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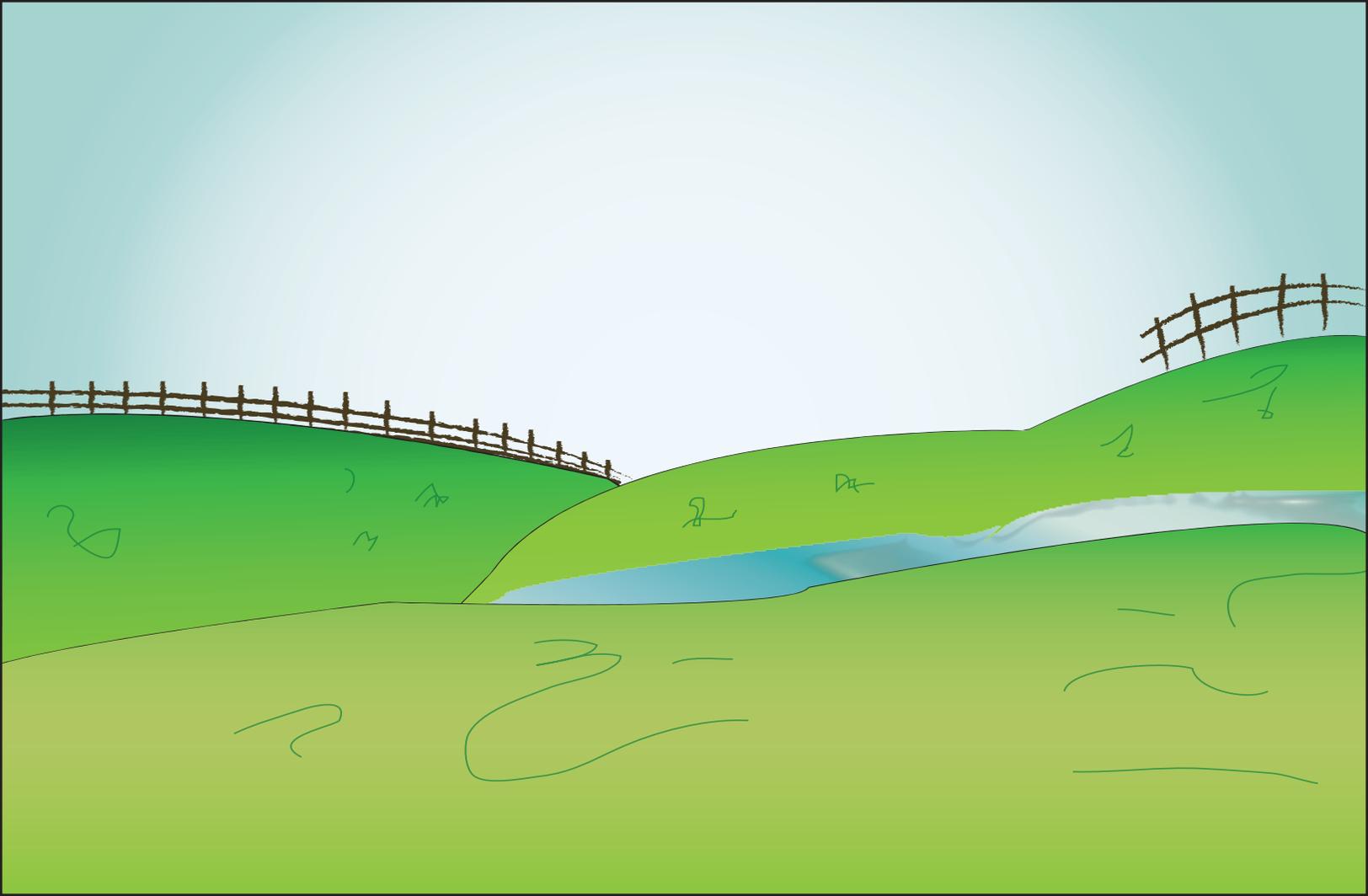
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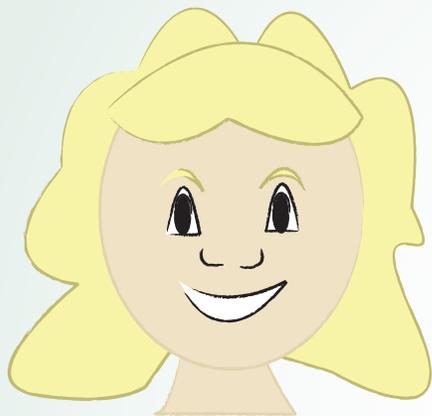
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A Daily Life of the Thoroughbred Racing Industry





