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— NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT —

New Foal

By Josh Pons

A healthy colt was born this morning at 6:48.

The hour between 6 and 7 a.m. is a vulnerable time in the foaling barn. The nightwatch girl at the end of her shift is fatigued, awaiting the day crew, arriving with coffee steaming from convenience stores. They have just seen their young children safely up into school buses, or dropped adolescents off in circular drives of high schools, and have returned, to a life-giving job.

A light May rain falls loudly onto tar shingles outside open windows at home. Birds of spring call from the trees.

The two sounds create a noisy confusion in the heavy air. I think I hear horses whinnying amidst the bird calls, but every horse should be in a dry, distant stall: They shouldn't be outside my window. With urgency, I open the front door and stare into the yard in search of loose horses. In the half-light of a dark morning, all I see are white dogwoods in bloom, black-board fences, dark green fields. No horses. Relief. Every horseperson knows the feeling: paranoia pushed back down into its box, coiled up again, spring-loaded for release.

Scenarios laced with danger linger. A mare past her due



date. What if the night girl leaves a few minutes early, and the day crew arrives a few minutes late? Mother Nature may sense the inattention and punish us, her cruel lesson. Nineteen uneventful foalings? Then look out for Number 20. And beware the witching hour, of Mother Nature, connected to an otherworld of unfortunate events: colic, breech births, contracted tendons, placenta previews, fill-in-the-blank.

The home phone rings: "Mare's foaling," the night girl says.

Laptop displays moving forms on the Ustream video from the foaling barn: the jet black hair of the night girl, the

light-colored jersey hoods of the day men, delivering into the straw the form of a new foal, Mother Nature playing Good Witch this morning.

Folks who work with horses attract each other, unusual avocation: trainers marry exercise girls, farmers wed farmers' daughters. Poets likewise seek other poets: Sylvia Plath's husband Ted Hughes penned a poem entitled "New Foal":

*Yesterday he was nowhere
to be found. . . Suddenly he's
here. . .*

*A star dived from outer
space—flared*

*Now something is stirring
in the smoulder./ We call it a
foal.*

Images of white towels inside the black laptop screen wiping the smoldering star dry.

He rests/ From the first blank shock of light. . .

But his legs are impatient, . . . restless with ideas. . .

Think back: Three years ago, foals were a rarity in Maryland. Birth rates dropped by 80 percent in a single decade. Panda-cams in famous zoos displayed busier foaling stalls. Then a new sheriff arrived at the racing commission, restoring order to the industry.

If horses equal green space, jobs, taxes, quality of life to Maryland's suburban citizens, then how to save this great game? the sheriff contemplated.

Reprogram the Maryland Bred Fund, repurpose the Purse Dedication Account, recycle slots revenue in-state, revive Maryland farms, Maryland racing.

Think back: Three years ago, horse farmers in Maryland were dead-men walking. To calm my own fears, I started writing a column called President's Notes.

Nobody writes without being afraid of something. I was afraid of never seeing foals on this old family farm again.

So, monthly in these pages, in 600, maybe 800 words, I surveyed Maryland horse breeding. I went inside bank barns, inside Annapolis, inside Pimlico, inside board rooms, inside horse vans, inside Belair Stud, inside Humphrey

Finney's mind, inside Timonium auctions, inside yearling shows, inside my own mind mainly, writing in the attic of an old farmhouse—essay-meets-memoir meets the endless subject material of the horse business.

My three-year term as MHBA president ends with this column.

It ends happily writing about a foal this morning, a determined rascal who stands on his first try, careening crazily from wall-to-wall, a tender moment of triumph, a bit of metaphor for this challenging business.

My term ends with Ted Hughes' poem, open on the kitchen counter:

And suddenly he's up

. . . as he tightens/ The knot of himself.

. . . teetering/ Over the weird earth.

He wants only to be Horse.

. . . Till he's perfect Horse

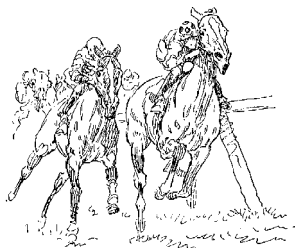
. . . like the awe/ Between lightning and thunderclap. . .

