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11 LATE TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS Eleven late nominations to the Visa Triple Crown Challenge have raised the 1999 total to 407 to make this year's list the third largest since Triple Crown Productions introduced a single nomination fee for the three Classics. Heading the list of late nominees is GII Louisiana Derby winner **Kimberlite Pipe** (Take Me Out) and the multiple graded stakes winning filly **Three Ring** (Notebook). The largest number of nominations was posted in 1986 and 1987 with 452 and 422, respectively. "We are extremely happy with the results of our program this year," said Edward Seigenfeld, executive vice president of Triple Crown Productions. "This is further evidence of the renewed interest in Thoroughbred racing in general and the Visa Triple Crown Challenge in particular."

RECORD FAIR GROUNDS MEET CONCLUDES Fair Grounds Race Course concluded the most successful season in its 127-year history Monday. A total of 247,208 people passed through the turnstiles during 88-day meet, an increase of .5 percent from last year's figure of 245,967. Wagering on track reached \$27,412,562, an increase of 6.3 percent from the 1998 total of \$25,789,351. Total handle was \$383,032,717, up a whopping 37.3 percent from last year's \$278,901,423. All those figures bested records set last year. Childhood friends and college roommates Tom Amoss and Al Stall, Jr. tied for the leading trainer's title with 33 wins apiece. Robby Albarado ran away with the jockey's title with 126 victories. *News cont. page 2*

ALYDEED FILLY TOPS OBS SELECTED TWO-YEAR-OLD SALE Hip number 161, a filly by Alydeed out of Play the Rumor (Spread the Rumor) brought \$255,000 yesterday to top the first session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training. Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for Charles Hesse, the filly attracted attention by going two furlongs in :21 2/5, the fastest quarter mile of the day in the Mar. 20 Under Tack Preview. Ricky Leppala, agent, consigned the filly, whose dam is a full sister to stakes winner Rumor's Song. Alydeed also sired the second highest price of the sale when Hip number 228, named Radical Chic, brought a final bid of \$210,000 from Inniscarra Stable. Consigned by Woodside Ranch, she worked three-eighths in :33 4/5 at the Under Tack Preview Mar. 27. She is out of Shepherd's Moon (Silver Hawk), a half sister to GSW Raja's Revenge. The top colt of the session was hip number 193, a colt by Personal Hope out of the stakes-placed mare Rekindling (Affirmed). Bought for \$190,000 by Diane Waldron and William Shively, he is a half brother to GSW Hot Wells (Go and Go {Ire}). He was consigned by H & H Equine. The average price of the sale was up 6.3 percent from last year and the median was up 2.2 percent. The percentage of buybacks was 35.4 percent compared with the 1998 figure of 21.8 percent, and a total of 26 horses sold for over \$100,000 compared with last year's figure of 18 on the sale's first day. "We're a little ahead of where we were after last year's first session," said OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "We went on to set records in the second session last year so we have a target to shoot for." The OBS March sale concludes today, with the second session beginning at 10:00 a.m. EST. Sales toppers on page 2

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31:

04-11 \$100/100,000a *Commonwealth Breeders' Cup H.-II, Kee, 3yo/up, 7f, (100)*

04-11 \$150,000 *San Bernardino H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 9f, (150)*

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, APRIL 1:

04-03 \$750,000 *Santa Anita Derby-I, SA, 3yo, 9f, (20000s)*



OBS SELECT 2YO SALE TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1999

SESSION TOTALS	1999	1998
No. Sold	153	151
Gross	\$9,179,500	\$8,526,000
Average	\$59,997	\$56,464
Median	\$46,000	\$45,000



OBS March Sales Toppers

TOP FIVE TWO-YEAR-OLDS

Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
161	filly	Alydeed	Play the Rumor	\$255,000 (\$11,500 wnlg '97 KEENOV; \$40,000 yrl '98 KEESEP)
Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent Consigned by Ricky Leppala, agent				
228	filly	Alydeed	Shepherd's Moon	\$210,000
Purchased by Inniscarra Stables Consigned by Woodside Ranch, agent				
193	colt	Personal Hope	Rekindling	\$190,000 (\$72,000 yrl '98 KEESEP)
Purchased by Diane Waldron & William Shively Consigned by H & H Equine, agent				
142	colt	Notebook	Orange Motiff	\$180,000 (\$55,000 yrl '98 OBSAUG)
Purchased by Jill E. Robinson Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent				
148	colt	Holy Bull	Paradisa	\$175,000 (\$42,000 yrl '98 KEESEP)
Purchased by Leo O'Brien Consigned by Gabriel Dixon, agent				

(News cont.)

