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January 31, 1993

The Honorable Ann W. Richards
Governor of the State of Texas
State Capitol, Room 200
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Richards:

The Texas Racing Commission is pleased to submit its fifth Annual Report in accordance with Section 3.10 of the Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

The report summarizes the activities of the Texas Racing Commission during 1992 and provides information relating to all aspects of the Texas horse and greyhound racing and breeding programs during the year.

With seven racetracks operating during 1992, the Commission expanded its efforts to ensure the protection of the public, to encourage agriculture and the breeding of horses and greyhounds in this state, to promote tourism, and to provide uniform regulation of pari-mutuel racing.

The Commission is proud of its accomplishments during 1992 and of the leadership position Texas is assuming among the nation's racing jurisdictions. I attribute this success to the unselfish dedication of my fellow Commissioners, the tireless efforts of the staff, and the enthusiasm of all those involved in greyhound and horse racing in Texas.

The Commission is determined and dedicated to improving pari-mutuel racing and to serving the people of Texas with the highest level of honesty and integrity.

Very truly yours,

Pat Pangburn
Chair

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Pangburn".

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Dear Governor Richards:

The year 1992 was one of contrasts for the pari-mutuel racing and breeding industries in Texas. On the one hand, many encouraging events occurred which signalled growth and expansion in the industry, such as the spectacular opening of Gulf Greyhound Park in La Marque and the tremendous acceptance of intertrack simulcast wagering at Texas' horse racetracks. On the other hand, the greyhound racetracks in Corpus Christi and Harlingen began suffering severe declines in wagering and attendance and the Class 1 racetracks which were licensed in 1991 were still seeking final financing.

The pari-mutuel industry in Texas is still emerging and is trying to establish itself during one of the most difficult economic times in recent memory. In 1991, the Texas Legislature recognized that the industry was not developing as it should. To assist in the development of pari-mutuel racing and its ancillary businesses and to maximize employment that those businesses provide, the Texas Racing Act was amended. The amendments served to bolster the financial viability and economic opportunities for racetracks and for horse and greyhound owners and breeders. Purses paid to owners of greyhounds and horses increased a dramatic 47% over 1991. Breeders' incentive award payments increased by 46% over 1991. Buoyed by the opportunity to retain more of each dollar bet, the racetracks raced more dates, and total dollars wagered increased despite declines in daily averages of wagering and attendance. In 1992, 2,733,959 patrons attended pari-mutuel races in Texas, an increase of only 47,897 above 1991. However, total wagers in 1992 were \$320,781,058 which was an increase of more than \$57,000,000 over 1991. The increase in total dollars wagered is impressive, considering the competition for gambling dollars brought on by the lottery.

The economic impact of pari-mutuel racing, excluding direct pari-mutuel taxes, increased during 1992. The decline in direct pari-mutuel tax revenue is reflective of legislation that lowered the State's tax rate on pari-mutuel wagers. In 1992, pari-mutuel taxes paid to the state totalled \$4,758,083; purses paid to horse and greyhound owners were \$23,928,460; breeders' incentive funds paid to horse and greyhound breeders were \$2,500,609; payroll for the 2,957 people employed at Texas racetracks exceeded \$17,750,000; taxes paid to the State and to local governments on sales, admissions and real estate exceeded \$3,435,000; and license fees paid to the Texas Racing Commission ("Commission") by the racetracks and by occupational licensees were \$2,768,444. Altogether, more than \$55,000,000 was directly injected into the Texas economy as a result of pari-mutuel racing, an increase of

over \$7 million from 1991. The Commission has not projected a multiplier effect on the economy from such sources as expenditures for newly constructed racetracks and breeding farms, capital improvements made to existing racetracks and breeding farms, sales of horses and greyhounds, sales of racing equipment and feed, veterinary costs, livestock transportation costs, payroll paid by owners and trainers to their employees, and other related businesses.

One might expect the industry to be satisfied with its success so far, especially when the success was achieved against intense competition for discretionary gambling dollars. That is not the case. The horse industry is terribly frustrated that it does not have a Class 1 racetrack operating in a major metropolitan market. The expectations of Class 1 horse racing providing substantial pari-mutuel revenues, significantly increasing employment, enhancing values of racing and breeding stock, and developing meaningful equine research programs have not yet occurred. Perhaps most frustrating of all is that Texas has not yet assumed its rightful place as the world's leader in horse racing and breeding; the place where all in the racing industry assumed it would be by now.

In the 1991 Annual Report, I pledged to you that the Commission would operate on the standards of uncompromising service to the People of Texas, that it would adhere to strict ethical behavior, and that it would fiercely enforce the laws of the State and the rules of racing. I also pledged that the Commission would work to achieve meaningful minority hiring, to continue to develop and refine internal policies and procedures, and to be downright stingy with every dollar expended by the agency. I can say, without qualification or hesitation, that each of the pledges made have been kept. I am proud beyond words of the Racing Commission Staff. The Commission is fortunate indeed to have truly remarkable employees with incredibly high personal and professional integrity. It is my great fortune and privilege to serve with them.

The Commission is grateful to the Comptroller's Office, the Department of Public Safety, the State Treasury, and the Office of the Governor for their invaluable assistance. The strict regulation of the pari-mutuel industry is dependent upon the cooperative efforts of many branches of State Government. Those efforts have been successful.

Finally, thank you for your leadership and for your support of the pari-mutuel industry in Texas. The Commission and its Staff look forward to the challenges ahead and to the opportunity of continuing to serve the People of Texas.

Sincerely,



David J. Freeman
Executive Secretary

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December 10, 1992

Pat Pangburn, Commission Chair
Texas Racing Commission
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RE: ARTICLE 179e, SECTION 3.10
VERNON'S TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES

Dear Ms. Pangburn:

Article 179e, Section 3.10 of Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes requires the Texas Racing Commission (TRC) to obtain a comprehensive report from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) that would indicate any organized crime activity in Texas, as well as information on any and all illegal gambling. As required by this statute, we submit the following:

NON-TRADITIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME ACTIVITY

The law enforcement community continues to be concerned about the growth of non-traditional organized crime gangs operating in Texas. These groups continue to involve themselves in any criminal enterprise that proves to be the most lucrative monetarily. They continue to be heavily involved in illegal gambling, credit card and insurance fraud, extortion, loan sharking, narcotics smuggling and dealing, firearms violations and firearms smuggling, pornography and prostitution. Due to the nature of these businesses, these groups are very prone to violence and commit violent acts on a frequent basis in their struggle to gain superiority over their competition. They appear to have no fear of law enforcement or of being prosecuted for their crimes.

Juvenile street gangs have surfaced in Texas and are a grave concern to law enforcement and the citizenry of the state. The gangs vary in size and age bracket and are prone to be very violent in nature, committing assaults and drive-by shootings that have left many other juvenile gang members dead or maimed as well as many innocent victims who just happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

ILLEGAL GAMBLING

The total number of arrests for illegal gambling has decreased slightly in the past year. This decrease in arrests can most likely be attributed to the ever increasing demand on law enforcement resources to combat the alarming increase in violent crimes in Texas and the nation.

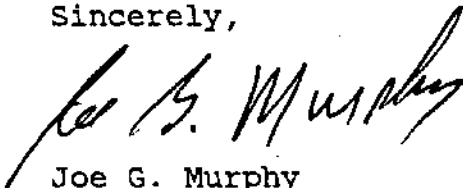
While the number of actual arrests for illegal gambling has decreased, there has been no indication that illegal gambling is on the decline. Bookmaking arrests have increased as state and local authorities continue to execute search and arrest warrants on illegal casino and bookmaking operations. Thousands of dollars in illegal gambling proceeds and illegal gambling paraphernalia continue to be seized. Murders and other crimes attributed to gambling continue to increase.

