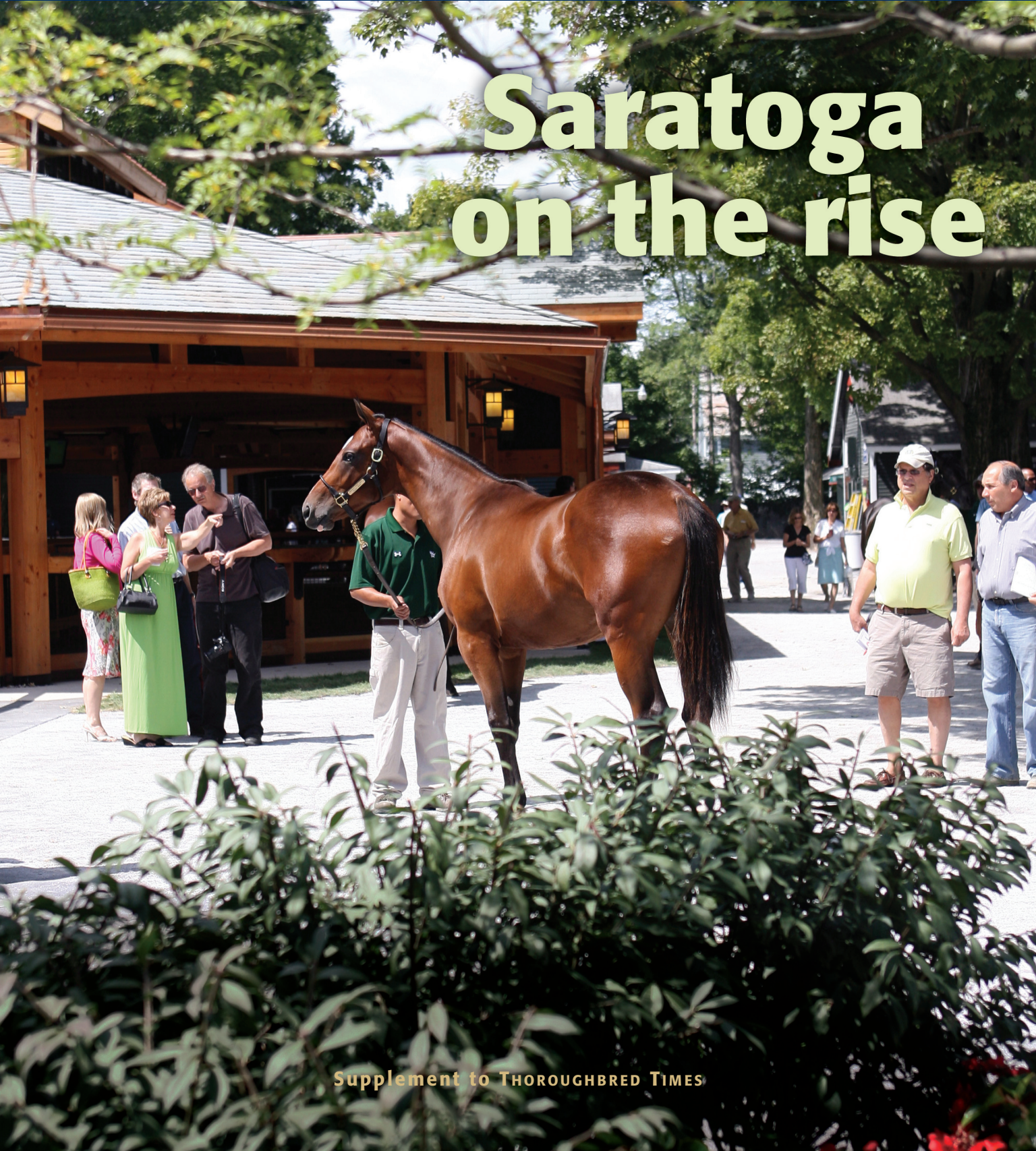


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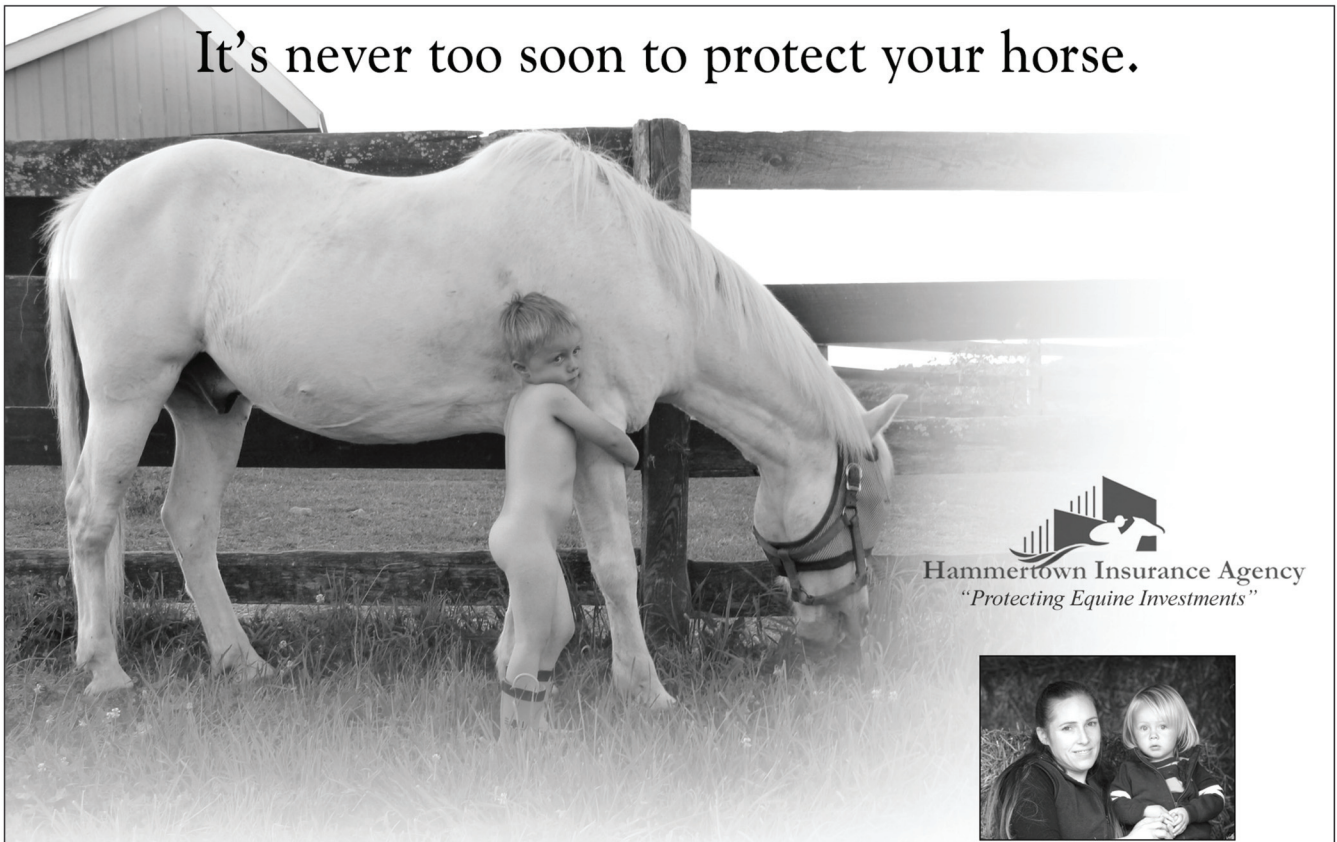
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How purses benefit New York state

Business is booming, and the state must take notice

by **Jeffrey A. Cannizzo, Executive Director**
New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc.

