

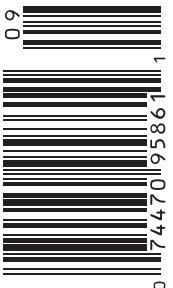
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California Chrome's Deepening Legend

California-breds continue to prove dominant in graded stakes company by recently winning two of the featured events on the prestigious Pacific Classic card at Del Mar. California Chrome romped to win the \$1 million TVG Pacific Classic (gr. I) and Ashleyuvssugar held on to take the \$250,000, grade II Del Mar Handicap. Both horses received Beyer speed figures over 100.

California Chrome's legend deepens as he improves upon an already stellar career. He continues to carry the banner for the California-bred racing and incentive program and has given not only the rest of the country but the entire world, notice as to the quality of horses that can be bred, raised, and raced in the Golden State.

The resurgence in the breeding trends over the last few years, both with the number of mares bred and resulting foal crops, can be attributed to Chrome's success and popularity. He has given many breeders the inspiration and confidence that a champion can come from anywhere.

As I've mentioned previously in this publication, California Chrome's accomplishments continue to accentuate and validate the benefits and importance of the California-bred program. As the dependence on Cal-breds has become more significant for supplying racing inventory in the state, the support and cooperation by all industry stake-holders have created a solid incentive and rac-

ing program. As a result, the overall quality of horses bred continues to improve, as evidenced by California Chrome and the many other Cal-bred graded stakes winners over the past several years.

With the Breeders' Cup World Championships at Santa Anita only a couple months away, we are expecting substantial participation from Cal-breds. We are confident and optimistic that they will continue to perform at the highest levels for their owners, breeders, and the state. **CTB**



Highlighting the success of the Cal-bred program, Ashleyuvssugar took the grade II Del Mar Handicap



A fan favorite around the globe, California Chrome is the poster boy for the California breeding program

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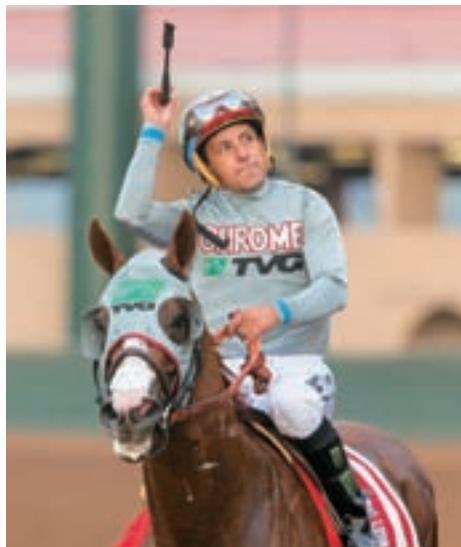


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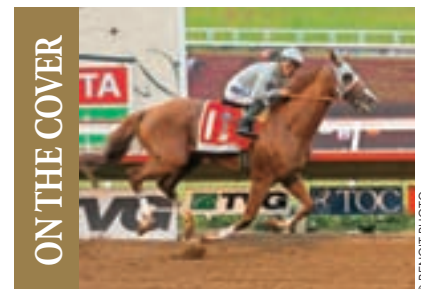
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Cal-breds at Santa Rosa

California-breds My Friend Emma and Only You Babe collected two stakes at Santa Rosa the weekend of Aug. 13-14. First, My Friend Emma took the \$63,550 Jess Jackson Owners' Handicap, followed the next day by Only You Babe's victory in the \$62,125 Wine Country Debutante Stakes.



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My Friend Emma

Despite his name My Friend Emma is a gelding, a 4-year-old son of Tannersmyman—Ma Ka Bet, by Artax. He is a graduate of the 2013 CTBA Sales Northern California yearling sale. Jim Eaton bred him, and he is owned by Rosa Camacho and Gerardo Robles.

Juan Hernandez piloted My Friend Emma in the Jess Jackson for trainer Monty Meier. The gelding led throughout the five-furlong turf stakes, putting more distance between him and his rivals

as he closed on the wire, ultimately winning by 3½ lengths over Arrom Bear, with odds-on favorite Cartoonist third. My Friend Emma stopped the timer in :55.75, breaking the course record of :56.47 set by Cal-bred Ain't No Other in the same race in 2013.

Steven Specht trains Only You Babe, a homebred for Larry and Marianne Williams. Frank Alvarado rode the 2-year-old daughter of Thorn Song—Book'em Babe, by Johannesburg.

Only You Babe went off the second choice to Doowop Shedoo in the Debutante. Unbroken Code set the early pace in the six-furlong event. Only You Babe ran last early and made a nice move in the stretch to catch Unbroken Code and win by a half-length in 1:12.69. Doowop Shedoo finished third.



Only You Babe, left

McCarron Receives Pincay Award

Hall of Fame jockey Chris McCarron received the 2016 Laffit Pincay Jr. Award during ceremonies at Del Mar Aug. 21. Fellow Hall of Famer Pincay presented the award to McCarron, 61, the 13th winner of the honor.

"Chris was a warrior on the race-track," Pincay said. "He was so smart and so competitive, and when you rode against him, you knew you had to be at your very best. He made me and all the other jockeys he rode against better riders. But away from the track he was, and still is, a special friend—someone you could count on every day of the week."

This year the award also benefited the Winners Foundation, which for more than 30 years has aided those in racing adversely affected by substance abuse and/or mental health issues. Fans could purchase tickets that offered lunch, an afternoon with Pincay and McCarron in Del Mar's Director's Room, and participation in the award ceremony.

California-bred Tiznow, a three-time Eclipse Award winner, was one of McCarron's many mounts. McCarron was aboard Tiznow in both of that horse's victories in the Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I). McCarron retired in 2002 with 7,141 victories and \$263,985,905 in purses, still in the top 10 all-time among riders.

Twice winner of an Eclipse Award, as an apprentice rider in 1974 and as the nation's outstanding rider in 1980, McCarron won the 1987 Kentucky Derby (gr. I) and Preakness Stakes (gr. I) on Alysheba and the 1994 Derby on Go for Gin. He won three other Triple Crown events and a total of nine Breeders' Cup races.

McCarron, inducted into racing's Hall of Fame in 1989, co-founded the Don MacBeth Memorial Jockey Fund and served as vice president and general manager of Santa Anita for two years. He also founded the North American Racing Academy in Kentucky in 2005, a program in which he continues to teach and serve as a mentor.



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Chris McCarron

STALLION NEWS

■ Acclamation Gets First Winner

California-bred Acclamation, the Eclipse Award champion older male of 2011, was represented by his first winner as a sire when Accountability won a maiden race for California-bred and California-sired runners at Del Mar Aug. 12.

Old English Rancho, which stands Acclamation, bred Accountability, a 2-year-old colt out of the Bold Badgett mare Roberta's Mango. Craig Martin and Paul Newhart own the colt, ridden by Drayden Van Dyke and trained by Rafael



RON MESAROS

Acclamation

Becerra. Newhart bought Accountability for \$25,000 at the 2015 Barretts select yearling sale from Old English, which sold him via agent Harris Farms.

In the maiden race, his second start, Accountability took the lead in the final furlong to win by a half-length. He toured the 5½-furlongs in 1:05.48.

Acclamation is a 10-year-old son of Unusual Heat—Winning in Style, by Silveyville. The horse won nine stakes, including the 2011 TVG Pacific Classic (gr. I) and Eddie Read Stakes (gr. IT) and two editions of the Charles Whittingham Memorial Handicap (gr. IT). The Johnson family of Old English raced Acclamation, headed by the late E.W. (Buddy) Johnston.

■ Stormin Fever Pensioned

Golden Eagle Farm has pensioned

California stallion Stormin Fever, who had been standing at Rancho Temescal. Stormin Fever followed a long line of stallions that once stood at Golden Eagle, long owned by the late John and Betty Mabee. Those sires included General Meeting, Avenue of Flags, Habitony, Bel Bolide, and Beau's Eagle.

The late Larry Mabee, son of the Golden Eagle founders, bought Stormin Fever with his mother in late 2008. They moved him from Kentucky to Golden Eagle for the 2009 breeding season, and the stallion was moved to Rancho Temescal when Golden Eagle was closed in 2014.

A stakes-winning son of Storm Cat—Pennant Fever, by Seattle Slew, Stormin Fever sired millionaires Fusaichi Auster and Sweet Talker, as well as Canadian champion Biofuel. He had 15 crops to race for total progeny earnings of more than \$30 million.



CURRENT CALIFORNIA SIRES OF STAKES WINNERS

STALLION	NAMED FOALS OF RACING AGE	SWs
UNUSUAL HEAT (1990)	759	53
BENCHMARK (1991) †	757	43
TRIBAL RULE (1996) †	739	43
BLUEGRASS CAT (2003)	778	36
STORMIN FEVER (1994)	802	32
SWISS YODELER (1994)	786	30
GAME PLAN (1993) †	448	25
OLD TOPPER (1995)	551	25
KAFWAIN (2000)	603	22
SEA OF SECRETS (1995)	498	22
ROCKY BAR (1998)	160	21
MINISTERS WILD CAT (2000)	360	21
DECARCHY (1997)	367	15
WESTERN FAME (1992) †	315	15
ATTICUS (1992)	490	15
COMIC STRIP (1995)	341	14
BIRDONTHEWIRE (1989) †	294	12

† Indicates stallions who have died or have been retired from stud.
 ● Indicates stallions who have moved out of state but have California-bred 2-year-olds of this year. All sires will remain on the list until the year after their last foals are 2-year-olds.

QUALIFYING CLAIMING LEVELS

The following claiming levels for California owners premiums and stallion awards are currently in effect:

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Cambiocorsa, queen of Santa Anita's downhill turf course

10 YEARS AGO

California-bred **CAMBIO-CORSA** cemented her place as queen of Santa Anita's downhill turf course when she won the \$100,000 Senator Ken Maddy Handicap (gr. IIIT) Sept. 27, 2006, under jockey Jon Court. As the 1-2 favorite, she prompted Victory Spy's early pace, took the lead into the stretch, and scored by 2½ lengths in 1:12.02 over Sandra's Rose. Cambiocorsa to that point was a perfect eight for eight down Santa Anita's hillside. Doug O'Neill trained Cambiocorsa for Leatherman Racing and Ran Jan Racing. John and Diane Fradkin bred the daughter of Avenue of Flags—Ultrafleet, by Afleet. Jan Van de Bos of Ran Jan Racing continues to own Cambiocorsa. The mare has been producing a line of stakes winners, including 2014 John C. Mabee Stakes (gr. IIT) winner Moulin de Mougín and 2013 Royal Heroine Mile Stakes (gr. IIT) winner Schiaparelli.



Bertrando, an Eclipse Award winner as champion older male, became a leading sire in California

25 YEARS AGO

In only his second lifetime start, California-bred **BERTRANDO** captured the \$200,000 Del Mar Futurity (gr. II) Sept. 11,

1991. Another Cal-bred, two-time stakes winner Scherando, was given a better chance of the victory, but jockey Alex Solis put 8-1 Bertrando on the lead from the start and they scored by 3½ lengths over Zurich. Favored Star Recruit finished third, with second-choice Scherando unplaced. Bertrando accomplished the mile in 1:36.45 for trainer Bruce Headley. Ed Nahem bred Bertrando, a son of Skywalker—Gentle Hands, by Buffalo Lark, and the colt raced in the Futurity in the name of Headley's son, Gus, later being owned by Nahem and Marshall Naify's 505 Farms. Bertrando ultimately was voted an Eclipse Award as the 1993 champion older male and became one of California's leading sires.



Ruken (rail) with Fernando Alvarez up edges Sand Devil in the Del Mar Futurity

50 YEARS AGO

Lou Rowan's homebred **RUKEN** defeated Sand Devil and Wolfgang to complete a California-bred Trifecta in the \$50,000 Del Mar Futurity Sept. 13, 1966. With Fernando Alvarez in the irons, Ruken gave Rowan his second consecutive Del Mar Futurity, following Coursing in 1965. Ruken won by a nose after encountering traffic. The close quarters and bumping between Ruken and Sand Devil in the stretch prompted Alvarez and Bobby Jennings, who rode Sand Devil, to claim foul. However, the stewards ruled both equally at fault and made no change. Ruken raced the six furlongs in 1:09½. Rowan bred Ruken, a son of Nashville, from the Your Host mare Thank You Ma'm. The colt won the following year's Santa Anita Derby.

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CAL-BRED WINS IN ALBUQUERQUE

Fork and Dagger, a California-bred son of Rocky Bar, surprised the field at Albuquerque in the \$50,000 Duke City Sprint Stakes Aug. 6. The only Cal-bred in the seven-horse field, Fork and Dagger won by 2½ lengths at 11-1.

Ridden by Alfredo Juarez Jr., Fork and Dagger led throughout the 5½-furlong stakes, clocking the distance in 1:03.53. Bill Brashears trains the gelding for owner Kelley Brooks. David Chavez bred the 3-year-old, who is out of the Gulch mare Just Hoping.

BANKE NAMED STEWARD OF THE JOCKEY CLUB

Barbara Banke, who races in the name of Stonestreet Stables and runs the Jackson Family Wines in Santa Rosa, was named to the board of stewards of The Jockey Club along with J. Michael O'Farrell Jr. They replace the expired positions of Stella F. Thayer and Peter S. Willmott.



SKIP DICKSTEIN

Banke and her late husband, Jess Jackson, have campaigned such horses as champions Curlin and Rachel Alexandra, both voted Horse of the Year, as well as Kantharos, Carpe Diem, and Maclean's Music. She serves on the boards of Breeders' Cup Ltd., the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, and the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. She has been a member of The Jockey Club since 2013.

CALIFORNIA'S SUE STOVER HONORED BY UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Dr. Susan Stover, whose orthopedic research and work at the University of California, Davis,

has been influential in methods of improving racehorse soundness, has been selected for induction into the University of Kentucky Equine Research Hall of Fame. The award honors scientists who, through many years of research, have contributed significantly to the field of equine veterinary science.

As director of the school's J.D. Wheat Veterinary Orthopedic Research Laboratory, Stover has had a major effect on the understanding of the pathophysiology of catastrophic musculoskeletal injury in performance horses, according to her colleagues. She is known for charting new and sustained improvements in these horses' welfare and the practice of veterinary medicine.

Her career research record spans many aspects of comparative orthopedics, with a primary focus on bone development and remodeling, the response of bone tissue to exercise, and the pathogenesis of fractures and ligament injury.



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The Equine Research Hall of Fame induction ceremony is slated for Oct. 25 in Lexington, Ky. Stover has been asked to present a seminar at the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation while she is there.

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IN MEMORIAM

DAVID C. FARR

Longtime California owner and breeder David C. Farr died at his home in Bonsall June 26 at age 72. With his wife, Billie, he bred and raced many good horses, including California-bred Bro Lo, winner of the 2005 I'm Smokin Stakes.

The Farrs bred Bro Lo from their mare Farr Bettor Miss, who also produced the good allowance horses Bro's Bro and Billie's Bling. All three were by In Excess. Bro Lo earned \$228,360. The Farrs' other home-breds included Puritan Baker, also by In Excess, and Ball Bearing, a son of Skimming.

"Dave was a hard worker and began working at the age of 16 in the baking business," said his friend, Tom Wyrick. "In 1990, he started a successful baking ingredient distribution company named Farr Better Ingredients."

In addition to his wife, Farr is survived by three children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

DAN DAYTON

Dan Dayton, stable manager at Barretts for more than 25 years, died July 19 near his home in Oregon. Dayton served as the stable manager at Barretts since its inception in 1989, and he was the only stable manager while the company was located in Pomona. He also performed the same function for Barretts' racing and training enterprises for several years.

"Dan was a loyal and dependable employee who was known to do anything possible to keep both Barretts consignors and his dogs happy," said Barretts in a statement. "Most importantly, he was known as a loving husband to his wife, Jackie, a caring father, and a devoted son."

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page will show your stallion to his best advantage.

The deadline for inclusion in the *Stallion Directory* is Oct. 31. For further information, contact Loretta Veiga at 626-445-7800, ext. 227, or loretta@ctba.com.



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Williamson's Silks Added to Collection

The silks of Warren (Spud) Williamson, a leading California owner and breeder and a longtime trustee of the California Thoroughbred Foundation, were recently added at the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association headquarters in Arcadia. The CTF displays notable silks throughout the hallways of the CTBA offices.

Williamson and his wife, Alyce, have seen their orange and yellow silks in the winner's circle after numerous major races. California-bred Nashoba's Key is perhaps their most well-known runner. The mare earned \$1,252,090 while winning such races as the 2008 Santa Margarita Invitational Handicap (gr. I), 2007 Yellow Ribbon Stakes (gr. IT), and 2007 Vanity Invitational Handicap (gr. I).

Carla Gaines trains for the Williamsons. She conditioned Nashoba's Key as well as Kentucky-bred Nashoba's Gold, a multiple stakes-winning half sister to Nashoba's Key. Other stakes winners to carry the Williamsons' silks include Blending Element, Foxysox, Tiz Elemental, and Excessive Blend.

Williamson sits on the board of the Oak Tree Racing Association and formerly was on the Hollywood Park board. He is a life trustee of Claremont McKenna College.



Warren Williamson with his silks displayed at CTBA offices

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Acclamation Duo Tops Cal-breds

SALE-ING NORTH

My Friend Emma timed it perfectly. The graduate of the Northern California Yearling and Horses of Racing Age Sale put on a huge performance to win the \$63,550 Jess Jackson Owners' Handicap at Santa Rosa Aug. 13, just three days before this year's edition of the sale.

A pair of colts from the second crop of Cal-bred Eclipse Award winner Acclamation were the top-priced Cal-bred offerings at the Northern California Yearling and Horses of Racing Age Sale



Not only did he vanquish the competition by 3½ lengths, My Friend Emma blasted the previous course record, getting the five furlongs on turf in :55.75. Calbred Ain't No Other held the previous mark of :56.47, set in 2013.

Jim Eaton bred My Friend Emma, a 4-year-old gelded son of Tannersmyman—Ma Ka Bet, by Artax. Woodbridge Farm consigned My Friend Emma to the sale, and Rosa Camacho and Gerardo Robles own the earner of \$153,421.

Another preview of the Northern sale occurred at Del Mar the day before the Jess Jackson when Eclipse Award winner Acclamation had his first winner. Two-year-old Accountability, a member of Acclamation's first crop, won a 5½-furlong maiden race at Del Mar.

Acclamation proved one of the stars of the Aug. 16 Northern California sale when two of his colts, hip #131 and hip #55, sold for \$47,000 and \$40,000, respectively. Only the \$50,000 sale-topping City Zip colt bettered those prices.

The pair of California-bred Acclamation colts came from two longtime California operations. Tom Bachman's Fairview consigned hip #131, a son of the Jump Start mare North Freeway, and John Harris' Harris Farms consigned hip #55, a son of the Falstaff mare Evening Walk.

Trainer Terry Knight purchased hip #131 for \$47,000. North Freeway, who



Top price of the sale belonged to this City Zip—Mama Ruth colt that sold to Robert Hess

won the 2012 Winter Melody Stakes at Delaware Park, has only one named foal, a 2-year-old. The mare is out of the stakes-winning Chief's Crown mare Shawnee Country, and the yearling's first four dams are stakes winners.

