, was awarded the third Eclipse of her career in the 'news/enterprise writing' category for her piece entitled "Breeders' Cup 2011: Jockeys Rein in Their Emotions" ([click here for the story](#)). In her article, Rees examined the aftermath of the winner's circle altercation between jockeys Calvin Borel and Javier Castellano following the 2010 Breeders' Cup Marathon. "We're always looking for stories that will be of interest to a general audience during the showcase weeks of racing coverage, such as the Breeders' Cup," Rees said. "Having covered Borel for years, and also Castellano, the explosion of emotions from these two gentlemen after the Breeders' Cup was jolting. It got me thinking about the unique dynamics of the jocks' room." Novak won her Eclipse in the 'feature/commentary' category for her piece entitled "Pressure off Durkin at Belmont" which appeared on ESPN.com June 10 and focused on the storied racecaller's decision to step down as the voice of racing's Triple Crown ([click here for the complete article](#)). "It's a great honor to win an Eclipse Award and something I wished for as a kid growing up," said Novak, who began writing about Thoroughbred racing after graduating high school. "Tom Durkin is one of the most recognized and respected fixtures of our industry. Everybody knows his name, but did people really know what he was going through calling these major network races? I wanted to convey this emotional part of his career and his reaction to the changes he was experiencing."

### • ON THE WORKTAB •

#### FAIR GROUNDS

St. John's River (Include), 5f, 1:01.80, 12/42

#### GULFSTREAM PARK

One Sock Down (Dehere), 4f, :49.65, 24/34  
 Margano (Dynaformer), 5f, 1:00.60, 2/23  
 Romacaca (Running Stag), 5f, 1:01.60, 4/23  
 Soaring Empire (Empire Maker), 6f, 1:16.20, 1/4

#### HOLLYWOOD PARK

Sway Away (Afleet Alex), 5f, :59.40, 1/28

#### OAKLAWN PARK

Alternation (Distorted Humor), 4f, :49.20, 5/62



### First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, December 29

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**ANY GIVEN SATURDAY** (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$40K, 89/8/0  
 9-GP, Msw, 1mT, +Saturnus, \$200K EAS MAY 2yo, 12-1  
 9-GP, Msw, 1mT, Saturday's for Fun, \$22K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 10-1  
**ARTICLE OF FAITH** (Storm Cat), So.Indiana Eq, \$2K, 25/3/1  
 6-TAM, Msw, 7f, Brookston Brat, 20-1  
**BOB AND JOHN** (Seeking the Gold), Pin Oak, \$13K, 91/17/1  
 3-AQU, Alw, 6f, Jonrah, \$100K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1  
 2-HAW, Msw, 1 1/16m, I don'tcarepierre, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1  
**ENGLISH CHANNEL** (Smart Strike), Lane's End, \$25K, 110/12/0  
 9-GP, Msw, 1mT, +Yankee Boss, 10-1  
 8-TP, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Grace for Grace  
**FLASHY BULL** (Holy Bull), Airdrie, \$10K, 97/19/2  
 6-TAM, Msw, 7f, Dancing Flashy, \$13K OBS OCT wnl, 5-1  
**HARD SPUN** (Danzig), Darley, \$50K, 143/27/3  
 9-GP, Msw, 1mT, +Dynamical, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1  
**HIGH COTTON** (Dixie Union), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 44/15/1  
 9-GP, Msw, 1mT, Megamove, \$50K OBS MAR 2yo, 12-1  
**LATENT HEAT** (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 97/12/1  
 2-HAW, Msw, 1 1/16m, Lakota Wolf, 5-1  
**LAWYER RON** (Langfuhr), Stonewall, \$30K, 80/13/3  
 2-HAW, Msw, 1 1/16m, Salty Jurist, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1  
**MASTER COMMAND** (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made, \$15K, 82/15/1  
 8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Full of Intent, 8-1

### First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thurs., 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)*  
**BERNARDINI** (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$100K, 219/57/10  
 8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Berning Carbs, 4-1



### • ON THE WORKTAB •

#### PALM MEADOWS

Blues Street (Street Cry {Ire}) 4fT, :53.22, 11/13  
 Daveron (Ger) (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}), 4fT, :52.63, 7/13

#### SANTA ANITA

Candrea (Trippi), 6f, 1:13.40, 10/26  
 Champagne d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), 4f, :46.00, 1/32  
 Daddy Nose Best (Scat Daddy), 4f, :49.40, 20/32  
 Prayer for Relief (Jump Start), 6f, 1:12.40, 4/26  
 Secret Circle (Eddington), 6f, 1:10.80, 1/26  
 Tapizar (Tapit), 6f, 1:12.40, 4/26  
 Thiskyhasnolimit (Sky Mesa), 6f, 1:12.00, 3/26

#### TAMPA BAY

Keertana (Johar), 5f, 1:02.40, 4/24



# ASIA



## Yesterday's Results:

**HYOGO GOLD TROPHY-Listed**, ¥31,500,000, Sonoda, 12-28, 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:27.30, gd.