And curve his neck. . .

And fling the new moons through his stormy banner. . .

It ends with this foal, ironically sired by a horse named Freedom Child, a nod to how I feel at the end of these three dozen columns.

It ends with a grateful Thank You to those whose attention span spanned the several hundred words I sifted monthly out of this wonderfully busy world of the Maryland horse.



MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
February 1 to February 15, 2016.

Breeder bonuses

Sarah L. Barker—GRAND NOTION: Feb. 12, 2nd race, \$924.
Bender and Bender LLC—INDIAN BUCKS: Feb. 5, 4th race, \$3,591.
Estate of Howard M. Bender—PIZMO TIME: Feb. 5, 5th race, \$6,840. STREET CRUIZER: Feb. 15, 3rd race, \$6,840. (\$13,680)
Christ is King Stable—BOON COMPANION: Feb. 7, 4th race, \$3,420; Feb. 14, 1st race, \$990. (\$4,410)
Joe Bickel—DUMPSTER DIVA: Feb. 6, 9th race, \$462.
Frank A. Bonsal Jr.—SOME PROMISES: Feb. 5, 3rd race, \$3,420.
Bowman and Higgins Stable and Patricia L. Chapman—CONCEALED IDENTITY: Feb. 1, 1st race, \$1,323.
Classic Thoroughbred—HOW'S YOUR SUGAR: Feb. 8, 1st race, \$891.
Country Life Farm, Darly and Gordon Rathbun—MISS SPEAK: Feb. 1, 2nd race, \$495.
Country Life Farm, Friesan Fire Syndicate and Mary and Clifton Cornwell—FLASH MCCAUL: Feb. 7, 7th race, \$7,182.
Country Life Farm and Richard Horwitz—MAGGIE WAG: Feb. 14, 8th race, \$1,386.
David DiPietro—SAZERAC GIRL: Feb. 8, 3rd race, \$1,320.
Marilyn Doetsch—DIAMONDBACK FIRE: Feb. 14, 1st race, \$1,890.
Dragon's Lair Farm LLC—GATOR GOLD: Feb. 13, 5th race, \$2,565.

Mary E. Eppler Racing Stables Inc.—RAVEN RUSH: Feb. 8, 1st race, \$4,617.
Mary E. Eppler Racing Stables and A. Leonard Pineau—SAVAGE RIVER: Feb. 7, 8th race, \$660.
Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—STORMY MAMA: Feb. 15, 1st race, \$495.
Alison E. Farwell Jr.—COLMONT FIRE: Feb. 1, 6th race, \$2,520.
Mrs. Janon Fisher III—JACOBY J: Feb. 14, 5th race, \$1,008.
Fitzhugh LLC—CANDIDA H.: Feb. 12, 7th race, \$1,485. GURSKY: Feb. 6, 7th race, \$2,646. INCLUDE A CHECK: Feb. 12, 6th race, \$5,643. (\$9,774)
John Foster—ANYTHINGICANDOFORU: Feb. 13, 9th race, \$945.
Dan Green—NORTHERN PRANCER: Feb. 7, 3rd race, \$1,260.
Jean W. Harris—SCHLOSSER: Feb. 1, 4th race, \$3,933.
Huckleberry Farm LLC—MARYLAND MONROE: Feb. 14, 2nd race, \$4,617.
Edwin C. Jenkins—PRINTASTICAT: Feb. 12, 7th race, \$2,835.
R. Larry Johnson—IT'S THE JOURNEY: Feb. 7, 7th race, \$2,646. THISSONGISABOUTYOU: Feb. 15, 3rd race, \$2,520. (\$5,166)
Angelika Hala Kerr and Sean Kerr—MACK THE KNIFE: Feb. 12, 2nd race, \$1,764.
Edward Krishack—SAINT EDDIE: Feb. 7, 4th race, \$1,260.
Fred T. Lewis DVM—WHO STOLE MY SOCK: Feb. 8, 6th race, \$1,386.

