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No Argument

Louisiana Stallion Station North leads the pack

BY GARY McMILLEN

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Carrol and Stacey Castille at Louisiana Champions Day at Fair Grounds 2005

LINDA McLELLAN PHOTOS

First. It is early morning and the president of Dynamic Tower Services in Carencro, La., is already on a conference call with a construction contractor in Puerto Rico. Parked outside in the gravel parking lot are seven 4X4 off-road pickup trucks. Located on the same block as Desperado's Cabaret and Big Al's Hideaway Lounge, the nondescript office building offers the architectural sensibility of a tire shop on a service road. A bleak trailer park dotted with rusted hubcaps and a pitbull chained to a water faucet flank the property line.

Second. It is approaching sunset and the owner of Whispering Oaks Farm on the rural outskirts of Carencro, is walking across a spacious paddock of lush grass and whistling to a group of Thoroughbred yearlings. Oak and palm trees are spread everywhere across the 80 acres of immaculate landscape. From the entrance gate, along the perimeter of the training track, then past the exercise swimming pool to the barns, the impression of Whispering Oaks is a combination of pristine style and professional substance.

The president of the company that erects cell phone towers across the Southeastern United States and the owner of the Thoroughbred stallion station, which currently stands the top two stallions in the state of Louisiana are the same person. When two such worlds collide something usually has to give. But there is nothing usual about Carrol Castille.

"I have only done two things in my life," Castille, whose portfolio of success has been based on risk and contagious optimism, said. "And that is raise, breed, and race horses; and build towers. The towers are my work. The horses are my full-time hobby."

The fabric of Castille's separate interests has one common thread. Whatever needs



Whispering Oak Farm does business as Louisiana Stallion Station North

to be done at the office or on the farm, the 46-year-old can be seen pitching in and getting his hands dirty. At the farm Castille grazes horses, helps wean the babies, unloads feed trucks, climbs on the tractor to harrow the training track, and enjoys cutting his own grass.

“There is something about walking out in the pasture and playing with the yearlings. You can see their personalities developing day to day,” Castille said. “The whole farm is just a kind of mind-body relaxation.”

The identical “hands-on” mentality is at the core of Castille’s work ethic. The telecom communication tower business that has 175 employees today started in his backyard with some scrap steel and an old truck. Scraping together their life savings, Castille (with his father and brother) went

all in to grow the business from the ground up. In the humid heat of a mosquito-infested marsh or out in the wind and rain of the Gulf of Mexico, that was Castille pulling cable, climbing poles, erecting towers, and making repairs.

The takeaway on Castille is the clear evidence that you can go a long way with just a high school education. It is what it is. Deal with it.

“I don’t have any management principles,” Castille admitted. “I am usually the first one in the office and the last one to leave. What we do here is not out of a textbook. We just get things done. At work or on the farm, I look to hire young people who want to learn and are not looking for a handout. I lean toward people that are somewhat aggressive and willing to go the

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**2012 Louisiana Sires
By Winners**

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Closing Argument.....	137.....	80
Leestown.....	147.....	70
Yankee Gentleman.....	116.....	69
D'wildcat.....	113.....	66
Tenpins.....	127.....	62
Half Ours.....	71.....	45
Good and Tough.....	73.....	38
Teton Forest.....	71.....	37
Ide.....	86.....	36
Gold Tribute.....	74.....	32
Canadian Frontier.....	48.....	28
Snuck In.....	46.....	28
My Friend Max.....	47.....	23
Richter Scale.....	51.....	22
Afternoon Deelites.....	63.....	21
Porto Foricos.....	45.....	21
Rainmaker.....	43.....	20
K One King.....	53.....	19
Wildcat Shoes.....	49.....	19
Osidy.....	47.....	18
Run Production.....	38.....	18
Time Bandit.....	37.....	18
Mr. Livingston.....	50.....	17
Sefapiano.....	41.....	17
Smooth Jazz.....	32.....	17
Rossini.....	39.....	16
Easyfromthegitgo.....	36.....	16
Ruler's Court.....	33.....	15
Big Top Cat.....	32.....	15
High Cascade.....	48.....	13
Lion Tamer.....	42.....	13
Royal Strand (IRE).....	28.....	12
Laabity.....	25.....	12
Honor Gilde.....	23.....	12
Mauk Four.....	19.....	12
Toolighttoquit.....	19.....	12
Seattle Sleet.....	18.....	12
Wire Me Collect.....	30.....	11
Forty Won.....	23.....	11
Proud and True.....	23.....	11
Indian Territory.....	16.....	11
Lone Star Sky.....	30.....	10
Open Forum.....	22.....	10
Entrepreneur.....	17.....	10