MEET Merlene Lindsey

A story of an outgoing, country girl from Kentucky who learned the ins and outs of the Horse Breeding Industry

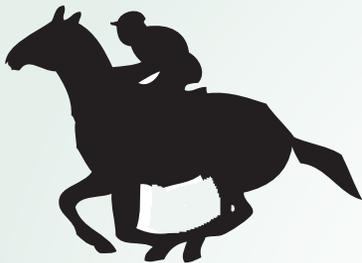
Mrs. Lindsey graduated from University of Kentucky as an English Major. Before working at Overbrook Farms, she had done retail, banking, secretary, and administrative jobs over the years. With her mind set on a new life after her divorce, she moved to Houston, Texas with her husband (who was her boyfriend at the time).

However, as the oil business declined in the 1980's so did her husband's job. Growing tired of the big-city atmosphere, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey moved back to Kentucky, where Mrs. Lindsey would be able to find a job she was passionate about: the thoroughbred industry.



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THE THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY



Mrs. Lindsey got into the thoroughbred industry while she worked as a bloodstock agent for seven years. This is where she learned all the ins and outs of thoroughbred breeding for horseracing.

The key to having a successful business in breeding is finding the strongest stallions or mares with the record of having a foal that can be successful. Of course, there are many times where the foals just do not have the potential.

Nevertheless, those that do, more often than not, will have a great winning career. In Kentucky, the place to start would be Overbrook Farms. It was considered the best of the best farms with a number of quality stallions, mares, and a winning record to prove it. With awards like “Breeder of the Year” and the countless wins that the horses bred here have won, it was no wonder Overbrook Farm was the place to be. The founder, W.T. Young, made sure it stayed that way.

W.T. Young-

FOUNDER OF OVERBROOK FARM

W.T. Young was the founder of Overbrook Farm. His vision was to create the best luxurious farm that would provide and recruit only the best of its stallions and mares, which would deliver a great promise of creating champion racehorses, with strong qualities in a foal that would have a great potential in winnings. Mr. Young was passionate in his work and in his mind wanted a farm that mixed natural beauty and have the best bloodstock around.

Everybody in Kentucky knew about Mr. Young. They saw him as a true gentleman. Mrs. Lindsey was fortunate enough to know Mr. Young personally, as she began her work in 2000. "He made everyone he met feel very special and he would give away six million dollars to charity or the needy people in his lifetime." Mrs. Lindsey said, describing the personality of Mr. Young that resonated with the locals. "I never heard one bad word said about him."

Mr. Young's vision had come true. "We've tried to have patience and perseverance, and to put ourselves in situations where we have a chance to be lucky." However, the real success came from one famous horse: Storm Cat!



