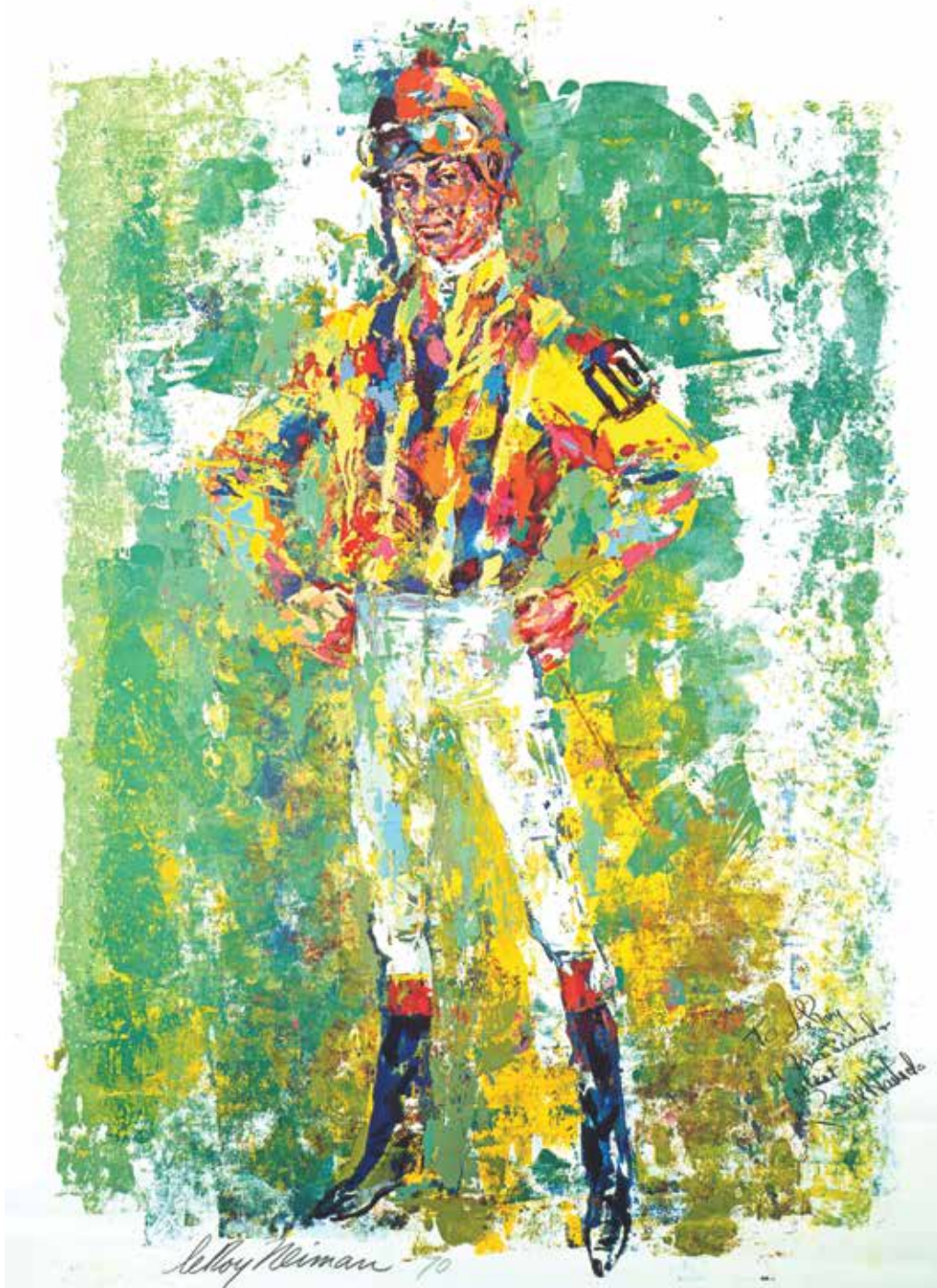




The Bill Hartack Charitable Foundation  
*Spring 2016*





## A Jockey, A Friend... A Legend

Dear Bill Hartack Fan,

The legendary jockey Bill Hartack touched the lives of friends, colleagues, and fans through his incredible accomplishments on the racetrack and his passion for horse racing. With nine victories in Triple Crown Classic races, he earned a place in history and inspired the entire racing community with his determination and good will. Shortly after he passed away in 2007, the Friends of Bill Hartack established the Bill Hartack Charitable Foundation.

We are grateful for your generous support in preserving his legacy as we honor Victor Espinoza, recipient of the Hartack Award. Espinoza was the winning jockey in the 2015 Kentucky Derby aboard champion thoroughbred American Pharoah. He also rode American Pharoah to victories in the Preakness and Belmont Stakes - winning the Triple Crown of American Racing.


