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BY GARY McMILLEN
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IT'S 5:30 IN the morning and a flat-bed truck with a bumper sticker that reads: "Eat Beef—The West Wasn't Won on Salad" is parked outside the 450 Quick Stop in Franklinton, La. Nickey Smith is inside the store, having his usual cup of coffee and a sausage biscuit and talking with his neighbors about the price of duck eggs and a tractor sale in Mandeville. The chairs at the table do not match. One re-fill and Smith is out the door and headed to work, making bedding material for horses from pine trees.

His work day will be long, noisy, strenuous, and, at some times, dangerous.

"It looks simple," Smith said as he motions a logging truck to the back of the plant, "but there are 1,400 separate functions in making a bag of shavings."

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| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands | 2014 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Stakes Wnrs/ Wns | Rstrct SW/ BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | Cumulative | | | | |
|------|---|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | 2014 Earnings | Foals | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Louisiana Stallion Station South | \$4,500 | 60/8 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Wildcat Red, \$155,000) | \$309,572 | *354 | 13 | 1.43 | 1.33 |
| 2 | SONGANDAPRAYER (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne | \$5,000 | 72/11 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Aireofdistinction, \$34,200) | \$278,227 | *799 | 35 | 1.22 | 1.58 |
| 3 | CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Louisiana Stallion Station North | \$5,000 | 32/10 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Closing Report, \$75,000) | \$258,560 | *363 | 16 | 1.28 | 1.26 |
| 4 | PRIVATE VOW (03, Broken Vow), Red River Farms | \$2,000 | 33/8 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Tensas Harbor, \$90,000) | \$220,089 | 112 | 2 | 0.74 | 1.36 |
| 5 | BIG TOP CAT (02, Storm Cat) | Died, 2012 | 21/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sweet Top Cat, \$34,200) | \$138,580 | 113 | 2 | 0.84 | 0.90 |
| 6 | EL CORREDOR (97, Mr. Greeley), The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne | \$3,500 | 43/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Little Ms Protocol, \$30,000) | \$131,012 | *1003 | 34 | 1.23 | 1.53 |
| 7 | IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud | \$2,500 | 40/2 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Ide Be Cool, \$75,000) | \$127,185 | 547 | 17 | 1.14 | 1.09 |
| 8 | LION TAMER (00, Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud | \$2,500 | 27/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Win Lion Win, \$24,000) | \$120,990 | 101 | 2 | 0.84 | 1.12 |
| 9 | TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud | \$1,000 | 18/3 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Awesome Bandit, \$64,200) | \$110,119 | 244 | 4 | 0.86 | 0.92 |
| 10 | PORNO FORICOS (95, Mr. Prospector) | Died, 2013 | 21/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Social Misfit, \$29,330) | \$107,895 | 229 | 5 | 1.08 | 1.16 |
| 11 | RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Louisiana Stallion Station South | \$3,500 | 20/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (She Loves Runnin', \$26,100) | \$92,230 | 119 | 6 | 1.44 | 1.08 |
| 12 | GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City) | Died, 2012 | 25/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Crypto Good, \$29,200) | \$89,850 | *444 | 16 | 1.16 | 1.16 |
| 13 | MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold), Red River Farms | \$1,500 | 20/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Petey Cramer, \$26,100) | \$88,452 | *135 | 4 | 1.24 | 1.11 |
| 14 | GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms | \$2,000 | 27/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tribute to Buddy, \$16,800) | \$87,715 | *462 | 11 | 0.97 | 1.10 |
| 15 | TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$3,500 | 33/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sprickett, \$12,600) | \$82,714 | *311 | 9 | 0.99 | 1.10 |
| 16 | MY FRIEND MAX (92, Danzig) | N/A | 18/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Chargray, \$29,000) | \$81,880 | 211 | 10 | 1.03 | 0.91 |
| 17 | SALUTE THE SARGE (05, Forest Wildcat), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$2,500 | 18/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Coneyo Fontova, \$28,510) | \$81,561 | *111 | 3 | 0.99 | 1.33 |
| 18 | AFTERNOON DEELITES (92, Private Terms) | Pnsd | 24/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Afternoon Tango, \$27,000) | \$77,765 | *602 | 25 | 1.11 | 1.36 |
| 19 | OLE REBEL (99, Carson City), Clear Creek Stud | \$1,500 | 10/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Warren's Rebel, \$25,800) | \$76,480 | 71 | 1 | 0.81 | 0.87 |
| 20 | GRAND APPOINTMENT (98, Unbridled), Fallen Oaks Farm | \$1,500 | 13/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Wino, \$26,000) | \$76,324 | 57 | 1 | 1.02 | 0.95 |
| 21 | YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions | \$5,000 | 28/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Witch Hunt, \$22,800) | \$74,863 | *401 | 18 | 1.30 | 1.29 |
| 22 | MR. LIVINGSTON (97, El Prado) | Died, 2011 | 13/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Professor Palmer, \$17,690) | \$69,162 | *157 | 1 | 0.62 | 1.04 |
| 23 | ROSSINI (97, Miswaki), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$1,250 | 14/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lizzy 'n D C, \$24,000) | \$63,678 | *459 | 10 | 0.65 | 0.86 |
| 24 | MAUK FOUR (00, Boston Harbor), Holly Hill Farm | \$1,500 | 9/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Angel Avenger, \$28,750) | \$62,690 | 43 | 0 | 0.97 | 0.98 |
| 25 | HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud | \$5,000 | 25/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Banks Robertson, \$10,800) | \$61,826 | *214 | 5 | 1.06 | 1.33 |
| 26 | ELUSIVE BLUFF (06, Elusive Quality) | N/A | 2/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (C. Zee, \$60,000) | \$60,000 | 29 | 0 | 1.53 | 0.93 |
| 27 | CHATAIN (03, Forest Wildcat), Louisiana Stallion Station North | \$1,500 | 11/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Hatainsroyalrouj, \$30,500) | \$56,639 | 46 | 0 | 0.54 | 1.03 |
| 28 | HUFF (93, Strawberry Road) | N/A | 5/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Huffs Miss Biggs, \$25,300) | \$56,610 | 100 | 1 | 0.85 | 0.46 |
| 29 | PULLING PUNCHES (96, Two Punch), Red River Farms | \$1,000 | 5/1 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Lasting Bubbles, \$30,000) | \$44,780 | 147 | 3 | 0.78 | 0.68 |
| 30 | G. W.'S SKIPPIE (00, Skip Away), Clear Creek Stud | \$1,500 | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Skip the Pinot, \$39,000) | \$44,660 | 8 | 1 | 1.63 | 1.33 |
| 31 | SNUCK IN (97, Montbrook), Matthews Thoroughbred Farm | \$1,500 | 19/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sneaking Uponyou, \$16,000) | \$43,571 | *297 | 5 | 0.88 | 0.95 |
| 32 | HONOR GLIDE (94, Honor Grades) | Died, 2012 | 12/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Prairie Gold, \$9,660) | \$42,282 | 172 | 2 | 0.71 | 1.05 |
| 33 | EASYFROMTHEGITGO (99, Dehere) | N/A | 16/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gittiuippo, \$12,050) | \$40,145 | 163 | 2 | 0.69 | 0.95 |
| 34 | INTEREST RATE (03, Storm Cat), Ackel Thoroughbred Farm | \$2,000 | 7/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (All About Interest, \$33,200) | \$39,694 | 47 | 0 | 0.42 | 0.79 |
| 35 | RULER'S COURT (01, Doneraile Court), Holly Hill Farm | \$1,000 | 15/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (My Future Quest, \$11,920) | \$39,369 | 108 | 1 | 0.57 | 0.83 |
| 36 | A. P. DELTA (97, A.P. Indy), Moon Lake Equine Center | \$2,250 | 9/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Apprehend, \$16,800) | \$38,400 | 123 | 2 | 0.64 | 0.87 |
| 37 | SORCERER'S STONE (03, Gulch), Louisiana Stallion Station North | \$500 | 13/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Three Padres, \$15,000) | \$38,100 | 72 | 0 | 0.43 | 0.59 |
| 38 | HARBORAGE (03, Monarchos), Kraft Farm | \$1,000 | 11/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lady Lass, \$12,400) | \$36,500 | 44 | 0 | 0.62 | 0.87 |
| 39 | UNBRIDLEDSENSATION (04, Unbridled's Song), Louisiana Stallion Station North | \$500 | 6/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (H an F's Sensation, \$24,000) | \$36,430 | 30 | 0 | 0.53 | 0.67 |
| 40 | GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Averett Farm | \$2,500 | 12/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mr. Masterpiece, \$15,900) | \$34,992 | 80 | 1 | 1.13 | 1.22 |
| 41 | MY PAL CHARLIE (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$2,000 | 9/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Charliesdreadlocks, \$15,000) | \$33,990 | 63 | 1 | 1.14 | 1.13 |
| 42 | MISTER DANCE (99, Mr. Greeley), Scarberry Farm | \$1,000 | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Fiddlers Dance, \$27,200) | \$33,400 | 24 | 0 | 0.42 | 0.45 |
| 43 | IN A WALK (89, Chief's Crown) | N/A | 7/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Aubrey's Walk, \$20,980) | \$32,586 | 263 | 4 | 0.71 | 0.75 |
| 44 | CHOOSING CHOICE (93, Unreal Zeal), Sebastien Farm | \$1,500 | 7/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gibson Halo, \$10,200) | \$29,610 | 144 | 1 | 0.60 | 0.54 |
| 45 | COUNT THE TIME (89, Regal Search) | N/A | 9/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Kiss a Cajun, \$11,080) | \$28,330 | 303 | 11 | 0.95 | 0.85 |
| 46 | WIRE ME COLLECT (93, Clever Trick), Traders Rest Farm | \$1,500 | 8/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Wire Me Bessie, \$20,000) | \$26,880 | 163 | 6 | 0.81 | 0.75 |
| 47 | SEQUOYAH (05, A.P. Indy), Main Street Thoroughbreds | \$1,250 | 6/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Kobel, \$15,390) | \$26,690 | 19 | 0 | 0.61 | 1.04 |
| 48 | SUN KING (02, Charismatic), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$3,500 | 30/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (N C C Troubador, \$5,040) | \$26,553 | 223 | 2 | 0.75 | 1.07 |
| 49 | ERLTON (96, Buckaroo) | N/A | 5/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Boy Dog, \$9,300) | \$26,183 | 122 | 0 | 0.65 | 0.94 |
| 50 | CLEVER CRY (06, Street Cry), Brown's Thoroughbred Farm | \$750 | 2/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Artist Cry, \$24,600) | \$25,020 | 13 | 0 | 0.44 | 0.81 |