All forms of legal gambling in Texas are off limits to juveniles; however, juveniles intent on gambling are continuing to do so by illegal means. Juvenile offenders are involved in illegal bookmaking, numbers, and lottery rackets, as well as other forms of illegal gambling.

Investigators of the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Racing Commission continue to successfully conduct cooperative investigations at pari-mutuel facilities, non pari-mutuel and illegal facilities that operate in Texas. One such recent investigation of an illegal track near Dallas resulted in the filing of forty-two felony gambling charges and the seizure of \$36,901.00 in gambling proceeds, four vehicles, one horse trailer and other gambling paraphernalia. More investigations of this nature can be expected in the future.

This report is intended to apprise the Texas Racing Commission of the extent of the current problems in Texas reference the above areas of concern.

Sincerely,



Joe G. Murphy
Commander
Criminal Intelligence Service
Texas Department of Public Safety

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History

During the Second Called Session of the 69th Legislature, the Texas Racing Commission was created. In November of 1987 it was approved by a statewide referendum.

Texas Racing Act

The responsibilities and authority given to the Commission as written in the Texas Racing Act are to:

- *Encourage agriculture, the horse and greyhound-breeding industries, the horse-training industry, tourism, and employment opportunities in this state related to horse and greyhound racing.
- *Provide for strict regulation and control of pari-mutuel wagering in relation to greyhound and horse racing.
- *Award licenses for pari-mutuel racetracks in Texas.
- *Adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of pari-mutuel racing and wagering.
- *Administer and enforce all laws and rules affecting horse and greyhound racing and pari-mutuel wagering.
- *Regulate and supervise each race meeting conducted in Texas and the persons who participate in those race meetings.
- *Adjudicate disciplinary matters arising from the enforcement of those laws and rules dealing with horse and greyhound racing and pari-mutuel wagering.

Commissioners

The Commission consists of eight members, six of which are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Of the six appointed members, two must be veterinarians licensed to practice in Texas. One must specialize in the treatment of small animals and the other in the treatment of large animals. Of the remaining four appointed members, two must have special knowledge or experience related to greyhound racing, and two must have special knowledge or experience related to horse racing. The Chair of the Public Safety Commission and the Comptroller of Public Accounts serve as ex-officio members with full voting privileges.

The Chair of the Commission is appointed by the Governor. The Commission elects the Vice-Chair for a term of two years.

The Commission acts as a single body on matters of general application. For those matters relating exclusively to horse racing or greyhound racing, the respective sections act separately. On those matters, the Commission consists of the three appointees with specialized knowledge along with the two ex-officio members.

The Commission is a member of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc. (ARCI) and subscribes to the National Association of State Racing Information Services. The Commissioners and staff serve on various regional and national ARCI committees.

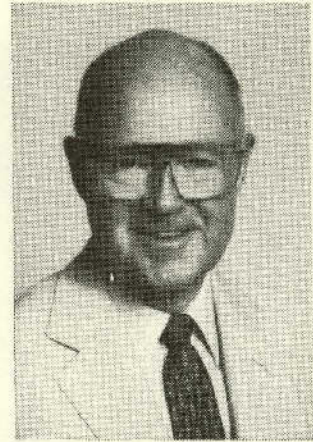
In 1992, the ARCI presented the Joan F. Pew Award to Dr. Glenn Blodgett, recognizing him as the racing industry's outstanding Commissioner. Dr. Blodgett has served on the Commission since its inception.



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Corpus Christi, Texas
Term Expires: February 1, 1993
Greyhound Section



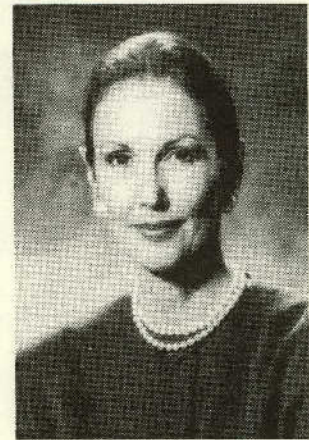
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Greyhound Section



Hugh A. Fitzsimons, Jr.
San Antonio, Texas
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Horse Section



A.L. Mangham Jr.
Nacogdoches, Texas
Term Expires: February 1, 1995
Greyhound Section



Anne Dunigan Wilson
Abilene, Texas
Term Expires: February 1, 1997
Horse Section



Robert B. Holt
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Ex-Officio Member

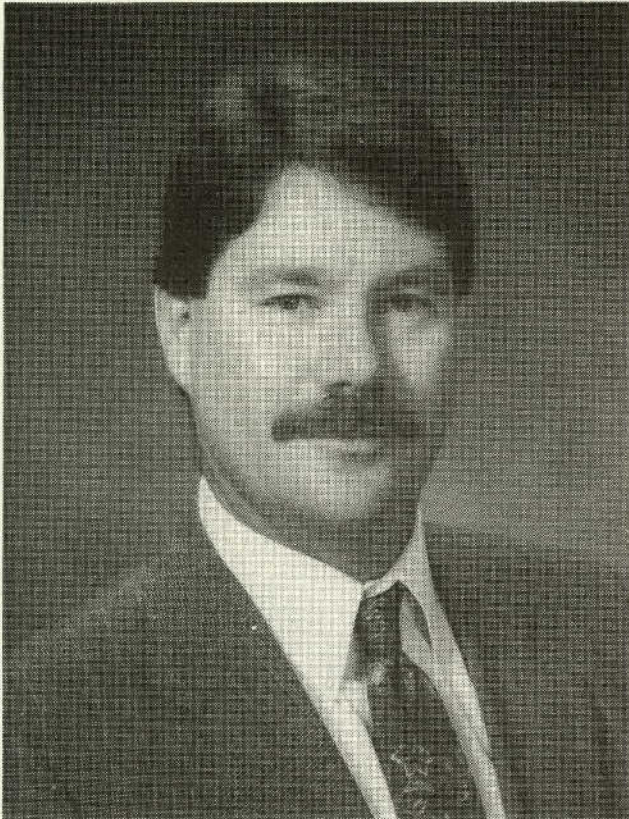


Glenn P. Blodgett, D.V.M.
Vice Chair
Guthrie, Texas
Term Expires: February 1, 1995
Horse Section



John Sharp
Comptroller of Public Accounts
Austin, Texas
Ex-Officio Member

Organizational Structure



David J. Freeman
Executive Secretary

David J. Freeman has served as Executive Secretary of the Commission since April of 1990. The staff is divided into five divisions: Administrative, Racing, Enforcement, Legal, and Data Processing.

The Administrative Division manages the budget, accounting, and administrative functions of the Commission. On a day-to-day basis, the division makes purchases, handles personnel functions and audits and distributes funds for the Texas Bred Incentive Program. The division is also responsible for the annual financial report, performance reports, reports to the Comptroller, Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office.

