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'ROCK' OF AGES AT MAGIC MILLIONS

The Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale had its first seven-figure price since 2011--and highest since 2009--when lot 251, a colt by sire-of-the-moment Fastnet Rock (Aus), fetched a final bid of A\$1.35 million (US\$1,417,500) from Coolmore early during Thursday's session. Tom Magnier had the highest bid on a day that saw 138 youngsters sell for A\$18,742,500. Over the course of the first two sessions, the average stood at A\$132,289, compared to A\$127,977 12 months ago.



Tom Magnier
Bronwen Healy photo

"The sale went through a soft patch for a while, but improved and the last three hours went very well," Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox said at the end of the second session. "We're keen to see the clearance rate continue to rise, and it won't be long before hitting 80%. A goal would be to get to 85%--if that was achieved, it would be phenomenal. There's been some great bidding duels over the two days so far and there's also been some great value on offer."

Cox added, "We've still got some high quality lots to go under the hammer during tomorrow's third session and Saturday night's session four."

Lot 251 sauntered into the ring and auctioneer Grant Burns received an opening bid of A\$400,000 and announced that the colt was "on the market." With offers coming from dining tables and the Coolmore group to the left of the auctioneers' stand, the money climbed to A\$900,000. It inched up in increments from there and, though agent James Harron hung in gamely, Magnier won out in the end.

"He's by a great stallion and was probably the colt of the sale," Magnier said immediately after lot 251 left the ring. "I hope he is lucky, and we are delighted to have him. We'll give him to Gai Waterhouse to train."

The price was to be expected for the Lomar Park-consigned son of Smart Company (Aus) (Mister C.), according to Magnier.

"When you have all of the judges on the same horse, you know you're going to have to pay a premium," he confirmed. **Cont. p3**



Fall of the hammer...
Magic Millions photo

SESSION NUMBERS DOWN AT KEEJAN

Numbers for the fourth session of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale were down from last year's corresponding session as the auction heads into today's final day. In all, 247 horses sold yesterday for \$3,377,600, an average of \$13,674. That was off 4.5% from last year's figure of \$14,311. The median of \$7,000 was down 17.6%, from \$8,500.

Cumulative numbers, however, remained well up, with the average of \$47,282 representing at 24.8% jump from 2012 and the median of \$20,000 up 33.3%.

At the end of trading Thursday, sale officials saw the RNA rate--a strong 18.8%--as the most pertinent figure of the session.

"This is the middle to low end of the market, and there's great trade--that's the most important thing," said Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "Horses are moving, and that's the most important thing at the moment."

Keeneland Vice President of Sale Walt Robertson noted that buyers continue to pay well for horses they view as having quality. "If they've got a reason to buy them, they do, and if they don't, it's pretty tough sledding," he said.

Two horses broke the six-figure mark Thursday. The lone mare to do so, and the day's topper, was the well-bred Bernardini breeding prospect **Mahkama**, a former Godolphin runner who sold to Blandford Bloodstock for \$145,000. Brookdale Sales consigned the winning 4-year-old as [hip 1211](#). **Keeneland coverage cont. p9**

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BBQ Eddie Gets Saucy at Meydan

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Barbecue Eddie** (Stormy Atlantic) topped round one of the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge at Meydan yesterday, defeating last year's GIII Sham S. winner Out of Bounds (Discreet Cat) by 1 1/2 lengths.

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Q & A with John Sabini

Mike Kane sits down with John Sabini, who is set to leave his posts as chairman of both the New York State Racing and Wagering Board and Association of Racing Commissioners International today.

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Cape Premier Yearling Sale Preview

Kelsey Riley takes a look at the upcoming Cape Premier Yearling Sale, which will be held in South Africa Jan. 24 and 25.

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Alan Carasso chats with Peter Blum, the breeder of yesterday's impressive Gulfstream firster Integrity (Hard Spun)

Adam Coglianesse

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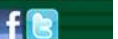
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3rd Dam: **Brave Actress**, by **Reviewer**

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2--**Out of Bounds**, 126, c, 4, [Discreet Cat](#)--Unbridled Elaine, by Unbridled's Song. O-Godolphin; B-Darley; \$50,000.

(DH)-3--**Fulbright (GB)**, 126, c, 4, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Lindfield Belle (Ire), by Fairy King. (52,000gns wnlg '09 TATDEC). O-Godolphin; B-R F & S D Knipe; \$12,500.

(DH)-3--**Rutland Boy (GB)**, 126, g, 5, Bertolini--Israar (GB), by Machiavellian. (15,000gns yrl '09 TATOCT). O-Abdulla bin Ahmad Al Shaikh; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; \$12,500.

Margins: 1 1/2, 1/2, DH.

Also Ran: Mufarrh (Ire), Jamr (GB), Fanualter (GB), Tajaaweed, Colliding Worlds (Ire), Muraweg (Ire).

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Barbecue Eddie, third in the 2007 GI Ancient Title S. for trainer Brian Koriner, was acquired by Shadwell and



Barbecue Eddie
Andrew Watkins

sent to Dubai for the 2009 Carnival. The veteran began a win streak last spring with a Meydan handicap score and returned from eight months on the sidelines to take a pair of track-and-trip allowance contests Nov. 8 and Dec. 6. Never far from the front, Barbecue Eddie reeled in the leaders

down the stretch and surged clear to a confident victory. "His target is the [Mar. 30 G2] Godolphin Mile--a race he sadly had to miss last year due to illness--and we will look after him," commented trainer Doug Watson. "He owes us nothing and we will space his races out with World Cup night in mind. He may be nine now, but he retains his ability and has proved this 1600 meters to be ideal on an all-weather surface he just loves."



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'Rock of Ages' at Magic Millions cont. from p1

Waterhouse later said of Thursday's Magic Millions topper,, "He just glides over the ground, and the last horse I said was poetry in motion was last year's three-time Group 1 winner Pierro (Aus) and he turned out a champion, and from this sale as well--let's hope [lot 251] turns out as good. There's good speed in the family and I am delighted to be given him to train by Coolmore Stud."

Lomar Park principal Fred Peisah has developed this colt's female family since acquiring third dam Social Smile (GB) (Ennis {Ire}). He did not put a reserve on lot 251.

"We had tremendous inquiry about him," Peisah explained. "I just told the auctioneer, 'Sell. Whenever you get your first bid, you're on the market.' After 47 years, you learn something about the industry, and if you've got the right sort of inquiry, you're alright."

[Click here to view video of lot 251 selling](#)

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MAGIC MILLIONS SELLING SCHEDULE

Date	Lots	Start Time
Jan. 9	Lots 1-190	11 a.m.
Jan. 10	Lots 191-380	11 a.m.
Jan. 11	Lots 381-570	11 a.m.
Jan. 12	Lots 571-660	6 p.m.
Jan. 13	Lots 661-900	11 a.m.

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Lomar Hits it out of the Park...

Midway during Wednesday's session, Fred Peisah's Lomar Park Stud had lot 101, a Fastnet Rock (Aus) colt out of My Lady's Chamber (Aus) (Arena {Aus}), sell for A\$460,000 to Gai Waterhouse. Peisah, encouraged by that result, let lot 251 make his own market, and watched in satisfaction as the colt sold for A\$1.35 million.

"He's a lovely colt, and he's the sort of colt that they want," Peisah summed up.

Peisah established Lomar Park about 90 kilometers southwest of Sydney in the late 1960s. The operation stands Arena and Valixir (Ire), and has about 40 mares on the property.

"I was a lawyer for many years and I was looking for a diversion," he recalled. "So I decided to go into



Fred Peisah with lot 251 and Lomar Park manager Paul Davies
Magic Millions photo

breeding--this was in 1967 or '68. I traveled to New Zealand to try to buy her, because I was setting up a stud and I thought it was a good place to buy mares. She was recommended to me, I bought her, and the rest is history. Social Smile was a foundation mare for the stud."

Indeed. The mare's descendants include Group 1 winners Razor Sharp (Aus) (*Steel Pulse), Super Elegant (Aus) (Mister C.) and Regal Cheer (Aus) (Arena), as well as several youngsters to make their presence felt at the first two days of this sale. Regal Cheer's close relative My Lady's Chamber was responsible for the aforementioned lot 101, while her full-sister Regal Arena (Aus) also had a son sell--this one by Wanted (Aus), a son of Fastnet Rock--for A\$460,000 to George Moore Bloodstock.

The session topper's dam is a full-sister to several good performers, all by the Danzig stallion Mister C. Super Elegant won at the highest level, while both Mister Elegant (Aus) and Elegancy (Aus) were both group winners. Mister C. was from Danzig's second crop, out of Honey Deb (*Herbager) and ran third in the 1987 GIII Clark H.



MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST
Thursday, January 10, 2013

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Catalogued	190	180
No. Offered	169	159
No. Sold	138	138
RNAs	31	21
% RNA	18.3%	13.2%
Highest Price	A\$1,350,000	A\$960,000
Gross	A\$18,742,500 (-0.2%)	A\$18,780,000
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Lomar cont.

"He was the first Danzig horse to come to Australia," Peisah noted. "He was a very useful stallion."

Peisah had earlier success in the stallion business.

"The first stallion I stood was a horse called Le Cordonnier, which is French for 'the shoemaker,'" he said. "We bought him from the Aga Khan, and he was the leading first-season sire [in Australia]. That was the first stallion I bought, and I thought, 'Well, it's very easy.' Or easier than law, anyway."

Asked if he still thought that, Peisah chuckled and said "No! It's the toughest game in the world, breeding. You're fighting nature, the human factor and the total unknown, and now the worst thing is the fashionability. Everything changes by the hour.

