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# Farm to offer stock

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — The famed Spendthrift Farm, the Bluegrass home of some of racing's top Thoroughbreds, said Tuesday it has filed plans to offer 1.5 million shares of common stock worth up to \$25.5 million.

The plan for the public sale was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the family-owned Lexington horse breeding and training operation said.

Spendthrift Farm has been trying for more than one year to arrange a public offering to reduce the likely inheritance tax

liability in the event of the death of its aging chairman, Leslie Combs II, who is 81.

Spendthrift, home of Triple Crown winners Seattle Slew and Affirmed, said the stock offering would be directed by a Los Angeles underwriting syndicate; Bateman Eichler, Hill Richards, Inc.

Spendthrift said the would be offered "within the price range of \$15 to \$17 per share."

Spendthrift said the proceeds from the offering would be used to repay bank debts, expand operations and possibly to finance diversification from its thoroughbred breeding and

training operations. Spendthrift also announced an expansion of its board of directors from four to 15 members.

The new members are Los Angeles financial consultant Frank L. Bryant, horse breeder John Crook of Walnut Creek, Calif., former U.S. ambassador to Switzerland Kenneth Franzheim II of Houston, Lexington attorney Charles R. Hembree and J.L. Jackson, president of Diamond Shamrock Inc., based in Dallas.

Also, financier Francis Ker-

nan of New York, lumber executive George Layman Jr. of Naches, Wash., developer Joseph O. Morrissey Jr. of St. Louis, businessman John A. Post of Dallas, Spendthrift vice president John R. Williams of Lexington and fast-food entrepreneur Verne H. Winchell of San Marino, Calif.

The incumbent directors are Combs, his son, Brownell Combs II, president of Spendthrift, Juliette Combs Trapp, farm vice president and daughter of Leslie Combs, and P. Keith Nally, chief financial officer.

## Cussing, college football don't mix, irate coach says

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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Cuss words and college football don't mix, says Don Nehlen, head coach of the No. 6 West Virginia Mountaineers.

Nehlen says he cringes at the thought of fans wearing buttons bearing obscenities being caught on camera when WVU plays No. 20 Pittsburgh Saturday. The game will be televised regionally by CBS-TV.

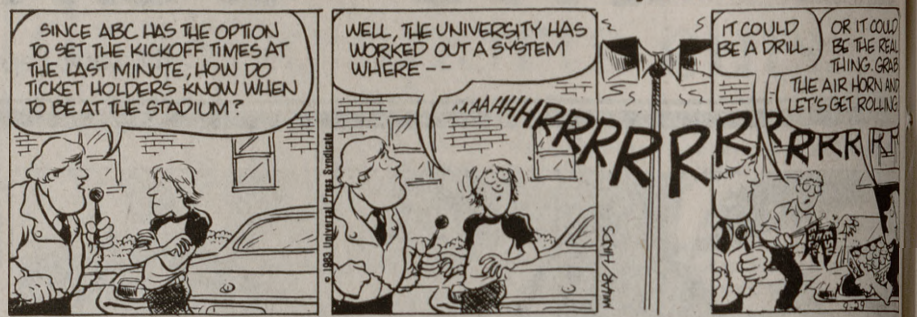
The WVU coach said such displays by fans do little to enhance West Virginia's image. "I hope West Virginians generally have more class than

that," he said. The West Virginia-Pittsburgh series is one of the nation's longest running and most bitter. In past meetings, some WVU fans have shown up with "Beat Hell Out of Pitt" buttons on them. Other messages weren't that mild.

"I don't like to see buttons with swear words on them," Nehlen said. "I want a wholesome rivalry. My first year or two, we'd have buttons out that I didn't like the names on them. I don't think that has a place in college football."

Nehlen recalled that former Pittsburgh coach Jackie Sherrill, now at Texas A&M, approached him before practice two years ago, "and I saw that (obscene) button, and I got sick. And all his players had them on. We don't need that."

TANK McNAMARA



## American players help hockey team

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MONTREAL — Former Montreal Canadiens' general manager Irving Grundman had good reason to scream when the Canadian dollar dropped to 80 U.S. cents last year and prohibitive Canadian taxes set his American players grumbling.

Grundman had only to look at the brightest prospects in his system to see trouble ahead. However, the young Americans who turned up at the Montreal training camp this season appear to favor hockey over accounting and promise to reserve their trouble for opposing teams.

