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STALLION SYNOPSIS:

THOREAU

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Thoreau is a son of renowned sire, and exceptional sire of sires, Gone West, out of a Deputy Minister mare from a fast and precocious family that includes Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) winning filly, Very Subtle. He is also bred on a very similar cross to outstanding young sire, Curlin

Like Curlin, Thoreau is by a son of Mr. Prospector out of a mare by **Northern Dancer** grandson, **Deputy Minister**. Inbreeding to **Deputy Minister** is found in 32 stakes winners. This includes five stakes winners, two of them grade one, by Curlin. Among the sons of **Deputy Minister** that have worked with this form of inbreeding are **Awesome Again** and his sons **Ghostzapper** – sire of a stakes winner out of the granddam of Thoreau – and **Toccet**, which also suggests **Awesome of Course** and **Daaher**; **Dehere** and his son **Graeme Hall**; **Salt Lake**; **Touch Gold**; **Talk is Money** (a reverse Deputy Minister/Gone West cross to Thoreau); **Silver Deputy** (who is a reverse Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector cross to Thoreau, and is sire of **Posse**, **Archers Bay**, **Badge of Silver**, **J Be K** and **Spring At Last**); **French Deputy**; **Defere**; **Forest Camp**; and **Service Stripe**.

As a Mr. Prospector line horse, it comes as no surprise to find that Gone West line stallions have done well over many other branches of **Northern Dancer**. For example, Gone West and sons have sired 46 stakes winners out of mares by **Storm Cat** line stallions, including Champion Sprinter and outstanding sire, Speightstown, out of a mare by **Storm Cat** himself. There are grade one winners on the cross from mares by **Future Storm** and by **Johannesburg** (sire of **Scat Daddy**, a son of **Hennessy**, also the sire of **Henny Hughes**, **Cactus Ridge** and **Wiseman's Ferry**). The cross has also produced graded stakes winners from mares by **Stormy Atlantic**, **Tale of the Cat** (a Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector cross, and sire of **Lion Heart**; grandsire of **Kantharos**), **Tabasco Cat** and **Lion Hearted**. There are also Gone West line stakes winners out of mares by **Storm Cat** line stallions **Forest Wildcat** (sire of **Wildcat Heir** and **D'Wildcat**), **Freud** and his brother **Giant's Causeway** (sire of **Eskendereya**, **First Samurai**, **Heatseeker** and **Hold Me Back**), **Harlan's Holiday** (sire of **Into Mischief**), **Menifee**, **Mountain Cat**, **Pure Prize** (a Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector cross), **Sir Cat**, **Storm Boot** (a Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector cross), **Van Nistelrooy** and **Discreet Cat** (by **Forestry**, also sire of **Shackleford**). Other **Storm Cat** line broodmare sires include **Catienus**, **Storm Creek** and **Sea of Secrets** (all Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector crosses), **Bernstein**, **Bluegrass Cat**, **Yankee Gentleman**, **Stormin Fever**, **Tactical Cat** and **With Distinction**. The Gone West cross with Storm Cat's close relative, **Royal Academy**, has also done very well with eight stakes winners, four graded, and one grade one.

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There are at least 17 stakes winners by Gone West line stallions out of mares by **Northern Dancer** line stallion **Dixieland Band** and sons. **Dixie Union**, the broodmare sire of two Gone West line grade one winners, should be a particularly good influence here, and he is sire of **Union Rags**, **High Cotton** (who might be a very good fit here), **Gone Astray** and **Overanalyze**. Dixie Union's sire, **Dixieland Band**, is also sire of **Citidancer**, **Kentucky Jazz** and **Dixieland Heat** - all broodmare sires of Gone West line stakes winners - **Dixie Brass** and **Hook and Ladder**.

There are almost 150 stakes winners by Gone West line stallions out of mares from the **Danzig** branch of **Northern Dancer**. This includes grade one winners out of mares by **Dayjur** (a reverse Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector to Thoreau), **Danehill**, **Polish Navy**, **Belong To Me**, **Lost Soldier** and **Polish Numbers**, and graded winners from daughters of **Langfuhr**, **Ascot Knight**, **Pine Bluff**, **Polish Patriot**, **Polish Patriot**, **Sea Hero**, **Honor Grades**, **Orpen** and **Hard Spun**. There are also stakes winners out of mares by **Anabaa** and **Nicholas**, with other worthwhile sources of **Danzig** including **Chief's Crown** (sire of **Concerto** and grandsire of **Bellamy Road**) and **Exchange Rate** and **War Front** (both Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector crosses).

The cross of Gone West with mares from the **Sadler's Wells** branch of **Northern Dancer**, has been another prolific one with more than 60 stakes winners. In addition to **Sadler's Wells** himself, there are also grade one winners out of mares by **Medaglia d'Oro** (whos son, **Warrior's Reward**, would be the reverse Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector cross to Thoreau) and his sire, **El Prado** (also sire of **Kitten's Joy**, **Artie Schiller** and **Borrego**, already the broodmare sire of Gone West line stakes winner) and **Fort Wood** (whose son, **Horse Chestnut**, is broodmare sire of a Gone West line stakes winner). Other stallions from the Sadler's Wells line that could be available in the U.S. include **King of Kings** (broodmare sire of a Gone West line graded winner) and **Cape Blanco** (by **Galileo**, who has also worked under Gone West, and is another Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector cross).