Following the release in July of the New York State Franchise Oversight Board's 2011 annual report, I began to read that members of the board were expressing the need to review whether racing has "actually benefited" from the enhanced purse structure funded by Genting's Resorts World Casino at Aqueduct.

I interpret this as a desire on the part of the board to see evidence that the 6.5% share of video lottery terminal (VLT) revenue that the New York Racing Association allocates to purses is having the desired positive bottom-line effect on the state's Thoroughbred industry. I suggest that the board might be asking a slightly different question, namely, "Are the increased purses actually stimulating the job-creating, job-sustaining, and tax-paying complex of activities, goods, and services that make up the world of breeding and racing, and therefore are they making a positive contribution to the economy of the state?"

The short answer is a resounding yes, but the longer answer needs to be spelled out.

Racing first. Most people have read about the dramatic bottom-line success of the NYRA race meets since the new purse structure kicked in. Total handle on the Aqueduct winter-spring meet was up 22.6% compared with 2011, while the Belmont spring-summer meet, which could also measure success by its influx of new horsemen from out of state and high-quality competition, showed a 9.4% increase in handle compared with last year. The well-documented correlation between increased purses, increased field size, and increased handle is therefore playing out perfectly according to script. As the new purse structure kicks in this year at the Saratoga meet, historically New York's most lucrative meet, NYRA will most likely set records for pari-mutuel wagering both on and off track. I believe the verdict is in: The business of New York racing, considered in isolation, has benefited from the higher purses.

But New York racing does not exist in isolation, and I would like to focus next on the positive effects of the new VLT-fueled purse structure on New York racing's closest partner: New York's breeding industry, whose fortunes—make no mistake—rise and fall with NYRA's.

In a nutshell, the recent explosion of economic activity in the breeding sector is directly attributable to NYRA's VLT-fueled purses, and this growth in the breeding industry is translating into concrete benefits for the state.

After a decade of decline during which the selection of a VLT operator was stuck in political limbo, the selection of Genting instantly produced positive results for breeders. Let me begin with the 2011 two-year-old sales—the first major horse auctions to take place with the knowledge that Resorts World would be opening its doors for business at Aqueduct later in the year.

With the assurance that revenue would soon begin to flow to increase purses at the racetrack and incentive awards for breeders from the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund, New York-bred two-year-olds were nearly twice as valuable in 2011 as they were the year before, generating \$9,578,600 in gross sales, compared with \$5,082,300 in 2010. The results of the 2011 Fasig-Tipton New York-bred preferred yearling sale in August were even more dramatic: Total sales increased over the previous year by a staggering 83%. It was not the nature of the



JEFFREY A. CANNIZZO

New York-bred that had changed in a year, but its value in the eyes of prospective owners, whose eyes were firmly fixed on the horse's earning potential at the New York tracks.

Next came the breeding boom of 2012. Once NYRA officials announced a 36% purse hike for the 2012 Aqueduct winter-spring meet, and the Fund followed suit with a VLT-fueled 50% across-the-board increase in breeder awards for 2012, the economic engine of the breeding industry began to work in overdrive.

Stallion owners announced they were bringing high-quality individuals to stand at stud in New York. Many Kentucky operations initiated partnerships with New York farms with a view to bringing their mares here to foal. The anticipated influx of mares into the state led to the reopening of major commercial breeding operations and purchase of New York farm properties that had long been on the market.

The preliminary reports from the Fund on the 2012 foal crop offer early confirmation that the breeding industry has been revitalized virtually overnight. Mares flocked to state to foal, and as of May 31 nearly 40% more foals had been born in New York than by the same date last year.

Let's turn now to the all-important trickle-down effect of increased purses on the state.

Along with influx of upward of 500 new mares into New York this year comes an increased demand for goods (hay, bedding, feed, equipment) and services (veterinarian, farrier, sales prep, boarding, transportation, stud fees), along with increased capital expenditure (barns, fences, tractors). According to the National Economic Impact Study done by Deloitte Consulting in 2005, horse owners in the state spend \$2.4-billion annually in goods and services, while state collects more than \$120-million annually from the equine industry in taxes. Most important, the breeding industry offers New York state what it needs most: jobs, jobs, and more jobs, with each mare creating or sustaining four direct or indirect jobs.

Flash back two years. The 2010 breeding season was a disaster. After ten years of political wrangling over a VLT operator, and no solution in sight, the foal crop of 2011 fell off dramatically to its lowest level in more than a decade (1,450), with only 725 foals on the ground through the first five months of 2011. In 2012, with VLT revenue driving the engine, 1,011 foals were born in New York in the same time frame. And growth is stimulating more growth. Fasig-Tipton has recently added a new fall mixed sale to take place in Saratoga in response to feedback from clients. The marketplace for New York-breds is booming.

So if the Franchise Oversight Board chooses to review the effects of VLT-fueled purse hikes, I believe it will find that is not merely racing that is "actually benefitting." Profits are coming to the state from the increased pari-mutuel tax revenue generated by the higher purses. A revitalized breeding industry is putting farmland back into service and agricultural service providers back to work across the state. Last, but not least, with Saratoga purses attracting the best our sport has to offer, tourists will be supporting the local economies of upstate New York like never before.

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A new home

O'Cains' Highcliff operation relocates to Mill Creek Farm

BY JOE NEVILLS

Calling the past 12 months in the lives of Suzie and Lynwood "Doc" O'Cain, D.V.M., a roller coaster year would be an easy analogy to make, but it would be inaccurate. When a person steps off a roller coaster, they are usually at the same place where they began.

After managing the late Carl Lizza Jr.'s Highcliff Farm in Delanson for nearly a quarter-century, the O'Cains have relocated their operation about 60 miles east to Stillwater to form Highcliff at Mill Creek Farm.

The series of events that led to the move began in July 2011 when Lizza, one of New York's leading owners and breeders, died at age 73. He purchased Highcliff in 1989 with Joseph Bartone, and he kept his mares and stood stallions there.

After his death, the horses that comprised Lizza's Flying Zee Stable were sold off in a multiphase dispersal at auctions in Kentucky, Maryland, and New York. Though Lizza's horses made up a significant portion of the equine population at Highcliff, the farm was still well-populated with mares boarding to foal and be bred in a booming New York market.

However, the heirs to Lizza's estate showed little interest in maintaining a Thoroughbred operation following the dispersal and have put the farm up for sale. With their future on uncertain terms, the O'Cains began to examine their options, which included buying the farm themselves.

"We knew that this was being tossed around for a while, so Doc and I have been thinking about this nonstop for a long time," Suzie O'Cain said. "Even if you don't know what's going to happen, you have to prepare for whatever could happen. We have a lot of horses and a lot of clients, and we wanted to make sure everything stayed intact, whatever happened at the end of the day."

