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## Sam Houston adds \$400,000 Houston Ladies Classic to stakes schedule



Sam Houston Race Park has announced a revamped stakes schedule for 2013 that will include the richest Thoroughbred race in Texas and in Sam Houston Race Park history. The \$400,000 Houston Ladies Classic is set for Saturday, January 26, as part of a special stakes-filled card including the Grade 3, \$200,000 John B. Connally Turf Cup. In total, the meet will feature 23 stakes races, including four new stakes for Texas-breds, paying more than \$1.7 million in purses.

The \$400,000 Houston Ladies Classic for fillies and mares 4-years-old and up will be contested at a distance of 1  $\frac{1}{16}$  miles over the nationally renowned main track at Sam Houston.

"Fillies and mares have been the superstars of the racing industry for the last three years," said Andrea Young, Sam Houston Race Park's president. "We are proud to bring Houston and Texas its richest race, and we look forward to the Houston Ladies Classic anchoring an unprecedented day in Texas Thoroughbred racing."

The Houston Ladies Classic will highlight a premier day of stakes races. In addition to the cumulative \$600,000 in purses for the Ladies Classic and Connally Turf Cup, the track will present the \$75,000 Champion Energy Services Stakes for 4-year-olds and up at five furlongs on the turf and the \$50,000 Allen's Landing Stakes for 3-year-olds at six furlongs on the main track.

In celebration of this historic day in racing, Sam Houston Race Park will offer owners an added incentive—the new Ship Assist Program. The program was created to encourage owners shipping a horse for the Houston Ladies Classic to also consider shipping horses for the Connally Turf Cup, Champion Energy Services

and Allen's Landing. For any owner starting a filly or mare in the Houston Ladies' Classic and at least one additional horse in one of the accompanying stakes races, Sam Houston will waive the owner's original pre-entry fee or \$2,000 of the \$10,000 supplemental nomination fee.

"We understand the financial considerations owners have to make every day so we are pleased to provide special assistance for this exceptional day of racing in Texas," said Eric Johnston, Sam Houston Race Park's vice president of racing.

Promotions for the January 26 racing festival will be plentiful, including a fundraising event to benefit the Houston affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Since 1982, Komen has led the way in the fight against breast cancer. Sam Houston Race Park will donate \$1 for each guest attending the races on January 26.

"We are thrilled about the opportunity to partner with Sam Houston Race Park for the \$400,000 Houston Ladies Classic," said Dr. Adriana M. Higgins, Komen Houston Executive Director. "We look forward to everyone coming out to enjoy the races and supporting Susan G. Komen for the Cure Houston in our efforts to provide community funding for breast cancer research, education screening and treatment. Last year, we granted over \$3 million dollars to support local programs and over \$1 million for research. This year we want to do even more."

Nominations for the Houston Ladies' Classic will close on Friday, December 28. To nominate or for additional information, contact the Sam Houston racing office.

Sam Houston's 20th annual live racing season will kick off its 30-day Thoroughbred meet on Friday, January 18. Sam Houston is awaiting approval from the Texas Racing Commission to extend the meet by four additional days for a total of 34 days of live Thoroughbred racing ending on March 17. The Thoroughbred meet will host approximately 10 live races each Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and each Saturday will culminate with a stakes race featuring a purse of \$50,000 or more. Other highlights of the stakes program include Texas Champions Weekend on January 18-19 with \$400,000 in stakes purses for Texas-breds and the \$100,000 Maxxam Gold Cup on March 2.

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## BREEDING NEWS

### Retama adds new stakes race, donates to Wounded Warriors Fund

Retama Park CEO Bryan Brown has announced a \$25,000 donation will be made to the Wounded Warriors Fund. The donation comes in conjunction with an additional stakes race added to the 2012 Thoroughbred meet and through collaboration between Retama and a member of the TTA Board of Directors.

"We are very pleased to arrange this significant gift from an anonymous donor to wounded heroes who engage in combat in faraway lands to protect our freedom at home," said Brown. "An additional stakes race, the \$35,000 Wounded Warrior Mile, is set for closing

night December 29.

