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Still Shining Bright in Texas

Phil and Glenna Leckinger of Star Bright Thoroughbreds continue to believe in Texas

BY DENIS BLAKE

JUST 13 YEARS AGO Texas hosted its first and only Breeders' Cup World Championships, with Lone Star Park showcasing a memorable event featuring a dominant effort by Ghostzapper in the Breeders' Cup Classic Powered by Dodge (G1), a career-defining victory by Speightstown in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1), and a shocking upset *(continued on page 46)*



Phil Leckinger (left) with Henry Witt at this year's Texas Thoroughbred Association awards banquet

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OUTSTANDING 12% STAKES WINNERS FROM RUNNERS**

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2017 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2017 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$4,500	82/47	4/7	2/4	(Rumpole, \$114,400)	\$1,725,679	208	25	1.15	1.07
2	GRASSHOPPER (04, Dixie Union), Valor Farm	\$3,500	56/26	2/2	2/2	(Texas Chrome, \$190,800)	\$753,951	100	2	0.88	0.94
3	MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$4,000	43/27	3/4	2/3	(Zippit E, \$82,070)	\$689,300	122	11	1.02	1.07
4	VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2015	37/22	1/1	0/1	(Ivan Fallunovalot, \$144,995)	\$655,927	657	41	1.20	1.13
5	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Valor Farm	\$3,000	53/25	0/0	0/0	(Southern Fried Fun, \$43,904)	\$630,020	*377	13	1.25	1.38
6	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	52/23	1/1	1/1	(Bravura, \$50,000)	\$516,846	276	16	0.77	0.91
7	INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	42/18	0/0	0/0	(Estrickator, \$81,510)	\$456,987	198	6	0.57	0.75
8	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Valor Farm	\$3,000	28/10	0/0	0/0	(Toothotevenspeak, \$82,540)	\$385,911	*202	4	1.07	1.20
9	LUNARPAL (02, Successful Appeal), Lone Star Farms/Rafter S Ranch	Private	21/7	0/0	0/0	(Inaswagger, \$57,221)	\$285,968	112	2	0.80	0.93
10	UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$2,000	24/9	1/1	1/1	(Galactica, \$79,820)	\$272,685	238	7	0.66	0.64
11	DRUMS OF THUNDER (04, Concerto)	N/A	16/8	1/1	1/1	(Witt's Town, \$84,918)	\$258,969	35	1	0.55	0.35
12	EATON'S GIFT (05, Johannesburg)	N/A	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Celebrity's Gift, \$44,525)	\$191,263	45	0	0.46	0.59
13	SPELLBINDER (01, Tale of the Cat), Ivy Rose Equestrian Center	\$1,200	11/8	0/0	0/0	(Inaswagger, \$45,730)	\$182,133	37	1	1.00	1.17
14	GAFF (02, Maria's Mon), Seguin Horse Center, Inc.	\$1,500	27/9	0/0	0/0	(Shape of You, \$43,900)	\$179,983	92	0	0.60	0.99
15	UNBRIDLED'S HEART (05, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2015	12/7	0/0	0/0	(Long Legged Model, \$47,420)	\$176,874	21	0	0.46	0.47
16	CROSSBOW (08, Bernardini), Valor Farm	\$2,000	13/8	1/1	0/1	(Final Arrow, \$58,560)	\$161,543	20	1	0.62	1.12
17	LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Toledo Pache, \$35,935)	\$130,994	207	5	0.75	0.98
18	C'MON TIGER (03, Storm Cat), Seven S Farms	\$800	15/4	0/0	0/0	(James and Company, \$54,104)	\$115,420	58	0	0.38	0.70
19	WIMBLEDON (01, Wild Rush)	N/A	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Fred's Lucky Boy, \$41,957)	\$97,858	120	4	0.74	0.76
20	EVIL MINISTER (02, Deputy Minister), Eddie George Ranch	\$750	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Country Minister, \$73,805)	\$96,100	34	1	0.75	0.45
21	SEEKING A HOME (98, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Fiddlers Tsunami, \$30,734)	\$89,644	146	4	0.70	0.90
22	JET PHONE (01, Phone Trick), Valor Farm	Died, 2016	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Jet Over, \$29,347)	\$81,078	37	3	0.93	1.11
23	SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), R&S Racing	\$1,500	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Voluntary, \$18,905)	\$71,255	*197	3	0.97	0.90
24	STREET MOVE (06, Street Cry)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Lodi Street, \$28,109)	\$58,789	8	0	0.55	1.34
25	CURANDERO (04, Storm Cat), Steephollow Farms	\$1,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Valen Forever, \$42,077)	\$55,864	22	0	0.30	0.47
26	CITY STREET (99, Carson City)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Como Se Llama, \$32,037)	\$53,150	133	2	0.64	0.77
27	RIVER SQUALL (94, Summer Squall)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Special Praise, \$44,089)	\$51,156	90	3	0.57	0.72
28	DON GATO (06, Storm Cat)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Jasmene, \$23,653)	\$48,561	12	0	0.52	1.15
29	DAY OF THE CAT (01, Storm Cat)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Erin's Wish, \$26,744)	\$48,257	66	0	0.56	0.68
30	SHERMANESQUE (04, Fusaichi Pegasus), Broughton Farm	\$750	21/2	0/0	0/0	(Cajun Bandit, \$12,075)	\$48,104	82	0	0.36	0.73
31	MOOJAB (07, Smarty Jones), American Legacy Farm	Private	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Moojab Jr, \$40,280)	\$47,610	6	0	0.98	0.61
32	TOUCH TONE (98, Pick Up the Phone)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(From Day One, \$36,815)	\$46,214	107	2	0.69	0.71
33	ORDERLY (05, Pulpit), Salt Whistle Ranch	\$850	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Unreal Deal, \$30,402)	\$45,128	20	0	0.25	0.70
34	FEARLESS EAGLE (04, Invisible Ink)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Jim's Eagle, \$41,160)	\$43,848	15	0	0.42	0.25
35	GOT THE GOODS (01, Pulpit)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Goods Gone West, \$30,529)	\$41,886	52	1	0.45	0.72
36	VOYAGERS QUEST (94, Dynaformer)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Sexy Dance, \$40,994)	\$40,994	48	0	0.19	0.58
37	CAPTAIN COUNTDOWN (96, Relaunch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm	\$500	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Sassy Sam, \$17,025)	\$33,154	193	2	0.47	0.65
38	MUST BE FAIR (03, Must Be War)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(April Sugar, \$32,983)	\$33,083	6	0	0.40	0.11
39	SILENT PICTURE (01, Grand Slam), Key to the Hills Farm	\$1,500	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Cash's Gal, \$22,805)	\$31,151	59	1	0.45	0.57
40	MULA GULA (96, Lil E. Tee), Midas Hill Farm	Private	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Mula Dawn, \$16,679)	\$30,662	41	0	0.41	0.56
41	BUG A BOO BEN (03, Awesome Again), Ivy Rose Equestrian Center	\$800	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Boss Hoss Ross, \$30,529)	\$30,529	12	0	0.30	0.77
42	COMMITMENT (95, Relaunch)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Gentle Commitment, \$16,820)	\$27,891	125	0	0.23	0.54
43	CHIEF THREE SOX (95, Chief Honcho)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(John Louis' Marq, \$14,511)	\$27,555	46	2	0.61	0.72
44	PRIMAL STORM (02, Storm Boot)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Primal Flirt, \$10,176)	\$23,786	75	1	0.35	0.84
45	LOST IN PARADISE (97, Shuaialaan)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Lewdawg N Paradise, \$16,796)	\$18,555	33	0	0.30	0.69