"The market is really tough," he added. "The reality is that this is discretionary, not a necessity. I think we've got a bit of money still, but it's driven a few people out, though of course that is the nature of business."

Lot 251's dam foaled a Commands (Aus) filly this past spring and was bred back to High Chaparral (Ire).
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**MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLING SALE
THURSDAY - TOP LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
251	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Smart Company (Aus)	1,350,000
B-F Peisah (NSW) Consigned by Lomar Park Stud Purchased by Coolmore Australia				
340	c	Street Cry (Ire)	Villa Bled (Aus)	550,000
B-G Harvey (NSW) Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Mark Kavanagh				
249	c	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Sliding Cube (Aus)	460,000
B-Teeley Assets Ltd (VIC) Consigned by Vinery Stud, agent Purchased by David Raphael				
343	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Volcada (NZ)	400,000
B-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (VIC) Consigned by Broadwater Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by John O'Shea Racing				
284	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Sweet Emotion (Ire)	370,000
B-Roncon, Lynch Bages Ltd (NSW) Consigned by Coolmore Stud, agent Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club				
319	c	Stratum (Aus)	Umaline (Aus)	350,000
B-Mill Park & M Howard (SA) Consigned by Mill Park, agent Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club				

Multiple Choice...

Earlier this week, Arrowfield Stud's stalwart Redoute's Choice (Aus) (Danehill) made his way to France's Haras de Bonneval, where he will command a €70,000 fee. The arrangement was announced in August, and The Aga Khan has booked an eye-catching selection of mares to the Aussie. Leading the list is Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar), who capped an unbeaten career with a brilliant win in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Also in his book are young Group 1 winners Shareta (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}), Sagawara (GB) (Shamardal), Rosanara (Fr) (Sinndar {Ire}) and Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk).

"Have you seen the Aga Khan mares? They're wonderful," said John Messara, chairman of Arrowfield.



John Messara
Martin King/Sportpix

"If only for those mares, it was worth sending him there, never mind the other great, influential European breeders that are going to use him. He's got a chance now to leave a legacy in Europe, which I think he deserves.

"He's a grand horse down here and he's been a wonderful horse at the sales, but more importantly his results have been outstanding, and he's the leading horse by stakes winners to runners in this country," Messara continued. "He deserves a go at the international scene, and this will give him a critical mass of runners which will show them what our stallions can do." Cont. p6

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Several of The Aga Khan's mares reside at Arrowfield, and Messara explained how the Redoute's Choice arrangement came about.

"I was at a meeting with The Aga Khan and Princess Zahra, and we were talking about new protocols and the fact that horses would get higher premiums if they were conceived in France," he recalled. "We started chatting and I said wouldn't it be nice if a horse like Redoute's Choice were there? and they said, 'Would you consider it?' I hadn't before, but then I started thinking about it, and they convinced me that he would get a lot of support in France. There's no horse of that ilk in France at this time. The best mares go to England and Ireland to get served. The opportunity was available, and they thought he would be well-supported.

"I thought, 'Wouldn't it be great if this horse could show the world what he could do, rather than just Australians?'" Messara continued. "So we decided to take the chance and ship him. We've done it with a lot of care--we sent a veterinarian with him on the plane and, coincidentally, his attendant Pierre is French and used to work for The Aga Khan.

"The trip went without incident and he handled it all very well," Messara added. "We suspected that he would be fine, because he's such a laid-back horse. The strength of his progeny is their temperament. Nothing bothers him, but he is 16 and he hasn't traveled since he retired [from racing]. We thought he'd handle it well, but we took no chances."

Arrowfield has a typically strong consignment at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. Over the course of the first two days, their draft has been led by a A\$400,000 daughter of Arrowfield stallion Snitzel (Aus) (Redoute's Choice) out of Group 1 winner Miss Kournikova (Aus) (Mr. Greeley). She was purchased by Dan Bougoure.

"She sold well, but she was just lovely," said Messara. "Snitzel looks to be a progressive stallion. During the last 12 months, he's really begun to convert those winners into black-type horses. He served 200 mares this year--not by [our] design, but because people wanted to get in to him.

"That means we probably underpriced him," Messara said with a smile. "It's not our usual practice to serve those numbers, but there was an enormous amount of interest."

Snitzel, who stood for A\$33,000 in 2012, had additional colts bring A\$320,000 and A\$240,000 during Thursday's session.

Arrowfield sustained a blow Wednesday when their young stallion Beneteau (Aus) (Redoute's Choice) was euthanized at Randwick Equine Hospital. His first foals are on the ground now.

"He was a horse we had a lot of faith in," Messara reflected. "He was a homebred and we retained an interest in him. He's got the loveliest foals you could hope to see."

Retired from racing due to a back injury, Beneteau took a turn for the worse after the breeding season concluded.

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"He had an ataxic situation in his lower legs, obviously neurological," Messara explained. "There's a post-mortem being done at the moment. We're gutted by it, to be honest. Even the vet that was attending him burst into tears."

There could be some consolation in the form of another Redoute's Choice colt that will enter the Gold Coast ring Friday. Lot 507 is a son of the leading sire from The Aga Khan mare Daralara (Fr) (Barathea {Ire}). He is the third foal from the mare, who placed in a trio of listed events in France, and Messara is more than partial to him.



Redoute's Choice--Daralara colt
Bronwen Healy

"I've had a look at nearly 50% of the horses in this sale, and I don't think there's one that's close to him as far as movement--fluency--is concerned," Messara stated. "He's a lovely, well-made colt that has a beautiful action. He should sell very well--I hope he does, and I told the Aga Khan that he's admired."



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399, c, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Apercu (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus)

Consigned by Newgate Farm, agent

By leading sire Redoute's Choice, this bay colt is the second foal from Group 1 winner Apercu. He is from the same cross as talented international performer Musir (Aus).

412, c, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Attesa, by Belong to Me

Consigned by Coolmore Stud, agent

The offspring of Fastnet Rock have been in great demand this week, and this youngster is the first foal from Attesa, a daughter of multiple Group 1 winner Arborea (Aus) (Imperial Prince). Arborea is also the dam of Delta Form (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}), who began his career in South Africa before becoming a solid turf performer in the U.S.

473, f, Lonhro (Aus)--Cirque du Soleil (Aus), by Danehill

Consigned by Evergreen Stud Farm, agent

This filly is out of listed-placed Cirque du Soleil, who happens to be a full-sister to champion and leading sire Fastnet Rock. Cirque du Soleil has produced three winners thus far, including Group 2-placed Emotional Circus (Aus) (Elusive Quality).

507, c, Redoute's Choice--Daralara (Fr), by Barathea (Ire)

Consigned by Arrowfield Stud, agent

This eye-catching bay colt is part of the Arrowfield/Aga Khan arrangement. His dam placed in three French listed races, and second dam Darakiyla (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}) placed at the Group 3 level in France herself.

516, c, Commands (Aus)--Demanding (Aus), by Octagonal (NZ)

Consigned by Widden Stud, agent

Inbred 3x3 to influential broodmare Eight Carat (GB), this brown colt is a sibling to stakes winners Phenomenons (Aus) (Giant's Causeway) and Spacecraft (Aus) (Galileo {Ire}).



**MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST
Thursday, January 10, 2013**

CUMULATIVE	2013	2012
Catalogued	380	360
No. Offered	344	325
No. Sold	273	262
RNAs	71	63
% RNA	20.6%	19.3%
Highest Price	A\$1,350,000	A\$960,000
Gross	A\$36,115,000	A\$33,530,000
Average (% change)	A\$132,289 (+3.4%)	A\$127,977
Median (% change)	A\$105,000 (+5%)	A\$100,000

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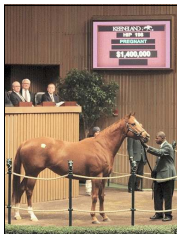
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Mahkama is a daughter of Rahy Rose (Rahy) and is a half-sister to GSW Summer Raven (Summer Squall), herself dam of GSW Winslow Homer (Unbridled's Song). Grade I winner and successful sire Wild Rush (Wild Again) falls under the second dam. John Ferguson purchased Mahkama for \$270,000 at the 2010 Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

The other six-figure lot yesterday was the impeccably bred racing and stallion prospect **Night Site**. A Juddmonte homebred, the newly turned 4-year-old is a son of Giant's Causeway out of the seven-time Grade I winner Sightseek (Distant View). Raut LLC's Gennadi Dorochenko, standing out back, saw off a challenger from inside the pavilion to secure the former Bill Mott-trained colt. Mill Ridge consigned the well-made chestnut as [hip 1508](#). Night Site has yet to find the winner's circle in eight starts, but that belies a race record with several nice efforts. During a stretch this spring and summer, he hit the board in six straight starts and was beaten a combined 5 3/4 lengths. He earned \$65,583 for Juddmonte, who sold several racing or stallion prospects during yesterday's session.



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<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Catalogued	384	404
No. Offered	304	313
No. Sold	247	253
RNAs	57	60
% RNAs	18.8%	19.2%
No. Over \$50K	6	14
High Price	\$145,000	\$90,000
Gross	\$3,377,600	\$3,620,700
Average (% change)	\$13,674 (-4.5%)	\$14,311
Median (% change)	\$7,000 (-17.6%)	\$8,500

A short yearling by Malibu Moon made \$75,000 to claim honors as the day's top-priced youngster. Santee Stables signed for the Mar. 31-foaled bay, a half-brother to GI Garden City S. winner Miss World (Bernstein) whom Paramount Sales offered as [hip 1236](#). The colt is a son of the 12-year-old mare Moonstar (Kingmambo) and hails from the good European family of Doyen (Ire), Moonshell (Ire), et al. He was bred in Kentucky by Castleton Lyons and Kilboy Estate.
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Later in the session, newly turned 2-year-old colt by Tiznow also hit the \$75,000 mark. Consigned by [hip 1521](#) by Lane's End as part of the Fares Farm dispersal, the Apr. 24-foaled bay is a son of Tomisue's Mamaloi (Gone West) and is a full to SW Thor's Daughter and a half to last year's useful sophomore colt Mr. Handsome (Rock Hard Ten), a MSP earner of over \$165,000. James Bredin, agent for David A. Ross, signed the winning ticket.




