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# In the House

## Michael House wins with Battle of Hastings

BY TRACY GANTZ

**A**ppaloosas brought Michael House to Thoroughbreds. The spotted horses carted his kids in show rings across the country and his silks on the California fair racing circuit.

House even now sometimes keeps an Appaloosa as a riding horse for himself or his wife, Dawn, at their California home in Rancho Santa Fe, and they breed them at their Montana ranch. The Houses stick to Thoroughbred broodmares and babies, however, at their Chestnut Farm near Versailles, Ky., where they raise youngsters for the yearling sales.

During the 1970s, when House first began racing, Appaloosa stakes purses could reach six figures. In the mid-1980s one of House's racehorses, Blowing Easy, won the first \$100,000 Appaloosa race in California. A member of the Appaloosa Hall of Fame, Blowing Easy remains the second-leading Appaloosa racehorse earner of all time, behind Wing It, with \$260,798.

But as opportunities for mixed breeds declined in California—Appaloosa racing has virtually disappeared in the state—House began to focus on Thoroughbreds.

While he markets the horses he and Dawn raise in Kentucky, House replenishes his racing stable with purchases at domestic 2-year-old sales, purchases from Europe, and the occasional claim. One of his best European purchases has been Battle of Hastings. A 95,000 guineas buy at Newmarket, Battle of Hastings started off for House by capturing stakes at Santa Anita and went on to a double grade II score last summer at Colonial  
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Mike and Dawn House live in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

ANNE M. EBERHARDT



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**For 2-year-old Success in California, Count on**  
*Swiss Yodeler*

*In six of the past seven years, **Swiss Yodeler** has ranked first or second among California's leading sires of 2-year-olds.*



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*As the favorite in her second start, **Swiss Yodeler** 2-year-old **Neeko** is pictured winning a 6 1/2 furlong open maiden special at Oak Tree by 2 3/4 lengths defeating fillies by **Candy Ride** (2), **El Corredor**, **Maria's Mon** and **Yes It's True** including a sister to **Chocolate Candy** (G3) and half-sister to **Street Hero** (G1).*

In 2009, **Swiss Yodeler** is the leader among California sires by state-bred 2-year-old earnings and is represented by 15 juvenile winners (50% from starters) at distances of 4 1/2 furlongs to 1 1/16 miles. They include two open maiden special weight winners at Hollywood Park who banked \$35,880 for their winning efforts and Oak Tree maiden special winner **Neeko** who earned \$31,200 for her victory plus an additional \$20,000 bonus awarded to her owner from the Cal-bred maiden bonus program.

In the past decade, **Swiss Yodeler** is one of only three sires in California to lead the General and Two-Year-Old sire lists in the same year.

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# 2009 Leading Sires in California

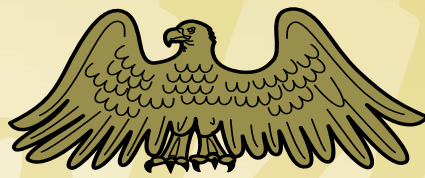
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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in California (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through November 4, 2009. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A ♯) indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race.

