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MIZDIRECTION FINDS WAY IN MONROVIA

Mizdirection (Mizzen Mast), who gave Jim Rome's Jungle Racing its first stakes winner when she captured the Sandy Blue H. at Del Mar in August, rewarded the sports commentator with a graded victory yesterday when she surged to a 1 3/4-length tally in the GIII Monrovia S. at Santa Anita. "I've had a lot of really good things happen to me in business and in life, but nothing has ever felt as good as that felt, in a professional sense," Rome said as he and his co-owners piled into the winner's circle after the race. He paused before admitting, "I don't know that anything has ever felt that good." **Cont. p2**



Rome & Gomez Benoit

MONROVIA S.-GIII, \$100,000, SAX, 1-2, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:11 3/5, fm.

1--@MIZDIRECTION, 118, f, 4, by [Mizzen Mast](#)

1st Dam: Deceptive, by Clever Trick

2nd Dam: Subtle Wave, by Wavering Monarch

3rd Dam: Limbus, by Silver Buck

(\$85,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '10 FTMMAY). O-Jungle Racing LLC, Danny Grohs, William Strauss, Boris Beljac, Kevin Nish; B-Joseph J Perrotta (KY); T-Mike Puype; J-Garrett K Gomez; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-3-1, \$255,711. Werk

Nick Rating: A + .

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CASSE SALES Graduate

2--Wild Mia, 118, m, 5, [Wildcat Heir](#)--Love Mia (Arg), by El Sultan (Arg). O-Rosemont Stud Syndicate; B-Montgomery Farm (FL); T-Jerry M Fanning; \$20,000.

(DH)3--Separate Forest, 120, m, 5, [Forestry](#)--Separata (Chi), by Sam M. O-Suarez Racing Inc, Westside Rentalscom and Darin Tsukashima; B-Diamond A Racing Corp (KY); T-Doug F O'Neill; \$9,000.

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(DH)3--Unzip Me, 120, m, 6, [City Zip](#)--Escape With Me, by Arazi. O-Harris Farms Inc, Per Antonsen, Marin Jones & Donald Valpredo; B-Harris Farms Inc & Donald Valpredo (CA); T-Martin F Jones; \$9,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NO, 3 1/4. Odds: 3.20, 28.60, 15.90. Also Ran: Up In Time (GB), Givine (Fr), Remit, Champagne d'Oro, Silver Rock (Ire), Fifth Commandment (Ire). Scratched: Berg Bahn (Ire). **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video replay](#).**

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LONGVIEW DRIVE WORKS FOR SHAM

Longview Drive (Pulpit), prepping for Saturday's GIII Sham S., worked six furlongs at Santa Anita Monday in 1:12.60. The drill was the third fastest of seven at the distance yesterday. "He's kind of a lazy work horse," Dan Ward, assistant to trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, said. Longview Drive will be making his sixth start at his sixth different track. The colt debuted at Golden Gate before graduating at Pleasanton June 26. He won the Aug. 14 Cavonnier Juvenile S. at Santa Rosa and added the Oct. 16 Charlie Palmer Futurity at Fresno before running third in the Nov. 19 GIII Delta Downs Jackpot S. last time out. "It's a bull ring [at Delta Downs]," Ward said of Longview Drive's most recent effort. "You can't expect to start the race in eighth place and pass the whole field in a short stretch. What surprised me was that he was back so far, because he's been up close in his other races. He ran good, considering."

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Mizdirection Home First in Monrovia (cont. from p 1)

Mizdirection settled in mid-pack for her initial foray over Santa Anita's downhill turf course as **Separate Forest** (Forestry) zipped through fractions of :21.00 and :42.75. Angled to the outside for the stretch run, Mizdirection found her best stride late and powered past the pacesetter to win going away. **Wild Mia** (Wildcat Heir) just got up for second, a nose ahead of the dead-heating **Separate Forest** and **Unzip Me** (City Zip). "I just dropped her head and let her place herself," commented winning rider Garrett Gomez. "She kept herself where she was fairly comfortable and traveled good down the hill. She traveled well, did everything good, and this was a good experience first time down the hill. Hopefully she can keep improving."

Mizdirection was second in the June 18 Manhattan Beach S. in just her second start and repeated that position in the July 24 GII San Clemente H. before breaking through in the Sandy Blue. Third over the Polytrack in the Oct. 22 GII Raven Run S. at Keeneland, the 4-year-old was coming off an allowance victory back on the lawn at Hollywood Park Dec. 4.

GIANT OAK TO MILLENNIUM FARMS

Multiple Grade I winner **Giant Oak** (Giant's Causeway-Crafty Oak, by Crafty Prospector) has been retired and will take up stud duties this year at Millennium Farms as the property of the Virginia H. Tarra Trust and Millennium Stallions. Bred and raced by the trust and trained by Chris Block, Giant Oak won the 2010



Giant Oak
Four Footed Fotos

GI Clark H. and the 2011 GI Donn H. He was runner-up in the 2008 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. as a juvenile and in the following year's GII Indiana Derby and GII Illinois Derby. Giant Oak was third in last year's GI Whitney H. and in the GII Breeders' Cup Marathon. On the board in 16 of 31 starts, the 6-year-old

won five times and earned \$1,484,829. "We are excited to welcome Giant Oak to Millennium Farms at the conclusion of a stellar racing career," said Millennium Farms owner Ro Parra. "He won two Grade I races on dirt, was graded-stakes placed at two, beaten a neck, and is Giant's Causeway's top-earning colt on dirt, with \$1.2 million coming on dirt surfaces. He ended his racing career with nine straight Thorograph 'zeroes.' We plan to support him in the breeding shed." Block added, "In four years in my barn, he never missed a day of training, never missed a planned breeze, and never missed a race we pointed him toward." Giant Oak will stand for \$7,500, live foal, stands and nurses.

