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**HALF DOZEN AIM TO TAME 'STORM'**

A field of six sprinters are slated to line up against favorite **Attila's Storm** (Forest Wildcat) in Saturday's six-furlong GII Palos Verdes H. at Santa Anita. Coming off a good second in the seven-panel GI Malibu S., Attila's Storm is deserving of the respect he'll get from handicappers as he scales back in distance, but top efforts from a slew of challengers could spell defeat for the four-year-old. Trainer D. Wayne Lukas started off the week with a victory in Monday's GII Santa Ynez S. with



**With Distinction**  
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Dance Daily and sends out **With Distinction** (Storm Cat) here. At five, the well-bred dark bay has been a bit of a late developer, but enters the Palos Verdes having won three of his last four. After capturing Kentucky allowance races in November and December, the Bob and Beverly Lewis colorbearer rallied to victory in the GIII El Conejo H. over a sloppy Santa Anita track Jan. 2, his first stakes win. Third, beaten just a head, in the El Conejo was **Jet West** (Western Fame). The Cal-bred has been rock solid since being claimed for \$62,500 in August, winning his next three, including a nose tally in the Cal Cup Sprint H. over course and distance Nov. 6. He came calling late in the El Conejo before falling short to With Distinction and gets the services of Corey Nakatani for the first time. Trainer Bobby Frankel will saddle **Major Success** (Mazel Trick) in the five-year-old's initial foray into stakes company. Major Success, a \$200,000 FTFFEB juvenile, won his last two in Hollywood Park allowance company.

**Saturday, Santa Anita**

**PALOS VERDES H.-GII**, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	With Distinction	Storm Cat	Gomez	117
2	Jet West	Western Fame	Nakatani	116
3	Attila's Storm	Forest Wildcat	Valenzuela	119
4	Stalking Tiger	Twin Spires	Santiago	112
5	Papa to Kinzie	Boston Harbor	Bisono	109
6	Major Success	Mazel Trick	Baze	114
7	Gray Black N White	Quiet American	Pedroza	114

**BLATANT UP TO THE CHALLENGE**

Her Royal Highness Princess Haya's **Blatant** (GB) (Machiavellian), third to Starcraft (NZ) and Dubawi (Ire) in last year's G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Newmarket in September, had no rivals of that quality to beat yesterday and stormed home a 9 3/4-length winner of Round I of the G3 Maktoum Challenge on the opening program of the Dubai International Racing Carnival. Looking for his first victory since taking the Listed Ruby S. at Tralee in August 2002, the chestnut raced prominently just outside **Petit Paris** (Chi) (Hussonet) before overtaking that rival for good after three furlongs. Travelling easy approaching the final 600 meters, Blatant opened up at will past the quarter pole and was kept to his task. **Cherry Pickings** (Miner's Mark) outfinished favored **Lundy's Liability** (Brz) (Candy Stripes) for the place. The latter was having his first start since a seventh-place effort in last year's G1 Dubai World Cup. Click for the [emiratesracing.com](http://emiratesracing.com) chart.

**Thursday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai**

**SHADWELL FARM SHEIKH MAKTOUM BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE ROUND I-G3**, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1600m, 1:36.71, ft.

- 1--**BLATANT** (GB), 126, g, 7, by Machiavellian  
1st Dam: Negligent (Ire) (Ch. 2yo Filly-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Eng), by Ahonoora (GB)  
2nd Dam: Negligence (GB), by Roan Rocket (GB)  
3rd Dam: Malpractice (GB), by Pall Mall (GB)  
O-HRH Princess Haya; B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; T-Ismail Mohammed; J-Richard Hills; \$130,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng & Ity, 19-3-3-2, \$334,830.
- 2--**Cherry Pickings**, 126, g, 9, Miner's Mark--Cherry D'Or, by Cassalaria. (\$155,000 yrl '98 KEESEP).  
O-Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Bradyleigh Farm; T-Alec Laird; \$40,000.
- 3--**Lundy's Liability** (Brz), 126, h, 6, Candy Stripes--Emerald Counter, by Geiger Counter. O-Stud TNT & Mrs M Slack; B-Stud TNT (BRZ); T-Michael de Kock; \$20,000.  
Margins: 9 3/4, 1HF, 6 1/4. Odds: 15-1, 15-1, 4-5.  
Also Ran: Blue on Blues (Arg), Kill Cat (Ire), Baldaquin (GB), Brunel (Ire), Petit Paris (Chi), Near Dock (Ger), Party Boss (GB).

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**SNOWDROPS RETIRES ON A WINNING NOTE**

Multiple-graded-stakes winner Snowdrops (GB) (Gulch--Roses in the Snow {Ire}, by Be My Guest) has been retired following a victory in the GIII Bayou Breeders' Cup at Louisiana Downs last Saturday. "It's nice to go out on a win," said Christophe Lourielle, assistant to trainer Christophe Clement. According to *Daily Racing Form*, the six-year-old mare will head back to England to be bred to Red Ransom. Owned by G. Howard Spink, the grey came to the U.S. as a three-year-old and placed in several stakes before breaking through as a four-year-old in the Politely S. at Monmouth. She earned her first graded victory in the GIII Suwanee River H. at Gulfstream last February and, after successfully defending her title in the Politely, added Calder's GIII My Charmer H. in December. Her popular victory in the Bayou closed out her career with a record of 23-10-3-2 and earnings of \$594,787. Snowdrops is from the family of British highweight Tenby (GB) and last year's G1 Oaks runner-up Something Exciting (GB).



