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HAL HANDEL ELECTED TRA PRESIDENT As expected, Harold G. "Hal" Handel, the executive vice president and chief operating officer of racing for Monmouth Park and the Meadowlands, was elected president of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations Tuesday. Stella Thayer, president of Tampa Bay Downs, and Jerry Carroll, chairman of Turfway Park, were elected vice presidents. Re-elected as officers during the annual TRA meeting were Robert Bork of Sam Houston Race Park, secretary; Charles Colgan of the National Steeplechase Association, treasurer; and Christopher Scherf, executive vice president. Handel succeeds Cliff Goodrich, and is TRA's 28th president.

CASH DEPOSIT LATE EDITION TO EXPERIMENTAL SCALE Canada's top juvenile **Cash Deposit** (Deposit Ticket), omitted from the original 1996 Experimental Free Handicap released Tuesday, has been weighted at 116 pounds, ten pounds below highweight **Boston Harbor** (Capote). Racing exclusively at Woodbine last year, Cash Deposit won the GIII Grey Breeders' Cup S. and finished fourth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. For the year, the Frank Stronach-owned colt won three of six starts and earned \$269,072. Bred in Kentucky by Mr. and Mrs. David R. Caldwell, Cash Deposit captured the Lecomte H. at Fair Grounds in his only start at three, to date.

SERIOUS SPENDER TO STAND AT MILLFORD Robert S. West, Jr. announced yesterday that multiple graded stakes winner **Serious Spender** (Seattle Slew) has been retired from racing and will stand the 1997 breeding season at West's Millford Farm in Midway, Kentucky. The six-year-old scored victories in the 1994 GIII Gallant Fox H. and the GIII Discovery H., winning five times in 24 starts for earnings of \$220,221. He made only two starts last year; his final racetrack appearance was an off-the-board finish in the Ocean Hotel S. at Monmouth Park. As the property of a partnership, Serious Spender will stand the 1997 season for an introductory fee of \$1,500 live foal until March 15, after which his fee will increase to \$2,500.

Wednesday, Gulfstream Park:

- SUWANNEE RIVER H.-GIII**, \$75,000, GPX, 2-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:47 4/5, fm.
- 1--**@GOLDEN POND (IRE)**, 115, f, 4, **Don't Forget Me--Golden Bloom**, by **Main Reef**. O-Hutson David W; B-Tullamaine Castle Stud and Partners (Ire); T-Martin D Wolfson; J-J D Bailey; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 20-6-4-4, \$148,421.
- 2--**Rumpipumpy (GB)**, 114, f, 4, Shirley Heights (GB)--Wanton (GB), by Kris (GB). (\$345,000 2yo 1996 KEENOV). O-Macrae Gaye; B-Lady Halifax (GB); \$15,000.
- 3--**Elusive**, 113, m, 5, Elmaamul--Gentle Encounter, by *Vaguely Noble. O/B-Audley Farm Inc (VA); \$8,250. Margins: HF, HF, 1HF. Odds: 2.10, 3.00, 13.00. Also Ran: Valor Lady, Bold Ruritana, Captive Number, Dance Clear (Ire), Chris' Diamond, Escabiosa (Arg), Barn Swallow, Double Wow. Scratched: Turkappeal.

Golden Pond (Ire), a listed stakes winner in France, shipped over from Europe last fall and finished fourth in a stakes at Calder November 9. Off for two months following that effort, the bay came back January 10 to take a Gulfstream allowance test and made it two-for-two over the course here. The crowd's choice shadowed the leaders early, took command after six furlongs and turned back the final bid of second choice and fellow European-bred Rumpipumpy (GB) for the victory. "The pace started to get a little slow, so I decided to let her out rather than get in a trap position," said winning jockey Jerry Bailey. "She won with something left. I don't think (stretching out) will be too much of a problem, but she is a little bit rank." Added trainer Marty Wolfson, "I think the further she goes, the better. She's bred to go a distance." The filly will make her next start in the mile-and-a-half GII Orchid H. March 16.