NEWS TODAY

NEVER RETREAT RETIRED

Never Retreat (Smart Strike--Lisieux, by Steady Growth), who had been expected to make her final start in Saturday's GIII Marshua's River S., has been retired from racing after missing training time due to a foot injury. "She had a little issue in the foot that caused her to miss a work or two, so we decided to go ahead and retire her," reported Chris Block, who trained the 7-year-old for his family's Team Block. "It would have been her last race anyway if we had made it. She's on the way to Lexington to be bred." Never Retreat has been booked to War Front. On the board in 25 of 32 starts, Never Retreat won 11 times and earned \$1,298,769. She enjoyed her best season on the track in 2011, winning the GI First Lady S., GII Dance Smartly S., GII Canadian S., GII Jenny Wiley S. and GIII Honey Fox S.

Today's Video Highlights

GIII Monrovia S. Mizdirection (Mizzen Mast) finds her way home first.



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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

Amazombie Works for Palos Verdes

GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner **Amazombie** (Northern Afleet) worked five furlongs at Santa Anita yesterday in 1:03.80. Jockey Mike Smith was aboard for the work, which was the 28th fastest of 31 at the distance. "He went dynamite," reported Smith. "He went nice and easy this morning. He was on the muscle, feeling good, pulling, but in a good way. I was really happy with the way he went. He came back jogging like a champion." Amazombie is expected to make his 2012 debut in the Jan. 21 GII Palos Verdes S.

in sharper focus.

Saturday, Santa Anita

LA BREA S.-GI, \$300,000, SAX, 12-31, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:20 2/5, ft.

1--#@▲**TEDDY'S PROMISE**, 118, f, 3, by [Salt Lake](#)

1st Dam: Braids and Beads, by Capote

2nd Dam: Alydar's Promise, by Alydar

3rd Dam: Summertime Promise, by Nijinsky II

O/B-Ted & Judy Nichols (CA); T-Ronald W Ellis;

J-Victor Espinoza; \$180,000. Lifetime Record:

13-5-2-1, \$350,808. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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Make the decision to get into horse racing. Buy a mare. Breed her to a \$12,500 stallion. Get a Grade I winner.

That's pretty much the story of Ted and Judy

Nichols, the owners of Saturday's GI La Brea S. heroine **Teddy's Promise** (Salt Lake). The filly, who just turned four, is the first horse the husband-and-wife team have owned by themselves, and is the first horse they bred. She is also their only horse in training.




Judy & Ted Nichols

Benoit photo

It was only a few years ago that Judy

Nichols prodded her husband into the racing game.

"She said, 'We're not getting any younger!'" laughed Ted Nichols, who had retired from the successful sales and marketing company he owned. "So we bought a little avocado farm in north San Diego county, with some horse property on it. We have two big grass pastures and a dirt paddock, and a lovely new barn, and we have our mares here. We have 7 1/2 acres. It's very close to Vessels Ranch." **Cont. p4**



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The first mare the couple purchased was Braids and Beads, a daughter of Capote. The mare had limited success on the racetrack, but sported a solid pedigree, being a three-parts sister to GSW General Meeting (Seattle Slew) from the family of Carson City. "We bought her from Golden Eagle Farm privately, and bred her to Salt Lake," said Nichols, who said the mare's female line featured ties to some of his favorite runners.

"When you have Capote, you have [his sire] Seattle Slew, and that's all good breeding," he said. "When I saw the page, I said, 'I'll take that mare,' because I sure loved her pedigree. There's Alydar on the dam's side, too, so there was a lot of stamina there. There are not too many sires who can claim to have sired a horse like Alysheba, who won over \$6 million."

Nichols said his namesake was a standout from the time she opened her eyes. "When she was born, I was there," he said. "It took five of us to pull her out. She was a very big foal, and was just beautiful. She looked liked a diamond in the rough growing up. I'd see her running in the pasture up there at Golden Eagle, and I just knew she was a runner."

Foaled at the Mabee family's Golden Eagle Farm and raised there, she later was sent to Jenny Craig's Rancho Paseana to be broken. "Everybody just raved about her there," said Nichols. "Grant Hofmans was the manager--that's David Hofmans's son. Grant had told his father about her, and said to me, 'Boy, my father would sure like to train her. It looks like she's got a lot of potential.' So we sent her to Dave, and she won a couple of races."

Teddy's Promise won a maiden special weight for Cal-breds by 7 3/4 lengths in the third start of her career in October of 2010. Two starts later, she aired by over five lengths in a state-bred optional claimer. But after missing the board in a pair of stakes events, including the GIII La Habra S. at Santa Anita in February of 2011, the Nicholises decided to make a trainer change, and moved her to Ron Ellis's barn.

"She's just been a different filly ever since," said Nichols. "I've known Ron from around the track and always admired him. What I like about him best is that he's very patient. A lot of these guys will try to get as much out of them and run them everywhere, but he's not that kind of a trainer. He's a very patient trainer."

Ellis, who sent out Teddy's Promise to consecutive optional claiming victories at Santa Anita in October and Hollywood in November, was patient enough to suggest that they pass on the La Brea in favor of Sunday's Kalookan Queen S. "He said, 'This is a tough race Saturday, Ted--probably as good as it gets sprinting,'" said Nichols. But he liked Teddy's Promise's post position draw--on the outside in the nine hole--and decided to pull the trigger. "Plus she was feeling so good--she's just been on the muscle lately," Nichols said. "All she wants to do is run--'Get me out of this barn, I want to run!'"

Nichols called the victory "thrilling," and was impressed with the way his homebred earned her first Grade I. "She came back to the winner's circle, and I have a thing I do where I'll kiss her on the nose," he explained. "And she wasn't even breathing hard. I said that to Ron, and he said he's seen her breath harder after works. She was just full of herself."