Some high-profile males sold as stallion prospects. Last year's GII Dwyer S. winner and GI Wood Memorial S. third **Teeth of the Dog** (Bluegrass Cat) sold to Carlos S.E. Moore, agent, for \$20,000, while the 2008 GII Illinois Derby winner **Recapturetheglory** (Cherokee Run) sold to Black Moon Farm, also for \$20,000. Burseson Farms consigned Teeth of the Dog as [hip 1520](#); Lane's End consigned Recapturetheglory as [hip 1511](#). Today's finale gets underway at 10:00 a.m. For catalogue, outs and results, or to watch the sale, visit www.keeneland.com.

Fares Dispersal Concludes...

The dispersal of Fares Farm concluded yesterday with a second and final day of Issam Fares's racing and breeding stock. In all, Lane's End--who handled the dispersal--sold 78 horses for \$7,313,000. That was good for an average of \$93,756. The median was \$56,000. All the horses sold without reserve. One horse, the 14-year-old SW Lady Sonya (Twilight Agenda), did not get a bid.

There were an impressive 29 horses from the dispersal who made six figures, led by the \$800,000 Supreme (Empire Maker), a stakes-winning and graded-placed mare from the immediate family of GI Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos (Maria's Mon) who sold in foal to Giant's Causeway. Barbara Banke's Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings bought the 6-year-old. The top-priced short yearling from the dispersal was a Pulpit filly out of SW & GSP Mousse Au Chocolat (Hennessy) who sold to Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services, agent, for \$230,000.



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<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Catalogued	1,534	1,594
No. Offered	1,206	1,250
No. Sold	924	1,003
RNAs	282	247
% RNAs	23.4%	19.8%
High Price	\$1,450,000	\$1,400,000
Gross	\$43,688,600	\$37,991,900
Average (% change)	\$47,282 (+24.8%)	\$37,878
Median (% change)	\$20,000 (+33.3%)	\$15,000



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Rank	Stallion	YOB	Crops	Earnings	Rnrs	Wnrs	BT Wnrs	BT Horses	GS Wnrs	GS Horses	G1S Wnrs
1	Bernardini Sire: A.P. Indy	2003	3‡	\$6,233,365	177	75	10	19	7	13	3
2	Flower Alley Sire: Distorted Humor	2002	3‡	\$5,723,496	109	67	4	6	2	3	1
3	Henny Hughes Sire: Hennessy	2003	3‡	\$5,135,503	172	88	7	21	1	3	1
4	First Samurai Sire: Giant's Causeway	2003	3‡	\$4,938,981	125	73	10	15	2	7	1
5	Sharp Humor Sire: Distorted Humor	2003	3‡	\$4,937,033	165	104	6	12	3	5	0
6	Rockport Harbor Sire: Unbridled's Song	2002	3‡	\$4,792,161	184	103	3	14	1	2	0
7	Bluegrass Cat Sire: Storm Cat	2003	3‡	\$4,435,165	183	108	5	13	1	4	0
8	War Front Sire: Danzig	2002	3‡	\$4,232,427	119	67	11	17	4	11	1
9	Congrats Sire: A.P. Indy	2000	3‡	\$3,722,697	139	82	5	14	2	4	2
10	Badge of Silver Sire: Silver Deputy	2000	3‡	\$3,543,168	141	82	4	12	2	4	0
11	Artie Schiller Sire: El Prado (IRE)	2001	3‡	\$3,364,951	144	74	6	10	1	4	0
12	With Distinction Sire: Storm Cat	2001	3‡	\$3,278,247	164	102	1	8	0	2	0
13	Silver Train Sire: Old Trieste	2002	3‡	\$3,170,778	168	100	2	3	1	1	0
14	Bandini Sire: Fusaichi Pegasus	2002	3‡	\$2,995,825	135	85	1	11	0	1	0
15	Old Forester Sire: Forestry	2001	3‡	\$2,957,285	96	53	3	6	0	0	0
16	Niigon Sire: Unbridled	2001	3‡	\$2,790,352	57	34	4	8	1	1	0
17	Bellamy Road Sire: Concerto	2002	3‡	\$2,705,611	107	64	5	6	1	2	0
18	Suave Sire: A.P. Indy	2001	3‡	\$2,469,454	121	67	1	4	1	1	1
19	Giacomo Sire: Holy Bull	2002	3‡	\$2,292,159	107	54	2	6	0	2	0
20	Aragorn (IRE) Sire: Giant's Causeway	2002	3‡	\$1,945,450	107	59	2	4	0	1	0
21	Unbridled Energy Sire: Unbridled's Song	2002	3‡	\$1,624,253	91	53	1	2	0	0	0
22	Pomeroy Sire: Boundary	2001	3‡	\$1,614,065	96	54	0	3	0	0	0
23	Philanthropist Sire: Kris S.	2001	3‡	\$1,600,522	61	20	2	3	0	1	0
24	Too Much Bling Sire: Rubiano	2003	3‡	\$1,340,082	46	27	6	11	0	0	0
25	Don't Get Mad Sire: Stephen Got Even	2002	3‡	\$1,327,729	56	39	2	3	0	0	0

The data included represents the Northern Hemisphere-born progeny of sires standing anywhere in the world, and winning anywhere in the world (Northern and Southern Hemispheres included) and Southern Hemisphere-born foals' Northern Hemisphere wins and earnings only. While data from Hong Kong and Japan are included, earnings from those countries are excluded. *No jump statistics are included.*



For New Sires, Gainesway Serves Notice...

Gainesway landed one of the most exciting stallion prospects of 2013, the dual Grade I winner To Honor and Serve, and have been busy acquiring prospects for the \$1.7 million-earning son of Bernardini. At January, Gainesway chief Antony Beck has landed no fewer than three mares for him. They include:

- \$170,000 **French Dip** (m, 7, Speightstown--Mayo on the Side, by French Deputy) ([hip 375](#)), a stakes-winning daughter of a Grade I winner who is carrying her second foal by Unbridled's Song;
- \$70,000 **Well Deserved** (m, 6, Cactus Ridge--Lodden Blue, by Coronado's Quest) ([hip 252](#)), a talented SW & GSP earner of over \$260,000 selling as a racing or broodmare prospect;
- **Gravitar** (f, 3, Unbridled's Song--Look Upon, by Carson City) ([hip 17](#)), a half-sister to MSW Shine Upon (Congaree) and GISP Keep the Peace (Touch Gold) and acquired after she RNA'd for \$42,000.

Beck said he's intent on supporting the home team, noting that Gainesway bred sprint champion (and eventual Gainesway stallion) Orientate by the farm's long-time star Mt. Livermore. Gainesway was also supporting one of their own when they purchased Afleet Express, by resident stallion Afleet Alex, for \$245,000 at the 2008 Keeneland January Sale. Two years later, Afleet Express rewarded them with a thrilling nose victory in the GI Travers S., and is now about to stand his third season at Gainesway for a fee of \$5,000.

Beck said the farm is also actively supporting another of its recent additions, the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile hero Tapizar, a son of Gainesway sire sensation Tapit who, like that one, was raced by the Winchell family's Winchell Thoroughbreds. Tapizar stands his initial season at stud for a fee of \$15,000. To Honor and Serve stands for \$30,000.

"I get tremendously enthusiastic about the stallions at Gainesway," Beck added. "As such, nearly all of my own mares are bred at home. I've also been actively trying to buy mares for both of our new horses."

Gainesway's participation at January follows on the heels of a buying jag at Keeneland November that saw it land no fewer than four mares for To Honor and Serve. They included:

- \$200,000 Church Camp (Forest Camp), a now-6-year-old stakes winner who sold in foal to Unbridled's Song;
- \$125,000 Unspoken Fur (Empire Maker), a daughter of MGISW Spoken Fur (Notebook) who sold in foal to Scat Daddy;
- \$85,000 Unaffordable (Unbridled), who has produced SW & GSP to Gainesway stallion Afleet Alex and is also the dam of SP Afford (Street Sense);
- \$40,000 Wildcat Marie, a now-6-year-old Grade III winner who sold carrying her first foal by Philanthropist.

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Added Beck, "I'm a bit obsessive about supporting our stallions, as you can tell."

Beck said the mares generally fit a profile. "As a rule, I like to get younger mares who's best years are ahead of them," he said.

Beck admitted to at least one prospect that got away at January--the 6-year-old broodmare prospect **Cosmo Girl** (City Zip), who sold Wednesday for \$190,000 to Stonestreet Stable rep John Moynihan. "She was a lovely City Zip mare who I thought would suit To Honor And Serve very well," he said. "She was bought by a good judge in John Moynihan."

Gainesway is enjoying a good week away from the sales, as well. A filly it co-bred with Winchell Thoroughbreds, the 3-year-old **Tapicat** (Tapit--Zealous Cat, by Storm Cat), was tabbed a **"TDN Rising Star"** after improving to two wins in three starts with a smart front-running effort on the grass at Gulfstream Wednesday.

Gainesway sold Tapicat to Besilu Stable for \$725,000 at the 2011 Keeneland September Sale--the highest price realized by the 66 Tapit yearlings to sell that year.

