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Lane Hutchins proves being small works in Texas

When it comes to cowboy hats, chicken fried steak, and high school football, the old saying that everything's bigger in Texas is definitely true. Among the few exceptions to that rule are Thoroughbred breeding farms. Unlike Kentucky and Florida, Texas is home to only a handful of large nurseries. Instead, the state's massive landscape is dotted with small breeders who create the backbone of Texas racing.

Lane Hutchins is their champion. With unflinching energy and dedication, Hutchins fights the good fight every day for small breeders like herself. As the vice president of the Texas Thoroughbred Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, she provides a megaphone for those often-unheard voices. She campaigns for poli-

ticians sympathetic to racing issues. She introduces horse lovers from other disciplines to the excitement of racing firsthand at Retama Park near San Antonio. And perhaps most importantly, she offers hope by proving that you can raise a good—even a great—horse in your own backyard.

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Lane Hutchins with a pair of foals at her farm in the Texas Hill Country



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1	LEESTOWN (94, Seattle Slew), Red River Farms	Died, 2008	183/62	7/10	7/7	(Lee's Spirit, \$215,000)	\$2,676,787	371	15	0.97	0.97
2	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	157/78	3/4	1/3	(Arson Squad, \$225,400)	\$2,424,151	*420	7	1.08	1.05
3	GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	114/71	3/3	1/3	(Good Card, \$93,993)	\$2,324,511	*263	11	1.36	1.27
4	IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,000	102/49	5/8	1/5	(Ide Like a Double, \$295,300)	\$2,201,158	351	14	1.30	1.19
5	AFTERNOON DEELITES (92, Private Terms), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,000	115/62	3/5	1/3	(Zappa, \$302,612)	\$2,069,606	*483	22	1.28	1.53
6	RUNNING STAG (94, Cozzene), Justice Farms	\$5,000	131/63	1/1	0/1	(Stunning Stag, \$172,998)	\$2,036,266	316	6	1.12	1.53
7	SNUCK IN (97, Montbrook), Matthews Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	114/66	2/2	0/2	(Star Snuck, \$173,620)	\$1,898,627	228	3	0.96	1.00
8	RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitony), Chad White Farm	\$2,500	136/67	2/3	0/2	(Leonides, \$155,385)	\$1,631,033	273	7	0.87	1.46
9	GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	99/46	1/1	1/1	(Tortuga Straits, \$116,050)	\$1,470,958	*318	4	1.06	1.20
10	SEFAPIANO (89, Fappiano), Landlock Equine Center	\$2,500	68/35	3/6	1/3	(Jonesboro, \$296,660)	\$1,442,406	260	20	1.37	0.98
11	ROBYN DANCER (87, Crafty Prospector), Shady Lane Farm	N/A	118/62	0/0	0/0	(Savacool, \$87,330)	\$1,399,386	615	21	1.16	1.38
12	STORM DAY (97, Storm Cat), Clear Creek Stud	\$1,500	111/48	0/0	0/0	(K Otee, \$59,710)	\$1,357,537	182	2	0.72	1.09
13	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud	\$2,500	72/39	1/1	1/1	(Bandido, \$88,380)	\$1,316,658	149	3	1.04	1.02
14	MILLENNIUM WIND (98, Cryptoclearance), 519 Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	99/40	1/1	0/1	(Fast Million, \$102,031)	\$1,100,180	*178	2	0.60	1.44
15	PORTO FORICOS (95, Mr. Prospector), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,000	30/15	2/2	2/2	(Anne's Purse, \$158,448)	\$884,365	98	5	1.73	1.34

