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## N • E • W • S T O D A Y

**LUKAS SUSPENDED 10 DAYS** Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas was suspended 10 days by Churchill Downs stewards Sunday, according to a report in yesterday's Louisville *Courier-Journal*. The suspension was handed down after the Lukas-trained Dance Master came up positive for the drug benzenemethanol after a race May 16. After a hearing Sunday, Lukas was given the minimum sentence and he will not appeal the decision. The suspension will run from July 6-15. Benzenemethanol is used to treat minor breathing problems and skin diseases. Lukas was not in Kentucky for the May 16 race in which Dance Master ran second. The two-year-old, who subsequently broke his maiden on the Belmont S. undercard June 5, was disqualified from the purse money of the Kentucky race.

### ☆ TRACK OPENING ☆

**LAUREL PARK - Laurel, MD**

**Opens: Wednesday, June 23**

**Closes: Friday, Aug. 27**

**Racing Days: Wednesday through Sunday**

**Post Time: 12:30 p.m. weekdays, 12:15 p.m. weekends & holidays**

**Stakes Schedule: 22 stakes worth \$1.64M**

**Highlights: \$300,000 GI Frank J. DeFrancis**

**Memorial Dash-July 17; \$125,000 Straight**

**Deal Breeders' Cup S.-Aug. 14**

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23:**

07-01 \$150,000a Lt. Governor's Breeders' Cup-III, Hst, 3yo/up, 9f, (200)

07-03 \$250,000 Beverly Hills H.-I, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 10fT, (300)

07-03 \$150,000 Grand Prairie Turf Challenge, LS, 3yo, 8fT, (0)

07-04 \$150,000 Walmac Lone Star Oaks, LS, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, (0)

07-04 \$150,000 American H.-II, Hol, 3yo/up, 9fT, (100)

07-05 \$300,000 Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup H.-II, Mth, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, (200)

07-05 \$100,000a Landaluce-II, Hol, 2yo, f, 6f, (100)

07-11 \$100,000a Dance Smartly-II, Wo, 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT, (100)



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### Japanese Stakes Results:

**HOKUTO VEGA MEMORIAL-G3 Jpn**, Kawasaki, Japan, 6-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f, 1:40.10, gd.

1--**FAST FRIEND (JPN)**, 121, m, 5, Ines Fujin (Jpn)--The Last Word (Jpn), by Northern Taste. O-Hiroaki Takezaki; B-Y Nakamae; T-K Takaichi; J-M Ebina; \$252,249. Lifetime Record: 20-7-2-4, \$1,335,180.

2--**Abukuma Lady (Jpn)**, 119, m, 6, Hospitality (Jpn)--Akino Lady (Jpn), by Stintino (GB). O-Junnosuke Hamano; B-Shoichi Yamagishi.

3--**Flower Taeyama (Jpn)**, 121, m, 5, Brian's Time--One Bold Bid (Jpn), by Northern Taste. O-Yukio Tsuji; B-Mitsuo Akasaka.

Margins: 2, 3, 1/2. Odds: 2.10, 26.40, 4.10.

**NAGOYA YOUSHUN-G3-Jpn**, Nagoya, Japan, 6-16, 3yo, 9 1/2f, 2:02.30, gd.

1--**#TAIKI HERAKLES (JPN)**, 121, c, 3, by Ibn Bey (GB) 1st Dam: Sound Beauty (Ire), by Be My Guest 2nd Dam: Hobe Sound (Ire), by Busted (GB) 3rd Dam: Tanella (Ire), by Habitat

O/B-Taiki Farm; T-N Ebina; J-S Fujita; \$252,249. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$608,820.

2--**My Season (Jpn)**, 121, c, 3, White Muzzle (GB)--Madame Pompadour (Jpn), by Persian Boy (GB). O-Hisanari Takada; B-Yukiharu Shikado.

3--**Admire Mambo**, 121, c, 3, Kingmambo--Fortunate Facts, by Sir Ivor. (\$220,000 yrl '97 FTSAUG).

O-Riichi Kondo; B-Dr. & Mrs. R Smiser West (Ky). Margins: 1/2, 2 1/2, 5. Odds: 1.80, 3.30, 4.40.

