



JAVIER CASTELLANO

Born: Oct. 23, 1977 in Maracaibo, Venezuela

Residence: Mineola, N.Y.

Height: 5'1"

Weight: 110 pounds

Family: Wife Abby and daughter Kayla Marie

Posted purse earnings of \$8,775,090 after three straight years of \$12 million-plus in purse earnings ... Scored his biggest career win when he guided Ghostzapper to victory in the 2004 Breeders' Cup Classic ... Also was aboard Ghostzapper when winning the 2004 Woodward Stakes and the 2005 Metropolitan Handicap just before the horse's retirement ... Key horse in 2006 was Bernardini, who won the Preakness Stakes, Travers Stakes and Jockey Club Gold Cup before finishing second in the Breeders' Cup Classic to Horse of the Year and 2007 Dubai World Cup champion Invasor ... Among other stakes winners: Big Truck, who finished 18th in the 2008 Kentucky Derby after winning the Hutcheson Stakes; Pine Island, Remarkable News, Stormy Kiss, Ozone Bere, Wanderin Boy, Smokey Glacken, Hurricane Bertie, Sightseek, Park Avenue Ball, Sir Shackleton, My Trusty Cat, Society Selection and Saratoga County ... Rode in his first Kentucky Derby in 2005, finishing seventh with Bellamy Road, the 5-2 Derby favorite following an overwhelming victory in the Wood Memorial ... Finished ninth on Watchmon in the Belmont Stakes ... In his other Derby ride, finished 15th with Bwana Bull ... Followed his late father, Abel, and an uncle into race riding in Venezuela in 1996 and moved to the United States in June 1997, riding on the South Florida circuit of Gulfstream Park, Calder Race Course and Hialeah ... A brother, Abel Jr., rides in Delaware and Maryland ... Won two riding titles at Tropical-at-Calder meetings and one at Hialeah ... Was leading rider at 2002-03 Aqueduct inner track meet and the 2004 Aqueduct spring meet ... Moved his tack permanently to New York in 2001.