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1	VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas	\$10,000	130/80	5/6	3/5	(Bridesmaid, \$146,642)	\$2,194,217	441	32	1.39	1.32
2	MAGIC CAT (95, Storm Cat), Valor Farm	\$2,500	71/36	1/4	0/1	(Stealth Cat, \$213,836)	\$873,866	166	10	0.78	1.02
3	OPEN FORUM (94, Deputy Minister), Delta Equine Center	\$2,500	66/34	1/1	0/1	(C E P A's Forum, \$87,686)	\$759,925	*405	11	0.99	1.34
4	DOVE HUNT (91, Danzig), Lane's End Texas	\$2,000	68/29	1/1	1/1	(Little Dovefeather, \$105,089)	\$757,902	290	10	0.95	1.11
5	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$3,500	34/19	2/3	2/2	(Formal Flyer, \$136,755)	\$748,701	61	3	1.35	0.93
6	SENECA JONES (90, Alydar), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	36/23	3/4	3/3	(Tiffany Royal, \$147,328)	\$709,815	188	10	1.00	0.91
7	DIXIELAND HEAT (90, Dixieland Band), Key Ranch	\$2,000	44/28	0/0	0/0	(Sterling Heat, \$73,977)	\$689,724	*236	9	1.19	1.05
8	LIL'S LAD (95, Pine Bluff), Key Ranch	\$2,000	46/25	1/1	0/1	(Basil St John, \$93,604)	\$675,664	*181	7	0.91	1.25
9	THATS OUR BUCK (90, Buckaroo), Jamar LDK Farms	\$1,500	32/14	1/3	0/1	(One Lucky Buck, \$244,870)	\$605,955	177	4	0.79	0.70
10	TRULUCK (95, Conquistador Cielo), Lane's End Texas	\$2,000	51/21	1/1	0/1	(General Charley, \$86,308)	\$477,679	120	2	0.79	0.74
11	LEXICON (95, Conquistador Cielo), R&R Farms	\$1,500	54/26	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Moonshine, \$34,773)	\$470,879	110	1	0.48	1.02
12	STORM BROKER (94, Storm Cat), Quinta Melinda Racing Stable	N/A	26/14	1/1	0/1	(Perilous Storm, \$57,898)	\$434,061	162	4	0.93	1.27
13	CAPTAIN COUNTDOWN (96, Relaunch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	31/14	1/1	0/1	(Captain Above, \$42,567)	\$423,686	60	1	0.71	0.73
14	UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$3,000	32/12	2/2	2/2	(Classie Baloo, \$109,277)	\$421,253	82	3	0.83	0.65
15	BYARS (93, Deputy Minister), Crooks Cherokee Farms	\$2,000	26/12	1/1	0/1	(Lady Byar, \$98,055)	\$377,577	78	1	0.82	1.04

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1	GOLD CASE (94, Forty Niner), Mesa Vista Stud	\$5,000	136/66	6/8	2/6	(Red Hot N Gold, \$184,625)	\$1,990,635	*449	20	1.21	1.21
2	SUAVE PROSPECT (92, Fortunate Prospect), A & A Horse Ranch	\$3,500	131/75	0/0	0/0	(Fearless Leader, \$84,985)	\$1,948,207	339	14	1.24	1.10
3	CHIMES BAND (91, Dixieland Band)	Died, 2005	82/46	3/3	2/3	(Let the Musicbegin, \$95,666)	\$1,367,116	311	21	1.19	1.34
4	GHOSTLY MOVES (92, Silver Relaunch), Callaway Farm	\$4,000	67/26	5/9	5/5	(Askmetodance, \$273,150)	\$1,286,028	136	14	1.26	1.07
5	FAVORITE TRICK (95, Phone Trick)	Died, 2006	83/37	3/3	1/3	(Becky Sharp, \$103,716)	\$1,105,898	*446	19	1.07	1.72
6	DOME (98, Storm Cat)	N/A	56/26	2/3	2/2	(Etoile de Dome, \$172,116)	\$901,285	115	4	0.93	0.77
7	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano), A & A Horse Ranch	\$6,000	24/14	2/6	2/2	(Peppers Pride, \$309,420)	\$823,827	144	11	1.20	0.69
8	PROSPECTOR JONES (92, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2007	47/16	1/5	1/1	(Cattlemen Prospect, \$331,562)	\$728,948	185	17	0.98	0.80
9	IN EXCESSIVE BULL (94, In Excess)	Died, 2006	73/29	1/1	1/1	(Inexcessive Choke, \$91,901)	\$689,150	215	7	0.72	0.77
10	DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat), TNL Farm	\$4,000	60/24	0/0	0/0	(Small But Mighty, \$74,320)	\$547,439	256	11	0.92	0.75

