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DANZIG EUTHANIZED

Leading sire **Danzig** (Northern Dancer--Pas de Nom, by Admiral's Voyage) was euthanized yesterday morning at Claiborne Farm due to the infirmities of old age, according to a press release. The 29-year-old stallion



Dell Hancock Photo

had been pensioned from stud duties in July of 2004. He had stood at Claiborne since retiring from a brief but brilliant racetrack career in 1980, and will be buried at the Paris, Kentucky farm. Bred in Pennsylvania by the partnership of Derry Meeting Farm and William S. Farish III, the bay was acquired as a yearling for \$310,000 by Henryk de Kwiatkowski at the Fasig-Tipton

Saratoga Sale. Under the tutelage of Hall of Fame trainer Woody Stephens, the compact bay aired in his lone start at two before being sidelined by a chipped knee. He returned with two impressive victories during his three-year-old season before trouble with his knee flared up once more.

A Stallion for the Ages...

Retired to Claiborne Farm for the 1981 breeding season, Danzig made an immediate impact at stud. He sired three Grade I winners from his first crop, including champion two-year-old colt Chief's Crown, who took the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and the Classic-placed Stephan's Odyssey, and led both the freshman and juvenile sire lists of 1984. A steady stream of top-class performers on the international stage followed, including the likes of Dance Smartly, Horse of the Year in Canada and U.S. champion three-year-old filly of 1991; Dayjur, European champion sprinter in 1990; Lure, two-time winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Mile in 1992-93; and U.S. Classic winners Danzig Connection and Pine Bluff. **Danzig cont. p2**



Lure *Breeders' Cup photo*

CALDER'S BOB UMPREY DIES

Bob Umphrey, Calder Race Course's racing secretary since 1993, died Monday evening at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Florida after suffering a massive heart attack and stroke a day earlier. He was 53. Born



Bob Umphrey
1952 - 2006
Benoit photos

Oct. 9, 1952 in Portland, Maine, Umphrey moved to Florida as a youngster and was raised in Hallandale near Gulfstream Park. Umphrey's father Gene Umphrey trained horses and, following his graduation from Chaminade High School in 1970 and from the University of Florida in 1975, Bob Umphrey sought a career in racing, as well. After working as the stable foreman for conditioner Budd Lepman, Umphrey was hired as the claims clerk at Gulfstream in 1975, beginning a tenure in racing administration that would span over three decades. Umphrey

was named racing secretary at Laurel Park in 1981 and, through the 1980s and '90s, served in that capacity at Timonium, Arlington Park, Hollywood Park (where he worked during the inaugural Breeders' Cup in 1984), and Golden Gate Fields. In 1993, Umphrey began his long stint at Calder, where his friendly personality made him popular among horsemen. At Calder, Umphrey helped to create such innovative events as the Summit of Speed, the Juvenile Showcase and the Grand Slam series. Commenting on Umphrey's passing, Calder President Ken Dunn said, "I have lost a longtime friend, as did the entire racing community. He had a brilliant mind and was the architect of one of the most unique racing programs in the country." Umphrey is survived by his wife Janet, sister Casey Kelly of New Jersey, nephew Kevin Kelly, and his beloved Yorkshire Terrier, Mel. Umphrey's family will hold a private funeral. However, further memorial services are pending. Umphrey was a major proponent of Thoroughbred retirement and adoption, and, in lieu of flowers, his family asks that donations be made to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (www.trfinc.org).

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Danzig cont.

Carrying on the Family Tradition...

A number of Danzig's sons have made their own mark at stud, but none more so than Danehill, the Group 1-winning sprinter who became one of the most prolific sires in both hemispheres before his untimely death in 2003. Danzig himself has sired 188 stakes winners to date, with no less than 18.3 percent of his foals capturing black-type races, and his average-earnings index is 4.29. His 42 Grade I winners include 14 that were named champion. Commenting on the passing of the great stallion, Claiborne President Seth Hancock said, "There's really not much I can say--the statistics speak for themselves. I'd have to be awfully lucky to find another one like him, but I guess that's what we stay in it for."

TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS OPEN Nominations to the 2006 Triple Crown are now being accepted, according to a press release. Three-year-olds may be nominated to the series for a \$600 fee through Jan. 21; there will be a late nomination period from Jan. 22-Mar. 25 for a fee of \$6,000. Nominations can be made via telephone at (800) 928-3372 or (502) 638-3810, online at www.thetriplecrownchallenge.com or with representatives of Triple Crown Productions, who will be in Southern California and Florida beginning Friday, Jan. 13. Gathering nominations at Florida training and racing venues will be Edward P. Seigenfeld, executive vice president of Triple Crown Productions; Don Richardson, senior vice president, racing, for Churchill Downs Inc.; Lou Raffetto, chief operating officer of the Maryland Jockey Club; Wendy Pensivy, stakes coordinator of the Maryland Jockey Club; and P.J. Campo, director of racing for New York Racing Association. Taking nominations in Southern California will be Gene Williams, media coordinator for Triple Crown Productions, and Doug Bredar, director of racing and racing secretary at Churchill Downs. The Triple Crown kicks off with the GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 6, continues with Pimlico's GI Preakness S. May 20 and concludes with the GI Belmont S. June 10.

GRADE/GROUP 1 WINNERS BY DANZIG

G1 Winner

- Adjudicating
- Ad Valorem
- Agnes World
- *Anabaa
- *Blue Duster
- Brahms**
- *Chief's Crown
- Contredance
- *Dance Smartly
- *Danehill
- Danzig Connection
- *Dayjur
- Dispute
- Easy Now
- *Elnadim
- Furiously
- Golden Snake
- Green Desert
- Hamas
- *Langfuhr
- Lotka
- Lure
- Maroof
- Military
- *Mujahid
- One of a Klein
- *Pas de Reponse
- *Petit Loup
- Pine Bluff**
- Polish Navy
- *Polish Patriot
- *Polish Precedent
- *Polonia
- Qualify
- Shaadi
- Stephan's Odyssey
- Strolling Along
- Tribulation
- Versailles Treaty
- War Chant**
- Yashmak
- Zieten

Broodmare Sire

- Reviewer
- Relaunch
- Seattle Slew
- Gay Mecene
- Habitat
- Mr. Prospector
- Secretariat
- Cyane
- Smarten
- His Majesty
- Sir Ivor
- Mr. Prospector
- Reviewer
- Buckpasser
- Exclusive Native
- Roberto
- High Line (GB)
- Sir Ivor
- Pretense
- Briartic
- *Gallant Man
- Alydar
- Bustino (GB)
- Wavering Monarch
- Storm Cat
- Creme de la Creme
- Mr. Prospector
- Better Bee
- Halo
- *Tatan
- Filiberto
- Buckpasser
- Round Table
- Raise a Native
- Hoist the Flag
- *Gallant Man
- Alydar
- His Majesty
- Buckpasser
- Kris S.
- Roberto
- Habitat

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ANOTHER NEW STAKES WINNER!