### Sunday, Emerald Downs:

**MT. RAINIER BREEDERS' CUP H.**, \$55,000, EMD, 6-20, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34 1/5, ft.

1--**KID KATABATIC**, 122, h, 6, Katowice--Ineeda Vacation, by Winning Hit. O-Van Oostdam, S Ferguson K & Russell M & L; B-Phil Reimer, W Lee, et al (CAN); T-S Vanoostdam; J-L H Jauregui; \$27,500. Lifetime Record: GSW, 19-12-1-3, \$399,933.

2--**Kittys Link**, 116, h, 5, Mickey Le Mousse--Iron Kitty, by List. \$10,000.

3--**Dash Eight**, 113, h, 6, Son of Briartic--De Havilland, by Forceten. \$7,500.

Margins: HF, 2 3/4, HD. Odds: 0.70, 14.40, 10.20.

Kid Katabatic came back after a 6 1/2-month layoff to take the Seattle H. going six furlongs May 1. The odds-on choice to make it two-for-two on the year, the bay set the pace on a clear lead and held on over the fast-closing Kittys Link.



◆ FOREIGN ◆

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:**

**Kanetsu World**, c, 3, Iron Courage--Badgettland Rose, by Tom Rolfe. Fukushima, 6-19, Clematis Sho, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$148,000. O-Kanetsu Kyosoba Inc.; B-Arlene & W.R. O'Neill; T-M Minamida. \*Breaking from the inside, he rated well off the early pace, angled to the outside for the stretch run and showed a brilliant turn of foot to win going away by 2 1/2 lengths. \*\*\$4,000 yrl '97 KEEJAN.

**Super Zorro**, c, 3, Meadowlake--Wedding Picture (SW, \$152,997), by Blushing Groom (Fr). Fukushima, 6-19, novice race, 5f (dirt). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,500. O-Uraichi Suga; B-Pin Oak Stud; T-Y Matsuyama. \*Eighth in his debut June 6, he went right to the lead this time and never looked back, winning by five lengths. "I thought he was really powerful during his morning works, but I am very impressed with this speedy performance," said winning jockey Chiaki Sakai. \*\*1/2 to Winged Victory (\*Nijinsky II), GSW & GISP-U.S., SW & GSP-Eng, \$189,549; Service Stripe (Deputy Minister), MSW, \$130,043; and Puzzled Look (Gulch), SW, \$110,434. \*\*\*\$44,000 yrl '97 FTMSEP; \$130,000 2yo '98 FTFEB.

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS IN ENGLAND:**

**Comprehension**, f, 3, Diesis (GB)--Je Comprend, by Caerleon. Yarmouth, 6-21, Lingwood Maiden Fillies S., 3yo, f, 1mT, \$6,361 to winner. O-Saeed Manana; B-James Wigan; T-Clive Brittain. \*1/2 to Krigeorj's Gold (Kris {GB}), SW, \$217,455.

**Make Way**, c, 3, Red Ransom--Way Of The World (SW, \$118,398), by Dance Of Life. Windsor, 6-21, Royal Windsor Racecourse Maiden S., 3yo, 8f 67ydsT, \$6,202 to winner. O-J Semple; B-P Mellon; T-B Meehan.

**Alhasad**, c, 3, Sheikh Albadou (GB)--Valley Prospector (MSP), by Northern Prospect. Nottingham, 6-21, Nottingham Eveing Post Maiden S., 3yo/up, 1m 54ydsT, \$6,587 to winner. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Jim Robinson & Pam Robinson; T-Alec Stewart. \*\$65,000 wnlg '96 KEENOV.

**Daylight In Dubai**, h, 5, Twilight Agenda--Lady Godolphin (SP), by Son Ange. Yarmouth, 6-21, European Breeders Fund Hemblington Classified '95' S., 3yo/up, 6fT, \$11,212 to winner. O-Phil Lake; B-Hargus Sexton & Sandra Ellsworth; T-David Nicholls. \*GSW-Ire. \*\*1/2 to Dusty's Command (Bob's Dusty), SW, \$124,848; Sri Pekan (Red Ransom), MGSW-Eng, \$150,894. \*\*\*\$100,000 wnlg '94 FTKNOV; \$130,000 yrl '95 KEESEP.