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◆ PREVIEW ◆

Saturday, Gulfstream Park:

DONN H.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 9f

The field, in post position order, is as follows, **Ghostly Moves** (Silver Ghost), 112 pounds; **Diligence** (Miswaki), 114; **Cimarron Secret** (Tejano), 113; **Formal Gold** (Black Tie Affair {Ire}), 113; **Ave's Flag** (Personal Flag), 113; **Mt. Sassafras** (Mt. Livermore), 116; **Skip Away** (Skip Trial), 123; **Crafty Friend** (Crafty Prospector), 114; **Mecke** (Maudlin), 120; **Jamies First Punch** (Fit to Fight), 112.

Last year's champion three-year-old Skip Away went four furlongs in :47 3/5 Wednesday at Gulfstream with regular rider Shane Sellers up. After the work, trainer Sonny Hine said, "He worked well. I've done what I can, now it's up to Skippy."

Mecke worked four furlongs at Calder in :48 4/5 Wednesday.

News cont.

CESARE'S HEROICS SAVE LIFE Trainer Bill Cesare's quick action Wednesday morning may have saved the life of a 63-year-old woman. The woman, Ines Lou, became trapped in her car after it lunged into a canal adjacent to Gulfstream Park. When Cesare heard the woman's cries for help, he scaled a seven-foot cyclone fence topped with barbed wire to reach the car. "I've slowed down a couple of steps," Cesare, a former defensive back for the Tampa Bay Bucks said. "I got up the fence okay, but I got hung up on the wire." Once over the fence, the trainer discovered the whole left side of the car was under water. He broke the windshield and Lou was able to swim to safety.

◆ FLORIDA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$31,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.

COPPERFIELD (f, 4, **Tricky Creek--Beau's Barb, by Maribeau**) was off 10 months before finishing fourth in a January 10 allowance in her last start. The 8-5 favorite dueled with **BARONESS GRACE** (Alleged) the length of the race and just edged that rival for a nose win. The winner is a half sister to **Mystery Ruler** (Mythical Ruler, SW, \$103,009) and **Gobo** (Varick, GSW, \$127,714). Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$42,560. O-Prestonwood Farm Inc. B-Ron Clarkson (CAN). T-W Elliott Walden.

3rd-GPX, \$30,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft. SENTIMENTAL SMILE (f, 4, **Maudlin--Stakes and Jakes, by Baldski**), making her first start since running fifth in an allowance race at the Meadowlands last September, bounced out of the gate on top and never looked back. After zipping through fractions of :21 4/5 and :44 4/5, the dark bay had enough left to pull away from the field down the lane to win it by seven lengths at 7-2. Lifetime Record: 20-6-2-0, \$74,545.

O-Fair H & Lopez D. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-A Iwinski.

7th-GPX, \$29,000, Msw, 4yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft. B. A. VALENTINE (f, 4, **Apalachee--Bert's Valentine, by Caracolero**), fourth after pressing the pace at this track and distance in her seasonal bow January 6, took a clear lead at the start and was never headed, winning off by six lengths at 2-1. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$20,210. O/B-Alberta A Butner (KY). T-Dale Romans.

Local News, Gulfstream Park:

Nick Zito is training last year's GI Preakness S. winner **Louis Quatorze** (Sovereign Dancer) towards a possible start near the end of the Gulfstream meet. The colt worked four furlongs in :46 1/5 yesterday.

Captain Bodgit (Saint Ballado), third in the GIII Holy Bull S. most recently and winner of last year's GIII Laurel Futurity, went four furlongs in :47 3/5 Tuesday at Hialeah. Captain Bodgit was recently purchased by Team Valor for \$500,000 from Phyllis Susini. The gelding will remain with trainer Gary Capuano and is pointing for the Feb. 22 GII Fountain of Youth.

GIII Nashua S. winner **Jules** (Forty Niner) worked five furlongs yesterday in 1:01 at Hialeah.

◆ NEW YORK ◆

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$43,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:40 3/5, my.

1--**DOUBLE STAKE, 119, f, 4, Kokand--Double Theory (MSW), by Double Hitch.** O-Wienges O H Jr; B-O H Wienges & Son (SC); T-Hamilton A Smith. Lifetime Record: MSW, 18-8-2-2, \$155,356.

