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EASTERN ECHO IMPROVES The medical condition of **Eastern Echo** (Damascus), who was admitted to Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky Dec. 31, has been improving, according to veterinarian Dr. William V. Bernard. In a statement released yesterday, Dr. Bernard said, "Eastern Echo has progressed gradually over the weekend...I expect him to be discharged to the care of (Lane's End) farm shortly and would predict that he should be physically fit for the breeding season." The nine-year-old stallion was admitted to the equine clinic after suffering seizures that were believed to be caused by a form of encephalitis. He stands at Lane's End Farm in Versailles, Kentucky for a 1997 stud fee of \$10,000 live foal.

JUST A CAT'S CAREER ENDED BY INJURY Just a **Cat** (Storm Cat) will likely be retired after fracturing a sesamoid during a Sunday morning workout at Santa Anita, according to a report in the *Daily Racing Form*. The 3-year-old, winner of last year's G2 Cowdin S. at Aqueduct in his final start, was purchased last fall by a partnership headed by Michael Tabor and was preparing to make his first start for trainer D. Wayne Lukas. In addition to his Cowdin win, Just a Cat raced second in River Downs's Cradle S. and third in the GII Saratoga Special S. He retires with two wins in eight starts and earnings of \$144,139.

MINOR SURGERY FOR SUMMER SQUALL According to a report in the *Blood-Horse On-Line* yesterday, 1990 Preakness winner **Summer Squall** (Storm Bird) has returned to Lane's End Farm after undergoing surgery for the removal of a testicle at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital at the end of December. Lane's End owner William S. Farish told the *Blood-Horse*, "He has had one functional testicle all along. The other one was up in a channel, and the decision to remove it was made to curtail some of the discomfort. It was elective surgery, not mandatory." The 10-year-old stallion, represented by 1996 Eclipse Award-winning two-year-old filly **Storm Song**, is expected to recover quickly. He will cover a full book of mares at Lane's End this breeding season.

NEW OWNER RETIRES RICKS NATURAL STAR

The infamous **Ricks Natural Star** (Natural Native), recognized for his inglorious last-place performance in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf, was claimed for \$7,500 from a race at Turf Paradise Sunday and will now be retired. Trainer Dwain Grissom dropped the claim slip for owner Larry Weber, who put up the money for the express purpose of putting the eight-year-old out to pasture. A statement released at Turf Paradise Monday said, "There is no intention to pass judgement on the horse's connections. That is a role for racing officials and other qualified professionals. However, recent events and the publicity surrounding Ricks Natural Star have been an embarrassment to the horse, other Thoroughbred conditioners and the sport of racing. It is time for the saga to come to an end. He will be retired to a farm to enjoy his remaining years." Ricks Natural Star, off at 12-1, finished eighth of 10 in his final career start; he retires with a record of two wins from 25 starts and earnings of \$6,093.

NSA MANDATES SAFER HELMETS The National Steeplechase Association has become the first horse racing jurisdiction to require the use of "certified" helmets by jockeys. The NSA, governing body of steeplechase racing in the U.S., will require jockeys to use helmets meeting U.S. or European safety standards when the 1997 racing season starts in March. Jockeys were previously required to simply wear helmets with no specifications. A steeplechase jockey falls approximately once in every 10 rides and the most active jockeys ride 100 races a year. Blows to the head are common; jockey Charlotte Brooks sustained severe head injuries in a fall last year while wearing a helmet recently banned by the NSA and the Jockey Club of Great Britain. Riders will receive the new helmets (which cost approximately \$100 each) free of charge, thanks to a program funded by steeplechase enthusiast Langhorne Bond, through a gift to the National Steeplechase Foundation.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15:

1-25 \$150,000 **Santa Monica H.-GI, SA**,
4yo/up, f/m, 7f (\$50)

1-25 \$100,000 **Canadian Turf H.-GII, GP**,
3yo/up, 9fT (\$100)

1-26 \$100,000 **Santa Ynez-GIII, SA**, 3yo,
f, 7f (\$50)