The Racing Division oversees the occupational licensing, pari-mutuel

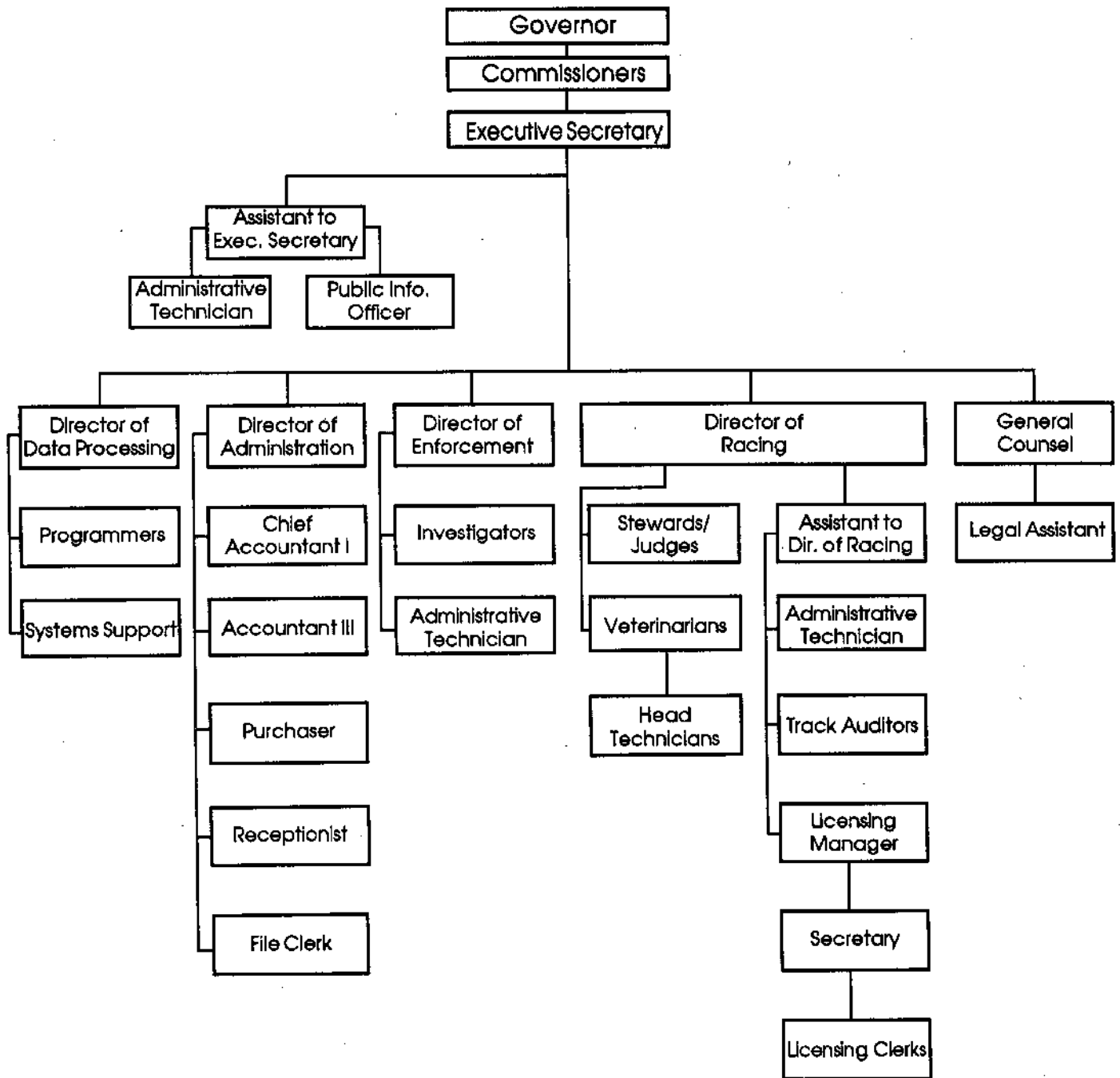
auditing and veterinary functions, as well as overall racetrack operations. This division also supervises the Stewards/Judges and Veterinarians at the racetracks.

The Enforcement Division is responsible for enforcing the Texas Racing Act and the Commission's rules and regulations. Its primary goal is to assure the integrity of pari-mutuel racing in Texas by conducting compliance inspections and evaluating safety and security plans for each racetrack. Allegations of misconduct or infractions of the Racing Act or the Commission's rules are subject to investigation, as ordered by the Executive Secretary. The division works closely with the Department of Public Safety, local and federal law enforcement agencies, and the State Fire Marshall's office.

The Legal Division is responsible for reviewing all rules and regulations of the Commission and serves as liaison to the Attorney General's office. Additionally, this division coordinates all public hearings, formal Commission meetings, disciplinary hearings and legal proceedings regarding racetrack licenses and occupational licenses. As a result of the implementation of provisions of Senate Bill 3, all legal services are provided by the Attorney General's Office, effective February 1, 1993.

The Data Processing Division is responsible for the computer systems of the Commission. The statewide system is on-line and connects all racetracks with the main office in Austin. The system is used for wagering reports, veterinary data, drug testing information, occupational licensing, enforcement and rulings.

TEXAS RACING COMMISSION



SCHEDULE OF FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED

Fiscal Year 1992

(From September 1, 1991 through August 31, 1992)

	<i>Total</i>	<i>General Revenue Fund (001)</i>	<i>Special Revenue Fund (597)</i>
REVENUES:			
Legislative Appropriations	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
OASI Appropriations	(418)	(418)	0
Total Legislative Appropriations	(418)	(418)	0
 <i>Licensing Revenue:</i>			
Racetrack Applications – Horses:			
Class I Tracks	180,000	0	180,000
Class II Tracks	0	0	0
Total Racetrack Applications – Horses	180,000	0	180,000
Racetrack Licenses – Horses:			
Class I Tracks	200,000	0	200,000
Class II Tracks	60,000	0	60,000
Class III Tracks	3,500	0	3,500
Total Racetrack Licenses – Horses	263,500	0	263,500
Racetrack Licenses – Greyhounds	50,000	0	50,000
Simulcasting Licenses (Class II)	10,500	0	10,500
Outstanding Tickets	701,732	0	701,732
Race Day Fees:			
Horses	332,275	0	332,275
Greyhounds	262,702	0	262,702
Total Race Day Fees	594,977	0	594,977
Fines	18,180	0	18,180
Occupational Licenses	860,300	0	860,300
Breakage:			
Horses	2,310,427	0	2,310,427
Greyhounds	314,421	0	314,421
Total Breakage	2,624,848	0	2,624,848
Track Official's Fees	642,107	0	642,107
Total Licensing Revenue	5,946,144	0	5,946,144
 Other Sales			
	198,108	480	197,628
Total Other Revenue	198,108	480	197,628
 TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 6,143,834	\$ 62	\$ 6,143,772

	<u>Total</u>	<u>General Revenue Fund (001)</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund (597)</u>
<i>EXPENDITURES:</i>			
Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,274,561	\$ 271	\$ 1,274,290
Payroll Related Costs	344,691	(418)	345,109
Professional Fees and Services	704,245	896	703,349
Travel	112,069	192	111,877
Materials & Supplies	53,649	2,262	51,387
Communications & Utilities	94,999	0	94,999
Repairs & Maintenance	33,990	73	33,917
Rentals & Leases	100,503	0	100,503
Printing & Reproduction	25,090	206	24,884
Other Expenditures	58,173	487	57,686
Capital Outlay	79,699	31,205	48,494
Breakage-Horses & Greyhounds	<u>2,395,341</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,395,341</u>
<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</i>	<u>\$ 5,277,010</u>	<u>\$ 35,174</u>	<u>\$ 5,241,836</u>
<i>EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</i>	<u>\$ 866,824</u>	<u>\$ (35,112)</u>	<u>\$ 901,936</u>
<i>TRANSFERS OUT:</i>			
Debt Payment to General Revenue	150,000	0	150,000
Equine Research	48,065	0	48,065
Texas Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse	<u>48,436</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>48,436</u>
<i>TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT</i>	<u>\$ 246,501</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 246,501</u>
<i>EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS</i>	<u>\$ 620,323</u>	<u>\$ (35,112)</u>	<u>\$ 655,435</u>

Racetrack Licensing

The Texas Racing Commission continued its efforts to bring first-rate pari-mutuel racing to this state by granting a third Class 1 horse racetrack license. In October, the Horse Racing Section selected Lone Star Jockey Club from among four applicants for a license in the Dallas/Tarrant County area. Lone Star plans to construct a \$97 million facility in Grand Prairie, to serve the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex beginning in the fall of 1994. The Order granting the license was signed in November and Motions for Rehearing were overruled by operation of law on December 28. The Commission's Order has been appealed to District Court by the unsuccessful applicants.