"The one-mile race on the turf will be run for Texas-bred horses and helps close out the 2012 live racing season," Brown added. "This has been a good year for Retama Park, the horsemen who race here and our fans. We hope that in some modest way we can help give back to the military community."

Nominations for the race close December 19. The Wound Warrior Mile is restricted to accredited Texas-breds, 3-year-olds and up, who have never won a sweepstakes. For more information, go to [www.retamapark.com](http://www.retamapark.com).



### Live racing likely to cease at Fair Meadows in Tulsa

According to a report in the Tulsa World, live horse racing at Fair Meadows has come to an end. The newspaper reported that the Tulsa County Fair Board voted unanimously on November 1 to approve a lucrative naming-rights deal with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that not only changes the name of the QuikTrip Center at Expo Square but also includes a provision to cease live racing at the racetrack.

"Certainly we appreciate the fact that they (the tribe) wanted to enter into a long-term relationship with the fairgrounds," Fair Meadows Race Director Ron Shotts said in the article. "This certainly will go a long way to ensure our financial security in the future and allow us to maintain and upkeep all of these wonderful facilities that the citizens have helped us build."

Beginning in January, the tribe will pay the fairgrounds \$120,000 a month, or \$1.44 million a year, to put its name on the 448,400-square-foot event center currently called the QuikTrip Center.

Shotts indicated that simulcasting at Fair Meadows will end in January, although he did not rule out the possibility of it remaining open in conjunction with another Oklahoma racetrack.

"The expenses of the live meet just continue to go up," Shotts said in the article. "Our drug test costs, the costs of jockey insurance — those two items in and of themselves pretty much covered our gross revenue from the live meet."

"We paid two bills and basically started losing money," he added, noting that the live meet annually lost approximately \$600,000 in recent years with losses at close to \$900,000 expected this year.

The meet operated with the help of a \$2-million annual payment from the three Tulsa-area tribes in exchange for not installing gaming machines at the track. Now, that payment is set to end and will result in the loss of racing opportunities and purses for horsemen.

In a follow-up story in the Tulsa World, Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission Executive Director Tino Rieger expressed surprise at the announcement.

"I am extremely disappointed that the Horse Racing Commission

had to read about such a dramatic revelation in the press," he was quoted as saying in the newspaper on November 2, one day after the Fair Board vote. "To this moment, the racing commission has not received formal or informal notification of the turn of events."

"Obviously, we're disappointed at losing more opportunities and even more so ... the tribal fund money that was available for purses," he added about the approximately one-third of the \$2-million annual payment that went to purses.

The newspaper also reported that State Representative Don Armes of Faxton has asked Governor Mary Fallin and Attorney General Scott Pruitt to investigate the closing of Fair Meadows and how the decision was reached.

"This job-killing, industry-terminating deal does not pass the smell test," Armes said in a media statement. "What appears to be an obvious effort to circumvent terms of a compact needs to be exposed before an important sector of our economy leaves Oklahoma forever."

"There's a total lack of transparency to get it to here," said Joe Lucas, a spokesman for the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma (TRAO), to The Journal Record of Oklahoma City. "I don't know how you can have something on an agenda that doesn't address what action the board is going to take. They either broke the law or they did it telepathically."

The Tulsa World article also noted that there are no plans to put a casino at the fairgrounds.

The TRAO would like to thank Representative Armes for recognizing the lack of transparency Tulsa County officials used to conceal their dealings with the Creek Nation.

Representative Armes is the last remaining Republican State House member who supported SB1252 (which later became SQ712) in 2004. The TRAO is asking members to let Mr. Armes know how much they appreciate his continued support of Oklahoma's racing and breeding industries. He can be contacted at (405) 557-7307 or [don.arnes@gmail.com](mailto:don.arnes@gmail.com).