PERCENTAGE OF REAL STAR SOLD Leonard C. Green, owner of **Real Star** (Caller I.D.), has sold a 25 percent interest in the top three-year-old colt to William Cassase. Green and Cassase agreed to the sale early Saturday, before sending Real Star to the post to win the Count Fleet S. at Aqueduct. Both owners are clients of trainer Joe Orseno, but Cassase hasn't owned a Thoroughbred since June, 1995, when a horse of his broke down during a race. Leonard Green's son Jon Green said, "(Cassase) wasn't going to get back into the business, but he had been hanging around the barn and took a liking to Real Star. We offered him a 25 percent interest because we want him to get back into racing on a positive note." Green, under the name of his DJ Stable, purchased the Florida-bred colt for \$40,000 as a two-year-old at the 1996 Ocala Breeders' Sales February auction. Real Star, who has won his last three races, is the first stakes-winner for 1996 freshman sire Caller I.D.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEYS JOIN UNION Senior jockeys in Australia Monday strengthened their bargaining power for a 100-percent rise in basic riding fee from \$50 to \$100 when they became affiliated with the powerful Australian Workers Union and already there is talk of further industrial action. Leading rider Shane Dye said, "It was a unanimous decision by the jockeys to join because we feel we need our affairs to be handled by people with the expertise in industrial relations. If we had that behind us, maybe the situation wouldn't have gotten bad enough that we felt we had to strike. But we really didn't know what else to do." In Queensland, jockeys' representatives said today that if the Queensland Principal Club does not follow the lead set by the Australian Jockey Club in New South Wales and set aside the fines imposed on those jockeys who took strike action on January 4, then further action could not be ruled out. Legendary former trainer Tommy Smith, father of leading trainer Gai Waterhouse, entered the fray when he commented that many jockeys were "too lazy for words" and the threat of further national strikes "would not hurt racing. It is all too silly for words," he said, "and the dispute could have been better handled by both sides. Australian racing could not take this sort of pay rise. It cannot afford it under our tax system and the jockeys aren't helping themselves. I have no sympathy for the jockeys. They are well paid. I know how much we pay them. They have got no chance of stopping racing because there are plenty of apprentices and they provided a good day's racing when the senior riders did go on strike. They rode well and I thought we had good talent there."

EARL OF BARKING RETURNS TO IRELAND GI Hollywood Turf Handicap winner **Earl Of Barking (Ire)** (Common Grounds {GB}), winner of more than \$1.2 million, has returned to his native country to stand at Sean Collins' Corbally Stud at Celbridge in Co. Kildare in a deal negotiated by Irish bloodstock agent Brian Grassick. Earl Of Barking won twice in Ireland before being sold to the U.S., where, in addition to the Hollywood Turf Handicap, he captured five other graded stakes and was placed eight times at that level. Earl Of Barking joins stallions Persian Bold, Priolo, Desert Style and Paris House at Corbally, where his fee for 1997 is 3,500 Irish punts (\$5,846).

◆ FLORIDA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45 4/5, gd.

SCENIC POINT (f, 4, Unbridled--Bangkok, by Riverman) won a Nov. 29 Aqueduct allowance on the main track before finishing seventh in a Calder overnight handicap on the grass in her last start Dec. 24. The 6-5 favorite trailed early, circled the field turning for home and edged clear for a head victory. The winner is a half to Bangkok Lady (Transworld, MSP, \$109,504) and Eastern Dude (Dahar, MSW, \$111,044). Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-0, \$123,459.

O-Lewis Deborah & Lee. B-F. A. Genter Stable, Inc. (KY). T-Mark Hennig.

6th-GPX, \$29,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:53 2/5, gd.

CHARON FRUITS (f, 4, Woodman--Charon, by Mo Exception) broke her maiden on the turf, then came back from a two-and-a-half month layoff to finish sixth after setting the early pace in a Churchill turf allowance November 30. The chestnut filly took another two months off before trying her luck in this off-the-turf affair, but proved fit off the break and wired the field for a 2 1/4-length score at 11-1. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$38,251.

O/B-Fares Farms, Inc. (KY). T-D Wayne Lukas.

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GRAN PREMIO CIUDAD DE BUENOS AIRES-G1, Argentina, 3yo/up, 5f, :55.59.

1--**EMIGRANT (ARG)**, 129, c, 5, Candy Stripes--Emece (Arg), by Liloy (Fr).

2--**Alevosia (Arg)**, 127, m, 6, El Asesor (Arg)--Nina Tul (Arg), by Exactly Native.

3--**El Gran Gringo (Arg)**, 129, Fumador (Arg)--La Tonteria (Arg), by El Virtuoso (Arg).