MALIBU MOON

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1--@▲**PUSSYCAT DOLL**, 119, f, 3, by Real Quiet

1st Dam: **Hookedonthefeelin (GISW, \$488,554)**, by **Citidancer**

2nd Dam: **Prospective Joy**, by **Allen's Prospect**

3rd Dam: **Jovial Joy**, by **Rollicking**

O/B-Michael E Pegram (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-G Gomez; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, \$320,823.

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There are few things which make you as keenly aware of the passage of time as following horse racing. It seems to be a very short time since we were writing in this column about the pedigree of Hookedonthefeelin, after her score in the GI La Brea S. In fact, that victory came back in 1999, a fact which was brought into focus by the victory of Hookedonthefeelin's daughter, Pussycat Doll, in last week's GI La Brea S.

Although she was reported as sold for \$100,000 in the 2000 Keeneland Sales, Pussycat Doll races in the colors of her breeder, Michael Pegram, who campaigned not only Hookedonthefeelin, but also her sire, Real Quiet. As mentioned in Andrew Caulfield's column yesterday, Real Quiet was a Grade I winner at two, three and four. At two, he took the GI Hollywood Futurity; at three he captured the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S., and would probably have lifted the Triple Crown if not for his premature effort in the GI Belmont S., a race he lost by a nose; and at four he added the GI Hollywood Gold Cup and GI Pimlico Special.



Pussycat Doll Benoit photo

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Real Quiet began his stud career at Vinery, Kentucky, for \$25,000, but for 2006, he will stand at Regal Heir Farm, in Grantville, Pennsylvania, for \$6,500. As this career arc suggests, Real Quiet's start at stud has come somewhat from living up to his racetrack performances. His first crop, numbering 71 foals, came up with the black-type winning and graded- stakes-placed Quiet Cash and the minor stakes winner No Place Like It. Pussycat Doll and the stakes-winning and graded- stakes-placed Bull Ranch are the best of the 55 winners from Real Quiet's second crop. His third crop were two-year-olds of 2005, and include a very promising filly in Wonder Lady Anne L, successful in the GII Demoiselle S. on her most recent outing.

Having Pussycat Doll as the first foal of Hookedonthefeelin, Pegram consigned the mare--in foal to Deputy Minister--to the 2002 Keeneland November Sales, and there she was sold for \$1,525,000 to ClassicStar LLC. For them she has produced a filly by Deputy Minister, which has not started; a yearling colt by Unbridled's Song; a weanling filly by Vindication; and is back in foal to Unbridled's Song. Since Unbridled's Song is a grandson of Fappiano, as is Real Quiet, this mating gives something of a relative to Pussycat Doll.

While Pussycat Doll and Hookedonthefeelin have made their name on the West Coast, Hookedonthefeelin was actually born and bred in Maryland. She is by that region's good Dixieland Band horse Citidancer, and is out of Prospective Joy, winner of the restricted Jameela S., and herself a daughter of long-time Maryland stalwart Allen's Prospect. Hookedonthefeelin's granddam, Jovial Joy, is by Rollicking, a one-time perennial among leaders of the Maryland stallion colony, out of the stakes-placed Northern Jove mare Nordic Joy. Jovial Joy's half-sister, Gravina, appears as dam of a graded stakes winner in the shape of the GIII Cicada S. victress Potomac Bend (by Maryland sire Polish Numbers). Nordic Joy's dam, Jumpin Jenny, also bred the GIII Pilgrim S. winner, by yet another Maryland-based horse, Shelter Half.

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A daughter of the Nashua sire Nashwood, Jumpin Jenny is from the same sire line (Nasrullah) and has the same third dam, Step Across, as champion handicap horse and successful sire Bold Bidder. Her granddam, Step Over, is the ancestress of several other good horses, including the graded scorers Finder's Choice, St. Brendan, Assault Landing (all out of the mare Trial Landing) and Finder's Reward.

Pussycat Doll is the second stakes winner by a Fappiano-line horse out of a Citidancer mare, the other being this year's Smart Halo S. winner Jet Set Citi (by Unbridled Jet, a Maryland-based son of Unbridled). Of course, this is an extended version of the successful Mr. Prospector/Dixieland Band cross. Pussycat Doll is inbred to Mr. Prospector 4x4 through Fappiano and Allen's Prospect. Real Quiet's stakes-winning and graded-stakes-placed son Bull Ranch is also inbred to Mr. Prospector, and Real Quiet offers a daughter of Mr. Prospector's sire, Raise a Native (sire of his second dam). Similarly, Hookendontheelin has Northern Dancer 3x5x5, while Real Quiet's sire, Quiet American, has a daughter of Northern Dancer's sire, Nearctic, as sire of his second dam.

