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*O'Cains continue Lizza legacy
at Highcliff Stallions at Mill Creek Farm*

BY FRANK ANGST

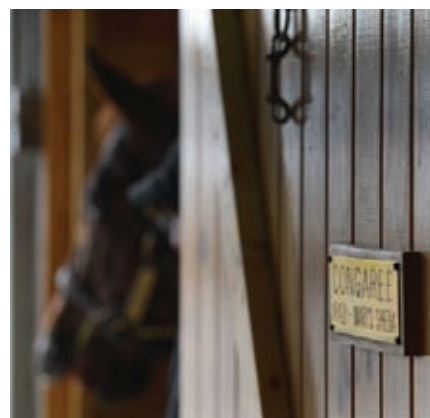
A FEW YEARS ago Robert McNair welcomed the new year at Carl Lizza's Highcliff Farm in Delanson, N.Y., home to his stallions Congaree and Stonesider.

McNair and his Thoroughbreds celebrate a Jan. 1 "birthday," and the farm prepared cake for the owner as well as peppermint cakes for each stallion. Suzie O'Cain remembers the horses digging in—especially Congaree—and some amazing photos from that day.

"Bob and Janet McNair came out to the farm and they hadn't seen Congaree in a while," O'Cain said. "We have these photos of them looking at the horses with these great expressions on their faces. It was like the greatest thing ever. It's that kind of thing that we have so much fun with. It's just wonderful."

Suzie and husband Lynwood "Doc" O'Cain developed a special bond with many of their clients while operating Carl Lizza's Highcliff Farm for 23 years. When the prominent New York-based owner/breeder died at age 73 in July 2011, the O'Cains faced many questions but decided on a plan that would let them retain many of those relationships with other horse lovers.