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Unbridled's Song - Zing, by Storm Cat



LOUISIANA STALLION OF THE YEAR 2014, 2015 & 2016

2017 LEADING LOUISIANA SIRE

BY LOUISIANA BRED EARNINGS, WINNERS AND STAKES WINNERS

76% RUNNERS/FOALS & 71% WINNERS/RUNNERS

Sire of G1 Breeders' Cup Performer **GENTLEMEN'S BET** (\$744,155, 107 Beyer), who placed third in the '13 \$1,500,000 G1 Xpressbet Breeders' Cup Sprint besting 2012 winner and Eclipse Champion **TRINNIBERG** by over 3 lengths. **GENTLEMEN'S BET** has 7 wins by a combined 20 lengths including the \$125,000 Iowa Sprint H.-L, on-the board in 14 of 21 starts including Saratoga's \$400,000 G1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt H., the 2015 \$500,000 G2 Churchill Downs S. Sire of 2017 Stakes Horses **PARTLY MOCHA** (41-10-10-7, \$535,918) WON '17 Frontier Utilities, Turf Sprint S. and '17 Bucharest Turf Sprint S.; **JOCKAMO'S SONG** (19-8-3-2, \$349,914) WON '17 Louisiana Legends Sprint, '17 Louisiana Cup Sprint, etc.; **SMITTYS COUGAR** (16-7-4-3, \$333,607) 3rd '17 Louisiana Premier Night Matron S.; **INVENIAM VIAM** (26-9-5-5, \$260,959) WON '17 Ellis Park Turf S.; **TIGERSTORM**, WON '17 Lafayette S.; **Safari Calamari**, (16-6-3-2-\$188,780) 2nd '17 Red Camelia S., '17 Louisiana Cup Distaff.

RECORD SETTING GRADED STAKES WINNER BY UNBRIDLED'S SONG

Brilliant undefeated 2YO, broke his maiden by 10 3/4 lengths at Keeneland and went on to capture the \$120,000 Three Chimneys Juvenile Stakes (Formerly the WHAS-TV Stakes) at Churchill Downs by 4 1/4 lengths establishing a **NEW STAKES RECORD**.

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G1 STAKES SIRE

2YO Louisiana Bred Givemeaminit, placed third in the G1 HOPEFUL STAKES at Saratoga.

#1 2ND CROP SIRE

IN LOUISIANA BY EARNINGS AND WINNERS!

#1 JUVENILE SIRE

IN LOUISIANA

15% STAKES RUNNERS

Sire of Seven 2017 Stakes Horses including **G1 Placed Givemeaminit**, mult SW **BERMUDA STAR**, 2YO SWs **ACEGUITAR**, **TESTING ONE TWO**, 2YO Stakes Placed winner **Andthebandplayedon**, **Rose Guitar**, and **Shamrock Star**.

