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Establishing a Legacy

Pete and Evelyn Parrella bring Papa Clem to Legacy Ranch

BY TRACY GANTZ

When multiple graded stakes winner Papa Clem became available for stud duty in late January, Pete Parrella and several other prominent California breeders immediately leapt into action. They were determined not to let this one slip away to Kentucky or elsewhere.

Conferencing during the Barretts winter mixed sale, Parrella, Tom Bachman, Madeline Auerbach, Don Valpredo, and Brian Boudreau sought out owner/breeder Bo Hirsch. They quickly made the deal to stand Papa Clem at Parrella's Legacy Ranch near Clements, Calif.

It was typical of Parrella's enthusiasm for California's racing and breeding industries. The 66-year-old has plenty to do running his Parr Lumber Co. in Chino, Calif., as well as his Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse breeding and training operation at Legacy. Yet he
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Pete and Evelyn Parrella relocated their farm to Northern California in 2002

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Leading Sire Proven in California

2009 Champion Sire of California-conceived Two-Year-Olds by Earnings
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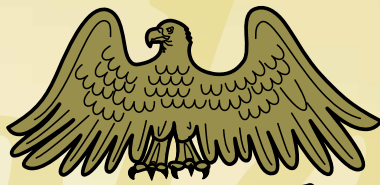
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G1 winner of the Norfolk Stakes, as did his sire **Dixie Union**, **Dixie Chatter** received the highest weight among West Coast juvenile colts of 2007.

In four starts last year, **Dixie Chatter** defeated champion **Gio Ponti** in the Strub-G2, was third in the Kilroe Mile-G1, defeated less than a length, and scored a 1:34 victory in Santa Anita's Arcadia Handicap-G2.

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Del Mar record holder Bertrando



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High-weighted Cal-bred juvenile John Scott

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Old English Rancho	N/A	59/13	2/2	0/2	(Pretty Unusual, \$135,480)	\$505,307	*454	25	2.18	1.08
2	DECARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms	\$4,000	35/12	2/2	1/2	(Quisiana, \$110,000)	\$301,972	172	5	1.08	1.05
3	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), River Edge Farm	\$4,000	63/14	0/0	0/0	(Lady Alex, \$66,240)	\$290,838	563	26	1.33	1.20
4	STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Golden Eagle Farm	\$5,000	51/12	1/1	0/1	(A Little Warm, \$60,000)	\$256,520	*551	25	1.23	1.51
5	REDATTORE (BRZ) (95, Roi Normand), Harris Farms	\$2,500	18/4	1/1	1/1	(Al Arab, \$66,000)	\$236,685	*230	1	1.07	1.23
6	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	58/13	0/0	0/0	(Count It All Joy, \$23,112)	\$184,169	390	13	1.07	0.93
7	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), Harris Farms	\$6,000	54/8	0/0	0/0	(Yodelen Dan, \$19,200)	\$149,952	601	20	1.13	1.07
8	LIT DE JUSTICE (90, El Gran Senor), Magali Farms	N/A	39/6	0/0	0/0	(Dotsy Jean, \$60,220)	\$136,434	382	21	1.32	1.20
9	FORMAL GOLD (93, Black Tie Affair), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Golden Horizon, \$26,400)	\$135,727	413	19	1.26	1.47
10	HIGH BRITE (84, Best Turn), Harris Farms	\$5,000	41/7	0/0	0/0	(Enriched, \$23,750)	\$128,461	*891	44	1.07	1.20

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manages to find the time to serve on the board of directors of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association and the Thoroughbred Owners of California.

An early winner of California Cup races with His Legacy, Parrella wholeheartedly supports the California-bred program while constantly searching for ways to improve it.

"If it wasn't for the Cal-bred program, I don't know if we would have racing in California," Parrella said. "Cal-breds make up about 50% of all the horses that run in California."

That passion for shoring up the Cal-bred program led Parrella to Papa Clem, a 4-year-old son of Smart Strike out of grade-I winner Miss Houdini. The stallion stands for \$7,500, with shares going for \$25,000.