In April, the Commission reinstated the Class 2 racetrack licenses that had been previously held by Lubbock Downs in Lubbock and La Bahia Downs in Goliad. In 1990, Lubbock Downs voluntarily surrendered its license due to its inability to raise sufficient funds to renovate its racetrack. Similarly, La Bahia Downs' license was not renewed in 1990 for lack of financing. H.B. 2263, enacted by the Legislature in 1991, added Section 6.19 to the Texas Racing Act which provided for the reinstatement of revoked racetrack licenses. Because neither of these racetrack licenses had been "revoked", the Commission sought the guidance of the Attorney General in construing Section 6.19. In Letter Opinion No. 92-001, the Attorney General held that the licenses had been "constructively revoked" and must be reinstated. Pursuant to Section 6.19, the reinstated licenses expire two years from the date of reinstatement.

In September, the Commission opened an application period to receive Class 3 and Class 4 racetrack applications. No applications were filed.

Race Dates

The Commission has sole authority to award race dates.

Class 1 racetracks may race on as many days as the Commission grants.

By law, Class 2 racetracks are entitled to at least 60 race dates. The Commission may grant more or less dates on a showing by the racetrack of the economic feasibility and public interest.

Class 3 racetracks may only be operated by a county or a non-profit fair. An association that holds a Class 3 license may not race more than 16 days.

Class 4 racetracks may only be operated by a county fair. An association that holds a Class 4 license may not race more than five days in a calendar year.

Greyhound racetracks are entitled to 300 evening performances and 150 matinee performances.

In 1992, the following live race dates were granted by the Commission for 1993:

Corpus Christi Greyhound Race Track
456 performances

Gulf Greyhound Park
453 performances

Valley Greyhound Park
405 performances

Bandera Downs
116 race days-Mixed Meet

Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association
12 race days-Mixed Meet

Manor Downs
35 Spring race days-QH, 31 Fall race days-QH

Trinity Meadows Raceway
92 Spring race days-TB, 77 Fall race days- QH

Occupational Licensing

By law, all persons involved with pari-mutuel greyhound or horse racing, except spectators, must be licensed by the Commission.

In 1992, 17,832 occupational licenses were issued. Total revenues of \$844,890 were collected.

Licensing offices at each track process and issue licenses. An integral part of

the licensing process is a computer system that maintains licensee information and fee collections. All information stored in the system can be retrieved by Commission staff in Austin and at any racetrack licensing office, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The following information details the numbers and types of occupational licenses issued in 1992.

License Type	Licenses Issued	Licensing Revenues	Licenses Renewed	Renewal Revenues	Total Revenues
A&M Lab Staff	8	.00	0	.00	.00
Admission Person	151	3,020.00	108	2,160.00	5,180.00
Announcer	4	80.00	5	100.00	180.00
Apprentice Jockey	27	1,755.00	16	1,040.00	2,795.00
Assoc. Steward/Judge	12	715.00	6	390.00	1,105.00
Assoc. Office	49	980.00	39	780.00	1,760.00
Assoc. Officer	24	1,800.00	38	2,850.00	4,650.00
Assoc. Other	138	2,760.00	102	2,040.00	4,800.00
Asst. Trainer/Owner	35	2,625.00	17	1,275.00	3,900.00
Asst. Starter	20	400.00	36	720.00	1,120.00
Asst. Trainer	74	5,550.00	56	4,200.00	9,750.00
Authorized Agent	51	510.00	10	100.00	610.00
Chaplain	2	40.00	4	80.00	120.00
Chart-writer	3	60.00	4	80.00	140.00
Commissioner	0	.00	6	.00	.00
Cool-out	1	20.00	0	.00	20.00
Entry Clerk	1	20.00	0	.00	20.00
Exercise Rider	134	2,680.00	107	2,140.00	4,820.00
Farrier	18	1,170.00	57	3,705.00	4,875.00
Food Service	709	14,180.00	21	420.00	14,600.00
Groom	454	9,080.00	256	5,100.00	14,180.00
Jockey	91	6,825.00	184	13,800.00	20,625.00
Jockey Agent	22	1,650.00	18	1,350.00	3,000.00
Kennel Helper	150	3,000.00	78	1,560.00	4,560.00
Kennel Owner/Trainer	11	825.00	10	750.00	1,575.00
Kennel Owner	1	75.00	0	.00	75.00
Kennel Owner/Own	31	2,325.00	47	3,525.00	5,850.00
Law Enforcement	199	.00	12	.00	.00
Lead-out	125	2,500.00	72	1,440.00	3,940.00
Licensing Clerk	10	.00	13	.00	.00
Maintenance	414	8,280.00	203	4,060.00	12,340.00
Medical Staff	37	740.00	35	700.00	1,440.00
Miscellaneous	9	180.00	1	20.00	200.00
Multiple Owner	676	13,520.00	340	6,800.00	20,320.00
Mutuel Clerk	944	18,880.00	702	14,040.00	32,920.00
Mutuel Other	24	480.00	39	780.00	1,260.00
Official	37	2,775.00	55	4,125.00	6,900.00
Outrider	2	40.00	8	160.00	200.00
Owner	2,794	209,550.00	3,619	271,425.00	480,975.00
Owner-Trainer	409	30,525.00	763	57,225.00	87,750.00
Parking Attendant	102	2,040.00	55	1,100.00	3,140.00
Pony Person	117	2,340.00	150	3,000.00	5,340.00
Security Officer	130	2,600.00	109	2,180.00	4,780.00
State Identifier	0	.00	1	.00	.00
State Judge	1	.00	2	.00	.00
State Steward	2	.00	7	.00	.00
State Veterinarian	6	.00	17	.00	.00
Tattooer	1	75.00	2	150.00	225.00
Test Technician	28	.00	52	.00	.00
Tote Technician	24	480.00	41	820.00	1,300.00
Trainer	226	16,950.00	325	24,375.00	41,325.00
TX DPS	11	.00	31	.00	.00
Texas Comptroller	6	.00	8	.00	.00
TxRC Consultant	0	.00	2	.00	.00
TxRC Staff	13	.00	38	.00	.00
Valet	19	380.00	16	320.00	700.00
Vendor Employee	667	3,340.00	551	11,020.00	24,360.00
Veterinarian Assistant	12	240.00	10	200.00	440.00
Veterinarian	21	1,575.00	42	3,150.00	4,725.00
TOTAL	9,287	\$389,635.00	8,545	\$455,255.00	\$844,890.00

Legal Proceedings

During 1992, the Texas Racing Commission was involved in litigation arising out of the exercise of its regulatory responsibilities, as well as one contractual dispute.