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2013 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	GrSW/ Gr1SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2012 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	POSSE (00, Silver Deputy), Vinery New York at Sugar Maple	\$12,500	191/106	4/6	3/4	(Caleb's Posse, \$270,000)	\$4,785,756	*446	17	1.43	1.39
2	BLUEGRASS CAT (03, Storm Cat), Vinery New York at Sugar Maple	\$15,000	181/106	5/7	2/5	(Teeth of the Dog, \$410,900)	\$4,420,219	*289	10	1.38	2.12
3	EL CORREDOR (97, Mr. Greeley), Questroyal North	\$7,500	196/104	8/14	4/8	(Beautiful But Blue, \$294,450)	\$4,197,233	*845	31	1.26	1.56
4	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$10,000	126/66	5/9	3/5	(Hessonite, \$441,000)	\$3,871,716	*404	30	1.76	1.26
5	TOUCH GOLD (94, Deputy Minister), Adena Springs at McMahon of Sar. Tbreeds	\$7,500	152/82	1/1	0/1	(Pot of Gold, \$114,161)	\$2,030,096	*782	31	1.28	1.98
6	UTOPIA (JPN) (00, Forty Niner), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	77/34	3/5	3/3	(Matchmadeinheaven, \$186,842)	\$2,006,203	134	3	1.13	1.31
7	TEUFLESBERG (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Sar. Tbreeds	\$5,000	29/14	2/5	0/2	(Trinniberg, \$1,382,000)	\$1,972,330	47	2	2.45	1.25
8	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Highcliff Stallions at Mill Creek Farm	\$7,500	93/52	2/2	0/2	(Jeranimo, \$297,000)	\$1,887,158	*263	12	1.38	1.51
9	BOB AND JOHN (03, Seeking the Gold), Highcliff Stallions at Mill Creek Farm	\$6,000	92/46	3/4	1/3	(Greed and Fear, \$132,300)	\$1,836,876	*128	4	0.89	1.46
10	ALPHABET SOUP (91, Cozzene), Adena Springs at McMahon of Sar. Tbreeds	\$6,000	133/51	1/1	0/1	(Alpha Bettor, \$180,497)	\$1,653,693	*766	44	1.25	1.25
11	POMEROY (01, Boundary), Vinery New York at Sugar Maple	\$5,000	99/55	0/0	0/0	(Positive Response, \$85,332)	\$1,606,698	*171	6	1.20	1.37
12	CATIENUS (94, Storm Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	128/63	3/3	1/3	(Jolieanne, \$100,386)	\$1,554,900	*490	26	1.20	1.28
13	GOLDEN MISSILE (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm, Inc.	\$3,500	95/46	0/0	0/0	(L. A. Girl, \$130,370)	\$1,453,686	*585	15	1.07	1.59
14	ROARING FEVER (00, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$2,500	65/30	2/2	0/2	(Elsaroarain, \$98,243)	\$1,264,899	155	6	1.22	1.00
15	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations, LLC	\$5,000	67/32	1/1	1/1	(Dr Disco, \$80,230)	\$1,171,570	222	8	1.32	1.24
16	¶ FROST GIANT (03, Giant's Causeway), Keane Stud Operations, LLC	\$7,500	15/12	2/3	2/2	(West Hills Giant, \$192,153)	\$840,633	*56	2	2.97	1.21
17	CONGRESSIONALHONOR (01, Forestry), Sandy Way Farm LLC	\$2,500	45/13	0/0	0/0	(Previous Honor, \$114,285)	\$699,930	147	0	0.64	0.96
18	ANDROMEDA'S HERO (02, Fusaichi Pegasus), Dutchess Views Farm	\$1,500	39/17	2/2	2/2	(Tequila Hero, \$89,425)	\$639,550	65	2	0.73	1.06
19	WILD DESERT (02, Wild Rush), Unbridled Racing Stable	\$3,000	35/14	1/3	1/1	(Sunny Desert, \$260,000)	\$612,992	70	1	0.84	1.10
20	HERE'S ZEALOUS (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm	\$3,000	46/20	0/0	0/0	(Catch Me Kaz, \$98,250)	\$595,451	105	0	0.65	0.92
21	ELTISH (92, Cox's Ridge)	Died, 2012	38/14	0/0	0/0	(El Grande Patron, \$71,530)	\$574,062	300	13	1.20	1.29
22	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Highcliff Stallions at Mill Creek Farm	\$2,500	34/12	0/0	0/0	(Mr Cowboy, \$75,197)	\$489,024	80	0	0.65	1.20
23	MR. SEKIGUCHI (03, Storm Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	34/14	0/0	0/0	(White Glove, \$39,724)	\$465,951	*58	1	1.10	1.35
24	PATRIOT ACT (02, A.P. Indy), Questroyal North	\$2,500	29/11	0/0	0/0	(Bedda Regina, \$40,754)	\$333,519	*58	0	0.62	1.08
25	MAYBRY'S BOY (99, Broad Brush), Highcliff Stallions at Mill Creek Farm	\$3,500	6/4	1/2	1/1	(Sportswriter, \$256,184)	\$319,425	9	1	2.33	2.01
26	¶ BUSTIN STONES (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$2,500	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Stoneless, \$43,238)	\$294,307	28	0	0.92	1.74
27	FRIENDLY ISLAND (01, Crafty Friend), Anstu Farm	\$3,500	22/4	0/0	0/0	(Islarama, \$37,990)	\$175,712	46	0	0.53	1.64
28	WELL NOTED (95, Notebook), Monhill Farm, LLC	\$3,000	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Well Noted Lady, \$76,960)	\$173,186	*80	0	0.77	1.08
29	NORTHERN SPUR (IRE) (91, Sadler's Wells), Foggy Bottom Farm	N/A	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Chilton, \$46,081)	\$127,517	94	4	1.20	1.17
30	COMEONMOM (96, Jolie's Halo), The Reading Farm	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Mommy's Dearest, \$32,955)	\$98,543	56	1	0.95	0.95



Congaree, among the top 10 sires in New York for 2012

dispersal sales, the O'Cains are honoring his legacy with Highcliff Stallions at Mill Creek Farm. The Highcliff stallion operation, with Suzie marketing the stallions and Doc providing reproductive veterinary care, has moved from Delanso to

the town of Stillwater under a business agreement with Mill Creek Farm owners Anne Morgan and Tim Little. Suzie O'Cain said she and her husband considered bringing in some partners and purchasing the 600-acre Delanso property but

2012 New York Sires by Stakes Winners

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
El Corredor	8	12
Freud	5	9
Bluegrass Cat	5	7
Posse	4	6
Utopia (JPN)	3	5
Bob and John	3	4
Catienus	3	3
Teuflesberg	2	5
Frost Giant	2	3
Andromeda's Hero	2	2
Congaree	2	2
Roaring Fever	2	2

ultimately decided the current arrangement allowed them to focus on what they most enjoy and a chance to live at home in nearby Saratoga Springs.

