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**READY TO TAKE THE DIVISION BY 'STORM'**

With Lost in the Fog not slated to make his seasonal debut until the Apr. 22 Golden Gate Fields Sprint, **Attila's Storm** (Forest Wildcat) can take an early stranglehold on the sprint division with a victory in today's GII Palos Verdes H. at Santa Anita. The bay has flourished under the care of New York-based trainer Rick Schosberg in four starts, posting triple-digit Beyers in each, including a 105 in a Monmouth allowance Sept. 8. Attila's Storm wasn't given much of a shot in the



**Attila's Storm**  
*Horsephotos*

GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Belmont Oct. 29 when dismissed at 45-1, but outran those odds with a game fourth-place finish after dueling around the racetrack. He proved that performance wasn't a fluke with a gutsy victory in the Fall Heighweight H. at the Big A Thanksgiving Day and ran well to finish second when stretched to seven furlongs in the GI Malibu S. last out Dec. 26. "I think he's better at six furlongs," Schosberg told *Daily Racing Form*. "Turning for home [in the Malibu], I would have given you anything that we would win. It looks like the last 70 yards were too much for him. It looked to me like there was no excuse from the half-mile pole to the wire. The other horse ran a good race. I thought for sure we had him."



**2005 BC Sprint**  
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**LEWIS FILLIES ON TRACK FOR REMATCH**

After suggesting he would run either GII Santa Ynez winner **Dance Daily** (Five Star Day) or third-place finisher **Folklore** (Tiznow) in the GI Las Virgenes S., trainer D. Wayne Lukas does not seem to be against the idea of entering both stablemates for that one-mile event Feb. 11. "They're both doing good," Lukas commented. "I'm going to look at [the Las Virgenes] and see how it shapes out. Obviously they'll get some new [horses] in there [only four contested the Santa Ynez], but I've got them both headed in that direction and we'll see what happens. I like Folklore better going two turns anyhow." Should she start in the Las Virgenes, the likely two-year-old filly champion would be trying two turns for the first time in her career.



**Top of the Stretch:**  
Santa Ynez *Benoit photo*

**Thoro-Graph Race of the Week**  
*by Jerry Brown*

**Saturday, Louisiana Downs**

**FAIR GROUNDS BREEDERS' CUP H.-GIII, \$200,000,**  
4yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	ODDS
1 <b>Waupaca</b>	<b>Forest Wildcat</b>	<b>8-1</b>

Has developed steadily with age, which is unusual for runners sired by Forest Wildcat (see profile). Like many grass horses, he runs his figures in a very tight range, but while he could get a check, he's a little short of being a serious contender.

2 <b>Chinese Dragon</b>	<b>Stravinsky</b>	<b>3-1</b>
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Ran good figures for a spring three-year-old, but hasn't developed a step since, which is not that unusual for horses sired by Stravinsky (see profile). Although his record is imposing, he comes into this race as the slowest horse (worst top) by quite a bit, and while he may be ready for a forward move third off the layoff, it would have to be a pretty big one to put him into contention. As one of the favorites, he's a big underlay.

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:10 p.m. PST**

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

PP HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1 With Distinction	Storm Cat	Lukas	3-1
2 Jet West	Western Fame	West	2-1
3 Attila's Storm	Forest Wildcat	Schosberg	9-5
4 Stalking Tiger	Twin Spires	Piccioni	30-1
5 Papa to Kinzie	Boston Harbor	Jones	15-1
6 Major Success	Mazel Trick	Frankel	5-1
7 Gray Black N White	Quiet American	Canani	12-1

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**3 Gallo Del Bar (Chi) Barkerville 10-1**

Is by sire of late developers Barkerville (note the TGI section of his sire profile), and this horse is pretty typical. His very good effort two back was concealed by going five wide on the second turn, and he had excuses in his two recent bad ones--one was on dirt, the other in the bog on the inside of the grass course at Keeneland. Shipping from the colder north to Louisiana is tough, but this horse ran well doing it last year, and has been here long enough to have a published work. Live longshot.

**4 Sampson's Son Lil's Lad 8-1**

Developed quite a bit from two to three, and not at all since, which fits Lil's Lad's profile to a tee. This horse has lots of dirt figures that would make him a contender here, and his two recent grass figures are pretty good. This one can't be viewed as solid, but he does get weight worth about a point from several of these, and a very good rider (see profile). Contender, and value.

**5 G P Fleet Northern Afleet 6-1**

Ran some good figures over the summer, but his last couple were not great--a rail trip (1w1w) made the last look a lot better than it was. Horses have a tough time acclimating with the ship into Louisiana from cold weather, and this guy shows a work in Kentucky Jan. 10. Since he would need his best to have any shot, he's tough to like here, and an underlay, since he'll take money.

**6 Fort Prado El Prado (Ire) 5-2**

Has developed quite a bit with age, typical for sire El Prado, and has the best figures of anyone in the race. That advantage is offset quite a bit by the handicap weights--he'll be spotting weight worth about a point (give or take) to the whole field. He's very solid, and the strongest of the favorites in the race, but he would have to both run a top and get a good trip to have a big shot to win.