Kent Carlsson, a 6-3, 200-pound defenseman from Concord, N.H., is likely to be the only new face in the Montreal lineup for the first part of the season, but he may be joined on the blueline in March by 6-1, 190-pound Chris Chelios of the University of Wisconsin.

With Eagle River, Wis., native Craig Ludwig coming off an impressive rookie year, half the Montreal defense could be made up of U.S. citizens by the end of the year. If Alfie Turcotte of Detroit, the Habs' No. 1 draft pick, beats out Canadian John Chabot for a job at center, the Canadiens could have their largest U.S. contingent ever for the 1983-1984 season.

Carlson, 21, the most impressive rookie in camp this year, and Chelios, 21, who will play for the U.S. team in the Winter Olympics in Yugoslavia in February, are not likely to be the difference in turning the Canadiens' fortunes around after four consecutive early departures from the playoffs.

The difference may come from rookie general manager Serge Savard, a 16-year NHL veteran who took over after the 1983 playoffs when rookie club president Ronald Corey canned Grundman.

Players have already praised the new spirit on the club Savard has instilled, with the help of new assistant coaches Jacques Lemaire and Jacques Plante backing up head coach Bob Berry.

Although the Habs finished second in the Adams Division behind Boston last year and fifth overall in the NHL with a 42-24-14 record, success in Montreal is measured by the 22 Stanley Cups the team has won over the years. To that end, veterans Larry Robinson on defense, Bob Gainey and Steve Shutt on left wing and Guy Lafleur on right wing will again be called on to

lead, but strong support will be needed from a clutch of developing young players for the Canadiens to improve on their 1983-1984 record.

Center Doug Wickenshead 22, the No. 1 draft pick overall of 1980, appeared ready last season to blossom into the imposing goal-scorer he was predicted to be, but trailed off in mid-season to finish with only 25 goals.

Left wing Ryan Walter, 23, who along with rearguard Ken Green was acquired from Washington from one of the best defensive pairings in the league, Rod Langway and Brian Engblom, had a middling season of 29 goals and 46 assists. As tough right wing Mark Hunter, 20, was injured nearly all of the year.

The Habs will also be looking for a third straight 40-goal season from right wing Mats Naslund, 26, and continued development from 5-7, 158-pound left wing Mats Naslund. The tiny Naslund, 23, finished perfectly on Montreal's strongest and most consistent line last season with center Pierre Mondou and right wing Mario Tremblay to score 25 goals and 45 assists.

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## Houston, Atlanta split; LA closes in on first in western division race

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In the first game, Pascual Perez pitched a four-hitter and scored the tie-breaking run to help the Braves keep their faint West Division title hopes alive a while longer with a 3-1 victory.

Atlanta entered the contest trailing first-place Los Angeles by four games in the division, pending the outcome of the Dodgers-Padres game and the nightcap of the double-header.

Perez, 15-8, struck out 10 and walked only two. Mike Scott, 10-6, took the loss. The Braves took a 1-0 lead in the second. With one out, Rafael Ramirez singled and stole second. One out later, Jerry Royster singled him home.

In the third, Houston tied it 1-1. Alan Ashby walked to lead off and Scott sacrificed him to second. Ashby moved to third on Bill Doran's single to center and scored on Terry Puhl's sacrifice fly.

In the fifth, Perez led off with a single, advanced to third on Brett Butler's single, and scored on Glenn Hubbard's fly to center. Butler delivered a sacrifice fly for an insurance run in the ninth.

In the second game, Joe Niekro pitched a five-hitter and the Astros won 5-1 to put Atlanta on

the edge of elimination in the National League West.

With the split, the Braves stood only one Dodger victory or one Atlanta loss away from relinquishing the division title they won last year.

Niekro, 15-14, walked three and struck out three in his third complete game of the year. Ned Dayley, 4-8, took the loss. Dale Murphy drove in a run in the first with a groundout for a 1-0 Atlanta lead. The Astros tied it in the fourth as Joe Cruz's RBI single scored Bas

Cruz went 1-for-7 in the double-header as his average fell to .321. He trails Pittsburgh's Bill Madlock, who is hitting .325 in the league batting title.

With the score 1-1, Houston scored four runs. With one out Kevin Bass singled and moved to third on Dickie Thon's single. With Ray Knight batting, pitcher Terry Forster uncorked a wild pitch to score Bass as Thon moved to second. After Knight struck out, Tony Scott tripled to score Thon and Phil Garner walked intentionally. Tim Lincecum then doubled in both runners for a 5-1 lead.

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