SOUTH AFRICAN GROUP 1 RESULT:

League Title (SAf), a daughter of Model Man (SAf)--Teed Bore (Ire) (Prince Tenderfoot), won Saturday's G1 \$42,932 Arc-En-Ciel Paddock S. over a mile and an eighth at Kenilworth in South Africa. Trained by Tony Furness and ridden by Andrew Fortune, the four-year-old filly beat the three-year-old filly **Jungle Rock** (Kilolima) by a head, while the hot favorite **Faralmond (Arg)** (Farnesio {Arg}) finished unplaced. A jubilant Tony Furness said after the victory, "We have had such problems with League Title. Her feet and various other problems have set us back time and again. But we always knew she was up with the best after she was third to Ashtontown and London News in last season's Cape Argus Guineas. Andrew Fortune handled her brilliantly."

AUSTRALIAN WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRES:

+ **Keeping Up**, f, 2, **Quest For Fame (GB)**--Kibitka (Aus), by Luskin Star (Aus). Rosehill, 1-11, STC The Fairfax Sun Parramatta H., 2yo, 5f 110ydsT, \$18,231 to winner. O-Domelands Pty Ltd Synd.; B-Newhaven Park Stud, NSW; T-Kevin Connolly.

Atomic Comment, c, 3, **Geiger Counter**--Zingarina, by Sweet Moss (GB). Caulfield, 1-11, VATC Moonga H., 3yo, 1 1/8mT, \$18,964 to winner. O-R V & Mrs N M Jordan; B-Mr & Mrs R V Jordan; T-Tony Vasil.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Chadleigh Lane, g, 5, **Imp Society**--Beauty Hour (SW & MGSP), by Bold Hour. Southwell, 13-1, Fair Isle H. (Div 1), 4yo & up, 1m (all-weather), \$3,293 to winner. O-J Bigg; B-Windwoods Farm & B & C Brown; T-R Hollinshead. *\$10,500 wnlg '92 KEENOV.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

King's Looker, c, 3, **Corporate Report**--Tiz a Looker, by Mr. Prospector. Nakayama, 1-12, novice race, 9f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$88,085. O-Clover Club; B-L E De Paula Machado; T-Kazuyuki Tomita. *\$22,000 wnlg '94 KEENOV; \$65,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '96 BESMAR.

Haseno Gulch, c, 3, **Gulch--Net Dancer (SP)**, by Nureyev. Nakayama, 1-11, Shuchiku Sho, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$188,145. O-Fumio Hasegawa; B-W S Kilroy & E J Hudson; T-Fuyuki Tago. *\$125,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

Knight Seeker, c, 3, **Seeking the Gold--Night Heiress (MSP)**, by Night Invader. Kyoto, 1-11, Wakana S., 7fT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$147,965. O-Hirotohi Nakamura; B-Earle Mack; T-Yoshio Nakamura. ** 1/2 to Private Treasure (Explodent), GSW, \$603,189. **\$170,000 yrl '95 KEEJUL.

T. H. Cielo, f, 4, **Conquistador Cielo--Grandma G.**, by Vice Regent. Nakayama, 1-12, plate race, 9f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-2, \$226,851. O-Hironori Hotehama; B-Tadahiro Hotehama; T-Tsuneyasu Kobayashi.

Stone Stepper, c, 4, **Crafty Prospector--Cassadaga**, by Cassalera. Nakayama, 1-12, Garnet S.-G3-Jpn, 6f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 11-6-0-1, \$1,319,188. O-Isao Ogawa; B-Marvin Little Jr. & James Iselin; T-Tetsuya Meno. *\$45,000 yrl '94 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '95 KEEAPR.

Juno Pentagon, c, 4, **Red Ransom--Torsion Belle**, by Torsion. Kyoto, 1-12, Rakuyo S., 8fT. Lifetime Record: 18-3-4-1, \$671,787. O-Yukiko Hosokawa; B-Donald Baldwin; T-Hidekazu Asami. * 1/2 to That Lady (Trust a Native), MSW, \$131,037; Crafty Belle (Crafty Prospector), MSP, \$195,735; Crafty Dude (Crafty Prospector), MSW, \$180,680. **\$18,000 wnlg '93 BESNOV; \$130,000 2yo '95 BESMAR.

