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2005

ALL NEW GROOM ELITE PROGRAM AT THE PTHA



Groom Elite's, National Director of Instruction, Reid McLellan, on the First Day

A unique equine educational seminar called "The Groom Elite Program" began at Philadelphia Park on June 16. The five week program consists of 30 hours of intensive instruction covering all the duties and responsibilities of a licensed race-horse groom. Sponsored by the generous contribution of the Philadelphia Park horsemen's association (PTHA); lunch and all instructional materials are provided free to the 45 grooms currently enrolled.

The program is presented in both English and Spanish via bi-lingual text-

books and live translators. Instruction occurs in both the classroom and barn with topics including: Horse Behavior, Anatomy & Conformation, Equipment and Bandaging Practice, Feed and Nutrition, Barn Safety and Race Day Preparation.

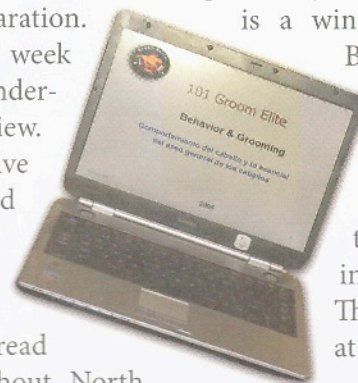
At the conclusion of the 5 week program the grooms undergo a skill assessment review. Graduating grooms receive a completion certificate and a jacket embroidered with the Groom Elite logo. The Groom Elite Program was developed for widespread use at racetracks throughout North

America by the NHPA, Susan O'Hara, former co-chair of the NHBPA Education Committee, with the enthusiastic support of the Equine Extension faculty from Texas A&M University and C. Reid McLellan, Phd., former professor and Director of Louisiana Tech's award winning Equine Program.

Mike Ballezzi, executive director of the PTHA stated. "We all recognize the importance of grooms to the racing industry. The Groom Elite program is a win-win situation for all.

Better prepared and educated grooms result in a more professional and experience work force that benefits trainers, owners and the industry overall."

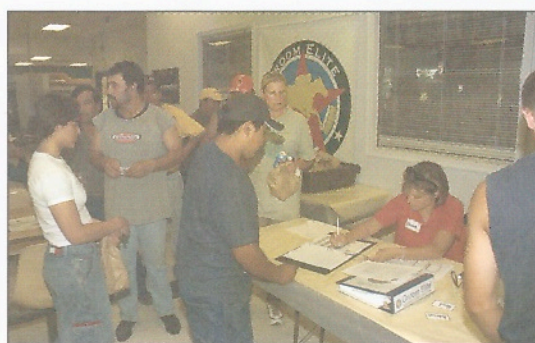
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President Larry R. Riviello gratefully accepts the donation of a Kimzey Leg Saver Splint from *Dr. Roberta L. "Bobbie" Schneider, MD*.

Bobbie races under the stable name of Tudox Farm, named after her and husband *Stephen Lowe, MD* both of whom are physicians.

Bobbie has been involved with racing almost ten years, the last seven as a breeder on their small farm in Doylestown. It is truly a team effort between Tudox Farm managers *Tammy and Steve Coulton*, trainer *Brenda Wilson* and the "two docs".

Currently she has four homebreds racing at Philadelphia Park. Three homebreds have broken their maidens in Maiden Special Weights, the most recent was *Tiptoes in Dreams*.



LARRY RIVELLO
President

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

On Wednesday, June 22 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court upheld the state's gambling law. The slots are coming, as mentioned in my last newsletter it is like a mare in foal; it will take its course. Patience!!!

Thomas Decker, chairman of the State Gaming Control Board is now able to go forward. In the past we used to say IF we get slots, now we can say WHEN. Amen.

Saturday, May 14th the Welcome Back Patrick Scanlan Classic was won by Tatle Dancer owner-trainer Emmanuel Tzortzakis.

The jockeys and horsemen honored Patrick Scanlan, son of trainer John Scanlan, for his services in Iraq. The PTHA gave Patrick \$500 as a token of appreciation; the jockeys gave him a check for \$1,000. We all thank Patrick and all the service men and women overseas. God Bless them.