**Fahs**, g, 7, Riverman--Tanwi (Ire) (GSW-Ire), by Vision. Yarmouth, 6-21, Cargate Green H., 3yo/up, 10f 21ydsT, \$4,498 to winner. O-City Industrial Supplies Ltd; B-Shadwell Farm Inc; T-N Hamilton.

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN FRANCE:**

**Mitreo**, c, 4, Strike the Gold--Cynthia Dean, by Secretariat. Chantilly, 6-21, Prix de Luzarches, 4yo, 9 1/2fT, \$7,975 to winner. O/T-Elie Lellouche; B-John W Rooker. \*\$40,000 yrl '96 KEESEP.

**Record Tattersalls July Entries:**

A record 381 lots are catalogued for the Tattersalls Mixed July Sale, July 6-8, including handicapper Al Muallim (Theatrical {Ire}), who last week finished eighth when favorite for the Wokingham S. at Royal Ascot. The catalogue is largely made up of horses in training and the leading yards represented include those of Henry Cecil, Luca Cumani, John Dunlop, John Gosden, Criquelette Head, Barry Hills, Sir Michael Stoute and Dermot Weld. There are 130 fillies and 41 mares in foal to stallions including Alzao (Lyphard), Be My Guest (Northern Dancer), Elmaamul (Diesis {GB}), In The Wings (GB) (Sadler's Wells), Lion Cavern (Mr. Prospector), Shaamit (Ire) (Mtoto {GB}) and Unfuwain (Northern Dancer). Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony said yesterday, "The Tattersalls July Sale has gone from strength to strength in recent years, and this year's catalogue is not only the largest ever, but looks to have all the ingredients to attract strong demand from both home and abroad."

**Changes to Hong Kong International Program:**

Various changes to the race program at Hong Kong's Sha Tin Racecourse on International Day were announced yesterday. The Hong Kong Cup, now run over 2,000 meters (10f) (previously 1,800m), has been upgraded to Group 1 status, and the G2 Hong Kong Mile (formerly Bowl) is increased in distance from 1,400m to 1,600m (8f). A new Listed turf race, the Hong Kong Sprint, run over 1,000m (5f) with prize money of US\$688,000, has been added to the card for three-year-olds and upwards. Also run is the G2 Hong Kong Vase over 2,400 meters (12f). This year's fixture is Dec. 13.

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**Calder Participates in Jockeys Across America Day:**

The Don MacBeth Memorial Jockey Fund's main fundraising event, Jockeys Across America Day, will take place this year on July 3. Calder Race Course will participate by donating \$2,000 and selling Fred Stone posters signed by Calder Jockeys and Don MacBeth Memorial Jockey Fund t-shirts.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**1st-DEL, \$28,130, Msw, 2yo, 5f, :59, sy.**  
**MR. BILL (c, 2, Mr. Greeley--Miss Winmor {SP}, by Northern Baby),** third in his debut at Pimlico May 27, added Lasix and was sent off the 2-5 favorite in his second start. The \$40,000 KEENOV weanling and \$57,000 KESEP yearling led every step, drawing off down the lane for a 5 1/4-length victory. Mr. Bill became the first winner for his freshman sire (by Gone West). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$22,650. O-Harry & Tom Meyerhoff. B-M E & P S Lauer (Ky). T-G G Delp.

**1st-FEX, \$10,800, Msw, 3, 4, 5 & 6yo, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48 2/5, ft.**  
**+MYSTIC CHARLENE (f, 4, Charlie Barley--Mystic Runner, by No Sale George),** off at 10-1 in her belated career opener, was pressed through the first half, but cruised away from her rivals to win by five handy lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,480. O/B/T-Richard H Jukosky (Can).