When it comes to wood shavings for bedding material, a tree is not just a tree. Elm, oak, walnut, or cherry trees are classified as hardwood, and some varieties are toxic to horses. In the wood shaving

business for 33 years, Smith is an expert when it comes to his product.

"Pine is a soft wood, so it gives the horses a lot more cushion," he explained, "and is much more absorbent than straw. The

main focus of our operation is to get rid of the dust so that horses don't get breathing problems."

Located in south-central Louisiana, S & S Farms sells wholesale pine shavings to

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2010 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed for the Northern Hemisphere through Feb. 3, 2014. 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 pure 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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| Stallion | '14 Stud Fee/Farm | 2YOs | Rnrs | Wnrs | Rpt. Wnrs | SWs | SHs | Chief Earner (Earnings) | '13 Earnings |
|--|---|------|------|------|-----------|-----|-----|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. My Pal Charlie Indian Charlie, 2005 | \$2,000 Elite Thoroughbreds, Louisiana | 35 | 15 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 4 | Say Charlie (\$59,000) | \$346,721 |
| 2. Forefathers Gone West, 2004 | \$2,000 Red River Farms, Louisiana | 41 | 16 | 4 | - | - | 1 | Forerun (\$33,536) | \$147,378 |

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feed stores at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, Louisiana Downs, and Evangeline Downs racetracks. Wherever there is a large horse population, bedding material is in demand. Outlets such as training centers, sale pavilions, and arenas within

the state and surrounding territory of Mississippi, East Texas, and western Alabama are part of S & S Farms' customer base. The rural feed store operations (approximately 90 stores) hold a special place in Smith's heart.

2014 Louisiana Sires by Winners

| Sire | Rnrs | Wnrs |
|-------------------|------|------|
| Songandaprayer | 72 | 11 |
| Closing Argument | 32 | 10 |
| D'wildcat | 60 | 8 |
| Private Vow | 33 | 8 |
| Porto Foricos | 21 | 7 |
| El Corredor | 43 | 5 |
| Lion Tamer | 27 | 5 |
| Big Top Cat | 21 | 5 |
| Mr. Livingston | 13 | 5 |
| Tenpins | 33 | 4 |
| Gold Tribute | 27 | 4 |
| Good and Tough | 25 | 4 |
| Run Production | 20 | 4 |
| Salute the Sarge | 18 | 4 |
| Rossini | 14 | 4 |
| Snuck In | 19 | 3 |
| Time Bandit | 18 | 3 |
| Easyfromthegitgo | 16 | 3 |
| Ruler's Court | 15 | 3 |
| Canadian Frontier | 14 | 3 |
| Grand Appointment | 13 | 3 |
| Sorcerer's Stone | 13 | 3 |
| Ole Rebel | 10 | 3 |
| A. P. Delta | 9 | 3 |
| Choosing Choice | 7 | 3 |
| Erlton | 5 | 3 |
| Huff | 5 | 3 |