"This is an opportunity for California, not Legacy Ranch," Parrella said. "This opens up a lot of avenues for mares in California. Tom, Bo, and Kathy Berkey

(Hirsch's bloodstock agent) really put this together."

Bachman and Valpredo have both served on the CTBA and TOC boards, while Auerbach and Boudreau are currently on the TOC board. They and Parrella had expressed concerns that many of California's top stallions are aging with no young blood to replace them.

"It's real exciting to have a horse like that at Pete's farm," said Bachman. "To have a horse like this in Northern California—I love it. I just bought a mare in foal to Curlin, and she'll go to him."

Hirsch, who lives in California and named Papa Clem for his late father, California racing executive Clement Hirsch, was also pleased.

"I love that he's staying in California," said Hirsch. "I really like the people who are involved."

Parrella believes in supporting the stallions at his farm. He has bred several mares to resident stallion Cindago, a son

of Indian Charlie—Tupelo Belle, by Turkoman. The breeder has foals by Our New Recruit, who stood at Legacy until his death last fall, as well as mares in foal to the stallion.

Parrella will quickly credit other members of his team for any of his successes, from the longtime employees at Parr Lumber to those who help operate Legacy Ranch. Shaun Hadley has managed Legacy Ranch from its beginnings in Chino, Calif., in the 1980s, and his wife, Anita, assists him. Parrella's wife, Evelyn, is also very involved in their operation, particularly at the ranch, having come from the real estate business.

As Legacy outgrew its original 30 acres in Chino, the Parrellas decided to relocate their operation to Northern California. Chino, a community 35 miles east of Los Angeles, was turning from a rural area into suburbia, and land was becoming too valuable for horses.

The Parrellas sold the Chino acreage in 2002 and discovered a much larger property of 145 acres in Clements already in use as a Thoroughbred farm. Ron and Fran Stolich had operated it as Blooming Hills Ranch, standing stallions and marketing youngsters at the annual Del Mar yearling sale.

Because the Parrellas wanted to include more extensive training facilities, they and the Hadleys built a five-furlong training track. It was part of an upgrade of about \$1.5 million that Parrella spent after buying the acreage.

"I didn't want to have to 'sell' the ranch (to clients)," he said. "I wanted somebody to walk through it and say, 'This is where I want my horses.'"

Hadley said the farm has about 200 stalls divided among the broodmare, foaling, stallion, and training barns. Legacy also has nearly 40 private grass paddocks of up to a half-acre each in addition to its pastures.

Parrella and Hadley pay attention to



Papa Clem, shown winning the San Fernando, will be the newest stallion at Legacy Ranch

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HALO'S IMAGE — PLEASANT DIXIE, BY DIXIELAND BAND

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	MATTY G (93, Capote), El Dorado Farms	\$3,500	129/57	1/3	0/1	(Greenspirit, \$102,100)	\$1,366,582	*365	11	0.94	1.06
2	TRIBUNAL (97, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2008	81/50	4/9	0/4	(Tribal Belle, \$329,358)	\$1,283,475	153	8	0.87	0.81
3	PARKER'S STORM CAT (00, Storm Cat), Gibson Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,700	71/38	0/0	0/0	(Pagan Cat, \$65,819)	\$922,571	*147	1	0.77	1.26
4	SLEWLEDO (81, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	95/46	1/4	0/1	(Ladyledue, \$97,010)	\$870,893	705	42	0.72	0.62
5	HE'S TOPS (93, Seattle Slew), Woodstead Farm	\$2,500	73/35	2/2	1/2	(Reba Is Tops, \$136,352)	\$710,153	236	10	0.58	0.67
6	YOU AND I (91, Kris S.), Woodstead Farm	\$2,500	71/33	0/0	0/0	(Talkin to Mom Roo, \$128,786)	\$662,430	*450	16	1.20	1.45
7	CAHILL ROAD (88, Fappiano), El Dorado Farms	\$3,500	87/32	2/1	1/2	(Wasserman, \$76,400)	\$600,898	*543	29	1.08	1.22
8	PETERSBURG (86, Danzig)	Died, 2006	45/26	2/2	1/2	(Midwesterner, \$66,840)	\$413,304	333	22	0.68	0.58
9	MATRICULE (94, A.P. Indy), Allaire Farms	\$1,500	44/23	2/3	1/2	(Quinalt, \$59,131)	\$367,205	159	3	0.36	0.51
10	FREE AT LAST (89, Wild Again), El Dorado Farms	\$1,500	60/23	1/1	1/1	(Have'n a Wild Time, \$41,190)	\$365,052	387	23	0.59	0.78