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## Grade 1 winner Latent Heat to stand in Oklahoma

Latent Heat, a Grade 1-winning son of Maria's Mon and a leading second-crop sire, has been relocated to stand the 2013 breeding season at Lori and Francisco Bravo's River Oaks Farm in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The 9-year-old stallion will stand for a \$3,500 fee as property of Mike Grossman.

Latent Heat ranks among the top 15 second-crop sires in North America by progeny earnings. His progeny earnings of nearly \$1.7 million through the end of November this year would easily put him atop the Oklahoma list of second-crop sires and rank him second on the overall list of all sires in the state.

On the track, Latent Heat won half of his 12 starts with two seconds and a third with earnings of \$450,400. As a 3-year-old, he won the seven-furlong Malibu Stakes (G1) at Santa Anita Park, defeating eventual Eclipse Award Champion Sprinter Midnight Lute. Latent Heat also found success around two turns with a second in the Long Branch Breeders' Cup (G3) at Monmouth Park

and a third in the Santa Catalina Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita, both going 1 1/16 miles.

As a 4-year-old, Latent Heat cap-



**Latent Heat**

tured the seven-furlong San Carlos Handicap (G2) at Santa Anita.

Latent Heat is one of three graded/group stakes winners out of the Grade 2-winning Capote mare True Flare. The mare's other foals include Grade 2 winner Indian Flare and Group 3 winner Art Master.

From two crops to race, Latent Heat has sired multiple stakes winner Softly Lit and Grade 3-placed True Feelings and Jamaican Smoke.

For more information, go to [www.riveroaksthoroughbreds.com](http://www.riveroaksthoroughbreds.com).

## Accomplished stallion Kipling returns to Oklahoma

Kipling, who sired 2007 Breeders' Cup Mile (G1) winner and all-time leading Oklahoma-bred earner Kip Deville, has relocated from Crestwood Farm in Kentucky to Mighty Acres, a division of Center Hills Farm, in Pryor, Oklahoma, for the 2013 season. His fee has been set at \$2,500. Kipling previously stood at Mighty Acres before going to Kentucky.

In addition to \$3.3-million earner Kip Deville, the 16-year-

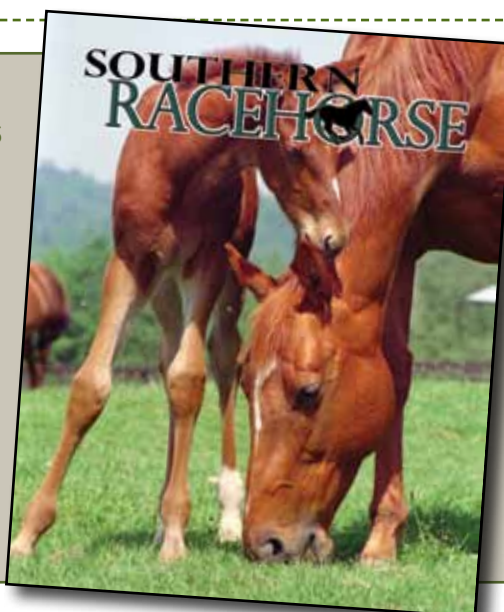
old Gulch stallion has sired 24 other stakes horses with progeny earnings approaching \$9 million. His second-leading earner is Texas-bred Dreamsandvisions, who won six stakes, placed in the Texas Mile (G3) and banked more than \$500,000.

Kipling is a full brother to multiple Grade 1 winner Court Vision, and his dam, Weekend Storm, is a sister to prolific sires Summer Squall and A.P. Indy.

For more information, go to [www.mightyacres.com](http://www.mightyacres.com).