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|------|---|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas | \$4,000 | 33/7 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Scooter's Choice, \$30,000) | \$143,389 | 118 | 12 | 1.29 | 1.19 |
| 2 | MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm | \$4,000 | 17/5 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Smiles Golden Song, \$40,000) | \$122,065 | 67 | 7 | 1.03 | 1.10 |
| 3 | VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas | Pnsd | 31/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Added Expectation, \$11,340) | \$99,239 | 626 | 43 | 1.24 | 1.17 |
| 4 | UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch | \$2,000 | 18/2 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (F J Uncle Vic, \$33,000) | \$69,600 | 209 | 7 | 0.67 | 0.66 |
| 5 | CAPTAIN COUNTDOWN (96, Relaunch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm | \$500 | 16/4 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Wampas Kitty, \$35,500) | \$58,984 | 174 | 3 | 0.53 | 0.68 |
| 6 | EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm | \$3,500 | 26/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Flyer's Spirit, \$17,220) | \$55,547 | 218 | 15 | 0.86 | 0.89 |
| 7 | SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), R&S Stables | \$1,500 | 16/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (My Boy Gene, \$14,250) | \$53,684 | *173 | 3 | 1.03 | 0.92 |
| 8 | LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center | \$1,500 | 11/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Expect Elprada, \$9,420) | \$38,241 | 186 | 4 | 0.79 | 1.02 |
| 9 | INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center | \$1,500 | 22/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Shawn's Thief, \$15,000) | \$37,232 | 157 | 5 | 0.71 | 0.79 |
| 10 | SILENT PICTURE (01, Grand Slam), Key to the Hills Farm | \$1,500 | 5/1 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Quiet Acceleration, \$30,000) | \$34,067 | 44 | 1 | 0.55 | 0.61 |
| 11 | JET PHONE (01, Phone Trick), Valor Farm | \$1,250 | 1/1 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Aces N Jacks, \$30,000) | \$30,000 | 19 | 2 | 2.32 | 1.18 |
| 12 | ORATORY (02, Pulpit), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm | \$3,500 | 11/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Wild Oration, \$8,530) | \$25,723 | *156 | 3 | 1.27 | 1.18 |
| 13 | OLMOS (94, Carson City) | N/A | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Betcho, \$17,640) | \$21,980 | 60 | 1 | 0.58 | 0.59 |
| 14 | SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Stoneview Farm | \$3,000 | 16/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Bucking Thunder, \$11,280) | \$21,669 | 125 | 2 | 0.62 | 0.50 |
| 15 | GAFF (02, Maria's Mon), Seguin Horse Center | \$1,500 | 4/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Arvak, \$10,200) | \$18,226 | 46 | 0 | 0.64 | 1.11 |
| 16 | DIXIELAND HEAT (90, Dixieland Band) | Pnsd | 8/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dixie Bricks, \$8,000) | \$16,849 | *292 | 9 | 1.06 | 0.97 |
| 17 | TOUGH TONE (98, Pick Up the Phone) | N/A | 4/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Touched by Faith, \$14,064) | \$15,178 | 107 | 2 | 0.66 | 0.71 |
| 18 | RIVER SQUALL (94, Summer Squall), Cedar Creek Farm | \$1,500 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Special Praise, \$11,580) | \$15,059 | 87 | 3 | 0.57 | 0.73 |

"The feed store serves your horse farms," Smith said. "These are the little guys that own just two or three horses. They might be Quarter Horses, jumpers, or Thoroughbreds, but they need product."

Talking about customer service with Smith is like blowing smoke into a hornet's nest. The 62-year-old gets animated quick.

"Any vendor that doesn't understand that their number one responsibility is to take care of your customers by being dependable and delivering quality should close their doors," Smith said with his hands coming out of his jacket pockets. "You got to deliver. People should not have to listen to excuses."

Backing up his words, Smith hoards 30 to 40 truckloads of shavings in his warehouse as a safety valve in the event production is low.

One satisfied customer is trainer Danny Peitz, who trains horses for Shadwell Farm and Robert and Lawana Low on the Midwest circuit. According to Peitz, it takes eight to 10 bags of shavings to bed down a horse stall.

"Shavings are less expensive than straw and, in general, cleaner," Peitz offered. "But the other advantage is efficiency. As far as cleaning the stall, shavings are much easier for the groom to pick through."

You make hay when the sun shines, but it is bad weather that is a boon to the pine shavings business.

"I always sell more shavings in cold and rainy weather," Smith explained. "People put their horses up more in that kind of weather to get them out of the pasture. Horses are turned out when the weather is pretty but brought inside when things get ugly."

From November to March, Smith delivers three truckloads of

2014 Texas Sires by Winners

| Sire | Rnrs | Wnrs |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Too Much Bling | 33 | 7 |
| My Golden Song | 17 | 5 |
| Captain Countdown | 16 | 4 |
| Valid Expectations | 31 | 3 |
| Scrimshaw | 16 | 3 |
| Littleexpectations | 11 | 3 |
| Early Flyer | 26 | 2 |
| Intimidator | 22 | 2 |
| Uncle Abbie | 18 | 2 |
| Gaff | 4 | 2 |

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ZONG

(Unbridled's Song – Zing, by Storm Cat)



•Zong was purchased for **\$1.7 million** in 2005, the highest priced weanling sold in North America that year.

•Full brother to **HALF OURS**, G2SW.

•Out of a **STORM CAT** mare, Zing, who sold for **3.6 million** in 2005, a full sister to **YANKEE GENTLEMAN** & half-sister to **KEY DEPUTY**.

•Same great **UNBRIDLED'S SONG/STORM CAT** cross as **BUDDHA (G1)**, **MAGNIFICENT SONG (G1)**, **NOBLE TUNE (G2)**, **NOONMARK (G3)**, etc.