Robert T. Manfuso—SWEET CURLS: Feb. 12, 4th race, \$891.
Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—LITTLE KITTEN: Feb. 6, 9th race, \$882.
Marathon Farms Inc.—DAYSTRIKE: Feb. 15, 2nd race, \$1,449.
Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—HURRICANE CREEK: Feb. 8, 8th race, \$2,565.
Wayne and Juanita Morris—REGAL SOLDIER: Feb. 5, 8th race, \$2,646.
Audrey Murray—TIME TO SPARE: Feb. 7, 6th race, \$1,386.
Nancy Lee Farms—JARVIS STEEL: Feb. 14, 1st race, \$5,130.
Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—LEGAL PRECEDENT: Feb. 15, 6th race, \$2,079.
Helen M. Polinger—ELUSIVE BREEZE: Feb. 8, 2nd race, \$2,394.
MaryAnne Ridgely, Melissa Covolesky and Donald Barr—COLONEL MELISSA: Feb. 15, 1st race, \$2,565.
Rob Ry Farm and Jane M. Slys—NOT FOR FUN: Feb. 8, 2nd race, \$882.
Carolyn H. Rogers Estate—LOVABLE LADY: Feb. 13, 4th race, \$7,695.
Gina Rosenthal and Robin Coblyn—KING OF VERSAILLES: Feb. 5, 7th race, \$1,890.
Dr. Elizabeth Schultz and Jean B. Morris—SLIDING LADY: Feb. 7, 3rd race, \$660.
Shamrock Farms—ROCKY GARLAND: Feb. 1, 8th race, \$2,394.
Skeedattle Associates—DONT BE FOOLED: Feb. 15, 9th race, \$882.
George Swope—FRAN'S BUCKAROO: Feb. 8, 4th race, \$1,890.
Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—CHARMED VICTORY: Feb. 15, 5th race, \$4,500. CONSISTENCY: Feb. 13, 3rd race, \$1,197. (\$5,697)
Tanterra Stables—OH WHAT A DELITE: Feb. 13, 2nd race, \$1,449.
Joe M. Thomson—WORTHY LION: Feb. 8, 4th race, \$5,130.
Thornmar Farm LLC—NEXT BEST THING: Feb. 13, 4th race, \$1,485. PARADISE BIRD: Feb. 12, 4th race, \$1,701. SONNY INSPIRED: Feb. 15, 8th race, \$3,000. (\$6,186)
Two Legends Farm and David Wade—LEGEND'S HOPE: Feb. 15, 6th race, \$5,643.
David H. Wade—THE NATITUDE WAY: Feb. 7, 6th race, \$726.
Dr. Wendy Walker—PERIGEE MOON SLIDE: Feb. 12, 3rd race, \$528.
Linda M. Walls—BAMA SAM: Feb. 5, 9th race, \$1,386.

Susan H. Wantz—C V EIS: Feb. 5, 1st race, \$495.
Mrs. Frank P. Wright—CLARE'S DOWERY: Feb. 15, 7th race, \$2,250.