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**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TOMORROW, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21:**

**TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS (600)**

- 05-06 \$2,000,000 *Kentucky Derby-I, CD, 10f*
- 05-20 \$1,000,000 *Preakness-I, Pim, 9.5f*
- 06-10 \$1,000,000 *Belmont-I, Bel, 12f*

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**SONGANDAPRAYER FILLY TOPS OBS DAY 3** A yearling filly by Songandaprayer topped the third and final consignor preferred session of the OBS Winter Mixed Sale in Ocala, Florida, yesterday. Consigned by Beth Bayer, Agent II, as hip **739**, the Feb. 25 foal was knocked down to Memory of Song Stable for \$170,000. Named Songsimage, hip 739 is out of the Tactical Advantage mare Janeera, a half to GII Young America S. winner Maston (Hold Your Peace) and MSW Night Above (Great Above). The only other horse to break the six-figure mark was hip **800**, a yearling son of Tale of the Cat who made \$140,000. C & M Stables was the winning bidder for the dark bay, who hailed from the draft of Moreau Bloodstock International, Agent V. Hip 800 is out of the winning Seeking the Gold mare Lemon Twist. The sale concludes today with an open session that begins at 11:00 a.m.

**THIRD PIMLICO BARN ISOLATED** A third barn at Maryland's Pimlico Race Course has been placed on an "Investigational Animal Hold Order" by the state's Department of Agriculture after a horse showed signs of the equine herpesvirus (EHV-1) yesterday morning. The order means an effective isolation of Barn A at Pimlico, which houses runners trained by Joseph Delozier, Steven Hinds, Ellis Pruce and Casey Randall. **cont. p3**

**OBS WINTER MIXED SALE  
Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006**

SESSION TOTALS	*2006
No. Offered	251
No. Sold	174
RNAs	77
% RNA	30.6%
Gross	\$2,870,500
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**WELL ARMED, by Horse of the Year TIZNOW, won by 3 1/2 lengths going 7 furlongs on the dirt at Nad Al Sheba yesterday for Trainer Clive Brittain. His scheduled next start will be on February 10th in the UAE 2,000 Guineas (G3).**



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**TODAY'S INSIGHTS**

**4:32 2nd-SAX, \$52K Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2FT**  
**NEW REGINA (BRZ) (Royal Academy)** makes her U.S. debut for the connections responsible for Leroidesanimaux (Brz). After a fourth in her bow at Gavea May 21, the chestnut won going a mile on the turf at that course June 11 and promptly added a G2 event at Ciudad Jardim July 23. She adds Lasix in her first try for Bobby Frankel, who wins at a 35-percent clip with his new imports. [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) PPs

**6:39 6th-SAX \$52K Alw, 3yo, 1 1/16m**  
**BOB AND JOHN (Seeking the Gold)** looked sharp in crossing the line well clear in the Real Quiet S. at HOL, but was taken down in a controversial DQ. The homebred was a non-threatening third in the GI Hollywood Futurity Dec. 17, and should appreciate this confidence booster. **Twisting River (Giant's Causeway)** put it all together with blinkers on in his latest, while **Old Thunder (Fusaichi Pegasus)** showed good speed versus Brother Derek before finishing fifth in the Hollywood Futurity. [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) PPs

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**Thursday, January 19, 2006**

CUMULATIVE	2006	2005
No. Offered	768	547
No. Sold	533	373
RNAs	235	174
% RNA	30.6%	31.9%
Gross	\$9,434,400	\$7,164,800
Average (% change)	\$17,701 (-7.9%)	\$19,209
Median (% change)	\$9,000 (-25%)	\$12,000

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# TABLE-TOPPERS AGAIN IN 2005.

## TOP 3-Y-O COLTS IN THE WORLD

RATING	HORSE	SIRE
130	Hurricane Run*	MONTJEU
125	Motivator	MONTJEU
125	Shamardal	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY
124	Deep Impact	Sunday Silence
124	Afleet Alex	Northern Afleet
123	ORATORIO	DANEHILL

## TOP OLDER COLTS/HORSES IN EUROPE

RATING	HORSE	SIRE
126	WESTERNER	DANEHILL
126	Azamour	NIGHT SHIFT

## TOP OLDER FILLY/MARE IN EUROPE

RATING	HORSE	SIRE
119	Pride	PEINTRE CELEBRE

## TOP 2-Y-O COLTS IN EUROPE

RATING	HORSE	SIRE
124	George Washington	DANEHILL
121	Sir Percy	Mark of Esteem
120	Horatio Nelson	DANEHILL
120	Amadeus Wolf	MOZART
117	Opera Cape	Barathea
117	Red Clubs	Red Ransom
116	Carlotamix	Linamix
113	Ivan Denisovich	DANEHILL
113	Silent Times	DANEHILL DANCER

## TOP 2-Y-O FILLY IN EUROPE

RATING	HORSE	SIRE
116	Rumplestiltskin	DANEHILL

\* HURRICANE RUN is the 2005 world champion and will stand at Coolmore in 2007. Remember HAWK WING (2003 world champion), ROCK OF GIBRALTAR (2002 world champion), MONTJEU (1999 world champion) and PEINTRE CELEBRE (1997 world champion) all stand at Coolmore.

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**PIMLICO BARN ISOLATED *cont. from p1***

Officials had previously placed Barns 5 and 6 under a hold order. "The finding today of a horse with signs consistent with equine herpesvirus in Barn A comes as a surprise to us and is very disappointing," said Maryland State Veterinarian Dr. Guy Hohenhaus. "While there is no way to know if this suspected new case is connected with the others, we are looking into any possible relationship between them to find and close any gaps that might allow for transmission." At least two horses have been euthanized at the track because of the herpes virus scare. News Reporter, a gelding trained by Charles Frock in Barn 5, was put down Jan. 2. Tests confirmed he was carrying the herpes virus. Kalli Calling, a three-year-old filly conditioned by Simon Purdy in Barn 6, was euthanized Jan. 13. Test results are expected either Friday or Monday on whether she had the virus. At Turfway Park, the quarantine of Barn 26 was lifted by a state veterinarian. The barn had been under quarantine since Dec. 22 following an outbreak of the herpes virus. Veterinarian Robert Stout rescinded the quarantine order after horses stabled in the barn tested negative for the virus. Those horses will be allowed to resume training with the general population today.