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| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands | 2014 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Stakes Wnrs/ Wns | Rstrct SW/ BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | 2014 Earnings | Foals | Cumulative | | |
|------|--|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm | \$3,500 | 24/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Storied Lady, \$33,000) | \$160,314 | *266 | 13 | 1.42 | 1.20 |
| 2 | LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farm, Inc. | \$3,500 | 36/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dagburnit, \$18,810) | \$104,369 | *238 | 3 | 0.97 | 1.08 |
| 3 | DON'T GET MAD (02, Stephen Got Even), Rockin' Z Ranch | Died | 25/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Populist Politics, \$20,000) | \$78,338 | *123 | 4 | 1.25 | 0.92 |
| 4 | KIPLING (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres | \$2,500 | 23/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Kipling's Joy, \$24,900) | \$75,506 | 290 | 10 | 1.16 | 0.89 |
| 5 | TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm | \$1,000 | 15/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Devilishly Clever, \$33,000) | \$63,515 | 541 | 26 | 1.07 | 1.26 |
| 6 | NOTIONAL (04, In Excess), Rockin' Z Ranch | \$2,000 | 14/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Hopeful Notion, \$25,800) | \$51,014 | 154 | 3 | 0.80 | 1.24 |
| 7 | OMEGA CODE (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin' Z Ranch | \$2,000 | 21/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tyler Darling, \$12,300) | \$47,341 | 296 | 8 | 0.70 | 1.29 |
| 8 | TOCCT (00, Awesome Again), Mighty Acres | \$2,500 | 25/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Az Ridge, \$14,100) | \$43,168 | *305 | 14 | 1.12 | 1.24 |
| 9 | SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station | \$1,000 | 6/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Service for Ten, \$20,000) | \$34,092 | 365 | 20 | 1.18 | 1.03 |
| 10 | FREEFOURINTERNET (98, Tabasco Cat) | N/A | 9/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Princess Freebie, \$18,000) | \$32,847 | 85 | 1 | 0.85 | 0.97 |
| 11 | ARTAX (95, Marquetry) | Died, 2012 | 7/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Union Colors, \$10,200) | \$25,724 | *451 | 6 | 1.00 | 1.29 |
| 12 | CHEROKEE FIVE (98, Cherokee Run), Larry R. Brown | \$1,000 | 1/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Fifth Date, \$25,200) | \$25,200 | 10 | 1 | 1.74 | 0.54 |
| 13 | EVANSVILLE SLEW (92, Slew City Slew) | Died, 2012 | 17/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Maybelle Slew, \$10,500) | \$21,945 | *517 | 34 | 1.10 | 0.92 |
| 14 | WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms | \$1,500 | 10/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Western Tryst, \$10,400) | \$21,009 | *310 | 5 | 1.13 | 1.32 |
| 15 | LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore), Diamond G Ranch | \$1,000 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Circus Train, \$6,492) | \$13,102 | 343 | 14 | 1.16 | 1.24 |
| 16 | LIQUOR CABINET (IRE) (01, Hennessy), Oklahoma Equine | \$1,000 | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Yonder, \$10,836) | \$11,926 | 61 | 1 | 0.41 | 0.91 |
| 17 | SEMORAN (93, Phone Trick) | N/A | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Princess Semoran, \$10,375) | \$10,690 | 168 | 0 | 0.60 | 0.90 |

pine shavings each week to the feed store at Fair Grounds in New Orleans. Pallets loaded, the 50-foot van carries 832 bags on each trip.

"Orders like that keep everybody on their toes," Smith said.

The work day starts at 6 o'clock each morning. Thirteen employees rotate through shifts that culminate in a 16-hour day. With S & S Farms out of electricity for several weeks after Hurricane Katrina and his workers scattered to all points of the compass, Smith made sure everyone was paid full wages during the down time.

On a good day S & S Farms will make 2,000 bags of shavings. The process starts with massive tree trunks being snatched off the rear of logging trucks by a machine that looks like a steel praying mantis. The knuckle-boom loader also serves as a hydraulic chain saw that cuts the logs (in less than two seconds) into four- and eight-foot sections. A Bobcat transports the logs to be bundled like biggie-sized firewood in metal boxes. A conveyor belt moves them forward through the contained shaving machine. Sharpened or replaced every evening, 48 blades made of D-2 steel

from England scrape and slice the knots off first and then shave the log to the core. Metal objects like spikes, nails, or ceramic insulators imbedded in trees will break a blade in an instant.

"You can hear it a mile away. Those blades are turning 3,600 r.p.m.s and a deer hunter's spike will chew up a blade," Smith said with a snap of his fingers.

The remaining strips, chips, and flakes are moved along on a conveyor belt and dropped onto a series of shaker screens that rumble, rotate, and jiggle like a giant hula-hoop. Once the larger pieces are discarded, the shavings (still about 50% wet) are dumped into a rolling drum dryer twice the size of a dump truck and hot as a furnace. At a temperature of 450 degrees, the shavings go through three passes in the drum and come out at 215 degrees.

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Shavings come out of the dryer on their way to being bagged

2014 Oklahoma Sires by Winners

| Sire | Rnrs | Wnrs |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Latent Heat | 36 | 6 |
| Read the Footnotes | 24 | 6 |
| Kipling | 23 | 4 |
| Don't Get Mad | 25 | 3 |
| Toccet | 25 | 3 |
| Omega Code | 21 | 3 |
| Freefourinternet | 9 | 3 |
| Evansville Slew | 17 | 2 |
| Notional | 14 | 2 |
| Artax | 7 | 2 |

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KENNEDY

A.P. Indy - Lovely Regina, by Deputy Minister
By Red Hot Sire of Sires A.P. INDY.

Three-Parts Brother to Champion BERNARDINI.

There are 4 Stakes Winners from the A.P. Indy line in his immediate family, including 2012 Grade 1 SW LOVE AND PRIDE (\$985,760, by A.P. Indy), sold for \$4,900,000 at 2013 Fasig Tipton Kentucky Sale. Second Dam is Grade 1 Winner & Broodmare of the Year CARA RAFAELA (\$884,452)

2014 Fee: \$2,000 LIVE FOAL Stands & Nurses

Nominated to Breeders' Cup, OK Bred Program, OK, Illinois, Kansas, and Iowa Stallion Stakes.

NOTIONAL

In Excess - Truly Blessed, by French Deputy
#1 Second- Crop OK Sire by 2013 Earnings. #2 OK Sire by 2013 Juvenile Earnings. Top Ten OVERALL OK Sire by 2013 Progeny Earnings. Sire of 10% Stake Performers. Sire of 100% Juvenile Stakes Winners from Stakes Winners, including 2013 Razorback Futurity winner WARGAMER, 2013 4-length South American SW Awesome Gem and 2012 5 1/2 -length Canadian SW Risky Call. Three Time Graded Stakes Winner of \$733,240 from the Sire line of Leading Sire Indian Charlie.

2014 Fee: \$2,000 LIVE FOAL Stands & Nurses

Nominated to Breeders' Cup, OK Bred Program, OK, Illinois, Kansas, and Iowa Stallion Stakes.



OMEGA CODE

Elusive Quality - Tin Oaks, by Deputy Minister

At 2: Stakes Winner and NTR-setter - 1:07. At 3: San Miguel S-G3 Winner under equal top weight - 1:08.65

#6 Ranked OK Juvenile Sire in 2013. Winners include ALPHA AND OMEGA, 2nd OK Classics JuvenileS.

A Top Ranked OK Sire in 2013. Sire of G1SW SIGNAL ALERT, Woodbine Listed SW QUICK CODE (4256,828), Calder Listed SW SALSA BULLET, and G2pl SW SIR CHURCHILL

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NOTIONAL

b, 2004

Dosage (2-2-6-0-0); DI: 2.33; CD: 0.60

See gray pages—Nasrullah

RACE AND (STAKES) RECORD

| Age | Starts | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Earned |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1(1) | \$43,200 |
| 3 | 3 | 2(2) | 1(1) | 0 | \$460,000 |
| 4 | 6 | 1(1) | 0 | 1(1) | \$230,040 |
| Totals | 12 | 4(3) | 1(1) | 2(2) | \$733,240 |

Won At 2

A maiden special weight race at OSA (\$54,800, 6f in 1:09.09, by 2½, dftg. Exhale, Mystic Wood, Colonel Chick, Take It Home, Laday Tale, Shem, More Shine, El Grego, etc.).