Nichols said Teddy's Promise could start next in the GI Santa Monica S. going seven furlongs at Santa Anita Jan. 28.

Teddy's Promise is from the second Californian crop of the good Deputy Minister sire Salt Lake, who was euthanized in 2010 after a bout of colic. He stood the 2007 season--the year in which Teddy's Promise was conceived--at Golden Eagle for a fee of \$12,500.

The Nicholises have a yearling half-brother to Teddy's Promise by Stormin Fever named Blazing Fever, and have another yearling by that sire, the filly Writer Fever. The latter was produced by the stakes-placed Poetry Writer (Staff Writer), who in addition to Braids and Beads completes the couple's broodmare band.

While new to Thoroughbred racing, the Nicholises have had plenty of experience with other four-legged creatures. For several decades, they have bred and raised dogs, and Ted Nichols is an AKC-certified judge who has judged dog shows from Australia to Taiwan to the United States. "I don't judge as much now because we have so much going on, but I'll do it once in a while, just to keep a hand in it, and because I have a lot of friends who still do it," he explained. "We also have a commercial boarding kennel in Newport Beach, California, called Sunrun Kennels. We're up there once a week. We have five gals that run it for us, and a lady and her husband who live on the property. We've raised dogs all our life--Doberman Pinchers, Great Danes, Miniature Pinchers, Chihuahuas--the full gamut."

Nichols said he was introduced to horse racing by his father, who owned a few horses. Nichols's first foray into ownership was a small piece of a horse named Souvenir Slew (Souvenir Copy), who ran third in both the GII Swaps S. and GIII Colonial Turf Cup in 2007.

As for Teddy's Promise, Nichols thinks the best may still be yet to come. "She was born in May, so she was a lot younger than some of the other horses, but she's matured a lot and is still maturing," he said. "But she just ran super in the La Brea. Needless to say, we're thrilled with her." -L Marquardt



Teddy's Promise & jockey Victor Espinoza Benoit photo



AFTER 40+ YEARS OF RACING HORSES ... I NEVER IMAGINED THERE'D COME A DAY WHEN I'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE A HORSE RUN THIRD.

At 7:57 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Sarah and I sent out our last runner of the year at Turfway Park. Two thousand eleven was a year right out of a Hollywood movie. My wife Sarah, the original kitten, and I, bred 16 individual Stakes Winners, 14 of them were by Kitten's Joy. Earlier in the year, we had won the owner's title at both Keeneland and Turfway and for an unprecedented 18th time, we won the owner's title at Churchill Downs where homebred Stephanie's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy, won the \$1,000,000 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf.

In November, we were the first recipients of the John Deere Award as Outstanding Breeders of the 2011 Breeders' Cup Challenge series and the Breeders' Cup World Championships. The honor was given to the breeder who received the highest number of points based upon Graded/Group first-place finishes in the 68 Breeders' Cup Challenge races and the 15 Breeders' Cup World Championships races held this year.

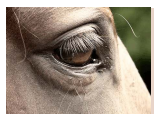
So with this as a backdrop, why in the world would I rejoice at a third place finish with our last runner of the year? Because everything in life is relative. Original Kitten, coming off a second place finish three weeks earlier, was sent off the favorite at Turfway in a Maiden Special Weight race. At stake, however, was more than just the purse. What was on the line was the Champion Two Year Old Sire title along with years of hard work and a belief in both our stallion and our program.

When we entered the starting gate for the sixth race, Champion Sire Smart Strike was roughly \$3,000 ahead of Kitten's Joy on the Two Year Old Sire list. Our familiar red and white silks rounded the turn for home at Turfway and we finished the race a half length off the winner in second place. That is until we found ourselves DQ'd to third. Original Kitten's disqualification turned out to be a championship performance as her winnings bumped us \$906 ahead of Smart Strike, making our Eclipse Champion and Horse of the Year finalist Kitten's Joy, Champion Two Year Old Sire, a distinction he shares with Hoist the Flag, Raise a Native and Danzig. And if that's not the cat's meow, consider that Kitten's Joy ended 2011 as the #1 Third Crop Sire, the #1 All Weather Sire standing in Kentucky, the #2 Turf Sire behind Smart Strike ahead of Montjeu and the #2 Sire of North American Stakes Winners behind Distorted Humor, tied with Giant's Causeway. Kitten's Joy is truly a World Class Sire in the making.

I would like to take this opportunity thank my son Jeff, my farm manager Mark Partridge, our team at Ramsey Farm, our trainers and all of you who have cheered us on.

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous New Year. Take it from one who knows. The next time you run third, it may not be as bad as you think.

Kenneth L Ramsey



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Leading Freshman Sire Wrap-Up...

A stallion's career ought to be viewed as a marathon, rather than a sprint, but there is no avoiding the fact that a quick start is highly beneficial to the quest for long-term success.

The *Daily Racing Form's* list of annual leading freshman sires for the last 50 years features the future champion sires Bold Ruler, Northern Dancer, What a Pleasure, Raja Baba, Mr. Prospector, Seattle Slew, Danzig and Distorted Humor. I could add that 2009 and 2010's champion sire Giant's Causeway was Britain and Ireland's leading freshman sire of 2004, with his solitary Irish crop.

In addition to these dual champions, America's last 50 leading freshman sires also feature the likes of Never Bend, Tom Rolfe, Buckpasser, Roberto, Alydar, Fappiano, Crafty Prospector, Seeking the Gold, Red Ransom, Tiznow, Street Cry and Tapit.

While these celebrated stallions add up to a very impressive collection, they represent less than half the total. For every Northern Dancer or Mr. Prospector, there's a Sportin' Life or Farma Way and two recent winners of the title have left Kentucky for New York and Pennsylvania.

