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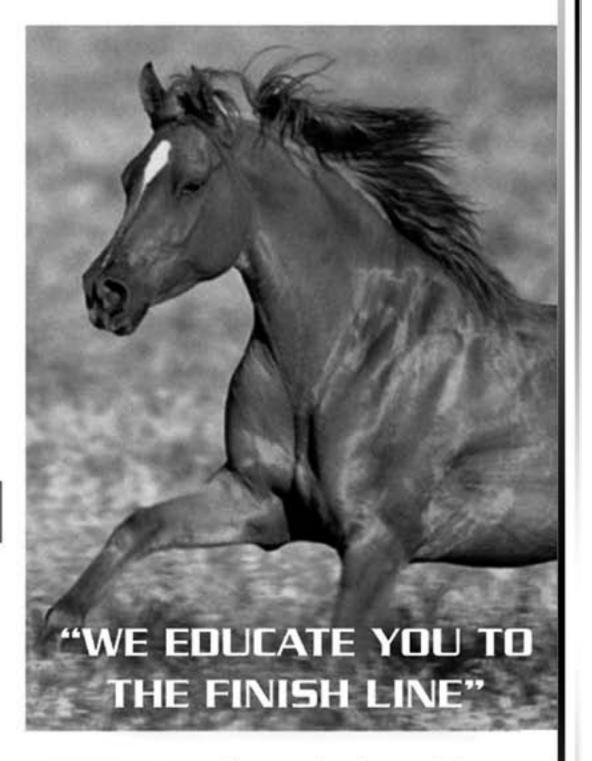
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Nolan Clancy

Hey Kid. A Thoroughbred catches the eye of a junior photographer at Saratoga last week.

WORTH REPEATING The Special's quotes from Saratoga

"Lack of maintenance "

Diagnosis from golf-cart repairman for breakdown of Mike Gonzalez/ Eddie Castro cart, now the fastest (electric) cart on the grounds

"I thought the hurricane came early or something. Where are all those people going?"

Trainer Eric Guillot, on the evacuation into Saratoga Race Course Travers morning

"You mention me in here today?"

Artist Mike Geraghty, holding Saturday's Special. Sorry Mike, but you made it today.

"They ran out of tickets before 7."

Trainer Merrill Scherer, watching Saratoga police write parking tickets near the Wright Street gate Saturday morning

"You'd think we were preparing for the Travers."

Matt McCarron, as trainer Doug Fout gave him instructions for a Saturday breeze

"I've never seen that before."

Jockey Willie Dowling after Jose Lezcano dropped his whip and hit Adam Rides Again with his goggles

"You'll need a canoe around here tomorrow."

Fout, while standing at the Annex Saturday morning

"What's next? Locusts."

Trainer Butch Reid on a meet that has included a hurricane and an earthquake

"Take the night off."

Trainer Todd Pletcher, advising the Special on its hurricane contingency plan

"Charlie's Angels."

Julia Helbling, Turallure's exercise rider, when introducing herself and her two friends

BY THE NUMBERS

2: Guys reading The Special in line at the track's Dunkin' Donuts counter Saturday morning.

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IME, MON. Alan Garcia (left) and Rajiv Maragh channel Bob Marley and Peter Tosh at the recent jockey karaoke night.

T-SHIRT SLOGAN OF THE DAY

Genius by nature, slacker by choice. On the backside Saturday morning.

NAMES OF THE DAY

Expresso Run, third race. Bob LaPenta's 3-year-old is by Medaglia d'Oro (a brand of instant espresso) out of Runnin Ute.

Minotaur, seventh race. Team Valor's 2-year-old is by Flashy Bull.

WEATHER

Today: Party cloudy. High 82, low 55.

Thursday: Isolated thunderstorms. High 78, low 60.

Friday: Partly cloudy. High 76, low 60.

Saturday: Scattered thunderstorms. High 78, low 65.

JUST SAYIN'

"I couldn't believe it when I read it, she pulled up so good. Sometimes, they pull up and tell you but there were no signs. This game is a rollercoaster."

> - Jockey Javier Castellano, about Ballerina winner Hilda's Passion who suffered a condylar fracture in the race

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IMPACT ITEME. The hurricane canceled Sunday's racing card and took down a limb from an infield tree. In general, Saratoga Springs was spared much of the damage that hit other communities in the area – including a threatened dam at Clifton Park, bridge closings along the Mohawk River, flooded sections of Schenectady, Troy, Keene and others. The storm also canceled

Sunday's edition of The Special – due mainly to the lack of potential readers at the track

WORTH REPEATING The Special's quotes from Saratoga

"Should have checked Facebook before I walked down to Spring Street Deli and got soaked!"

Lisa Beige, looking for The Special Sunday morning (cancelled due to Hurricane Irene)

When you go down to Florida and spend the whole winter focused on the 2-year-old champion and lay out plans . . . but, look we all know the game well enough to know that it happens."

Trainer Todd Pletcher, about the disappointment of missing the Triple Crown races with Uncle Mo

"Nobody says that when I finish in the back covered in mud."

Jockey Javier Castellano, when told his win aboard Hilda's Passion looked easy

"Horses from here come out to our part of the country and take plenty of money so it's only fair that we get some from here. We're just trying to even things out."

Midwest trainer Donnie Von Hemel, who won two stakes at Saratoga with Caleb's Posse

"I have a flight, but I may get on the van. I might be better off traveling with the horses."

Von Hemel, on getting back to Oklahoma ahead of Hurricane Irene (rumor has it he jumped on the van Sunday morning)

"Now I know how Custer felt."

Photographer Adam Mooshian after watching the running of the tables Travers Day from inside the track

25 hours, 10 minutes: Time between rides for Barry Geraghty, who finished second on Dirar in the New York Turf Writers in Saratoga Aug. 25 and won the Batty O'Sullivan Handicap Hurdle in Killarney, Ireland Aug. 27.

"It was a left-handed shovel, and I'm right-handed."

David Fawkes on supervising hurricane preparations at his stable Saturday morning.

"We need a compass."

Rajiv Maragh, driving back and forth with agent Richard DePass and looking lost, on the lane behind Mark Casse's barn

"So is there a lost edition of The Special out there?"

Equidaily's Seth Merrow, asking about the hurricane-cancelled Sunday edition of The Special

"At least they'll come get you on 87."

Trainer Rusty Arnold, debating the wisdom of back roads vs. the interstate to get out of Saratoga after the hurricane. Ironically, 87 was still closed at the time of this conversation.

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From Italy to Saratoga

Two-year-old fillies flock to turf stakes

BY KATIE BO WILLIAMS

Today's 1 1/16-mile turf stakes, the P. G. Johnson for 2-year-old fillies, marks the return of a number of horses that have run earlier in the meet, but Visionaria definitely does not fall into that category. The Team Valor colorbearer is a veteran of three starts in Italy and arrived at Graham Motion's Fair Hill stable two weeks ago.

"She seems very straightforward," the trainer said. "She's a fairly typical European type, nothing flashy to look at. After Barry (Irwin) bought her, he sent her to John Hammond in France, who I know quite well. He and I talked about her and he actually breezed her a couple of times before she came over. Most of the information I got about her was from John."

The chestnut daughter of Byron won

P.G. JOHNSON STAKES PREVIEW

her debut at 6 furlongs in May, then went on to a second and a win. Irwin shipped the filly to Motion with the intention of running in a stakes at Monmouth, but Hurricane Irene interfered.

"Barry and I had spoken about bringing her over, timing-wise to run in one of these races," Motion said. "The original idea was to run her at Monmouth, to get her over here and not do too much with her before we ran her, of course that's gotten messed up now. So I did breeze her a little bit on Saturday."

Motion gives the call to Ramon Dominguez and expects his charge to sit off the pace and make one run.

"Her best race was doing that, so that's probably what we would try to do," Motion said. "I think over here



Crazy Party steps into stakes company after starting her career with a victory here July 28.

there would be more pace than the races she's used to."

Visionaria breaks from the outside post in a field of nine and on a course softened by Irene.

"I don't think that would bother her, to be honest," Motion said. "She's European-bred, so I would imagine she'd handle it fine."

Rusty Arnold sends over New Wave, a good-looking gray daughter of Tale Of The Cat. Fourth last out in the Adirondack, G. Watts Humphrey's filly tries the turf for the first time. The \$300,000 Keeneland purchase broke her maiden by a neck over Arlington's synthetic course before the Adirondack.

"Maybe she doesn't want the dirt," Arnold said. "She's got a lot of turf in her pedigree, she loved the synthetic better than the turf."

Arnold pointed to a number of differ-

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ent factors that contributed to 21-length gap between New Wave and My Miss Aurelia in the Adirondack.

"I don't think, and this is not an excuse, but I don't think the 1 hole helped her that day," Arnold said. "She was down in there and never had that, so I decided to give her one more try before we leave here. I don't really have a place for her during the month of September, I'll probably give her that month off and run at Keeneland, so I decided to kind of push one back into her. I was happy with the way she came back and breezed and her energy level, so I'm going to give her another try, and if I have to go back to Keeneland, they'll get an a-other-than to go on the Poly."

The P. G. Johnson is also a step up in distance for New Wave.

"The distance I'm not worried about, that's what she wants," Arnold said. "She's got two (races) in her now. I know it didn't look like it in her last race, but she just got down on that fence and they were humming out of there and she didn't handle that too well. She's going to be a little better placed without being pushed. A little bit different pace scenario."

Alex Solis will take the reins from post 5.

Gary Contessa tries 8-1 shot Bourbonstreetgirl. The daughter of Langfuhr made her sole start here Aug. 11, scoring by a head in a dramatic comefrom-behind move in a \$75,000 maiden claimer.



My Due Process exits a maiden win here Aug. 5.

"She had a very eventful trip," Contessa said. "She was making a wide move then she ducked to the rail and really gutted it out. In her race, she showed three different positives. She broke and fell back to last, which was really unusual, you love to have a 2-year-old that's got that good of a mind. Then she went wide and when that horse came out in front of her, she ducked to the inside and kept running."

The decision to drop the filly in for a tag was a risky move, but a calculated one. Contessa paid \$32,000 for Bourbon Lane Stable, Kevin Brady, Tom Girard and John Moirano's filly as a 2-year-old and although he liked her, knew if someone put in a slip, the owners would still get out on the horse.

"I was quite certain I could run her

maiden 75 and get away with it, but I would have liked her in a maiden special as well. The maiden special rained off a couple times or I didn't get in, and the 75 was there, so I did it," Contessa said. "The 75,000 claimer, it takes somebody with a lot of inside information and a lot of guts to drop a claim on a horse like that. And if I had lost her for 75, I would have been a little worried, but heck, we paid 32,000 for her, we wouldn't have lost sleep over it, but they might have got a good horse."

Contessa calls the P. G. Johnson the "acid test" for Bourbonstreetgirl.

"We find out if she's this quality but I think she is," Contessa said. "Anybody that knows me, knows that when I run a first-time starter, I leave a lot left in the tank. I try and get a first-time starter

maybe 75 percent ready. That filly really never breezed beyond five-eights, three-quarters of a mile, but her gallop outs were strong. To my opinion, I like to see a 2-year-old improve in their second start and she's got a lot of improvement in her."

Contessa puts a question mark over the soft turf for his filly.

"When it comes to soft turf, horses either like it or they don't like it, there is no in between," Contessa said. "She may be a great turf horse who hates soft turf, or she might be a turf horse who loves it."

Bourbonstreetgirl breaks from post 4 under Javier Castellano.

Todd Pletcher enters favorite Crazy Party for the Wertheimer brothers. The daughter of A. P. Indy was a 2-length winner over this trip here July 28. The homebred goes to post under John Velazquez.

Bill Mott sends over 9-2 choice Alaura Michele for Siena Farm. A veteran of two starts, one for Gregory Fox and one for Mott, the daughter of Arch won by 4 lengths in a 6-furlong turf maiden special weight June 29 at Belmont. She comes into the race off a 5-furlong move over the Oklahoma turf course in 59 3/5 seconds. Eddie Castro gets the call.

