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Dallas and Donna Keen with the Seabiscuit statue in the paddock at Santa Anita

Team Keen

The ever-busy Dallas and Donna Keen continue to bet on the Lone Star State

BY DENIS BLAKE

FEW OCCUPATIONS ALLOW for less free time than that of a horseman, and the typical number of hours spent away from the horses each day might range from none to almost none. For the Texas husband-and-wife team of Dallas and Donna Keen that is certainly true, and they could probably lay claim to being among the busiest of all horsemen as they run a successful training operation, a widely respected retraining organization for retired racehorses, and a growing breeding program. Despite the long hours, significant time spent apart, and the challenges of being based in a state with a racing and breeding program that struggles to compete with its neighbors, the Keens would not trade their career choice or their location in the Lone Star State.

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1	HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$5,000	86/28	1/2	0/1	(Double Ours, \$91,320)	\$921,071	*373	17	1.04	1.20
2	SONGANDPRAYER (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne	\$4,500	95/26	1/1	0/1	(Abbaa, \$135,375)	\$764,622	*962	35	1.15	1.45
3	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$3,500	54/19	1/1	1/1	(Icy Gentleman, \$73,260)	\$488,293	*508	20	1.11	1.20
4	CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,500	49/14	1/1	1/1	(Big World, \$109,800)	\$485,424	127	3	0.94	1.07
5	CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,000	38/17	0/0	0/0	(Billy No Sabay, \$46,718)	\$402,865	*443	17	1.23	1.16
6	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$1,500	40/15	1/1	1/1	(Freakonthelead, \$61,000)	\$368,713	211	8	1.08	0.97
7	MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold), Red River Farms	\$1,500	47/15	0/0	0/0	(Pink Mama, \$40,860)	\$351,781	*213	4	1.07	1.03
8	D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	52/18	0/0	0/0	(Mama Splash, \$29,800)	\$329,999	*439	15	1.35	1.23
9	FOREFATHERS (04, Gone West), Red River Farms	\$2,000	59/11	0/0	0/0	(Overthegardengate, \$46,800)	\$268,260	167	1	0.61	1.11
10	STAR GUITAR (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$4,000	22/7	0/0	0/0	(Shamrock Star, \$55,400)	\$256,511	59	0	0.56	1.21
11	MY PAL CHARLIE (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	48/11	0/0	0/0	(My Pal Torres, \$39,150)	\$238,465	145	2	0.79	1.10
12	GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Averett Farm	\$3,500	34/8	0/0	0/0	(Greeley's Wish, \$38,200)	\$226,253	140	2	1.09	1.04
13	LINE OF DAVID (07, Lion Heart), Red River Farms	\$2,500	31/7	0/0	0/0	(Carolina Jasmine, \$48,800)	\$221,121	158	3	1.14	1.16
14	REDDING COLLIERY (06, Mineshaft), Red River Farms	\$2,000	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Dixie Flyer, \$71,000)	\$215,526	59	0	0.53	1.34
15	INTERACTIF (07, Broken Vow), Red River Farms	\$2,000	27/7	0/0	0/0	(Promise Me Tiz, \$36,430)	\$210,046	61	1	0.64	1.13
16	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Averett Farm	\$1,000	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Flit N Time, \$60,800)	\$206,670	281	3	0.85	0.90