PUSSYCAT DOLL, f, 2002

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| Real Quiet | Quiet American | Fappiano | Mr. Prospector Killaloe |
| | | Demure | Dr. Fager Quiet Charm |
| | Really Blue | Believe It | In Reality Breakfast Bell |
| | | Meadow Blue | Raise a Native Gay Hostess |
| Hookedonthefeelin GISW, 18-7-3-2, \$488,554 4FIs, 1G1SW | Citidancer | Dixieland Band | Northern Dancer Mississippi Mud |
| | | Willamae | Tentam Raclette |
| | Prospective Joy SW, 6-3-2-1, \$68,620 7FIs, 1G1SW | Allen's Prospect | Mr. Prospector Change Water |
| | | Jovial Joy 10FIs, 1SW | Rollicking Nordic Joy |

FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



THE EURO ZONE

Two of the top three finishers in the 1984 French Derby are still at stud, now aged 25. Normally, saying two of the top three from any French Derby (old or new version) are still at stud wouldn't cause too much of a ripple, but the 1984 renewal of the race proved later to have been a long way from ordinary. Darshaan, the winner, died in 2001, and his last crop were three-year-olds of 2005. He is the sire of 85 stakes winners, the damsire of at least 74, and has already been Leading Broodmare Sire in Britain/Ireland or France six times. The 1984 French Derby second Sadler's Wells has been the Leading Sire no fewer than 14 times in Britain/Ireland and is the sire of a remarkable 260 stakes winners. He commences his 22nd season at stud at a reported €250,000 fee.

Drop a digit, and you'll see why 1984 French Derby third Rainbow Quest, now down to £25,000 for his 21st season at stud, kicks off our list of 48 European stallions--of around 300 who count--featured in this week's column. Like all the other lists we've been preferring in the last month, the writer's views are subjective and not considered to be infallible, so if your favorite has been unaccountably left off, send us an e-mail and tell us why he should be included.

Though he's not threatening Sadler's Wells's record (at least outside Japan) total number of stakes winners, Rainbow Quest's tally of 97 career stakes winners doesn't read too badly; he's also the damsire of at least 63 stakes winners and has himself been Leading Broodmare Sire in Britain/Ireland twice. In APEX terms, he was the damsire of 49 A Runners through Aug. 1 (this will all be updated in the next couple of weeks).
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The Fantastic Four

Grade I Winners for Brookdale Sales 2004-2005

- BROTHER DEREK** – Hollywood Futurity (GI)
- LOST IN THE FOG** – King's Bishop S. (GI)
- VAR** – Prix l'Abbaye (G1) • Champion Sprinter in Europe
- TAPIT** – Wood Memorial S. (GI)



It's not too early to start planning for the 2006 yearling sales – contact Joe Seitz at (859) 879-2093.



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Remarkably, at the end of 2001 he was the damsire of only 13 A Runners, and serious questions were being raised about his proficiency in that sphere; he has had 36 new A Runners as a broodmare sire in the ensuing 3 1/2 years. As long as his fertility still looks OK, he's a real big bargain at £25,000.

Rainbow Quest is the only genuine 'oldie' on this list; my other 47 suggestions were all born in 1990 or later. Eight of them had their first foals between 1997-2000, meaning their oldest crops in 2005 ranged between five and eight years old. Oldest of these is Hernando, whose seventh crop were two-year-olds last year. His first six crops include 10 group winners and 24 stakes winners, and only now are his better-bred crops coming on stream. Three sires with six crops racing (first foals 1998) make this list, including our most expensive endorsement for good value, Pivotal, at £65,000 (\$112,125). He's now up to 20 group winners in six crops, none of which was sired for a stud fee in five figures. Everytime his price has gone up, the pundits whine about how expensive he is. Forget it. The Titans have it right: the rumor was Coolmore tried to buy him outright in 2004, and Darley did buy a significant share in him late last year. He's still dirt cheap at about \$112,125. And, by the way, he loves America, too: his North American APEX rating through mid-2005 was 20.00.

Celtic Swing has had a rocky road in the marketplace, but the numbers say he's badly underrated. His Aug. 1 readings were: 2.12 A Index, 1.93 B Index and 2.37 for two-year-old ABC runners. Another from the same 'sire crop' (first foals 1998) who is punching above his commercial weight is Mark Of Esteem, sire of Classic winner Ameerat in his first crop, and unbeaten G1 Dewhurst winner Sir Percy in his latest.

Speed is of the essence as far as three sires with first foals 1999 (fifth crop racing in 2005) who still look good value. Royal Applause had only one Listed winner in 2005 in Europe, and as a consequence his fee has dropped from £20,000 to £15,000 this year.

He's still a cracking two-year-old sire--his mid-2005 two-year-old ABC Index was 1.84--and he ranked in the British/Irish top 10 sires of two-year-olds again in 2005. His far better-bred crops are just now getting to the races. The new management team at The National Stud has made an immediate impact; riding the success of the Group 1-winning full brothers Pastoral Pursuits and Goodricke, they syndicated the brothers' sire, Bahamian Bounty, into 100 shares at £30,000 a share, kept a majority and sold out the rest. He steps up a notch commercially because of it. In Ireland, speedball sire Key Of Luck (2.74 two-year-old rating) remains at €17,500. His three-quarter brother Anabaa (€35,000) is the number-two sire in France, behind Linamix (€40,000), so there's plenty of class in the pedigree, and this guy also started off with nothing, so has much bigger and better crops now appearing.

The American sire crop of 2000 (first foals that year, so five-year-olds in 2005) is so strong (Distorted Humor, Awesome Again, Elusive Quality), as we've discussed ad nauseum, that it's perhaps not surprising that the European sire crop of that year is perhaps not quite so prominent. But a horse who has consistently improved, after a slow start, is Bahri's half-brother (by Woodman), Bahhare. He stands at the Haras du Thenney for only €4,000, and his 1.45 mid-2005 A Runner Index reflects his form.

First Foals 2001-2003...

Churchill famously described Russia as "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma." The same could be said of Fasliyev, who broke just about all known records with his first crop of two-year-olds in 2003; it included 34 winners and four group winners. Fasliyev's fee subsequently shot up to €75,000 for 2004, but in the ensuing two years, Chineur's win in last year's G2 King's Stand has been just about the only highlight. His fee plummeted to €25,000 last year and he's down even further, to €15,000, for 2006. It can't have been that much of a fluke--he will come back.

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LANE'S END LEADERBOARD

- **A.P. INDY** - Leading Sire of 2005 by Graded Stakes Winners
- **CAME HOME** - Leading First Crop Yearling Sire in NA (*3 or more sold*)
- **CITY ZIP** - Leading Freshman Sire of 2005 by Number of Winners
- **KINGMAMBO** - Leading Sire of 2005 by Average Earnings Per Runner
- **LANGFUHR** - Leading Sire of 2005 by Number of Winners
- **MINESHAFT** - Leading First Crop Weanling Sire of 2005
- **PLEASANTLY PERFECT** - Leading Freshman Covering Sire of 2005
- **SAINT LIAM** - Leading North American Earner in 2005 with \$3,696,960



Oppenheim cont.

