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MURRAY GARREN DEAD AT 76 Veteran horse owner and trainer Murray M. Garren passed away Monday at South Nassau Hospital, New York after a lengthy bout with cancer. He was 76. Garren was a former president of the New York division of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. In 1981, he came within a nose of one of racing's biggest upsets, when his Peat Moss just missed edging John Henry in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup. "I was happy and sad at the same time," Garren said of the near upset, "I was happy that Peat Moss ran so well and sad that he just missed beating one of the great horses of all time." Garren was born in Kiev, Russia, but grew up in Brooklyn, and first became involved with horses in 1963. For the first 20 years of his involvement, he had his horses with trainer Gil Puentes. When Puentes died in 1985, Garren sold his other business interests to take personal charge of his stable. Among the top horses he owned and trained were 1994 GIII Queens County H. winner Federal Funds and multiple graded stakes placed Jacksonport. He was the leading owner of the 1993 Belmont spring/summer meet. A memorial service was held Tuesday and, in lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the New York Racing Association's Backstretch Employees Assistance Team.

1,600 CATALOGED FOR KEENELAND

JANUARY Keeneland has catalogued 1,600 lots, including one stallion share, for its January Horses of All Ages Sale. The five-day sale runs from January 12-16 and features the dispersal of 35 horses from Claiborne Farm and Nicole Perry Gorman on Tuesday, January 13. The Claiborne-Gorman dispersal, consisting of 14 broodmares, 1 broodmare prospect, eight two-year-olds (foals of 1996) and 12 yearlings (foals of 1997), marks the end of a 40-year partnership that produced more than 100 stakes winners. Among the 1,600 lots catalogued are 725 broodmares and 486 yearlings. Sessions start at 10 a.m. daily.

W EEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter 1997 FRESHMAN SIRE PERSPECTIVES

As a Champion Two-Year-Old, Gilded Time (h, 7, Timeless Moment--Gilded Lilly, by What a Pleasure) has done just what was expected of him, and is going to end the year as Leading Freshman Sire by earnings. He has 13 winners and two stakes winners, Time Limit (out of a Vice Regent mare) and Old Topper (out of a Phone Trick mare). Perhaps the most interesting statistic about Gilded Time, though, is that he has the better part of 50 first crop foals who haven't run yet. Although injury kept him off the track for over 12 months, his third-place effort as a three-year-old in the Breeders' Cup Sprint proved that he trained on from two to three. He also carried his speed a mile and a sixteenth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile at two, so he might have some very interesting three-year-olds to come.

Belong To Me (h, 8, Danzig--Belonging, by Exclusive Native) looked a standout in New York, and proved to be just that. He has had 14 winners, two stakes winners--Dancewiththebride (dam by Tom Rolfe) and Jersey Girl (dam by Valid Appeal)--and five stakes horses. This start earned him a move to Lane's End Farm in Kentucky, where he now stands for \$20,000. As a son of Danzig out of a stakes-winning Exclusive Native mare from a good branch of the La Troienne family, he certainly has the pedigree to go on, and the fact that most of his runners will be operating in New York-bred company should keep the numbers healthy until his Kentucky crops reach the track.

Alydeed (h, 8, Shadeed--Bialy, by Alydar), Canadian Champion by Shadeed (by Nijinsky II) out of an Alydar half-sister to Clever Trick, has been catapulted up the charts by his Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies placed daughter Primaly (out of a Lord At War mare), the Champion Canadian Two-Year-Old Filly of 1997. Alydeed won the Queen's Plate at a mile and a quarter at three and the seven-furlong Gl Carter H. at four, so he is another whose runners might improve with age.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11: 12-13 \$150,000 Hollywood Starlet-Gl, Hol, 2yo, f, 8.5f (\$7,500s)



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MOTT ENDORSES NTRA Eclipse Award-winning trainer Bill Mott has added his endorsement to the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. In an open letter to Thoroughbred trainers, owners and racetrack officials, submitted for use in the November issue of New York Breeding and Racing, the newsletter of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. and the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc., Mott called for urgency in adopting the NTRA plan. "Why have all other major sports organized themselves nationally?" Mott asked in the letter. "Because it is essential in this crowded sports marketplace and because it works. Tens of thousands of new fans can be reached through new and coordinated efforts." The primary NTRA goal is to launch a national marketing and advertising campaign to put racing in competition with other major North American professional sports. The organization's business plan is to be released this Friday at the Race Track Industry Program Symposium on Racing in Tucson, Arizona.