"That filly really came along in the late spring and summer [of 2011]," Gainesway's Michael Herson said of Tapicat. "She was actually selected to go in Book 2 at September, but we liked her a lot, and switched her out with another horse into Book 1. She was very high quality--whatever system you use to grade horses, she'd have to be at the top. She sold for significantly more than her reserve."

A few months later, Gainesway and Winchell sold her dam Zealous Cat at last year's Keeneland January sale. The half-sister to GISW Pohave (Holy Bull) made \$350,000. Glen Hill Farm purchased Zealous Cat, who was carrying a full-brother to Tapicat.

Tapit continues to make big waves as a sire. For the second year in a row, he will cover a Horse of the Year. That after Mandy Pope announced that her recent \$10 million acquisition Havre de Grace (Saint Liam) will go to the Pulpit stallion.

"Havre de Grace is one of the really excellent mares going to the stallion," said Herson. "Obviously, it's great to have another Horse of the Year on the heels of Zenyatta last year, and Tapit has worked himself into that position. We're delighted with all the high-class mares coming to him. It's very gratifying."

Tapit stands for a fee of \$125,000 in 2013.

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TDN **Q&A**

Few people in the racing industry knew much about John Sabini in August 2008 when he was approved as the chairman of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board. Four and a half busy years later,



John Sabini

NYSRWB

Sabini, 56, retires from state service Friday--and his post as the chairman of the Association of Racing Commissioners International--with a very high national profile as a regulator who had to deal with a number of difficult issues.

Sabini, a former Congressional staffer, New York City Council member and state senator from Queens, said he will start making phone calls Monday to

lay the groundwork to establishing a lobbying business.

During an interview with Mike Kane Thursday, Sabini laughed at a question about whether he knew what he was getting himself into with the Racing and Wagering Board post.

"No," said. "And the tumultuous times. No."

Sabini's term included:

- The board's investigation into the exotic wagering takeout scandal that led to the firing of NYRA CEO Charles Hayward and counsel Patrick Kehoe and the state's takeover of the association. Sabini said he regretted that his agency did not discover that bettors were being overcharged an extra 1% for over a year, but could not comment further because the state is still investigating the matter.
- A series of nearly two dozen breakdowns at Aqueduct during the 2012 winter meet, the resulting investigation and the adoption of new rules that are among the toughest in the nation.
- Dealing with the closing in Dec. 2010 of the bankrupt New York Off-Track Betting Corporation, the biggest OTB in the country.
- The animal cruelty case in which owner-breeder Ernie Paragallo was handed a lifetime ban from the sport because many horses were found to have been mistreated at his farm.
- The board's decision to revoke trainer Richard Dutrow Jr.'s license for 10 years and fine him \$50,000 for a lengthy series of violations during his career.

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2012 Leading Sires

(by earnings)

#	Stallion	GSWs	Earnings
1	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	14	\$10,102,723
2	Empire Maker	9	\$10,008,705
3	Speightstown	8	\$9,989,690

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John Sabini Q & A cont.

- *The opening of the Resorts World Casino at Aqueduct in October 2011 that produced the long-awaited purse increases at the NYRA tracks and a revival of New York's Thoroughbred breeding business.*
 - *The decision to require all of the runners in the 2012 Belmont S.--in which I'll Have Another was bidding for a sweep of the Triple Crown--to be housed in a special stakes barn and have their veterinarian records made public.*

By coincidence, news that Sabini was leaving his post with the board before it becomes part of the new New York State Gaming Commission Feb. 1 become public on Tuesday, the day the Court of Appeals announced that it would not hear Dutrow's final chance to appeal in state court.

MK: What is your feeling about the Dutrow case, which involved personal attacks on you, questioning whether your involvement prevented him from receiving due process?

JS: When someone's career is on the line they are going to look at whatever straw they can grasp at. I think if it wasn't that it would have been something else.

The fact of the matter is that the decision is what it is. The idea is that we get the people who treat animals in a cavalier fashion in order to win.

Repeat offenders should be punished with surety and speed. Unfortunately, there wasn't speed on this one. There needs to be a swift and sure punishment for people that cheat. I think that the industry is moving in that direction.

MK: What led to the approach of looking at Dutrow's entire career when determining the penalty for the two violations at Aqueduct in November 2010?

JS: We went at it with the idea that at some point the license becomes a responsibility. It's not a right to have a license. It's a privilege to have a license and if you repeatedly abuse the rules then the license shouldn't be there for you.

MK: Why do you feel that the handling of the New York City OTB closing was a major success story of your administration?

JS: We were in a profound position because a 45% hole in the hull of the ship was happening in one day. We took measures to bring the industry and the state together.

First of all, I was told it was the first time that everyone in the industry was in the same room at the same time, which I found amazing. I was able to compel the industry to work as one for everyone's benefit, which usually doesn't occur in racing.

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2012 Leading 2nd Crop Sires

#	Stallion	(by number of GSW's) GSWs	Cumulative Earnings
1	SCAT DADDY	6	\$7,243,163
2	HARD SPUN	5	\$7,368,146
3	STREET SENSE	3	\$4,594,812
-	HAT TRICK	3	\$2,375,297
-	AFTER MARKET	3	\$2,463,657

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John Sabini Q & A cont.

We got the video streaming for NYRA and we got the OTBs and tracks who had on-line accounts to allow people to open up accounts without having to go to a branch with an ID and cash. As an emergency rule we allowed them to do it over the phone or the Internet. Before that, in order to open an account, you had to show up somewhere at a bricks and mortar location.

When New York City OTB when belly-up, we were a little frightened that the off-shore companies, which didn't have to play by that rule, would garner all the business. We moved very quickly on that, to the point that by post time of the first race at Aqueduct on the first day of no New York City OTB, people could have been ready to go. In fact, Yonkers was. They had already programmed their computers for our rule. So we tried to mitigate whatever crisis was going to happen as a result of New York City OTB being such a big player and blowing up. I thought that was important.

We couldn't afford to be slow to react to it because in a business that is on a downward trend anyway that would have been a death blow, I think. I really believe that a lot of dominoes would have fallen and had we not done the things that we did in the wake of New York City OTB closing, that racing in New York would look a lot different today. It would still be around, but I think it would have taken a long time to find an equilibrium

I don't think NYRA would have been sustainable at

the model it is at now. And I don't think there was going to be any bailouts from government, like there were in the post. I don't know what would have happened, but I wasn't going to wait around to figure it out. My attitude was to do what you've got to do to get this done, as best you can.

MK: What are your biggest regrets as you leave the job?

JS: There are a number of things. The fact that the NYRA takeout situation wasn't caught earlier. We take responsibility on that. There is an investigation going on to see who was pro-actively doing it or who is to blame, but we had some obligation as well, and that's a disappointment.

The other major disappointment is that we couldn't get the Assembly to sign onto an Interstate Racing Compact, which I believe would streamline and help the industry regulate itself nationwide.

One of complaints you hear from horsemen is that these rules are different in every state. Well, it's hard to change the rules uniformly. That would have allowed us to do it. It passed the Senate largely because I had been a member and Governor [David] Paterson pushed it, but we couldn't get it through the Assembly, largely because of the harness horsemen. That was a missed opportunity.

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2012 Leading 1st Crop Sires

((by number of winners))

#	Stallion	Wnrs	SH's	Earnings
1	MAJESTIC WARRIOR	30	4	\$1,065,051
2	STREET BOSS	20	4	\$866,019
3	BIG BROWN	16	2	\$588,363

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MK: What is your feeling about the investigation by the outside panel of racing experts into the breakdowns at Aqueduct and the changes that were made?

JS: I think the report that was done was good. It put measures in that frankly would have been harder to get in had we not had the alacrity of the situation of the breakdowns. There were things that we did that I wanted to do for some time, but that forces in the industry would have opposed. That opposition was harder to do in light of the breakdowns and in light of the task force. The changes in the claiming rules and the claiming prices were things we talked about doing before, but we knew we were going to get blowback from the industry. This sort of underlined the need for it.

MK: What are items are on your list of accomplishments?

JS: Getting the lab moved to SUNY Morrisville allowed us to do things more economically. And shrinking the size of the agency.

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Harvey A. Clarke and W. Craig Robertson III's **Soldat** (War Front) will return to Gulfstream's main track for Sunday's GIII Hal's Hope S. A winner of the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. in 2011, the dark bay was fifth in that year's G1 Florida Derby and 11th in the G1 Kentucky Derby. Soldat made just two starts last year--a three-length optional claiming tally on the turf in Hallandale March, and a sixth-place run as the chalk in the If Winter Comes S. on the Big A lawn Nov. 17 following a soft-tissue injury. "We're looking at the future," trainer Kiaran McLaughlin explained. "It's probably a good time to try him back on the dirt and see what happens. If he doesn't run well, we can put him back on the turf. But the races on the turf down here are going to be extremely difficult with Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) and Point of Entry (Dynaformer) and others. We thought it would be a good time to switch to the dirt and see how it goes." Another intriguing entrant in the Hal's Hope is Jim Bakke and Gary Ibister's **Cool Blue Red Hot** (Harlan's Holiday), who hasn't been seen since finishing third behind Jackson Bend (Hear No Evil) in this race a year ago. The 5-year-old has been working steadily, but not speedily, for trainer Angel Penna, Jr. at Palm Meadows.