Stallion bonuses

DANCE WITH RAVENS (Raven Rush: Feb. 8, 1st race, \$1,539. Saint Eddie: Feb. 7, 4th race, \$420): Dance With Ravens Syndicate—\$1,959.
ELUSIVE CHARLIE (Elusive Breeze: Feb. 8, 2nd race, \$798): Sinatra Thor Breeding and Racing LLC.
FANTASTICAT (Hurricane Creek: Feb. 8, 8th race, \$855. Printastatic: Feb. 12, 7th race, \$945): Fantastatic Syndicate—\$1,800.
FRIESAN FIRE (Colmont Fire: Feb. 1, 6th race, \$840. Diamondback Fire: Feb. 14, 1st race, \$630. Flash McCaul: Feb. 7, 7th race, \$2,394. Maggie Wag: Feb. 14, 8th race, \$462): Friesan Fire Syndicate—\$4,326.
GATORS N BEARS (Gator Gold: Feb. 13, 5th race, \$855): Gators N Bears Syndicate.
GREAT NOTION (Grand Notion: Feb. 12, 2nd race, \$308): Great Notion Syndicate.
LION HEARTED (Northern Prancer: Feb. 7, 3rd race, \$420. Stormy Mama: Feb. 15, 1st race, \$165. Worthy Lion: Feb. 8, 4th race, \$1,710): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$2,295.
LOUIS QUATORZE (Regal Soldier: Feb. 5, 8th race, \$882. Schlosser: Feb. 1, 4th race, \$1,311): Louis Quatorze Syndicate.
M EIGHTY (Fran's Buckaroo: Feb. 8, 4th race, \$630): Tuscan Farm LLC.
NOT FOR LOVE (Legend's Hope: Feb. 15, 6th race, \$1,881. Lovable Lady: Feb. 13, 4th race, \$2,565. Some Promises: Feb. 5, 3rd race, \$1,140): Not For Love Syndicate—\$5,586.
ORATORY (Miss Speak: Feb. 1, 2nd race, \$165): Country Life Farm and Darley.
ROCK SLIDE (Dumpster Diva: Feb. 6, 9th race, \$154. Jacoby J: Feb. 14, 5th race, \$336. Oh What a Delite: Feb. 13, 2nd race, \$483. Perigee Moon Slide: Feb. 12, 3rd race, \$176. Rocky Garland: Feb. 1, 8th race, \$798. Sliding Lady: Feb. 7, 3rd race, \$220): Shamrock Farms—\$2,167.
SCIPION (King of Versailles: Feb. 5, 7th race, \$630. Time to Spare: Feb. 7, 6th race, \$462. Who Stole My Sock: Feb. 8, 6th race, \$462): Scipion Syndicate—\$1,554.
STREET MAGICIAN (Thissongisaboutyou: Feb. 15, 3rd race, \$840): R. Larry Johnson.

MHBA Annual Awards Dinner

The Maryland Horse Breeders Association put on its annual awards dinner at the new Maryland Jockey Club off-track betting location at the state fairgrounds in Timonium April 27. Opened a few weeks earlier, the facility dubbed the Grandstand Grille proved to be a worthy host with full tables, gracious winners and numerous special moments headed by two new inductees to the state's Thoroughbred Hall of Fame and the Horse of the Year prize to graded stakes performer The Big Beast—all skillfully managed by master of ceremonies Dave Rodman from the Maryland Jockey Club. In addition to the photos here, awards went to the Fowie G Foundation and founder Laurie Calhoun (Thoroughbred Charities of America Award of Merit) and MHBA executive director Cricket Goodall for 30 years of service to the association. Congratulations to the winners and honorees on their achievements. 🐾



Kentucky Derby winner Kauai King and star sprinter Dave's Friend joined the Maryland-bred Hall of Fame. The presentation included (from left) Sal Sinatra, Katy Voss, Joe Clancy, Will O'Keefe (whose parents bred Kauai King), Whit Foster (accepting for the Franks family), Richie Blue Jr. and Frank Vespe.



Bill Reightler (left) presented the Yearling Show premium awards to (from left) Victor Frenkil, Mike Pons, David Hayden, Carol Kaye and Bob Manfuso.



Breeder Bob Manfuso accepted the 2-year-old male trophies for Tizzarunner from the MHBA's Becky Davis (left) and Anne Frederick.



Manfuso (center) brought a crowd on stage to accept the 2-year-old filly prizes for Cathryn Sophia. The group included (from left): A.J. Hesketh-Tutton, Carmen Cashman, Katy Voss, Tom Cashman, Lisa Hof and Sally Eck.



Bill Reightler (left) presented the 3-year-old filly prizes for Mayla to Mike Pons of breeder Country Life Farm.



Reightler (right) presented the 3-year-old male trophies for Noteworthy Peach to trainer Gary Capuano and his wife Angie.



Kent Murray (left) presented older female champion Kiss to Remember's trophies to Ginger and Marshall Silverman, who accepted on behalf of Cynthia and Charles McGinnes.



Breeder Carol Kaye accepted the trophies for turf champion Phlash Phelps from David Hayden (left) and Mike Harrison.



Richie Blue Jr. (left) presented the champion steeplechaser prizes to Grinding Speed's breeder Alan Kline (center) and owner Mike Wharton.



