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DRAMATIC GOLD RETIRED Dramatic Gold (Slew o' Gold) has been retired from racing after suffering a minor injury while preparing for a start in last Sunday's All American H., according to a report in *Daily Racing Form*. Bred and raced by John and Betty Mabee, the eight-year-old gelding captured the 1996 GI Meadowlands Cup H. and GII Del Mar Breeders' Cup H., as well as the 1994 GII Molson Export Million S. He was on the board in 13 graded stakes, including a third-place effort in the 1994 GI Breeders' Cup Classic. In 1999, the veteran runner ran third in the GII San Antonio H. and in the GII San Carlos H. He concluded his career with nine wins in 39 starts and earnings of \$2,567,630.

CHURCHILL TO HONOR SILVER CHARM Churchill Downs will honor retiring 1997 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Silver Charm (Silver Buck) in a ceremony at the track June 27. The five-year-old will be brought to the paddock for saddling before he is led to the track for his final farewell parade before the Louisville fans. Silver Charm, who had two wins and two seconds in five Churchill starts, will be galloped under the Twin Spires and then taken to the winner's circle for the last time where he will be presented with an oversized silver basket of carrots, apples and mints. Racing in the colors of Bob and Beverly Lewis, the champion three-year-old of 1997 won 12 of 24 starts and earned \$6,944,369. Plans for the Eclipse winner's stud career have not been decided.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23:

- 07-01 \$100/50,000a 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 American H.-II, Hol, 3yo/up, 9fT, (100)
- 07-04 \$150,000 Walmac Lone Star Oaks, LS, 3yo, f, 8.5fT, (0)
- 07-05 \$200/100,000a Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup H.-II, Mth, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, (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)



Sunday, Hollywood Park
SEMPRA ENERGY HOLLYWOOD GOLD CUP-G1, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m

Real Quiet (Quiet American) zipped five furlongs in :58 1/5 yesterday morning at Santa Anita, second-fastest work at the distance on the tab. "He's ready," trainer Bob Baffert said. "He worked like he's supposed to work." The winner of the GI Pimlico Special May 8, the four-year-old comes off a third-place finish in the GII Massachusetts H. at Suffolk Downs May 29. He has not raced at Hollywood Park since taking the 1997 GI Hollywood Futurity Dec. 14, 1997.

Budroyale (Cee's Tizzy) blew out three furlongs in :36 2/5 at Santa Anita yesterday, but Old Trieste (A.P. Indy), who was scheduled to breeze, had his workout postponed until today. Trainer Mike Puype decided to delay the move first because jockey Chris McCarron was at Del Mar and unavailable to work the colt, and second because the four-year-old worked four days prior to his smashing win in the May 29 GII Californian.

Trainer Richard Mandella said yesterday that his Gold Cup contender Puerto Madero (Chi) (Gallantsky) will wear blinkers Sunday in an effort to sharpen his speed.

Sunday, The Curragh, Ireland
BUDWEISER IRISH DERBY-G1, \$1,032,232, 3yo, c/f, 1 1/2mT

The runners, in alphabetical order, will be:

HORSE (Sire)	TRAINER
(s) Beat All (Dynaformer)	Stoute
Daliapour (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)	Cumani
Festival Hall (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)	O'Brien
Genghis Khan (Sadler's Wells)	O'Brien
Montjeu (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)	Hammond
Mudaa-Eb (GB) (Machiavellian)	Prendergast
(s) Mutafaweq (Silver Hawk)	bin Suroor
Oath (Ire) (Fairy King)	Cecil
Port Bayou (Ghazi)	Weld
Tchaikovsky (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)	O'Brien
Urban Ocean (Fr) (Bering {GB})	O'Brien
(s)--Supplemented at Ir£77,500 (\$103,223).	

Saturday, Hollywood Park
AFFIRMED H.-GIII, \$125,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

GI Santa Anita Derby hero General Challenge (General Meeting), unraced since running 11th in the Kentucky Derby, worked five-eighths in a bullet :57 3/5 yesterday for the Affirmed.



