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Mike Grossman bets on Texas with his Eureka Thoroughbred Farm

BY SHELBY O'NEILL

Much of the discontent in the Texas horse racing community centers on 22 acres right in the heart of downtown Austin. Smack dab in the middle of that land, inside the Texas Capitol Building, 181 state legislators (with the help of the man who lives around the corner in the governor's mansion) have been dragging their feet for more than a decade on provisions that would improve the state's rapidly deteriorating Thoroughbred racing industry. But 70 miles west of that pink granite dome, right on U.S. Hwy. 290, lies an oasis of hope, where breeder and owner Mike Grossman is bucking trends by bringing stallions, mares, and money to the Lone Star State.

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From left, managers Bill and Joan Tracy with Eureka Thoroughbred Farm owner Mike Grossman

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	40/15	2/2	2/2	(Defiant Flyer, \$60,000)	\$314,910	178	9	0.95	0.91
2	ORATORY (02, Pulpit), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm	\$3,500	38/12	0/0	0/0	(Miz Maggie Mae, \$41,430)	\$311,353	*128	0	1.32	1.19
3	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas	\$4,000	20/7	1/1	1/1	(Color Code, \$65,500)	\$223,235	65	3	1.49	1.32
4	VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas	\$7,500	51/9	0/0	0/0	(Oak Motte, \$24,860)	\$198,139	574	42	1.30	1.22
5	PINE BLUFF (89, Danzig), Duncan 21 and Change Farm	N/A	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Almighty Adversary, \$38,090)	\$148,213	*578	35	1.53	1.64
6	LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	22/7	0/0	0/0	(Hunterwood Point, \$26,748)	\$134,879	164	4	0.84	1.07
7	SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	23/6	0/0	0/0	(Little Montie, \$20,265)	\$120,050	*147	2	1.06	0.92
8	CITY STREET (99, Carson City), Bullard Farms	\$1,500	14/6	0/0	0/0	(My Ole Girlfriend, \$18,495)	\$105,726	123	3	0.57	0.88
9	SUPREME CAT (00, Hennessy), Lane's End Texas	\$1,000	17/8	0/0	0/0	(Storm in Your Eyes, \$22,370)	\$91,463	66	2	1.21	0.91
10	MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$2,000	11/2	1/1	1/1	(Cowgirl N Up, \$41,000)	\$87,010	43	1	0.95	1.15
11	WIMBLEDON (01, Wild Rush), Valor Farm	\$1,750	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Chicks a Flyin, \$27,524)	\$81,274	89	2	0.81	0.78
12	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Key Ranch	\$3,000	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Special Durbee, \$21,400)	\$80,497	88	0	0.61	0.53
13	TRULUCK (95, Conquistador Cielo), Lane's End Texas	\$2,000	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Truivictoria, \$19,642)	\$77,598	171	3	0.74	0.73
14	CAPTAIN COUNTDOWN (96, Relaunch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm	\$500	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Wampas Kitty, \$17,867)	\$72,182	156	1	0.57	0.68
15	DAY OF THE CAT (01, Storm Cat), Bradford Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	10/5	0/0	0/0	(My Rikely, \$24,803)	\$71,804	56	0	0.57	0.82
16	UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$3,000	24/4	0/0	0/0	(Cavitate, \$15,520)	\$66,150	177	5	0.71	0.64
17	INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Simply Gone, \$12,190)	\$55,377	60	2	1.01	0.95
18	LIL'S LAD (95, Pine Bluff), Key Ranch	\$2,000	16/2	0/0	0/0	(F P Reign's Lad, \$16,386)	\$46,848	*220	7	0.85	1.16
19	GOT THE GOODS (01, Pulpit), R&R Farms	\$1,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Good's Secret, \$16,920)	\$41,167	30	0	0.32	0.53
20	GOLD ALERT (83, Mr. Prospector), Gentry Farms	Died, 2011	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Donegal Gold, \$22,047)	\$40,610	423	18	1.20	1.18
21	SEEKING A HOME (98, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Doc R U It, \$9,428)	\$39,087	110	3	0.85	0.79
22	SENECA JONES (90, Alydar), Asmussen Horse Center	Died	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Jonesicula, \$14,692)	\$37,744	220	11	0.96	0.87
23	AMERICAN CHAMP (94, Jolie's Halo), Ward Animal Hospital	\$500	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Deliverer, \$23,320)	\$36,041	80	3	0.55	0.50
24	OLMOS (94, Carson City), San Diego Downs Race Horse Center - Martinez Racing Stables	\$1,000	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Nafiss, \$17,047)	\$35,245	55	1	0.60	0.61
25	RARE BRICK (83, Rare Performer), Phoenix Pharms	\$2,000	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Lawton, \$12,369)	\$34,553	486	30	0.96	1.00
26	PRIMAL STORM (02, Storm Boot), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Estaprimo, \$19,050)	\$31,694	42	1	0.47	0.98
27	ROO ART (82, Buckaroo)	Died, 2004	1/1	1/1	1/1	(Scrappy Roo, \$31,662)	\$31,662	263	10	0.78	0.90
28	FIEND (95, Forty Niner)	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Comeon Haynesville, \$20,364)	\$31,314	42	1	0.44	0.44
29	DIXIELAND HEAT (90, Dixieland Band), Richland Ranch	\$1,500	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Ide Bet Dixie, \$13,200)	\$31,103	*279	9	1.10	0.99
30	TEXAS CITY (88, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2007	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Sweet Texas Star, \$8,081)	\$30,728	*186	7	0.87	0.77

