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JUVENILE AUCTION SEASON MARCHES ON

Fresh off the heels of some lively trade at the Barretts March Sale, the juvenile auction scene shifts to Florida with the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March



Selected Sale of Two Year Olds in Training kicking off its two-day run at 11 a.m. today.

With the deletion of the February Sale from the OBS calendar in 2011, a beefed-up March Sale resulted in 237 2-year-olds switching hands for a gross of \$24,711,000, good for a \$104,266

average. In 2010, 167 juveniles averaged \$106,383 for a sum of \$17,766,000.

"This sale has a very solid group of horses, good physicals and certainly plenty of sire power to go around," OBS General Manager Tom Ventura said of the 362-strong catalogue, down from 490 head in 2011. "I think [the smaller catalogue] is an effect of the smaller crops. We looked at fewer horses this year, but we stuck with our criteria. We didn't want to add horses just to have more in the sale. As a group, the horses in this catalogue are certainly well above standard."

The 2-year-old sale season kicked off on a high note on the West Coast, with the Mar. 5 Barretts sale reporting across-the-board gains, including a 21.4% rise in median, as well as an 8.7% increase in average. In total, the Fairplex company reported that 77 juveniles sold for \$8,426,000 at an average of \$109,429. From the 149 horses catalogued, 121 went through the ring.

"It's hard to gauge the 2-year-old market on a catalogue that's relatively small, but it's a good sign to see the activity out in California," Ventura offered. "In general, I think that the market has moved forward--the yearling sales and the mixed sales have all moved forward from previous years--so that's certainly positive and good to see as you're heading into this sale, which will definitely be a gauge of the 2-year-old market."

Japanese interests were very active at Barretts, led by the Danox Co. Ltd. bringing home the top two lots--a \$435,000 filly by Empire Maker and a colt by Macho Uno for \$385,000. In 2011, K.K. Eishindo of Japan purchased the Day 1 topper at OBS March, a son of Scat Daddy named A Shin Blaster for \$400,000.

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ANIMAL KINGDOM OUT OF WORLD CUP

Team Valor International's GI Kentucky Derby hero **Animal Kingdom** (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) will be forced to miss the Mar. 31 G1 Dubai World Cup after developing lameness in his left hind leg over the weekend at Palm Meadows Training Center. "Sorry to report that Animal Kingdom will not be making the trip to Dubai," trainer Graham Motion confirmed. "He came out of his work sore in the same leg that he injured [when sixth] in the [GI] Belmont [S.]."

Animal Kingdom showed signs of lameness following a five-furlong work Saturday at Palm Meadows, his first serious drill since he won an allowance over the Gulfstream turf Feb. 18.

The 4-year-old is undergoing tests to determine the severity of his injury. He had surgery last June to repair a hairline fracture of the hock in his left hind leg.

"This is a crushing blow for our company and our partners as well as our trainer, who has done such a great job getting the horse back to this point," Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin said. "If he comes out of this OK, hopefully, we can run in the World Cup in 2013."



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Trainer Bob Baffert confirms Kaleem Shah's promising sophomore is off the Derby trail.

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Ready for her Close-Up

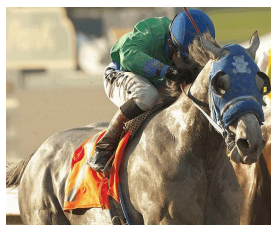
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Andrew Caulfield examines the pedigree of Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway) in the wake of the colt's victory in Saturday's GII San Felipe S.

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FED BIZ SIDELINED

Kaleem Shah's promising sophomore **Fed Biz** (Giant's Causeway) has been sidelined by an undiagnosed hind end injury. The \$950,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, who graduated at Santa Anita in his second start last December, was a dominant

5 3/4-length allowance winner in Arcadia Feb. 5. He had been expected to make his stakes debut in last Saturday's GII San Felipe S. "I am taking him off the [GI Kentucky] Derby trail," trainer Bob Baffert told *Daily Racing Form*. "I took him back to the track and he's still not comfortable. I am going to stop on him. He's got a hind-end issue. We can't find it, but something is nagging him. I'm going to give him some time off."



Fed Biz
Benoit

RACETRACK ROUND-UP

HAVRE DE GRACE READIES FOR 2012 DEBUT

Reigning Horse of the Year **Havre de Grace** (Saint Liam) put in her final work ahead of Saturday's New Orleans Ladies S., breezing five furlongs at Fair Grounds yesterday in :59 3/5 with regular exercise rider Jen Brasser in the irons. The 5-year-old worked in company with the unraced 3-year-old **Just Jan** (Any Given Saturday), who was credited with working the same distance in 1:00. The pair worked through fractions of :12 4/5, :24 3/5, :36 2/5 and :48 2/5. "We didn't want her to work too fast," said trainer Larry Jones. "The beauty of it was she sat off just like we wanted her to, she wasn't too aggressive, she went right to the lead when she was supposed to. Mentally, she's right where we want her. She's controllable and we know she's fast. She's ready to go." Havre de Grace, who will be making her first start since running fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic last November, will become just the third reigning Horse of the Year to race at Fair Grounds, joining 1942 Louisiana H. winner Whirlaway and Rachel Alexandra, second in the inaugural New Orleans Ladies S. in 2010.

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ONTARIO LOTTERY URGES END TO RACING'S GAMING SUBSIDY

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, which owns and operates slots machines at the province's racetracks, has recommended to the Minister of Finance that gaming subsidies paid to the tracks should be ended by next March and slot machines be moved to more central locations, it was revealed yesterday. The study, entitled "Modernizing Lottery and Gaming in Ontario," also proposes updating the system by reconfiguring the number of gaming sites and tailoring gaming activities to specific locations, making lottery tickets available at major retail outlets and grocery stores and by expanding the role of the private sector.

"The OLG report has three key recommendations: become more customer-focused; expand the regulated private sector delivery of lottery and gaming; and renew OLG's role to concentrate on the oversight of lottery and gaming," OLG President and CEO Rod Phillips said in a statement regarding the study. "As these proposals are implemented over the next six years, the government could benefit from an additional \$4.6 billion in revenue for key priorities."

Last year, Ontario's Standardbred and Thoroughbred industries received \$375 million in subsidies. This year's payment is estimated at \$345 million.

In response to the report, Sue Leslie, president of the Ontario Horse Racing Industry Association, said the end of racing's gaming subsidies would cost the province in both jobs and revenue. "We find it deeply irresponsible that the Minister of Finance plans to throw 60,000 Ontarians out of work and add \$1.1 billion a year to Ontario's deficit," Leslie commented. "That is just what he will do if the OLG Slots at Racetrack Program is cancelled. It makes absolutely no sense for the government to continue to push less profitable forms of gaming, when over the last 14 years the horse racing industry has proven to be its best partner. Tearing up that \$1.1 billion in profit for the government to chase what will become a highly controversial and less profitable vision, just isn't responsible."

