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ADDED EDGE FOR DEPUTY GLITTERS

Two key defections may put GIII Tampa Bay Derby winner **Deputy Glitters** (Deputy Commander), third choice on the morning line, on the engine early in Saturday's GI Wood Memorial at Aqueduct. "There's a chance we could wind up finding ourselves in front, but I wouldn't be too worried about that if it did happen," said trainer Tom Albertrani, commenting on the withdrawals of **Like Now** (Jules) and **Showing Up** (Strategic Mission). "I think the best thing to



Deputy Glitters Pat Lang

do is let the horse run his own race where he'll be comfortable." Deputy Glitters tracked the early pace in second before finishing strongly to defeat 2-5 favorite Bluegrass Cat by two lengths. Albertrani believes that the nine-furlong Wood is a good fit for his colt, but indicated that an off track could force a change in plans. "I'm concerned about the weather," he said. "If we end up with a sloppy tack Saturday, we may well be out." Forced to miss the final major New York prep for the Kentucky Derby, Like Now and Showing Up were not entered in Saturday's Wood. Like Now, undefeated in three starts this year, including the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 18, was eliminated from the lineup after spiking a temperature Tuesday evening, while undefeated Showing Up, winner last time out in a Gulfstream allowance Mar. 11, has developed a bruise in his right front foot. "It must have happened in his work down in Florida [Apr. 2, at Gulfstream]," explained Robin Smullen, assistant to Barclay Tagg, trainer of Showing Up. "We'll try and make it next weekend," she said, referring to the GI Blue Grass S. or the GI Arkansas Derby. In their absence, trainer Rene Araya wasted no time in entering **Marco's Tale** (Tale of the Cat), who was claimed for \$50,000 last November. "With Like Now and Showing Up out of the race and then I hear that if it rains, Tom Albertrani may not run Deputy Glitters, so I entered Marco's Tale," explained Araya.

Wood field p2

TRANSYLVANIA OPENS KEENELAND SPRING

Keeneland kicks off what should be a sterling 15-day Spring Meet this afternoon in Lexington, Kentucky, with the GIII Transylvania S. getting the stakes action underway. The one-mile turf event for three-year-olds has attracted an overflow 11-horse field, and trainer Bobby Frankel saddles the 6-5 morning-line pick **To Sender (GB)** (King's Best). The bay has won three of four starts and is unbeaten since coming to the States, including a victory in the Pasadena S. routing eight panels at Santa Anita Mar. 18. Alex Solis has ridden him to both his American wins and is again aboard here. Conditioner Todd Pletcher's **Tompest** (Storm Cat) was bred to be a top turf runner, being out of dual French champ Kistena (Fr) (Miswaki), and won his lone grass start in a minor Colonial stakes last July. A host of challengers will be aiming for the upset. **Le Plaix (Fr)** (Kingsalsa), a lackluster 11th in his U.S. bow who nonetheless showed solid form in France last year, rates a chance, as does **In a Flash (Ire)** (Night Shift), an allowance winner over Turfway's Polytrack in early March before a disappointing try in the Mar. 25 Rushaway S. last out. The offspring of More Than Ready have been very good on the green stuff, and **Readily** tries it for the first time under Mark Guidry.



Friday, Keeneland

TRANSYLVANIA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | ODDS |
|----|--------------------|------------------|-------------|------|
| 1 | Chin High | Smart Strike | Pessin | 50-1 |
| 2 | To Sender (GB) | King's Best | Frankel | 6-5 |
| 3 | Tompest | Storm Cat | Pletcher | 3-1 |
| 4 | Le Plaix (Fr) | Kingsalsa | Matz | 12-1 |
| 5 | Wherethewestbegins | Gone West | Mott | 10-1 |
| 6 | Unbridled Behavior | Unbridled's Song | Begley, Jr. | 12-1 |
| 7 | In a Flash (Ire) | Night Shift | Biancone | 8-1 |
| 8 | Dawn Of War | Catienus | Romans | 6-1 |
| 9 | Indian Hawke | Indian Charlie | Weaver | 15-1 |
| 10 | Readily | More Than Ready | Foley | 30-1 |

Also Eligible:

| | | | | |
|----|------------------|-------------------|-------|------|
| 11 | Yate's Black Cat | Black Minnaloushe | Roman | 20-1 |
|----|------------------|-------------------|-------|------|

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Lukas Sends Classic-Bound Pair to Oaklawn...

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas will give a pair of three-year-olds their final major preps ahead of Churchill Downs' Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby. **Simon Pure** (Silver Deputy), slated for the Derby May 6, will run in the GII Arkansas Derby Apr. 15, while **Ex Caelis** (Fusaichi Pegasus) will compete in the Apr. 14 GII Fantasy S. Runner-up at Keeneland in last year's GII Darley Alcibiades S., the Circle C Group Stable filly underwent surgery to a remove a bone chip after a fourth-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Belmont Park.

Seaside Retreat and Court Folly Work...

With showers in the forecast for Louisville over the next two days, the trainers of GI Blue Grass S. contenders **Seaside Retreat** (King Cugat) and **Court Folly** (Royal Academy) sent out their charges a day early for a final preparatory work. William S. Farish Jr.'s Seaside Retreat, second in the GII Lane's End S. at Turfway Park, breezed five furlongs in 1:01.80 over a fast track. Jose Castanon was in the irons. Working in company with M B Sea, the colt colt recorded the 12 fastest move at the distance. "He couldn't have worked any better," said trainer Mark Casse. "He just did it so easy, so I was really pleased." Casse, who had planned to breeze the colt today, moved the work up a day to avoid threatening weather. Also moved up to avoid a wet track, Robert Manfuso's Court Folly, third to Sharp Humor in the GII Swale S., covered five panels in :58.60 under exercise rider Andrea Mancuso. The work was the fastest of 23 at the distance. "Everything's good--right on schedule," said trainer Ian Wilkes. "We'll know where we stand after [the Blue Grass]."

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Saturday, Aqueduct

WOOD MEMORIAL S.-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | ODDS |
|----|------------------|------------------|-----------|------|
| 1 | Jazil | Seeking the Gold | Jara | 10-1 |
| 2 | Platinum Couple | Tale of the Cat | Santos | 30-1 |
| 3 | Keyed Entry | Honour and Glory | Prado | 5-2 |
| 4 | Deputy Glitters | Deputy Commander | Lezcano | 7-2 |
| 5 | Niagara Causeway | Giant's Causeway | Enriquez | 30-1 |
| 6 | Greeley's Legacy | Mr. Greeley | Coa | 6-1 |
| 7 | Bob and John | Seeking the Gold | Gomez | 2-1 |
| 8 | Marco's Tale | Tale of the Cat | Arroyo Jr | 15-1 |
| 9 | Scanlon's Song | Partner's Hero | Dominguez | 20-1 |

All carry 123 pounds.

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The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the GIII Transylvania S. at Keeneland.
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Saturday, Aqueduct

CARTER H.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 7f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Bishop Court Hill | Holy Bull | Santos | 115 |
| 2 | Happy Hunting | Seeking the Gold | Smith | 115 |
| 3 | Sir Greeley | Mr. Greeley | Gomez | 116 |
| 4 | Mass Media | Touch Gold | Dominguez | 118 |
| 5a | Kazoo | Tabasco Cat | Migliore | 115 |
| 6 | Silver Train | Old Trieste | Prado | 120 |
| 7a | Call the Lord | Lord Carson | Fragoso | 114 |
| 8 | Big Apple Daddy | Precise End | Mojica | 113 |

Saturday, Keeneland

ASHLAND S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-------------------|----------------|------------|----|
| 1 | Bushfire | Louis Quatorze | Velasquez | |
| 2 | Coolwind | Forest Wildcat | Razo Jr | |
| 3 | Wait a While | Maria's Mon | Velazquez | |
| 4 | Performing Diva | Storm Cat | Douglas | |
| 5 | Sweet Sugaree | Tiznow | Bridgmohan | |
| 6 | Balance | Thunder Gulch | Espinoza | |
| 7 | Saratoga Drive | Siphon (Brz) | Castellano | |
| 8 | Itty Bitty Pretty | El Corredor | Guidry | |

All carry 121 pounds.