Wednesday, May 18th the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission held their monthly meeting at the Alumni Hall in New Bolton Center, Kennett Square. Statistical reports were given by Joe Wilson, VP of Operations at Philadelphia Park, Richard Schnaars Penn National VP and Mark McDermott, PHBA Executive Secretary.

Appointments for the Penn. Breeders' Advisory Committee for the period of June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006 were made. I was asked to represent the horsemen's organizations and accepted.

PSHRC personnel changes - Sara Reed the secretary for the past 25 years is retired. I wish Sara the best. Michael Dillon is the new commission attorney.

Penn National was the site for the

June 29th PSHRC meeting, the next regularly scheduled meeting was on July 20th at New Bolton's Alumni Hall. After that commission meeting, a gathering of the Equine Health, Care and Safety Committee was to be held chaired by Commissioner Rick Abbott. However the meeting was postponed until the next regularly scheduled PSHRC Meeting. This committee, in my opinion, is a very, very, important meeting of industry leaders.

Some of the agenda items for this equine committee are: Racetrack Animal Welfare Policy, medications, milkshakes, E.P.O., alternative therapies, SART (State Animal Response Team), Receiving Barn issues, track surfaces and many more. Our executive director, Michael Ballezzi is a member of this committee.

Thanks to Steve Rowan who took time to give his input and participate in this committee.

Thursday May 19th the 26th Annual Iroquois Awards Dinner honoring Pennsylvania Bred Champions of 2004 and the leading breeders. It was a wonderful evening, nice hors d'oeuvres and a wonderful dinner. Congratulations to all the award winners.

Smarty Jones won the Pa-Bred Champion three year old male, bred by the Someday Farm of Roy and Pat Chapman.

Congratulations to President Ray Hamm, Mark McDermott and Dorothy Weber for a well organized and elegant evening.

Thursday, June 16th the Groom Elite Program held the first of twelve classes to educate and enlighten the stable employees at Philadelphia Park. Mr. Reid McLellan, one of the founders of the program, conducted the first four classes in the recreation hall. About 55 grooms attended, mostly Spanish speaking; the grooms were supplied with a headset to hear an interpreter translating the English into Spanish.

The course consists of 14 categories. The grooms will graduate with full knowledge of the horse, a greatly needed program. The groom is a very important segment of racing. Thanks to all who participated in this important step towards a better racing program at Philadelphia Park.

Congratulations to a great colt Afleet Alex, Tim Ritchey, Jeremy Rose and the Cash Is King Stable. We wish the best of luck to them in their future undertakings.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Donald LeVine Memorial Handicap \$100,000 Guaranteed three year olds & up winner Gadaces Khamsch. The four year old colt is trained by Philip Aristone, owned by Angelo Chinnici and ridden by Victor Molina.

The Peppy Addy Stakes, \$50,000 Added for three year old registered Pennsylvania Breds, was won by United, trainer George Weaver, owner Dogwood Stable and rider Anthony Black.

Redaspen took home the \$50,000 Added Foxy J.G. Stakes for three year old registered Pennsylvania Bred fillies. She is trained by Tim Wooley, owned by Equivine Farm and was ridden by Victor Molina.

The \$50,000 My Juliet for fillies and mares three and up was won by Ebony Breeze, trainer William Mott, owner Kinsman Stable and rider Heriberto Castillo, Jr.

The \$50,000 Added Lyman Sprint at 7 furlongs was taken by James E. Hess' Hey Rube, trained by Timothy C. Kreiser.

Augustin Farm's Spring Season, trained by Jonathan E. Sheppard won the \$100K Dr. James Penny Memorial Handicap for fillies and mares three years old and up going a mile & 1/16 on the turf.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A person without a dream is like a ship without water.