"The Acclamation colt's nickname at the farm was LeBron," said Bachman, who bred him. "He was a big, strong colt. He always had his ears forward, and he was always one of those colts that had a presence about him."

Bachman said North Freeway has a Cal-bred Bodemeister filly by her side and is back in foal to Square Eddie.

"The mare is a really big, attractive individual," said Bachman. "She's 16.2, has a big eye on her, and is correct."

John Brocklebank, who bought the sale topper at the 2015 sale, purchased hip #55 as agent for Bill Peeples. The colt is a half brother to stakes-placed Street Lights and Longer Walk.

"We love Acclamation as a sire and



CTBA Board member John Harris, left, discussing his consignment with his resident vet Jeanne Bowers-Lepore, DVM, and resident trainer Per Antonsen



Smiling Tiger colt consigned by Woodbridge Farm and purchased by trainer Jeff Bonde



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think he'll be one of the ones for many years to come," said Harris. "We breed several mares to him every year. We have owned several generations of the colt's maternal side, going back to Walk Faster, a multiple stakes-winning mare for us trained by Greg Gilchrist."

Walk Faster is the sale yearling's second dam, and she also produced multiple stakes winner Cantua Creek, a Harris-bred.

Elena Crim consigned the sale topper, hip #114, an Arizona-bred son of the stakes-placed Runaway Groom mare Mama Ruth, a half sister to multiple stakes winner Double Affair. Crim has brought a top group to the Northern California sale for several years in the name of her H&E Ranch.

Bob Hess, both father and son, bought the sale topper. Hess Sr. attended the sale and selected the horse for his son, Hess Jr., who is based in Southern California. Bob Hess Jr. said that he would likely put several of his regular clients together on the horse.

"My dad spotted him," said Bob Jr. "My father is the ultimate critic, and he felt the colt was extremely well-balanced. He's obviously very beautiful, and my father felt he would be a good horse in Southern California."

Bachman's consignment included hip #179, a Cal-bred son of Artie Schiller—Snobby Princess, by Premiership.



The Northern California Yearling and Horses of Racing Age Sale has long been a venue to find good racing stock



CTBA board member Kate Barton and trainer Mike Machowsky were in attendance



Laurie Brown, manager of Harris Farms' River Ranch

“The Artie Schiller was very athletic-looking, and the mare has produced some winners,” said Bachman. “If somebody sees a colt that they think will fit in down south and it’s a Cal-bred, then they’re willing to spend the money.”

Bachman noted that the Cal-bred program in Southern California is much stronger than that in the north. Trainers with strings in both sections of the state went shopping for potential runners at the sale.

“If you’ve got a mare that’s questionable, you’ve got to breed her to a stallion that gets runners,” said Bachman. “You’ve got to get production on the top or the bottom, if not both.”

Bachman took a chance on Jimmy Creed, whose first foals are yearlings. The resulting Cal-bred colt, hip #211, out of the stakes-placed Helmsman mare Wavy Lass, sold to trainer Jeff Bonde for \$31,000.

Sue Greene’s Woodbridge Farm, last year’s leading consignor, led again in 2016. Bonde purchased hip #69 from Greene. That Cal-bred son of Smiling Tiger—Greatest Escape, by Game Plan, sold for \$40,000. Woodbridge sold 24 horses for a gross of \$177,000. Bonde was the top buyer, getting five for \$132,000.

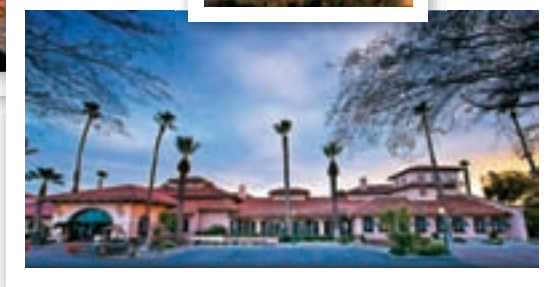
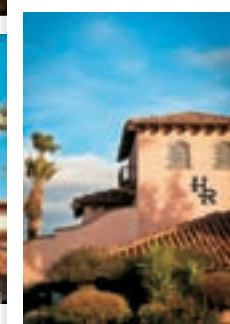
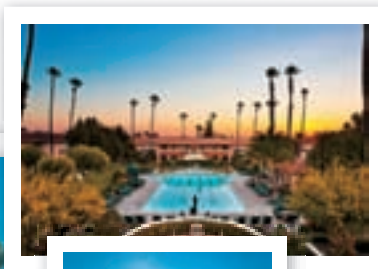
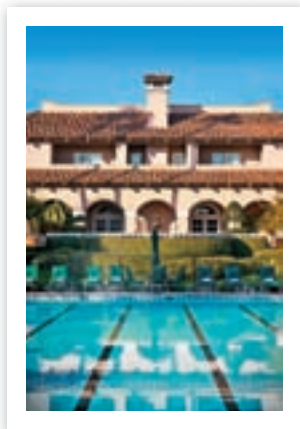
The top-priced fillies were two Cal-breds at \$30,000 each. Harris sold hip #214, a daughter of Lucky Pulpit out of the stakes-placed Tale of the Cat mare Winning Tale, to Peter Jackson. Sam Hendricks consigned #140, named Unusual Gold. Trainer Mark Glatt, as agent for Mike Larson, purchased the daughter of Unusual Heat out of the stakes-placed Regal Remark mare Pat of Gold.

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Unusual Heat /Pat of Gold filly consigned by Sam Hendricks and purchased by trainer Mark Glatt, agent for Mike Larson





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CHROME'S TRAINER HEADLINES HARRIS RANCH SEMINAR

Art Sherman, trainer of superstar California-bred California Chrome, will headline an educational seminar that all California breeders will want to experience. Sherman will be the keynote after-dinner speaker at the Oct. 7 Harris Ranch Seminar, sponsored by the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

The CTBA is reinstating this seminar, which has always been popular for its members and others in the California breeding and racing industry. The all-day seminar on breeding issues, to be held at the Harris Ranch Inn as well as at Harris Farms in Coalinga, will cost only \$100, which includes all lectures, cocktails, lunch, and dinner.

Among the speakers is Samantha Smith, The Jockey Club's industry initiatives and registration specialist. Smith will discuss The Jockey Club's new policies on microchip, identification, and registration. Foals of 2017 and later will be required to be microchipped in order to receive registration papers.

Rick Baedeker, executive director of the California Horse Racing Board, will dis-

cuss the benefits of microchipping to the California industry, as well as the status of the CHRB pilot project that includes the cooperative software development with The Jockey Club/In Compass. In addition, he will give details of the regulatory requirements for microchipping and the timeline for implementation.

Baedeker's experience in California racing goes well beyond his years with the CHRB. He served as president of Hollywood Park for several years as well as events coordinator for the 2008-09 Breeders' Cups. Baedeker has also been involved with mini-satellite development for Southern California Off-Track Wagering Inc.

The microchip discussion during the seminar will include a demonstration at Harris Farms. The leading California farm is also where Horses of the Year California Chrome and Tiznow were foaled and raised.

The seminar will host two sessions on broodmares—a panel of local breeders who will discuss the factors that determine successful broodmare selection and a talk by Dr. David Lambert of Midway, Ky., about what science can do in aiding the art of selecting broodmares.

Lambert has more than 30 years experience in providing consulting services to owners and breeders. A leader in equine sports physiology, he began his career studying the Herring-Breuer reflex at Cornell University. In his private practice he worked with the United States Equestrian Team, and he founded Equine Analysis Systems in 1987, focusing the company on Thoroughbred performance evaluation and consultancy.

Dr. John Madigan from the University of California at Davis School of Veterinary Medicine will discuss Newborn Horse Syndrome, its possible links to childhood autism, and the methods Madigan and his colleagues are using to improve foals with this condition. Madigan and Dr. Isaac Pessah, also with the Davis veterinary school, have formed a joint research group with others in both veterinary and human medicine to examine the possible role of abnormal levels of neurosteroids in both the equine syndrome and human autism.

A special room rate at the Harris Ranch Inn will be available for attendees. If you are planning to attend the seminar, please RSVP by Sept. 12. For details, contact Christy Chapman at 626-445-7800 x 247 or christy@ctba.com. **CTB**



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SUPER HORSE

GOLDEN STATE'S BOY STILL PERFECT FOR YEAR

BY TRACY GANTZ

Do you prefer your equine heroes to obliterate the competition or gamely hold off a determined foe in a close battle? California Chrome complied on both counts at Del Mar as he continued to assemble a unique racing career that hits just about every button for greatness.

First, in the \$200,000 San Diego Handicap (gr. II) July 23, he fought a tenacious Dortmund, the year-younger foe whose only losses came during American Pharoah's Triple Crown run. Then he faced not only a returning Dortmund,

but also the multiple champion and popular mare Beholder in the \$1 Million TVG Pacific Classic (gr. I) Aug. 20.

The result was, as Del Mar track announcer Trevor Denman put it, "one of the greatest performances you'll ever see—California Chrome in a canter!"

As the Del Mar season progressed, it looked like California Chrome might not get the showdown with Beholder and Dortmund. In the San Diego, Dortmund led through most of the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, only to be overhauled by California Chrome in a furious stretch drive. California Chrome and jockey Victor Espinoza defeated Dortmund and jockey Gary Stevens by a

half-length in the San Diego, running the distance in 1:40.84.

The jubilant connections of California Chrome assembled in the winner's circle.

"Dortmund made him work for it," said trainer Art Sherman. "It's going to be an interesting few races coming up."

Perry Martin, who bred California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit—Love the Chase, by Not For Love) with Steve Coburn and now owns him as part of California Chrome LLC along with Taylor Made Stallions and several other major breeders, looked forward to meeting Beholder in the Pacific Classic.

"I think it's going to be great—I have a



California Chrome's narrow win over Dortmund in the San Diego Handicap, left, paved the way for jockey Victor Espinoza's wondering where the competition is, above, in the Pacific Classic; center, Espinoza's smile reflects California Chrome's five-length victory over Beholder

California Chrome became the seventh Cal-bred to win the Pacific Classic, following Best Pal in 1991, Bertrando in 1993, Free House in 1998, General Challenge in 1999, Lava Man in 2006, and Acclamation in 2011.

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lot of respect for Beholder and the owner (B. Wayne Hughes)," said Martin. "I've been trying to gin up a little bit of a controversy because he said, 'Chrome who?' and I said, 'Well, Chrome is the horse who is going to make Beholder bewildered when he passes her down the stretch.' So if that doesn't stir up a little rivalry, I don't know what will."

A week later, however, Beholder, ridden by Stevens, lost the July 30 Clement L. Hirsch Stakes (gr. I) to Stellar Wind, the Eclipse Award champion 3-year-old filly of 2015. Espinoza rode Stellar Wind. Would Be-



Frank Taylor, left, of Taylor Made Stallions and California Chrome's assistant trainer Alan Sherman celebrate the Pac Classic win

holder and Dortmund tackle California Chrome off losses?

Hughes along with Beholder's trainer,

Richard Mandella, and Dortmund's owner, Kaleem Shah, and trainer, Bob Baffert, all sportingly said yes. Baffert added Hoppertunity, a horse who doesn't win often but has collected nearly \$3 million in checks. Five other horses also entered, including Hard Aces, winner of the 2015 Gold Cup at Santa Anita (gr. I). Hard Aces had ducked California Chrome in the San Diego, instead winning the Cougar II Handicap (gr. III).

The competition received a gift when California Chrome drew the rail. If they could trap him there, somebody might stand a chance of beating him. Martin and Espinoza, however, weren't going to let that happen.



California Chrome

“I worry about the horse’s legacy,” said Martin, who has frequently calculated the extra mileage California Chrome has put in when he has raced wide. Martin pointed out that if 1973 Triple Crown winner Secretariat had raced wide in the Belmont, his 31-length margin would have been substantially less.

Duncan Taylor of Taylor Made noted that before the Pacific Classic, Martin said that California Chrome should go right to the lead.

“When he raced in the Breeders’ Cup Classic (gr. I),” Taylor said, “Perry always goes back and reminds Victor about how many more feet he ran in one of his best races when he finished third.”

Espinoza also had thoughts about how best to overcome the potential danger of the one hole.

“Before the race, no matter what strategy I have, everything changes when the gate opens,” said Espinoza. “Right when I was behind the gate, I thought, ‘You know what, I’m going to send out of here. I’m going to send hard out of the gate and then move out just a little toward the middle of the track.’”

Espinoza’s plan worked brilliantly. California Chrome had 1½ lengths on the field before they had gone very far on their 1¼-mile Pacific Classic journey. The crowd roared with approval as Cali-



The jubilant California Chrome crew in the winner’s circle following the Pacific Classic

fornia Chrome sailed by on the lead the first time around, Beholder in second and Dortmund third.

Those three positions never changed, though Hoppertunity once got within a head of his stablemate. On the far turn, Beholder closed the gap slightly, but California Chrome simply widened again.

“Victor was playing with us,” said



Frank, left, and Duncan Taylor of California Chrome LLC with trainer Art Sherman

Stevens, who again rode Beholder.

California Chrome raced the first quarter-mile in :23.20 and followed that with a half-mile in :47.29 and six furlongs in 1:11.22.

“California Chrome, if you do things right, it doesn’t matter how fast I would go,” said Espinoza. “As long as he’s comfortable and he’s happy, he’s going to run his race.”

Those fractions never slowed down the champ. He widened on the field through the stretch in a dominating display of ability. Espinoza never needed his whip for California Chrome to defeat the always-game Beholder by five lengths in 2:00.13, just about a second off Candy Ride’s track and stakes record of 1:59.11. Dortmund finished third, 2¼ lengths behind Beholder and a length in front of Hoppertunity.

“We almost broke two minutes, but kind of let off at the end,” said Martin. “If we’d been running him different, I think he would own several records.”

California Chrome earned \$600,000 in the Pacific Classic. Added to the \$120,000 he collected in the San Diego, that boosted his earnings to \$13,252,650, lengthening his advantage on the national earnings list as well as the California-bred earners list.

“What can you say about him?” said Sherman. “He’s just a super horse.” **CTB**



The Del Mar winner’s circle is hardly big enough for California Chrome’s fans and connections to enjoy his San Diego Handicap victory



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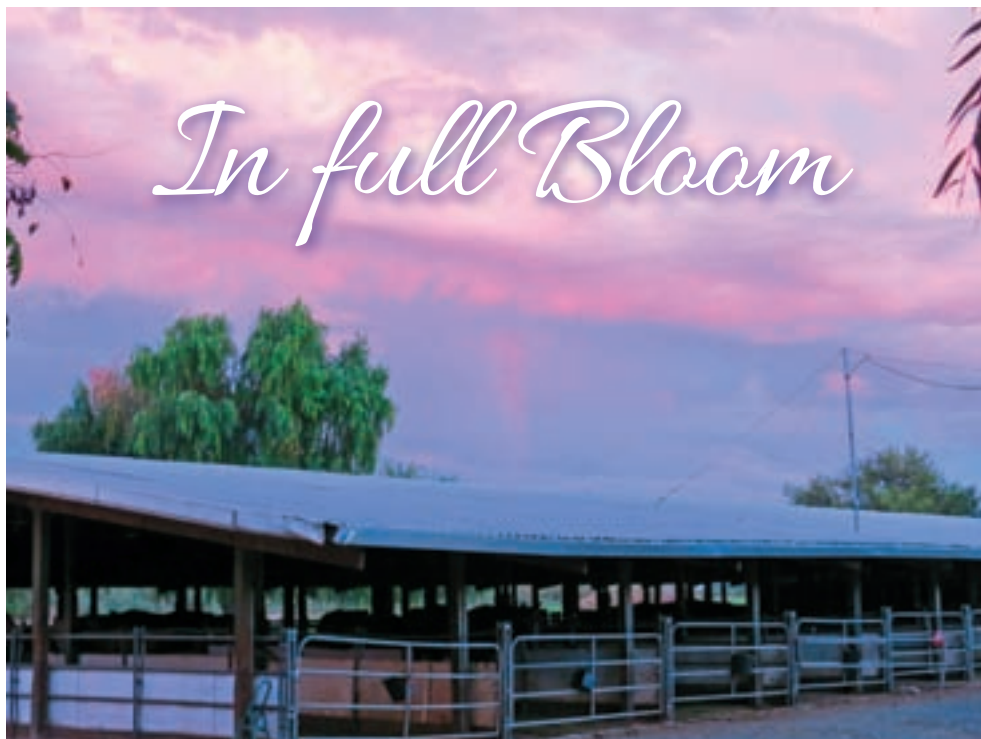


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BY JACK SHINAR

A BUDDING VENTURE 25 YEARS AGO, VICTORY ROSE THOROUGHBREDS HAS BLOSSOMED

Ellen Jackson knew there would be plenty of thorns when she launched her aptly named Victory Rose Thoroughbreds, a dilapidated former cattle ranch in Solano County. Now, 25 years and many lessons later, the Northern California horsewoman is enjoying the fruits of her labor.

Starting out with little more than the will to try, the farm owner and trainer saw potential in the overgrown and abandoned 63-acre property where others saw only problems. Now, Victory Rose ranks among Northern California's busiest full-service Thoroughbred farms.

Near Vacaville, about 45 miles east of Golden Gate Fields, Victory Rose is home to such graded stakes-winning stallions as Bold Chieftain and Idiot Proof, both California champions, as well as three lesser known sires with great bloodlines. Jackson feels confident that over time, stallions Indian Evening, Many Rivers, and Gig Harbor will all prove themselves.

"Yes, it's definitely the best as a stallion group (I've had)—there isn't a dud in the bunch," said the irrepressible Jackson, who at 62 retains the vigor and physical



Ellen Jackson has transformed the Victory Rose property from abandoned to abundant

stamina of a much younger individual.

Few women have been as successful in what she does, a combination of services for all things Thoroughbred. From breeding shed and foaling to breaking, training, and racing, as well as lay-ups off the track and retirees, Jackson takes care of horses at all stages of their lives. She owns many of the 170 horses that usually populate the grounds herself or in partnership, and keeps 22 more on the regional racing circuit.

It wasn't a cinch that the business would work out as well as it has. Jackson acknowledges the mistakes she's made along the way, the poor choices in breeding stock, the older runners she shouldn't have claimed. In the early years she trained her horses by running them over the nearby hills and across creeks, then shipped in for races at Golden Gate Fields and elsewhere.

"It wasn't very successful but it was all part of the learning curve," said Jackson, who has 239 training victories with limit-



Victory Rose Thoroughbreds is a full-service facility, caring for horses of all ages and in all stages of life, from foals to retirees

ed starters since she began in 1991.

Along the way, she's built a strong relationship with the world-renowned University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, which is near the farm. The vet school often makes use of her horses for groundbreaking studies in the care and breeding of Thoroughbreds. In 2013 the school awarded her with its Distinguished Service Award for her contributions to research studies. Over the years Victory Rose has established a niche in the breeding industry for working with sub-fertile stallions and mares that have difficulty conceiving.