Four fillies fill out the field, including Idle Dice for Glenn Thompson and James Hackman, Zultanite for David Donk, William Punk and Philip DiLeo, Putthebabiesdown for Ken McPeek and JCM Racing and My Due Process for Dale Romans and Priscilla Vaccarezza.

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1 John Velazquez219	46	35	24	\$2,609,370	21%	9 Kent Desormeaux50	13	3	3	\$340,960	26%
2 Javier Castellano227	45	35	24	\$3,482,108	20%	10 David Cohen93	12	9	12	\$510,468	13%
3 Ramon Dominguez221	37	41	32	\$1,906,296	17%	11 Irad Ortiz Jr116	11	7	15	\$429,440	9%
4 Julien Leparoux141	24	16	21	\$1,327,806	17%	12 Corey Nakatani56	10	3	4	\$314,408	18%
5 Rajiv Maragh164	19	22	28	\$1,647,392	12%	13 Alex Solis108	8	11	14	\$880,000	7%
6 Cornelio Velasquez144	16	21	19	\$1,201,206	11%	14 Edgar Prado83	7	11	5	\$442,220	8%
7 Jose Lezcano123	14	16	17	\$1,136,165	11%	15 Alan Garcia64	6	8	8	\$464,320	9%
7 Eddie Castro	14	16	17	\$1,046,100	11%	15 Robby Albarado75	6	15	8	\$424,487	8%
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2Flying Zee Stable53	7	9	10	\$292,040	13%	2Chad Brown63	19	13	3	\$1,039,994	30%
3Anstu Stables14	6	1	0	\$195,820	43%	3Rudy Rodriguez45	12	8	6	\$369,560	27%
4Ramsey, Ken & Sarah24	5	1	4	\$257,540	21%	4Steve Asmussen38	11	5	8	\$593,840	29%
4Klaravich Stable & Lawrence, Wm28	5	3	2	\$198,620	18%	5Bill Mott68	10	12	7	\$941,480	15%
6Darley Stable23	4	2	3	\$188,020	17%	6Kiaran McLaughlin39	9	9	3	\$808,160	23%
6Barry Schwartz7	4	0	1	\$131,100	57%	7Michael Hushion24	8	0	5	\$268,807	33%
8Team Valor International7	3	1	0	\$196,000	43%	8Graham Motion27	6	3	1	\$458,840	22%
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Exacta, 1 1	Quinella, Trifecta, Pic File Gumbo	3, Daily Double R. Curatolo	C. Clement	5-
2 2	Expresso Run	C. Nakatani	N. Zito	4-
3 3	Maria's Own	J. Velazquez	T. Albertrani	3-
4 4 5 5	Empress of Gold D'oro Princess	E. Prado R. Albarado	W. Mott R. Nicks	2- 5-
6 6	Force of Humor	I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Terranova, II	8-
	08PM). \$22,000, MC Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily D		& UP, F & M , 6F	
1 1	Dixieland Cowgirl	E. Castro	J. Hooper	12-
2 2 3 3	Salt Water Lullaby Holy Spice	J. Espinoza I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Morrison R. Rodriguez	12- 9-
4 4	Bird in Hand	J. Rodriguez	K. LeBlanc	30-
5 5	In a Mellow Tone	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	4-
6 6 7 7	Briolette	R. Curatolo J. Castellano	P. Scott	15- 5-
8 8	By M K Jusbhonorable	M. Luzzi	M. Hennig R. Rodriguez	10-
9 9	Inner Truth	R. Albarado	W. Cesare	8-
10 10	Spa City Lover	J. Sanchez	W. Ward	5-
Exacta,	11PM). \$26,000, CLN Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, I	Daily Double	•	•
1 1 2 2	One Starry Nite Saints Alive	A. Lezcano R. Maragh	F. Martin, Sr. G. Sciacca	30- 6-
3 3	Count Catamount	E. Castro	R. Rodriguez	7-
4 4	Sly	J. Espinoza	G. Contessa	10-
5 5 6 6	Free Brave Jet to Classics	J. Castellano R. Curatolo	D. Romans J. Campo, Jr.	4- 15-
7 7	Pegasus Tommy D.	C. Velasquez	L. Rice	3-
8 8	Hooligan's Delight	I. Ortiz, Jr.	R. Barbara	8-
9 9 10 10	Kingsdale Ocean (IRE) Wascally Rabbit	J. Chavez R. Dominguez	W. Younghans G. Contessa	30- 8-
	Unbridled Danger	J. Chavez	R. Young	20-
12 MTO	Al's Lark	J. Castellano	D. Jacobson	7-
	Head Heart Hoof	C. Velasquez	R. Dutrow, Jr.	5-
	Mr Magenta Scorch the Torch	R. Maragh I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Baker E. Barker	4- 8-
	Never Right Joey	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	3-
	14PM). \$50,000, MS Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily D			
1 1	Le Grand Artiste	J. Castellano	M. Matz	12-
2 2	Officer Prado	C. Nakatani	S. Asmussen	3- 10-
3 3 4 4	Seven Lively Sins Minotaur	J. Leparoux R. Dominguez	A. Stall, Jr. H. Motion	10- 10-
5 5	Mr. Style	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	6-
6 6	Lure of the South	E. Prado	P. Kelly	20-
7 7 8 8	Benofear Full	K. Desormeaux F. Lenclud	D. Romans A. Stall, Jr.	12- 12-
	Silver Max	R. Albarado	D. Romans	8-
9 9	O			

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	Crazy Party	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher
2	Idle Dice	J. Leparoux	G. Thomps
3	Alaura Michele	E. Castro	W. Mott

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double

2	2	lale Dice	J. Leparoux	G. HIOHIPSON	20-T
3	3	Alaura Michele	E. Castro	W. Mott	9-2
4	4	Bourbonstreetgirl	J. Castellano	G. Contessa	8-1
5	5	New Wave	A. Solis	G. Arnold, II	10-1
6	6	Zultanite	J. Lezcano	D. Donk	20-1
7	7	Putthebabiesdown	A. Garcia	K. McPeek	6-1
8	8	My Due Process	M. Cruz	D. Romans	5-1
9	9	Visionaria (GB)	R. Dominguez	H. Motion	7-2

8TH (4:48PM). \$75,000, STK - P.G. JOHNSON, 2 YO, F, 1 1/16M (TURF)

9TH (5:22PM). \$44,000, AOC \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6F

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Exa	acta,	Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily D	ouble		
1	1	Mississippi Too	E. Castro	G. Weaver	12-1
2	2	Gatto Nero	R. Maragh	C. Baker	8-1
3	3	Saltamontes	J. Lezcano	R. Rodriguez	12-1
4	4	Enniskillen	F. Lenclud	C. O'Brien	20-1
5	5	Risky Rachel	R. Dominguez	H. Bond	4-1
6	6	Lady Vi	R. Curatolo	P. Serpe	6-1
7	7	Funky Munky Mama	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Gullo	7-2
8	8	Yawkey Way	J. Castellano	C. Brown	5-2
9	9	Freud's Notebook	J. Velazquez	R. Schosberg	8-1

10TH (5:56PM). \$52,000, AOC \$35,000, 3 & UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

EX	icta,	iritecta, Daily Double			
1	1	Illusion of Speed	J. Castellano	E. Kenneally	4-1
2	2	Vinda	A. Solis	G. Weaver	8-1
3	3	Babai Baby	C. Velasquez	L. Rice	9-2
4	4	Tale Untold	I. Ortiz, Jr.	R. Ribaudo	20-1
5	5	Yes It's Valid	R. Albarado	M. Scherer	30-1
6	6	Moon Struck Nemi	K. Desormeaux	R. Werner	12-1
7	7	Dominant Currency	R. Maragh	A. Penna, Jr.	5-1
8	8	Battingstar	C. Nakatani	G. Contessa	5-1
9	9	Brampton	R. Dominguez	H. Jerkens	10-1
10	10	Knysna	S. Bridgmohan	R. Nicks	12-1
11	11	Yadira	J. Leparoux	S. Asmussen	5-1
12	MTO	Full of Gut	C. Velasquez	R. Dutrow, Jr.	8-5
13	MTO	Isn't She Grand	J. Velazquez	R. Rodriguez	4-1
14	MTO	Malibu Artiste	D. Cohen	G. Contessa	3-1

11	11TH (6:30PM). \$25,000, MCL \$35,000, 2 YO, 6F					
Ex	Exacta, Trifecta					
1	1	Howie and the Cat	J. Castellano	M. Miceli	9-2	
2	2	Unguided Missile	A. Serpa	P. Gulyas	15-1	
3	3	Rico Capote	J. Castanon	B. Brown	4-1	
4	4	The Snickers Kid	R. Curatolo	P. Serpe	12-1	
5	5	In My Eyes	I. Ortiz, Jr.	M. Matz	8-1	
6	6	U Ought to Know	A. Solis	S. Hough	10-1	
7	7	Deferlong	M. Mena	M. Scherer	10-1	
8	8	Ambit	J. Chavez	G. Contessa	12-1	
9	9	Pure Grit	J. Velazquez	S. Schwartz	7-2	
10	10	Shane Roars	R. Maragh	D. Galluscio	8-1	
11	11	Cat Man Fu	J. Espinoza	G. Contessa	12-1	