17	TIZ THE ONE (07, Tiznow)	N/A	23/6	0/0	0/0	(Tiz Cherry Wine, \$56,400)	\$199,625	71	0	0.60	0.98
18	COURT VISION (05, Gulch), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$3,500	32/7	0/0	0/0	(Hammers Vision, \$43,800)	\$196,624	163	3	1.05	1.63
19	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	43/8	0/0	0/0	(Who Datawaki, \$39,600)	\$181,972	*370	8	0.88	1.05
20	LONE STAR SPECIAL (05, Malabar Gold), Horse of Course	\$2,500	14/2	1/1	1/1	(Mobile Bay, \$90,000)	\$170,210	51	3	1.59	1.11
21	LION TAMER (00, Will's Way)	N/A	31/7	0/0	0/0	(Heavy On Themister, \$44,000)	\$168,130	144	2	0.75	1.06
22	SUN KING (02, Charismatic)	N/A	31/8	0/0	0/0	(Red Parasol, \$24,920)	\$155,719	273	2	0.70	0.99
23	IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud	Pnsd	26/6	0/0	0/0	(Great Value, \$46,680)	\$151,140	585	15	1.07	1.05
24	LEWIS MICHAEL (03, Rahy), Circle H Farms	\$2,500	21/8	0/0	0/0	(Liar's Smoker, \$25,159)	\$149,780	120	3	0.79	1.14
25	GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	20/3	0/0	0/0	(The Pickett Factor, \$29,060)	\$143,127	*485	12	0.97	1.07
26	BEHINDATHEBAR (05, Forest Wildcat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,000	22/6	0/0	0/0	(Purple Parrot, \$27,000)	\$142,701	95	0	0.59	0.85
27	SAINT AFLEET (01, Northern Afleet)	N/A	19/6	0/0	0/0	(Bending Saint, \$25,680)	\$118,520	104	3	0.69	0.86
28	TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	8/2	1/2	0/1	(Forest Mouse, \$99,000)	\$116,535	*233	3	0.78	1.02
29	HARBORAGE (03, Monarchos)	N/A	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Off Cycle, \$30,900)	\$90,460	64	1	0.65	0.84
30	DUE DATE (05, El Prado), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,000	22/3	0/0	0/0	(Tap City Baby, \$27,600)	\$87,295	69	0	0.45	0.75
31	ETBAUER (96, Silver Deputy)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Believeinsomething, \$41,700)	\$76,696	134	4	0.71	0.72
32	MAUK FOUR (00, Boston Harbor)	N/A	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Stump, \$18,446)	\$74,254	72	0	0.67	0.85
33	ORTHODOX (06, Pulpit), Peach Lane Farms	\$1,000	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Just Run Skiny Run, \$40,000)	\$69,301	75	0	0.40	0.64
34	OLE REBEL (99, Carson City), Clear Creek Stud	\$1,500	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Ole Skip Rope, \$24,510)	\$66,640	91	2	0.68	0.82
35	PORTO FORICOS (95, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2013	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Social Misfit, \$35,000)	\$59,633	249	5	0.91	1.11
36	SMOOTH AIR (05, Smooth Jazz), Gulf Coast Equine	\$2,500	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Cole's My Champ, \$30,660)	\$51,205	57	0	0.55	0.78
37	COSTA RISING (03, Royal Strand), Le Mesa Stallions	\$500	10/1	0/0	0/0	(Coast of La, \$39,710)	\$48,540	21	0	0.44	0.86
38	HONEST MAN (04, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	17/2	0/0	0/0	(Striscetta, \$9,940)	\$48,273	67	0	0.36	1.25
39	SORCERER'S STONE (03, Gulch)	N/A	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Ben's Magic Stone, \$26,200)	\$45,589	81	0	0.42	0.62
40	CHATAIN (03, Forest Wildcat), Chad & Pat White Farms	\$1,000	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Aces Full, \$14,190)	\$45,165	66	0	0.57	0.95