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Local News, Hong Kong:

To commemorate the first International races to be held in Hong Kong since Chinese rule took effect in the colony, the Hong Kong Jockey Club has produced a 24page album and a collection of seven limited-edition souvenir cards, which will be on sale on International Day at Sha Tin Racecourse, Sunday, December 14. In addition, Hong Kong's champion jockey Basil Marcus, apprentice jockey Win Chung and a special international guest jockey will be at Hong Kong's Times Square, Causeway Bay, Friday, December 12 between 6 and 7:30 p.m. to sign the albums. A person donating \$100 HK (approximately \$13) will receive an autographed album, two souvenir cards and a souvenir photograph with the jockeys. All proceeds will go to the Children's Cancer Foundation.

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Local News, Suffolk:

Frank Verdillo, a trainer on the New England circuit and vice president of the local Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association chapter, died Monday at Exeter Hospital in New Hampshire after a brief illness. He was 39. A wake will be held today in Plaistow, NH. The funeral mass is scheduled for Thursday morning in Newton, NH. A fund has been established in Frank's name for his wife and children. Contributions can be sent to: Frank Verdillo Fund, c/o Family Bank, P.O. Box 608, Kingston, NH 03848.

Yesterday's Results:

11th-CRĆ, \$28,000, Alw, 3/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:28 1/5, fm. ELITE JEBLAR (g, 7, Jeblar--Elite Dancer, by Northern Jove) took an overnight Calder handicap Sept. 22, ran third in an Oct. 24 Optional claimer and fourth in another overnight handicap in his most recent start Nov. 8. The 9-2 shot weaved his way through traffic down the stretch and just got up for a neck win over 8-5 favorite DONTHELUMBERTRADER (John Casey). MGSW DIPLOMATIC JET (Roman Diplomat) faded to sixth. The winner is a half brother to Ozama (Morning Bob), GSW, \$368,766. Lifetime Record: SW, 77-16-16-12, \$489,446. O-N T S Stable, & Stride Rite Racing. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Milton W Wolfson.

8th-PHA, \$27,100, Alw, 3/up, a1m70yd, 1:42 1/5, ft. HOT BRUSH (c, 3, Broad Brush--Hot Milk {MSW, \$129,276}, by Restless Native), winner of last year's Pennsylvania Futurity, was coming off back-to-back November Laurel allowance scores. The even-money choice rallied along the rail nearing the stretch and drew off authoritatively for a 5 1/4-length win. Lifetime Record: SW, 10-5-2-2, \$126,535.

O-Robert E Meyerhoff. B-Southeast Associates (PA). T-Richard W Small.

TRACK ABBREVIATIONS:

- AQU Aqueduct CRC Calder FGX Fair Grounds HAW Hawthorne HOU Sam Houston MED Meadowlands PHA Philadelphia Park SUF Suffolk Downs TUP **Turf Paradise**
- BEU Beulah Park CTX Charles Town GGX Golden Gate Fields HOL Hollywood Park Laurel Park LRL PEN Penn National **Remington Park** RPX TPX Turfway Park WOX Woodbine

ANOTHER SOUTH AFRICAN STAR?

1997 CHAMPION 2YO of SOUTH AFRICA–Arrowfield-bred RAROTONGA TREATY (by Geiger Counter)

Arrowfield-bred 2-year-old DANELEN (Danehill-Miss Tawpie {Miswaki}) won his first start by 4 1/2 lengths - breaking the long standing course record at Turffontein. Could he be the 1998 Champion?



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MIDWEST

Local News, Illinois:

Arlington International Racecourse, which will be closed next year, was awarded its 1998 inter-track and off-track betting licenses Tuesday by the Illinois Racing Board. However, the board rejected Arlington's request to accrue inter-track OTB purse money for future meetings and instead allocated the funds to the Chicago-area tracks that will operate in 1998--Sportsman's Park and Hawthorne Race Course. Under the Illinois statute, a track is eligible to conduct inter-track betting if it had 50 live racing cards the previous year or an average of 30 in the five preceding years. The board also approved Fairmont Park's request for a March 27-Sept. 12 Thoroughbred meeting with four programs weekly. This year, the Fairmont meeting ran from March 30-October 6. Brian Zander, the Collinsville, Illinois track's vice president and general manager, said the schedule was modified, "in response to what's happening in Chicago" next year. In other action, the board denied the appeal of a lifetime suspension for jockey Patrick Boxie, accused of having an electrical stimulating device in his possession prior to an Oct. 4 race at Fairmont.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-MED, **\$22,500**, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft. **EASTER KRIS (f, 3, Evening Kris--Fear Gan Ceil, by Escaped)** Lifetime Record: 18-3-1-3, \$34,368. O-Ravallo Racing Stable. B-Cornerstone Farm (NJ). T-D Vasquez.