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detail, whether it's seeing that all stalled horses have more than ample bedding or that foals receive routine blood tests to help ensure their health. The training track allows them to put plenty of foundation into 2-year-olds.

"All of the 2-year-olds are ponied to the track," Parrella said. "We stand them in the gate 30 or 40 times. What we're trying to sell is when that 2-year-old gets to the racetrack, the trainer knows that horse is ready to breeze."

Legacy Ranch is not strictly a commercial venture to serve outside clients. The Parrellas own about 120 horses, which include some 20 Thoroughbred mares and another 10 Quarter Horse mares and their resulting offspring. They have about 17 Thoroughbreds in training with such trainers as Dave Hofmans, Brian Koriner, and Terry Knight.

Two of those 120 horses helped build Legacy Ranch and today rule the place in well-earned retirement. His Legacy, a

2009 California Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Benchmark.....	174.....	92
Salt Lake.....	134.....	86
Old Topper.....	141.....	85
Swiss Yodeler.....	159.....	80
Sea of Secrets.....	143.....	76
Unusual Heat.....	141.....	75
Deputy Commander.....	160.....	73
Stormin Fever.....	160.....	72
In Excess (IRE).....	131.....	69
Kafwain.....	120.....	66
Bertrando.....	134.....	60
Valid Wager.....	106.....	58
High Brite.....	102.....	54
Cee's Tizzy.....	86.....	48
Formal Gold.....	93.....	45
Lit de Justice.....	94.....	44
Lord Carson.....	76.....	41
Decarchy.....	69.....	39
Tribal Rule.....	67.....	39
Siberian Summer.....	78.....	38
Comic Strip.....	76.....	38
Ten Most Wanted.....	67.....	36
Beau Genius.....	80.....	34
Game Plan.....	67.....	33
Roar.....	71.....	32
Rio Verde.....	65.....	31
Atticus.....	83.....	30
Perfect Mandate.....	49.....	30
Freespool.....	62.....	28
Dixie Dot Com.....	48.....	27
Muqtarib.....	63.....	25
Snowbound.....	51.....	25
Flame Thrower.....	51.....	24
Globalize.....	41.....	24
Behrens.....	61.....	22
Marino Marini.....	47.....	20
Mud Route.....	44.....	20
Western Fame.....	42.....	20
Richly Blended.....	41.....	20
Gotham City.....	34.....	20
Crafty C. T.....	31.....	19

SUANCES (GB)

Won 8 of 12 Career Starts

- Highweighted 3YO French Free Handicap 7-9 1/2 Furlongs
- Emirates Airline Prix Jean Prat (G1)
- Prix de Guiche (G3)
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- San Francisco Breeders' Cup Mile (G2) defeating The Tin Man, Decarchy and Sarafan