During their search, the O'Cains were contacted by Anne Morgan and Tim Little of Mill Creek Farm as a potential destination. Having done business in the past through their breeding operations, a conversation over dinner sealed the deal.

"The farm is a very pretty, pristine farm," O'Cain said. "It's very manageable and the horses are extremely well taken care of, and of course that was our first concern."

The O'Cains began moving horses during the first week of July, just days before the first anniversary of Lizza's death. In total, they vanned 65 horses to the 100-acre facility, and re-

tained all of their clients throughout the transition.

Once the horses were loaded and gone, O'Cain said it was hard to say goodbye.

"I could have been the poster child for lunacy," she said. "You can't plan, you don't have a clue how it was going to hit Doc and I. It was the hardest thing in the world to accept leaving this farm, because after 23 years it kind of became ours. We took on the responsibility and it became who we were. It's so hard for us to imagine life without Highcliff."

In the new location, Lynwood will be the resident veterinarian but will shed the title of farm manager that he held at Highcliff. Though no longer at the farm itself, Suzie said the operation will retain the Highcliff name to help maintain the marketing continuity and reputation they have established over the past two decades.

One of the biggest benefits of the new location, Suzie said, is the freedom it will allow them. In addition to the lightened workload, their Saratoga Springs-area home will be much closer to their work than the 60-mile drive to Delanson, not to mention just minutes from Saratoga Race Course.

"We've had a home there since 2006 and we don't really live in it," she said. "We need to start having a little more to our life besides this being stuck out in the country. We wanted to be close to our friends, live in our home, and have a different lifestyle but still be with the horses."

"What changes for us is we have more of a personal life. We'll spend more time with our friends. It'll be a little easier for Doc. If he does his veterinary work and he gets a break, he comes home and we go play golf or something instead of being at it 24/7."

Though their location has changed, O'Cain said the staff and service that built the Highcliff reputation will remain the same.

"I think that the legacy is living on with Doc and I, and I'm proud of that," she said. "It would have been a lot harder for me after 23 years to walk away and not have the horses and the stallions, my help, my blacksmith up there waiting for me. As the vans drove out of here, I said to my husband, 'If they weren't going to where I was, I would be out of control right now.' But it didn't work like that, so we're okay."



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Sale of quality

The preferred yearling sale of New York-breds has been generating top runners for years

BY MARY SIMON

One of the feel-good stories in the Thoroughbred world in recent years has been the growth and increasing prosperity of New York's racing and breeding. Its lucrative, well-structured incentive program has long been recognized as a model, now more than ever as the positive effects of casino gaming revenues are being felt.

New York's marquee auction of state-breds, the Fasig-Tipton New York-bred preferred yearling sale held in conjunction with the company's historic Saratoga sale of selected yearlings, has maintained a fairly steady economic course over the past decade, with averages ranging from a record \$54,390 in 2008 to a low of \$39,106 in 2010. Last year's quick rebound to \$54,238 fell just a few dollars short of the all-time high, and represented a soaring sense of confidence in

the future of the New York program. Certainly there is no reason to believe that the sale's record average will not be broken at this year's sale, held on August 11-12 in the Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion in Saratoga Springs.

"There is no doubt this year's New York-bred sale is going to see double-digit increases in both gross and average," said Jeffrey Cannizzo, the executive director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders. "I say that with the utmost confidence based on multiple facts surrounding the New York racing scene and the state's foal crop. Even though the supply of New York-breds has been reduced to the market, the book is up in quality and quantity. Fasig-Tipton has done an excellent job here.

"Buyers need to look no further than the



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Signs point to strong New York-bred yearling sale

First-crop sires

Sires	Cataloged
†Noonmark	7
Colonel John	6
Old Fashioned	5
†Cosmonaut	3
Kodiak Cowboy	3
Pioneerof the Nile	3
Cowboy Cal	2
Dunkirk	2
†Tiago	2
Parading	1
Thewayyouare	1
Zensational	1

†Stands in New York

Saratoga program to see New York-breds are running for the greatest purse structure in America. It's a simple equation: Purses plus conditions equal earning potential. New York-breds have a set of conditions available to them that other horses on the grounds do not. They can run in restricted allowance races with purses of \$65,000 and then they can run in the same non-winners open company races with purses of \$85,000. New York-bred earnings potential is incomparable in our marketplace.

"This sale is set up to be a huge success for New York breeders, and future New York owners have much to look forward to."

Not only has the preferred sale been an annual showcase for some of the best of the local product, it has produced results in a big way. Eclipse Award winners Funny Cide and Fleet Indian were graduates of the 2001 and 2002 editions, respectively; Grade 1 winners Mission Approved and Behaving Badly have passed through the ring in the sale, along with a number of New York-bred champions. Current graded

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Notable sale graduates

Funny Cide, U.S. champion, Kentucky Derby (G1), Preakness S. (G1), \$3,529,412

Fleet Indian, U.S. champion, \$1,704,513

Mission Approved, (RNA), G1 winner, \$825,830

Capeside Lady, New York champion, G2 winner, \$809,540

Behaving Badly, New York champion, G1 winner, \$749,224

Ibboye, New York champion, \$701,822

Fiddlers Afleet, (RNA), \$607,045

Icabad Crane, \$580,895

Ice Cool Kitty, \$460,771

Mr. Vegas, G3 winner, \$318,173

Dayatthespa, G3 winner, \$274,892

Don't Forget Gil, New York champion, G3 winner

Final Mesa, New York champion, G3 winner

Chief Officer, New York champion

Swag Daddy, New York champion

Lawrence the Roman, New York champion

Tough Win, G1 winner, two-time Horse of the Year in Republic of Korea

Sergeant Karakorum, stakes winner over jumps

Italics indicates 2012 stakes winner

New fall sale in Saratoga

In response to feedback from New York clients and to meet the needs of the state's "fast-expanding Thoroughbred population," Fasig-Tipton Co. announced the addition of a fall mixed and horses of racing age sale that will be held in Saratoga Springs. Entries will close on August 3 for the one-day event to be held on Tuesday, October 9.

Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning said the timing of the sale makes it "ideal for weanlings, in-foal mares, and breeding prospects." He further notes that the date makes sense in that autumn is when "many major racing operations are making transitions to racing in Florida, the West Coast, and, of course, to the very attractive winter racing dates at Aqueduct."

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stakes winners and preferred sale grads Dayatthespa and Mr. Vegas have a chance to earn honors of their own by season's end.

Strong catalog

The 2012 preferred catalog, comprised of 259 New York-bred yearlings, is one of the strongest ever, both in terms of sire power and excellence on the dam's side.

Fourteen of America's top 30 sires by worldwide progeny earnings through midyear according to recent THOROUGHBRED TIMES data are represented—including the first-, fourth-, ninth-, 14th-, and 15th-ranked progenitors. By name, and in descending order, they are Tapit, City Zip, Awesome Again, Songandaprayer, and Tale of the Cat. As of mid-July, they were responsible for a combined 30 stakes winners, 13 graded or group winners, and earners of \$22.6-million. Songandaprayer tops the juvenile sire list, with seven winners already to his credit.

Additional well-regarded and proven sires with offspring cataloged are current national second-crop leader Scat

Daddy, sire of 2011 New York-bred champion and 2010 preferred sale graduate Swag Daddy, and top-30 general sire list progenitors Stormy Atlantic (16), Mineshaft (21), Grand Slam (22), More Than Ready (23), Fusaichi Pegasus (24), Lemon Drop Kid (25), Broken Vow (27), and Forestry (28).