Europe's number-two Freshman Sire of 2003, Cape Cross, has by contrast been much more consistent, and now he stands for €50,000--and deservedly so.

It wasn't surprising that Darley went to Germany and bought Tiger Hill: he's by Danehill, won the G2 German 2000 Guineas, the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden twice, and ran third, as a three-year-old, in the Arc, earning a Timeform rating of 127. He's a big, scopey type, has great numbers and is sure to be a commercial hit.

Verglas is a very interesting horse, another who has great numbers, for just €10,000. By Highest Honor out of a very good Secreto mare, he won the G3 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot at two, and was a good second to Desert King in the 1997 Irish 2000 Guineas. Verglas has blockbuster numbers from his French crops--1.98 A, 4.95 B, 3.22 ABC--and was brought to Ireland and resyndicated last year.

Among the four-figure stud fee sires with first four-year-olds 2005, Intikhab stands out, at €8,000. His mid-2005 A Index was 2.90, buttressed by a 1.80 B Index. He's not getting so many stakes horses, but he is very definitely getting racehorses. Shinko Forest returns from exile in the North of England; he had five stakes winners last year, including Moss Vale and Close To You. And let's not forget Alexander Goldrun's sire, Gold Away, who stands at Quesnay for only €5,000. It wasn't that big a surprise that Gold Away sired a filly as good as Alexander Goldrun: he was one of Europe's top milers two years running, and I felt would have won the 1999 Breeders' Cup Mile had he not suffered a career-ending training injury while in Florida.

The 2002 sire crop--those with first foals 2002, so first three-year-olds 2005--is headed by Montjeu, 2005 Champion Sire in France and runner-up in Britain and Ireland. He is now Europe's second most expensive sire, behind his own sire, Sadler's Wells. But there are plenty of other promising sires from this crop, too. Sinndar's three-year-old fillies last year included G1 Prix Vermeille winner Shawanda and Classic-placed Pictavia; he moves from Ireland to France, for €20,000.

Namid continues to look solid commercial value at €10,000: they're good-looking, and they run at two (1.99 two-year-old ABC Index). In the mid-four-figure range, I'd like to mention Mujahid, in England, and Indian Danehill, in Ireland. Mujahid ranked number 11 among European second-crop sires in figures published in mid-November. Earlier, in our Aug. 1 APEX run, he registered 1.27 B and C Runner indices, though he had no A Runners. Same for Indian Danehill, who was 0.94 B and 1.42 C. Mujahid won the G1 Middle Park S. at two and never won again, but all his first-crop ABC Runners did it as three-year-olds.

It does look like Darley's Bertolini (by Danzig) did edge out Coolmore's Mozart (by Danehill), who unfortunately died after siring just this one crop, as Europe's leading Freshman Sire. As I've said before, that all adds up to quite a victory for the sire line established by the incomparable Danzig, who passed away yesterday at age 29.

Bertolini moves from Darley satellite farm Overbury, in England, to Kildangan in Ireland, and his fee was set at €15,000. I hope you got to him, because that book is closed. He was only two-for-23 lifetime, but he always ran in top sprinting company and, of course, he has a sensational pedigree.

Europe's number-three and -four Freshman sires, behind Bertolini and Mozart, were two Mr. Prospector-line horses, Medicean (by Machiavellian) and Observatory (by Distant View). Both appeal plenty at those prices, but I believe Medicean, like Bertolini, has long since been full up. France's top Freshman Sire (and Europe number seven) was Kingsalsa; he had fewer foals (47) than any other top 10 European freshman sire of 2005, but three pretty useful stakes horses. He's been resyndicated to stand for €12,000.

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Storm Cat — Pennant Fever, by Seattle Slew

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First Foals 2004-2005...

As he should have been, Rock Of Gibraltar was the world's top sire with first yearlings 2005: according to the *Racing Post* site, he had 63 yearlings sell in North America and Europe for an average over \$187,000. Quite right, too: he broke Mill Reef's record with seven consecutive Group 1 wins. It's all a crap shoot, we all know that, but if you're a believer, now's the time to roll the dice. He's €45,000 (\$54,000), and if he's as good a sire as he was a racehorse, that will look dirt cheap in 12 months' time. Sakhee, runaway winner of the 2001 Arc and runner-up to 2005 North American Leading Freshman Sire Tiznow, in the Breeders' Cup Classic, has very good credentials, and his yearlings sold well: 26 sold in Europe, averaging the equivalent of over \$126,000. They looked solid.

But, for rolling the dice on a sire whose yearlings looked the part, Kyllachy is the one, hands down--if you could get to him. He had 72 yearlings average 41,000gns, off a stud fee of £7,500. He was a Group 1-winning sprinter by Pivotal, and stands alongside his sire at Cheveley Park.

Quite a number of these made good impressions at the foal sales, as we detailed in our Nov. 30, 2005, issue (p. 6-7), but none more so than Oasis Dream. A champion sprint son of Green Desert, he was raced by Prince Khalid Abdullah and stands at his Banstead Manor Stud. Everybody liked him--the Maktoums liked him, Coolmore liked him--everybody liked him. We reported the weanling averages (through that sale, not including Deauville December) in euros: Oasis Dream was out on his own on the lead, with 21 weanlings averaging €160,304.

The next three sires, on average, were: Dubai Destination (€95,352); Hawk Wing (€81,654); and Nayef (€70,905). As I've written about before, the first two, along with Rock Of Gibraltar, constituted a formidable threesome of milers born in 1999. Rock Of Gibraltar, as discussed, won seven Group 1s in a row over seven furlongs (at two) and at a mile (five of them, at three). Dubai Destination was the last horse to beat Rock Of Gibraltar, in the G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster at two, until Rock's unlucky defeat by Domedriver in the Breeders' Cup Mile. Dubai Destination missed most of this three-year-old year, but came back to win the G1 Queen Anne at Royal Ascot at four. His first foals really impressed the judges.

