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INSIDE INFORMATION AT MONMOUTH SATURDAY

Trainer Shug McGaughey said this morning that **Inside Information** (Private Account), fresh off a 5 1/2-length win in the GI Shuvee at Belmont Park 10 days ago, will make her next start in Saturday's Gill Monmouth Park Budweiser Breeders' Cup H. The Shuvee, where she handed Sky Beauty her first defeat at Belmont Park, was the four-year-old filly's second straight win in '95, coming on the heels of an allowance win at Keeneland. "She hurt herself in the Mother Goose last year and I got her back to the races in November, really just to make sure she was going to run the way she was training," said McGaughey. Inside Information has never finished worse than third in her career, winning 9 of 11 races.

TEXAS FAILS TO APPROVE OTB BILL A bill which would have allowed tracks in Texas to establish off-track betting parlors in Texas died on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives Sunday night as the Legislature concluded its regular session. The bill, which would have granted each track the right to open five OTB parlors within 75 miles of the track, came up at 11 p.m. Sunday night, and House gambling opponents tied up the debate for an hour, causing its death as no vote was taken by the midnight deadline. The bill would have also redesigned the Texas Racing Commission.

VINERY PURCHASES DAM QUILLUMMO Vinery has purchased **Quillummo** (Gummo) from Greathouse Bloodstock for an undisclosed price. The dam of 1995 GI Kentucky Oaks winner **Gal In A Ruckus** (Bold Ruckus) is 14, and in foal to Cagey Bidder. Gal In A Ruckus most recently won the May 27 Dogwood S. at Churchill.

Saturday, Suffolk Downs

\$250,000 Massachusetts H., 3yo/up, 9f

Post positions will be drawn today, with six horses expected to challenge **Cigar** (Palace Music). They will receive anywhere from 11 to 17 pounds from the five-year-old horse, who has been assigned topweight of 124 pounds. Challengers expected: **Dusty Screen** (Silent Screen), **Poor But Honest** (Nasty and Bold), **Personal Merit** (Turkoman), **Kandaly** (Alydar), **Double Calvados** (Kinnett) and **Bull Inthe Heather** (Ferdinand). Dusty Screen, winner of the \$250,000 National Jockey Club at Sportsman's Park in his last start, will be the second starting highweight behind Cigar. Dusty Screen last met Cigar in the Gulfstream Park H. March 6, when he pressed the pace and finished fifth, getting four pounds from Cigar. "We're not getting enough weight," said trainer John Pregman from his Monmouth Park base. "We should be getting at least 20 pounds. He should be carrying 130. Everybody in the race at 107 and 109 will have trouble getting a jockey. He still would have come if they put 130 on him." Both Dusty Screen and Poor But Honest were entered and scratched from Monday's Red Bank H. at Monmouth when the race stayed on the turf. Dusty Screen has won four of his last seven since being reacquired by his current connections after a brief stint on the West Coast. "We won six races in a row with him, including the 1993 Salvator Mile by 13 lengths," said Pregman. "Mr. (Owner Daniel) Ljoka sold him to some people in California and they tried him out there without much luck. Then we got him back and he won the Pennsylvania Sprint and then set the track record at the Meadowlands (1m 70yds in 1:39 1/5)." Eddie Maple has the call. Poor But Honest, coming off a win in the Trenton H., is expected to be the most lightly weighted starter at 107. Personal Merit (111) worked a half-mile in :47 4/5 yesterday morning at Suffolk. A winner of the Gill Paterson and Lawrence Realization last year, Personal Merit comes off an allowance win at Suffolk May 20, his '95 debut. Kandaly (111) won the 1994 Louisiana Derby, but is winless in three starts this year. Double Calvados (110) closed out '94 with a win in Aqueduct's restricted Alex M. Robb, and comes off a 3rd-place finish to Poor But Honest in the Trenton. Bull inthe Heather (108), winner of the '93 Florida Derby, won an allowance at Belmont Park May 3, his first win since his '93 Gulfstream GI win.

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◆ FOREIGN ◆

SPILLERS BRIGADIER GERARD S-GIII, \$56,017, Sandown, England, 5-30, 4yo/up, 10fT, soft.

1--**#ALRIFFA (GB)**, 122, c, 4, Danehill--Sweet Soprano (GB), by High Line (GB). O-Sheikh Essa Bin Mubarak; B-Patrick Eddery Ltd; T-Richard Hannon; J-Pat Eddery. \$34,269.

2--**Just Happy**, 127, c, 4, Night Shift--Mesmerize (GB), by Mill Reef. O-Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum. \$12,846.

3--**Nicolotte (GB)**, 122, c, Night Shift--Nicoletta (GB), by Busted (GB). O-Mollers Racing. \$6,188.

