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ARGENTINIAN STAR TO GODOLPHIN Godolphin has reeled in another international star, this time from South America. The mare **Lignify (Arg)** (Confidential Talk), foaled in 1994 in South America and winner of the G1 Premio Ignacio e Ignacio F. Correas over 12 1/2 furlongs in Argentina, is on her way to Dubai, it was reported in the *London Times*. "Obviously, we'll give her time to acclimatize, but we want to run her out here," Godolphin's Racing Manager Simon Crisford told the *Times*. "She will be entered in the World Cup and pointed towards the race, we'll just have to see how she shapes up. There are other races, such as the Dubai Duty Free, that she could go for. Then she will either go to Europe or North America. She looks a nice filly and horses in Argentina tend to stand plenty of racing. Obviously, she has shown herself a top performer over there, the question is whether she can make the transition."

RACING CANCELLED AT PHILLY PARK Live racing was called off following the first race at Philadelphia Park yesterday after the jockeys decided the track was unsafe. Moisture in the surface from Sunday's heavy rains froze due to the rapid drop in temperature overnight, forming ice clods. Maintenance crews went to work after the card was called off and the track is expected to be back in action this afternoon, with first post at 12:35 p.m. Simulcasting continued uninterrupted.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6:

- 01-16 \$200/100,000a **San Fernando BC-II, SA, 4yo, 8.5f, (200)**
- 01-16 \$150,000 **San Gorgonio H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT, (150)**
- 01-16 \$100,000 **Holy Bull-III, GP, 3yo, 8.5f, (100)**
- 01-17 \$150,000 **El Encino-II, SA, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, (150)**
- 01-18 \$150,000a **San Marcos H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 10ft, (150)**



FOR BOB, TRULY A RENAISSANCE

By Bill Finley

His name is Renaissance Bob, and he prefers carrots to apples. He was named after a former owner, Bob Greenhut, who produced the film Renaissance Man.

Renaissance Bob liked the mud, and he won an allowance race once at Saratoga, one of 10 wins in his career. He's as gentle and as sweet as a six-week-old puppy. That is who he is.

No one at the Nov. 23 horse sales in New Holland, Pennsylvania knew any of that as Hip No. 642, was led into the ring and kept there by an Amish man with a bull whip and a bad attitude. They didn't know his name, and they didn't care.

I'd come to New Holland in search of a story: I would buy a slaughter-bound horse, saving it from an early exit, and then research the animal's life. There was nothing particularly humanitarian about my motives. I eat meat and would tell any vegetarian that it's my right to do so. Save the whales? Whatever.

Renaissance Bob had been cheered by thousands that day at Saratoga, a distant and meaningless memory as potential buyers considered only his weight, about 1,060 pounds.

That's all that mattered to Arlow Kiehl, one of about a half-dozen "killers" among the crowd of some 150 in attendance at the New Holland Sales. Kiehl may not have known who Bob was, but he knew what he was: an infirm horse about to take his last lap. Lamé in his left front leg and unable to race over the previous two years, the seven-year-old chestnut gelding had no value as a racehorse and had been so beaten down by racing that he was of no use as a riding horse.

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◆ FLORIDA ◆

Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46, sy. WILLING (h, 5, Pleasant Tap--Lusty Lady {SW & MGSP, \$116,398}, by Star de Naskra), whose most recent win came in the Citation S. on the Hialeah main track in April, had finished off the board while racing on the turf in five of his six starts since and had not been out since running eighth in a Belmont Park grass allowance Sept. 21. Back on the main track once again, the 13-1 shot set all the pace and showed his appreciation for the surface switch in the stretch, splashing away to a 9 3/4-length triumph. Lifetime Record: SW, 20-4-1-5, \$121,605. O-Robert S Evans. B-R. S. Evans (FL). T-Flint S Schulhofer.