**4-TIME LOUISIANA HORSE OF THE YEAR • CHAMPION 2-YEAR-OLD • 3 TIME CHAMPION OLDER HORSE
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AMERICAN SIRE with 7 G1
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Jazzy Rebel (\$148,896),
Hud's Rebel, (\$132,320),
Big Dog Doug

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1	WILBURN (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	152/76	5/7	2/5	(Lovely Bernadette, \$269,196)	\$2,847,657	*258	6	0.80	1.12
2	POLLARD'S VISION (01, Carson City), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	78/44	1/1	0/1	(Eye Luv Lulu, \$123,200)	\$1,490,504	*699	19	1.22	1.20
3	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	55/25	2/2	2/2	(Bee Noteworthy, \$197,800)	\$1,107,540	*327	19	1.32	1.17
4	CACTUS RIDGE (01, Hennessy)	Pnsd	57/33	2/2	1/2	(Tulsa Queen, \$116,553)	\$1,088,393	*457	23	1.25	1.04
5	MR. NIGHTLINGER (04, Indian Charlie), Mighty Acres	Died	74/34	3/3	3/3	(Mr. N, \$104,224)	\$1,082,720	160	4	0.63	0.86
6	MAGNA GRADUATE (02, Honor Grades), Brewster Ranch	\$2,500	70/38	2/2	1/2	(My Mertie, \$67,077)	\$1,054,798	*210	6	0.95	1.05
7	AMERICAN LION (07, Tiznow), River Oaks Farms	\$1,000	74/38	0/0	0/0	(Lion in Wait, \$75,150)	\$1,048,843	*159	1	0.71	1.07
8	LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	72/38	0/0	0/0	(Singingintheheat, \$72,800)	\$883,795	*329	5	0.89	1.09
9	EUROEARS (04, Langfuhr), J&M Equine Reproduction Center	\$1,500	45/23	1/1	1/1	(Eurobond, \$167,765)	\$868,466	86	3	0.96	0.88
10	ORATORY (02, Pulpit)	Died, 2016	41/21	2/2	1/2	(T. J. Goodie, \$95,768)	\$733,044	*209	5	1.14	1.15
11	SAVE BIG MONEY (03, Storm Cat), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	49/24	1/2	1/1	(Inagoodway, \$160,346)	\$698,155	104	2	0.73	0.99
12	MAIMONIDES (05, Vindication), J&M Equine Reproduction Center	\$1,500	38/20	0/0	0/0	(Fear, \$114,795)	\$688,598	*105	1	0.73	2.06
13	KIPLING (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres	Pnsd	59/20	0/0	0/0	(Time to Tell, \$51,645)	\$628,657	343	9	1.00	0.89
14	DA STOOPS (03, Distorted Humor), Rockin BB Ranch	\$1,000	23/9	1/3	0/1	(Redneck Humor, \$204,000)	\$524,130	*89	1	1.05	1.04
15	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Glasses Creek Ranch	\$3,000	29/11	2/2	1/2	(Patrona Margarita, \$150,253)	\$413,717	165	4	0.56	0.64
16	TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	40/15	0/0	0/0	(Checkmate Charlie, \$55,501)	\$384,673	602	24	1.00	1.18
17	KENNEDY (08, A.P. Indy), River Oaks Farms	\$1,250	23/10	0/0	0/0	(Baby K, \$60,790)	\$331,384	36	0	0.60	1.16
18	CHITZO (05, Forest Wildcat), River Oaks Farms	\$1,500	16/13	0/0	0/0	(Smooth Chiraz, \$78,470)	\$329,696	43	1	0.68	0.84
19	THE VISUALISER (03, Giant's Causeway), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	19/9	1/3	0/1	(Welder, \$147,604)	\$318,935	56	2	0.69	0.85
20	SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	16/13	1/1	1/1	(Diamondandstripes, \$72,545)	\$314,463	388	19	1.15	0.99
21	AFFIRMATIF (06, Unbridled's Song), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	24/11	0/0	0/0	(From Out There, \$80,036)	\$312,022	66	1	0.52	0.84
22	LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	18/11	0/0	0/0	(Lucky Rendezvous, \$58,392)	\$279,804	361	9	1.12	1.18
23	LIQUOR CABINET (IRE) (01, Hennessy), Oklahoma Equine	\$1,000	27/13	0/0	0/0	(Shut the Gate, \$27,950)	\$247,425	83	1	0.58	0.88
24	FOREIGN POLICY (02, Danzig), River Oaks Farms	\$1,250	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Chyenne Blues, \$62,074)	\$209,248	32	1	0.99	0.83
25	BURBANK (93, Wild Again)	N/A	26/13	0/0	0/0	(Konawa Kween, \$32,930)	\$193,838	183	3	0.69	0.73
26	WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms	\$1,500	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Chosen One Elijah, \$82,717)	\$155,835	*363	4	1.06	1.26
27	SASHA'S PROSPECT (96, Mr. Prospector), Chariton Ranch	\$1,000	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Dakamo Smoke, \$42,742)	\$135,578	*127	1	0.63	0.77
28	KING OF SCAT (96, Eastern Echo), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Emmy Got Even, \$25,769)	\$125,968	226	6	0.69	0.75
29	SONG OF THE SWORD (01, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Go Stealth, \$50,320)	\$96,806	23	0	0.95	0.86
30	SILVER HAZE (02, Silver Deputy)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Hazy Cat, \$30,790)	\$94,467	16	0	0.48	0.31
31	STATE CITY (99, Carson City), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	16/4	0/0	0/0	(State of Charm, \$39,035)	\$90,300	*262	1	0.69	0.93
32	TWICE AS BAD (01, Stormy Atlantic), Smith Ranch	\$250	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Bad June, \$21,072)	\$89,436	25	0	0.37	0.46
33	ST. DEHERE (98, Dehere)	N/A	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Franklyenergized, \$36,151)	\$74,111	26	0	0.51	0.52
34	WAUPACA (00, Forest Wildcat), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Masons Cougar, \$11,942)	\$68,071	40	0	0.23	0.97
35	DIAMOND (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine	\$1,000	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Josie the E F Five, \$18,995)	\$60,911	301	5	1.02	1.02
36	BACKSTABBER (06, Elusive Quality), M. Gerald Ball	\$1,000	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Covington Quality, \$26,192)	\$57,569	6	0	0.92	0.02
37	ELLERTON (03, Silver Deputy)	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Goodheartedgirl, \$24,594)	\$52,722	21	1	0.50	0.56
38	NATIONAL SAINT (96, Saint Ballado)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Our Brianna, \$15,748)	\$40,918	76	2	0.58	0.84
39	GOING WILD (02, Golden Missile)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Deputy'sgoingwild, \$22,661)	\$40,595	27	1	0.59	0.67
40	DESERT KEY (05, E Dubai)	N/A	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Gospel Runnin Gal, \$9,956)	\$40,351	22	0	0.23	0.69
41	GRUFF (01, Good and Tough)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(My Coyn, \$22,622)	\$32,657	16	0	0.26	0.72
42	SHARP SHOOTER (04, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Poker Table, \$19,255)	\$32,440	22	0	0.27	0.57
43	RAGE (93, Gulch)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Tequila Rage, \$26,431)	\$26,711	98	0	0.62	0.90
44	CHEROKEE FIVE (98, Cherokee Run)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Sober and Stone, \$19,827)	\$21,457	14	1	1.13	0.53
45	BRICKTOWN CAT (04, Tale of the Cat), Dusty Rose Ranch	\$650	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Cowboy Colten, \$20,946)	\$20,946	6	0	0.92	0.33
46	PROMISSORY (02, A.P. Indy)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Favorite Promise, \$17,860)	\$20,580	59	0	0.49	0.68
47	BONUS TIME CAT (96, Storm Cat)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Mr Murph, \$11,164)	\$19,369	152	1	0.33	0.48
48	FREEFOURINTERNET (98, Tabasco Cat)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Freefourbelle, \$6,711)	\$17,928	86	1	0.85	0.92
49	ALL STORM (96, Storm Bird)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(C B C Storm, \$11,238)	\$13,132	49	0	0.29	0.38
50	ARTISTIC SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Ralph Manry	\$1,000	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Silent Lion Song, \$10,258)	\$12,205	13	0	0.11	0.37

