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### OWNER THOMAS VALANDO DEAD

Thomas Valando, who was to celebrate his 73rd birthday March 1, died at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach, Florida at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Mr. Valando had made only one appearance at Gulfstream Park this season and had been troubled all winter by a bad cold. He then developed pneumonia, which resulted in his hospitalization. He was admitted only Tuesday morning. His wife Elizabeth was at his bedside when he died. Mr. Valando is best recalled as the owner of 1990 Champion Two-Year-Old Colt Fly So Free. He was also noted for being one of the most successful "angels" associated with the Broadway stage, backing such hits as "Fiddler on the Roof," "Lost in Yonkers" and "Kiss of the Spider Woman." He was born in Brooklyn, New York and secured a job as a young man at a sheet music company. He made contacts in the entertainment business and became one of the leading figures on Broadway. He was a member of the Turf and Field Club in New York as well as the Turf Club at Gulfstream Park. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

### AQUEDUCT, TURFWAY CANCEL RACING

Aqueduct called off its nine-race card Wednesday due to winter storm conditions. Also cancelling yesterday was Turfway Park, which reported that rapidly rising temperatures were adversely affecting the track. Racing is scheduled to resume at both tracks today.

**CORRECTION:** Regarding the news item published in yesterday's Thoroughbred Daily News entitled "Breeders' Cup Postpones Announcement of 1998-99 Sites," officials of Breeders' Cup Limited advise that although the subject of host site rotation will be discussed at their upcoming directors meeting, it is not planned that any definitive decision will be reached concerning track selection for 1997, 1998 or 1999 at those meetings.

### Saturday, Gulfstream Park:

**FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 8.5f**  
**Jambalaya Jazz** (Dixieland Band), winner of the GIII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 26, placed second in his career debut last September and has crossed the finish line first in all four of his starts since. **You're the One** (Cure The Blues), second to Jambalaya Jazz in the Kentucky Jockey Club S., took a Jan. 19 allowance at the Fair Grounds in his most recent start. "He has breezed three times since his last race and all three have been bullet works," said trainer James E. Baker. You're the One is scheduled to blow out at the Fair Grounds today before joining California shipper and GII Remsen S. winner **Thunder Gulch** (Gulch) on a plane to Florida. **Ops Smile** (Caveat) worked a half-mile at Gulfstream yesterday in :50 4/5 under Jose Santos. "Santos was on for the first time this morning and liked him very much," said trainer Bill Boniface. "He is a vastly improving colt." Boniface will also saddle **Oliver's Twist** (Horatius), who drilled a half-mile at Gulfstream yesterday in :47 3/5. Winner of the Maryland Juvenile Championship S. and the Rollicking S. at Laurel last fall, Oliver's Twist will be handled by regular rider Alberto Delgado. The 12-horse field for the Fountain of Youth, from the rail out, is as follows: **Mighty Magee** (Cormorant), Oliver's Twist, **Amos** (Cryptoclearance), **Valid Wager** (Valid Appeal), Ops Smile, **Sea Emperor** (Naked Sky), **Cinch** (Temperence Hill), You're the One, Thunder Gulch, Jambalaya Jazz, **Don Juan A** (Manila) and **Suave Prospect** (Fortunate Prospect).

### Sunday, Santa Anita:

**LAS VIRGENES S.-GI, \$150,000a, 3yo, f, 1m**  
Robert and Beverly Lewis's **Serena's Song** (Rahy) breezed a half-mile in :49 flat over Santa Anita's main track Monday. The bay filly is unbeaten at Santa Anita, where she has won the GI Oak Leaf S. as well as the GII Santa Ynez Breeders' Cup in her last outing Jan. 29. Regular rider Corey Nakatani will be aboard. Two-time stakes-winner **Cat's Cradle** (Flying Paster), second to Serena's Song in the Santa Ynez, is also pointing to the Las Virgenes, as are **Ski Dancer** (Baldski), **Urbane** (Citidancer) and **Wilga** (Blushing John). Mike Pegram's **Favored One** (Son of Briartic), winner of two added-money events at Yakima Meadows last year, worked five furlongs in a quick :58 3/5 Monday at Santa Anita in her final Las Virgenes prep.