GETTING CREATIVE AT THE KEENELAND SALES LEADS TO YET ANOTHER DERBY CONTENDER.



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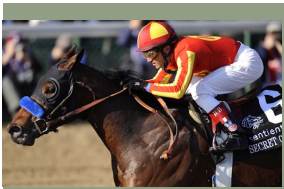


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“We should have at least three groups from Japan active here,” Ventura confirmed. “We made a concerted effort on that end and had some representation in Japan.”

He continued, “The horse that topped the first session last year--the Scat Daddy--won his first time out. We haven’t sold a lot in pure numbers to Japan, so as we get more horses sold over there and they become successful, I think that will help us. But we have gradually seen an increase in participation and I think they’ll have a presence here.”

It was a banner year for OBSMAR graduates in 2011, led by **Currency Swap** (High Cotton)’s win in the GI Three Chimneys Hopeful S. at Saratoga, **Plum Pretty** (Medaglia d’Oro)’s tally in the GI Kentucky Oaks, and **Secret Circle** (Eddington)’s victory in the inaugural Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Sprint at Churchill Downs.

“It’s nice to have a horse who won the Hopeful on the front cover and a horse that won the Breeders’ Cup in Secret Circle [on the back],” Ventura said of this year’s March Madness-themed catalogue.


There’s been plenty of activity throughout the OBS barn area since the two breeze shows. All the major players seem to be in town, including Coolmore’s Demi O’Byrne, Darley’s Charlie Boden, bloodstock agents David Ingordo, John Moynihan, Patrice Miller and Steve Young, as well as trainers Bob Baffert, Dale Romans, John Sadler, Steve Asmussen and Todd Pletcher.

“That’s what brings the buyers,” Ventura said of the sale’s continued success on the racetrack. “It’s nice to sell horses for a lot of money, but they need to perform. And the March Sale has been very productive.” -SS



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OBS 2YO AUCTION SEASON: MILLER TIME

By Steve Sherack

Trainer Peter Miller continues to find Saturday horses at the Ocala juvenile sales without spending Grade I money.

The Los Angeles native first hit paydirt with **Set Play** (Van Nistelrooy) at the 2007 OBS March sale. Miller signed the slip on the GI Del Mar Debutante S. heroine--his first win as a conditioner at the highest level--for \$105,000. The Gerson Racing and Charleville Stables colorbearer would later sell for more than four times that amount at the 2008 Keeneland November Sale.



Comma to the Top & Peter Miller
Horsephotos

"I don't have the big budget that the other guys have, so I'm probably

looking for different things than they are," Miller commented. "I'm strictly looking for athletes and horses that I feel can stay sound. They don't have to be perfectly correct, as long as I think that they can withstand my training. It's a whole process--I've got a checklist of things that I work on. We've gotten lucky, too."

How does spending \$22,000 for a future Grade I winner and starter in the Kentucky Derby sound? That's what it took for Miller to land **Comma to the Top** (Bwana Charlie) at the 2010 OBS April sale. The gelding caught fire during his 2-year-old season, capping a five-race winning streak with a decisive victory in the GI CashCall Futurity at Hollywood Park. The Gary Barber, Roger Birnbaum and Kevin Tsujihara representative, also a narrow runner-up in last year's GI Santa Anita Derby, currently boasts more than \$800,000 in career earnings. He failed to show up on the First Saturday in May after flashing some early speed, and reported home a distant 19th.

"I get a real kick out of beating the big guys with my little cheapies in the big races," said Miller, who learned his craft from the legendary Charlie Whittingham, as well as well-respected West Coast conditioners Mike Mitchell and Don Warren. "To win a Grade I with Comma to the Top, who we paid \$22,000 for, and to be able to compete and succeed against some of these million-dollar horses is a real kick. I really enjoy it--it's all the more fun when you pick them out yourself."

Miller looks to have a serious GI Kentucky Oaks prospect on his hands in the form of **Reneesgotzip** (City Zip), a \$45,000 OBS April acquisition.

"She had a really nice video," Miller reflected of her appeal. "She had a beautiful, big long stride on her. She wasn't and still isn't a big horse by any means, but she was correct and looked very sound. I like City Zip as a stallion and she's out of a Distorted Humor mare, which I like as well."

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The chestnut, owned by the Lanni Family Trust, won her first two starts by a combined 10 lengths, including a tour-de-force in the GI Santa Ynez S. Jan. 15. She stretched to a mile with a strong second-place finish after blowing the first turn and bumping in the stretch with eventual winner Eden's Moon (Malibu Moon) in the GI Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita Mar. 3 ([video](#)). A claim of foul by Miller was disallowed by the Santa Anita stewards. Reneesgotzip had previously defeated the Kaleem Shah runner in her debut last December.



Reneesgotzip
Horsephotos

"It was a very good race, I'm really proud of her," Miller said. "She saw the shadow around the first turn and kind of froze--that's why she went wide. She lost more ground than she lost by. The two fillies bumped and it looked like [jockey] Martin [Garcia] hit my filly in the chest and maybe in the face with the whip. But she hung in there good and I look forward to a rubber match in the [GI] Santa Anita Oaks [Mar. 31]."

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The success hasn't stopped there.

Jeffrey Bloom's **Majestic City** (City Zip), a \$180,000 OBSMAR purchase out of last year's sale, hit the ground running with three straight wins, including the GIII Hollywood Juvenile Championship S. Disqualified from second and placed third in the GI Del Mar Futurity, he added a runner-up finish in Keeneland's GI Dixiana Breeders' Futurity before concluding the season with a pair of off-the-board finishes.

Backbackbackgone (Put It Back), a \$65,000 OBSMAR graduate four years ago, captured four stakes races while under Miller's care before switching hands via the claim box at Monmouth Park's Elite Meeting two summers ago.

"Most of them showed speed--I like horses with speed, tactical horses," Miller said of what characteristics his past juvenile auction successes possessed. "None of them had pedigrees that you would look twice at. They were just athletes and runners. I can't afford to get the runner with the pedigree at this point. I just get the runner, then try to beat the runner that has the pedigree."

The 45-year-old kept his wallet in his back pocket while attending last week's Barretts March Sale, but said that he plans on purchasing between eight and 12 juveniles at the upcoming auctions in Ocala. He currently trains a 40-horse string based in Southern California.

"Laying the foundation and groundwork is *really* important and that's one of the reasons why I like OBS so much," Miller said. "The foundation and the groundwork done by the Ocala-based horsemen is outstanding. That makes my job as a trainer easier. I love that track too, it's a fantastic facility. It's great horse country and some really solid horses come out of there."

Miller concluded, "To me, OBS is the gold standard of 2-year-old sales."