Sunday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:05 p.m. EST
HAL'S HOPE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Swagger Jack (K)	Smart Strike	Lanerie	Wolfson	117
2	Associate	Wando	Rosario	Dutrow Jr.	117
3	Good Morning Diva	Lion Heart	Cruz	Braddy	117
4	Soldat (K)	War Front	Castellano	McLaughlin	117
5	Delegation (K)	Speightstown	Velazquez	Casse	121
6	Csaba	Kitten's Joy	Saez	Gleaves	121
7	Scatman (K)	Scat Daddy	Lezcano	Mott	117
8	Cool Blue Red Hot	Harlan's Holiday	Bravo	Penna Jr.	117
9	Pants On Fire	Jump Start	Lopez	Breen	117
10	Pool Play (K)	Silver Deputy	Mena	Casse	121

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Sunday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:07 p.m. EST

SAN GABRIEL S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Temple's Door (K)	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	Baze	Mullins	118
2	Tale of a Champion (K)	Tale of the Cat	Stevens	Mulhall	118
3	Juniper Pass (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Leparoux	Bell	118
4	Slim Shadey (GB)	Val Royal (Fr)	Gomez	Callaghan	123
5	Fast Track (K)	Taste of Paradise	Garcia	Conlon	118
6	Chosen Miracle (K)	Ghostzapper	Talamo	Hollendorfer	118
7	Jeranimo	Congaree	Bejarano	Pender	120

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NEWS TODAY

DUTROW AWAITS LICENSE REVOCATION

In accordance with New York State law, embattled trainer Richard Dutrow Jr. will not lose his license until at least next week. The state's highest court, the Court of Appeals, announced Jan. 8 that it would not hear the appeal of a 10-year license revocation and a \$50,000 handed down by the New York State Racing and Wagering Board. The ruling by the Court of Appeals ends Dutrow's options to overturn the board's decision in state court. Dutrow could try to take the case into the federal court system.

Dutrow received a stay in October 2011 that has been allowed to continue training while his attorney, Michael Koenig, appealed the board's decision. The stay remains in effect for five days after Dutrow is formally notified by the office of the state's attorney general that the request to appeal has been rejected.

"We have not been served, but I expect that to happen on Friday," Koenig said Thursday night. Koenig said that he and Dutrow are continuing to look at what options may be available.

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Dutrow cont.

Racing and Wagering Board spokesman Lee Park said that when the board confirms service of the order on Dutrow's attorney, and the five-day period has been ended, it will issue an agency order initiating his exclusion from the grounds and his license revocation, which will include a complete ban on any contact with the training of any racing horses.

Dutrow has four horses entered at Aqueduct this week: two on Friday and two on Saturday. He did not enter any for Sunday's program.

The lengthy suspension was handed down after Dutrow appealed a 90-day suspension for two separate violations at Aqueduct in November 2010--the discovery of hypodermic syringes in the desk in his office at his barn at the track and a post-race positive. In its ruling, the board said Dutrow had a long history of violations and should be "expelled from all New York racetracks as a person whose conduct at racetracks in New York State and elsewhere has been improper, obnoxious, unbecoming and detrimental to the best interests of racing."

SALES NEWS

MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE SUPPLEMENTED TO BARRETS MIXED

G1 Santa Anita Derby winner **Midnight Interlude** (War Chant) will be featured in the [Barretts Mixed Sale supplemental catalogue](#) Jan. 22. He is catalogued as [Hip 161](#) and will be sold as a stallion prospect by McCarthy Bloodstock. The supplemental catalogue will also feature nine horses of racing age, eight broodmare prospects, one other stallion prospect, two 2-year-olds and one yearling.



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STALLION NEWS

AMERICAIN TO STAND AT SWETTENHAM STUD

The partnership of Kevin and Colleen Bamford and Gerry and Val Ryan have agreed to stand Americain (Dynaformer) at Swettenham Stud in Nagambie, Victoria, for the 2013 breeding season. The 2010 G1 Melbourne Cup winner, Champion Stayer in Europe and Australia and two-time Highweight Older Horse in France will stand for A\$12,500 plus GST. "Americain is a superior stayer who possesses a sensational turn of foot and it is an honour for Swettenham Stud to be selected as the home for his debut Australian season," said Adam Sangster, owner of Swettenham Stud. "There was significant competition from high-profile studs in New South Wales in the race to secure Americain and his presence will be an asset for the Victorian breeding industry. Americain is not only a striking individual, he boasts amazing bloodlines and we look forward to helping Australasian breeders achieve the ultimate in breeding a Melbourne Cup winner." Americain will stand his first American breeding season at Calumet Farm, which owns 50% stake in the horse, for \$20,000. "We are all staunch supporters of the Victorian breeding industry and are delighted that we have been able to come to an arrangement that will see Americain return to Victoria for his first Australian breeding season," said Kevin Bamford. "We look forward to seeing him make an impression and are excited about the prospect of racing some of his progeny in the years to come."



QUALITY ON OFFER IN CAPE TOWN

Cape Thoroughbred Sales will host Book 1 of the third annual Cape Premier Yearling Sale Jan. 24 and 25 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in Cape Town, South Africa. There are 234 yearlings set to go under the hammer, with the sale commencing at 5 p.m. each evening.

Although still in its infancy, the Cape Premier Yearling Sale has yielded positive results, with three Group 1-winning juveniles in its inaugural draft in 2011, including South Africa's unbeaten 2-year-old champion Soft Falling Rain (SAf) (National Assembly). This year's catalogue has been refined to include the country's most mature yearlings, with an emphasis on conformation and proven sires. With a renewed focus, Robin Bruss, Chief Executive Officer of CTS, said he expects to build on the sale's early success.

"These are [South Africa's] most forward yearlings and best-grown horses," Bruss said. "Last year, we had some horses that were born later and were more classic types. We found that, for the most part, those were the horses that didn't find homes. So, this year, we've trimmed our catalogue back. We've cut back by about 100 horses, suggesting to those with later-maturing horses that they find a sale later in the year. The catalogue really is focused on those big, strong, forward types."



Tapit filly sells at the inaugural Cape Premier Yearling Sale
Photo Courtesy CTS

"They certainly appeared like they've got good bone to them and they're raised the right way," said West Point Thoroughbreds President Terry Finley, who purchased two horses at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale last year. "They breed a sturdy horse. You can tell when they come to the yearling sales that they've been raised the right way." **Cont. p18**



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Cape Premier Yearling Sale cont.

Stand-outs from this year's catalogue include [lot 150](#), a colt by Dynasty (SAf) (Fort Wood) out of Dancer's Daughter (GB) (Act One {GB}). Consigned by Highlands Farm Stud, he is the first foal from his dam, a dual champion and winner of the G1 Vodacom Durban July--South Africa's greatest race--which was also won by Dynasty.

"Dancer's Daughter is one of the few fillies to have won the Durban July, and here we have two winners of that race mated together," Bruss noted. "It's the first time two July winners have been mated, so if there was ever a horse to win the Durban July, this is it."

[Lot 226](#), a colt from the draft of Avontuur Thoroughbred Farm, represents another rare opportunity. The son of Var (Forest Wildcat), from the Elliodor (Fr) mare Minelli, is a full-brother to dual sprint champion Val de Ra (SAf), winner of 11 of 13 races.

[Lot 37](#), a filly by Windrush--Russian Muse (SAf), by Russian Fox (SAf), is a full sister to G1 L'Ormarins Queens Plate winner Mother Russia (SAf); [lot 1](#), a colt by Western Winter--Nacarat (SAf), by Pas de Quoi (SAf), is a full-brother to Grade 1 winner Nania (SAf); [lot 9](#), a colt by Dynasty (SAf)--Our Table Mountain, by Fusaichi Pegasus is a half-brother to last year's R2.8-

million (\$300,327) sale topper, and his dam is a half-sister to Artie Schiller (El Prado); [lot 169](#), by Black Minnaloushe--Gardener's Delight, by Giant's Causeway, is a half-brother to Soft Falling Rain and from the family of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Gal in a Ruckus (Bold Ruckus); [lot 67](#), Jay Peg (SAf)--



Excitement in the sales ring
Photo courtesy CTS

Stormz Empez (SAf), by Second Empire (SAf), is out of a half-sister to Group 1 winners Pocket Power (SAf) and River Jetez (SAf), both by South Africa's ill-fated sire-sensation Jet Master (SAf) (Rakeen). A four-time leading sire prior to his death in 2011, Jet Master will be represented by eight yearlings from his final crop at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale, including [lot 2](#), [lot 60](#), and [lot 216](#), all the progeny of Group 1-winning mares. American-based sires Pure Prize (Storm Cat) and Tapit (Pulpit) are both represented in the catalogue. Also well represented is Trippi (End Sweep), a Grade I winner and Champion sire in Florida before he was purchased to stand at Drakenstein Stud in South Africa. Trippi made an immediate splash in the Southern Hemisphere, earning the leading freshman sire title of 2012. He is represented by 27 lots in the Cape Premier Yearling Sale, including [lot 145](#) from the family of American Grade I winners and leading sires Awesome Again and Macho Uno.

The quality of this year's catalogue has been the goal of the sale's organizers from the start. Before CTS came along, the only public auctions in South Africa were run by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, an arrangement which, according to Bruss, presented a few potential roadblocks. **Cont. p19**



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Cape Premier Yearling Sale cont.

“The TBA was, I think, the only major sales company in the world run by a breed society,” he explained. “Though it served its members well for a long period of time, we thought that in the modern era, we needed something that was more dynamic than a breed organization that meets quarterly. It also has the disadvantage in that there are some inherent conflicts between a breed organization and a sales company, and also being a breed cooperative, it doesn’t have the access to capital that a private company would have, which makes it harder to pay vendors out early.”

A ‘pilot edition’ of the Cape Premier Yearling Sale was staged by the TBA in January 2011, with Bruss at the controls. That test run proved successful. With the backing of the eight largest stud farms in the country, Cape Thoroughbred Sales was officially born in August of that year. It now encompasses three sales: The Cape Premier Yearling Sale Books 1 & 2 (Book 2 takes place Mar. 23 & 24), and the R2-million Ready to Run Sale, a 2-year-olds in training sale where all graduates are eligible for a restricted R2-million race to take place the following year.