Also Ran: Wayne County (Ire), La Confederation (GB), Garden of Heaven, Midnight Legend (GB).
Margins: 1, 3/4, HD.

WINALOT NATIONAL S, \$24,831, Sandown, England, 5-30, 2yo, 5fT, 1:03.54, gd to sft.

1--**#AMARETTO BAY (Ire)**, 127, c, 2, Common Grounds--Harmer (Ire), by Alzao. O-The Harlequin Partnership; B-Gay O'Callaghan; T-Brinn Meehan; J-M. Kinane. \$16,328.

2--**Cayman Kai (Ire)**, 127, c, 2, Imperial Frontier--Safiya, by Riverman. \$4,942.

3--**Whicksey Perry (GB)**, 129, g, 2, Presidium--Phamilla (Ire), by Bellypha (Ire). \$2,413.

Margins: 3/4, 2, 1/2.

American-Bred Winners in England:

Star of Zilzal, c, 3, Zilzal--Tell Me Something, by Summing. Leicester, 5-30, Tote Placepot Conditions S., 7f, \$8,465 to the winner. O-Mana al Maktoum. B-Gainsborough Farm Inc. T-Michael Stoute.

Yubraalee, c, 3, Zilzal--Kentucky Lill, by Raise A Native. Sandown, 5-30, Bonio Claiming S., 1m, \$5,010 to the winner. O-Saeed Suhail. B-Gainsborough Farm Inc. T-Michael Stoute.

Safey Ana, g, 4, Dixieland Band--Whatsoraire, by Mr. Prospector. Redcar, 5-30, Kirkleatham Mdn, 7f, \$5,076 to the winner. O-The Optimists Racing Partnership. B-Robert N. Clay. T-Ben Hanbury. *1/2 to Three Peat (Magisterial), GSW, \$276,522.
**\$150,000 yrl '92 KEESEP.

American-Bred Winners in France:

True Bearing, h, 5, Bering (GB)--Trojan Miss (GB) (SP-Eng), by Troy. Chantilly, 5-29, Prix du Pastillon, 1m, \$13,653 to the winner. O-Lord Weinstock. B-Ballymacoll Stud Farm Ltd. T-David Smaga. *MSP-Fr.

American-Bred Winners In Japan:

Taiki Seniorita, f, 3, El Gran Senor--First Blush, by Blushing Groom. Tokyo, 5-27, Novice Race, 1mT, 1:36.50, \$59,056 to the winner. O-Taiki Farm. B-H & V Bloodstock. T-Kiyotaka Tanaka.

Top Fuyun, c, 3, Woodman--Leo's Lucky Lady (SP), by Seattle Slew. Tokyo, 5-27, Novice Race, 8fT, 1:35.90, \$34,375 to the winner. O-Susumu Kawakami. B-Manganara Stables Ltd. T-Fumio Koga.
*\$230,000 yrl '93 KEEJUL.

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7th-MTH, \$20,000, 3/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48 2/5, ft. *off turf.

GOLDEN BRAIDS (f, 4, Forty Niner--Trunk {SW, \$123,825}, by Danzig) Lifetime Record: MGSP, 14-3-2-4, \$109,280. O-Robert Kirkham. B-Kirkham & Ewing Partnership (KY). T-William Badgett Jr.

8th-CRC, \$19,800, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

EXERCISER (f, 4, Maudlin--Miss Basque, by Bask) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$52,460. O-M Sherman. B-Farnsworth & M & M Bloodstock (FL). T-L Sherman.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tea Jet Princess, f, 2, Dawn Quixote--Tea Jet, by Tri Jet. CRC, 5-30, 4.5f, :54 2/5. B-Berens, Garazi & Glenda Muhtar (FI).

+ **Forever Pals**, f, 2, Polish Numbers--Thanks Pal (SW), by Foolish Pleasure. MTH, 5-30, 5f, 1:00 3/5. B-Timber Creek Farm (Nj) *2nd winner (from 4th starter) for freshman sire.

Lethal Innocence, f, 3, Brave Policy--Iron Journey, by Iron Constitution. FLX, 5-30, 6f, 1:15 4/5. B-JHunter(Ny)

Conquer the Game, c, 3, Jacques Who--Brach's Thin Mint, by Old Chronicle. FLX, 5-30, 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-Star Track Farms (Ny).

+ **Feasibility Study**, f, 3, Lord Avie--Grand Slam Gal, by Spectacular Bid. MTH, 5-30, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Charles M Boone & Thomas M Murray (Ky). *\$18,000 wlng '92 KEENOV; \$57,000 yrl '93 FTKJUL.

