



Making Magic

By Sharon Liveten

Sometimes the best things happen by accident. Take Magali Farms, for instance. Four years ago, Gaby and Rich Sulpizio were looking at a 40-acre parcel of land. The property abuts what is now the beautiful Santa Ynez, Calif., farm that stands some of the best stallions in Southern California: Lit de Justice, Decarchy, Atticus, Fusaichi Zenon, Mr. Broad Blade, and Truckee. In those days, the Sulpizios weren't interested in breeding horses. They wanted to grow grapes and create a vineyard. But along the way to becoming the next Mondavis, the couple took a turn toward speed. They met farm manager Tom Hudson.

Magali Farms' amazingly quick rise to prominence

"Tom Hudson was the general manager of a private farm for someone. The 40 acres we were interested in were part of that farm," recalled Rich Sulpizio. "My Realtor brought him along to tell us about the irrigation system and other information about the property. I made the mistake of asking what was next door. Tom said, 'That's a working horse farm and it's for sale, too.' Tom showed Gaby and me around. He just happened to have a business plan in the back of his Suburban which he pulled out and showed us."

That plan was to take the farm, which was then in use as a private Arabian show stable, and transform it into a top-of-the-line Thoroughbred rehab, training, and breeding farm. It was going to take a lot of work. And though Sulpizio, who had recently retired as president of Qualcomm Communications

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Gaby and Rich Sulpizio at their Magali Farms in the Santa Ynez valley of California

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2004 Leading Sires in California

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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in California (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems, this includes monies earned in NA, Eng, Ire and Fr through Dec 31, 2004; Germany through Dec 26, 2004; Italy through Sept 30, 2004, and the United Arab Emirates through Dec 31, 2004. Stakes winners includes all countries; some foreign foals may be included in the foal count. (†) indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race.

| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), Year, Sire | 2005 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Stakes Wnrs/Wns | Rstrct/SW/ BT SW | 2004 Earnings | Cumulative | | | | |
|------|---|---------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------|
| | | | | | | | Chief Earner, Earnings | Stks Foals | *A-E Wnrs | *Comp Index | |
| 1 | ROAR (93, Forty Niner), Rancho San Miguel..... | \$15,000 | 148/94 | 13/21 | 1/13 | (Little Jim, \$393,510)..... | \$4,394,808 | 481 | 34 | 1.91 | 1.60 |
| 2 | IN EXCESS (Ire) (87, Siberian Express), Vessels Stallion Farm..... | \$25,000 | 109/60 | 7/10 | 3/6 | (Texcess, \$725,427)..... | \$4,013,762 | 466 | 38 | 2.18 | 1.57 |
| 3 | LIT DE JUSTICE (90, El Gran Senor), Magali Farms..... | \$6,000 | 120/66 | 4/4 | 0/4 | (Hour of Justice, \$243,953)..... | \$3,122,719 | 343 | 12 | 1.48 | 1.31 |
| 4 | GENERAL MEETING (88, Seattle Slew), Golden Eagle Farm..... | \$10,000 | 92/51 | 6/10 | 3/4 | (Yearly Report, \$787,500)..... | \$3,061,344 | 276 | 26 | 2.26 | 1.77 |
| 5 | SOUVENIR COPY (95, Mr. Prospector), Golden Eagle Farm..... | \$10,000 | 126/70 | 2/4 | 0/2 | (Souvenir Gift, \$211,760)..... | \$3,033,782 | 240 | 4 | 1.31 | 1.45 |
| 6 | FORMAL GOLD (93, Black Tie Affair), Rancho San Miguel..... | \$7,500 | 109/70 | 5/8 | 1/5 | (Caballero Negro, \$168,440)..... | \$2,719,526 | 166 | 7 | 1.43 | 2.05 |
| 7 | SMOKESTER (88, Never Tabled), Cardiff Stud Farms..... | \$5,000 | 136/83 | 3/5 | 1/2 | (Areyoualkintome, \$268,352)..... | \$2,651,586 | 316 | 9 | 1.74 | 1.40 |
| 8 | STORM CREEK (93, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel..... | \$7,500 | 168/80 | 3/7 | 0/2 | (Hopelessly Devoted, \$499,260)..... | \$2,578,300 | 321 | 9 | 1.13 | 1.69 |
| 9 | BERTRANDO (89, Skywalker), River Edge Farm..... | \$12,500 | 136/74 | 3/4 | 3/2 | (Black Rock Road, \$173,040)..... | \$2,566,291 | 508 | 27 | 1.62 | 1.80 |
| 10 | HIGH BRITE (84, Best Turn), Harris Farms..... | \$5,000 | 129/80 | 5/6 | 1/1 | (Super High, \$170,760)..... | \$2,484,565 | 649 | 36 | 1.16 | 1.26 |
| 11 | SIBERIAN SUMMER (89, Siberian Express), Creston Farms..... | \$6,000 | 85/50 | 3/6 | 0/3 | (Summer Wind Dancer, \$598,905)..... | \$2,176,034 | 174 | 6 | 1.22 | 0.90 |
| 12 | CEE'S TIZZY (87, Relaunch), Harris Farms..... | NA | 108/59 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Kid Royal, \$96,260)..... | \$2,003,525 | 432 | 21 | 2.17 | 1.21 |
| 13 | HELMSMAN (92, El Gran Senor), Pegasus Ranch..... | \$5,000 | 85/49 | 2/3 | 0/2 | (Emerald Earrings, \$285,406)..... | \$2,003,005 | 151 | 4 | 1.38 | 1.15 |
| 14 | UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Old English Rancho..... | \$6,000 | 49/25 | 4/4 | 3/4 | (Lennyfromalibu, \$172,639)..... | \$1,932,697 | 91 | 4 | 2.32 | 0.80 |
| 15 | SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), Pepper Oaks Farm..... | \$5,000 | 98/56 | 2/2 | 1/0 | (Mr. Fondue, \$99,028)..... | \$1,873,892 | 181 | 8 | 1.42 | 1.10 |
| 16 | LORD CARSON (92, Carson City), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds..... | \$6,000 | 125/64 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Paragon Queen, \$85,540)..... | \$1,872,790 | 265 | 7 | 1.27 | 1.53 |
| 17 | BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), River Edge Farm..... | \$7,500 | 77/39 | 3/5 | 1/2 | (Silent Sighs, \$317,500)..... | \$1,745,504 | 141 | 7 | 1.55 | 1.11 |
| 18 | MENCO (CHI) (87, Mocito Guapo), Ridegley Farm..... | \$7,500 | 86/50 | 7/8 | 3/5 | (McCann's Mojave, \$177,140)..... | \$1,734,700 | 305 | 16 | 1.58 | 1.22 |
| 19 | BOLD BADGETT (85, Damascus)..... | Died, 2002 | 72/30 | 3/5 | 2/3 | (Market Garden, \$246,658)..... | \$1,698,327 | 255 | 16 | 1.60 | 0.72 |
| 20 | VALID WAGER (92, Valid Appeal), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds..... | NA | 89/51 | 3/3 | 1/2 | (Irish Wager, \$92,671)..... | \$1,672,648 | 213 | 10 | 1.57 | 1.49 |
| 21 | BEAU GENIUS (85, Bold Ruckus), Ballena Vista Farm..... | \$7,500 | 110/58 | 4/7 | 1/4 | (My Creed, \$140,790)..... | \$1,668,539 | 533 | 32 | 1.38 | 1.28 |
| 22 | COBRA KING (93, Farma Way), Pegasus Ranch..... | \$5,000 | 81/46 | 2/2 | 0/1 | (Something Ventured, \$114,920)..... | \$1,610,191 | 175 | 7 | 1.25 | 1.23 |
| 23 | JOYEUX DANSEUR (93, Nureyev), Lakeview Thoroughbred Farm..... | NA | 77/36 | 2/2 | 0/2 | (Gold Joy, \$110,002)..... | \$1,473,270 | 117 | 2 | 1.02 | 1.47 |
| 24 | MOSCOW BALLET (82, Nijinsky II), Harris Farms..... | \$3,000 | 61/27 | 1/2 | 0/1 | (Moscow Burning, \$627,970)..... | \$1,322,892 | 655 | 19 | 1.23 | 1.41 |
| 25 | ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms..... | \$4,000 | 78/35 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Proximos, \$115,196)..... | \$1,261,587 | 181 | 3 | 0.99 | 1.97 |
| 26 | FLYING CONTINENTAL (86, Flying Paster)..... | Died, 2004 | 115/55 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Continental Red, \$132,800)..... | \$1,244,806 | 397 | 19 | 1.05 | 1.14 |
| 27 | BIRDONTHEWIRE (89, Proud Birdie), Madera Thoroughbreds..... | \$5,000 | 64/29 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Passionate Bird, \$132,079)..... | \$1,244,302 | 177 | 7 | 1.23 | 1.63 |
| 28 | YOU AND I (91, Kris S.), Blooming Hills..... | \$6,500 | 95/42 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Harvard Avenue, \$126,400)..... | \$1,154,602 | 294 | 14 | 1.40 | 1.76 |
| 29 | GAME PLAN (93, Danzig), E. A. Ranches..... | \$3,500 | 88/54 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Hold the Game, \$72,575)..... | \$1,107,468 | 186 | 11 | 0.75 | 0.88 |
| 30 | OLYMPIO (88, Naskra), Hideaway Farms..... | \$5,000 | 94/40 | 3/3 | 3/1 | (Olympian, \$85,680)..... | \$1,099,355 | 383 | 25 | 1.34 | 1.48 |
| 31 | STAGE COLONY (87, Pleasant Colony), Ballena Vista Farm..... | \$2,000 | 47/31 | 3/8 | 2/2 | (Stage Player, \$383,645)..... | \$1,098,306 | 257 | 7 | 0.83 | 1.09 |
| 32 | TRICKY CREEK (86, Clever Trick), Hideaway Farms..... | \$3,500 | 82/44 | 3/3 | 0/1 | (Tricky Mocha, \$80,990)..... | \$1,051,028 | 312 | 18 | 1.09 | 1.07 |
| 33 | CANDI'S GOLD (84, Yukon), Blooming Hills..... | \$3,500 | 60/34 | 2/4 | 1/2 | (Yougottawanna, \$223,008)..... | \$1,021,351 | 452 | 16 | 0.96 | 1.06 |
| 34 | FREE HOUSE (94, Smokester)..... | Died, 2004 | 47/22 | 1/3 | 0/1 | (House of Fortune, \$364,875)..... | \$1,005,675 | 90 | 1 | 1.25 | 1.80 |
| 35 | EVENT OF THE YEAR (95, Seattle Slew), Golden Eagle Farm..... | \$6,500 | 60/28 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Jewel of the Year, \$97,028)..... | \$998,792 | 126 | 1 | 1.03 | 2.68 |