**7 Ole Faunty Quiet American 8-1**

Is the third live longshot in this one. After running some very big dirt figures as a five-year-old, he fell apart, but has been coming around recently when tried on grass by promising young trainer Shannon Ritter. His race two back was very good, and much concealed by the (3w3w) trip. If he runs back to that second off the layoff, he'll be tough at the weights.

**8 Onthedeanslist Honor Grades 9-2**

Is an example of the advantages of speed and saving ground in two turn races--look at all the one wide trips in his pp's. His grass figures are only modest, but those trips have showed his figures to best advantage and as lone speed again, he could get a piece of this again by running his race and saving ground.

**Overview** – The tote board will be upside-down for this one, with longshots having at least as good a shot as the favorites. Chinese Dragon and G P Fleet are clear bet-againsts, with Gallo Del Bar, Sampson's Son, and Ole Faunty offering value.

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**Saturday, Louisiana Downs, post time: 3:32 p.m. CST**  
**FAIR GROUNDS BREEDERS' CUP H.-GIII, \$200,000,**  
4yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Waupaca	Forest Wildcat	D K Von Hemel	116
2	Chinese Dragon	Stravinsky	Hess Jr	118
3	Gallo del Bar (Chi)	Barkerville	Carroll	115
4	Sampson's Son	Lil's Lad	Hobby	113
5	G P Fleet	Northern Afleet	S Flint	118
6	Fort Prado	El Prado (Ire)	Trosclair	121
7	Ole Faunty	Quiet American	Ritter	113
8	Onthedeanslist	Honor Grades	Nicks	118

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**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:48 p.m. EST**

**AQUEDUCT H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Happy Hunting	Seeking the Gold	McGaughey	114
2	Colita	Grindstone	Pletcher	115
3	Evening Attire	Black Tie Affair (Ire)	Kelly	118
4	Broad Acres	Quiet American	Sciacca	110
5	Mr. Whitestone	Dance Brightly	Dutrow Jr	113
6	Spite the Devil	Devil His Due	H Jerkens	113
7	Sinister G	Matty G	Tosciano Jr	113
8	Knox	Menifee	Contessa	114

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:44 p.m. EST**

**FIRST LADY H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Lilah	Defrere	H Jerkens	115
2	Toll Taker	Bernstein	Hills	112
3	Maddalena	Good and Tough	Pletcher	117
4	So Much More	Chimes Band	Chapman	113
5	Ender's Sister	A.P. Indy	Arnold	112
6	Trickle of Gold	Formal Gold	Gorham	117
7	Lunachick	Partner's Hero	Catalano	113
8	Smokey Glacken	Forestry	J Jerkens	117
9	Kuanyan	Carson City	Ma Wolfson	116

**Sunday, Santa Anita**

**SAN MARCOS S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	License to Run (Brz)	Exile King	Valenzuela	115
2	Warrior Song	Unbridled's Song	Gryder	117
3	Always First (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	Nakatani	119
4	Rebel Rebel (Ire)	Revoque (Ire)	Gomez	115
5	Adreamisborn	Kris S.	Santiago	117
6	Whilly (Ire)	Sri Pekan	Martinez	119
7	Estevan	Grand Slam	Flores	115
8	Bouthan (Fr)	Sadler's Wells	Solis	115
9	The Tin Man	Affirmed	Espinoza	115
10	Milk it Mick (GB)	Millkom (GB)	Desormeaux	115
11	Fitz Flag (Arg)	Flag Down	Court	115
12	Sigfredo	Spunky Rascal	Farina	115
13	Atlando (Ire)	Hernando (Fr)	Pedroza	119
14	Toasted	Hennessy	Valdivia, Jr.	115

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**'ROCKY' GEARING UP** Rockport Harbor (Unbridled's Song), off since finishing a well-beaten sixth in Keeneland's GII Lexington S. Apr. 23, turned in a five-furlong workout in 1:00.6 at Oaklawn Park yesterday with regular rider Stewart Elliot aboard. He will be pointed toward Oaklawn's Feb. 11 Essex H. for his four-year-old debut. "I'm obviously very happy with Rocky's work," trainer John Servis said of Rockport Harbor's second listed workout since the Lexington. "The work went perfect and he came back fine. My biggest concern was to see how he galloped out and he galloped out better than I expected. He'll walk Saturday, jog Sunday and after that, we'll play it by ear. He's sitting on go." The strapping gray was perfect in four starts at two, including a victory in Aqueduct's GII Remsen S., but things didn't go quite as smooth for the Fox Hill Farms colorbearer during his sophomore campaign. He faced the starter only twice in 2005, turning in a game second-place finish in the GIII Rebel S. before putting up a dismal showing in the Lexington.

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**8th-GPX (NW1X) Congleve (Ire)** (Ashkalani {Ire}) goes gate to wire in a course-record setting score.  
**9th-GPX (NW2X) Darling Daughter** (Maria's Mon) holds on for a gallant 3/4-length score.  
**6th-SAX (NW1X) Bob and John** (Seeking the Gold) charges down the lane to an easy victory.

## ★ GULFSTREAM ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**9th-GPX, \$35,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35 4/5, ft.