The Big Beast's Horse of the Year, champion sprinter and older male awards were presented by MHBA Vice-President Willie White (right) to Stephen Kell, accepting on behalf of breeders Ron and Carolyn Green's Green Willow Farms.



Willy White presented the trophies for leading broodmare (Perilous Night), breeder (Tom and Chris Bowman) and stallion (Not For Love) to (from left): Lydia Davis, Chris Bowman and Northview Stallion Station's Linda Bench.



MHBA President Josh Pons (right) presented the Federico Tesio Award to Maryland Racing Commission member (and former chairman) Bruce Quade. Named for the famed Italian breeder, the award is given for significant contributions to the Maryland Thoroughbred industry. Quade was recognized for his work on the commission.



Maryland-bred Bonus Payments

for registered Maryland-breds running in Maryland

Bonuses are paid 45 to 75 days from date of actual race

Purse \$	1st place earns \$	1st place breeder bonus \$	2nd place earns \$	2nd place breeder bonus \$	3rd place earns \$	3rd place breeder bonus \$
14000	7980	2394	2940	882	1540	462
14500	8265	2479.50	3045	913.50	1595	478.50
15000	8550	2565	3150	945	1650	495
15500	8835	2650.50	3255	976.50	1705	511.50
16000	9120	2736	3360	1008	1760	528
16500	9405	2821.50	3465	1039.50	1815	544.50
17000	9690	2907	3570	1071	1870	561
17500	9975	2992.50	3675	1102.50	1925	577.50
18000	10260	3078	3780	1134	1980	594
18500	10545	3163.50	3885	1165.50	2035	610.50
19000	10830	3249	3990	1197	2090	627
19500	11115	3334.50	4095	1228.50	2145	643.50
20000	11400	3420	4200	1260	2200	660
21000	11970	3591	4410	1323	2310	693
22000	12540	3762	4620	1386	2420	726
23000	13110	3933	4830	1449	2530	759
24000	13680	4104	5040	1512	2640	792
25000	14250	4275	5250	1575	2750	825
26000	14820	4446	5460	1638	2860	858
27000	15390	4617	5670	1701	2970	891
28000	15960	4788	5880	1764	3080	924
29000	16530	4959	6090	1827	3190	957
30000	17100	5130	6300	1890	3300	990
31000	17670	5301	6510	1953	3410	1023
32000	18240	5472	6720	2016	3520	1056

Purse \$	1st place earns \$	1st place breeder bonus \$	2nd place earns \$	2nd place breeder bonus \$	3rd place earns \$	3rd place breeder bonus \$
33000	18810	5643	6930	2079	3630	1089
34000	19380	5814	7140	2142	3740	1122
35000	19950	5985	7350	2205	3850	1155
36000	20520	6156	7560	2268	3960	1188
37000	21090	6327	7770	2331	4070	1221
38000	21660	6498	7980	2394	4180	1254
39000	22230	6669	8190	2457	4290	1287
40000	22800	6840	8400	2520	4400	1320
41000	23370	7011	8610	2583	4510	1353
42000	23940	7182	8820	2646	4620	1386
43000	24510	7353	9030	2709	4730	1419
44000	25080	7524	9240	2772	4840	1452
45000	25650	7695	9450	2835	4950	1485
46000	26220	7866	9660	2898	5060	1518
47000	26790	8037	9870	2961	5170	1551
48000	27360	8208	10080	3024	5280	1584
49000	27930	8379	10290	3087	5390	1617
50000	28500	8550	10500	3150	5500	1650
51000	29070	8721	10710	3213	5610	1683
52000	29640	8892	10920	3276	5720	1716
53000	30210	9063	11130	3339	5830	1749
54000	30780	9234	11340	3402	5940	1782
55000	31350	9405	11550	3465	6050	1815
56000	31920	9576	11760	3528	6160	1848
57000	32490	9747	11970	3591	6270	1881

Purses for all overnight races to be divided 57% to the winner, 21% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth, unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race. Stakes are capped at \$100,000 for Maryland-bred bonuses, and paid at 30% of purse earned for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Bonuses paid on stakes exceeding \$100,000 will be calculated on purse distributions of a \$100,000 stakes. In general, purses for stakes races are divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Refer to specific conditions of the race.