New York's own perennial leader, Freud, has the most progeny in the catalog, with 22, followed by another established in-state sire, Posse

(14). Utopia (Jpn) (9), Blue-

grass Cat (4), Catienus (2), and Congaree (2) are other top-notch New York-based stallions with youngsters in the preferred sale.

Young blood, local blood

Annually, one of the most exciting aspects of yearling sales is anticipation of how the offspring of young sires will look and sell. An impressive group of first- and second-crop stallions are represented.

Tops numerically with seven offerings from his debut crop is Sequel Stallions' Noonmark, a beautifully bred graded stakes winner by Unbridled's Song. Right behind him with six first-crop yearlings is Kentucky-based 2008 Travers Stakes (G1) winner Colonel John, while another Kentucky stallion, Old Fashioned, has five in the catalog.

For New York breeders, the success of their regional sires is paramount. In addition to Noonmark, others who will be showcasing their first preferred yearlings include multiple Grade 1 winner Tiago (who stands at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds) and graded stakes-winning millionaire Cosmonaut (Highcliff at Mill Creek Farm).

Big-time bonus

The New York Racing Association has launched a lucrative bonus program in which juveniles who won maiden races at this year's Belmont Park (spring) or Aqueduct (winter-spring) meetings are eligible for a \$100,000 bonus if they go on to win in 2012 graded stakes company at any NYRA track.

Among the 25 eligibles are four males and three fillies who won New York-bred maiden races at Belmont. The Schuylerville Stakes (G3) for fillies on July 20 at Saratoga Race Course was the first graded stakes in which eligible runners could secure the bonus, followed on July 22 by the Sanford Stakes (G2). Five additional graded juvenile stakes will be carded at the Spa, although the schedule was still being finalized at press time.

The seven eligible New York-breds include the first winners for in-state freshman sires Bustin Stones and Frost Giant, as well as sons and daughters of Freud, Hook and Ladder, Discreet Cat, Chapel Royal, and Pomeroy.

Because the bonus counts toward the horse's official earnings, sire list standings also figure to be impacted.

Among the Empire State's second-crop yearling sires, those whose first foals are racing in 2012, are Frost Giant (Vinery New York), a Grade 1 winner by Giant's Causeway; and undefeated state champion Bustin Stones (Waldorf Farm), by former New York sire City Zip (who has ten in the sale). Both recently were represented by their first winner.

High-profile second-crop sires nationally also are featured in the New York-bred sessions. Two-time Horse of the Year Curlin, who already has three overseas winners, is represented by a half brother to stakes-winning Rereadthefootnotes. Dual classic winner and champion Big Brown has a pair of fillies cataloged, while two from the second crop of deceased 2007 champion juvenile male War Pass will be offered.

Impressive female families

The quality is not all on top. Twenty-nine stakes-winning mares have offspring in the sale, among them 2011 New York Broodmare of the Year Salty Romance—dam of current graded stakes-winning speedster Agave Kiss—and graded stakes winners by Unbridled, Lord Avie, and Cozzene.

Some of the world's leading broodmare sires are represented by stakes-class and/or stakes-producing dams—among them, Seattle Slew, Dixieland Band, Deputy Minister, Dynaformer, Rahy, Royal Academy, Lear Fan, Red Ransom, Capote, and Wild Again.

Yearlings cataloged are out of mares who have produced nearly 50 total stakes winners. Among the sale offerings are full brothers and sisters to North American graded stakes winners Stormy's Majesty, Gitchee Goomie, and Comedero; half siblings to graded or group stakes winners Jessica Is Back, Million Dollar Run, Twice as Bad, St Averil, and Arcadia's Angle; and full or half siblings to graded stakes-winning New York-bred champions Final Mesa and Incurable Optimist.

The sale will be held on August 11 and 12, with each session starting at 7 p.m.

Second-crop sires

Sires	Cataloged
†Frost Giant	7
Majestic Warrior	4
Street Hero	3
Big Brown	2
Midnight Lute	2
Ready's Image	2
Sightseeing	2
Street Boss	2
War Pass	2
†Bustin Stones	1
Curlin	1
Harlington	1
Heatseeker (Ire)	1
Nobiz Like Shobiz	1
Notional	1

†Stands in New York

Sires with most entries

Sires	Cataloged
†Freud	22
†Posse	14
City Zip (formerly stood in NY)	10
†Utopia (Jpn)	9
Afleet Alex	7
†Frost Giant	7
†Noonmark	7
Colonel John	6
Repent (formerly stood in NY)	6
Grand Slam	5
Mineshaft	5
Old Fashioned	5
Tale of the Cat	5
Bernstein	4
†Bluegrass Cat	4
Congrats	4
Fusaichi Pegasus	4
Henny Hughes	4
Indygo Shiner	4
Majestic Warrior	4
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News

Stakes winner and sire Key Contender dies

Grade 1 winner Key Contender was euthanized on June 29 due to complications from colic. The long-time New York-based stallion had been pensioned from breeding in February, and relocated from Highcliff Farm, where he had spent his entire stud career, to the Bobby Frankel Division of Old Friends at Cabin Creek near Saratoga Springs.

Bred in Virginia in 1988 by the late Paul Mellon, he was by 1984 New York Handicap Triple Crown winner Fit to Fight, out of graded stakes-placed Key Witness, and a half brother to multiple Grade 1 winner You'd Be Surprised. He ran several seasons in the colors of his breeder's famed Rokeby Stable, under the care of Racing Hall of Fame trainer Mack Miller. When Mellon decided to divest himself of some stock in 1994, Key Contender was among those consigned to the Fasig-Tipton New York horses of racing age sale that November. He was purchased by Carl Lizza Jr.'s Flying Zee Stable, for which he would finish up his career on the track.

Key Contender was undeniably fast—he established records



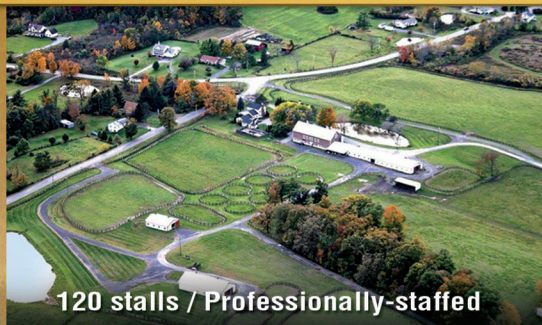
Key Contender at Old Friends New York with Joe Killenberger, his groom from Highcliff Farm

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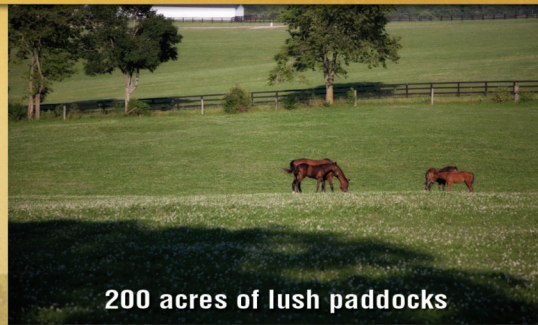
for a mile and 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles at Saratoga Race Course and Belmont Park, respectively. He had class, having competed well and often against some of the best horses in training. He was tough, versatile, and sound, but by mid-1995 he still lacked one all-important item on his résumé: a stakes victory. The Suburban Handicap (G1) on the Fourth of July would prove the remedy to that, and at age seven, in his 54th career start, Key Contender became not only a stakes winner ... but a Grade 1 winner. After two more starts, he was retired with 15 wins and earnings of \$839,261.