★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

**La Reina OK After Being Pulled Up in Marshua's River:**

A few days after being pulled up in last Saturday's Marshua's River S. at Gulfstream, Emory Hamilton's blue-blooded homebred **La Reina** (A.P. Indy) appeared to be fine, according to *Daily Racing Form*. La Reina was sent off the 7-2 chalk in the mile-and-a-sixteenth turf event, but jockey Mike Smith opted to pull up the five-year-old mare in deep stretch. "Mike didn't like the way she was traveling at the end, so he eased her up and then we brought her back to the barn in the horse ambulance for precautionary reasons," trainer Shug McGaughey's assistant Graham Wolfram told *DRF*. "But we checked her over after she cooled out and she was fine." A daughter of champion Queena and sister to the promising young sire Brahms, La Reina is slated to be bred to Giant's Causeway this spring, Wolfram said. It is unclear whether she will race again before retiring.

**Yesterday's Results:**

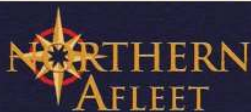
**9th-GPX, \$37,000, Opt. Clm.** (\$75,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:34 2/5, ft.

**ISTAN** (c, 4, **Gone West**--Ronda {GB} {GSW-Fr & GB, G1SP-U, GSP-Ger, \$227,639}, by Bluebird), campaigned in France for the first half of his career, was an even fourth in his U.S. debut in the six-furlong City Zip S. at Monmouth Park Sept. 25. Sent off the 9-2 second choice this time, the bay settled near the back early, circled rivals four wide turning for home and drew clear late to win by a widening three lengths over favored Wanderin Boy (Seeking the Gold). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 9-4-0-1, \$80,245. O-Darpat S.L. Stables. B-D Hinojosa (KY). T-W Mott.

**7th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 4yo, 1m, 1:36 3/5, ft.**

**SUN BOAT (GB)** (c, 4, **Machiavellian**--One So Wonderful {Hwt Older Mare-GB & Ire at 9.5-11f, \$427,729, MG1SW-GB}, by Nashwan), a well-beaten fourth going seven panels at Belmont Sept. 14, finished a much-improved second while negotiating nine furlongs on the turf at Calder Dec. 5. Sent off a generous 4-1 shot for this return to the main track, the 525,000gns TATHOU yearling was content to track the early pace before moving up to take control after three-quarters of a mile in 1:10 2/5. Under a confident ride by Javier Castellano, the bay inched clear to win by 1 1/2 lengths over He's So Royal (Kingmambo). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$25,444. O-Darley Stable. B-Meon Valley Stud (GB). T-E Harty.

**TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS**



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**Sired the Yearling Filly Session Topper on opening day of the OBS Winter Mixed Sale.**

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**1st SAX (\$44K MSW) Blue Orchid** (Kingmambo) comes from off the pace to win.

**3rd SAX (\$62K ALW) Wild Storm** (Chi) (Hussonet) wins for the first time in over two years.

**7th GPX (\$32K MSW) Sun Boat** (GB) (Machiavellian) returns to the dirt for a comfortable win.

**9th GPX (\$37K \$75K Opt. Cl.) Istan** (Gone West) takes his second U.S. start.

**PASEANA S. Healthy Addiction** (Boston Harbor) scores in her seasonal debut.



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## ★ NEW YORK ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**8th-AQU, \$46,000, Opt. Clm.** (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70yds, 1:43 2/5, ft.

**TOMORROWS LADY (f, 4, Tomorrows Cat--Quiet Strike, by Quiet American)** was runner-up in her two latest starts, including a 2 3/4-length defeat of \$30,000 optional claimers in the slop here Dec. 29. A close-up sixth through the opening quarter mile, the 6-1 chance closed to within a half-length of the lead two furlongs out, powered to the front at the head of the stretch and drew clear late to win by 1 1/2 lengths over Tomorrows Dance (Tomorrows Cat). Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$89,050.

O-D & M Zuckerman. B-Donald & Mary Zuckerman as Tenants as the Entireties (NY). T-Todd Pletcher.

**7th-AQU, \$43,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11, ft.**

**NIKKI'S HALO (f, 3, Rizzi--Chap Slewy, by Tsunami Slew)** came home a 6 1/4-length winner going a sixteenth shorter here Nov. 19 and was given a 5-1 chance this time. On the engine early, the \$43,000 OBSAPR juvenile held a daylight lead heading for home and continued to dominate late, winning by five lengths over Stand By the Phone (Phone Trick). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$50,400.

O-Our Canterbury Stables. B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY). T-Kim Laudati.

## ★ CENTRAL ★

### Memorial Service for Osborne:

There will be a service to celebrate the life of Dr. Michael Osborne on Monday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. The service will be held at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary located at 601 Hill 'n' Dale Road in Lexington. Refreshments will be served following the service at Mulligan's Gardenside Café on Alexandria Drive. All are welcome.

### Wednesday Night's Results:

**8th-TPX, \$21,500, Alw, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 3/5, ft.**

**LISTEN (f, 4, Chester House--Listen Now, by Storm Bird)** debuted with a two-length win over this surface Dec. 23 and was a 5-1 chance here. In the thick of things from the start, the bay filly asserted herself in the stretch and came home a 2 3/4-length winner. She is a half-sister to Indy Bird (A.P. Indy), SW, \$136,950; and a 3/4-sister to Listen Here (Gulch), MGSW, \$287,480. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$30,150. O-Springwood LLC. B-Nardelli, Jaffrey, Bunning, Berge & Spirito (KY). T-Rebecca Maker.