Join us in celebrating Victor's success and in supporting City of Hope, a comprehensive cancer treatment center located in Los Angeles. The charity was selected by Victor who, after visiting the center more than 10 years ago, was deeply impacted by the children being treated there and pledged to regularly donate approximately 10% of his earnings to the facility.


It is our pleasure to co-host this year's Hartack Award with the Kentucky Derby Museum, a premiere attraction in the Louisville region that celebrates the tradition, history, hospitality and pride of the Kentucky Derby. We extend our sincere gratitude to all who have contributed their time and resources to assist us with the Eighth Annual Hartack Award and Reception.

Sincerely,

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## William John Hartack, Jr. Hall of Fame Jockey



During his racing career in the United States between 1953 and 1974, Hartack rode 4,272 winners in 21,535 mounts.

From 1978 to 1980, he raced in Hong Kong, then retired in 1981.



**KENTUCKY DERBY WINS**  
(1957, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1969)

Bill Hartack and Eddie Arcaro are the only two riders with five Kentucky Derby wins.





**B**ILL HARTACK'S world-renowned legacy grew from a talent that was discovered early by a trainer in West Virginia. Born in the coal mining town of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, in 1932, Hartack was raised by his father after losing his mother in a car crash at age 8. Hartack, who was originally sensitive about his smallness, would learn to prize it once he gained employment at age 17 as an exercise rider and stable boy for trainer Junie Corbin at Charles Town Race Course. Hartack was known to be an intelligent young boy and was honored as valedictorian of his high school class. Noticing Hartack's special touch for riding horses, Corbin signed him up as a contract rider in 1952. By the end of the next year, he was a racing star.

Racking up his wins on the track, Hartack became known throughout racing America for getting the best out of thoroughbreds. He had a fervent desire to win and refused to accept anything less from his trainers and mounts. "I'm going to win every race," he declared, "I don't want anyone to tell me, next time we'll win it."

Hartack was famous for not taking excuses from those around him, a no-nonsense type of guy. "I might not be right but it's my own opinion. If I have to ask somebody else what my opinion is, I'm not much of a man." He never failed to give the media an ear-full, but he also gave them their cover stories. He was featured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* both in 1956 and 1964. He also added the cover of *Time* magazine to his collection in 1958.

Bill Hartack's name permeated racing stories everywhere as he broke and set records left and right. He was the second jockey to ride 400 winners in a single year. Continuing the hot streak in 1956, he rode 1,702 races while maintaining that record the following year. Hartack was the top rider in earnings in 1956 and 1957. He also claimed the title as the first jockey to earn \$3 million in a year, a level no other jockey reached for 10 years.



As the world noted both his drive to win and his skill on a horse, the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame announced that Hartack would be inducted into the Hall of Fame. In 1959, at the age of 27, Hartack became the youngest inductee in racing hall of fame history.

Such zeal led him to reach the pinnacle of racing in 1969 when he became a five-time Kentucky Derby champion, a title he shares with only one other jockey, Eddie Arcaro. Additionally, Bill Hartack claimed three Preakness wins and one win at the Belmont.

In 1974, Hartack laid down his whip and retired. However, he was unable to shake his love for riding. Four years later in 1978, he raced in Hong Kong. He stayed for two years and finally closed his career as a jockey in 1980. Hartack never married and lived the rest of his life loyal to his true love, racing. He continued to feed his passion by working in administration and then as a steward for a number of tracks. His last position was as a steward at Louisiana Downs in Bossier City, Louisiana. Enjoying a long life of horses and later a bit of hunting, Bill passed away from heart disease in 2007 at age 74. Those who knew him were greatly inspired by his focus and talent. Bill Hartack lived to ride and leaves an unsurpassed legacy to those jockeys who strive to follow in his rose-colored tracks. He will always be missed, and will forever be honored by the racing industry and The Bill Hartack Charitable Foundation.



Winner's Circle Celebration  
1969 Kentucky Derby Winner Majestic Prince



"Despite his tough-guy image, Hartack had a soft side. Above all, he loved the horses he rode and always looked out for them. As noted above, he would refuse to ride an animal he felt was unfit or unsound, and at times even had his mount scratched at the starting gate, to the dismay of owners and trainers."

—*The Thoroughbred Record*  
August 20, 1960



## Friends of Bill Hartack

“He was my idol... I was at the ‘69 Derby when he won with Majestic Prince. He was a great person to grow up around. He was a kid at heart.”