**DARLING DAUGHTER** (m, 5, [Maria's Mon](#)--Miss Carmella {Ire}, by Carmelite House) didn't debut until October of her four-year-old season, but has come a long way since. Second in her Oct. 9 career bow, the bay aired by 8 1/2 lengths Nov. 3 at Churchill, but faltered to fourth going nine furlongs 10 days later at the same track. She rebounded with a front-running tally Dec. 23 at Calder and was the 3-1 second choice here. After vying for the lead, the five-year-old turned for home in front and, despite drifting out, staved off Grecian Lover (Friendly Lover) by 3/4 of a length. The winner sold twice as a yearling, for \$38,000 at KEEJAN and \$80,000 at FTKJUL. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$75,675. O-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey. B-John T Dee (KY). T-Dale L Romans.

**8th-GPX, \$33,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:38 (NCR), fm.**

**CONGLEVE (IRE)** (c, 4, Ashkalani {Ire}--Freedom Flame {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Darshaan {GB}), a €70,000 DEAAUG yearling, broke his maiden by five lengths a year ago at Deauville. After a fourth in his U.S. bow on the dirt at Laurel in March, the chestnut ran eighth in a grassy allowance at Belmont May 11 before missing by a half-length over the same course July 3. He didn't race again until Nov. 13, fading to finish 11th, and was a 5-1 chance for his return. Congleve came out rolling, led at every call and opened up in the lane en route to a 5 3/4-length tally, lowering the course record by a tick. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$43,579. O-Team Valor Stables LLC. B-Janus Bloodstock Inc (IRE). T-Dale L Romans.



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**TODAY'S INSIGHTS**

- 2:44p 5th-GPX, \$32K, Msw, 3yo, 6f**  
**HRTV BEDFORD FALLS (Forestry)**, a \$1.1 million KEESEP yrl, is a 1/2 to MGSW Harlan's Holiday. Trained by Eoin Harty for Darley, he has been training well for this, which also includes three other well-bred firsters: In Certain Circles (Yes It's True) is a full to GISW Proud Accolade; Just as Well (A.P. Indy) is the first foal from GISW No Matter What; and He's Gone West (Gone West), a son of GSW She's a Devil Due. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps).
- 3:44p 7th-GPX, \$32K, Msw, 3yo, 6f**  
**HRTV I BELIEVE IN ME (Giant's Causeway)**, the first foal from GISW I Believe in You, has posted several bullet works for trainer Paul McGee and owner/breeders Mace & Samantha Siegel. There are several promising newcomers, including Swept 'Em (Grand Slam), a 1/2 to GSW Western Fame for Jerry Bailey and Bill Mott; and Mini Saint (Saint Ballado), an Edward Evans homebred for Todd Pletcher. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps)
- 4:32p 3rd-SAX, \$44K, Msw, 3yo, 7f**  
**HRTV LATENT HEAT (Maria's Mon)**, a son of MGSW True Flare, got a 96 Beyer in his Dec. 26 debut. Trained by Bobby Frankel for Juddmonte, the bay is a 1/2 to GSW Art Master. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps)
- 4:33p 6th-OPX, \$32K, Msw, 3yo, 6f**  
**TVG STALWARTLY (Gone West)**, a 1/2 to champ Orientate, breaks from the rail in his bow for trainer Steve Asmussen and owner/breeder Gainesway Farm. Asmussen wins with 18 % of his firsters. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps).
- 5:33p 8th-OPX, \$33K, Alw/OC, 3yo, 1m**  
**TVG MENACING (Lemon Drop Kid)**, a Robert Evans homebred, aired by 5 lengths in his debut for trainer Tim Ritchey at Delaware Sept. 17. He followed that with a fourth to First Samurai and Henny Hughes in the slop in the GI Champagne Oct. 8 at Belmont. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps). ALL TIMES EASTERN

**10th-GPX, \$33,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:39 1/5, fm.**  
**CAN'T BEAT IT (c, 3, Atticus--Uhavethebeat, by Unbridled)** ran fourth in his first turf try, the Kris S. S. Dec. 10 at Calder, and followed that with a fifth in the GIII Tropical Park Derby on New Year's Day. Getting some class relief here, the Live Oak homebred settled into stride, made a three-wide move and kept up his momentum for a 1 1/4-length decision over Tahoe Warrior (Carson City). Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$51,960.  
 O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Live Oak Stud (KY). T-Martin D Wolfson.

★ NEW YORK ★

**Yesterday's Results:**  
**3rd-AQU, \$44,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.**  
**REGAL ENGAGEMENT (f, 3, Cat Thief--Puestera, by Forty Niner)** regrouped following a seventh on the turf at Belmont Oct. 21, returning to run second going two turns on the inner track at Aqueduct Jan. 1. Allowed her own way on the front end, the 5-2 third choice kicked clear in the stretch and came home seven lengths clear under a hand ride. An \$80,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, she is a half-sister to Miss Hellie (A.P. Indy), GSP, \$172,458. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$35,587.  
 O-Mark D Spitzer. B-Helen C Alexander & Stewart Armstrong (KY). T-Thomas M Bush.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21:**

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**Silvestris (Forest Wildcat), 4f, :47.29, 2/80**

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**Smokume (Smoke Glacken), 4f, :47.2, 3/23**

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★ EAST ★

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**8th-LRL, \$28,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo, 7f, 1:23 4/5, ft.**  
**TARTLET (c, 4, Zignew--Pie I'd, by You and I)** made a winning debut going 5 1/2 panels at this track Dec. 11 and was the 5-2 second choice this time. The Maryland-bred rallied five wide turning for home and won going away by six lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$30,780.  
 O-Rickman Racing LLC. B-William M Rickman (MD).  
 T-Ronald A Alfano.