"We do help each other out," Jackson said. "I work really closely with them. I also contribute a lot of retired horses that they can use for studying things like drug withdrawal times. They've done studies



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on dummy foals, on clenbuterol, body mass. . . anything that comes up that they need a herd of horses for. I've got a herd of horses."

UC Davis veterinarians also jump in when Victory Rose horses have unusual issues.

"Like this year, a particular bug went through that was giving babies diarrhea at 48 hours," said Jackson, noting UC Davis' quick diagnosis and resolution. "It was a bug we haven't had for maybe 20 years. It could have wiped out my entire breeding season."

Jackson built her business by taking chances. A divorced mother of two, she started with a small lay-up facility at a farm, Circle Z Ranch, she was partially leasing in Grass Valley, located in the Sierra foothills east of Sacramento. After five years she was paying the bills but seeking a better way to make a living in the horse business. An associate advised her to diversify.

"A really smart man told me that if you try and make it just in one area, you're never going to make a go of it," Jackson recalled. "If you just have lay-ups, when they leave, that's gone. If you have a stallion, you'll have mares come. And if you have mares, you'll have babies. And if you have babies, you'll have horses to train. And if you have horses to train, well, that's just the circle of life. And he was so right."

Jackson took the advice. A breeder she befriended provided her with a couple of stallions, and she began to branch out.

She came across what would become Victory Rose Thoroughbreds while dropping off a couple of rehabilitated horses at a neighboring farm. The property was long neglected and in foreclosure. Squatters had stripped or destroyed nearly everything. Cattle had flattened the fences.

Her horse client, a land broker, strongly advised her against



Victory Rose Thoroughbreds

pursuing the farm. But she prevailed upon him to take a closer look at the acreage.

At the time, Jackson owned little more than an old Chevy pickup and a two-horse trailer, but they eventually arranged a Small Business Administration loan.

“The bank ended up giving me a second to put as a down payment—that’s how badly they wanted to get rid of it,” she said with a laugh. “I have been so lucky. I think it cost me \$760,000, which doesn’t sound like a lot. When you own nothing, that’s a huge amount of money. But I knew I could make the payment.”

Suddenly, Jackson was a ranch owner.

“I sent a crew in, got the fences built, the water working. One

The broodmares spread out across seven spacious pastures. Covering more than 50 acres, the farm’s lush grassland in summer stands in marked contrast to the nearby brown hills. Two deep natural wells keep everything green despite California’s long-running drought.

The farm includes a half-mile training track, a large indoor arena for training during inclement weather, a six-horse freestyle Equicizer, more than 100 stalls, and 60 individual covered pens.

But you won’t find many roses at Victory Rose Thoroughbreds. “When I was trying to develop my business a million years ago, a smart friend of mine said don’t give the business some cutesy name that you’ll hate in a few years. He said, ‘Think of something that summarizes your goal in business.’ Well, what better than as a goal to someday run for the roses? So I settled on Victory Rose and have always been happy with the name.”

Jackson takes a different approach to racing than many other trainers. For instance, she brings her horses back to the ranch for a few days of rest after each of its races. She believes that contributes to their career longevity.

“I’ll let them eat a little grass, get their stomachs in order,” Jackson said. “And the other thing is that when a horse is at the track, they have so much adrenaline, they don’t show you the little problems. After they’ve had a little time to relax, you’ll notice things you wouldn’t at the track.”

She also isn’t big on typical pavilion-style auctions. While she does provide sales preparation for clients, she prefers to sell her own horses off the track.

“For sales you have to have what’s popular at that moment,” she said. “Plus, you have to have two bidders.”

Victory Rose’s stallions, all acquired in the past few years, came with back stories. Most had talent but weren’t very commercial.

A case in point is Idiot Proof, winner of the 2007 Ancient Title Stakes (gr. I) and runner-up in that year’s TVG Breeders’ Cup Sprint (gr. I). He earned nearly \$1.3 million for owner/breeders Pam and Martin Wygod. The son of Benchmark—Perfectly Pretty, by Bertrando, was an Eclipse Award finalist and two-time California champion, entering stud in 2010. His first three crops consisted of 26 named foals, according to the California Thoroughbred 2016 Stallion Directory.

“I’d been begging them to sell for two years—‘I wanna buy this horse, I wanna buy this horse!’ And finally one day they said okay. So our partnership bought him, and then the next year his babies finally started running.

“To me, he’s got the genetic profile of a super, super sire—99.8. That’s the highest genetic stallion marker I’ve ever seen.”

Indian Evening, purchased from Vinery Stables when it was selling off its American stock, was another overlooked stallion prospect, Jackson felt. The solidly built bay boasts an impressive 98.9 genetic stallion marker.

“They just kept trying to sell him, and I came along at the right time,” Jackson said.

The only son of Indian Charlie now standing in California, Indian Evening entered stud in 2014. His first foals are currently yearlings.

Out of the Unbridled Song’s mare Unenchantedevening, Indian Evening ran only three times, all at 2, breaking his maiden



ELEEN JACKSON PHOTOS

A familiar sight at Victory Rose: a mare and foal enjoying some muscle-building exercise in one of the spacious pastures

day we moved in 70 horses, got them all in. At the time it looked like I had all kinds of room. Now I’ve got 170, and I wish I had more room.

“It just incrementally kept getting better. As with anything, if you love something, you’re going to learn. And really, I knew nothing. I read everything I could; I learned everything I could. Now I know a little bit about the business. As you learn more, you make better decisions.”

Now she owns the place outright, a giant step on her way to lifetime security.

Still single and living in a cozy rebuilt house designed by her son, a contractor, Jackson has six other families and a single man living on the ranch. She runs the operation and manages the stallions with the able assistance of Jose Rubalcava, her stallion man and the go-to guy when things break. She keeps an assistant trainer, Jose’s brother Alberto, in charge of her horses at the track.

“Pretty much everybody lives here,” Jackson said. “Everyone here is great. A lot of them are related, so it’s really nice. They all help each other.”

Jackson breeds 150 mares annually and has 70 to 80 mares living on the farm year-round. She owns about 30 of them herself.



Jackson has formed a symbiotic relationship with University of California's Davis School of Veterinary Medicine



UC Davis vet school often makes use of Victory Rose horses for groundbreaking studies in the care and breeding of Thoroughbreds

in his debut before running third behind future Belmont Stakes (gr. I) winner Union Rags in the 2011 Saratoga Special (gr. II). Indian Evening easily won Woodbine's Swynford Stakes before an injury sidelined him. Jackson's partnership considered returning him to racing but was tantalized by his potential at stud.

"I hope we made the right decision," Jackson said. "He really stamps them, and over the years I've found the ones who stamp their babies are always good producers."

Bold Chieftain, winner of 14 stakes, including the San Francisco Mile (gr. II) and two editions of the California Cup Classic, earned more than \$1.6 million. He is a sire who landed on Jackson's doorstep. The giant son of Chief Seattle—Hooked On Music, by Seattle Dancer, raced until he was 9 and was destined for Applebite Farms near Stockton when that facility was unexpectedly closed.

"Northern California breeders love him," Jackson said. "They've all followed him racing for so many years. You can't imagine how many people come out here just because they want to pet him and feed him carrots. He does bite, though, and he thinks he's top dog."

"Some of his babies can be quick, but they are big—really big—and should be

better as 3-year-olds. All of his babies, that I've seen anyway, have been really sound, just like papa. How much more can you ask? A racehorse that likes to go long and can last until they are 5 or 6 or 7."

Jackson also has high hopes for Many Rivers and Gig Harbor.

Many Rivers was an unsuccessful racehorse for Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer due to a throat-paralysis condition known as a "double flapper" that stops maximum airflow into the trachea.



Some of the 170 Thoroughbreds that call Victory Rose home

The son of Storm Cat out of the Affirmed mare Christmas in Aiken is a half brother to \$3.6 million earner and successful sire Harlan's Holiday.

Hollendorfer retained a part-interest in the stallion while turning the rest over to Jackson. She sees Many Rivers as a logical

replacement for Globalize, another Hollendorfer trainee who was pulled from stud service due to infertility after the 2015 breeding season. Globalize is in retirement at Victory Rose.

"Many Rivers can stand side by side with Globalize and they look like twin brothers," Jackson said. "When Globalize became sterile, (Hollendorfer) began breeding to Many Rivers. They've been running like crazy, so it has really turned out to be a good thing. People say, 'I want to breed to the one Jerry is breeding to,' because they see how good the babies look and how good they run."

Gig Harbor was a stakes winner at Golden Gate at 3, but the son of City Zip was injured in a collision on the track, Jackson noted, and had a spotty race career afterward while victorious in five of nine lifetime starts. His owner, construction company boss Daniel O'Neill, is standing Gig Harbor, whose first foals are currently yearlings.

"Mr. O'Neill just loves this horse," Jackson said. "I told him it's difficult to prove a stallion—you're going to have to shell out some money. He said, 'I don't care. I want to give this guy a chance.' He bought seven or eight mares, put his money where his mouth is. (The foals) came out beautiful—they just look like the real deal. I sure hope so. Danny's doing it the hard way and I really admire that."

After all, that's the way Jackson did it, too. **CTB**



BY EMILY SHIELDS

They flash in the sun on the backs of jockeys, gleaming proudly in the paddock and winner's circle. After major races, they might be delicately painted on statues, weather vanes, or a famous canoe. They adorn the walls of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association, each as hallowed and recognizable as the next.

They are racing silks, as colorful and unique as the people they represent. Whether designed for an expansive syndicate group or made to amuse a small-scale owner, every silk pattern comes with its own story.

While silks are certainly a visual representation of the owners' style, they can also

be used as a superb marketing tool. During the 2014 Triple Crown trail, California-bred California Chrome not only won the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) and the Preakness Stakes (gr. I) in an attempt to sweep racing's greatest prize, but he also drew a lot of attention for his unusual racing silks. Owners Steve Coburn and Perry Martin called themselves Dumbass Partners, and their silks were a brilliant purple with a green bucktoothed donkey on the back.

When Taylor Made Farm and Martin bought out Coburn's share in the horse, his silks were redesigned to be silver (to represent the chrome) with white lettering outlined in red, representing both the horse himself and Taylor Made Farm. The new silks drew a lot of attention upon

their debut in the \$200,000 San Pasqual Stakes Jan. 9, a race California Chrome won with ease.

But how do everyday owners go about designing their silks? The answers range from honoring other owners to amusing their children.

Will Shamlian is a huge fan of the popular television show "Breaking Bad." When he created his silks, he made a tribute to Los Pollos Hermanos, a fictional chicken eatery owned by "bad guy" character Gus Fring. The restaurant's logo of two chickens standing back to back amused Shamlian, who said, "I just did it as a goof; I thought it would be funny. I never expected anyone would see it."

When jockey Victor Espinoza wore the silks for the first time at Del Mar in 2014,



A tale of the two silks of California Chrome: left, the colorful silks of Steve Coburn and Perry Martin who campaigned him on his way to becoming the franchise; and those more reflective of the "Chrome" name under the California Chrome LLC ownership

the fan reaction seemed rabid.

"People wanted to take pictures with Victor, and they went nuts," Shamlian said. "They reacted immediately. And, of course, I never expected the horse to be as good as he is."

The horse in question is Cal-bred Masochistic, who is owned by Shamlian in

partnership with Samantha Siegel's Jay Em Ess Stable. The son of Sought After counts the \$300,500 Triple Bend Stakes (gr. I) in 2015 among his many victories.

"Now my goal is to get Gus Fring (played by Giancarlo Esposito) in the winner's circle with me," Shamlian said.

Pablo Suarez got into racing in 2001,

when his oldest child was 3 and a younger sibling was just 6 months old. Suarez' children are now 17 and 14, and he also has 12-year-old twins.

"The lasting image I had in my head of racing was kids shaking the hand of the jockey in the paddock before the race," Suarez said. "I wanted something that they would be excited about."

Suarez' blue and red silks with the iconic Superman "S" on them become quickly popular.

"The jockeys have had fun with it," he said. "Patrick Valenzuela would do the Superman pose as he crossed the finish line. Those silks have traveled as far as Dubai and Japan. Everywhere we go people love seeing them because everyone can relate to Superman!"

The silks originally were meant to have a blue cap, but the first time Valenzuela came out wearing them, his cap was red.

"It was messed up, but we decided it matched better anyway," Suarez recalled. "We did eventually contact Warner Bros. to make sure it was okay, and they gave us their blessing."

Creating silks in tribute to other owners is a popular theme among California industry members. The late Jim Auerbach, who is survived by his

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—Will Shamlian



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The whimsical silks of Will Shamlian's Los Pollos Hermanos Racing are a tribute to the TV series "Breaking Bad"

Harris Farms' green and white diamond silks are owner John Harris' homage to the cerise and white diamond silks of noted owner A.G. Vanderbilt



Owner Pablo Suarez, second right, had the younger generation in mind when he chose red and blue silks with the Superman symbol

wife, Madeline, and son Harris, both incredibly active in the sport, admired the black and cherry red silks of the Ogden Phipps stables.

“We had other silks in the 1970s and ’80s,” Harris said. “But my dad really liked the simplicity of the silks and that you could really see that red hat all the way across the track.”

When his parents visited him at the University of Arizona in 1989, they saw that same red combined with the navy blue in the football uniforms.

“It was a combination of the two things,” Auerbach said of their simple blue silks with a red cap. “I love the silks because you can see them anywhere. I never miss our horses in a race.”

John Harris created his Harris Farms’ green and white diamond silks after an owner he admired, too.

“They were somewhat patterned after A. G. Vanderbilt’s cerise and white diamond,” he said. “They were worn by Native Dancer, who is one of the best and maybe the best horse running in the early 1950’s, who also went on to become a wonderful sire.” Further,

Harris noted, “I liked the green and white, as green is a color that symbolizes agriculture, plus I am a little bit Irish.”

One popular design is Mike Harrington’s blue silks with a pale-blue teddy bear on the jacket. Wife Patty said, “When Mike and I were married, he had blue-colored silks and I had yellow. His had a brand on them, but we were madly in love.” Patty coined an affectionate nickname for her husband, from which the teddy bear silks are derived.

Donald Valpredo, the chairperson of the CTBA, reckons that his silks have the longest running tenure of any silks in California.

“My family started racing in 1941, as I have a win photo with my grandfather at Bay Meadows in that year,” he said. “In the beginning, my father, John, was the force into the racing arena, and with his brother Chester and their father, Alphonso, raced as Circle V Stables. Their silks were green with a white Circle V on the back and white bars on the sleeves.”

In 1944, the partnership disbanded, and as Valpredo explained, “my father’s wife wanted

some silks that they could easily see and recognize. Remember, in those days there were no videos, only hand-held binoculars to see the races. She chose shocking pink with chartreuse sleeves and cap.”

When Valpredo’s father died in 2005, his son changed the cap to pink as a tribute.

“He always wore a pink ball cap,” Valpredo said. “The silks today are still very recognizable and are synonymous with the racing name of Valpredo.”

The rules for silk design vary by state, with New York being the strictest. There, the front and the back must be identical and only a maximum of four colors can be used.

The late Cecil Peacock, who owned multiple grade I-winning Cal-bred Brother Derek, had recognizable silks, with the rainbow-colored peacock on the jacket reminiscent of NBC’s logo. Peacock maintained that he had the logo long before NBC did, but there was some concern before the broadcast of the 2005 Breeders’ Cup at Belmont Park, which was broadcast by NBC.

That never came to fruition, however, as The Jockey Club, which approves all silks in New York, denied Peacock his silks and forced a change to a blue and yellow stripe design for the race. Brother Derek finished fourth in the Bessemer Trust Breeders’ Cup Juvenile (gr. I).

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Mike and Patty Harrington’s blue silks were derived from an affectionate family nickname and sport a teddy bear

Jed and Tim Cohen, father and son, were surprised with an unusual gift from a group of professional athletes, a restaurant in Beverly Hills named Red Baron.

“It went broke because they were big eaters and didn’t pay,” said Tim.

The Cohens liked the name, however, and thought it would be a good name for their racing stable.

“Thus, Red Baron’s Barn,” Tim said. “Years later, I further realized that the red stood for ongoing losses and that the Baron should have been spelled Barren.”

Jokes aside, the Cohens’ silks are red and maroon with a biplane on the back. Manfred von Richthofen, often known as The Red Baron, was a famous World War I pilot.

Sometimes, silks showcase more than just one owner’s fancy; rather, they represent an entire syndicate or partnership. Billy Koch, who operates Little Red Feather Racing Club, recently changed the group’s silks.

“They were originally burgundy and gold,” said Koch. Trainer Don Charlton had similar silks, but they were fashioned after the Chicago Bears colors—dark navy blue, orange, and white, with a large C on the jacket. When Little Red Feather broke out onto the racing scene with Singletary’s win in the 2004 NetJets Breeders’ Cup Mile (gr. IT), he was sporting those silks.

“What we did was decide to keep the colors and put on our logo,” Koch said of the most recent change. The new Little Red Feather logo is an artistic horse head with a bright reddish feather wrapping from behind the horse’s ear.

“I love our silks; I’m really proud of them,” Koch said. “We’re a brand and a team, and we wanted to do something that you can see. The orange bars on the white sleeves really stand out, like the old-fashioned hats. People can identify the orange and white, and it still aligns with our brand. How could we be Little Red Feather without silks that include a red feather?”

California has adopted more of an “anything goes”—within reason—policy than New York, but the designing of silks does not always come with a sentimental story. Pete Parrella’s Legacy Ranch uses a combination of green and tan or cream that is used on all the ranch’s business letterhead



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Very familiar silks in the winner’s circle are the blue and orange of Little Red Feather Racing, which features a stylized horse sporting, of course, a red feather

and website, while Terry Lovingjier chose his Paramount High School’s maroon and white colors.

John Barr hired a graphic artist for his Oakcrest Stables. The color scheme is green

and yellow on a white background with a stylized horse head on the back.

“I told him we wanted something of an equine nature that was unique,” Barr said. “I left the color scheme up to him and liked his first effort.”

Many of the most famous silks in the state now sit preserved on the walls of the CTBA.

“The hallways are reserved for prominent California breeders only,” said Vivian Montoya, the CTBA’s librarian. “There has to be a written presentation to the California Thoroughbred Foundation board of directors, and they have to look it over, talk, and then vote. Depending on the outcome of the votes, the silks either make it on the wall or not. There are certain criteria.”

In the last two years, the foundation has added only five sets of silks: Jerry and Ann Moss, Pam and Martin Wygod, former CTBA directors Jack Hoover and Frank C. Bishop, and current CTF director Warren “Spud” Williamson.

Racing silks come in two different materials, either a traditional nylon taffeta or an elastic Lycra. That is where similarities end, as they are as individual as the people who invest time into imagining and designing them. **STB**



TRACY GANTZ

The walls of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association honor prominent California breeders and owners with framed displays of their silks



STARS IN THE MAKING

CAL-BREDS TWINKLE IN THE DEL MAR FIRMAMENT

BY TRACY GANTZ

California-breds have plenty of opportunities to showcase their talents during the first half of the Del Mar season. The Golden State Series provided six stakes during the first month of the summer stand.