| 36 | GOLDEN GEAR (91, Gulch), Blooming Hills..... | \$3,000 | 69/33 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Ginger Gold, \$116,304)..... | \$979,767 | 160 | 6 | 1.21 | 1.57 |
| 37 | DISTINCTIVE CAT (93, Storm Cat), Applebite Farms..... | \$1,500 | 86/33 | 2/2 | 0/1 | (Jimmy's Instinct, \$120,326)..... | \$961,564 | 247 | 2 | 0.62 | 0.86 |
| 38 | PROUD IRISH (86, Irish River), Mira Loma Thoroughbred Farm..... | \$2,500 | 54/31 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Proud Nicole, \$83,604)..... | \$868,377 | 158 | 7 | 1.07 | 0.88 |
| 39 | DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat), Vessels Stallion Farm..... | \$2,500 | 57/27 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Scarzane, \$119,104)..... | \$858,777 | 122 | 7 | 0.90 | 0.68 |
| 40 | WESTERN FAME (92, Gone West), Applebite Farms..... | \$3,500 | 46/28 | 3/3 | 2/2 | (Kelly's Princess, \$88,711)..... | \$756,286 | 118 | 4 | 1.06 | 0.98 |
| 41 | FUTURE STORM (90, Storm Cat), Meadowcreek Ranch..... | NA | 62/26 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Stormy Roman, \$87,960)..... | \$748,393 | 304 | 10 | 1.10 | 1.50 |
| 42 | DUMAANI (91, Danzig), Hideaway Farms..... | \$3,000 | 47/24 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Blowin in the Wind, \$121,410)..... | \$731,506 | 143 | 4 | 0.90 | 1.14 |
| 43 | CORSLEW (90, Seattle Slew), Rancho San Miguel..... | \$2,000 | 43/29 | 2/2 | 1/1 | (Lethal Grande, \$111,367)..... | \$709,707 | 91 | 4 | 0.96 | 1.10 |
| 44 | RHYTHM (87, Mr. Prospector), Diamond F Ranch..... | NA | 59/24 | 4/4 | 0/4 | (Major Rhythm, \$147,318)..... | \$701,651 | 559 | 19 | 1.69 | 1.23 |
| 45 | BARTOK (Ire) (91, Fairy King), Warren's Thoroughbreds..... | NA | 38/15 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Bartok's Blithe, \$119,778)..... | \$637,730 | 81 | 2 | 1.85 | 1.08 |
| 46 | TWIN SPIRES (94, Storm Cat), Meadowcreek Ranch..... | NA | 46/30 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Corporal Greiner, \$77,082)..... | \$635,524 | 108 | 1 | 0.74 | 1.04 |
| 47 | BONUS MONEY (GB) (91, Chief's Crown), NexStar Ranch..... | \$2,500 | 45/23 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Golden Bonus, \$68,900)..... | \$616,540 | 99 | 1 | 1.06 | 1.20 |
| 48 | FABULOUS CHAMP (89, Somethingfabulous), Valley View Farm..... | NA | 64/31 | 2/2 | 0/0 | (Champ's Rocket, \$92,000)..... | \$614,299 | 147 | 12 | 0.76 | 0.88 |
| 49 | LATIN AMERICAN (88, Riverman), Sue Hubbard & Associates..... | \$2,500 | 54/17 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Waki American, \$101,625)..... | \$593,308 | 217 | 5 | 1.09 | 1.25 |
| 50 | FALSTAFF (81, Lyphard)..... | Pnsd | 49/18 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Fallfree, \$146,186)..... | \$588,279 | 394 | 23 | 1.12 | 0.98 |
| 51 | HALF TERM (90, Mr. Prospector), Green Acres Farm..... | \$2,000 | 62/28 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Trish's Diamond, \$116,659)..... | \$584,449 | 155 | 4 | 0.86 | 1.40 |
| 52 | SHARP VICTOR (84, Sharpen Up), Pepper Oaks Farm..... | NA | 39/20 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Macward, \$78,480)..... | \$580,885 | 250 | 6 | 1.17 | 1.00 |
| 53 | MUD RYLER (94, Strawberry Road), Special T Thoroughbreds..... | \$3,000 | 31/14 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Senor Fango, \$122,742)..... | \$578,822 | 78 | 2 | 1.07 | 1.07 |
| 54 | LIL TYLER (83, Halo)..... | Pnsd | 43/22 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Super Strut, \$145,094)..... | \$573,142 | 197 | 4 | 1.07 | 0.74 |
| 55 | FRUITION (93, Woodman), Oak Hill Farm..... | \$2,500 | 31/15 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (The Borg Queen, \$87,820)..... | \$533,629 | 97 | 1 | 0.91 | 0.71 |
| 56 | TURKOMAN (82, Alydar), Mira Loma Thoroughbred Farm..... | \$3,000 | 72/31 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dubai Dolly, \$51,280)..... | \$527,487 | 577 | 31 | 1.38 | 1.53 |
| 57 | COMIC STRIP (95, Red Ransom), Oak Hill Farm..... | \$5,000 | 45/17 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Turk's Ransom, \$80,490)..... | \$518,490 | 172 | 1 | 0.64 | 1.41 |
| 58 | MAJESTERIAN (88, Pleasant Colony), E. A. Ranches..... | \$2,500 | 36/25 | 1/2 | 0/0 | (Mr. Mahak, \$83,421)..... | \$514,566 | 73 | 4 | 0.65 | 0.77 |
| 59 | ANZIYAN (93, Danzig), Creston Farms..... | \$5,000 | 24/11 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Anziyan Royalty, \$139,940)..... | \$500,489 | 124 | 1 | 1.00 | 0.80 |
| 60 | OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds..... | \$5,000 | 19/10 | 2/2 | 1/2 | (Shout to the North, \$132,292)..... | \$498,815 | 35 | 2 | 1.64 | 0.92 |
| 61 | WALTER WILLY (Ire) (91, Sadler's Wells), Windsor Thoroughbreds..... | \$2,000 | 39/14 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Power Boy, \$100,780)..... | \$498,018 | 89 | 3 | 0.85 | 1.38 |
| 62 | IRON CAT (95, Storm Cat), Creston Farms..... | \$3,000 | 19/15 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Iron Flight, \$98,180)..... | \$468,735 | 36 | 2 | 1.63 | 0.84 |
| 63 | TRUCKEE (92, Danzig), Magali Farms..... | \$3,500 | 35/15 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Intuit, \$117,890)..... | \$458,297 | 76 | 2 | 0.83 | 0.82 |
| 64 | OLE' (86, Danzig), Mira Loma Thoroughbred Farm..... | NA | 50/19 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Debonair Joe, \$57,410)..... | \$451,030 | 185 | 4 | 0.97 | 0.96 |
| 65 | HOUSTON (86, Seattle Slew), Getaway Thoroughbred Farm..... | NA | 41/20 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Houston's Prayer, \$83,470)..... | \$441,644 | 502 | 13 | 0.87 | 1.55 |
| 66 | COMET SHINE (91, Fappiano), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds..... | \$2,500 | 55/25 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Halfway to Heaven, \$44,791)..... | \$431,146 | 220 | 4 | 0.78 | 1.08 |
| 67 | SOFT GOLD (BRZ) (92, Fast Gold), Harris Farms..... | \$1,500 | 19/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Running Free, \$164,428)..... | \$414,076 | 32 | 3 | 1.29 | 1.17 |
| 68 | CUTLASS REALITY (82, Cutlass), Harris Farms..... | \$2,000 | 30/15 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (I Love Racing, \$80,206)..... | \$406,663 | 336 | 9 | 1.07 | 1.18 |
| 69 | TYCHONIC (GB) (90, Last Tycoon), Hedrick Ranch..... | NA | 42/22 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Irish Ty, \$82,500)..... | \$406,606 | 81 | 1 | 0.54 | 0.59 |
| 70 | SYNASTRY (83, Seattle Slew), Hideaway Farms..... | \$2,000 | 59/25 | 1/3 | 0/0 | (Spicy Cajun, \$39,025)..... | \$397,521 | 436 | 24 | 0.59 | 0.92 |