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2010 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2009 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	*Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Old English Rancho	N/A	138/70	9/9	7/9	(Hot n' Dusty, \$311,011)	\$4,506,981	*417	24	2.16	1.05
2	SILIC (FR) (95, Sillery), Getaway Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	39/13	1/3	0/1	(Gladiatorus, \$3,297,720)	\$3,643,589	*116	1	1.02	0.96
3	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), River Edge Farm	\$4,000	165/83	5/7	2/5	(Grazen, \$245,000)	\$2,596,220	498	26	1.34	1.20
4	IN EXCESS (IRE) (87, Siberian Express), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$12,500	121/63	6/12	0/6	(Repo, \$191,322)	\$2,231,828	840	59	1.82	1.46
5	SALT LAKE (89, Deputy Minister), Golden Eagle Farm	\$5,000	132/83	2/5	1/2	(Nicks, \$130,242)	\$2,214,629	*1116	48	1.46	1.43
6	KAFWAIN (00, Cherokee Run), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$6,500	110/58	4/6	0/4	(Don't Forget Gil, \$240,972)	\$2,123,586	239	9	1.17	1.36
7	STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Golden Eagle Farm	\$5,000	155/67	3/4	0/3	(King Ledley, \$280,542)	\$2,098,954	*537	24	1.22	1.52
8	BERTRANDO (89, Skywalker), River Edge Farm	\$8,000	128/56	3/4	2/3	(Liberian Freighter, \$191,000)	\$2,010,793	844	50	1.45	1.61
9	DEPUTY COMMANDER (94, Deputy Minister), Ballena Vista Farm	Died, 2009	153/69	2/5	0/2	(Shawanaga, \$148,275)	\$2,002,524	*540	23	1.28	1.68
10	SEA OF SECRETS (95, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$3,000	141/73	2/2	1/2	(Hermosillo, \$110,100)	\$1,671,556	*308	17	1.02	1.12
11	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$6,000	131/78	2/4	1/2	(Shifty Time, \$92,877)	\$1,657,165	351	13	1.09	0.93
12	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), Harris Farms	\$6,000	154/78	1/1	0/1	(Alpine Yodel, \$96,986)	\$1,625,496	542	20	1.14	1.05
13	TRIBAL RULE (96, Storm Cat), River Edge Farm	\$6,000	65/37	4/5	2/4	(Georgie Boy, \$255,000)	\$1,547,401	154	12	1.62	1.09
14	LIT DE JUSTICE (90, El Gran Senor), Magali Farms	N/A	91/38	3/4	1/3	(Bestdressed, \$99,630)	\$1,258,322	375	21	1.33	1.20
15	LORD CARSON (92, Carson City)	Died, 2005	73/40	3/3	3/3	(You Lift Me Up, \$160,537)	\$1,192,683	464	27	1.18	1.30
16	BIRDONTHEWIRE (89, Proud Birdie), Madera Thoroughbreds	N/A	31/15	1/2	0/1	(It's a Bird, \$871,100)	\$1,134,990	*235	9	1.32	1.43
17	HIGH BRITE (84, Best Turn), Harris Farms	N/A	98/51	0/0	0/0	(Enriched, \$153,980)	\$1,083,642	*870	44	1.07	1.21
18	ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$4,000	77/25	2/3	0/2	(Strawberry Tart, \$181,745)	\$1,038,076	375	11	1.16	1.60
19	FORMAL GOLD (93, Black Tie Affair), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	91/39	1/1	0/1	(Semaphore Man, \$136,394)	\$1,031,171	383	19	1.27	1.48
20	VALID WAGER (92, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2007	101/51	1/2	0/1	(Star Redeemer, \$108,820)	\$1,007,981	489	17	1.09	1.26
21	TEN MOST WANTED (00, Deputy Commander), Magali Farms	\$4,000	64/33	0/0	0/0	(Karakorum Fugitive, \$142,190)	\$918,387	108	0	0.65	1.31
22	DECARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms	\$4,000	66/33	0/0	0/0	(Lunch Money, \$59,540)	\$868,880	133	2	0.98	1.05
23	SIBERIAN SUMMER (89, Siberian Express), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	76/35	1/1	0/1	(Surf Town, \$93,420)	\$840,450	338	11	1.06	0.91
24	CEE'S TIZZY (87, Relaunch), Harris Farms	\$6,000	84/44	2/2	1/2	(Tiz Salsa, \$56,950)	\$839,236	673	38	1.74	1.18
25	BEAU GENIUS (85, Bold Ruckus), Ballena Vista Farm	Pnsd	79/32	2/3	1/2	(Niner Genius, \$91,000)	\$711,152	*727	39	1.23	1.19
26	ROAR (93, Forty Niner)	Died, 2008	68/31	1/1	0/1	(Orphan Brigade, \$92,509)	\$661,563	*613	17	1.54	1.40
27	MUQTARIB (96, Gone West), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	Pnsd	62/25	2/3	0/2	(Devoted Magic, \$175,540)	\$661,141	*256	4	0.60	0.95
28	PERFECT MANDATE (96, Gone West), Old English Rancho	N/A	49/28	1/1	1/1	(Run Brother Ron, \$87,846)	\$656,202	198	10	1.08	1.30
29	COMIC STRIP (95, Red Ransom), Rancho San Miguel	\$1,500	71/36	0/0	0/0	(Monstrip, \$72,260)	\$634,814	258	7	0.81	1.21
30	HIGH DEMAND (97, Danzig)	N/A	30/13	1/2	0/1	(Tommy Danziger, \$221,858)	\$581,779	98	1	0.97	1.30
31	FLAME THROWER (98, Saint Ballado), Oak Hill Farm	\$3,500	51/23	0/0	0/0	(Starship Nova, \$49,910)	\$578,272	144	1	0.87	1.12
32	GAME PLAN (93, Danzig), E. A. Ranches	N/A	65/31	1/2	0/1	(Highland Games, \$58,550)	\$569,934	329	22	0.90	0.84
33	CRAFTY C. T. (98, Crafty Prospector), Windfall Farms	N/A	30/18	0/0	0/0	(Dapper Devil, \$63,090)	\$521,682	*74	1	0.93	0.96