"What we've tried to do is to keep everything as uncomplicated as we possibly can," Suzie O'Cain said. "And the only way to do that is to try to do what we have done by keeping the same contact information—that helps—and using the Highcliff name and I like that. We would never start over with something different; it would be foolish to do that. The good

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2008 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed are for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 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.)

*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned 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; 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 AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

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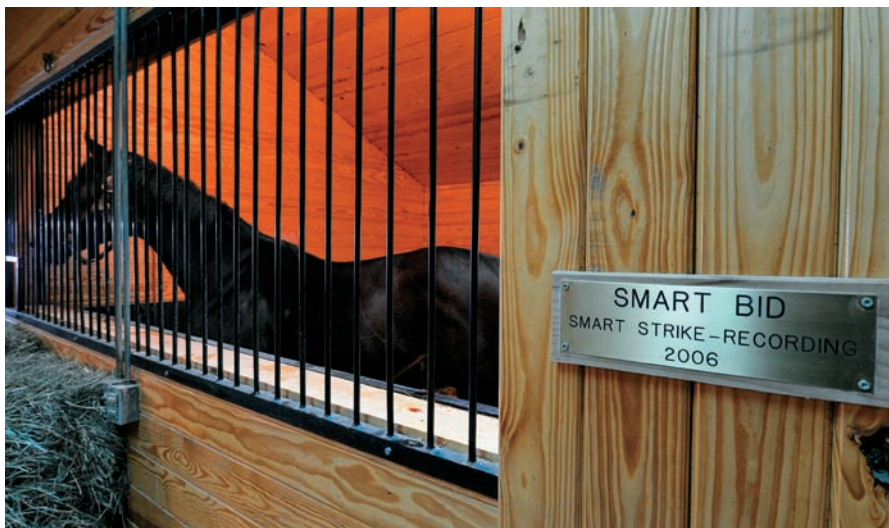
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Smart Bid will stand his first season at stud at Highcliff Stallions at Mill Creek in 2013

part of all of this is the Highcliff legacy, the existence of that farm and presence of that farm for 23 years. We just wanted to keep all of that going, and I think the public did too.”

The O’Cains work to foster close relationships with people based on their common love of Thoroughbreds. Photos are taken of young horses at each stage from birth to their first trip to the racetrack paddock and passed along to clients.

“We know that people want to be called with updates. They love seeing baby pictures; they love that,” O’Cain said. “That keeps people in the game. Who wants to spend this kind of money and have no interaction and not know about anything that’s going on? You have to protect people’s investment, and you have to make it fun for them. You have to keep them interested in the game.

“We want to cultivate more than just a business relationship with our clients because we understand and respect what they have on the line. They trust us to take care of their horses in every way and see to the horses’ needs. But we’re also trying to protect their investment. We’re trying

to do the best that we can to see that everybody’s successful and that it’s a real positive venture.”

The O’Cains enjoyed a close relationship with Lizza, his wife, Viane, and their family. Lizza’s light blue Flying Zee Stable silks—adorned with the familiar double Zs—became a fixture at New York racetracks. He was NYRA’s leading owner in the year of his death with 59 victories. He also finished as leading owner in New York in 2004 and 2005.