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The entrance to Eureka Thoroughbred Farm

2012 Texas Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Early Flyer	40	15
Oratory	38	12
Valid Expectations	51	9
Supreme Cat	17	8
Littleexpectations	22	7
Too Much Bling	20	7
Pine Bluff	15	7
Scrimshaw	23	6
City Street	14	6
Truluck	18	5
Day of the Cat	10	5
Uncle Abbie	24	4
Wimbledon	18	4
Captain Countdown	17	4
Intimidator	15	4
Special Rate	14	4
Seeking a Home	12	4
Olmos	8	3
Seneca Jones	6	3

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2012 Leading Sires in Arkansas

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1	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), McDowell Farm	\$1,500	72/21	1/1	1/1	(Satellite Sally, \$36,384)	\$466,520	387	17	0.84	0.98
2	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	28/6	0/0	0/0	(Run Mommy Run, \$16,610)	\$124,711	*87	1	0.98	1.29
3	MIDWAY ROAD (00, Jade Hunter), Trophy Club Training Center	\$750	25/6	1/1	1/1	(Badness, \$32,580)	\$103,812	73	1	0.72	1.13
4	PROUDEST ROMEO (90, Proud Truth)	Died, 2009	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Awesome Truth, \$14,219)	\$82,457	181	7	0.97	1.14
5	HESABULL (93, Dispersal), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$1,000	20/3	0/0	0/0	(Sunday Grace, \$19,664)	\$81,928	138	5	1.03	1.12

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2012 Leading Sires in Arizona

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								Foals	Sire Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	N/A	15/6	1/1	0/1	(Uh Oh Bango, \$220,000)	\$280,942	53	7	1.18	0.90
2	MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	26/6	0/0	0/0	(Party Boy, \$35,700)	\$126,111	73	0	0.64	1.03
3	DEPUTY WILD CAT (99, Deputy Minister), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Buzz the Deputy, \$17,690)	\$87,572	109	2	1.01	1.09
4	MILLENNIUM WIND (98, Cryptoclearance), Little Kentucky	\$1,500	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Barely Nothing, \$58,600)	\$78,346	*239	3	0.57	1.29
5	HOLD FOR GOLD (95, Red Ransom), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Great Investment, \$28,350)	\$67,709	135	4	1.13	1.17

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And when it comes to optimism about Texas, Grossman may be the perfect man for the job. After all, he hails from just about the only state with a bleaker outlook for racing than Texas—Minnesota. Grossman, now retired from his career as an automobile dealer, first got involved with racehorses three decades ago, and for 20 years he had a front-row seat to the decline of Minnesota's industry as Canterbury

Park filed for bankruptcy amid booming business at the state's legalized casinos.

In 2001 Grossman planted new roots in the Texas hill country hamlet of Fredericksburg, an old German enclave that has since become a tourist destination on the strength of its scenery, antique shops, live music, and food.