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**CHARLES TOWN HBPA APPROVES RESUMPTION OF SIMULCASTING** The Charles Town Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association joined the Charles Town Horsemen's Association in approving the resumption of interstate simulcasting at the Charles Town Races, paving the way for the return of live racing in early March. Track officials have targeted February 24 for the commencement of simulcasts with live racing set to return March 10. "We're pleased that the HBPA has agreed to allow simulcasting to go forward," said track President D. Keith Wagner. "The resumption of simulcasting will enable the horsemen to begin generating needed purse money and will allow us to hasten preparations for live racing." Among the tracks Charles Town plans to simulcast from are Gulfstream, Santa Anita, Laurel, Penn National, Philadelphia Park and Fair Grounds. Track officials plan to add greyhound racing from Florida's Hollywood Greyhound Park to their simulcast menu once live Thoroughbred racing resumes in March.

**SAN ANTONIO RUNNERS TO SANTA ANITA HANDICAP** The top three finishers from Sunday's San Antonio H. at Santa Anita--**Best Pal** (\*Habitony), **Slew of Damascus** (Slewacide) and **Tossofthecoin** (Magesterial)--are all expected to run in the \$1 million Santa Anita H. March 11, their connections said yesterday. Vladimir Cerin, trainer of fifth-place finisher **Nancys French Fry** (French Legionaire), said the gray would also return in the Big 'Cap and hope for a better trip. "I would have liked to have seen him go five-wide instead of eight-wide," Cerin said. "We basically started our move the same time Best Pal started his, but he got through on the rail and we were hung out to dry. I don't think it's unrealistic to think we might have gotten second." Meanwhile, Trudy McCaffery and John Toffan's **Del Mar Dennis** (Dixieland Band), fourth as the 3-1 second choice in the San Antonio, bled during the race, trainer Paco Gonzalez said. The five-year-old is a possible starter in the Santa Anita H. "We'll scope him after his next couple of breezes, see if he bleeds, and make a decision," Gonzalez said.

**BANK ROBBER CAUGHT AT GULFSTREAM** Alleged bank robber Miguel Aleman, 40, of Hollywood, Florida, was apprehended at Gulfstream Park yesterday. Aleman is accused of robbing a Nation's Bank Tuesday, February 14 at 3:05 p.m. According to FBI agent George B. Close III, Aleman tried to pass a large sum of money to a teller Wednesday at Gulfstream. The teller alerted Gulfstream security because of the dye stains on the cash placed there by the bank in the event of a robbery. When Aleman returned to the betting window a second time, he was arrested by the FBI.

**RIVER DOWNS ANNOUNCES '95 RACING DATES** The 1995 racing season at River Downs in Cincinnati, Ohio will open April 14 and run through Labor Day, September 4. The fall season will commence October 14 and conclude November 5. River Downs will once again offer the Twin Seven SuperCard. The daily program will alternate between live racing and simulcasts from Thistledown to provide a 14-race card in a four-hour period. In addition, the track will present seven live twilight racing programs, to be held Friday evenings from June 16 to July 28. The 120-day spring/summer meeting will feature 31 stakes for purse money totaling \$1,495,000. The highlight will be the \$200,000 Miller Genuine Draft Cradle S. for two-year-olds, to be run Labor Day.