"We've been to Saratoga, California, Minnesota, Florida, everywhere," said Dallas. "But we always come back to Texas; that's our home."

For Dallas, a career on the racetrack was practically predetermined when he was born into a racing family.

"I grew up in Colorado, and my dad was a trainer and jockey," he said. "From the time I was in school, I was drawing pic-

tures of horses and wanted to follow in my dad's footsteps. I just knew when I was a kid that I was going to train racehorses."

Keen's father, Corky, rode in the 1940s and 1950s and was the regular rider of Leola, one of the top horses in the early days of American Quarter Horse racing. Dallas, who said he started walking hot around age 5, tried his hand at riding for a bit before switching over to training.

"I came to Texas as soon as I graduated high school," said Keen. "I did the rodeo circuit, riding bulls, and also breaking and galloping horses. I even rode some races on the bush tracks in Texas when I was 18 or 19."

While Keen doesn't have the sheer numbers of other Southwest trainers that have emerged on the national scene, most notably Steve Asmussen and Bret Calhoun,

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Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the states featured in this section (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2013 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through April 19, 2017. As supplied to BloodHorse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse per starter in 2016 is \$22,141 or 45% of the 2016 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 45% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 17%; Singapore by 65%. 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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THE VISUALISER
(Giant's Causeway-Smokey Mirage,
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*Sire of Will Rogers Downs Horse
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1	WILBURN (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	86/25	1/1	1/1	(Sorry Erik, \$72,600)	\$755,666	*238	4	0.73	1.13
2	POLLARD'S VISION (01, Carson City), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	50/14	0/0	0/0	(Moon Vision, \$78,242)	\$480,776	*697	18	1.28	1.21
3	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	25/9	0/0	0/0	(Bee Noteworthy, \$92,800)	\$384,577	*326	17	1.34	1.18
4	MAGNA GRADUATE (02, Honor Grades), Brewster Ranch	\$2,500	48/14	1/1	1/1	(My Mertie, \$47,045)	\$349,331	*210	6	0.98	1.06
5	CACTUS RIDGE (01, Hennessy) Prnsd		42/14	0/0	0/0	(Gordy Florida, \$79,800)	\$298,799	*457	23	1.26	1.05
6	LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	43/14	0/0	0/0	(Indexical, \$37,376)	\$246,566	*328	5	0.91	1.10
7	EUROEARS (04, Langfuhr), J&M Equine Reproduction Center	\$1,500	26/8	0/0	0/0	(Eurodevilwoman, \$91,114)	\$226,213	84	2	0.97	0.88
8	DA STOOPS (03, Distorted Humor), Rockin BB Ranch	\$1,000	17/6	1/2	0/1	(Redneck Humor, \$123,000)	\$223,229	*88	1	1.05	1.07
9	MAIMONIDES (05, Vindication), J&M Equine Reproduction Center	\$1,500	29/10	0/0	0/0	(Pocketfulofgreen, \$20,380)	\$220,819	*103	1	0.70	2.15
10	SAVE BIG MONEY (03, Storm Cat), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	38/9	0/0	0/0	(Go Apple Jack, \$28,154)	\$176,094	104	1	0.72	0.99
11	MR. NIGHTLINGER (04, Indian Charlie), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	44/8	0/0	0/0	(Mr. N, \$30,180)	\$175,978	159	2	0.59	0.87
12	ORATORY (02, Pulpit) Died, 2016		23/7	0/0	0/0	(T. J. Goodie, \$38,244)	\$150,651	*207	4	1.16	1.14
13	AMERICAN LION (07, Tiznow), River Oaks Farms	\$1,000	37/7	0/0	0/0	(Mia Valentina, \$20,700)	\$142,497	*156	1	0.69	1.09
14	KIPLING (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	37/4	0/0	0/0	(Seeyouatthedisco, \$25,800)	\$129,652	341	9	1.02	0.89
15	LIQUOR CABINET (IRE) (01, Hennessy), Oklahoma Equine	\$1,000	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Shut the Gate, \$25,200)	\$123,501	82	1	0.62	0.89
16	AFFIRMATIF (06, Unbridled's Song), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Star Dog, \$18,607)	\$116,550	62	1	0.48	0.87
17	TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	27/6	0/0	0/0	(Checkmate Charlie, \$44,446)	\$103,736	601	24	1.01	1.19
18	WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms	\$1,500	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Chosen One Elijah, \$77,400)	\$99,756	*363	4	1.07	1.26
19	THE VISUALISER (03, Giant's Causeway), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	8/4	1/1	0/1	(Welder, \$52,154)	\$95,817	56	2	0.68	0.85
20	LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore) N/A		15/7	0/0	0/0	(Quick Sand, \$22,410)	\$87,029	361	9	1.12	1.19
21	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Glasses Creek Ranch	\$3,000	20/3	0/0	0/0	(Mighty Ferrari, \$30,720)	\$80,549	165	2	0.55	0.63
22	BURBANK (93, Wild Again) N/A		16/5	0/0	0/0	(Konawa Kween, \$23,356)	\$71,801	181	3	0.71	0.74
23	SASHA'S PROSPECT (96, Mr. Prospector), Charlton Ranch	\$1,000	13/1	0/0	0/0	(Dakamo Smoke, \$37,474)	\$53,851	*127	1	0.64	0.77
24	KENNEDY (08, A.P. Indy), River Oaks Farms	\$1,250	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Cash King, \$15,624)	\$44,010	36	0	0.50	1.14
25	SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Chaparella, \$19,250)	\$38,807	388	18	1.15	1.00