"We were on our way to Kerrville, stopped for lunch in Fredericksburg, and the bungee cord kept bringing us back,"



Tracy and Grossman with a mare and foal

2012 Louisiana Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Leestown.....	113.....	25
Tenpins.....	64.....	21
Closing Argument.....	73.....	19
Yankee Gentleman.....	48.....	18
Ide.....	54.....	16
Gold Tribute.....	55.....	12
Half Ours.....	26.....	12
Good and Tough.....	48.....	11
My Friend Max.....	32.....	11
Sefapiano.....	29.....	10
Brahms.....	44.....	8
Time Bandit.....	27.....	8
Canadian Frontier.....	32.....	7
Snuck In.....	31.....	7
Taste of Paradise.....	31.....	7
Lunarpal.....	22.....	7
Laabity.....	18.....	7
Afternoon Deelites.....	34.....	6
Wildcat Shoes.....	33.....	6
Mr. Livingston.....	27.....	6
Wire Me Collect.....	21.....	6
Toolighttoquit.....	15.....	6
Honor Glide.....	14.....	6
Entrepreneur.....	12.....	6
Teton Forest.....	32.....	5
K One King.....	26.....	5
Easyfromthegitgo.....	24.....	5
Rainmaker.....	24.....	5
Big Top Cat.....	21.....	5
Puck.....	12.....	5

2012 Leading Sires in Colorado

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1	ASPEN PROSPECTOR (96, Septieme Ciel)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Aspen Breeze, \$8,101)	\$8,101	8	0	0.23	0.99
2	MAJORBIGTIMESHEET (95, Carson City), Wafer Thoroughbred Ranch	Died, 2009	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Major Billy, \$7,050)	\$7,835	50	3	0.58	0.56
3	TAP N SNAP (97, Pleasant Tap), Fred Gibson	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Red Tapper, \$7,790)	\$7,790	49	0	0.29	0.52
4	OLIVER'S TWIST (92, Horatius), Menoken Farms	\$1,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Western Twist, \$5,819)	\$7,054	235	12	0.57	0.78
5	PROSPECTORS GAMBLE (85, Crafty Prospector)	Died, 2003	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Delta Charlie, \$5,070)	\$5,070	461	16	1.28	1.21

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1	FISTFITE (98, Two Punch)	Died, 2009	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Miss Natalie, \$6,573)	\$30,030	70	5	0.97	0.79
2	GRAND ON DAVE (95, Meadowlake), Chikaskia River Racing	N/A	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Man Chester Man, \$4,550)	\$9,390	25	2	0.62	0.63
3	POLLY'S COMET (97, Jolie's Halo)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Battle Hill, \$5,640)	\$5,900	31	0	0.18	0.12
4	ADMIRAL INDY (94, A.P. Indy), Rutland Ranch	\$1,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Indys Prospector, \$3,440)	\$3,600	68	2	0.17	0.57
5	ROLL CREDITS (87, ReLaunch)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Motivator, \$3,055)	\$3,055	25	0	0.31	0.36

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Grossman said with an accent he jokes is a dead giveaway that he's not from these parts. "It's just a great place. It's a toss-up between the weather and the people for my favorite part. The people are very friendly, it's very pretty, and there is a nice pace to life here. Especially compared to Minnesota, the weather is very pleasant. The soils here are what sold us."

On 176 acres just east of town, Grossman and his wife, Pam Wright, built their breeding operation from the ground up, and the property now includes a Eurocizer, round pen, training track, paddocks as far as the eye can see, and barns outfitted with airplane hangar-style garage doors to allow air to circulate in the steamy Texas summers. Named Eureka Thoroughbred Farm after the Minnesota township where Grossman got his start in racing, the farm also boasts strong Texas ties in the form of farm managers Bill and Joan Tracy, the longtime managers of Don and Frannie Stewart's Oak Tree Ranch in nearby Bandera.

The Tracys came aboard at Eureka last year and have played a crucial role in assisting with some other new Eureka additions, stallions Oratory (by Pulpit) and Angliana (by Giant's Causeway). Oratory, a graded stakes winner out of a multiple stakes-winning Dehere mare, currently ranks second on the Texas sire list and last year was first among third-crop sires in the state. Angliana, a multiple grade I-placed, stakes-winning son of a graded stakes-winning daughter of Jade Hunter, will have his first crop of foals hit the track in 2013.