NEW GROOM ELITE PROGRAM AT THE PTHA

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made possible through the support of PTHA President, Larry Riviello, the Board of Directors, Philadelphia Park and the voluntary contributions of time and expertise of C. Reid McLellan, Phd., Elizabeth Gory, program instructors, Mark Cheshire, Marty Ciresa, Dr. Art Stitzer, Steve Mick, Dr. Craig Goldblatt, Dr. Steve McBride, Steve Williams, Mike Smith, Peggy Tzortzakis, Kate DeMasi, Juan Carlos Guerrero, Mark Gory, Joe Spaziano, Bobby Robbins; translators, Luis Arturo Preciado, Ricardo Ruiz, Adrian Delgado-Garcia, Alberto Vazquez, Denny Medina; pony providers, Joe Richards, Gerardo Gallegos, Randy Allen, Cal Lynch, Jon Smylie, Linda Knee, Maryanne Handel, Sylvia Strater and Billy McCool who took care of us in the receiving barn.

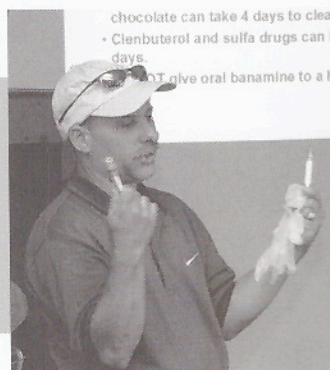
INSTRUCTORS PARTICIPATING IN THE GROOM ELITE PROGRAM AT THE PTHA



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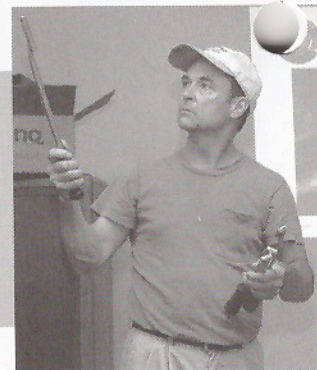
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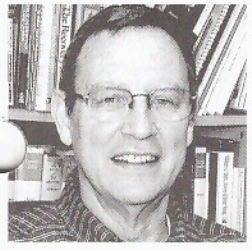
Steve Mick, Trainer



Marty Ciresa, Trainer



*Steve Williams,
Phila Park Fire Marshal*



CHAPLAIN, JACK CORDELL

"AIMING AT THE RIGHT THING"

by Chaplain Jack Cordell

A university student once asked Billy Graham what was his biggest surprise in life. Graham replied, "The brevity of life." Now at age 86, he likely would give the same response. Life goes fast, and those of us of a certain age know that it quickens its pace as the years click along. The Bible also tells us that life is brief, "What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." Our life lasts like a whiff of steam from a teakettle! That's why God wants us to think about life beyond life. This life is not all there is.

But some people choose to live as though this life IS all there IS. They plan for this life and ignore life after life. They invest in earth and forget heaven. C. S. Lewis wrote, "Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you will get neither." We take aim at the most important thing when we look to the God of both time and eternity, the ruler of this life and the next. Aim for God and you will get him. Ignore him and you will get what's left - not much. Make time for God and he will take care of the rest. In fact, give your life to God and he will take care of both time and eternity for you. Life is short. Life after life is long. Where are you aiming?

DR. ENRIQUE TORRES VISITS PHILADELPHIA PARK

On Wednesday, June, 15, Dr. Enrique Torres, Executive Director of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America, visited Chaplain Cordell and Philadelphia Park. He spoke at the Wednesday Chapel Service, enjoyed a full meal with about

50 people, and met with the local RTCA of PA Council at the end of the evening. Dr. Val Hastings is President of the Council. Everyone responded with enthusiasm to the ministry of Dr. Torres. His visit was the close of a week in which Dr. Torres met with several Chaplains at tracks in the eastern United States. ■



Dr. Enrique Torres and Chaplain Jack Cordell

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- 2 submit an application to the Scholarship Committee at least 30 days before the beginning of the course or program of study, and
- 3 where applicable, be accepted in the program for which he/she is applying for assistance.

Applications are available in the PTHA office.



A CHAT ON THE BENCH

...WITH PATRICK SCANLAN

By Allan Mason

Today I have the pleasure of sitting and talking with Marine Corps Sergeant Patrick Scanlan, who literally just got back from serving his country over in Iraq, doing his best to help people he didn't even know in a far off country. He looks very healthy, while proudly wearing his uniform adorned with numerous medals.