*A-E AND COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares' Comparable Index.

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A horse heads to the training track at Magali Farms

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(he still serves as a company director), had never been closer to a horse than watching Westerns on television, he knew a good business idea when he saw it. Besides, he was up for a challenge.

"I knew nothing about horses," admitted Sulpizio in the Magali Farms office as he looked out the window that faces the stallion paddocks. "I've learned a bit since then. Gaby had always loved horses. She used to ride when she was younger. As soon as we walked around here, I could see it in Gaby's eyes that she wanted to be involved again. So we made the initial investment. Then Tom, Gaby, and I agreed on how much money we were going to allocate to the venture and gave ourselves 18 months to see what we could accomplish.

"I'm pleased to say that within 18 months, we were a pretty good working farm."

According to Hudson and Sulpizio, after three years the farm is still a work in progress—they want to add more barns here and pastures there. They've already done plenty. Even during one of December's nastiest storms, the kind that sent rock slides along the freeways and Southern Californians moaning about the cold, Magali Farms looked stunning.

From the road, all that is visible are the impressive thick hedges that line the farm pastures and alleys. Inside those hedges are four-board wooden fences lined with mesh that edge all of the pastures and paddocks. The pastures come in varying sizes—the yearlings are in two of the four 20-acre fields and the mares are separated into 13 two-and-a-half- and three-acre pastures. Dozens of day pens line the barns for lay-ups and broodmares that come in at night. The horses in training live in huge, impeccable stalls, and have access to grass day pens so they can still be horses.

Initially Magali Farms' (the name is derived from Maria Gabriela, Gaby's childhood nickname) primary business was going to be in lay-ups, taking horses for freshening, or to recover from injuries. Since Hudson had trained show horses in California and Colorado for more than 20 years, it was natural that their first clients came from the show world.

Laughed Sulpizio, "We quickly realized that show horses, when they win, they get ribbons, not money. They couldn't really afford the kind of care we wanted to give. We all believe that if you're going to do some-

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One of the new arrivals at Magali Farms

thing, do it right. We don't pinch corners; we do things that cost money. Our customers understand that our rates are not inexpensive, but the service exceeds their expectations.

"So we went to Santa Anita and Hollywood Park and met certain people," he said. "Dr. Joe Dowd at the track was great about recommending clients to us. Also, Doug O'Neill and Simon Bray sent us a horse or two to see how we did. They were pleased with the results and they spread the word. And of course, people who have lay-ups

often have mares, and they have babies. It kind of mushroomed. We've had many of our customers for two-and-a-half years now. At the end of the day, it's the quality of the care that's the attraction."

Hudson works extremely closely with track vet Dowd, who still regularly recommends Magali Farms and the nearby Alamo Pintado Equine Clinic. It seems to work.

"People say that when a horse comes back from Magali Farms, it wins," said Sulpizio with pride. "Seriously, after Tom
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2004 California Sires
By Stakes Winners

| Sire | Stks Wnrs | Stks Wins |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Roar | 13 | 21 |
| In Excess (Ire)..... | 7 | 10 |
| Memo (Chi)..... | 7 | 8 |
| General Meeting | 6 | 10 |
| Formal Gold..... | 5 | 8 |
| High Brite..... | 5 | 6 |
| Beau Genius..... | 4 | 7 |
| Red..... | 4 | 6 |
| Lit de Justice..... | 4 | 4 |
| Rhythm..... | 4 | 4 |
| Unusual Heat..... | 4 | 4 |
| Stage Colony..... | 3 | 8 |
| Storm Creek..... | 3 | 7 |
| Siberian Summer..... | 3 | 6 |
| Benchmark..... | 3 | 5 |
| Bold Badgett..... | 3 | 5 |
| Smokester..... | 3 | 5 |
| Bertrando..... | 3 | 4 |
| Olympio..... | 3 | 3 |
| Tricky Creek..... | 3 | 3 |
| Valid Wager..... | 3 | 3 |
| Western Fame..... | 3 | 3 |
| Candi's Gold..... | 2 | 4 |
| Souvenir Copy..... | 2 | 4 |
| Helmsman..... | 2 | 3 |
| Cobra King..... | 2 | 2 |
| Corslew..... | 2 | 2 |
| Devon Lane..... | 2 | 2 |
| Distinctive Cat..... | 2 | 2 |
| Fabulous Champ..... | 2 | 2 |
| Golden Gear..... | 2 | 2 |
| Joyeux Danseur..... | 2 | 2 |
| Mud Route..... | 2 | 2 |
| Muqtarib..... | 2 | 2 |
| Old Topper..... | 2 | 2 |
| Swiss Yodeler..... | 2 | 2 |

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takes care of the lay-ups, the percentage of horses that go back to the track and not only race but are in the money is huge. It's over 60%. They're winning within five or six weeks back instead of three or four months."

Except, of course, for the one racehorse that Rich and Gaby own. He is actually more of a totem than a real racehorse.

"He's great," laughed Gaby Sulpizio. "He was a 2-year-old when we bought him, and he's five now. He's run twice and gotten hurt both times. He lives here, and reminds us that our original thought was verified—we don't want to be in racing. Our *clients* are in the racing business. But we love going to the track to watch 'our' horses. Now that's fun!"