Enola Gray extended her perfect record as the first of the winners, followed in short order by veteran stakes winners Patriots Rule and Gold Rush Dancer, while Majestic Heat tallied her first stakes score. Talented 2-year-olds emerged in the form of You're Late among the fillies and still another good son of Square Eddie named Green With Eddie.

MAJESTIC HEAT'S SOLANA BEACH STAKES

Majestic Heat has steadily moved forward throughout her career. She has always been a talented allowance filly, and she has run creditably in graded stakes company. Against California-bred and California-sired older fillies and mares, Majestic Heat became a stakes winner in the \$151,380 Solana Beach Stakes Aug. 14.

Another of the seemingly endless string of good runners by Unusual Heat, Majestic Heat broke her maiden on the turf in her racing debut at Santa Anita early last year. During the 2015 Del Mar meet, she ran fifth in the Del Mar Oaks (gr.



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Majestic Heat, inside, posts a nose victory over the fast-closing Tiz a Kiss in the Golden State Series Solana Beach Stakes at Del Mar

IT) after capturing an allowance optional claiming event there. At the Santa Anita fall meeting she finished fourth in the Autumn Miss Stakes (gr. IIIT).

Richard Mandella trains Majestic Heat for owners Madeline Auerbach, Bardy Farm, and Ron McCauley.

"I had her in the Yellow Ribbon (gr. IIT, July 16), but she got colic and I had to scratch her," said Mandella. "That's how we ended up here."

The Solana Beach's timing and distance suited Majestic Heat, though it was a very

narrow victory. Bettors made her the 3-2 favorite in the 10-horse field, with multiple stakes winner Singing Kitty the second choice.

From the rail Mangita set an easy pace, while Flavien Prat on Majestic Heat sat behind her in second.

"There wasn't any speed in the race," said Mandella. "The 1 figured it out and went. We figured it out and made sure we weren't too far behind. It looked like when she opened up on them, she kind of waited for them to come to her and



Trainer Richard Mandella, right, owner Madeline Auerbach, with roses, and jockey Flavien Prat lead the celebration for Majestic Heat's Solana Beach victory

almost got caught.”

Majestic Heat collared Mangita on the final turn, but she wasn't home free because Tiz a Kiss closed quite a bit of ground during the stretch run. The two hit the wire about as close as a pair could without a dead heat. The photo showed Majestic Heat a nose winner over Tiz a Kiss in 1:34.98. Singing Kitty finished third.

“She's got a high cruising speed, and she was right where I wanted her to be,” said Prat. “At the end, I thought I'd won it, but

I wasn't sure. It turned out well.”

Mandella also wasn't sure they had won. “From where I was sitting it looked like we won it by a head,” he said. “Then I looked at the replay and, ‘Whoa, let's not get too excited too quickly here.’”

Auerbach, the principal owner of Unusual Heat, bred Majestic Heat in California with Barry Abrams, Unusual Heat's trainer. Majestic Heat is out of the winning Ole' mare Chi Chi Nette. Ole' stood in California and was by Danzig out of Eclipse Award winner Princess Rooney,

who captured the inaugural Breeders' Cup Distaff (gr. I).

GREEN WITH EDDIE'S GRADUATION STAKES

If the Graduation Stakes came with a perpetual trophy, it might have to be retired because Paul and Zillah Reddam have won the last three runnings. The string began in 2014 with Wake Up Nick, a Cal-bred son of Cindago who cost \$35,000 at that year's Barretts March 2-year-old sale. It has continued with two homebred sons of the Reddams' talented stallion Square Eddie—Mrazek in 2015 and Green With Eddie in 2016.

As with most of the other Reddams' Square Eddie Cal-bred runners, Edward Freeman started Green With Eddie and Doug O'Neill now trains the colt. Green With Eddie broke his maiden in his first start, capturing a state-bred maiden race at Santa Anita June 3. He then finished second to California Diamond in the \$125,345 Santa Anita Juvenile Stakes July 9.

Green With Eddie and California Diamond staged a rematch in the \$100,000 Graduation Stakes, a 5½-furlong event for 2-year-olds at Del Mar Aug. 3. Green With Eddie was accorded slight favoritism over California Diamond, 13-10 vs.



Green With Eddie, a Cal-bred son of Cal-based sire Square Eddie, is all by himself in Del Mar's Graduation Stakes



Reddam Racing's Doug, second right, and Dennis O'Neill, fourth right, along with jockey Mario Gutierrez in Del Mar's winner's circle



Larry and Marianne Williams' You're Late is right on time at the wire in the CTBA Stakes at Del Mar, the Cal-bred's first stakes victory



Trainer Jeff Bonde, right, and jockey Stewart Elliott accept the trophy for You're Late's CTBA Stakes win

3-2, in the six-horse field.

Both California Diamond and third-choice Milton Freewater had changed hands via a recent Barretts sale. California Diamond topped the Barretts Del Mar paddock sale of horses of racing at \$125,000 while Milton Freewater sold for \$250,000, the second-highest price at the Barretts May sale.

California Diamond set the early pace in the Graduation, reeling off the first quarter-mile in :21.57 and the half in :45.09 under pressure from Sizzlin Square, another Reddam homebred son of Square Eddie. Green With Eddie, ridden by Mario Gutierrez, had drawn the outside post, and he raced wide around the turn. Losing ground didn't matter, as Green With Eddie scored by an easy 3¼ lengths in 1:03.62. California Diamond finished second, with Milton Freewater third.

"I wasn't worried about him being four wide," said O'Neill, "because this time he was able to kind of track and attack as opposed to being the target. Mario rode a perfect race."

Gutierrez felt that the outside post helped him control the race.

"There was a lot of speed in the race, and I got to pick my spot," said Gutierrez.

"This horse is young; he's still learning. But he's a nice horse, and he's got a lot of room to improve."

Green With Eddie is out of the Yonaguska mare Marquis Diamond, who raced most of her career for Paul Reddam. She earned \$62,978 and won two of eight races. The Reddams continually win stakes with offspring of Square Eddie out of mares such as this.

"Square Eddie keeps producing," said O'Neill. "We're so blessed to have him out here. They are all runners. They'll run on anything—dirt or turf and short or long."

YOU'RE LATE'S CTBA STAKES

Larry and Marianne Williams' homebred Lucky Pulpit has become famous as the sire of champion California Chrome, bred by Perry Martin and Steve Coburn. The Williamses, however, have bred several good Cal-breds by the stallion, the latest being the 2-year-old filly You're Late, winner of the \$98,000 California Thoroughbred Breeders Association Stakes July 29.

You're Late is a homebred top and bottom for the breeders. The Williamses also bred and raced Coastal Strike, a daughter of Smart Strike and the dam of You're Late. Cal-bred Coastal Strike won her own stakes at Del Mar, the 2004 Gener-

ous Portion Stakes, and finished her career at Monmouth Park with victories in the 2005 Trenton Stakes and Thomas J. Malley Stakes, for earnings of \$197,214.

All five of Coastal Strike's starters have won, including Coastal Holiday, a Cal-bred daughter of Harlan's Holiday, and Heat Striker, a Cal-bred daughter of Unusual Heat. You're Late is the first to earn black type.

"She's not a big filly, kind of medium-sized," said trainer Jeff Bonde of You're Late. "But she's always done everything right. Her first start she got off a step slow and got beat, but she came back and ran a real nice race her second start holding off California Chrome's full sister (R Sunday Surprise, also by Lucky Pulpit, who finished third)."

In the CTBA Stakes, bettors favored My California, who had broken her maiden by 9¼ lengths at Santa Anita, at 3-5. You're Late was the 3-1 second choice in the five-horse field.

Longshot Love a Honeybadger set the pace in the 5½-furlong event. You're Late, breaking from the outside post, sat in third under jockey Stewart Elliott.

"I liked the post today," said Elliott. "You can play it as it lays in a spot like that."

Elliott and You're Late were able to challenge the leaders in the turn. Love a Honeybadger hung tough for most of the stretch before You're Late drew off to win by 3/4 lengths in 1:04.64. Love a Honeybadger had the same margin on third-place My California.

"She's trained real well down here (at Del Mar), got a great trip on the outside, and she has rewarded us again," said Bonde. "I really think it was a great situation for any young horse to have that post."

Bonde was winning his third CTBA Stakes. He also saddled back-to-back winners, Sterling Cat and Devons Smokin, in 2004-05.

GOLD RUSH DANCER'S REAL GOOD DEAL STAKES

John Parker's homebred Gold Rush Dancer was riding a two-stakes winning streak going into the \$151,380 Real Good Deal Stakes July 27. That should have garnered him some respect despite those races being on the turf, except that the talented Mrazek also pointed for the seven-furlong dirt event. Mrazek, a stablemate of champion Nyquist, was coming off a smart victory in the July 4 Thor's Echo Handicap at Santa Anita.

Trainer Vann Belvoir had backed off Gold Rush Dancer following his victory in the May 28 Snow Chief Stakes at 1 1/4 miles on the turf during the Gold Rush program at Santa Anita. Prior to that, the 3-year-old colt had also starred in Golden Gate Fields' Turf Extravaganza by capturing the Silky Sullivan Stakes at a mile on the grass.

"We wanted to freshen him up because he had been running hard," said Belvoir. "I wasn't afraid of the seven furlongs or the dirt."

Belvoir also had red-hot jockey Flavien Prat in the irons. Prat had won the Snow Chief and Silky Sullivan with Gold Rush Dancer.

"He's fast and you can put him anywhere you want," said Prat.

Gold Rush Dancer went off at 14-1, the sixth choice in the 10-horse field behind favored Mrazek. When several vied for the early lead, including Gold Rush Dancer, Prat asked his mount to back off into sixth, Gold Rush Dancer amiably complying.

In the turn Gold Rush Dancer began picking off horses, and Prat swung him four wide. They grabbed the lead at the top of the stretch, and Gold Rush Dancer had plenty in reserve to hold off the closing charges of Tough It Out and Mrazek, both of whom came from well back.

Gold Rush Dancer completed the seven furlongs in 1:21.90, his margin a half-length over Tough It Out. Mrazek finished 1 1/4 lengths behind Tough It Out in third.

"You know, he just might be better on dirt than he is on grass," said Prat. "When you ride the best horse, it



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John Parker's Gold Rush Dancer makes it three stakes in a row by winning the Real Good Deal at Del Mar



The connections of Gold Rush Dancer show a solid line of support as they accept the Real Good Deal Stakes trophy

makes the job much easier."

Belvoir indicated that Gold Rush Dancer would return to turf, but the Real Good Deal performance gives his charge a new dimension. It was the colt's first victory on dirt in California, though he had captured the Gottstein Futurity on dirt at Emerald Downs last year.

Parker, who lives in Seattle, bred Gold Rush Dancer in California. The colt is by Private Gold—Dances On Water, by In Excess. Belvoir had purchased the unraced mare for Parker at what now looks like a bargain-basement \$1,000. Gold Rush Dancer has won five of 12 races and earned \$379,923.

PATRIOTS RULE'S CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' STAKES

Charles Garvey's Patriots Rule benefited from nearly a year off, as evidenced by the difference in his performance in the California Dreamin' Stakes in 2015 and 2016. Last year the gelding finished a lackluster sev-



Patriots Rule, outside, bests the California Dreamin' Stakes field by a half-length



The winning connections give a big thumbs up for Patriots Rule's victory as they gather to accept the accolades

thing we've done with him has been a prep for this, and it worked out perfectly."

The second-longest shot on the board at nearly 17-1, Patriots Rule raced in second to last or last through much of the early going under jockey Joe Talamo. That meant Patriots Rule around the second turn either had to thread the field or lose ground going wide. Fortunately, Talamo found a seam in the middle.

"When you're coming from last, you're looking for spots to get through," said Talamo. "I didn't want to have to go six wide and lose all that ground. I got lucky with that, and he had a good kick late."

Patriots Rule responded to Talamo's urging to close a great deal of real estate deep in the stretch. He caught leaders Ambitious Brew and Boozer to win by a half-length in 1:41.78. Ambitious Brew had a length on Boozer for second. Alert Bay finished fourth.

"He (Patriot's Rule) ran a heck of a race," Diodoro said from Canterbury Park. "Any time you can win a stake going a mile and a sixteenth off an 11-month layoff, the help, and especially my assistant Sean here, deserve a lot of credit."

Diodoro purchased Patriots Rule on Garvey's behalf for just \$8,000 the 2012 Barretts October yearling sale from Sam Hendricks' consignment. Dahlberg Farms bred the 5-year-old gelded son of Tribal Rule—Candy Factory, by Seattle Bound.

Diodoro spreads his stable among several states and initially began training Patriots Rule at Turf Paradise in Arizona. Patriots Rule showed enough talent for the trainer to ship him to his Southern California division. In 21 lifetime starts, all in his native state, Patriots Rule has won six and placed in five others for earnings of \$421,730.

ENOLA GRAY'S FLEET TREAT STAKES

Nick Alexander is no stranger to undefeated fillies. His homebred Sunday Rules paraded through her first five starts without a defeat, winning eight of her first nine. Now he has another one, Enola Gray, who in three starts has kept her record perfect, with two of those in stakes, including the \$147,000 Fleet Treat Stakes July 22.

When 3-year-old Enola Gray debuted April 10 at Santa Anita, she put on a buzz-worthy performance. After all, horses don't often win by 16¼ lengths in any race, let alone in a first start.

On the May 28 Gold Rush card, Enola Gray went off at 1-10 in the 1¼-mile Melair Stakes, scoring by 2¼ lengths. Those odds held sway again in the seven-furlong Fleet Treat, the filly's first start at Del Mar.

enth in the Del Mar event. This year he turned it around completely to win the \$150,690 stakes.

Carded at 1¼ miles on the turf July 24, the California Dreamin' drew a talented field of eight. Millionaire Alert Bay attracted the most support, going off as the favorite at just over 2-1. Trainer Leonard Powell elected to run multiple stakes winner Soi Phet in the California Dreamin' instead of tackling California Chrome

and Dortmund the day before in the San Diego Handicap (gr. II).

Patriots Rule, winner of the 2014 E.B. Johnston Stakes and the 2015 Crystal Water Stakes, hadn't run since finishing ninth in an allowance optional claiming race at Del Mar Aug. 15, 2015.

"Since we gave this horse a well-deserved rest, he's come back working so well," said Sean Williams, assistant to trainer Robertino Diodoro. "Every-

Trainer Phil D'Amato has worked on teaching Enola Gray to relax, and he was pleased with her Fleet Treat. Instead of leading throughout, as she had done in her first two outings, she and jockey Tyler Baze vied with Fantasy of Luck early but without the filly becoming the least bit flustered.

Around the turn Enola Gray put away any thought of competition and coasted to the wire by $7\frac{3}{4}$ lengths. Allsquare closed from fifth and last early for second, with Fantasy of Luck third. Enola Gray's time of 1:21.24 broke the stakes record of 1:21.40, set by Princess Royalty in 1990.

"She showed a new dimension today," said D'Amato. "She sat off the pace and kicked home and did it the right way."

Baze effusively bubbled about their trip, saying, "I've never won a race any easier. She's just unbelievable. She's so special. She just goes so easy."

Enola Gray is a gray daughter of Alexander's stallion Grazen out of the More Than Ready mare Unsung Heroine. Alexander bought the mare for \$40,000 at the 2007 Keeneland fall mixed sale. The name Enola Gray was inspired by the B-29 plane, *Enola Gay*, that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, helping to end World War II.

"My dad was stationed in the Pacific on a carrier, and dropping that bomb brought him home," said Alexander, who noted that while the bombing by the U.S. was drastic, it saved many lives. "The name was the mother of the plane's pilot, Col. Paul Tibbetts. He was a major war hero."

So far, Enola Gray has shown signs of being very deserving of such a historic name.

"There's still a lot of room for improvement and development in her," said D'Amato. "We're just going to take it step by step and see what happens."

In three starts, Enola Gray has already earned \$229,100. **CTB**



Enola Gray remains perfect on the year as the Cal-bred takes Del Mar's Fleet Treat Stakes



Smiles all around in the winner's circle for owner Nick Alexander, center right, the connections of Fleet Treat Stakes winner Enola Gray

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Del Mar Handicap



SWEET VICTORY

SUGAR-COATED DEL MAR HANDICAP

BY TRACY GANTZ

On a day devoted to California Chrome's spectacular victory in the \$1 million TVG Pacific Classic (gr. I), another California-bred demonstrated the depth of the homebred product. A half-hour before the Aug. 20 Pacific Classic, Ashlelylvsugar gutted out one of the closest wins ever in the \$250,000 Del Mar Handicap (gr. IIT).

In 2015 Ashlelylvsugar finished second to Big John in the Del Mar Handicap and was away from the races until June of this year. Now a more mature 5-year-old, from the same 2011 crop as California Chrome, the gelding tuned up for this year's Del Mar Handicap following two stakes attempts.

Against state-breds, he finished third in the Crystal Water Stakes at Santa Anita, followed by a second to Midnight Storm in the Eddie Read Stakes (gr. IIT) at Del Mar. Trainer Peter Eurton had Ashlelylvsugar primed for a top performance, and his charge needed every bit of his strength and talent.

Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens took Ashlelylvsugar to the lead against 11 others, at one point six lengths in front of the nearest competitor. It was risky, as Stevens knew.

"He was waiting on horses," said the jockey. "I tried to stay busy on him, but he was waiting."

A slew of horses threatened to overwhelm the Cal-bred, on the rail, in deep stretch. Metaboss on the outside flew fastest of all, and it looked like jockey Rafael Bejarano had judged it exactly right to get the head bob. Several minutes passed while the stewards examined the photo.

Jockey Gary Stevens and Cal-bred Ashlelylvsugar defeated Metaboss in the Del Mar Handicap

Eurton and owner/breeders Joe Ciaglia, Sharon Alesia, and Mike Mellen watched the tote board anxiously, waiting for the stewards to make their determination. Finally, the stewards posted Ashlelylvsugar as a slim nose winner

"Son of a...I hate to get beat like that," said Bejarano.

Stevens maintained that Ashlelylvsugar didn't see the other horses.

"I know Gary knows this horse," said Ciaglia. "When horses get a lead like that, they usually don't win. But there was going to be no pace in the race. The horse was relaxed—the fractions were slow enough."

Ciaglia felt confident as Ashlelylvsugar turned for home. Then he saw Metaboss coming.

"Where did this horse come from?" Ciaglia said. "I think I've got six or seven seconds from this meet, and I thought, oh no, another second."

The Del Mar Handicap gave Ashlelylvsugar a "Win & You're In" berth to the Breeders' Cup Turf (gr. IT).

"That was huge because last year we supplemented," said Ciaglia. "Then he wasn't quite right when he ran here. So we decided to stay home. This year we knew he was right."

Ashlelylvsugar was winning his seventh race in 16 starts, and he increased his lifetime earnings to \$727,504. The owners got the gelding by breeding their homebred Urgent Request mare Ashley's Folly to Game Plan. **CTB**



Ashlelylvsugar attracted many of his sweet-toothed fans to the Del Mar Handicap winner's circle

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JORGE CRUZ

BY EMILY SHIELDS

Jorge Cruz' strong work ethic caught the eye of Clay Murdock early on. Murdock manages Rancho San Miguel, the Thoroughbred farm owned by Tom and Nancy Clark in San Miguel, Calif.