There was a period in the late 1990s and early 2000s when I began to wonder whether the title was destined to be dominated by comparatively cheap, precocious speed. I'm delighted to say that I was wrong. Distorted Humor had to defeat Awesome Again, Elusive Quality and Tale of the Cat to take the 2002 title, then Tiznow and Street Cry triumphed in 2005 and 2006, respectively. And 2008 saw Tapit highlight his potential when he saw off Lion Heart, Candy Ride and Medaglia d'Oro. *Cont. p6*

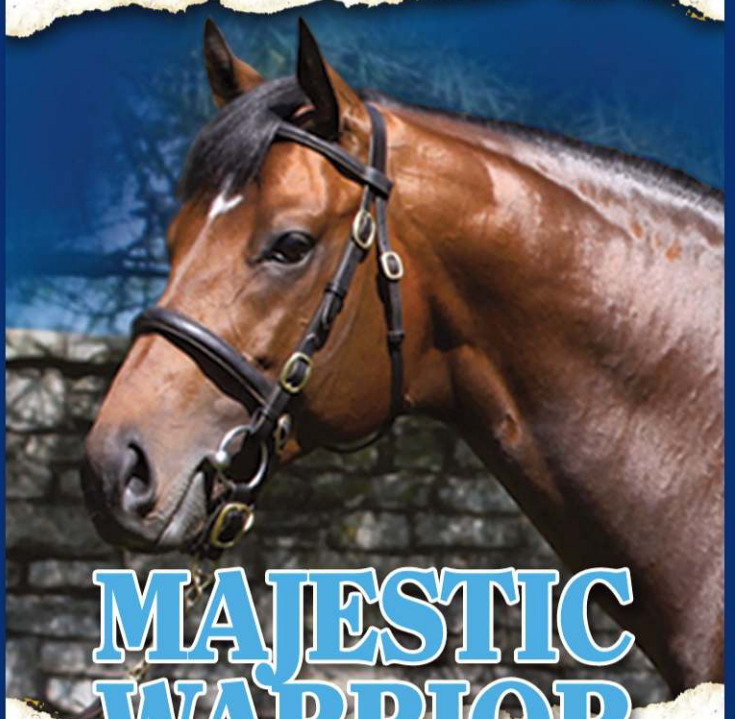
LADY OF SHAMROCK, f, 2009

Scat Daddy	Johannesburg	Hennessy	Storm Cat Island Kitty
		Myth	Ogygian Yarn
	Love Style	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native Gold Digger
		Likeable Style	Nijinsky II Personable Lady
Blushing Issue 11 Fls, 1GSW, 2SW	Blushing John	Blushing Groom (Fr)	Red God Runaway Bride (GB)
		La Griffe	Prince John Grafitti
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The question now is whether the class of 2011 is going to prove of similar vintage. After a protracted struggle over the last few months, the title has gone--I think--to Scat Daddy. I use the words "I think" because when I referred to the *Thoroughbred Times's* worldwide freshman sires' list at 4:30 p.m. UK time on Monday, Hard Spun held first place, with \$1,693,102, compared to Scat Daddy's \$1,639,132.

To confuse matters further, the *Times's* summary of the top five stallions in the various divisions showed Scat Daddy first, \$1,058 ahead of Hard Spun.

One possible contributing factor to any discrepancies is that the *Blood-Horse* and *Thoroughbred Times* use different criteria in compiling their leading sires' lists. Unlike the *Thoroughbred Times*, the *Blood-Horse's* Northern Hemisphere statistics (supplied by the Jockey Club) somewhat arbitrarily exclude prize-money earned in Japan and Hong Kong. I guess that this is done because the prize-money in those countries is deemed disproportionate to that in the majority of other countries and can therefore slant the statistics.

The 2010 Analysis of Racing Statistics on the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities' site gives the average prize-money per race in each country.

The figure was equivalent to €99,393 in Hong Kong and €43,008 in Japan, whereas the figures for the U.S. and Canada were €14,011 and €19,361 respectively. Yet the figure for the United Arab Emirates stood at an unequalled €100,073 and, inconsistently, these races are included in the Jockey Club's figures. For example,



Hard Spun *DarleyAmerica.com*

the *Blood-Horse's* general sires' list for 2011 shows E Dubai in 42nd place, helped substantially by the \$600,000 his son Skysurfers earned for a Group 2 success at Meydan on Dubai World Cup day.

With the inclusion of Japan, the *Thoroughbred Times* has Giant's Causeway sitting proudly at the head of the general sires' list for 2011, overtaking Distorted Humor--the *Blood-Horse's* champion sire--with the help of his Japanese son Eishin Apollon, who earned the equivalent of just over \$2 million.

Scat Daddy and Hard Spun have fought a fierce struggle over the last few months, with Scat Daddy staging a fine rally in the last days of 2011. His daughter Lady of Shamrock collected \$48,600 for her stylish victory in the Blue Norther S. at Santa Anita on Dec. 30. Then his son Swag Daddy picked up \$45,000 for his victory in the Restrainor S. at Aqueduct on New Year's Eve. The last day of the year also saw My Scat Daddy win a small race at Lingfield Park in England. Although this race was worth little more than \$2,600, every cent counted.

Scat Daddy's figures stand at five stakes winners, including three graded winners, compared to Hard Spun's three stakes winners, including one graded winner, from a slightly larger number of runners. The son of Johannesburg could therefore be described as a worthy winner, though there has to be an honorable mention of Lawyer Ron, the short-lived stallion who had four stakes scorers, including a Grade I winner, from only 31 runners.