2--**Brush With the Law, 114, f, 4, Broad Brush--Rolfe's Ruby, by Tom Rolfe.**

3--**Full and Fancy, 119, m, 5, Marfa--Full Twirl, by Full Out.**

Margins: NK, 10, 2. Odds: 3.65, 19.60, 1.80.

On the board in five of her last seven starts, all in stakes company, Double Stake finished sixth in the Straight Deal S. at Laurel to end 1996. The chestnut, a perfect two-for-two in her previous wet-track starts, led from gate to wire over the muddy strip, staving off the late charge of longshot Brush With the Law.

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**New York Report cont.**

7th-AQU, \$38,480, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, my. GONNA SHINE (f, 4, Baederwood--Heartful Star, by Star de Naskra) ended her three-year-old campaign with back-to-back Aqueduct allowance wins over the inner track, then started 1997 with a fourth-place finish in the Singing Beauty S. January 26. Back in allowance company, the 1/2 to Oliver's Twist (Horatius), GSW & GISP, \$503,035, went right to the front and lengthened her lead through the stretch to win by 2 1/4 as the 4-5 favorite. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$79,804.

O-James F Lewis. B-Lewisfield Farm (MD). T-L Lewis.

3rd-AQU, \$35,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:52 2/5, my.

DANCING APPROVAL (f, 4, With Approval--Dancing Tricia {SW, \$115,011}, by Ziad) was claimed for \$10,000 December 14 and had been on the board in three subsequent starts for her new owner. A winner for a \$14,000 tag two starts back, the grey was third at this level last out but showed a fondness for the mud this time, closing from last to waltz home by a length and a half at 8-1. The 4-5 chalk OZENA (Strawberry Road {Aus}) set the pace but couldn't quite hold on, finishing second. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$48,750.

O/T-Michael J Muzio. B-Irish Acres Farm & Box Arrow Farm (CAN).

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Local News, Australia:

Australian champion sprinter **Hareeba (Aus)** (Al Hareb) was put down last Friday after failing to recover from a severely injured tendon. The winner of six graded Australian races was troubled throughout his career by leg ailments. The seven-year-old gelding captured the '95 G1 Australian Made S. and '94 G1 Southcorp Packaging H.

Local News, South Africa:

South Africa's racing superstar, the four-year-old colt **London News (Saf)** (Bush Telegraph {Saf}), is now a probable runner in the G1 \$650,000 Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha-Tin in Hong Kong on April 13, in preference to the Dubai World Cup in the Gulf. Winner of two Grade One events in South Africa this year, including last weekend's \$160,000 J & B Met at Kenilworth in the Cape, London News, owned by Laurie and Jean Jaffee and trained by Alec Laird, is one of nine foreign runners expected for the Hong Kong race, which is run on turf over a mile and a quarter. If he makes the trip, London News will become the first South African horse to race in Hong Kong.

Local News, Dubai:

Flemensfirth (Alleged), winner of Italy's G1 Premio Roma last November, will fly out to the Middle East today to begin his acclimatization for the Dubai World Cup meeting March 29. Newmarket based John Gosden, who trains the colt for Sheikh Mohammed said: "I should think he is more likely to be named among the reserves, but even if he does not get into the World Cup itself, I expect he will take his chance in the Dubai Duty Free. Gosden is satisfied that, whichever event his charge contests, he will be in peak condition, adding: "He won on November 10 and then cantered up until Christmas, so he is in pretty good shape. There are some very good people in Dubai, who will do what is needed with him, but I shall be going down maybe twice over the next couple of months, so I shall be able to see how he is progressing."

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Yesterday's Results:

8th-OPX, \$36,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 4/5, ft. CALLIOPE'S SPIRIT (m, 5, Star de Naskra--Pontresina {SW-Fr}, by Prove Out), on the bench since finishing fifth in a Turfway allowance in September, brought a two-for-three Oaklawn record into this race and ran it to three-for-four. Bet down to 6-5 in her return, the bay set the pace on a clear lead and coasted down the lane to win by three lengths. Lifetime Record: SW, 31-13-3-1, \$220,163. O-P D R Racing Stable. B-Audley Farm (VA). T-J Jacobs.

◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

BART S., \$71,000, SAX, 2-5, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:32 (NWR), fm.
1--ISITINGOOD, 121, h, 6, Crusader Sword--Wancha (SP, \$113,395), by Transworld. (\$87,000 2yo 1993 OBSFEB). O-Henn Terry & Pegram Mike; B-Harry Katz & Norman Casse (FL); T-Bob Baffert; J-D R Flores; \$43,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 18-9-2-3, \$669,430. * 1/2 to Half Mast (Tunerup), SP, \$131,091.
2--Via Lombardia (Ire), 116, h, 5, Shardari--Closette, by Fabulous Dancer. O-Pabst Henry. \$14,000.
3--Beau Jingles, 121, h, 5, Riverman--Glamorous Beau, by Assert (Ire). O-Golden Eagle Farm. \$8,400.
 Margins: 3/4, 3, 3. Odds: 2.20, 3.20, 1.60.

Isitingood ended 1996 with victories in the Oct. 19 GII Fayette S. and the Nov. 29 GIII Clark H. Making his first start in just over two months and in only his second try on the turf, the veteran runner went wire to wire to set a new world record for a mile on the grass.

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4th-SAX, \$55,200, Alw, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:33 2/5, fm.
1--GLOBAL PERFORMANCE, 121, g, 5, Pirate's Bounty--
Wayfaring, by Buffalo Lark. O-A R Stables Inc;
 B-Wygod Martin J Mr & Mrs (CA); T-R B Hess Jr.
 Lifetime Record: 19-6-3-3, \$164,841. *Full to
 Wayward Pirate, GSW, \$150,608.

2--Chief Burundi, 118, g, 5, Alleged--Lantana Lady, by
Vice Regent.
3--Attitude Approved, 118, h, 5, With Approval--Coastal
Breeze, by Coastal.
 Margins: 2 3/4, HD, 1HF. Odds: 2.30, 9.40, 22.30.

Global Performance closed his 1996 campaign with two wins in Hollywood's claiming ranks and began this year with a third in a Santa Anita allowance January 20. The gelding, traveling sixth in the early going, moved closer to the lead approaching the stretch, gained the advantage at midstretch and drew off.

6th-SAX, \$42,000, Alw, 4/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 2/5, ft.
JADED LADY (f, 4, Afleet--Outstanding Jade {SW,
\$107,815}, by Distinctive) broke her maiden in her first
start this year January 3 and returned to finish second in
her last outing January 17. The chestnut filly, sent off the
8-5 choice, stalked the early pace and then wore down
the leaders in the stretch for a 3/4-length win. The winner
is a half sister to Spanish Jade (Spanish Drums, SW,
\$101,287) and Commanche Trail (Copelan, GSW,
\$364,549). Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$70,512.
 O-Three Sisters Stable. B-Lathrop S (KY). T-M Chambers.

3rd-SAX, \$39,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42 1/5, ft.
CLASSIC CREDENTIAL (c, 3, Sky Classic--Mystical Lass
{SW & GSP, \$373,687}, by Balzac), fifth with a wide trip
in his debut sprinting January 11, stretched out to two
turns in his second start. The dark bay, off at 5-2, set the
pace before pulling away down the lane to break his
maiden by five lengths over 3-5 CROMWELL (A.P. Indy).
Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,140.
 O-Cobra Farm Inc. B-R Duchossois (IL). T-Mike Puype.

◆ **W E S T** ◆

Local News, Bay Meadows:

MGISW Antespend (Spend a Buck), expected to be the heavy favorite in Saturday's \$100,000 Brown Bess H., tuned up for the feature by working five furlongs in :59 2/5 yesterday morning at Santa Anita. Jockey Chris McCarron was up for the work, but will miss the Brown Bess to ride **Diligence** (Miswaki) in the Donn H. at Gulfstream. Dennis Carr will replace McCarron when Antespend makes her four-year-old debut carrying highweight of 122 pounds.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-AQU, \$35,000, (S), 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, my.
SASSICAIA (f, 3, Dr. Root--Darling Dutch, by
Nasty and Bold) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$39,600.
 O-J Schwartz. B-Stonewall Farm (NY). T-M Hushion.