STORM CAT



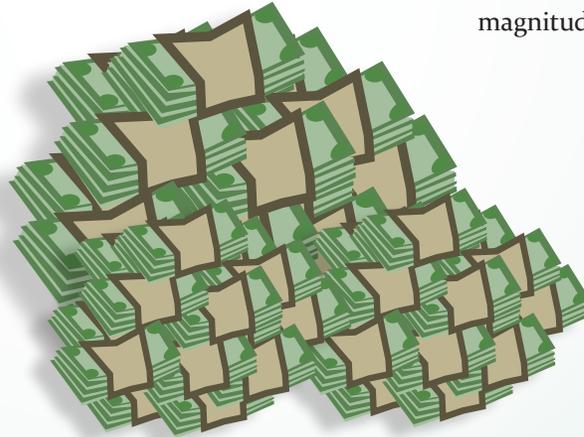
STORM CAT

Storm Cat was the most famous thoroughbred stallion across America and the reason for Overbrook Farm's success. Storm Cat was the very first horse Mr. Young had bought for his farm. People from all over the nation would do anything just to get a chance for a foal to be sired by Storm Cat. He was known as the "Leading Sire of North America". Born in 1983, the son of Storm Bird and Terlingua, Storm Cat would become more famous not by his winnings (he had only two out of his whole career) but the studs that came after him.

The people who had the money to spend were the lucky ones. Most did not however as the stud fee that was covered for Storm Cat was as high as \$500,000. Most studs would

average around \$5,000 to \$10,000. However, while it was expensive, the people who could afford it got their money's worth. Of all the horses he has sired, there were a total of 297 winnings and with the earnings of \$15 million.

However, over the years, due to age, they discovered a reduction in his fertility. It caused his stud fee to decline to \$300,000 before he was fully pensioned in 2008 at the age of 25. Despite his retirement, no one could forget the legendary Storm Cat, a stallion of great magnitude and honor.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



US Classic Winners

1994	Tabasco Cat	Preakness S, Belmont S
1995	Timber Country	Preakness S
1996	Grindstone	Kentucky Derby
1996	Editor's Note	Belmont S

Breeders' Cup Winners

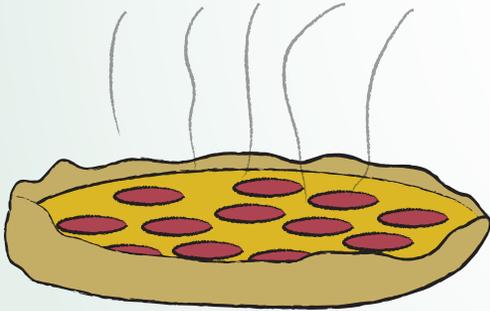
1994	Timber County	Breeders' Cup Juvenile
1994	Flanders	Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies
1996	Boston Harbor	Breeders' Cup Juvenile
1999	Cat Thief	Breeders' Cup Classic

WORKING AT OVERBROOK FARM

Mrs. Lindsey's job was the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer. She updated depreciation schedules for the CFO, generating and follow-through of all breaching contracts (which averaged to about 800), updated the racing results from their 200 racehorses, transcribed veterinary records for all horses on the farm, while she assisted with receptionist duties. Even with all that work, she still loved what she doing. Overbrook was like a second home to her and saw her co-workers as a small family. "Many times when the weather was cold and snowy, we'd order pizza and we'd all eat lunch together. That was fun".

While the office staff and farm department supervisors were not allowed to go with management to the Kentucky Derby, they did get tickets to the Oaks (which was a

big race on Fridays, the day before Kentucky Derby's Saturday run) and they would take their company van and drive to Louisville. Once they arrived, they were greeted with box seats that were right at the finish line. After the race, they would go to any of the Louisville restaurants for dinner paid for by the company.



OVERBROOK FARM SHUTS DOWN



W.T. Young Jr

In 2004, W.T. Young had passed away leaving his son W.T. Young, Jr Overbrook Farms. But his son, who already ran the W.T. Young Storage Co. and had owned a trucking company, called the Lexington Cartage that carried over 545 18-wheelers, never had the passion for the business as much as his father had. He kept it running for a while, but over the years the quality and the passion declined more and more. Bill Young decided to sell most of the land and the horses.

Overbrook Farms was finally closed down for good in 2009, after filing for bankruptcy. Merlene was devastated by this. Everything she loved from the horses and the industry itself was heartbreaking to see let go....



Foreclosed

It's been over a year now since the Overbrook Farm has closed down. Many acres of land has been sold and the horses have been shipped to other farms. But rumor has it that Storm Cat is still seen roaming the plains in Overbrook Farm.