In addition to the stallions, Eureka is also home to around 50 other horses, 17 of which are Grossman's mares, with 21 foals set to hit the ground this spring. Those other horses include mares boarded at the property for breeding, yearlings who will soon be prepped for the sales ring, and Grossman's retired band of racehorses, which he works to retrain for other careers.

"There's a personal connection when you think about these horses that have raced for you," Bill Tracy said. "We've got a retired group here that have been racehorses and done well and not so well—some terrible, but they've still got a home. We ride them and get them acclimated to life away from the racetrack and

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2012 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2012 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	LEESTOWN (94, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2008	113/25	0/0	0/0	(Watch My Smoke, \$54,767)	\$636,847	574	18	0.88	0.99
2	CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Louisiana Stallion Station	\$5,000	73/19	0/0	0/0	(Capital Account, \$49,000)	\$554,965	*292	8	1.19	1.34
3	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$5,000	48/18	1/1	1/1	(Speedacious, \$88,704)	\$381,550	*308	16	1.46	1.33
4	GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	55/12	1/1	1/1	(Nana Knows, \$53,632)	\$358,828	*434	9	1.01	1.13
5	IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	54/16	0/0	0/0	(Ide Ball, \$30,844)	\$330,966	*490	16	1.21	1.11
6	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	64/21	1/1	0/1	(Regal Strike, \$31,800)	\$326,074	*265	8	1.09	1.17
7	HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$4,500	26/12	1/1	0/1	(Beggathyneighbor, \$101,000)	\$293,106	*97	2	0.97	1.45
8	GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	48/11	0/0	0/0	(Good Law, \$53,400)	\$281,138	*394	16	1.24	1.18
9	AFTERNOON DEELITES (92, Private Terms), Clear Creek Stud	Pnsd	34/6	1/1	1/1	(Cajun Charlie, \$75,000)	\$237,272	*580	25	1.16	1.41
10	MY FRIEND MAX (92, Danzig), Kraft Farm	\$1,000	32/11	0/0	0/0	(Sir Maxwell, \$44,367)	\$231,228	180	10	1.13	0.96
11	CANADIAN FRONTIER (99, Gone West), Le Mesa Stallions	\$3,500	32/7	0/0	0/0	(Tonto Fontenot, \$49,528)	\$212,612	137	7	1.47	1.54
12	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	44/8	1/1	1/1	(Look At the Time, \$58,704)	\$198,793	*567	15	1.11	1.10
13	WILDCAT SHOES (01, Forest Wildcat)	Died, 2009	33/6	0/0	0/0	(Cat Shoes, \$52,139)	\$192,193	97	2	0.95	0.99
14	SEFAPIANO (89, Fappiano)	Died, 2010	29/10	0/0	0/0	(Esther Carl, \$34,000)	\$184,565	336	22	1.34	0.95
15	LION TAMER (00, Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	27/4	0/0	0/0	(Southern Dude, \$26,904)	\$141,734	61	0	0.98	1.22
16	TASTE OF PARADISE (99, Conquistador Cielo), Fanlew Farms	\$2,500	31/7	1/1	1/1	(Joy's Paradise, \$46,404)	\$140,913	115	1	0.67	0.98
17	HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Becky Bynum, DVM	\$1,000	29/4	0/0	0/0	(Classic Cascade, \$43,271)	\$139,155	*139	1	0.55	0.65
18	LUNARPAL (02, Successful Appeal), Le Mesa Stallions	N/A	22/7	0/0	0/0	(Drew Clear, \$25,180)	\$137,849	81	1	0.84	1.10
19	RAINMAKER (99, Storm Cat), All Star Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	24/5	0/0	0/0	(Fast Time Streaker, \$29,314)	\$136,914	*163	0	0.56	0.85
20	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud	\$1,000	27/8	0/0	0/0	(Ordinary Time, \$19,740)	\$132,241	217	3	0.88	0.96
21	WIRE ME COLLECT (93, Clever Trick), Traders Rest Farm	\$1,500	21/6	0/0	0/0	(Friend of Indy, \$37,352)	\$131,535	156	4	0.80	0.76
22	TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	32/5	0/0	0/0	(Prince Teton, \$35,460)	\$123,730	*180	3	0.85	1.05
23	LAABITY (91, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	18/7	0/0	0/0	(North Washington, \$23,904)	\$121,470	190	1	0.49	0.74
24	K ONE KING (96, Apalachee), Louisiana Stallion Station	\$1,250	26/5	0/0	0/0	(Big Beautiful Doll, \$18,524)	\$119,272	152	4	0.81	0.93
25	LONE STAR SKY (00, Conquistador Cielo), Le Mesa Stallions	\$1,500	21/4	0/0	0/0	(Skymax, \$30,996)	\$119,093	65	1	1.06	0.92
26	SNUCK IN (97, Montbrook), Matthews Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	31/7	0/0	0/0	(Witch's Orchard, \$18,845)	\$117,145	*277	5	0.91	0.97
27	BIG TOP CAT (02, Storm Cat), Louisiana Stallion Station	\$2,500	21/5	1/1	1/1	(Top Cat Boogie, \$45,000)	\$116,779	65	1	0.96	0.78
28	TOOLIGHTTOQUIT (92, Dixieland Brass), Ryder River Ridge Farm	\$2,000	15/6	0/0	0/0	(I'mabadboy, \$24,470)	\$114,699	*168	8	1.01	1.05
29	HONOR GLIDE (94, Honor Grades), Fanlew Farms	\$2,500	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Go Joe Go, \$21,250)	\$112,062	158	2	0.72	1.09
30	SEATTLE SLEET (90, Seattle Slew), Donaghey Farm	\$1,000	15/4	1/1	1/1	(Sweet Little Sleet, \$68,048)	\$110,185	275	8	0.85	1.10
31	MR. LIVINGSTON (97, El Prado), Fanlew Farms	Died, 2011	27/6	0/0	0/0	(My Nicky, \$26,650)	\$108,060	*146	1	0.62	0.92
32	MAUK FOUR (00, Boston Harbor), Jerry Cart Farm	\$1,000	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Sweet Boston Lady, \$49,130)	\$103,518	21	0	0.78	1.02
33	RULER'S COURT (01, Doneraile Court), Holly Hill Farm	\$2,000	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Scratchmybackhoney, \$22,608)	\$94,747	78	1	0.52	0.90
34	PORTO FORICOS (95, Mr. Prospector), Clear Creek Stud	\$1,500	22/3	0/0	0/0	(Bonita Saleeta, \$26,406)	\$92,341	187	5	1.27	1.21
35	OSIDY (02, Storm Cat), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	32/4	0/0	0/0	(Favrette, \$14,444)	\$91,719	88	0	0.78	0.85

