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## Mace Siegel Receives Spirit of Life® Award

TOC Founding director and Vice President, Mace Siegel, was co-recipient, along with Art Coppola of Macerich, of the Spirit of Life® award presented by the Los Angeles Real Estate & Construction Industries Council (LARE) at a dinner on October 4 at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills. Once a year in Southern California, the region's commercial real estate industry comes together in an industry-wide show of support for the famed cancer center, City of Hope. LARE has raised more than \$9 million for City of Hope's pioneering research and extraordinary patient care.

During a construction tour at City of Hope in 2001, Siegel was given a button with the phrase "Hope Rises." He left that day determined to draw attention to the exceptional work done every day at City of Hope. The phrase also inspired the name of a stakes winning horse. Hope Rises, who won the Santa Lucia Handicap for Siegel's Jay Em Ess Stable, was retired in 2004.

Siegel's commitment to City of Hope reflects his deep belief in giving back and in the power that people, working together, can have to make a difference. That belief is reflected in the work ethic of the people of Macerich, which he founded in 1964 and which, under his leadership, has grown to become one of the country's leading retail companies. Siegel's vision and philosophy of being an integral part of each community the company serves is a driving force behind Macerich's success. In 2006, Macerich dedicated more than 12,000 hours of volunteer time to the communities it serves.

"I'm proud that our industry cares about the City of Hope's mission," said Siegel. "Each of us knows how important it is to give back to our communities, and our industry's work with City of Hope is just one part of this commitment."

## Williamson, Zamarripa Join Oak Tree Board

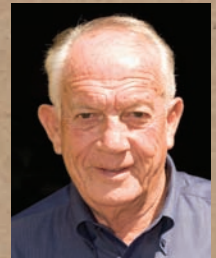
Warren B. Williamson and Robert W. Zamarripa, Sr., two of California racing's most enthusiastic owner-breeders, have been appointed to the Oak Tree Racing Association's board of directors. The two will fill the vacancies created by the passing of Trudy McCaffery and Bob Lewis. The new appointees join President Dr. Jack Robbins, Executive Vice-President Sherwood Chillingworth, and Vice



Mace Siegel

Presidents Dr. Rick Arthur, John Barr, Thomas Capehart, and Richard Mandella on the board.

Williamson, who has been involved in racing as an owner since the 1960's, recently gained national prominence through the success of his unbeaten Nashoba's Key, winner most recently of the Grade 2 Clement L. Hirsch Handicap at Del Mar. A stockbroker, Williamson has served as Chairman and CEO of Chandis Securities in Pasadena and has been Chairman of Chandler Trusts for the past 22 years. He previously served for more than a decade on the board of Hollywood Park and as CEO of Hollywood Park Realty. He resides in Pasadena with his wife, Alyce.



Robert W. Zamarripa, Sr.

Zamarripa is part owner of multiple stakes winner Jungle Prince, the winner of the Grade 3 Hollywood Turf Express. He was a partner and vice president of County Wholesale Electric Co. before purchasing Los Angeles Wholesale Electric in 1983. In 1986, when that company expanded to San Diego, his son, Robert, Jr., took charge, and the company became known as One Source Distributors. Zamarripa, a widower, is a native Angeleno, and lives in Monrovia.

## Del Mar's Polytrack a Safety Success

When all was said and done, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club (DMTC) received a very positive readout on its new Polytrack racing surface. Statistics showed a decline in catastrophic injuries by more than 50 percent, validating the decision to spend \$9 million to install the synthetic surface. There were a total of six catastrophic injuries on Polytrack for 2007 (four in the morning and two in the afternoon), compared to a total of 14 on dirt in 2006 (six in the morning and eight in the afternoon).

"We took an educated chance with Polytrack," said DMTC president and general manager, Joe Harper. "But it has performed wonderfully and the response to it by our horsemen and our fans tells us we've backed a winner."

Also weighing in on the new surface was Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella: "What you're seeing today is reflective of what is happening – and will happen – with Polytrack and the other synthetics. There are more horses capable and available to race. There are fewer injuries, both catastrophic and small, so there is just more stock to run and fill races. It is going to mean a revival at all our tracks."



Warren B. Williamson

## CHRB Reminder: Water Only on Race Day!

Reacting to what he called considerable misunderstanding among California horsemen as to what medications and other substances are permitted on race day, Dr. Rick Arthur, CHRB Equine Medical Director, released a statement on Sept. 11 with specific guidelines.

Citing Rule 1843.5 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances Permitted After Entry in a Race), Arthur emphasized, "Only water may be administered on race day to wash a horse's mouth. Throat flushes, no matter how innocuous their ingredients, are not accepted. This includes old-time remedies containing menthol, oil of wintergreen, oil of eucalyptus, camphor or any similar products, 'natural' or otherwise, including peppermint."

Rule 1843.5 prohibits the administration of any drugs or other substances within 24 hours of the race, except as provided in the rule. Specifically, the following substances may be administered within 24 hours of the post time of the race in which the horse is entered: topical medications (such as antiseptics, ointments, salves, leg rubs, leg paints, hoof dressings, liniments and antiphlogistics) which do not contain anesthetics or other prohibited drugs; and Furosemide or other authorized bleeder medication.

Horsemen with questions are encouraged to contact the Official Veterinarian at the track.



## Santa Anita Debuts Cushion Track for Oak Tree Meet

Two-time Santa Anita Handicap winner Lava Man (pictured above) was the first horse to step onto Santa Anita's new Cushion Track surface as he jogged over the main track at 4:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4, when the new track opened for training.

Installed at a cost of more than \$10 million, the new surface replaced Santa Anita's traditional dirt main track and is composed of silica sand mixed with synthetic fibers, elastic fiber, and shredded rubber coated with a blend of polymer wax.

Due to safety concerns, Santa Anita was mandated along with Hollywood Park, Golden Gate Fields, and Del Mar to convert to a synthetic surface by the California Horse Racing Board.

"There's no question this is a safer surface," said Santa Anita President Ron Charles. "I think it's a more consistent surface and hopefully it's a fairer surface. And I think it's something you're going to see more and more racetracks go to, simply on the basis that we need to keep our horses safer and sounder."

## Online Paymaster Adds Funds Transfer Capabilities

*IFS Funds Transfer* is the latest addition to the services offered in conjunction with Southern California's online Horsemen's Bookkeeper Account Access program. Horsemen can now transfer funds from their horsemen's bookkeeper account directly into their personal bank account, or from one participating racetrack to another, for a fee of \$7.50 per transfer. Weekday transfers are usually completed within one banking business day. If they prefer, users may continue to receive hard copy checks by mail. Participating California racetracks are Del Mar, Hollywood Park, Santa Anita, Oak Tree, and Fairplex. To sign up for IFS Funds Transfer, contact InCompass Financial Services at (800) 467-7385, or by email at [financialservices@Incompass-solutions.com](mailto:financialservices@Incompass-solutions.com).

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