Saturday, Oaklawn Park

APPLE BLOSSOM H.-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-------------------|----------------|----------|-----|
| 1 | Platinum Ballet | Skip Away | Berry | 112 |
| 2 | Happy Ticket | Anet | Albarado | 119 |
| 3 | La Reason | Labeeb (GB) | Thompson | 112 |
| 4 | Hollywood Story | Wild Rush | Quinonez | 116 |
| 5 | Star Parade (Arg) | Parade Marshal | Pedroza | 117 |
| 6 | Spun Sugar | Awesome Again | Luzzi | 116 |

Round Pond, slated to be the co-highweight at 119 pounds, was not entered due to the lingering effects of a cut in her mouth. "[It] appeared to be much better, but she did not train well this morning," owner Rick Porter said on his website, *rockportharbor.com*. "We thought her mouth would have healed by now. The vet and dentist were very positive about it." The four-year-old filly will be pointed for the GII Louisville Breeders' Cup H. at Churchill May 5.

Saturday, Oaklawn Park

OAKLAWN H.-GII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----|
| 1 | Buzzards Bay | Marco Bay | Valdivia Jr | 118 |
| 2 | Andromeda's Hero | Fusaichi Pegasus | Borel | 115 |
| 3 | Magnum (Arg) | El Compinche (Arg) | Pedroza | 115 |
| 4 | Gouldings Green | Charismatic | Lanerie | 113 |
| 5 | Purim | Dynaformer | Albarado | 117 |
| 6 | It's No Joke | Distorted Humor | Castanon | 114 |
| 7 | Master Command | A.P. Indy | Luzzi | 113 |
| 8 | With Distinction | Storm Cat | Jacinto | 113 |

Saturday, Santa Anita

ARCADIA H.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-----|
| 1 | Milk It Mick (GB) | Millkom (GB) | Flores | 117 |
| 2 | Becrux (Ity) | Glen Jordan (GB) | Garcia | 114 |
| 3 | Tedo (Ger) | Sternkoenig (Ire) | Cohen | 114 |
| 4 | Terroplane (Fr) | Verglas (Ire) | Gryder | 115 |
| 5 | Runaway Dancer | Runaway Groom | Bisono | 115 |
| 6 | Silent Name (Jpn) | Sunday Silence | Bejarano | 116 |
| 7 | Sweet Return (GB) | Elmaamul | Solis | 120 |
| 8 | Chinese Dragon | Stravinsky | Nakatani | 116 |
| 9 | Capitano | Belong to Me | Court | 114 |
| 10 | Helm Bank (GB) | Wild Again | Baze | 113 |

Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 2:05 p.m.

BMW S.-G1, A\$2,271,975, 3yo/up, 2000mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----|
| 1 | 2 | Roman Arch (Aus) | Archway (Ire) | Laing | 128 |
| 2 | 9 | On a Jeune (Aus) | Jeune (GB) | Montgomerie | 128 |
| 3 | 8 | Our Smoking Joe (Aus) | Encosta de Lago (Aus) | Freedman | 128 |
| 4 | 12 | Envoy (NZ) | Personal Escort | Kelso | 128 |
| 5 | 13 | Vanquished (Aus) | Hector Protector | Murray | 128 |
| 6 | 10 | County Tyrone (Aus) | Danewin (Aus) | Lees | 128 |
| 7 | 5 | Kindjhal (Fr) | Ashkalani (Ire) | Hayes | 128 |
| 8 | 7 | Eremein (Aus) | Timber Country | Denham | 127 |
| 9 | 4 | Railings (Aus) | Zabeel (NZ) | Hawkes | 127 |
| 10 | 11 | Lachlan River (NZ) | Desert King (Ire) | Morrissey | 127 |
| 11 | 1 | Demerger (Aus) | Saithor | O'Brien | 122 |
| 12 | 6 | Aqua d'Amore (Aus) | Danehill | Waterhouse | 121 |
| 13 | 3 | Dizelle (Aus) | Zabeel (NZ) | Hawkes | 121 |

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 3:45 p.m.
AAMI GOLDEN SLIPPER S.-G1, A\$3,026,375, 2yo,
 1200mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|------------------------|------------------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | 5 | Diego Garcia (Aus) | Catbird | Waterhouse | 124 |
| 2 | 3 | Casino Prince (Aus) | Flying Spur (Aus) | A Cummings | 124 |
| 3 | 12 | Tarleton (Aus) | Viscount (Aus) | Hawkes | 124 |
| 4 | 15 | Wonderful World (Aus) | Agnes World | B Cummings | 124 |
| 5 | 6 | Down The Wicket (Aus) | Over (Aus) | Portelli | 124 |
| 6 | 4 | Kaphero (Aus) | Danzero (Aus) | Freedman | 124 |
| 7 | 10 | Churchill Downs (Aus) | Danehill | Hayes | 124 |
| 8 | 13 | Just Mambo (Aus) | Danehill Dancer (Ire) | O'Shea | 124 |
| 9 | 16 | One Time (Aus) | Mister C. | Vella | 124 |
| 10 | 7 | Blue Lago (Aus) | Encosta de Lago (Aus) | Freedman | 124 |
| 11 | 11 | Empires Choice (NZ) | Redoute's Choice (Aus) | B Cummings | 124 |
| 12 | 18 | Pure Energy (Aus) | Mossman (Aus) | Maund | 120 |
| 13 | 17 | Universal Queen (NZ) | Scenic (Ire) | Murray | 120 |
| 14 | 14 | Gold Edition (Aus) | Lion Hunter | Maund | 120 |
| 15 | 8 | Miss Finland (Aus) | Redoute's Choice (Aus) | Hayes | 120 |
| 16 | 1 | Boom Time Savings (NZ) | Secret Savings | Rogerson | 120 |

Also Eligible:

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|----|---|----------------|------------------------|---------|-----|
| 17 | 2 | My Middi (Aus) | Belong to Me | Conners | 124 |
| 18 | 9 | Rubric (Aus) | Redoute's Choice (Aus) | Conners | 124 |

Sydney ambulance driver Steve Smith is the owner of favored **Casino Prince**, who enters this having won three consecutive races. A handicap winner over course and distance Mar. 4, the bay colt comes into this off an easy victory over **Empires Choice** in the G3 Skyline S. at Randwick Mar. 18, despite having to race wide throughout. **Churchill Downs**, trained by two-year-old maestro David Hayes, was seventh as the 11-8 choice in the Skyline, but came back to beat Casino Prince and **Wonderful World** in a Mar. 31 barrier trial at Randwick. **Diego Garcia** is perfect in two starts at this track, including the G2 Todman S. Mar. 25.

FOALING NEWS:

NAUGHTY NATISHA, 12, by Known Fact--Noble Natisha, by Noble Commander
 Foal born Mar. 15, a filly by Yes It's True.
 Will be bred back to Songandaprayer.
 Owned by Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor.
 Boarded at Stepwise Farm, NY and Three Chimneys Farm, Ky.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Naughty New Yorker (Quiet American), MSW & MGSP, \$400,352; and Pupil (Unbridled), SW & MGSP, \$204,280.

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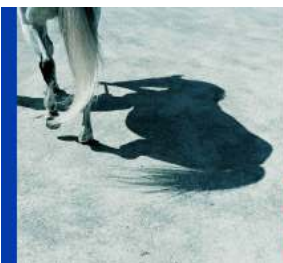
DIESIS PENSIONED Diesis (GB) (Sharpen Up {GB}--Doubly Sure {GB}, by Reliance II {Fr}) has been pensioned from stallion duties at Mill Ridge Farm. On the racetrack, the 26-year-old stallion was England's champion juvenile of 1982, winning that year's G1 Middle Park S. and G1 Dewhurst S. At stud, Diesis has sired seven champions, 46 graded winners and 83 stakes winners. He is the sire of English champion Halling, winner of the 1995 and 1996 renewals of the G1 Coral Eclipse S. and G1 Juddmonte International S., as well as the 1996 G1 Prix d'Ispahan. He is also the sire of European champions Magistretti, Ramruma, Diminundo, Elmaamul, Three Valleys, Docksider, Knifebox, Look Daggers, Sabrehill and Kutbeya and Group/Grade I winners Husband, Storm Trooper, Love Divine (GB), Continuously, Keen Hunter and Rootentootenwooten. With 20 crops to race, the stallion's progeny earnings are approaching \$46 million. Diesis has been bred to six mares this season, with three pronounced in foal. However, Mill Ridge made the decision to retire the stallion due to significant weakening behind.