"Right off the bat he had a lot of initiative," Murdock said. "He never complained about things, always took responsibility, and always stood out. You have to have people that have passion, and he's always had passion."

Cruz, a native of Colima, Mexico, remembers setting foot on the Rancho San Miguel property as an eager teenager in the early 1990s, but he wasn't working with the horses right away.

"I was on the maintenance crew for two months, then moved up to be a groom when they used to train horses over here," he recalled. "After that, I started learning how to work with babies, and little by little I started learning more about mares by holding mares for the vet and learning about foaling. Then I started working with stallions and training the yearlings. After doing a little bit of everything, Clay says I'm 'the man.'"

Cruz has been the farm's broodmare manager for 21 years.

"His best attribute is that he's very quiet," Murdock said. "He's not a loud person, but a patient, quiet person when working around the horses and taking care of the mares."

Cruz begins his day at 7 a.m., unless it is foaling season, when he is on call around the clock, every single day.

"I do work extra hard from January through June,"



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Jorge Cruz has been Rancho San Miguel's broodmare manager for 21 years

Cruz said. "But in the fall there is still a lot to do, just not as much in the middle of the night."

Cruz prides himself on being present for virtually all of the foalings on the farm. But he also dispenses medications, helps handle the stallions in the breeding shed, and runs the farm's breeding division crew of employees.

"He has quite a mind," Murdock said. "When we get up to 350 or 400 horses here, he knows where every single mare

and foal is. And he has quite a knack for foaling, especially when we have dystocias."

A dystocia occurs when birth is compromised due to an abnormal positioning of the foal. Murdock noted that Cruz "just knows what to do."

"You learn a lot from it," Cruz said of his experience with dystocia-burdened births. "And I've tried to learn from every single vet who comes by here."

Cruz assists Rancho San Miguel veterinarian Dr. Stacy Potter with procedures and is always ready to step up to help.

"He's so integral to our whole program," Murdock said. "He's not only a big asset to Dr. Potter, but he keeps the rest of us informed on what is going on with these mares."

The way Cruz absorbed information and grew impressed Murdock from the start, and that continues to this day.

"He moved into our management team within his first five years," Murdock said. "He just stood out immediately and continued to grow. And he just really cares; there are days when we work all day and then are up all night foaling and he's involved with all of it. He's very sharp in immediately spotting any mares or foals that are having trouble."

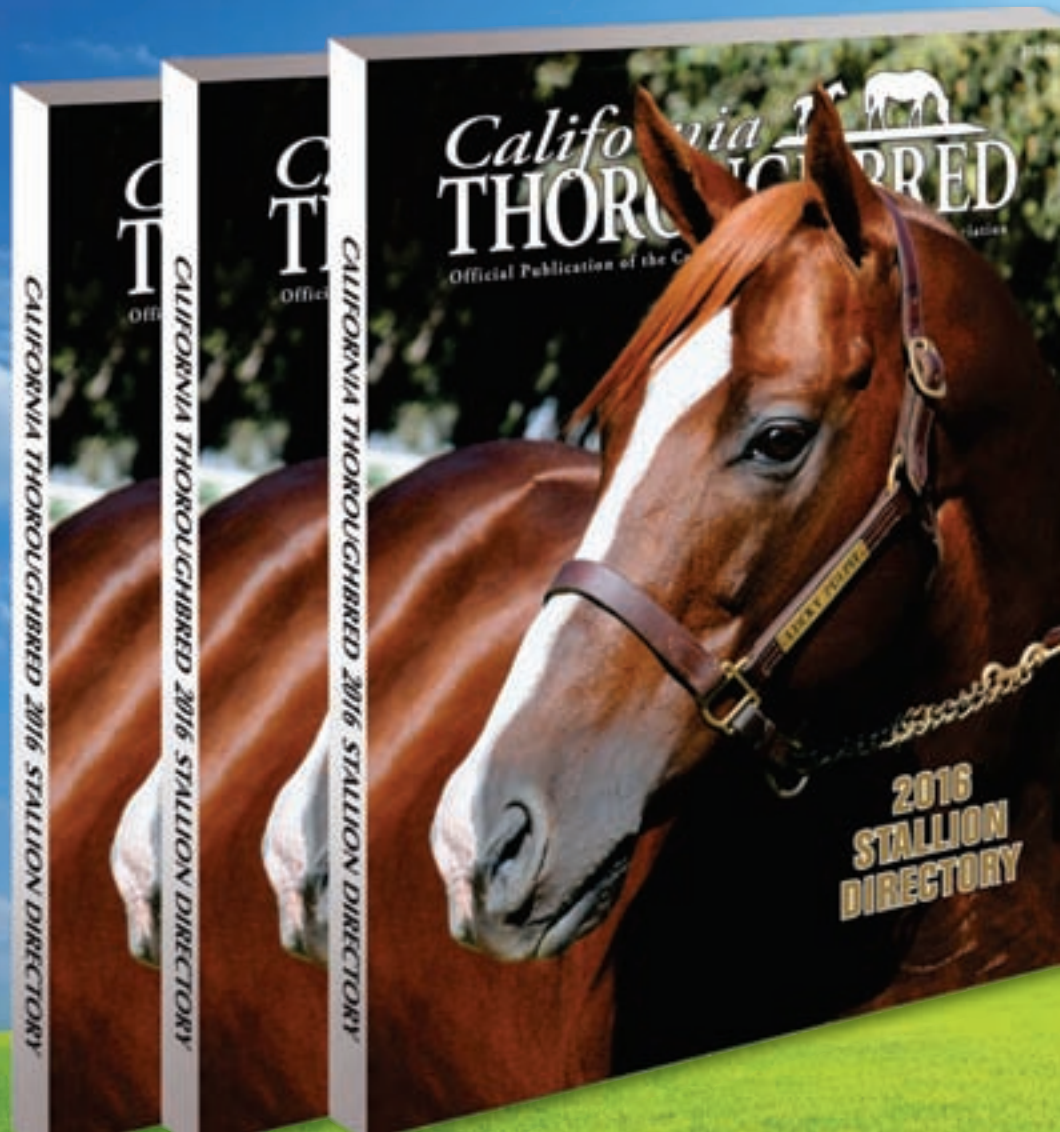
Cruz is delighted to work on the farm and has no intentions of ever leaving. "It's such a good, nice place," he said. "I wish to stay for a very long time."

With the way Cruz has become an indispensable part of the Rancho San Miguel team, it's possible they would never let him leave. **CTB**



Cruz' quiet and patient demeanor is an asset when working with horses

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Winners

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3-YEAR-OLDS & UP

- Atticus—Old Habits: Agila (20-11), g, 5 yo, Marquis Downs, ALW, 7/29, 1mi, 1:42.85, \$2,183.
- Awesome Gambler—Seethe Girlgo: Jilly Juice (49-22), f, 4 yo, Assiniboia Downs, WCL, 8/12, 5 1/2f, 1:6.60, \$5,400.
- Awesome Spirit—Itchy Girl: Espirito Bueno (7-4), g, 5 yo, Del Mar, ALW, 7/28, 5f (T), 57.18, \$39,000.
- Benchmark—Miss Thirtyfour D: Well Measured (59-32), g, 5 yo, Del Mar, AOC, 8/21, 6f, 1:8.49, \$35,360.
- Bold Chieftain—Onefunsonofagun: I Came to Party (11-4), g, 3 yo, Presque Isle Downs, ALW, 8/4, 1mi 70yd, 1:42.92, \$16,800.
- Cayoake (FR)—Just Like That (FR): Deal' Em (3-2), g, 7 yo, Assiniboia Downs, WCL, 8/13, 1mi, 1:42.60, \$4,500.
- City Zip—Quick Breeze: City Siren (234-111), f, 3 yo, Delaware Park, AOC, 8/20, 5 1/2f, 1:4.06, \$21,600.
- Comic Strip—Eclisse (FR): Madame Clouet (22-11), f, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, STR, 8/20, 1mi (T), 1:38.51, \$12,240.
- Desert Code—Madam General: Desert Madam (41-15), m, 5 yo, Del Mar, AOC, 7/30, 1mi, 1:37.91, \$50,700.
- Dixie Chatter—Electric Chair: Blow the Whistle (51-15), g, 4 yo, Santa Rosa, STR, 7/31, 6f, 1:10.86, \$12,240.
- Dixie Chatter—Itsayatething: Preacher Roe (51-15), g, 5 yo, Del Mar, AOC, 8/5, 1mi (T), 1:35.88, \$39,000.
- Don'tsellmeshort—Gutsy Lady: Ladies Man (49-21), g, 4 yo, Del Mar, WCL, 7/31, 1mi, 1:36.16, \$14,400.
- Elusive Warning—Baba Zula: Ain't Misbehavin (11-7), g, 4 yo, Del Mar, AOC, 8/3, 1mi, 1:36.61, \$39,000.
- Emeritus—City: Tupelo Bunny (4-2), m, 5 yo, Great Falls, ALW, 7/30, 5 1/4f, 1:4.80, \$2,420.
- Engliish Channel—Phi Beta Heat: Rye (124-51), c, 3 yo, Del Mar, STR, 8/11, 1mi (T), 1:36.43, \$21,780.
- Fusaichi Pegasus—Daylight Song: Olympic Lady (125-65), f, 4 yo, Santa Rosa, STR, 8/5, 6f, 1:11.67, \$11,220.
- Game Plan—Ashley's Folly: **Ashleyluvssugar** (13-6), g, 5 yo, Del Mar, STK, Del Mar H. Presented by The Japan Racing Association (gr. IIT), 8/20, 1 3/8mi (T), 2:16.11, \$150,000.
- Good Journey—Stellina: Vegas Burn (45-18), g, 6 yo, Great Falls, ALW, 7/30, 5 1/4f, 1:4.60, \$2,420.
- Grazen—Unsung Heroine: **Enola Gray** (28-17), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, STK, Fleet Treat S., 7/22, 7f, 1:21.24, \$85,500.
- Grey Memo—Shezaseaheroine: Blazin Memo (16-6), g, 4 yo, Great Falls, ALW, 7/31, 7f, 1:27.60, \$2,200.
- Include—Mt. Swoosh: **Cowboys Don't Cry** (107-48), g, 4 yo, Grande Prairie, STK, Grande Prairie Mile S., 8/20, 1mi, 1:39.21, \$5,618.
- Iron Cat—Alice May: Queen Kate (8-6), m, 6 yo, Prairie Meadows, AOC, 7/24, 6f, 1:11.91, \$18,240.
- Jackpot—Sheer Excess: **Siberian Rush** (4-2), g, 8 yo, White Pine Racing, STK, Norm Goeringer Memorial, 8/20, 1mi 70yd, 1:48.00, \$6,160.
- Jet West—With a Song: Caro's Song (10-4), m, 7 yo, Northlands Park, AOC, 8/5, 6f, 1:11.13, \$10,800.
- Lucky Pulpit—Love the Chase: **California Chrome** (142-58), h, 5 yo, Del Mar, STK, San Diego H. (gr. II), 7/23, 1 1/16mi, 1:40.84, \$120,000.
- Lucky Pulpit—Granny Got Game: Grand Pulpit (142-58), g, 5 yo, Marquis Downs, WCL, 7/30, 6f, 1:13.74, \$2,496.
- Lucky Pulpit—Royal Woodman: Woodmans Luck (142-58), g, 8 yo, Canterbury Park, SOC, 8/11, 1 1/4mi, 2:5.67, \$13,200.
- Lucky Pulpit—Love the Chase: **California Chrome** (142-58), h, 5 yo, Del Mar, STK, \$1 Million TVG Pacific Classic S. (gr. I), 8/20, 1 1/4mi, 2:0.13, \$600,000.
- Marino Marini—Grey Lassie: Breakaway Dixie (78-39), f, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, ALW, 8/21, 1 1/16mi (T), 1:46.36, \$21,060.
- McCann's Mojave—Violet Brook: Little Bro Garrett (43-20), g, 5 yo, Assiniboia Downs, WCL, 8/12, 5 1/2f, 1:6.40, \$4,620.
- Ministers Wild Cat—Just Another Fib: **Wild Fibs** (75-39), m, 7 yo, Wyoming Downs, STK, Hank Mills H., 7/23, 5f, 57.26, \$3,630.
- Ministers Wild Cat—You Are the Answer: Whatsthequestion (75-39), g, 6 yo, Penn National, AOC, 7/28, 1mi, 1:37.79, \$18,240.
- Ministers Wild Cat—Just Another Fib: Wild Fibs (75-39), m, 7 yo, White Pine Racing, ALW, 8/21, 5 1/2f, 1:8.80, \$2,475.
- Momentum—Knife Fork Swoon: Knife Fork Zoom (12-4), m, 6 yo, Marquis Downs, WCL, 7/29, 6 1/2f, 1:20.94, \$2,714.
- Momentum—Knife Fork Swoon: Knife Fork Zoom (12-4), m, 6 yo, Marquis Downs, WCL, 8/19, 6f, 1:13.21, \$2,950.
- More Than Ready—Stormin Mon: More Stormyweather (152-70), m, 5 yo, Laurel Park, SOC, 7/24, 5 1/2f (T), 1:2.04, \$13,110.
- Old Topper—Bet a Slew: P R's Orphan (35-15), g, 8 yo, Great Falls, STR, 7/23, 5 1/4f, 1:4.80, \$2,310.
- One Man Army—Unusual Babe: Johnny Reb (4-2), g, 5 yo, Santa Rosa, AOC, 7/29, 5f (T), 59.29, \$21,060.
- Perfect Mandate—Pinky's Posh: Perfect Manners (14-7), g, 7 yo, Santa Rosa, WCL, 7/28, 5 1/2f, 1:4.51, \$4,620.
- Pioneerof the Nile—Serela: Miss Star Maker (107-56), f, 4 yo, Del Mar, AOC, 8/14, 1mi, 1:37.15, \$39,000.
- Point Given—Lookn Mighty Fine: Hotaling Heart (45-19), m, 5 yo, Assiniboia Downs, WCL, 8/20, 6f, 1:13.80, \$4,620.
- Popular—Summer Bay: Dashing Don (12-3), g, 3 yo, Hastings Racecourse, ALW, 7/31, 1 1/16mi, 1:45.68, \$13,750.
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- Popular—Nada Joke: Conejos (12-3), g, 3 yo, Albuquerque, ALW, 8/19, 5 1/2f, 1:5.17, \$10,980.
- Prime Timber—Holiday Joy: Donut Talk to Me (10-3), f, 3 yo, Marquis Downs, ALW, 7/22, 6f, 1:13.81, \$2,356.
- Prime Timber—Holiday Joy: Donut Talk to Me (10-3), f, 3 yo, Assiniboia Downs, WCL, 8/10, 1mi, 1:43.80, \$4,620.
- Private Gold—Dances On Water: **Gold Rush Dancer** (32-14), c, 3 yo, Del Mar, STK, Real Good Deal S., 7/27, 7f, 1:21.90, \$85,500.
- Rock Hard Ten—Chetak (IRE): Liberty Rocks (97-44), g, 6 yo, North Dakota Horse Park, ALW, 7/23, 5 1/2f, 1:6.00, \$1,200.
- Rocky Bar—Just Hoping: **Fork and Dagger** (41-21), g, 3 yo, Albuquerque, STK, Duke City Sprint S., 8/6, 5 1/2f, 1:3.53, \$30,000.
- Southern Image—Neeko: Abets Abet (63-37), f, 4 yo, Parx Racing, STR, 8/2, 7f, 1:23.55, \$25,200.
- Square Eddie—Clerical Error (IRE): Dressed to a T (62-34), f, 4 yo, Del Mar, AOC, 7/28, 1 3/8mi (T), 2:16.38, \$50,700.
- Square Eddie—Categorize: Dis Smart Cat (62-34), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, AOC, 8/7, 6f, 1:10.03, \$39,000.
- Square Eddie—Teresa Ann: Eddie Haskell (62-34), c, 3 yo, Del Mar, AOC, 8/14, 5f (T), 56.15, \$39,000.
- Stormin Fever—Hunting Jade: Easter Fever (49-21), f, 4 yo, Del Mar, WCL, 7/23, 6 1/2f, 1:17.84, \$16,200.
- Stormy Jack—Watershed Park: Brynel (23-9), g, 6 yo, Great Falls, ALW, 7/24, 5 1/4f, 1:6.40, \$2,200.
- Swiss Yodeler—Gather the Group: Alpine Gathering (44-24), g, 5 yo, Canterbury Park, SOC, 8/13, about 1mi 70yd, 1:43.08, \$10,200.
- Tannersmyman—Ma Ka Bet: My Friend Emma (33-20), g, 4 yo, Santa Rosa, AOC, 7/30, 5f (T), 58.69, \$22,620.
- Tannersmyman—Show Bug: Showmeister (33-20), g, 5 yo, Delaware Park, STR, 8/3, 1mi 70yd, 1:42.53, \$9,600.
- Tannersmyman—Ma Ka Bet: **My Friend Emma** (33-20), g, 4 yo, Santa Rosa, STK, Jess Jackson Owners' H., 8/13, 5f (T), 55.75, \$40,850.
- Terrell—Vee Voom (NZ): Vee Voom Rhules (33-14), g, 7 yo, Marquis Downs, WCL, 8/19, 6f, 1:12.26, \$2,360.
- Terrell—Comedy Class: Roger Way (33-14), g, 6 yo, Golden Gate Fields, WCL, 8/21, 5 1/2f, 1:3.82, \$5,225.
- Time to Get Even—Excessive Girl: Get Even Girl (19-9), m, 5 yo, Marquis Downs, WCL, 7/30, 7f, 1:27.95, \$2,400.
- Trapper—Waytoomuchfun: **Toomuchisnotenough** (7-2), m, 5 yo, Sacramento, STK, California Governor's Cup H., 7/23, 6f, 1:9.92, \$40,750.
- Tribal Rule—Candy Factory: **Patriots Rule** (130-57), g, 5 yo, Del Mar, STK, California Dreamin' S., 7/24, 1 1/16mi (T), 1:41.78, \$85,500.
- Tribal Rule—Ultimate Summer: Tribalist (130-57), g, 5 yo, Del Mar, ALW, 7/30, 5f (T), 56.80, \$50,700.
- Tribal Rule—Heavenly Lady: Spirit Rules (130-57), g, 7 yo, Del Mar, AOC, 8/4, 6f, 1:9.23, \$39,000.
- Tribal Rule—Fair Bianca: Tribal Jewel (130-57), g, 7 yo, Del Mar, AOC, 8/7, 1 1/16mi, 1:42.18, \$50,700.
- Tribal Rule—Corissa's Birthday: Easy Grader (130-57), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, ALW, 8/11, 5f (T), 57.27, \$39,000.
- Unusual Heat—Top of Our Game: Lynne's Legacy (96-45), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, ALW, 7/21, 1 1/16mi (T), 1:43.04, \$39,000.
- Unusual Heat—Tempting Date: Miss Loujean (96-45), m, 5 yo, Del Mar, ALW, 7/22, 5f (T), 56.64, \$39,000.
- Unusual Heat—Chi Chi Nette: **Majestic Heat** (96-45), f, 4 yo, Del Mar, STK, Solana Beach S., 8/14, 1mi (T), 1:34.98, \$85,500.
- Vronsky—Vicki's Mandate: Sky Forever (57-28), m, 5 yo, Sacramento, AOC, 7/22, 5f, 57.26, \$21,060.
- Vronsky—Mimi's Kitten: Kennedie Sky (57-28), f, 4 yo, Del Mar, STR, 7/27, 1 1/16mi (T), 1:42.74, \$25,920.
- Vronsky—Sister Sally: Sir Vronski (57-28), g, 5 yo, Santa Rosa, STR, 8/5, 5f (T), 56.66, \$6,960.
- Vronsky—Presidential Heat: Presidentsky (57-28), g, 5 yo, Santa Rosa, AOC, 8/12, 1mi (T), 1:36.03, \$21,060.