The lawsuits by Lone Star Greyhound Park, Inc. and Galveston Bay Greyhound Racing Association, which originated in 1990-91, came to trial before Judge Scott McCown in the 98th District Court in Travis County. The plaintiffs were seeking judicial review of the Greyhound Racing Section's decision to grant the Galveston County greyhound racetrack license to Gulf Greyhound Partners, Ltd. The four-day trial in late July resulted in Judge McCown's decision to uphold the Commission's Order. A similar lawsuit filed by Bay Greyhound Racing Associates was settled in late 1991. Both plaintiffs appealed to the Third Court of Appeals in Austin and oral argument on the appeals is set for March, 1993.

On May 4, 1992, John G. Boegner filed a lawsuit against the Commission pursuant to Section 19 of the Administrative Procedure and Texas Register Act (V.T.C.S. Art. 6253-13a). Mr. Boegner, who was licensed by the Commission as a horse trainer, was fined and had his license suspended for violations of Commission rules relating to medication of horses and possession of contraband. The Commission has filed an answer and plea to the jurisdiction, and the lawsuit remains pending in District Court in Travis County.

On May 10, 1992, Pinnacle Park, Inc., an applicant for a Class 1 racetrack license in the Dallas/Tarrant County area, filed a petition for declaratory judgment against the Commission. Pinnacle Park complained of the Commission's rules restricting the ability of racetrack

applicants to amend their applications and requested that the Commission's hearing on the Class 1 applications for that area be enjoined pending the outcome of the declaratory judgment action. The plaintiff nonsuited that case, but filed a substantially similar lawsuit on June 10, 1992, five days before the Commission hearing on the applications was set to begin. The Commission filed a plea to the jurisdiction, based primarily on the theory of exhaustion of remedies, which was granted by Judge James R. Meyers of the 353rd District Court of Travis County. The lawsuit was dismissed in July, 1992. Pinnacle Park appealed to the Third Court of Appeals in Austin and the appeal remains pending.

The lawsuit that had been filed in 1991 by the Houston Turf Club regarding the award of the Class 1 racetrack license in Harris County was dismissed with prejudice in January 1992. Sam Houston Race Park, Ltd., which won the license, settled with the Houston Turf Club and the agreed dismissal of the suit was a condition of the settlement agreement.

On October 7, 1991, Mary Anne Boyden filed suit against the Commission alleging the Commission breached an oral agreement to employ Ms. Boyden as a steward at a pari-mutuel racetrack in 1989. The Commission has filed a plea to the jurisdiction based on sovereign immunity. The lawsuit remains pending in District Court in Travis County.

Disciplinary Actions

In 1992, Commission Stewards and/or Judges issued 982 rulings at the 7 operating racetracks. The violations ranged from procedural violations to positive drug tests.

The Stewards and Judges have statutory authority to assess penalties ranging from fines of up to \$5,000, a license suspension of up to one year, or both. Fines of over \$93,000 were assessed in 1992.

Drug Testing

The Commission is directed to protect the integrity of pari-mutuel racing. An important aspect of this protection is insuring that all horses and greyhounds run free from prohibited drugs, chemicals or other substances. The Commission has instituted a comprehensive drug testing program to safeguard the betting interests of the wagering public.

The testing program involves the collection and analysis of blood and urine specimens collected from winning horses and greyhounds. The analysis of the specimens will reveal whether illegal substances have been administered to the animals. By law, the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) at Texas A&M University is responsible for performing the tests. A person may not interfere with the testing of a race animal, including interference in obtaining specimens, delivering specimens to a laboratory, delivering test results to the Commission veterinarian or the Commission, or any other procedure involved in conducting a test.

If, on a finding by the Stewards/Judges or Commission that a specimen tests

positive for a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance, the animal may be immediately disqualified from receiving any purse monies. An investigation is immediately conducted.

The following is a summary of tests performed in 1992:

Total number of urine samples (greyhounds)
17,529

Total number of blood samples (horses)
10,312

Total number of urine samples (horses)
9,723

Total number of positives
120

TYPE OF POSITIVES

GREYHOUND

(Pseudo-) & Ephedrine	2
Gamma Hydroxy Bute	2
Lidocaine & MGX	1
Methocarbamol	1
Phenylbutazone	3
Polyethylene Glycol	30
Procaine	19
Sulfachloropyridazin	1
Sulfamethoxazole	3
Trimethoprim	3
Trimethoprim & Sulfa	5
TOTAL	70

HORSE

Caffeine	1
Dexamethasone	7
Furosemide	1
Lidocaine	3
Mepivacaine	1
Phenylbutazone	28
Polyethylene Glycol	8
Sulfamethoxazole	1
TOTAL	50

Enforcement Activities

The Commission Investigators conducted investigations into licensing and racing related matters at the seven pari-mutuel racetracks operating in Texas this year.

Investigators developed 2,776 intelligence reports during 1992. Of these, 163 resulted from investigations into allegations of animal drugging, human drug abuse, illegal gambling, race fixing, alcohol use, and other violations of the Texas Racing Act. Other intelligence reports concerned licensing matters involving confidential criminal history information received from the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Eighty-four license denials resulted from such information. In addition, 355 licensees were reported to have pending criminal charges, the disposition of which may affect their

ability to hold a license. Serious criminal history information was also received on 103 persons whose licenses had expired. The majority of criminal history information received concerned minor misdemeanors or deferred felony sentencing and totaled 2,071 reports.

Additionally the Investigators processed 106 complaints involving licensed persons and racetrack operations during the year.

The Enforcement Division is responsible for background investigations of major contracts entered into by licensed racetracks. Totalisator contracts, management, security, and concession contracts were closely scrutinized.

The following case investigations were initiated during 1992:

1992 Case Investigations

Type Of Case	1992 Total	Band. Downs	Trinity Mdws.	Manor Downs	Valley GP	Corpus Christi	Gulf GP	Gillespie County	Comm.
Cases involving reported drug analysis positives of racing animals.	117	12	29	5	17	33	20	1	0
Cases pertaining to human drug abuse positives	27	7	2	7	9	2	0	0	0
Racing related cases, such as possession of contraband or fraudulent entries.	17	1	7	6	3	0	0	0	0
Cases related to criminal activity, such as thefts, illegal wagering and cruelty to animals.	7	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	1
Case investigations of licensees not directly affecting a particular race, such as financial responsibility or undisclosed owners.	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cases related to occupational licensing, such as failure to disclose criminal convictions or convicted felons.	137	37	61	22	3	7	1	2	4
Cases referred from Stewards and Racing Judges, such as incident reports and alcohol use violations.	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cases related to track security and safety involving licensees, patrons or racing animals.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Investigations	7	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	2
TOTAL CASES:	321	60	108	46	34	42	21	3	7

Texas Bred Programs

To encourage agriculture and the horse and greyhound breeding industries in Texas, the Texas Racing Act provides monetary incentives for Texas horse and greyhound breeders and owners of Texas-bred horses.

Purse supplements and breeders' awards for both Texas-bred greyhounds and horses are closely monitored by the Commission.

GREYHOUND

To encourage the breeding of greyhounds in the state, purse supplements are provided for by the Texas Racing Act.

A greyhound that meets the requirements of the Texas Greyhound Association is considered an accredited Texas-bred. Each greyhound must be properly registered with the National Greyhound Association and the Texas Greyhound Association to qualify for funds.

An additional breeding incentive is provided in Section 311.172 of the Texas Rules Governing Pari-Mutuel Racing. This section requires that each kennel under contract at a greyhound racetrack must contain at least 15% Texas-bred greyhounds.