**Posse Filly Tops OBS Finale:**

A yearling filly by Posse out of the stakes-placed mare Eltisha, topped Friday's open session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company 2006 Winter Mixed Sale, when she sold for \$85,000. Consigned by Summerfield as hip [1168](#), the bay was purchased by Barry Berkelhammer. Grey Ballet (Imperial Ballet {Ire}), an eight-year-old mare also consigned by Summerfield, brought \$60,000. Sold as hip [1267](#), the stakes-winning mare in foal to Peace Rules was purchased by Lambholm South, agent. For more information, visit [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com).

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\*In 2005, there were two open sessions.

***Black Type Designators for North American Racing***  
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**New Racing Secretary Named at Calder:**

Michael Anifantis, the assistant general manager at Calder since 2001, has been appointed to racing secretary, it was announced Friday. He replaces the late Robert Umphrey, who passed away Jan. 2. "Mike brings a wealth of experience to this position," Calder Race Course President Ken Dunn said. "We are fortunate to have someone like him on staff to fill this role during what has been a sad time here for the entire Calder family. His lifetime of racing knowledge, people skills and rapport with the horsemen make him the perfect candidate to be the racing secretary at Calder."



**Mike Anifantis**  
 Carla Mendoza

★ CENTRAL ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**DIXIELAND S., \$50,000, OPX, 1-20, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05, ft.**  
 1--#**CELLULOID HERO, 120, c, 3, by Glitterman**  
 1st Dam: **Timely Legend, by Navarone**  
 2nd Dam: **Turf Legend, by Woodman**  
 3rd Dam: **Timely Reserve, by Nureyev**  
 (\$50,000 yrl '04 KEESEP). O-Homewrecker Racing LLC & Hugh Robertson; B-E H Beau Lane III (KY); T-McLean Robertson; J-S B Martinez; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$64,440. \*1/2 to Reel Legend (Catrail), GSP.  
 2--**Urban Guy, 119, c, 3, Marquetry--City Life, by Carson City.** (\$80,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL; \$200,000 2yo '05 FTFEB). O-Greg L Warren. \$10,000.  
 3--**Fidrych, 119, c, 3, Grand Slam--Extraterrestrial, by Storm Bird.** (\$250,000 2yo '05 KEEAPR). O-WinStar Farm LLC. \$5,000.  
 Margins: HF, 1HF, HD. Odds: 16.70, 2.80, 3.50.  
 Celluloid Hero broke his maiden second time out at Hawthorne Nov. 12 and promptly added an optional claiming win at the Illinois oval Dec. 1, but wasn't given much of a chance here. The dark bay enjoyed a ground-saving trip, came up the rail in the stretch and outfinished Urban Guy for his first black-type victory. "I felt a little bit like I was taking a shot with him," said winning trainer McLean Robertson, "but after you win two races, where are you going to run? We will see how he comes back."

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**8th-LAD, \$41,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 3/5, fm.

**SORORITY WILDCAT (f, 3, Lear Fan--Herat's Goldengirl, by Gold Alert)**, a wire-to-wire winner of her Nov. 17 debut at Churchill, faded to sixth behind subsequent graded stakes winner Baghdaria in a Dec. 4 optional claimer. The 5-2 second choice came through between horses on the far turn and finished up well to deny Alotofability (Pioneering) by 3/4 of a length. She was a \$7,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$54,745.

O-Walter M Bindner Jr, et al. B-Dan White & Gainesway Farm (KY). T-Walter M Bindner Jr.

**5th-OPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:40 3/5, ft.**

**JOLTED AND JOSTLED (c, 3, Storm Cat--Jostle {MGISW, \$1,389,932}, by Brocco)** didn't live up to his pedigree when tiring to fourth in his career opener at Philly Park Nov. 12, but rallied for third at Louisiana Downs Dec. 18 and was favored at 5-2 this time. Forced to take the overland route from his outside post, the dark bay collared Mr. Franks (Anet) in midstretch and bested that rival by a length. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$24,750.

O/B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-John C Servis.

**7th-OPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:39, ft.**

**BRILLIANT (c, 3, War Chant--Fairest, by Known Fact)**, produced by a half-sister to GISW Furiously (Danzig), had shown improvement in each start, most recently missing by a half-length with first-time Lasix at Louisiana Downs Jan. 8. The 4-5 favorite in this quick return, he cruised along in second, hit the front at the head of the lane and went on to earn his diploma by three lengths over El Chile Dog (Puerto Madero {Chi}). Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$41,400.

O/B-Mill House (KY). T-Neil J Howard.