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	Liberty Cap	Close To The Vest	Liberty Cap	Close To The Vest	Almoradi
2	Moreforyourmoney	King And Crusader	Moreforyourmoney	Moreforyourmoney	Moreforyourmoney
	King And Crusader	Moreforyourmoney	Fancy Farm	King And Crusader	Two Left Shoes
	Two Left Shoes	Two Left Shoes	Harry Consolidator	Physical Gold	King And Crusader
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3	Kiď Kate	Katy Now	Moontune Missy	Belle Of The Hall	Katy Now
	Moontune Missy	Belle Of The Hall	Katy Now	Christine Daae	Kid Kate
4	Empress Of Gold	D'oro Princess	Maria's Own	Empress Of Gold	Empress Of Gold
	Maria's Own	Maria's Own	Empress Of Gold	Maria's Own	D'oro Princess
	Force Of Humor	File Gumbo	Force of Humor	File Gumbo	Expresso Run
5	In A Mellow Tone	Spa City Lover	Spa City Lover	Spa City Lover	By M K
	Spa City Lover	In A Mellow Tone	In A Mellow Tone	Holy Spice	Bird In Hand
	Jusbhonorable	Holy Spice	Holy Spice	In A Mellow Tone	In A Mellow Tone
6	Never Right Joey	Mr Magenta	Count Catamount	Hooligan's Delight	Pegasus Tommy D.
	Count Catamount	Free Brave	Free Brave	Pegasus Tommy D.	Hooligan's Delight
	Pegasus Tommy D.	Pegasus Tommy D.	Jet To Classics	Free Brave	Sly
7	Mr. Style	Mr. Style	Officer Prado	Mr. Style	Mr. Style
	Officer Prado	Officer Prado	Mr. Style	Officer Prado	Seven Lively Sins
	Silver Max	Minotaur	Benofear	Silver Max	Officer Prado
8	Bourbonstreetgirl	Visionaria	Visionaria	My Due Process	Visionaria
	Crazy Party	Crazy Party	Alaura Michele	Visionaria	Crazy Party
	Alaura Michele	Bourbonstreetgirl	Putthebabiesdown	Crazy Party	Bourbonstreetgirl
9	Funky Munky Mama	Funky Munky Mama	Lady Vi	Yawkey Way	Yawkey Way
	Yawkey Way	Yawkey Way	Yawkey Way	Funky Munky Mama	Risky Rachel
	Risky Rachel	Risky Rachel	Risky Rachel	Risky Rachel	Enniskillen
10	Full Of Gut	Full Of Gut	Battingstar	Vinda	Vinda
	Illusion Of Speed	Yadira	Babai Baby	Full Of Gut	Illusion Of Speed
	Yadira	Vinda	Illusion Of Speed	Dominant Currency	Brampton
11	Pure Grit	In My Eyes	Howie And The Cat	Shane Roars	Howie And The Cat
	Howie And The Cat	Pure Grit	Deferlong	Pure Grit	Pure Grit
	Deferlong	Unguided Missile	Shane Roars	Rico Capote	Unguided Missile
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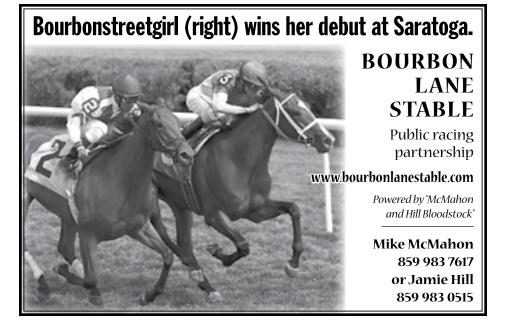
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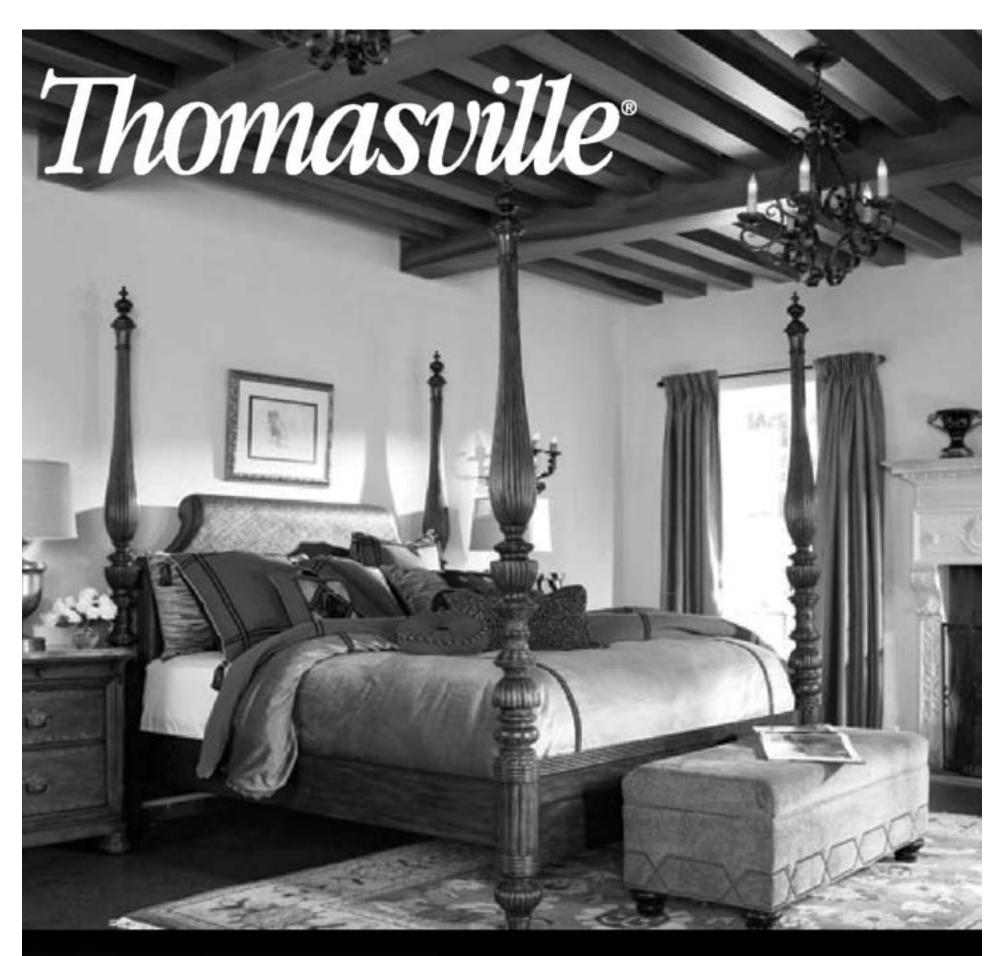
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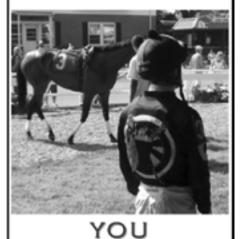
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MONDAY'S SARATOGA RESULTS

Monday August 29.

FIRST \$46,000, CLAIMING \$50,000-\$40,000, 3 YO, 6F

C. Nakatani Expecting Cash \$2.90 \$2.40 \$4.00 Shankopotamus J. Castellano \$5.90 (dq)David the Great F. Lenclud \$3.00

Ch Colt 2008, by Littleexpectations - Chenoa by Wild Again

Owner: Millennium Farms, Littlebrother Farm, Trainer: Steven Asmussen. Breeder: Millennium Farms & Little Brother Farm (KY).

Claimed: David the Great claimed by Jacobson, David for \$40,000 Exacta (6-4), \$38.00; Trifecta (6-4-3), \$107.00

SECOND \$24.120. MAIDEN CLAIMING \$20.000. 3 YO'S & UP. 6F

\$3.00 K. Desormeaux \$2.40 3 Mr. Popps J. Castanon Sasueno \$3.30 \$2.70 J. Espinoza Grimmer \$3.50

B Gelding 2008, by Fusaichi Pegasus - Westlake by Honour and Glory Owner: Seelig, Stanley, B.. Trainer: Merrill Scherer.

Breeder: Stanley Seelig (KY).

Claimed: Sasueno claimed by Robison, J. Kirk for \$20,000

Daily Double (6-3), \$20.60; Exacta (3-5), \$23.20; Quinella (3-5), \$9.90; Superfecta (3-5-2-4), \$505.00; Trifecta (3-5-2), \$96.00

THIRD \$20,200, CLAIMING \$15,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

Hillsboro Bay E. Castro \$2.50 \$3.10 \$2.90 Kaiser's d'Light R. Maragh Money Magnet R. Curatolo \$2.70

Ch Filly 2008, by Concerto - Biblionic by Notebook

Owner: Richlyn Farm. Trainer: George Weaver. Breeder: Ocala Stud (FL). Late Scratches: Famous Rose

Claimed: Hillsboro Bay claimed by Jacobson, David for \$15,000

Daily Double (3-5), \$23.40; Exacta (5-3), \$16.80; Pic 3 (6-3-5), \$37.20; (6-3-2), \$17.60

FOURTH \$43,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 & UP, 1 1/8M

12 Purely Majestic J. Velazquez \$4.10 11 Sugar Beach A. Lezcano \$7.80 \$4.10 6 My Unbridled Storm I. Ortiz, Jr. \$5.00

B Filly 2008, by Quiet American - Kicken High by High Yield

Owner: Anstu Stables. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.

Breeder: Anstu Farm LLC (NY).

Late Scratches: Saratoga Silver, Mojito Mint, Dancing Tiz, Nobu Baby, Silver Squaw

Time: 1:54.34

Daily Double (5-12), \$13.20; Exacta (12-11), \$39.20; Quinella (11-12), \$26.60; Superfecta (12-11-6-9), \$570.00; Trifecta (12-11-6), \$203.50; Pic 3 (3-5-12), \$55.00

FIFTH \$26,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLAIMING \$35,000, 2 YO, 6F

3 For Her Eyes Only R. Dominguez \$2.40 \$2.50 Flavor Girl R. Curatolo Hall of Flame I. Ortiz, Jr. \$4.70 Ch Filly 2009, by Utopia (JPN) - On Call by Forest Camp

Owner: NYKY Thoroughbred Stable. Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin.

Breeder: Smitty Gayheart, Robert Keplinger &McMahon of Saratoga (NY). Late Scratches: Sleeping Star, Burnin' Ash

Daily Double (12-3), \$15.00; Exacta (3-5), \$9.20; Superfecta (3-5-1-7), \$143.00; Trifecta (3-5-1), \$68.50; Consolation Double (12-2/4), \$5.70; Pic 3 (5-12-3), \$29.20; (5-12-2/4), \$11.80; Pic 4 (3-2/5-12-2/3/4), \$100.00

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SIXTH \$43,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

3 Princess Phoebe M. Cruz \$28.40 \$13.20 Castles Burning R. Dominguez \$4.30 At the Palace J. Leparoux \$5.00

Dk B/ Br Filly 2009, by Defer - Nick's Honor by Jump Start

Owner: Soave Stables, Sacks, Lee, Entourage Stable. Trainer: Eric Reed. Breeder: Jump Start Partnership (NY).

Late Scratches: Manero, Barrel of Joy, Reach for a Peach

Time: 1:06.85

Daily Double (3-3), \$77.50; Exacta (3-5), \$130.50; Superfecta (3-5-9-1), \$2,252.00; Trifecta (3-5-9), \$1,309.00; Pic 3 (12-3-3), \$218.50; (12-2/4-

SEVENTH \$51,000, OPTIONAL CLAIMING \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

K. Desormeaux 4 Need an Angel Celebrity Sighting J. Chavez \$3.50 \$2.80 3 Royal Lahaina M. Luzzi \$4.50

Dk B/ Br Filly 2008, by Pulpit - Halo Reality by Prospector's Halo Owner: Zito, Louis, Fingleton, Donall, Crean, John. Trainer: Bruce Levine. Breeder: Centaur Farms, Inc. (KY).

Claimed: Soundwave claimed by Landry, Curtis for \$50,000

Daily Double (3-4), \$177.00; Exacta (4-8), \$32.40; Superfecta (4-8-3-6), \$922.00; Trifecta (4-8-3), \$193.00; Pic 3 (3-3-4), \$511.00

EIGHTH \$75,000, NY-BRED STAKES - SARATOGA DEW S., 3 & UP, 1 1/8M

2 Mineralogist D. Cohen \$17.00 Banker's Buy J. Velazquez \$2.90 Go Unbridled J. Espinoza \$3.10

B Filly 2007, by Mineshaft - Seeking the Ante by Seeking the Gold Owner: Chester and Mary Broman, Sr.. Trainer: John Kimmel.

Breeder: Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman (NY).

Time: 1:53.11

Daily Double (4-2), \$105.50; Exacta (2-6), \$69.00; Trifecta (2-6-1), \$314.00; Pic 3 (3-4-2), \$1,098.00; Place Pix Nine (1/3/5-3/5/9-3/4/8-2),

NINTH \$24,120, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

J. Castellano 8 Patine I. Ortiz, Jr. Holy Spice \$3.20 Simple Exchange C. Velasquez \$4.40

Dk B/ Br Filly 2007, by Smart Strike - Burnish by Menifee

Owner: Ostrager, Barry, R.. Trainer: Bruce Levine.

Breeder: Stone Farm (KY).

Late Scratches: Eccentric Life, Pelago, Truffles, Pleasant Heiress, Sound

Time: 1:05.99

Daily Double (2-8), \$79.50; Exacta (8-5), \$25.40; Superfecta (8-5-7-9), \$527.00; Trifecta (8-5-7), \$121.00; Pic 3 (4-2-8), \$370.00; Pic 4 (3-4-2-8), \$4,565.00; Pic 6 (12-3-3-4-2-8), \$744.00

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011 THE SARATOGA SPECIAL

Waiting Game

Mineralogist prevails in blanket finish of Monday stakes

BY SEAN CLANCY

John Kimmel waited. Mineralogist waited. David Cohen waited.

For a furlong, the trainer waited for the filly, who waited for the jockey who waited for something, anything. Finally at the eighth pole of Monday's Saratoga Dew, Cohen could wait no longer, switching off the rail and around two rivals to win the \$75,000 stakes for New York-bred fillies and mares. Bred and owned by Chester and Mary Broman, Mineralogist paid \$17 on her way to winning her fourth career race and first since her 2-year-old season.

Mineralogist broke alertly and Cohen simply perched above her withers, hovering, as she slid her way to the rail, relaxing in fifth with only Go Unbridled behind her. Spa City Princess controlled the



Dave Harmon

Mineralogist (2) drives between horses late in Monday's feature, the Saratoga Dew.

pace through an easy quarter mile in 25.18 and a half in 50.47 as Banker's Buy, D' Oratory, Beautiful Risk, Mineralogist and Go Unbridled checked off the furlongs, all waiting for something to happen.

Finally, Cohen made the first real move, sidling through on the inside of D' Oratory and Ramon Dominguez, moving into third for a moment and sealing his fate behind Jorge Chavez and Spa City Princess. For a moment, Mineralogist looked poised for an inside break but Chavez never wavered from his position, Cohen waited it out, hoping for a seam that never appeared. Finally abandoning that plan, Cohen

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Mineralogist brought a crowd to the winner's circle after the stakes score.