The accompanying list includes runners that are both California-foaled and California-sired winners in 2016 of all recent North American races, except straight claiming races.

Abbreviations used for the class of race are similar to those used by Equibase: Alw—allowance; Hcp—overnight handicap; names of stakes race are spelled out, with the grade of the race, when applicable, in parentheses.

Vronsky—Pinky's Posh: Out Ofthe Ordinary (57-28), f, 4 yo, Del Mar, ALW, 8/17, 1 1/16mi (T), 1:43.42, \$39,000.

War Chant—One Tough Cat: Nite Delite (67-29), f, 4 yo, Laurel Park, AOC, 7/22, 5 1/2f (T), 1:1.64, \$25,650.

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Idiot Proof—Seattle Avenue: Ninety Nine Proof (9-5), c, 2 yo, Del Mar, SOC, 8/19, 5 1/2f, 1:4.08, \$36,000.

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Lucky Pulpit—Coastal Strike: **You're Late** (142-58), f, 2 yo, Del Mar, STK, California Thoroughbred Breeders' Association S., 7/29, 5 1/2f, 1:4.64, \$57,000.

Square Eddie—Marquis Diamond: **Green With Eddie** (62-34), c, 2 yo, Del Mar, STK, Graduation S., 8/3, 5 1/2f, 1:3.62, \$57,000.

Thorn Song—Book'em Babe: **Only You Babe** (46-14), f, 2 yo, Santa Rosa, STK, Wine Country Debutante S., 8/14, 6f, 1:12.69, \$41,000.

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Acclamation—Roberta's Mango: Accountability (4-1), c, 2 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 8/12, 5 1/2f, 1:5.48, \$37,800.

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Atticus—Old Habits: Bituin (20-11), f, 4 yo, Los Alamitos, MCL, 7/23, 4 1/2f, 53.39, \$3,260.

Atticus—Kiss of Fire: Buy Me a Drink (20-11), f, 2 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 8/19, 5f, 58.62, \$4,950.

Awesome Gambler—Sobresaliente: Dinner At Trani's (49-22), g, 3 yo, Sacramento, MCL, 7/23, 6f, 1:12.90, \$4,400.

Awesome Gambler—Faisca: Queen Gambler (49-22), f, 3 yo, Los Alamitos, MCL, 7/29, 4 1/2f, 52.96, \$3,150.

Awesome Gambler—River Cutie: River Hoss (49-22), g, 3 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 8/20, 6f, 1:10.91, \$19,200.

Bedford Falls—Tonsilitis: Cool Casual (16-9), g, 6 yo, Los Alamitos, MCL, 7/24, 4 1/2f, 53.20, \$3,150.

Benchmark—Nine Figures: Foxy Roxy (59-32), f, 4 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 8/14, 6f, 1:11.64, \$3,630.

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Best Minister—Silver Spectre: Silver Spectacle (19-7), f, 4 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 8/7, 5f (T), 57.94, \$8,400.

Blazonry—Skyyogie: Skye Nova (12-7), f, 4 yo, Los Alamitos, MCL, 8/7, 4 1/2f, 53.03, \$3,260.

Brave Badgett—Clickety Cat: Lil Bit Frisky (2-2), f, 4 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 8/13, 1mi (T), 1:40.18, \$4,950.

BRAVE CAT

Paradise Road Ranch
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Brave Cat—Let's Go Shopping: Shoshoneforever (7-3), g, 4 yo, Sacramento, MCL, 7/21, 5f, 59.59, \$3,850.

Brave Cat—Royal Ranegade: Shesa Ranegade (7-3), f, 4 yo, Sacramento, MCL, 7/21, 6f, 1:12.15, \$3,850.

Brave Cat—Dinner Atthe Steer: Cyoulateralligator (7-3), g, 4 yo, Ferndale, MCL, 8/21, 5f, 1:0.78, \$3,300.

Capsized—Five o'Clock Toddy: Upended (12-4), f, 2 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 8/13, 5 1/2f, 1:6.81, \$8,400.

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Coil—Phoenician Star: Upstaging the Cast (11-2), g, 2 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 8/13, 5 1/2f, 1:5.25, \$37,800.

Comic Strip—Eclisse (FR): Madame Clouet (22-11), f, 3 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 8/5, 1mi (T), 1:38.15, \$8,400.

DECARCHY

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Decarchy—Next Chapter: Captain Carchy (57-26), g, 4 yo, Penn National, MCL, 8/19, 5f (T), 57.76, \$10,260.

DESERT CODE

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Desert Code—Royal Enclosure: Academic Code (41-15), g, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 8/21, 1mi (T), 1:41.15, \$7,800.

Dixie Chatter—Incredible Ten: Dixie Chick Rocks (51-15), f, 2 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 8/13, 5 1/2f, 1:5.40, \$37,800.

Dixie Chatter—Dislitleliteomine: Jason X L (51-15), g, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 8/21, 5 1/2f, 1:4.75, \$4,400.

Flame Thrower—Purple Toi: Bamuel Toi (9-3), g, 6 yo, Ferndale, MCL, 8/21, 7f, 1:30.37, \$3,300.

Game Plan—Ultimate Summer: Ultimate Game (13-6), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 8/5, 5 1/2f, 1:5.11, \$12,600.

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Golden Balls (IRE)—In Reality (GB): Golden Light (9-5), f, 4 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 8/10, 1 1/16mi (T), 1:42.90, \$37,800.

Golden Balls (IRE)—Nicole's X S: X S Heat (9-5), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 8/13, 1 1/8mi (T), 1:51.22, \$49,140.

GOOD JOURNEY

Magali Farms
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Good Journey—Charm N Broad: Ask Me I Might (45-18), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 7/22, 1mi, 1:39.59, \$12,600.

Good Journey—Ultra Awesome: Start to Finish (45-18), f, 2 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 8/3, 5 1/2f, 1:4.73, \$19,200.

Harbor the Gold—Infernal McGoon: Livinintheftlane (98-46), f, 2 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 8/6, 5f, 58.81, \$6,215.

HEATSEEKER

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Heatseeker (IRE)—Caroline Elena: Isa Firecracker (47-15), f, 2 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MSW, 8/19, 5 1/2f, 1:5.15, \$20,280.

Heatseeker (IRE)—Agenda: Amandana (47-15), f, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 8/19, 5 1/2f, 1:5.85, \$4,400.

Held Over Again—Affectionatelyours: Held in Esteem (1-1), g, 6 yo, Albuquerque, MCL, 7/23, 5f, 58.06, \$5,040.

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Idiot Proof—Seattle Avenue: Ninety Nine Proof (9-5), c, 2 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 7/27, 5 1/2f, 1:4.23, \$19,200.

Indy Film—Dyna Rey: Indy's Dynamo (7-3), g, 3 yo, Los Alamitos, MCL, 8/13, 4 1/2f, 53.18, \$3,040.



Winners

Into Mischief—Tuscan Sunset: Miss Sunset (117-48), f, 2 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 7/30, 5 1/2f, 1:3.93, \$37,800.

LUCKY J. H.

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Lucky J. H.—Super Tuesday: Doris Johnson (28-13), m, 5 yo, Santa Rosa, MSW, 8/6, 1mi (T), 1:37.56, \$19,500.

Lucky J. H.—Adarlyn Cat: You're the Reason (28-13), f, 2 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 8/18, 6f, 1:12.53, \$19,200.

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Lucky Pulpit—Pali Girl: Lady Chrome (142-58), f, 3 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 7/30, 5f (T), 59.94, \$8,400.

Lucky Pulpit—Strings Attached: Im Your Pulpit (142-58), m, 5 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 8/6, 5 1/2f, 1:6.04, \$4,400.

Lucky Pulpit—Prospector's Bride: Lucky Prospector (142-58), g, 3 yo, Penn National, MCL, 8/17, 6f, 1:13.72, \$6,300.

Marino Marini—Celebrate Everyday: Redwood Midwife (78-39), f, 3 yo, Albuquerque, MCL, 7/30, 5f, 1:2.10, \$5,040.

Ministers Wild Cat—Matrimony: Marriedtoadminister (75-39), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 7/20, 7f, 1:23.16, \$12,600.

Ministers Wild Cat—Adventurous Spirit: Skookum Spirit (75-39), g, 3 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 7/30, 6f, 1:10.64, \$12,600.

Ministers Wild Cat—Nicole and Ben: Eichel (75-39), g, 2 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 8/11, 5 1/2f, 1:5.25, \$19,200.

Ministers Wild Cat—She's Redeemed: Amazing Love (75-39), c, 2 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 8/17, 6f, 1:12.19, \$16,800.

Onebadshark—Jitterbug Jan: Triple Ten (13-5), f, 2 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 8/6, 5 1/2f, 1:7.02, \$4,950.

The Pamplemousse—Gizmo Girl: Sheeza Sassy Girl (20-11), f, 2 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 7/23, 5f, 59.16, \$7,700.

Papa Clem—Fortunee: Jase's Aunty Aimee (76-39), f, 3 yo, Los Alamitos, MCL, 8/14, 4 1/2f, 53.60, \$3,260.

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Peppered Cat—Free to Fire: Sriracha Cat (26-10), g, 3 yo, Sacramento, MCL, 7/22, 5f, 58.00, \$5,500.

Phantom Wildcat—Back Door Girl: Gemini Journey (4-2), f, 2 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 8/19, 5 1/2f, 1:5.27, \$16,800.

Philanthropist—Puskita: Never Say Try (120-51), g, 3 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 7/31, 6 1/2f, 1:15.60, \$37,800.

Prime Timber—Romance Writer: Red Wine and Dine (10-3), g, 3 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 7/28, 5 1/2f, 1:3.71, \$19,200.

ROI CHARMANT

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Roi Charmant—Starlet Sky: Entitled Star (14-4), f, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 8/20, 1mi (T), 1:40.15, \$7,800.

Slew's Tiznow—Summer Swimmer: Summersimage (15-6), c, 2 yo, Santa Rosa, MSW, 7/31, 5 1/2f, 1:4.76, \$15,000.

Slew's Tiznow—Love Apple: Red Apple (15-6), f, 2 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 8/5, 5 1/2f, 1:4.86, \$14,400.

Sought After—In Other Words: Redneck Girl (18-10), f, 4 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 7/28, 5 1/2f, 1:4.38, \$3,850.

Sought After—Western Matriarch: Jet Seeker (18-10), g, 5 yo, Los Alamitos, MCL, 7/31, 4 1/2f, 52.64, \$3,040.

Southern Image—Bruin Ballet: Honest Iago (63-37), g, 3 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 7/31, 5f (T), 59.06, \$8,400.

Southern Image—Emotion: Mirror Image (63-37), c, 2 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 8/12, 5 1/2f, 1:5.34, \$8,400.

Southern Image—Bouquet of Roses: Rhett's Image (63-37), g, 4 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 8/13, 5 1/2f, 1:5.37, \$4,950.

Storm Wolf—Lake Marina: Eclipticals Wolf (18-11), c, 2 yo, Gulfstream Park, MCL, 8/19, 5f, 59.59, \$13,200.

Storm Wolf—Brilliant Move: Mr. Araiza (18-11), g, 3 yo, Los Alamitos, MCL, 8/20, 4 1/2f, 52.57, \$3,150.

Suances (GB)—Loni's Appeal: Camino Del Paraiso (10-2), g, 3 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 8/17, 1mi (T), 1:36.18, \$37,800.

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Tannersmyman—Sassy Synner: Tentwelvefourteen (33-20), c, 3 yo, Sacramento, MSW, 7/21, 6f, 1:10.78, \$19,500.

Tannersmyman—Checkthisgroove: Elprado's Heirloom (33-20), m, 5 yo, Santa Rosa, MSW, 8/13, 5f (T), 57.34, \$19,500.

Tannersmyman—Irish View: Muggs Mulligan (33-20), g, 2 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 8/20, 5f, 1:0.29, \$4,950.

Temple City—Princess Madmyr: Lord of Chaos (105-51), g, 4 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 7/22, 1mi (T), 1:37.04, \$37,800.

Tenga Cat—Cantabile: Tenga Way (6-4), g, 4 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 7/31, 6f, 1:12.16, \$4,400.

Ten Most Wanted—Flashy Notorious: Most Notorious (11-4), g, 3 yo, Santa Rosa, MCL, 8/12, 6f, 1:12.80, \$3,850.

Terrell—Charmin Dot: Yossi (33-14), g, 4 yo, Ferndale, MCL, 8/20, 5f, 1:1.18, \$3,300.

Thorn Song—Lots of Sunshine: Continental Song (46-14), g, 4 yo, Sacramento, MCL, 7/24, 1mi, 1:40.86, \$3,850.

Thorn Song—Toomanytomorrows: Too Much Drama (46-14), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, MCL, 8/10, 1mi, 1:38.76, \$12,600.

Thorn Song—Secret Mountain: Secret Thorn (46-14), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 8/11, 5 1/2f, 1:4.63, \$37,800.

TIZBUD

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Tizbud—Summer Jersey: Chao Chom (31-16), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 7/20, 6f, 1:9.51, \$37,800.

Tribal Rule—Fleet Royale: Slattan (130-57), g, 3 yo, Columbus, MCL, 8/12, 6f, 1:15.00, \$2,040.

Tribal Rule—Jasmine's Melody: Heart's Melody (130-57), f, 3 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 8/20, 5 1/2f, 1:4.45, \$4,400.

Tribal Rule—Bluegrass Belle: Pee Wee Reese (130-57), c, 3 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 8/21, 5 1/2f, 1:3.60, \$37,800.

UNUSUAL HEAT

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Unusual Heat—Treasure Chest: Warm Endowment (96-45), f, 3 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 7/21, 1mi (T), 1:36.96, \$37,800.

Unusual Heat—Biscay Bay (ARG): Temperature Rising (96-45), f, 4 yo, Ellis Park, MCL, 8/19, 1mi (T), 1:39.49, \$6,300.

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Vronsky—Preservingthepeace: Elwood J (57-28), g, 2 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 7/29, 5 1/2f, 1:3.78, \$37,800.

Vronsky—Pinky's Posh: Out Ofthe Ordinary (57-28), f, 4 yo, Del Mar, MSW, 7/29, 1 1/16mi (T), 1:43.06, \$49,140.



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BLOOD WORK IN HORSES

BY HEATHER SMITH THOMAS

At times your veterinarian may use a blood test or combination of blood tests to determine what is going on with your horse—to help diagnose and pinpoint the cause of disease, for instance. Blood work, used in conjunction with clinical signs, a thorough examination of the horse, and a complete history of the horse, gives clues that might lead to proper diagnosis and a good plan for treatment.

Dr. Peggy Marsh with Equine Medical Associates in Lexington, Ky., says she is often asked to do blood work when she is examining a patient.

“One of the main points for horse owners to remember is that doing blood work is just one piece of the puzzle when we are trying to figure out what is going on with that horse,” Marsh said. “We have to interpret it in light of what we see when we examine the horse, along with a good history, as well as knowledge of the tests performed.”

Dr. Claudia True, with Woodside Equine Clinic in Ashland, Va., and a past president of the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association, says blood tests are often used in evaluating wellness or for diagnosis when a horse is sick.

BASIC BLOOD WORK

Probably the most common tests ordered by the veterinarian are a survey type of blood work to establish a minimum database on that horse.

“This would typically include a complete blood count (CBC) and a serum chemistry analysis,” said Marsh. “The CBC looks at and measures different kinds of cells in the blood—basically the red blood cells and various types of white blood cells.

“Results of the CBC can help determine a variety of physiological responses. For example, information about the proportion of red blood cells in the blood at that point in time (the packed cell volume or hematocrit), along with the protein level, can determine if the horse is anemic, as well as the hydration status. The white blood cell count gives an idea about what the immune system is doing, especially in regard to how the horse is responding to infection.

“A CBC may also include measurements of inflammatory mediators. Most commonly, this marker is fibrinogen. High levels of fibrinogen often indicate infection. Another inflammatory marker is serum amyloid A. There is a newly validated test in the horse for this marker, and it may be something your veterinarian will recommend be evaluated.”

True says that if the veterinarian is looking for certain issues, fibrinogen can be a good measure of infection and inflammation.

“This will be elevated in conjunction with a bacterial infection, for instance,” she said. “Fibrinogen and, more recently, serum amyloid A (SAA) are known as acute phase response, since these may rise more quickly than any changes in the CBC. Fibrinogen and SAA become elevated with inflammation, infection, neoplasia (formation of new and abnormal growth), and trauma.

“When doing basic blood work, we’d be looking at things that indicate kidney values, such as creatinine. The chemistry gives us a broad look at possible problems with the liver or kidneys, if certain enzymes in the blood are elevated.”

Sometimes the CBC will include a platelet count. If this count is low, this means the horse’s blood might not be able to clot appropriately and the horse is at increased risk for bleeding.

“I commonly recommend a CBC for horses that have signs

of infection, like a fever, snotty nose, or cough,” said Marsh.

The serum chemistry test helps the veterinarian get an idea about the function of internal organs.

“It helps me evaluate systems such as the liver, kidneys, or muscles,” said Marsh. “Results of the serum chemistry also typically give information about the various electrolytes. It helps us know if the body is in good health or if there is something abnormal going on that needs further exploration.

“A lot of the values we are checking are enzymes. These enzymes are found inside the cells, and when the cell is sick or damaged, these leak into the bloodstream. Thus, if these enzyme levels in the blood are increased, this could indicate cell damage. However, a lot of these enzymes are not found in just one place in the body, so we have to put this all together to figure out what’s happening.

“The exact tests included in a serum chemistry panel will vary from lab to lab. Some of the values are the same ones that we’ll be looking at in dogs and cats or humans, and some will be different. Not every species’ physiology is the same, so there will be some variation when we are checking horses.”

TESTS FOR SPECIFIC DISEASES

Besides CBC and serum chemistry analysis, specific tests exist to check for certain diseases. A veterinarian might decide to test for a disease he/she suspects might be a possibility in causing the signs seen in that horse.

“Results must be interpreted in conjunction with clinical signs,” said Marsh. “When testing for a specific disease, knowledge of the pathogen and/or pathophysiology is key—both in determining the type of test to perform and understanding the results.”