Test Run for Afleet Alex:

**Afleet Alex** (Northern Afleet), who is odds-on to be named champion three-year-old at Monday's Eclipse Awards ceremony in Beverly Hills, got started on his new career Wednesday, covering a test mare at Gainesway Farm in Lexington. "Everything went very well," said co-owner Chuck Zacney. "The breeding season doesn't start til Feb. 15, but he's starting to get acclimated and get familiar with his new job." Zacney and trainer Tim Ritchey were in Lexington last week, attending the Keeneland January Sale. They bought three mares to send to Afleet Alex, spending a total of \$260,000. The trio included Dame d'Loc (Mt. Livermore), an eight-year-old from the family of graded winner Sterling Pound, dam of GSW and sophomore sire Exchange Rate. In foal to Aldebaran, she brought \$130,000. "We're hoping to go back to Keeneland next November and really make a splash," Zacney said. "We felt we got three good quality mares, but in November we will really step up to the plate and support him as much as we can." Twenty-one members of Team Afleet Alex, including Zacney, Jess Jackson and John Moynihan, will attend the Eclipse Awards. "We have two tables and we're hoping we can squeeze an extra person in there," Zacney said. "It should be fun. We believe he truly is the Horse of the Year--we have our fingers crossed, I can tell you that."

**FIRST FOAL FOR TOCCE**

Idle Hour Farm in Paris, Kentucky welcomed the first foal by multiple Grade I-winning juvenile **TOCCE** (Awesome Again--Cozzene's Angel, by Cozzene) Thursday morning. The chestnut filly is out of Elegant Asset (Lord at War {Arg}).

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$70,900, Alw, NW1\$R6MX, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34, fm.  
 1--**TERROPLANE (FR)**, 119, g, 5, Verglas (Ire)--Luthita, by Always Fair. O-David Bienstock & Charles Winner; B-Patricia Beck (FR); T-Neil D Drysdale. Lifetime Record: MSP, 19-5-4-2, \$254,148.  
 2--**Uncle Denny**, 119, c, 4, In Excess (Ire)--Gift to the World, by His Majesty. (\$140,000 yrl '03 CALAUG).  
 3--**Geronimo (Chi)**, 119, h, 7, Gold Tribute--Mrs. Lily (Chi), by Mocito Guapo.

Margins: HF, NO, 2. Odds: 3.90, 7.20, 2.40.  
 Terroplane, a decent fourth in the Gil San Francisco Breeders' Cup Mile H. at Bay Meadows Apr. 23, delivered a third-place finish at Del Mar in the Wickerr H. July 30. He was placed second through disqualification after finishing third in the Aug. 18 Harry F. Brubaker H. and closed out the season with a second in a Santa Anita allowance last out Oct. 28. Backed as the second choice to fire fresh off the bench here, he settled toward the rear, was swung out for the stretch drive and came flying on the outside to score by a half length.

6th-SAX, \$52,800, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.  
**BOB AND JOHN (c, 3, Seeking the Gold--Minister's Melody {GSW & GISP, \$451,470}, by Deputy Minister)**, a half-brother to Connie Belle (Storm Cat), SW, \$129,830, romped by 11 1/2 lengths at Del Mar Sept. 5, but didn't run again until Nov. 4, when he ran second to A.P. Warrior in a Santa Anita allowance. He was taken down from an apparent easy win in the Real Quiet S. at Hollywood Nov. 26 and placed third, and followed that by rounding out the trifecta in the GI Hollywood Futurity Dec 17. After stalking the pace down the backstretch, the 3-5 chalk asserted himself at the quarter-pole and pulled away to win by three lengths under a hand ride. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: GISP, 6-2-1-2, \$138,570. O/B-Stonerside Stable LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

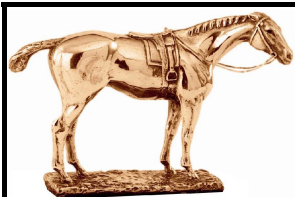
**SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Saturday, Jan. 21**