Dave Harmon

New —

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swung Mineralogist to the outside of Spa City Princess and Banker's Buy and hoped time was still on his side.

Once clear, Mineralogist buckled down and went after Spa City Princess and Banker's Buy while being swooped from the outside by Go Unbridled. Spa City Princess began to waver on the rail, Banker's Buy hung tough in the 2 path, Mineralogist rallied and Go Unbridled rallied from the far outside. The wire called it, with Mineralogist getting the nod by a head over Banker's Buy who had a nose on Go Unbridled who had a neck on Spa City Princess after 9 furlongs in 1:53.11.

"The race was developing up front, they were race-riding each other, I didn't have a lot of room to do anything else except try the rail, that obviously didn't work too well," Cohen said. "Switch to plan B, then things started to develop outside where there was a gap so I

could swing her out, once she got in the clear, she made a nice run. The outside horse helped a little bit with our run, I am positive I would have gotten them anyway but she helped us, my fear was getting beat by her, not them."

Kimmel was more succinct than Cohen.

"He was lucky to get through, then he just fell right in the seam," Kimmel said. "Nice ride. Got blocked and got her going again."

Mineralogist helped the cause. The 4-year-old daughter of Mineshaft

emerged as a promising 2-year-old of 2009, winning the Joseph A. Gimma and Maid Of The Mist Stakes to go 3-for-5 on the year. She emerged from the October win in the Maid Of The Mist with a chip in her knee. She had surgery and was convalescing in Ocala when she wound up with a puncture and a joint infection in her other knee and missed all of 2010. After a debate about breeding her, she returned to Kimmel's barn and came to Saratoga with a blank slate from four starts this year, including losses behind Spa City Princess, Banker's Buy and Go Unbridled. Mineralogist finished fourth, beaten 8 lengths by Banker's Buy and 3 1/2 by Go Unbridled in the Reno Miss South Shore Stakes July 17. Kimmel took the blame for that one.

"I made a mistake telling David the last time to not get too far out of it, then all the speed showed up and she got up too close and had nothing left," Kimmel said. "I told him today, let her fall out of there, find her rhythm and make one run. She'll tell you, she's battle-tested now."

That helped Cohen when he had his hand on the ignition key and nowhere to go.

"I had run the whole way around there, I got her feet moving around the half-mile pole to see where we were at," Cohen said. "Ramon could have gone inside, he saw us rolling in there, so he shifted three-wide, then that trapped us in there, so I said, 'let me shoot for this rail, if I can get halfway in there, this will win us the race,' and it almost hurt us. I had to wait for Ramon to get tired and then go."

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The Quencher

Resurgent Stay Thirsty comes through in Grade I

BY SEAN CLANCY

Todd Pletcher stood in the middle of his customary box at the top of the stairs, wife, kids, dad, assistants all around. The flag pole in the storm. Pletcher watched on the TV to his left – set on the head-on view – then picked up his binoculars and watched live, then switched to the big screen in the infield, then back to his binoculars, then to the TV, then to the infield, then he went crazy.

Pletcher pumped his right fist like Ali in the 15th, lunging over the edge of the box, screaming, "Come on Javi, come on Javi, come on Javi, come on Javi." As if they heard him, Stay Thirsty and jockey Javier Castellano stayed the last furlong of Saturday's Travers, holding it together to win by 1 1/4 lengths over Rattlesnake Bridge and J W Blue. Stay Thirsty finished 10 furlongs in 2:03.03.

At the wire, Pletcher leapt in the air, pumped his right fist again and yelled, "Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah."

It was a far cry from the scene, 33 minutes earlier, when 2-year-old champion Uncle Mo tried to gut out the last furlong of the King's Bishop. Pletcher leaned to his right, silently, almost trying to help the big colt get



Dave Harmon

Stay Thirsty (third from left) takes a spot at the front of the field in Saturday's Grade I Travers.

to the line as Caleb's Posse charged down the middle of the track. The desperate photo split Pletcher's box as some said he won, others said he didn't, others sat in confusion. Pletcher shook his head, "I don't know," as he alternated between watching Uncle Mo gallop out and the foreboding blankness of the toteboard.

The results flashed – 2-7. Pletcher said quietly, "No," and walked down the back steps.

Just another half hour in the life of a man who has dominated Saratoga this summer.

Repole Stable's Stay Thirsty provided salve to Uncle Mo's wound, with a determined run in the \$1 million Travers

"He was huge today," Pletcher said on the way to the winner's circle, from the front steps. There's a big difference between walking down the back steps and the front steps.

Stay Thirsty put Pletcher back on the front steps and put himself atop a cloudy 3-year-old division. Of the horses still around, he's the leader, going from second-tier to first-drawer in 28 days at Saratoga. Bred by John D. and John Darren Gunther, Stay Thirsty won the Jim Dandy July 30 and returned to win the Travers a month later. The son of Bernardini improved his career record to four wins from nine starts and over \$1.4 million, but it's the recency that weighs the most.

Stay Thirsty went from a decent stakes-placed cog in the Pletcher arsenal, a horse still eligible for a

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two-other-than allowance, to the best 3-year-old in Saratoga – and the nation for that matter.

Stay Thirsty broke his maiden in his second start last summer at Saratoga. then came back to finish second in the Hopeful. Fifth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (somewhere in Uncle Mo's wake), Stay Thirsty reappeared this spring with a handy win in the Gotham before going on the road to get crushed in the Florida Derby and the Kentucky Derby. He finished seventh in the Florida Derby, an inexplicable performance, and 12th in the Derby, an uninspiring effort. Pletcher stuck to the task and brought the tidy colt to Belmont Park and began to see a resurgence. Stay Thirsty ran hard in the Belmont Stakes, nearly catching Ruler On Ice but winding up second. It was a big effort, but still came with some doubts as Derby winner Animal Kingdom got knocked down at the start, Preakness winner Shackleford failed to see out the 12 furlongs and Ruler On Ice shocked the world. Animal Kingdom went to the bench, out with a hock injury. Shackleford and Ruler On Ice aimed at the Haskell. Stay Thirsty came to Saratoga and began to light it up, handing out a 5 furlong breeze in 59 seconds and another one in 1:01 3/5 leading up to the Jim Dandy. Always steady and easy, Stay Thirsty began to come around. He won the Jim Dandy with consummate ease, then was back on the worktab 15 days later with a half in 51 4/5 and a cool five eighths in 1:01 3/5 six days before the Travers.

"It's one of those things you can't re-

ally explain why but you just see a horse getting better and better," Pletcher said. "When we got back to Belmont after the

"When we got back to Belmont after the Derby, he was just training so much better than he ever had at any point of his life, finishing his breezes really strongly and galloping out really strongly. I felt confident going into the Belmont that he was going to run an improved race which he did and he came out of it and he kept training better and better. Then he came up here and trained great."

Great enough to pull off the 3-yearold stakes double, emulating his sire who pulled it off in 2006. The Jim Dandy was paint by numbers. The Travers looked more like Jackson Pollock.

From the 9 post, just inside expected pacesetter Shackleford, Stay Thirsty beat the gate, breaking quickly but scrambling to his left for a couple of strides. Aboard Shackleford, Jesus Castanon opted to sit quietly outside Stay Thirsty while Jose Valdivia hustled Ruler On Ice to a prominent spot and longshot Malibu Glow joined the fray.

Under the wire the first time, Stay Thirsty pulled like a bull, a head in front of Shackleford to his outside and a neck in front of everybody to his inside.

Castellano didn't like it.

"I was worried," Castellano said. "He broke on top with the other horse, I was like, 'Oh my God, now what do I do?' Jesus wanted me to be in that spot and I don't blame him. I don't want to fight him for a mile and a quarter."

Pletcher hated it.

"If Javier and I could have called a timeout, we would have," Pletcher said. "'Let's start this over.'"

There are no timeouts in the Travers. Stay Thirsty rolled into the first turn,

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ff the challengers on the final turn

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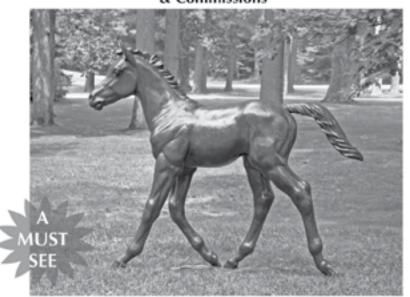
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well off the rail, still a neck in front of Shackleford through a quarter in 23.45 seconds. Ruler On Ice tucked in third on the inside with Malibu Glow fourth between horses. One-time winner Bowman's Causeway rated along the rail as Jim Dandy runner-up Moonshine Mullin moved through horses and fifth choice Raison d'Etat pulled hard in sixth on the outside. Long Branch winner Rattlesnake Bridge came next, about 4 lengths from the lead as Coil and longshot J W Blue trailed.

After a half-mile in 47.63, Castellano finally hauled Stay Thirsty off the heat

and allowed Shackleford to clear him in front. For a moment, it looked and felt better, then Emma-Jayne Wilson and Moonshine Mullin attacked from the outside. Leaving the backside, Stay Thirsty went back after Shackleford, needing to keep his position as Moonshine Mullin hemmed him from the outside.

Again, Castellano didn't like it.

"I let him go a little around the first turn, then my horse came back a little, he settled, he dropped his head a little and I was like, perfect," Castellano said. "At the same time Emma wanted me to be there, she tried to box me in, 'no, no, stay there.' I had a choice, clip heels or jump. Emma put the pressure on me, three of us had to move early."

Again, Pletcher hated it.

"He was in a tough spot and then finally he eased back and got out and then boom, here's another one right on top of him," Pletcher said. "He ran a mile and a quarter, every step of the way. I never felt good about it until turning for home and he still had his legs underneath him."

Like Vasily Alexeyev.

After three quarters in 1:11.91, Stay Thirsty split Shackleford and Moonshine Mullin, running past the quarter pole with a lead and Castellano already with his whip in motion. Rattlesnake Bridge rallied past Moonshine Mullin and J W Blue rallied widest of all, but neither were charging, more like chugging. Passing the eighth pole, Stay Thirsty maintained a 2 length lead as Rattlesnake Bridge failed to keep his

rally intact. At the sixteenth pole, Stay Thirsty swapped to his left lead, just like he does in the morning and in all his races, but kept it together to win comfortably in the end. Rattlesnake Bridge ran well to be second and J W Blue delivered his career best in third.

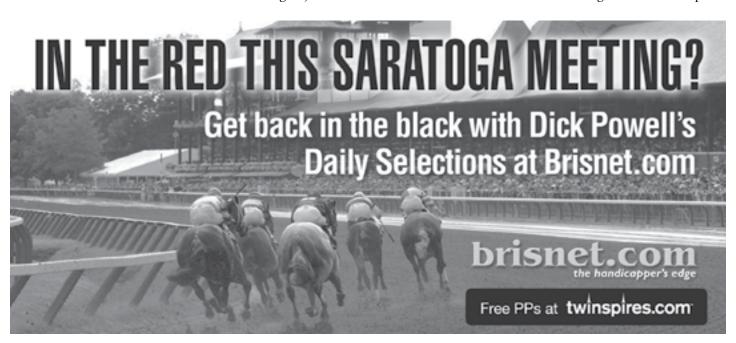
For Pletcher, it was another wild Saturday in Saratoga. He unveiled Uncle Mo for his first start in early five months, his first since being diagnosed with cholangiohepatitis, he stalked a 44.92 half mile and lost in the last stride. Then a half hour later, his stablemate Stay Thirsty broke the tape as the best 3-year-old in the country.

Pressed, Pletcher admitted he was confident Uncle Mo and Stay Thirsty would show up.

"I felt like they would both run well," Pletcher said. "But if I had to only pick one, I would have had a tough time. On recency, I felt like Stay Thirsty had an advantage . . . but I thought both of them would win."

Two days after the low of losing with Uncle Mo and the high of winning with Stay Thirsty, Pletcher still couldn't quite swallow the loss.

"Frustrating, you try to put it behind you and move on and take care of business for the next one and try not to let one affect you for the other one," Pletcher said. "You hate to be ungrateful when you have a day like we had but you can't help but wish the other horse won, you don't want to think of the Travers as a consolation prize and Stay Thirsty has put himself at the top of the list and deserves all the credit in the world but you can't help but say what if."