PIMLICO OPENS TODAY Racing returns to Pimlico today for a spring meet which runs through June 20. The highlight of the season is the May 15 running of the \$1 million GI Preakness S., middle leg of the Triple Crown. Other graded events on the stakes schedule are the Mar. 8 \$500,000 GI Pimlico Special, May 14 \$200,000 GII Black-Eyed Susan and May 15 \$200,000 GII Dixie S. First post time is 1:05 p.m. and the opening day feature is the \$60,000 Smart Halo S. for three-year-old fillies.

FOALING NEWS:

CARELESS KITTEN, 19, Caro (Ire)--T.C. Kitten (Tom Cat) Foal born 2-27-99, a filly by Storm Cat. Will be bred back Coronado's Quest. Boarded at Offutt Cole Farm, Ky. Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds. Accomplishments: Dam of Lorenzoni (Clever Trick), GSP, \$109,035; Arkadian Hero (Tremolino), GSW-Eng, \$112,958.

MALASTRIDE, 11, Victory Stride--Malandrina (*Forli) Foal born 2-27-99, a filly by Phone Trick. Will be bred back to Indian Charlie. Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky. Owned by Kenneth & Brenda Roberts. Accomplishments: Multiple stakes winner.

◆ **TRIPLE THREATS** ◆

Trainer John Shirreffs announced **High Wire Act** (End Sweep) as a probable starter in the GI Santa Anita Derby Saturday after the colt worked seven furlongs in 1:25 2/5 at Santa Anita yesterday. "The thing I like is that the timing of this race would be pretty good and we wouldn't have to ship anywhere," said Shirreffs.

Jockey Gary Stevens regained the call on **General Challenge** (General Meeting) in the Santa Anita Derby when Bob Baffert announced that Real Quiet, who Stevens was to pilot in the GI Oaklawn H. on the same day, would not run. Chris McCarron was supposed to have the mount on General Challenge.

Following a six-furlong work in 1:13 Monday, **Finder's Gold** (Seeking the Gold) will not run in the Santa Anita Derby, Bob Baffert announced.

GI Florida Derby winner **Vicar** (Wild Again) worked a half mile in :48 2/5 and galloped out five furlongs in 1:00 2/5 in preparation for the Apr. 10 GI Toyota Blue Grass, yesterday at Churchill. "He worked good, he's sharp," said trainer Carl Nafzger after the move. "The colt's stepping up and if he can be consistent in the Blue Grass, that's what we want."

Cat Thief (Storm Cat), third in the Florida Derby and also aiming for the Blue Grass, breezed six furlongs in company in 1:14, yesterday at Churchill. "He worked good," said Mike Maker, assistant to trainer D. Wayne Lukas. "He's not an outstanding work horse, but he does what needs to be done."

Prado's Landing (El Prado {Ire}), winner of a 5 1/2 furlong maiden event at Laurel July 30 before being purchased by Godolphin, arrived at Keeneland yesterday to prepare for the Blue Grass. He is expected to make his first trip to the track this morning. "He is doing very well," said Eric Coatrieux, who traveled with the colt from Dubai. "He ran very well in the Trial and I think that was one of the reasons that it was decided to ship him over here and give him a chance." No decision has been made on who will ride the colt in the Blue Grass. "I imagine (that it will be an American rider), but no decision has been made yet," said Coatrieux.

505 Farms' GIII El Camino Real Derby winner **Cliquot** (Bertrando) worked seven furlongs in 1:26 1/5 yesterday at Hollywood Park and will go next in the GII Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct Apr. 10.

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◆ EAST ◆

Maryland Slot Tradeoff Announced:

Maryland racetracks will receive a \$10 million state purse supplement grant if they agree to give up their fight for slot machines, according to yesterday's *Harness Tracks of America Newsletter*. The money will come from surplus lottery funds, Maryland Governor Parris Glendening said. Glendening ran for reelection last November on a platform of "no slots, no casinos, no exceptions." The tradeoff comes after Joe DeFrancis, who supported Glendening's opponent in the election, sent a letter to the governor ending his quest for slot machines at Pimlico and Laurel. In the letter, De Francis said, "I want you to know that I very much appreciate your substantial and consistent efforts to improve Maryland racing without resorting to slot machines. I also acknowledge your concern that Pimlico and Laurel have expended substantial resources to promote slot machines rather than focus more on improvements to the tracks." The legislature had threatened to eliminate De Francis's monopoly on Thoroughbred racing in Maryland by funding a state-built track.