The business mantra of CTS encompasses more than simply selling horses. Based in Cape Town, where 80% of South Africa’s foal crop is produced, CTS uses the lure of one of the world’s most popular tourist destinations to draw foreign buyers, stage a social extravaganza and encourage international participation in the South African Thoroughbred industry. In addition to the sale, visitors are exposed to a variety of activities. They have the opportunity to take in some of South Africa’s most popular tourist attractions and, if they choose to stick around after the sales, they will be treated to a day of Group 1-racing at Kenilworth Racecourse, highlighted by the G1 J&B Met, Feb. 2.

“We’re trying to create a new model, something different, and that’s why the sale was created around the whole idea of lifestyle, because I firmly believe we have to offer an attraction that other countries may not have,” Bruss explained. “We try to use the beauty of Cape Town and



Cape Town’s iconic Table Mountain
Photo Courtesy CTS

its many activities to attract foreign owners to come to South Africa.”

Bruss noted that through CTS, he hopes to expand the market and demand for the South African Thoroughbred globally. The chief roadblock to that goal thus far has been African Horse Sickness, which has caused the implementation of long quarantines for horses exported from the country.

“Our main difficulty is that with our quarantine protocols, buyers can’t just buy the horses and take them home,” Bruss explained. “That’s why we encourage them to come to South Africa, enjoy our hospitality, buy horses, and put them in training here. They can use South Africa as a springboard and, later, take the best ones abroad.”

Much to the relief of those looking to export horses out of South Africa, a PCR Assay test was recently unveiled that can provide a definitive diagnosis of African Horse Sickness within hours.

“With this test, there’s no reason why we shouldn’t be able to come down to a 10 or 15 day quarantine,” Bruss said. “The old test used to take 20 days, and they did it twice. We’re at the point now where this new test is being validated in the bigger scientific journals. To me, its surmountable, and once we do solve it, we’ll hope to become the next great developing area. In the meantime, we’d like people to come here and enjoy the experience.”

The Cape Premier Yearling Sale itself is designed with the customer’s experience in mind. It is unique in the bloodstock sales world in that it is conducted in a convention center, with buyers and audience members seated at tables and treated to fine drinks and dining while the horses are paraded before them on a raised stage. Bruss admitted that it is more “like a banquet” than a traditional horse auction.

“Taking a leaf out of Keeneland’s book, we decided to bring people from the city to the country, as opposed to putting the horses on a float and sending them into Johannesburg, which is a business hub,” he explained. “We didn’t have a natural venue, but we realized the convention center would be a good location for us. It’s very central, with a beautiful waterfront at the foot of Table Mountain.” **Cont. p20**



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Cape Premier Yearling Sale cont.

Bruss pointed out that, in addition to the inherent perks of attending the Cape Premier Yearling Sale, there are other reasons to buy and race in South Africa.

“The costs to keep a racehorse in South Africa are very low,” he explained. “Training fees are the equivalent of about \$1,000 per month. That’s a fraction of the cost to keep a horse in training overseas. The average cost of a horse [at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale] is about R400,000. That’s about US\$50,000, which is relatively low compared to the other prime markets, like Tattersalls and Keeneland book one, and the [Inglis] Easter sale in Australia.”

In addition, a favorable exchange rate gives American buyers more value for their money. Currently, one American dollar is equivalent to 8.48 South African Rand.

South Africa’s complicated quarantine restrictions mean that breeding stock cannot freely move across its borders, eliminating the possibility of shuttle sires or visiting mares from outside the country.

“Most of our pedigrees come from South African families, so therefore we’re offering something different,” Bruss said. “In a world with shuttle sires, you can hardly escape the leading sires. At almost any sale you go to, anywhere in the world, you’re going to find the progeny of the same stallions. Not here.”

The reception of international buyers at last year’s sale was positive. Among those from overseas signing tickets were Tom Goff, Anthony Stroud, and Tina Rau from the UK; Peter Doyle, Mick Flanagan and Con Marnane from Ireland; and Ajay Anne of New Approach Bloodstock from Dubai. Terry Finley and Kirkwood Stables’ Kip Elser wrote perhaps the strongest testimonial for the sale when they teamed up to purchase a Var colt out of Rollicking Romp (SAf) (Qui Danzig) named Variety Romp for R600,000 as a pinhook--something that is rarely done in South Africa--at last year’s Cape Premier Yearling Sale. Re-offered Nov. 2 at the TBA’s Emperors Palace Ready-to-Run sale, Variety Romp realized R1.6-million, earning Finley and Elser a US\$118,000 profit.

“I went over with Kip Elser, who had been going over for quite a few years,” Finley explained. “I really didn’t know what to expect, and it turned out that we ended up with two really nice horses that were raised the right way and put into a good program.”

In addition to the Var colt, Finley and Elser purchased a colt by Jay Peg (SAf), which was also entered for the Ready-to-Run sale, but was withdrawn.

“It was my first time in South Africa, and I had a great week in Cape Town,” Finley said. “I would be going back, I just have some scheduling conflicts this year. But Kip is going back over, and I definitely think we’ll be buying some more at this upcoming sale.”



L to R: Kip Elser, Anthony Stroud, Ted Voute, Kevin Sommerville & Adrian Todd Photo courtesy CTS

The merits of the first renewal of the Cape Premier Yearling Sale have also been justified on the racetrack. Of the four Group 1 races on offer for 2-year-olds in South Africa, three were won by graduates of the sale. In addition to Sheikh Hamdan’s unbeaten 2-year-old champion Soft Falling Rain--who won the G1 S A Nursery S. at Turffontein Apr. 28 and recently arrived in Dubai to embark on his international campaign under the tutelage of trainer Mike de Kock--the other Group 1-winning graduates are War Horse (SAf) (Victory Moon {SAf}), who was victorious in the G1 Golden Horseshoe S. at Greyville July 7, and The Hangman (SAf) (Jallad), winner of the G1 Premier’s Champion S. at Greyville July 28. Those three colts were purchased for the equivalent of \$45,000, \$40,000, and \$55,000, respectively.

“In horse racing, we’re lagging behind where we should be, which is why the price of our horses are below what they should be,” Bruss said. “Eventually, when the market opens up properly, I think you’ll see a leapfrog. That’s what we’re all expecting and hoping for. We hope we’re at the foothill of a climb, and we promote ourselves as if we’re already on the way. It’s all part and parcel of a great plan to develop ourselves into something bigger and better.”

The full catalogue for the Cape Premier Yearling Sale Book 1 can be accessed at www.capethoroughbredsales.com. --by Kelsey Riley

IN OTHER NEWS...
A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

Secretariat, Terlingua, and Storm Cat

“Now that it is 2013, I can’t help but think back to that exciting Triple Crown sweep 40 years ago. In 1973, while the Watergate scandal was making headlines, the great Secretariat became the first Thoroughbred to win the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes since Citation in 1948.” John White, Xpressbet

Goldencents: Pitino following more than his team’s points production

“When University of Louisville coach Rick Pitino was asked about points production at Tuesday’s press conference, it didn’t all pertain to basketball.” Jennie Rees, Louisville Courier-Journal

NEWS FROM THE GAMING WORLD:

Cuomo Says Three Casinos Would Go Upstate

“Gov. Andrew Cuomo offered some more details about his plan to expand the state’s gambling to private casinos in his State of the State address on Wednesday.” Joseph Spector, WGRZ.com

Northland Park starts construction of Hard Rock racino

“Northfield Park is starting construction on its new Hard Rock-themed racino and expects to open late this year.” Rick Armon, Ohio.com

Toronto Casino Consultations Begin

“The first of five Toronto City Council public consultations began on Wednesday as the city sought feedback from residents in regards to hosting a casino.” Standardbred Canada

Florida

Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. + **INTEGRITY** (c, 3, [Hard Spun](#)--Generosity {SW, \$179,153}, by Unbridled's Song) was a \$320,000 Keeneland September purchase by this owner, who told listeners of "At the Races with Steve Byk" Thursday morning that expectations going into this debut had been very high. Pegged at a morning line of 5-1, the striking dark bay was ultimately bet in half and proved that all the hype was just. Smartly away from the stalls, Integrity made a reasonably easy lead and was hounded by favored Tapulous (Tapit), but always looked to be traveling much the better of the two. Asked just a bit leaving the five-sixteenths, Integrity increased his advantage while hugging the rail and was not for catching. He had a solid 3 1/2 lengths on Jagger M (Harlan's Holiday) at the line, with Ruffalex (Indian Charlie) third after a wide passage. Tapulous was fourth. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video replay](#).** O-Robert V LaPenta. B-Peter E Blum (KY). T-Chad C Brown.

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Integrity Another Product of Blum Breeding...

Integrity was bred in Kentucky by Peter Blum, whose association with the winner goes back fully 30 years.

The colt's fourth dam, Virginia-bred Miss Betty (Buckpasser), was just a maiden winner in six starts at two in 1973 and was immediately retired to the breeding shed. She became the dam of the stakes-placed Tom Buck (Tom Rolfe), the most productive of her first three foals, but, after a couple of empty years, produced Exit Five B. (Best Turn), third in the GII Cowdin S. in 1983. That came as good news to Blum, who had acquired Miss Betty for \$92,000 at the 1983 OBS January Sale, carrying a foal by 1976 GI Kentucky Derby winner Bold Forbes.