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7 GRADED STAKES WINNERS! 22 STAKES WINNERS!
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Average Earnings Per Starter \$63,646
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3-time Track Record Setter: 6f. at LAD in 1:08 2/5 • 6 f. at LSP in 1:08 2/5 • 5 1/2 f. at LSP in 1:03 flat
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7-TIME STAKES WINNER OF OVER HALF-A-MILLION DOLLARS!

A stakes winner every year from ages two to six. Retired sound. First foals are 3YOs of '09, including '08 juvenile winner Doc of the Bay, who broke her maiden by 4 3/4 lengths first out, going 5 1/2 f in :59-2.
Fee: \$1,000 9-1/\$1,500 LFSN

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G3 PLACED WINNER OF \$263,007 WITH A REGAL PEDIGREE
Placed in the \$150,000 Marine S.-G3. Defeated G1SW LADY SHARI, 9xSW BARBEAU RUCKUS, G1SW CHANGEINTHEWEATHER in his race career. By SEEKING THE GOLD out of a SEATTLE SLEW mare. Bred on the same cross as G1 sires CAPE TOWN & MUTAKDDIM. His dam is a 1/2 sister to 4 champions, incl. granddam of '07 Leading North American Sire SMART STRIKE.
First foals are 2YOs of 2009. Fee: \$2,500 9-1/\$3,000 LFSN

IDE

46 WINNERS OF OVER \$100,000 EACH

Sire of Five 2008 SWs: JUNIOR COLLEGE, (Hot Springs S., NTR at Ellis Park, 6.5 f/1:14-2) IDE LIKE A DOUBLE, (Evangeline Downs Mile H. NTR 1 mi/1:36.28, B.B. Sixty Rayburn Mem. S., etc.) DOBLE QUEBRADO, TENSAS GRAY GIRL, CAPTAIN BUDDY.
Fee: \$2,500 9-1/\$3,000 LFSN

LION TAMER

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Won the G1 Cigar Mile in 1:33 2/5 & 4 other stakes, 3 graded. Placed in 4 graded stakes. Brilliant sprinter/miler posted fractions of :44 3/5, :56 4/5, 1:08 1/5, 1:21 2/5 against the best in training, including Horse of the Year GHOSTZAPPER. First foals are yearlings of 2009.
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By MR. PROSPECTOR, the Ultimate Sire of Sires. From the Female Family of Leading Sires A.P. INDY & RAJA BABA
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STORM DAY

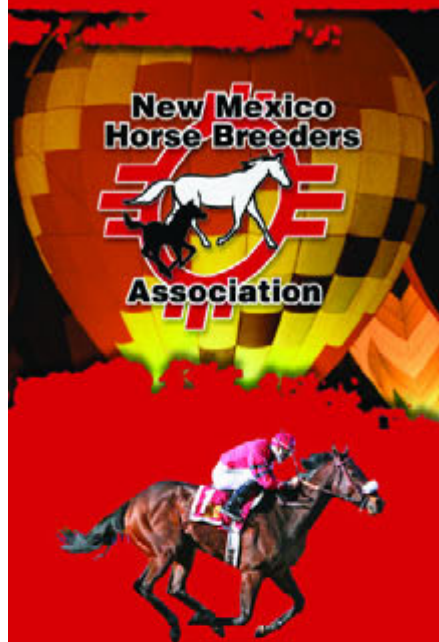
#22 3RD CROP SIRE WITH '08 EARNINGS OF \$1,357,537.