In general, purses for stakes races are divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Refer to specific conditions of the race. Maryland-bred bonuses for Maryland Million Day are calculated separately.



MARYLAND FOAL REPORT



Kathlyn Lamp

Sagamore Farm is the breeder of the Ghostzapper filly out of Evening Sky (Jpn).



Kathlyn Lamp

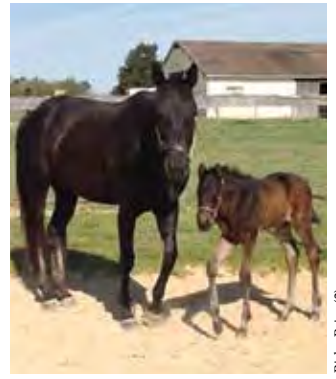
The first foal for Sagamore Farm's Maryland-bred champion Daring Dancer is a colt by Uncle Mo.



Filly by Despite the Odds is out of Shanfield (by Shaniko), bred by La Bella Vita Farm.



Stakes-placed Topazio (by More Than Ready) produced an Afleet Alex filly for Thornmar.



Ricky Price (2)

Powerfully-built Algorithms—Glimpse (Touch Gold) colt is from the family of stellar Thornmar mare Muffies Muffin.



Sallyellen Hurst

Sallyellen and Hugh Hurst's mare Happy Refrain produced a filly by El Padrino in April.



Diane Krasznay

Flashy filly by Smarty Jones, bred by Elke Zuckerwar, is out of the Tiznow mare Tizling.

A QUEEN'S SMILE, by Ops Smile, ch.f., March 31, by Mojave Moon. Bonita Farm. Mare to Mojave Moon.

BLOSSOM POINT, by Rahy, b.f., April 19, by Majesticperfection. Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Paynter.

BULLS LADY, by This Bulls for You, gr./ro.c., March 26, by Gandhi. Sterling Farm WV LLC. Mare to Gandhi.

CHACONA, by Spanish Steps, dk.b./br.c., April 7, by Nicenor. Steve Reed.

DARING DANCER, by Empire Maker, b.c., April 16, by Uncle Mo. Sagamore Farm. Mare to Medaglia d'Oro.

DAYLIGHT LASSIE, by Seeking Daylight, b.c., April 1, by Nicenor. The University of Maryland. Mare to Street Magician.

DICEY D J, by Milwaukee Brew, dk.b./br.f., April 19, by Shang-

hai Bobby. Thornmar. Mare to Jump Start.

DOMESTIQUE, by Domestic Dispute, b.c., April 4, by Great Notion. Double NK Partnership and Dennis Jankiewicz. Mare to Modern Cowboy.

ELECTRIC VENUS, by Flatter, ch.c., April 3, by New Year's Day. Barak Farm. Mare to Flashback.

EVENING SKY (Jpn), by Heart's Cry, ch.f., April 17, by Ghostzapper. Sagamore Farm. Mare to Ghostzapper.

FANCY DIAMOND, by Eastern Echo, gr./ro.f., April 30, by Flashback. Thornmar.

GLIMPSE, by Touch Gold, dk.b./br.c., April 9, by Algorithms. Thornmar. Mare to Secret Circle.

GRAND LEE, by Grand Slam, ch.f., April 1, by Admiral Alex. Mary Slade.

HAPPY REFRAIN, by Not For Love, b.f., April 14, by El Padrino. Sallyellen and Hugh Hurst. Mare to Golden Lad.

KATIE'S LOVE, by Not For Love, blk.f., April 23, by Despite the Odds. Lewis Family Racing Stable. Mare to Etched.

LADY LINDY, by A.P. Indy, b.c., April 10, by Bodemeister. Marathon Farms Inc.

MISS FLATTER, by Flatter, dk.b./br.c., March 16, by Shakin It Up. Susan H. Wantz.

MORNING ROAR, by Roar, b.f., March 19, by Outrageously-funny. Bobby Rankin. Mare to Etched.