2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALES

Sale	Date	Under Tack
Barretts March	Mar. 5	Mar. 2
OBS Selected	Mar. 13-14	Mar. 8-9
Fasig-Tipton Florida	Mar. 26	Mar. 23
Fasig-Tipton Texas	Apr. 5	Apr. 2
Keeneland April	Apr. 9	Apr. 5
OBS Spring	Apr. 23-26	Apr. 17-20
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AFTER CANCER BATTLE, GRAHAM BACK AT OBS *by Lucas Marquardt*

Three years ago, Don Graham, a popular and successful yearling-to-juvenile pinhooker on the Ocala scene, received devastating news. Doctors told him he



Don Graham & Hip 77, by Orientate
Sherackatthetrack photo

had Stage 4 throat cancer that had spread to his tonsils and lymph nodes. Things looked bleak, and he was forced to give up consigning duties to focus on his health. Enduring arduous rounds of treatment, Graham showed his

tenacity and battled back, however, and last September, got the news he and his family had hoped for most: he was declared cancer-free and given a clean bill of health. Now, Graham is back with his first consignment since the diagnosis. It's a small affair--two catalogued horses which will be whittled to one by a scratch--but it's a welcome return for a veteran of the circuit.

"My family and I have been really blessed to just be here," Graham said yesterday from Barn 4. He added that he was especially grateful to the close-knit pinhooking community. "Everybody was very, very supportive, and I appreciate everybody's thoughts and prayers. It sure helps to get you by."

Graham said he's taking a measured approach as he gets back into the swing of things. Last fall, he purchased three yearlings to pinhook. They include [hip 77](#), a filly by Orientate out of Peep Show (Silver Deputy) who kicks things off today. The filly's winning young mare is a daughter of the Group 1 performer Catch a Glimpse (Gulch) and a half-sister to the graded winner Successful Outlook (Orientate), who was bred on the same cross.

"She's a beautiful filly with a great attitude," said Graham. "She's very well-balanced, and she's got a lot of talent. The saddle slipped on her a little [during her under-tack breeze], but other than that she's got a pretty video. I think she'll be racehorse."

At the first under-tack preview, the filly, a \$20,000 KEESEP yearling, went an eighth in [:10 1/5](#).

"She galloped out in :21 2/5 and :34 and change, and I was happy with that," said Graham. "Pedigree-wise, she's not by the most fashionable sire, but he's thrown a lot of useful fillies--a couple of Grade I fillies--and I think she'll make somebody a pretty good horse."

Graham's only other horse in the sale, [hip 177](#), a filly by Tiznow--Touch of Truth (Storm Cat), was scratched.

While Graham is starting back slowly, he expects to ramp up his holdings later in the year. "Hopefully, I'll be able to buy six or eight next year and get back to where I left off," he said.

The smart money's on Graham returning to prominence. In the meantime, he says he's just happy to be back selling horses, and back amongst his friends and colleagues. "I feel blessed. I really do," he said. "It's good to be back and see the people; there are a lot of good people in this business."



**WHAT THEY'RE SAYING
...AT THE SALES**

Consignor Niall Brennan:

"There's very good activity here. And when you talk to people, there's plenty of good horses, too, which is going to be good for the momentum. Where do we land? It's difficult to say. I don't know that I have one of those half-million horses, but I have a really nice, solid group. Which is great. Rather than one horse bringing \$500,000 and a bunch that don't sell, I'd rather have a solid group that's meeting the market. I'd be delighted to get a bunch of horses in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 range. We've had a bunch that have been very popular."

Shari Eisaman, Eisaman Equine:

"I think it's going to be a good sale. I'm encouraged. And people know when they come here, our horses are here to sell. Out of this sale last year, we had Stopshoppingmaria (More Than Ready), who was second in the Breeders' Cup [Juvenile Filly Turf], Saya Novena (Songandaprayer), and Brigand (Flatter)--we had a ton of nice horses come out of this sale."

OBS MARCH SALE

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49, f, Empire Maker--Miss Excitement, by Rajab
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXVI

The expatriated sire Empire Maker had a big 2011, led by champion 3-year-old filly Royal Delta. This miss, an \$80,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half to GISW Bordonaro (Memo {Chi}) and worked an eighth in :10 2/5. "She's a very nice filly and worked good," said consignor Eddie Woods. "She's smooth and very athletic. She's a hair smaller than your average Empire Maker, and she's very neat. And progeny by that stallion just run."

59, c, Lawyer Ron--My Into Wishin, by Outofthebox
Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent

The late Lawyer Ron has gotten off to a fine start at stud with the likes of GISW Drill to his credit. A \$65,000 KEESEP yearling, this colt looked like the real deal when gassing an eighth in :10 1/5. "He's fast, but I think he's going to want to go two turns," said consignor Shari Eisaman. "He might be a later 2-year-old, and I think he'll be a really nice 3-year-old. He's really presented himself well; he's very classy."

67, f, Flashy Bull--One Fell Swoop, by Vicar
Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent I

This filly, a \$70,000 OBSAUG yearling, put buyers on notice with a strong :10 breeze. "She's a really nice filly, and hasn't done anything wrong all year," said consignor Dave Scanlon. "She's got nice balance to her, and she's got a little scope to her. She's stretchy with some leg."



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74, c, Congaree--Palau, by Kingmambo
Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent I

A \$35,000 FTMOCT graduate, this bay is a full-sibling to SW Congo Kaye and a half to the Grade II-placed Westwood Pride (Pleasantly Perfect) and SP Mambo With G (Old Trieste). "He's a tough, sound, good-breezing colt who's trained really well over this track," said consignor Nick de Meric. "He just looks like a stone runner, and he's got a little bit of pedigree behind him." Hip 74 breezed an eighth in :10.

75, c, Tapit--Pay On Demand, by Red Ransom
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent VIII

A half-brother to the graded-placed Ransom Demanded (Meadowlake), this dark bay colt dashed off an eighth in :10 2/5. "He breezed very well," said consignor Niall Brennan. "Tapit's such a good sire, but he's a different kind of Tapit. Generally, people have come to expect the Tapits to have a narrow hip, but he's got tremendous strength and substance for a Tapit. He's out of a Red Ransom mare, and that's where you're seeing a lot of that substance come from."

91, c, Ready's Image--Queen of Valentine, by Storm Creek
Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent I

New York-breds figure to be in demand at March, but this colt boasts more than an attractive (NY) suffix, reports consignor Nick de Meric. "He's a crackerjack-looking colt," said de Meric, who saw fit to pay \$150,000 for the colt at Fasig-Tipton's New York-bred sale. "He's a super individual." The colt breezed in :10 at the under-tack preview.