◆ So. CALIFORNIA ◆

**CTBA Del Mar Yearling Sale to be Broadcast:**

California Thoroughbred Breeders Association Sales has announced plans to satellite broadcast this year's Del Mar yearling sale Aug. 16 and 17 from the Del Mar HorsePark. "The CTBA is putting its best foot forward to improve the yearling marketplace in California," explained CTBA General Manager Doug Burge. "We believe satellite broadcasting the sale will introduce the Del Mar yearling sale to an entirely new audience and help cultivate potential buyers as well." The signal will be available on Telstar 4, Transponder 4 on Monday, Aug. 16 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. PT and Tuesday, Aug. 17 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. PT.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-DEL, \$31,600, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46 3/5, sy.**

**SHINING STREAM (c, 4, Sunshine Forever--Monica Anne, by True Knight)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-0, \$43,677. O-Michael W Jester. B-Mrs. Charles M. Boone & George Zimmerman (KY). T-Randy Nunley. \*1/2 to Monica Faye (Wolf Power {SAf}), MSW, \$197,502.

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**6th-HAW, \$31,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.**

**TIGER SHOALS (c, 4, Rare Performer--Hello Kris {SW}, by Kris S.)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-1, \$78,930. O-Seaside Stables Ltd. B-Bernard Flint, T. Conway, Et Al. (KY). T-Jere R Smith Sr.

**1st-HAW, \$29,000, (S), 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:43, ft.**

**CANE RIDGE (c, 3, Bello--Linnea B., by Lot o' Gold)** Lifetime Record: 17-2-5-0, \$62,760. O/T-Tom Dorris. B-Dorris Tom (IL).

**9th-HAW, \$29,000, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.**

**DANCING HARLAN (c, 3, Harlan--Come Dance With Me, by Red Ryder)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$35,640. O-Matthew Sularski. B-Boyd Mike (KY). T-Wayne M Catalano. \*1/2 to Her Lady Shipp (Family Doctor), MSW, \$225,765.

**9th-PHA, \$26,190, 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :58 1/5, sy.**

**TURBO INJUN (h, 6, Two Davids--Amazing Native, by Native Uproar)** Lifetime Record: 33-7-6-3, \$101,324. O/B/T-John B. Decker (PA).

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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**Warm Heart** (July \$350,000) Norfolk Stakes (Gr. 3)  
**Lear Spear** (September \$25,000) Prince of Wales's Stakes (Gr. 2)  
**Fruits of Love** (November \$70,000) Hardwicke Stakes (Gr. 2)

**July 19 - 20 Selected Yearling Sale**



1st-CRC, \$24,000, 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :58, ft.  
**I'M IMPRESSED** (c, 4, Proud Birdie--You'll B Impressed,  
 by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: SW, 20-5-7-2,  
 \$104,055. O-Arnold Sheila P. B-Kevin Hartigan (FL).  
 T-Richard Arnold. \*Won on a DQ.

10th-PHA, \$22,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 4/5, sy.  
**SAL'S HONEY** (f, 4, Big Sal--Bumpalatchee, by  
 Apalachee) Lifetime Record: 32-7-7-2, \$115,370.  
 O-Bruno Schickedanz. B-Peregrine Stables, Inc. (FL).  
 T-Allen Iwinski.

7th-CRC, \$20,500, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24 4/5, ft.  
**ILN'ESTPASPOSSIBLE** (f, 3, Hubble--Try to Be a Lady,  
 by Sham) Lifetime Record: 20-3-2-3, \$56,920. O-El  
 Aguila Stud. B-Eric A. Del Valle (FL). T-Duke Davis.  
 \*1/2 to Zee Lady (Unreal Zeal), SW, \$124,659.

3rd-TDN, \$18,800, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:44  
 1/5, ft.  
**WHO RAH MINERVA** (f, 3, Northern No Trump--Round  
 Hill Road, by Pleasant Colony) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1,  
 \$36,181. O/B-Joseph L Weir (OH). T-Joseph Shuman.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Mr. Bill, c, 2, Mr. Greeley--Miss Winmor (SP), by  
 Northern Baby. DEL, 6-21, 5f, :59. B-Michael E &  
 Penny S Lauer (Ky). \*\$40,000 wlng '97 KEENOV;  
 \$57,000 yrl '98 KESEP. \*\*First winner for freshman  
 sire (by Gone West).