FOALING NEWS:

EVER AFTER, 9, Kris S.--Wedded Bliss, by His Majesty Foal born Mar. 16, a filly by Maria's Mon.
 Will be bred back to Touch Gold.
 Owned by and boarded at Pin Oak Stud, Ky.
 Accomplishments: MSW of \$240,678.

SHARP APPLE, 10, Diesis (GB)--Top Apple (Fr), by Top Ville (Ire)
 Foal born Mar. 17, a filly by Distant View.
 Will be bred back to Arch.
 Owned by Dr John A Chandler.
 Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
 Accomplishments: SW of \$166,740.

INDIAN HALO, 11, Halo--West Indies, by Gone West Foal born Mar. 18, a filly by Black Mambo.
 Will be bred back to Songandaprayer.
 Owned by and boarded at Buck Pond Farm, Ky.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Megan's Halo (Jules), MSW, \$115,207; Indian Ocean (Stormy Atlantic), GSW, \$176,460.



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NYRA CONTINUES ON AMID UNCERTAINTY

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Charles Hayward
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In October, just before the Breeders' Cup, New York Racing Association President and CEO Charles Hayward and Senior Vice President Bill Nader sat down with the *TDN* to discuss NYRA's state of affairs. At that point, NYRA was on the brink of bankruptcy, was embroiled in a dispute with the state of New York over the ownership of the land the NYRA tracks sit on, and, most importantly, was facing extinction, with its franchise to run Saratoga, Belmont and Aqueduct set to expire at the end of 2007.

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Sort of. Today, NYRA has edged away from financial crisis, largely due to a loan package arranged by New York State, and has made progress on other fronts, as well. Last week, it announced a rewards program for its account wagering members--NYRA Rewards--that offers a cash-back bonus to those who bet a certain amount in a given month. Officials have also made changes to the upcoming Belmont and Saratoga meets that should make both race fans and horsemen happy. Several stakes races have been moved around, and the temporary detention barns at Saratoga--unpopular last year among some horsemen who found them hot and crowded--should be less of an issue in 2006 with many more permanent stalls.

Many of NYRA's problems persist, however. Two stand out in particular. First, the long-awaited installation of VLTs at Aqueduct has suffered further setbacks and delays, and the October 2006 start date that Hayward predicted to the *TDN* in October has been pushed back.

More pressing, for NYRA at least, is the expiration of its franchise. Bidding for the rights to the franchise is slated to begin this year, and a number of competitors are already lining up in the hopes of replacing NYRA. Included in that group is Empire Racing, which incorporated Mar. 9 and which has an exclusive endorsement from the 5,000-member New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.

Last Saturday, Hayward and Nader once again talked with the *TDN's* Lucas Marquardt to discuss NYRA's future, the state of slots at Aqueduct, changes made to the racing calendar and Empire Racing.

TDN: NYRA recently received a \$30-million bailout package from New York State. How long will that keep NYRA running and will you need more, through the end of the franchise, to keep operating?

Hayward: When we signed the deal on Dec. 30, that was going to be an immediate \$5-million loan. And there was going to be a \$5-million transaction with the Port Authority, where we were going to sell them some land in the parking lot at Aqueduct, which we weren't particularly keen about. And there would be another \$20 million that was going to be available as we need to make various payments, and so forth. That's been modified. We got the original \$5 million and that's kept us going through the winter. Normally, we run negative cash flow from November right through April. We're in good financial shape now, but we've got some bills coming up. We'll be drawing down our first \$6 million from that \$20 million sometime in the next week or so, and that will pay some back taxes and things. There's one significant change. We could not come to an agreement with the Port Authority over what land they wanted. So the purchase isn't going to go through. We had received \$1 million on signing, so we're going to repay them. That \$5 million goes away, but the state legislature is going to put another \$5 million in.

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So the package will be the \$5 million we got in December, then another \$25 million that we'll draw down throughout the year. It will be largely directed to paying 2005 property taxes and catching up on our pension fund payments. So it's basically a \$30-million package, and the intent was to keep us solvent until the beginning of VLTs, in which case we'll have some money flowing to us. Even though construction's been delayed, we still think we can remain solvent until then.

TDN: Last week, it was announced that the cost for the VLT project at Aqueduct had risen to \$181 million. Could you comment on that?

Hayward: When the deal was contemplated and done and demolition started, I think, back in 2003, the buildup [costs] were viewed to be \$140 million. Then, when construction stopped because of the deferred indictment and the law being unconstitutional, everything was put on hold. The law was finally passed in March of last year and signed in June, and, without sitting down with the construction manager and without pricing everything, our estimate was that it was going to be \$170 million.

The main increase there was the cost of materials. The cost of steel has almost doubled from 2003 to, at that point, late 2005. We now have deal done with the Lottery, virtually, and hired a construction manager. Now that they've started pricing the materials, it's gone from \$170 million to \$181 million. That's the current budget. MGM was asking the Lottery to be allowed to go as high as \$190 million, in case of further price increases. The \$181 million is up \$11 million, or six or seven percent, from when the legislation was done. The impact of that, though, is largely immaterial. It sounds like a lot of money, and I don't want to diminish it, but our current estimate of revenues is that the machines are going to throw off \$400 [each per day, at 4,500 machines] in net wins--that adds up to about \$660 million [a year]. NYRA's intent is to pay back MGM in about five years, so the roughly \$10 or \$11 million increase is only about \$2 million a year. So we're not concerned, MGM's not concerned, and the Lottery's not concerned. There's been some characterizations that it's been a huge cost overrun. We haven't changed a spec of the facility one iota. It's almost exclusively material costs.

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TWO OF A KIND.

| PROFILE: | GIANT'S CAUSEWAY | LION HEART |
|-------------|---|---|
| AT 2: | Unbeaten Gr.1 winner | Unbeaten Gr.1 winner |
| AT 3: | Gr.1 winner & Classic placed | Gr.1 winner & Classic placed |
| THE SIRE: | STORM CAT | TALE OF THE CAT (by STORM CAT) |
| THE DAM: | A Gr.2 winner of 10 races | A Stakes winner of 23 races |
| DAM INBRED: | 4x3 to HAIL TO REASON | 2x4 to HAIL TO REASON |
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TDN: What's the new ETA for slots?

Hayward: I've gotten a little gun shy about setting dates, because every time I've set one I've been wrong. The new VLT legislation was passed last March, signed by the governor in June, and so I thought we'd have VLTs at Aqueduct by the middle of 2006. Then, we didn't get a deal done with the Lottery and with MGM until Dec. 30, and we've still got some final hoops we're jumping through. This probably isn't prudent on my part, but we're hoping we'll have VLTs up and running just about a year from now, Apr. 1, 2007.

TDN: VLTs at Belmont. Any legislation moving forward on that?

Hayward: No. The state and [Governor George] Pataki has talked about expanding gaming, but they have not talked about further gaming at racetracks. As you probably know, the Friends of New York report that came out last summer recommended expanding VLTs to Belmont, and I think that, although there was no former vote taken on it, the current legislature and governor would also favor that. NYRA's board has not taken an official position. But if VLTs work here [at Aqueduct] in the manner we think they will, and even though Belmont is this great historic facility, there's even more space there. And it's in a community where one could contemplate putting in some pretty attractive retail space in there, as well as the VLTs. I think if things work out well here, I think it's something that I would probably recommend to our board. My guess is whatever happens in the bidding process [for the franchise], the state's going to take the initiative to contemplate and therefore bid on VLTs at Belmont.