HORSE

The officially designated state horse breed registries have established the qualifications of accredited Texas-bred horses. To encourage the breeding of horses in Texas, any accredited Texas-bred horse finishing first, second, or third in any race, except a stakes race, receives a purse supplement. Funding is derived from ninety-eight percent of the breakage of all pari-mutuel pools

and from ninety-eight percent of one percent of all multiple two and multiple three wagering pools. These monies are distributed on a 40/40/20 percent split respectively among owners of accredited Texas-breds, breeders of Texas-breds, and stallion owners.

The following breeders' funds were distributed during 1992:

Texas Greyhound Association

\$243,208.08

Retained for Stakes (Horses)

\$96,512.00

Texas Thoroughbred Breeders' Association

\$1,021,710.73

Texas Quarter Horse Association

\$1,124,325.00

Texas Arabian Breeders Association

\$3,504.49

Texas Appaloosa Horse Club

\$6,331.08

Texas Paint Horse Breeders Association

\$5,018.39

TOTAL \$2,500,609.77

Equine Research

An equine research fund has been established under the Texas Racing Act. Funding for equine research is derived from two percent of the breakage of all pari-mutuel pools and from two percent of one percent of multiple two and multiple three wagering pools. In 1992 this amounted to \$46,542.35. The Equine Research Account Advisory Committee was created by the Legislature to oversee the research grants funded by these monies. The Committee is the sole administrator of this fund and is not connected with the Commission.

**GREYHOUND TRACK INFORMATION – 1/01/92 through 12/31/92
(UNAUDITED)**

TRACKS	# OF PERF.	NET HANDLE/ AVG. HANDLE	ATTENDANCE/ AVG. ATTEND.	AVERAGE PER CAPITA	STATE SHARE	TOTAL PURSES PAID
CORPUS CHRISTI GREYHOUND RACE TRACK	455	\$63,921,783 \$140,487	775,648 1,705	\$82.41	\$1,278,273	\$3,139,226
GULF GREYHOUND PARK	65	\$36,972,037 \$568,801	339,544 5,224	\$108.89	\$739,441	\$1,848,601
VALLEY GREYHOUND PARK	420	\$42,329,488 \$100,784	504,389 1,201	\$83.92	\$846,503	\$2,084,081
GRAND TOTAL	940	\$143,223,308	1,619,581	N/A	\$2,864,217	\$7,071,908

**HORSE TRACK INFORMATION – 1/01/92 through 12/31/92
(UNAUDITED)**

TRACKS	# OF DAYS	NET HANDLE/ AVG. HANDLE	ATTENDANCE/ AVG. ATTEND.	AVERAGE PER CAPITA	STATE SHARE	TOTAL PURSES PAID
BANDERA DOWNS:						
Dark Day Simulcast	38	\$978,068 \$25,739	5,049 133	\$193.72	\$9,781	
Live with Simulcast	117	\$30,213,533 \$258,235	266,293 2,276	\$113.46	\$302,135	\$3,800,819
TOTAL	155	\$31,191,601	271,342	N/A	\$311,916	\$3,800,819
MANOR DOWNS:						
Dark Day Simulcast	32	\$995,484 \$31,109	5,677 177	\$175.35	\$9,955	
Live with Simulcast - Spring	41	\$9,582,669 \$233,724	82,733 2,018	\$115.83	\$95,827	\$1,021,310
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TOTAL	106	\$16,125,217	132,954	N/A	\$161,252	\$1,719,642
TRINITY MEADOWS:						
Simulcast Meet	28	\$11,785,629 \$420,915	40,234 1,437	\$292.93	\$117,856	
Live with Simulcast	208	\$116,586,305 \$560,511	647,685 3,114	\$180.00	\$1,284,152	\$10,975,834
TOTAL	236	\$128,371,934	687,919	N/A	\$1,402,008	\$10,975,834
GILLESPIE COUNTY:						
Live	10	\$1,868,998 \$186,900	22,163 2,216	\$84.33	\$18,690	\$360,257
TOTAL	10	\$1,868,998	22,163	N/A	\$18,690	\$360,257
GRAND TOTAL	507	\$177,557,750	1,114,378	N/A	\$1,893,866	\$16,856,552



CORPUS CHRISTI GREYHOUND RACE TRACK

Corpus Christi Greyhound Race Track completed its second full year of operations. The track operates on a year-round, 7-day schedule with nine performances per week.

Payroll expense for the over 300 employees was \$2.6 million. Corpus Christi Greyhound Race Track paid over \$870,000 in liquor, admissions, sales and real estate taxes. The Corpus Christi track continued to support the local community through its charity day performances and direct donations of over \$16,000.

Size Of Track:	
Length	1,347 feet
Width	22 feet
Total Seating Capacity:	2,500
Kennel Capacity:	18 kennels 60 crates
Inaugural Meet:	November 15, 1990
Attendance Record:	6,242 November 23, 1990
Wagering Record:	\$355,166 February 28, 1992

	# OF DAYS	NET HANDLE/ AVG. HANDLE	ATTENDANCE/ AVG. ATTEND.	AVERAGE PER CAPITA	STATE SHARE	TOTAL PURSES PAID
CORPUS CHRISTI GREYHOUND RACE TRACK	455	\$63,921,783 \$140,487	775,648 1,705	\$82.41	\$1,278,273	\$3,139,226



GULF GREYHOUND PARK

On November 10, 1992, Gulf Greyhound Park, the world's largest greyhound racetrack, opened its doors to over 8,000 patrons who wagered over \$870,000.

On its second day of operations, Gulf Greyhound Park enjoyed its first million dollar day in wagering!

With a staff of over 1,110, the track's payroll expense for 1992 was \$2.4 million. Almost \$500,000 was paid in related real estate, sales, admissions and liquor taxes.

Size Of Track:
 Length: 1/4 mile
 Width: 22 feet

Total Seating Capacity: 8,862

Kennel Capacity: 18 kennels
 60 crates

Inaugural Meet: November 10, 1992

Attendance Record: 11,652
 November 27, 1992

Wagering Record: \$981,309
 December 26, 1992

	# OF DAYS	NET HANDLE/ AVG. HANDLE	ATTENDANCE/ AVG. ATTEND.	AVERAGE PER CAPITA	STATE SHARE	TOTAL PURSES PAID
GULF GREYHOUND PARK	65	\$36,972,037 \$568,801	339,544 5,224	\$108.89	\$739,441	\$1,848,601



VALLEY GREYHOUND PARK

Located in Harlingen, Valley Greyhound Park operates on a year-round schedule. The racetrack is second only to South Padre Island in being a tourist draw to the deep South Texas area.

The track paid more than \$700,000 in real estate, sales, and admission taxes. Valley Greyhound Park provides approximately 350 jobs in Cameron County with an annual payroll of more than \$3.5 million. Valley estimates that it adds almost \$6 million annually to the local economy in payroll expenditures, local purchases, and utilities.

Size Of Track:
 Length: 1/4 mile
 Width: 22 feet

Total Seating Capacity: 2,500

Kennel Capacity: 18 kennels
 60 crates each

Inaugural Meet: November 14, 1990

Attendance Record: 4,712
 November 23, 1990

Wagering Record: \$327,827
 December 7, 1991

	# OF DAYS	NET HANDLE/ AVG. HANDLE	ATTENDANCE/ AVG. ATTEND.	AVERAGE PER CAPITA	STATE SHARE	TOTAL PURSES PAID
VALLEY GREYHOUND PARK	420	\$42,329,488 \$100,784	504,389 1,201	\$83.92	\$846,503	\$2,084,081



BANDERA DOWNS

Bandera Downs, a Class 2 facility located 40 miles northwest of San Antonio in Bandera, completed its third year of racing.