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20% 2YO Winners from Starters

G3spl son of Sire of Sires STORM CAT & 1/2 brother to G1SW BRIAN'S TIME, a World's Leading Sire, STORM DAY is from the family of leading sire DYNAFORMER.
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Nearly a decade ago a chestnut foal that would grow up to be named Sandburr was born just behind Hutchins' home near Fredericksburg, where, deep in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, she and her husband, Tom, own 50 acres and a baker's dozen of Thoroughbreds. On the night Sandburr was foaled, Hutchins had checked on his mother, the stakes-placed Silent Screen mare Lone Star Stella, several times and knew the baby was coming. She went inside to watch television, and when she came back out, the mare had done the work for her.

"There he was, a big pile of red and white," Hutchins recalled. "I sat down in my purple nightgown and put him on my lap and the rest is history."

And that's not an overstatement. Now a 10-year-old, Sandburr has earned his place in history among the top 25 highest-earning Texas-breds of all-time. And he did most of it the hard way, in allowance and claiming contests on the Texas circuit. In his 38 starts for Hutchins, he won seven times. But on April 7, 2006, at Sam Houston Race Park, Hutchins ran the Sandpit gelding for a \$20,000 tag, and he was claimed by trainer Michael Stidham for Feel The Thunder Stable, owned by Illinois-based racing newcomer Marty Nixon.

After that race, Sandburr stepped up his

game, winning the first stakes of his career at age 7, fittingly enough on Texas Champions day at Sam Houston Race Park. He soon added four other stakes victories to his record, including the 2007 Louisiana Breeders' Cup Handicap at Fair Grounds. From 62 career starts thus far, Sandburr has found the winner's circle in 16 races and hit the board 19 other times. His earnings total \$476,321.

Even though Hutchins no longer owns Sandburr, Stidham and Nixon keep her in the loop on all of the gelding's activities, even sending the win photos that cover Hutchins' refrigerator.

"They have just taken me into the gang," she said. "If I'm where Sandburr is, I go to the stable. They give me carrots and peppermints for him. I get to talk to him and pet him and he always knows me. They've just been wonderful to me, and they take superb care of him."

She often joins them in the winner's circle after Sandburr's races, a world away from her hometown of Montgomery, Ala., where as a kid she paid \$2 for her first riding lesson. Those early lessons instilled in her a love of horses that still shows in everything she does at age 63, all the way down to the socks decorated with images of horses that she wears underneath her work boots.

"There was this fabulous riding school

Stealth Cat Texas Horse of the Year; Adger Honored

The Texas Thoroughbred Association honored the top performers of 2008 at its annual Horse Racing/Breeding Conference and Annual Meeting in Dallas Jan. 9-10. The winner of the prestigious T.I. "Pops" Harkins Award went to John Adger, racing manager of Bob and Janice McNair's Stonerside, whose holdings were purchased by Sheikh Mohammed's Darley last year.

Stonerside bred last year's Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) winner Raven's Pass, who is owned by Princess Haya of Jordan and Darley. The Harkins award is presented to the TTA member whose efforts and contributions to the association and the industry have helped to further the goals of the TTA. The award is not required each year but is discretionary on the part of the TTA awards committee and board of directors.

Stealth Cat, bred by James Kenney and Jann Jones, and owned by J. Kirk Robison, was named 2008 Texas Horse of the Year and champion older female. The daughter of Magic Cat—Dixie's Integrity, by Mr. Integrity, won five of 11 starts last year, including the \$100,000 Valid Expectations Stakes at Lone Star Park. She finished the year with earnings of \$213,836.