OAKS VICTORIA, by Honour and Glory, blk.f., April 5, by Tritap. Lewis Family Racing Stable. Mare to Super Ninety Nine.

PHANTOM STORM, by On Target, dk.b./br.c., April 3, by Baltimore Bob. Robert Gerczak. Mare to Baltimore Bob.

POLYESTER, by Tiz Wonderful, dk.b./br.c., April 6, by Paynter. Sagamore Farm. Mare to Discreet Cat.

PRINCESS GANDOLFO, by Castle Gandolfo, b.f., March 15, by Awesome Patriot. Rob Rankin. Mare to Etched.

RED VALENTINE, by Dehere, ch.c., April 17, by Orientate. Thornmar. Mare to Orientate.

REECE LAND, by Deputy Commander, ch.f., April 30, by Gandhi. Sterling Farm WV LLC. Mare to Gandhi.

SEDUCTRESS, by Lemon Drop Kid, b.c., April 1, by Gio Ponti. Robert Gerczak.

SHANFIELD, by Shaniko, gr./ro.f., April 22, by Despite the Odds. La Bella Vita Farm. Mare to Justin Phillip.

SHE SHINES, by Polish Numbers, ch.c., March 4, by Haynesfield. Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Shanghai Bobby.

SILVER CONCERN, by Concern, b.c., Feb. 29, by Power Broker. Susan H. Wantz.

STERLING'S CIELO, by Sky Mesa, dk.b./br.f., April 3, by Gandhi. Sterling Farm WV LLC. Mare to Gandhi.

STEVIE GOES VEGAS, by Stevie Wonderboy, b.f., April 9, by Outflanker. Robert Gerczak.

TERRA MARIA, by Citidancer, ch.c., March 29, by Stay Thirsty. Mrs. Frank P. Wright.

TIZLING, by Tiznow, ch.f., March 9, by Smarty Jones. Elke Zuckerwar. Mare to Friesian Fire.



Maryland-bred champion Willa On the Move shows off her colt by Take Charge Indy at Marathon Farms.



Marathon Farms' Bodemeister colt with his dam, the winning A.P. Indy mare Lady Lindy.

TOPAZIO, by More Than Ready, ch.f., April 6, by Afleet Alex. Thornmar. Mare to First Samurai.

UNTILTHEREWASYOU, by Big Brown, b.f., April 30, by Animal Kingdom. Thornmar.

WALTZING CAT, by More Than Ready, ch.f., April 13, by City Zip. Timothy J. Rooney. Mare to Super Saver.

WILLA ON THE MOVE, by Two Punch, b.c., April 5, by Take Charge Indy. Marathon Farms Inc.

YOU HEAR US COMING, by Stormy Atlantic, ch.c., April 9, by Lookin At Lucky. Sagamore Farm. Mare to Lemon Drop Kid.



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Ben's Cat: Champ a winner at 10



Jim McCue

Four-time Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Ben's Cat began another chapter in his racing career with a rally on the far outside to open his 10-year-old season with a narrow allowance victory May 1 at Laurel Park. It was his 31st win from 54 starts and pushed his career earnings to \$2,530,937.

Hogan restores, protects funding for conservation, preservation programs

Governor Larry Hogan signed HB 462, a bill that restores and protects state funding to transfer tax-funded land conservation, preservation and recreation programs, into law April 4 at an event at the State House.

The new law provides \$60 million in new funding—\$20 million in 2017 and \$40 million in 2018—for transfer tax-funded programs, such as the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund, and Rural Legacy and Program Open Space, and allocates funds for state land and park development, maintenance and recreation. This new funding was initially outlined in the governor's budget back in January.

"This new funding will enhance our environment and natural resources as well as help us reach our Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement goals," Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary

Mark Belton said. "This administration is dedicated to Chesapeake Bay restoration, land conservation and preservation, and the elimination of transfer tax raids."

The law also requires that past transfers—totaling \$90 million—be repaid with General Funds starting in 2018, and that additional repayments—totaling \$152 million—be appropriated starting in 2021. The law also establishes new procedures for all future appropriations, reimbursements and transfers.