Bandera's payroll was over \$2.3 million for its 400 employees. Over \$435,890 in liquor, admissions, sales and real estate taxes was paid in 1992. Charities received over \$13,000.

A featured attraction this year was the first running of the Patrick Swayze - Lisa Niemi Cup. Patrick and his Arabian horse, Tammen, were a part of the festivities.

Size Of Track:
 Length: 7/8 mile
 Width: 75 feet

Total Seating Capacity: 3,050

Total Stall Space: 930

Inaugural Meet: July 6, 1990

Attendance Record: 7,814
 September 3, 1990

Wagering Record: \$550,541
 May 16, 1992

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BANDERA DOWNS:						
Dark Day Simulcast	38	\$978,068 \$25,739	5,049 133	\$193.72	\$9,781	
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TOTAL	155	\$31,191,601	271,342		\$311,916	\$3,800,819



GILLESPIE COUNTY FAIR & FESTIVALS ASSOCIATION

Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association, a Class 3 non-profit county fair organization, completed its third year of pari-mutuel racing as well as its 101st year of racing! Gillespie County held its inaugural race meeting in 1881.

Located in Fredericksburg, northwest of San Antonio, the Association is known for its year-round devotion to activities that promote youth, agriculture, tourism as well as racing.

Over \$9,000 in scholarships was awarded to Gillespie County youth during 1992.

Size Of Track:	
Length:	5/8 mile oval
Width:	90 feet
Total Seating Capacity:	3,200
Total Stall Space:	200
Inaugural Meet:	May 26, 1990
Attendance Record:	7,574 July 4, 1990
Wagering Record:	\$352,854 July 4, 1990

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GILLESPIE COUNTY: Live	10	\$1,868,998 \$186,900	22,163 2,216	\$84.33	\$18,690	\$360,257
TOTAL	10	\$1,868,998	22,163		\$18,690	\$360,257



MANOR DOWNS

Manor Downs has offered racing to Central Texas fans since 1974. It has brought a new employment opportunity to the area with over \$1 million in annual payroll expense for a seasonal average of 147 employees.

Over \$107,000 in sales, real estate, admissions and liquor taxes and over \$35,000 to charities were paid in 1992.

Improvements to the barn and patron areas were made and construction began on the new "Silks Room", an extension to the existing Turf Club.

Size Of Track:
 Length: 550 yard straightaway
 Width: 80 Feet

Total Seating Capacity: 2,500

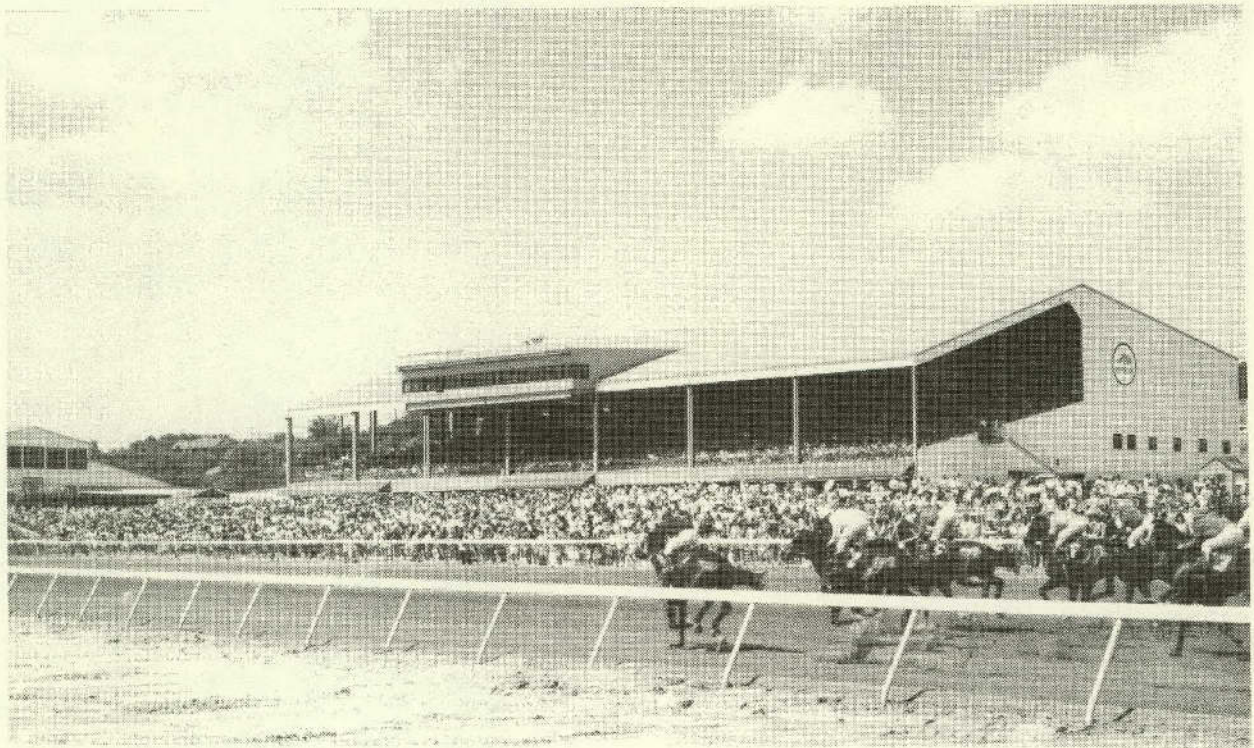
Total Stall Space: 673

Inaugural Meet: October 11, 1990

Attendance Record: 3,829
 May 19, 1991

Wagering Record: \$414,794
 December 16, 1990

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MANOR DOWNS:						
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TOTAL	106	\$16,125,217	132,954		\$161,252	\$1,719,642



TRINITY MEADOWS RACEWAY

Trinity Meadows Raceway completed its first full year of operations after opening on May 29, 1991. Texas' first interstate simulcast meet was held at Trinity Meadows in early 1992. Almost \$12 million was wagered in only 28 days of simulcast operations.

With an average of 350 direct employees and 100 concession employees, the total payroll was over \$5.2 million. Over \$814,000 was paid in real estate, sales, admissions and liquor taxes. Charitable contributions totaled over \$60,000.

Size Of Track:
 Length: 3/4 mile
 Width: 80 feet back straightaway
 90 feet front straightaway