◆ MIDWEST ◆

Gasper Joins Lane's End Bloodstock:

John Gasper will join Lane's End Farm, near Versailles, Kentucky, as their bloodstock representative. Gasper, 49, brings 30 years of experience in the Thoroughbred industry to his new role. Gasper previously worked as a trainer, an agent for jockeys such as Craig Perret and as a field agent for Sallee Vans. His duties will include acting as liaison to Lane's End's racing and sales clients as well as assisting new clients with their bloodstock requirements. Gasper replaces Bates Newton whose resignation is effective June 25. Newton, formerly the head of Lane's End Bloodstock, will be opening his own agency, Bates Newton Bloodstock, LLC, which begins operating June 25. Newton will be joined by Becky Thomas Montgomery and her partners, Lewis and Brenda Lakin. Said Newton, "It's a perfect mix with my experience in the bloodstock and breeding end and hers in the racing and training end. Basically, we'll cover the whole gamut of the industry." Newton left Gainesway Farm to help start Lane's End Stallions; he was with the farm for 15 years.

◆ FOREIGN ◆

Royal Anthem to Pass King George:

The Thoroughbred Corporation's Royal Anthem (Theatrical {Ire}), runner-up in last week's G2 Hardwicke S. at Royal Ascot, will bypass the July 24 G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. at 12 furlongs in favor of the G1 Juddmonte International at York Aug. 17 at 10 furlongs, according to a report from *Racing Post Online*. Trainer Henry Cecil told the *Racing Post's* Jon Lees, "Even though he won races like the King Edward [12 furlongs] last year, I think he is not really getting that trip. With a mile-and-a-half horse, when you pass the winning post pulling him up, you usually whip 'round the bend. With [Royal Anthem] he is pulling up soon after the post and he's quite leg-weary." Cecil told the *Racing Post* that he has mapped out a campaign to include the Sept. 11 G1 Irish Champion S. and the G1 Champion S. at Newmarket Oct. 16, both at 10 furlongs. The defection of Royal Anthem raises speculation that Epsom Derby winner and stablemate Oath (Ire) (Fairy King) could contest the King George after his run in the Irish Derby this weekend.

Rothmans New St. Leger Sponsor:

The final classic of the English season will be run as the Rothmans Royals St. Leger at Doncaster Saturday, Sept. 11, after it was announced that the tobacco giant will back the race. Rothmans will also support the G3 Park Hill S. Sept. 8, the G3 May Hill S. Sept. 9 and the Mallard H. Sept. 10 under a three-year deal which will see the St. Leger increase in value from £320,000 (\$512,821) to £350,000 (\$560,897) in the first year. The news comes just a week after the government signaled that tobacco sponsorship of sporting events is to be phased out by 2003 or 2006.

Horse-friendly Whip Makes its Debut:

A whip that is claimed to be the most horse-friendly ever made was unveiled in London yesterday. The designer of the rubber-coated Aircush whip, with a cushion of air surrounding a fiberglass spine, said it would eliminate injury to horses. Jim Mahon has spent the last 10 years developing a shock-absorbing whip and trying to persuade the racing industry to use it. The new whip is now being marketed to the general horse world. Mahon said, "I can hit my knuckles with the whip and it doesn't hurt. It might mark a sweaty horse, but it's extremely unlikely to damage. Shock-absorbing whips will become mandatory sooner or later." Mahon claimed his whip did not break glass when struck against it, unlike contemporary racing whips. Bernard Donigan, senior equine consultant for the Royal Society for the Protection against Cruelty of Animals, said, "A whip in the wrong hands can cause quite a lot of pain and suffering. You will find that with the way most whips are constructed, the possibility of injuring a horse is built in. This is why I'm so strongly in support of the Aircush whip, as that aspect is not there." Jockey Club spokesman John Maxse said, "I don't foresee us being in a position to endorse only one make. What we do is define a standard with regard to dimensions and padding and cushioning, and whips within that standard can be used. If one make is superior to the others, then market forces will deem that will be the one that they use."