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1	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$4,500	58/13	2/4	1/2	(Rumpole, \$72,000)	\$455,977	201	23	1.16	1.10
2	GRASSHOPPER (04, Dixie Union), Valor Farm	\$3,500	34/12	0/0	0/0	(Carradine, \$60,200)	\$241,380	96	2	0.98	0.95
3	VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2015	29/7	0/0	0/0	(Ivan Fallunovalot, \$31,250)	\$197,181	657	41	1.21	1.14
4	MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$4,000	23/10	1/1	1/1	(Zippit E, \$30,000)	\$178,547	121	9	1.06	1.07
5	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	29/8	1/1	1/1	(Bravura, \$40,000)	\$154,613	275	16	0.79	0.92
6	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Valor Farm	\$3,000	27/6	0/0	0/0	(No Tanx Blue Chip, \$30,780)	\$151,035	*375	13	1.28	1.40
7	INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	29/7	0/0	0/0	(Lady Emily Sage, \$30,000)	\$127,371	194	6	0.58	0.77
8	DRUMS OF THUNDER (04, Concerto)	N/A	12/6	1/1	1/1	(Witt Six, \$33,000)	\$101,206	35	1	0.53	0.37
9	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Valor Farm	\$3,000	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Big Gally's Answer, \$27,259)	\$79,230	*201	4	1.10	1.21
10	LUNARPAL (02, Successful Appeal), Lone Star Farms/Rafter S Ranch	Private	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Lunar Folly, \$22,741)	\$74,914	112	2	0.81	0.94
11	SPELLBINDER (01, Tale of the Cat), Ivy Rose Equestrian Center	\$1,200	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Inaswagger, \$33,040)	\$70,780	37	1	1.02	1.19
12	GAFF (02, Maria's Mon), Seguin Horse Center	\$1,500	18/2	0/0	0/0	(Captain Tyree, \$17,880)	\$55,175	92	0	0.66	1.01
13	JET PHONE (01, Phone Trick), Valor Farm	Died, 2016	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Jet Over, \$20,908)	\$52,895	37	3	1.00	1.16
14	EATON'S GIFT (05, Johannesburg)	N/A	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Celebrity's Gift, \$17,135)	\$47,192	45	0	0.43	0.60
15	UNBRIDLED'S HEART (05, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2015	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Big Hearted Gal, \$11,160)	\$46,768	20	0	0.32	0.50

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he has been a fixture in Texas since pari-mutuel racing returned to the state in the mid-1990s. It wasn't Asmussen or Cal-

houn who won the first training title when Lone Star Park opened in 1997; it was Keen with 41 victories. One of Keen's main clients at the time, Bob McCaslin, topped

the leading owner list that inaugural year, and Keen shared the trainer's title the following season.

Keen doesn't run as many horses as he did in the 1990s with his yearly starts hovering around 150 during the past five years, but the stable consistently wins races and he is closing in on 1,000 career wins after recording his first pari-mutuel victory in 1986 at Louisiana Downs.

And even though the program page reads Dallas Keen when he sends a horse to the starting gate, it could just as easily say Donna Keen, or perhaps more accurately, Team Keen.

"I got my trainer's license when I was 22, but when Dallas and I got married there was a stewards' rule in Texas that



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The Keens' farm is outside Burleson, just south of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex

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you can't be married and have both people with trainer's licenses," said Donna. "We are a team anyways so it doesn't matter. We had very similar training styles when we met and did things the same way, so we really never argue about horses. We discuss everything together, and we make a pretty good team. We talk about things all the time and come up with the best solution. It's worked for us for a long time."

Donna's path to the racing industry was not as direct as Dallas' although the native Texan certainly shares her husband's passion for the sport.

"My dad was a car salesman, and my mom was a stay-at-home mom," she said. "I got into it by watching the Kentucky Derby (G1) and Breeders' Cup every year on TV. That's really what developed my love of horse racing. Once I was old enough to drive and fib about where I was going, I started going to Ross Downs (a small non-pari-mutuel track near Dallas), and I started to gallop horses."

The Keens' home and farm is near Burleson, just south of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex, but their training operation takes them all over the country.