A horse owner for more than 30 years, Lizza campaigned dozens of stakes winners, notably Wayward Lass, who won the Mother Goose Stakes (gr. I) and Coaching Club American Oaks (gr. I) and earned an Eclipse Award as the nation’s top 3-year-old filly in 1981. Lizza also campaigned multiple stakes winner Cosmonaut, who won the 2006 and 2007 Arlington Handicaps (gr. IIIT), becoming the first horse since Round Table (1958-59) to take consecutive editions of the race; and two-time grade I winner Noble Nashua. Other of Lizza’s stakes winners include Street Game, Key Contender, Screen King, Thunder Achiever, I Lost My

2012 New York Sires by Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Posse	191	106
Bluegrass Cat	181	106
El Corredor	196	104
Touch Gold	152	82
Freud	126	66
Catienus	128	63
Pomeroy	99	55
Congaree	93	52
Alphabet Soup	133	51
Golden Missile	95	46
Bob and John	92	46
Utopia (JPN)	77	34
Disco Rico	67	32
Roaring Fever	65	30
Say Florida Sandy	52	26
Prime Timber	49	24
Here’s Zealous	46	20
Greeley’s Galaxy	40	19
Sunriver	52	18
Andromeda’s Hero	39	17
One Nice Cat	38	15
Eltish	34	14
Wild Desert	35	14
Mr. Sekiguchi	34	14
Teuflesberg	29	14
Congressional Honor	45	13
Anasheed	32	13
Judge T C	38	12
Stonesider	34	12
Frost Giant	35	12
Patriot Act	29	11
Gold Token	19	11
A. P. Jet	21	10
Regal Classic	16	10
Bustin Stones	17	7
Smokin Mel	7	7
Jade Hunter	23	6
Uncle Camie	8	5

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Lizza, who owned several construction companies in New York and South Carolina, purchased his first horses in 1976 and had his first winner at Aqueduct