◆ MIDWEST ◆

Banshee Breeze Works:

Last year's Champion Three-Year-Old Filly **Banshee Breeze** (Unbridled) zipped five furlongs in :59 yesterday at Churchill. The filly, scheduled to run next in the Apr. 9 GI Apple Blossom H. at Oaklawn, galloped out six furlongs in 1:11 3/5.

◆ SO. CALIFORNIA ◆

CTBA Sales Video Preview:

CTBA Sales held its video preview of selected California-bred two-year-olds in training Monday at Hollywood Park. The two-year-olds sell Tuesday, Apr. 6 at Hollywood Park at 7 p.m. Hip number 50, a filly named **Cantaloupe** (Runaway Groom) turned in the fastest quarter-mile work, covering the distance in :21 4/5. Hip number 15, **Syco Sue's Slew** (Slew's Royalty), hip number 44, **Take a Memo** (Memo {Chi}), and hip number 45, **Royal Excess** (In Excess {Ire}) all worked a furlong in a bullet :10 3/5.

Southern California Worktab:

GII Ohio Derby winner **Classic Cat** (Mountain Cat) drilled six furlongs in 1:11 3/5 and is probable for the GII San Bernardino H. Apr. 11...**Mud Route** (Strawberry Road {Aus}), off since taking the GII San Diego H. at Del Mar July 25, went three furlongs in :34 1/5 Monday at Santa Anita and makes his first start of the year in the Berkeley H. at Golden Gate today...**Tuzla** (Fr) (Panoramic {GB}) breezed five panels in 1:01 3/5 at Santa Anita yesterday in preparation for the GII Santa Barbara H. Apr. 17. GII San Luis Ray H. second **Kessem Power** (NZ) (Kessem {NZ}) went four furlongs in :51 1/5 at Hollywood Monday and is being pointed to the GI San Juan Capistrano H. Apr. 19.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ITALY:

Green Ocala, f, 3, **Above Normal**-Miss Enchanted' (MSW, \$121,311), by Mount Hagen (Fr). Rome, Italy, Premio Stigliano (Cond.), 3-30, 3yo, f, 1mT, \$10,372 to winner. O/T-O Pessi; B-Nancy C Shuford.

◆ INDUSTRY INFO ◆

New NTRA Website to debut April 1:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association announced yesterday that it will unveil its redesigned website, www.ntraracing.com, on Apr. 1. The site will feature the NTRA's master calendar of live races, post times and simulcasts nationwide; expanded information on breeding and pedigrees; an enhanced television schedule; a daily listing of great moments in racing; new graphics and improved navigation. "As we continue to add components, we're bringing ntraracing.com closer to the look and feel of a major league website," said Danny Abbott, the NTRA's director of sponsorships and new media. A new feature that will be available in the coming weeks is a virtual day at the races, where new fans can log on and experience a typical day at the races through a series of vignettes that show everything from buying a program to making a bet. "We hope that this will lessen the intimidation factor and make new fans more comfortable with the actual racetrack experience."

THE SLIPPER FITS

Vinery-owned Fitting (Aus), dam of the \$1.5 million Golden Slipper (Aus-GI) winner CATBIRD (Aus), will be bred at Vinery Australia to Leading Sire

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Claiming Crown Early Nominations Due:

Today is the deadline for early nominations for the inaugural Claiming Crown at Canterbury Park Aug. 7. The event features six races with a total purse of \$560,000. The early nomination fee is \$100. The second nomination closing is Apr. 30 at a cost of \$250. For more information, contact Claiming Crown at (606) 277-5891 or fax nominations to (606) 276-2462.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-HAW, \$29,000, (S), 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:44, ft.
J. B.'S GHOST (c, 4, Silver Ghost--Cue the Groom, by Blushing Groom {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-2, \$58,700. O-Tom Reagan. B-Hill 'n' Dale Farms (Ill). T-Joey Camardo.