The Gone West cross with mares by Sadler's Wells' three-quarters brother, **Nureyev**, has provided 22 stakes winners, four grade one, including two out of mares by **Theatrical**. It might also be possible to try mares by **Atticus**, **Spinning World** or **Fasliyev** (a reverse Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector cross).

Overall, we should note any versions of the Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector cross, which reverses the cross that produced Thoreau, should prove positive.

Gone West line stallions did well with mares by **A.P. Indy** himself, the cross producing 11 stakes winners. As far as sons of **A.P. Indy** are concerned, there are stakes winners out of

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mares by **Malibu Moon** and **Aptitude**. Mares by **A.P. Indy** son, **Mineshaft** also appeal here on pedigree, and he is sire of **Discreetly Mine**. It could also be worth considering mares by **Full Mandate**, **Take Charge Indy** and **To Honor and Serve**, who all give inbreeding to Deputy Minister. Gone West did well with mares descending from A. P. Indy's sire, **Capote**, who should be very good here, and could be brought in through **Boston Harbor** (who would give inbreeding to Vice Regent, the sire of Deputy Minister), **Matty G**, and his son, **Mayakovsky**.

Although Gone West is a son of **Mr. Prospector**, Gone West line stallions have outperformed opportunity when crossed with mares from certain branches of the **Mr. Prospector** line. From the **Forty Niner** branch, Gone West line stallions have done well with **Coronado's Quest** and **Distorted Humor**, a parallel Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer cross to Thoreau who can be brought in through **Any Given Saturday**, **Cowtown Cat**, **Drosselmeyer**, **Flower Alley**, **Jimmy Creed** (who could be a good fit here), **Maclean's Music** (giving inbreeding to Gone West) and **Sharp Humor**.

The cross with **Mr. Prospector** via **Smart Strike** appears promising, and he could be introduced through **Curlin** (a parallel Mr. Prospector/Deputy Minister cross to Thoreau), **Lookin At Lucky**, **English Channel** and **Square Eddie** – all Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer crosses – and **Dominus**. The cross of Gone West with mares from the **Seeking the Gold** branch of **Mr. Prospector** has been a very successful one and could be tried through **Cape Town**, **Petionville**, **Mutakddim**, **Hunting Hard** (broodmare sire of a Gone West line stakes winner and a Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer cross), **Bob and John** and **Jazil** (both Mr. Prospector/Deputy Minister crosses, like Thoreau) and **Harbor the Gold** (a Mr. Prospector/Vice Regent cross, like Thoreau). The cross of Gone West over the **Kingmambo** branch of **Mr. Prospector** has done well, and can be tried through notably **Lemon Drop Kid**. Two other Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer crosses that have worked well under Gone West are **Thunder Gulch** and **Not For Love**.

From the **Fappiano** branch of **Mr. Prospector**, Gone West line stallions have done extremely well with mares by **Quiet American**, whose grandson, **Midnight Lute**, is a Mr. Prospector/Deputy Minister cross like Thoreau. Gone West has already enjoyed success with the **Unbridled's Song** branch and this can be brought in through **Rockport Harbor**, **First Defence**, **Old Fashioned**, **Half Ours**, **Dunkirk** and **Even The Score**. **Victory Gallop** from the **Cryptoclearance** branch of Fappiano, is a Mr. Prospector/Vice Regent cross, like Thoreau.

The cross of Gone West with **Relaunch** line mares has a very strong strike-rate. The **Honour and Glory** branch has been particularly strong with at least 11 stakes winners, including a grade one winner out of mare by **Put It Back** (sire of **In Summation**), with other successes

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through **Cee's Tizzy** and his son **Tiznow** (sire of **Tiz Wonderful**, **Colonel John** and **Gemologist**), **Slew Gin Fizz** and **Bertrando** (sire of **Officer**).

Gone West line stallions have outperformed opportunity with mares by **Holy Bull** – including successful sire **Munnings** – and this strain could be brought in through **Macho Uno** (a half-brother to **Awesome Again**, who is by **Thoreau's** broodmare sire, **Deputy Minister**) and **Flashy Bull**.

The Gone West cross with mares by **Indian Charlie** has outperformed opportunity, which suggests mares by his sons **Uncle Mo**, **Adios Charlie**, **Bwana Charlie** and **Cindago**. **Indian Charlie** is by **In Excess**, also sire of **Notional** (who gives inbreeding to **Deputy Minister**), **Bring The Heat** and **Rocky Bar**. **In Excess** is a **Caro** like stallion, and **Gone West** also done very well with **Caro** through **Cozzene**, sire of **Mizzen Mast** (who crosses very well over **Gone West**), **Alphabet Soup** and **Running Stag**.

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