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Starters.

Sire of
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Wild Again - Ascutey, by Lord at
War (ARG)

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Breeder's Cup Classic
Winner Fort Larned**

GRADED STAKES WINNER

Multiple Graded Stakes Placed
Sired by Breeder's Cup Classic
winner WILD AGAIN



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CLOSING ARGUMENT

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**#1 Louisiana Sire
2011, 2012**

2011 Louisiana Leading
Sire of Two Year Olds

Over 73% Winners from
Starters



2013 Fee: \$7,500

SORCERER'S STONE

Gulch - Magical Holiday, by Slew o'
Gold

**2012 Leading 2nd Crop
Sire of Louisiana Breds**

**GRADED STAKES WINNER
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Won first 3 starts at 2. Was
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multiple G1SW **BEHRENS,**
winner of \$3,243,500



2013 Fee: \$750



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AVERAGE/STARTER \$56,529

73% WINNERS/STARTERS

29% 2YO WINNERS/STARTERS

Sire of **IDEFROMTHEBAYOU**, winner of the '11 Louisiana Showcase Starter S., setting a NCR going @7.5 f. on the turf in 1:28.90, '12 stakes placed and **SHEZACRAZYGIRL**, who has now won four career stakes races and \$396,800.

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Nominated to Breeders' Cup Series



B.J.'S MARK

Sheikh Albadou-Gem's For Julie, by Diamond Prospect



\$44,639 Average/Starter

67% Winners/Starters

15% Stakes Horses

Stakes horses by **B.J.'S MARK** include **HUD'S PLAYMATE** (\$185,294), **MAID IN CHINA** (\$95,000), **Convinceable** (\$153,958), **Warren's Mark** (\$152,282), and **Gracie's Gem** (\$126,030).

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Sire of stakes placed winner **Hud's Rebel**, on the board in 10 of 12 starts, now with \$132,320 in earnings; and **JOYCE'S REBEL** multiple winner of \$105,725.

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PORTO FORICOS

Mr. Prosector-Gallanta (FR), by Nuryev



\$48,052 Average/Starter Lifetime Progeny earnings nearly \$5.5 million AEI 1.23/APEX 1.01

Sire of Canadian 2yo champion **MY VINTAGE PORT** (\$734,353); **DELAFORCE** (\$416,992, '12 Puss N Boots Cup S., FE), **ANNE'S PURSE** (\$341,427); of '12 stakes placed juv winner **Kwik n Smokey** and '12 MSP winner **Bonita Saleeta** (6f., 1:11 and change at FG)

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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in Oklahoma (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 2, 2012. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A #) indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race.