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- Leading 2nd Crop Sires of West Region Breds by SPI
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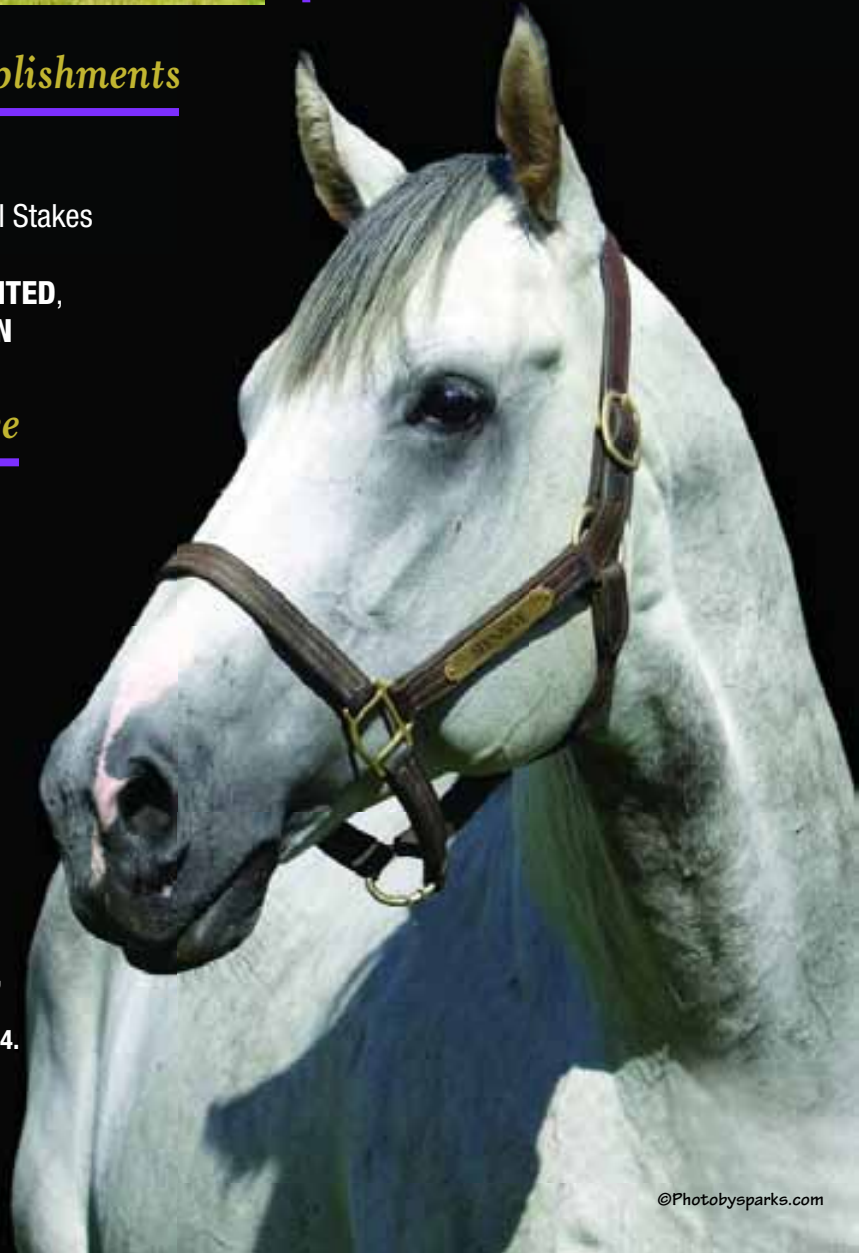
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2	GRINDSTONE (93, Unbridled), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	64/24	1/1	1/1	(Allsarott, \$74,630)	\$588,906	*417	16	1.24	1.65
3	HARBOR THE GOLD (01, Seeking the Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	\$3,000	22/13	3/7	0/3	(Koala Beach, \$92,843)	\$366,669	39	5	0.89	0.54
4	SOFT GOLD (BRZ) (92, Fast Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,000	38/20	0/0	0/0	(Otisisgold, \$31,854)	\$298,049	120	7	0.97	0.96
5	BAQUERO (95, Forty Niner), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	34/17	3/5	1/3	(Jimbos Fire Ant, \$28,134)	\$181,322	173	14	0.33	0.51