Other tests examine conditions, such as the adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) for Cushings. “The veterinarian might want



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to do this test if the horse is getting older and might be starting to show signs that could be an indication of early Cushings,” said True.

“Our clients can have us do an insulin-resistance test and the ACTH. As horses age, they are more likely to become Cushinoid, but they may or may not be insulin resistant—though a lot of them we end up feeding the same way.

“Leptin is another thing the lab can look for, and some are offering this as an insulin resistance panel when checking for equine metabolic syndrome.”

A veterinarian who suspects a possibility of a specific disease, such as equine protozoal myeloencephalitis (EPM) or Lyme disease, will likely order more sophisticated tests.

“The test itself won’t tell you if this is the correct diagnosis; we have to put it all together in light of the clinical signs and history of that horse,” said True. “Otherwise, the test might be over-interpreted. We don’t want to be wasting the client’s money on antibiotics or 30 to 60 days of anti-protozoal medication if it doesn’t need it.

“Sometimes people do a blood test to check a horse’s titer for strangles, to know the antibody levels. In some regions where there is more incidence of strangles, this is often a good idea to check before vaccinating a horse. If the horse has a high titer already (from previous vaccination or exposure to the disease), there is more risk of an adverse reaction to vaccination, such



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Blood is put into different kinds of tubes for different kinds of tests

as purpura hemorrhagica.” If the titer is already high, the horse does not need vaccination, and it could be harmful to give him one.

“When trying to determine if a specific agent is causing disease, it is crucial to know how this pathogen affects the horse,” said Marsh. “For example, some bacteria cause disease by invading cells of a particular body system; they are intracellular organisms, making it difficult for tests to find them in the blood. Testing in these cases will focus on the response of the horse’s immune system, such as performing a serum titer for particular antibodies that have been made in response to the invading bacteria.”

Even if these antibodies are detected,

the test comes back positive, this doesn’t always mean that the horse has the disease. It may just mean the horse has been exposed to the organism at some point—either through vaccination or the actual disease—and created antibodies.

“Sometimes we are simply looking for antibodies, and sometimes we are looking for the organism itself (the bacteria or virus that is causing the disease),” said Marsh. “To check for the organism, we’d usually request a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test that looks for DNA of that particular pathogen.

“Sometimes, however, the organism is not in the blood, and we can’t look for it there. Not all laboratory tests are on blood. We might need a urine sample or perhaps a sample of lung fluid, or the fluid that lines the GI tract. We can test different things for each specific situation.

“Some owners want us to come take a blood sample and tell them what their horse has, but it’s not that easy. And in some situations we need to draw the blood a certain time of day—when the horse has not yet been fed—because we will have better results if the horse is fasting. Sometimes blood work is more involved than just drawing the blood; we may need to get it at the right time in order to get the proper results.”

Using blood tests diagnostically requires more from your veterinarian than just obtaining the sample. Interpretation of the results in light of the situation is crucial. **CTB**

DIFFERENT TUBES FOR DIFFERENT TESTS

Horse owners might wonder why the blood is put into various kinds of tubes for different tests.

“This is because we are testing different components of the blood,” said Dr. Peggy Marsh with Equine Medical Associates. “We might use a tube that keeps the blood from coagulating, such as a purple-top tube for the CBC. Sometimes it’s just a tube without anything else in it, such as a red-top tube, which allows the serum to be harvested.”

The red-top tube will be centrifuged, spinning away the red cells, to keep just the serum for testing.

“Often we’d keep just the serum when we want to look for certain antibodies,” said Marsh. “There is a difference in the tests looking for antibodies vs. looking for the specific organism. This could require a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test. For that, we need cells, so we’d collect blood for a PCR test in a purple-top tube.”



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Tommy Town Thoroughbreds *A Leading California Farm Achieving Success Through Dedication to Excellence*

Tommy Town Thoroughbreds is continuing to pursue their goal of becoming one of California's premier breeding farms, as well as a top training facility. Tommy Town was named leading breeder in California for 2013 and 2009, and leading owner by California (ranked 1st in 2014). The stallions standing in 2014 are Kaffaris, Minister Wild Cat and Old Tapper, all multiple stakes winners. In addition to Cactus, Junction and Governor, Tommy Town was established in 2010 by Tom and Didi Sull with the purchase of a 160-acre ranch, formerly known as the Western Training Center in the Santa Ynez Valley in Santa Barbara County. To accommodate growth, the Sull family acquired an additional 200 adjoining acres. The main side of the farm has 300 stalls, a custom equine clinic and a training track that is maintained by two full-time workers. On the breeding side, there is a 25-stall breeding barn. With over 100 acres of land, the farm offers pasture breeding for mares, foal and yearling year-end.



up and stabilization for a return to racing. Tommy Town has bred and raised many successful stallions, including Grade 1 winner Let Faith Ache (1405,240), multiple graded stakes winner Danaphantomenos (1711,766), in addition to stakes winner Aish No Ocher (1632,793), Sha's Outland (\$196,327), Top Knot (\$147,100), and two-year-old, The So Dance (\$19,790).

Kaffaris, by Cactus King, was purchased by Tommy Town in 2008, and stood in Kentucky for the 2009 season. Kaffaris came to California to stand at Tommy Town in 2010, and was a leading California sire during 2011. He has nine racing crops, with progeny earnings over \$19.6 million and 24 stakes winners. His leading sires are Grade 1-winner Elite Devine (\$1,095,892), Grade 1 winner, broodmare Let Faith Ache (\$405,240) and multiple stakes winner, Third Class (\$441,641). In addition his

Tommy Town has been successful in assembling and owning an outstanding team. The Ranch Manager, Mike Allen, joined Tommy Town in 2008. Gordon McKelso, assistant stallion manager since 2001, was promoted to stallion manager in 2005. To ensure effective stabilization of injured horses, the farm works closely with Alopec Parado Equine Clinic, in addition to the breeding veterinarian, Dr. Bill Stevenson, who specializes and is expert in the care of broodmares and foals. The farm has 10 employees who live on site.

Although Tommy Town's focus has been breeding, racing and sales have become of equal importance in the last few years. The breeding program includes a select number of mares bred and bred in Kentucky to supplement our California breeding program. The training program at the farm, excellent paddocks and exceptional facilities are utilized to prepare horses to race mainly in California, but also in Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Kentucky and a variety of other states. This program has resulted in a successful racing program at Tommy Town. In addition to training, Tommy Town also offers breeding, sales preparation, be-

stallions to sires (percentage is 76%).

Minister Wild Cat, son of Hollywood World Cat, by Deputy Minister, began his stallion career in 2006. Minister Wild Cat was the leading freshwater sire of California broods in 2009. He currently has seven crops racing, progeny earnings over \$12 million and 16 stakes winners.

Tommy Town owned and bred, Danaphantomenos (\$711,766) is his leading sire, followed by Top Knot (\$147,100) and Sha's Outland (\$196,327), a Tommy Town broodmare filly also still racing.

Old Tapper, California's leading freshwater sire in 2004, leading second crop sire in 2005 and leading third crop sire for 2006 has twelve crops racing with progeny earnings over \$20 million. Old Tapper has an impressive 78 percent winners to stakes ratio (up from 77% last year). Old Tapper's top crops, Aish No Ocher (\$124,430), This and That (\$422,262) and Top Knot (\$407,300) another broodmare, owned by Tommy Town.

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2016 LEADING BREEDERS IN CALIFORNIA BY EARNINGS (THRU AUG. 21, 2016)

Breeder	Starts	Wins	Stakes Wins	Leading Earner	Earnings
Perry Martin & Steve Coburn	11	5	4	California Chrome (\$6,930,000)	\$6,939,782
Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC	478	74	2	Minster'sadventure (\$117,889)	\$1,519,726
Reddam Racing, LLC	215	34	3	Green With Eddie (\$115,600)	\$1,276,430
Harris Farms	395	53	1	Velvet Mesquite (\$118,750)	\$1,188,539
Terry C. Lovingier	491	55	0	Time for Angie (\$106,200)	\$1,182,786
Nick Alexander	171	34	5	Tough It Out (\$242,510)	\$1,177,269
Old English Rancho, Patsy Berumen & Sal Berumen	113	25	5	What a View (\$437,500)	\$1,090,849
Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams	192	35	3	Only You Babe (\$115,600)	\$901,703
Heinz H. Steinmann	87	20	1	Theonewawaitedfor (\$118,680)	\$613,931
Old English Rancho	148	21	1	Somethings Unusual (\$96,740)	\$532,647
Benjamin C. Warren	204	26	1	Warrens Puppy Love (\$80,562)	\$425,413
Liberty Road Stables	149	18	0	Boy Howdy (\$46,920)	\$378,247
Madera Thoroughbreds LLC	123	16	1	Sheer Pleasure (\$95,925)	\$373,993
Madeline Auerbach & Barry Abrams	38	8	1	Majestic Heat (\$132,300)	\$353,746
George Schmitt & Mary Clare Schmitt	93	20	1	Touched by Autism (\$93,945)	\$344,329
John R. Haagsma & Wesley Ward	10	4	2	Lost Bus (\$276,800)	\$337,825
Harris Farms & Donald Valpredo	26	4	2	Pacific Heat (\$226,030)	\$312,383
Dr. & Mrs. William T. Gray	76	12	1	Cartoonist (\$52,280)	\$309,300
John Parker	5	3	3	Gold Rush Dancer (\$296,530)	\$296,530
Dahlberg Farms LLC	53	6	2	Patriots Rule (\$85,500)	\$286,628
Oakcrest Stable	35	6	1	Bert's Melody (\$136,185)	\$281,189
Joseph P. Morey Jr. Revocable Trust	46	9	1	Toomuchisnotenough (\$115,550)	\$275,310
Madeline Auerbach, Richard Rosenberg & Barry Abrams	8	3	2	Cheekaboo (\$272,521)	\$272,521
Lou Neve	29	6	1	Avanti Bello (\$168,010)	\$261,110
Rod Rodriguez & Lorraine Rodriguez	75	13	0	Rosarita (\$71,160)	\$231,541
Donald R. Dizney	62	10	1	Diamond Cut (\$66,980)	\$228,296
Estate of Alesia, BranJam Stables & Ciaglia Racing, LLC	3	1	1	Ashleylvssugar (\$212,000)	\$212,000
B Abrams, V Loverso, C Perez, Huston Racing & M Auerbach	9	2	2	Boozer (\$207,964)	\$207,964
William L. Hedrick & Judy Hedrick	61	12	0	Awesome Silver (\$72,970)	\$205,718
Donald Valpredo	108	16	0	Bako Sweets (\$38,635)	\$205,338
Thomas W. Bachman	44	7	0	Miss Star Maker (\$86,635)	\$198,546
ARCHA Racing Inc.	14	3	1	Soi Phet (\$129,940)	\$191,580
C Punch Ranch, Inc.	33	4	1	Smokey Image (\$162,861)	\$189,774
Ellen Jackson	87	12	0	Summer Lady (\$59,485)	\$183,796
Philip D'Amato	12	2	0	Allsquare (\$125,310)	\$181,324
Black Diamond Racing, LLC	10	4	1	Sweetrayofsunshine (\$177,900)	\$177,900
Howard & Janet Siegel Racing LLC	97	15	0	Brownie Finale (\$32,592)	\$176,908
Jim Eaton	44	7	1	My Friend Emma (\$118,841)	\$172,612
Cole Ranch	17	5	1	Star of Munster (\$83,885)	\$168,440
Steve Pavich & Maria Pavich	26	6	0	Fantasy of Luck (\$86,670)	\$165,969
B & B Zietz Stables, Inc.	23	5	0	Charming Starlet (\$77,967)	\$165,880
Halo Farms	25	5	0	Tribal Jewel (\$116,470)	\$165,696
Thomas Newton Bell & Ross John McLeod	8	1	1	Alert Bay (\$162,080)	\$162,480
Daehling Ranch LLC	87	7	0	Fast and Foxy (\$39,598)	\$161,015
Judi Garfi-Partridge & Serenity Oak Farms, LLC	75	11	0	Ninety Nine Proof (\$55,200)	\$159,711
Mark Tatch	116	14	0	Pat's Gray Ray (\$26,442)	\$159,293
Roy Tyra	25	4	0	Gutsy Ruler (\$114,868)	\$155,074
Nick Cafarchia	56	3	0	Tale of Papa Nick (\$48,043)	\$152,678
Stormy B. Hull	6	3	1	California Diamond (\$127,600)	\$152,305
Sheila McLeod	20	9	0	Ain't Misbehavin (\$111,440)	\$150,905
Ed Delaney	41	7	0	Cool Green (\$58,585)	\$150,329
H & E Ranch	47	12	5	Rye (\$90,978)	\$149,829
Milt A. Policzer	64	9	0	Ace Deuce (\$38,060)	\$139,167
Dr. Edward C. Allred	35	9	0	Cordiality (\$70,420)	\$137,518
Bruce Headley	18	3	2	San Onofre (\$129,690)	\$136,309
George Krikorian	14	2	0	Big Move (\$85,708)	\$134,478



**2016 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY AVERAGE EARNINGS PER RUNNER
(MINIMUM 10 RUNNERS)**

Sire	Rnrs	Races Won	Earned	Earnings/Runner
1 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	142	84	\$8,561,818	\$60,294
2 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	28	35	\$1,032,271	\$36,867
3 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	96	72	\$2,730,951	\$28,447
4 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	57	48	\$1,551,762	\$27,224
5 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	62	45	\$1,645,529	\$26,541
6 † Game Plan, 1993, by Danzig	13	7	\$311,846	\$23,988
7 Elusive Warning, 2004, by Elusive Quality	11	10	\$238,722	\$21,702
8 Tizbud, 1999, by Cee's Tizzy	31	22	\$631,061	\$20,357
9 Tannersmyman, 1998, by Lord Carson	33	28	\$644,902	\$19,542
10 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	75	64	\$1,445,959	\$19,279
11 † Western Fame, 1992, by Gone West	11	7	\$200,995	\$18,272
12 † Birdonthewire, 1989, by Proud Birdie	10	8	\$181,976	\$18,198
13 † Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	45	33	\$785,282	\$17,451
14 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	130	73	\$2,258,381	\$17,372
15 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	212	160	\$3,651,579	\$17,224
16 Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	56	39	\$950,249	\$16,969
17 Cyclotron, 2000, by Grand Slam	30	19	\$496,067	\$16,536
18 Surf Cat, 2002, by Sir Cat	25	18	\$402,343	\$16,094
19 Bold Chieftain, 2003, by Chief Seattle	11	6	\$176,593	\$16,054
20 Skimming, 1996, by Nureyev	22	22	\$347,892	\$15,813

**2016 LEADING TURF SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
(MINIMUM 50 STARTS)**

Sire	Rnrs	Strts	Wnrs	Wins	Earned
1 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	64	225	24	39	\$1,791,326
2 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	91	250	16	23	\$969,564
3 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	29	76	8	13	\$968,421
4 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	39	93	11	11	\$694,481
5 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	22	59	8	10	\$590,564
6 U S Ranger, 2004, by Danzig	67	144	13	13	\$348,070
7 Decarchy, 1997, by Distant View	31	83	8	9	\$289,183
8 Papa Clem, 2006, by Smart Strike	34	89	5	6	\$258,232
9 † Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	19	41	3	4	\$221,173
10 † Game Plan, 1993, by Danzig	1	3	1	1	\$212,000
11 Eddington, 2001, by Unbridled	28	71	5	6	\$179,673
12 † In Excess (IRE), 1987, by Siberian Express	5	10	3	3	\$161,621
13 Heatseeker (IRE), 2003, by Giant's Causeway	14	41	3	5	\$160,623
14 Einstein (BRZ), 2002, by Spend a Buck	20	51	2	2	\$154,147
15 Tizbud, 1999, by Cee's Tizzy	11	26	2	2	\$149,481
16 Old Topper, 1995, by Gilded Time	10	18	3	5	\$145,441
17 Comic Strip, 1995, by Red Ransom	12	29	4	6	\$144,018
18 Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	23	55	3	3	\$128,993
19 The Pamplousse, 2006, by Kafwain	4	10	2	3	\$127,215
20 Mr. Big, 2003, by Dynaformer	6	12	2	2	\$125,558

**2016 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY MONEY WON**

Sire	Rnrs	Strts	Races Won	Earned
1 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	142	641	84	\$8,561,818
2 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	212	1155	160	\$3,651,579
3 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	96	475	72	\$2,730,951
4 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	130	601	73	\$2,258,381
5 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	62	292	45	\$1,645,529
6 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	57	270	48	\$1,551,762
7 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	75	421	64	\$1,445,959
8 U S Ranger, 2004, by Danzig	140	640	74	\$1,428,758
9 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	28	163	35	\$1,032,271
10 Papa Clem, 2006, by Smart Strike	76	448	61	\$1,024,884
11 Southern Image, 2000, by Halo's Image	66	382	57	\$1,012,984
12 Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	56	284	39	\$950,249
13 Eddington, 2001, by Unbridled	66	359	48	\$860,266
14 Decarchy, 1997, by Distant View	57	321	40	\$834,115
15 Marino Marini, 2000, by Storm Cat	79	397	63	\$796,549
16 † Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	45	237	33	\$785,282
17 † Benchmark, 1991, by Alydar	61	316	48	\$779,145
18 Heatseeker (IRE), 2003, by Giant's Causeway	47	194	26	\$698,768
19 Kafwain, 2000, by Cherokee Run	56	241	43	\$685,451
20 Tannersmyman, 1998, by Lord Carson	33	180	28	\$644,902

**2016 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY NUMBER OF WINNERS**

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Races Won	Earned
1 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	212	99	160	\$3,651,579
2 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	142	58	84	\$8,561,818
3 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	130	57	73	\$2,258,381
4 U S Ranger, 2004, by Danzig	140	54	74	\$1,428,758
5 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	96	45	72	\$2,730,951
6 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	75	39	64	\$1,445,959
Papa Clem, 2006, by Smart Strike	76	39	61	\$1,024,884
Marino Marini, 2000, by Storm Cat	79	39	63	\$796,549
9 Southern Image, 2000, by Halo's Image	66	38	57	\$1,012,984
10 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	62	34	45	\$1,645,529
11 Eddington, 2001, by Unbridled	66	32	48	\$860,266
† Benchmark, 1991, by Alydar	61	32	48	\$779,145
13 Kafwain, 2000, by Cherokee Run	56	30	43	\$685,451
14 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	57	28	48	\$1,551,762
15 Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	56	27	39	\$950,249
16 Decarchy, 1997, by Distant View	57	26	40	\$834,115
17 † Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	45	23	33	\$785,282
18 Awesome Gambler, 2004, by Coronado's Quest	49	22	29	\$509,343
19 † Stormin Fever, 1994, by Storm Cat	49	21	27	\$607,702
Rocky Bar, 1998, by In Excess (IRE)	41	21	34	\$437,049
Don'tsellmehshort, 2001, by Benchmark	49	21	30	\$418,986

The statistics shown here are compiled by The Jockey Club Information Systems (TJCIS). While every effort is made to prevent errors and omissions, California Thoroughbred cannot guarantee their complete and total accuracy. A dagger (†) indicates a stallion that has been pensioned or has died, a dot (•) that he is now standing elsewhere (sires no longer standing in California remain on these lists until their last Cal-bred crop turns 3 years old), a double dagger (‡) that he is not standing in California in 2015 but will stand in the state in 2016. Freshman sires are highlighted in bold text. Statistics cover racing in North America (U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico), England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) only. Stakes winners and wins follow TJCIS stakes rules. Racing statistics through Aug. 21, 2016.