Hawk Wing was actually probably rated higher than Rock Of Gibraltar--within the yard, certainly--for most of their careers. He won the key two-year-old race, the G1 National S. at The Curragh, where Aidan O'Brien usually targets his top two-year-old, and was favored over Rock Of Gibraltar in the next year's G1 English 2000 Guineas. He did win the G1 Eclipse at three, and ran second in four other Group 1s, including the English 2000 and the Epsom Derby (again to a stablemate, High Chaparral). He came back at four to pulverize the field in the G1 Lockinge S., but then was a remote sixth to Dubai Destination in the Queen Anne, and never ran again. All three of these crack milers must have big shots to become major sires.

Nayef, as we related in November, won both his starts at two, then was a 10-furlong Group 1 winner at three, four and five. He's by Gulch, a very successful son of Mr. Prospector who has sired a champion sire (Thunder Gulch), and he's a half-brother to two successful sires in Unfuwain and Nashwan. He's also the second of three consecutive top-class sire prospects raced by Shadwell (Haafhd, coming up, is the third), so it will be most interesting--especially for Sheikh Hamdan, we feel sure--to see how they all fare. With luck, it could be a real Golden Age for Shadwell.

Two Irish stallions with hot commercial profiles are Choisir (€10,000, Coolmore) and Captain Rio (€5,000, Ballyhane). Choisir, of course, is the Australian-bred son of Danehill Dancer who came to Britain at what was really the end of his three-year-old year (though he was four in Northern time) and swept the G2 King's Stand S. and G1 Golden Jubilee (formerly the Cork and Orery) at Royal Ascot. He had 33 weanlings average €33,153. Captain Rio was a very good sprinting two-year-old in 2001 and, in fact, was the third-highest ranked two-year-old in Europe, behind only Johannesburg and Queen's Logic, and ahead of Dubai Destination, Rock Of Gibraltar and Hawk Wing. Off a €5,000 stud fee, he had 46 weanlings sell, for an average of €26,901.

Two horses who didn't really show up much on the radar screens at the sales, partially because they were raced by Maktoum entities in the States, are Storming Home (by Machiavellian) and Touch Of The Blues (by Cadeaux Genereux). Storming Home won his first Group 1 late as a four-year-old--the Champion S. at Newmarket--then went on to win three more 10-furlong Grade 1s in America at five, though he was disqualified from one when he tossed Gary Stevens at the finish line in the 2003 Arlington Million.



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Storming Home has dropped to £6,000 this year. Also trained by Neil Drysdale, the year-old Touch Of The Blues won the GI Atto Mile and placed in three other Group 1s at a mile, including a bang-up second to Six Perfections in the 2003 BC Mile. He suffers even more from lack of name recognition in Europe, and thus stands for only €5,000 at the Irish National Stud.

First Foals 2006-2007...

Whereas stallions with first yearlings and foals at least have something on the ground that the judges have looked at, stallions who are preparing to stand their second seasons have no commercial evidence at all, except what mares happened to be offered and sold in foal to them. Of the stallions whose first foals will arrive in 2006, the Maktoum group looks quite strong. Sheikh Hamdan's Nunnery Stud follows up Sakhee and Nayef with Haafhd, 2004 dual Group 1 winner of the English 2000 Guineas and Champion S., by Alhaarth out of Al Bahathri. His credentials are as strong as his older stablemates Sakhee and Nayef. Kildangan has Refuse To Bend, a Moyglare-bred son of Sadler's Wells who was a Group 1 winner at two (Ireland's National S.), three (English 2000 Guineas) and four (Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot and Eclipse S.). This is a horse a lot of people are going to find a reason to like.

In the four-figure range, Dalham Hall gets Exceed and Excel, who was previously at Kildangan. He was a crack sprinter in Australia, by Danehill, and a lot of people familiar with the form down there consider that he was the real deal. That also applies to Sulamani, who won four Group 1s for Godolphin after they bought him from his breeders, the Niarchos family, for whom he had won the G1 French Derby and run second in the Arc. You may laugh when I tell you that Sulamani and his sire, Hernando, could between them just about revive the Nijinsky sire line, but I'm going to tell you anyway. They were both that good.

By contrast, Coolmore's strongest debutant in 2005 was One Cool Cat, a \$3.1-million yearling by Storm Cat who won his last four races at two, including--you guessed it--the G1 National S. over seven furlongs at The Curragh. Out of a Mr. Prospector mare and inbred 3x3 to Northern Dancer, this guy is bred for speed and precocity, and has just the right profile to make waves at next year's foal sales. The family has thrown horses who stay, but they are by staying sires, like Pleasant Colony and Nijinsky.

We count 29 new retirements in Britain (9), Ireland (13) and France (7) for this year. Three-year-old Classic and Group 1 winners from 2005 abound; in fact, there are five of them: Maktoum stallions Shamardal (Ireland) and Dubawi; Coolmore's Footstepsinthesand and Oratorio; plus Epsom Derby winner Motivator. All are exciting prospects, but one I really have a ton of time for is Azamour, a four-year-old last year, by Night Shift out of a Lear Fan mare. Bred and raced by the Aga Khan, he is retiring to his Giltown Stud in Ireland for €25,000. Azamour won four Group 1s: the one-mile St. James's Palace S. and 10-furlong Irish Champion S. at three, then came back last year to win the Prince Of Wales's S., again at 10 furlongs, followed by the 12-furlong King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. There wouldn't be very many horses who win the St. James's Palace, then come back the next year to win the King George.

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Starcraft, a New Zealand-bred son of Soviet Star, won nine races in Australasia, then won two one-mile Group 1s last fall in Europe: he beat subsequent Breeders' Cup Mile third Gorella in the Prix du Moulin, then bettered no less than Dubawi in the Queen Elizabeth. He kicks off at £10,000 at Cheveley Park, which I reckon is an awfully fair price for a dual Group 1 winner at a mile. Whipper goes to Ballylinch in Ireland at €12,000. He is a three-quarter brother to superstar filly Divine Proportions, and won Group 1s at Deauville at up to one mile in three successive years.

Then a few at four-figure prices. Coolmore's Antonius Pius (by Danzig) should have been a Classic winner, but jinked right after taking the lead in the 2004 French 2000 Guineas and wound up fifth. Alamshar (by the sprint sire Key Of Luck) won the G1 Irish Derby and King George, and returns to Ireland, having spent his first two years at stud in Japan; he looks very cheap at €7,000.