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Combining integrity, as he has shown with his retired runners, with shrewd business sense paid off for Grossman in his previous professional career, and it likely will again. He may be making a sizable bet by investing in Texas racing, but he's got a little more security in the fact that he doubled-down by also setting up shop in Oklahoma, where the Thoroughbred business is thriving. Grossman has brought three high-profile stallions to River Oaks Farm in Oklahoma, which is run by Grossman's trainer at the track, Francisco Bravo. That

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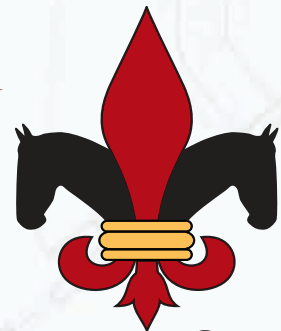
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- Broke his maiden at 2, zipping through 5 fur. in :56 4/5 to stop the clock in 1:08 3/5 at Belmont. At 3, won the G2 Hutcheson S. in 1:22 3/5.
- 16 of 20 starts in stakes-15 graded.
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74% WINNERS/STARTERS

30% JUVENILE WINNERS/STARTERS

LIFETIME PROGENY EARNINGS NEARLY
\$21.5 MILLION.

- Sire of 2011 SWs, **IDEFROMTHEBAYOU**, winner of the Louisiana Showcase Starter S., setting a NCR going @7.5 f. on the turf in 1:28.90, and **SHEZACRAZYGIRL**, four stakes races and \$396,800.

