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SANTAGATA OUT FOR THREE MONTHS Jockey Nick Santagata, who was injured in a spill during the first race at Aqueduct last Friday, Dec. 22, was released from North Shore Hospital on Long Island late in the afternoon Christmas Eve (Sunday, Dec. 24). Wednesday, Santagata made a follow-up visit to the office of Dr. Stephen J. O'Brien, director of the New York Racing Association's Emergency Medical Care Team. According to O'Brien, "upon further examination, we found that Nick has two fractured ribs on the left side. This is in addition to the five ribs fractured on his right side and a fracture of the sternum. Two of the (five) ribs on the right were 'floating,' which means they were broken in two places. Also, there is some fluid in the right lung, which is not at all unanticipated with these injuries. Therefore, we are sending him to see Dr. Joseph Cook, a pulmonary specialist at New York Hospital. Nick is doing well and is very lucky, but he's not out of the woods yet. He had a concussion with a momentary loss of consciousness but his head is okay and there were also minor injuries to his left shoulder and right knee." O'Brien estimated that Santagata would return to riding in about three months.

STEINLEN HEADS WEST Turf Champion **Steinlen (GB)** (Habitat) has moved to Harris Farm near Coalinga, California. The 12-year-old stallion had previously stood at Lane's End in Versailles, Kentucky. During his five year racing career, Steinlen started 45 times, winning 20 races including 16 stakes and amassing earnings of \$3,301,159. Steinlen was named Champion Turf Horse in 1989 as a six-year-old when he won the GI Breeders' Cup Mile, GI Arlington Million, and GI Bernard Baruch H. As a freshman sire of 1994, Steinlen was represented by Miss Union Avenue, winner of last year's GIII Young America S. and Junior Champion S.; the filly went on to win this year's Palisades and Tanya S. Steinlen will stand for a 1996 fee of \$3,500 live foal.

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Saturday, Calder Race Course:
TROPICAL PARK H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m
Halo's Image (Halo), winner of his last two starts, including a 5½-length victory in the \$50,000 Thanksgiving Day H. at Calder Nov. 23, has been assigned highweight of 121 pounds for Saturday's event. "I don't so much mind that my horse will carry 121 pounds, but its the spread to some of the other horses, particularly **Pistols and Roses (Darn That Alarm)**," said Halo's Image's trainer Happy Alter. "How does my horse have to give seven pounds to Pistols and Roses, who is a multiple Grade I stakes winner? I guess he (Racing Secretary Bob Umphrey) thought I'd be proud anyhow if 'Pistols' beat me because I bred him too." Trainer Ralph Ziadie plans to run two horses in the Tropical Park H.--Thanksgiving Day H. runner-up **Ten Star Fleet (Afleet)** and **MSW Pride of Burkaan (Burkaan)**. "One goes to the front (Ten Star Fleet) and the other will come from behind," said Ziadie. "We'll see what happens. But if that horse (Halo's Image) runs the way he's been running, I don't think anybody will beat him. I think he's probably one of the best horses in America right now." Pride of Burkaan worked a mile in 1:44 2/5 Wednesday morning at Calder; Pistols and Roses drilled three furlongs in :35 4/5.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Japanese Stakes Results:

RADIO TAMPA HAI SANSAI S.-G3-Jpn, \$608,966, Hanshin Racecourse, Japan, 12-23, 2yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:02.70, fm.
 1--#**@ROYAL TOUCH (JPN)**, c, 2, Sunday Silence--**Powerful Lady (Jpn)**, by Maruzensky (Jpn). O-Yosimi Ota; B-Fujiwara Breeding Stud; T-Yuji Ito; J-Olivier Pealier; \$320,857. * ½ to Winning Ticket (Tony Bin {Ire}), MSW-Jpn.
 2--**Ishino Sunday (Jpn)**, c, 2, Sunday Silence--Jefforee, by Alydar. B-Kazunori Hattori; \$129,675.
 3--**Dance in the Dark (Jpn)**, c, 2, Sunday Silence--Dancing Key, by Nijinsky II. B-Shadai Farm; \$79,615.
 Margins: HD, 3½, 1.
 Also ran: Yamanin Meteore, Saint Lyphard, Eishin Concord, Fujino Muteki, Maiden Hawk, Urara Purple, Namura Inazuma, Taiki Fortune, Dragon Dandy, Machikane Tatumaki, Royal Suzuka, Long Shikotai.