— MIKE STIDHAM, Son of Hartack’s Agent (George Stidham)

“Hartack was his own man, satisfied only as a winner and finding it unacceptable to be just in the money. He was a top winner throughout his career. Bill was the best to himself and to millions of race goers and he was #1 to me as well.”

— LEROY NEIMAN, Artist (1921-2012)

“Bill was an impressive rider, a fierce competitor and great friend. His success in Thoroughbred racing set a standard for jockeys worldwide. I am proud to be a Friend of Bill Hartack as we honor and recognize his work and the great jockeys that are following in his footsteps.”

— JUDGE EDDIE SAPIR, Former New Orleans City Council President

“What we’ll remember is his tenacity, his competitiveness. He liked what he was doing, and he did it very well. In his profession, there was no one better.”

— CHICK LANG, Hartack’s Agent (1926-2010)



Bill Hartack and friends.





VICTOR ESPINOZA - JOCKEY

*Congratulations*

on your thrilling 2015 Kentucky Derby win  
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*Victor Espinoza  
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Bill Hartack, Bill Shoemaker, and fellow riders.

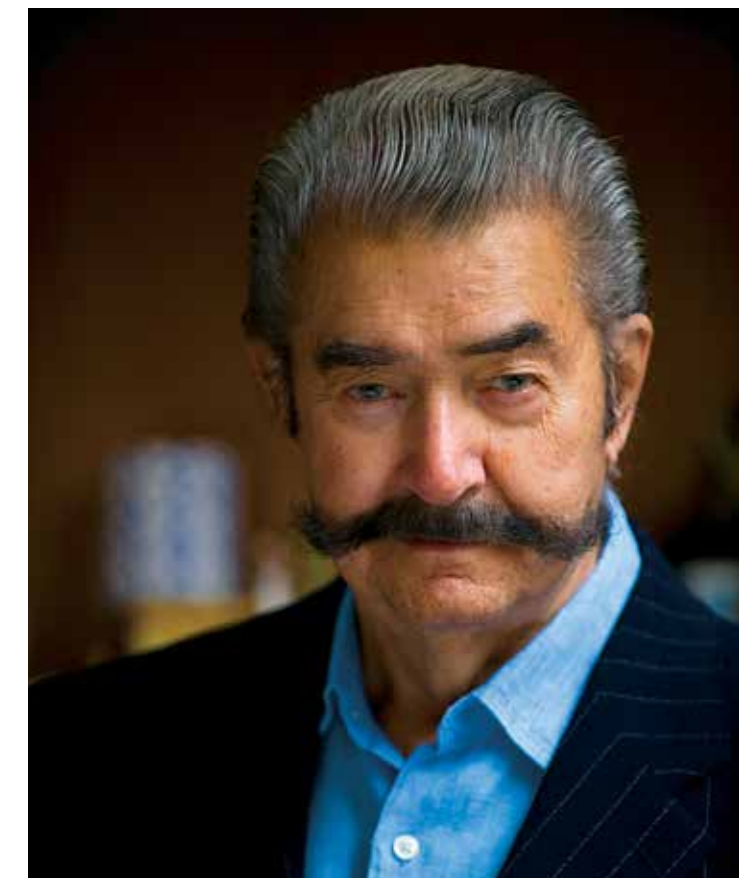


Bill Hartack and George Stidham.



## A Tribute to Our Friend LeRoy Neiman

With the passing of famed artist LeRoy Neiman on June 20, 2012, sports fans the world over lost a true friend. Hartack Foundation founding board member LeRoy Neiman was a long-time friend of Bill Hartack. Neiman was one of America's most popular artists, known for his brilliantly colored, impressionistic sketches of sporting events and the international high life. Neiman rivaled American favorites like Norman Rockwell, Grandma Moses, and Andrew Wyeth in popularity. Although he was best known for scenes filled with people and events, he also painted many portraits. Athletes predominated, with Muhammad Ali, Joe Namath and Bill Hartack among his more famous subjects. Neiman's beautiful portrait of Bill Hartack may be seen on the cover of this program.



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*Hartack Memorial Award*  
**VICTOR ESPINOZA**



Anne M. Eberhardt/Blood-Horse



**VICTOR ESPINOZA** was born in 1972 in Tulancingo, Mexico. He was raised with his 12 other siblings on a dairy farm in Hidalgo, Mexico, where he learned to ride horses. Shortly after his 15th birthday, Victor traveled to Cancun to assist his older brother, Jose, as a quarter horse trainer and within a few years, he began racing thoroughbreds at Mexico City's premier horseracing facility, the Hipodromo de las Americas. At the age of 17, Victor worked as a bus driver in Mexico City to pay for jockey school.