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2013 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2012 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	*Sks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	TOCCE (00, Awesome Again), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	103/58	3/5	0/3	(Toccetiva, \$220,865)	\$1,941,025	*272	13	1.19	1.27
2	LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farm, Inc.	\$3,500	85/40	1/1	0/1	(Ciguaraya, \$145,120)	\$1,712,596	*150	2	1.02	1.05
3	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm, Inc.	\$3,500	87/40	2/4	2/2	(Opus A, \$202,500)	\$1,525,556	*218	9	1.34	1.21
4	EVANSVILLE SLEW (92, Slew City Slew), Diamond G Ranch	Died, 2012	85/49	1/1	1/1	(Two Moons, \$81,497)	\$1,373,114	*481	34	1.13	0.93
5	DON'T GET MAD (02, Stephen Got Even), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	55/36	1/2	1/1	(Yearley, \$225,028)	\$1,192,810	*104	2	1.18	0.95
6	KIPLING (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	85/32	0/0	0/0	(Kip Berries, \$151,762)	\$904,145	244	8	1.27	0.90
7	WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirtan Farms	\$1,500	46/31	1/1	0/1	(Jethro Jr., \$84,320)	\$872,602	*302	5	1.16	1.32
8	OMEGA CODE (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	90/44	2/2	1/2	(Candy Coded Kisses, \$87,620)	\$835,068	256	7	0.72	1.28
9	SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	48/25	2/2	1/2	(Shipwreckstreaure, \$67,190)	\$806,994	347	18	1.19	1.05
10	LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	46/29	1/1	0/1	(Lucky Moon, \$66,643)	\$782,253	321	14	1.20	1.25
11	TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	59/20	0/0	0/0	(St. Maximus Gato, \$129,429)	\$717,540	481	24	1.10	1.29
12	FREEFOURINTERNET (98, Tabasco Cat), Equi-Center Veterinary Clinic	\$2,000	31/14	0/0	0/0	(Catalactic, \$193,200)	\$592,981	78	1	0.89	1.00
13	ARTAX (95, Marquetry), Diamond G Ranch	Died, 2012	38/18	0/0	0/0	(Sasta Go Lucky, \$71,478)	\$531,277	*419	6	1.03	1.32
14	DIAMOND (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine	\$2,500	31/13	0/0	0/0	(Diamond Disco, \$48,819)	\$346,640	274	6	1.11	1.06
15	DANCE MASTER (97, Gone West), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division	\$1,500	43/13	0/0	0/0	(Bobbiesqueen, \$39,088)	\$336,392	220	8	0.85	1.08
16	KING OF SCAT (96, Eastern Echo), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	32/15	1/1	0/1	(Champangefortwo, \$57,917)	\$335,672	180	12	0.72	0.77
17	MALABAR GOLD (97, Unbridled), Winner's Circle Farms, Ltd.	N/A	42/19	0/0	0/0	(Hesagoldmine, \$36,132)	\$317,863	*242	4	0.67	1.10
18	NATIONAL SAINT (96, Saint Ballado), B-T Ranch	\$1,000	13/8	2/2	2/2	(Stickcrossmountain, \$110,728)	\$310,424	52	2	0.63	0.88
19	FAST PLAY (86, Seattle Slew), Rockin Z Ranch	Pnsd	14/8	1/1	1/1	(Pacar, \$111,074)	\$305,677	*420	20	1.17	1.37
20	BURBANK (93, Wild Again), Boyd Caster	N/A	32/15	0/0	0/0	(Cagey Little Girl, \$29,526)	\$289,522	124	3	0.84	0.73

*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.

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extra mile without whining. The horses eat every day, so I have to work every day. It's as simple as that."

Homegrown in the geographic parcel of the state that has, for decades, developed a passionate culture and tradition for horse racing, Castille comes from Cajun stock. His father (Norman Joseph Castille) was a jockey who left home at a young age to ride at Ruidoso Downs. Castille was born in the same year (1966) that the Evangeline Downs racetrack opened. Within a 30-mile radius of the family home, there were seven bush tracks.

"It seemed everybody had two or three horses in their backyard or a small farm," Castille remembered of his childhood years. "We got home from school, did our homework, and then mucked stalls

and groomed and galloped horses. On Sundays the family went to church early in the morning and then went out to the bush track for the match races the rest of the day."

Castille, who grew up watching jockey Calvin Borel ride in Sunday afternoon match races, believes environment is stronger than genetics.

"I look back on those times and see this area as the ecosystem for top Louisiana riders," Castille pointed out. "Eddie Delahoussaye, Shane Sellers, Ronald Ardoin, Robby Albarado—they were learning how to ride, how to compete, getting the feel of competition as young kids.