◆ EAST ◆

Local News, Atlantic City:

Atlantic City Race Course plans to build a speedway capable of attracting NASCAR events. Officials announced that Scannapieco Development Corporations (SDC), founded by president Tom Scannapieco, has been secured to lead the development process for the Hamilton Township site.

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◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

7th-FGX, \$24,200, Alw 3yo, f, a1m40yd, 1:41 2/5, ft. CLASSIC BE (f, 3, Sky Classic--Leave It Be {GSW, \$788,630}, by Lawmaker), impressive breaking her maiden at Calder, then shipped to Churchill to finish second in an allowance test before heading to the Fair Grounds to win her second allowance try December 6. The even-money favorite to make it two in a row, the Florida-bred bay sat second to the stretch before driving past pacesetter FANCY FREDA (Known Fact) and drawing away to a 2 1/2-length tally. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$48,700. O-Pat Paulish. B-Celestino Dilibero (FL). T-Jeff Jacobs.

Local News, Turfway Park:

Turfway Park has changed first post time for its night races. Effective Wednesday, January 22, first post time for every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night through February 28 will be at 5:30PM. Turfway will return to the standard 7PM start time Wed. March 5.

◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

Local News, Santa Anita:

Daily Racing Form clockers caught champion 2-year-old colt **Boston Harbor** (Capote) working five furlongs Sunday in 1:02 3/5 over a Santa Anita track labeled good.

Belmont S. victor **Editor's Note** (Forty Niner) worked five furlongs in 1:01 1/5 over a sloppy Santa Anita track Sunday, according to *Racing Form* clockers.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-FGX, \$26,300, 4yo/up, a1mT, 1:41 3/5, gd. NIGHTCAPPER (c, 4, Sunshine Forever--Saw Oil, by Ace of Aces) Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-1, \$138,205. O-West Gary L & Mary E. B-Foxfield (KY). T-M Frostad.

9th-PHA, \$24,200, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft. NIMBLE (h, 5, Afleet--Proudest Cagey, by Proudest Roman) Lifetime Record: 16-8-3-2, \$101,479. O/T-Eugene E Weymouth. B-Dr. L. D. Burbank (KY). *1/2 to Cagey Exuberance (Exuberant), MGSW, \$765,017; and Lily La Belle (Java Gold), MSW, \$125,826.

5th-FGX, \$22,000, 3yo, c/g, a5 1/2fT, 1:07 4/5, gd. IN SITU (c, 3, Sunshine Forever--Secret Threat, by Mr. Leader) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-0, \$29,171. O-So What's Nu Stable. B-North Cliff Farms, Inc. & Foxfield Thoroughbreds (Ky). T-Thomas Amoss.

8th-PHA, \$19,500, 3yo, 7f, 1:25 3/5, ft. POLISH SPRAY (c, 3, Polish Numbers--Fresh Spray, by Northern Baby) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$30,510. O/B-Sidney M. Baer (PA). T-Robert W Camac.

7th-SUF, \$16,660, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. GALLAPIAT'S SONG (h, 8, Gallapiat--Bluff Who {SP}, by Capulet's Song) Lifetime Record: SW, 79-19-16-8, \$222,758. O-Herbert Sochat. B-Paris O. Cross (FL). T-Felipe J Sosa. *Full to P.C.'s Bluff, MSW, \$148,012.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Not So Fast, c, 3, Double Negative--Timeless Affect,** by Timeless Moment. GPX, 1-13, 7f, 1:24 1/5. B-Phillips Stephanie (Ny).

+ **Sparkling Catch, g, 3, Mr. Sparkles--Nikey's Nice Catch,** by Nice Catch. FGX, (S), 1-13, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Duhon Bobby L (La).

Siberian Cat, f, 3, Siberian Express--Mystical Note, by The Minstrel. GPX, 1-13, 1 1/16m, 1:48 4/5. B-Audette Joan I (Fl).

Seductivelyelegant, f, 3, Thirty Six Red--Julie Prince, by Majestically Prince. FGX, 1-13, a1m40yd, 1:42 3/5. B-Dede McGehee & Giles Brophy (Ky). *\$57,000 yr '95 KEESEP. **12/ to Slews Gold (Slew o'Gold), MSP, \$158,592.

LEADING BROODMARE SIRES OF 1996 UNRESTRICTED STAKES-WINNERS (through 12/31/96)

BROODMARE SIRE	SWs
Mr. Prospector	17
Nijinsky II	16
Secretariat	16
Habitat	15
Nureyev	15
Caro (Ire)	12
Blushing Groom (Fr)	11
In Reality	11
Northern Dancer	11
Roberto	11

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NEVER ENOUGH HORSESHOES...