8th-MED, \$22,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft. STOP THAT WEDDING (c, 4, Another Reef--Royal Matrimony, by Tilt Up) Lifetime Record: 61-8-10-11, \$110,133. O-Joseph E Asbell. B-Dorsey Fleming Jr. (MD). T-Robert E Jacobs.

8th-CRC, \$22,000, 3/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:50 3/5, fm. ILLUME (f, 4, Alwuhush--Aloma's Lady {MSW, \$200,062}, by Aloma's Ruler) Lifetime Record: 22-5-5-1, \$121,088. O-Hudson River Farms. B-Pollock Farms (KY). T-Thomas J Skiffington.

7th-HAW, **\$22,000**, (S), 3/up, a1m70yd, 1:42 3/5, ft. **CASH RECEIPT (c, 3, Deposit Ticket--Vanilla Red, by Heliologist)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-1, \$58,640. O/B-McLaro Partnership (IL). T-David H Hinsley.

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6th-HAW, \$21,000, 2yo, a1m70yd, 1:43, ft. TECHNOCAT (c, 2, Saint Ballado--All Tanked Up, by Tank's Prospect) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$21,330. O/B-Robert J Lothenbach (FL). T-Chris M Block.

9th-PHA, \$16,880, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:45 4/5, ft.

QUEEN CASTELLI (f, 3, Leo Castelli--Queen Alexandra {MGSW, \$1,031,364}, by Determined King) Lifetime Record: SP, 24-3-3-6, \$63,343. O-St Francis Farm. B-Fares Farms, Inc. (KY). T-Donald H Barr.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Halo World, c, 2, Prospector's Halo--Vague Tribute, by Royal and Regal. CRC, 12-9, (C), 7f, 1:28 1/5. B-Bakerman Robert (Fl).
- Halo Lisa, f, 2, Sunny's Halo--Someway Somehow (SW), by What Luck. PHA, 12-8, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Lyons Wendy J (Md). *\$19,000 2yo 1997 FTMMAY. **SP.
- Aaron, g, 2, Turnbuckle--Plumly, by Play On. HAW, 12-9, (S), a1m70yd, 1:44. B-JB Stables, Inc (II).
- One Night Wonder, f, 3, Lord Avie--Darby Blush, by Darby Creek Road. CRC, 12-8, 1 1/8mT, 1:51 4/5. B-Pipes Kevin (Ky). *\$22,000 2yo 1996 FTKAPR.
- + Mi Fama, f, 3, Mining--Fama (MGSW, \$301,079), by Forever Sparkle. CRC, 12-9, 6f, 1:15 2/5. B-Santa Cruz Ranch Inc (FI).
- Red N Nasty, c, 3, Mr. Nasty--Silver Gold N Blue, by Better Arbitor. PHA, 12-9, 7f, 1:25 2/5. B-Garfinkel Susanne (Pa).
- + Boodle B, c, 3, World Appeal--Doodle Do, by Koluctoo Bay. CRC, 12-8, 6f, 1:12. B-Rev. Jerome G Bozzo Trust (FI). *1/2 to Stormy Do (Fortunate Prospect), SW, \$146,201.

1997 THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS

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Trainers D. Wayne Lukas William Mott *Richard Mandella Bob Baffert Jerry Hollendorfer Mark Frostad Wallace Dollase Hubert Hine	Starts/Wins 824/169 602/125 332/61 414/110 884/214 232/65 167/42 131/22	Purses \$9,993,569 \$9,414,969 \$9,242,029 \$8,454,866 \$4,891,019 \$4,857,151 \$4,846,970 \$4,805,611
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John Kimmel David Hofmans	418/95 262/51	\$4,290,824
*Includes Dubai statistics.		

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VERSET TIME, a 7 1/2-length winner Monday at Calder, is the 13th winner for America's Leading Freshman Sire

\$30,000 LF BOOK FULL





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Fourth place by earnings goes to the surprising Vying Victor (h, 8, Flying Paster--Elegant Victress, by Sir Ivor). Standing in Canada at a fee of \$3,000 (Canadian), he has 10 winners and three stakes winners from 25 starters. A half-brother to another sire surprise, Sharp Victor, Vying Victor won the Remington Park Derby and Santa Catalina S. at three and finished second in the GII Jim Beam S. He is by the surprisingly influential Flying Paster (an excellent broodmare sire too), and his granddam is a three-parts sister to Vice Regent. What's the betting that we don't have to wait too long for him to get a star out of a mare carrying Vice Regent or Viceregal?