93, c, Johannesburg--Quiet City, by Carson City
Consigned by Old South Farm, agent

A \$40,000 KEENOV weanling acquisition by Old South Farm's Albert Davis, this bay was the co-fastest worker of the sale, nailing an eighth in :9 4/5. "He's a big, leggy colt with a lot of scope and balance," said Davis. "He is very nice."

96, c, Tiz Wonderful--Rainbow Girl, by Conquistador Cielo
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent VI

Progeny of freshman sire Tiz Wonderful (Tiznow) were well-received as yearlings, and consignor Eddie Woods thinks this \$45,000 FTKJUL yearling will help keep the momentum rolling. "He's a smashing horse," said Woods. "He's big, tall and elegant, just like his dad, and there's nothing not to like." Hip 96 worked a quarter in :21 2/5.

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114, c, War Pass--Runup the Colors, by A.P. Indy
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I

This colt, an \$80,000 KEESEP yearling, hails from the first crop of the late champion juvenile War Pass (Cherokee Run). From the family of Horse of the Year Mineshaft, he was produced by a Grade I-winning half-sister to that sire's Broodmare of the Year dam Prospectors Delight (Mr. Prospector). This colt is a half to two graded horses, Ice Road (Unbridled's Song) and Tafaseel (Belong to Me). "He's a very smooth, good-looking colt and is out of an A.P. Indy mare," said consignor Niall Brennan. "He's been very popular." The colt breezed an eighth in [:10 2/5](#).

116, f, City Zip--Sago, by Valid Expectations

Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent IV
 From the family of Grade I winner Supah Gem (Gold Meridian), this filly was produced by a stakes winner of over \$135,000. At the breeze show, she cruised through an eighth in [:10](#). "She had the most impressive breeze of any horse in the sale," asserted consignor Ciaran Dunne. "She is a real good representative of her sire, who couldn't be doing any better right now, and she is a Canadian-bred which will only make her more attractive. She looks like the kind that will go right on and be a factor in some of these earlier races."

156, c, Mineshaft--Stormy Renee, by Storm Cat

Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent III
 Bred on the same cross as GISW Dialed In, this is a grandson of MGISW Fleet Renee (Seattle Slew) who cost \$110,000 as a KEESEP yearling. "This horse is everything you would hope for from a mating like that," said consignor Ciaran Dunne. "He has size and scope--he is beautiful and he had a stunning breeze. I think he will be a factor in the weekend races." Hip 156 breezed an eighth in [:10 1/5](#).

159, c, Dehere--Sun Lucky, by Menifee

Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent

Produced by a half-sister to MSW Tahoe City (Fast Play), this colt, a \$62,000 OBSAUG yearling, breezed an eighth in [:10 1/5](#). "I've always been a big fan of Dehere," said consignor Becky Thomas. "I sold Decelerator, who was a graded stakes-winning daughter of Dehere. This colt's very fast and athletic, and has a great mind."

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160, c, Tapit--Sunny Morning, by Tale of the Cat
Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent III

This colt RNA'd for \$240,000 as an FTSAUG yearling and returns here boasting a [:10 1/5](#) breeze. "He is a wonderful representative of the sire--very tall and scopey with a lot of leg," said consignor Ciaran Dunne. "He worked very fast, even though if you stand up next to him, you can see that is probably not really what he is designed for. He looks like a two-turn horse."

OBS CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES

Monday, March 12

OBS CHAMPIONSHIP (COLT AND GELDING DIVISION)

S., \$100,000, OTC, 3-12, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45 4/5, ft.

1--+ **CRAFTY UNICORN, 122, c, 3, by Friends Lake**

1st Dam: Unicorn Kid, by Lemon Drop Kid

2nd Dam: Pure Radiance, by Irish River (Fr)

3rd Dam: Merry Moments, by Olden Times

(\$10,000 yrl '10 OBSAUG; \$24,000 RNA 2yo '11 OBSAPR; \$20,000 2yo '11 OBSJUN). O/T-Dennis J Manning; B-Sabrina & Harold J Plumley (FL); J-Angel Serpa; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$60,000.

2--**Burn the Mortgage, 122, c, 3, Kitten's Joy--**

Mortgage the House, by Chester House. (\$18,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR). O-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey. \$20,000.

3--**Moon Traveler, 122, c, 3, Malibu Moon--**

Deputy Cures Blues, by War Deputy. (\$325,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR). O-John C Oxley. \$10,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1HF, NK.

Also Ran: Big Blue Nation, Big Wednesday, Here We Go Joe, Mucho Mas Macho, Patrioticandproud, Last Prayer, All For The Tip.

Scratched: Hello Prince.

Owner/trainer Dennis Manning clearly knew what he had with Crafty Unicorn, and he was handsomely rewarded for this aggressive debut spotting. Tracking splits of :24.40, :49 flat and 1:13.60 from the garden spot, the fresh face slipped through on the rail at the top of the lane to lead. Burn the Mortgage put in a solid run, but Crafty Unicorn was always doing enough to keep that foe at a comfortable distance. **Click for the brisnet.com chart.**

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OBS CHAMPIONSHIP (FILLY DIVISION) S., \$100,000, OTC, 3-12, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:47 3/5, ft.
1--ANDREW'S GIRL, 121, f, 3, by Lawyer Ron
 1st Dam: Pondering, by Storm Cat
 2nd Dam: Now That's Funny, by Saratoga Six
 3rd Dam: Tropical Cream, by Creme Dela Creme (\$72,000 RNA 2yo '11 OBSMAR). O-Marc Haisfield; B-Stonewall Farm Stallions LLC (KY); T-Edgar A Estevez; J-Leandro R Goncalves; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$70,200.
2--Oaks Lily, 120, f, 3, [Badge of Silver](#)--En Silence, by Rahy. (\$19,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP; \$24,000 RNA 2yo '11 OBSAPR; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '11 FTMMAY). O-J Rey, J Sarmiento & Dante Zanelli Jr. \$20,000.

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3--Ten K Cat, 121, f, 3, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Jeanne's Honor, by Honour and Glory. (\$10,000 RNA 2yo '11 OBSAPR). O-Terra Di Sienna Stables. \$10,000.
 Margins: 1HF, 1HF, 3/4. Also Ran: Normative Appeal, Golden History, Lets Go Donna, She's Copacetic, Tippiie Tap, Given Enchantment. Scratched: Parranda, Xunlei, Direction.

Andrew's Girl came from out of the clouds to score first out over the Tampa sod Feb. 18, and used her considerable late kick to remain unbeaten in this lucrative heat. Relaxed off splits of :23.80, :48.80 and 1:13.80, the chesnut looped to field and zoomed on by everyone in the lane to win it in hand. [brisnet.com chart](#).