"I've been in the service 8 years, this is my 2nd enlistment. 9/11 was the end of my first, and I re-enlisted for a second after that. Was only supposed to be in Iraq for 3 months, and then we got extended to go into Fallujah. It was a fun experience, and pretty emotional at the same time."

What was it like? You must have seen combat.

Yes. As soon as we got into the country, we splashed into the Kuwait - Iraqi border. Our first convoy up into Iraq, our convoy was hit by a VBIED [a car with explosives / suicide bombers], we lost 8 marines before we even got into Fallujah."

We finally got into Fallujah. Fallujah was pretty much the terrorist hub....

Was the entry into Fallujah easy?

No. We moved up to the city on November 7th, and we did a fan fury... it was a feint we did, where we faked where we were actually coming into the city. We faked it. We came back around and we put 4 marine corps battalions on line, and we had one army battalion on line ... a brigade of just tanks. We moved into the city on Nov 8th. Before we even hit the city we hit the rail road tracks. I was actually the second vehicle that was supposed to be entering the city.... The first vehicle in front of me ... got hit with 315 IAD's and pretty much exploded the vehicle in front of us. So I got moved up from the second vehicle going to ... being the first vehicle in the city.

What where the vehicles, HumVee's?

AAD's Amphibious Assault Vehicles. ... Our gunner he got hit, shot in the arm. We lost a couple of guns when that vehicle was hit. So it was pretty hectic the first day moving into the city. I finally got into the city established some ground. Within about 48 hours we had our little firm base setup in the city, and then for the next 4 days we just established firm bases gained some ground into the city of Fallujah. And then after we gained more ground we went into a systematic house clearing. We cleared houses in Fallujah for four months.

He says four months, and I just can't help but think that sounds like a lot of closed doors that could be hiding a gunman or bomb. "That must have been nerve wracking. You don't know who is behind a door", Stating my thoughts.

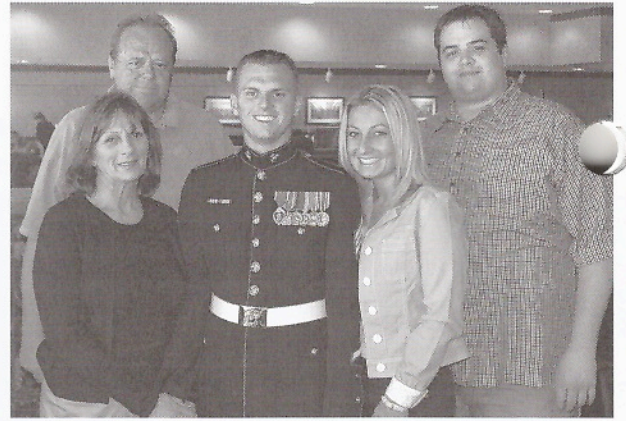
Our rules of engagement in Fallujah were probably the best that they could give us. If you feel threatened at any time we were allowed to engage, because they dropped pamphlets before we went into Fallujah. All the civilians pretty much left the city, and whoever was left in the city was there to fight.

Was that really true or were some people there because they refused to leave their house?

They'll fake that they refused to leave, that it's their house. They'll be walking down the street with a white flag in their hand, and you'll watch them come to your vehicle with a white flag and they'll drop their white flag and pull an AK-47 out from underneath their robe and start popping shots off at the vehicle.

This happened. We actually had a marine killed like that. Walking up to give the people some food and stuff.

We talk for quite a while. Patrick is



Patrick Scanlan, His Father John, Mother Lynn, Wife Holly, and His Brother John Jr.

telling me the firsthand point of view about many of the things we are hearing about in the news.

Jan 1st a couple days before the elections is the day I got hit. I got a piece of shrapnel in my head. We were going into a house, and there were four insurgents coming across the top of the house. We couldn't see them because of the angle they had on us and my weapons [mounted on the vehicle] couldn't traverse that high. We were shooting at the house, one of the grenades fell short and broke a propane tank in front of the house.