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Foreign Report Continued.

FAIRY S.-G3-Jpn, \$607,685, Nakayama Racecourse, Japan, 12-23, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:09.20, fm.

1--#**@MAX ROSE (JPN)**, f, 2, **Hector Protector--Max Dreamer (Jpn)**, by **Northerly**. O-Y. Tadokoro; B-Amaba Bokujo; T-Yuji Ito; J-Yoshitomi Shibata; \$319,960.

2--**She's Grace (Jpn)**, f, 2, **Sunday Silence--Zambesi (Jpn)**, by **Northern Taste**. B-Sanjo Bokujo; \$129,419.

3--**Western Sharp (Jpn)**, f, 2, **Sunday Silence--Musical Lark (Ire)**, by **Cure the Blues**. B-Hokusei Bokujo; \$79,616.

Margins: 2½, 2, ½.

Also ran: I Am The Winner, Asakusa Medilin, Hokuto Pendant, Wedding Berry, Lavender Veil, Daiwa London, Taiki Forest, Glory Line, Eishin Santa Fe.

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Atlantic City Race Course:

After a three year hiatus, Atlantic City Race Course will reopen its doors for full-card, off-season simulcasting January 1, 1996. There will be no parking fees, with the exception of valet, and admission will be free. Simulcasting will take place seven days and five nights weekly at the newly remodeled "Atlantic City Racebook." Included will be full cards from Gulfstream, Santa Anita, Laurel/Pimlico, Aqueduct, Philadelphia Park, Suffolk Downs, Garden State, and many more.

Local News, Calder Race Course:

Two major broadcast media outlets have shot features and promos at Calder in the past few weeks. This past Tuesday, CNN aired a story on MGSW **The Vid** (World Appeal), his trainer Marty Wolfson and veterinarian/acupuncture therapist Dr. Debra Marshall. CNN also produced a segment on the pari-mutuel industry as a whole and shot part of that feature at Calder Dec. 5; the piece includes an interview with Calder President Ken Dunn and is scheduled to air today. In addition, NBC Promotional Producer Hal Glicksman has been at Calder recently to shoot a number of promo spots for "The Today Show."

Local News, New Jersey:

Steve Schwartz, media director for Thoroughbred racing at The Meadowlands and Monmouth Park, is recuperating from a heart attack and angioplasty at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey. Schwartz suffered the attack Tuesday, Dec. 26 and underwent a procedure that night to relieve two blocked arteries.

◆ NEW YORK ◆

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$37,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51 4/5, ft. **PROFICIENT CADET** (g, 5, **Fountain of Gold--Ain't She Adorable**, by **Vertex**) was making his third start off a layoff, having won a claiming race in his first start back and then finishing a troubled sixth in his last, Dec. 10. The gelding went off at 6-1, was well back early before making a move to the far outside into the stretch and rallied determinedly to defeat **COZY DRIVE** (Cozzene) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 48-11-8-5, \$152,563. O-Mark Parezo. B-Red Oak Farm (FL). T-Steve Klesaris.

7th-AQU, \$33,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:53 3/5, ft.

GENTLEMAN'S COPY (f, 3, **Avies Copy--Gentle Girl**, by **Vice Regent**), a regular in the claiming ranks, moved up to allowance company off a claim in her last start Dec. 7. The filly was sent off at 5-1, raced just behind the leaders, took the lead on the far turn and held off 1-2 favorite **CRAFTY LADY** (Crafty Prospector) to win by 1 3/4 lengths. The winner is a half sister to **Gentle And Bold** (Bold Executive), MSP, \$184,391. Lifetime Record: 22-3-3-2, \$60,912.