"We have been through one of the great eras of Louisiana riders," Castille continued. "The loss of the bush tracks is the reason the game has changed to being domi-

nated by Hispanic riders. They have those kinds of tracks back in their countries and get the experience at a young age."

The disappearance of the bush tracks in Louisiana may have eroded the jockey pool, but the "ecosystem" of horses remains intact. Castille's acquisition of Closing Argument adds to the growing list of top stallions in the state. Castille remembered the decision: "It was a time when everybody was getting out of the breeding business, so I wanted to get in. My theory is that if you can adapt and survive through tough times, there will be long-term benefits down the road."

A son of Successful Appeal—Mrs. Greeley, by Mr. Greeley, Closing Argument won the 2005 Holy Bull Stakes (gr. III), was third in Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (gr. I), and finished second to Giacomo in the

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Kentucky Derby (gr. I). He defeated 3-year-old male champion Afleet Alex on more than one occasion. From nine starts at ages 2 and 3 (almost exclusively in stakes competition) Closing Argument had three wins, three seconds, and two third-place finishes, while earning \$986,984.

Castille was at the Kentucky Derby when longshot Closing Argument ran second, and the courageous effort made an impression.

"I didn't have him on my ticket," Castille said, "but I continued to like him from that day and kept my eye on him. I thought the horse had a lot of potential. Later, when I went to sales, I saw how he stamped his babies. As far as conformation, every one of them comes out correct and with a good disposition. He throws a lot of soundness in his babies, and they hold up extremely well. It's like they are made of iron."

Closing Argument, who was the leading third-crop sire in Louisiana in 2011, stands at Whispering Oaks, which does business as Louisiana Stallion Station North in Carencro. Castille is partners with Don Hargroder in the stallion business. The studs are split between Whispering Oaks and Hargroder's Circle H Farms in Abbeville, La., which does business as Louisiana Stallion Station South.

In Closing Argument's first stud season at Louisiana Stallion Station North, he covered 98 mares.

"There is nothing bashful about him in the breeding shed," Castille offered. "He is very fertile and very concentrated."

For the honor of leading sire in the state, Closing Argument has made 2012 a runaway. There is nobody close. Through Nov. 26, his 137 runners have won 80 races and earned \$3,318,988. The chief earner is Capital Account (12th in this year's Xpressbet Breeders Cup Sprint, gr. I) with a bankroll of \$321,000. Closing Argument's runners in 2011 earned more than \$3.1 million from a group led by stakes winner Close It Out, Effie, Tiz the Argument, and Determinato.

"His babies have a tendency for speed early but learn quickly to stretch out as they get older," Castille said. "They will get you a piece in the middle distances for sure."

Castille and Hargroder recently added D'wildcat to the roster of stallions at Louisiana Stallion Station South. The son of Forest Wildcat was a grade I winner and has 40 mares already booked to him for the 2013 breeding season. D'wildcat is holding third in the sire rankings for Louisiana-based stallions, giving the operation the top two sires in the state.

Sorcerer's Stone, Unbridledsensation, Run Production, Shermaesque, and K One King (the last named is owned by Daniel G. Thomas and Steve Crowe) complete the Louisiana Stallion Station stud roster. A son of champion sprinter Gulch, Sorcerer's Stone was the winner of the 2005 Arlington-Washington Breeders' Cup Futurity (gr. III) by 8½ lengths.

Street credentials are important in this part of the country. You earn your reputation with hard work. Castille's evening job in high school was a valet in the parking lot at Evangeline Downs. Now he owns the place. Purchased for a few clicks over \$5 million, the Evangeline Downs Training Center is a 220-acre training facility that supports 1,300 horses. There is a constant waiting list to get in. A salt water spa, swimming pool, and track kitchen are among the many amenities. Evidence of the training track surface as being one of the best in the country is that trainer Steve Asmussen currently has 60 horses (mostly 2-year-olds) at the Evangeline Downs Training Center, preparing for a spring campaign that begins in April at Keeneland.

"They have an established surface over the years that is deep and kind to horses," said trainer Ron Faucheux, who shipped Gantry off the Evangeline Downs Training Center to win the Smile Sprint Handicap (gr. II) at Calder. "I have been to tracks all



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over the country, and that place is the best I have ever seen."