**The 2013 Southern Racehorse Stallion Register is currently being printed and will be in the mail soon!**

**The November/December issue will follow with a recap of the Oklahoma Derby and Oklahoma Classics at Remington Park and the Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame Night races at Retama Park, plus feature stories on Mike Grossman's dual threat stallions in Texas and Oklahoma, a horse health feature on broodmare nutrition, a profile of an off-the-track Thoroughbred (OTTB) and important TTA and TRAO news.**





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### Storm Cat stallion Habayeb relocates to Texas

Habayeb, a son of Storm Cat who previously stood in Ohio, has been relocated to Texas and will stand at Fairytail Farms in Purdon as the property of Janine Winslow. A four-time winner on the track, Habayeb sold for \$3.3 million to top the 2001 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling sale, and his full sister Saudi Poetry brought \$1.7 million as the highest price as the same sale in 1999. She went on to become a multiple graded stakes winner and sold for \$2.2 million as a broodmare.

Habayeb is the sire of four stakes winners and three stakes-placed runners. He will stand for a \$1,500 fee with a special buy one, get one free offer to introduce him to Texas and Oklahoma breeders. For more information, contact Winslow at (214) 882-1634 or [janinewinslow@yahoo.com](mailto:janinewinslow@yahoo.com).

### Truluck returns to stand in Texas

Multiple Grade 3 winner Truluck, who previously stood at Lane's End Texas before moving out of state, has returned to stand in the Lone Star State at Cross-Leiseth Racing in Valley View. He will stand for a private fee.

The 17-year-old son of Conquistador Cielo earned more than \$400,000 in his 25-race career with victories in the Salvator Mile Handicap (G3) at Monmouth Park and the

Fifth Season Breeders' Cup at Oaklawn Park. He also finished third in the Jim Beam Stakes (G2) at Turfway.

As a stallion, Truluck has sired the earners of more than \$3.3 million, including five-time stakes winner and Grade 3-placed Texas-bred General Charley, who earned more than \$500,000 in his career. Truluck is also the sire of Texas-bred stakes winners Truly Lucky and Forrest G.

For more information, call (817) 235-4978.

### Oklahoma stallion Liquor Cabinet (Ire) takes lead on freshman sire list

Freshman Oklahoma stallion Liquor Cabinet (Ire) has jumped out to a big lead on the list of first-crop sires in the state after his second winner during the Remington Park meet. The stallion was represented by his first winner on September 29 as his son Irish Dancer won a maiden claiming sprint at Remington. Then on November 16, Oklahoma-bred Yonder scored a victory in a \$34,300 maiden special weight race in his first start around two turns. The gelding, who was bred by Janet Corlis and runs for owner Jean Haas, picked up a check for \$19,695 and helped boost Liquor Cabinet's progeny total to \$45,650 through the end of November.

Liquor Cabinet, who stands at Dr. Joe Carter's Oklahoma Equine Hospital in Washington, Oklahoma, is an 11-year-old son of Hennessy who ran first or second in 10 of his 12 career starts, including a victory in the Aqueduct Handicap (G3) by nine lengths with a 113 Beyer Speed Figure. His dam is the Grade 1-placed Jade Hunter mare Key Hunter, and his female family also includes Grade 2 winner Pants on Fire, Group 1 winner and

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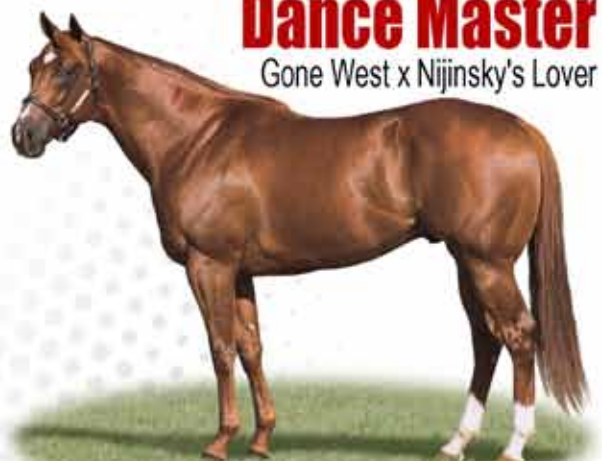