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(by Better Talk Now) of Kitten's Joy in the John Deere Breeders' Cup Turf (G1T). Those names live on as three of today's most accomplished stallions, but the reality of the current Thoroughbred industry in Texas means few breeders can dream of the Breeders' Cup and even fewer can pay hefty stud fees. Even so, the industry is far from dead in the Lone Star State, and

many, including Phil and Glenna Leckinger, are still hanging on and hoping for brighter days.

Over the past decade a slew of Texas horsemen have moved to the proverbial greener pastures of neighboring states whose purses and incentives have been boosted by slot machines or other forms of gaming. The Leckingers, who own and operate Star Bright Thoroughbreds in the

North Texas town of Tioga, are not among them. While they have adjusted their business plan based on the current reality in Texas, they have also remained committed to participating in and improving the industry in the state.

STARTING SMALL

Phil had an interest in horses, and particularly in racing, going back to his

childhood, and Glenna grew up around horses. But it wasn't until Glenna introduced Phil to veteran horseman Jerry Hardin that the couple took their first step into the industry.

In the early 1990s the Leckingers and Hardin bought a yearling Runaway Groom filly named Getmetothechurch, who didn't exactly welcome the couple to racing with riches, as she earned just \$646 in six starts.

"We didn't do well at first," said Phil, who currently serves as president of the Texas Thoroughbred Association (TTA) and is a longtime executive in the office products industry. "She gave us the interest in racing, and we actually have her grandson on the property still. Since we started with a yearling, we kind of learned the ins-and-outs and the patience it takes to get one to the track."

The couple owned a handful of other horses in partnership over the next 10 years and then decided to take the next step.