Starcraft *Horsephotos*

Two sons of Zafonic, both from his 2000 crop, and each rated within a pound of each other by Timeform as three-year-olds, retire in England for £4,000 this year. Zafeen (Timeform 123) was second to Refuse to Bend in the English 2000 Guineas, then won the G1 St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot, and succeeds Bertolini at Overbury Stud; Trade Fair (124) was only ever a Group 3 winner, but he started favorite for three Group 1s for Prince Khalid Abdullah. He was unfortunate not to have scored at higher than Group 3 level, and is in the more-than-capable hands of David Redvers at Tweenhills. Finally, you've got to love Firebreak, who goes to Bearstone Stud for only £3,500. Yes, he does have to overcome being by Charnwood Forest, but he already overcame that to win the G2 Godolphin Mile twice, the G1 Hong Kong Mile, and earn a Timeform rating of 125 in 2004. Bill Oppenheim may be contacted at bopp@erb.com. Please cc TDN at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.

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|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| ANABAA | 1992 | DANZIG | 1998 | FR | H QUESNAY | 35,000 | 42,000 | 2.03 |
| LINAMIX | 1987 | MENDEZ | 1992 | FR | H VAL HENRY | 40,000 | 48,000 | 2.55 |
| MONSUN | 1990 | KONIGSSTUHL | 1997 | GE | SCHLENDERHAN | 60,000 | 72,000 | 3.29 |
| GREEN DESERT | 1983 | DANZIG | 1988 | GB | NUNNERY | 50,000 | 86,250 | 1.96 |
| OASIS DREAM | 2000 | GREEN DESERT | 2005 | GB | BANSTEAD MANOR | 25,000 | 43,125 | ----- |
| PIVOTAL | 1993 | POLAR FALCON | 1998 | GB | CHEVELEY PARK | 65,000 | 112,125 | 3.56 |
| RAINBOW QUEST | 1981 | BLUSHING GROOM | 1987 | GB | BANSTEAD MANOR | 25,000 | 43,125 | 2.95 |
| RED RANSOM | 1987 | ROBERTO | 1992 | GB | DALHAM HALL | 25,000 | 43,125 | 1.42 |
| SELKIRK | 1988 | SHARPEN UP | 1994 | GB | LANWADES | 40,000 | 69,000 | 2.67 |
| SINGSPIEL | 1992 | IN THE WINGS | 1999 | GB | DALHAM HALL | 35,000 | 60,375 | 2.71 |
| CAPE CROSS | 1994 | GREEN DESERT | 2001 | IR | KILDANGAN | 50,000 | 60,000 | 3.23 |
| DALAKHANI | 2000 | DARSHAAN | 2005 | IR | GILLTOWN | 35,000 | 42,000 | ----- |
| DANEHILL DANCER | 1993 | DANEHILL | 1999 | IR | COOLMORE | 75,000 | 90,000 | 1.51 |
| GALILEO | 1998 | SADLER'S WELLS | 2003 | IR | COOLMORE | 37,500 | 45,000 | ----- |
| INDIAN RIDGE | 1985 | AHONOORA | 1991 | IR | IR NAT'L STUD | 75,000 | 90,000 | 2.17 |
| KING'S BEST | 1997 | KINGMAMBO | 2002 | IR | KILDANGAN | 35,000 | 42,000 | 0.75 |
| MONTJEU | 1996 | SADLER'S WELLS | 2002 | IR | COOLMORE | 125,000 | 150,000 | 2.8 |
| ROCK OF GIBRALTAR | 1999 | DANEHILL | 2004 | IR | COOLMORE | 45,000 | 54,000 | ----- |
| SADLER'S WELLS | 1981 | NORTHERN DANCER | 1986 | IR | COOLMORE | 250,000 | 300,000 | 4.41 |



