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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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HARRIS ELECTED CHAIRMAN FOR 2005

INGLEWOOD, CA – John Harris, who has served as chairman of the California Horse Racing Board for all of 2004, was elected to a second term as chairman by his fellow commissioners Thursday, who also elected Commissioner William Bianco vice chairman for the coming year.

Harris was appointed to the CHRB by former Governor Gray Davis on November 9, 2000, to a term that expired last July. He was reappointed by Governor Davis to a second term that expires July 26, 2007.

Harris owns and operates Harris Farms in Coalinga. He has owned thoroughbreds since 1958 and is a prominent breeder of racehorses. He was elected a director of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association in 1974, served as the organization's legislative chairman for 20 years, and was twice elected CTBA president.

Harris also has served on the boards of the Breeders' Cup, Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Board, and Center for Equine Health/UC Davis Advisory Board. He is a member of the Jockey Club.

Bianco was appointed to the Board by Governor Davis in March 2001, then reappointed to a second term that expires January 1, 2007.

Bianco, who formed Kinetic Systems Inc. in 1970, then sold the San Jose-based company in 1998, owns and races thoroughbreds under the name Fog City Stable, the owner of Roman Ruler, a contender for the 2005 Kentucky Derby. He is chairman of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America Foundation and serves on the boards of the Santa Clara Valley Medical Foundation and the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee of Local 393. He is a major benefactor to Children's Interview Center, Next Door Solution to Violence, Tech Museum of Innovation, and Stanford University.

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