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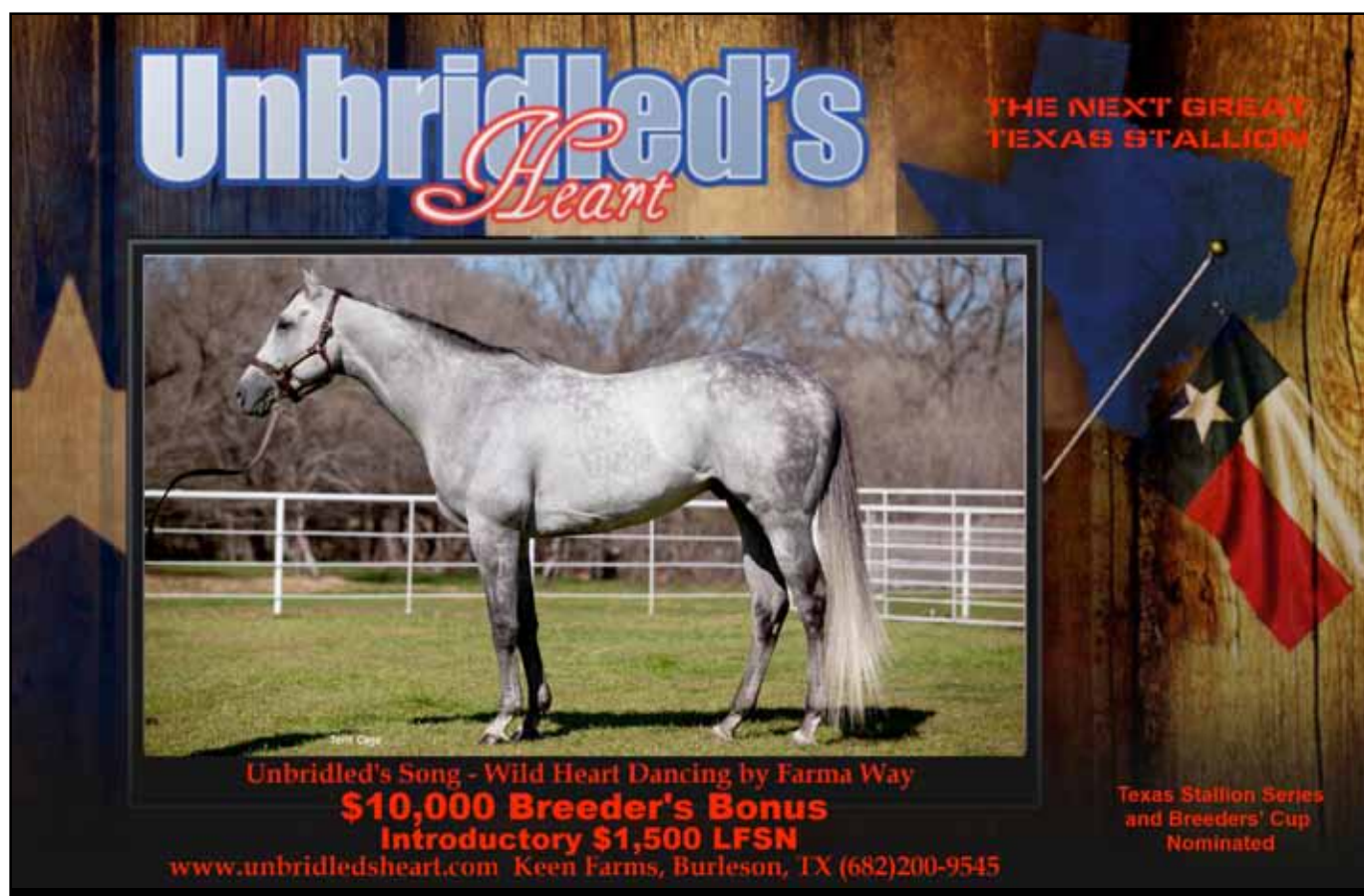
### Texas stallion Evil Minister gets first stakes winner

Texas stallion Evil Minister had a big month of October as he recorded his second winner on October 2 when the filly Uptown Justice won a maiden event at Hoosier Park in Indiana, and then three days later at the same track his son Dread the Pirate easily captured the \$89,150 Crown Ambassador Stakes for Indiana-breds to become his first stakes winner. Later in the month, Dread the Pirate won the \$89,200 Indiana Futurity. The 2-year-old colt broke his maiden against

special weight company in August and has a record of 4-3-0-1 with earnings of \$124,019.