**6th-TPX, \$23,110, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5, ft.**

**BOURBONETTE (f, 3, Honour and Glory--Call Her {SW}, by Caller I. D.)** ran seventh as the favorite in her Nov. 27 career bow at this track, but was bet down to even-money for her first start since. The dark bay rallied four wide, surged past pacesetter Nightmare (Out of Place) in the lane and went on to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths. Listed as a \$75,000 KEESEP yearling, Bourbonette is a half-sister to Matched (Smart Strike), SW, \$152,522; and a full to Battle Won, GSW & MGISP, \$553,310. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$14,550.

O/B-Glencrest Farm LLC (KY). T-Gregory D Foley.

## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

### Outta Here Retired:

*Daily Racing Form* reports that **Outta Here** (Dehere--Just Out, by Forty Niner), winner of the lucrative \$500,000 Delta Jackpot as a juvenile, has been retired after suffering a fractured sesamoid in a work Dec. 20. Owner and trainer Bill Curin told the publication that Outta Here, now six, stepped in a hole during the workout. He was being pointed toward the GII San Marcos S. at Santa Anita Sunday. As a three-year-old, the chestnut ran seventh in the GI Kentucky Derby to Funny Cide; he hit the board in five graded events during his career. Stud plans have not been determined. Outta Here retires with a record of 28-3-5-6, and earnings of \$657,167.

## JOHAR (GONE WEST-WINDSHARP)

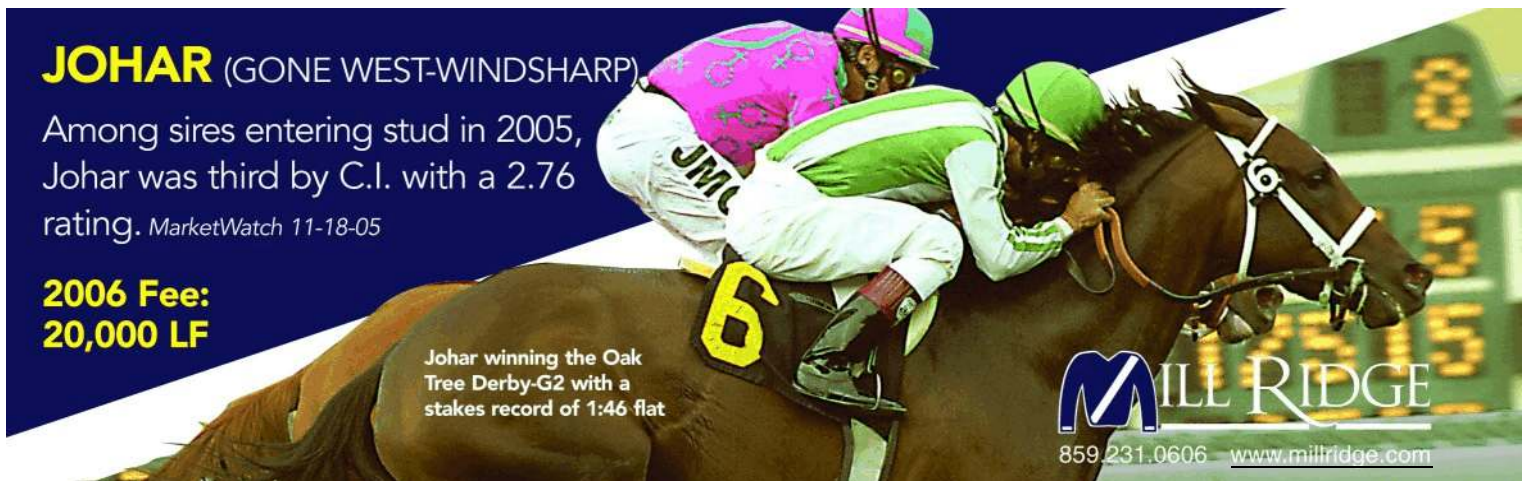
Among sires entering stud in 2005, Johar was third by C.I. with a 2.76 rating. *MarketWatch* 11-18-05

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Johar winning the Oak Tree Derby-G2 with a stakes record of 1:46 flat

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**Krujac Weights Options for Leave Me Alone:**

Trainer Eric Krujac said yesterday that he'd wait until the last minute to decide whether last year's impressive GI Test S. heroine **Leave Me Alone** (Bold Badgett) will make her next start in the \$300,000, six-furlong Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Sprint Jan. 28 or the \$250,000, seven-panel GI Santa Monica H. the next day. Both races are contested at Santa Anita. "We'll for sure enter both and take our best shot," the trainer said. "She's doing super. She breezed a half-mile Saturday [in :47 2/5] and she'll go another easy half this Saturday. She's real happy. We'll look at both the Sunshine Millions and the Santa Monica because there are several factors to consider at this time of year, namely track conditions and field size. There could be 14 horses in the Sunshine Millions, and track conditions could vary from one day to the next." Leave Me Alone was second to Pussycat Doll in her last start, the Dec. 31 GI La Brea S.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**PASEANA S.**, \$79,750, SAX, 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.

1--**HEALTHY ADDICTION**, 123, m, 5, Boston Harbor--Lady Laika, by Gone West. (\$100,000 yrl '02 KESEP). O-Pamela C Ziebarth; B-Sequel 98 (KY); T-John W Sadler; J-G K Gomez; \$47,580. Lifetime Record: GSW, 16-7-5-0, \$435,837. \* 1/2 to Arch Lady (Arch), MSW, \$167,029.

2--**Freakin Streakin**, 118, m, 5, Tactical Advantage--Fifth and a Jigger, by Time to Explode. (\$4,500 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$70,000 2yo 2003 OBSAPR). O-Mercedes Stables LLC. \$15,860.

3--**Musica Si (Chi)**, 120, m, 5, Malek (Chi)--La Ernestina (Chi), by Royal Danzig. O-Great Falls S A. \$9,516. Margins: 2, 2 3/4, 1. Odds: 0.60, 2.60, 3.20.