Said Hudson, "We do run this like a business. In order to be successful, you realize that you're not making money on anything in a stall. They are expensive to keep. All of our money is made in the pastures. So in order to have more money from the pastures, you have to have the stallions to bring in the mares.

"So that is what our goal is—to have stallions that would be popular enough that people would want to come and breed to them," he said. "We've had people who were sending their mares to breed to Lit de Justice. They would send their mares and then they would come up and see the baby after it was foaled, and then they would say, 'I don't want to take my mare away.' The first year we lost less than 10% of the mares that came in. They all stayed. And every year we pick up probably another 20 or 30 mares that come in to be bred, and when the people come to see the farm they leave their horses here."

Getting those horses to the track is a lot of work. Running the farm according to Hudson and the Sulpizios' philosophy is extremely labor-intensive, which would seem to contrast with the farm's business concept.

But while the bottom line is constantly in focus, at Magali Farms the horses come first. The owners are fanatical about providing their clients' horses with the best of care. The farm has 37 full-time employees, and Hudson was hoping to add another five people to work during foaling season.

"If this wasn't a higher-end farm we'd probably have 10-15 less employees," Hudson said. "But you can look at our broodmares out in pasture and they're as shiny as can be. The broodmares get brushed all of the time. The goal is to not have a tangled

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2004 California Sires By Winners

| Sire | Rnrs | Wnrs |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Roar | 148 | 94 |
| Smokester | 136 | 83 |
| High Brite | 129 | 80 |
| Storm Creek | 168 | 80 |
| Bertrando | 136 | 74 |
| Formal Gold | 109 | 70 |
| Souvenir Copy | 126 | 70 |
| Lit de Justice | 120 | 66 |
| Lord Carson | 125 | 64 |
| In Excess (Ire) | 109 | 60 |
| Cee's Tizzy | 108 | 59 |
| Beau Genius | 110 | 58 |
| Swiss Yodeler | 98 | 56 |
| Flying Continental | 115 | 55 |
| Game Plan | 88 | 54 |
| Valid Wager | 89 | 51 |
| General Meeting | 92 | 51 |
| Siberian Summer | 85 | 50 |
| Memo (Chi) | 86 | 50 |
| Helmsman | 84 | 49 |
| Cobra King | 81 | 46 |
| Tricky Creek | 82 | 44 |
| You and I | 95 | 42 |
| Olympio | 94 | 40 |
| Benchmark | 77 | 39 |
| Joyeux Danseur | 77 | 36 |
| Atticus | 78 | 35 |
| Candi's Gold | 60 | 34 |
| Golden Gear | 69 | 33 |
| Distinctive Cat | 86 | 33 |
| Stage Colony | 47 | 31 |
| Proud Irish | 54 | 31 |
| Fabulous Champ | 64 | 31 |
| Turkoman | 72 | 31 |
| Twin Spires | 46 | 30 |
| Bold Badgett | 72 | 30 |
| Corslew | 43 | 29 |
| Birdonthewire | 64 | 29 |
| Western Fame | 46 | 28 |
| Event of the Year | 60 | 28 |
| Half Term | 62 | 28 |
| Devon Lane | 57 | 27 |
| Moscow Ballet | 61 | 27 |
| Future Storm | 62 | 26 |
| Majesterian | 36 | 25 |
| Unusual Heat | 49 | 25 |
| Comet Shine | 55 | 25 |
| Synastry | 59 | 25 |
| Dumaani | 47 | 24 |
| Rhythm | 59 | 24 |
| Bonus Money (GB) | 45 | 23 |
| Tychonic (GB) | 42 | 22 |
| Lil Tyler | 43 | 22 |
| Free House | 47 | 22 |
| Flying Victor | 38 | 20 |
| Sharp Victor | 39 | 20 |
| Houston | 41 | 20 |
| Ole' | 50 | 19 |
| Red | 31 | 18 |
| Falstaff | 49 | 18 |
| Lake George | 24 | 17 |
| Vaudeville | 36 | 17 |
| Comic Strip | 45 | 17 |
| Latin American | 54 | 17 |
| Category Five | 30 | 16 |
| Iron Cat | 19 | 15 |
| Cutlass Reality | 30 | 15 |
| Fruition | 31 | 15 |
| Strike Gold | 31 | 15 |
| Truckee | 35 | 15 |
| Bartok (Ire) | 38 | 15 |



Horses getting a workout over the training track at Magali Farms

mane out there. I have one person full time and all he does three or four days a week is put hoof dressing on the broodmares. Otherwise their feet get all dry and cracked.

"We spend a lot of time with the babies," he said. "We lead them in and out of the barns, they go out to pasture after three to four days, and the mares come in at night. We try to do that for 10 days to three weeks, depending upon our stall situation. They get led a lot. After two weeks they're left out, and there's a guy who goes down and catches them and teaches them right away to be

handled and led. He brings them into the catch pen and feeds them treats and picks their feet and cleans them. It makes it so much easier in the long run. Sometimes we get 2-year-olds in from farms that can't even be led. The owners are going to spend 30 days to have us teach their horse the stuff it should have learned before it was six months old."