6th-OPX, \$25,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.
DEBI JEAN (f, 4, Waquoit--Newsun, by Penowa Rullah)
Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-0, \$31,150. O-Carl F Pollard.
 B-Joseph Perry (PA). T-David R Vance. * 1/2 to Rockabye Joshua (Rock Talk), MSW, \$330,081; Charlie You Know (Horatius), MSW, \$363,410.

8th-LRL, \$19,680, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:56 1/5, my.
BEADED MOCCASINS (m, 5, Waquoit--Greenlane Lady,
by T. V. Commercial) Lifetime Record: 25-6-3-1,
\$82,789. O-Seven Valleys Stable. B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas
Bowman & Milton P. Higgins III (Md). T-Ann W Merryman.

7th-LRL, \$18,240, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:49, my.
CRYPTOCLOSER (c, 3, Cryptoclearance--Cuddle Up
Closer, by Vice Regent) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-0,
\$36,547. O/B-W Sorokolit (Can). T-D Capuano. * 1/2 to
Owen Sound Bound (Royal and Regal), 16 wins,
\$200,860.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bold Berta, f, 3, Bold Laddie--Berta Flora, by Roberto.
SAX, 2-5, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-Brothers, Jawl (Can).
 *\$15,422 yrl '95 BRCAUG.

Report On Rain, c, 3, Corporate Report--My Rainbow, by
Lyphard. GPX, 2-5, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Overbrook Farm
(Ky). *\$16,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

+ Completely Elegant, f, 3, Devil's Bag--Pleasant Fame,
by Pleasant Colony. GPX, 2-5, 6f, 1:10 3/5.
B-Wakefield Farm (Ky). *\$55,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

Hulajazz, c, 3, Jazzing Around--Lahania Lass, by Dance
Spell. BMX, 2-5, 6f, 1:11. B-Pabst Frederick L Mr &
Mrs (Wa). *\$20,000 yrl '95 WASSEP. ** 1/2 to Guilty
Lass (Guilty Conscience), SW, \$103,541. *SP.**

Systematic, c, 3, Lost Code--Danceland, by Little Current.
LRL, 2-5, 6f, 1:13. B-Walden, Ben P Sr (Ky). *\$38,000
yrl '95 KEESEP. *1/2 to Silver Ray (Silver Hawk), GSW,
\$268,532.

Redoy's Drive, f, 3, Mr. Redoy--And the Winner Is, by
Inverness Drive. OPX, 2-5, 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Roger L
Johnson & Debra Lee Johnson (Mo).

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 **WRITERS UP**

A BARBADIAN RACING HOLIDAY

by Sue Finley

Gliding over the southeastern shore of the island of Barbados as your plane comes in for a landing, you notice what looks like a racetrack below--only it's shaped like a triangle. You're certain you must be mistaken. No Thoroughbred at an all-out gallop could ever make those turns.

Or could they?

Seen up close, the angular shape of Barbados' Garrison Savannah racecourse, a six-furlong 'oval', according to the official literature of the Barbados Turf Club, is just one of such charming quirks.

Located two miles outside the main city of Bridgetown, the track is directly across the street from the island's original British fort on the southeastern coast. Soldiers stationed there used what was then the parade ground to match their horses in informal races, and official racing has been held at the track since 1905.

Today, live racing is held most Saturdays and is organized into three meetings each year--January to March, May to August, and October to December, allowing the turf course to regenerate between meets.

Still, during a visit to the track on the third day of racing on the year's first meeting, uneven brown patches on the inside of the course made it evident that 'Bajan' grass isn't a fast-growing species.

On the backstretch, a dirt path crosses over the main turf course, not unlike Santa Anita, but we learn that at Garrison Savannah, the dirt strip simply supplies access to the infield for local school children, who hold javelin practice on the open field.

To preserve the turf, the island's 300 or so Thoroughbreds train on a dirt strip just inside the turf track, and many cool off afterward with a swim in the ocean across the street.

The horses are a mix of imports and locally bred animals, with the Ocala two-year-old sales the most popular place for local owners to acquire American-bred stock, according to Mike Goddard, a local journalist and the track's racecaller.