8th-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:13 4/5, sy. STAR MAGISTRATE (c, 4, Star of the Crop--Miss Magistrate, by Tanthem) picked up his maiden score with a 6 1/2-length victory at Calder Nov. 28 and was the crowd's 2-1 choice to make it two in a row. The 1/2 to Maggie's Pistol (Big Pistol), GSW, \$140,830, was never far off the lead, collaring 13-1 Truly Wonderful (Gallapiat) inside the final furlong and winning off by a widening three lengths. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$38,725. O-Kathy Jo Stable. B-Edna Follin (FL). T-James E Bracken.

7th-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:49 2/5, sy. ORGANIZED (c, 3, Meadowlake--Uncluttered, by Silent Screen) had managed to hit the board only once in his previous five starts, missing by a neck when second for a \$75,000 tag at Belmont Oct. 2, and could do no better than fifth in his latest, a seven-furlong test at Aqueduct Nov. 15, but was sent off the 2-1 second choice in his wet-track debut. The \$40,000 KEENOV weanling, a 1/2 to Irish (Melyno {Ire}), GSW, \$279,335, was rated off the early fractions, came with his run around the far turn, found himself in front at the top of the stretch and drew away in the drive to win it by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$27,280. O-Brent Fernung. B-Hartland Farm (KY). T-William Badgett Jr.

10th-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:48, sy. BUGATTI (c, 3, A.P. Indy--Vanities {SW & MGSP, \$174,732}, by Nureyev), a \$160,000 KEESEP yearling, gave trainer Scotty Schulhofer back-to-back victories. The bay had picked up checks in every one of his starts to date, finishing a close-up fourth on the grass at Aqueduct in his latest effort Nov. 6. Handling the sloppy going this time, he settled near the back of the pack for a half, moved into contention after six furlongs and dueled Boston Party (Colonial Affair) through the stretch to take a tight photo by the bob of the head as the 5-2 second choice. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$45,490. O-Mrs M J Dance. B-Morven Stud, Ltd. (VA). T-Flint S Schulhofer.

2nd-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, 8.5f, 1:48 4/5, gd. FINAL LAP (c, 3, A.P. Indy--Alaskan Tide, by Bering {GB}), off the board in three sprint starts, came back after a 4 1/2-month layoff to be seventh at Calder Dec. 12. Stretching out in his second start back, the 7-1 shot set the pace, was passed in deep stretch by 19-10 choice Political Folly (Deputy Minister) and crossed the finish line a half-length back in second after being bumped by that rival, but was moved up to first via disqualification. Political Folly was placed second. The winner was a \$300,000 FTSAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$20,275. O-W S Farish & G W Humphrey, Jr. B-Pamela Firman & G Watts Humphrey Jr. (Ky). T-N J Howard.

4th-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 4/5, sy. SHE'S SO UNUSUAL (f, 3, Allen's Prospect--Celestial Jazz, by Dancing Count), a \$46,000 FTMSEP yearling, showed good speed, but tired to be fifth as the favorite in her career opener at Aqueduct Nov. 8. Off at 7-2 in her second start, the chestnut miss once again got it into gear early, setting the pace on a clear lead, but this time opened up her advantage in the stretch to break her maiden by 3 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,140. O-Charsville Stable. B-Allen's Prospect Syndicate & Bowman & Stewart (Md). T-William Badgett Jr.

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, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

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◆ MIDWEST ◆

Hopewell Stallion Show Set for Sunday:

Hopewell Farm in Midway, Kentucky will host a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. this Sunday, Jan. 10 to preview their stallions *Islefaxyou*, *K.O. Punch*, *Skip Away* and *Souvenir Copy*.

Detroit Track Renovations Underway:

According to the *Harness Tracks of America* newsletter, *Great Lakes Downs*, which will be the only Thoroughbred venue operating in Michigan, yesterday began renovations of its five-eighths of a mile track and construction of a barn area. President and General Manager *Mike Mackey* has targeted Jan. 22 as the date for opening the facility for simulcasting; the track is scheduled to begin its inaugural 141-day meet Apr. 23.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Another South African Group 1 for Jet Master:

Four-year-old *Jet Master (SAf)* (*Rakeen*), winner of last season's *G1 Cape Argus Guineas*, won for the third straight occasion and collected the second Group 1 of his career taking Saturday's *Queen's Plate*, South Africa's most coveted mile event, at *Kenilworth* in The Cape. Trained by *Tony Millard* and ridden by champion jockey *Piere Strydom*, *Jet Master* started the 18-10 favorite and raced home first by 2 1/4 lengths. The colt, who was sidelined with respiratory problems after finishing 11th in the *G1 S.A. Guineas* last May, has now won eight of his 11 lifetime starts and earned \$157,870.