O-Ingrid A. Ferriola. B-Maple Croft Farm (CAN). T-Peter Ferriola.

Local News, Aqueduct:

Full-card simulcasting from Gulfstream Park to Aqueduct is set to begin Wednesday, Jan. 3, opening day at the South Florida track. "We're very pleased to present simulcasting from Gulfstream again this winter," said NYRA Vice President Steven Crist. "It proved to be very popular last year. Wagering on the simulcasts from Gulfstream was twice that of any other full-card product brought into New York during the past year. Since many New York jockeys, trainers and horses compete each winter in South Florida, it is a terrific product to give to New York racing fans and obviously their simulcast product of choice." In addition, full-card simulcasting from Oaklawn Park will begin January 12.

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◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Result:

9th-FGX, \$25,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. MORRIS CODE (f, 3, Lost Code--Unique Millie R., by Olden Times), winner of the Breeders' Cup Weekend Delight S. at Turfway and most recently the Winning Colors S. at Churchill Downs Dec. 10, was sent off the 13-10 favorite. The filly rated behind the early leaders, rallied to gain the lead on the turn and scored a 1 1/2-length victory. Lifetime Record: MSW, 22-7-5-2, \$325,007. O-Dolphus Morrison. B-Hargus Sexton (KY). T-Hal R. Wiggins.

7th-FGX, \$23,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:41 3/5, fm. BRUSHING GLOOM (f, 3, Broad Brush--Reina Terra, by Blushing Groom {Fr}) won three races in a row from January to March, culminating with a win in the GIII Fair Grounds Oaks, March 18. The filly was fourth in the GII Fantasy S. in April and up the track in a Dec. 10 Fair Grounds allowance race in her last outing. Sent off at 5-1 for this affair, the bay was last throughout before rallying around the second turn and making an eight wide move in upper stretch to take the lead a furlong from home and win by one length. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-4-1-0, \$142,800. O/B-Robert E Meyerhoff (MD). T-Richard W. Small.

5th-FGX, \$19,000, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft. DEANNA BEE (f, 3, Deputy Minister--Flash Prancer, by Mr. Prospector) won her maiden at first asking by five lengths in July at Saratoga. The filly had been off since finishing second in her second start last August, also at Saratoga. She was sent off the 4-5 favorite here and was never challenged, taking the lead early and drawing off at the sixteenth pole to win by 4 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$35,800. O/T-Louie J Roussel III. B-Due Process Stables (KY).

Local News, Turfway Park:

Brent Bartram, who has won seven Turfway Park riding titles, added a new distinction last Thursday, Dec. 21, when he booted home five winners, a track record. Bartram, 32, shares the record with six other jockeys.

Spurred by the success of The Race Book at Turfway Park and high-quality live racing, total wagering has grown by almost 40 percent in the track's year-end Holiday Meet. Through Dec. 17, total Holiday Meet betting climbed over \$10 million, rising 39.6 percent to \$10,917,235. Through the comparable date in 1994, betting handle had been \$7,820,347. The current meet runs through Sunday, Dec. 31.

◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

Local News, Santa Anita:

Advancing Star (Soviet Star), runner-up to Cara Rafaela in the GI Hollywood Starlet S. Dec. 16, suffered a stress fracture in that race and will be out of action for about three months. The two-year-old filly won her first two career starts, including the \$106,000 Maker's Mark S. at Hollywood Park Nov. 18, before missing by a head in the Starlet.

The three-year-old colt **Larry the Legend** (Local Talent) remains in trainer Craig Lewis's shedrow but is a long way from being race-ready. "We're giving him all the time he requires," Lewis said. "But just how long that is remains an open-ended question. We just don't know." Larry the Legend has twice undergone surgery for bone chips in his left knee since winning the GI Santa Anita Derby April 8.