Send Me Home, c, 3, Private Terms--Come Home to Mama, by Far North. DEL, 5-30, a1m70yd, 1:46 1/5. B-Foxfield T'breeds (Md). *\$15,000 2yo '95 FTKAPR.

Cinnamon Z, c, 3, Two Punch--Sea Siren (MSW, \$167,422), by North Sea. PHA, 5-30, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5. B-Dr Thomas Bowman & Milton P Higgins III (Md). *\$2,000 wlng '92 FTMDEC.

Iron Arrowhead, c, 3, Waquoit--Groupie, by Stage Door Johnny. DEL, 5-30, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Francis Mason (Md)

Stallions at Stud:

- Brocco (USA) ● Catrail (USA) ● Chief's Crown (USA)
- Danehill (USA) ● Royal Academy (USA) ● Shalford (IRE)
- Kenmarc (FR) ● Bellotto (USA) ● Geiger Counter (USA)
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By Bill Leggett

Unless you are from Boston, dear Boston, you probably think that Allen Paulson's remarkable Cigar will be running for a bonus of \$500,000 plus a first place prize of \$150,000 in the Massachusetts H. at Suffolk Downs this Saturday.

Wrong. Its the masscap, folks, all one wonderful New England word without any capital letters like the light in the old north church or paul reverewas heah. And if you want to call Suffolk Downs sorefoot downs, go right ahead because people have for years.

When it comes to bizarre races and a strange racetrack, Saratoga's eerie Travers is only a masscap wannabee. This year's masscap is the 55th, and it has been on sabbatical since 1989 due to a lack of bread. But, thanks, back it is and you can see it on ESPN at 4 p.m. (EDT).

The bonus comes because Suffolk wanted to bring back the masscap with a flair and offered a \$500,000 bonus for a horse that could win the Gulfstream Park H., the Oaklawn H., the Pimlico Special and the masscap. Has a horse ever won the first of those three races before? Of course not.

But that is keeping perfectly within Suffolk's personality as well as that of the masscap itself. Suffolk Downs was built out of the East Boston mud flats by 3,000 men working around the clock, who got it up and running in 62 days. A crowd of 35,000 turned out for the opening day that July and a horse named Eddie Wrack won the first race ever run there. Carl Hanford rode Eddie Wrack and, of course, later trained Kelso.

That October the first masscap was run for a purse of \$25,000 and Top Row won it, but he wasn't the story. The story ran third: Discovery was beaten while giving Top Row 22 pounds (138-116). Seabiscuit won the third masscap with 130 pounds and, although Californians would later learn to adore "The Biscuit", he ran 21 times in New England compared to just nine times out west. Red Pollard, who rode Seabiscuit in the masscap, later put on weight and became a boxer, touring the land as "The Cougar."

Having Discovery lose your first major stakes and Seabiscuit win the third will get your name in the papers. But the fourth masscap saw 2-5 War Admiral run fourth, the only time in 26 starts that Man o'War's most famous offspring failed to hit the board. That will

get your name put up in post offices.

Chalcedon, Horse of the Year in both 1939-40, lost back-to-back masscaps, but in 1942, Whirlaway won the race by running the 1 1/8 miles in 1:48 1/5, a track record that would not be broken for 31 years. That race also made him the leading money earner up to that time.

The last true riot in U.S. racing took place on masscap afternoon in 1945 when the stewards disqualified the favorite in the race following the feature. Fans toppled the stewards stand, leaving them cowering under chairs. The tote board was burned and so were police vehicles. The riot lasted for over an hour before it was gotten under control. But while it was in progress, people bet \$41,614 on the next race, which obviously was never run.

But know this too: The Beatles played Suffolk in 1966; three years later Jean-Pierre won the two-mile Yankee Gold Cup on the turf. The pot of \$252,750 was the richest grass race run anywhere in the world. The marvelous Bill Veeck ran Suffolk from 1969-71.

"The year before I bought it," Veeck said, "Suffolk drew 804,512 people and 30,000 of them paid to get in. We were so short of money I paid off the Revere Police Department for work they had done patrolling the barns and other security duties. The check I gave them bounced. That is the definition of embarrassment."

The most bizarre event of all, however, occurred on July 4, 1966, when a deranged fan ran onto the track toward the finish line during the running of the Mayflower Stakes. Two or three horses brushed the man, but he was not injured.

On Dec. 30, 1989, Suffolk ran a full card for the last time, or so it seemed. Races for the next day were cancelled for fear of vandalism. But in May of '91, thanks to James B. Moseley and John L. Hall, Suffolk came back and now serves as the hub for all simulcasting throughout New England. Hard work is paying off.

The \$650,000 that Cigar will be running after in the masscap, of course, is equal to the winner's purse for a \$1 million race. A \$1 million masscap at sorefoot downs? Bizarre. And wonderful, too.

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