My driver was backing out. We all took shrapnel. I took shrapnel in my face. I was on top. The day before my [gun] sight was shot out, and my ballistic cover was blown off. So I couldn't see through my sight down inside the tank. So I was up spotting my rounds, and ... that was when I got hit. I went to the hospital for a day.

Five months of combat. Every day in Fallujah you were getting shot at. There was not a day that went by the whole time there wasn't rounds coming downrange at us.

He tells me how Fallujah was the worst city battle since one in Vietnam. He also says how successful it was due to how it was cleared, and all the weapons and ammo that were confiscated.

Patrick tells me how he worked side by side with the Iraqi National Guard, even having one of them with him in

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4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

PICNIC AT PHILADELPHIA PARK



NEW BANKRUPTCY LAW PROVIDES LEVEL OF CREDITOR PROTECTION

By *Mike Colucci, CPA*



On April 20, 2005 President Bush signed the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act into Law. While the new law makes it tougher for those who want to protect their assets in bankruptcy, it does extend protection for retirement accounts (generally the largest assets people own).

The new law expands creditor protection to IRA's that was recently granted by the Supreme Court. The new law goes into effect in six months. Here is how it works.

Contributions to retirement plans, including qualified 401(k)'s, 403(b)'s, IRA's, Roth IRA's, government plans and tax exempt organization plans

and the earnings on these contributions are covered. IRA's and Roth IRA's are capped at \$1,000,000 (and will be adjusted for inflation). SEP and Simple IRA's come under the protection of the new law, as does Solo Plans and Keoghs.

More good news! Rollovers from plans of previous employers are fully protected from bankruptcy without any limitations whatsoever.

Note Well:

This protection is for those filing for bankruptcy only. It does not extend to creditors where no bankruptcy protection exists (this is a state by state issue, as some state do already protect IRA's).

Article submitted by Michael A. Colucci, CPA, a shareholder in the firm of Colucci & Slattery, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, with offices in Horsham, PA and Audubon, NJ.

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his track [troop carrier vehicle]. He had about 15 marines and about 10 Iraqi National Guard.

I hear about staying up for four days straight at one point. When I ask how they stayed awake, he says when the rounds are hitting his vehicle, you don't need anything else at that time to stay awake.

Right after he got hit he wanted to be right back into combat. He shows me where he got hit by two pieces of shrapnel, I feel the lump from one piece of embedded shrapnel. It left a small, round bump on his forehead.

Patrick tells me how he was there for about 10 months. When I ask if he is happy to be back, He says how excited he is to be back, but it's still a little overwhelming, as he has only been back for a matter of days.

When I ask what the future holds, he says he is planning on becoming a state trooper. "If you aren't part of the solution you are part of the problem", he says.

As our chat comes to a close, and I get up to leave, I see Patrick surrounded by the many smiling faces of his wife, family, and friends. The shrapnel in his head is a souvenir from his intense time over there, he will likely always carry with him ■

TROPHY LIST

DATE	OWNER	HORSE	TRAINER
7/9/2005	Knew Stable	Instantpersonality	John Dunn
7/2/2005	Sharyn & Peter Wasiluk	Our Big Man Dillon	Peter Wasiluk
6/25/2005	Raymond Vitolo	Mimi's Sister	Ramon Preciado
6/18/2005	Pewter Stable	Tuff Partners	Kathleen DeMasi
6/11/2005	Patricia L. Bosley	Little Elf	Dario Vasquez
6/4/2005	Stephen Mick	Krafty Kaper	Stephen Mick
5/28/2005	Susan LeBarron	Blink and Go	Keith LeBarron
5/21/2005	P & D Racing Stable	Six Rings	Diane Day
5/14/2005	Plumstead Stables	Traumatic	Robert Seeger
5/7/2005	Knew Stable	Texas Crowbar	John Dunn
4/30/2005	Galena Springs Farm	Soze	Dee Curry
4/23/2005	Patricia Farro	Brent's Tune	Patricia Farro
4/16/2005	Timber Creek Farm	Yankee Bride	Cynthia Reese

Charitable Online Auction

BABY NEEDS HELP



Donations are being sought for an online auction to benefit home nursing care for **Jan Michael**, grandson of Philadelphia Park trainer **Don White**. The baby was born prematurely 2/3/05 with a cleft lip and palate, is unable to swallow and must be fed through a stomach tube and aspirated constantly in order to prevent choking to death. He has had 7 operations to date, and surgery to repair the cleft palate cannot be attempted until he is one. His progress is updated at www.janmichael.net.