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1	♯ CAUSE UR MINE (02, Giant's Causeway), Outback Stln Str/Tree Top Rnches	\$750	6/2	1/2	0/1	(Our Minesweeper, \$97,249)	\$107,408	31	1	1.12	0.38
2	TAVASCO (97, Tabasco Cat), Lawson Ranch	\$2,000	7/6	0/0	0/0	(Salsa Express, \$31,380)	\$91,472	32	2	0.82	0.58
3	FABULOUS FROLIC (91, Green Dancer), Cliff Schvaneveldt Farm	\$1,200	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Smooth Tango, \$25,064)	\$87,538	172	2	0.46	0.93
4	KINGS BLOOD (IRE) (95, Fairy King), Sutherland Farm	\$1,000	17/5	1/2	0/1	(Northern Blood, \$19,801)	\$64,361	88	1	0.31	0.51
5	REVERSAL (97, Gone West), Treasure Ranch	\$2,000	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Goinwest, \$14,290)	\$55,668	46	2	0.52	1.30

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25-year-old Thoroughbred gelding who earned \$420,925, shares a pasture with Griswold, a 24-year-old Quarter Horse who earned \$627,307.

"They're just enjoying themselves," said Parrella. "They're a little sway-backed, but I have fond, fond memories of them."

His Legacy won four stakes, including three editions of the California Cup Starter Handicap, and placed in nine other stakes. Griswold won 14 stakes, all at Los Alamitos, Southern California's Quarter Horse track, and three titles as the nation's champion distance Quarter Horse.

Griswold even set a bit of cross-breed history when he com-



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peted in a match race against the Thoroughbred Valiant Pete over a half-mile at Santa Anita in 1991. Though Griswold outbroke Valiant Pete, the Thoroughbred beat the Quarter Horse by a neck. Valiant Pete had to equal the world record of :44¹/₅ to defeat Griswold, and that mark remains Santa Anita's track record for the distance today.

Parrella spent about 10 years on the Los Alamitos board of directors and developed immense respect for Dr. Ed Allred, the track's president and CEO.

"I think he's one of the most knowledgeable people in the business," Parrella said. "I learned so much from Ed. I think he's great for racing. I think we on the Thoroughbred side should look at some of the innovations that he's done."

Parrella has taken a page from Allred's entrepreneurial book and joined Boudreau, Arnold Zetcher, and William de Burgh to form the Thoroughbred Racing Association of California (TRAC) acquisition committee, which sought to buy Santa Anita out of bankruptcy proceedings and ensure that it remains a racetrack. Now that Santa Anita is emerging from bankruptcy as the property of MI Developments, the TRAC committee remains interested in leasing the facility to run the race meeting as a non-profit to benefit horsemen, along the lines of what the Oak Tree Racing Association does.

Unlike many other people who have raced Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds, Parrella didn't own Quarter Horses first. He did begin by betting on them at Los Alamitos, however, having grown up in Ontario, Calif.

"I started going to the races as a player in the late '60s," said Parrella. "I enjoyed it immensely. I've always had a little knack with numbers and learned at an early age that at the racetrack if you bet \$10, you've got a chance to make \$100. At the time I was making \$1.25 an hour, and I thought, 'Where has this been all my life?'"

Parrella soon discovered Santa Anita and Thoroughbred racing. By the early 1970s, he decided to claim some horses, with Hofmans as his trainer. He couldn't become too involved at the



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Lifetime earnings of \$1,121,190 and a leading 3yr old of 2009, he won the Arkansas Derby G2, placed in the Robert Lewis G2, the Louisiana Derby G2 and was 4th in the Kentucky Derby G1. More recently he won the San Fernando Stakes G2 and also placed in the Malibu Stakes G1 before injury ended his career. He is by leading sire Smart Strike, sire of Horse of the Year Curlin, champion Turf horse English Channel, and current KY Derby favorite Lookin At Lucky. His female family speaks of three generations of top California stakes runners and the Hirsch breeding program.

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2	MI SELECTO (85, Explodent)	N/A	24/5	0/0	0/0	(Some Quick, \$57,524)	\$118,231	*427	7	0.80	1.02
3	HOLY MOUNTAIN (91, Devil's Bag)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Holy Elegance, \$26,950)	\$60,476	109	2	0.59	0.93
4	VIA LOMBARDA (IRE) (92, Shardari), Burch Farm	\$800	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Via Tahoe, \$8,932)	\$46,571	85	1	0.50	0.71
5	PISTOLS AND ROSES (89, Darn That Alarm), W.R. Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Havpistolwiltravel, \$7,983)	\$24,903	154	4	0.62	0.93

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time because he was building his own business.