34	MARINO MARINI (00, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$3,500	41/18	1/1	0/1	(Chars Problem, \$74,340)	\$516,044	96	1	0.83	1.15
35	ONE MAN ARMY (94, Roman Diplomat), KingsWay Farm	N/A	23/11	3/3	2/3	(M One Rifle, \$178,460)	\$510,820	62	4	1.26	0.92
36	POTEEEN (94, Irish River), Old English Rancho	N/A	24/12	1/1	0/1	(Star Nicholas, \$174,012)	\$510,501	71	3	0.88	0.80
37	BEHRENS (94, Pleasant Colony), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	57/20	0/0	0/0	(Weggie, \$56,035)	\$498,752	181	0	0.61	1.53
38	FREESPOOL (96, Geiger Counter), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	57/26	0/0	0/0	(Reel Danger, \$43,825)	\$485,864	127	1	0.50	0.85
39	KELLY KIP (94, Kipper Kelly), Vinewood Farms	N/A	23/13	1/1	1/1	(Olde Glamour, \$154,147)	\$480,453	104	2	1.17	1.04
40	REDATTORE (BRZ) (95, Roi Normand), Harris Farms	N/A	28/11	1/3	1/1	(Compari, \$183,000)	\$476,203	*194	1	0.95	1.24
41	GENERAL MEETING (88, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	32/15	2/4	0/2	(Century Park, \$177,296)	\$465,220	*471	34	1.89	1.61
42	RIO VERDE (92, Nureyev), Lovacres Ranch	N/A	62/27	0/0	0/0	(Grace Upon Grace, \$77,170)	\$464,833	214	3	0.61	0.87
43	MUD ROUTE (94, Strawberry Road), Special T Thoroughbreds	N/A	43/19	0/0	0/0	(Our Road Scholar, \$53,610)	\$433,073	235	6	0.86	0.96
44	BARTOK (IRE) (91, Fairy King)	N/A	44/14	0/0	0/0	(Novato, \$76,120)	\$412,780	201	7	1.11	0.93
45	RICHLI BLENDED (98, Rizzi)	Died, 2006	36/17	1/1	0/1	(Ultra Blend, \$119,922)	\$376,506	117	2	0.79	0.82
46	DIXIE DOT COM (95, Dixie Brass)	Died, 2007	45/24	0/0	0/0	(Dixie Magic, \$50,500)	\$364,982	111	1	0.65	1.14
47	GOTHAM CITY (98, Saint Ballado), Applebite Farms	\$2,000	29/17	0/0	0/0	(The Bat Signal, \$71,480)	\$360,992	87	0	0.93	1.03
48	FREE HOUSE (94, Smokester)	Died, 2004	30/13	0/0	0/0	(Spinning Yarns, \$111,284)	\$355,502	181	5	0.98	1.57
49	SMOKESTER (88, Never Tabled)	Died, 2005	32/15	0/0	0/0	(Angus, \$82,980)	\$332,732	403	12	1.39	1.26
50	GLOBALIZE (97, Summer Squall), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	39/21	0/0	0/0	(Glo Bou Liza, \$29,141)	\$331,809	97	1	0.80	0.81
51	ROYAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Old English Rancho	N/A	36/16	0/0	0/0	(Sidepocket Cat, \$41,360)	\$320,315	123	0	0.61	1.08
52	ILLINOIS STORM (93, Storm Cat), Ponzo Equine Center	N/A	39/14	0/0	0/0	(Shadow of Illinois, \$153,560)	\$318,627	183	3	0.68	1.02
53	WESTERN FAME (92, Gone West), Applebite Farms	\$2,500	41/18	0/0	0/0	(Western Act, \$31,577)	\$311,815	254	13	0.96	0.83
54	IRON CAT (95, Storm Cat), Oak Hill Farm	\$2,500	28/14	0/0	0/0	(Newport Lulu, \$52,360)	\$302,418	105	3	1.02	0.90
55	FLYING CONTINENTAL (86, Flying Paster)	Died, 2004	40/12	0/0	0/0	(Lupita'sluckycloud, \$93,672)	\$290,442	493	23	0.93	1.09
56	CAPSIZED (96, Summer Squall), Oak Hill Farm	N/A	41/13	0/0	0/0	(Nitro Active, \$87,560)	\$289,955	77	0	0.61	0.83
57	ROMAN DANCER (99, Polish Numbers), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	17/9	1/1	1/1	(Camille C, \$148,021)	\$287,399	37	2	0.85	1.06
58	MOMENTUM (98, Nureyev), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$5,000	34/10	0/0	0/0	(Catsalot, \$104,100)	\$282,516	76	0	0.59	1.10
59	OLYMPIO (88, Naskra), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	31/14	2/2	0/2	(Kalookan Dancer, \$75,462)	\$276,474	*479	30	1.15	1.36
60	ALYMAGIC (86, Alydar), Daehling Ranch	\$1,000	21/6	0/0	0/0	(Phantom Ali, \$61,380)	\$275,610	84	0	0.68	0.80
61	RHYTHM (87, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2007	28/14	0/0	0/0	(Bad Sneakers, \$40,941)	\$239,051	*819	11	1.30	1.18
62	NINEEVEN (93, Phone Trick), Lovacres Ranch	N/A	31/13	1/1	0/1	(Call Aly, \$25,860)	\$214,964	116	5	0.66	0.76
63	POPULAR (99, Saint Ballado), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Adonia, \$53,560)	\$210,719	27	0	0.87	1.04
64	RAINBOW BLUES (IRE) (93, Bluebird), Applebite Farms	Pnsd	21/10	0/0	0/0	(Tudor Blue, \$93,780)	\$206,377	74	1	0.74	1.17
65	SNOWBOUND (95, Meadowlake), Burns Ranch	N/A	48/24	1/3	0/1	(Sun City, \$34,476)	\$205,852	292	14	0.40	0.46
66	TANNERMYMAN (98, Lord Carson), Woodbridge Farm	N/A	15/3	1/1	0/1	(Autism Awareness, \$145,078)	\$189,676	40	1	1.23	0.78
67	STORMY JACK (97, Bertrando), Harris Farms	N/A	29/11	0/0	0/0	(Daylight Storm, \$72,400)	\$187,986	60	1	1.11	0.67
68	VRONSKY (99, Danzig), Old English Rancho	N/A	7/5	1/1	1/1	(Premiere Flyer, \$52,640)	\$176,675	27	1	1.50	0.68
69	LARRY THE LEGEND (92, Local Talent), Warren's Thoroughbreds	N/A	25/8	0/0	0/0	(Nine to Dine, \$47,760)	\$176,389	160	1	0.58	1.19
70	SUANCES (GB) (97, Most Welcome), Rancho Temescal	\$3,500	9/3	1/1	1/1	(Feisty Suances, \$106,000)	\$172,910	33	1	1.46	1.72