In 1996 Key Contender stood the first of what would be 15 seasons at Lizza's Highcliff Farm in Delanson, New York. He was eventually represented by 114 winners from 167 lifetime starters, but only three stakes winners. The best of those were Grade 3 winner Weathered and the hickory mare Ask Queenie, who scored 20 stakes victories at Suffolk Downs between 2003 and 2010. Key Contender's final crops are comprised of two yearlings and one colt of 2012.

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Rising sons

Two stallions from the Far East are making a splash in the Empire State

BY MARY SIMON

Two of America's more promising—and interesting—young sires these days are a pair of adopted New Yorkers. Each was an exceptional racehorse on the world stage a few years ago, each capable of uncorking 1:33 miles in graded company, and each with a pedigree to light up a catalog page. More importantly, both are off to almost equally impressive starts as progenitors, ranking one-two through midyear among New York's second-crop sires of 2012.

Impressive? For sure ... but arguably the most intriguing factoid about this pair has less to do with class and lineage than it does with the three parenthesized letters next to each of their names. Utopia (Jpn) and Silent Name (Jpn) represent a rather unusual phenomenon: high-quality Japanese-bred stallions serving mares in North America.

Although racing in Japan had kicked into high gear following World War II, for many years the country's breeding industry was built on the backs of confirmed or suspected international flops. By the 1960s and 1970s, the country had gained a reputation, fair or not, as a dumping ground for stallions considered not up to snuff to American or European standards ... a place where grand old racehorses too often went to die.

Cases in point: After flaming out at Marcel Boussac's famed French stud, in 1967 Iron Liege became the first Kentucky Derby winner (1957) exiled to the Land of the Rising Sun. He would be followed in succession by Chateaugay (1963 Derby winner), Kauai King (1966), Forward Pass (1968), and much later, Ferdinand (1986)—each disappointing in their early years at stud.

How times would change, as Japan's racing industry became established and money from wagering began flowing in torrents into breeding. After generations of taking what they could get, Japanese breeders suddenly found themselves taking what they wanted. To wit: fresh-off-the-track Kentucky Derby winners Charismatic and War Emblem, and established sires Johannesburg and Empire Maker found their way to Japan in the 2000s, and current Derby-Preakness winner I'll Have Another will soon follow.

This trend began in earnest around 1990, when breeder Zenya Yoshida set his sights on Sunday Silence ... and got him.

Not so silent

America's marquee racehorse of the late 1980s was unquestionably Sunday Silence, a dual classic winner, Horse of the Year, multimillionaire, and future Racing Hall of Fame inductee. The nearly black son of Halo was so good, his legendary trainer Charlie Whittingham called him "the best I've had in my lifetime."

However, something curious happened to Sunday Silence on the way to the breeding shed: While American breeders stood in line to fill arch rival Easy Goer's 1991 book with some of the finest mares in the world, Sunday Silence was being far less passionately received. Managing partner Arthur Hancock III saw the writing on the wall, so when minority owner Yoshida offered to buy out his partners, his offer was accepted. "The industry made the decision," explained Hancock, who had hoped to stand the champion at his Stone Farm in Kentucky.

Of course, Sunday Silence became the most successful progenitor in the history of Japanese breeding, leading the sire list there 13 times, with 172 stakes winners and 25 champions to his credit before his untimely death in 2002. Several sons have since carried on for him in their native land, including two-time Horse of the Year Deep Impact and champion Dance in the Dark.



Barbara Livingston photo

Utopia has 18 winners of more than \$1-million combined

Pure gold

Claiborne Farm's 1987 champion juvenile male, Forty Niner, took a somewhat different path to Japan. The Eclipse Award winner had entered stud in Kentucky in 1989 with sky-high expectations, as a beautifully bred, jaw-dropping miler by Mr. Prospector, who had raced drug free and retired sound. "He will make a great, great sire," trainer Woody Stephens enthused, with Claiborne President Seth Hancock predicting that "in five or six years he will be one of the most desirable stallions in the world."

In six years, however, Forty Niner was on a plane headed out of the country, having been sold for \$10-million to the Japan Racing Association. American breeders can be harsh masters, often lacking in patience. Though Forty Niner's first three crops had produced 15 stakes winners by late 1995, there was nary a champion or a classic winner among them to that point ... so, it was sayonara. Forty Niner eventually got 57 stakes winners before being pensioned in 2007. He was a solidly successful stallion, if not a home-run hitter ... and he never did get that champion American breeders had been waiting for.

The story over the long haul was not so much about his own record, as it was about his sons. Forty Niner's male offspring have included 2011 leading North American sire Distorted Humor, noted Japan-based progenitor End Sweep, and such regional U.S. standouts as Cartwright (Illinois), Mercer Mill (Ohio), Gold Fever (New York), Gold Case (New Mexico), and Roar (California).

Reciprocity ... at last

Of course, North America never saw Sunday Silence or Forty Niner again, and if history was a reliable bellwether, American breeders would not get their hands on many, if any, of their good sons foaled across the water. As previously noted, however, times began to change, especially in the first decade of the new millennium. In 2004, American-raced Grade 2 winner Sunday Break (Jpn) entered stud in Kentucky, and three years later, stakes winner Agnes Gold (Jpn) did the same in Florida. Those Sunday Silence stallions later shipped to other shores, but their appearance here represented the start of something new.

The year 2008 witnessed a breakthrough in the Japanese-

American equine trade. Japan-raced champion Hat Trick (Jpn) and multiple graded stakes-winning turf specialist Silent Name retired to the Bluegrass that spring. Also entering the American stud in 2008 was Forty Niner's best Japanese-sired son and leading money winner Utopia, who headed straight to McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds in upstate New York.

Utopia-n existence

Somewhat ironic though not surprising is the fact that Utopia's family is about as all-American as it gets in these days of global genetic perambulation. His dam was an unraced daughter of nine-time leading Japanese sire Northern Taste, a Canadian-bred, European-raced son of Northern Dancer who went to Japan in 1975. Utopia descends on the distaff side from the Calumet family of Racing Hall of Fame champions Two Lea, Tim Tam, and Chris Evert.

Classy and gritty, Utopia raced five seasons in Japan. He did not win often, just seven times in 30 starts, but when he did, he made it count—four of those victories came in Japanese stakes, at ages two, three, four, and five.

In 2006, then-owner Makoto Kaneko gamely sent Utopia across the world to Dubai where he won the Godolphin Mile (UAE-G2) in his only start, and in the process caught the eye of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum. In quick order, he landed in the Godolphin Racing stable and a year later he ripped off a 1:33.23 mile in winning Belmont Park's Westchester Handicap (G3), in his first start for his new owner. The original plan had been to stand him at Darley Japan, but in 2008 the sound graded/group winner of \$4,913,585 instead headed off to McMahon.