"We go where we have the stock to go and be competitive," said Dallas. "We have to spend time apart, and that's hard. Whenever one of us is not here in Texas, the other is."

Among the top horses from the Keens' training operation are graded stakes winners Allen's Oop, a grade 3 stakes-winning earner of more than \$600,000; and Texas-bred Yessirgeneralsir, who won the 2004 Lone Star Park Handicap (G3) in his home state.

FAITH IN TEXAS

At a time when many breeding facilities in Texas have closed and numerous stallions have relocated to surrounding states where tracks benefit from some form of additional gaming, the



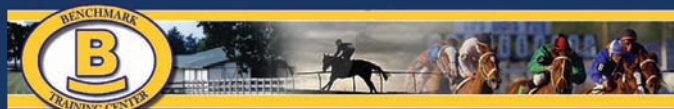
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The Keens with Miss Oops at Santa Anita

Keens have actually expanded their breeding operation and have a quartet of stallions this season. That is double the number they stood last season.

"We've been getting a lot of phone calls, so evidently there's still some faith in Texas racing and breeding or we wouldn't have all these mares here now; I just hope we can get some of these bills through to make this hard work a little bit more rewarding,"

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	DISTORTED REALITY (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming T-bred Farm	Private	28/7	0/0	0/0	(Sharkzilla, \$27,736)	\$128,612	119	0	0.41	0.86
2	TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	22/5	0/0	0/0	(Maid Easy, \$13,068)	\$73,835	106	5	0.87	0.88
3	MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming T-bred Farm	Private	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Ida Goodest, \$20,585)	\$72,519	126	0	0.68	0.83
4	EZ DREAMER (05, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Carlson, \$32,328)	\$55,815	35	1	0.72	0.89
5	CHELOKEE (04, Cherokee Run)	Died, 2014	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Chelokee's Legacy, \$14,660)	\$29,757	49	0	0.47	0.80

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	38/15	0/0	0/0	(Suspect a Storm, \$58,350)	\$440,184	159	4	0.76	1.17
2	JONESBORO (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$500	30/10	1/2	1/1	(Racer, \$144,300)	\$423,580	72	2	0.81	0.78
3	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,000	34/6	0/0	0/0	(Joan's Delight, \$35,740)	\$226,268	*664	13	1.07	1.15
4	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), Tommy Ives Thoroughbreds	Private	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Detroit Cowboy, \$68,300)	\$217,547	452	19	0.76	0.94
5	PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	31/4	0/0	0/0	(Quik Way Road, \$39,200)	\$170,542	130	1	0.78	0.95
6	ORDAINED (08, Pulpit), Starfish Stallions	\$1,000	9/2	1/1	1/1	(Ministry, \$124,800)	\$153,511	29	1	0.56	0.86
7	A. P. MILLION (00, A.P. Indy), Royal Court Equine Center	\$750	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Easter Indy, \$120,800)	\$127,678	40	1	0.52	0.70
8	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev), Chad White	\$1,500	18/4	0/0	0/0	(I Hope, \$38,400)	\$124,343	*371	13	1.05	0.83
9	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	24/5	0/0	0/0	(Rich Daddy, \$30,030)	\$114,278	*156	5	1.04	1.15
10	CINNAMON CREEK (95, Darn That Alarm), Three Boys Stables	\$500	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Bogey, \$23,306)	\$92,157	113	0	0.59	0.68
11	HIGHTAIL (10, Mineshaft), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,500	1/1	1/1	1/1	(Dynatail, \$79,640)	\$79,640	3	1	2.43	0.75
12	EXPLOSIVE TRUTH (99, Proudest Romeo), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Explosive Candy, \$30,968)	\$75,743	28	0	0.63	1.10
13	COMMANDER'S SHOES (03, Deputy Commander), Rafter R Ranch	\$1,500	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Guska Mon Shoes, \$31,950)	\$65,882	52	0	0.60	0.84
14	A. P. DELTA (97, A.P. Indy), Stanley Roberts	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(U R My Last Chance, \$57,200)	\$65,252	126	3	0.65	0.85
15	HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Cornerstone Farms	\$500	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Lil Becky, \$9,900)	\$49,806	*178	1	0.49	0.62

Donna said, referring to a handful of bills in the works during the current Texas legislature, including one that could pave the way for historical racing at the state's tracks and another that would

permit ADWs in the state. They are currently not legal in Texas, and there is no off-track betting in the state.