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

- ALBERT THE GREAT** (Go for Gin), Three Chimneys, \$10K, 124/16/0 9-TP, Alw, 1m, Left Correct, \$17K KEE SEP yrl
- APTITUDE** (A.P. Indy), Juddmonte, \$25K, 188/12/0 7-LAD, Stk, 1 1/16m, Mister Attitude, 20-1
- 5-GP, Msw, 6f, +Baltimore Classic, \$20K EAS SEP yrl
- AUSTINPOWER (JPN)** (Sunday Silence), Lou-Roe, \$3K, 18/0/0 5-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Silver Link, \$3K FTK OCT yrl, 10-1
- BRAHMS** (Danzig), Vinery, \$13K, 166/14/2 9-TP, Alw, 1m, Classical Ryder
- 8-TUP, Stk, 1m, Classical Tap, 30-1
- BROKEN VOW** (Unbridled), Pin Oak, \$10K, 188/15/1 8-BM, Stk, 1m, Loosends, \$72K EAS SEP yrl
- 10-LAD, Msw, 1mT, Aly's Vow, \$17K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS** (Sky Classic), Stonewood, \$3K, 18/2/0 10-TP, Stk, 6 1/2f, Summer Cyclone, \$7K MIC AUG yrl
- ECTON PARK** (Forty Niner), Wintergreen, \$15K, 118/13/2 6-OP, Msw, 6f, Go On With It Son, \$28K KEE SEP yrl
- EL CORREDOR** (Mr. Greeley), Hill N Dale, \$20K, 190/18/4 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, The Cuban Hawk, \$300K FTS AUG yrl
- FIVE STAR DAY** (Carson City), Wintergreen, \$10K, 126/12/2 6-PHA, Msw, 5 1/2f, Starforaday, \$19K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1
- FREUD** (Storm Cat), Lakland, \$5K, 88/9/0 3-AQU, Alw, 1m, Psychotic Reaction, \$205K FTF FEB 2yo
- LUFTIKUS** (Meadowlake), Taylor Mtn, \$3K, 78/8/2 5-CT, Msw, 7f, Snook's Pride, 9-2
- MINARDI** (Boundary), Walmac, \$13K, 68/6/0 6-OP, Msw, 6f, Iftheshoefits
- 12-TP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Leonardi, \$10K KEE SEP yrl
- MONARCHOS** (Maria's Mon), Claiborne, \$25K, 131/5/2 10-LAD, Msw, 1mT, Mona Mia, \$160K EAS MAY 2yo, 4-1
- POINT GIVEN** (Thunder Gulch), Three Chimneys, \$125K, 151/3/0 7-GP, Msw, 6f, That's a Given, \$200K KEE SEP yrl
- PUT IT BACK** (Honour and Glory), Bridlewood, \$5K, 79/9/1 10-TAM, Stk, 7f, Return Trick, \$25K EAS MAY 2yo, 20-1
- SHANAWI (IRE)** (Caerleon), Stonebridge, \$5K, 25/1/0 5-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Justa Tina, \$10K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1
- SONGANDAPRAYER** (Unbridled's Song), Walmac, \$10K, 109/20/3 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Sing 'n Shout, \$85K EAS MAY 2yo
- 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Itsaffirmative, \$200K BAR MAR 2yo
- TALK IS MONEY** (Deputy Minister), Millennium, \$5K, 83/9/0 10-TP, Stk, 6 1/2f, Money Code
- TIZNOW** (Cee's Tizzy), WinStar, \$30K, 189/12/1 3-SA, Msw, 7f, Glory Pass, \$29K KEE SEP yrl
- 6-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Tizzy's Tune, \$130K KEE SEP yrl
- WEEKEND CRUISE** (A.P. Indy), Ups & Downs, \$2K, 60/5/0 3-SA, Msw, 7f, +Indy Weekend, \$82K BAR MAR 2yo

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

**King of Music**, g, 5, **Jade Hunter**--Hail Roberta, by Roberto. Wolverhampton, 1-20, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-B Laue. \*1/2 to Gun Salute (Military), GISW, \$688,344. \*\*\$7,000 yrl '02 KEESep.

**Bravo Maestro**, g, 5, **Stravinsky**--Amaranthus, by Kingmambo. Wolverhampton, 1-20, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-Pacelco SA & Partners. \*\$260,000 wnlg '01 KEENOV; 65,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT; 10,000gns HIT '05 TATOCT.

IN DUBAI:

**Dawn Piper**, g, 6, **Desert Prince (Ire)**--June Moon (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Jebel Ali, 1-20, Hcp., 1950m. O-Malih Lahej Al Basti; B-Wentworth Racing; T-Doug Watson. \*1/2 to Zachariah (GB) (Zafonic), SW-Jpn, \$1,343,595; Pacino (GB) (Zafonic), GSW-Ger, SW-UAE, G1SP-Fr; Dupont (GB) (Zafonic), Hwt. 3yo-Ger & Ity at 7-9.5f, GSW-Ger & Ity, \$256,751; and Moon Dazzle (Kingmambo), SP-Eng & US, \$202,854. \*\*\$400,000 yrl '01 KEESep.

**Waajeb**, h, 6, **Silver Deputy**--Bridal Tea, by Gulch. Jebel Ali, 1-20, Hcp., 1200m. O-Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-W S Farish, W Temple Webber Jr & J Elkins; T-Ali Rashid Al Raihe. \*1/2 to Postponed (Summer Squall), GSW, \$313,332. \*\*\$525,000 yrl '01 FTSAUG.

**Sylvanite**, h, 6, **Touch Gold**--Scrape, by Mr. Prospector. Jebel Ali, 1-20, Hcp., 1800m. O-Sheikh Mansour bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Indian Creek; T-Musabah Al Muhairi. \*\$190,000 yrl '01 KEESep.



MAKTOUM HORSES TO CARRY

**GAINSBOROUGH SILKS** The late Sheikh Maktoum's representatives will run in the colors of Gainsborough Stud this season, according to the *Racing Post*. The royal blue silks with light blue chevrons, made famous by Shamardal in the 2004 G1 Dewhurst S. after his transfer to Gainsborough, could be carried as early as Wednesday after trainer Ed Dunlop entered the three-year-old filly Marachi Band in a handicap on Lingfield's polytrack.

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★ GERMANY ★

TANAKA BUYS DAYANA

Gary Tanaka has added Gestut Fahrhof's five-year-old homebred **Dayano (Ger)** (Lomitas {GB}) to his growing list of German acquisitions. Runner-up to Groom Tesse (GB) in the G1 Derby Italiano and to Albanova (GB) in the G1 Deutschland-Preis at Dusseldorf in 2004, the five-year-old is currently in training with Graham Motion in the States.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN DUBAI:

**Borrego (Ire)**, g, 6, **Green Desert**--Pripet, by Alleged. Jebel Ali, 1-20, Hcp., 1600m. O-Monarch T'breeds Borrego Syndicate; B-Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum; T-Satish Seemar. \*Full to Greenlander (GB), GSW-Fr, SP-Eng, \$113,410. \*\*\$5,500 HIT '04 TATJUL.