7th-HAW, \$27,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
CLICKETY CHICK (m, 5, Geiger Counter--Retsina Dancer, by One for All) Lifetime Record: 34-6-3-3, \$73,036. O-Tussey Gary & Dorris Tom. B-Robert Nixon (KY). T-Tom Dorris.

1st-HAW, \$27,000, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12, ft.
AS ALWAYS (f, 3, Dignitas--Alyslew, by Tsunami Slew) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-1, \$30,699. O-Smith Clarence R & Roberts Robert W. B-Mark S. Smith (KY). T-Danny L Miller.

8th-HAW, \$27,000, (S), 3/up, a1m70yd, 1:42 1/5, ft.
ZENAMATIC (c, 3, Zen--Monochromatic, by Distinctive Pro) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$45,090. O-Sidney L Port Trust. B-S. L. Port (Ill). T-Mickey A Goldfine. *1/2 to Ms Zenna (Zen), SW, \$258,054.

10th-HIA, \$25,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:48 2/5, fm.
I. C. CINDY (f, 4, Gallapiat--Slew Bird, by Tsunami Slew) Lifetime Record: MSW, 21-8-2-3, \$266,305. O-Fore Hearts Stable and D & J Stable, Et Al. B-Josephine O'mara (FL). T-Joseph Calascibetta.

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9th-HIA, \$19,400, Opt. Clm. (\$150,000), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
PYRITE FAB (f, 3, Regal Search--Royal Fab, by Le Fabuleux {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$56,300. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-Daniel W Frazier (FL). T-Steve Standridge.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fireborne, f, 3, Big Sal--Hurry Phoenix, by L'Aiglon. HIA, 3-30, (C), 7f, 1:26. B-K David Schwartz (Fl). *\$6,500 2yo 1998 OBSAPR.
Oro Medallion, g, 3, Gold Spring (Arg)--Jo's Super Star, by Quack. HIA, 3-30, (C), 7f, 1:27 1/5. B-William C Chaudoin (Ky).
+ Kristina's Answer, f, 3, Nepal--Exuberant Answer, by Exuberant. PHA, 3-30, 1m, 1:42. B-Steve & Kristina Distefano (Pa).
Princess Albadou, f, 4, Sheikh Albadou (GB)--Bold Flapper, by Fappiano. TAM, 3-30, 5f, 1:00 2/5. B-Paragallo Ernie (Ky). *\$47,000 wing '95 KEENOV; \$33,000 yrl '96 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo 1997 KEEAPR.
Smarten Off, c, 4, Smarten--Get Off My Cloud, by Rock Talk. PHA, 3-30, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Stud Aire Farms (Pa).
Tunerupdoc, c, 4, Tunerup--Sweet Lanvin Pie, by *Lanvin. HIA, 3-30, (C), 7f, 1:25 1/5. B-F & B Vanlangendonck, Steve Tucker (Fl). *1/2 to Takeitlikeaman (Exuberant), MGSP, \$180,594.



FOALING NEWS

HONOR AN OFFER, 24, Hoist the Flag--Bridget O'Brick (Mr. Brick)
Foal born 2-27-99, a filly by Langfuhr.
Will be bred back to Tale of the Cat.
Boarded at Offutt Cole Farm, Ky.
Owned by John R. Gaines Thoroughbreds & Dede McGehee.
Accomplishments: Dam of Tempest Dancer (Storm Cat), SW, \$115,250; Sardula (Storm Cat), MGISW, \$882,460.

NO COMMENT BABY, 6, At the Threshold--Bring on the Green (Cabrin Green)
Foal born 2-27-99, a colt by Captain Bodgit.
Will be bred back to Gentlemen (Arg)
Boarded at Walmac Farm, Ky.
Owned by John T.L. Jones Jr.
Accomplishments: SW.

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Sunday, Nad al Sheba Racecourse, Dubai:
DUBAI WORLD CUP-G1, \$5,000,000, Nad al Sheba,
 3-28, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m, 2:00.65 (NTR), ft.
 1--**ALMUTAWAKEL (GB)**, 126, c, 4, Machiavellian
 1st Dam: Elfaslah (Ire) (SW-Ire), by Green Desert
 2nd Dam: Fair of the Furze (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)
 3rd Dam: Autocratic (Ire), by Tyrant
 O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell
 Estate Co (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-R Hills;
 \$3,000,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-0, \$3,169,398.