Another Group 1 Winner for Sir Tristram:

Australasia's former champion sire *Sir Tristram (Ire)* (*Sir Ivor*), who died in 1997, extended his world record for number of individual Group 1 winners to 44 when the five-year-old gelding *Irish Chance (NZ)*, trained by *Colin Jillings* and *Richard Yuill*, won Saturday's *G1 Blue Star Auckland Cup* over two miles at *Ellerslie* in Auckland. *Irish Chance* is part-owned by *Patrick Hogan*, who stood *Sir Tristram* at his *Cambridge Stud* in New Zealand. He becomes the fourth *Auckland Cup* winner to be trained by the 67-year-old *Jillings*, who enjoyed a banner day at *Ellerslie* by also saddling the seven-year-old gelding *Del Coronado (NZ)* (*Oak Ridge {Fr}*) to win the *G1 Japan Racing Association Classic* over 1 1/4 miles.

Renaissance Bob, cont.

Kiehl bought him at auction for \$500, knowing that a slaughterhouse would pay him a few dollars more for *Bob*, then ship his flesh off to Europe or maybe Asia or Mexico, where consumers would see him as a main course. According to the *Food Safety and Inspection Service*, a division of the *Agriculture Department*, 77,000 horses were slaughtered in the U.S. in 1997, 10 percent of which were Thoroughbreds.

Kiehl would take *Bob* back to his *Watertown, New York* farm, inspect him, and then ship him off to the *Barton Feeder slaughterhouse* in *Owen Sound, Ontario*.

Kiehl would get about \$540, while *Bob* would be rendered unconscious by a stun gun that would deliver a four-inch nail into his head. He would then be shackled, hoisted into the air, and finished off by having his throat cut. From there, he would be dismembered and carved into steaks.

How does a horse go from beloved and pampered athlete to yesterday's leftovers? From the winner's circle at *Saratoga* to the *Barton Feeder Slaughterhouse*? The trip is a lot shorter than you would think.

Renaissance Bob was born May 26, 1991 at *Highcliff Farm* in *Delanson, New York*, a son of *Canon Shell* out of the mare *Miss Natchez*. That's the exciting time, when you could still turn out to be anything. *Lil E. Tee*, the winner of the next year's *Kentucky Derby*, was every bit as modestly bred.

Breeder *Seymour Cohn* decided to sell *Bob*, who went for just \$2,700 at a *Florida yearling sale*. A year later, the price was up to \$18,000, what *Greenhut* and trainer *John DeStefano* paid for him at a *Saratoga two-year-old sale*.

Bob was already exhibiting the characteristics that would mark his life and his career--a gentle nature, an intense will to win and striking good looks.

"He was a beautiful horse," *DeStefano* remembered.

And he could run a little bit.

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Corrections To Keeneland January Sale Catalog

Hip #367, *Irtifa (GB)*, is believed to be pregnant to *Sadler's Wells*

Hip #362, *Honest Sum*, is a "racing" as well as a "broodmare" prospect

Hip #118, *Queen's Tiara*, is believed to be pregnant to *Deerhound*



Renaissance Bob cont.

Bob's career began in a \$35,000 maiden claimer at Aqueduct on April 5, 1994. With John Velazquez aboard, he struggled, finishing eighth, but three starts later he would hit his stride. Bob broke his maiden May 27, 1994, winning a New York-bred maiden special at Belmont by six lengths under Mike Luzzi. Three starts later, he was standing in the winner's circle at the most prestigious race track in the country, Saratoga, having won by 5 1/2 lengths under Robbie Davis.

For that one brief moment, Bob embodied the image racing wants you to know. Saratoga is a wonderful place and there were a lot of people there that day. They gave DeStefano a trophy and 11 people crowded into the winner's circle picture, proud to be standing next to Bob. After the race, he was taken back to a comfortable stall in the DeStefano barn, where he no doubt got the best food and care available from a conscientious horseman.