**Flower State (GB)**, g, 10, **Sabrehill**--Flower Arrangement (Ire), by Lomond. Jebel Ali, 1-20, Hcp., 1000m. O-Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Mrs R D Peacock; T-Alec Laird. \*1/2 to Armenian Dancer (GB) (Shavian {GB}), SW-Ity. \*\*100,000gns yrl '97 TATOCT.



STRONG ENTRY FOR ASIAN MILE CHALLENGE

A total of 240 horses representing 13 racing jurisdictions have been nominated at the first stage for the Asian Mile Challenge, which carries purse money of over \$8 million and a bonus structure which could be worth another \$4 million. Japan is represented by some 90 nominees, headed by 2005 Triple Crown hero **Deep Impact (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence), G1 Hong Kong Mile winner **Hat Trick (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence), G1 Yasuda Kinen victor **Asakusa Den'en (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}) and **Cesario (Jpn)** (Special Week {Jpn}), so impressive in winning the G1 American Oaks last summer. Hong Kong horses comprise 39 of the entries, including **Silent Witness (Aus)** (El Moxie), champion miler **Bullish Luck** (Royal Academy) and G1 Hong Kong Mile runner-up and third placegetter, respectively, **The Duke (Aus)** (Danehill) and **Dave's Best (GB)** (King's Best). Saeed bin Suroor has entered three horses for Godolphin, headed by G1 Prix d'Ispahan and G1 Queen Anne S. winner **Valixir (Ire)** (Tremolino). Just two horses were nominated from the U.S.--Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey's GII San Gabriel H. victor **Badge of Silver** (Silver Deputy) and **Honor In War** (Lord at War {Arg}). The Asian Mile Challenge kicks off with the G1 Futurity S. at Caulfield Mar. 4 followed by the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. at Nad Al Sheba Mar. 25. The final two legs are the G1 Champions Mile at Sha Tin May 7 and the G1 Yasuda Kinen in Tokyo June 4.



## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-AQU, \$47,040, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43 1/5, ft.**

**MRS. DOYLE (m, 6, Partner's Hero--Miss Wild, by Wild Again)** Lifetime Record: 22-5-8-2, \$157,810. O-C & K Stables. B-Kerry Posey & David Bloom (MD). T-W Bailes.

**7th-AQU, \$45,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03 4/5, ft.**

**MELODEEMAN (g, 6, Wheaton--Screamin Melodee, by Phantom Jet)** Lifetime Record: 20-3-4-1, \$129,097. O-James Gutierrez. B-Willie G Riley (NY). T-Jaime Gutierrez.

**10th-LAD, \$45,000, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW3X, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 2/5, fm.**

**GOLDEN TRIP (CHI) (m, 5, Golden Voyager--Round Trip {Chi} {MSP-Chi}, by El Tiron {Chi})** Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-0, \$61,153. O/T-Niall M O'Callaghan. B-Haras Santa Eladia (CHI). \*1/2 to Roble Real (Chi) (Rictorious), G1SP-Chi.

**1st-AQU, \$43,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.**

**REMORSE (g, 3, Regal Classic--Axspect {SW}, by Northern Prospect)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-3, \$67,417. O-Kingfield Stables & Howard Spindel. B-Joe W Gerrity Jr (NY). T-Bruce N Levine. \*1/2 to Introspect (In Case), MSP, \$221,024.

### ★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

#### HOLLYWOOD PARK

**Cacique (Ire)** (Danehill), 5f, 1:01.8, 14/37

**Canteen** (Fusaichi Pegasus), 3f, :37.8, 9/11

**Giacomo** (Holy Bull), 7f, 1:27.8, 2/9

**Proud Tower Too** (Proud Irish), 1:39, 1/1

**Wilko** (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:14, 2/10

#### OAKLAWN

**Rockport Harbor** (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:00.6, 2/29

#### PALM MEADOWS

**Bandini** (Fusaichi Pegasus), 5f, 1:01.4, 7/22

**Catcominatcha** (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :47.8, 2/33

**Dubai Escapade** (Awesome Again), 4f, :47.6, 1/33

**Sun King** (Charismatic), 4f, :49, 11/33

#### SANTA ANITA

**Dream of Summer** (Siberian Summer), 6f, 1:13.6, 6/33

**House of Fortune** (Free House), 1m, 1:43.4, 1/1

**Moscow Burning** (Moscow Ballet), 5f, 1:01.4, 16/65

**Wild Fit** (Wild Wonder), 5f, 1:01.4, 16/65

**9th-AQU, \$42,857, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05, ft.**

**ROAD TO TOWN (f, 4, Williamstown--Roadhouse Rita, by Cahill Road)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$64,798. O-Madeline Cohn. B-Edward Cohn (NY). T-David S Smith.

**6th-GPX, \$33,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:39 4/5, fm.**

**RECTORY HILL (h, 5, Sky Classic--Native Satan {MSW, \$504,797}, by Our Native)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-5-1, \$77,946. O-Eugene & Laura Melnyk. B-Wakefield Farm (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher. \*\$60,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '03 KEEAPR. \*\*1/2 to King and Hart (Lost Code), MSP, \$313,552; Code Satan (Lost Code), SW, \$227,390.