OBS SPRINT (FILLY DIVISION) S., \$50,000, OTC, 3-12, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:11, ft.
1--WHO IS CAMILLE, 120, f, 3, Dixie Union
 1st Dam: Chapena, by Fusaichi Pegasus
 2nd Dam: La Chaposa (Per), by Ups (Per)
 3rd Dam: Belinda (Arg), by Nyangal (Fr) (\$27,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP; \$15,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR). O-Ron Hendrickson; B-Spendthrift Farm, LLC (KY); T-Marcial Navarro; J-John R Velazquez; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$74,430.
2--Runfor Ro, 120, f, 3, [Afleet Alex](#)--Fortune Queen, by Lear Fan. (\$40,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR). O-Raroma Stable. \$10,000.
3--Quality Lass, 121, f, 3, [Exclusive Quality](#)--On the Podium, by Bold Executive. (\$40,000 yrl '10 OBSAUG; \$82,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR). O-West Point Thoroughbreds. \$5,000.

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Margins: 1, 1, 1HF.
 Also Ran: Xunlei, My Due Process, Delightful Magic. Scratched: Direction, Backstage Magic.

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Who Is Camille was a well-beaten runner-up three times from five tries last year at Calder for trainer Jose Tabaru, and resurfaced for these new connections at Gulfstream Feb. 8, promptly blowing up the tote at 41-1. That maiden heat had proven quite productive even before this race--runner-up Welcome Guest (Unbridled's Song) returned Mar. 7 to graduate by 5 1/2 lengths with a 95 Beyer Speed Figure; third-place finisher Direction (Tapit), who was also entered here, broke her maiden by 9 1/4 lengths Sunday; and fourth-place finisher Cloudwatcher (Macho Uno) came through as a heavy favorite in a \$50,000 claimer a day earlier. Never far from leader Quality Lass through splits of :22.80 and :46 flat, the dark bay dueled that foe into submission in the lane and held sway late.

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OBS SPRINT (COLT AND GELDING DIVISION) S., \$50,000, OTC, 3-12, 3yo, c/g, 6f (AWT), 1:10 4/5, ft. 1--**DEVOTED WILDCAT, 122, g, 3, Forest Wildcat**

- 1st Dam: Devotedness, by Anet
- 2nd Dam: C. C. Princess, Conquistador Cielo
- 3rd Dam: Oh So Smooth, by Nijinsky II

(\$29,000 RNA yrl '10 OBSAUG). O/B-Donald R Dizney (KY); T-Robert B Hess Jr; J-Kent J Desormeaux; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$63,370.

2--**Making Amends, 122, c, 3, Repent**--Primary Motive, by Prime Timber. (\$14,000 yrl '10 OBSAUG; \$90,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR). O-Quintessential Racing Florida LLC, Horse'n Around Racing Stable & R Lederman. \$10,000.

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3--**It Takes Heart, 122, g, 3, Put It Back**--Halo's Geisha, by Halo's Image. (\$28,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR). O-Tom Gregerson. \$5,000.

Margins: 1, 5HF, 4 1/4.

Also Ran: Trippi's Secret, Mukamer, Vexor.

Devoted Wildcat broke his maiden by 5 1/4 lengths two back at Gulfstream Dec. 23 going seven panels for a \$35,000 tag, and paired up victories with a narrow tally in a one-mile starter allowance back in Hallandale Jan. 29. At the back of the pack with Making Amends as GII Nashua S. winner Vexor (Wildcat Heir) participated in a three-way duel, Devoted Wildcat made a wide bid around the turn and outkicked his fellow closer. Click for the [brisnet.com](http://www.brisnet.com) chart.



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Mar. 17	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
Mar. 24	GIII Vinery Racing Spiral S. Rushaway S.	Turfway Turfway
Mar. 25	GIII Sunland Derby	Sunland
Mar. 31	GI Florida Derby	Gulfstream
Apr. 1	GII Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds
Apr. 7	GI Santa Anita Derby GI Wood Memorial S. GIII Illinois Derby	Santa Anita Aqueduct Hawthorne
Apr. 13	Instant Racing S.	Oaklawn
Apr. 14	GI Toyota Blue Grass S. GII Arkansas Derby	Keeneland Oaklawn
Apr. 21	GII Jerome H. GIII Coolmore Lexington S.	Aqueduct Keeneland
May 5	GI KENTUCKY DERBY	Churchill

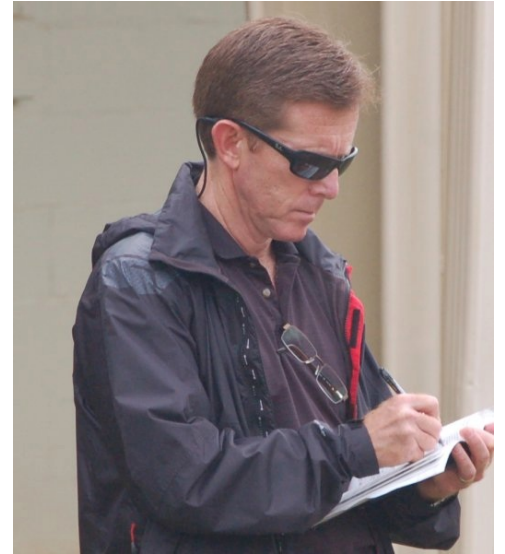
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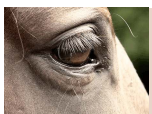
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Trainer Chip Woolley checking out the goods



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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

SAN FELIPE S.-GII, \$300,000, SAX, 3-10, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:41 4/5, ft.

1--**CREATIVE CAUSE**, 123, c, 3, by [Giant's Causeway](#)

1st Dam: **Dream of Summer (GISW)**,

\$1,191,150), by **Siberian Summer**

2nd Dam: **Mary's Dream**, by **Skywalker**

3rd Dam: **Proper Mary**, by **Properantes**

(\$135,000 yrl '10 KEESEP). O-Heinz Steinmann;

B-James C Weigel (KY); T-Mike Harrington; J-Joel

Rosario; \$180,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 7-4-1-2,

\$719,000. **Werk Nick Rating: C.**

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Two years ago everyone's eyes were on Giant's Causeway's son Eskendereya in the build-up to the Kentucky Derby, but it wasn't to be. After his dazzling displays in the GII Fountain of Youth and GI Wood Memorial, this potential star was injured before the big day. Now Giant's Causeway has a chance to gain compensation via another of his sons, Creative Cause.

This grey may not be as flashy as Eskendereya, but he has shown he's tough and there was plenty to like about his victory over Bodemeister (Empire Maker), conceding five pounds to that very promising colt, in the GII San Felipe S.



Creative Cause
Benoit

Part of Eskendereya's appeal as a potential Kentucky Derby winner was his Classic pedigree, his first three dams being daughters of Seattle Slew, Alydar and Northern Dancer. Creative Cause, on the other hand, has a less glamorous background, with daughters of Siberian Summer, Skywalker and Properantes as his first three dams.