After that came the depressing fall from grace. There are always stops along the way for horses on the downside, cheaper tracks and new barns. In Bob's case, things were never the same.

He lost his next four starts, including a \$17,500 claimer, and DeStefano knew the horse could no longer cut it in New York. He sold him to a friend, Chris Potash, who sent him to the next level down, the Maryland circuit. Bob managed to win a \$6,250 claimer at Laurel, but after a fifth-place finish in an \$8,500 claimer there, he was forced to go a step lower. Potash shipped him to Penn National, where he was claimed for \$6,250 by trainer Ken Smith.

"He was my pet," Potash said. "Without a doubt, my favorite horse I ever owned. He was that loveable."

Under Smith, Bob wound up at Finger Lakes, where he raced 14 times, winning four more cheap races. Smith sent him back to Penn National and Potash claimed his pet back. Bob stuck around, winning three more bottom-level claimers. He was claimed again, Aug. 9, 1996, and Potash took him right back in his next start. Potash and his trainer, Harry Thompson, lost him again, this time to Rick Wasserman, who got Bob to run third in a \$5,000 claimer on Dec. 13, 1996, at Penn National. Bob, who had earned \$86,925 for his owners, would never run again.

With Wasserman, Bob's growing list of physical problems, which included joint deterioration in his left front leg, became more than he could handle. Wasserman decided to cut his losses, selling him for \$1,500 to trainer Gina Kreiser, who had hoped to nurse him back to the races.

"He never got sound for me," Kreiser said. "He'd get a little bit sound then get lame again. I never even trained him."

At \$300 a month, Bob stayed under Kreiser's care at a farm near Penn National for nearly two years. Finally, Krieser grew unwilling to foot any more bills, fully aware that decision meant Bob would likely be killed. Economics over sentiment.

"A lot of people would have sent him to the killers a lot sooner than I did," Kreiser said. "Rick Wasserman kept saying to me, 'Why don't you get rid of that horse?' A couple of people were interested in him as a riding horse, but it didn't work out. Sure, I felt bad about this, but it comes down to whether or not a horse can pay for himself and, if he can't, he has no use to a lot of people. I needed him gone."

Kreiser sold Bob for \$340 to Charles DeHart, who scours the cheaper Mid-Atlantic tracks for horses he can resell to "killers" such as Kiehl at places like New Holland. In Kiehl's hands, Bob was destined to die in a slaughterhouse, at least until a newspaper needed an unusual subject for a profile.

With the assistance of jockey Julie Krone, I bought Bob for \$550 out of the "killer pen," where the chestnut and 38 other horses awaited what would be their last ride. Kiehl said that as long as the horse was infirm (he was), he would be sent to a Canadian slaughterhouse within a few days.

I had no idea who he was until the next day when the Jockey Club matched his lip tattoo number with an identity. I got my story. He got a good home.

Few things I have done have made me feel better than saving Bob. I've gotten to know this horse a little bit and I can tell you he's a living, breathing, sweetheart of an animal, not a commodity, and he deserves a lot better than what mankind had in store.

After my purchase, Bob was shipped to the farm of standardbred trainers Phil Klein and Sandy Pikulski in Clarksburg, New Jersey. He has been donated to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, run by Pikulski's sister, Diana. Placement in the TRF program guarantees that Bob will live out his natural life well taken care of.

What a way to start the New Year!

Congratulations to the Craigs and trainer Ron McAnally on the win by **VICTORY STRIPES (G1SW by CANDY STRIPES)** in the Run for the Roses H. on New Year's Day. We hope she becomes your next **DIFFERENT (MG1SW-\$1,349,802 by CANDY STRIPES)**, winner of the Spinster S. and Beverly Hills H.



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Renaissance Bob cont.