Utopia's debut crop arrived in 2009 and has thus far produced 18 winners of more than \$1-million combined—good enough to rank him high nationally among second-crop sires, and first in New York. On May 7, I'll Stake U became his first stakes win-

ner with a score in the \$100,000 Times Square Stakes for state-breds at Belmont. He also has been represented by the three-year-old filly Oh Molly Brannigan, who is multiple stakes-placed in California this season.

Silent no more

Unlike Utopia, who excelled on dirt courses from about seven to ten furlongs, Silent Name was at his best at up to a mile on grass. Bred by Wertheimer and Frere (the racing and breeding partnership of brothers Alain and Gerard Wertheimer), the Sunday Silence colt took a pair of stakes at Deauville in 2005 before an interest in him was sold to American breeder Frank Stronach. Silent Name subsequently won Grade 2 races at Keeneland Race Course (on Polytrack) and Santa Anita Park, and placed three times in Grade 1 company on turf en route to earnings of \$663,431.

He stood his first two seasons at Stronach's Adena Springs Kentucky and the next two at Gardiner Farms in Canada, before joining Utopia at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds for the 2011 breeding season.

Silent Name's offspring have so far proven to be precocious runners, with a penchant for turf. In 2011, he co-led all New York sires by first-crop winners (six) and was third by earnings behind deceased Sunriver and Utopia. This year, he again leads the state's second-crop sires by winners, with 16—tied with Utopia.

To date, he has been represented by 11 turf starters, eight of which have won over that surface, and his 2012 juveniles have included a pair of impressive recent maiden special winners at Woodbine. Silent Name presently stands atop New York's juvenile sire list by current year progeny earnings, ahead of Bluegrass Cat, Bustin Stones, and regional stalwart Freud.

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One-two out of state

Gitchee Goomie and Hessonite top graded race in Pennsylvania

BY MARY SIMON

New York-breds finished one-two in the newly graded \$250,000 Dr. James Penny Memorial Handicap (G3) on July 3 at Parx Racing. Patsy Symons' Gitchee Goomie overcame traffic in the stretch run of the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile grass contest to win by a half-length over Hessonite, who earned 2011 state-bred honors in the female turf division. In winning, Gitchee Goomie became the latest New York-bred to join the ever-expanding ranks of graded stakes winners.

If Hessonite was best last year, it seems Gitchee Goomie has turned the tables on her in 2012—at least, so far. Five weeks prior to the Penny Memorial, Gitchee Goomie had notched a near-identical half-length victory over her year-younger rival in the restricted Mount Vernon Stakes at a mile on the Belmont Park grass course.

Turf is definitely Gitchee Goomie's forte, and she comes by that penchant honestly. Her sire, City Zip, was a brilliant dirt flyer, but her dam was a tough-as-nails turf specialist who ground out a \$382,310 bankroll the hard way—racing 87 times through the age of nine, mostly in claimers, and scoring all 13 of her victories on grass. The offspring of these polar opposites seems to have inherited racing class from her sire and a taste for the greensward from her dam, Riotous Miss. Gitchee Goomie's seven wins thus far all have been on turf. In fact, in 19 career starts, she has never competitively set foot on a dirt track.

Gitchee Goomie was bred by Barry Ostrager and foaled at Dutchess Views Farm in Pine Plains, on February 5, 2007. She is trained by Rick Violette Jr. and was guided to her graded victory by regular rider Alan Garcia. The five-year-old mare has been exceptionally consistent throughout her career; she has finished on the board in 17 of 19 starts and her earnings currently stand at \$648,020. Gitchee Goomie's only unplaced efforts thus far have come in Woodbine's 2009 Natalma Stakes (Can-G3) as a two-year-old and in the 2011 Flower Bowl Invitational Stakes (G1).

Get Serious wins Red Bank again

James Dinan's and Phantom House Farm's eight-year-old gelding Get Serious proved emphatically on July 4 that he hasn't lost a step to age and that he is most certainly an extraordinary horse for one particular course. At an age when most horses are happily retired or sliding down the slippery class slope, this son of former New York-based sire City Zip out of Java Gal, by Java Gold, seems to have sipped from the fountain of youth as he tears through a sixth season of competition.

Get Serious celebrated Independence Day with an energetic and blazing-fast, gate-to-wire score under regular rider Pablo Fragoso in the one-mile Red Bank Stakes (G3)—his third victory in that event and his 11th career win over the speed-favoring Monmouth Park turf course. Although he has long been a fan favorite at the New Jersey track, the crowd on hand for the 2012 Red Bank was not convinced he had returned to his old form and he was dismissed as the 5.20-to-1 fifth choice in the six-horse field. It took Get Serious just 1:32.63 to turn doubters into believers, with a determined half-length tally over pace-pressing El Commodore. Remarkably, it was the gelding's fourth sub-1:33 mile clocking.

The \$60,000 winner's purse moved Get Serious from 24th to 18th on the all-time New York-bred career earnings list, with \$1,098,091. Co-owner and trainer John Forbes noted after the



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Gitchee Goomie records first career graded stakes win in Dr. James Penny Memorial at Parx

race that age has mellowed the once-cantankerous youngster, but without diminishing his razor-sharp speed and will to win.

"We were concerned when he was getting pushed a little for most of the way," Forbes said, "but he's as game as they get. As he's gotten older, he's learned to relax more when there is a horse at his flank."

Get Serious was bred by Morgan's Ford Farm and foaled on May 8, 2004, at Gallagher's Stud in Ghent. Forbes purchased him for \$130,000 at the 2005 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern fall yearling sale, after which he proved headstrong in early training. Gelded and unraced at two, Get Serious evolved slowly under Forbes' masterful care into a racehorse of remarkable talent. He scored his first stakes victory at four, on dirt, in the 2008 Alysheba Stakes at the Meadowlands, but ever since it has been all about Monmouth grass. Get Serious has added eight additional black-type scores to his résumé—all at his favorite track, all but one on his favorite surface.

Fiddlers Afleet wins big at Belmont

Lightly raced Fiddlers Afleet returned to top form for the first time in three seasons, with a spectacular 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ -length tally in the July 6 Chasin' Wimmin' Stakes at Belmont. Making his first start for trainer David Jacobson and his third since being claimed by Gary and Cecil Barber for \$40,000 at Santa Anita Park in April, the six-year-old son of Northern Afleet was reserved off the early pace by jockey David Cohen before drawing off to a win in final time of 1:09.72 for six furlongs on Belmont's main track.

Fiddlers Afleet was in utero when his stakes-winning dam, American Tango, sold for \$32,000 at the 2005 Keeneland November breeding stock sale; less than three months later, the bay colt arrived at Hidden Lake Farm in the Hudson Valley. Breeders of record are Hidden Lake Farm, Richard K. Gallagher, and Joan T. Simpson. As a yearling, Fiddlers Afleet was consigned to Fasig-Tipton's New York-bred preferred sale, but while the sale averaged \$51,606 that year, he left the ring unsold at \$14,000.

The colt nobody wanted five years ago has since become a reliable gem of versatility. He has hit the board in 16 of 25 career starts, scored in a trio of stakes, banked \$607,045, won from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs to 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles, on dirt and grass, and in both open and

restricted company. His biggest—and most recent—black-type victory prior to July 6 was the \$400,000 Oklahoma Derby in 2009, and the race prior to that he captured Saratoga's \$150,000 restricted Albany Stakes.