On the plus side, these stallions give him a good chance of staying a mile and a quarter. Siberian Summer, who shared the same sire--Siberian Express--as the top-class In Excess, gained his best win in the GI Charles H. Strub S. over a mile and a quarter. Skywalker, of course, also shone over that trip, defeating Turkoman in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic; and Properantes displayed plenty of stamina when he landed the GI San Juan Capistrano S. over a mile and three-quarters. **Cont. p14**

SOPHOMORE STAKES DOUBLE ON SATURDAY...



Creative Cause Takes Big Step in San Felipe

Creative Cause established himself as the favorite for the Santa Anita Derby (gr. I) when he came from off the pace to defeat slightly favored Bodemeister in the \$300,000 San Felipe Stakes (gr. II) March 10 at Santa Anita....against probably the deepest 3-year-old field of the season thus far.

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Wait Til Dawn overcomes trouble in Suncoast

OLDSMAR, Fla. - Favored Wait Til Dawn overcame a bit of an eventful trip to run down leader Cigaraya late and come away with a half-length win in \$100,000 Suncoast Stakes for 3-year-old fillies on Saturday at Tampa Bay Downs.



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Giant's Causway, of course, was very much at home over distances around a mile and a quarter, as he showed with his victories in the G1 Coral-Eclipse, G1 Juddmonte International and G1 Irish Champion S. His long list of high-class winners features plenty of horses who stayed at least as well, including Heatseeker, Shamardal, Frost Giant, Swift Temper, Red Giant and Rite of Passage.

Although this adds up to a compelling case for thinking that Creative Cause will find longer distances to his liking, these analyses are never totally straightforward. The slight doubt here stems from the racing record of his dam Dream of Summer, who showed more speed than stamina in winning four graded stakes, over trips ranging from 6 1/2 to 8 1/2 furlongs. Her best win came in the GI Apple Blossom H. Her connections must have believed that she had a chance of lasting a mile and a quarter, as they let her take her chance in the GI Beldame S. at that distance, but she beat only one home.

CREATIVE CAUSE, c, 2009

Giant's Causway	Storm Cat	Storm Bird	Northern Dancer
		Terlingua	South Ocean
	Mariah's Storm	Rahy	Secretariat
		Immense	Crimson Saint
			Blushing Groom (Fr)
Dream of Summer GISW, 20-10-4-3, \$1,191,150 5FIs, 1GSW	Siberian Summer	Siberian Express	Glorious Song
		Mia Karina	Roberto
	Mary's Dream 13-2-2-1, \$13,330 14FIs, 1GSW	Skywalker	ImsoDear
		Proper Mary 2FIs, 1Wnr	Caro (Ire)
			Indian Call
			Icecapade
			Basin
		Relaunch	
		Bold Captive	
		Properantes	
		My Mary	

Dream of Summer totally exceeded the expectations of her owner-breeder, James Weigel. Weigel paid only \$7,000 for the filly's unraced dam Mary's Dream in 1996 and, when he offered Dream of Summer as a yearling at Barretts, the bidding ground to a halt \$2,000 short of the filly's \$10,000 reserve.

Dream of Summer didn't make it to the races until she was four but, by the time she stepped into stakes company for the first time in the GII A Glean Invitational H., her record stood at four wins from six starts. Even so, Weigel admitted that he would have been more than satisfied if his filly had finished third, to earn black type, but the daughter of Siberian Summer ran out a decisive winner. **Cont. p15**

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Her final career figures stood at an impressive 20-10-4-3, and the filly who failed to find a buyer at \$10,000 bankrolled no less than \$1,191,150. Creative Cause is her third foal and second winner, her next foal being a Distorted Humor filly who sold for only \$75,000 last September, despite the fact that Creative Cause was already a Grade II winner.

Creative Cause's third dam Proper Mary won three stakes races over a mile and a sixteenth, showing she acted on dirt and turf. Although she earned more than \$175,000, Proper Mary was overshadowed by her younger half-sister Somethingmerry. This daughter of Somethingfabulous earned \$485,050, most of it on turf, with major dividends coming from her wins in the Gill Golden Poppy H. and Gil Palomar H., both over a mile and a sixteenth. Creative Cause's fifth dam, the Windsor Ruler filly Opening Bid, did very well in California, where she numbered the Oak Leaf S. and Santa Susana S. among her 10 victories.

This family therefore had established its ability to produce smart winners to run-of-the-mill stallions long before Dream of Summer earned the right to visit Giant's Causeway. Of course there is nothing run of the mill about Giant's Causeway, who was North America's leading sire both in 2009 and 2010.

His record shows that durability is often one of his progeny's main virtues, with Heatseeker, Carriage Trail, Frost Giant, Swift Temper, Giant Oak, Rite of Passage and My Typhoon all winning at Grade I level at the age of five or over. This suggests that the Ashford stallion's 2009 crop has already done well to produce Creative Cause, the Grade III winner Battle Hardened and the stakes winners Wait Til Dawn and Russian Greek.

This crop still has a long way to go, though, before it can be compared to some of Giant's Causeway's earlier crops. The first, foaled in Ireland, contained nine group/graded winners, including Footstepsinthesand, Shamardal, Maids Causeway, Aragorn and My Typhoon. The second is credited with 23 stakes winners--15%--including 13 graded winners, and his 2006 crop produced four Grade I winners.

A LOOK AT LUCK

LUCK: A REVIEW OF EPISODE 7

By Bill Finley

I am starting to lose patience with Luck. We know the show is heading somewhere and, maybe, just maybe, it is winding its way toward something compelling, something worth the wait. But what? And when?

Episode 7 aired Sunday night and, much like Episode 6, it failed to advance the story.

We found out that: Jockey Ronnie Jenkins continues to battle his demons and doesn't have the stuff to turn his life around. (Already knew that). Ace Bernstein is smitten with the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's Claire LeChea. (Already knew that). **Cont. p16**

The bargain of 2011...

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All this Blacktype for Scat Daddy since December...

Daddy Nose Best	1st	El Camino Real Derby- Gr.3
Swag Daddy	1st	Restrainer Stks- L.R.
	1st	Damon Runyon Stks- L.R.
Lady of Shamrock	1st	Blue Norther Stks- L.R.
	1st	China Doll Stks- L.R.
	3rd	Santa Ysabel Stks- Gr.3
Scatman	2nd	Southwest Stks- Gr.3
Handsome Mike	3rd	El Camino Real Derby- Gr.3
Shared Property	3rd	LeComte Stks- Gr.3
Wholelottashakin	2nd	Sweetest Chant Stks- L.R.
Finale	2nd	Dania Beach Stks- L.R.

The bargains of 2012...