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano), A & A Ranch	N/A	57/25	6/10	6/6	(Our Choice, \$265,286)	\$1,804,203	229	24	1.50	0.71
2	WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat), Brunacini Farms	\$2,000	33/17	0/0	0/0	(Raincoats'ntuxedos, \$179,217)	\$1,195,739	*64	1	1.86	1.18
3	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$3,500	42/25	5/8	5/5	(Kiss My Hennessy, \$178,098)	\$1,122,638	94	7	1.02	1.08
4	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	32/19	5/7	4/5	(Thermal, \$172,997)	\$957,774	45	5	1.44	0.75
5	GHOSTLY MOVES (92, Silver Ghost), Callaway Farm	N/A	58/25	1/1	1/1	(Garretsghostlygirl, \$66,271)	\$670,844	214	22	1.12	1.06
6	SILVER WAGON (01, Wagon Limit), McCallum View Farm	\$2,500	21/14	1/2	1/1	(Eyes Super Freaky, \$111,380)	\$650,675	32	1	1.41	1.21
7	GOLD CASE (94, Forty Niner), Mesa Vista Stud	\$5,000	68/24	0/0	0/0	(Izacoldcase, \$88,345)	\$611,631	*545	21	1.08	1.12
8	DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat), TNL Farm, Inc.	Died, 2012	55/28	0/0	0/0	(Mischieff Lane, \$54,269)	\$603,377	399	18	0.81	0.82
9	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	31/15	2/3	2/2	(That's Who, \$144,500)	\$543,907	51	5	1.91	0.88
10	PREMEDITATION (99, Afternoon Deelites), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	31/12	0/0	0/0	(Devon's Spirit, \$68,444)	\$392,033	66	4	1.19	0.78
11	SUAVE PROSPECT (92, Fortunate Prospect), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	42/18	0/0	0/0	(Impadoodle, \$52,260)	\$356,392	383	17	1.12	1.04
12	PRECOCITY (94, Aferd), Mesa Vista Stud	\$4,000	31/16	0/0	0/0	(Ramblin' Starr, \$41,278)	\$355,363	179	6	0.90	0.89
13	YOUR EMINENCE (01, Saint Ballado), Weatherly Horse Farms	Died, 2012	42/15	0/0	0/0	(Fast a Nuff, \$26,409)	\$324,206	121	3	0.70	0.78
14	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	21/9	0/0	0/0	(Dueling Dom, \$63,291)	\$305,925	82	3	0.86	0.63
15	PROUD IRISH (86, Irish River), Tricar Stables	\$4,000	29/11	0/0	0/0	(Proud Sereno, \$47,609)	\$290,583	278	10	0.91	0.82
16	MINISTER ERIC (01, Old Trieste), JEH Stallion Station-New Mexico Division	N/A	31/12	0/0	0/0	(La Luz, \$37,028)	\$286,460	61	0	0.46	0.92
17	LESTERS BOY (96, Cee's Tizzy), Gallegos del Norte	Died, 2012	16/5	1/1	1/1	(Affluent Boy, \$90,716)	\$285,068	55	4	1.23	0.63
18	IRISH ROAD (00, Unbridled's Song), Cedar Creek Ranch	N/A	17/6	0/0	0/0	(It's Time to Laugh, \$103,036)	\$280,330	46	0	0.66	0.99
19	DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$2,000	27/13	0/0	0/0	(Gossip Dome, \$86,658)	\$278,630	184	5	0.77	0.77
20	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	16/9	0/0	0/0	(Way to Go Gerda, \$68,849)	\$275,192	33	2	1.38	1.01
21	FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,000	16/9	1/3	1/1	(Zenon's Star, \$114,862)	\$269,375	47	2	0.83	1.05
22	STORM OF GOSHEN (01, Storm Cat), Bar Y Equine	\$1,500	15/9	0/0	0/0	(Naughty Storm, \$86,557)	\$264,779	47	0	0.74	0.91
23	LE GRANDE DANSEUR (98, Citidancer), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	19/11	0/0	0/0	(Le Grande's Spirit, \$88,073)	\$254,520	76	3	0.82	0.87
24	AENEAS (99, Capote), Cedar Creek Ranch	N/A	33/11	0/0	0/0	(Sparkling Girl, \$53,990)	\$247,743	72	0	0.33	0.88
25	TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University	\$2,500	21/13	0/0	0/0	(Dawn Tera, \$35,716)	\$222,392	60	0	0.80	0.65
26	KING BULL (01, Holy Bull), Gary Balzano	N/A	6/4	1/1	1/1	(K B 's Princess, \$103,236)	\$209,356	7	2	3.07	0.41
27	QUICK ACTION (01, Carson City), TNL Farm, Inc.	\$1,500	17/8	0/0	0/0	(Love That Action, \$83,830)	\$205,614	34	0	0.84	0.96
28	SOURCE (98, Montbrook), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	16/10	0/0	0/0	(Gale Source, \$31,826)	\$195,056	37	0	0.60	0.74
29	REUBEN (97, Rubiano), TNL Farm, Inc.	\$1,200	13/8	0/0	0/0	(Funnycouldask, \$86,071)	\$184,568	29	0	0.64	0.46
30	SILVER SEASON (96, Silver Ghost), Brunacini Farms	N/A	18/3	0/0	0/0	(Shes a Looker R F, \$32,135)	\$183,724	67	5	1.06	0.94