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ENGLAND:

Azouz Pasha, c, 3, Lyphard--Empress Club (Arg) (Ch. 2yo & 3yo Filly-SAf, Horse of the Year-SAf, Ch. Older Mare-SAf, MG1SW-SAf, SW-U.S.), by Farnesio (Arg). Lingfield, 6-22, Henry Streeter Maiden S., 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, \$5,780 to winner. O-Wafic Said; B-Lawrence Jaffee & Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd; T-Henry Cecil. *\$380,000 yrl '97 KEEJUL.

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Inglis June Results:

Weanlings are selling for yearling prices--that's the verdict from some buyers following an extremely strong Inglis June Weanling and Thoroughbred Sale over three days (June 20-22) at Oaklands Junction in Melbourne, Australia. Growth in pinhooking and ready-to-run sales and a AUS\$1 million (US\$656,814) two-year-old Ingis-San Miguel incentive race is partly fueling a bullish market. Also fanning the frenzy is the eagerly sought-after first-crop progeny of shuttle sires such as Charnwood Forest (Ire) (Warning {GB}) and Encosta De Lago (Aus) (Fairy King). The top-priced broodmare was **Majestic Alicia** (His Majesty), in foal to Royal Academy. Bill Hodder paid AUS\$115,000 (\$75,534) for the mare. The same buyer gave AUS\$100,000 (\$65,681) for **Superb Prospect** (Superbity), in foal to Unbridled's Song. A Grand Lodge colt out of the stakes-placed mare Salimar (Aus) (Marscaj {Aus}) went under the hammer for AUS\$38,000 (\$24,959). The sale grossed AUS\$4,086,600 (\$2,684,138) for 549 lots. A total of 190 weanlings sold for an average of AUS\$6,585 (\$4,325)--an increase of 44.2 percent from 1998. "Vendors are being rewarded for supporting this sale which is now firmly entrenched on the calendar," said Inglis Associate Director Peter Heagney. The final yearling sale for 1999 is on Friday at Inglis's Newmarket complex in Sydney--the last chance for buyers to purchase yearlings eligible for next year's million-dollar race and AUS\$200,000 (\$131,363) Inglis Winter Challenge.

Champagne Retired:

Champagne (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}--L'Quiz {L'Enjoleur}), officially retired Tuesday, will be bred to Danehill this spring. The filly suffered a tendon injury in a paddock accident that kept her off the track all autumn. Trainer Laurie Laxon said that, after consulting with vets and owner Bob Emery, it was decided to send the dual Group 1 winner to stud. "All going well, she would probably be all right to race in three months and if she was a gelding, it would be a different story, but she is Champagne after all," said Laxon. As a three-year-old in 1997-98, Champagne became the first New Zealand-bred filly to earn AUS\$1 million (US\$656,814) in a season in which she won the Angus Armanasco S. and Ansett Australia S. Last spring, she won the Mackinnon S. before finishing second by a neck in the Melbourne Cup.

WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

HEMPSTEAD H.-GI, \$250,000, BEL, 6-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:40 3/5, ft.

1--**SISTER ACT**, 117, f, 4, by Saint Ballado

1st Dam: La Ice Queen, by Icecapade

2nd Dam: La Queen Bina, by Circle Home

3rd Dam: La Queenie, by Prince John

O-Dwight & Perry Sutherland & Edward Taylor; B-Kay A Kitchen & Sally K Cook (FI); T-Jeffrey N Jacobs; J-P Day; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 13-7-4-0, \$579,394.

With a win in the GI Hempstead H. at Belmont Park on Saturday, Sister Act demonstrated that she may well be a candidate for divisional honors. In defeating Mecke's full-sister Beautiful Pleasure by a half-length Sister Act led home a Florida-bred one-two, which is appropriate since Sister Act's sire Saint Ballado is one of the latest stallions to hit the big time after beginning his career at a modest fee in Florida.

A full brother to Devil's Bag, Saint Ballado (Halo--Ballade, by *Herbager) won the GII Arlington Classic S. and GIII Sheridan S. and two other races from eight starts at three. Retired to Mike O'Farrell Jr's Ocala Stud Farm at a fee of \$3,500, Saint Ballado made an immediate impact. His first crop of 31 foals produced three stakes winners headed by Captain Bodgit, winner of the GI Florida Derby and GII Wood Memorial S. as well as runner-up to Silver Charm in the GI Kentucky Derby.