It's getting more and more difficult to find **\$10,000** stallions in Kentucky, and Ashford's three each has a good case: **Majestic Warrior** was a Grade I winner at two, by A.P. Indy from a top Steinbrenner family; **Dunkirk** was a Classic-placed saletopper by Unbridled's Song; and **Munnings** was a dual Grade II winner (and placed in six Grade I's) sprinting, by Speightstown.

Bill Oppenheim,
TDN, 1/4/12

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Lonnie claims a horse named Niagara's Fall only to watch it break down, proving that the racing game can be as unkind as they get. (Already knew that). Mike, the one-percenter who is Bernstein's adversary, smashes Nathan Israel with an ashtray, showing that he is a nasty SOB. (Already knew that). Walter Smith's ownership of Getting'up Morning (Delphi) is being challenged. (Already knew that).

The show begins with Ace ordering a camera installed in Turo Escalante's barn so that he can watch his horse. Escalante figures it's because Bernstein doesn't trust him, but it appears that Ace just wants to watch the horse. He's incapable of loving or trusting human beings, but give him a horse and he turns to putty. Ronnie Jenkins starts going to AA meetings and declares himself sober to Smith as he tries to get back in the trainer's good graces so that he can get on the freakishly fast Getting'up Morning. Smith is torn between going with Jenkins or sticking with the unpolished apprentice, Rosie, who rode the colt in his first two starts. (There are a dozen or so world-class jockeys at Santa Anita, but Smith somehow has narrowed his choice down to a drug addict and a no-talent bug. What, he's never heard of Rafael Bejarano or Mike Smith?)

Ace and Claire spend some time at a TRF prison farm where Ace, the tough-guy ex-con, melts in front of the old war horses turned out to pasture.

It just goes to show you that Ace actually has a heart, at least when it comes to horses. (Already knew that). Smith, realizing that he can't trust a horse of Getting'up Morning's stature to someone as inexperienced as Rosie, tells her he's giving the mount to Jenkins. Rosie is heartbroken. Oh, and Leon the bug is still fat. (Knew that many, many episodes ago).

Jerry the gambler actually has a good run at the poker tables at, of all places, Hollywood Park, and qualifies for some sort of poker tournament. Better yet, the smoking-hot poker dealer Naomi falls for him and they have a quickie in the parking lot. (Okay, here we learned something new, that, perhaps, Jerry is something better than a complete loser, degenerate bum. Or is Naomi just another lost soul, since she is gorgeous yet falls for a guy who looks like he hasn't showered in a month and a half?)

Nathan Israel, hired by Ace only to be hired by Ace's rivals, finds that playing the double agent game can be ugly. Rich, obnoxious, arrogant Mike senses that Nathan is playing games and beats the daylights out of him with a glass ashtray. Nathan is left bloodied and sprawled out on Mike's yacht. Back at the Escalante household, Escalante's girlfriend and vet, Jo, tells Turo she is pregnant. Ronnie, given the break of his life when given the mount on Getting'up Morning, is apparently a lost cause as he ends a round of push-ups by snorting some crushed up pills.

Actually, there was at least one new twist in Episode 7.

OBS March

Top 20 VALUE Picks

Hip #s	48	129	186	297
	49	135	194	315
	53	141	206	328
	58	156	212	350
	83	180	243	361



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We find out that Escalante is less than a total creep. A new character is introduced, a boy named Eduardo, who appears to be about nine. He comes around the backstretch with his uncle, who is obviously no good. Jo takes the boy under her wing and looks after him, but she gets distracted by her vet duties. That leaves Turo to take charge of the kid. This is where he supposed to tell the youngster to go play on the 405, but, instead, he drives him back to his miserable-looking home and tells him to call him if he ever needs anything. He's got the kid's back, and there's nothing in it for him. Go, Turo.

What now? The real unanswered question is what is Ace up to? Does he really want to buy Santa Anita and convert it to a casino or is this all some sort of elaborate ruse that is going to allow him to get revenge on Mike, DeRossi and Cohen? As much as Ace seems to like money, he seems to like screwing his rivals all that much more. Ace is smart, conniving and holds grudges. Never bet against him.

Luck's ratings have been abysmal and that's a shame. The acting, particularly that of Dustin Hoffman, is brilliant, and despite some of its flaws, the show still seems capable of brilliance. But Episode 7 did what no successful television show can ever get away with—it was boring. Luck needs to turn a corner, and fast.

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KENTUCKY

Churchill Releases Fourth-Quarter/Year-End Results:

Churchill Downs Incorporated yesterday released its fourth quarter and year-end results for the year ending Dec. 31, 2011. During the fourth quarter of 2011, CDI's net revenues from continuing operations increased 9% to \$149.3 million. The corporation's fourth-quarter earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization more than doubled to \$19.6 million. "Net earnings from continuing operations set a fourth-quarter record of \$4.3 million, or \$0.25 per diluted common share, versus a net loss from continuing operations of \$4.3 million, or a net loss of \$0.26 per diluted common share, during the final quarter of 2010.

Net revenues from continuing operations for 2011 rose 19% to \$696.9 million. CDI attributed the increase primarily to continued expansion of the company's gaming and online businesses, including the 2010 acquisition of Youbet.com LLC and Harlow's Casino Resort & Hotel. Revenues from CDI's racing business segment declined 3% in 2011, while online business increased \$44.0 million. Net earnings from continuing operations for 2011 were \$60.8 million, or \$3.55 per diluted common share, compared to net earnings from continuing operations of \$19.6 million, or \$1.26 per diluted common share, in 2010.

"All of us at CDI are proud of the Company's performance in 2011," CDI Chairman and CEO Robert L. Evans said in a statement. "The record financial results in the fourth quarter and for the entire year; our strong cash flows that enabled us to reduce long-term debt by \$137.5 million, from \$265.1 million at year-end 2010 to \$127.6 million at year-end 2011; the 20% increase in our annual dividend to shareholders, from \$0.50 per share to \$0.60 per share; and the 20.1% increase in our stock price, from \$43.40 at year-end 2010 to \$52.13 at year-end 2011, all reflect the strategy we have developed and executed over the last several years. As we look toward 2012, we hope to put in place the growth drivers that will enable the Company to continue its success in the future."



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, Mar. 13

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

FIBER SONDE (Unbridled's Song), 26/5/0

9-MNR, Alw, 5 1/2f, Just Fuhr Real, 6-5

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Del Mar, TVG Announce Simulcast Partnership:

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and the TVG network have agreed to a multi-year arrangement for TVG to produce both Del Mar's daily live feed for broadcast to simulcast customers, as well as a separate broadcast feed for on-track customers during the track's upcoming meet. "We are delighted to partner with TVG in this key element of the broadcasting of our racing product," said Josh Rubinstein, senior vice president for development at Del Mar. "The ability to enhance our simulcast signal with TVG talent and production is something we're very excited about. We look forward to working with TVG on providing our customers--both on- and off-track--with the most comprehensive and innovative broadcast product in the industry." TVG's executive vice president Tony Allevato added, "Del Mar and TVG have enjoyed a more than decade-long partnership and this new agreement takes that partnership to an even greater level. We are excited to extend our role as Del Mar's exclusive broadcaster by being able to deliver its racing product to fans on-track and across the country via the simulcast network."