There is nothing like being in the right place at the right time. A stallion's degree of success is very much a reflection of his ability to succeed with the mares to which he is mated. An awful lot of matings are still a result of what one might call "random selection," at least when it comes to pedigree, so what this really means is that a stallion ideally should own a pedigree which will combine well with the predominant strains in the region or country in which he stands.

That being so, there have been few stallions for which the "right place at the right time" factor works as well as it does for Machiavellian. Europe has reached a virtual saturation point with Northern Dancer strains and, to date, very few viable alternatives have appeared. Machiavellian is free of Northern Dancer, is a son of Mr. Prospector--a strain which has crossed very well with Northern Dancer--and best of all has Northern Dancer's half-sister Raise the Standard as his granddam (in fact his dam is by Halo, and is also inbred to Northern Dancer's granddam, Almahmoud).

A quick survey of Machiavellian's offspring shows that 13 of his first 20 stakes winners and seven of his first 10 group or graded winners are out of mares from the Northern Dancer male line. Also, 15 of 20 stakes winners and eight of 10 group or graded stakes winners by Machiavellian have Northern Dancer somewhere in their pedigrees. Oddly enough, there seem to be some examples of a "nick within a nick" as Machiavellian has four stakes winners out of mares by Northern Dancer's son Be My Guest and three out of mares by Nureyev.

Almutawakel, who became Machiavellian's most important winner to date when he captured the G1 Dubai World Cup, is one of two Machiavellian group winners out of mares by the Danzig stallion Green Desert, a cross which gives Natalma 4 x 5 and Almahmoud 5 x 5 x 6. Interestingly, both Machiavellian and Green Desert are out of mares by Turn-to line sires,

Machiavellian's dam being by Halo and Green Desert's by Sir Ivor. This has also proved to be a beneficial combination, as Halo sired Grade I winners Goodbye Halo and Jolie's Halo out of Sir Ivor mares. It is worth noting that the pedigrees of Halo and Sir Ivor are also linked on the distaff side as Halo's dam is by a son of Pharamond II out of a Mahmoud mare, while Sir Ivor's dam is by a son of Mahmoud out of a Pharamond II mare.

PEDIGREE SHORTS

The first running of the GII Gallery Furniture.Com S. threw up a live Kentucky Derby contender in **Stephen Got Even (c, 3, A. P. Indy--Immerse, by Cox's Ridge)**. The cross which this represents, Seattle Slew/Best Turn, has never come up with anything of any significance before and Seattle Slew has never really done anything with Blushing Groom (Fr), the sire of Stephen Got Even's second dam, Baroness Direct. Still, it may well be that Baroness Direct holds the key to this pedigree. A Grade III winner, she had the three-quarters related Spring Run and Tom Fool 3 x 4, and it may be that this has picked up on the Tom Fool strain in Stephen Got Even's pedigree.

There was another score for the combination of the three-quarters relatives Northern Dancer and Icecapade (both by Nearctic out of Native Dancer mares) when **Tricky Band (f, 3, Dixie Brass--Explosive Trick, by Phone Trick)** took the Rainbow Miss S. at Oaklawn Sunday. Tricky Band's granddam Rock Island Miss is by Explodent (another son of Nearctic) out of a daughter of a Mahmoud mare, and therefore is bred on a very similar cross to Northern Dancer. Tricky Band also has linebreeding to the great Calumet mare Nellie Flag through the close genetic relatives Last Wave and Sunshine Nell.

The weekend was a banner one for Jade Robbery (Mr. Prospector--Number, by Nijinsky II), a Japanese-based brother to young Kentucky stallions Numerous and Chequer. Two of his sons captured graded stakes, with **Theseus Frise (Jpn) (h, 7, Jade Robbery--Yuzuru Hime, by Red Sun)** taking the G3-Jpn Kurofune Sho and **Osumi Jet (Jpn) (h, 5, Jade Robbery--Tenzan Otome, by Maruzensky)** winning the G3-Jpn Nagoya Daishoten. This pair both have noteworthy pedigrees. Theseus Frise's dam is by a son of Red God, bringing together the Menow/Bull Dog combination through Flaming Page (dam of Nijinsky II) and Spring Run (dam of Red God). In addition, his second dam is by Thatch, a brother to Jade Robbery's granddam, Special. Osumi Jet's dam is by a son of Nijinsky II, so he has Nijinsky II 3 x 3, another example of the pattern of inbreeding to the broodmare sire of the sire.

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