"Glenna and I started looking for some property because we had a couple of mares and started to get involved in the breeding side," said Leckinger. "I had been following Timmers Way. I knew he wasn't setting the world on fire as a stallion, but he was



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2017 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2017 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	48/24	0/0	0/0	(Suspect a Storm, \$71,246)	\$752,333	164	4	0.74	1.16
2	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,000	45/22	0/0	0/0	(Her Case of Gold, \$41,105)	\$612,628	*664	13	1.06	1.14
3	JONESBORO (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$500	36/15	1/2	1/1	(Racer, \$156,417)	\$590,256	73	2	0.74	0.77
4	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	33/13	0/0	0/0	(Rich Daddy, \$130,210)	\$450,323	*156	5	1.02	1.14
5	PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	37/14	0/0	0/0	(Jeri Bella, \$52,577)	\$407,499	130	1	0.74	0.92
6	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), Tommy Ives Thoroughbreds	Private	33/18	0/0	0/0	(Detroit Cowboy, \$72,400)	\$395,979	452	19	0.76	0.93
7	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev), Chad White	Died, 2017	22/9	0/0	0/0	(I Hope, \$73,173)	\$300,361	*372	13	1.05	0.83
8	HIGHTAIL (10, Mineshaft), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,500	1/1	1/2	0/1	(Dynatail, \$230,740)	\$230,740	4	1	5.63	0.96
9	ORDAINED (08, Pulpit), Starfish Stallions	\$1,000	12/4	1/1	1/1	(Ministry, \$130,720)	\$190,585	33	1	0.51	0.83
10	HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Cornerstone Farms	\$500	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Lil Becky, \$23,400)	\$163,390	*178	1	0.49	0.62
11	COMMANDER'S SHOES (03, Deputy Commander), Rafter R Ranch	\$1,500	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Guska Mon Shoes, \$44,390)	\$144,860	53	0	0.60	0.82
12	A. P. MILLION (00, A.P. Indy), Royal Court Equine Center	\$750	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Easter Indy, \$122,200)	\$138,919	40	1	0.53	0.70
13	HESABULL (93, Dispersal), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$500	14/9	0/0	0/0	(Tour de Rock, \$22,343)	\$126,175	181	6	0.79	1.11
14	EXPLOSIVE TRUTH (99, Proudest Romeo), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Explosive Candy, \$52,798)	\$123,813	28	0	0.62	1.09
15	CINNAMON CREEK (95, Darn That Alarm), Three Boys Stables	\$500	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Acumen, \$32,983)	\$122,162	113	0	0.58	0.67
16	RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitony), Chad White	\$1,500	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Farmerville, \$71,645)	\$101,685	393	6	0.74	1.19
17	A. P. DELTA (97, A.P. Indy), Stanley Roberts	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(U R My Last Chance, \$66,330)	\$93,096	126	3	0.66	0.84
18	DOVE HUNT (91, Danzig)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Smoke the Hunt, \$43,950)	\$83,692	329	8	0.86	1.01
19	POMATINI (05, Lemon Drop Kid), Matthews Farm	Private	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Hicks Honey, \$33,930)	\$83,625	25	0	0.29	0.25
20	SHADY GROVE (05, Two Punch), Three Boys Stables	\$500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Premonition Creek, \$22,092)	\$63,627	24	0	0.42	0.84
21	SONNY DOM'S DAY (03, T. G. Dewey), Crystal Creek Equine	Private	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Midnight Ruler, \$57,739)	\$58,044	6	0	0.77	2.58
22	PROM SHOES (04, Include), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Promising Shoes, \$25,798)	\$55,980	11	0	0.34	0.44
23	SPOTSGONE (03, Bright Launch), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$500	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Spotsback, \$11,475)	\$50,259	26	0	0.23	0.74
24	LAFFER (93, Afleet), Hale Thoroughbred Farm	Private	5/4	0/0	0/0	(R Nanalee, \$19,378)	\$49,072	26	0	0.36	0.28
25	SEA PRINCE (05, Storm Cat)	N/A	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Kauai Nana, \$19,935)	\$43,432	31	0	0.32	0.62
26	STRYKER (04, Mr. Greeley)	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Open Hand, \$14,603)	\$35,921	27	0	0.28	0.74
27	GLORIOUS BID (98, Honour and Glory)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Light Bound Bid, \$35,399)	\$35,484	50	0	0.31	0.38
28	BRASSY WELLS (96, Dixie Brass)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Glad Your Brassy, \$20,813)	\$24,028	32	1	0.69	0.69
29	MACHO ROCKET (09, Macho Uno), Starfish Stallions	\$1,000	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Alvin's Touch, \$14,400)	\$23,487	19	0	0.18	0.90
30	UNBRIDLED'S RISK (93, Unbridled)	Died, 2014	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Risky's Best, \$16,959)	\$17,165	75	0	0.46	0.64



COURTESY OF STAR BRIGHT THOROUGHBREDS

Special Rate retired directly to stand in Texas

still the last-born son of Secretariat. I talked to the folks at Harris Farms (in California where he was standing), and they put me in touch with (the stallion's owner) Juddmonte, so that was the start of having a stallion."

Leckinger and Hardin partnered on the three-time grade 1 winner and stood him at Key Ranch in Texas as the richest stallion in the state with career earnings of more than \$1.8 million. Tinnners Way came to Texas for the 2004 season, and then in 2010 was retired from stud and pensioned at Old Friends in Kentucky, where he lived until his passing earlier this year at age 27.