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\$44,562
Average
Earnings
Per
Starter



66%
Winners from Starters

13% Stakes Horses

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Multiple
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Winning
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Mr. Prosector-Gallanta (FR), by
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\$47,465
Average
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Lifetime
Progeny
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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm	\$3,500	35/7	1/2	1/1	(Opus A, \$90,000)	\$321,801	*198	8	1.47	1.21
2	TOCCET (00, Awesome Again), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	51/14	0/0	0/0	(Tica Caliente, \$29,280)	\$301,677	*266	11	1.21	1.29
3	EVANSVILLE SLEW (92, Slew City Slew), Diamond G Ranch	Died, 2012	44/13	0/0	0/0	(Two Moons, \$29,830)	\$214,548	*478	33	1.14	0.93
4	OMEGA CODE (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	51/12	0/0	0/0	(Twin, \$24,705)	\$173,720	255	6	0.75	1.27
5	DON'T GET MAD (02, Stephen Got Even), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	30/9	0/0	0/0	(Populist Politics, \$22,620)	\$149,265	*103	2	1.13	0.95
6	LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	25/9	0/0	0/0	(Lucky Lou, \$28,589)	\$127,381	316	13	1.21	1.27
7	TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	27/4	0/0	0/0	(Tactical Cajun, \$34,302)	\$106,695	475	24	1.11	1.30
8	WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirtan Farms	\$1,500	18/3	0/0	0/0	(Take a Walk, \$29,770)	\$96,607	*298	4	1.16	1.31
9	SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Juke Box Joe, \$39,300)	\$83,685	346	17	1.21	1.07
10	DANCE MASTER (97, Gone West), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division	\$1,500	24/4	0/0	0/0	(Bobbiesqueen, \$19,720)	\$76,679	219	8	0.88	1.10
11	FREEFOURINTERNET (98, Tabasco Cat), Equi-Center Veterinary Clinic	\$2,000	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Senator Bill, \$15,900)	\$74,379	77	1	0.81	1.01
12	COUNTRY BE GOLD (97, Summer Squall), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Country Green, \$21,120)	\$60,840	43	0	0.70	1.30
13	KING OF SCAT (96, Eastern Echo), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Champangefortwo, \$40,940)	\$54,487	180	11	0.73	0.76
14	NATIONAL SAINT (96, Saint Ballado), B-T Ranch	\$1,000	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Stickcrossmountain, \$29,032)	\$49,482	52	0	0.48	0.90
15	MALABAR GOLD (97, Unbridled), Winner's Circle Farms	N/A	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Gold Castle, \$10,440)	\$48,244	*242	4	0.69	1.11
16	DIAMOND (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine	\$2,500	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Devil Her Diamond, \$11,465)	\$35,512	271	6	1.13	1.08
17	BURBANK (93, Wild Again), Boyd Caster	\$1,000	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Scrappy Coco, \$13,754)	\$34,621	121	3	0.89	0.72

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band of stallions is led by Read the Footnotes (by Smoke Glacken), who has already sired the earners of more than \$5 million, including grade I winner Rightly So, and currently tops the Oklahoma sire list. He is joined by younger cohorts Chitoz (by Forest Wildcat) and Tiz West (by Gone West).

"The expense of breeding and the logistics of breeding better horses made us think we could bring a better stallion to both states," Grossman said. "Everything about this industry has a long learning curve. So far, I think we've made good selections, and they have good potential in both states. In both states we brought in stallions with proven records who have done well and have depth of pedigree."

When those stallions' progeny reach the track, Grossman plans on selling what he can and racing the rest. Eureka currently has about 15 horses in training, split between Texas and Oklahoma, and he gives them all a fair shake.

"Some of them may have a flaw here or there and we're happy to race them where the market won't necessarily accept them," he said. "Our best 2-year-old in training is the crookedest. He wouldn't have brought anything at the sale."

"Basically, everything we do here is based on the horse, not on money," Grossman continued. "We don't race a horse that shouldn't, and we don't push a horse that isn't ready. We let the horse speak to us. We're not here because this is the hotspot of racing; we're here because we like living here, and we think the conditions are good for the horses."

Like many others in the industry, Grossman and Tracy believe the decline in the sport is not just affecting Texas, but is also systemic and something that will likely require a creative solution.

"You have to educate from the bottom up," Tracy said. "I think you have to go to the kids, and I think it has to be fun to do. I've never seen parents sit around and beg their kids to go to Six Flags or Sea World. The kids are dragging the parents. There are so many things that could be done to make kids say they really want to go see horses. We've lost a lot of the glamor in horses over the years."