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### Yesterday's Results:

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER H.**, \$50,000, GPX, 2-15, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft.  
 1--**CHIMES BAND**, 120, c, 4, Dixieland Band--Chimes, by Mr. Prospector. O/B-Fares Farms, Inc (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas; J-J.D. Bailey; \$30,000.  
 Lifetime Record: 15-7-1-2, \$389,459.  
 2--**Distinct Reality**, 112, c, 4, Distinctive Pro--Cornish Art, by Cornish Prince. (\$65,000 yrl '92 KEESEP). O-Can Am Stable. \$10,000.  
 3--**Ponche**, 113, h, 6, Two Punch--Street Ballet, by Nijinsky II. (\$100,000 yrl '90 KEESEP). O-Tartan Stable. \$5,500.  
 Margins: nose, 3/4, 1. Odds: 0.90, 21.60, 12.90.  
 Also Ran: Evil Bear, Corma Ray, Patton.  
 MGII-winning sprinter Chimes Band, off since taking the Fall Highweight H. at Aqueduct Nov. 24, raced close to the pace early, challenged for the lead on the turn, then dueled the length of the stretch with MSW Distinct Reality before edging that rival by a nose. "We got a good position and he just dug in," said winning jockey Jerry Bailey, who posted his sixth stakes win of the meeting. "It reminded me of the Fall Highweight. He ran the same kind of a race that day. He just was not going to get beat. This was a real good one with the weight he was giving away." Todd Pletcher, assistant to winning trainer D. Wayne Lukas, said the March 10 Gulfstream Park Sprint Championship is next for Chimes Band.

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## Florida Report, Continued.

**7th-GPX, \$28,000, Alw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, ft. FLITCH (c, 3, Demons Begone--Whiffing, by Wavering Monarch),** 2nd in the GII Saratoga Special last August, returned from a 4-month layoff to finish 3rd in a Gulfstream allowance Feb. 3. Moving forward off that effort, the 4-5 favorite closed from off the pace under regular rider Mike Smith to win by 4 3/4. 14-1 longshot CASPEROO (Silver Buck) rallied for 2nd. Flitch is 1/2 to Prairie Bayou (Ch. 3yo colt, GI, \$1,450,621, by Little Missouri). Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$79,560. O/B-Loblolly Stable (KY). T-William Badgett Jr.

**10th-GPX, \$24,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (off the turf), 1:46, ft. TWO ELK (f, 3, Fortunate Prospect--Orbit, by Sunny's Halo),** the most experienced runner in the 10-horse field with 7 previous starts under her belt, sat just off the flank of frontrunner WHOGUNNEDDOWNBUNNY (Shot Gun Scott) until the top of the stretch, where she gained command and drew off to defeat that rival by 7 lengths. Two Elk was a \$40,000 OBS Feb. 2yo. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-1, \$22,195. O-J. Kramer & D. Samuels. B-Farnsworth Farms & Sucher Stables (FL). T-Ronald B. Spatz.

**3rd-GPX, \$23,000, Msw, 4yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. +ALIENTE (g, 4, Ogygian--Loan {SP}, by Buckfinder),** a \$125,000 Kee. Sept. yearling making his belated career debut, sat just behind the leaders early, took the lead after 1/2-mile then cruised in front the rest of the way for a 2 1/2-length score. 2-1 favorite KEYPUNCH, also a first-time starter, was 3rd. Sent off at 7-1 odds, Aliente is 1/2 to Search (SW, \$147,266, by Mr. Prospector). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800. O-Suresh Chintamaneni. B-James G. Blackburn (KY). T-Martin D. Wolfson.



## SOUTHERN C.A.L.I.F.O.R.N.I.A. REPORT

## Yesterday's Results:

**3rd-SAX, \$46,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37, ft. 1--TEXINADDRESS, 115, f, 3, Copelan--Something Unique, by Secretariat.** O-Mike Pegram; B-Janal Farms, Inc (FL); T-Bob Baffert. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$60,450.  
2--**Ladies Ballet, 118, f, 3, Nijinsky II--Lady Pastor, by Flying Paster.**  
3--**Fancy Nancy, 115, f, 3, Strawberry Road (Aus)--Flocked, by Big Spruce.** Margins: 1/2, 4, 1. Odds: 0.90CT, 1.70, 15.80. Texinadress, sent off the 4-5 favorite in the short 5-horse field, battled from gate-to-wire with Ladies Ballet and kept a head in front throughout, finally crossing the wire 1/2-length the best under regular rider Corey Nakatani.