TDN: How long after VLTs are up and running Aqueduct will purses be affected?

Hayward: The nice thing about the VLTs, as opposed to other streams of revenue, is that it's instant. On simulcast revenue, for instance, it takes us on average about a month to collect. With the VLTs, cash comes into the machines every day. We don't have the cash to raise purses in anticipation of those revenues, but my guess is that within 30 days of the VLTs operating, we'll start increasing purses. We have a three-way agreement with the New York horsemen and New York breeders. Out of our roughly 30 percent that we get from the net win, the horsemen will get, until the loan's paid back, 7.5 percent. And the breeders get 1.25 percent. Then after the payback, let's say in year six, they'll get 10 percent and the breeders go to 1.5 [percent]. To put it into context, the VLTs will yield to purses somewhere in the neighborhood of \$45 million per year. This year, we'll pay out roughly what we did last year, which is just shy of \$120 million. So \$40-plus million on top of that, you're talking about purses increasing by one-third. One thing that's important to note, which was something the horsemen and NYRA negotiated, is that they've agreed to take \$3.5 million out of the \$45 million on an annual basis that will be dedicated to making backstretch improvements that we'll agree upon.



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TDN: How much will the NYRA Player Rewards program, which was approved last week, help NYRA compete with other gambling venues--either Atlantic City or any of the casinos in the Northeast?

Hayward: Our goal wasn't to try and lure people away from other alternative forms of gambling, but rather to encourage and stimulate New Yorkers to keep their wagering here in New York, and not bet through other accounts, such as Connecticut OTB or Youbet or whomever. One of the significant components of the rewards program is that, first and foremost, we're giving a cash dividend back to our better players. That's obviously important and something we wanted to do. Here's the other thing: when we sell our signal to simulcast outlets, NYRA on average gets four or five percent, of which we get about half, or 2.5 percent [the horsemen get the rest through purses]. All wagers made through NYRA Rewards are treated like an on-track bet, so we get roughly half of 9.5 percent instead of half of the four or five percent. The horsemen will get 5.94 percent for purses, and breeders, who don't get anything in simulcast money, will by statute get .7 percent of a live-track bet. So the good news here is that there's an element of convenience for the customer, a reward for the customer, and the industry across the board makes substantially more revenue. So if you're a horsemen, or you're a breeder in New York, and you have an account with anybody else, our hope is that they'll open a NYRA Rewards account because it will be good for them as an owner, as a breeder, and certainly as a customer.

TDN: NYRA has said it plans to add internet capabilities to its account wagering platform. What's the status of that?

Hayward: We're behind the eight ball here. As you know, a lot of people can take internet wagers, and no one in New York--no OTB and no track--can do that. For example, taking with the TVG folks, I think that something like 70 percent of their wagers come via the internet. Given that horseplayers are pretty analytical and are going to the internet for their data requirements and information requirements, to have the ease and opportunity to do account wagering is, we think, pretty important. I'm not sure we're going to have any success with this through in the current legislative session, but it's something we're going to push for. The goal would be to get it done the first quarter of next year. And I think it's something the government has shown interest in.

Nader: I think everybody at the state level and at the OTBs are with us when they're asked. At the ad hoc committee meetings we've attended, the two points that have been raised by everybody is the Rewards program, which we launch May 3, and the internet wagering platform. It seems there's no opposition to that.

TDN: Anything new planned for the Belmont or Saratoga meets?

Hayward: There are two significant changes we made at Saratoga. We had taken out a two-year-old graded stakes race, one for fillies and one for colts, in each of the last two years [respectively, GII Saratoga Special S. and GII Adirondack S. in 2004; the GII Sanford S. and GII Schuylerville S. in 2005], and this year we've brought those back. We had rotated them over the two years because, if you drop them for two years, you lose your grade.

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- \$100,000a **EDGEWOOD S.** 3yo, f, 1 1/16 miles (turf)
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- GIII \$100,000a **AEGON TURF SPRINT S.** 3yo/up, five furlongs (turf)
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- GIII \$100,000a **CROWN ROYAL AMERICAN TURF** 3yo, 1 1/16m (turf)
- GI \$250,000a **HUMANA DISTAFF H.** 4yo/up, f/m, seven furlongs
- GII \$200,000a **CHURCHILL DOWNS H.** 4yo/up, seven furlongs
- GIII \$100,000a **CHURCHILL DOWNS DISTAFF TURF MILE S.** 3yo/up, f/m, one mile (turf)
- GIII \$100,000a **LA TROIENNE S.** 3yo, f, 7 1/2 furlongs



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TDN: Anything new planned for the Belmont or Saratoga meets? (cont. from p8)

Nader: The Hopeful S. and Spinaway S. were constants, and we had to play musical chairs with the others. But we have the full complement now.

Hayward: Also, we had moved the Hopeful and Spinaway out of the last weekend of the meet onto Travers S. day, and it took a lot of the excitement away from that last weekend. And those two important two-year-old races got somewhat subsumed from all the excitement of the Travers. So we're moving those back to the last weekend, and we're also taking the [GI] Woodward S., which has been a prime fixture in the older horse division in mid-September at Belmont, and moved that back to Labor Day weekend [at Saratoga]. So now, along with the [GI] Forego H. and two other turf stakes that we have, we're going to go out with a bang at Saratoga. To go along with that, we've now moved the [GII] Brooklyn H. from Belmont Spring to Belmont Fall [Saturday, Sept. 16], the idea being that we might get a good Grade III or Grade II horse that might be getting hot that could step up in that race and maybe take a shot at the [GI] Jockey Club Gold Cup H. [Saturday, Oct. 7].

TDN: NYRA has cut the purses for some 52 stakes by a combined \$4 million, as well as eliminating three graded stakes, including the GII Saratoga Breeders' Cup H. What was the reasoning behind that?

Hayward: In our stakes schedule, stakes had gotten up to be 32 or 33 percent of overall purses, which we thought was a little high. We wanted it to be closer to 28 or 29 percent. So, along with moving the stakes around, we reduced the purses in a number of races by about \$4 million dollars, keeping total purses the same and putting the rest back into small handicaps, \$65,000 races. The net effect of that is \$4 million is being spread out among more people.

TDN: What was the response among horsemen?

Hayward: I think the horsemen, in general, were pleased with that. With three-year-olds and four-year-olds running less frequently, sometimes the wagering appeal of some of these bigger races is hard to predict. For instance, last year's Woodward had five horses with three wagering interests. But if you're running a \$65,000 overnight at Saratoga, you know you're going to get 12 horses in that race. It also gives the racing office a bit more flexibility in how they card their races.

TDN: Last year, detention barns were introduced at Saratoga. Are there any more changes this year?

Hayward: The big thing that we're doing at Saratoga is that, last year, we had 36 stalls in a permanent barn and another 80 or so stalls in temporary structures, and didn't do the best job in how they were constructed and so forth. We're now taking over two additional barns, so we'll have roughly 86 permanent stalls for the security barns and another 20 stalls in a temporary structure, and those stalls will be larger than the nine-by-nine stalls we had last year. I think both owners and trainers will be happier.

Wood Memorial/Kentucky Derby Sweep

- Gallant Fox** - 1930 (Triple Crown winner)
- Twenty Grand** - 1931 (2 legs of Triple Crown)
- Johnstown** - 1939 (2 legs of Triple Crown)
- Count Fleet** - 1943 (Triple Crown winner)
- Hoop Jr.** - 1945 (two divisions of the Wood in '45)
- Assault** - 1946 (Triple Crown winner)
- Foolish Pleasure** - 1975
- Bold Forbes** - 1976 (2 legs of Triple Crown)
- Seattle Slew** - 1977 (Triple Crown winner)
- Pleasant Colony** - 1981 (2 legs of Triple Crown)
- Fusaichi Pegasus** - 2000

Dancer's Image won the Wood, but was DQ'd from first in the Derby

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TDN: What's NYRA's relationship with the different OTBs of New York State?