"This law was the result of collaboration between the administration and the legislature," Belton said. "Maryland's land preservation stakeholder groups should be commended for their efforts on restoring and protecting our critically-important land programs and services, which benefit all our citizens."

Maryland-bred top earners in 2016

(through May 4)

1. Cathryn Sophia \$295,520	11. Lovable Lady \$52,351
2. Sonny Inspired 135,000	12. Any Court Inastorm . . 52,327
3. Giant Run 97,170	13. Jump Jive an Wail. . . . 52,000
4. Candida H. 97,065	14. Bioterp 51,207
5. Daylight Ahead 61,962	15. Street Cruiser 49,512
6. Seseri 59,869	16. Include a Check 48,573
7. Flash McCaul 57,122	17. Charmed Victory 48,372
8. Gursky 56,892	18. Easy River 47,128
9. Combat Diver 54,946	19. Pizmo Time 47,112
10. Printasticat 54,765	20. Legal Precedent 47,034

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services, these statistics compiled on May 4 are for stallions who currently stand or completed their career in Maryland. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2016. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2016

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	64	170	22	25	\$620,127
Friesan Fire	34	105	13	15	614,527
Lion Hearted.	59	178	14	20	523,476
Great Notion.	33	94	10	12	399,116
Orientate	54	147	14	22	362,029
Petionville	39	116	10	11	289,860
Louis Quatorze.	39	119	12	12	264,751
Scipion	30	115	9	12	242,283
Rock Slide	20	76	6	6	205,038
Street Magician.	26	52	6	6	197,220
Outflanker	25	60	9	9	184,756
Cherokee's Boy.	19	62	6	7	124,676
Two Punch	17	61	4	4	115,792
M Eighty	3	13	2	3	68,420
Etched	8	17	2	3	66,380
Admiral Alex	3	14	2	3	57,256
Showing Up	16	37	4	4	45,573
Gators N Bears	11	28	2	2	38,535

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	784	17,109	630	2,572	\$71,852,871
Two Punch	938	18,061	732	2,653	54,705,274
Orientate	610	12,035	473	1,775	42,442,595
Petionville	607	13,004	479	1,789	41,681,670
Louis Quatorze.	757	14,092	560	1,873	35,589,527
Polish Numbers	442	9,352	365	1,370	33,375,908
Lion Hearted.	486	8,696	365	1,208	27,310,658
Outflanker	408	8,664	305	1,245	27,151,677
Waquoit	484	11,417	368	1,521	26,912,540
Eastern Echo	417	8,680	292	1,129	22,694,913
Go for Gin	322	6,040	212	714	18,767,079
Great Notion.	149	2,108	114	343	10,291,662
Rock Slide	201	3,244	135	355	9,392,791
Mojave Moon	153	3,072	106	336	5,894,618
Gators N Bears	124	1,768	71	215	5,630,321
Seeking Daylight	156	2,529	122	336	5,325,133
Scipion	88	1,627	55	196	4,413,371
Cherokee's Boy.	62	1,115	43	124	3,292,804
Showing Up	75	808	44	94	1,860,390
Street Magician.	43	316	25	35	1,324,109

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	352	1,121	135	181	\$6,710,861
Two Punch	449	1,447	164	207	5,686,112
Orientate	339	1,065	128	169	4,821,372
Petionville	358	1,116	118	147	4,654,777
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,673,216
Louis Quatorze.	333	1,034	103	129	3,467,116
Outflanker	216	875	91	122	3,283,413
Eastern Echo	220	814	74	101	3,059,366
Lion Hearted.	218	711	80	110	3,050,991
Waquoit	204	694	59	84	2,000,531
Great Notion.	54	159	22	34	1,192,212
Rock Slide	87	283	23	34	1,037,369
Go for Gin	162	528	32	39	982,754
Scipion	45	198	23	30	881,213
Mojave Moon	84	326	25	30	666,532
Cherokee's Boy.	19	77	8	13	573,930
Gators N Bears	52	182	18	21	524,101
Friesan Fire	29	92	10	11	497,901
Seeking Daylight	57	160	21	21	453,029