Healthy Addiction culminated a three-race win streak with a victory in the GII Lady's Secret Breeders' Cup H. over this track and trip Oct. 2, but failed to fire and struggled home a well-beaten 13th in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Belmont. Well backed for her return in softer company, the dark bay pressed the early pace set by Freakin Streakin, wrestled the lead away from that foe on the second turn and had enough left to win her seasonal debut. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

**3rd-SAX**, \$62,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$85,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:12 3/5, fm.

1--**WILD STORM (CHI)**, 119, m, 6, Hussonet--Wildwind (Chi) (MSW-Chi), by Worldwatch. O-Edmund A Gann; B-Haras de Pirque (CHI); T-Robert J Frankel. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Chi, 8-1-2-3, \$77,350. \* 1/2 to L'Eclipse (Chi) (Smooth Performance), GSW-Chi.

2--**Megec Blis (Ire)**, 119, m, 5, Soviet Star--Machaera (GB), by Machiavellian. (€11,000 yrl '02 GOFHIT; 60,000gns 2yo '03 TATAPR).

3--**Madour (Chi)**, 119, m, 5, Hussonet--Dona Oli (Chi), by Settlement Day.

Margins: NK, 3/4, NO. Odds: 12.40, 11.60, 7.70.

Wild Storm found a home in \$75,000 optional claiming company in New York last term, racing under those conditions through the summer and fall. In the money in five of six of those starts, she finished third going six furlongs on the dirt at Belmont Oct. 16 before holding out for second while trying that same trip at Aqueduct Nov. 3. A flat third in her latest at the Big A Nov. 23, the bay was overlooked in her turf debut. Up to press the early pace, the six-year-old poked her head in front with a sixteenth left to go and inched clear for her first victory in over two years. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

**7th-SAX**, \$50,752, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.

**DISTORTED RUMOR** (h, 5, [Distorted Humor--No Extra Charge, by Greinton {GB}](#)), a \$24,000 WASSEP yearling, ran second by a head in a Bay Meadows special weight in September of 2004, then returned to face \$50,000 maidens at Hollywood two months later. A neck winner in that effort, he was claimed by Adam Lewis as a gift for his wife, but the chestnut was forced to the sidelines shortly thereafter. In his comeback 13 months later, he completed the exacta in a Hollywood allowance Dec. 17 and was a 6-1 chance to do one better. On the hip of the pacesetter through a half in :44 4/5, he assumed command in upper stretch and drew off to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths. Wing Kai (Touch Gold) closed for second. Distorted Rumor is a half to Melcapwalker (Skywalker), SW, \$172,144. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$60,985. O-Adam R Lewis. B-Northwest Farms (KY). T-Jeff Mullins.

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**1st-SAX**, \$44,800, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 4/5, ft. **BLUE ORCHID** (f, 4, [Kingmambo](#)--Yekaterina, by **Strawberry Road {Aus}**) broke slowly first time out over this track Dec. 30 and couldn't get herself together for the remainder of that six-furlong event and had to settle for seventh. Despite that poor showing, the half to Whoopdoo (Jade Hunter), GISP, \$238,850, stalked the early pace, came on to challenge for the lead a furlong out and took over late to hand Dee Dee's Princess (Cryptoclearance) a one-length defeat. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,800.

O-Mercedes Stables LLC. B-Madeleine A Paulson & Ernest Moody (KY). T-Darrell Vienna.

## ★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

### Breeders' Cup Board Elect Farish, Clay:

In the first meeting under its new 14-member make-up, the Breeders' Cup Limited Board of Directors yesterday elected William Farish, Jr. as board chairman and Robert Clay as vice chairman. Also elected were D.G. Van Clief, Jr. (president), Ferguson Taylor (treasurer), James Philpott, Jr. (secretary), and Ragan Montemayor (assistant secretary). "It was a very productive first meeting," said Van Clief. "The board was fully engaged and is focused on the achievement of both short- and long-term goals that will be beneficial to our organization as well as the entire industry." The next board meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 9.

## ★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

### IN DUBAI:

**Well Armed**, c, 3, [Tiznow](#)--Well Dressed (SW, \$103,961), by Notebook. Nad Al Sheba, 1-19, Cond., 1400m. O/B-WinStar Farm; T-Clive Brittain. \*See Dubai report.

**Iqte Saab**, h, 5, **Bahri**--Shuhrah (MSP-Eng), by Danzig. Nad Al Sheba, 1-19, Hcp., 1777mT. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm Inc; T-Doug Watson. \*SP-Eng.

**CORRECTION:** In an item on Empire Stud's stallion open house in Thursday's *TDN*, we reported that City Zip and Wiseman's Ferry were standing at the Hudson, New York stud farm. In fact, City Zip stands at Lane's End Farm in Versailles, Kentucky; Wiseman's Ferry stands at Castleton Lyons in Lexington. We regret the error.

**King Jock**, g, 5, **Ghazi**--Glen Kate (Ire) (MGSW-US, SW-HK, \$698,203), by Glenstal. Nad Al Sheba, 1-19, Hcp., 1500m. O-James Mearns Long; B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey; T-Erwin Charpy. \*1/2 to Perfect Touch (Miswaki), GSW-Ire, \$190,090; and The Carbon Unit (Catenus), SW-Ire.

**Win River Win**, h, 7, **Virginia Rapids**--Thirty Zip (MSW & GISP, \$585,970), by Tri Jet. Nad Al Sheba, 1-19, Hcp., 1800m. O-Yildirim Gelgin; B-James G Bell; T-Cemal Kurt. \*\$10,000 wnlg '99 KEENOV.



## SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

### Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Friday, Jan. 20

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2002 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

[APTITUDE](#) (A.P. Indy), Juddmonte, \$25K, 188/12/0  
5-OP, Msw, 1m, Wind Beneath Me, \$32K KEE SEP yrl  
**AUSTIN POWERS (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Griffiths, \$2K, 8/0/0  
5-LAD, Msw, 6 1/2f, April First, 8-1  
[CITY ZIP](#) (Carson City), Lane's End, \$8K, 118/20/2  
1-AQU, Alw, 6f, Phillip X.  
[EL CORREDOR](#) (Mr. Greeley), Hill N Dale, \$20K, 190/18/4  
8-OP, Stk, 5 1/2f, Corredor de Plata, \$95K TEX MAR 2yo  
7-OP, Msw, 1m, Hot Sunrise, \$6K KEE SEP yrl  
[FIVE STAR DAY](#) (Carson City), Wintergreen, \$10K, 126/12/2  
8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Two Star Day, \$16K OBS MAR 2yo, 20-1  
**FREUD** (Storm Cat), Lakland, \$5K, 88/9/0  
4-AQU, Msw, 6f, Zoom Zoom Zelda, \$49K OBS MAR 2yo  
**LUFTIKUS** (Meadowlake), Taylor Mtn, \$3K, 78/8/2  
8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Binn Waiting, 8-1  
12-CT, Msw, 7f, Mr. Gordon's Girl, 8-1  
**MEDFORD** (Meadowlake), Longfield, \$1000, 12/0/0  
12-CT, Msw, 7f, Light the Stage, \$4K CTN OCT 2yo, 10-1  
**PRIME TIMBER** (Sultry Song), Sez Who, \$5K, 93/15/1  
1-AQU, Alw, 6f, Win for Gold, \$50K OBS APR 2yo  
**TRIPPI** (End Sweep), Ocala, \$8K, 143/19/0  
8-TP, Alw, 1 1/16m, Triptanic, \$39K KEE SEP yrl  
10-GP, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Triple Step, \$95K OBS FEB 2yo

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**DIANA MOVED TO DUSSELDORF**

Germany's premier fillies' Classic, the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks), has found a permanent home once again after the announcement that it will be transferred to Dusseldorf in 2007. Formerly held at Mulheim, the June 4 contest had been moved to Hamburg for a two-year sojourn in 2004 and will be sponsored by Henkel from this year. Due to the World Cup soccer tournament, the G1 Deutsches Derby has been transplanted from its traditional date of the first Sunday in July to July 23 as a one-off. As a result, its major trial, Cologne's G2 Oppenheim Union Rennen, will take place later than usual on July 2, and the G2 pferdewetten.de Trophy at Cologne and G1 Deutschland Preis at Dusseldorf have been changed from the end of July to June 18 and June 26, respectively. Amongst the other changes is the upgrading of the Schwarzgold-Rennen at Cologne, won by the subsequent Diana heroines Amarette (Ger) and Iota (Ger) for the last two years, to Group 2 status.

**SHIROCCO NAMED HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Baron Georg von Ullmann's homebred G1 Breeders' Cup Turf victor **Shirocco (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) has been awarded the title of Germany's Horse of the Year. In the annual poll of television viewers, the 2004 G1 Deutsches Derby hero was announced the clear winner with 52.9 percent of the vote. Trailing Shirocco, who was also fourth in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp before his Belmont success, was Gestut Auenquelle's three-year-old filly **Gonbarda (Ger)** (Lando {Ger}), who earned 26.8 percent of the vote.

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**FINAL VERSE SOLD**

**Final Verse (GB)** (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) has been purchased by Saeed Suhail, according to the *Racing Post*. Bred by Athos Christodoulou, the G3 Horris Hill S. runner-up, who was also second to subsequent G3 Sirenia S. scorer Prince of Light (Ire) in a York nursery, will remain with Sir Michael Stoute. Suhail's Racing Manager Bruce Raymond told the *Post*, "I saw Final Verse last week and he seems to be doing well over the winter. Sir Michael Stoute believes he has a lot of improvement in him and he looks something to look forward to this year. He did well in the softish ground in the Horris Hill when he wasn't really furnished, should get a mile and, as a son of Mark of Esteem, is expected to improve from two to three."


★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN DUBAI:**

**Clinet (Ire)**, f, 4, **Docksider--Oiche Mhaith (GB)**, by Night Shift. Nad Al Sheba, 1-19, Hcp., 1500mT. O-Wood Hall Stud Ltd; B-Mrs J Costelloe; T-John Hills. \*€4,000 wnlg '02 GOFNOV.

**Kandidate (GB)**, c, 4, **Kabool (GB)--Valleyrose (Ire)**, by Royal Academy. Nad Al Sheba, 1-19, Hcp., 1500mT. O-A J Richards; B-Proton Partnership; T-Clive Brittain. \*1/2 to Star Valley (Fr) (Starborough {GB}), GSW-Fr, \$192,350. \*\*G1SP-Eng. \*\*\*30,000gns wnlg '02 TATDEC; 26,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT.

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★ DUBAI ★

**WINSTAR WELL ARMED FOR CARNIVAL** Well Armed (Tiznow), owned and bred by WinStar Farm, yesterday became the first international winner at the Dubai International Racing Carnival, taking the Shadwell Farm Trophy, a conditions race for three-year-olds. He reported home by 3 1/2 convincing lengths over Godolphin's **Testimony** (Yes It's True), the \$900,000 topper at last year's OBS March sale. Trained by Clive Brittain and ridden by Ryan Moore, Well Armed was



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always in close attendance to the pace before challenging into the straight. Sent to the front with 500 meters to race, he drew off to win handily. The final time for the

1400-meter event on the dirt was 1:24.57. "[Trainer] Clive [Brittain] deserves all the credit," commented WinStar President Doug Cauthen. "All along he said the horse was talented and he wanted to try the Polytrack with him, since he was bred for it and built for it. We're pretty excited about him," he said, adding that the colt tips the scales at about 1200 pounds. Well Armed is a son of Well Dressed (Notebook), acquired by WinStar for \$150,000 at the 2001 Keeneland November sale carrying a foal by Awesome Again. Her foal of 2004, a colt by Distorted Humor, sold for \$165,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. The winner, who broke his maiden over the Lingfield all-weather in his most recent appearance Nov. 26, could make his next start in the \$250,000 G3 UAE 2000 Guineas over 1600 meters Feb. 10. If all goes well, he would return in the G2 UAE Derby Mar. 25 and could possibly be repatriated thereafter for the Classics.