Hayward: One of my goals when I first got here was to work more corroboratively with the OTBs, so in terms of a business relationship--person to person--I think we have a good relationship with all the OTBs. The problem is, and this has been the problem with OTB from the outset, is that they're really set up to maximize revenue for the municipalities or counties they're in, and our goal is to maximize revenue for the horsemen and state. Basically, we're the provider or wholesaler of racing, and they're the retailer. Here at Aqueduct in Queens, for instance, we compete for customers with City OTB, Nassau OTB and Suffolk OTB, so there's a tremendous amount of redundant infrastructure. We've each got a tote system, we've each got account wagering, we've each got IT departments. We're hoping, as part of the solution to the new franchise, that we can reach some joint venture agreements with the OTBs that allows us to be much more efficient. That's a longer-term goal and probably an ambitious goal, but I think we've built up some trust between NYRA and the OTBs that didn't exist before.

TDN: NYRA's franchise is set to expire at the end of 2007. What is being done to retain the franchise, and in what form will it take?

Hayward: We think a not-for-profit entity running the races will be more beneficial for purses, for breeders and for the state, than will a for-profit entity. Whatever we put forward will be a reconstituted NYRA, but we will not be going down the for-profit route.

TDN: Which has been suggested by some, including the Friends of New York model.

Hayward: Friends of New York Racing were very specific, where they had a private equity model where they would raise \$500 million, and they'd have slots at both Aqueduct and Belmont. The problem with that, is that the private equity model has to show a return of roughly 20 percent, or \$100 million a year. That was the general recommendation of the 'Friends' report. Empire Racing, which is this entity that has sprung up largely based on the staff of Friends of New York Racing--a bunch of their board members and business board members are involved--have come forward saying they want to raise \$3 million to start to put together a proposal to raise \$500 million. And they would be a for-profit entity.

TDN: What's been your view of Empire Racing and other competitors NYRA might have?

Hayward: Given the value of the racing, and given the value of the VLT stream in particular, I think there's going to be a bunch of people who are going to want to bid on this. They could be racing entities, gaming entities, or they could be entertainment entities. We anticipated that. What I didn't anticipate is Friends of New York Racing soliciting money from both commercial entities and not-for-profit entities. Tim Smith maintained all along that they were going to be neutral, and that 'Friends' wasn't going to go forward and make a bid. All you need to do is take Friends of New York Racing and replace that with Empire Racing. Justin McDonald, a staff member of 'Friends,' he's the vice president [of Empire Racing]; Jeff Perlee [Empire Racing's chief executive officer] was a member of the business board of [Friends of New York Racing]. Tim Smith, who was running Friends of New York Racing, at first denied he was involved, has now come forward and said that he is involved, both as a consultant and potentially as an investor. Empire Racing looks very much like Friends of New York Racing. At this point, it's hard to know who your friends and your enemies are.

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**MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE DEFEATS SLOTS
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The Massachusetts House of Representatives voted April 5 to defeat a proposal adding 8,000 slot machines to the state's four racetracks, one of which is Suffolk Downs, the historic Thoroughbred facility in East Boston.

By a vote of 110-55, the House killed a bill that met approval in the Senate (26-9) last fall. Any measure of the kind was facing a veto stamp from likely 2008 presidential candidate Gov. Mitt Romney if it were to gain passage in both bodies.

The House did vote 141-13 to extend the out-of-state simulcast agreement at the tracks through the end of the year. The Senate approved the extension shortly after a 90-day temporary bill forged in December expired at midnight March 31, forcing three of the four tracks to close the next day.

Supporters of the bill say the gambling machines will save the industry's existing 6,000 jobs, and bring an estimated 4,000 new jobs and \$350-500 million in revenue to an industry on its last legs as gamblers continue to flock to nearby casinos in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Opponents, including powerful House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi, say the added social costs far outweigh any financial benefits.

Suffolk Downs is slated to open for live racing May 6.

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KEENELAND - Lexington, Ky

Opens: Friday, Apr. 7

Closes: Friday, April 28

**Racing Days: Wednesday through Sunday,
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Highlights: \$500,000 GI Ashland S.-Apr. 8 ●

\$200,000 GII Vinery Madison S.-Apr. 12 ●

\$250,000 GII Stonerside Beaumont S.-Apr. 13

● \$250,000 GII Maker's Mark Mile-Apr. 14 ●

\$750,000 GI Toyota Blue Grass S.-Apr. 15 ●

\$400,000 GII Commonwealth Breeders' Cup S.-

Apr. 15 ● \$200,000 GII Jenny Wiley S.-Apr. 15

● \$325,000 GII Coolmore Lexington S.-Apr. 22

Website: www.keeneland.com

Yesterday's Results:

SMART COUPON S., \$60,750, AQU, 4-6, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36, ft.

1--**GOLD AND ROSES, 124, g, 4, Gold Token--Won Perfect Rose, by Air Forbes Won.** O-Henry C Gregory; B-Seth Gregory (NY); T-Thomas M Bush; J-N Arroyo Jr; \$37,170. Lifetime Record: 18-6-7-1, \$502,292.

2--**Galloping Grocer, 118, g, 4, A. P Jet--Little Evie, by Northrop.** O-Robert D Rosenthal & Bernice Waldbaum. \$12,390.

3--**Melodeeman, 118, g, 6, Wheaton--Screamin Melodee, by Phantom Jet.** O-Winning Move Stable. \$6,215.

Margins: 4HF, 2 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.30, 1.45, 5.70.

Gold and Roses was looking to push his career earnings past the half-million dollar mark and did just that with an easy-as-you-please win. The four-year-old gelding had missed the board just once in eight prior starts, including a win in the Jan. 29 Mellow Roll S. and a second in the Feb. 17 Ave's Flag S. last out, both of which were against statebreds. In restricted company again here, Gold and Roses was content to rate well of Galloping Grocer, took the lead with a quick move nearing the quarter pole and galloped home a facile winner.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 7:

04-30 \$250,000 **CAL NATIONAL** Snow Chief, Hol, 3yo, [R], 9f (250)



TOMORROW, SATURDAY, APRIL 8:

04-22 \$150,000a **Bed O'Roses Breeders' Cup H.-III, Aqu,** 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (100)

05-04 \$150,000a **Kentucky Breeders' Cup-III, CD, 2yo,** 5f (150)

05-05 \$300,000a **Louisville Breeders' Cup-II, CD, 3yo/up,** f/m, 8.5f (300)

05-05 \$100,000a **Crown Royal American Turf-III, 3yo,** 8.5fT (100)

05-05 \$100,000a **Aegon Turf Sprint-III, CD, 3yo/up, 5fT** (100)

05-05 \$100,000a **Edgewood, CD, 3yo, f, 8.5fT** (100)

05-06 \$250,000a **Humana Distaff H.-I, CD, 4yo/up, f/m,** 7f (250)

05-06 \$200,000a **Churchill Downs H.-II, CD, 4yo/up, 7f** (200)

05-06 \$100,000a **Churchill Downs Distaff Turf Mile-III,** CD, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT (100)

05-06 \$100,000a **La Troienne-III, CD, 3yo, f, 7.5f** (100)

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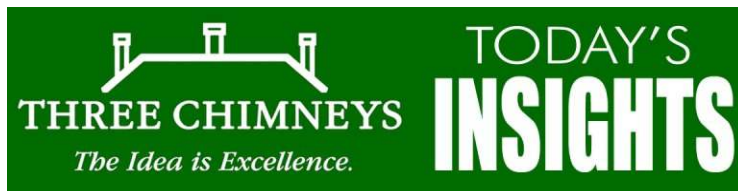
3rd-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.
DONTFEARTHREAPER (g, 3, **Stormin Fever**--Pleasant Scholar, by Pleasant Tap), a \$3,000 KEESEP yearling and \$15,000 OBSAPR two-year-old, earned a smart 101 Bris speed figure winning at first asking in a six-panel Big A sprint Feb. 18. The wheels came off last out, though, when he was seventh, beaten 28 lengths, after being stretched to nine furlongs over the inner Mar. 19. Installed as the 9-5 chalk scaling back here, the dark bay gelding was never far back racing in the three path. Pushed on by John Velazquez, he outgamed a pair of rivals to the wire to win the three-horse photo by head. Polished Arrow (Gilded Time) was runner-up, with another head back to Pirating (Double Honor). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$53,107.
 O-Winged Foot Stables. B-Lonnie R Owens & Rick Nord (KY). T-Richard E Dutrow Jr.