Black Tie Boogie, f, 3, Black Tie Affair (Ire)--Mama's  
 Boogie, by Dr. Blum. PHA, 6-21, 1 1/16m (off turf),  
 1:48 4/5. B-Jeffrey A Novak & Kripple Kreek Farm  
 (Ky). \*\$41,000 2yo 1998 FTMMAY.

Color Me Glitter, c, 3, Glitterman--Mira Irish Key, by  
 Irish Castle. DEL, 6-21, (C), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Brylynn  
 Farm, Inc (FI). \*\$37,000 yrl '97 OBSAUG. \*\*1/2 to  
 Puffy Doodle (Northjet {Ire}), SW & GISP, \$107,114.

Ben'z Mercedes, c, 3, Mercedes Won--Classy Elegance,  
 by Diplomat Way. RKM, 6-21, 1 1/16mT, 1:47 3/5.  
 B-Farnsworth Farms (FI). \*\$8,000 2yo 1998  
 FTMMAY.

Meigs, c, 3, Nasty and Bold--Bobsho (SW, \$139,274),  
 by Morning Bob. HAW, 6-21, (S), a1m70yd, 1:44  
 4/5. B-Michele Boyce & Jerry Rabin (II).

Skip 'n Pass, c, 3, Skip Trial--Passionata, by Cozzene.  
 CRC, 6-21, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Susan & Thomas Stark  
 (FI).

+ Mystic Charlene, f, 4, Charlie Barley--Mystic Runner,  
 by No Sale George. FEX, 6-21, 1 1/16m, 1:48 2/5.  
 B-Jukosky Richard Hugh (Can).

**FOALING NEWS:**

**SIERRE MADRE (FR)**, 8, Baillamont--Marie d'Irelande  
 (Fr) (Kalamoun {GB})

Foal born 4-30-99, a filly by Storm Cat.  
 Will be bred back to Storm Cat.

Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm, LLC, Ky.  
 Accomplishments: MG1SW-Fr, \$404,354; dam of  
 Aljabr (Storm Cat), G1SW-Fr, GSW-Eng, \$119,602.

**DIAMOND DUO**, 10, Badger Land--Diamonds 'n Dust  
 (Bob's Dusty)

Foal born 5-1-99, a colt by Quiet American.  
 Will be bred back to Silver Ghost.

Owned by Harriet Finkelstein.  
 Boarded at Vinery Kentucky in Ky.  
 Accomplishments: MGSW, \$299,907.

**MISS IRON SMOKE**, 10, Iron Constitution--Smoke on  
 Water (Gallant Romeo)

Foal born 5-1-99, a filly by Crafty Prospector.  
 Will be bred back to Forest Wildcat.

Owned by Jan, Mace & Samantha Siegel.  
 Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.  
 Accomplishments: GISW of \$332,217. Dam of Iron  
 Cat (Storm Cat), SP.

**TEDDY'S TOP TEN**, 10, Gate Dancer--Anchorwoman  
 (Iron Ruler)

Foal born 5-1-99, a colt by Holy Bull.  
 Will be bred back to Numerous.

Owned by John Franks.  
 Boarded at Jonabell Farm in Ky.  
 Accomplishments: SW of \$433,166.

**FOREVER LAND**, 10, Badger Land--Lullaby Song  
 (T.V. Lark)

Foal born 5-2-99, a colt by Birdonthewire.  
 Will be bred back to Lucky Lionel.

Owned and boarded at Adena Springs in Fl.  
 Accomplishments: GSW of \$114,972.

**LAURA'S PISTOLETTE**, 8, Big Pistol--Lovely Nedra  
 (Irish Tower)

Foal born 5-2-99, a colt by Deputy Minister.  
 Will be bred back to Touch Gold.

Owned and Boarded at Stonerside Stable LLC, Ky.  
 Accomplishments: MGSW of \$545,710.

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## WRITERS UP

### HOME IS WHERE THE HORSE IS

By Bill Handleman

Sidney Underwood's mother thought she should come home to Alabama, go back to school, get a degree. Her friends thought she was out of her mind, wanting to train horses for a living--and they're race-track people themselves.

"They'd say, 'What are you, crazy? This business ain't goin' nowhere,'" she recalls. "But where would I go, why would I want to go back to school? I left school once because I couldn't stand it, why would I go back again?"

