

IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

The First Saturday in May is not so far off that folks not familiar with pari-mutuel fun and games should get ready for a shock.

The First Saturday in May is now the established sports journalists' cliché for the Kentucky Derby. It is rapidly becoming less fun than ever, even though television has introduced the opener of the Triple Crown series to non-racing fans in greater numbers than ever. If you don't mind giving up 5 per cent more than the law should allow, you can start betting the day before at your favorite OTB Separation Center.

Casual fans — who will bet on a Derby or a Super Bowl or a World Series of a national election — but probably nothing else all year — have heard of Honest Pleasure.

For those fresh out of six months in Solitary Confinement, Honest Pleasure is a half brother to Foolish Pleasure, who won the Derby last year.

Honest Pleasure also is a better race horse than Foolish Pleasure, and this is part of the reason the Derby won't be quite so much fun. It takes an open race to make a respectable price, or at least a relatively sane investment.

Honest Pleasure, it says here, may be as good as the wonder horse Secretariat, who did it all in 1973 and was shipped away from the races for zillions of dollars for making love to carefully selected would-be mothers. The idea is you don't risk getting a horse injured or crippled running for lousy purses like \$150,000 or so several times a year when you can syndicate the guy for \$10 million playing Don Juan in the comfort of his own homestead.

Triple Crown winners used to be rare animals. Secretariat in '73 was the first in 25 years. His year-older stablemate, Riva Ridge, barely missed (the Preakness) the year before.

But now the challengers are becoming more frequent. Honest Pleasure is a stronger betting proposition than his older half-brother. He already has destroyed the betting fun. He paid only \$2.60 to win the first big Florida test for 3-year-olds, and if you like to bet a dollar to win 30 cents that's your business. But how about when he came up to the next big race in Florida? This time Honest Pleasure got you \$2.10 for \$2. That's betting a dollar to win a nickel, if you finish ahead of all the others. (OTB might even chicken out on this Derby, because it could be on a collision course with a minus pool, and that's unthinkable. Would OTB pay off at like two or three cents to the dollar? Stand by, folks.)

What scares mutuel department managers at Churchill Downs and Pimlico and Belmont is they may have to cancel out place and show betting. They don't really HAVE to, but watch.

The people who like this lopsided situation best are people like Braulio Baeza, the jockey who looks like a statue and talks only slightly more. Baeza says Honest Pleasure may be the best he's ever ridden, if not better. "It's like driving a big luxury car, and everybody else is on a bicycle."

We could see a non-betting Preakness and Belmont.

Bet on it.

COURIER-CALENDAR

Garage Sale — St. Helen's, 310 Hinchey Road, Gates, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 24, 25.

Garage Sale — St. Anthony's, Groton, Thursday through Saturday, April 22-24, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Refreshments.

Garage Sale — Sponsored by St. Boniface Right to Life Committee at 225 Caroline St., Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday, 1-3 p.m. Small appliances, dishes, garden tools, games, plants, etc. For pickup of donations: Joanne Brownyard, 271-1372, or Judy Tobin, 275-9543.

Fashion Show — Sew-and-save designs, plus jewelry modeled, sponsored by Rosary Society at Mother of Sorrows, 5000 Mt. Read, 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 27.

Antique Show and Sale — Forty dealers at Bishop Kearney High School, 125 Kings Highway S., 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, April 24; 11-6 Sunday. Sponsored by Mothers Club. Snack Bar all day.

Roast Beef Dinner — Given by Sisters of Mercy for infirmity renovation fund, 4:30-8:30 p.m. Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children under 10. Also mini-sale/flea market in gym.

Italian Festival — Music, dancing, movies, food and drink, Saturday night, April 24, Nazareth Arts Center; tickets through Center for Italian Studies, 586-2525, ext. 395.

Children's Art Show — Rotating exhibit from public and parochial elementary schools, through June at Light Impressions, Midtown Plaza terrace walkway; currently, manipulated Polaroid photos from School 12.

Italy's Greek Ruins — Art travel talk by Isabel C. Herdle, curator emerita, Memorial Art Gallery, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Free with gallery ticket.

Las Cantigas de Santa Maria — A collection of 13th Century Spanish songs dedicated to the Virgin Mary, performed on antique-style instruments by Wednesday Evening Consort, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Memorial Art Gallery. Free.