"He was a neat horse," said Leckinger. "For a stallion, he had a very kind way about him. He always let you know he was in charge when you approached him outside his paddock. He loved his carrots and to have his rear end rubbed, and that was the safest spot to be because you knew he wasn't going to kick you. I was told he was that way at the track with (trainer) Bobby Frankel."

LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL HORSE

With some experience gained by owning Tinnners Way, Leckinger went looking for another stallion to stand in Texas.

"Sons of Pulpit were just starting to go to stud, and we were able to put a syndicate together to buy Special Rate, and it's worked out well," he said. "He had the three criteria I look for: pedigree, race record, and conformation. It's real hard to get all three, especially in a regional market where you can't overpay for a stallion if you are

looking at it as an investment.”

Like Tinnery Way, Special Rate was a Juddmonte Farms homebred trained by Frankel. He had a solid race record with four wins, four seconds, and two thirds from 12 starts, including a stakes victory at Hollywood Park. As for the pedigree, his dam, the Nureyev mare Viviana, produced multiple grade 1-winning millionaires Sightseek and Tates Creek. A solid

conformation completed the trifecta for Leckinger.

Special Rate is different than many other stallions in the region in that he retired directly to stand in Texas, rather than start in Kentucky or Florida and then relocate. After first standing at Key Ranch near Austin beginning in 2006 and then Stoneview Farm near Houston, Leckinger made the hard decision to move Special

Rate to Oklahoma starting with the 2016 breeding season.

“It was very difficult to move him to Oklahoma, especially as tied in as I am with the TTA,” said Leckinger. “I’m supposed to be here fighting to build the breeding industry in Texas, so while we have some Oklahoma-breds, we’ve made a conscious decision to have Texas-breds as well. I also think that Oklahoma is

2017 OKLAHOMA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Wilburn	152	76
Pollard's Vision	78	44
American Lion	74	38
Latent Heat	72	38
Magna Graduate	70	38
Mr. Nightlinger	74	34
Cactus Ridge	57	33
Read the Footnotes	55	25
Save Big Money	49	24
Euroears	45	23
Oratory	41	21
Kipling	59	20
Maimonides	38	20
Tactical Cat	40	15
Liquor Cabinet (IRE)	27	13
Burbank	26	13
Chitoz	16	13
Service Stripe	16	13
Special Rate	29	11
Affirmatif	24	11
Lucky Lionel	18	11
Kennedy	23	10
Da Stoops	23	9
The Visualiser	19	9
Waupaca	18	7
King of Scat	17	7
Twice as Bad	10	6
Sasha's Prospect	18	5
Foreign Policy	9	5
State City	16	4
Western Expression	15	4
Diamond	9	4
Silver Haze	8	4
St. Dehere	7	4
Desert Key	14	3
National Saint	7	3
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									Wnrs	Stks Index	A-E Index
1	TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	32/20	0/0	0/0	(Maid Easy, \$59,330)	\$390,057	106	5	0.86	0.87
2	DISTORTED REALITY (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	41/11	1/1	0/1	(Sharkzilla, \$66,073)	\$295,335	120	1	0.40	0.84
3	MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	26/10	0/0	0/0	(Case Cracker, \$76,894)	\$265,775	127	0	0.66	0.83
4	EZ DREAMER (05, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Carlson, \$35,088)	\$131,906	35	1	0.62	0.88
5	MAYBRY'S BOY (99, Broad Brush)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Robey's Boy, \$63,794)	\$108,455	30	1	1.13	1.53
6	EZ EFFORT (09, In Excess), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	4/1	1/1	1/1	(Fortified Effort, \$102,071)	\$107,703	14	1	1.29	0.95
7	SUPAH BLITZ (00, Mecke)	Died, 2017	14/5	0/0	0/0	(Supah Spirit, \$11,786)	\$51,892	61	0	0.43	0.75
8	RED SKY'S (96, Skywalker)	N/A	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Red Zeus, \$28,767)	\$50,517	118	2	0.41	0.46
9	CHELOKEE (04, Cherokee Run)	Died, 2014	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Chelokee's Legacy, \$16,096)	\$45,687	49	0	0.45	0.79
10	CHIEF PLANNER (00, General Meeting)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Uncle Ron, \$20,114)	\$34,809	19	0	0.23	0.38

teaching us as well, as their program is on the upswing.”

Special Rate is now at Leslie and Jinger Clemmer's Glasses Creek Ranch in Madill, Okla., just a short drive from the Leckingers' 50-acre Texas farm.

Besides being unique in that he was retired directly to stand in the region, Special Rate achieved another milestone this year as the sire of Patrona Margarita, a Texas-bred graded stakes winner who was bred in the region.

The 2-year-old filly showed talent from the start with a maiden win at first asking in a 4 1/2-furlong race at Churchill Downs; then she showed her class with a victory in the grade 2, \$200,000 Pocahontas Stakes, also under the Twin Spires.

Not coincidentally, Patrona Margarita was bred and is owned by Craig Upham, who with his wife, Sue Dowling, owns and operates Stoneview Farm, a former home of Special Rate. Patrona Margarita's half brother is two-time grade 3 winner Texas Chrome, a son of Texas stallion Grasshopper who retired earlier this year and joined Groovy as just the second Texas-bred millionaire in history.