Fiddlers Afleet has since dipped in and out of upper-level claiming company, although after his smashing triumph in the Chasin' Wimmin', it is hard to imagine he will be entered for a tag anytime soon.

This curiously named \$85,000 overnight stakes pays tribute to a multiple stakes-winning New York-bred gelding of a decade ago.

Karma Police scores in stakes debut

Karma Police has a history of being underestimated. As a 2010 Keeneland September yearling, she fetched a miserly \$1,700 at a sale that averaged nearly \$65,000; months later, she was hammered down for \$20,000 at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. spring two-year-olds in training sale. As far as pinhooks go, hers was an impressive markup, but her price nevertheless remained notably below the sale average.

When Karma Police reached the races in 2011, she began a slow, inexorable drift down the claiming ladder. The descent bottomed out at a \$14,000 claiming price on March 1, 2012, claimed by trainer Joseph Signore Jr. on behalf of Glenridge Stable.

The sophomore daughter of Consolidator won for her new owner three months later, taking a six-furlong Belmont state-bred allowance race by 2½ lengths. The former \$1,700 oversight became a first-time stakes winner four weeks after that, when she captured the \$50,000 Niagara Stakes on July 4 at Finger Lakes. Carded at six furlongs for three-year-old New York-bred fillies, the race drew a field of eight, which the winner dispatched with ease under Pedro Rodriguez.

Karma Police was bred by Purdy Edelberg Breeders and foaled

at Ivy League Farm in Ithaca. She is the second foal and only winner to date of the Put It Back mare Putbackthegliders, who has a current-year foal by New York-based Cosmonaut.

Karma Police is the sixth stakes winner to represent her sire, a Grade 1-winning son of Storm Cat who was exported to the Philippines last fall. Although her 1.86 dosage index indicates a propensity for stamina, the filly's four wins to date have all been at six furlongs.

Windward Stakes to Mystic City

Stakes winners came fast and furious for former New York sire City Zip, who hit with three good New York-breds over the July 3-4 holiday. Gitchee Goomie and Get Serious took Grade 3 contests at Parx Racing and Monmouth Park, respectively, while Mystic City scored her first black-type victory at Presque Isle Downs.

Saddled by Anthony Ferraro, piloted by Pedro Rodriguez, and dismissed at 12.80-to-1 in wagering for the \$100,600 Windward Stakes, Mystic City rolled to a leisurely, front-running, three-quarter-length victory, getting the two-turn mile on the synthetic Tapeta Footings surface in 1:38.03.

The five-year-old mare has won four of 22 starts and earned \$207,601. She was bred by Dennis and Deborah Petrisak and was offered, though bought back for \$24,000, at the 2008 Fasig-Tipton New York-bred preferred yearling sale.

Mystic City campaigns for her breeders' Langpap Stables. Foaled on March 2, 2007, she is one of 37 stakes winners to represent the now-Kentucky-based City Zip through mid-July and was the first foal out of the unraced Devil's Bag mare Devilish Imp. The latter is also the dam of 2012 maiden winner Pave the Way, a full sister to Mystic City, as well as of yearling and weanling colts by unbeaten New York champion Bustin Stones.



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Northern Afleet (137/58)—Jewel Thief; **NORTHERN BANDIT**, g. 5, Finger Lakes, 7/13, Alw, 8.32f, \$12,000.
Patriot Act (19/7)—Tres Chaud; **FIVE FREEDOMS**, g. 3, Finger Lakes, 7/4, Mdn Clm, 8.32f, \$5,400.
Pollard's Vision (72/34)—Thira; **LISCANNOR BAY**, g. 4, Finger Lakes, 6/30, Alw, 6f, \$12,000.
Proud Citizen (172/83)—Spring of Hope; **HOPE FOR SPRING**, g. 4, Finger Lakes, 7/16, Mdn, 6f, \$13,200.
Pure Prize (206/83)—Doll Baby; **PRIZE DOLL**, f. 4, Calder Race Course, 7/4, Alw, 8f, \$15,000.
Quest (27/11)—Sweet Clementine; **MONTICELLO DOLL**, f. 4, Belmont Park, 7/4, Mdn Clm, 6f, \$19,200.
Raffie's Majesty (28/8)—Badger Pocket; **MAJESTIC RAFFY**, c. 4, Belmont Park, 6/24, Alw, 8.5f, \$38,400.
Raffie's Majesty (28/8)—Souffle; **MESSORIO**, g. 4, Finger Lakes, 7/13, Mdn Clm, 8.32f, \$5,400.
Raffie's Majesty (28/8)—Fly My Bird; **BIRDSTRIKE**, f. 4, Finger Lakes, 6/25, Mdn Clm, 6f, \$6,120.
Read the Footnotes (56/18)—Six Tales; **EMINENT TALE**, g. 4, Finger Lakes, 6/21, Alw, 6f, \$12,180.
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Read the Footnotes (56/18)—Spanish Mill; **IBID**, f. 3, Belmont Park, 6/27, Mdn Clm, 6f, \$16,800.
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Roaring Fever (52/16)—Scarlet Ticket; **VICTORIOUS SONG**, m. 5, Finger Lakes, 7/10, Alw, 6f, \$12,180.
Rockport Harbor (147/59)—Buddy's Bird; **CAPELLA DANCER**, f. 3, Finger Lakes, 6/26, Alw, 8.18f, \$10,680.
Say Florida Sandy (48/15)—Axspect; **AXSPECTATOR**, g. 4, Finger Lakes, 7/14, Alw, 5.5f, \$11,100.

Say Florida Sandy (48/15)—Heart Spring; **WARMHEARTED SANDY**, m. 5, Finger Lakes, 7/16, Alw, 6f, \$12,000.
Sharp Humor (126/63)—Impulse Shopper; **SALLY OH SALLY**, f. 3, Colonial Downs, 6/29, Mdn Clm, 5.5f, \$4,408.
Slice of Reality (5/1)—Ruby Princess; **HAROLDS WARRIOR**, g. 4, Finger Lakes, 6/25, Mdn Clm, 5f, \$5,400.
Smarty Jones (104/43)—Miss Mary (Arg); **MARY P. JONES**, f. 3, Belmont Park, 7/6, Mdn, 7f, \$33,000.
Smoke Glacken (108/53)—Visual Candy; **SMOKIN CANDY**, g. 3, Finger Lakes, 6/25, Alw, 8f, \$10,680.
Smooth Jazz (26/11)—Grindstone Deputy; **DEPUTY JAZZ**, f. 3, Finger Lakes, 7/7, Mdn Clm, 6f, \$5,400.
Smooth Jazz (26/11)—Briefcase Beauty; **WHO DAT JAZZ**, f. 3, Thistledown, 7/4, Mdn Clm, 6f, \$2,880.
Songandaprayer (227/127)—Veiled Promises; **FIRST VERSE**, g. 3, Finger Lakes, 6/30, Alw, 6f, \$10,680.
Stonesider (19/5)—Moongate; **MISS BRASS BONANZA**, f. 3, Finger Lakes, 7/6, Mdn Clm, 8.32f, \$5,400.
Stonesider (19/5)—Good Time Rose; **SEABET**, g. 3, Colonial Downs, 7/14, Mdn Clm, 8.5f, \$6,148.
Street Cry (Ire) (195/72)—Thunder Achiever; **STREET GAME**, c. 4, Belmont Park, 7/5, Alw, 8.5f, \$48,600.
Strong Hope (83/37)—Charlies Paradise; **BIG BAD BUTCH**, g. 4, Northlands Park, 7/2, Alw, 6f, \$11,212.
Suave (96/43)—Big Tease; **WILLY BEAMIN**, g. 3, Belmont Park, 6/24, Stk, Mike Lee S., 7f, \$75,000.
Suave (96/43)—Big Tease; **WILLY BEAMIN**, g. 3, Belmont Park, 6/20, Alw, 8f, \$38,400.
Suave (96/43)—Hussy; **MOJITO MINT**, f. 4, Finger Lakes, 6/23, Alw, 8.32f, \$12,000.
Ten Most Wanted (38/14)—Wild Fling; **JESSIE TOWTRUCK**, c. 4, Finger Lakes, 7/2, Mdn Clm, 5.5f, \$5,400.
Thunder Gulch (182/69)—Ceridwen; **TOY CANNON**, g. 3, Belmont Park, 6/30, Mdn Clm, 8f, \$19,800.
Trajectory (60/20)—Jenny's Search; **JENNY'S MAGIC**, f. 4, Fort Erie, 7/16, Mdn, 5.5f, \$11,836.