So she stayed where she felt she belonged, on the racetrack. She may have been a debutante in Alabama 20 years ago, but as far as she was concerned fancy dresses and cotillions had nothing on faded jeans and cold, damp mornings on the backside.

As for actually getting to train race horses, well, that was better than being crowned belle of the ball any day. Especially on days when your horse wins and pays \$42.40. Like Victory Bash did on Memorial Day at Monmouth Park. Even if was only a \$5,000 claiming race, bottom of the barrel at Monmouth.

Sidney Underwood is 36 years old now. She has been training horses since September of 1997. Before that she was a clocker for a brief time. Before that she was sitting at home in a wheelchair, trying to remain upbeat. This was hard. The longer she went without work, the harder it got, too. Then after a while she found herself contemplating how lousy life was, entertaining dark thoughts, and smoking a lot of cigarettes.

She is in a wheelchair because on the night of June 19, 1992, the horse she was riding at Atlantic City Race Course got spooked by a shadow and threw her head-first onto the track. The kind of spill that makes you wince and turn your head, instinctively.

She was paralyzed from the middle of her abdomen down, she would never walk again and by 1995 she was losing it altogether. She couldn't pay her bills. She was getting \$115 a week in workman's compensation, \$93 a month in social security, and her claim that the poor lighting at Atlantic City caused the accident was dragging on and on.

"I was a year and a half behind on my property taxes, I was in foreclosure, and I was either gonna get a gun and blow my brains out, or wind up in a rubber room...but my lawyer kept saying, 'Look, they can't throw a paralyzed girl out on the street.'"

She began spending her mornings at Garden State Park, which is just around the corner from the modest house where she still lives. She was trying her hand at clocking horses, picking up a few bucks here and there the hardest way imaginable.

"I have nothing but admiration for those guys now," she says. "I'll never dog-cuss 'em again. You get trainers coming up to you saying, 'Why didn't you get this?' and 'Why didn't you get that?' And you're thinking, 'Gee, I don't know, there were only 27 of 'em breaking off at the same time, I don't know how I could've missed your horse.'"

Underwood's days as a clocker lasted through one cold winter and part of the spring at Garden State. Then, after five years of being dragging through the judicial system, she finally got a satisfactory settlement from Atlantic City Race Course.

First thing she did, she went out and got her license and claimed a horse from trainer Juan Serey, a \$5,000 filly named Jersey Gold.

Jersey Gold won for her new trainer first time off the claim. Next time out Serey's owner insisted on claiming her back. Underwood then took that money and sank it into Stokes State, an ornery old gelding nobody wanted.

Lo and behold, Stokes State starts winning. He wins a \$10,000 claiming race for Jersey-breds. He wins a \$12,000 race for Jersey-breds. He runs second in open company against \$16,000 claimers. Back in with Jersey-breds, he wins next time out for \$16,000.

"He's the reason I live and breathe and eat," says Underwood. "He's an eight-year-old gelding and he'll be mine forever and ever. Last summer Scott Lake came here and claimed him. I couldn't believe it. I'm going, 'Have they lost their ever-lovin' mind? What moron would buy him for \$16,000?'"

"I was crying my eyes out. I had to go and call my mom, I had to talk to somebody who loved me. Then I go and try to buy him back, and the owner's hiding from me.

"But when they tried to load the horse on the van, he wouldn't go, they can't get him on the van. That's when they decided they might think about selling him back to me. And the guys who were trying to load him on the van actually came over and thanked me."

Then she punctuates her story with the kind of laugh you would never hear at a coming-out party in Huntsville, Alabama.

Sidney Underwood knows where home is, no matter what family and friends might think. Home is where Stokes State is, where Victory Bash is.

### FOALING NEWS:

**NIJINSKY'S BEAUTY**, 15, Nijinsky II--Secret Beauty (Raise a Native)

Foal born 5-2-99, a colt by Candy Stripes.

Will be bred back to Red Ransom.

Owned by Robert B. Berger.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Blond Moment (Affirmed), MSW; Here Come D Perks (Rahy), SP; Sly Shannon (Carson City), SP.