Rounding out the top five is Marquetry (h, 10, Conquistador Cielo--Regent's Walk, by Vice Regent), who has 11 winners including multiple stakes winner Leave a Legacy (dam by *Cougar II) and the promising Artax (dam by Apalachee). The son of Conquistador Cielo was useful at two, but much better as an older horse, so look for his record to improve with time, especially since around half of his first crop have yet to run.

Further down the list we note Mountain Cat (h, 7, Storm Cat--Always Mint, by Key to the Mint), one of the first big tests of Storm Cat's potential as a sire of sires. No stakes winners yet, but he has had 13 winners from 30 starters and three stakes horses, and he should come through in time.

One place below Mountain Cat in the earnings table is **Strike the Gold (h, 9, Alydar--Majestic Gold, by Hatchet Man)**. Despite winning the Kentucky Derby, Strike the Gold started with two 'strikes' against him. He is a son of Alydar, and he was perceived as a stayer. Well, he has kicked off with 11 winners and two stakes winners--Strikingperfection (dam by Full Out; pedigree has three-quarters relatives Your Host and Determine) and Flipforthegold (dam by Storm Bird; pedigree has the genetic relatives Bimlette and Big Event). For 1998 his fee is \$10,000, and at that, he looks extremely useable.

Further down the list, we spot bright starts for two inexpensive Kentucky horses, **Storm Boot (h, 8, Storm Cat--Aliata, by Mr. Prospector)** and **Senor Speedy (h, 10, Fast Gold--Quality Endures {Ire}, by General Assembly)**. Storm Boot, by Storm Cat out of a Mr. Prospector half-sister to Topsider, started at \$2,000, but has nine winners from 14 runners, including multiple stakes winner Bourbon Belle (out of a Whitesburg mare and inbred to Crimson Satan). Senor Speedy, a good sprinter by Mr. Prospector's son, Fast Gold, stands for \$3,500 and has five winners from eight runners, including the talented Soft Senorita (out of an Alydar mare and inbred to Alydar's own family). Now, to the regions. In Florida, **Line In The Sand** (h, 8, Mr. Prospector--Really Lucky, by Northern Dancer) leads the pack. The brother to Champion and classic winner Ravinella has seven winners, including stakes winner Danielle's Gray. Line In The Sand, winner of the GIII Louisiana Derby, reached his peak at three, so his record looks set for further improvement.

In California we note a good effort by Bertrando (h, 8, Skywalker--Gentle Hands, by Buffalo Lark). The son of Skywalker (by Relaunch) has six winners from nine starters, including two stakes winners.

In Louisiana, **Bag (h, 8, Devil's Bag--Allusion, by Mr. Prospector)** has made a great start with 12 winners, one stakes winner and five stakes horses. Not bad for a \$1,000 stud fee. Bag is by Devil's Bag (who looks okay as a sire of sires, at least regionally, with this one following Diablo) out of a Mr. Prospector mare from the family of Sir Ivor.

There are a number of speedy and inexpensive Wild Agains in the regions. Their hopes were given a boost by Canadian-based Free At Last (h, 8, Wild Again--Miss Blanche, by Faraway Son), who kicked off with two stakes winners.

PEDIGREE SHORTS

Kentucky-bred Grass Wonder (c, 2, Silver Hawk--Ameriflora, by Danzig) staked a claim to be regarded as the leading Japan-based two-year-old colt with a win in Sunday's Asahi Sansai S. (G1-Jpn). Silver Hawk has sired eight of his 39 stakes winners out of mares by Northern Dancer-line stallions, and it is not surprising to find that he has an affinity with Northern Dancer. Silver Hawk's broodmare sire, Amerigo, is by Nearco out of a daughter of a Hyperion mare, and Nearctic, the sire of Northern Dancer, is by Nearco out of a Hyperion mare. Amerigo's broodmare sire, Precipitation, also has a part to play, since he has some links to Tracery, who is in Nearctic's dam. The Hyperion/Precipitation and Hyperion/Tracery background is further strengthened by Alibhai, who also appears in the distaff side of Grass Wonder's pedigree.

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2-Y-O DOUBLE IN JAPAN AT THE WEEKEND. DOCTORIN took a winners' race (£36,824) at Hanshin and SUNRISE TORYU a special maiden (£31,564) also at Hanshin.

DEWHURST WINNER AT 2, DERBY WINNER AT 3.