By Frank Carlson

Everybody has them...many don't want to admit it, but they do. What is it that most everyone shares? Superstitions. And racing abounds with horsemen who have more than their share.

Patrick Byrne was emphatic when he said he didn't have any superstitions. "I try not to get caught up in them," he said. "I can't say that I have any superstitions." The conversation turned to the stakes-winning mare Ampulla, who he trains for North Cliff Farms. The six-year-old recently won the Gil La Prevoyante H. at Calder. "She's doing well, knock wood," Byrne said as he reached for a wooden railing on Gulfstream's backside. No superstitions, Patrick?

"Oh, gee--my father had thousands of them, and he passed them along to me," admitted trainer Angel Penna Jr. "I've tried to get rid of them, but I still have a few left. Here in your country, Friday the 13th in bad luck, but in my country in South America, it's Tuesday the 13th."

The Argentine horseman has reason to believe in this one. "When I was 19, I was in my car going 100 miles per hour when the axle broke in half. The car turned over three times; I could have died on Tuesday the 13th. I'm lucky to be alive."

Then there are the more traditional fears. "Don't get me started on black cats," said Penna. "At Hialeah, I had to walk past John Veitch's barn...he must have had five black cats. For five years, I had to walk past his barn every day on my way to the track, looking for the black cats, ducking, hiding, jumping behind trees. Maybe that's why I'm at Gulfstream now."

But the black cats aren't banned at Gulfstream, and there is one roaming the backstretch now. "You should see the trainers run when the black cat shows up," said Penna.

Lou Goldfine, who has been training for over 40 years, developed a superstition when he first started that he can't break. "If I have a horse in a race, I'll start walking along the fence towards the top of the stretch as the race is being run. Sometimes I've gotten as far as the three-sixteenths pole before I turned around. Once I start walking, I'm afraid that if I stop, my horse will stop, so I keep walking."

Sonny Hine has a bag full of superstitions, but this day he wants to talk about his wife Carolyn's eccentricities. "She always has to wear something new when we run a horse," said Hine. Asked if she had been wearing something new that day, with Hine trainee Chip running in the GIII First Lady H. at Gulfstream, Carolyn said, "No, but I found a dime and a penny at the Laundromat this morning...and finding money, that's always good luck." It must have been...Chip won.

Some trainers have specific superstitions with certain horses. Neil Howard said that when he was training Summer Squall he wore a yellow tie to all his races. "I wore the same tie every time he ran," said Howard. "So I'm in Chicago and another trainer, Sam Ramer, is staying at my place for a couple of days. Sam's on his way out one day when I'm coming in, and he says he needs a tie. I told him to grab one, but I forget to tell him 'not the yellow tie!' So I see him at the track later in the day and he has on my lucky yellow tie. I tell him to take it off...but by then, he's spilled something on it. He offered to have it cleaned, but I wouldn't let him. And I hid the tie after that."

Nick Zito tells the story of how he told Maryjean Wall, a reporter for the Lexington Herald-Leader, that it would take two Fly So Free's to beat Strike the Gold in the 1991 Kentucky Derby, which was coming up in a couple of weeks. "She runs the quote in the paper the next day, and when I go to the barn, the exercise rider tells me Strike the Gold hasn't eaten that morning. Then I start worrying. Was it the quote? Eventually he started eating again, but after that I tried not to say anything about the horses I'm running against any more." Strike the Gold went on to win the 1991 Derby.

Bill Mott, recently honored with his second straight Eclipse Award as the top trainer of 1996, would seem to have all the luck on his side. But he didn't even want to talk about it. "I'm superstitious about talking about my superstitions," he said.

1997 THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS

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Jockeys	Mounts/Wins	Purses
Richard Migliore	64/12	\$497,936
Gary Stevens	35/9	\$495,120
Alex Solis	59/13	\$422,870
Mike Smith	44/10	\$346,085
Shane Sellers	68/14	\$306,245
Chris McCarron	19/2	\$299,130
Corey Nakatani	26/4	\$288,475
Kent Desormeaux	38/9	\$280,610
C.C. Lopez	44/11	\$241,353
Eibar Coa	60/8	\$240,674



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