\*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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Downs in the Virginia Derby and Colonial Turf Cup.

House obtained his first racing license in 1971, two years after he moved to the San Diego area to begin his industrial real estate business. Born in Nebraska but raised in Los Angeles, he started as a carpenter, working his way up to the point where he

wanted to establish his own company.

"I had to sign a no-compete clause for Los Angeles and Orange counties," House said. "So I looked at Ventura and San Diego counties and chose San Diego."

It was an inspired selection because the San Diego area was about to boom. House settled in El Cajon, east of San Diego, precisely where the population exploded.



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

House buys well-bred fillies with an eye toward their broodmare potential

"We had a couple of acres in El Cajon," House said. "The kids started showing horses, and that's when we got into Appaloosas."

The children showed all over the country, often on House's former Appaloosa racehorses. Daughter Maggie recalls riding one of them, Lord Lin, in 12-year-old children's jumper classes.

When House decided to venture into racing and the time came to design his racing silks, he asked his children for their opinions and came up with a classic 1970s image—the smiley face.

"Kathy's favorite color was purple, and Amy's was yellow, so Dad chose those colors," said Maggie.

Kathy was also responsible for the smiley face.

Recalled House, "Kathy was about 12 or 14, and she said, 'How about a smiley face?' I said, 'It sounds good to me,' and everybody agreed. It was her idea, and it's been there ever since."