Hudson is also a huge believer that proper nutrition is vital for all of the horses whether they are mares, stallions, lay-ups, or in train-

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|------|---|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|---------------|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | SLEWLEDO (81, Seattle Slew) | NA | 141/82 | 4/5 | 2/2 | (Carla Rose, \$85,800) | \$1,586,607 | 488 | 30 | 0.80 | 0.63 |
| 2 | CAHILL ROAD (88, Fappiano), El Dorado Farms | \$4,000 | 75/40 | 3/6 | 1/3 | (Twilight Road, \$246,500) | \$1,281,070 | 375 | 21 | 1.34 | 1.43 |
| 3 | FREE AT LAST (89, Wild Again), El Dorado Farms | \$2,500 | 106/55 | 3/4 | 0/2 | (Dance Me Free, \$56,696) | \$847,768 | 246 | 13 | 0.70 | 0.85 |
| 4 | DEMONS BEGONE (84, Elocutionist) | Died, 2001 | 72/38 | 1/2 | 0/1 | (Demon Warlock, \$192,990) | \$814,873 | 416 | 15 | 1.13 | 1.32 |
| 5 | BASKET WEAVE (81, Best Turn), Little King Ranch | NA | 87/52 | 3/5 | 1/2 | (Arco Iris, \$45,421) | \$713,258 | 351 | 18 | 0.60 | 0.66 |
| 6 | SON OF BRIARTIC (79, Briartic) | Died, 2003 | 63/40 | 3/3 | 0/2 | (Old Duke Puffer, \$72,455) | \$610,244 | 543 | 44 | 0.97 | 0.99 |
| 7 | PETERSBURG (86, Danzig), Guy Bar Farm | \$2,000 | 49/29 | 2/3 | 0/1 | (Court's in Session, \$134,485) | \$591,047 | 224 | 19 | 0.77 | 0.60 |
| 8 | KATOWICE (87, Danzig), Woodstead Farm | \$2,500 | 52/28 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Twice Tricky, \$63,954) | \$586,719 | 281 | 13 | 0.93 | 1.16 |
| 9 | DELINEATOR (91, Storm Cat), Woodstead Farm | \$2,000 | 64/39 | 2/3 | 0/1 | (Willie the Cat, \$63,370) | \$565,427 | 179 | 9 | 0.65 | 1.04 |
| 10 | HE'S TOPS (93, Seattle Slew), Woodstead Farm | \$3,000 | 54/33 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Iron Top, \$56,305) | \$474,620 | 93 | 4 | 0.64 | 0.61 |
| 11 | DEVIL ON ICE (89, Devil's Bag), Huntington Farm | NA | 36/20 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Ice Girl, \$64,590) | \$402,939 | 155 | 4 | 0.58 | 0.81 |
| 12 | JAZZING AROUND (84, Stop the Music), Woodstead Farm | \$1,250 | 54/26 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Ugotadownwhatugotado, \$68,420) | \$363,887 | 352 | 18 | 0.64 | 0.78 |
| 13 | CISCO ROAD (90, Northern Baby) | Died | 60/37 | 2/2 | 0/1 | (Crimson Design, \$31,090) | \$327,096 | 226 | 17 | 0.35 | 0.51 |
| 14 | PETERHOF (79, The Minstrel) | Pnsd | 48/27 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Northern Tide, \$31,738) | \$275,359 | 414 | 22 | 0.85 | 1.05 |
| 15 | BOMBARDIER (93, Deputy Minister), Stogie Stables | \$1,000 | 17/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (May's Pride, \$93,875) | \$274,837 | 34 | 0 | 0.76 | 0.92 |
| 16 | SNOWBOUND (95, Meadowlake), Pulse Ranches | \$2,200 | 47/19 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Madranga, \$81,715) | \$274,655 | 94 | 4 | 0.50 | 0.54 |
| 17 | STORM BLAST (94, Storm Cat), Axmakers Miracle Mile Training Center | NA | 26/16 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Jumpingjupiter, \$28,557) | \$244,975 | 59 | 0 | 0.45 | 0.52 |
| 18 | DEFENSIVE PLAY (87, Fappiano), Woodstead Farm | \$2,500 | 32/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Fourth and Six, \$28,290) | \$231,474 | 402 | 10 | 1.02 | 1.36 |
| 19 | DESERT WINE (80, Damascus) | Died, 2003 | 24/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Desert Gal, \$72,308) | \$217,097 | 409 | 22 | 1.20 | 1.62 |
| 20 | COMPELLING SOUND (88, Seattle Slew), Poplar Gate Farm | NA | 33/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (September's Pride, \$36,263) | \$205,667 | 246 | 4 | 0.72 | 1.09 |

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|------|--|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | FABULOUS FROLIC (91, Green Dancer), Schvaneveldt Farm | \$1,500 | 56/19 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Fabulous Fury, \$45,330) | \$332,956 | 118 | 1 | 0.50 | 1.08 |
| 2 | RENERIA (94, Incinerator), Hi Horse Ranch | NA | 12/7 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Rents Due, \$50,716) | \$225,422 | 28 | 1 | 1.03 | 0.76 |
| 3 | LYPHANESS (81, Lyphard) | NA | 6/4 | 2/5 | 0/1 | (Pheiffer, \$101,870) | \$151,838 | 98 | 11 | 0.42 | 0.37 |
| 4 | SHERGAR'S BEST (Ire) (83, Shergar) | Died, 2002 | 20/12 | 1/1 | 1/0 | (Gar's Mam, \$34,495) | \$129,189 | 149 | 6 | 0.53 | 0.64 |
| 5 | COASTAL VOYAGE (84, Coastal), Bosen Land & Livestock | \$950 | 7/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Parisian Trip, \$75,830) | \$128,220 | 37 | 0 | 1.10 | 0.99 |

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Farm manager Tom Hudson is hands-on with the mares and foals

ing. So he works closely with nutritionist John Throckmorton, who examines hay, feed, and soil samples at least four times a year to check for mineral changes.

After the results are in, all of the horses' supplements are adjusted to make sure everything is balanced.

"He's actually a cow guy," admitted Hudson. "But he's an extremely bright individual. He'd done some horse nutrition, but it wasn't his specialty. So he called some of the people in Kentucky and got on with some of the top nutrition people in Kentucky. We got our mineral content right."

But all of the beautiful pastures, lush fields, and good nutrition in the world would be meaningless if the Magali Farms stallions weren't siring winners. And the folks at Magali want to ensure that their stallions' progeny are competitive around the country, not just in California.

Said Sulpizio, "We looked at Lit de Jus-

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tice and he was well-known in California. We brought him here, and he's done real well. Then we bought Decarchy off the track. And one of our clients brought in Atticus. We want to create a product that people will want. We have stallions that can be marketed (on the East Coast). We want to create foals that if the market is not good

here, we can take the yearlings there. As long as we have stallions and their foals that are marketable in Kentucky and California, we're fine."

