



Saturday, Gulfstream Park

HONEY FOX S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Meriwether Jessica	Freud	Garcia	Rice	117
2	Backseat Rhythm	El Corredor	Gomez	Dutrow Jr	123
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10	Kitty Cat Express	Cat Thief	Lezcano	Pointer	119
11	Sales Tax	High Yield	Trujillo	Delacour	117
12	Afternoon Stroll	Stroll	Cruz	Hamm	123
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AE	Yes She's a Lady	Yes It's True	Velazquez	Pletcher	117



WRITERS UP

SONS, DAUGHTERS, FATHERS, FRIENDS, AND JACK WERK

By Sid Fernando

Jack Werk, founder of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., passed away in his sleep at 3:30 a.m. Sunday morning with his daughter, Kris Werk, watching over him. Friends Tom Gamel and Gary Mariani were asleep upstairs in other rooms at Jack's place. Gary called me in New York with the news about an hour later, with many hours to go before my flight was scheduled to depart JFK for San Jose. I was too late, and I had the rest of the day and a cross-country trip to remind me that I'd never see Jack again.

Actually, Jack--J-Dub to me--and I never saw each other that frequently because I lived in New York and he was in California, but we spoke often between actual visits, and our relationship as friends spanned 20-years plus, from the late 1980s to 2010. I last spoke to him several times--four or five calls--on the Friday before he died, when it was apparent that he didn't have much time left. And each time I spoke to him, I was struck by his dignity in the face of death, and by his enthusiasm that I'd be running his baby, WTC. "Sid, I'm so happy that you are going to be running the company," Jack told me. "We're gonna kick ass!" Then he said, without skipping a beat, "My only regret is that I'm not going to be around to see it."

He maintained his high spirits through each of the phone conversations, which spanned the day. On our last conversation Friday, with fatigue setting in, he said, referring to me as only he did by the initials of my first and middle name, "S.H., it's been a great day. Tom [Gamel] and Brenda [Gamel's girlfriend] are here, Kris [Werk] is here--she's my ace. We had a great day. And guess who's here?" **Cont. p5**

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It was his son, Steve, with whom he'd been estranged for years. It meant a lot to Jack that Steve was there, and Jack knew it meant something to me to hear it. Years ago, in the late 1990s, when my oldest son was five and his brother was two, Jack made a comment to me that changed my life almost instantaneously. Noting that I was doing a lot of traveling and putting in late nights, he'd said, "You remind me a lot of me when I was young. Working, traveling, away from your family. It goes by pretty fast, and you're not around for your kids. You only get one chance. My son doesn't speak to me now, and I wish I could have changed it."

Days later, with Jack's comments resonating in my mind, I left *Daily Racing Form*, and I spent the next 12 years raising my two sons--both accomplished baseball players, musicians, and film buffs, now 16 and 13.

Jack frequently sent the guys gifts, ranging over the years from massive water machine guns to baseball stuff to art house foreign films. If you didn't know it, Jack had one of the greatest private film collections--including every issue from Criterion--and was especially a fan of foreign cinema.

During this time I did some significant consulting for Jack on the side, so we had business reasons to speak, but many conversations always came back to the boys, and I knew he got a vicarious thrill listening to the stories about them. "I envy you," he'd say.

I guess I hadn't realized how much my relationship with my two sons had affected Jack, until the end. "Hey, Sid, do me a favor," he said over the last month of his life. "Tell Kris the story of how you left *DRF* after what I said."

"You never told Kris all these years?" I asked. "How come?"

"Ahh, I don't know. I guess it wouldn't sound right," he'd said.

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After he died, and after I arrived in Fremont, just outside of San Jose, I did tell the story to Kris, an amazingly strong woman who'd been there for her father when he needed her most, and she quietly appreciated it.

At the office Tuesday, I fielded some calls from Jack's friends and clients, and one friend, Elizabeth Valando, who bred and raced Nobiz Like Shobiz, was particularly saddened but glad to speak to me about Jack. "He was such a great guy, Sid," she said, as she reminisced about Jack. "You know, we used to speak for hours." Then Elizabeth said, "And you know, he always took great pleasure to speak to me at length about your sons, and what great athletes they were and what a great relationship you have with them."

And to that, I owe Jack Werk, who perhaps saved me from what had happened to him with his son. But his son did come to his bedside when it mattered, and that, along with the presence of his loving daughter, I'm sure, sent him away in peace. Take care, J-Dub. (Sid Fernando was handpicked by Jack Werk to run WTC, Inc., and is now president of the pedigree consulting firm.)

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