NEW SIRES FOR 2006 IN FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

| SIRE | YR | HIS SIRE | 1ST FLS | ST | FARM | FEE 06 |
|--------------------|------|------------------|---------|----|-----------------|--------|
| COUNTRY REEL | 2000 | DANZIG | 2007 | FR | H DE LOGIS | 4500 |
| KELTOS | 1998 | KENDOR | 2007 | FR | H DES GRANGES | 2500 |
| MARTILLO | 2000 | ANABAA | 2007 | FR | ST ETALONS | 4000 |
| MESHAHEER | 1999 | NUREYEV | 2007 | FR | H PETIT TELLIER | 3000 |
| RUSSIAN BLUE | 2002 | DANEHILL | 2007 | FR | H D'ETREHAM | 5000 |
| SABIANGO | 1998 | ACATENANGO | 2007 | FR | ST ETALONS | 4000 |
| SUPER CELEBRE | 2000 | PEINTRE CELEBRE | 2007 | FR | H CAMP BENARD | 3000 |
| AVONBRIDGE | 2000 | AVERTI | 2007 | GB | WHITSBURY | 4500 |
| DOYEN | 2000 | SADLER'S WELLS | 2007 | GB | DALHAM HALL | 10000 |
| DUBAWI | 2002 | DUBAI MILLENIUM | 2007 | GB | DALHAM HALL | 25000 |
| FIREBREAK | 1999 | CHARWOOD FOREST | 2007 | GB | BEARSTONE | 3500 |
| MOTIVATOR | 2002 | MONTJEU | 2007 | GB | ROYAL STUDS | 20000 |
| PASTORAL PURSUITS | 2001 | BAHAMIAN BOUNTY | 2007 | GB | NATIONAL STUD | 6000 |
| STARCRAFT | 2000 | SOVIET STAR | 2007 | GB | CHEVELEY PARK | 10000 |
| TRADE FAIR | 2000 | ZAFONIC | 2007 | GB | TWEENHILLS | 4000 |
| ZAFEEN | 2000 | ZAFONIC | 2007 | GB | OVERBURY | 4000 |
| ALAMSHAR | 2000 | KEY OF LUCK | 2007 | IR | IR NAT'L STUD | 7000 |
| ANTONIUS PIUS | 2001 | DANZIG | 2007 | IR | COOLMORE | 8000 |
| AZAMOUR | 2001 | NIGHT SHIFT | 2007 | IR | GILLTOWN | 25000 |
| CAMACHO | 2002 | DANEHILL | 2007 | IR | MORRISTOWN | 4000 |
| CHINEUR | 2001 | FASLIYEV | 2007 | IR | TALLY-HO | 7500 |
| FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND | 2002 | GIANT'S CAUSEWAY | 2007 | IR | COOLMORE | 25000 |
| GOVERNOR BROWN | 2000 | KINGMAMBO | 2007 | IR | HYDE PARK | 3500 |
| LE VIE DEI COLORI | 2000 | EFISIO | 2007 | IR | RATHBARRY | 7500 |
| ORATORIO | 2002 | DANEHILL | 2007 | IR | COOLMORE | 30000 |
| PEARL OF LOVE | 2001 | PEINTRE CELEBRE | 2007 | IR | OAK LODGE | 5000 |
| RAKTI | 1999 | POLISH PRECEDENT | 2007 | IR | HUMA PARK | 12000 |
| SHAMARDAL | 2002 | GIANT'S CAUSEWAY | 2007 | IR | KILDANGAN | 40000 |
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| SIRE | YR | HIS SIRE | 1st Fls | ST | FARM | 2006 | 2005 | A Index |
|--------------------|------|-------------------|---------|----|---------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| ALAMSHAR | 2000 | KEY OF LUCK | 2007 | IR | IR NAT'L STUD | 7000 | Japan | - |
| ANTONIUS PIUS | 2001 | DANZIG | 2007 | IR | COOLMORE | 8000 | - | - |
| AZAMOUR | 2001 | NIGHT SHIFT | 2007 | IR | GILLTOWN | 25000 | - | - |
| BAHAMIAN BOUNTY | 1994 | CADEAUX GENEUREUX | 1999 | GB | NATIONAL STUD | 10000 | 6000 | 1.34 |
| BAHHARE | 1994 | WOODMAN | 2000 | FR | HARAS DU THENNEY | 4000 | 5000 | 1.45 |
| BERTOLINI | 1996 | DANZIG | 2003 | IR | KILDANGAN | 15000 | 4000 | - |
| CAPE CROSS | 1994 | GREEN DESERT | 2001 | IR | KILDANGAN | 50000 | 50000 | 3.23 |
| CAPTAIN RIO | 1999 | PIVOTAL | 2005 | IR | BALLYHANE | 5000 | 5000 | - |
| CELTIC SWING | 1992 | DAMISTER | 1998 | IR | IR NAT'L STUD | 9000 | 9000 | 2.12 |
| CHOISIR | 1999 | DANEHILL DANCER | 2005 | IR | COOLMORE-C | 10000 | 12500 | - |
| DUBAI DESTINATION | 1999 | KINGMAMBO | 2005 | GB | DALHAM HALL | 20000 | 20000 | - |
| EXCEED AND EXCEL | 2000 | DANEHILL | 2006 | GB | DALHAM HALL | 7,500 | 10000 | - |
| FASLIYEV | 1997 | NUREYEV | 2001 | IR | COOLMORE | 15000 | 25000 | 0.77 |
| FIREBREAK | 1999 | CHARWOOD FOREST | 2007 | GB | BEARSTONE | 3500 | - | - |
| GOLD AWAY | 1995 | GOLDNEYEV | 2001 | FR | H DU QUESNAY | 5000 | 5000 | 1.48 |
| HAAFHD | 2001 | ALHAARTH | 2006 | GB | NUNNERY STUD | 20000 | 20000 | - |
| HAWK WING | 1999 | WOODMAN | 2005 | IR | COOLMORE | 22500 | 25000 | - |
| HERNANDO | 1990 | NINISKI | 1997 | GB | LANWADES | 12000 | 12000 | 2.69 |
| INDIAN DANEHILL | 1996 | DANEHILL | 2002 | IR | IR NAT'L STUD | 5000 | 5500 | 0 |
| INTIKHAB | 1994 | RED RANSOM | 2001 | IR | DERRINSTOWN | 8000 | 8000 | 2.9 |
| KEY OF LUCK | 1991 | CHIEF'S CROWN | 1999 | IR | TARA STUD | 17500 | 17500 | 1.48 |
| KINGSALSA | 1996 | KINGMAMBO | 2003 | FR | H DE VICTOT | 12000 | 4500 | - |
| KYLLACHY | 1998 | PIVOTAL | 2004 | GB | CHEVELEY PARK | 7500 | 7500 | - |
| MARK OF ESTEEM | 1993 | DARSHAAN | 1998 | GB | DALHAM HALL | 7000 | 7000 | 2.06 |
| MEDICEAN | 1997 | MACHIARELLIAN | 2003 | GB | CHEVELEY PARK | 17500 | 10000 | - |
| MUJAHID | 1996 | DANZIG | 2002 | GB | BEECH HOUSE | 5000 | 5000 | 0 |
| NAMID | 1996 | INDIAN RIDGE | 2002 | IR | RATHBARRY | 10000 | 10000 | 1.18 |
| NAYEF | 1998 | GULCH | 2005 | GB | NUNNERY | 15000 | 15000 | - |
| OASIS DREAM | 2000 | GREEN DESERT | 2005 | GB | BANSTEAD MNR | 25000 | 25000 | - |
| OBSERVATORY | 1997 | DISTANT VIEW | 2003 | GB | BANSTEAD MNR | 10000 | 10000 | - |
| ONE COOL CAT | 2001 | STORM CAT | 2006 | IR | COOLMORE | 15000 | 17500 | - |
| PIVOTAL | 1993 | POLAR FALCON | 1998 | GB | CHEVELEY PARK | 65000 | 65000 | 3.56 |
| RAINBOW QUEST | 1981 | BLUSHING GROOM | 1987 | GB | BANSTEAD MNR | 25000 | 30000 | 2.95 |
| REFUSE TO BEND | 2000 | SADLER'S WELLS | 2006 | IR | KILDANGAN | 20000 | 20000 | - |
| ROCK OF GIBRALTAR | 1999 | DANEHILL | 2004 | IR | COOLMORE | 45000 | 55000 | - |
| ROYAL APPLAUSE | 1993 | WAAJIB | 1999 | GB | ROYAL STUDS | 15000 | 20000 | 1.15 |
| SAKHEE | 1997 | BAHRI | 2004 | GB | NUNNERY | 15000 | 15000 | - |
| SHINKO FOREST | 1993 | GREEN DESERT | 2001 | IR | RATHBARRY | 6000 | 3500 | 0.81 |
| SINNDAR | 1997 | GRAND LODGE | 2002 | FR | H DE BONNEVAL | 20000 | 15000 | 3.24 |
| STARCRAFT | 2000 | SOVIET STAR | 2007 | GB | CHEVELEY PARK | 10000 | - | - |
| STORMING HOME | 1998 | MACHIARELLIAN | 2005 | GB | NUNNERY | 6000 | 10000 | - |
| SULAMANI | 1999 | HERNANDO | 2006 | GB | DALHAM HALL | 7000 | 7000 | - |
| TIGER HILL | 1995 | DANEHILL | 2001 | GB | DALHAM HALL | 25000 | 9000 | 2.97 |
| TOUCH OF THE BLUES | 1997 | CADEAUX GENEUREUX | 2005 | IR | IR NAT'L STUD | 5000 | 6000 | - |
| TRADE FAIR | 2000 | ZAFONIC | 2007 | GB | TWEENHILLS | 4000 | - | - |
| VERGLAS | 1994 | HIGHEST HONOR | 2001 | IR | IRISH NATIONAL STUD | 10000 | 10000 | 1.98 |
| WHIPPER | 2001 | MIESQUE'S SON | 2007 | IR | BALLYLINCH | 12000 | - | - |
| ZAFEEN | 2000 | ZAFONIC | 2007 | GB | OVERBURY | 4000 | - | - |