Other Texas-bred champions:

Bridesmaid, 2-year-old filly
(Valid Expectations—Bridal Tea, by Gulch)
Breeders: W.S. Farish, James Elkins & BCWT
Owner: W.S. Farish

Valid Message, 2-year-old male
(Valid Expectations—Templemartin, by Wolf Power)
Breeder: Ed Few • Owner: H and H Ranch

Formal Flyer, 3-year-old female
(Early Flyer—Formal Companion, by Black Tie Affair)
Breeder/Owner: John Silverthorne Ranch

Ablaze With Spirit, 3-year-old male
(American Spirit—Ablazing Grace, by Wekiva Springs)
Breeder: Donald Dizney • Owner: Heiligbrodt Racing Stable

Scrappy Roo, older male
(Roo Art—Dance's Lyph, by King Lyph)
Breeder: Dr. David Taylor • Owner: Tawana Cantrell

Dixie's Integrity, broodmare
Owners: James Kenney and Jann Jones

O My Darlin Diane, claimer
(Uncle Abbie—Sexy Jackie, by W.D. Jacks)
Breeders: Larry Binnion • Owner: Henry Witt Jr.

Other award winners:

Dr. David Stephens, Allen Bogan Memorial Award
Clarence Scharbauer Jr., leading money-earner owner/
breeder from the Accredited Texas-bred Incentive Funds
in 2008

Donald Dizney, breeder
Supreme Cat, freshman sire

in Montgomery because of Maxwell Air Force Base, which has the allied officer school," Hutchins said. "When the army did away with the cavalry after World War II, they started sending all these cavalry officers to the allied officer school, and they would come to the riding school and teach us. We could ride without reins and stirrups and jump through grids over four-foot-high fences. It was like flying. You can't get a riding education like that anymore."

As a young rider, Hutchins also became active in the Pony Club organization, an involvement that continues to this day. She currently works with several Texas chapters of the Pony Club, judging horse shows and taking the girls on trips to Retama Park, complete with backside tours.

Hutchins graduated from Auburn University with a degree in animal science and a major in biochemistry and nutrition. While she was in college, she taught riding for the P.E. classes and exercised polo ponies.

"I spent a lot more time at the stable than I did studying, but I managed to get through," she said.

Although horses had been part of her life for years, Hutchins didn't get involved in racing until she and Tom moved to Kansas and bought a Quarter Horse. That first



Hutchins with her mare Sec Sea Lark

Can't Keep This One a Secret!

Brilliance at two...

Won the **Futurity S. (G2)** by 9 lengths
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5th-ranked 2YO on the 2005 Experimental
 Free Handicap

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2009 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2008 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Diamond G Ranch	\$2,500	170/88	2/5	0/2	(Wishful Tomcat, \$212,920)	\$3,187,824	389	21	1.21	1.38
2	LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore), Diamond G Ranch	\$2,500	78/37	2/5	1/2	(Benny the Bull, \$1,753,080)	\$2,758,415	246	11	1.32	1.32
3	ARTAX (95, Marquetry), Diamond G Ranch	\$2,500	116/53	2/3	1/2	(Diabolical, \$422,900)	\$1,864,678	343	6	1.12	1.46
4	EVANSVILLE SLEW (92, Slew City Slew), Diamond G Ranch	\$2,500	110/56	5/5	3/5	(Knocker, \$122,761)	\$1,702,300	*362	26	1.23	0.95
5	DIAMOND (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine	\$2,500	81/40	2/2	1/2	(Night Stand, \$157,930)	\$1,545,273	217	5	1.23	1.16
6	DANCE MASTER (97, Gone West), JEH Stallion Station	\$3,000	95/42	4/5	1/4	(Sir Winston, \$218,404)	\$1,461,116	151	7	1.07	1.15
7	MALABAR GOLD (97, Unbridled), Winner's Circle Farms	N/A	100/48	2/5	0/2	(Gallant Son, \$113,038)	\$1,423,929	*180	3	0.69	1.14
8	CONCERN (91, Broad Brush), Oklahoma Equine	\$2,500	33/13	1/5	0/1	(Good Night Shirt, \$485,520)	\$905,520	240	10	1.07	1.61
9	PROSPECTOR'S MUSIC (89, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2004	53/25	0/0	0/0	(S'posedtobeadancer, \$53,562)	\$621,179	260	9	1.14	1.04
10	SEÑOR SPEEDY (87, Fast Gold), Winner's Circle Farms	\$1,250	22/14	0/0	0/0	(King of Speed, \$151,125)	\$555,658	*263	5	0.87	0.90
11	BARKERVILLE (88, Mr. Prospector), Ctr for Vet Health Sciences Ranch	\$2,500	36/21	0/0	0/0	(Rogue Scholar, \$107,716)	\$531,963	*482	8	1.33	1.16
12	BOLD ANTHONY (90, Bold Ruckus), Pendergraft Farm	\$500	38/14	0/0	0/0	(Fearless Anthony, \$94,476)	\$471,597	183	3	0.59	0.97
13	HERE WE COME (88, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2004	36/21	1/1	0/1	(Heres a Memory, \$45,658)	\$379,605	264	19	0.70	0.64
14	GOLD REGENT (96, Mr. Prospector), Winner's Circle Farms	N/A	41/20	0/0	0/0	(Aledo Splash, \$60,696)	\$375,639	125	3	0.77	0.90
15	BURBANK (93, Wild Again), Boyd Caster	\$1,000	25/10	1/1	1/1	(Burbance, \$56,736)	\$313,738	73	2	0.92	0.76
16	STAR PROGRAMMER (94, Storm Cat), Merrick Ranches	\$1,000	53/22	0/0	0/0	(Programed a Star, \$29,440)	\$304,500	194	0	0.36	0.69