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1	OLIVER'S TWIST (92, Horatius), Menoken Farms	\$1,000	32/15	0/0	0/0	(Magical Twist, \$27,800)	\$227,872	235	12	0.55	0.77
2	CRYSTAL CLASS (00, Mr. Prospector), Winner-Maker Farm	N/A	21/7	1/1	1/1	(Miss Suzannah, \$24,880)	\$108,177	51	3	0.32	0.52
3	MAJORBIGTIMESHEET (95, Carson City), Wafer Thoroughbred Ranch	Died, 2009	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Major Billy, \$34,048)	\$102,332	50	3	0.55	0.54
4	EL ROBLAR (02, War Chant), Winner-Maker Farm	\$1,000	4/3	1/1	1/1	(Lewiston, \$61,473)	\$78,693	12	1	0.86	0.69
5	KENNEDY FACTOR (88, Meadowlake), W. Monk Hall & Bob Baney	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Flying Factor, \$9,590)	\$33,229	58	4	0.38	0.38

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	ORATORY (02, Pulpit), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm	\$3,500	62/32	2/2	2/2	(Miz Maggie Mae, \$138,830)	\$1,409,100	*130	2	1.31	1.17
2	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas	\$4,000	46/27	5/9	4/5	(Blazing Bling, \$137,305)	\$1,127,687	69	7	1.42	1.23
3	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$3,000	78/41	4/4	3/4	(Sword Trick, \$73,330)	\$1,010,039	181	11	0.89	0.89
4	SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	47/22	2/3	2/2	(U Belong to Me, \$105,289)	\$804,421	*149	3	1.08	0.92
5	VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas	\$7,500	79/34	0/0	0/0	(Safe Range, \$55,065)	\$783,028	582	42	1.26	1.20
6	MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$2,000	28/17	3/3	2/3	(Platinum Song, \$77,686)	\$518,258	44	3	0.98	1.14
7	CITY STREET (99, Carson City), Bullard Farms	\$1,500	27/14	0/0	0/0	(Last Wager, \$76,515)	\$453,403	123	3	0.61	0.86
8	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Key Ranch	\$3,000	28/18	1/2	0/1	(Patty's Pride, \$114,090)	\$438,218	89	1	0.69	0.52
9	INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	33/16	1/1	1/1	(Westernator, \$138,092)	\$427,485	60	3	0.91	0.89
10	WIMBLEDON (01, Wild Rush), Valor Farm	\$1,500	35/16	2/2	2/2	(Worldventurer, \$94,432)	\$410,345	90	4	0.77	0.78
11	LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	38/19	0/0	0/0	(Hunterwood Point, \$45,843)	\$407,435	165	4	0.81	1.04
12	UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$3,000	45/17	0/0	0/0	(Lillie Abbie, \$49,918)	\$346,047	177	5	0.67	0.64
13	CAPTAIN COUNTDOWN (96, Relaunch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm	\$500	32/16	0/0	0/0	(Wilby's Ray, \$49,741)	\$335,461	156	1	0.57	0.67
14	SEEKING A HOME (98, Seeking the Gold), Rolling Oaks Farm	N/A	24/11	1/2	0/1	(The Drifter, \$105,000)	\$297,889	112	4	0.83	0.80
15	TOUCH TONE (98, Pick Up the Phone), Lane's End Texas	\$1,500	26/10	1/1	1/1	(Im a Bear, \$51,880)	\$285,319	100	2	0.68	0.71