The question now is whether Scat Daddy can maintain his position over the next couple of years. I wouldn't be surprised to see Hard Spun move ahead of him for a while, if only because he has numbers on his side. This big son of Danzig covered 181 mares in his first year, followed by books of 147 and 137. Scat Daddy, on the other hand, found it harder to maintain support after a first book of 162 and his book fell to 100 mares in 2009 and 92 in 2010. However, he regained the numerical advantage when his fee was chopped to \$10,000 last year, his book of 191 being 60 mares more than Hard Spun's.



Scat Daddy *Coolmore.com*

Although Scat Daddy's daughter Lady of Shamrock sold for only \$11,000 as a juvenile, she appears to have a bright future and she comes from an excellent family--her fifth dam is Legendra, who occupies the same position in Zenyatta's pedigree.

She is the third stakes winner out of Blushing Issue, another of them being Smooth Jazz, one of the best sprinters of 2003. Blushing Issue in turn is a half-sister to Royal Chariot, winner of the GI Hollywood Turf Cup. Lady of Shamrock's second dam, Gold Issue, was a half-sister to the very useful turf horse Future Storm, their dam being Sea-Bird's smart daughter Sea Sands.

<p>In Other News - A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media</p> <p>"Craig and Holly Bendoroff have been family friends and business associates for several years and we have enjoyed a lot of success and fun together." -Barry Irwin, Team Valor</p>	 <p>DENALISTUD Where attention to detail is standard Craig & Holly Bendoroff (859) 987-6212 denalistud.com</p>
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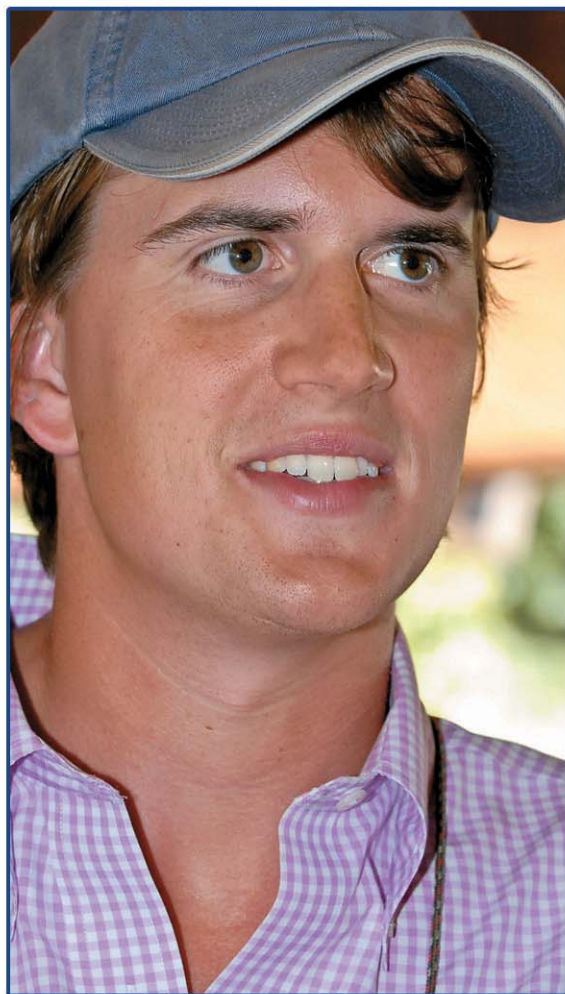


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Last month, Airdrie Stud announced that Haynesfield, winner of the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, would take up residence at the farm for the 2012 breeding season as an Airdrie Stud-WinStar Farm venture. The New York-bred did the Empire State proud, winning stakes at 2, 3, 4 and 5, and 10 of 19 lifetime starts. The coup was enough to earn Airdrie's Bret Jones this week's Last Word.

Last Celebrity I Met:

A few Fridays ago, I met Haynesfield, the only horse to beat Blame during his championship season and a Jockey Club Gold Cup winner--I think those accomplishments should certainly qualify for celebrity status.

Last Great Bargain:

We've been lucky enough to add a few Indian Charlie mares to the broodmare band recently. Losing Charlie was devastating, but I think he's going to keep being good to us through his daughters.

Last Great Vacation:

My Honeymoon in June 2010. It was in Antingua, but it would have been special if it had been at Showbiz Pizza on New Circle Road.

Last Time I was Embarrassed:

I'm generally not smart enough to realize that I should be embarrassed until I look at my wife's face and her expression tells me how embarrassed she is. I then get embarrassed for embarrassing her. Pretty sure that happened multiple times this past weekend.

Last Thing I Lost:

The majority of my wagers on Breeders' Cup Saturday. That said, still the best day in sports.

Last Great New Friend I Made:

Easiest question you could ask me--my son, James Brereton. We've been best friends since November 15th.

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FLORIDA



Yesterday's Results:

6th-GPX, \$47,300, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:17 4/5, fm.

SHIMMERING MOMENT (m, 5, [Afleet Alex](#)--Vassar, by Royal Academy), a stakes winner for trainer James Hartnett in Ireland in 2010, made her last three starts at Meydan--most recently running seventh in a 10-furlong handicap Feb. 17. She appeared to be working well at Fair Hill for this stateside bow, but was let go at 8-1. Shimmering Moment stalked Zapparition (Ghostzapper) through glacial splits of :26.08, :52.02, 1:18.13 and 1:42.73, and put a neck in front of that rival at the line following a stretch-long duel. The winner, a \$280,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half to Garifine (Belong To Me), SP, \$177,811; and Coast Guard (Stormy Atlantic), GISP, \$182,180. Lifetime Record: SW-Ire, 10-3-3-1, \$83,107. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).**

O-Mark T Gittins. B-Dapple Bloodstock & Gryphon Investments LLC (KY). T-Francis Abbott III.