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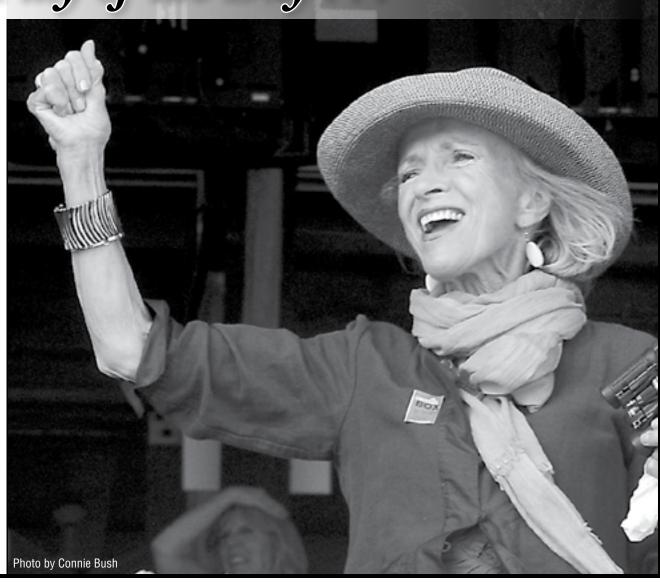
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Taking Charge

Caleb's Posse catches Uncle Mo in last stride to win Grade I sprint

BY JOE CLANCY

Like most trainers, Donnie Von Hemel reacted pragmatically when he saw Caleb's Posse for the first time.

"We were probably hoping he'd be the kind of horse we could run around the Midwest and win some races with, stuff like that," he said. "He was well-liked when they broke him, he's a good-looking colt, makes you like him. When he came to the track he asserted himself pretty quick. It was obvious he had some talent. Then it's just a question of where does it take

Caleb's Posse took Von Hemel and owners Mc-Neill Stables and Cheyenne Stables all the way to a Grade I at Saratoga. Champagne in the trustees' room, cheers from random fans, handshakes from horsemen, welcome-to-town wishes from NYRA staffers,



Caleb's Posse (left) and Uncle Mo reach the line together in the King's Bishop.

the whole list. The 3-year-old unleashed a last-to-first move over the final 3 furlongs to catch 2-year-old champion Uncle Mo in the final stride of Saturday's \$250,000 Foxwoods King's Bishop, completing 7 furlongs in 1:21.59 and winning by a nose for jockey Rajiv Maragh. In his first start since April, Uncle Mo settled for a game second while longshot Justin Phillip grabbed third at 34-1.

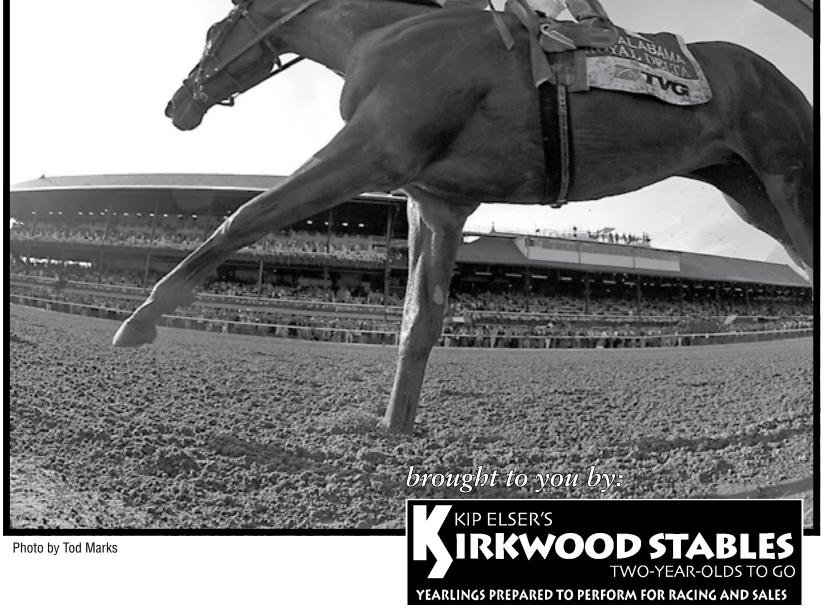
When Von Hemel mapped out a summer campaign for 3-year-old Peter Pan winner Alternation, the Midwest-based trainer took five stalls at Saratoga with eyes on the Jim Dandy and Travers. Caleb's Posse, whose spring included a win in the Grade III Ohio Derby going 1 1/16 miles, came along for the ride – and wound up the star after Alternation finished fourth in the Jim Dandy and skipped the Travers.

"We were a little disappointed with Alternation," said Von Hemel, who is headed for the Super Derby.

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Caleb's Posse (left) goes after Uncle Mo in deep stretch of the King's Bishop.

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"But the rest of it went fabulous. No doubt. Lots of people want to win this race."

The King's Bishop drew attention as the comeback spot for Uncle Mo, the likely Kentucky Derby favorite until being sidelined with a liver ailment, but the race lured a solid cast including the two-time stakeswinner Flashpoint, six-time winner Caleb's Posse, California shipper Runflatout, Dwyer winner Dominus, Woody Stephens winner Justin Phillip and speedy Mid-Atlantic shipper Poseidon's Warrior in a field of eight.

Runflatout, Flashpoint and Poseidon's Warrior zoomed right to the front, followed by a stalking Uncle Mo – waiting like a snake to strike when the leaders wavered. Caleb's Posse took the opposite approach, dropping to seventh, then eighth in the field

through opening fractions of 22.23 in 44.92 seconds.

Uncle Mo pounced at the top of the stretch, wresting the lead from Flashpoint and getting clear. Behind him, the pacesetters dropped back and one jockey in pink and green implored his horse to continue making up ground. Caleb's Posse saved ground on the turn, shaded inside one horse (Cool Blue Red Hot) at the quarter pole, then came around everyone while slicing Uncle Mo's lead with every stride. Maragh switched his whip to his right-hand late and Caleb's Posse reached the favorite at the wire as witnesses leaned and winced in unison.

"Just enough, huh?" Von Hemel said while watching the replay. "Hmm."

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Game and determined, Uncle Mo just missed winning a Grade I in his comeback race while losing a shoe. Caleb's Posse just got there, proving his quality and adding confirmation to the Amsterdam victory going 6 1/2 furlongs.

"The last race was a Grade II, this is a Grade I, there were two or three more horses that were going to be formidable foes," the trainer said. "I thought we had a chance. Uncle Mo, we probably caught him at the right time. His first race back, we were coming in off a win, and part of our thinking going into the race was if there's a good time to catch Uncle Mo it's going to be that first race."

Von Hemel watched Hilda's Passion win the Ballerina on the front end a race earlier and wondered about his horse's running style.

"All day it looked like it was playing to speed, I thought we were up against it," he said. "To Rajiv's credit, he stayed inside and then swung out coming for home. He was behind everybody turning for home, everybody. He's a very nice horse, this is probably what he does best but he's good enough to win stakes going long also. That's pretty rare. In a race like this, he can relax out there in the back and come running – it makes a big difference."

Don McNeill bred Caleb's Posse - a son of Posse

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and the Slewacide mare Abbey's Missy – and the horse grew up on the farm of McNeill's longtime friend Everett Dobson, now a co-owner under the name Cheyenne Stables.

"I bought into a minority share of him," said Dobson, a partner in the Oklahoma City Thunder NBA team and a recent investor in the stallions at Three Chimneys Farm. "We had the mare at my farm in Kentucky, so I watched the colt grow up. Literally, he grew up in one of the little paddocks outside the guest house. When my partner made me an offer I couldn't refuse,

there was no negotiation, he just sent me a bill of sale and I signed it. It was an easy strong-arm."

Von Hemel's decision to come to Saratoga took no strong-arming, but the Piedmont, Okla. resident gave it plenty of thought – doing the math on day rates for the horses, rent for a garage apartment and the toll on his 12-year-old daughter Tess and wife Robin. Von Hemel, whose father and brother are also trainers, alternated weeks at home and in Saratoga during the meet. In addition to five starts (three wins) at Saratoga, his stable stayed active at Arlington Park and Remington Park.

Winning two stakes, taking the King's Bishop, finding success at the highest level tempered the headaches.

"It's special, a thrill like nothing," he said of winning the Grade I. "When you're starting out you just dream about days like this. For it to happen, it really means a lot to not only me, my family, my father, my brother, my wife, my daughter. Everybody sacrifices to be in racing. I've got to be gone so much that I miss a lot of things my daughter does. It just means so much to me. It's just hard to imagine horses not being in your life in some way when you've been around them for as long as we have. To leave home, to keep doing it, to stick it out is a lot of work for everybody."

Sunday morning, Von Hemel hitched a ride home in the van with Caleb's Posse – first they beat Uncle Mo, then they beat Hurricane Irene.

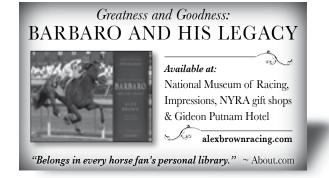


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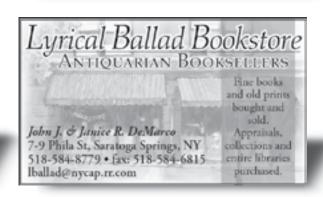


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Big Return

Hilda's Passion erases defeat with easy triumph in Grade I

BY JOE CLANCY

Six times Javier Castellano rode Hilda's Passion. Four wins, two seconds, impressive every time. Then came the Bed O' Roses at Belmont Park July 3, where they struggled home sixth at 2-5.

The 4-year-old filly didn't make the lead in the 7-furlong stakes, then tired late. Nearly two months later, she returned in Saturday's Grade I Ballerina – and made the world forget the Bed O' Roses. Hilda's Passion broke running, dispatched a brief challenge from Tar Heel Mom and rocked home by 9 1/4 lengths in 1:22.06. Tar Heel Mom held second with Bed O' Roses winner Tamarind Hall third.

"For some reason she didn't show up that day and I was worried," Castellano said of the Belmont race. "Everybody was. It was disappointing, for her, because she's always right there, always good."

Todd Pletcher regrouped and aimed for Saratoga.



Dave Harmon

Hilda's Passion hits the finish line with a Grade I win in the Ballerina.

When the filly showed positive signs, the trainer put Castellano aboard for two works at Saratoga. The 5-furlongs moves – 1:01 Aug. 14 and 1:00 1/5 Aug. 21 – were all Castellano needed.

"I was very confident she would show up, the turnaround was absolutely 100 percent," he said. "Todd did a great job, it gave me confidence to work her the last two times. They gave me a chance to do that and we got along and it gave me confidence in myself and in her."

Owned by Starlight Racing and Clint Glasscock, Hilda's Passion shot from the gate and established immediate control when Tar Heel Mom stumbled slightly. After a quarter-mile in 22.83 seconds and a half in 45.43, Hilda's Passion led by a length on Tar Heel Mom, who had 2 lengths on Tamarind Hall. At the top of the stretch, Hilda's Passion accelerated again and ran away to her first Grade I score and eighth win from 14 career starts.

Asked if this one made up for the last one, Pletcher didn't hesitate.