**IGLESIA FILLY TOPS MM FINALE** A filly by Iglesia (Aus) (Last Tycoon {Ire}) out of Monkey Puzzle (Aus) (Timber Country) brought a final bid of A\$90,000 to top yesterday's final session of the Conrad Jupiters Magic Millions Yearling Sale on the Gold Coast. Consigned by Oaklands Stud, the chestnut was purchased by Magic Millions, acting as agent. For sessions six and seven combined, which were added to the sale for the first time this year, a total of 283 horses were sold for gross receipts of A\$4,737,250 and an average of A\$16,739. The clearance rate was a solid 76.5 percent. The company's next major sale is the Perth Premier and Autumn Yearling sale set for Feb 14, 15 and 17.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**4th-SAX, \$52,800**, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 2/5, ft.

**HOME ICE (f, 4, lam the Iceman--Hit a Homer Honey {SW, \$181,208}, by Kennedy Road)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 12-2-1-3, \$105,573. O-George Hicker & Paul and May Ann Nicoletti. B-Paul & Mary Ann Nicoletti (CA). T-Martin F Jones.

**5th-AQU, \$45,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, gd.

**R B'S TOKEN (f, 4, Gold Token--Wee Like U, by Great Above)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-4, \$122,705. O-E El R Stable. B-Joseph Inguagiato (NY). T-Bruce N Levine. \*\$30,000 yrl '03 FTMSEP.

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**8th-LRL, \$28,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft. MISSING BLUE (g, 4, Unaccounted For--Blue Treasure, by Cure the Blues) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$39,320. O-Barbara J Houck. B-Dr Michael Brown & Terrie A West (KY). T-Donald H Barr. \*\$31,000 2yo 2004 FTMMAY.**

**7th-EVD, \$25,420, 1-18, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41 2/5, ft. YOUNG EMOTIONS (m, 5, Combat Ready--Full of Life, by Idabel) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-3-7-0, \$120,903. O-Southern Equine Stable LLC. B-Jay Goodwin (LA). T-Eric J Guillot. \*\$2,500 yrl '02 LOUOCT.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Missgallopingulch, f, 3, Gulch--Bluff for Bluff, by Pine Bluff. EVD, 1-18, 1m, 1:41 4/5. B-Carol M Davis & W S Farish (Ky). \*\$82,000 wlng '03 KEENOV; \$80,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '05 OBSFEB. \*\*1/2 to Wacky for Love (Gold Fever), MGSP, \$215,442.**

**Booker Time, g, 4, Gilded Time--Book Babe, by Alydeed. BMX, 1-19, 6f, 1:09 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs Larry Williams (Ky). \*1/2 to Wild Babe (Wild Again), SW, \$186,930.**

**Miss Copley Hall, f, 4, More Than Ready--Cup of Cheers (SP, \$128,075), by Raise a Cup. AQU, 1-19, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06. B-Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc, Sez Who Thoroughbreds, Inc & Andrew Friis (NY). \*\$70,000 yrl '03 FTNAUG; \$155,000 2yo 2004 FTFFEB. \*\*1/2 to Rich Celebration (Rizzi), SW, \$297,045.**

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sir Bahhare (Ire), c, 3, Bahhare--Ajba (Ity), by Marouble (Ire). Naples, Italy, 1-18, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1mT. B-Scuderia Fin. A. Co SRL.**

**Call me Mary (GB), f, 3, Mark of Esteem (Ire)--Silver Peak (Fr), by Sillery. Varese, Italy, 1-18, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-Wickfield Farm Partnership. \*3,200gns yrl '04 TATOCT.**

**Sublime Porta (Ire), f, 3, Namid (GB)--Suntuosa (Ire), by Kampala (GB). Pisa, Italy, 1-18, Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Allevamento dei Sei SRL. \*€40,000 yrl '04 ITYSEP.**

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 **Industry Profile**

**HORSE POWER LAUNCHES CONSULTING FIRM**

*by Lucas Marquardt*

Horse racing can be a difficult and imposing business to break into. Astronomical sums of money are spent each year on a subjective product; training and vet bills often carry the heft of phone books; and the IRS tax structure can be intimidating for even the hardest of CPAs.

But a new company is looking to make getting involved a little less complicated. Horse Power, LLC, begun by a trio of longtime friends, is a consulting firm that helps potential investors jump into the Thoroughbred business feet first without...ahem...getting all wet.

Until now, there have generally been three ways to willfully enter the fray: go it alone and hope your learning curve exceeds the rate of your dwindling checking account; hire an advisor, often a successful trainer, to guide you through the many facets of the industry; or, in what has become an increasingly attractive option over the last decade for many, buy a share in a horse through partnerships like those established by Dogwood Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds and Team Valor.

Each way has its benefits and drawbacks. Going it alone can be fun and, in the short term, less expensive, but mistakes in this industry often equate to money out the window. A single advisor, meanwhile, may or may not be well versed in the industry's complexities. It's one thing to spot a yearling that's a bit crooked in his left fore, and another to calculate the depreciation of a mare you've just bought. And partnerships can limit your exposure to loss and be a lot of fun, but leaving the decision-making to a partnership manager can be frustrating to some.

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Founded on a simple idea, Horse Power applies the business model used by many consulting firms outside the racing industry, rendering its services at an hourly fee.