The two holdovers from previous breeding seasons are Preferred Issue, a son of Giant's Causeway; and Final Row, a stakes-placed son of Indian Ridge. The latter offers Southwest breeders a unique opportunity that Dallas said is not available anywhere else in the country.

"Indian Ridge died several years ago, and he was the closest link to the Byerley Turk line," Dallas said about Indian Ridge's lineage to one of the three foundation stallions of the Thoroughbred breed. "I think as of a couple years ago there was only one other horse in the U.S. by Indian Ridge, but he wasn't standing to outside mares."

The Keens own both of those stallions, as well as newcomer Mexikoma, a son of Birdstone who finished his racing career with a victory in the Sunshine Millions Classic and a third-place effort in the 2016 Donn Handicap (G1) at Gulfstream Park.

The final addition to the roster, and the only stallion standing for outside owners, is Silentio, a two-time grade 2 winner and multiple grade 1-placed runner by Sunday Silence's son Silent Name.

As if training on the track and running a breeding farm were not enough to keep them busy, the Keens also devote time to Remember Me Rescue, a 501(c)(3) organization that is dedicated to retraining and rehoming retired racehorses. The Keens put about 40 horses through the program each year, with some being their former trainees and others coming from outside owners or trainers.

With Dallas and Donna both being accomplished horsemen, the couple have always retrained and rehomed retired horses when possible, but the impetus to launch a full-fledged organization, which is accredited by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, came from a Texas-bred named Lights On Broadway.



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Dallas Keen's family, with father Corky, and Quarter Horse Leola



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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$6,000	53/22	1/1	0/1	(Pink Cadillac, \$78,700)	\$562,371	147	8	0.94	0.94
2	ATILLA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	51/17	0/0	0/0	(Go for a Stroll, \$89,118)	\$525,642	194	16	1.24	0.80
3	WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	24/6	0/0	0/0	(Weather Dodger, \$62,650)	\$250,407	*140	4	1.00	1.02
4	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$3,500	29/10	0/0	0/0	(Big Hitter, \$40,674)	\$247,497	165	10	0.97	0.99
5	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$5,000	26/10	0/0	0/0	(He's Another Who, \$69,500)	\$204,933	133	10	1.30	0.87
6	SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West), A & A Ranch	Died, 2017	26/7	0/0	0/0	(Bryn's Fancy Pants, \$54,016)	\$184,602	*94	2	0.73	0.93
7	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	28/5	0/0	0/0	(Way Nifty, \$61,743)	\$179,674	117	5	0.86	0.98
8	FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,000	20/6	0/0	0/0	(Not My Note, \$51,000)	\$176,917	111	4	0.77	0.85
9	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano)	Pnsd	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Desert Mystery, \$55,746)	\$160,051	259	25	1.47	0.75
10	DOME (98, Storm Cat)	N/A	19/2	1/1	1/1	(On the Low Down, \$75,556)	\$139,816	246	7	0.73	0.81
11	PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Citizen Geller, \$25,020)	\$103,840	89	1	0.72	0.84
12	WESTERN GAMBLER (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Hute, \$55,000)	\$92,035	39	1	0.64	1.51
13	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat)	N/A	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Dom Strait, \$37,738)	\$90,088	106	2	0.83	0.62
14	SWISSE STICK (02, Swiss Yodeler)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Sippin, \$80,500)	\$89,318	26	1	0.75	0.84
15	TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University	\$1,500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Whatakiss, \$39,652)	\$73,984	77	1	0.80	0.58
16	SOURCE (98, Montbrook)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Shining Source, \$65,048)	\$69,156	51	0	0.56	0.68
17	GOLDEN RANSOM (99, Hennessy)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Zapped, \$19,680)	\$67,784	119	0	0.49	0.84
18	SONG OF NAVARONE (04, Sultry Song)	N/A	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Song of Laura, \$31,586)	\$67,580	29	0	0.76	0.96
19	MR. GOLD MOVER (08, Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Que Pasa, \$32,288)	\$65,316	35	0	0.67	0.84
20	MCKENNA'S JUSTICE (07, Medaglia d'Oro)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(McEve, \$19,672)	\$55,676	13	0	0.77	0.67