**7th-BMX, \$32,600, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.**

**SUNDAY TIMES (g, 5, Tabasco Cat--Cool Alice, by Slew o' Gold)** Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-1, \$92,465. O/T-Daniel Franko. B-George Krikorian (KY).

**9th-CTX, \$30,000, 1-19, NW3L, 3yo, f, 4 1/2f, :53 2/5, gd.**

**CANDY ONE (f, 3, Yankee Victor--Really a Fibber {SW}, by For Really)** Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$53,250. O-Cover F Baker Jr. B-Dennis Swartz (KY). T-Lewis E Craig Jr. \*\$4,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

**8th-CTX, \$30,000, 1-19, NW3L, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:28 1/5, gd.**

**RED BAND (g, 5, Mesopotamia--Rustic Rose, by Linkage)** Lifetime Record: 23-3-3-7, \$82,957. O/B-Eric J Myer (VA). T-Gerald D Bast Jr.

**3rd-TPX, \$28,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW3\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41 3/5, ft.**

**MS. PURR (m, 5, Sir Cat--Wakita, by Lost Code)** Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-2, \$144,237. O-Monica Blakely. B-Tom & Monica Blakely (KY). T-Lori Daly.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Men's Club, c, 3, Brahms--Gender Bias, by Saratoga Six.** AQU, 1-20, (C), a1m70yd, 1:44 2/5. B-Frank & John R Penn (Ky). \*\$80,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL.

+ **Lady Raj, f, 3, El Prado (Ire)--Perfect Raj, by Rajab.** AQU, 1-20, (C), 1m, 1:39 4/5. B-Dr W S Karutz & Sid Field (Fl). \*\$45,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG; \$30,000 2yo '05 OBSAPR.

**Sweetening, c, 3, Meniffee--Plenty Sweet (SP), by Blushing John.** EVD, 1-19, 1m, 1:40 3/5. B-James H Stone (Ky).

**Sinister Minister, c, 3, Old Trieste--Sweet Minister (SW, \$139,962), by The Prime Minister.** SAX, 1-20, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:03 3/5. B-Mr & Mrs L Michael Owens (Ky). \*\$40,000 2yo '05 BESMAR.



**Canyoucatchmenow**, c, 3, **Phone Trick**--Pleasant Ring, by Pleasant Colony. LRL, 1-20, (C), 6f, 1:11. B-Milfer Farm Inc (NY). \*1/2 to Slick Horn (Red Ryder), MGSP, \$389,685.

**Sweet La Rizzi**, f, 3, **Rizzi**--La Rubie, by Rubiano. AQU, 1-20, (S), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY).

**Martini Cat**, f, 4, **Slew Gin Fizz**--Early Cat, by Afternoon Deelites. CTX, 1-20, 6 1/2f, 1:23. B-Mrs C V Whitney (FI).

**Tornado Chaser**, g, 3, **Stormy Atlantic**--Queen Hearts, by Tejano. CTX, 1-19, 7f, 1:31 1/5. B-Linda & William Hovanec (FI). \*\$6,500 yrl '04 OBSAUG.

**Tawanka**, f, 4, **Stormy Atlantic**--Tequila's Lady (SW), by Far East Sun. LAD, 1-20, 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5. B-Mabel M Dobry (FI).

**Safety First**, m, 5, **Shelter Half**--Safeway Elaine (SW), by Feel the Power. CTX, 1-19, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21 2/5. B-O'Sullivan Farms (WV). \*Won by 9 1/4 lengths.

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### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Owando (Fr)**, c, 3, **Pennekamp**--Frantic (Fr), by Exit to Nowhere. Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 1-20, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-P Talvard, P Deshayes & J P Deshayes. \*€20,000 yrl '04 DEAAUG.

**Orpendonna (Ire)**, f, 4, **Orpen**--Tetradonna (Ire) (GSP-Eng), by Tenneso. Wolverhampton, Britain, 1-20, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-Lodge Park Stud. \*€30,000 yrl '03 TATIRE.

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## ☆ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ☆

Dear Barry,

It takes a lot for me to write to the editor, but the three pages you devoted to Horse Power this morning demanded a response. Let me start by saying I think Dennis Lynch is a very nice guy, as is John Prather, and Donna Brothers is a nice gal. And I think we need to explore any means to encourage participation in the business. But to endorse or support such an idea with your article left me dumbfounded. I mean really, how hard is it to design silks or have a relationship with a lawyer, accountant, farm, trainer, etc.? Any agent, and there are plenty, would be delighted to advise this and more for the standard five percent fee on purchase. To charge 20 percent up front on a \$300,000 to \$400,000 initial investment is ludicrous. No question, some agents are better than others, as are some doctors, stockbrokers, lawyers, accountants, etc., but as in any business, you check various sources and obtain references, interview and do your due diligence. Until last year, when a code of ethics was defined by the industry, you might have implied, "who can you trust?" Now there is a structure in place which allows someone new to the business to ask the questions and make your agent accountable. I can't agree that a 20-percent fee is acceptable because it is "transparent" and up front. It just doesn't make sense. If someone wants to do that, feel free, however I don't think you should endorse the idea by devoting three pages of explanation. It is very offensive to me and I am certain to many other agents like me.

Regards,  
Headley Bell

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