News Continued.

GERMAN CHAMPION BREAKS EUROPEAN RECORD The 30-year-old German champion jockey Peter Schiergen broke the all-time European record for number of winners in a season when taking his total for 1995 to 271 when successful on mounts at both Dortmund and Mulheim over Christmas. Schiergen's new mark broke the record of 269 winners set by the late Sir Gordon Richards in 1947. All but one of Schiergen's winners came in Germany, his sole victory in another country coming when he partnered the German-trained Laroche to win the Premio Ellington in Rome, Italy back in May. Schiergen now heads for Hong Kong to ride for the month of January on a guest jockey's licence.

SLOTS DEBUT AT DELAWARE PARK A new slots gaming facility will debut at 8 a.m. this Friday at Delaware Park. Over 70,000 square feet of the former second level of the grandstand has been transformed into a \$15 million state-of-the-art slots and simulcasting parlor. A total of 715 video lottery terminals/coin operated slot machines have been installed. "We spent \$15 million on renovations and concentrated our efforts building a comfortable environment that will blend with the rich heritage and tradition of the old facility," said track President William Rickman Jr. "I am very pleased with the way the project turned out and I expect it to be very successful." Slots will be open 8 a.m.-2 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 1 p.m.-2 a.m. Sundays.

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MEDIEVAL MAN PENSIONED Medieval Man (*Noholme II) has been retired from stud duties at Live Oak Stud and will become a pensioner at the Ocala, Florida farm. The 21-year-old stallion, winner of three stakes at ages two and three in 1976 and 1977, won seven races in 21 career starts for earnings of \$167,367. He has sired 33 stakes winners and the earners of \$13,710,819 in his 14 crops to date. His best runners include this year's GI Vosburgh S. winner Not Surprising, GIII Roseben H. winner Evil Bear, MSW's Medieval Victory, Klassy Briefcase, Maeve O. and Medieval Moon, Puerto Rican G2 winner Mr. Sony and Medieval Chapter, a MGSW in Panama.

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STAKES RESULT:

BOXING DAY S., \$25,000, HOU, 12-26, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36 2/5, ft.

1--**VINDICTIVE SILENCE**, 122, h, 5, Orbit Dancer--Sparkling Revenge, by Special Secret. O-Jim & Linda Baldwin; B-Jim Baldwin & Don Seymour (TX); T-Jim Baldwin; J-C J Lanerie; \$15,000. Lifetime Record: 30-8-7-7, \$208,610. *Full to Orbit's Revenge, MSW, \$222,145.

2--**Mighty Niner**, 122, c, 4, Amerrico Double--Dugger's Unknown, by Jahan. \$5,000.

3--**Battle of Apollo**, 122, c, 4, Seattle Battle--Apollo Move, by Rash Move. \$2,750.

Margins: 3, 2HF, 6 3/4. Odds: 0.20CT, 4.20, 20.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-AQU, \$35,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5, ft. **LITTLE GENERAL** (c, 3, General Assembly--Little Evie {MSP}, by Northrop) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-1, \$89,410. O-Rosenthal & Waldbaum. B-Laure Connelly & Robert Rosenthal (NY). T-Dominick A. Schettino.

4th-HAW, \$32,480, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5, ft. **SHOW ME A LITTLE** (f, 4, Little Missouri--Fleetside Review, by Quadratic) Lifetime Record: 46-11-4-4, \$120,873. O-King of Notathing & Marvin Zeldman. B-J.R. Cavanaugh (FL). T-George J. Getz.

10th-HAW, \$25,305, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft. **DANCE GALLY DANCE** (c, 3, Gallapiat--Dance Charm, by Dance Bid) Lifetime Record: 19-5-1-1, \$64,406. O/B-Mac Fehsenfeld (IL). T-Terrel Gore.