Honestly, it doesn't appear that he can do anything, that is other than relax in his paddock, eating his carrots and apples while Nat King Cole and Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra waft through the barn. Bob has put on some much-needed weight and he's not as skittish as he was when he arrived. I think he's pretty happy. (c) *New York Daily News, L.P., reprinted with permission.*

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FINAL 1998 T'BRED RACING LEADERS

(by earnings through December 31, 1998)

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<u>Trainers</u>	<u>Starts/Wins</u>	<u>Purses</u>
Bob Baffert	538/139	\$15,000,870
Bill Mott	581/136	\$10,012,899
D. Wayne Lukas	599/103	\$7,248,847
Neil Drysdale	277/73	\$6,574,484
Jerry Hollendorfer	922/241	\$6,385,111
Richard Mandella	324/62	\$5,483,995
Patrick Byrne	91/35	\$5,253,707
W. Elliott Walden	441/75	\$5,082,727
Todd Pletcher	545/109	\$5,045,923
Shug McGaughey	294/62	\$5,001,211

<u>Horses</u>	<u>Starts/Wins</u>	<u>Purses</u>
Silver Charm	9/6	\$4,696,506
Awesome Again	6/6	\$3,845,990
Skip Away	9/7	\$2,740,000
Escena	9/5	\$2,032,425
Victory Gallop	8/3	\$1,981,720
Buck's Boy	10/6	\$1,874,020
Real Quiet	6/2	\$1,788,800
Coronado's Quest	11/5	\$1,739,950
Banshee Breeze	10/6	\$1,425,980
Silverbulletday	7/6	\$1,114,110

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-FGX, \$36,000, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
ISLAND STORM (h, 5, **Island Whirl--Mimi's Valentine**, by **Fire Dancer**) Lifetime Record: SP, 21-6-3-4, \$124,154. O-Gregory A Champagne. B-Kevin W. & Gregory A. Champagne (LA). T-Dale Angelle.

7th-FGX, \$27,500, 3yo, f, a1mT, 1:40 4/5, gd.
TIME TO BLUFF (f, 3, **Pine Bluff--Time for a Buck**, by **Damascus**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-3, \$47,280. O-Linda Ozment. B-Pope Amanda J. (KY). T-Robert E Holthus.

8th-FGX, \$27,500, 3yo, c/g, a1m40yd, 1:41 4/5, ft.
SILVER CHADRA (c, 3, **Silver Deputy--Chadra North {MSP}**, by **Far North**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$47,275. O-Jackie D Huckabay. B-J. D. Huckabay M.D. (KY). T-Hal R Wiggins.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

She's So Unusual, f, 3, **Allen's Prospect--Celestial Jazz**, by **Dancing Count**. GPX, 1-4, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Allen's Prospect Syndicate & Bowman & Stewart (Md). *\$46,000 yrl '97 FTMSEP.

Bugatti, c, 3, **A.P. Indy--Vanities** (SW & MGSP, \$174,732), by **Nureyev**. GPX, 1-4, 1 1/16m, 1:48. B-Morven Stud, Ltd (Va). *\$160,000 yrl '97 KESEP.

Final Lap, c, 3, **A.P. Indy--Alaskan Tide**, by **Bering** (GB). GPX, 1-4, 1 1/16m, 1:48 4/5. B-Pamela Firman & G Watts Humphrey Jr. (Ky). *\$300,000 yrl '97 FTSAUG. **Won on a DQ.

+ Explosive River, f, 3, **Expensive Decision--Sligo River**, by **Mac Diarmida**. SUF, 1-4, 6f, 1:15 2/5. B-John T Behrendt (Ny).

Organized, c, 3, **Meadowlake--Uncluttered**, by **Silent Screen**. GPX, 1-4, 1 1/16m, 1:49 2/5. B-Hartland Farm (Ky). *\$40,000 wlng '96 KEENOV. **1/2 to Irish (Melyno {Ire}), GSW, \$279,335.

Boom Town Girl, f, 3, **Unbridled--Once to Often**, by **Raise a Native**. FGX, 1-4, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5. B-Greg Goodman (Ky).

Hazel's Knight, g, 4, **Seattle Knight--Hazel's Cantina**, by **Gran Zar** (Mex). HOU, 1-3, (S), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Dan Hickman & Walter Fite (Tx).

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