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**Industry Profile: Horse Power cont.**

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Included, among others, are Donna Brothers, a color analyst for NBC during the Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup who will help with the selection of the 'right' trainer; pedigree guru John Prather, who planned the breeding of Kentucky Derby winner Funny Cide; bloodstock expert Dennis Lynch, a top judge of bloodstock who has worked for Fasig-Tipton and Barretts and who, according to Horse Power's website,

has "evaluated more than 150,000 horses for conformation and racing ability;" Laura D'Angelo, vice chairman of the Kentucky Bar Association, who practices equine and business law at the Lexington firm Kinkead & Stilz; and Sebastian Kaupert, a brand specialist from New York who will assist in the designing of racing silks.

**Power to the People...**

Horse Power is the brainchild of Dennis Lynch and his longtime friends, brothers Glenn and Lee Weber. Glenn Weber acts as managing director, Lee Weber as director of client services and Lynch as director of asset management.

"We went to the University of Kentucky together, and Dennis and I used to work over the summer at race-tracks," Glenn Weber explained. "During college, we worked at Belmont and up at Saratoga, and then Dennis went on into the business. My brother Lee worked as a vice president at Johnson & Johnson, and I started a business career and have been involved with consulting for the past 25 years."

Lynch kept in touch with the Webers during that time, and when the idea for Horse Power started to take shape six months ago, it only made sense for the men to join forces once again.

"Dennis was really the one who said, 'I think there's a real opportunity here, because I don't think anybody has thought of this,'" said Glenn Weber. "We saw an opportunity and niche in the marketplace. Right now, if you want to get in the horse business, there's really not a structure available for somebody to hire a number of consultants to help guide them and advise them on all the different complex parts."



**Dennis Lynch & Glenn and Lee Weber**  
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With the wheels set in motion, Horse Power added a pair of investors, Paul Pursley and Cooper Manning. The latter is the older brother of NFL stars Eli and Peyton Manning and the son of Archie Manning, longtime quarterback for the New Orleans Saints.

"Paul heard that we were putting together this venture, and he approached Lee and said he and Cooper would really be interested in investing in this business," said Weber. "Cooper came up to Keeneland with Paul, we sat down and went over what we're doing and took him the races. He said, 'Boy, there are a lot of different ways you can invest your money, but this is one I think has a lot of upside to it. In addition to that, it's a fun business.'"



**Manning, trainer Nick Zito and Pursley**  
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**Looking for a Few Good Investors...**

If last year's billion-dollar sales market is anything to go by, there is no shortage of deep pockets in racing, and Horse Power is aiming to attract investors who are looking to compete in the mid to upper levels of the game. Glenn Weber says, for instance, that the ideal candidate is someone who would like to spend anywhere from \$300,000 to \$1 million or more on horses.

Upon signing up with Horse Power, clients are urged to come to Lexington for a day or two and sit down with Horse Power personnel. (Horse Power is based in Columbus, Ohio, but most of its advisors live and work in Lexington.) First on the agenda is mapping out a business plan, which, according to Weber, allows the Horse Power team to go to work with specific goals in mind.

"I think almost everybody you talk to in the horse business says that's one of the most important things to do: get very clear on what the business objectives are and get that documented," said Weber.

The typical engagement with Horse Power could then run anywhere from three months to several years, depending on the services required.

"The reason there's such a difference," explained Weber, "is that there may be somebody who says, 'Hey, what I really need from you guys is to get me in business...somebody to select and buy horses with experience in pedigrees. And I need to then find a trainer. And I need a legal structure for setting up the racing stable and an LLC.' That kind of engagement could last four to six months. But then the client may also want someone to provide periodic oversight of the racing stable, to provide a second opinion on the status of their horses. As you know, one of the toughest decisions is when to let go of a horse and when to keep him. Or you may have someone who wants to continue on an ongoing basis to help with tax work. That relationship would last longer." **Horse Power cont. p11**



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**A Focus on Transparency...**

According to Glenn Weber, what makes Horse Power unique is the way in which it bills its clients. All fees are quoted up front and calculated on a per-hour basis, and are separate from the cost of any bloodstock. Weber says the company has made a conscience effort to be as transparent as possible with its clients.

"Right now in the horse business, quite often it's unclear how the mark-up process happens," Weber said. "The way we're proposing, if you want to spend \$300,000 on horses, that's exactly how much will be spent on horses. Our fees are separate and distinct and itemized. A lot of people that I've talked to really like that fact."

So what could the average investor expect?

"If you wanted to spend \$300,000 or \$400,000 on horses, typically our fees, to set up a stable from scratch--this would include everything, from designing their racing silks to naming the stable to finding and buying horses--would probably run around \$75,000 as a one-time set-up fee," said Weber.

In the end, Weber concedes that Thoroughbred racing is a risky business and monetary gain is never assured.

"I happen to agree with Cot Campbell," he said. "You can't guarantee financial success in racing--I don't think there's anybody in the horse business that does that. But it's like anything; you can increase your odds when you get better people working for you. If you *don't* know much, but you're very intrigued and you want to get into Thoroughbred racing, and you want to hire an all-star team of advisors and consultants, if you want full disclosure of what your fees are, and you don't want to pay mark-ups, that's what we're offering. It's really a unique thing."

If you'd like more information on Horse Power LLC, visit their website at [www.horsepowerllc.com](http://www.horsepowerllc.com).

**THIS DATE IN HISTORY...**

**January 20, 1972...**Secretariat was shipped from Virginia to Florida to be trained by Lucien Laurin.

**January 20, 1979...**Odds-on favorite **Affirmed**, with Steve Cauthen aboard, finished second in the San Fernando S. at Santa Anita, beaten 2 3/4 lengths by Radar Ahead. It was their fourth consecutive defeat. Cauthen subsequently lost the mount on Affirmed to jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr., who rode the horse for the remainder of his four-year-old season, winning seven victories in as many starts. Affirmed was later voted Horse of the Year for 1979. Cauthen had ridden Affirmed to a Triple Crown sweep the previous year and the pair recorded 11 wins in their 16 races together.

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