9th-CRC, \$24,600, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft. **PRINCE ENSIGN** (c, 3, Blue Ensign--Princess Haley, by Mr. Justice) Lifetime Record: SP, 23-5-5-2, \$90,453. O-Wilfredo J. Agusti. B-McHugh Thoroughbreds Inc. (FL). T-Leo Azpurua Jr.

8th-HAW, \$23,940, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70yd, 1:47 2/5, ft. **DYNA FLO** (f, 3, Dynaformer--Raise a Reason, by Marshua's Dancer) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$30,609. O/B-William C. Harris (IL). T-Howard Rice.

7th-HAW, \$23,940, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:46 1/5, ft. **JOHN'S LIL SALLY** (f, 4, Major Luck--Search for Power, by Search for Gold) Lifetime Record: 18-6-1-2, \$50,589. O/T-Lisa L. Merritt. B-Crown's Way & Sue Bauman (IL).

9th-TPX, \$23,050, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft. **MAJOR DISCOVERY** (g, 4, Seeking the Gold--Anything for Love {GSP}, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-1, \$64,990. O-James & Karen Stone. B-Peter M. Brant (KY). T-Gerald K. Mitchell.

9th-HAW, \$22,800, 3/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:45 2/5, ft. **JOYOUS MOMENT** (f, 3, Timeless Moment--Joyful Vigor {SW}, by Vigors) Lifetime Record: 19-4-2-3, \$39,703. O-John G. Hillebrand & John G. Hillebrand IV. B-Ben P. Walden & Frank L. Mansell (KY). T-Jere R. Smith Jr. *1/2 to Last Gasp (SW, \$105,360, by Buckfinder).

7th-CRC, \$18,700, 2yo, a1 1/16mT, 1:43 4/5, fm. **SHANANIE'S FINALE** (c, 2, Shananie--Femme Fatale, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$26,045. O-Stonehedge Farm. B-Gilbert G. Campbell (FL). T-Kathleen O'Connell.

10th-CRC, \$16,500, 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:50, fm. **CURTAIN RAISER** (f, 3, Theatrical {Ire}--Imaglee, by *Grey Dawn II) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-2, \$34,730. O-December Hill Farm. B-M.V. Prentiss & Amir Investments Corporation (KY). T-Roger L. Attfield. *1/2 to I Rejoice (GIII, \$502,476, by Lord Gaylord) and I'm a Thriller (GIII, \$217,910, by Tri Jet).

8th-PHA, \$15,000, 2yo, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft. **CE FLITE** (c, 2, Cefis--Mercy Flite, by North Flight) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$16,500. O/T-Joseph J. Sena. B-Katherine Hardin & Janelle H. Morton (VA). *1/2 to Macho (SP, \$128,710, by Hoist the Silver) and Honorable Flight (MSW, \$237,755, by Hero's Honor).

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MAIDEN WINNERS

Eyefbeauty, f, 2, **Bounding Basque**--Wanakena, by On to Glory. AQU, 12-27, 1 1/16m, 1:49. B-Thomas C. Ryba (NY).

+ **Over'nout**, c, 2, **Zarbyev**--Daharscreen, by Dahar. FGX, 12-27, (S), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Foxwood Plantation Inc (La).

Great Pretender, c, 3, **Bold Ruckus**--Periphery, by Vice Regent. AQU, 12-27, 6f, 1:13. B-Gustav Schickedanz (Can). *\$56,880 yrl '93 CBSSEP. **Full to Circulating, MSW, \$321,466.

Fancyful Francine, f, 3, **Carload**--Bridge Expert, by Bold Monarch. CRC, 12-27, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Larry Foggie (Fl).

Sparkster, c, 3, **Sparkly**--Lasting Queen, by Selari. TPX, 12-27, 1m, 1:36 4/5. B-Dr. Perry W. Wornall (Ky).