Mike and Dawn House have been together about 20 years and have eight grown children and 16 grandchildren between them. All of House's kids outgrew their horse phase, except for Maggie. She is married to Alex Sauque, an assistant to trainer Paula Capestro, and Maggie rides hunter-jumpers.

## The Special T Stallions for 2010

### AWESOME SPIRIT

~ Fee: \$2,000

*Awesome Again – Tizsweet,  
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### COUNCIL MEMBER

~ Fee: \$4,000

*Seattle Slew – Zoe Montana,  
by Seeking the Gold*

- Group/Graded-performer on dirt & turf. SW of \$347,306.
- One of sire of sires **SEATTLE SLEW**'s last sons at stud.
- Family of **EVENT OF THE YEAR** and **HALF A YEAR**.
- First foals arrive in 2010.

### FREESPOOL

~ Fee: \$2,000

*Geiger Counter – Broadtail,  
by Olden Times*

- 2009 Top 4 Calif. Third Crop Sire by money and winners
- 2009 Top-10 Calif. Sire of 2YOs with six winners to date led by Santa Anita 2yo MSW **Uncle Rudy**.
- Also sire of SW **JOE'S CANNON** and 2009 SP **Trulu**.

### LASERSPORT

~ Fee: \$2,500

*Gilded Time – Beamy, by Forty Niner*

- Graded Stakes Winner who was undefeated at two.
- By Champion 2yo **GILDED TIME**.
- Sire of **Laser Point**, winner in consecutive Santa Anita starts and 2 placed runners from 3 starters.

### TASKMASTER

~ Fee: \$1,000

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- Sire of 7 winners, including SWs **SCRUMPY** (\$188,660) and **PEACEFUL TURZIA** (\$93,049).
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"Most of the horses she shows are my old racehorses," said House. "When they get done racing, before I give one away, I'll always have her look at it to see if she likes it."

House and his wife try to find homes for the geldings or any racehorses that have little or no value as breeding animals. One of their homebreds, a California-bred named Top Biker, bowed a tendon at Del Mar last summer, and House gave him to a friend of Maggie's as a potential show horse.

Maggie currently rides former racehorse Bing Bang, a French-bred who was trained by Julio Canani in this country and is now named So Lucky. For 2009, So Lucky leads the adult amateur jumper division of the Greater San Diego Hunter-Jumper Association with Maggie as his rider.

Don Collins trained House's first racehorses, both Appaloosas and Thoroughbreds. House began buying yearlings at Keeneland, and Collins would break them at his base at Turf Paradise just north of Phoenix, Ariz. The owner currently employs Jeff Mullins, who trains Battle of Hastings, and Mike Mitchell in Southern California, plus Greg Gilchrist in Northern California.

During the late 1980s and early 1990s, Jude Feld trained for House. During that seven-year span, perhaps the best horse Feld had was the filly Oeilladine, who won the 1990 Louis R. Rowan Handicap at Santa Anita.

"She was a fabulous miler," Feld re-

called. "She was probably the most talented horse I ever trained. I never had a horse with that kind of turn of foot."

Back then House wasn't regularly breeding Thoroughbreds, and he sold Oeilladine to Cash Asmussen, Feld said.

Feld later moved to Kentucky and recon-



Battle of Hastings wins under the Houses' purple-and-yellow silks

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nected with House during a visit to Del Mar in the summer of 2004. That year House purchased Puppeteer from France, and the son of Singspiel made his first U.S. start in Keeneland's Shadwell Turf Mile (gr. IT). House asked Feld to look Puppeteer over when the horse arrived in Kentucky.

Puppeteer could only finish fifth behind Nothing to Lose in the Shadwell Turf Mile. But when the Houses traveled to Kentucky for the race, they looked at the surrounding area and realized that they would like to buy a farm, especially as they had acquired a few broodmares along the way.

They asked Feld to find a nice piece of property and run it for them.

Feld ultimately discovered 163 acres near where the Bluegrass Parkway and Lexington Road meet in Versailles. Actor William Shatner and a partner had owned it previously and kept Saddlebreds there.

The property's house was built in 1843.

The Houses named the acreage Chestnut Farm, and Feld became its executive director, with Tom Evans its farm manager. Improvements have included planting about 50 trees and a myriad of forsythia bushes, as well as adjusting the facilities to accommodate a Thoroughbred breeding business.