Peter Blum *gsu.edu*

In a business where asset appreciation is key to success, things got significantly better from there for Blum. Exit Five B. became a full black-type winner in 1985, and Miss Betty's foal of 1982, Red Attack (Alydar), enhanced the mare's reputation with a pair of Grade I placings as a 3-year-old in the American Derby and Arlington Classic. He would go on to win the GII Razorback H. and place in an additional three graded stakes in 1986. Blum's association with Miss Betty came to an end at the Keeneland November sale in the fall of '86, when he sold her in foal to Majestic Light for \$300,000. In a fitting postscript, the filly the mare was carrying at the time became Patches, winner of the GI Hollywood Oaks in 1990 for Overbrook Farm.

Blum bred just two foals from Miss Betty. The first was the Bold Forbes filly she was carrying at the time of his purchase, whom he named Beware and from whom he bred 1991 GI Del Mar Debutante winner and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up La Spia (Capote) in partnership with Calumet Farm. Following a barren season in 1984, Miss Betty produced Miss Golively to the cover of Mr. Prospector in 1985. To say there were complications from there would qualify as a monumental understatement. **Cont. p2**

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Harness Racing UPDATE

**In Sharper Focus cont.**

"Miss Golively was foaled at Claiborne, but she was born with bilateral perforations of her ureters, holes, basically, and they wanted to put her down," Blum explained when reached by phone Thursday afternoon.

Following some soul-searching, the decision was made to send Miss Golively to Dr. Doug Byars at Hagyard-Davidson-McGee in Lexington.

"They operated on her and when they saw holes, they said they'd never seen anything like it before," Blum explained. "They assembled a team of medical urologists from the United Kingdom, and they successfully operated on her, the first time in history, and she lived."

Miss Golively, who understandably never made the races, was left with one ovary following the surgery, but managed to produce two foals, including Rewarding (Storm Bird) in 1995.

"Rewarding was her second foal and she had some talent," Blum explained. "I knew it would hurt me commercially to try to sell out of her, but I did breed Generosity (Unbridled's Song)."

Through his longtime associate Gerry Dilger and his Dromoland Farm, Blum offered Generosity as a yearling at Keeneland September in 2003, but bidding stalled out at \$120,000 and Blum took her home. Trained during the bulk of her career by Bruce Levine, Generosity had her best season at age five, with a Monmouth allowance victory ahead of a five-length tour-de-force in the Ready Jet Go S. at the Meadowlands, where she covered six furlongs in 1:08 flat. She was also placed behind Sugar Swirl (Touch Gold) in the Very Subtle S. and was third in the Dream Supreme S. in the penultimate start of her career for trainer Blackie Huffman.

And now, she is the dam of a potential sophomore star in the form of Integrity.

"Gerry Dilger and everyone at Dromoland loved this colt from day one," Blum stated. "Let's hope he goes on to great things."

Generosity has a 2-year-old colt by Malibu Moon named Charitable and an unnamed Indian Charlie yearling filly. She is currently carrying a full-sibling to Integrity. --*Alan Carasso*

Florida**Starlight to Launch Ladies Partnership:**

Starlight Racing has announced that it will launch a new partnership in 2013. Called StarLadies Racing, the partnership will be restricted to females and will aim to race a select group of fillies at a high level. Barbara Lucarelli and Laurie Wolf, two of the founding partners of Starlight Racing, will serve as managing directors, while Starlight COO Donna Barton Brothers will serve as the communication contact. They will campaign about six fillies with six to 10 partners. The fillies will be selected from the Fasig-Tipton July Sale, the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Sale, and Keeneland September by bloodstock agent Frank Brothers.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS**4:05p
HRTV****8th-GPX, \$52K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m**

Given her female family, one might expect to find Robert LaPenta's **BIEN ROULEE** ([Bernardini](#)) debuting down the hill at Santa Anita, but she instead races a mile on the dirt at first asking. A \$140K buyback out of the 2011 KEESEP sale, the dark bay is a daughter of Ultrafleet (Afleet), making her a half-sister to the California turf sprint stars Cambiocorsa (Avenue of Flags) and her full brother California Flag. Bien Roulee is trained by Chad Brown. **Majestic River** ([A.P. Indy](#)) is the 5-2 morning-line favorite for the Todd Pletcher barn. The bay is the latest produce to make the races from Tempus Fugit (Alphabet Soup), a four-time stakes winner and Grade III-placed during a successful career. **Good News Today** ([Distorted Humor](#)) looks to improve on a debut third in a seven-furlong Churchill maiden Nov. 24. Don Adam's homebred is a daughter of GISW A. P. Adventure (A.P. Indy). [brisnet.com PPS](#)

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8th-GPX, \$43,500, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1 \$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

MAGICAL CAT (f, 4, [Bluegrass Cat](#)--**Maid Guinevere, by Gilded Time**) got off the mark in her third start last season, recording a gate-to-wire victory at Hoosier Oct. 27. She returned Nov. 23 at Churchill Downs in a non-winners of one, but could do no better than eighth, beaten 10 1/2 lengths. Settling just off the pace in the early stages here, the 11-1 shot made a four-wide move at the quarter pole. She hit the lead inside the final eighth and shook off a stubborn Lotta Distinction (With Distinction) for a one-length victory. Sales history: \$17,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$59,544. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video replay.](#)

O-Centaur Racing USA. B-Kinsman Farm (KY). T-Fergus Bogle.

6th-GPX, \$42,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36 1/5, fm.

WHY KATHERINE (f, 4, [Whywhywhy](#)--**Include Katherine, by Include**) was an overmatched fifth in the Ontario Damsel S. at Woodbine July 7 and missed by a nose in an Aug. 3 maiden in Toronto. The chestnut failed to handle the synthetic in her final two starts last season, finishing eighth going seven furlongs Aug. 25 and seventh in a two-turn event rained off the grass Sept. 22. Soon in front in this 4-year-old bow, Why Katherine doled out a good pace, spurted clear into the stretch and scored by 2 1/4 lengths at odds of 5-1. Spring Reason (El Prado {Ire}) was a rail-skimming runner-up. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$46,609. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video replay.](#)

O-Terra Racing Stable. B-Dom Romeo (ON). T-T Attard.

**Registered Ontario-Bred**



New York

Yesterday's Results:

7th-AQU, \$59,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:42 1/5, ft.
READTHEPROSPECTUS (g, 4, [Read the Footnotes--Near Bethany, by Affirmed](#)) hit the board in each of his first two career starts sprinting over the Saratoga main track, then was fourth in a six-furlong turf sprint at Belmont Sept. 22. He got the job done when stretched to a route over yielding Belmont turf Oct. 20 and most recently rallied from midfield to take an off-turf allowance over a sloppy Aqueduct strip Dec. 8. Narrowly favored here at 9-5 to remain perfect going long, Readtheprospectus found the ideal spot in third as second choice Readthebyline (Read the Footnotes) sailed along up front. The latter tried to steal the race in upper stretch, but Readtheprospectus came with a determined late run to take it by a neck. The Read the Footnotes exacta returned a chalky \$14.80. Sales history: \$30,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$132,680. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video replay](#).

O-Klaravich Stables Inc & William H Lawrence.
 B-Howard Nolan Jr (NY). T-Chad C Brown.

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4th-AQU, \$47,040, Str, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), 3yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
THE TRUTH AND K G (c, 3, [Successful Appeal--She's Roughin It {MSP}, by Forest Camp](#)) missed by a nose in a \$40,000 maiden claimer on his Sept. 2 bow at Monmouth, and was haltered for that tag out of a money-burning fourth-place effort at the Jersey Shore Sept. 23. Connections dropped him in for \$25,000 over this outer dirt Nov. 16 and that did the trick, as he drilled his rivals by 8 1/2 lengths with a 92 Beyer Speed Figure. Sent off at 2-5 in this restricted spot, the dark bay was ridden quietly early on, inched into contention on the turn, poked a head in front nearing the quarter pole and cantered in a 6 3/4-length winner. Sales history: \$25,000 RNA yrl '11 KEEJAN; \$25,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '12 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$57,040. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video replay](#).

O-James A Riccio. B-Dreamfields Inc, Don Brady & Kerry Cauthen (KY). T-Rudy R Rodriguez.

Central U.S.

Songandaprayer to The Stallion Station Copper Crowne:
 2001 GI Fountain of Youth winner **Songandaprayer** (Unbridled's Song--Alizea, by Premiership) will stand the 2013 season at The Stallion Station Copper Crowne near Opalouzas, Louisiana. The 15-year-old will stand for a syndicate managed by Harold Forman for \$6,000 stands and nurses or \$5,000 payable by Nov. 15 of the year bred. The leading son of Unbridled's Song at stud previously stood at Walmac Farm in Kentucky.

Central Report cont.

Friday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:33 p.m. EST

FIFTH SEASON S., \$75,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	It Happened Again	Proud Citizen	Lebron	Amoss	4-1
2a	Skyring	English Channel	Court	Lukas	6-1
3	Endorsement	Distorted Humor	Albarado	Harty	2-1
4	Stachys	Candy Ride (Arg)	Birzer	Biehler	12-1
5a	Eye of the Leopard	A.P. Indy	Ocampo	Lukas	6-1
6	Master Rick	Master Command	Santana	Asmussen	5-1
7	Donoharm	Lemon Drop Kid	Berry	Calhoun	8-1
8	Win Willy	Monarchos	Cintron	Robertson	7-2
9	Double Rah Rah	Rahy	Baird	Fires	30-1

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California

Perrotta to Serve As Stevens's Agent:

John Perrotta, a lifelong horseman who has worked in nearly every aspect of the racing industry, has taken Gary Stevens's book and will represent the rider in his comeback. "I've always admired Gary's consummate professionalism," said Perrotta. "I got to know him when we were shooting LUCK and his enthusiasm for a comeback was inspiring. He's one of those intense individuals who can seemingly will success and the opportunity to work with him was impossible to resist. He's in peak condition and looks as if he'd never stopped riding." Perrotta, most recently the Executive Story Editor and Co-Producer for the HBO Series LUCK, was the general manager and V.P. for Due Process Stables for 15 years during its heyday, and has campaigned several stakes horses under his own Star Stable banner.