3rd Hollywood Prevue S (gr. IIIA, 7f, to Belgravia, Dilemma, dftg. Hurry Up Austin, Marked Warrior, Pawnee, Chief's Magic).

Won At 3

San Rafael S (gr. II, \$150,000, 8f in 1:36.48, by 4, dftg. Tenfold, Grapelli, Silent Soul, Tap It Light, Soldier, Half Famous).

Risen Star S (gr. III, \$300,000, 8.5f in 1:44.18, by 2¼, dftg. Imawildandcrazyguy, Zanjero, Izzie's Halo, Circular Quay, Westwon, Beta Capo, Spankey Come Home, Scat Thief, Makeithapencaptain, Weather Warning, Slew's Tizzy).

2nd Florida Derby (gr. I, 9f, to Scat Daddy, dftg. Chelokee, Stormello, Boogie Boggs, Imawildandcrazyguy, Birdbirdistheword, Adore the Gold, Johannesburg Star).

Won At 4

Salvator Mile H (gr. III, \$300,000, 8f in 1:35.84, by 2¼, dftg. Gottcha Gold, Honest Man, Indy Wind, Better Than Bonds, Rathor).

3rd Daytona H (abt 6.5f, turf, to Cheroot, Moth Ball, dftg. Tenga Cat, Zoning In, Night Chapter, Hello Sunday, Battle Won, Gotaghostofachance, etc.).

SIRE LINE

NOTIONAL is by **IN EXCESS**, stakes winner of 11 races, \$1,740,861, Metropolitan H (gr. I), Suburban H (gr. I), Woodward S (gr. I), Whitney H (gr. I), San Fernando S (gr. II), San Gabriel H (gr. IIIT), Volante H (gr. IIIT), Temperance Hill H, 2nd San Antonio H (gr. II), Oceanside S, 3rd Charles H. Strub S (gr. I), Metropolitan H (gr. I), Carter H (gr. I).

To December 31, 2013: Sired 18 crops, 996 foals, 732 mrs (73%), 545 wns (55%), 120 2yo wns (12%), 63 sw (6%), 1.57 AEI, 1.39 CI, 184 sale yrlys, avg \$33,686, 0.78 TNA.

In 2013: 13 2yos, 2 2yo mrs, 1 2yo wnr, 1 sw.

IN EXCESS has sired **MUSICAL CHIMES** (Gainsborough Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-French One Thousand Guineas, Fr-I, John C. Mabee H, gr. IT, Oak Tree Breeders' Cup Mile S, gr. IIT, etc.), **ROMANCE IS DIANE** (Hollywood Starlet S, gr. IA, Bayakoa H, gr. IIA, California Cup Matron H, etc.), **INDIAN CHARLIE** (Santa Anita Derby, gr. I, 3rd Kentucky Derby, gr. I), **ROMANCEISHOPE** (Del Mar Derby, gr. IIT, Snow Chief S, Manila S, etc.), **ICECOLDBEERATREDS** (Del Mar Futurity, gr. II, Graduation S, 2nd Champagne S, gr. I), **EXCESSIVEPLEASURE** (Indiana Derby, gr. III, WinStar Derby, Iowa Derby, etc.), **ICANTGOFORTHAT** (Monrovia H, gr. IIIT, Daisycutter H, Survive S, etc.), **ABOVE PERFECTION** (Las Flores H, gr. III, Irish O'Brien S, Fleet Treat S, etc.), **UNCLE DENNY** (El Camino Real Derby,

| | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| In Excess, dkb/br, 1987 25s, SW, \$1,740,861 996 f, 63 SW, 1.57 AEI 6.15 AWD | Siberian Express, 1981 11s, SW, \$159,587 308 f, 12 SW, 1.22 AEI | Caro, 1967 19s, SW, \$373,040 599 f, 78 SW, 3.26 AEI | Fortino II, by Grey Sovereign Chambord, by Chamossaire |
| | | Indian Call, 1966 3s, unpl, \$100 9 f, 6 r, 5 w, 3 SW | Warfare, by Determine La Morlaye, by Hafiz |
| Truly Blessed, ch, 1997 4s, wnr, \$13,360 6 f, 4 r, 3 w, 1 SW 7.61 AWD | Kantado, 1976 14s, wnr, \$5,011 13 f, 12 r, 8 w, 1 SW | Saulingo, 1970 12s, SW, \$45,494 300 f, 6 SW, 0.59 AEI | Sing Sing, by Tudor Minstrel Saulisa, by Hard Sauce |
| | | Vi, 1960 13s, pl, \$2,901 12 f, 10 r, 7 w | Vilmorin, by Gold Bridge Dotterel, by Turkhan |
| Love Bunny, 1978 1s, wnr, \$7,150 13 f, 13 r, 11 w, 1 SW | French Deputy, 1992 6s, SW, \$195,200 1,185 f, 47 SW, 1.47 AEI | Deputy Minister, 1979 22s, SW, \$696,964 1,142 f, 90 SW, 2.53 AEI | Vice Regent, by Northern Dancer Mint Copy, by Bunty's Flight |
| | | Mitterand, 1981 17s, SW, \$446,830 7 f, 6 r, 4 w, 2 SW | Hold Your Peace, by Speak John Laredo Lass, by Bold Ruler |
| | Exclusive Native, 1965 13s, SW, \$169,013 507 f, 66 SW, 3.65 AEI | Exclusive Native, 1965 13s, SW, \$169,013 507 f, 66 SW, 3.65 AEI | Raise a Native, by Native Dancer Exclusive, by Shut Out |
| | Lady Tramp, 1965 30s, SW, \$85,413 6 f, 4 r, 2 w | Lady Tramp, 1965 30s, SW, \$85,413 6 f, 4 r, 2 w | Sensitivo, by Sideral La Morlaye, by Hafiz |
| Inbreeding: 4sX4d La Morlaye. | | | |

gr. III, California Breeders' Champion S, etc.), **IN EXCESSIVE BULL** (Hollywood Prevue S, gr. III, California Breeders' Champion S, 2nd Sunny Slope S, etc.), **TEXCESS** (Boyd Gaming's Delta Jackpot S, California Cup Classic H, California Cup Juvenile S, etc.), **VALENTINE DANCER** (Harold C. Ramser Sr. H, Cloverleaf Farms Filly and Mare Turf S, John Deere Filly and Mare Turf S, etc.), **EXCESS SUMMER** (Pomona Derby, On Trust H, El Cajon S, etc.), **ROYALLY CHOSEN** (B. Thoughtful S, California Cup Matron H, etc.), **EXCEEDING** (California Turf Sprint Championship H, 2nd Real Good Deal S, etc.), **EZ DREAMER** (Iowa Sprint H, Premier H, Phoenix Gold Cup H, etc.), etc.