1--**SUNI, 131, h, 5, Soto--Enabru, by Roanoke.**

(\$90,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL; \$120,000 2yo '08 BESMAR). O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Highclere Inc; T-Naohiro Yoshida; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥21,000,000. Lifetime: 32-12-6-1.

2--**Sei Crimson (Jpn)**, 128, h, 5, by Eishin Sandy (Jpn)--Suda Reef (Jpn), by South Atlantic (Ire). O-Seiki Kaneda; B-Shimizu Stud; ¥5,250,000.

3--**Oe Raijin (Jpn)**, 119, c, 3, King Halo (Jpn)--Fushimi Idol (Jpn), by Lindo Shaver. O-Yukiharu Kawane; B-Fushikida Farm; ¥2,520,000.

Margins: 2, HF, HF. Odds: 1.00, 1.50, 4.70.

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-AQU, \$57,000**, NW1X, (S), 3/up, 1m, 1:37 4/5, gd.

**LUNAR VICTORY (c, 4, Speightstown--Lunar Colony, by A.P. Indy)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-2, \$59,392.

O-Juddmonte Farms Inc. B-William Parsons Jr & David S Howe (NY). T-William I Mott. \*\$350,000 yrl '08 KEESEP.

**Hidden Brook yearling graduate**

**1st-AQU, \$52,000**, NW1X, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12, ft.

**BEAUTIFUL BUT BLUE (f, 2, El Corredor--Beautiful America {MSW, \$523,927}, by Dixie Brass)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$61,000. O/B-Chester & Mary R Broman (NY). T-Thomas M Bush.

**8th-FGX, \$41,000**, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y (off turf), 1:43 2/5, ft.

**STERLING MADAME (f, 3, Unbridled Energy--Madame Royale, by Luhuk)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$64,704. O/B-Paul & Andrea Van Doren (KY). T-Thomas M Amoss.

**5th-PEN, \$39,440**, 12-27, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 2/5, sy.

**LYNDSEY TOO (f, 3, This Bulls for You--Tripoleen, by Cryptoleen)** Lifetime Record: 24-4-6-2, \$146,376.

O/B-David B Anderson (PA). T-Bruce M Kravets.



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**4th-HAW, \$38,080**, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$40,000), NW1X, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:47 2/5, ft.

**FASTESTWHOGETSPAID (c, 2, Henny Hughes--Talk Back {SW, \$159,221}, by Talkin Man)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$31,225. O-Oak Knoll Farm & Team Wilcox. B-Kinghaven Farms Limited (ON). T-Brian Williamson. \*\$15,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

**1st-PEN, \$36,544**, NW1X, 2yo, 1m, 1:40 2/5, ft.

**ILL CONCEIVED (c, 2, Spanish Steps--Catsuit {SP}, by Sir Cat)** Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-2-1, \$75,910. O/B-S M D Ltd (PA). T-John C Servis.

**3rd-PEN, \$32,000**, 12-27, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:45 3/5, sy.

**POLISH DANCE (f, 4, Dance With Ravens--One Tough Number, by Polish Numbers)** Lifetime Record:

41-11-4-6, \$140,845. O-Mason Dixon Stable. B-Dr & Mrs Thomas Bowman & Brooke Bowman (MD). T-Timothy C Kreiser. \*\$2,500 wIng '07 FTMDEC.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Patriotic Dream**, g, 2, **Patriot Act--All My Dreams**, by Manlove. TAM, 12-28, a1mT, 1:38. B-Michael Clare (FL). \*3rd winner for freshman sire (by A.P. Indy).

+ **Dawn Is Affirmed**, f, 2, **Shooter--Daniel's Lady**, by Reaffirming. SUN, 12-27, (S), 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Domenica Rush & Daniel Schatzman (NM).

**City of Trix**, f, 3, **Century City (Ire)--Charming Trick**, by Tricky Creek. TPX, 12-28, 1m (AWT), 1:39 4/5.

B-D Ratliff & M Levy (KY). \*\$2,000 yrl '09 FTKOCT.

**Colossal Gift**, r, 3, **Songandaprayer--Sentimental Gift**, by Green Dancer. AQU, 12-28, 1m70y, 1:42 3/5.

B-R D Hubbard (KY). \*\$30,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$57,000 2yo '10 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Alexine (Arg) (Runaway Groom), G1SW-Arg, MSW & GISP-US, \$361,388.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Chester'slittlegem (Ire)**, f, 2, **Atraf (GB)--Ceylon Round (Fr)**, by Royal Applause (GB). Wolverhampton, Britain, 12-28, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 216yds (AWT). B-Pat Todd.

**Bronze Angel (Ire)**, c, 2, **Dark Angel (Ire)--Rihana (Ire)**, by Priolo. Lingfield, Britain, 12-28, Mdn, 2yo, 7f (AWT). B-Rihana Partnership. \*15,000gns wIng '09 TATDEC; £42,000 yrl '10 DONAUG. \*\*34th winner for freshman sire (by Acclamation {GB}).

**Change the Subject**, c, 3, **Maria's Mon--Victory Lap (MSW & MGSP, \$265,311)**, by Touch Gold. Lingfield, Britain, 12-28, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Forging Oaks LLC. \*\$300,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

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