Leckinger was not able to see Special Rate's first graded stakes winner in person, but the win further validated his selection of the stallion.

“I was supposed to be there; Sue and Craig had invited us to be there, but I was at my high school reunion in upstate New York,” he said. “So I took a bit of time during that to watch it, and it was extremely thrilling.”

TRUE TO TEXAS

Even though he no longer has a stallion standing in Texas, Leckinger is still working to make the Texas breeding industry better.

At Star Bright, the Leckingers currently have about 17 horses with a mix of broodmares, yearlings, weanlings, and horses off the track, including some for other owners and trainers. The farm is only about an hour from Lone Star Park, so it's the perfect location for racehorses to rest and rehab.

Unlike many other couples, where only one-half might have the racing bug, Phil said it's a joint venture with his wife.

“Glenna was always around horses as a kid growing up in the Fort Worth area, so we decided together that we wanted to develop a small farm,” he said. “Our main argument is when she asks, ‘What do you mean we are going to sell that horse?’”

As president of the TTA and a longtime board member, Leckinger was part of the effort to preserve a viable auction market in Texas after Fasig-Tipton pulled out of the state a few years ago.

“There are still enough people in the industry here that care about it, and I think our board recognized that when Fasig-Tipton left, we could just give up or look at it as an opportunity and a reason to get creative,” he said. “The 2-year-old sale presents a venue for the Southwest with a central location near Dallas to have a good sale. We've proved that the last couple of years, especially last year. And we have a great partner in Lone Star Park. There's still a market here, and I think it's finally stabilized.”

Even so, a stable market is not a growing market, and Leckinger continues to work with the TTA to bring about that change. There is no ADW or off-track betting in Texas, and an effort to allow historical racing at the state's tracks did not succeed. So a state with approximately 28 million people spread out over more