Trip Notes

6th-GPX - Late Day Sun (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), a lightly raced 4-year-old Irish import making her first U.S. start for Christophe Clement and breeder Moyglare Stud Farm, had shown speed in her races overseas, but was taken a strong hold of here from the bell. She was headstrong and always looked like she wanted to do more, but was forced to rate off very slow splits. Her kick was dulled in the stretch and she faded to fifth, but a more aggressive ride next time could yield a nice form reversal.

4th-GPX, \$45,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.

JUMP UP (f, 4, [Jump Start](#)--Susie Joe's, by Bertrando) bested a pair of next-out winners on debut at Keeneland Oct. 7, and scored by five lengths when stretched out to a one-turn mile in a Churchill allowance on Breeders' Cup Saturday Nov. 5. The homebred was 11-10 to keep her pristine record intact, and she did just that. Glued to the right flank of second choice Majestic Maria (Maria's Mon) through splits of :24.18 and :48.77, Jump Up came to even terms with her foe at the head of the lane and eventually wore down her rival for a one-length success. "We're hoping to be running her in some graded stakes," said winning conditioner Eddie Kenneally. "She's perfectly suited for the long races. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$85,800. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).**

O-Edmond A & Sharon Hudon. B-Edmond A Hudon (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally.

5th-GPX, \$40,500, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5, fm. SWEET AND LOVELY (f, 3, [Street Cry {Ire}](#)--Sunbeam Music, by Fly So Free) showed little in her main track unveiling at Churchill Downs July 4, but was a much-improved third over the Belmont sod behind subsequent GIII Jessamine S. winner Somali Lemonade (Lemon Drop Kid) Sept. 11. The homebred set the pace before fading to fourth on the Keeneland Polytrack Oct. 16, but was ninth with a wide trip back on the lawn at Churchill Downs 14 days later. Receiving some support to be 4-1 off the short break here, the dark bay hugged the rail in fifth behind splits of :50.06 and 1:15.46. She was tipped out and spun wide along the home bend, strode out nicely under left-handed encouragement and blew by Spinning Wildcat (Hard Spun), a daughter of champion Hollywood Wildcat (Kris S.), to report home 1 1/4 lengths clear. The winner is out of a half-sister to Elizabeth Valando's six-time GSW Nobiz Like Shobiz (Albert the Great), winner of the 2007 GI Wood Memorial S. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$32,303. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).**

O/B-Elizabeth Jones Valando (KY). T-Ian R Wilkes.

NEW YORK



Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$62,700, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

1--DR DISCO, 123, c, 4, [Disco Rico](#)--Dr Margaret (MSW, \$181,100), by Dr. Blum. O/B-Joseph F DiRico (NY); T-Bruce R Brown. Lifetime Record: SW, 12-6-3-2, \$236,250.

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2--Starforaday, 118, h, 9, Five Star Day--Known Feminist, by Known Fact. (\$17,000 RNA yrl '04 KEESEP; \$19,000 RNA 2yo '05 OBSMAR).

3--Litigation Risk, 118, h, 5, Closing Argument--Silver Bliss, by Silver Deputy. (\$90,000 yrl '08 OBSAUG). Margins: 2 1/4, 1HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.75, 3.20, 4.60.

Dr Disco rounded into career-best form this fall when making his third start off a layoff to score with a 92 Beyer speed figure on an off track at Belmont Park Sept. 24. He returned there to face stakes foes Oct. 22, setting a strong pace before yielding late to finish second by a length in the Hudson S. Coming off a one-length victory over the Aqueduct inner track Dec. 4, the chestnut was sent off a heavy favorite to get the job done here. Away from the gate in good order, Dr Disco was taken in hand down the backstretch while tracking a pair of dueling leaders into the far turn. He easily seized command entering the stretch before cruising home under a hand ride. Dr Disco is a full to Dr Rico, SP, \$212,294; Dance Gal Dance, MSW, \$273,070; and a half to Judge Margaret (Judge T C), SP, \$162,951. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).**



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SWIRLAWAY S., \$75,000, AQU, 12-29, (S), 2yo, f, 1m70y, 1:44 4/5, ft.
1--#LEMON SPLENDOR, 120, f, 2, by [Lemon Drop Kid](#)
1st Dam: Karakorum Splendor (MSW, \$346,854), by A. P Jet.
2nd Dam: Forest Garden, by Woodman
3rd Dam: Exciting Girl, by Lyphard
 (\$42,000 RNA yrl '10 KEEJAN; \$100,000 yrl '10 KEESEP). O-Jim & Susan Hill; B-Gallagher's Stud (NY); T-George Weaver; J-Cornelio H Velasquez; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$73,700.
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Marlene Brody's Gallagher's Stud, located in Ghent, New York, closed out a successful 2011 as the breeder of the promising Empire-bred filly Lemon Splendor (Lemon Drop Kid), who herself closed out her 2-year-old season with a first stakes win in the restricted Swirlaway S. at Aqueduct last Thursday. A one-length maiden winner at the Big A Dec. 4, Lemon Splendor was a 5-1 chance in the Swirlaway and showed good energy late to win by 3 3/4 lengths. George Weaver trains her for Jim and Susan Hill.

Lemon Splendor is the second foal from the New York-bred mare Karakorum Splendor (A. P Jet), a MSW of nearly \$350,000. Gallagher's purchased the mare, in foal to Strong Hope, for \$200,000 at the 2006 Keeneland November Sale. "Mrs. Brody bought Karakorum Splendor mainly because she was a good-looking mare in foal to Strong Hope," said Gallagher farm manager Mallory Mort. "We really liked him as an individual; unfortunately, he turned out to be a disappointing sire. However, the filly that resulted from that mating, Splendrous, has won several times."