The farm changed House's Thoroughbred business. Instead of buying strictly racehorse prospects, he now looks more for fillies. He buys well-bred fillies with an eye to their broodmare potential, as well as the occasional broodmare prospect with a good race

record.

House decided he would offer all of the foals he breeds at public auction.

"I don't want people thinking I'm keeping the good ones," he said.

Like many other commercial breeders, House may retain a filly or two to replenish the broodmare band. He has also raced homebreds that failed to sell or had a minor problem at sale time that temporarily compromised their value.

He and Feld developed a breeding strategy of targeting new stallions that weren't commanding top stud fees but had prom-

**2009 California Sires  
By Winners**

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Benchmark.....	165.....	83
Salt Lake.....	132.....	83
Swiss Yodeler.....	154.....	78
Old Topper.....	131.....	78
Sea of Secrets.....	141.....	73
Unusual Heat.....	138.....	70
Deputy Commander.....	153.....	69
Stormin Fever.....	155.....	67
In Excess (IRE).....	121.....	63
Kafwain.....	110.....	58
Bertrando.....	128.....	56
Valid Wager.....	101.....	51
High Brite.....	98.....	51
Cee's Tizzy.....	84.....	44
Lord Carson.....	73.....	40
Formal Gold.....	91.....	39
Lit de Justice.....	91.....	38
Tribal Rule.....	65.....	37
Comic Strip.....	71.....	36
Siberian Summer.....	76.....	35
Decarchy.....	66.....	33
Ten Most Wanted.....	64.....	33

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### Bertrando

Skywalker - Gentle Hands, by Buffalo Lark

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Dixie Union - Mini Chat, by Deputy Minister

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**2010 Fee: \$6,000 Live Foal**



### Benchmark

Alydar - Winters' Love, by Danzig

Leading California sire by number of races won in 2009 and second-ranked among West coast sires with North American earnings of \$2.6 million and five stakes winners including graded winner **GRAZEN**.

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>MATTY G</b> (93, Capote), El Dorado Farms	N/A	127/55	1/3	0/1	(Greenspirit, \$102,100)	<b>\$1,259,422</b>	*365	11	0.95	1.07
2	<b>TRIBUNAL</b> (97, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2008	79/48	4/8	0/4	(Tribal Belle, \$245,235)	<b>\$1,130,522</b>	153	8	0.86	0.82
3	<b>SLEWDLEDO</b> (81, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	93/45	1/4	0/1	(Ladyledue, \$97,010)	<b>\$810,516</b>	705	42	0.72	0.62
4	<b>PARKER'S STORM CAT</b> (00, Storm Cat), Gibson Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,700	65/34	0/0	0/0	(Pagan Cat, \$62,173)	<b>\$783,873</b>	*147	1	0.77	1.27
5	<b>HE'S TOPS</b> (93, Seattle Slew), Woodstead Farm	N/A	72/34	2/2	1/2	(Reba Is Tops, \$97,912)	<b>\$660,193</b>	236	10	0.59	0.67

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# 2009 Leading Sires in Idaho

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>♯ CAUSE UR MINE</b> (02, Giant's Causeway), Outback Stallion Station/Tree Top Ranches	N/A	5/2	1/2	0/1	(Our Minesweeper, \$84,249)	<b>\$91,408</b>	31	1	1.26	0.38
2	<b>TAVASCO</b> (97, Tabasco Cat), Lawson Ranch	N/A	7/6	0/0	0/0	(Salsa Express, \$23,580)	<b>\$81,930</b>	32	2	0.82	0.58
3	<b>FABULOUS FROLIC</b> (91, Green Dancer), Cliff Schvaneveldt Farm	N/A	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Collision, \$24,613)	<b>\$73,803</b>	172	2	0.46	0.94
4	<b>KINGS BLOOD</b> (IRE) (95, Fairy King), Sutherland Farm	N/A	15/5	1/2	0/1	(Northern Blood, \$13,951)	<b>\$56,039</b>	88	1	0.32	0.52
5	<b>REVERSAL</b> (97, Gone West), Treasure Ranch	\$2,000	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Goinwest, \$13,990)	<b>\$50,931</b>	46	2	0.53	1.31

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ise. They have gotten in on many sires that House wouldn't have been able to afford after the stallion hit.

"I spend a lot of time looking at babies," said Feld. "I talk to a lot of people, and I follow the races closely to get a good idea of who will be commercial."

House is proud that he got in early on such stallions as Tiznow, Medaglia d'Oro,

More Than Ready, Rock Hard Ten, and After Market.