"Sure does, big effort, broke cleanly, got to where we wanted to be, when she's on her game, I think

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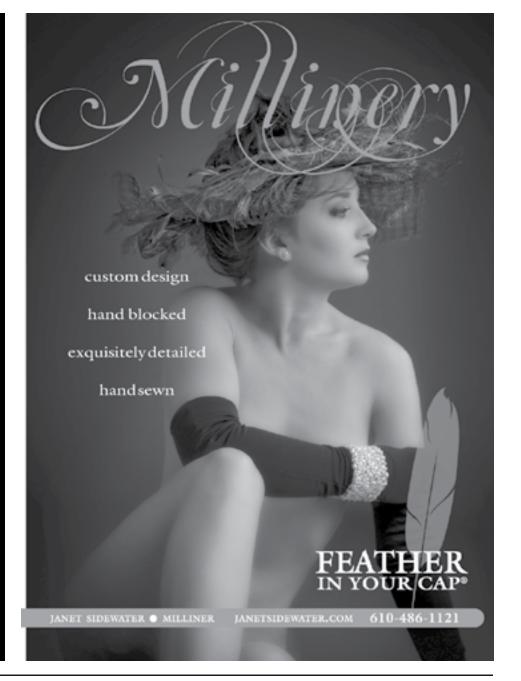
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	Stakes Winners	Stakes Wins	Individual Gr. Winners	Graded Stakes Wins
Team Valor International	8	12	4	7
Starlight	2	5	1	4
Peachtree	2	4	1	3
Blinkers On	1	3	1	3
West Point	3	4	1	2
Dogwood	1	2	1	2
Pinnacle Racing	2	4	1	1
Magdalena Racing	1	1	1	1
Majestic Racing	1	1	1	1
Thoroughbred Legends	1	1	1	1
Class Racing	4	7	_	_
Fantasy Lane	1	2	_	_
Centennial	1	1	_	_
Victory Thoroughbreds	1	1	_	_
Winners Circle Partners	1	1	_	_
Bongo	_	_	-	_
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Sovereign	_	_	_	_
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she's the best filly sprinter in the country," Pletcher said on his way down the stairs to the winner's circle. "I still don't know what happened the other day at Belmont, but this is the one we wanted. When you win a Grade I like that, that's what it's all about. Just the surface more than anything, it was just a really, really dead track, she couldn't even make the lead that day so you knew she wasn't liking it from the beginning. Trained great, everything was on cue today."

Starlight purchased Hilda's Passion after she broke her maiden for trainer Jeff Thornbury in January 2010. She won once more with Thornbury, then joined Pletcher's barn last spring – winning two stakes. She returned early at 4, placing second to Tar Heel Mom going 6 furlongs at Gulfstream in January, then winning back-to-back graded stakes (including a 7-furlong track record) at the Florida track. Sassy Image beat her at Churchill Downs in May, but Hilda's Passion rebounded to take the Grade II Vagrancy in a romp at Belmont in June.

Then came the Bed O' Roses, which could be blamed partly on a dull, cuppy racetrack. Regardless, after making the lead at first call in her previous four runs (three wins and a second), she got outrun early – and late. Saturday was completely different as she carried Castellano forward from the beginning.

"You handicap the race, there was a lot of speed but she's a front-running filly, she's a pacemaker and I don't want to take anything away from her," the jockey said. "She broke on top, I took a nice hold and she didn't want me to so I let her go a little bit. She came back to me really quick. She relaxed. She was going fast, really fast, but I could see her ears going back and forth, she was listening to me."

Hilda's Passion streaked past 6 furlongs in 1:09.19 and nobody could catch her from there.

Sassy Image, sent off the favorite at 7-5, broke awkwardly, bore out badly and was never in contention while finishing last of six. Tar Heel Mom got to within a length early, but was no match. Tamarind Hall hung tough, but finished a neck behind the runner-up.

"Nobody wants to chase her too much," Castellano said. "If you change your strategy, your plan, in the race and push her you're going to make me tired but you're going to make your horse tired too. I might not win, but you're not going to win either. I knew that when I asked her she was going to give it to me. She's a special filly. Those are the type of horses you like to have in your hands because when you ask them they really go."

The win gave Hilda's Passion an important Grade I victory and improved her Saratoga mark to 2-for-2.

"We've been trying to get a Grade I, this is the second Grade I we've run her in, we got beat on Churchill Downs Derby Day and we've been pointing to this race ever since," said managing partner Jack Wolf. "You don't very often lay these plans and they work out. With this horse, it was the spacing of time between races. She's so fast that she usually needs some time between races, so this pattern worked out perfectly."

The winner emerged from the race with a non-displaced condylar fracture in her right front leg and will miss the rest of the year.

"She went to the test barn and everything seemed all right, then she got back to the barn and there was a little filling in the ankle and she was a little off. Those things are strange to me, you'll see so many horses perform well and 30 minutes, an hour later, it exposes itself," Pletcher said. "When you have one win like she did and she walks away sound from the test barn, you're not expecting that phone call. You never know."

Hilda's Passion was due to have surgery at Rood and Riddle Clinic in Lexington, Ky. Wednesday.

Additional reporting by Sean Clancy and Katie Bo Williams.



Tod Marks

Hilda's Passion accepts the praise in the winner's circle.



Plenty of Horse

Castro, Motion steer Daveron to 3rd straight

BY JOE CLANCY

Before Saturday's Ballston Spa, jockey Eddie Castro thought about Daveron, her ability, her temperament. The key, he said, was patience. To get the most from the 6-year-old mare required light hands but a firm mind. She needed to be controlled, without her feeling it.

A day later, as the field for the Grade II stakes streaked down the backside, Castro sat still – letting her run, but only keeping pace behind Tapitsfly, Trix In The City and Romacaca. Still fourth on the turn, Castro waited another beat, angled outside and gave Daveron her cue. The German import responded, gained on the leaders in a few strides, collared Tapitsfly inside the furlong pole and won by 1 3/4 lengths. Romacaca stayed for third as the winner needed 1:40.09 to cover 1 1/16 miles over firm turf and win her third consecutive start for Team Valor and trainer Graham Motion.

"He really did have that much horse," Motion said of his jockey's confident handling. "I was nervous



Tod Marks

Daveron glides away from the field in Saturday's Ballston Spa.

down the backside because he let her gallop on a little bit. Then on the turn, he was just sitting there with a lot of horse. You never know when they actually tip out whether they've got as much as it looks like they have."

Castro did. Daveron cleared a wall of rivals in front of her at the top of the stretch, and gained speed in the final sixteenth to pull away with her first Grade II triumph and fifth win in six starts with Castro.

"A big part of her success is Eddie because he's really got her number and that's been a big deal," Motion said. "It's not easy to do on a filly like this."

Few things are with Daveron. The German-bred challenges Motion's staff at Fair Hill Training Center with a nervousness that requires special care. She never – ever – gallops on the track at Fair Hill, preferring the fields and hills. She rarely works. She races once

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every two months or so. The chestnut, out of a full-sister to the dam of Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom, arrived at Saratoga the day before the Ballston Spa – a ball of stress and worry.

"She's a lot of work, plus you just never know what's going to happen come race day," Motion said. "It can all be blown apart in a second with a filly like her who's so wound up. She was good today, calmer today than she's been all year but she's been wound up since she got here."

Saturday, she came to the paddock with Saratoga staffers Heather Craig and Memo Ochoa Ruiz on her head. Eliseo Ochoa Sanchez completed the trio. They all looked worried, but kept her calm, kept her from losing the race in the paddock. Back at home, assistant trainer Dave Rock sweated along with the Saratoga squad.

"No doubt about it, they're as important as anything," Motion said. "Dave and all the Team Valor guys at home. There's one guy that gets on her every day – David Nava, the guy who gallops Animal Kingdom. She's in Dave's barn, he does all the worrying and the work with her."

Daveron made seven starts in Europe before joining Christophe Clement's American stable for three starts in 2010. Motion took over last fall and engineered a win and two seconds from the daughter of Black Sam Bellamy (by Sadler's Wells). Given the winter off, Daveron won the Grade III Beaugay at

Belmont Park on May 7, the same day Animal Kingdom won the Derby. Motion waited until July 4 for a return, and she powered away from Gitchee Goomie and stablemate Check The Label to win the Dr. James Penny at Parx Racing – off a single published work.

"She can't run every month, there's no way, it just takes too much out of her," Motion said. "I ran her at Philadelphia, I only breezed her once in eight weeks. This time, I actually breezed her twice because I thought she was doing that much better and carrying her weight a little better. She breezes on synthetic, but very little, and that's the only time she goes to the track. She goes a half and we let her gallop out as long as she wants."

Between the Penny and the Ballston Spa, nearly eight weeks, she worked 5 furlongs Aug. 12 and 6 furlongs a week later.

Daveron is part of a burgeoning squadron of distaff turf stakes winners in Motion's barn this year – along with Apple Charlotte, Aruna, Dynamic Holiday, La Luna De Miel, She Be Classy, Silver Reunion and Summer Soiree. They've combined to win 13 stakes for Motion this year.

"They're all so different," Motion said. "If at the start of the year I had tried to predict which one would be 3-for-3 halfway through the year, there's no way she would have been the one. I don't think I realized she was this talented. We've been able to do a gradual thing and up to now been able to dodge some horses, but every race has been a little tougher – this was a Grade II at Saratoga, traditionally a very competitive race. What a nice filly."



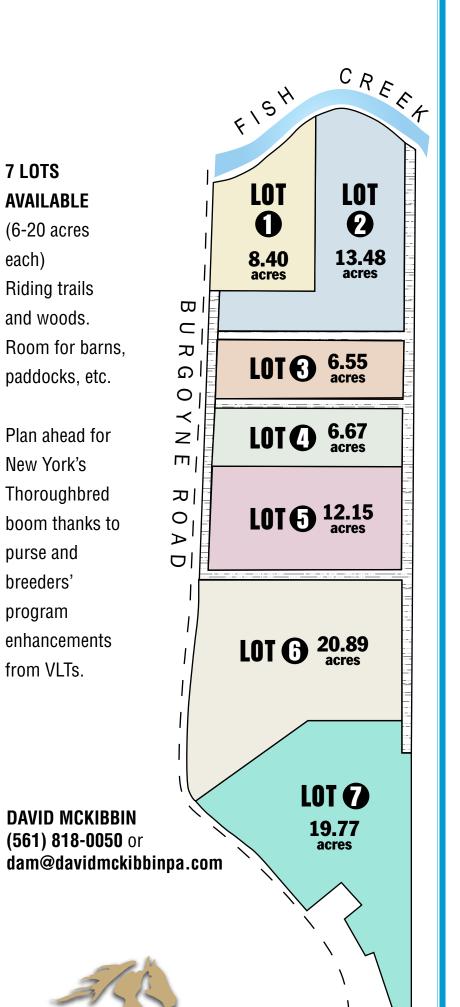
Daveron exits the winner's circle with her third win of 2011.

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Hot Summer (right) charges through on the rail to win the Victory Ride for trainer David Fawkes.

Nice Finish

Hot Summer puts cap on big day for Fawkes

BY KATIE BO WILLIAMS

Highs and lows.

Trainer David Fawkes began Saturday with one winner to his name at Saratoga, and a scratched-at-the-gate horse in the third. When the day ended, he had three winners at Calder, including a stakes, and Hot Summer won the Grade III Victory Ride at Saratoga.

Things set up perfectly for the Virginia-bred daughter of Malibu Moon. The gates sprang open and when the sprint for supremacy shook out, Maple Forest, Jealous Girl and Roman Treasure had cooked through a quarter in 21.77 seconds, 2 lengths free of A Z Warrior. Hot Summer coasted in the back of the pack, a good 10 lengths off

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the pace. The leading trio tried to shake loose from the rest, but when the time for the half flashed – 44.23 – it became a closer's race. As they barreled out of the turn, announcer Tom Durkin caught Hot Summer's move.

"Hot Summer's starting to kick in, Hot Summer comes through an opening between horses," Durkin said, and Fawkes started to think she had a chance.

"I was surprised because usually he won't say those horses in the back of the pack when they turn for home, but he mentioned her," Fawkes said. "When he said that, I thought we had a shot. I was looking for her, saying, 'Where is she? She's still so far back.'"

Far back, but coming. Cornelio Velasquez found a slot on the rail for Hot Summer and the filly obliged, sliding past a tiring Maple Forest just in time, in 1.10.18 for 6 furlongs. Fawkes was already halfway down the stairs to the winner's circle.

"I hadn't been down there yet," Fawkes said with a laugh. The trainer watched his previous Saratoga win from his couch in Calder. "I had to see what it's like."

Off since finishing third in the Black Eyed Susan, Hot Summer made her seventh lifetime start in the Victory Ride. A 2-length winner of the Grade III Comely in April, she caught Fawkes a little by surprise.

"Off the layoff, I thought she ran huge," Fawkes said. "As far as talent



Tod Marks

Hot Summer exits the winner's circle with a Grade II stakes win.

goes, I thought she had a shot."