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2

Graded Wins

4

Times stakes-placed

10

Times ran the 1/4
in 21 & Change

1

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Tracy cites the horse-centric television shows he grew up with, including “Roy Rogers” and “The Lone Ranger.”

“On the racing channels today, so much emphasis is on the gambling, which is understandable because that’s their business,” Tracy continued. “But they say 3-4-6-8; they don’t mention the names of the horses. There are so many good stories in this business, and there are people that they just tend to skip over. It’s like listening to stock market quotes. But what about the participants who are involved, the people who do this? So many times the general public thinks it’s all gangsters and millionaires, but there are lots of regular folks who are good people in this business.”

Those personal stories hit closer to home when it comes to convincing the Texas legislature of the profound economic effect alternative gaming legislation could provide for the state and especially those who work in the industry.

“All the legislators look at it as wealthy people betting on horses, but what we’ve got is an agricultural business,” Tracy said. “The horse industry is not just that horse hitting the finish line and paying \$65; it’s bagging the hay, selling the feed, mucking the stalls, having a tractor. When people drive by and see the farm, they say, ‘Oh, that must be rich guys.’ Maybe it is, but think about all the employees that work there, and that could be multiplied, multiplied, and multiplied here in Texas if we had a level playing field.”

As a farm owner, Grossman sees those personal stories play out every day with his employees.

“I know this sport is not being driven by money because I had

a trainer win the other day and the jockey must have had two million teeth,” he said. “You see the joy. I come in here and talk to the guy cleaning the stalls, and he’s all teeth because that’s the culmination of all their work. It brings fulfillment. I’m always getting asked about a horse that’s aged from the people who worked with a horse.”

Like everyone else involved in Texas racing, Grossman hopes to make the legislature see those personal connections and understand how deeply the Thoroughbred industry’s legacy runs in the state. He also knows that by betting on Texas, a state with such precipitous drops in stallions, mares, purses, and race dates, there is always a chance he may lose.

“It is a risk expanding right now, but I think going counter-trend, if it yields, it will yield at a higher rate,” Grossman said. “We’ll be well-established if it happens. It’s crazy what could develop here in Texas. It could be the most outstanding state in the nation, but they’re so far behind it’s going to take a long time to catch up. Texas truly loves its horses, and yet it’s being held up by a limited number of state legislators with no support from the governor.”

In the meantime, Grossman and Tracy will continue their work at Eureka, all the while preparing for another run at alternative



Joan Tracy and her husband, Bill, have been managing Eureka Thoroughbred Farm since last year

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2012 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2012 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano), A & A Ranch	\$6,000	44/10	3/3	3/3	(Our Choice, \$111,600)	\$526,308	229	23	1.47	0.69
2	GHOSTLY MOVES (92, Silver Ghost), Callaway Farm	\$4,000	37/12	1/1	1/1	(Garretsgostlygirl, \$66,000)	\$333,458	214	22	1.18	1.05
3	GOLD CASE (94, Forty Niner), Mesa Vista Stud	\$5,000	39/6	0/0	0/0	(Rio de Dinero, \$38,400)	\$221,251	*545	21	1.11	1.12
4	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	14/5	1/1	1/1	(That's Who, \$66,000)	\$185,213	51	4	2.42	0.81
5	DOUBLE HONOR (95, Gone West), McCallum View Farm	\$3,500	33/11	0/0	0/0	(Catholicschoolgirl, \$17,730)	\$145,221	*546	18	1.12	1.20
6	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Roll On Diego, \$23,635)	\$135,698	94	3	0.84	1.09
7	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	N/A	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Dashkova, \$36,400)	\$125,430	44	0	0.92	0.72
8	PRECOCITY (94, Aferd), Mesa Vista Stud	\$4,000	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Admiral's Crown, \$18,660)	\$114,920	179	6	0.92	0.91
9	THATSUSINTHEOLBEAN (94, El Prado)	Died, 2006	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Max Bean, \$40,120)	\$109,848	60	4	1.07	0.74
10	PROUD IRISH (86, Irish River), Tricar Stables	\$4,000	21/6	0/0	0/0	(Manes, \$35,356)	\$105,782	278	10	0.93	0.83
11	HALORY HUNTER (95, Jade Hunter)	Died, 2007	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Hunting Dixie, \$48,083)	\$100,563	187	7	0.76	0.85
12	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds	N/A	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Doms Flash, \$24,980)	\$88,922	82	3	0.87	0.64
13	CHIMES BAND (91, Dixieland Band)	Died, 2005	9/1	1/1	1/1	(Daddy O., \$73,160)	\$83,452	311	25	1.16	1.35
14	YOUR EMINENCE (01, Saint Ballado), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,500	25/4	0/0	0/0	(Fast a Nuff, \$22,075)	\$82,362	121	3	0.79	0.79
15	DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat), TNL Farm	\$2,500	32/2	0/0	0/0	(Mischief Lane, \$14,425)	\$80,331	399	18	0.83	0.83
16	DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$2,000	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Gossip Dome, \$30,320)	\$77,527	183	5	0.79	0.78
17	REUBEN (97, Rubiano), TNL Farm	\$1,200	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Funnyshouldask, \$43,200)	\$76,285	29	0	0.65	0.43
18	AENEAS (99, Capote), Cedar Creek Ranch	N/A	22/3	0/0	0/0	(Sparkling Girl, \$23,345)	\$75,139	67	0	0.30	0.86
19	QUICK ACTION (01, Carson City), TNL Farm	\$1,500	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Love That Action, \$33,600)	\$74,730	34	0	1.00	0.93
20	FAVORITE TRICK (95, Phone Trick)	Died, 2006	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Ruffy Trick, \$34,494)	\$74,234	*481	24	1.04	1.62