For the 1998 breeding season Saint Ballado moved to Taylor Made Farm in Kentucky to stand at a fee of \$20,000, moving to \$30,000 for the 1999 season. Many stallions who start with a flourish at a low fee have difficulty maintaining the strike rate until their more expensive crops come along, but this doesn't seem to be the case for Saint Ballado as his second crop has so far supplied nine stakes winners including Sister Act and other graded scorers Fantasy Angel and Sweetsouthernstaint.

Sister Act is the product of a clever mating which involves linebreeding to a combination of two notable producers. The excellent mare Cosmah (Cosmic Bomb--Almahmoud, by *Mahmoud) appears 3x4 through Saint Ballado's sire Halo (Hail to Reason--Cosmah, by Cosmic Bomb) and her grandson Circle Home (Bold Bidder--Queen Sucree, by *Ribot), the sire of Sister Act's second dam La Queen Bina. In fact, Halo and Circle Home are somewhat similarly bred since Halo is from the male line of Royal Charger and Circle Home is from the male line of Royal Charger's three-quarters brother Nasrullah.

THE NTRA TOP 10

1. **VICTORY GALLOP** - *Sired at Vinery*
6. **REAL QUIET** - *Future Vinery Stallion*
10. **LEMON DROP KID** - *Close Relative of SHUAILAAN*

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Pedigree Perspectives cont.

There is another clever twist in this pedigree. Sister Act's third dam La Queenie is by Prince John (*Princequillo--Not Afraid, by Count Fleet), and Prince John is often seen in combination with Halo as he is out of a half-sister to Halo's broodmare sire Cosmic Bomb (*Pharamond II--Banish Fear, by Blue Larkspur). So, in Sister Act's pedigree there is not only a double of Cosmah, but also three crosses of Banish Fear through the half-siblings Cosmic Bomb and Not Afraid. The Halo/Prince John combination also appears in Saint Ballado's graded-stakes winner Fantasy Angel and in stakes winners Devil's Cup, Devil's Brew and Abaginone by Devil's Bag.

The weekend provided another example of this pattern the day after Sister Act's triumph when Gold Princess (Prospector's Halo--Needles Lady, by On to Glory) was successful in the GIII Vagrancy H. at Belmont. Her sire is out of a Halo mare and her third dam is a daughter of Prince John.

Pedigree Shorts:

Despite concerns about passing on some of his less desirable physical traits--particularly in the foreleg department--inbreeding to In Reality seems to be working quite well. The latest stakes winner bred on this pattern is Seaquay S. winner Scatter Buy (f, 4, Relaunch--Good Picker by Damascus), who is inbred 2x3 to In Reality.

Taiki Herakles (Jpn) (c, 3, Ibn Bey {GB}--Sound Beauty {Ire}, by Be My Guest) scored his first graded victory when winning the G3 Nagoya Youshun at Nagoya, Japan this weekend. Taiki Heracles is the product of a clever mating, as he has the closely related Camenae (GB) (dam of High Top) and Sans Le Sou (GB) (dam of Busted) 4x4 in his pedigree. Both Camenae and Sans Le Sou are by Vimy (Fr) out of *Court Martial mares.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-DEL, \$31,600, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
RUDIRUDY (c, 4, Jolie's Halo--Gossip Factory, by Spread the Rumor) Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-1, \$42,754. O-Ed Roth. B-Haymarket Inc (FL). T-Gaston D Sandoval.

9th-PHA, \$23,035, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 1/5, gd.
INTRIGA (f, 3, Lord At Law--Silver Memory, by Silver Badge) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$31,620. O-Woodvale Farm. B-Mr & Mrs. Charles A Cuprill (PA). T-Charles A Cuprill.