A veteran of 83 starts with earnings of more than \$570,000, Lights On Broadway won six stakes in Texas, including at least one each at the state's three main tracks of Lone Star, Sam Houston Race Park, and Retama Park. But by age 11, the former Texas Horse of the Year had dropped to the bottom rung of the claiming ladder at small tracks such as Anthony Downs in Kansas and finally at Blue Ribbon Downs in Oklahoma. The gelding came perilously close to ending up on a trailer headed to slaughter, but thanks to some caring horsemen he wound up at LOPE (LoneStar Outreach to Place Ex-Racers) Texas, another retraining and re-homing program in the state.

From there, Donna took the son of Majestic Light with the hopes of retraining him to be a pony horse. Even though the second career didn't work out, partly because the gelding was a bit big for that job at more than 17 hands, Lights On Broadway enjoyed a fitting retirement on the Keens' farm and inspired them to start Remember Me Rescue.

"We decided we should (retrain horses) in a bigger volume," said Dallas. "We have found a lot of great homes for some really neat horses that might not have had a life if we hadn't."

Both Dallas and Donna are quick to credit the many volunteers and donors who make Remember Me Rescue possible.

"We have lots of good help and lots of good people who support us; we are really blessed," said Donna. "We really don't run Remember Me Rescue; it's the people who volunteer to help us. Those volunteers do all the real work; they do the networking and really put in a lot of time. We couldn't do it without them."

With their connections to horsemen outside of the racing world, the Keens are often able to place horses in new homes right off the track without retraining them at Remember Me Rescue. Others, however, are brought to Bursleson to recuperate from any

injuries and learn new skills that will make them attractive to potential owners.

"We spend the time to teach them to be ridden bridleless," said Dallas. "We make believers out of people that these horses are very retrainable."



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Mexikoma stands at Keen Farms in Texas for 2017

2017 LEADING SIRES IN COLORADO



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							2017 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	BUSHWACKER (02, Outflanker)	N/A	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Star Express, \$14,885)	\$66,182	77	0	0.56	0.92
2	GRAND MINSTREL (05, Grand Slam)	N/A	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Grand and Great, \$7,282)	\$26,651	90	0	0.33	0.65
3	SILVER SAINT (96, Silver Deputy), Owl Canyon Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Silvers Wild, \$13,024)	\$14,309	44	1	0.30	0.36
4	CRAFTY SHAW (98, Crafty Prospector)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Deputy, \$6,720)	\$10,129	*107	3	0.91	0.97

"The horse I use as my pony is Tortuga Straits," he added. "He earned more than \$830,000 and won seven stakes, and now he reins and rides bridleless. He's as cool as could be with what he can do now. I like to teach horses new things and tricks when they come off the track. It's amazing what these animals can learn."

The process at Remember Me Rescue is neither quick nor easy, but it does work.

"We try to figure out what the horse will be suited for and then find him a home," said Donna. "We require everyone to come meet the horse before they adopt. We make sure it's a good match.

"We just had a woman fly down from North Carolina to spend a few days here, and that horse is going into dressage; another horse we just adopted out has a 7-year-old rider taking him to

his first horse show soon."

Fundraising is a constant challenge, and the Keens are thankful for those who support the program by donating money and time. While winning races and breeding future winners are the Keens' primary goals, finding suitable homes for retired runners is also high on their priority list.

"Just seeing how much people love these horses keeps me going," said Donna.

"Our main love is the racehorses; this is just a way of giving back," added Dallas, noting that sometimes the racing industry gets an unfair rap about aftercare due to a few bad apples. "We want to educate people that owners and trainers really love their horses."

The Keens have had success on the track, with their breeding program, and with retraining horses for new careers.

The one thing they don't have is a lot of spare time.

"We have good help for one thing," said Dallas about making their three-pronged operation work. "If one of us can't be somewhere, the other is, and we know we can count on our staff. It's tough on us sometimes because we don't get to spend as much time together as we'd like, but we love working with the horses, and that's definitely our passion." **BH**

Denis Blake is publisher of Southern Racehorse magazine.



The Keens devote a lot of their time to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance-accredited Remember Me Rescue organization