Unbridled Energy (68/30)—Edwina; **B TEAM**, c. 4, Arapahoe Park, 6/22, Alw, 7f, \$7,800.
Utopia (Jpn) (45/16)—Final Accord; **SAXOPHONE LEN**, c. 3, Belmont Park, 7/5, Alw, 8f, \$37,200.
Utopia (Jpn) (45/16)—Classic Example; **HLAO ROO**, f. 3, Belmont Park, 6/27, Mdn, 7f, \$33,000.
Utopia (Jpn) (45/16)—Leary Lass; **SUSPICIOUS U**, c. 3, Belmont Park, 6/20, Mdn Clm, 8f, \$19,800.
Utopia (Jpn) (45/16)—Rockin Rachel Anne; **NIETO SEBASTIAN**, c. 3, Camarero Race Track, 7/13, Mdn Clm, 6f, \$3,712.
Utopia (Jpn) (45/16)—Perigee; **MR. TOPIA**, g. 3, Calder Race Course, 6/28, Mdn Clm, 8.32f, \$6,000.
Verbatim Run (2/1)—Miss Mickey; **CHRISSEY RAZ**, f. 3, Finger Lakes, 7/6, Alw, 5.5f, \$10,680.
Victory Gallop (129/49)—Hollywood Wonder; **MISS DRAGON LADY**, f. 4, Finger Lakes, 6/26, Mdn, 6f, \$13,200.
War Front (90/47)—Love Doll; **CRAFTY DREAMER**, c. 3, Belmont Park, 6/29, Mdn, 5.5f, \$33,000.
Western Expression (37/19)—Calm in the East; **CALM EXPRESSIONS**, g. 3, Calder Race Course, 7/15, Mdn Clm, 5.5f, \$6,000.
Western Expression (37/19)—Foxy Lioness; **HERE COMES FOXY**, g. 3, Finger Lakes, 6/25, Mdn Clm, 6f, \$5,400.
Western Expression (37/19)—Game Gal; **WESTERN GAL**, f. 3, Finger Lakes, 7/16, Mdn Clm, 5.5f, \$10,260.
Western Pride (26/10)—Super Deelites; **THERE GOES VINNY**, g. 3, Belmont Park, 7/14, Mdn Clm, 6f, \$16,800.
Wheelaway (24/9)—Forty Nine Scents; **CENTRINA**, m. 5, Belmont Park, 7/8, Alw, 10f, \$37,200.
Wiseman's Ferry (80/31)—Wild Style; **MY WILDEST DREAMS**, m. 6, Finger Lakes, 7/6, Alw, 8.32f, \$12,000.
Yankee Gentleman (102/45)—Cut the Cuteness; **CUTE**, f. 3, Finger Lakes, 6/23, Mdn Clm, 5f, \$5,400.
Yonaguska (115/56)—A Smart Punch; **YONNI**, f. 4, Finger Lakes, 6/19, Alw, 6f, \$12,000.

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AUGUST

5 August

Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap (G1), Saratoga Race Course, \$400,000, 3yo & up, 6 furlongs

6 August

Signature Stallions Waya Stakes, Saratoga Race Course, \$100,000, fillies and mares 3yo & up, 1½ miles (turf)

8 August

Cab Calloway Stakes, Saratoga Race Course, \$100,000, progeny of eligible New York stallions, 3yo, 1 mile (turf)

9 August

Statue of Liberty Stakes, Saratoga Race Course, \$100,000, progeny of eligible New York stallions, 3yo fillies, 1 mile (turf)

10 August

National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes (G2), Saratoga Race Course, \$200,000, 3yo, 1½ miles (turf)

11 August

Fourstardave Handicap (G2), Saratoga Race Course, \$500,000, 3yo & up, 1 mile (turf)

12 August

Adirondack Stakes (G2), Saratoga Race Course, \$200,000, 2yo fillies, 6½ furlongs
Saratoga Special Stakes (G2), Saratoga Race Course, \$200,000, 2yo, 6½ furlongs

13 August

Coronation Cup Stakes, Saratoga Race Course, \$100,000, 3yo fillies, 5½ furlongs (turf)

15 August

Troy Stakes, Saratoga Race Course, \$100,000, 3yo & up, 5½ furlongs (turf)

16 August

West Point Stakes, Saratoga Race Course, \$150,000, New York-breds, 3yo & up, 1½ miles (turf)

17 August

Yaddo Stakes, Saratoga Race Course, \$150,000, New York-breds, fillies and mares 3yo & up, 1½ miles (turf)

18 August

Sword Dancer Invitational Handicap (G1), Saratoga Race Course, \$600,000, 3yo & up, 1½ miles (turf)

Betfair TVG Alabama Stakes (G1), Saratoga Race Course, \$600,000, 3yo fillies, 1½ miles

Leon Reed Memorial Handicap, Finger Lakes, \$50,000, New York-breds, 3yo & up, 6 furlongs

19 August

Woodford Reserve Lake Placid Stakes (G2), Saratoga Race Course, \$200,000, 3yo fillies, 1½ miles (turf)

20 August

Union Avenue Stakes, Saratoga Race Course, \$100,000, New York-breds, fillies and mares 3yo & up, 6 furlongs

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DATE	TRACK	RACE	DISTANCE	PURSE
Aug. 8	Saratoga	Cab Calloway div. 3YO	1 mile (turf)	\$100,000
Aug. 9	Saratoga	Statue of Liberty div. F-3YO	1 mile (turf)	\$100,000
Nov. 11	Aqueduct	Great White Way div. 2YO	6 furlongs	\$100,000
		Fifth Avenue div. F-2YO	6 furlongs	\$100,000

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DATE	TRACK	RACE	DISTANCE	PURSE
Nov. 11	Aqueduct	Thunder Rumble div. 3 & Up	7 furlongs	\$75,000
		Staten Island div. F & M-3 & Up	7 furlongs	\$75,000

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