John Stephen Hockensmith

Espinoza, did it the hard way, ascending from jockey school in Mexico City in 1992 all the way to leading apprentice at the former Bay Meadows Racetrack and Golden Gate Fields. That was followed by a successful move to Southern California, where he has been leading rider multiple times at all the major meets.

In 2000, Victor rose to the upper echelon of jockeys winning the Breeder's Cup Distaff aboard Spain. In 2002, he won both the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes aboard War Emblem. In the years between 2000 and 2006, Victor averaged 193 wins a year. On May 31, 2013, Victor won his 3,000th race aboard Flashy Delight at the Betfair Hollywood Park in Inglewood, California.

In December of 2013, veteran horse trainer Art Sherman selected Victor as the jockey for California Chrome, a horse that had won only 2 of its 6 starts. Victor rode California Chrome to consecutive victories in the King Glorious Stakes, the California Cup, the San Felipe Stakes and the Santa Anita Derby. Espinoza capped off the 2014 season by winning his second Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes aboard Horse of the Year California Chrome.

In early 2015, Victor rode American Pharoah to victories in the Rebel Stakes and the Arkansas Derby positioning American Pharoah as a favorite going into the Kentucky Derby. Espinoza had an outstanding 2015, becoming the first jockey to win the Triple Crown in 37 years, aboard Horse of the Year American Pharoah. Espinoza, the oldest at 43, and the first Latino jockey to win the Triple Crown, continued to guide American Pharoah to an impressive record setting win at the 2015 Breeder's Cup Classic to complete the Grand Slam.



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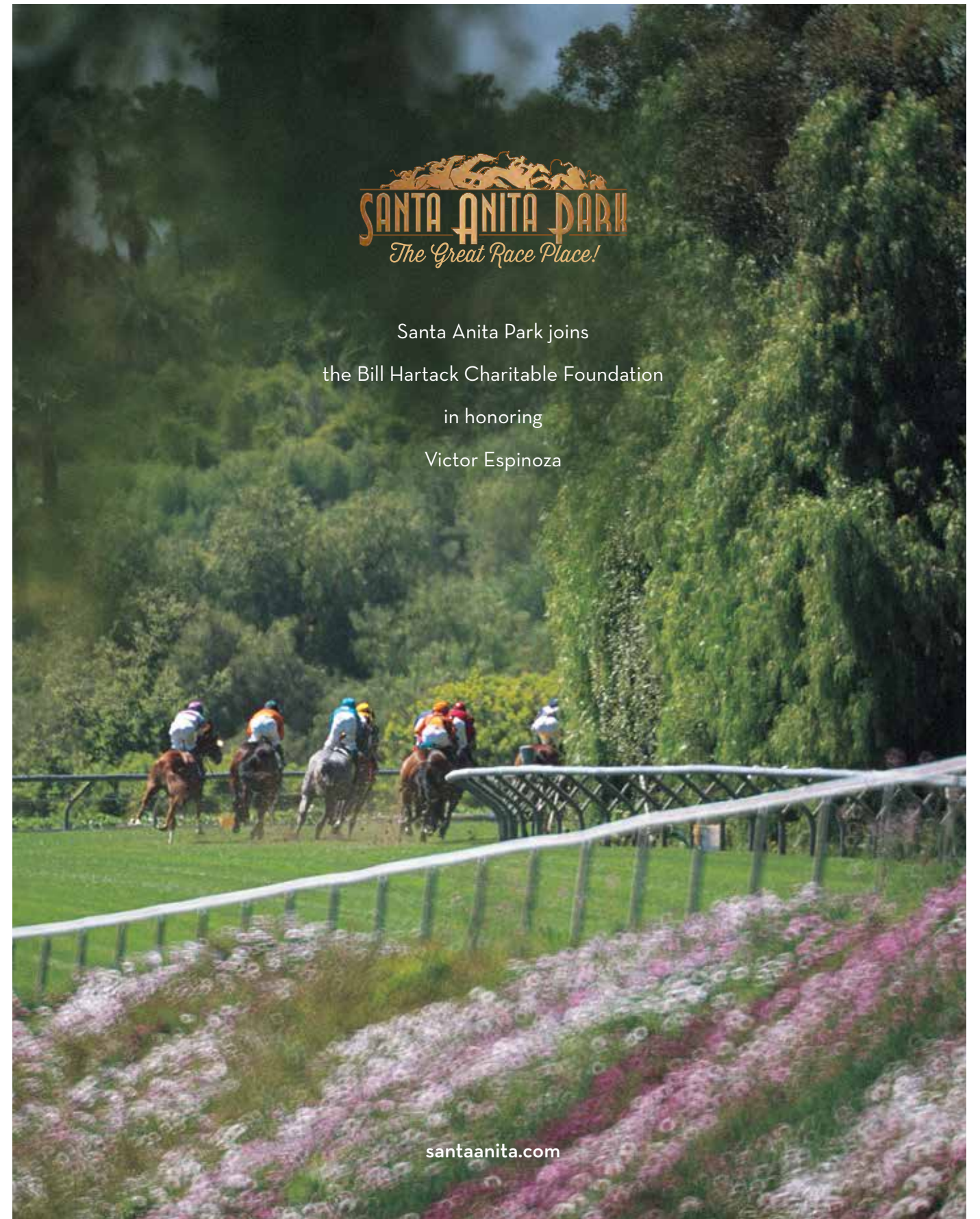