2016 LEADING SIRES OF TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN CALIFORNIA BY MONEY WON

Sire	Rnrs	Strts	Races Won	Earned
1 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	9	24	5	\$325,835
2 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	14	23	4	\$193,165
3 † Thorn Song, 2003, by Unbridled's Song	12	21	4	\$171,455
4 Empire Way, 2009, by Empire Maker	7	18	3	\$162,717
5 U S Ranger, 2004, by Danzig	18	43	4	\$121,185
6 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	9	19	3	\$117,735
7 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	8	14	3	\$111,503
8 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	11	21	2	\$108,164
9 Slew's Tiznow, 2005, by Tiznow	5	9	3	\$71,785
10 Coil, 2008, by Point Given	11	13	2	\$69,715
11 Heatseeker (IRE), 2003, by Giant's Causeway	11	20	1	\$66,642
12 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	5	8	1	\$66,270
13 Dixie Chatter, 2005, by Dixie Union	7	14	1	\$65,319
14 Idiot Proof, 2004, by Benchmark	2	4	3	\$62,870
15 Calimonco, 2006, by Storm Cat	6	11	2	\$59,235
16 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	5	6	1	\$56,478
17 Acclamation, 2006, by Unusual Heat	4	7	1	\$52,035
18 Time to Get Even, 2004, by Stephen Got Even	4	9	1	\$50,845
19 Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	3	4	2	\$47,985
20 Sierra Sunset, 2005, by Bertrando	4	8	1	\$44,250

2016 LEADING SIRES OF TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN CALIFORNIA BY NUMBER OF WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Races Won	Earned
1 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	9	4	5	\$325,835
U S Ranger, 2004, by Danzig	18	4	4	\$121,185
3 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	14	3	4	\$193,165
Empire Way, 2009, by Empire Maker	7	3	3	\$162,717
Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	9	3	3	\$117,735
Slew's Tiznow, 2005, by Tiznow	5	3	3	\$71,785
Southern Image, 2000, by Halo's Image	5	3	4	\$33,552
Tannersmyman, 1998, by Lord Carson	3	3	3	\$22,705
9 † Thorn Song, 2003, by Unbridled's Song	12	2	4	\$171,455
† Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	8	2	3	\$111,503
Coil, 2008, by Point Given	11	2	2	\$69,715
Idiot Proof, 2004, by Benchmark	2	2	3	\$62,870
Calimonco, 2006, by Storm Cat	6	2	2	\$59,235
Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	3	2	2	\$47,985
The Pamplemousse, 2006, by Kafwain	5	2	2	\$27,405

2016 LEADING SIRES OF TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN CALIFORNIA BY AVERAGE EARNINGS PER RUNNER (MINIMUM 5 RUNNERS)

Sire	Rnrs	Races Won	Earned	Earnings/Runner
1 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	9	5	\$325,835	\$36,204
2 Empire Way, 2009, by Empire Maker	7	3	\$162,717	\$23,245
3 Slew's Tiznow, 2005, by Tiznow	5	3	\$71,785	\$14,357
4 † Thorn Song, 2003, by Unbridled's Song	12	4	\$171,455	\$14,288
5 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	8	3	\$111,503	\$13,938
6 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	14	4	\$193,165	\$13,798
7 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	5	1	\$66,270	\$13,254
8 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	9	3	\$117,735	\$13,082
9 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	5	1	\$56,478	\$11,296
10 Calimonco, 2006, by Storm Cat	6	2	\$59,235	\$9,873
11 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	11	2	\$108,164	\$9,833
12 Dixie Chatter, 2005, by Dixie Union	7	1	\$65,319	\$9,331
13 U S Ranger, 2004, by Danzig	18	4	\$121,185	\$6,733
14 Southern Image, 2000, by Halo's Image	5	4	\$33,552	\$6,710
15 Coil, 2008, by Point Given	11	2	\$69,715	\$6,338
16 Heatseeker (IRE), 2003, by Giant's Causeway	11	1	\$66,642	\$6,058
17 The Pamplemousse, 2006, by Kafwain	5	2	\$27,405	\$5,481
18 Informed, 2004, by Tiznow	6	0	\$22,471	\$3,745
19 Awesome Gambler, 2004, by Coronado's Quest	6	1	\$14,711	\$2,452
20 Kafwain, 2000, by Cherokee Run	7	0	\$16,845	\$2,406

2016 LEADING SIRES OF TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN CALIFORNIA BY NUMBER OF RACES WON

Sire	Rnrs	Strts	Races Won	Earned
1 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	9	24	5	\$325,835
2 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	14	23	4	\$193,165
† Thorn Song, 2003, by Unbridled's Song	12	21	4	\$171,455
U S Ranger, 2004, by Danzig	18	43	4	\$121,185
Southern Image, 2000, by Halo's Image	5	18	4	\$33,552
6 Empire Way, 2009, by Empire Maker	7	18	3	\$162,717
Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	9	19	3	\$117,735
† Tribal Rule, 1996-14, by Storm Cat	8	14	3	\$111,503
Slew's Tiznow, 2005, by Tiznow	5	9	3	\$71,785
Idiot Proof, 2004, by Benchmark	2	4	3	\$62,870
Tannersmyman, 1998, by Lord Carson	3	7	3	\$22,705
12 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	11	21	2	\$108,164
Coil, 2008, by Point Given	11	13	2	\$69,715
Calimonco, 2006, by Storm Cat	6	11	2	\$59,235
Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	3	4	2	\$47,985
The Pamplemousse, 2006, by Kafwain	5	13	2	\$27,405



2016 LEADING LIFETIME SIRES IN CALIFORNIA (50 OR MORE NAMED FOALS)

Stallion (Foreign Foaled), Year, Sire	Crops	Avg Size	Named Foals	Runners	Winners	2YO Winners	Stakes Winners	Graded Stakes Winners	Progeny Earnings	AEI	Comp Index
1 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	16	47	747	551-74%	397-53%	53-7%	42-6%	12-2%	\$51,797,121	2.00	1.24
2 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	7	41	290	208-72%	130-45%	42-14%	4-1%	1-0%	\$21,278,259	1.71	1.20
3 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	4	27	107	85-79%	59-55%	20-19%	7-7%	1-1%	\$5,659,765	1.68	0.92
4 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	4	14	54	40-74%	32-59%	8-15%	3-6%	0-0%	\$2,706,936	1.64	1.34
5 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	9	19	171	118-69%	73-43%	10-6%	9-5%	3-2%	\$8,177,836	1.54	1.09
6 † In Excess (IRE), 1987, by Siberian Express	19	52	994	748-75%	562-57%	117-12%	57-6%	11-1%	\$46,784,117	1.52	1.36
7 † Salt Lake, 1989, by Deputy Minister	18	68	1225	864-71%	686-56%	201-16%	50-4%	9-1%	\$59,526,444	1.39	1.36
8 † Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	18	59	1066	821-77%	582-55%	124-12%	52-5%	15-1%	\$49,806,525	1.32	1.48
9 Cyclotron, 2000, by Grand Slam	7	13	92	44-48%	31-34%	0-0%	1-1%	1-1%	\$2,441,302	1.31	1.23
10 † Birdonthewire, 1989, by Proud Birdie	18	15	271	199-73%	144-53%	40-15%	12-4%	1-0%	\$13,071,043	1.30	1.32
11 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	11	63	692	486-70%	358-52%	118-17%	32-5%	6-1%	\$31,111,611	1.29	1.08
12 Eddington, 2001, by Unbridled	8	48	384	306-80%	229-60%	58-15%	9-2%	3-1%	\$19,296,108	1.28	1.48
13 Heatseeker (IRE), 2003, by Giant's Causeway	5	36	180	118-66%	71-39%	22-12%	7-4%	1-1%	\$5,495,790	1.23	1.32
14 † Benchmark, 1991, by Alydar	15	48	721	559-78%	432-60%	107-15%	28-4%	9-1%	\$34,301,002	1.20	1.10
Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	7	106	739	499-68%	359-49%	117-16%	29-4%	6-1%	\$30,769,750	1.20	1.80
Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	5	40	199	108-54%	69-35%	20-10%	4-2%	1-1%	\$5,294,821	1.20	0.99
17 One Man Army, 1994, by Roman Diplomat	9	9	84	55-65%	39-46%	3-4%	2-2%	1-1%	\$2,899,942	1.17	0.95
18 Peppered Cat, 2000, by Tabasco Cat	9	8	68	43-63%	30-44%	4-6%	1-1%	1-1%	\$2,438,547	1.15	0.66
19 † Stormin Fever, 1994, by Storm Cat	14	54	762	567-74%	393-52%	117-15%	26-3%	9-1%	\$30,442,532	1.14	1.36
20 Southern Image, 2000, by Halo's Image	8	61	488	231-47%	165-34%	46-9%	7-1%	1-0%	\$12,833,923	1.12	1.18
21 † Cindago, 2003, by Indian Charlie	6	16	94	70-74%	54-57%	11-12%	3-3%	0-0%	\$3,617,485	1.09	1.34
Tizbud, 1999, by Cee's Tizzy	9	19	167	108-65%	71-43%	9-5%	5-3%	1-1%	\$5,796,092	1.09	0.89
23 Kafwain, 2000, by Cherokee Run	10	56	560	410-73%	297-53%	93-17%	18-3%	6-1%	\$19,461,164	1.08	1.23
24 Hold for Gold, 1995, by Red Ransom	12	11	135	105-78%	75-56%	16-12%	4-3%	0-0%	\$5,570,348	1.05	1.11
Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	8	43	345	259-75%	185-54%	48-14%	14-4%	2-1%	\$14,092,768	1.05	0.93
26 Decarchy, 1997, by Distant View	10	36	358	258-72%	181-51%	43-12%	12-3%	1-0%	\$14,034,681	1.04	0.97
27 Robannier, 1991, by Batonnier	17	7	112	71-63%	41-37%	8-7%	3-3%	0-0%	\$3,032,962	1.03	0.98
28 Formal Gold, 1993, by Black Tie Affair (IRE)	15	35	518	419-81%	331-64%	83-16%	17-3%	5-1%	\$20,547,074	1.02	1.26
29 Atticus, 1992, by Nureyev	16	30	476	344-72%	215-45%	41-9%	11-2%	4-1%	\$14,705,002	1.01	1.41
30 Desert Code, 2004, by E Dubai	4	24	96	59-61%	39-41%	12-13%	2-2%	0-0%	\$2,474,506	0.98	1.12
• Redattore (BRZ), 1995, by Roi Normand	5	144	719	155-22%	105-15%	10-1%	3-0%	1-0%	\$7,364,438	0.98	1.19
Slewescent, 1988, by Seattle Slew	22	13	276	215-78%	95-34%	19-7%	5-2%	3-1%	\$7,564,341	0.98	0.80
33 † Popular, 1999, by Saint Ballado	9	11	96	68-71%	50-52%	19-20%	1-1%	1-1%	\$3,196,344	0.97	0.94
34 Old Topper, 1995, by Gilded Time	13	41	533	424-80%	327-61%	112-21%	19-4%	1-0%	\$20,817,326	0.95	0.84
35 Silic (FR), 1995, by Sillery	12	16	186	138-74%	86-46%	13-7%	3-2%	1-1%	\$8,297,913	0.93	0.91
† Western Fame, 1992, by Gone West	14	21	298	202-68%	149-50%	46-15%	12-4%	0-0%	\$8,812,273	0.93	0.81
37 Lightnin N Thunder, 2001, by Storm Cat	10	20	197	142-72%	95-48%	28-14%	6-3%	0-0%	\$5,695,959	0.87	1.07
† Lucky J. H., 2002, by Cee's Tizzy	5	16	81	54-67%	36-44%	12-15%	1-1%	0-0%	\$2,093,833	0.87	1.23
Papa Clem, 2006, by Smart Strike	4	51	203	125-62%	78-38%	24-12%	4-2%	0-0%	\$3,851,944	0.87	1.18
40 Crafty C. T., 1998, by Crafty Prospector	5	44	221	52-24%	41-19%	9-4%	2-1%	0-0%	\$2,913,120	0.86	1.04
† Game Plan, 1993, by Danzig	17	26	440	325-74%	256-58%	57-13%	17-4%	3-1%	\$14,598,766	0.86	0.79
Marino Marini, 2000, by Storm Cat	9	39	351	258-74%	182-52%	38-11%	4-1%	0-0%	\$10,327,260	0.86	0.99
Rocky Bar, 1998, by In Excess (IRE)	9	17	152	111-73%	89-59%	27-18%	9-6%	1-1%	\$5,301,192	0.86	0.85
44 Sea of Secrets, 1995, by Storm Cat	14	34	476	395-83%	284-60%	79-17%	16-3%	2-0%	\$18,929,668	0.85	1.05
45 Sierra Sunset, 2005, by Bertrando	2	27	53	21-40%	8-15%	5-9%	0-0%	0-0%	\$405,970	0.84	0.82
46 Comic Strip, 1995, by Red Ransom	14	24	332	248-75%	182-55%	43-13%	11-3%	0-0%	\$9,683,939	0.82	1.11
47 Globalize, 1997, by Summer Squall	12	15	180	129-72%	92-51%	34-19%	4-2%	0-0%	\$5,204,938	0.81	0.76
† Sought After, 2000, by Seeking the Gold	11	11	118	78-66%	53-45%	13-11%	2-2%	1-1%	\$2,841,948	0.81	0.81
49 Awesome Gambler, 2004, by Coronado's Quest	6	32	193	124-64%	60-31%	20-10%	1-1%	1-1%	\$3,612,309	0.79	0.77

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Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Del Mar	July 15-Sept. 5
Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley	Aug. 19-Sept. 18
Los Angeles County Fair at Los Alamitos Race Course, Los Alamitos	Sept. 8-25
Oak Tree at Pleasanton	Sept. 23-Oct. 2
Santa Anita Park, Arcadia	Sept. 30-Nov. 6
Fresno County Fair, Fresno	Oct. 6-16
Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley	Oct. 19-Dec. 20
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Los Alamitos Race Course, Los Alamitos	Dec. 7-20

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

DEL MAR

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

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Two-Year-Olds, 6 furlongs

LOS ALAMITOS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

\$75,000 E.B. Johnston Stakes
3-Year-Olds & Up
1 mile

FRESNO

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

\$100,000 Harris Farms Stakes
3-Year-Olds & Up
6 furlongs

SANTA ANITA

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

\$100,000 California Distaff
3-Year-Olds & Up, Fillies and Mares
abt. 6 1/2 furlongs (Turf)

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

\$100,000 California Flag Handicap
3-Year-Olds & Up
abt. 6 1/2 furlongs (Turf)





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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016 REGIONAL STAKES RACES

	Date	Track	Stakes (Grade)	Conditions	Distance	Added Value
SEPTEMBER	2	Dmr	I'm Smokin Stakes	2-y-o, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	6 f.	\$150,000
	3	Dmr	Del Mar Debutante (Gr. I)	2-y-o f.	7 f.	\$300,000
	3	Dmr	Del Mar Juvenile Turf	2-y-o	1 m. (T)	\$100,000
	4	Dmr	John C. Mabee Stakes (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 1/8 m. (T)	\$200,000
	4	Dmr	Del Mar Derby (Gr. II)	3-y-o	1 1/8 m. (T)	\$250,000
	5	Dmr	Del Mar Futurity (Gr. I)	2-y-o	7 f.	\$300,000
	5	Dmr	Pirate's Bounty Stakes	3-y-o & up	5 1/2 f.	\$75,000
	5	Dmr	Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf	2-y-o f.	1 m. (T)	\$100,000
	5	GGF	Rolling Green Stakes	3-y-o & up	1 1/16 m. (T)	\$50,000
	10	LA	Beverly J. Lewis Stakes	3-y-o f.	6 f.	\$75,000
	10	LA	E.B. Johnston Stakes	3-y-o & up, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	1 m.	\$75,000
	17	LA	Barretts Debutante Stakes	2-y-o f.	6 1/2 f.	\$100,000
	18	LA	Barretts Juvenile Stakes	2-y-o	6 1/2 f.	\$100,000
	24	LA	Los Alamitos Derby (Gr. II)	3-y-o	1 1/8 m.	\$200,000
30	SA	Eddie D. Stakes (Gr. III)	3-y-o & up	abt. 6 1/2 f. (T)	\$100,000	
OCTOBER	1	SA	Awesome Again Stakes (Gr. I)	3-y-o & up	1 1/8 m.	\$300,000
	1	SA	Chandelier Stakes (Gr. I)	2-y-o f.	1 1/16 m.	\$300,000
	1	SA	FrontRunner Stakes (Gr. I)	2-y-o	1 1/16 m.	\$300,000
	1	SA	Rodeo Drive Stakes (Gr. I)	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 1/4 m. (T)	\$300,000
	1	SA	Zenyatta Stakes (Gr. I)	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 1/16 m.	\$300,000
	1	SA	Unzip Me Stakes	3-y-o f.	abt. 6 1/2 f. (T)	\$70,000
	1	OTP	Oak Tree Juvenile	2-y-o	6 f.	\$50,000
	2	SA	John Henry Turf Championship (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up	1 1/4 m. (T)	\$200,000
	8	SA	City of Hope Mile (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up	1 m. (T)	\$200,000
	8	SA	Santa Anita Sprint Championship (Gr. I)	3-y-o & up	6 f.	\$300,000
	8	SA	Swingtime Stakes	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 m. (T)	\$70,000
	8	Fno	Harris Farms Stakes	3-y-o & up, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	6 f.	\$100,000
	9	SA	L.A. Woman Stakes (Gr. III)	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	6 1/2 f.	\$100,000
	10	SA	Surfer Girl Stakes	2-y-o f.	1 m. (T)	\$100,000
	10	SA	Zuma Beach Stakes	2-y-o	1 m. (T)	\$100,000
	15	SA	California Distaff Handicap	3-y-o & up, f. & m. Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	abt. 6 1/2 f. (T)	\$100,000
	15	Fno	The Bull Dog Handicap	3-y-o & up	1 1/8 m.	\$50,000
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29	SA	Autumn Miss Stakes (Gr. III)	3-y-o f.	1 m. (T)	\$100,000	
29	GGF	Pike Place Dancer Stakes	2-y-o f.	1 m. (T)	\$75,000	
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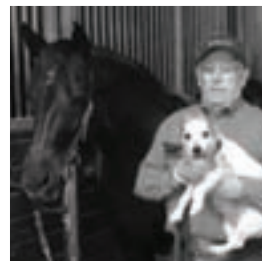
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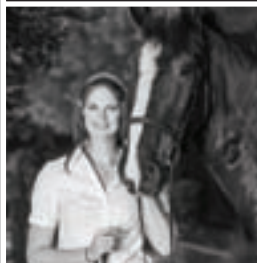


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