Gallagher's offered Lemon Splendor at the 2010 Keeneland January Sale, but bought her back for \$42,000. Things went better in her return trip to Keeneland--she made \$100,000 at the September Sale nine months later. "We offered her as a short yearling because she was a big, correct filly that we thought could sell well at that point in time, but she was too good to let go at that price," explained Mort. "Of course, we always have the option of racing ourselves."

Asked if she improved from January to September, Mort said, "I wouldn't say that. She just continued to grow and mature the way we thought she would. I think what changed was the type of people who were looking at her: more end-users, as opposed to pinhookers who weren't looking for a lot of two-turn looking Lemon Drop Kids. [Denali Stud's] Craig Bandoroff and Donnie Snellings really liked her, as well, and thought we would have a better day down the road."

Mort said the filly, offered at both sales by Denali, continues to look well. "When I saw her in the paddock at Aqueduct for the Swirlaway, she looked just like I thought she would: attractive, balanced, correct with lots of leg and a great walk," he said. "She still looks a bit immature, so hopefully that means there's still room for improvement."

Just as Brody and Mort had faith in Lemon Splendor, they also have had faith in her sire. "Mrs. Brody has always liked Lemon Drop Kid and thought that, much like [his sire] Kingmambo, he would be under-appreciated in his early years at stud," said Mort. "We didn't breed to him until his third year, and he has done well for us both at the sales and as a race horse sire. In fact, a 2-year-old colt we bred named Red Lemon won a Russian Group 1 in September."

Mort added, "Lemon Drop Kid to Karakorum Splendor was a mating planned strictly on physicals. Mrs. Brody wanted to breed to him, and we thought he fit Karakorum Splendor well, though there was nothing to indicate that Kingmambo or Lemon Drop Kid had any affinity for Fappiano-line mares."

In 2011, Karakorum Splendor had a stillborn nocardioform foal. She is due in late February or early March to another Lane's End sire in Mineshaft. "We were lucky to get her in foal before he went for colic surgery [last spring], otherwise we may have switched to another stallion. He is another good physical for her, and whereas Lemon Drop Kid is Mr. Prospector line over a Seattle Slew mare, Mineshaft is an A.P. Indy over a Mr. Prospector mare, so that foal's pedigree will be similar to Lemon Splendor's."

Karakorum Splendor is booked to Coolmore's Uncle Mo in 2012. "We liked his physical, and Indian Charlie has worked well on the limited number of Fappiano-line mares he has been bred to," said Mort.

The New York breeding industry has garnered plenty of attention this year as the state readies for an influx of slots revenue from Aqueduct. "We have certainly had more boarding requests than normal," Mort said when asked if he's seen a change in business. He added, "With the purse and breeders award increases, we may be lucky to have kept four of our 2010 fillies to race." -L Marquardt

**Aqueduct
Monday
4 Wins**

Who: Jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr.
When: Monday, Jan. 2
The 19-year-old Puerto Rican-born apprentice captured Aqueduct's second, fifth, eighth and ninth races.

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KENTUCKY

Einstein to Support Bourbon County Students:

A drawing for a free season to Einstein (Brz) (Spend a Buck) will be held Jan. 8 during Adena Springs' Open House Stallion show, with the value of the stud fee to be donated to The Race for Education's Starting Gate Youth Program at schools in Bourbon County. Frank Stronach's Adena Springs will also donate a portion of proceeds of every Einstein breeding contract signed that day to the same program. "Mr. Stronach has always generously supported programs within Adena Springs' community, and the Starting Gate Youth program is a deserving beneficiary," said Adena Springs' General Manager Eric Hamelback. "We felt that it was fitting that we associate his generosity with our aptly named stallion, Einstein. This spring, students from Bourbon County's schools will have an opportunity to meet Einstein and tour the farm to learn about future career opportunities." The Race For Education began the starting gate program in New York in 2009 and it was expanded to include two Central Kentucky locations in the 2011-2012 school year. The program offers at-risk youth tutoring, computer training, prep courses, field trips, career research and counseling, as well as other services.

EASTERN U.S.

Charles Town Classic Gets a Facebook Page:

Charles Town has launched a Facebook page for the \$1-million GII Charles Town Classic. The page includes replays, photos and results from the first three runnings of the race. The track will also be providing news and updates on contenders leading up the Apr. 14 Classic. Fans can access the page directly at: www.facebook.com/pages/Charles-Town-Classic/101520979969293.

Today's Video Highlights

4th-GP (Alw) Jump Up (Jump Start) keeps perfect record in tact.

5th-GP (Msw) Sweet and Lovely (Street Cry {Ire}) shows nice late kick--daughter of Hollywood Wildcat (Kris S.) second.

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CALIFORNIA

Yesterday's Results:

6th-SAX, \$73,326, Alw, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 1/5, fm.

SURPLUS (g, 4, In Excess (Ire)--Future Thought, by Smokester) ran a huge race from off the pace in his turf debut at Santa Anita Nov. 5 to score at 9-1 over a next-out winner by 1 1/2 lengths. He was third facing winners for the first time Dec. 10 at Hollywood. Returning to the Santa Anita lawn here, Surplus was given a three to seven pound weight break from each of his rivals and used it to his advantage. Breaking sharply under apprentice jockey Eswan Flores, the 3-1 shot was allowed to set sensible fractions while staying well within himself down the backstretch and around the far turn. Challenged at the head of the lane, Surplus had plenty in reserve and was able to hold off a late charge from 40-1 longshot Tippety Tap Tap (Pleasant Tap) to grab the victory by a half length. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$132,628. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O-Craig Family Trust & William Strauss. B-Anthony & Peter Sciarrino & Peter Gargano (CA). T-John W Sadler.

3rd-GGX, \$30,540, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10 4/5, ft.