IN EXCESS' 2013 stakes winner is **NOMANISANISLAND** (in Can).

IN EXCESS' other sons as stallions include **INDIAN CHARLIE** (858 foals, 79 SW, 1.86 AEI), **HOT WAR**, **Bring the Heat**, **ROCKY BAR**, etc.

NOTIONAL Has Sired:

RISKY CALL, 10, g (A++), dam by Prospectors Gamble, 2nd dam by Greinton): \$67,328, Canadian Juvenile S, to 3, 2013.

WARGAMER, 11, g (A++), Quiet American, Blushing Groom): \$32,377, Razorback Futurity, at 2, 2013.

AWESOME GEM, 11, f (A++), Gone West, Dynaformer): Copa Iniciacion Julian Abdala, at 2, 2013.

Notional also has sired the winners **Hopeful Notion** (\$70,450, 2nd Gentilly S, to 3, 2013), **Troubles a Brew'n** (3rd Triple K Oilfield Services S, at 3, 2013), Malachite (\$109,610, to 3, 2013), Jennie Says So (\$86,100, at 3, 2013), Southern Nights (\$47,970, to 3, 2013), Happy Patsy (\$35,960, to 3, 2013), Party Bus (\$32,837, to 3, 2013), Turncoat (at 3, 2013), etc., and other 2013 2-year-old winners **Lady Notional**, Exit Interview, Beautiful Dancer, Hey Honey, Notionofmine, Spooninthemoon (in Swe), Twilightinpriddis, Get a Notion, Give Me Cash (in Mex), Princess Esther (in Mex).

Sales Analysis*

| Year | Weanlings | | Yearlings | | Cover Sire | |
|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|------------|---------|
| | # sold | Avg | # sold | Avg | # sold | Avg |
| 2013 | 8 | \$9,163 | 28 | \$17,711 | 9 | \$3,944 |
| 2012 | 10 | \$5,760 | 33 | \$20,282 | 16 | \$3,256 |
| Lifetime | 34 | \$9,200 | 92 | \$18,616 | 40 | \$4,460 |

*to December 31, 2013

FAMILY

1st dam

TRULY BLESSED. Winner at 2. Dam of 6 foals, incl.—**NOTIONAL** (Subject stallion).

EXCESSIVELYBLESSED (by In Excess). 2 wins at 3, \$29,068.

2nd dam

LOVE BUNNY. Winner at 2. Dam of 13 foals, incl.—

LE FANTOME. 2 wins at 4 in Fr, \$87,140, Prix Joseph de Gontaut-Biron Stp., 3rd Prix Duc d'Anjou Stp.

Latin Reign. 6 wins, 2 to 7, in NA and Eng, placed in Italy, \$124,067, 2nd Premio Guido Berardelli (It-II). Sire.

Arcadius. 4 wins at 3 and 4, placed in Fr, \$80,739, 2nd San Mateo County Sophomore H, Carrillo S.

HELEN D. 6 wins, 3 to 5, \$86,375. Dam of **LOVELLON** (champion 3yo filly in Arg, Santa Maria H, gr. I, Premio Seleccion-Argentine Oaks, Arg-I, Francisco J. Beazley, Arg-II, General Luis Maria Campos, Arg-II, Juan Pedro Artigas, 2nd Paseana H, 3rd Polla de Potrancas-Argentine One Thousand Guineas, Arg-I), **POTRIQUILLO** (Carlos Gardel, in Arg), **Potri Sham** (3rd Comparacion de La Plata, Arg-III).

DINUBA. 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$71,287. Dam of **THOUGHTWASATOAD** (\$70,289, Capitol City Futurity, 2nd State Fair Derby, etc.).

3rd dam

LADY TRAMP. 5 wins at 2 and 3, \$85,413, Alcibiades S, Oh Susannah S, 2nd La Troienne S, Southern Belles S, 3rd Kentucky Oaks, Golden Rod S, American Beauty S. Dam of 6 foals, including—**PRINCESS TRAMP**. Winner at 3. Producer.

4th dam

LA MORLAYE. Dam of 9 foals, including—**POPULAR DEMAND**. 12 wins, 2 to 5, \$73,228, Flintstone S, Tinkers Creek H, etc. Sire.

MYRTLEWOOD MONA. Unraced. Producer. Dam of **Sass With Class** (\$95,518, 2nd Duluth H, etc.). Granddam of **BASTIAN** (Clasico Laredo, Clasico Batalla de Tarapaca, 2nd Clasico Gustavo Prado Heudebert, Per-II, etc., to 9, 2013), **CASA TONI** (Sprint H, 2nd Buttons and Bows H, etc.), **OUR KITTEN** (Golddigger H).

INDIAN CALL. Dam of **ERWIN BOY** (\$205,876, Tidal H, gr. IIT, Bowling Green H, gr. IIT, Edgemere H, gr. IIIT, 3rd Man o' War S, gr. IT, Whitney H, gr. II, Bernard Baruch H, gr. IIIT), **SIBERIAN EXPRESS** (\$159,587, Poule d'Essai des Poulains-French Two Thousand Guineas, Fr-I, Prix Morny, Fr-I, 2nd Prix de la Salamandre, Fr-I, 3rd Prix Jacques Le Marois, Fr-I, William Hill Dewhurst S, Eng-I, etc., sire), **DANCING PARTNER** (Banquet Bell S). Granddam of **SHYING** (\$453,830, Las Cienegas H, Senorita S, Valkyr H twice, Autumn Days H, 2nd La Canada S, gr. I, Las Palmas H, gr. IIT, El Encino S, gr. III, Miss America H, Impressive Style S, B. Thoughtful H, Sari's Song H, 3rd A Gleam H, gr. III, etc.), **CRESTON** (\$329,232, Balboa S, gr. III, 2nd Budweiser California Cup Juvenile S, 3rd Dayjur H, etc.), **COMPELLING SOUND** (\$271,125, Silver Screen H, gr. III, Will Rogers H, gr. IIIT, 3rd San Felipe S, gr. II, Swaps S, gr. II, sire), **SEQUOYAH** (\$96,587, Fall Festival Juvenile S, etc.), **LONDRIANA** (Grande Premio Edmundo Pires de Oliveira Dias, Brz-III).