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1	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,000	97/44	1/3	1/1	(Look At the Time, \$223,600)	\$1,448,906	*573	15	1.10	1.10
2	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), McDowell Farm	\$1,500	85/44	2/2	2/2	(Storm Tuner, \$93,037)	\$1,356,553	390	18	0.84	0.97
3	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	60/38	0/0	0/0	(Youcan'tcatchme, \$112,057)	\$1,112,280	*94	1	1.02	1.28
4	PROUDEST ROMEO (90, Proud Truth), Kilkerly Farm	Died, 2009	21/12	0/0	0/0	(Summer Robin, \$49,460)	\$272,809	182	7	0.96	1.13
5	MIDWAY ROAD (00, Jade Hunter), Trophy Club Training Center	\$750	37/14	1/1	1/1	(Badness, \$38,460)	\$267,614	74	1	0.63	1.11
6	FATHER STEVE (99, Pulpit), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	Died, 2012	39/17	0/0	0/0	(Bubba'sthreeargents, \$25,414)	\$262,364	108	0	0.56	0.75
7	PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	22/8	2/2	1/2	(Primetime Dreamer, \$97,235)	\$257,377	56	3	0.59	1.17
8	HESABULL (93, Dispersal), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$1,000	30/11	0/0	0/0	(Sunday Grace, \$44,344)	\$237,320	139	5	0.97	1.09
9	SOUTHERN FOREST (92, Seeking the Gold), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Spartan, \$33,521)	\$145,214	81	1	0.49	0.74
10	SHARKEY (87, Sharpen Up), Against the Wind Farm	N/A	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Sharik, \$41,230)	\$131,462	166	5	0.86	0.72

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"I did not buy it to make money," Castille said, "but to make it feasible for horsemen to run horses in this area and to be able to stay in the game. I charge just enough to make the place pay for itself."

About three furlongs down the road is another Castille venture story that originated from thinking outside the box when it comes to supply and demand. Castille was driving around one day doing errands. The "to do" list included rubber boots, garden hose, and horse feed when the light went on. Why not put everything under one roof?

"I went to three different places, and it took me half a day," Castille remembered. "I kept thinking that there must be an easier way."

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"Think of it as a tack shop on steroids," Castille explained. "Everything I do I try to get the pulse of the synergy and bring it full circle to support horse people."

Another circle that is intact is Castille's family. Married 27 years to his high school sweetheart, Stacey, the couple has two grown children. Daughter Courtney has a home on the farm, and son Dusty lives less than a mile away. The harmony of

work, horses as a serious hobby, and family keeps a smile on Castille's face.

"Taking two bloodlines and putting them together to see if the genetic science works is a natural high," Castille said of the satisfaction that comes to an owner/breeder. "To put the nicks together and then see your horse progress to the winner's circle is the ultimate reward. It's the culmination of a four-year process, and it can be overwhelming."

A man with his feet in two worlds, Castille is content but realistic.

"Horse racing is called the sport of kings, but it's really not," Castille said. "The average person today can own and run a horse, but nobody has money because they have horses. They have horses because they have money. The key is to have some passion for what you do." 🐾



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