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Wednesday Night's Results:

7th-CTX, \$30,000, Alw, NW3L, 3yo, 4 1/2f, :53, ft.
LOGAN'S RALLY (c, 3, **Kelly Kip**--Ship of Angels, by Storm of Angels), an \$8,000 OBSAPR juvenile, maintained his perfect record with another romping score at Charles Town. After winning by 11 lengths in his Feb. 18 career opener, the bay added a 4 3/4-length allowance tally Mar. 2 and loomed as the 1-2 chalk here. The Florida-bred pressed the pace from the outside, took charge in the lane and went on to win by 5 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$51,600.
 O/T-Skoobie Schneider. B-Jill Nealey (FL).

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.



1:15p **1st-KEE, \$50K, 2yo, 4 1/2f**
TVG **BELLA SHAMBROCK** (Grand Slam) has an excellent chance to make a quick return on his \$200K OBSFEB price. The bay, who hails from the family of international champion Dahlia, has been training smartly at Palm Meadows for Todd Pletcher. **One Good Yank** (Yankee Victor), picked up for \$170K at FTFFEB, is unveiled by Dale Romans. He is a 1/2 to SP Cotton Bay. Also in the field are a pair of representatives by freshman sires, **Johann Star** (Johannesburg) and **Paljo** (Abajo). [brisnet.com pps](#)

3:15p **5th-KEE, \$54K, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT**
TVG **LEO'S PEGASUS** (Fusaichi Pegasus) tries the turf here. The bay from the family of European Classic winners Bosra Sham and Hector Protector took her debut at Oaklawn 1-29 before running third in each of her next two starts at that track 2-26 and 3-16. **Its Just a Dream** (War Chant) graduated in her second grass start 11-24. Second by a neck 12-29, the bay missed by a nose on the Gulfstream lawn 3-6 and looms large here. Another War Chant filly, **Other Lady**, will be making her turf debut. The grey broke her maiden second time out at Turfway 2-4 before finishing well back in the Valdale S. at that track 2-25. [brisnet.com pps](#)

3:45 **6th-KEE, \$50K, 3yo, 1 1/8m**
TVG **COACH KENT** (Forestry), third in his first two outings at Gulfstream, just failed to last by a neck at this distance over the same surface 3-12. The son of GSW Reach the Top has the speed to be dangerous at Keeneland. He faces **Special Interest** (Stravinsky), a full to the good grass miler Chinese Dragon. The D. Wayne Lukas trainee missed by a 1/2-length on the turf at Santa Anita 3-4 before running second to High Cotton in the Rushaway S. at Turfway 3-25. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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Yesterday's Results:

3rd-OPX, \$35,000, Msw, (S), 3,4,5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft.

+ CINNAMONSLUCKYBEAN (f, 3, Cinnamon Creek--Pickupthebeans, by Honour and Glory) was made the 8-5 pick in her unveiling and came through for the Hot Springs faithful. Always in command, she was up by two lengths after a quarter in :22 flat and continued on well to post the 2 1/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000.

O-Ernie Witt. B-Choctaw Racing Stable (AR). T-Michael Hewitt.

Wednesday Night's Results:

7th-TPX, \$19,410, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19, ft.

SALTY RESPONSE (f, 3, Cozzene--Lake Huron, by Salt Lake) debuted with a sixth over this surface on the Gill Lane's S. undercard. Given a 7-2 shot to improve on that showing, the chestnut kept her sights on the leaders from the inside, angled out in the stretch and drew off for a 5 3/4-length graduation. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,555.

O/B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-Dale L Romans.

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3rd-SAX (\$51k ALW) **Quietly Go** (Real Quiet)

impressive in this off-the-turfer.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Behaving Badly, Leave Me Alone Meet in Bug Brush S.:

A pair of Grade I winners are set to lock horns in today's second race at Santa Anita, the \$83,000 Bug Brush S. for fillies and mares, four years old and up, sprinting 6 1/2 furlongs on the main track. Bettors will



Behaving Badly
Equi-Photo

likely give the nod to **Behaving Badly** (Pioneering) over **Leave Me Alone** (Bold Badgett), given the former's recent form. Trained by Bob Baffert, Behaving Badly comes in with a three-race winning skein on the line. Included are a rousing 4 1/2-length tally in the GI Santa Monica H. Jan. 29 and a win in the GIII Las Flores H. Feb. 25,

both at Santa Anita. She's been working smartly since the Las Flores and is reunited with jockey Victor Espinoza, who has been aboard for all but one of the mare's six wins. Leave Me Alone, meanwhile, is still looking for her first visit to the winner's circle following her victory in last year's GI Test S. at Saratoga. She ran with credit, however, when second in the GI La Brea S. Dec. 31 and third in the Santa Monica last time. Garrett Gomez rides for the Eric Kruljac barn.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$66,520, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:36, gd.

QUASIMODO (c, 4, A.P. Indy--Miss Lenora {GSW, \$109,305}, by Theatrical {Ire}) had visited the winner's circle in both previous starts for trainer Julio Canani, including an allowance score over this track and trip Mar. 12. Sent off the even-money choice to remain undefeated this term, the bay tracked the early pace in third, swung wide in the stretch and took command late to post a 1 1/4-length winner over Jack's Wild (Lil Tyler). The winner is a 1/2 to Tangazi (Jade Hunter), MGSP, \$325,715; and Stylish (Thunder Gulch), MGSW, \$588,226. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$110,160.

O-Mercedes Stables LLC. B-Madeleine A Paulson & Ernest Moody (KY). T-Julio C Canani.

FOALING NEWS:

EQUILIBRATE, 13, Gone West--Strike a Balance, by Green Dancer

Foal born Mar. 16, a filly by Unbridled's Song.

Will be bred back to Forestry.

Owned by and boarded at Pin Oak Stud, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Equality (Mt. Livermore), GSW, \$252,150.



3rd-SAX, \$51,940, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6 1/2f (off turf), 1:14 4/5, ft.

QUIETLY GO (c, 3, Real Quiet--Leah's Promise, by Fit to Fight), a \$100,000 KEESEP yearling, looked to have an easier go of it when this came off the turf, paring the field down to just four horses, and came through at short 3-5 odds. The son of Real Quiet was second, a half length adrift of the talented Your Tent or Mine, in his unveiling at Del Mar in September. He missed some time before returning with an impressive off-the-pace score at Santa Anita Mar. 25 and was going for consecutive victories here in his first try against winners. Just off of leader Sailors Sunset (Petionville) through quick :21 4/5 and :44 splits, he overhauled that reluctant foe in upper stretch and held him safe to the line, winning by half a length. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$71,200. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Sunset Stables. B-Rosebrook Farms LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

1st-SAX, \$38,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, 2f, :21 3/5, ft.

HOT ROD (g, 2, Swiss Yodeler--Red Hot Girl, by Red Ransom) lived up to his name in this two-furlong drag race. Owned and trained by Mike Harrington, he looked as if he'd take his Mar. 23 debut over trip and track, but was caught late and had to settle for second. Hustled out from post eight here, the 7-2 chance hit the line a head in front of the 4-1 El Banco (Free House). The 2-1 pick Partywithlarryz (Beau Genius) was fourth. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$28,800.

O/T-Mike Harrington. B-Dr Mikel C & Patricia O Harrington (CA).

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN FRANCE:

Le Byzantin, g, 5, Dynaformer--Venize (Ire) (GSW-Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). Longchamp, 4-6, Hcp, 5yo/up, 1 1/4mT. B-J Maeder. *1/2 to Fenice (Ire) (Woodman), MSP-Fr.

IN BRITAIN:

Cool Customer, c, 3, Gone West. See "Britain."



FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Friday, Apr. 7

ABAJO (Robyn Dancer), Le Mesa, \$1K, 43/0/0

1-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Paljo, 5-1

JOHANNESBURG (Hennessy), Ashford, \$30K, 149/0/0

1-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Johann Star, \$37K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

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SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Fri., Apr. 7

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, 126/21/0

9-KEE, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Albert's Bride, \$170K OBS FEB 2yo, 12-1

AUSTINPOWER (JPN) (Sunday Silence), Lou-Roe, \$3K, 18/1/0

4-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Make Us Happy, \$35K EAS SEP yrl

BLACK MINNALOUSHE (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 168/25/1

8-KEE, Stk, 1mT, Yate's Black Cat, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

BROKEN VOW (Unbridled), Pin Oak, \$10K, 188/27/1

7-CT, Alw, 7f, Dr. Field, \$25K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

CITY ZIP (Carson City), Lane's End, \$8K, 119/28/3

4-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Zip City Dancer, \$22K EAS SEP yrl

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (Sky Classic), Stonewood, \$3K, 18/2/0

9-KEE, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Summer Cyclone, \$7K MIC AUG yrl, 30-1

EXCHANGE RATE (Danzig), Padua, \$10K, 85/16/2

9-EVD, Stk, 5 1/2f, Shimmering Sunset, 6-5

LUFTIKUS (Meadowlake), Taylor Mtn, \$3K, 78/14/2

7-CT, Alw, 7f, Custom Abode, 12-1

MONARCHOS (Maria's Mon), Claiborne, \$25K, 131/10/2

9-KEE, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Mona Mia, \$160K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1

PIKEPASS (Forty Niner), Margaux, \$8K, 116/12/0

9-EVD, Stk, 5 1/2f, Jaycor Pass, 12-1

SONGANDAPRAYER (Unbridled's Song), Walmac, \$10K, 109/25/3

5-GP, Alw, 5fT, De'jade, \$60K OBS APR 2yo

TIZNOW (Cee's Tizzy), WinStar, \$30K, 190/16/1

6-KEE, Msw, 1 1/8m, Kalium, \$250K BAR MAR 2yo, 12-1

VIAREGGIO (IRE) (Caerleon), Indian Hills, \$500, 11/0/0

2-HAW, Msw, 6f, +Kanskat, 12-1



EUROPE



★ FRANCE ★

NEW WEBSITE FOR DEAUVILLE SALES

Deauville Sales has unveiled a new website which will offer live transmission of all its sales, beginning with the 2006 August auction. The site also provides a search engine to examine sale catalogues and results, as well as sales statistics. The company's website can be found at www.deauville-sales.com.

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Yesterday's Results:

PRIX FINLANDE-Listed, €50,000, Longchamp, 4-6, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:56.20, sf.

1--#**CHAIBIA (IRE)**, 123, f, 3, by [Peintre Celebre](#)

1st Dam: **Mawhiba**, by **Dayjur**

2nd Dam: **Histoire (Fr)**, by **Riverman**

3rd Dam: **Helvetie (GB)**, by **Klairon (Fr)**

O-Malcolm Parrish; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-David Smaga; J-Dominique Boeuf; €25,000.

Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €37,600.

2--**Wingspan**, 123, f, 3, Silver Hawk--Broad Pennant, by Broad Brush. €10,000.

3--**Tie Black (Ire)**, 123, f, 3, Machiavellian--Tender Is Thenight (Ire), by Barathea (Ire). (€330,000 yrl '04 DEAAUG). €7,500.

Margins: 1HF, SNK, 3/4. Odds: 10.70, 2.70, 1.90.

Also Ran: Becky Moss, Nowisza (Fr), Saronis (GB), Red Berry (Fr).

Chaibia, who graduated in a mile conditions event at Saint-Cloud in November, could be headed for the Classics after displaying the kind of acceleration that gets results in the premier events. Settled in behind the leading pack early by a confident Dominique Boeuf, she found the gaps in the closing stages to grab Tie Black and quickly assert from the closing Wingspan. "This filly is unlucky not to be unbeaten," trainer David Smaga commented. "I've always liked her and she's done very well over the winter. She will now come back here for the [Apr. 30] G3 Prix Vanteaux."

Longchamp, 2.20, Cond, €33,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:45.40, sf.

ECHOES ROCK (GER) (c, 3, Tiger Hill {Ire}--Evening Breeze {Ger} {SW-Ger}, by Surumu {Ger}), runner-up on debut at Saint-Cloud Mar. 16, was sent off the 5-2 crowd's choice and was positioned behind the leaders early. Rallying in the final eighth, he cut down Borobudur (Kingmambo) in the shade of the post to record a short-head success. The winner is a half brother to Eagle Rise (Ire) (Danehill, Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ger, Co-Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 7-9.5f, MGSW-Ger & GSW-Ity, \$363,995) and to Evensong (Ger) (Waky Nao {GB}, SW-Fr & SP-Ger). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €23,100.

O/B-Baron Georg von Ullmann; T-Andre Fabre.

Longchamp, 2.50, Cond, €33,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:42.00, sf.

DAALY BABET (FR) (f, 3, Medaaly {GB}--Osmyose {Fr}, by Sicyos), runner-up in Vichy's Listed Prix des Jouvenceaux et des Jouvencelles and third behind Linda's Lad (GB) in the Listed Criterium du FEE at Deauville on her last two starts in August, was settled in second off the fractions carved out by the tearaway leader Mednaya (Ire) (Anabaa) in the early stages. Grinding down that rival's advantage late on, the 8-1 shot got to her in the final 50 yards and had 1 1/2 lengths to spare over the other closer Daltaya (Fr) (Anabaa) at the line. Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 6 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €72,000.

O/B-R Sorrentino; T-C Scandella.

Longchamp, 3.50, Cond, €19,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:48.50, sf.

BAZART (GB) (c, 4, Highest Honor {Fr}--Summer Exhibition {GB}, by Royal Academy), fourth in the Listed Prix Matchem at Maisons-Laffitte last May, was off the board on his only subsequent start in a conditions event at Saint-Cloud in November. Thierry Thulliez was in no mood to leave things to chance here and put the 15-2 chance on the front end, where he ensured he stayed with a sustained burst in the straight that carried him to a two-length defeat of Doctor Dino (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}). Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €40,900.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Pascal Bary.

★ BRITAIN ★

TATTERSALLS 'BREEZE' LIVE ON RACING UK

Racing UK will be showing the full pre-sale 'Breeze' of the Tattersalls Breeze-Up Sale live on Sky Channel 432 on Apr. 18 beginning at 9 a.m. The opening session of the auction, which begins at 5 p.m. on Apr. 19, will also be broadcast on the same channel. In addition, buyers will be able to view video recordings of each breeze at www.tattersalls.com. "The Breeze-Up concept naturally lends itself to such wholesale use of technology," said Tattersalls Marketing Director Jimmy George. "And ever since this year's catalogue appeared it has been globally acclaimed as the best ever for a European two-year-old in training sale. The combination of the 'breeze' live on 'Racing UK' and video recordings on our website will ensure that potential buyers throughout the world will miss nothing."

APPOINTMENTS

- ★ Erin Halliwell has been named as the Director of Marketing at the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. Most recently an account executive/senior media buyer at Group 5 advertising in Gainesville Florida, Halliwell is a graduate of St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. "Erin is a tremendous addition to the TOBA staff, as she has the background and talents to enhance our marketing and communications efforts," said TOBA president Dan Metzger.

In this Week's Pedigree Perspectives...

Alan Porter examines the pedigree of G2 UAE Derby hero Discreet Cat (Forestry), who established himself as a Kentucky Derby contender with his strong effort.

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Yesterday's Results:

Leicester, 3.55, Hcp, £12,310, 3yo, 9f 218ydsT, 2:13.98, gd/sf.