STUD ANALYSIS

Northern Hemisphere
By Foal Crop (2 crops)

| Year | Named Foals | Run-ners | Win-ners | 2yo Wnrs | 2yo SW | Stakes Winners |
|---------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|----------------|
| 2010 | 53 | 36 (68%) | 20 (38%) | 6 | 1 | 1 (2%) |
| 2011 | 59 | 25 (42%) | 12 (20%) | 12 | 2 | 2 (3%) |
| *Totals | 112 | 61 (54%) | 32 (29%) | 18 | 3 | 3 (3%) |

By Racing Year

| Year | Wins | Stakes Wins | Earned |
|---------|------|-------------|-------------|
| 2012 | 8 | 1 | \$178,328 |
| 2013 | 38 | 2 | \$925,322 |
| *Totals | 46 | 3 | \$1,103,650 |

0.80 AEI; 1.19 CI; 6.45 AWD

In 2013: 59 mrs, 27 wns, 2 sw

Lifetime On Turf: 1 win, \$56,592

Avg Earnings Per Starter: \$17,801

*to December 31, 2013



NOTIONAL

In Excess (Ire) – Truly Blessed, French Deputy

#1 Second-Crop Oklahoma Sire by 2013 Earnings

#2 Oklahoma Sire by 2013 Juvenile Earnings

Top Ten Overall Oklahoma Sire by 2013 Progeny Earnings

Sire of 10% Stakes Performers

Sire of **100% Juvenile Stakes Winners** from Stakes Winners, including 2013 Razorback Futurity winner **WARGAMER**, 2013 4-length South American SW **AWESOME GEM** and 2012 5½-length Canadian SW **RISKY CALL**.

Yearlings Sold For **\$140,000** • Two-Year-Olds Sold For **\$105,000**

Maiden Winner first time out at 2 with **105 Beyer**
On the “Derby Trail” with wins in the San Rafael (**G2**) & Risen Star (**G3**)
At 4, won the historic Salvator Mile (**G3**) with a **109 Beyer**

Three-Time Graded Stakes Winner of \$733,240
From the Sire Line of Leading Sire **INDIAN CHARLIE**

Nominated to:



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Nominated to:
Oklahoma Stallion Stakes,
Oklahoma-Bred Program,
Iowa Stallion Stakes



2014 LEADING SIRES IN KANSAS

| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands | 2014 Stud Fee | Rnrs/Wnrs | Stakes Wnrs/Wns | Rstrct SW/ BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | 2014 Earnings | Foals | Cumulative | | |
|------|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | RED'S HONOR (98, Glitterman) | N/A | 2/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ego and Honor, \$2,684) | \$2,922 | 36 | 0 | 0.40 | 0.50 |
| 2 | GRAND ON DAVE (95, Meadowlake) | N/A | 2/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Man Chester Man, \$638) | \$1,226 | 32 | 2 | 0.57 | 0.61 |
| 3 | COCKY (97, Valiant Nature), Rocking G Stallions @Foil House Farm | N/A | 2/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Hey Diddle Dotte, \$870) | \$1,120 | 25 | 0 | 0.78 | 0.79 |

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Dry and dust free, the shavings are sucked up by a 200-horsepower fan called the Cyclone and blown into an adjacent building where they trickle down like a snow storm from the ceiling and form a 20-foot-high pyramid of warm shavings.

Scooped up by a front loader, shavings move to a bagging area. Ear plugs are advised to be in the room for this final pounding, bone-jarring stage where machines fill, compress, and seal the shavings into bags. Stacked on pallets by two laborers at a rate that does not encourage conversation, the shavings are ready for delivery. From the knuckle-boom loader to the final forklift, it takes approximately 20 minutes to make a bag of pine shavings. The work is performed in a noisy dust storm around heavy machinery.

"Safety is a daily challenge," Smith said, which is why he doesn't allow employees to use cell phones or listen to music while on the job. "There are a lot of moving parts around here that can reach out and grab you. You have to constantly pay attention to where you are and what you are doing."

Nickey Smith has not been operating a knuckle-boom loader

all his life. In 1981 he hit the career "reset" button. He had been a blacksmith in his younger days. Traveling from farm to farm, Smith kept his eyes and ears open to the shedrow stories.

"Most everybody had the same problem," Smith remembered. "I saw a lot of bad feet and disease from damp stalls and dirty stalls. I heard all the frustration that their horses couldn't breathe right because of the dust."

Opportunity knocked, and Smith started supplying shavings to horsemen on a part-time basis. It was hardscrabble. He shod horses in the morning and bagged pine shavings in the afternoon and late into the night. Bagged shavings were hard to find.

"People were getting their shavings from sawmills," Smith recalled. "They would drive up to the back of the mill in a pickup truck and scoop 'em up off the ground."

Smith hustled up his own business. He went to sawmills, bought shavings, and bagged them for delivery. At last there was a stable provider in the horse country of central Louisiana for bedding for horses. Smith and his wife of 23 years, Patsy, were making a marginal living, but just over the horizon a black cloud was taking shape.

Call it trickle-down economics. Like a left hook to the jaw, the housing market crisis of 2008 caught Smith by complete surprise.

"All of a sudden the mills weren't making any lumber for construction," Smith said. "If they don't sell lumber, that means there is no need for wood. No wood means no shavings. Believe me, it was an eye-opening experience."

Smith had to do something for his family, and he had to do it fast. Retreating to being a blacksmith wasn't an option. It was a steep hill to climb, but Smith decided he would create and construct his own plant to produce pine shavings. First he tried to purchase an existing operation that was going out of busi-