Goddard said the dream of every Barbadian owner is to win the Cockspur Gold Cup, run each year in early March. Sponsored for 15 years by a local rum company, the race will be renamed this year after the island's most famous resort--Sandy Lane--owned by Coolmore Stud's John Magnier, who has taken over the sponsorship of the event. Worth \$100,000 Barbados dollars to the winner

(\$50,000 U.S.), it is to Barbadians what the Arc de Triomphe is to the French and brings together horses from Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Martinique.

The islanders are enthusiastic gamblers. Barbados, the easternmost island in the Caribbean chain, is home to three betting shops which take simulcasts from America and Europe.

Government protection for live horse racing on the island would turn American tracks green with envy. Betting shops must close at noon on race day and, more importantly to local horsemen, the Barbados Turf Club owns the island's most popular lottery--Lotto--and a large percentage of its handle is turned back over to purses.

But on this Saturday, like most, local racing fans celebrate raceday with a picnic just outside the top of the stretch, where the scent of grilled flying fish, a local favorite, greets you as you arrive at the racecourse.

Inside the small grandstand, accommodations include everything from wide wooden benches which double as stairs (think: Northampton Fair) to luxurious super-boxes for members complete with private bars and lush wicker furniture overlooking the paddock turn.

Americans attending the track will be at once charmed by the enthusiasm for the sport of the crowd (about 2,000 this day) and frustrated by the frequent breakdown in technology we have come to take for granted.

Our 'typical' day included a bit of both.

1st race--A stray neighborhood dog is chased out of the paddock by one of the jockeys and gallops away up the course but no one (except me) appears to be worried about whether or not he will reappear during the running of the race. Goddard tells us that speed is a big advantage and, in this three-horse field, Sound of the Sea is expected to go right to the front. (It is impossible to determine this from the past performances, which only give you the finish position of the horse's last few starts.) Trusting him, I put down my five Barbados dollars and sit down on my stairway perch to watch the race. I mention that there seems to be an awfully short run from the clubhouse turn to the finish line (approximately 40 feet), until someone points out to me that the horses race clockwise, as in England. As Goddard promises, Sound of the Sea goes right to the front. I almost can't watch as the field whips around the paddock turn, the sharpest of the three, with the jockeys practically leaning at 90-degree angles in the saddles, but they all hug the rail nicely and casualty is averted. Sound of the Sea never looks back and comes home a 4-5 winner.

2nd race--Goddard gives us a longshot--a Martinique-bred named Limit One--and I head off to the windows to place my bet and to collect my \$9.75 from the last race. The line doesn't seem to be moving along,

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<u>CLOSES</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>CONDITIONS</u>	<u>PURSE</u>	<u>RUNS</u>
2/15	TAM	Tampa Bay Breeders' Cup S.	3&up, 1 1/16m	\$50,000	2/22
2/27	FG	Bayou Breeders' Cup H.	4&up, f/m, 1 1/8mT	\$150,000	3/8

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and the reason quickly becomes apparent--the tote system has crashed. With most of the revenue coming from Lotto sales, the track does not hold up the second race for this minor inconvenience. Limit One gallops home. I drown my sorrows in a rum punch.

3rd race--We head down to the paddock to take a look at the field of Creole-bred three-year-olds. Robert Sangster brushes by us on his way to check out his entrant, My Valentine. The tote system is up and running for about 30 seconds--long enough for an American acquaintance to get in a bet on the trifecta, which comes in. Unfortunately, the system crashes again, and he can't collect his \$147.

4th race--There is a sudden downpour at the track, lasting about 10 minutes. Foolishly optimistic, I'm back in line at the betting windows. Suddenly, they open, and people behind me start passing bets over my head to their friends at the front of the line. I make no progress, the system goes down again, and I fear I may never see my \$9.75. The P.A. announcer reminds the crowd that this week's lotto jackpot has swelled to \$570,000, and people head to the lotto stand instead. I start to wonder if it's a plot. Coming down the stretch, one horse slips wildly, almost losing his rider, and suddenly the door next to the jockeys quarters labeled 'Casualty Room' takes on a new meaning.