*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.

runner won a 250-yard dash at Eureka Downs, and she was hooked. Eventually, she became a fan of the stakes-winning, grade I-placed Tri Jet stallion Triple Sec, who earned \$526,652 in six years and stood in Texas. She wrote a letter to his owner, Stanley Beard, which led to a phone call, which led to Hutchins thinking that she'd like to trade windy western Kansas for the warmer temperatures of Texas, where pari-mutuel racing had recently returned. Beard, who had a farm in Brenham, told her that the only place she should look in Texas was the Hill Country. She called a land agent, who turned out to be someone she knew from high school in Montgomery, and in 1992, the Hutchinses moved to Fredericksburg, 90 miles west of Austin.

"I'm so lucky to live here," Hutchins said of her home for the past 17 years. "There's a sign in my doctor's office that says, 'If you're lucky enough to live in the Hill Country, then you're lucky enough.' I feel like that's pretty true."

Bordered on one side by Spring Creek, Lane and Tom Hutchins' Spring Creek Thoroughbreds rests on a piece of land that once belonged to the 30,000-acre Morris Ranch, a Thoroughbred training center for the New York-based Morris family that owned the first Belmont Stakes winner, Ruthless.

"Max Hirsch, the trainer for (1946 Triple Crown winner) Assault, was born in Fredericksburg," Tom Hutchins said. "He rode horses for them out here at Morris Ranch,

when they would ship horses here from New York. (Texas horseman) Tommy Oliphant told us one time that Max Hirsch told (King Ranch founder) Bob Kleberg, 'If you'd just let me take 20 mares and go to Fredericksburg, I'd raise you a Kentucky Derby winner.'"


Fredericksburg is also home to another legend, the 150-year-old Gillespie County Fair race meet, one of the oldest meets in the country. Today the Gillespie County Fair holds eight days of live racing each summer and year-round simulcasting in the adjacent Race Barn.

"We're very proud of our race meet here," Hutchins said. "The people come out in droves and bring their kids. Believe me, racing's not dead. Come to Fredericksburg and see. We have a really good time."

Her Triple Sec mare Sec Sea Lark, a champion sporthorse before she ever stepped onto a racetrack, finished third in a stakes at the Gillespie meet in 1996. The 17-year-old mare now keeps company in the Hutchins' backyard alongside 30-year-old Summer Kiss, whom Hutchins refers to as "the foundation mare." A daughter of Northfields, Summer Kiss broke her maiden at The Curragh in Ireland but made her mark on a small farm in Texas as the granddam of Sandburr. She can be found in the pedigree of most of Hutchins' horses, and may be responsible for their remarkable soundness.