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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	E DUBAI (98, Mr. Prospector), Northview PA	\$7,500	217/131	5/11	1/5	(Fort Larned, \$3,598,455)	\$7,972,476	*705	29	1.39	1.24
2	SMARTY JONES (01, Elusive Quality), Northview PA	\$7,500	138/75	10/17	1/10	(Better Life, \$928,167)	\$5,081,999	*336	19	1.72	2.34
3	ROCKPORT HARBOR (02, Unbridled's Song), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$7,500	189/105	5/6	2/5	(Harbor Mist, \$146,715)	\$4,791,641	280	10	1.25	1.50
4	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	144/88	11/17	5/11	(Rail Trip, \$392,000)	\$4,613,521	*573	32	1.61	1.38
5	WISEMAN'S FERRY (99, Hennessy), Dana Point Farm	\$5,000	90/46	2/7	0/2	(Wise Dan, \$2,622,037)	\$4,596,667	*257	6	1.55	1.07
6	SILVER TRAIN (02, Old Trieste), Northview PA	\$5,000	174/101	4/6	1/4	(Zetterholm, \$193,200)	\$3,164,028	*256	11	1.08	1.40
7	PETIONVILLE (92, Seeking the Gold), Penn Ridge Farms	\$6,000	132/72	4/5	0/4	(Tomorrow's Tale, \$106,010)	\$2,549,941	*621	43	1.37	1.25
8	OFFLEE WILD (00, Wild Again), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	103/54	1/1	0/1	(Hogy, \$160,387)	\$1,941,679	198	6	1.37	1.30
9	EUROSILVER (01, Unbridled's Song), Penn Ridge Farms	\$3,500	115/56	2/2	0/2	(Devilish Silver, \$84,995)	\$1,633,479	*287	7	1.00	1.37
10	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,500	66/45	1/3	0/1	(Big Grandpa, \$123,280)	\$1,410,802	133	6	1.35	1.46
11	LITE THE FUSE (91, Buckaroo), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	58/36	0/0	0/0	(Sleeping Tiger, \$106,832)	\$1,330,026	520	22	1.26	1.21
12	TRAJECTORY (97, Gone West), Mountain Springs Farm	N/A	78/33	0/0	0/0	(Sniper, \$157,965)	\$1,308,344	339	13	1.14	1.36
13	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	71/35	2/2	1/2	(Great Lookinblonde, \$178,756)	\$1,208,433	*327	9	1.15	1.18
14	GIMMEAWINK (00, Elusive Quality)	N/A	74/39	1/1	0/1	(Jet Blue Girl, \$109,460)	\$1,025,149	*177	2	0.83	1.12
15	DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (96, Notebook), Maui Meadow Farm	\$2,000	55/29	0/0	0/0	(Red Pete, \$119,290)	\$1,005,694	259	7	1.12	1.27
16	LOVE OF MONEY (01, Not For Love), Northview PA	Died, 2012	48/28	0/0	0/0	(Wire Funds, \$92,040)	\$997,099	81	2	1.14	1.28
17	SNOW RIDGE (98, Tabasco Cat), Star Barn Thoroughbreds	Died, 2012	63/38	0/0	0/0	(Manhattan Ridge, \$73,742)	\$849,166	*268	7	1.05	1.18
18	CAT THIEF (96, Storm Cat), Penn Ridge Farms	\$4,000	61/29	0/0	0/0	(Cat's Review, \$84,268)	\$803,190	*425	18	1.20	1.66
19	RIMROD (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	23/13	1/1	1/1	(Lenape Rim, \$86,053)	\$648,788	63	2	1.79	1.21
20	PARTNER'S HERO (94, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	49/17	0/0	0/0	(Heros Reward, \$85,830)	\$625,921	412	19	1.25	1.37
21	FORMAL DINNER (88, Well Decorated)	N/A	50/25	0/0	0/0	(Caviar N Champagne, \$80,784)	\$559,723	*620	24	1.09	1.10
22	PURE PRECISION (99, Montbrook), Blackstone Farm	\$1,000	25/16	0/0	0/0	(Tightend Touchdown, \$137,439)	\$488,107	142	2	1.16	1.04
23	SOUTHERN SUCCESS (03, Dixieland Band), Xanthus Farms, Inc.	\$1,500	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Golden Success, \$173,220)	\$364,992	31	0	1.23	1.20
24	CETEWAYO (94, His Majesty), Godstone Farm	\$2,000	21/8	0/0	0/0	(Oh So Glittery, \$83,208)	\$322,746	74	0	0.68	0.96
25	POWER BY FAR (95, Power of Mind), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Nibiru's Return, \$194,331)	\$301,459	101	1	1.20	1.20
26	MORE SMOKE (02, Smoke Glacken), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$1,500	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Miss Smoke, \$68,600)	\$292,177	35	0	1.16	1.28
27	FASTNESS (IRE) (90, Rousillon), Timber Ridge Farm	N/A	27/8	0/0	0/0	(Raiders Fan, \$58,000)	\$287,293	254	3	0.89	1.03
28	FAIRBANKS (03, Giant's Causeway), Northview PA	\$4,500	27/6	0/0	0/0	(Passionforall, \$51,200)	\$286,032	65	0	0.56	1.39
29	AISLE (99, Pulpit), Whirlwind Stables	\$1,000	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Run Patty Run, \$59,002)	\$260,649	63	0	0.88	0.85
30	SENIOR SWINGER (00, El Prado), Diamond B Stables	\$4,000	20/6	0/0	0/0	(Only One for Me, \$70,862)	\$223,518	46	0	0.59	0.81
31	ACTIVIST (94, Wild Again), Godstone Farm	\$2,000	25/6	0/0	0/0	(Paliuli, \$57,323)	\$220,256	135	3	0.99	0.85
32	HARRY THE HAT (89, Seattle Stew), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,000	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Amabilis, \$87,008)	\$211,831	152	5	1.04	0.78
33	SHOW TUNE (04, Unbridled's Song), Safe Haven Equine	\$500	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Terpsichore, \$56,258)	\$173,767	36	0	0.73	1.06
34	GOT THE LAST LAUGH (04, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Stables	\$2,500	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Shoobie, \$45,492)	\$170,798	18	0	1.51	1.09
35	STANISLAVSKY (00, Dehere), Diamond B Stables	\$2,500	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Caught by You, \$41,308)	\$169,382	56	0	0.79	0.92
36	REVIVAL SONG (01, Unbridled's Song), Woodvale Farm	\$500	10/7	0/0	0/0	(Deportista, \$37,490)	\$159,739	22	0	0.68	0.91
37	TEKKEN (IRE) (94, Nureyev), Lojeski Farms	\$1,500	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Tekken Plenty, \$56,940)	\$159,647	37	1	1.41	1.30
38	COZAR (94, Cozzene), Whispering Spirits Stables	\$2,500	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Goshen Hawk, \$43,336)	\$153,544	35	1	1.02	0.45
39	WEIGELIA (01, Safety's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$3,500	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Brenda's Way, \$59,010)	\$147,032	15	0	0.87	1.09
40	THIS BULLS FOR YOU (97, Holy Bull)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Envy a Bull, \$55,968)	\$123,628	28	0	1.00	0.76
41	TEXTBOOK (98, Conquistador Cielo)	N/A	12/1	0/0	0/0	(I'm Broke, \$66,548)	\$120,097	26	0	0.67	0.87
42	LYRACIST (96, Sultury Song), Mouse House Farm	\$2,500	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Forty Days, \$30,003)	\$109,968	16	0	0.76	0.66
43	CITY SHARPSTER (99, Carson City), Woodvale Farm	\$1,000	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Cherokee Storm, \$31,746)	\$95,578	27	0	0.64	0.78
44	KENTUCKY PRIDE (00, A.P. Indy), Victoria Stables	\$1,500	4/2	0/0	0/0	(No More Bubbles, \$43,853)	\$93,776	9	0	1.05	0.84
45	COASTAL STORM (99, Storm Cat), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Johnnyjimmychoo, \$28,620)	\$90,904	118	3	1.09	0.86