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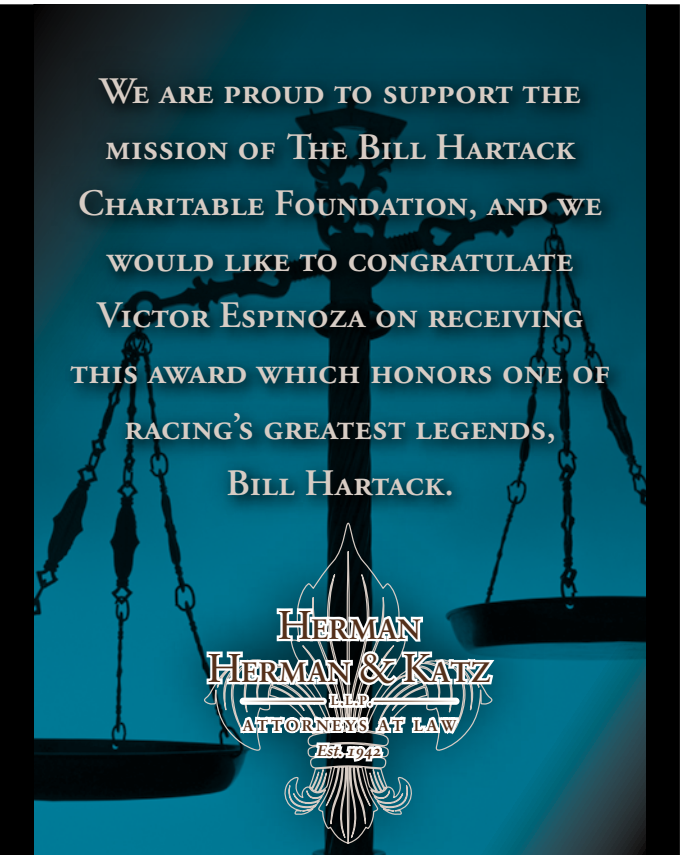


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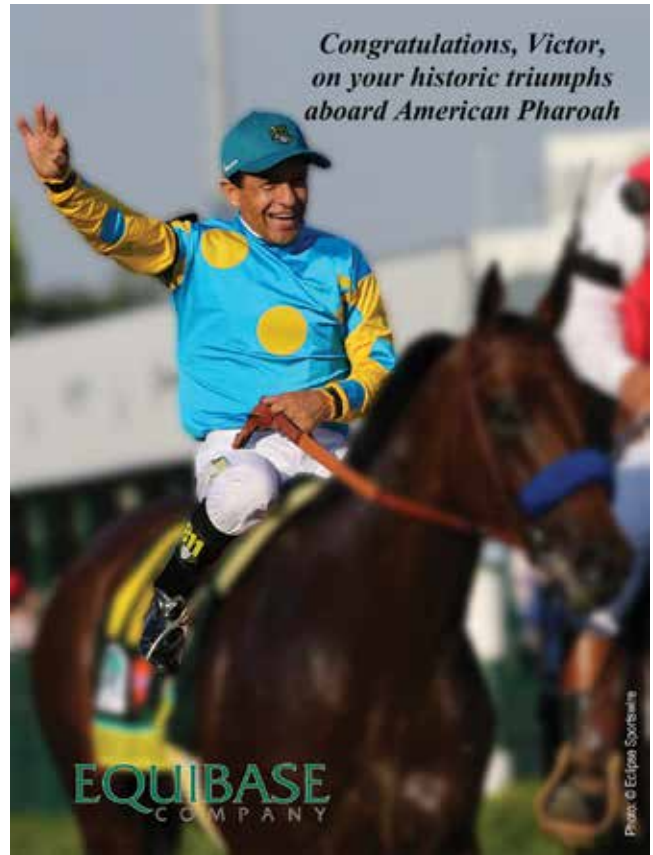
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