2017 TEXAS SIRE BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Too Much Bling	82	47
My Golden Song	43	27
Grasshopper	56	26
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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2017 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2017 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	80/42	2/2	1/2	(Go for a Stroll, \$164,333)	\$1,570,081	199	17	1.18	0.78
2	DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$6,000	71/42	3/4	2/3	(Diabolical Dame, \$217,000)	\$1,555,052	148	10	0.96	0.92
3	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$3,500	42/22	0/0	0/0	(Hollywood Henry, \$71,616)	\$617,863	166	10	0.94	0.97
4	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$5,000	39/22	0/0	0/0	(He's Another Who, \$84,006)	\$606,238	133	10	1.24	0.89
5	WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	32/14	0/0	0/0	(Shotgun Wedding, \$73,890)	\$529,558	*143	4	0.98	1.00
6	DOME (98, Storm Cat)	N/A	35/14	1/2	1/1	(On the Low Down, \$177,606)	\$528,398	249	7	0.73	0.80
7	SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West), A & A Ranch	Died, 2017	49/18	1/1	1/1	(Bryn's Fancy Pants, \$78,056)	\$515,692	*96	3	0.66	0.94
8	INDIAN FIREWATER (07, Indian Charlie), Doubletree Farm	Died, 2017	32/16	1/1	1/1	(Kris Who, \$108,897)	\$416,355	52	1	0.63	1.25
9	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	35/17	0/0	0/0	(Way Nifty, \$84,843)	\$401,196	117	5	0.82	0.97
10	PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	22/11	1/1	1/1	(Citizen Geller, \$146,420)	\$378,387	89	2	0.74	0.82
11	WESTERN GAMBLER (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Hute, \$189,760)	\$377,320	40	1	0.84	1.51
12	MR. GOLD MOVER (08, Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine	N/A	16/6	2/2	2/2	(P J's Gold, \$122,136)	\$345,268	35	2	0.89	0.83
13	FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,000	38/14	0/0	0/0	(Not My Note, \$51,000)	\$338,941	112	4	0.68	0.84
14	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano)	Pnsd	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Desert Mystery, \$111,506)	\$329,050	259	25	1.46	0.74
15	SONG OF NAVARONE (04, Sultry Song)	N/A	18/10	0/0	0/0	(Blazing Navarone, \$66,226)	\$238,565	29	0	0.71	0.93
16	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat)	N/A	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Dom Strait, \$45,348)	\$162,073	106	2	0.80	0.61
17	SOURCE (98, Montbrook)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Shining Source, \$136,648)	\$147,950	51	0	0.59	0.69
18	TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University	\$1,500	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Whatakiss, \$40,230)	\$136,039	77	1	0.80	0.58
19	MR. TRIESTE (01, Old Trieste), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Sky T, \$43,378)	\$119,830	46	1	0.58	0.86
20	TIN CAN SAILOR (01, Military)	N/A	5/2	1/1	1/1	(Mr. Mooch, \$102,368)	\$116,181	47	2	0.38	0.93
21	PRECOCITY (94, Aferd)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Bobbies Flight, \$58,473)	\$113,405	208	6	0.81	0.84
22	REAL DANDY (02, Yankee Victor)	N/A	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Another Dandy, \$20,984)	\$110,756	39	1	0.56	1.06
23	KING BULL (01, Holy Bull), Tucumcari Thoroughbreds	Private	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Hunka Bull, \$30,390)	\$109,646	23	3	1.29	0.61
24	FIREJACK (02, Dixieland Band), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$900	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Uncle Floyd, \$22,501)	\$99,369	70	1	0.49	0.82
25	SWISSE STICK (02, Swiss Yodeler)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Sippin, \$83,300)	\$97,921	27	1	0.70	0.81
26	GOLDEN RANSOM (99, Hennessy)	N/A	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Dr. Jessop, \$27,800)	\$94,476	119	0	0.48	0.83
27	RIGHT RIGGER (06, Unbridled's Song), Hunter Creek Farms	\$3,500	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Smashed, \$37,812)	\$83,768	9	3	1.91	0.84
28	ROMAN EMPEROR (05, Empire Maker)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Pueblo Maiden, \$30,287)	\$80,897	22	1	0.52	0.85
29	STORM DANI (05, Storm Cat)	N/A	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Champion Dani, \$19,377)	\$78,948	24	0	0.26	0.51
30	JEFFRIES BAY (01, Gone West), Young Farm	Private	19/4	0/0	0/0	(Risk It All, \$20,420)	\$74,218	73	0	0.18	0.48
31	SILVER WAGON (01, Wagon Limit), Hunter Creek Farms	\$2,500	19/4	0/0	0/0	(Silver Command, \$17,036)	\$73,683	83	1	0.88	1.19
32	REUBEN (97, Rubiano)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Me Darlin Rod, \$63,840)	\$71,084	42	1	0.61	0.52
33	MCKENNA'S JUSTICE (07, Medaglia d'Oro)	Died, 2017	8/2	0/0	0/0	(McEve, \$27,052)	\$69,434	13	0	0.44	0.64
34	UNBRIDLED TRUST (04, Unbridled's Song), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$1,200	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Trust Emily, \$35,444)	\$67,470	16	0	0.35	0.86
35	LAPTOP COMPUTER (03, Notebook)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Gospel Carlo, \$26,487)	\$63,870	14	0	1.03	0.52
36	DIXIELAND CASH (02, Dixieland Heat)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Tylers Dixie Chick, \$25,830)	\$63,774	13	0	0.61	0.04
37	PRINCE OF FAME (86, Fappiano)	Died, 2013	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Ballinouttacontrol, \$29,650)	\$60,708	*224	1	0.52	0.86
38	TAILFROMTHECRYPT (98, Cryptoclearance)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(King of Art, \$28,040)	\$60,422	38	0	0.46	0.75
39	NACIMIENTO (05, Gone West), Crozier Farm	Private	5/3	0/0	0/0	(To Satisfy You, \$24,970)	\$58,158	23	0	0.62	0.84
40	EMBRACE THE STORM (05, Storm Cat)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Wind Rain and Fire, \$17,105)	\$54,157	28	0	0.43	0.56
41	MONTEREY JAZZ (04, Thunderello)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Montecrypto Jazz, \$21,021)	\$54,009	18	0	0.38	0.61
42	SPANKEY COME HOME (04, Came Home)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Come On Spanky, \$17,184)	\$52,986	27	0	0.45	0.38
43	INDY EXPRESS (06, A.P. Indy), Double Eagle Ranch	\$2,000	11/5	0/0	0/0	(O Four Express, \$14,520)	\$52,113	33	0	0.47	0.47
44	SQUALL (97, Summer Squall), SW Cattle Company	Private	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Fire Squall, \$22,518)	\$52,043	49	4	0.98	1.20
45	MR CHARLYPOTATOES (04, Dayjur), Armstrong Equine Services	Private	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Misscharlypotatoes, \$25,856)	\$48,648	12	0	0.32	0.51
46	VALET MAN (98, Carson City)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(A. C. Val, \$19,807)	\$47,559	57	3	0.73	0.70
47	SEEKING THE CAT (99, Seeking the Gold), Hunter Creek Farms	\$1,500	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Teagle, \$19,218)	\$47,425	19	1	0.79	2.12
48	PHONE HOME (04, Phone Trick), Lambert Horse Farm	Private	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Dax 'n' Brax, \$21,625)	\$46,504	17	0	0.41	1.35
49	INDIAN TERRITORY (98, Carson City)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(C U Tiger, \$42,770)	\$44,359	74	1	0.68	0.82
50	WORKER MAN (00, Diligence), Red Feather Equine	Private	8/2	0/0	0/0	(My Classy Lady, \$14,384)	\$41,865	24	0	0.37	0.47

than a quarter-million square miles has just three major tracks where people can legally bet on racing.

"The biggest thing that keeps me going is that you can't possibly believe that we have such a dysfunctional legislature here that we can't get something done," said Leckinger. "There's so much potential that exists. It's still going to take some time, but I do think that in the long run

we are going to get some of these initiatives pushed through. The Texas Racing Act calls for racing to be accessible to all Texans, but since we haven't been allowed to embrace technology, that hasn't happened."

There is no doubt that there have been better times for Texas' racing and breeding industry, but the Leckingers and others are still holding out hope that

things will turn around.

"It sounds corny, but hope springs eternal," he said. "If you continue to breed and put foals on the ground, that means you are looking to the future. We enjoy the process and we love these animals, so we are still here." BH

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