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|------|---|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano), A & A Ranch | Pnsd | 21/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Flash Me the Cash, \$20,340) | \$127,884 | 257 | 25 | 1.50 | 0.74 |
| 2 | ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch | \$3,000 | 16/4 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Reaper, \$51,000) | \$124,033 | 89 | 9 | 1.57 | 0.87 |
| 3 | DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat) | Died, 2012 | 14/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Devons Ca Ching, \$19,260) | \$62,323 | 433 | 19 | 0.79 | 0.81 |
| 4 | TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University | \$1,500 | 9/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Thunder Agard, \$15,660) | \$62,281 | 71 | 1 | 0.86 | 0.64 |
| 5 | YOUR EMINENCE (01, Saint Ballado) | Died, 2012 | 14/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lisa Sue, \$14,840) | \$57,829 | 149 | 3 | 0.72 | 0.77 |
| 6 | HIGH OCTANE (02, A.P. Indy), SW Cattle Company | N/A | 5/1 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (High Test Gal, \$51,000) | \$51,655 | 19 | 1 | 0.50 | 0.41 |
| 7 | QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm | \$3,500 | 18/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Rascal Who, \$21,420) | \$50,491 | 82 | 7 | 1.64 | 0.89 |
| 8 | DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch | \$3,500 | 16/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mays Or Mantle, \$14,100) | \$39,130 | 81 | 1 | 0.98 | 1.11 |
| 9 | THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm | \$3,500 | 14/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Giant Prospector, \$18,404) | \$38,890 | 73 | 3 | 1.19 | 0.98 |
| 10 | PREMEDITATION (99, Afternoon Deelites) | N/A | 14/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Beau Wizer, \$25,062) | \$36,104 | 74 | 6 | 1.16 | 0.88 |
| 11 | ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch | \$3,500 | 15/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Rollsetroll, \$18,700) | \$35,280 | 108 | 9 | 1.09 | 1.07 |
| 12 | IRISH ROAD (00, Unbridled's Song), Cedar Creek Ranch | N/A | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mays Highway, \$21,600) | \$32,695 | 58 | 0 | 0.91 | 0.90 |
| 13 | PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm | \$2,000 | 8/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Wyatt, \$16,140) | \$31,918 | 46 | 0 | 0.70 | 0.95 |
| 14 | FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms | \$2,000 | 6/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Zenon's Star, \$16,038) | \$29,605 | 60 | 3 | 0.83 | 0.96 |
| 15 | PROUD TOWER TOO (02, Proud Irish), Tricar Stables | N/A | 7/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Proud Step, \$11,880) | \$27,872 | 57 | 0 | 0.27 | 0.72 |
| 16 | ELUSIVE JAZZ (01, Elusive Quality) | N/A | 4/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (My Bikini Fell Off, \$14,100) | \$24,030 | 19 | 0 | 0.48 | 0.91 |
| 17 | ABAJO (96, Robyn Dancer) | N/A | 9/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Princess Chime, \$14,100) | \$22,713 | 180 | 2 | 0.47 | 0.88 |
| 18 | SURVIVOR SLEW (00, Seattle Slew), Double LL Farm | N/A | 2/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Appleina, \$17,132) | \$20,352 | 17 | 1 | 0.79 | 0.78 |
| 19 | KING BULL (01, Holy Bull), Tucumcari Thoroughbreds | N/A | 2/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Infinite Bull, \$18,700) | \$19,884 | 13 | 2 | 2.38 | 0.42 |
| 20 | REUBEN (97, Rubiano), TNL Farm | \$1,000 | 5/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cape of Gray, \$9,244) | \$19,231 | 36 | 0 | 0.58 | 0.47 |
| 21 | AVENUE OF FLAGS (88, Seattle Slew) | Died, 2010 | 5/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Desert Flag, \$8,278) | \$18,872 | 490 | 26 | 1.40 | 1.23 |
| 22 | RANDY'S MOON (03, Malibu Moon) | N/A | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Andwelaughedlots, \$17,760) | \$18,486 | 12 | 0 | 0.51 | 0.62 |
| 23 | BUCKLAND MANOR (00, Bien Bien) | N/A | 1/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (C C Manor, \$17,835) | \$17,835 | 5 | 0 | 0.50 | 0.27 |
| 24 | PROUD IRISH (86, Irish River) | N/A | 8/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Manes, \$14,880) | \$16,666 | 283 | 10 | 0.89 | 0.82 |
| 25 | DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm | \$2,500 | 7/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Southern Dome, \$9,060) | \$15,967 | 198 | 6 | 0.76 | 0.76 |
| 26 | TAILFROMTHECRYPT (98, Cryptoclearance), Marr's Breeding Farm | N/A | 4/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tulie Creek Crypt, \$13,464) | \$15,840 | 28 | 0 | 0.42 | 0.79 |
| 27 | SPANKEY COME HOME (04, Came Home), Tricar Stables | N/A | 3/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Proud Spanky, \$10,274) | \$14,962 | 18 | 0 | 0.30 | 0.45 |
| 28 | SILVER WAGON (01, Wagon Limit), McCallum View Farm | \$2,500 | 6/2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Charlie's Punch, \$9,690) | \$14,653 | 43 | 1 | 1.23 | 1.20 |
| 29 | PRAGMATIC (95, Silver Deputy), Bernardo Training Center | N/A | 2/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cruiserweight, \$14,100) | \$14,160 | 38 | 0 | 0.57 | 0.35 |
| 30 | VALET MAN (98, Carson City), Gallegos del Norte | \$1,000 | 6/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Demi Demure, \$7,768) | \$13,686 | 55 | 4 | 0.82 | 0.78 |

ness, but they wanted too much money. With checkbook and life savings in hand, Smith hit the road.

He found a triple-pass dryer drum in Oregon that was being used to dry wood chips in the manufacture of particle board. A burner furnace in Missouri was a bargain. There were trips to Florida, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Canada be-

fore he cut a deal for two planer-shaving machines in Alabama and Wisconsin. It was time to lock and load.

On a side hill adjacent to grazing pasture land for his herd of Angus cattle, Smith began the assembly of his acquired machinery. In the beginning tin siding, steel girders, pallets, piles of cable, pulleys, tape, clamps, twine, metal screens, rows of pipe, nuts and bolts, and tool boxes littered the ground like a junkyard in recovery. It may have looked like rusted confusion, but Smith had a vision.

There was no organizational chart. There was no mission statement. There was no blueprint, but it was obvious who was in command. Like a beaver on 5-Hour Energy drink, Smith went to the attack. Bending over the slab of the cement foundation, Smith sketched the diagram layout of the construction with a piece of soapstone.

"I reckon I was as qualified as anybody else to put it all together," Smith said matter-of-factly. "I've always been pretty handy with tools and machinery."

Smith's 28-year-old son, Nick, is the

salesman and delivery driver for S & S Farms. He remembers one particular moment during the building project.

"There was this electrical box with about a hundred wires in it, and they were all the same color," Nick recalled. "Dad looked at it for awhile and then started making all the connections. I can't nail two boards together, so all I did was stand there and hand him the screwdriver."

Patsy does the bookwork, pays the loggers, makes the deposits, and manages the office for S & S Farms.

"Patsy is the organizer," Smith said. "She keeps things on an even keel and handles all the purse strings. My job is to put out the fires."

Faraway places do not call out to Nickey Smith. Castles in Spain hold no interest.

"I just love a small-town atmosphere where you know everybody," Smith said on his way back to the 450 Quick Stop for a lunch of chicken fried steak and mashed potatoes. "You go down to the grocery store and talk and visit. That's where I get my news. I might even learn something." **BH**

2014 New Mexico Sires by Winners

| Sire | Rnrs | Wnrs |
|----------------------|------|------|
| Desert God | 21 | 6 |
| To Teras | 9 | 5 |
| Attila's Storm | 16 | 4 |
| Devon Lane | 14 | 3 |
| Your Eminence | 14 | 3 |
| Quinton's Gold | 18 | 2 |
| Diabolical | 16 | 2 |
| Premeditation | 14 | 2 |
| The Way Home | 14 | 2 |
| Abajo | 9 | 2 |
| Proud Tower Too | 7 | 2 |
| Fusaichi Zenon (JPN) | 6 | 2 |
| Silver Wagon | 6 | 2 |
| Avenue of Flags | 5 | 2 |
| Elusive Jazz | 4 | 2 |