**8th-SAX, \$42,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09, ft. 1--MARI'S SHEBA, 118, f, 3, Mari's Book--Sheba Little (GB), by Known Fact.** O-Jack Kent Cooke; B-Elmendorf Farm, Inc (KY); T-Daniel M Smithwick Jr. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$50,100.  
2--**Valid Attraction, 118, f, 3, Valid Appeal--Great Looker, by Great Above.**  
3--**Seattle Carla, 118, f, 3, Slew the Bride--Dr. Carla, by Relaunch.** Margins: 10, 2 1/2, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.60, 3.70, 5.10. Mari's Sheba, wire-to-wire, 5-length winner of a MSW at Santa Anita last out, returned against winners here as the 3-5 bettors' choice. Under Pat Valenzuela, she took the lead at the start and never looked back, striding away to a 10-length triumph. Mari's Sheba is 1/2 to Rubico (Ch. 3yo in Austria, SW-Ata, SP-Ger, by Big Spruce).

**2nd-SAX, \$39,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:36 3/5, ft. BLUSHING HEIRESS (f, 3, Blushing John--Native Fancy {GII, \$172,275}, by Our Native),** who rallied for 3rd after being bumped at the start in her only prior outing at Santa Anita Jan. 29, vied for the lead through the first 1/4-mile, then took command and remained in front the rest of the way to win by 3. 8-5 chalk TAIANNA (Cox's Ridge) was 2nd. Sent off at 3-1 odds, Blushing Heiress is 1/2 to Really Fancy (GIII, \$81,900, by In Reality). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$27,000. O-Marguerite F. & Thomas M. Cavanagh. B-Thomas M. & Marguerite F. Cavanagh, Family Trust (KY). T-Douglas R. Peterson.

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## E.A.S.T.E.R.N. REPORT

## Local News, Maryland:

The Maryland Jockey Club announced yesterday that former Governor William Donald Schaefer has been elected to its Board of Directors. Mr. Schaefer served as Governor of Maryland from 1987 through January, 1995, and was previously Mayor of Baltimore. Joseph A. De Francis, chairman and CEO of the Maryland Jockey Club, said, "Racing is one of Maryland's oldest and most important sporting and economic treasures, and no single individual has had a greater positive impact on Maryland than William Donald Schaefer. I could not be any more pleased than I am today."

**Local News, Santa Anita:**

Evergreen Farm's **Lit De Justice** (El Gran Senor) worked a half-mile in a blazing :44 4/5 under Corey Nakatani Monday in preparation for Saturday's \$100,000 El Conejo H. at 5 1/2 furlongs. Trainer Jenine Sahadi was concerned the work might have been too fast. "I'm worried that might have been his race," she said. "We'll watch him very closely the next couple days and then decide whether to run." Five-year-old Lit De Justice, a GSP runner in France last year, has won three of his last four starts, including a \$53,000 allowance Jan. 18 at Santa Anita in his first career start on dirt.

**Jumron (GB)** (Sharpo {GB}), 9-length winner of the GIII El Camino Real Derby at Bay Meadows Jan. 14, breezed five furlongs in 1:00 3/5 over Santa Anita's fast main track Monday. Trainer Gary Lewis said the colt remains on target for the GII San Rafael S. March 4. The one-mile San Rafael is also tentatively scheduled to mark the 1995 debut of last year's Eclipse Award-winning Two-Year-Old Colt **Timber Country** (Woodman).