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★ **SO. FLORIDA** ★

Chavez Injured on Calder's Closing Card:

Jockey Jorge Chavez was unseated from his mount, Sweet Zeena, in the last race on closing day at Calder Race Course Monday and had to be taken to Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Florida. Chavez suffered a bloody nose and a possible shoulder injury in the spill. Sweet Zeena, who had taken a bad step near the three-eighths pole, was not hurt. Chavez was second in the Calder standings with 67 wins, one less than top jockey Manoel Cruz.

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★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Lingfield, 12.10, Mdn, £5,909, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:40.33, st.
MISS HIGHJINKS (f, 3, Stravinsky--Ready for Action, by Riverman), third at this track last time Dec. 21, broke well from her wide post and raced prominently during the steady early pace. Allowed to stretch out approaching the final quarter, the 2-1 second choice quickened impressively before being geared down near the line for a seven-length success. The chestnut filly, a \$40,000 KEESEP yearling and 110,000gns TATAPR two-year-old, is a half-sister to Dancing Action (Danzatore), GSW-Per; Major Force (Woodman), MGSW-Ire, \$104,461; and Quality Team (Diesis {GB}), GSW-Ire. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £4,438. O-Miss A H Marshall; B-C Chan; T-Eoghan O'Neill.

★ IRELAND ★

KILDANGAN TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

Darley's Kildangan Stud will parade its stallions Jan. 12 and 13. Among the new stallions at the Co. Kildare nursery are **Bertolini** (Danzig), last year's leading European freshman sire who will cover mares in Ireland for the first time; and champion **Shamardal** (Giant's Causeway), who will be standing his first No. Hemisphere season. For more info., go to www.darleystallions.com.

RAKTI ARRIVES AT HUMA PARK STUD

Rakti (GB) (Polish Precedent--Ragera {Ire}, by Rainbow Quest) has arrived at Huma Park Stud in Co. Kildare ahead of his first season. Stud Manager Willie McCreery was on hand to greet the six-time Group 1 winner. "Rakti has settled in really well and is a real gentleman to be around," he said. Rakti, who will stand for a fee of €12,000, will be on show alongside fellow resident sire Elusive City at the Open Day Jan. 17.

GROUP WINNERS:

#@Tomorrow Morning (Brz), f, 3, First American--Rolette (Brz), by Most Welcome (GB). Cidade Jardim, 12-30, Grande Prêmio Encerramento-G3, 1000mT. O/B-Haras Figueira do Lago (BRZ); T-J S Silva.

Classic Plus (Arg), f, 4, Alpha Plus--Classic Name (Arg), by Creativity. Palermo, 1-1, Clasico Apertura-G3, 2000m. O-Stud Las 4; B-Haras Firmamento (ARG); T-P A Blazeovich.

#@King Colony (Brz), c, 4, New Colony--Alicia's Lady, by Al Nasr (Fr). Cidade Jardim, 12-29, Grande Prêmio Presidente João Sampaio-G3, 3000mT. O-Stud Eternamente Rio; B-Diacono Gamaliel Meneghel (BRZ); T-E S Machado.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-SUN, \$27,700, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, ft.

GEIGER GOLD (c, 4, Sunday Minister--Little Fan, by Geiger Counter) Lifetime Record: SW, 5-2-1-1, \$64,781. O-M L Racing LLC, M Banter Et Al. B-Richard Brunacini (NM). T-Clark Spencer.

9th-PHA, \$21,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 4/5, sy.
FORT SEATTLE (g, 4, Fort Wayne--Appealing Slew, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 24-4-2-6, \$59,052. O-Bada Bing Stable. B-Lembo Menotti (NJ). T-Charles R Robbins. *1/2 to Anjiz Slew (Anjiz), SW, \$179,100.

10th-TAM, \$20,200, Opt. Clm. (\$60,000), NW2\$6MX, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57 3/5, gd.

MELODY OF COLORS (m, 7, Concorde's Tune--Carefree Laughter {MSW, \$125,862}, by Iron Constitution) Lifetime Record: 40-9-11-4, \$341,775. O/B-Laurence I Foggie (FL). T-Jane Cibelli. *1/2 to Silver Laughter (Silver Buck), MSP, \$227,610.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dust Strip, f, 3, Comic Strip--Dusty Heart {GISP, \$282,928}, by Run Dusty Run. SUN, 1-3, 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Cheryl Bigon (Ca). *\$10,500 yrl '04 BESOCT. **1/2 to Paradise Patty (Hennessy), SW, \$136,484.

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