Chorale Concert — In Pearce Memorial Sanctuary, Roberts College, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 25.

Sheep to Shawl — Family special at Rochester Museum, 657 East Ave., 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Sheep shearing, carding, spinning, weaving of wool.

Quantum Reflections — San Francisco's Heavy Water Light Show, April 23-25, Strassenburgh Planetarium, 9:30 p.m. plus 10:15 Friday, Saturday. Reservations: 244-6060, ext. 56.

The Shaggy Dog — Disney 1959 movie, 2 p.m. today, Rochester Museum; Pied Piper of Hamelin, 2 p.m. Friday, April 23.

Who Dunnit? — Paul Portner theater game in final week at GeVa, 168 S. Clinton, 8 p.m. tomorrow and Friday, 5 and 8:30 Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, April 25. GeVa lunchtime production, The Greening of Widow Brown, by Rochesterian Peter Hanke, 12:15 p.m. today and tomorrow.

The Gingerbread Boy — Production by Playhouse Junior of Rochester Community Players, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 23; 1:30 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, at the Playhouse, 820 S. Clinton.

The Sons of Liberty — Harley School performers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum.

Eastman Collegium Musicum — Singing two secular cantatas of J.S. Bach, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Hochstein Music School, N. Plymouth near W. Main. Free.

Buying an Older Home — Seminar sponsored by 19th Ward Association's real estate committee, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Rundell Public Library, South Ave. Information: Camille Delvecchio, 328-5278; Joan Ganz, 436-8033.

Boxing — Tune-up for Junior Olympics and AAU Championships, 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, South Avenue Recreation Center.

Natural Family Planning — Information session, 7:30 p.m. April 30, Mother of Sorrows Church hall, sponsored by Office of Family Life.

Make Today Count — Organization for cancer patients and their families. Dr. Edwin Savlov to speak on chemotherapy, 8 p.m. April 27, Monroe County Developmental Center, Westfall Rd.

Learning Disabilities — "The Right of Children to an Education in N.Y.S." discussed by Family Court Judge Elizabeth Pine, and child advocate attorney Phil Silver, Wednesday, April 28, 8 p.m., Penfield High School. Information: Susan Horwitz, 377-5367.

Nazareth Academy Alumnae — Annual banquet May 3 at Logans, 1420 Scottsville Rd. Reservations by April 28 with Mrs. Rudy Zink, 225-8413.

Deadline

Calendar items should be mailed to the Courier-Journal Calendar Desk, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Deadline is Wednesday noon, one week ahead of the publication date.

Bundy Aid to Be Topic For Panel

The St. Thomas More Lawyer's Guild, a group of local attorneys, will be host to a panel discussion involving the controversial "Bundy Money" or state aid to higher education.

The event will be free of charge and open to the public. It will be held at Basil Hall, St. John Fisher College at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 4.

President Robert Edelman explained that sectarian colleges and universities face significant problems as to eligibility for the so-called "Bundy Aid." Included in the panel discussion will be Dr. Paul L. Adams, president of Roberts Wesleyan College; Father Charles J. Lavery, president of St. John Fisher College; Dr. Robert McCambridge,

CANCER TEACHING
A Cancer Teaching Day, for student nurses, will start at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1. Student nurses interested in attending may request reservations by calling the American Cancer Society office, 461-3800.

vice president for Planning and Development at Nazareth; and Father Kenneth F. Slattery, president of Niagara University.

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Stop the B-1

Photo by Susan McKinney

Martha Weisberg and Martha Wetterman, left to right, take part in the Tax Day program sponsored by the Rochester Peace and Justice Education Center. Leafletting throughout Rochester was carried out in support of converting our national tax dollars from military to human needs spending. A news conference was also held to explain the group's attempts to stop production of the B-1.

Ithaca Area

Groton — "The Last Week," an Easter cantata by John W. Peterson, was presented by the Groton Community Choir on Palm Sunday at St. Anthony's Church. The congregation heard Sarah Jones, flute, and Edward Neffron, organ, the soloists for the program. The cantata was directed by Jane Jennings, choir director at Groton Community Church.

Ithaca — The Catholic Daughters of Immaculate Conception will have a Rummage Sale on April 22 and 23. The proceeds will benefit the Immaculate Conception school.