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

Havre de Grace (Saint Liam), 5f, :59.60, 2/24
 Joyful Victory (Tapit), 5f, :59.40, 1/24
 Nehro (Mineshaft), 5f, 1:01.80, 7/24
 Z Dager (Mizzen Mast), 5f, 1:01.80, 7/24

GULFSTREAM PARK

Air Support (Arch), 5f, 1:04.55, 17/18

HOLLYWOOD PARK

I'll Have Another (Flower Alley), 1m, 1:42.60, 1/1

OAKLAWN PARK

Reckless Jerry (Cactus Ridge), 4F, :49.40, 3/12
 Sabercat (Bluegrass Cat), 4f, :50.80, 6/12

PALM MEADOWS

Awesome Feather (Awesome of Course), 5f, 1:02.13, 7/13
 Discreet Dancer (Discreet Cat), 4f, :49.44, 22/40
 Disposablepleasure (Giacomo), 4f, :49.77, 25/40
 El Padrino (Pulpit), 4f, :48.08, 2/40
 Ender Kneivel (Distorted Humor), 4f, 1:01.01, 4/13
 Gemologist (Tiznow), 4f, :49.77, 25/40
 Inglorious (Hennessy), 5fT, 1:03.40, 1/18
 Our Entourage (Street Cry {Ire}), 4f, :48.08, 2/40
 Sassy Image (Broken Vow), 4f, :49.82, 27/40

SANTA ANITA

Glinda the Good (Hard Spun), 5f, 1:01.60, 17/28

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AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Lavandou, f, 3, **Rock Hard Ten**--Saramy, by Personal Hope. Chukyo, 3-11, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 5-1-4-0, \$166,265. O-Masanobu Habata; B-Cloverleaf Farms Inc; T-Hideaki Fujiwara. * 1/2 to Bababganush (Capture the Gold), SW, \$197,786; Springs Road (Repent), SP, \$184,650. ** \$60,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$160,000 RNA 2yo '11 FTFFEB.

A Shin Wezen, h, 5, **Trippi**--Xtra Emblem, by Our Emblem. Hanshin, 3-11, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: SP-Jpn, 20-4-6-2, \$945,542. O-Eishindo Inc; B-Helen Y Painter; T-Kenji Nonaka. * \$95,000 yrl '08 'OBSAUG; \$425,000 2yo '09 FTFFEB.

FRANCE



Yesterday's Result:

Toulouse, 16.40, Mdn, €16,000, unraced 3yo, 1 5/16mT, 2:12.77, gd/sf.

+ **LA CONQUERANTE (GB) (f, 3, Hurricane Run {Ire}--Winning Family {Ire}, by Fasliyev)**, an €80,000 ARQAUG yearling, settled off the pace in rear until inching into mid division at halfway. Shaken up on the home turn, the 53-5 chance quickened to the fore approaching the final furlong and was pushed out late to comfortably best stablemate Open Eagle (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,000.

O-Bernard Magrez Horses; B-M3 Elevage & Haras d'Etream; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PRX, \$59,080, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

OFFICER BIG RED (m, 5, Officer--Shocktics, by Tactical Advantage) Lifetime Record: 23-7-10-2, \$303,592. O-Mario DeJesus Arriaga. B-Michael DeSaye (PA). T-Ramon Preciado. * \$36,000 yrl '08 FTMOCT.

8th-HOU, \$22,500, 3-11, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:44 4/5, my.

PHARME'S PHIRE (m, 5, Sefapiano--Elizabeth G, by Wayne's Crane) Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-2, \$48,568. O/B-Pharme Racing LTD (TX). T-Danny Pish.

7th-TUP, \$19,200, 3-11. Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), C, 3yo/up, f/m, a1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm.

CELL LINE FOREVER (m, 5, Globalize--Three Tee Three, by Silver Deputy) Lifetime Record: SW, 22-5-3-5, \$83,740. O/B-George Todaro (CA). T-Wade Rarick.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Visual Blessing, f, 3, **Kafwain**--True Blessing, by Tale of the Cat. HOU, 3-12, 1m (off turf), 1:41 4/5. B-H Allen Poindexter (KY). * \$1,500 RNA yrl '10 TEXAUG.

Peppermint Bling, f, 3, **Too Much Bling**--Red Cell (SP), by Geri. HOU, 3-12, (S), 1m, 1:41 4/5. B-W S Farish (TX). * \$3,500 yrl '10 TEXAUG.

Sofie's Pearl, f, 4, **Borrego**--Antique Pearl (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). HOU, 3-11, 5f (off turf), :59. B-A Lakin & Sons & James Kintz (KY).

Gospel Park, g, 4, **Ecton Park**--Affordable Fantasy, by Al Mamoon. WRD, 3-12, 6f, 1:12. B-WinQuest Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). * \$2,700 yrl '09 KEEJAN.

Flexnow, g, 4, **Tiznow**--Fleas Louise, by Storm Cat. HOU, 3-12, 1m70y, 1:44 1/5. B-B. Wayne Hughes (KY). * \$45,000 RNA wlng '08 KEENOV; \$75,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '10 OBSMAR.



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AMERICAN-SIRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Satono Inspire (Jpn), c, 3, **Discreet Cat**--Luxury Class (MSP), by Gone West. Nakayama, 3-10, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$153,012. O-Hajime Satomi; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Akira Murayama.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Compiègne, 14.50, 3-12, €24,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:17.39, hy.

SIYOUMA (IRE) (f, 4, Medicean {GB}--Sichilla {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by Danehill) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €26,400. O-Robert Jeffcock; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Francois Doumen. * €220,000 HIT '11 ARQDEC. ** 1/2 to Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), G1SW-Fr, \$657,460.



EUROPEAN-SIRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Maranello (Jpn), c, 3, **Singspiel (Ire)**--Dream Scheme (GB), by Machiavellian. Chukyo, 3-11, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$89,157. O-H R H Princess Haya; B-Darley Japan Farm; T-Takayuki Yasuda.

Admire Taishi (Jpn), h, 5, **Singspiel (Ire)**--Mizna, by Dubai Millennium (GB). Hanshin, 3-11, Suma Tokubetsu, 9fT, Lifetime Record: 15-3-5-4, \$592,048. O-Riichi Kondo; B-Darley Japan Farm; T-Mitsuru Hashida.