Evil Minister, who stands at Eddie George Ranch in Briscoe, Texas, is a son of Deputy Minister out of the Grade 3-winning Piccolino mare Evil's Pic. Evil Minister won the Sapling Stakes (G3) at Monmouth Park and finished third in the Futurity Stakes (G2) at Belmont Park.

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- Heritage Place Thoroughbred Sale/TRAO Membership meeting ★ Dec. 8
- Last day of Remington Park Meet ★ Dec. 9
- TTA Board ballots must be returned ★ Dec. 14
- Last day of Retama Park meet ★ Dec. 29
- TRAO Board ballots must be returned ★ Dec. 31



## Jockey Cliff Berry reaches 4,000-win milestone at Remington

Cliff Berry rode his 4,000th Thoroughbred winner on October 27 at Remington Park to become the 65th jockey in North America to accomplish the riding feat. The win came aboard the Richter Family Trust's Oklahoma-bred Brown Okie, who was the 4-5 favorite in the third race.

Berry, a 50-year-old native of Joplin, Missouri, has resided in Jones, Oklahoma, for more than 20 years and has won the Remington Park leading jockey title on 14 occasions. Nearly half of Berry's wins have come in Oklahoma City, as he has recorded more than 1,900 Thoroughbred wins at Remington Park since the track

opened in 1988.

Berry also is the all-time leading rider at Remington Park, winning his first Remington riding title in the 1996 spring meeting; he then won the title again in

1998, 1999, 2000 fall/winter, 2001 fall/winter, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010 and last year's 2011 meet with 68 wins.

"I felt the pressure in the gate; I guess it was because I knew this one could be the one," said Berry. "It felt like I was riding in a million-dollar race. I'm amazed that I could go this far. I've been lucky and never have been hurt too bad. I didn't do too well in the early days, so I want to thank all those who stuck behind me. I guess you might say I'm a slow learner."

In 2011, Berry was inducted into the Oklahoma Horse Racing Hall of Fame. He is also the all-time leading rider at Lone Star Park and won the riding title at Oaklawn Park in 2011 and 2012. He earned his first career win on June 3, 1981, at Louisiana Downs in Bossier City, Louisiana.



**The jockeys and horsemen of Remington Park congratulate Cliff Berry on his 4,000th win.**



**Berry gets a cake to the face after posing for the group photo.**

Dustin Orona Photography

## New equine certificate available for Texas A&M students

The Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University has established a new equine certificate that lays out a curriculum designed for students with a strong interest in equine science and industry.

Beginning this fall, students of any major can complete 22 credits in select equine courses and receive the equine certificate in addition to their bachelor's degree.

"The equine certificate provides a structured curriculum for students with a strong interest in equine science," said Dr. David Forrest, associate head for academic programs. "The equine industry offers significant employment opportunities for qualified graduates. Texas leads the nation with more than one million horses and more than 500,000 people involved in the diverse components of the horse industry. The requirement to complete an equine internship will enhance the experiential learning of students to prepare them for a successful career."



The coursework includes many existing courses as well as three new equine courses: equine industry and career preparation, equine disease and epidemiology and issues in the equine industry. Upon completion, students will have knowledge in equine nutrition, reproduction, disease, handling, management,

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learn from equine expert faculty here at Texas A&M and use the facilities and animals already available" said Dr. Martha Vogelsang, senior lecturer in the Department of Animal Science. "Now they will get recognition for a strong, solid equine education, which can potentially enhance their career opportunities and increase their exposure as being part of the equine science program at Texas A&M."

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