in March that year with Bag of Beans. He bought Highcliff in 1989 with business partner Joe Bartone and operated the farm as a commercial breeding operation.

Highcliff eventually would boast some 400 horses and 40 employees, but most of those horses would be sold after his death. The family did retain some horses, including the stallion Cosmonaut, who will have his first crop of racing age in 2013.

"He's been gone for 1½ years, and every time you look you see how well horses he bred or raced are still doing. It's amazing," O'Cain said. "I don't know how many owners like him are left."

The Lizza family stands Cosmonaut at Hillcliff Stallions at Mill Creek. He won his way into their hearts with four graded stakes victories in six seasons of racing, earning nearly \$1.4 million. Cosmonaut has linked past and present.

"Carl bought Cosmonaut as a yearling," O'Cain said. "He was a wonderful

racehorse, accomplished, had triple-digit Beyers, and was just always, always in the money. He has just the greatest disposition in the world. Carl's widow has always loved Cosmonaut, and she felt like standing him would be a way to kind of honor Carl. I think it was important for her. We were really happy when she made that decision. (Cosmonaut's foals) have been received very well at the sales. We have high hopes for them. They look grand; great conformation, and they're selling well. I hope he does well."

Highcliff stallions, old and new, enjoyed quite a bit of success in 2012 as Congaree and Bob and John nailed down spots in the top 10 of New York's leading sires.

A five-time grade I winner by Arazi, Congaree ranked eighth on the 2012 New York list. Jeranimo became his second grade I winner by taking the Shoemaker Mile Stakes on the Betfair Hollywood Park turf. Jeranimo has at least one graded

2012 Pennsylvania Sires by Stakes Winners

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Jump Start	11	16
Smarty Jones	10	17
E Dubai	5	10
Rockport Harbor	5	6
Silver Train	4	6
Petionville	4	5
Real Quiet	3	6
Wiseman's Ferry	2	7
Albert the Great	2	2
Eurosilver	2	2
Invisible Ink	2	2

stakes win for three straight seasons. In 2011 Killer Graces became the first grade I winner for Congaree, who had five crops of racing age in 2012.

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The roster at Highcliff Stallions at Mill Creek has expanded for the 2013 breeding season

Stakes (gr. I), Bob and John will stand his first season at Highcliff in 2013 for a fee of \$6,000. With four stakes winners leading the way, his first two crops put him at ninth on the 2012 New York list. He is owned by the McNairs' Magnolia Racing and Josephine Abercrombie's Pin Oak Stud, where he stood his first five seasons, near Versailles, Ky.

"Being the winner of such a signature Derby prep as the grade I Wood Memorial in New York, Bob and John, we feel, will be quickly recognized by New York breeders as a serious opportunity," said Pin Oak Stud manager Clifford Barry when plans to move the son of Seeking the Gold were announced. "Bob and John has sired several significant winners at Saratoga, Belmont, and Aqueduct as well as at other top tracks across the country and his runners perform well on all surfaces."