Atticus (Nureyev—Athyka, by Secretariat) is a grade I winner of \$1.2 million who set a world record for a mile on turf, 1:31.89, in 1997; Fusaichi Zenon is a Japanese grade II-winning son of Sunday Silence out of the

Northern Taste mare Elizabeth Rose.

Truckee, a stakes-winning son of Danzig—Embellished, by Seattle Slew, made the national list for third-crop sires. The stakes-winning Mr. Broadblade's babies are starting to prove themselves. Mr. Broadblade is by Broad Brush out of the Highland Blade mare Miss High Blade.

Lit de Justice is a five-time graded stakes winner and received the 1996 Eclipse Award as champion sprinter, the same year he won the Breeders' Cup Sprint (gr. I). By El Gran Senor, out of the group-winning Kenmare mare Kanmary, Lit de Justice had progeny earnings of more than \$3.1 million in 2004.

Decarchy is being prepared for his second season at stud. By Distant View and out of Kentucky Broodmare of the Year Toussaud, Decarchy is a half-brother to four grade I winners (Chester House, Empire Maker, Honest Lady, and Chiselling) and is a multiple graded stakes winner himself. He covered 73 mares, getting 71 in foal, in 2004.

"I really believe that Decarchy is something special," said Hudson. "The balance on that horse is so incredible. He's not a big horse. But when he's out walking, wow! We'll know soon though; the first of his babies are due in a few days."

What Decarchy doesn't have—and it might be a good thing—is the personality of Lit de Justice. He was and is bigger than life.

"He is such a great horse," said Hudson of Lit de Justice with a smile. "He was a



Magali Farms' stallion Lit de Justice runs in his paddock

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|------|---|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Foals Wnrs Index |
| 1 | DANJUR (92, Dayjur) | Died, 2003 | 34/20 | 3/4 | 1/1 | (One Special Hoss, \$69,288) | \$322,033 | 75 ...3 ...0.68 ...0.82 |
| 2 | GOLD MERIDIAN (82, Seattle Slew), Don H. Jackson Ranch | NA | 55/21 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Aza, \$88,020) | \$276,726 | 384 ...12 ...0.95 ...1.10 |
| 3 | BAQUERO (95, Forty Niner), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds | \$1,500 | 48/25 | 5/6 | 4/0 | (Classa Red Wine, \$29,312) | \$245,326 | 73 ...7 ...0.39 ...0.61 |
| 4 | ABSTRACT (93, Danzig), Cross Country Ranch | \$1,250 | 27/17 | 3/4 | 0/1 | (Moonlit Maddie, \$36,266) | \$197,719 | 100 ...13 ...0.52 ...0.73 |
| 5 | SANCTUARY (94, Halo), Painted Desert Farm | \$750 | 16/4 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Misty Glo, \$99,527) | \$183,745 | 30 ...1 ...0.54 ...0.96 |
| 6 | MR. EASY MONEY (91, Knights Choice) | Died, 2004 | 15/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Swim Easy, \$89,045) | \$180,209 | 42 ...2 ...0.81 ...0.94 |
| 7 | TIFFANY ICE (82, Icecapade) | NA | 23/12 | 2/3 | 0/0 | (Corona Del Hielo, \$41,722) | \$104,934 | 260 ...12 ...0.87 ...1.05 |
| 8 | CAN'T BE SLEW (89, Seattle Slew) | NA | 24/12 | 1/1 | 1/0 | (Sweet Slewellen, \$20,398) | \$85,962 | 114 ...6 ...0.37 ...0.38 |
| 9 | ROB AN PLUNDER (86, Pirate's Bounty) | NA | 12/8 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Lovers Son, \$19,555) | \$74,127 | 91 ...3 ...0.43 ...0.65 |
| 10 | STATELY WAGER (88, Bet Big) | Died, 2000 | 12/7 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Stately Jack Flash, \$12,605) | \$56,287 | 17 ...4 ...0.44 ...0.28 |
| 11 | BOUTINIERRE (82, Bold Forbes) | NA | 12/9 | 1/1 | 0/0 | (Moe Boots, \$11,079) | \$49,868 | 106 ...8 ...0.31 ...0.68 |
| 12 | HOME RUN TROT (84, Victory Stride) | NA | 7/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Candy Go, \$11,330) | \$47,751 | 35 ...0 ...0.22 ...0.45 |
| 13 | JEFF'S COMPANION (80, Noholme II) | NA | 6/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Nichole's Delight, \$25,662) | \$47,598 | 105 ...13 ...0.46 ...0.66 |
| 14 | ¶ ROB 'N GIN (94, Farma Way) | Died, 2004 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Liquid Romance, \$17,745) | \$44,330 | 8 ...0 ...0.80 ...1.49 |
| 15 | ¶ TRUE CONFIDENCE (97, Storm Cat), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds | \$2,000 | 13/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Truth Buster, \$8,157) | \$24,561 | 27 ...0 ...0.13 ...0.71 |
| 16 | NUCAY (91, Lord At War), Silver Star Ranch | \$1,000 | 10/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Nukidd, \$6,540) | \$23,796 | 31 ...1 ...0.33 ...0.35 |
| 17 | SONNY'S SOLO HALO (84, Halo), Emerald Valley Farm | \$1,000 | 3/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Solo Reflection, \$14,625) | \$22,601 | 82 ...1 ...0.35 ...0.46 |
| 18 | ¶ CASCADIAN (96, Seattle Slew), Bar C Racing Stables | NA | 5/1 | 1/1 | 1/0 | (Cascadiansasquatch, \$12,672) | \$15,661 | 21 ...1 ...0.19 ...0.75 |
| 19 | ERADICATE (GB) (85, Tender King) | NA | 1/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sensationalsonny, \$9,704) | \$9,704 | 6 ...0 ...0.18 ...0.00 |
| 20 | TIP ON SLEW (92, Seattle Slew) | NA | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Winner's Lad, \$5,758) | \$8,160 | 30 ...3 ...0.35 ...0.54 |

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quirky horse when he was running. People talk about him as being the toughest horse ever when he was racing, but I'd let a little kid lead this horse in and out of the paddock. He's such a happy horse now. But you can't force this horse to do anything. I love his personality; that's why he's outside today."