The auction will be held September 1-15, and items are sought as charitable contributions. We hope you can add to the list which already includes a weekend in Ocean City, Maryland; prints by artist **Robert Kreyer**; 2006 seasons to Metropolitan Stud (Pine Plains, NY) stallions *River Keen* and *Gone For Real*; 2006 seasons to Maui Meadow (West Chester, PA) stallions *Fleg*, *Flying Pidgeon* and *TV Alliance*; and a 2006 season to Hidden Hill stallion (Ocala, FL) *Marco Bay*. Money raised will be given to the Jan Michael's parents' church and then applied to nursing care. Stallion seasons donated can be considered advertising expense. Please contact Jane White at 215-633-7092 or email askjane@msn.com for details. A list of items and directions for bidding will soon appear on the baby's website www.janmichael.net.

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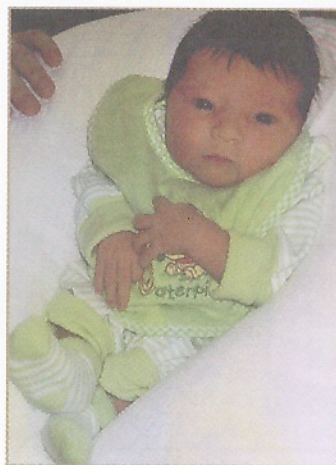
Backside View

RECENT EVENTS

Well, it's that time of the year again. We have three new wee ones to join our ranks:



First to arrive was *Blake Katherine Ciresa* on 5/1/05 at 23 inches and 8 lbs 11 ounces, *Marty* and *Ashley* were thrilled to see their big beautiful girl. She looked like she was a two month old when she was born.



Next was *Kylie Ann*, Dad *Leo "Lucky" Murray* and Mom *Penny* welcomed their first baby on 5/12/05. Kylie was 5 lbs 11 ounces with a full head of lovely dark hair.



Then on 6/17/05, just in time for Father's Day, @ 5 lbs 4 ounces, *Madison Reese Black* debuted for Father *Anthony Black* & Mother *Kiely Waters*. *Madison* is the first girl in the *Black* family for many, many years.



Our computer wiz *Geoffrey Moulton* recently took part in the *Tour de Cure* for the *American Diabetes Association* he rode a very credible 4 hours, 3 minutes for the 100 K in *Glouster, Massachussets*



Mrs. Joan Carango has a really Green Thumb!



Critter Corner

We have a wealth of other critters at *Philadelphia Park* to keep us entertained

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Anne Peters, Pedigree Specialist of Three Chimneys Farm, Midway, Kentucky says:

"LUCKY CLONE is by leading sire BROAD BRUSH, and is a full brother to BROAD BRUSH'S leading earner, Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner CONCERN. His dam is G1 winner FARA'S TEAM, far and away the best runner by her sire, TUNERUP. With this background of genetic upgrading, LUCKY CLONE has tremendous potential as a stallion."

- Lucky Clone won or placed in 21 of 30 starts.
- Out of TEST STAKES (G1) winner FARA'S TEAM (\$360,515).
- Full brother to Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner CONCERN (\$3,079,350) sire of 14 stakes horses and the earners of over \$5.1-million.
- Full brother to Martha Washington S. (G3) winner TENNIS LADY (\$283,047) and stakes-placed BROAD EXPECTATIONS.
- By leading sire BROAD BRUSH, second only to DANZIG in percentage of stakes winners from foals (15.2).
- Family of leading California sire STRIKE GOLD.

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