HIGH COMMAND (GB) (c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Final Shot {GB}, by Dalsaan {GB}), a half brother to Sir Nicholas (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}, MGSP-Eng, MSW-HK) and Lipstick (GB) (Zamindar, SW-Eng, \$117,127), confirmed early promise by taking a Catterick maiden in his final juvenile start last August. Off as the 10-3 second choice for this seasonal bow, he raced in rear until pushed along in early stretch and kept on under a forceful drive to deny the rallying Soapy Danger (GB) (Danzig) by a neck. The winner was a 70,000gns TATOCT yearling. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, £13,789. O-Mohammed Jaber; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud & Tower Bloodstock; T-Ed Dunlop.

Leicester, 4.30, Cond, £9,848, 3yo, 5f 218ydsT, 1:13.60, gd/sf.

ANGUS NEWZ (GB) (f, 3, Compton Place {GB}--Hickleton Lady {Ire}, by Kala Shikari {GB}), a 4,000gns TATDEC weanling, was let go at 11-2 returning from a last-out third in the Listed Bosra Sham Fillies' S. at Newmarket Oct. 28. Out of the traps like a flash, she bagged an immediate lead along the rail and responded to every call inside the closing panel to hold Gamble In Gold (Ire) (Monashee Mountain) by 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 12-4-0-4, £22,538.

O-J G Dooley & M Quinn; B-Henry & Rosemary Moszkowicz; T-Mick Quinn.

Leicester, 3.20, Mdn, £7,878, 3-4yo, 11f 183ydsT, 2:40.83, gd/sf.

COOL CUSTOMER (c, 3, Gone West--Radu Cool {GSW-US, \$572,218}, by Carnivalay), a \$275,000 KEESEP yearling, finished off the board in his first three starts, including a last-out sixth at Lingfield Mar. 18. In rear until ridden along to close from the three pole, the 11-2 third choice swooped for the lead approaching the final furlong and eased clear thereafter to account for Vehari (GB) (Tomba {GB}) by three lengths. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, £5,498.

O-Gainsborough Stud; B-Dell Ridge Farm; T-Ed Dunlop.

Leicester, 2.10, Mdn, £4,924, 2yo, 5f 2ydsT, 1:02.61, gd/sf.

+HELLVELYN (GB) (c, 2, Ishiguru--Cumbrian Melody {GB}, by Petong {GB}), looking to become the first winner for his freshman sire (by Danzig), was tardy from the gate, but quickly recovered to track the leaders in fourth. Coaxed along from halfway, the 3-1 pick seized the initiative approaching the final eighth and was ridden out to best Dimboola (GB) (Averti {Ire}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Hellvelyn was a 32,000gns TATDEC weanling and a 100,000gns DONSEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,239.

O-H E Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed; B-N E & Mrs Poole & Trickle-down Stud; T-Bryan Smart.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-SAX, \$58,400, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37, ft. ANZIYAN'S SONG (g, 4, Anziyan--Airsong, by Slewpy) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$61,092. O/B-Nick Cafarchia (CA). T-Oscar L Garcia.

7th-SAX, \$51,940, 4-5, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 3/5, wf.

EVER SO NICE (m, 5, Kleven--Ememgeemem, by Ultimate Pleasure) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, \$83,060. O-Howard E & Margo M Miller & Dr Sam K Wirtshafter. B-Miller, Miller, & Wirtshafter (CA). T-Jeff Mullins.

9th-OPX, \$42,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1\$3MX, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

DREAMSANDVISIONS (g, 4, Kipling--Nurse Linda K., by Dr. Adagio) Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-5-1-5, \$159,596. O-Sandra Duke. B-Luther Wicker (TX). T-Steven Duke.

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9th-EVD, \$40,000, 4-5, NW26M, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.

METEOR IMPACT (h, 6, **Belek**--Jennifer's Meteor, by **Buckfinder**) Lifetime Record: SW, 25-5-10-4, \$305,217. O/B-Charlene Touzet Thorson (LA). T-Connie Tassistro.

7th-OPX, \$36,000, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47, ft.

AUNT DOT DOT (f, 4, **Gulch**--Aunt Dot, by **Capote**) Lifetime Record: 15-2-3-5, \$90,690. O-Gus Goldsmith. B-TAC Holdings, Inc (KY). T-Charles L Dickey.

9th-CTX, \$33,000, 4-5, NW2X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:28 3/5, ft.

SPIKED TEMP (h, 5, **Crafty Friend**--Hot Flash, by **Cahill Road**) Lifetime Record: 23-6-1-3, \$91,191. O-Stephen S Waxman. B-St Croix Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Charles W Phelps Jr.

7th-LRL, \$28,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 4/5, ft.

MEGA MOOSE (g, 4, **Crowd Pleaser**--Fran's Secretary, by **Clever Secret**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$35,420. O-Bone Crusher Stables Inc. B-George Swope (MD). T-Chester Moore Sr.

5th-LRL, \$28,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43, fm.

NASHLY'S GROOM (h, 6, **Runaway Groom**--Nashly {MSP}, by **Island Whirl**) Lifetime Record: 27-2-6-3, \$85,020. O-Cortina Enterprises LLC. B-Sondra & Howard M Bender (MD). T-Lisa A Jimenez. *Full to Cruise Along, MSW, \$272,640.

1st-EVD, \$26,216, 4-5, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW4L, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft.

PRESSED (c, 4, **Chester House**--Miss Cort'n, by **A.P. Indy**) Lifetime Record: SW, 11-4-2-2, \$112,100. O/B-Keith Plaisance (KY). T-Edward J Johnston.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Imperial Zip, c, 3, **City Zip**--Vintage Love, by Alydeed. AQU, 4-6, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5. B-Thomas/Lakin (NY). *\$80,000 2yo 2005 OBSFEB. **SP.

Five Star Runner, f, 3, **Five Star Day**--Tri Skipping, by Skip Trial. CTX, 4-5, 7f, 1:30 4/5. B-Brereton C Jones (Ky). *\$25,000 yrl '04 KEESEP. **1/2 to Patton's Victory (Patton), GSW, \$324,790.

Hollywood Bound, f, 4, **Gone West**--Box Office Girl (GSP, \$196,275), by Corwyn Bay (Ire). GGX, 4-5, 5f, :58 3/5. B-Krikorian Stables LLC (Ky).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Faversham (GB)**, g, 3, **Halling**--Barger (GSW & G1SP-Fr), by Riverman. Leicester, Britain, 4-6, Mdn, 3yo/up, 9f 218ydsT. B-Darley. *1/2 to Baya (Nureyev), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$201,022; Narrative (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 14f+, G1SP-Ire, GSW & G1SP-Ity, GSW-UAE, \$275,440.



FOALING NEWS

MARESHA, 7, Judge T C--North Again, by Northrop Foal born Mar. 14, a filly by Mr. Greeley.

Will be bred back to Speightstown. Owned by DJ Stable.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$188,690. First Foal.

BRULAY, 11, Rubiano--Charming Lassie, by Seattle Slew

Foal born Mar. 15, a colt by Storm Cat.

Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway.

Owned by Mr & Mrs Jerome Moss.

Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$190,714.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

AQUEDUCT

LUXEMBOURG (Wild Rush), 3f, :40.01, 4/4

LOVE OF MONEY (Not for Love), 4f, :50.09, 5/11

WILD DESERT (Wild Rush), 6f, 1:12.65, 1/5

BELMONT PARK

ARTIE SCHILLER (El Prado {Ire}), 3f (tr), :37.81, 4/10

PALM MEADOWS

WONDER LADY ANNE L (Real Quiet), 6f, 1:15.20, 1/1

PAYSON PARK

MY TYPHOON (IRE) (Giant's Causeway), 4f, :53.80, 19/19

SPLENDID BLENDED (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :49.20, 3/19

CHURCHILL DOWNS

BATTLE WON (Honour and Glory), 5f, :58.80, 2/23

UP AN OCTAVE (Brahms), 5f, :59, 3/23

KEENELAND

LITTLE CLIFF (Gulch), 5f, 1:01.60, 3/15

DEVIL'S PREACHER (Pulpit), 5fT, 1:03.60, 4/5

SANTA ANITA

DA STOOPS (Distorted Humor), 3f, :35.20, 4/7

HOLLYWOOD

DIPLOMAT LADY (Forestry), 4f, :46.80, 1/13