Saturday wasn't the first time Hot Summer jumped up and surprised Fawkes. The filly wasn't his priority the day she won the Comely. He came to run Apriority in the Carter.

"I just entered that race kind of on a fluke. I had never intended on running there," Fawkes said. "I came for the Carter that day, she won, the other ran second. At the time I really wasn't looking for anything for her, because she had just broken her maiden and won an a-other-than, that's all she'd done."

Hot Summer had an eventful trip in

the Comely, stuck in traffic and trapped against an unforgiving rail.

"I was thinking she was in trouble. She was stuck on the rail and couldn't get through. She went through a hole about that wide," Fawkes said, holding his fingers a whisper apart.

After setting the pace in the Black Eyed Susan and failing to fend off subsequent Grade I winners Royal Delta and Buster's Ready, Fawkes gave Hot Summer some time off with the idea of running in the Test. He didn't make the Test, but Hot Summer made his job easy thereafter.

"She just had a little inflammation, she just wasn't right. She had the funk. 'The funk,' that's clinical," Fawkes said. "I just started her back maybe a little over a month ago. She's an easy horse to get ready to run. She didn't lose anything, even though she walked for almost 30 days. She didn't miss any meals, all her breezes were on schedule."

She also rated for Velasquez, which was what Fawkes was aiming for after she did too much on the front end of the Black Eyed Susan. The trainer knew the bay filly needed to sit back and let the speedsters do their work without her.

"I knew that was going to happen, when you looked at the race on form, there was so much speed in the race," Fawkes said. "I thought if she could come off the pace like that – the race set up really well. She hasn't run a lot. She needs to rate a little bit, racing will help that."

Fawkes stood in the trustees' room after the race, holding a glass of water and Hot Summer's saddle towel, neatly folded. He thought about the highs and the lows that lead a trainer to that room. It was the first time he had ever won four races in one day.

"It's been a bumpy road so far. It's been tough, stuff happens here that doesn't happen anywhere else," Fawkes said of his first full-time stint at Saratoga. "It's been a tough meet, but they have been so good to me here."

For posterity's sake: Queen Drama won the Florida Stallion Susan's Girl for Fawkes and Hot Summer's owner Harold Queen. Conway Two Step and All American Star won maiden races at Calder.



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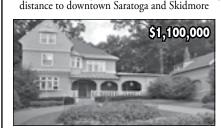
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Longshot Start

O'Brien horse, 50-1, sets bar with Travers Day win

BY KATIE BO WILLIAMS

They don't call it the graveyard of champions for nothing. The first race of Travers Day, a 7-furlong allowance, might not have been rife with champions, but it had its favorites, and they were undone by longshot Pretty Boy Freud. The New York-bred son of Freud paid \$102.50.

Trainer Leo O'Brien did not have a ticket on him.

"Every time I bet them, it stops them," O'Brien said. "If I fancy him, and I like him, I won't bet."

The race was the first win for Pretty Boy Freud this year and the first Spa win for O'Brien this year. The 5-yearold gelding has been running a mile on the grass for the past two years, but a

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health scare in his last start prompted O'Brien to shorten him up.

The white-faced gelding started in a 1 1/16-mile allowance on the second day of the meet. Opening Weekend was brutally hot and the humidity took its toll on the bay.

"He pulled up, he had a heat stroke the first couple of days when it was really hot," O'Brien said. "So I said, you know, let's put him back on the dirt, back him up and see what happens."

Accustomed to making one solid run, Pretty Boy Freud stalked the pace and edged his way to victory in the final jumps under another well-timed ride by apprentice Irad Ortiz, lodging his 11th



Tod Marks

Pretty Boy Freud (right) edges Mineswept in Saturday's opener.

win of the meet.

"Just left it up to him," said O'Brien, who put blinkers on Suzann Bobley's charge. "I said, do what you can do and keep going."

• Once in a while, good things hap-

John Kimmel bought Fire On Ice, the runaway winner of the second, for \$160,000 as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton July. He intended to sell him as a 2-yearold and took him to Keeneland, hoping to get \$200,000.

It didn't work out as planned. The Unbridled's Song colt did not take to the Polytrack, didn't impress in his breeze and went back home with Kimmel.

"So I brought him to Belmont," Kimmel said. "As soon as he got on the dirt, he started training a whole lot better."

And then some. Fire On Ice bolted by 10 3/4 lengths in Saturday's 6-furlong maiden special weight. The form will bear the magic words: "geared down." David Cohen broke on the lead with the stretchy gray colt and never looked back, asking him coming out of the turn and leaving the rest of the field stuck to the floor.

"I knew this was a good horse go-

ing in, he had worked with some horses that had won already at the meet," Kimmel said. "Seeing it in the morning and seeing it in the afternoon are two different things, so it's very gratifying for me to see the horse put together in the afternoon what I thought he had in the morning."

Kimmel, who owns the colt with Eli Gindi, looks forward to a fall campaign with Fire On Ice. He expects the colt that he almost didn't keep to stretch out without a problem.

"Things work out sometimes," the trainer said. "I've been in this game a long time, you can go through a lot of horses to come up with one like that. Horses don't do that first time out."

• It's true, the adage about Thoroughbreds being born looking for ways to hurt themselves. Kathleen Feron's homebred Strategic Missile was home on the farm recovering from a fracture when she nearly bled to death in the broodmare field.

"She was cribbing on the fence board and the board broke and lacerated her jugular," the trainer said. "If there wasn't somebody right there, she would

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Two-year-old maiden winner Fire On Ice draws off in the second.

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have been a dead horse. One of the girls was throwing hay to the teaser and she saw it happen. Then there was another little piece of wood stuck in there, then her neck blew up again, it was an infection. It was a long trip back."

The trip lasted more than a year. Owned and bred by Feron and Chasemedaly Farm, Strategic Missile broke her maiden at Belmont last June. She returned to the track Aug. 8 here in an off-the-track first-level allowance where she ran a dismal seventh, 23 lengths behind the winner.

"We know she only runs on the grass, she's not a dirt horse at all," Feron said. "She's lost by a combined 70 lengths every time she's run on the dirt, on the grass she's never been worse than fourth."

In Saturday's sixth, a 5 1/2-furlong turf allowance for New York-breds, none of that seemed to matter. The 4-year-old daughter of Strategic Mission went to post under Javier Castellano, sat well-held a length off the pace, then drove past to score by a length.

Like O'Brien, Feron picked up her first win of the Saratoga meet on Travers Day.

"She's my horse," Feron said, the pride of ownership creeping into her voice. "It's my mare, there are two other girls that work on the farm, they paid the stud fee that year. It's a good feeling."

• Jimmy Bond and Ramon Dominguez were a well-coordinated pair in the winner's circle after Saturday's seventh, a 1 1/16-mile first level allowance for New York-breds on the inner turf. Fizzano, who runs in the royal blue colors of Bond's wife Tina Marie, had rolled from just off the pace to score by threequarters of a length. Bond, as he always does with a special horse, wore a royal blue blazer for the occasion.

"I wore this when Will's Way won the Travers, so I thought I'd bring it back out," Bond said of a big day in 1996. "We bred the mare, we raised him. It's just nice to win here because it's the mare's second foal, and she's got such beautiful foals coming that I'm really excited for her. A beautiful City Zip, to die for. She's going to be bred to Tizway next year."

The gelding made a few anxious turns in the winner's circle, but Bond figures he comes by it honestly.

"He's always been a little spooky," Bond said. "His mother was the same way, just a real tough filly to be around, but she gives you the feistiness that you

Fizzano made his first start in April, running seventh. A winner next out at Belmont, the son of Pleasant Tap ran second to Boat over this trip on Opening Day.

"He's green. He's going to be a really nice grass horse next year," Bond said. "I've trained a couple of Pleasant Taps and done pretty well with them. This colt has taken a long while to progress, but that's the Pleasant Tap line and you just go with the flow. The older they get, the better they get. I'm excited for this horse. We'll be kind, run him back once or twice this year, give him the winter off and hopefully we'll have a good Saratoga next year."



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Strategic Missile (right) gets away late in the sixth, one of four wins on the day for jockey Javier Castellano.

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SECOND \$53,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 6F 3 Fire On Ice D. Cohen

\$3.80 \$3.20 Our Entourage J. Velazquez \$2.80 \$2.20 Penn's Grant C. Velasquez \$5.90 Gr/ro Colt 2009, by Unbridled's Song - Lost in the Storm by Storm Cat Owner: Kimmel, John, C., Gindi, Eli. Trainer: John Kimmel. Breeder: Mike Abraham & Taylor Made Stallions Inc. (KY). Late Scratches: Dustin' the Řest

Daily Double (9-3), \$575.00; Exacta (3-1), \$19.20; Quinella (1-3), \$8.60; Trifecta (3-1-5), \$190.50

THIRD \$67,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M

12 Daddy Nose Best \$4.60 \$3.50 J. Leparoux \$10.60 Coach Royal E. Castro \$4.80 \$3.10 4 Shkspeare Shaliyah R. Maragh \$9.90

B Colt 2009, by Scat Daddy - Follow Your Bliss by Thunder Gulch Owner: Zollars, Bob, Zollars, Cathy. Trainer: Steven Asmussen. Breeder: Patricia Ann Elia Trust (KY).

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Daily Double (3-12), \$61.50; Exacta (12-6), \$43.60; Superfecta (12-6-4-5), \$11,355.00; Trifecta (12-6-4), \$992.00; Consolation Double (3-3), \$6.40; Pic 3 (9-3-12), \$8,998.00; (9-3-3), \$1,361.00

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Daily Double (12-4), \$42.20; Exacta (4-8), \$47.80; Quinella (4-8), \$29.20; Superfecta (4-8-9-3), \$2,468.00; Trifecta (4-8-9), \$541.00; Pic 3 (3-12-4), \$217.00; (3-3-4), \$23.00

FIFTH \$64,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 6F

7 Miss Netta \$8.10 \$5.40 R. Maragh \$17.00 Yellow Boat R. Dominguez \$11.40 \$6.90 6 Trophy Wife A. Solis \$6.40

Dk B/ Br Filly 2009, by Street Sense - Dyna Peak by Dynaformer Owner: Cheyenne Stables, LLC. Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin.

Breeder: Ellenay Racing Inc. (KY). Late Scratches: Stellabymoonlight

Daily Double (4-7), \$47.60; Exacta (7-3), \$167.00; Superfecta (7-3-6-1), \$14,134.00; Trifecta (7-3-6), \$1,468.00; Pic 3 (12-4-7), \$285.50; Pic 4 (3-12-4/5/14/15-7), \$1,580.00

SIXTH \$59,000, NY-BRED ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

Strategic Missile J. Castellano \$9.90 \$7.70 Lights Out Lisa 6 R. Maragh \$7.00 \$5.10 Akira J. Lezcano \$5.20

Ch Filly 2007, by Strategic Mission - Avril a Portugal by D'Accord Owner: ChasemeDaly Farm, Feron, Kathleen, M.. Trainer: Kathleen Feron. Breeder: Kathleen M. Feron & Chasemedaly Farm (NY).

Late Scratches: Carmella Cee, Moshe Diane, Flying Sappho Time: 1:02.20

Daily Double (7-5), \$278.50; Exacta (5-6), \$190.50; Superfecta (5-6-7-4), \$15,270.00; Trifecta (5-6-7), \$1,325.00; Pic 3 (4-7-5), \$747.00

SEVENTH \$60,000, NY-BRED ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

6 Fizzano R. Dominguez \$4.50 11 Hangover Kid J. Lezcano \$9.40 \$5.50 C. Velasquez Seattle Mission \$2.70

Dk B/ Br Gelding 2008, by Pleasant Tap - Riserva by Dixie Brass Owner: Bond, Tina, Marie. Trainer: H. Bond.

Breeder: Song Hill Thoroughbreds LLC (NY).