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

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THE WINTER PLACE TO BE

By: Frank Carlson

What if, instead of Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph were on the road to Palm Beach and needed lodging? Chances are they'd have to stay in the Payson Park house, because there's no room in the barn.

All 503 stalls are taken, have been taken for as long as anyone can remember. And not just with run of the mill horses, but with some of the best horse flesh this side of the Mississippi. Over the years, at least 18 divisional champions and eight Horses of the Year from the U.S. and Canada have stabled here, including St. Jovite, owned by Virginia Kraft Payson, the Payson in Payson Park.

The 700-acre training center, located 90 miles north of Gulfstream Park, was carved out of scrub pines and sable palms in 1956 by Michael Phipps, Bull Hancock and C.T. Young. Charlie and Virginia Payson took over in 1980.

The first thing you notice about Payson Park is what you don't hear. You don't hear 18-wheelers gearing down for stop lights, you don't hear jet engines reversing their thrusters for a landing, you don't hear P.A. systems barking orders.

What you do hear is the crack of dawn...crickets chirping, the morning wind dying down, a horse's whinny as the barn door opens. Just before daybreak, Tim Jones gets a leg up on likely Horse of the Year Cigar.

"He usually goes out around 6:30. We have someone walk him to the track, then I'll let him stand for a long time before he jogs," says Jones. (When you're 10-for-10 on the year, you can set your own schedule.)

As Cigar walks the quarter-mile from his stall to the training track, the multi-colored Christmas lights that serpentine the supports of the second-floor roof on the clockers' stand are flicked off. The loudest sound you'll hear all morning is people booing the man who turns off the Christmas lights. "Scrooge," is uttered; "Bah, humbug," says another.

As Cigar is led towards the top of the stretch to stand and survey his surroundings, Lena Erickson brings My Flag to the lower side of the clockers' stand. Lena waits a few minutes before moving the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies champ, a contender for the top two-year-old filly honors, out for her morning exercise.

The clouds part as Cigar is led back to the barn. My Flag is jogged out past where the finish line would be, if there were a finish line.

The one-mile oval is deep with a rich coffee-color loam. Mike Rivers, manager of Payson Park, says they keep the track about seven inches deep. "Around three inches of loose stuff and another four of lightly packed soil," Rivers says as he kicks the ground. Horses coming out of Payson to run at Gulfstream are more muscled up, even if their workouts don't indicate it.

A couple of hundred yards north of the training track is the turf course. A seven-eighths oval with no inner rail, the course is open two days a week for horses to work. But if a trainer is looking for another type of workout for his horse, he can use the five-eighths European-style trail for a change of pace. The trail gently rises and falls as it meanders through the pines and palms.

Trainer Elliott Walden, whose brother owns the Vinery, has stabled horses at Payson Park for eight of the last nine years. What's the biggest advantage of Payson? "April," says Walden. "When I take my horses back to Kentucky in April, they're fresh and well-rested. They are more on top of their game than horses stabled at a racetrack." Walden might have an ulterior motive for staying at Payson; at 6-foot 5-inches, he towers over his shorter opponents in pick-up basketball games.

Shug McGaughey has been stabling selected horses at Payson Park since 1983, even before he took over training for the Phipps family. "You have to like the deep track they have there," Shug said from his Gulfstream Park office. "That turf course is really nice, and if you want to break the routine up a little, you can take a horse on that long trail they have. It's just really good for a horse." Shug kept his turf star Lure at Payson for three winters.

Bill Mott has to be the prime real estate holder at Payson with 70 stalls in his name. "If you ask for 29 stalls here (at Gulfstream), you get 29 stalls. If you ask for 129 stalls, you still get 29," said Mott. "I have to keep my horses somewhere, and that's about the best place available. It's quiet, restful--it usually suits some horses really well; others don't like it. I'll tell you, though, my help that goes back year after year really seem to look forward to coming down to Payson each winter. They get as much out of the place as the horses do," Mott says with a certain bit of envy in his voice.