*A-E and COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares Comparable Index.

gaming in the 2013 session of the Texas legislature.

"We've been working at it for the last 20 years," Tracy said. "Maybe we'll be an overnight success. We've all gotten our

hearts broken a lot of times. We're not in this because we're losers. When you stop and think that there's 10 entered in a race and 90% of 'em lose, you keep coming back, saying that 'if the ground hadn't

been so soft today, if the gate had opened a little bit faster, if my jockey hadn't gotten blocked...' Whatever it is, you come back again. That's the part that the legislators miss." □

LOUISIANA HORSEMEN ESTABLISH NEW SALES COMPANY

A new sales company formed by Louisiana horsemen will hold its initial auction in August in Opelousas near Evangeline Downs racetrack.

Equine Sales of Louisiana has scheduled a yearling sale for Aug. 14 in its sales pavilion currently being constructed adjacent to the Copper Crowne training center. Several prominent horsemen in the state decided to go in a different direction from the sales held under the auspices of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders' Sales Co. the past few years, and formed the new venture.

The three founding members of Equine Sales of Louisiana are Jay Adcock of Red River Farms, Michele Rodriguez of Elite Thoroughbreds, and Harold Forman of Copper Crowne. The group is encouraging private investment in the enterprise, particularly from owners, breeders, and trainers who have a vested interest in the health of the Thoroughbred industry in the state. The company hopes to add 2-year-olds in training sales and mixed sales to its line-up using the Copper Crowne six-furlong training track for 2-year-old breeze shows.

"The basic idea is to have a first-class facility that is designed to showcase the horses," said Paul Fitzpatrick of Impact Development, who is

handling publicity for the venture. "Other sales at other venues were held in facilities not conducive to selling horses; aisles that were too tight, for instance. They also want to be independent and able to set the schedule of when auctions take place rather than be in rented facilities where you're at the mercy of other groups as far as booking dates."

"We wanted to do something to benefit the state," said Rodriguez, "by having a centrally located, beautiful facility and a permanent staff to promote Louisiana-breds."

Shares in the company were offered beginning last fall, and sufficient capital was raised to purchase the 13-acre sales site. Construction on the sales pavilion commenced in February. David Tillson is in charge of lining up investors,

while Foster Bridewell, a horseman and auctioneer, heads the sale company and will work with consignors in assembling the sales catalog. Horses for the August yearling sale will be welcomed from all jurisdictions.

As planned, the sales facility would feature a roomy sales pavilion, outdoor and indoor viewing rings, and an air-conditioned auction arena with full video coverage throughout. Also included would be a restaurant and bar area with views of the auction ring.

By Lenny Shulman



Artist's rendition of the new sales pavilion

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