A lumber salesman in the 1960s, Parrella expanded the San Diego territory for his employer. He began Parr Lumber Co. in 1976. The company now employs 40 people, including Parrella's two adult children, Michael and Janet, and the business does from \$60 million to \$100 million annually in sales.

More importantly, Parrella has kept his company debt-free. That plus diversification has allowed him to weather the current global economic difficulties, and he is proud of the fact that he hasn't had to lay off any employees and has even hired recently.

"We've got some great people who have been with me for a long time," he said. "I owe a lot of debt of gratitude to a lot of people."

During the 1980s Parrella acquired an interest in the Chino property that ultimately became Legacy Ranch. At the time, it was a Quarter Horse farm, with Hadley as its foreman. Parrella eventually bought the property outright. Because he was interested in Thoroughbreds, he turned the focus to that breed.

Parrella never abandoned Quarter Horses, however. He campaigned such champions as Apprehend and Solvency in addition to Griswold. Yet his true love was Thoroughbreds, especially once he met his future wife at Golden Gate Fields.

"She was in real estate in Northern California, and her company was having a day at the races," Parrella said. "One of my lumber suppliers was also having a day at the races."

Pete and Evelyn have been married for 20 years. Not only does she enjoy attending the races, she also names the Legacy Ranch foals as well as oversees the ranch's office staff.

"I named Sweet August Moon because both of us were born in August," said Evelyn. Sweet August Moon, owned in partnership with Shirley MacPherson and trained by Koriner, won last year's Las Flores Handicap (gr. III) and Honest Lady Stakes.

"Evelyn has been a very important part in the success of Legacy Ranch," said her husband. "She spends a lot of time on racing. We spend about a week a month up at the ranch. Every night she's out feeding the horses carrots, and she knows all of

them by name."

Another common interest the couple has is fine wine. Legacy Ranch is only about 75 miles from Napa, heart of Northern California wine country, and the Parrellas have turned part of the ranch's acreage into vineyards.

"Four years ago we put in 4½ acres of grapes," said Pete. "We're bottling our first harvest in April of this year. Evelyn has been very instrumental in its development."

Legacy's vineyards will produce four red wines—zinfandel, petite Syrah, Syrah, and Barbera.

Parrella relies on Hadley to make the day-to-day decisions at Legacy.

"He's my right-hand man," said Parrella. "He's just been a godsend for me."

Another important member of the Legacy team is bloodstock agent Gayle Van Leer. She has helped the Parrellas upgrade their broodmare band and is serving as the syndicate manager for Papa Clem.

Parrella breeds mares in Kentucky and California. He has yearlings and prospective 2010 foals by Street Sense, Tale of the Cat, Elusive Quality, Lawyer Ron, and Lion Heart. Many of the mares will be bred back to Cindago and Papa Clem, which will allow the Kentucky-sired foals to be Cal-breds.

Cindago and Our New Recruit came from owners Lee and Susan Searing and trainer John Sadler.

"They've been great to deal with," said Parrella. "They've been a huge help to our program."

As enthusiastic as Parrella is, he acknowledged that the economy has hurt California racing and breeding. As a CTBA and TOC board member, he has supported such changes as the California sires program, which allows a Kentucky-bred horse by a California sire to compete in Cal-bred races. Instead of having to ship a mare to be bred in Kentucky with her young foal, a breeder can now ship the pregnant mare in the summer or fall and not subject a foal to the stresses of transport.

"Pete has a very positive outlook on California," said Van Leer. "He's in there heart and soul with his own farm, and he is out there working for the industry." 📍



Legacy Ranch farm manager Shaun Hadley is assisted by his wife, Anita



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I. Owner(s) of a registered California-bred maiden shall be paid a **\$20,000** owner's bonus for winning a maiden special weight race in Southern California, and a **\$10,000** owner's bonus for winning a maiden special weight race in the North.

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