1st-PRM, \$18,000, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
LOCATION (g, 4, Relaunch--Mr. P.'s Girl, by Mr. Prospector) Lifetime Record: 19-4-0-2, \$31,049. O-Hicklin Farms. B-Edward & Marilyn Seltzer (KY). T-J Hicklin.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cuz Your My Baby, c, 2, Organizers Cousin--In At Dawn, by In a Trance. CTX, 6-21, 4 1/2f, :53 3/5. B-Elaine Hagy (WV).
Saratoga Celebrity, f, 2, Saratoga Six--No Celebrity, by Silent Screen. PRM, 6-22, 4 1/2f, :53 4/5. B-Teresa McFarlin (Ky).
Watrals Shy Basque, f, 3, Bounding Basque--Nordette, by Northrop. CTX, 6-21, 4 1/2f, :53 3/5. B-Michael Watral (NY). *\$500 wing '96 FTMDEC.
+ Rock On, c, 3, Purdue King--Bold Glitter, by Bold Show. HAW, 6-22, (S), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Michael & Judy Crowe (IL).
Karen's Lullaby, f, 3, Root Boy--Bump and Grind, by Stage Fool. DEL, 6-22, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46 4/5. B-Don del Collo (Pa).



FOALING NEWS

PENNYWORTH, 20, Key to the Mint--Missy Baba (My Babu)
Foal born 5-2-99, a filly by Pine Bluff.
Will be bred back to Pine Bluff.
Owned by Loblolly Stable.
Boarded at Claiborne Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: Dam of Wortheroatsingold (Naskra), GSW, \$328,645.

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WRITERS UP

CHURCHILL DOWNS INC: INTO 2000 By Frank Carlson

Two years ago, Churchill Downs President Tom Meeker had an epiphany. Simulcasting...the future of horse racing was simulcasting. The epiphany wasn't exactly the Holy Ghost suddenly descending upon Meeker. It was more gradual and less spiritual.

All the same, it was a direction. Meeker was going to take Churchill Downs to the new promised land.

"We put together a strategy to develop this interrogated, seamless simulcast product that we'll hopefully have off the ground by the first quarter of the year 2000," Meeker said.

In the last year, Churchill spent over a quarter of a billion dollars buying racetracks and related companies. What Meeker wants to do is create a simulcasting look that draws the customer to the Churchill family of product, i.e. Churchill, Ellis Park, Calder, Hoosier Park and Hollywood Park.

He said, "I want people to walk into a simulcasting center, look at a bank of monitors and see a group clustered together and say, 'That's Churchill.' They'll know by looking at the configuration that they can expect certain things from our product. We're going to do that in a number of ways--from how we present our product to the number of horses in the fields to the type of information we give the customer."

When Churchill took over Calder, they brought in Charlson Broadcasting Technologies, in which they hold a 60-percent interest. Charlson's strong suit is graphics. When they work their magic on all the Churchill tracks, they will create a common graphic thread that will run through all the sites.

Meeker knows that if he's going to produce higher revenue for his company, he'll have to develop new patrons.

"We're aiming at the non-user," he said. "I think all too often over the last several years (that the industry) has been doing simulcasting, we've forgotten about the customer. The way we do business is we decide what the customer wants and, like it or not, that's what he's going to get. We ought to be asking the customer the question 'What do you want?' and then tailoring our products to the needs of the customer."

In Meeker's new order, there's only one piece of the puzzle missing. Churchill's 1999 first quarter report stated, "The Company has historically incurred a loss during the first quarter because of the absence of live racing at any of its operations." Meeker was asked what he planned to do to alleviate the problem.

"I can't talk about that specifically," said Meeker. SEC rules would prevent him from talking about the purchase of a particular track.

He added, "Acquisition isn't the only way to do it. There's no way we can buy every racetrack we need to fill out our schedule. At some point we'll buy the signal."

That may be a stopgap measure, but in the end Churchill has a period of almost four months when they don't have any live racing, from the beginning of January through the third week of April.

Once Meeker closes the gap in his live racing product, he will have all the pieces in place for the near future. What's down the road? Possibly sending their signal to South America, Europe, Asia...eventually around the world. But for the time being he's concentrating on what the American public will be betting on for the next couple of years. That should keep his plate full for a while.

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