George Strawbridge Jr. will send Highcliff recently retired grade II winner Smart Bid. The 7-year-old son of Smart Strike will stand his first season for \$4,500. Rounding out the Highcliff roster are Stonesider and Maybry's Boy. That roster includes sons of Arazi, Broad Brush, Giant's Causeway, Lemon Drop Kid, Seeking the Gold, and Smart Strike.

"I think that these are real classic sire lines," O'Cain said. "They're not flash-in-the-pan sire lines. Sometimes you see a horse and think, 'Oh, this one will do great.' But they don't do that well. These are proven, class horses with rich pedigrees."

Overall, things most assuredly are looking up for New York Thoroughbred breeding and racing as revenues generated by the Resorts World Casino New York City at Aqueduct have helped attract important new players to the state.

"Certainly we've seen more influx this year of people from other areas and other states coming to New York and wanting to participate," O'Cain said. "We haven't seen as much investment in land and farms yet,

but I think that will come as soon as people become confident that what's going on now will continue for a reasonable amount of time.

"Getting Bob and John and Smart Bid, I don't know what more I could possibly say about the positive situation in New York than to start naming the stallion owners coming into the state—that's huge. Pin Oak, George Strawbridge; these are people who have never previously participated in New York. Not just our farm either. A lot of farms are getting new participants. When people start putting their money out there, start sending stallions, and start feeling comfortable that they're going to get the mares, those are very good signs, and I think it's going to get stronger as time goes on. But everybody's got to feel comfortable that this is a long-lasting relationship."

The O'Cains are committed to making sure each horse is well cared for as they build on those new relationships.

"It's important because I understand that when I send horses somewhere, it's just so important to me to know that they're going to be comfortable, well taken care of and (the caretakers are) on top of any minor thing before it becomes a major thing," O'Cain said. "Because I've always had horses, we just feel that we want to take care of other people's horses the way we would take care of our horses."

While the O'Cains will cross their fingers that lawmakers see the returns a top-level Thoroughbred breeding and racing program can mean for New York and maintain their commitment, they are excited about the current atmosphere.

"Everybody should at least dabble in New York as long as the money's there," Suzie O'Cain said. "It's great; it's wonderful. It's certainly more fun to be in the business at this point."

O'Cain is looking forward to building new relationships as New York and Highcliff move forward.

2012 Pennsylvania Sires by Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
E Dubai	217	131
Rockport Harbor	189	105
Silver Train	174	101
Jump Start	144	88
Smarty Jones	138	75
Petionville	132	72
Eurosilver	115	56
Offlee Wild	103	54
Wiseman's Ferry	90	46
Medallist	66	45
Gimmeawink	74	39
Snow Ridge	63	38
Lite the Fuse	58	36
Albert the Great	71	35
Trajectory	78	33
Real Quiet	71	33
Cat Thief	61	29
Delaware Township	55	29
Love of Money	48	28
Formal Dinner	50	25
Trust N Luck	55	24
Ecclesiastic	34	18
Partner's Hero	49	17
Pure Precision	25	16
Invisible Ink	31	15
Rimrod	23	13
Siphon (BRZ)	34	12
Will's Way	19	10
Fastness (IRE)	27	8
Cetewayo	21	8
Banker's Gold	15	7
Stanislavsky	13	7
Revival Song	10	7
Fairbanks	27	6
Activist	25	6
Senor Swinger	20	6
Aisle	17	6
Wheaton	17	6
More Smoke	13	6
Flying Chevron	14	5
Harry the Hat	11	5
Got the Last Laugh	7	5
Pretty Wild	7	5
Cozar	11	4
Southern Success	11	4
Show Tune	10	4
City Sharpster	7	4
Band Is Passing	5	4
Ecliptical	4	4
Lyracist	11	3
Tekken (IRE)	10	3
Weigelia	9	3
Storm Center	8	3
Comedy Show	7	3
Turn West	7	3
Awad	6	3
Special Times	6	3
This Bulls for You	5	3
Pensglitter	3	3
U So Bad	3	3