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OBITUARIES

Trainer Lin Wheeler Passes Away:

Trainer Lin Wheeler, 70, passed away last Saturday at his home in Coarsegold, California due to the effects of congestive heart failure. Son of Hall of Fame trainer R.L. "Bob" Wheeler, Lin was an accomplished conditioner in his own right, training several stakes winning horses including Rascal Lass, Maheras, Track Robbery, Gourami and Individual Style. Since retiring from training 10 years ago, Wheeler worked as stud manager at Three Chimneys Farm and racing official at Charles Town and River Downs. Wheeler is survived by his sister, Sidney, his stepbrother, Lance, son, Jeff, daughter, Sherri Wheeler McNitt, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. There will be a memorial for Wheeler this Saturday at 2 p.m., at 46777 Oonah Nation Road, Coarsegold, Ca., 93614.

Middle East

Friday, Jebel Ali Racecourse

JEBEL ALI S.-Listed, AED500,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1950m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	Ibn Al Nafis	Distorted Humor	Mullen	Seemar
2	1	Jutland (GB)	Halling	Dobbs	Watson
3	4	Maali (Ire)	Street Cry (Ire)	de Sousa	Al Raihe
4	6	Mulaqat (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Doyle	Selvaratnam
5	5	Submariner	Singspiel (Ire)	O'Shea	bin Huzaim
6	3	Tmaam	Dynaformer	Ffrench	Al Raihe
7	7	Treble Jig	Gone West	Smith	Al Muhairi

All carry 123 pounds.

Yesterday's Results:

19.40, Meydan, \$120,000, Hcp., NH4yo/up/SH3yo/up, 1000mT, :57.10 (NCR), gd.

FITYAAN (GB) (g, 5, Haafhd {GB}--Welsh Diva {GB} {GSW-Ity & SW-Eng, \$101,217}, by Selkirk), runner-up in last year's Jebel Ali Sprint, was coming off a sixth-place effort in the Dec. 23 HH The President Cup at Abu Dhabi. Allowed to settle off the pace, the bay gelding was asked for run into the stretch and forged to the lead late to score by 1 1/4 lengths over Temple Meads (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}). Fityaan was a 100,000gns TATOCT yearling. Lifetime Record: SP-UAE, 18-3-6-0, \$143,028. O-Sh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Usk Valley Stud; T-Musabah Al Muhairi.

22.00, Meydan, \$120,000, Hcp., NH 4YO/up&SH 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:23.14, gd.

LE DRAKKAR (AUS) (g, 8, Anabaa--My Mo Rally {NZ} {SW-NZ}, by Mi Preferido) was making his first start since running fifth in last year's G3 Burj Nahaar S. in March. Away slowly, the gray gelding trailed the field early. He made rapid progress to hit the lead with 50 meters to run and bested Tamaathul (GB) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) by 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Saf & GSP-UAE, 22-4-1-5, \$265,771. O-Sh Hamdan bin Mohd Al Maktoum; B-Dr J Hurst; T-Abdulla bin Huzaim.

Middle East report cont.

19.05, Meydan, \$110,000, Hcp., NH4yo/up/SH3yo/up, 1400m (AWT), 1:24.48, st.

LILY'S ANGEL (IRE) (f, 4, Dark Angel {Ire}--Noyelles {Ire}, by Docksider), looking for her fourth straight win, was making her first start since winning over the all-weather in Dundalk Nov. 12. Never far back, the bay filly took control with 300 meters to run and reported home a confident 1 3/4-length winner. Ariete Arrollador (GB) (Kingsalsa) was second. "We were very hopeful and have been aiming her at the Carnival specifically once she showed she handles these all-weather surfaces," said winning trainer Ger Lyons. "She is improving and can hopefully continue to do so." Sales history: £8,000 yrl '10 DONAUG; 105,000gns RNA HRA '12 TATJUL. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, 17-8-2-2, \$333,361.

O-Clodagh Mitchell; B-Mr & Mrs N Nugent; T-Gerard Lyons.

20.15, Meydan, \$110,000, Hcp., NH4yo/up/SH3yo/up, 1900m (AWT), 1:57.67, st.

ROYAL EMPIRE (IRE) (c, 4, Teofilo {Ire}--Zeiting {Ire} {MSW-US & SW-Fr, \$178,105}, by Zieten), a first-out winner over the Lingfield Polytrack in July, added an Aug. 30 Kempton handicap two starts later and was coming off a runner-up effort over the lawn at Sandown Sept. 19. The bay colt stalked the pacesetters, took over in upper stretch and came home 1 1/2 lengths in front of Kassiano (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}). Royal Empire, a €200,000 ARQAUG yearling, is a half-brother to Zut Alors (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), GSP-Fr; Combat Zone (Ire) (Refuse to Bend {Ire}), GSW-Ger & GSP-Ity, \$274,897; and Bikini Babe (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), GSP-Ire & Fr, SP-UAE & Eng, \$142,495. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$87,441.

O-Godolphin; B-Twelve Oaks Stud; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

20.50, Meydan, \$125,000, Cond., NH4yo+/SH3yo+, 1800mT, 1:47.79 (NCR), gd.

SHARESTAN (IRE) (h, 5, Shamardal--Sharesha {Ire}, by Ashkalani {Ire}), third in the G3 Mooresbridge S. at the Curragh last May, was making his first start since winning a pair of stakes at the Kildare venue last June. The lightly raced 5-year-old chased the pacesetters, took over with 500 meters to run and drew clear to score by four lengths. So Beautiful (Fr) (Zamindar) was second. "We thought Sharestan was going to perhaps need a run and the fast ground was a slight concern, but he did it very well," said winning trainer Saeed bin Suroor. "It is a good start to the year, as this is an important time for Godolphin, as it is the beginning of our long season." Sharestan is a half-brother to Sharleez (Ire) (Marju {Ire}, MSP-Ire, \$163,898); and Shareen (Ire) (Bahri, GSW-Ire, \$147,688). Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP-Ire, 8-5-1-2, \$226,247.

O-Godolphin; B-HH The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

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AKKADIAN (g, 5, [Tiznow](#)--Papa Sids Girl {MSP, \$135,086}, by Souvenir Copy) Lifetime Record: 15-4-4-0, \$208,522. O-Gary Broad. B-KatieRich Stables, Christopher G Connors & Don Weisberg (KY). T-Julio C Canani. *\$215,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$270,000 2yo '10 KEEAPR.

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8th-AQU, \$64,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW3L, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

SINAI (h, 5, Rockport Harbor--Dontgetinmyway, by Machiavellian) Lifetime Record: SP, 17-3-2-2, \$161,959. O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Guida Racing Stable Inc (KY). T-Rudy R Rodriguez. *\$50,000 wIng '08 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

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6th-SAX, \$58,750, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1\$X, (S), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, ft.

TRIBAL GAL (f, 3, Tribal Rule--Famous Gal {MSW, \$121,304}, by Western Fame) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$83,150. O/B-John Pendergast (AZ). T-R Kory Owens.

8th-CTX, \$28,100, 1-9, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5, ft.

PORTFOLIO (m, 6, Indian Country--Strand of Pearls, by Half a Year) Lifetime Record: 23-7-6-0, \$109,358. O-S Kory Porter. B-Leigh Ann Howard & Phyllis Lambert (CA). T-Kevin S Patterson. *\$6,200 yrl '08 BESOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Quality Jack, g, 3, [Exclusive Quality](#)--Jane Daniels, by Hooched. CTX, 1-9, 4 1/2f, :51 4/5. B-Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc (FL).

Dangerous Affair, f, 3, [Forest Danger](#)--Honey Grove, by Gilded Time. GGX, 1-10, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05 2/5. B-Springland Farm Inc, Aaron & Marie Jones (KY). *\$2,500 yrl '11 KEEJAN; \$12,000 yrl '11 WASSEP. **1/2 to Mutak Gold (Mutakddim), MSW, \$179,745.

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Dattts Happy, c, 4, [Indian Charlie](#)--Royal Cheer (MSP), by Royal Anthem. AQU, 1-10, (C), 6f, 1:12. B-DATTT Farm LLC (KY). *\$28,000 RNA yrl '10 FTKOCT.

Parliamentarian, g, 4, [Perfect Mandate](#)--High Hopes, by High Yield. SAX, 1-10, (S), 6f, 1:11. B-Old English Rancho & Bruce Headley (CA).

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Falco Junior (Fr), c, 3, [Falco](#)--Badaling (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Loup Solitaire. Marseille Pont-de-Vivieux, France, 1-10, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Ecurie du Sud. *€16,000 RNA yrl '11 ARQOCT.

Tanghan (Ire), g, 3, [Invincible Spirit](#) (Ire)--Rose de France (Ire), by Diktat (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 1-10, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT). B-Irish National Stud. *€50,000 yrl '11 GOFSP.

Self Made Man (GB), c, 3, [Motivator](#) (GB)--Motif (GB), by Observatory. Pisa, Italy, 1-10, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Motivator Syndicate and Grovewood Stud. *3,700gns wInlg '10 TATDEC; €13,000 yrl '11 TATIRE.

Srinagar Girl (GB), f, 4, [Shamardal](#)--Adees Dancer (GB), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Lingfield, Britain, 1-10, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Allan Munnis & Laurance Walwin. *28,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT; 50,000gns 2yo '11 TATAPR.

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