HENNESSY RIVER (f, 3, Johannesburg--River Thames, by Kayrawan), a \$3,500 KEENOV weanling, opened her career with a five-length win versus \$20,000 maiden claimers at this track and trip Sept. 16. She added a starter allowance victory Nov. 5 before suffering her first loss when third in the Dec. 3 one-mile Corte Madera S. Cutting back here, the 2-5 favorite stalked the dueling leaders, took over into the stretch and held off late-closing Run the Blues Away (Mr. Sekiguchi) to win by a head. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [video replay](#). Lifetime Record: SP, 4-3-0-1, \$45,000.

O-Olympia Star Inc. B-John Goldthorpe & Cahaba Stables LLC (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

Belmont Park
Alpha (Bernardini), 4f, :47.88, 1/40

Fair Hill
Animal Kingdom (Leroideanimaux {Brz}), 4f, :49.00, 1/3
Toby's Corner (Bellamy Road), 4f, :49.00, 1/3
Unbridled Humor (Distorted Humor), 4f (AW), :50.00, 1/1

Gulfstream Park
Redeemed (Include), 6f, 1:15.40, 2/4

Hollywood Park
Empire Way (Empire Maker), 5f, 1:01.20, 12/17

Palm Meadows
Algorithms (Bernardini), 4f, :50.01, 28/33
Awesome Maria (Maria's Mon), 5f, 1:00.60, 1/3
Dialed In (Mineshaft), 3f, :35.04, 1/6

Santa Anita
Amazombie (Northern Afleet), 5f, 1:01.20, 12/17



OBITUARIES

RICK LANG DIES

Noted handicapper Rick Lang died Sunday, according to *Daily Racing Form*. He was 62 and had been battling cancer. Lang was a chart caller for *DRF* in the 1980s and was the lead handicapper at the *New York Post* in the 1990s. Over the years, he co-hosted "A.M. Saratoga," as well as a weekend handicapping seminar at Monmouth Park. "He was one of the characters of the racetrack in a good way," Bob Kulina, former vice president/general manager of Monmouth Park, told *DRF*. "He was just a good person. I don't think that anybody could say anything bad about him. He was a good guy and he truly loved racing."

INDUSTRY INFO

"Hats off to the Horses" Auction Kicks Off:

Bidding opened Sunday on the third offering in the "Hats off to the Horses: The Road to the Derby" on-line auction benefitting Old Friends. "The Benburn," handcrafted by milliner Sally Faith Steinmann of Maggie Mae Designs will be on offer until Jan. 11 through oldfriendsequine.org. Steinmann, who owns the Massachusetts-based Maggie Mae Designs, is donating six hats to raise money for Old Friends, a non-profit organization which cares for more than 110 retired Thoroughbreds. The Benburn chapeau was created in honor of the 1992 Canadian Horse of the Year.



"The Benburn"



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Tues., January 3

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

INVASOR (ARG) (Candy Stripes), Shadwell, \$35K, 95/3/0

2-CT, Msw, 7f, +Peony Perfect, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

SILENT NAME (JPN) (Sunday Silence), Adena KY, \$8K, 115/6/0

2-CT, Msw, 7f, Silent Dancing, \$2K EAS MAY 2yo, 4-1

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ITALY



LIBRETTIST TO ITALY

Librettist (Danzig--Mysterial, by Alleged) has been relocated to Allevamento Fattoria di Renaccino in Siena. Sire of the 2010 G2 July S. and G2 Richmond S. and 2011's G3 Criterion S. and G3 Supreme S. scorer Libranno (GB), the 10-year-old remains under the Darley banner at Marco Lucarelli's operation, where he will stand at a fee of €3,500.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-AQU, \$64,000, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.

SALTAMONTES (f, 4, Wheelaway--Just Gabi, by Devil His Due) Lifetime Record: SW, 14-4-3-1, \$196,650. O/B-Gabrielle Farm (NY). T-Rudy R Rodriguez.

8th-AQU, \$52,000, NW1X, (S), 4/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft. **GUYANA PRINCESS (f, 4, Midas Eyes--Master Feet, by Thirty Eight Paces)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-1, \$64,890. O/T-Dennis S Lalman. B-Brian R Moran (NY). * \$1,200 RNA yrl '09 NYBOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rockinarz Recruit, g, 3, **Our New Recruit--With a Flash**, by Deputy Commander. GGX, 1-2, 6f (AWT), 1:09 3/5. B-Legacy Ranch, Inc. (CA). * \$3,500 2yo '11 CTNAUG.

Skibo in July, c, 3, **Songandaprayer--Key West Appeal**, by Valid Appeal. GPX, 1-2, (C), 6f, 1:12. B-Continental Racers II. (FL). * 1/2 to Westmoreland Girl (Fortunate Prospect), SW-PR, \$111,942.

Dixieland Blues, g, 4, **In Excess (Ire)--Southern Charm**, by Dixieland Band. SAX, 1-2, (S), a6 1/2fT, 1:12 2/5. B-Harris Farms, D Valpredo & J Nicoletti (CA). * 1/2 to Compari (Redattore {Brz}), GSW, \$459,730.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Psyche (Fr), f, 3, **American Post (GB)--Napeta (Ire)**, by Woodman. Deauville, France, 1-2, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-T & D de la Heronniere. * €3,000 yrl '11 ARQYLG.

Coup de Theatre (Fr), c, 3, **Gold Away (Ire)--Storma (Fr)**, by Starborough (GB). Deauville, France, 1-2, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-A Sauty de Chalon.

Chabada (Jpn), f, 4, **Bago (Fr)--Taygete (SP-US & Fr)**, \$165,404, by Miswaki. Southwell, Britain, 1-2, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Flaxman Holdings Limited. * 8,000gns HIT '11 TATDEC.