"Young horses like that, when they start out with modest stud fees, can have unlimited potential," he said.

House was able to breed to champion Vindication before that stallion's untimely death in 2008. Mullins trained the filly Brooke's Halo for House, and she won the

2005 Hollywood Breeders' Cup Oaks (gr. II) and Las Madrinas Handicap. House bred Brooke's Halo to Vindication and sold her in foal at the 2006 Keeneland fall mixed sale for \$575,000.

Last year's yearling crop from Chestnut Farm included Coffee Run, a daughter of Medaglia d'Oro—Viaduct who sold for \$300,000, and Modern Cowboy, a son of Tiznow—Western Woman who brought \$200,000. This past summer at Saratoga, House sold a son of Rock Hard Ten out of Quiet Dream for \$260,000.

"She's well-bred, by Seattle Slew out of a Secretariat mare," Feld said of Quiet Dream.

House did hold onto one member of his 2008 crop, however, a son of Street Cry.

"He was a late foal, and so I didn't feel he'd be that good in the sale," House said. "Besides, I'd like to have a Street Cry, and I can't afford to buy one or breed to him anymore."

House's broodmares also include Sweet Fourty, a daughter of Sweetsouthern-saint—Majestic Fourty, by Majestic Venture. Trained by Mullins for House, Sweet Fourty as a 2-year-old ran second to Balance in the Sharp Cat Stakes at Hollywood Park, and at 3 she won the 2006 WinStar/Sunland Park Oaks.

"Mr. House purchased her with breeding in mind," Feld said. "We've got a couple of really nice foals out of her."

For the 2010 sales, House's yearling crop will include a daughter of More Than

## 2009 California Sires By 2-Year-Old Winners

Sire	2yos	2yo Rnrs	2yo Wnrs
Old Topper.....	79	36	18
Stormin Fever.....	60	32	15
Swiss Yodeler.....	63	30	15
Kafwain.....	68	20	8
Ministers Wild Cat.....	48	19	7
Bertrando.....	49	13	7
Freespool.....	53	16	6
In Excess (IRE).....	59	15	6
Marino Marini.....	62	20	5
Rio Verde.....	28	14	5
Snowbound.....	28	9	5
Ten Most Wanted.....	31	12	4
Benchmark.....	62	17	4
Atticus.....	64	9	4
Globalize.....	26	12	4
Decarchy.....	37	11	4
Terrell.....	27	9	3
Salt Lake.....	44	10	3
Nineleven.....	15	9	3
Formal Gold.....	46	15	3
Deputy Commander.....	42	11	3
Sea of Secrets.....	21	8	3
Tribal Rule.....	19	5	3
Jackpot.....	15	4	3

## 2009 California Sires By Stakes Winners

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Unusual Heat.....	9	9
In Excess (IRE).....	6	12
Benchmark.....	5	7
Kafwain.....	4	6
Tribal Rule.....	4	5
Bertrando.....	3	4
Lit de Justice.....	3	4
Lord Carson.....	3	3
One Man Army.....	3	3
Stormin Fever.....	3	3
Deputy Commander.....	2	5
General Meeting.....	2	4
Old Topper.....	2	4
Salt Lake.....	2	4
Atticus.....	2	3
Beau Genius.....	2	3
Cee's Tizzy.....	2	2
Muqtarib.....	2	2
Olympio.....	2	2
Sea of Secrets.....	2	2

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>WILD ESCAPADE</b> (92, Wild Again)	N/A	19/9	0/0	0/0	(Melodic Escapade, \$50,170)	<b>\$191,821</b>	169	1	0.87	0.92
2	<b>MI SELECTO</b> (85, Explodent)	N/A	21/5	0/0	0/0	(Some Quick, \$56,609)	<b>\$113,584</b>	*427	7	0.80	1.03
3	<b>HOLY MOUNTAIN</b> (91, Devil's Bag)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Holy Elegance, \$26,950)	<b>\$54,085</b>	109	2	0.59	0.93
4	<b>VIA LOMBARDIA</b> (IRE) (92, Shardari), Burch Farm	N/A	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Via Tahoe, \$8,212)	<b>\$39,914</b>	85	1	0.51	0.70
5	<b>PISTOLS AND ROSES</b> (89, Darn That Alarm), W.R. Thoroughbreds	N/A	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Havpistolwiltravel, \$7,864)	<b>\$23,084</b>	154	4	0.62	0.94