2012 Leading Sires in Maryland

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2013 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	GrSW/ Gr1SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2012 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	\$15,000	150/86	5/9	3/5	(Hello Lover, \$304,495)	\$4,554,877	805	74	1.77	1.47
2	DANCE WITH RAVENS (02, A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	132/70	7/7	3/7	(Charmingmegan, \$136,930)	\$3,503,032	260	8	1.26	1.49
3	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	109/65	5/5	2/5	(Silver Heart, \$179,772)	\$2,371,207	*491	20	1.29	1.33
4	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	64/37	2/2	2/2	(Varborough, \$159,695)	\$1,781,182	*461	21	1.41	1.17
5	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,500	55/36	2/6	0/2	(Jazzy Idea, \$392,270)	\$1,732,394	121	6	1.73	1.22
6	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$3,000	94/37	1/1	1/1	(Wild Louis, \$97,486)	\$1,436,641	*902	24	1.15	1.37
7	GATORS N BEARS (00, Stormy Atlantic)	Died, 2012	58/28	1/6	0/1	(Action Andy, \$448,760)	\$1,435,079	130	2	1.10	1.26
8	ROCK SLIDE (98, A.P. Indy), Shamrock Farm	\$2,500	78/35	0/0	0/0	(Ariana D, \$117,837)	\$1,202,601	213	6	1.06	1.24
9	SCIPION (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$3,000	34/16	2/2	2/2	(Pitch N Roll, \$127,580)	\$738,524	57	2	1.11	1.12
10	CHEROKEE'S BOY (00, Citidancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	28/15	0/0	0/0	(Lunar Rock, \$103,387)	\$732,090	58	1	1.43	1.17
11	DEPUTY STORM (01, Forestry), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	20/12	0/0	0/0	(Stormy Adventure, \$62,930)	\$413,872	42	2	1.27	1.32
12	ST AVERIL (01, Saint Ballado)	N/A	37/12	0/0	0/0	(Averil's Ring, \$65,005)	\$341,495	*122	1	0.50	1.02
13	GREEK SUN (01, Danzig), Marathon Farm	\$1,500	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Periwinkle, \$51,590)	\$208,048	26	0	0.72	1.19
14	M EIGHTY (99, Lite the Fuse), Shamrock Farm	\$500	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Houston Bull, \$82,630)	\$139,970	11	0	1.21	0.94
15	AFLEET PRINCE (95, Afleet)	Died, 2009	7/6	0/0	0/0	(Evil Lad, \$24,460)	\$112,215	8	0	0.98	0.60

2012 Maryland Sires by Stakes Winners

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Dance With Ravens	7	7
Not For Love	5	9
Lion Hearted	5	5
Great Notion	2	6
Two Punch	2	6
Outflanker	2	2
Scipion	2	2

2012 Maryland Sires by Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Not For Love	150	86
Dance With Ravens	132	70
Lion Hearted	109	65
Two Punch	71	39
Louis Quatorze	94	37
Outflanker	64	37
Great Notion	55	36
Rock Slide	78	35
Gators N Bears	58	28
Go for Gin	45	23
Scipion	34	16
Cherokee's Boy	28	15
St Averil	37	12
Seeking Daylight	24	12
Deputy Storm	20	12
No Armistice	34	11
Greek Sun	13	6
Afleet Prince	7	6
Mojave Moon	15	5
Jazz Club	12	5
Eastern Echo	8	4
Crowd Pleaser	5	4
Purple Passion	12	3
Waquoit	11	3
M Eighty	6	3
Brushing Up	5	3
Polish Numbers	7	2
La Reine's Terms	6	2
Fleet Foot	3	2
Citidancer	2	2
Rush Bay	2	2
Touch 'n' Fly (IRE)	2	2

"We've known so many characters in this business," O'Cain said. "It's a cross-section where you would never know these people if not for your involvement with horses. Usually you're pigeon-holed into whatever you do for a living and those are all the people you know. But racing draws so many different people; it's Disneyland, you know?"

"It's a great life. And if someone could take me back in time and ask if I'd want to do it again, you know that I would. The people I've met, the experiences, have just

been unbelievable."

A few weeks ago O'Cain received a phone call from the former night watchman at the Delanson property who is now working in security at the land, which is for sale. He informed her that a driver had pulled up a horse trailer with a couple of mares for Highcliff, apparently unaware of the move.

After new directions were provided, the driver arrived about an hour later at Highcliff at Mill Creek Farm, where the O'Cains are still going strong. 📍

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