5th race--The final race of the day, and the one we've been waiting for. No one has hit the superfecta in weeks, and the carryover is expected to hit \$15,000 today. My husband has spent the week on the beach handicapping, and thinks it's his with a six-horse box--if he can get his bet in. We stand near the front of the line, hoping the tote system will operate at least for a minute or two. A buzz goes through the crowd--it's up again. We elbow a German tourist out of our way, get our bet down, and head to the stands wondering how much money we are allowed to take out of the country. Back in our seats, we notice that a backhoe is on the course filling in the huge gaps in the turf near the finish line. After a moment or two, an announcement is made declaring the jockeys have determined the rain has rendered conditions too dangerous to continue, and the stewards have agreed to abandon the last race on the card. The race will be recarded and the superfecta money will roll over to next Saturday...when we'll be back in the U.S.

Anyone heading south?

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

PEDIGREE SHORTS...

We have been seeing some nice horses appearing out of Florida with close inbreeding to In Reality, but there won't be too many with that horse closer up in her pedigree than **Valid Bonnet** (f, 3, **Valid Appeal--Miss Cox's Hat, by Cox's Ridge**). A seven-length winner of the Magnolia S. at Oaklawn Park Sunday, Valid Bonnet has in Reality 2x3 in her pedigree.

A first-time out winner to keep an eye on is **Alzora** (f, 3, **Seattle Slew--Darren Miss, by Mr. Leader**). The half sister to the talented Future Quest scored by four lengths at Santa Anita Sunday. She is inbred to a son and daughter of Hail to Reason, a pattern also seen in the pedigree of Seattle Slew's smart son Metfield, and the dam has La Troienne's son, Bimelech, where Seattle Slew's dam is inbred to La Troienne through sons.

The progressive **Wild Wonder** (c, 3, **Wild Again--Carol's Wonder, by Pass the Tab**) took his record to 3-for-3 with a win in the Redwood City S. at Bay Meadows Sunday. Although this victory was achieved over a sprint trip, Wild Wonder is actually linebred to the English Derby winner, Dante. In fact his broodmare sire, Pass the Tab, is out of Dantina, by Grey Phantom (dam of Mahmoud) out of a mare by Dante, while Wild Again's second dam is by Dante out of a Mahmoud mare.

Maiden winners cont.

- Serious Trouble**, f, 3, **Mt. Livermore--Malibran**, by Spectacular Bid. TPX, 2-5, 1m, 1:42. B-Clark D (Ky).
- Classic Credential**, c, 3, **Sky Classic--Mystical Lass** (SW & GSP, \$373,687), by Balzac. SAX, 2-5, 1 1/16m, 1:42 1/5. B-Duchossois R (Ill). *\$40,000 yrl '95 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo 1996 BESAPR.
- Tejano Ice**, f, 3, **Tejano--Light Ice**, by Arctic Tern. OPX, 2-5, 1m, 1:39 3/5. B-Winborne Farm, Inc (Ky). *\$37,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.
- B. A. Valentine**, f, 4, **Apalachee--Bert's Valentine**, by Caracolero. GPX, 2-5, 8.5f, 1:45 2/5. B-Butner A (Ky).
- + **Primed**, c, 4, **Boulder Dam--Lil Bit Tough**, by Summer Time Guy. SAX, 2-5, (S), 7f, 1:24. B-Fischer Jill (Ca).
- Double Niner**, c, 4, **Forty Niner--Sure Locked** (SW-Fr, GSP-Ity & Ger), by Lyphard. GPX, 2-5, 7f, 1:24 4/5. B-Heronwood Farm (Va). *\$42,000 yrl '94 KEESEP.
- Speed Check**, g, 4, **Pirate's Bounty--Happy Homeward** (SW, \$125,637), by Battle Storm. SAX, 2-5, 6 1/2f, 1:15 2/5. B-C-Punch Inc (Ca). * 1/2 to So Many Slews (Slew's Royalty), SP, \$151,888.
- Valiant By Nature**, f, 4, **Valiant Lark--Dancing Incognito**, by Masked Dancer. AQU, 2-5, 6f, 1:13. B-Carroll H (Sc).

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