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## 2009 Leading Sires in Oregon

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2010 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstret SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2009 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>POLISH MINER</b> (97, Danzig), Bar C Racing Stables	N/A	58/26	0/0	0/0	(Polish Smile, \$87,834)	<b>\$965,870</b>	115	0	0.95	1.10
2	<b>GRINDSTONE</b> (93, Unbridled), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	62/22	1/1	1/1	(Ashe's Cat, \$63,700)	<b>\$495,626</b>	*417	16	1.24	1.66
3	<b>HARBOR THE GOLD</b> (01, Seeking the Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	N/A	22/10	3/7	0/3	(Koala Beach, \$92,843)	<b>\$344,829</b>	39	5	0.91	0.55
4	<b>SOFT GOLD</b> (BRZ) (92, Fast Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	N/A	36/19	0/0	0/0	(Otisgold, \$30,989)	<b>\$275,063</b>	120	7	0.99	0.97
5	<b>BAQUERO</b> (95, Forty Niner), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	33/17	2/4	0/2	(De Cantina, \$28,087)	<b>\$160,344</b>	173	13	0.33	0.51

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Ready—Western Woman and a son of Discreet Cat—Desiraes My Candy.

Where House particularly excels in his racing stable is in choosing horses in training from Europe, such as the 3-year-old gelding Battle of Hastings.

"I'd been told about him as a 2-year-old—had good reports," House said.

Battle of Hastings may end up being House's best selection yet. When the owner saw that the British-bred son of Royal Applause—Subya, by Night Shift, would be offered at the Tattersalls 2008 autumn horses in training sale, he contacted Jamie Lloyd. A Southern California-based bloodstock agent and trainer, Lloyd grew up in England and has many contacts there.

"Jamie was going to the sale," House said. "I asked him to look at the horse, and if it was OK to try to buy him."

Lloyd bought Battle of Hastings for House. In only his second start for his new owner, Battle of Hastings won Santa Anita's Baldwin Stakes (gr. IIIT) and then added the La Puente Stakes. On Kentucky Oaks (gr. I) day at Churchill Downs, Battle of Hastings finished second to Orthodox in the American Turf Stakes (gr. IIIT).

Those performances led House to start thinking about the two stakes at Colonial Downs in Virginia.

"The next stakes in California was going to be \$100,000, and here were \$500,000 and \$750,000 stakes back there," House said.



The main residence at Chestnut Farm was built in 1843

House suggested to Mullins that they send Battle of Hastings to Colonial Downs, especially as the gelding shipped well. The Houses not only enjoyed Colonial Downs' setting—"it's beautiful, out in the country," House said—they got to celebrate in the winner's circle both times.

House briefly considered the Secretariat Stakes (gr. IT) at Arlington Park to

try to pursue the "Grand Slam of Grass" that includes the Breeders' Cup Turf (gr. IT). However, because Battle of Hastings would have had to be supplemented to the Breeders' Cup and would be a 3-year-old taking on veteran turf horses, House decided instead on the Del Mar Derby (gr. IIT). Battle of Hastings lost by a nose to Rendezvous while having to race wide.

Another European horse who did well for House was grass sprinter Cayoke. He won stakes at Santa Anita and Del Mar and now stands for House at Abbott Ranch in Oro Grande, Calif. Collins manages the stallion.

House's daughter Maggie currently has a yearling filly by Cayoke she plans to train as a hunter.

"Cayoke was my favorite racehorse," Maggie said.

Recent purchase In the Slips might follow Battle of Hastings and Cayoke as still another good European buy. A 2-year-old Kentucky-bred daughter of More Than Ready—Tjinouska, by Cozzen, In the Slips won two of five races in England.

Not that Battle of Hastings is anywhere near finished. House hopes to run him in the Hollywood Derby (gr. IT) and perhaps in Hong Kong before the year is out.

"He'll race as long as he can race and do good," House said. "He's a real good-tempered horse. If he can stay sound, the sky's the limit with him." 🐾

***Graded Stakes Winner***  
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*(Awesome Again – Retiro Park, by Meadowlake)*

***Triple Digit Beyer*** winner of the **Grade 3** Berkeley Breeders' Cup Handicap, going one mile in 1:33<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub>—only <sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub> off the track record, beating G1SW & Millionaire **TASTE OF PARADISE** and G3SW **YUGOTTAWANNA** (\$729,127).

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