"I don't breed for the sales," Hutchins explained. "I breed for longevity because I like to run them for years. That's the fun part, so that's pretty much my program."

That hunt for longevity made her a big fan of the Brazilian-born Sandpit, who raced through age 8, won five grade I races, and earned \$3,812,597. When he retired to stud in Kentucky in 1998, she hoped to



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breed Lone Star Stella to him.

"I had a little more money back then than I do now because I was new to racing and hadn't spent it all," she said. "I called up to Vinery and they wouldn't give me the time of day. I had a trainer up there named Ronnie Warren. He had trained Stella and thought the world of her. He knew everybody and had trained for Mr. (Ben) Walden, who owned Vinery. Somehow Mr. Walden was able to find me a season to Sandpit, so I put her on the truck and there she went. Ronnie Warren is responsible for that breeding. It was mine and Tom's idea, but if it hadn't been for Ronnie Warren, Sandburr would not exist."

Sandpit died in 2003, but his six crops have earned nearly \$10 million. In an ironic twist, his chief earner is Sandburr, who finished third in the Star of Texas Stakes in his last start of the year. He has started once in 2009.

"Sandburr gets out on the track and plays around like a 2-year-old," said owner Marty Nixon. "The horse seems to be having a ball, and he's just flat out competitive. Lane is very kind, and she's all about the horse. She's always been quick to say that he has a home with her."

As Sandburr's connections begin to contemplate retiring the 10-year-old gelding, Hutchins stressed that she would never let him go homeless.

"My husband's clutching his chest, like 'No, no,' but he can always come back here," she said. "That was his pasture out there, so I still think sometimes I see him. He paid for this fence out here with breeder's awards. He earned more than \$100,000 for me before he left. You're supposed to look out for these guys. We owe them."

Hutchins put her money where her mouth is when she retired Little Brick Lane, Sandburr's older half-brother by Rare Brick who raced through age 9. After he was claimed from Hutchins, she kept tabs on his career, to ensure he wouldn't slip through the cracks, and claimed him back when he came up for a tag. He retired in 2007.

"I've got quite a few retirees here," Hutchins said. "I'm a total bleeding heart, and I don't make any apologies for it. I will probably start riding Little Brick Lane, but he doesn't have to do anything. He made close to \$100,000 and won 11 races, so if he never wears a saddle again, he doesn't have to worry about it. Mostly, I feed him and pet him."

Little Brick Lane is just one member of the Spring Creek Thoroughbred menagerie that includes two yearlings (nicknamed Miles and Walter), a 2-year-old, five mares, five geldings, a Paint mare, a tough little pony named George, and three dogs—Jack, Alice, and Trapper. Hutchins has two horses in training now with Eddie Webb, who also conditioned Sandburr.

"I don't know how many trainers could have kept Sandburr sound for seven years like Eddie did," she said. "He gets the major amount of credit for his success because if they hadn't gotten a sound, drug-free horse, he would have been done a long time ago. I think it really broke Eddie's heart when he left, but he is a supporter of his and very proud."

Training costs mount up quickly so Hutchins teaches riding lessons to help foot the bills. The work also helps keep her retired horses fed and happy.

"Racing wouldn't have such a bad reputation if people would make a plan

for horses after they race," she said. "It all goes back to the owner. Horses live a long time, so have some guilt and make sure they go to a good home."

That straight talk represents exactly what Hutchins brings to the board of the Texas HBPA.

"I feel like I'm sort of the representative of all these people in Texas who hang on year after year, raising horses," she said. "I wish those people got more attention than they do. You see the big owners, which is what people want to read about, but there's this whole underbelly that's holding up the whole thing." ☐

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