Late Scratches: Living Right, Fugedaboudit Sandy, Wee Freudian, Southbeachsandy

Time: 1:42.55

Daily Double (5-6), \$94.00; Exacta (6-11), \$79.50; Superfecta (6-11-1-4), \$2,592.00; Trifecta (6-11-1), \$219.50; Pic 3 (7-5-6), \$1,140.00

EIGHTH \$200,000, STAKES - BALLSTON SPA S., 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

Daveron (GER) E. Castro \$11.00 \$5.70 **Tapitsfly** R. Albarado \$4.10 Romacaca P. Lopez \$3.00

Ch Mare 2005, by Black Sam Bellamy (IRE) - Darwinia (GER) by Acat-

Owner: Team Valor International. Trainer: H. Motion.

Breeder: Carlton Consultants Ltd. (GER).

Late Scratches: Miss Keller (IRE) Time: 1:40.09

Daily Double (6-3), \$38.80; Exacta (3-9), \$96.00; Superfecta (3-9-2-5), \$1,231.00; Trifecta (3-9-2), \$285.00; Pic 3 (5-6-3), \$580.00; Pic 4 (7-5-6-3), \$6,488.00

NINTH \$102,000, STAKES - VICTORY RIDE S., 3 YO, 6F

C. Velasquez 6 Hot Summer \$16.40 \$8.00 \$4.90 J. Velazquez \$4.20 Maple Forest \$7.90 Roman Treasure R. Dominguez \$3.60

Dk B/ Br Filly 2008, by Malibu Moon - Summer Delight by Quiet American Owner: Queen, Harold, L.. Trainer: David Fawkes.

Breeder: Lazy Lane Farms, Inc. (VA).

Late Scratches: Valiant Passion

Time: 1:10.18

Daily Double (3-6), \$106.50; Exacta (6-1), \$143.50; Trifecta (6-1-9), \$697.00; Pic 3 (6-3-6), \$282.50

TENTH \$250,000, STAKES - BALLERINA S., 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

3 Hilda's Passion J. Castellano \$7.10 \$4.00 \$3.30 A. Solis Tar Heel Mom \$3.10 6 \$4.40 Tamarind Hall D. Cohen \$4.10

B Filly 2007, by Canadian Frontier - Executricker by El Prado (IRE) Owner: Starlight Racing, Glasscock, Charles, E.. Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Kuster (KY).

Late Scratches: Hour Glass

Time: 1:22.06

Daily Double (6-3), \$86.50; Exacta (3-6), \$25.20; Trifecta (3-6-2), \$107.50; Pic 3 (3-6-3), \$429.50; Place Pix Nine (1/6/11-2/3/9-1/6/9-3), \$55.50

ELEVENTH \$250,000, STAKES - FOXWOODS KING'S BISHOP S., 3 YO, 7F

R. Maragh Caleb's Posse \$13.80 \$5.00 \$3.50 7 Uncle Mo J. Velazquez \$3.40 \$2.80 Justin Phillip R. Dominguez \$6.60

B Colt 2008, by Posse - Abbey's Missy by Slewacide

Owner: McNeill Stables LLC, Cheyenne Stables, LLC.

Trainer: Donnie Von Hemel. Breeder: Don C. McNeill (KY). Time: 1:21.59

Daily Double (3-2), \$58.00; Exacta (2-7), \$39.40; Superfecta (2-7-6-4), \$2,073.00; Trifecta (2-7-6), \$525.00; Pic 3 (6-3-2), \$471.00

TWELFTH \$1,000,000, STAKES - TRAVERS S., 3 YO, 1 1/4M

Stay Thirsty J. Castellano \$6.80 \$4.20 \$3.40 Rattlesnaké Bridge \$10.80 \$7.60 J. Velazquez 8 J W Blue C. Velasquez \$11.40

Dk B/ Br Colt 2008, by Bernardini - Marozia by Storm Bird

Owner: Repole Stable. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.

Breeder: John D. Gunther & John Darren Gunther (KY).

Daily Double (2-9), \$48.40; Exacta (9-2), \$78.00; Superfecta (9-2-8-4), \$10,237.00; Trifecta (9-2-8), \$1,312.00; Pic 3 (3-2-9), \$195.00; Pic 4 (6-3-2-9), \$1,453.00

THIRTEENTH \$58,000, NY-BRED MDN SPECIAL WGT, 3 & UP, 1 1/16M

Cincinnati Kid E. Prado \$8.70 \$5.40 \$3.60 \$5.60 **Knock Quietly** R. Dominguez \$8.90 I. Ortiz, Jr. \$11.60 11 Polaris Dream

Ch Gelding 2006, by Lycius - Terminal Buck by Stacked Pack Owner: Foresta, Joanne. Trainer: Edward Miller.

Breeder: Dr. Gerardus S. Jameson (NY).

Late Scratches: Piscesbymoonlight, Imaspeedyguy, Purple Pico, Jacob's Dream

Time: 1:42.36

Daily Double (9-8), \$31.20; Exacta (8-5), \$86.00; Superfecta (8-5-11-1), \$7,982.00; Trifecta (8-5-11), \$1,679.00; Pic 3 (2-9-8), \$186.00; Pic 6 (3-6-3-2-9-8), \$414.50; Pic 6 (3-6-3-2-9-8), \$51,316.00

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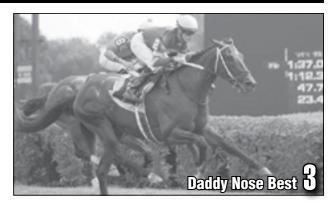
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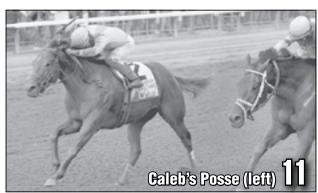




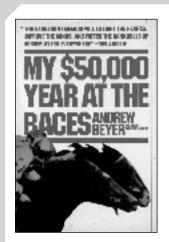












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by Sean Clancy

I keep lying. Can't help it.

Saratoga lasts six weeks, that's it. Time flies. Promises are made, plans hatched, everything but booking the tickets and stamping the passport. For six weeks, it's the backstretch version of Expedia.

'When things calm down, let's get together this fall." "I'm definitely coming to see you this winter." "I've got a room for you."

Such lies.

We'll venture to Finger Lakes to see Jeremiah Englehart and Dan Conway, trash-man turned trainer turned Saratoga winner. We'll hit the Great Plains and stop by Kansas to see cows on Laue Ranch. Churchill Downs for a day of betting with Doc Richardson.

Maybe we'll simply travel the circuit with Brian Buono, Mark Bombard, Chris Heeley, Rigaud Doliscar, Stephen Gersztoff and the boys.

We'll spend a weekend, riding Here Comes Ben and Turallure on Charlie Lopresti's farm this winter. We'll go to Washington State to see our man who worked for Jonathan Sheppard this meet, see how his career's doing, try to catch his name. We'll go to Venezuela to see the breeding stock of Tuna Stable, hear the stories about Carlos Morales and have dinner with Ramon Dominguez's and Javier Castellano's families.

Maybe we'll even stay an extra couple of weeks in Saratoga, play the drums with Bow White, go to the

track, Lyrical Ballad, Sacandaga, Beverly's, 28 Tables, see some farms, heck, read a book on a porch.

We're going to the outside rail to get close to Sanagas. We'll head north to Minnesota to see Atta Boy Roy. We'll go to Belmont Park and spend a morning with Todd Pletcher and Bill Mott, without a tape recorder and notepad, see if we can take Royal Delta for a spin. On the way home, we'll go to Aqueduct and see the only Grade I hurdler on the grounds – ever.

We'll go to Ireland to see how Turf Writers runnerup Dirar is preparing for next year's Cheltenham Festival. We'll go to Cheltenham with Horse Racing Trips, see the best racing in the world the right way. John Ferguson invited us to ride out on some point-to-pointers on our way through Newmarket, we'll be there.

We'll play a round of golf at Edgewood Golf Club with Mike Grigely, see if we can find golfcarts 17 and 18, our friends who pounded the miles for us this summer. This winter, we'll eat crawfish etouffe with Eric Guillot, po' boys with Andy Leggio and Sunday brunch at Arnaud's with Bo Landry. While visiting the Bos of the world, we'll find Katie Bo Williams in Australia and try to convince her – beg her – to come back

Florida is a must. We'll clock horses with Brian Walls at Palm Meadows. Go see Bill Person, even though we haven't see him all meet, at Payson Park. Ride the golfcart with the Chief at Gulfstream. Tracy Attfield and Brian Ange say the grill's on and the tequila's cold. Know anybody in Key West? We'll even spend a day at Calder with Dave Fawkes.

We've got a house in Jackson Hole, for anybody who wants to ski, Brent Harris and Walls might even lake with Rich Cristiano, ride Shug's pony for a day, come through on that one. We're going to the Arc to made . . . none of it will happen.

spend a relaxed day at the Cupcake Lab, the harness find the next Zagora. Tattersalls October to find another Demonstrative, we'll go see Gerard Butler while we're there. Dinner with Fernando, Lucy, Jimmy and the Chief. Dinner with Patsy Symons and her family. Lunch with Ron Wallace to talk about the Palides dis-

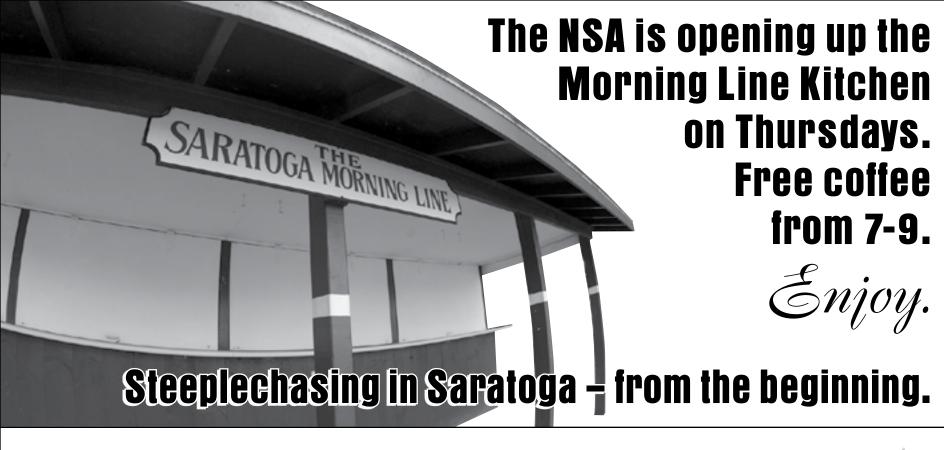
> Is Del Mar over? When is Goodwood? Melbourne Cup?

> We'll go to Germany to see Sanagas' breeder Andreas Jacobs and see what German-bred machines are coming next summer. We're going to Piedmont, Oklahoma to see Donnie Von Hemel and 1999 Travers runner-up Clever Trevor. We'll go across the border and spend a morning with Reade Baker and Josie Carroll. On the way home, see Giant Oak and Arthur Coontz. We're going wherever Scooter Dickey is. We're flying to California to see Mike Puype and Turbulent Descent.

> We'll go to Chile to see Cuco's family, tell him the best hotwalker on the grounds is still upbeat and jovial while turning left for Jimmy Jerkens. We'll go to Chester and Mary Broman's farm to see their 30 mares. We'll go on a road trip to see if we can find the Blue Spruce Motel. Let's meet at Ascot for Frankel's next

> We'll check on Rodman at Barry Schwartz's Westchester farm. See the Jamaican Derby with Rajiv Maragh. Pick out a nice horse at New Vocations. Go to the court house to see Ronnie Sheffer, owner of Georgie's Angel, win a case. We'll go around the world to see all those Darley babies bought at the sale. Stop by Siena College to see Andrew Champagne, then hit the University of Maryland to drop off a care package to The Special's first paperboy, Ryan Clancy.

> Just some of the people we've met, the plans we've



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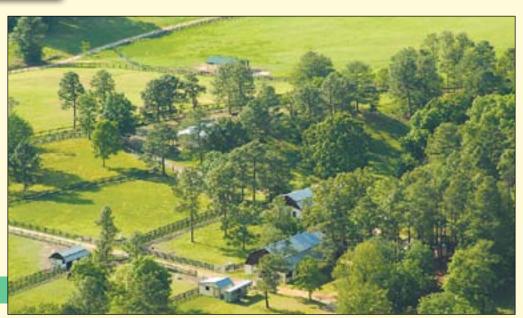


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