Hudson pointed out the office window to the stallion paddocks where Lit de Justice's normally glistening gray coat was covered in mud.

"He's out having his roll," he said. "He absolutely demanded to go out, and rather than having him inside and miserable, he goes out. None of the others want to be out in this!"


Across the fields from the breeding barns is the Magali Farms training area. Hudson

designed the 43-stall barn when he was still running the show stable and it is airy, light, and even during the occasional brutally hot day, cool. It's also practical. The stalls are large, the aisles are wide, the tack area is convenient. The half-mile track is resurfaced regularly. Overseeing the training is former jockey Jerry Lambert, best known for winning the Hollywood Gold Cup three years in a row with Native Diver.

He's been busy. Between getting horses ready for sales and bringing back the lay-up horses and babies, there was a stretch when farm employees were galloping between 60 and 70 horses daily.

"We're always scrambling," said Hudson. "Between our clients who buy in Kentucky and send them here for training, and the

ones who are raised on the farm, we broke between 48 and 50 head last year. Next year it's going to be more like 80 or 90. I haven't figured out how we're going to do it. I hope we sell a lot as yearlings. We have one client who breeds in Kentucky, and when the foals are weaned, he sends them to us to raise and train. It's not that the farms aren't exceptional there also, but we don't have to fight the weather."

It all comes back to those babies. And the business. The 40-acre parcel that the Sulpizios first looked at still hasn't been developed, even though Hudson keeps eyeing it for a new yearling area. Instead, the giant pasture is home to three retired riding horses. And they are just as happy, glossy, and well-fed as Lit de Justice. 

Lighting Up the Board

Racing staged its own Super Bowl of sorts in the Jan. 29 Sunshine Millions the weekend before the gridiron classic. Pitting Florida-breds against California-breds at Gulfstream Park and Santa Anita, the Florida crew dominated the standings, winning five of the eight stakes, but California came home with the day's big winner. Five-year-old **Musique Toujours**, a gelding by Musique d'Enfer, captured the \$1-million Ocala Breeders' Sales Classic Stakes at 70-1 at Gulfstream.

If the name Musique d'Enfer doesn't ring a bell, it's probably because he has operated below the proverbial stallion radar screen for years. The California stallion is 19 years old, but has sired just 26 named foals from nine crops.

Musique d'Enfer is owned by Jacquie Takaha, who bred Musique Toujours with Lorenzo Preciado. Both residents of Los Angeles, Takaha works at Hollywood Park, and Preciado is a retired bartender. They raced Musique Toujours until he was claimed by trainer John Sadler for current owners Lloyd DeBruycker and Richard Glassman for \$40,000 in November of 2003.

Musique d'Enfer's pedigree is one of quality. Bred by Betsey Whitney of famed Greentree Stud, Musique d'Enfer is by major winner and successful stallion Stop the Music out of a Nijinsky II mare. His race record (three wins from 36 starts) was a major reason why he wasn't overly pursued as a stallion prospect.

It was Preciado who suggested the mating of Musique d'Enfer to the Inherent Star mare Starry Ferrari that produced Musique Toujours.

"He studies the bloodlines," Takaha said about her partner in racing. "He loves Stop the Music, and he thought something good would pop up because the bloodlines were so good."

The mating of Musique d'Enfer to Starry Ferrari not only is responsible for Musique Toujours, who has earned \$726,320, but also for Musique d'Enfer's next two richest runners: Mikala's Starr (\$106,666) and Juste Smile (\$65,469). Another offspring from that mating, the colt Harvey's-forharvey, also is a winner.

Musique d'Enfer, who has stood at several farms during his stallion career, currently holds court at Paul Schiewe's Schiewe Ranch near Temecula, Calif.

Starry Ferrari recently arrived at Schiewe Ranch. She produced a full brother to Musique Toujours at a San Ysidro, Calif., farm in January. Breeding plans for 2005 are undecided.

Red Warrior, who won the \$300,000 Vinery Farms Sprint Stakes at Santa Anita for owner Miguel Rubio, is the latest added-money winner to represent veteran breeder Cal Fischer. Red Warrior was bred by Fischer's Madera Thoroughbreds in partnership with the late Glenn Kjelstrom.

"It's all I've ever done, raise horses, and I love it," Fischer, who owns Madera Thoroughbreds near Madera, Calif., said about his 48 years in the business.

Five-year-old Red Warrior (Benchmark—Sparkling Nickle, by Plugged Nickle) went through the 2001 California Thoroughbred Sales August yearling sale consigned by Madera as agent. Trainer Juan Garcia bought him for \$57,000.

Fischer's decision to send Benchmark to Sparkling Nickle was rooted in the horseman's faith in Benchmark's sire, deceased Alydar. "I just felt that a stallion as good as Alydar would leave a good stallion son," Fischer said.

Benchmark, whose daughter Silent Sighs won last year's Sunshine Millions Ocala Stud Oaks, stands at Martin and Pam Wygod's River Edge Farm near Buellton, Calif.

Al and Sandra Kirkwood's homebred **Valentine Dancer** became the first winner of two Sunshine Millions events when she captured the \$500,000 Cloverleaf Farms Filly and Mare Turf Stakes. The 5-year-old daughter of In Excess won last year's running when it was sponsored by John Deere.

Valentine Dancer, who was produced from the Mr. Prospector mare Gilded Dancer, upped her earnings to \$900,126 with her latest score. She was California's champion 3-year-old filly in 2003 after winning the Harold C. Ramser Sr. Handicap on grass and Paseana Handicap and placing in four stakes.

In Excess, who is the sire of 2004 California champion 2-year-old male Texcess, finished 2004 as the state's second-leading sire, with \$4 million in progeny earnings. He stands at Frank "Scoop" Vessels' Vessels Stallion Farm near Bonsall, Calif.

By David Schmitz