Trainer Ron McAnally said Verne H. Winchell's **On Target** (Forty Niner) knocked out two front teeth in a starting gate mishap prior to finishing fourth in Sunday's San Vicente Breeders' Cup S. at Santa Anita. McAnally said both On Target and second-place finisher **Mr Purple** (Deputy Minister) will be pointed to upcoming stakes at Santa Anita, but he hasn't yet decided who will race where.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-SAX, \$42,000**, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft. **WILD JEWEL** (m, 5, **Wild Again--Jewel of the Mile**, by **Spectacular Bid**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$59,727. O-Michel Jean Zerolo. B-Spring Farm & Calumet Farm (CAN). T-Robert Frankel. \*SP-Fr.

**8th-GPX, \$28,000**, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (off the turf), 2:06 2/5, ft.

**NAKED WAY** (g, 4, **Naked Sky--Robyn's Way**, by **In Reality**) Lifetime Record: 28-4-3-5, \$48,678. O-Horses Of Course Inc. B-Elmer L. Parker (FL). T-Ronald B. Spatz. \*Full to Skyway (SP, \$131,505).

**8th-OPX, \$22,000**, 4/up, f/m, 8.5f, 1:45 4/5, gd. **MYABYA** (f, 4, **Good Command--Groton's Quest**, by **Groton**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$30,410. O-Don Eberts. B-Don & Sandra Eberts (TX). T-Morris Nicks.

**8th-LRL, \$20,000**, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft. **FOREST WILDCAT** (c, 4, **Storm Cat--Victoria Beauty**, by **Bold Native**) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-0, \$49,735. O-I. Cohen. B-Ocala Stud Farms (FL). T-Dean Gaudet. \*1/2 to Queen Alexandra (MGSW, \$1,031,364, by **Determined King**) and **Medieval Victory** (MSW, \$623,153, by **Medieval Man**).

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Blushing Heiress**, f, 3, **Blushing John--Native Fancy** (GII, \$172,275), by **Our Native**. SAX, 2-15, 1m, 1:36 3/5. B-Thomas M. & Marguerite F. Cavanagh, Family Trust (Ky). \*1/2 to **Really Fancy** (GIII, \$81,900, by **In Reality**).

+ **Smart Little Boy**, g, 3, **Claramount--Sharp Little Girl** (MSW, \$174,583), by **Pontoise**. GPX, 2-15, 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Hobeau Farm (FI).

**Cowboy Beat**, f, 3, **Flying Victor--Dancer's Rhythm** (NZ) (SP-NZ), by **Double Nearco**. SAX, 2-15, 7f, 1:24 1/5. B-Bill G. Michael (Ca).

**Two Elk**, f, 3, **Fortunate Prospect--Orbit**, by **Sunny's Halo**. GPX, 2-15, 1 1/16fT, 1:46. B-Farnsworth Farms & Sucher Stables (FI). \*\$40,000 2yo 1994 OBSFEB.

**Stephanthothemic**, c, 3, **Stop the Music--Sheila Shine** (MSW), by **Full Pocket**. GX, 2-15, 1m, 1:39 1/5. B-Prestonwood Farm Inc. (Ky). \*Won by DQ. \*\*\$65,000 yrl '93 KEESEP. \*\*\*Full to **Chance to Dance** (MSW, \$114,782).

**Just Like Jesse**, g, 4, **Beau's Eagle--Our Lincinsue**, by **Reflected Glory**. SAX, 2-15, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Tom Chambers (Ca).

**Nordic Count**, c, 4, **Dancing Count--Nordic Nymph**, by **North Sea**. GSX, 2-15, 1m, 1:39 3/5. B-P. Konka & Maureen Johnson (Md). \*\$1,800 yrl '92 FTMSEP.

+ **C.J.'s Cayuga**, c, 4, **Lord of the Night--Cayuga Princess**, by **Noble Shamus**. SUF, 2-15, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Cindy Thorpe (FI).

+ **Aliente**, g, 4, **Ogygian--Loan** (SP), by **Buckfinder**. GPX, 2-15, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-James G. Blackburn (Ky). \*\$125,000 yrl '92 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to **Search** (SW, \$147,266, by **Mr. Prospector**).

**A #** will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a **@** will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners and a **+** will denote winners who are first-time starters.

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