Total Seating Capacity: 5,500

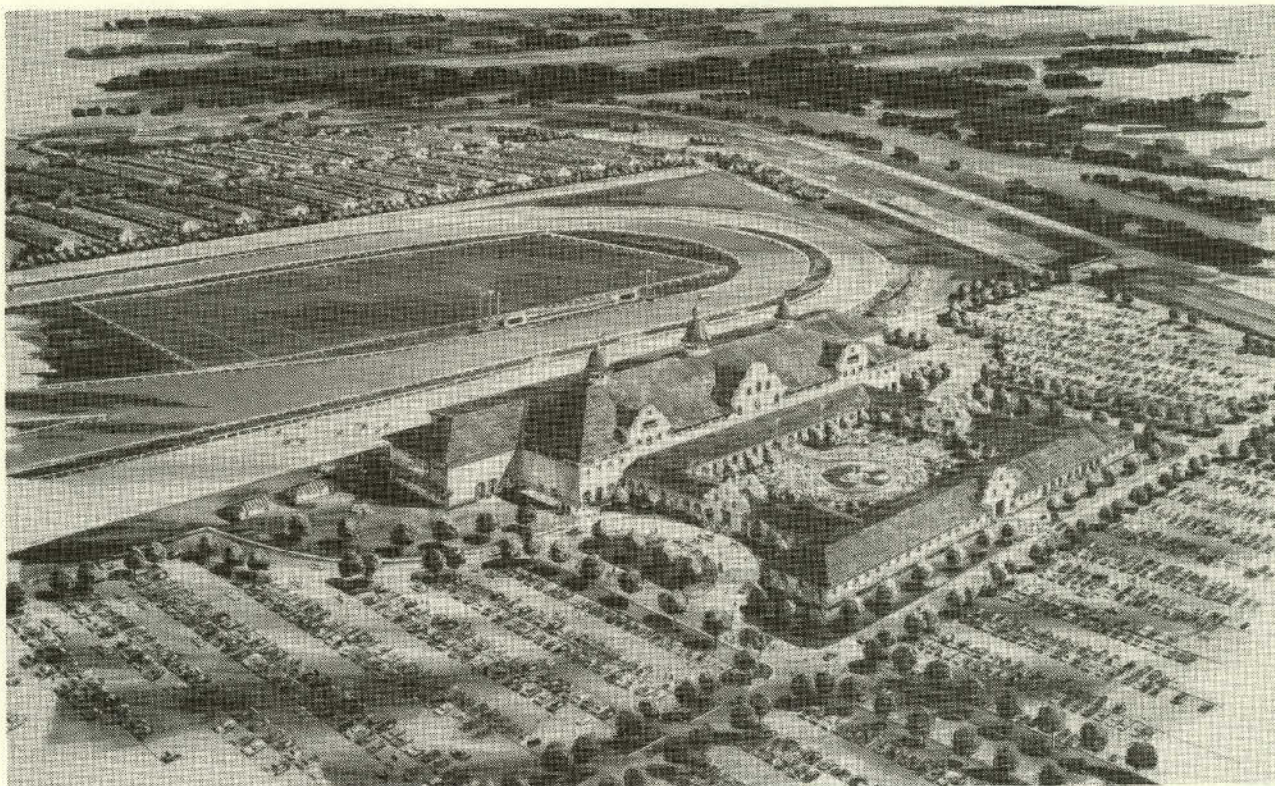
Total Stall Space: 1,009

Inaugural Meet: May 29, 1991

Attendance Record: 17,515
 June 1, 1991

Wagering Record: \$1,583,453
 May 2, 1992

	# OF DAYS	NET HANDLE/ AVG. HANDLE	ATTENDANCE/ AVG. ATTEND.	AVERAGE PER CAPITA	STATE SHARE	TOTAL PURSES PAID
TRINITY MEADOWS: Simulcast Meet	28	\$11,785,629 \$420,915	40,234 1,437	\$292.93	\$117,856	
Live with Simulcast	208	\$116,586,305 \$560,511	647,685 3,114	\$180.00	\$1,284,152	\$10,975,834
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LONE STAR JOCKEY CLUB

(Based on Information Provided by Licensee)

Lone Star Jockey Club was awarded Texas' third Class 1 racetrack license in October of 1992. To be situated just north of Interstate 30 in Grand Prairie, this prime location will serve as a focal point for the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex as both a major employer and a contributor to Dallas and Tarrant Counties.

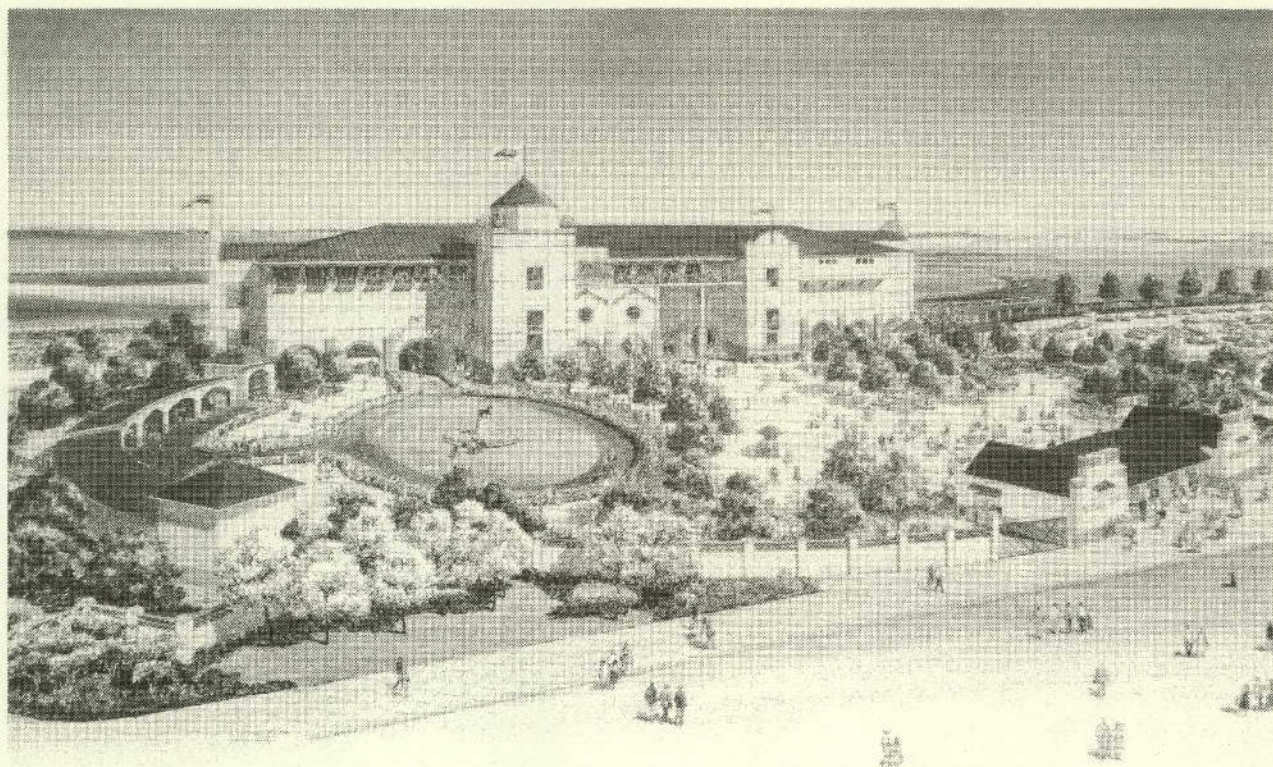
The \$97 million facility will occupy approximately 315 acres within an 820-acre tract. With the remaining acreage, Lone Star plans to develop a world-class equestrian showplace including training, polo, grand prix, dressage, hunt and show jumping, rodeo and cutting facilities.

Lone Star will be a world-class, family-oriented facility in every respect. The three-level grandstand evokes a combination of traditional grandeur and technological innovation. Visitors will be able to stroll through the beautifully landscaped hacienda-style Paddock Garden with an abundance of trees

and grassy area with a magnificent view of the area from terraced locations on the Sports Palace and Suites level and via direct access to the covered colonnade on the Track level.

Lone Star Jockey Club plans to take a leadership position within the horse industry by creating a world-class environment that will serve to educate and support the community, region and state. Through efficient implementation of special scholarship programs, internships, work-study programs and charitable affiliations, Lone Star will contribute not only to the immediate needs on these entities, but also to the future of the horse racing industry as a whole.

According to a study commissioned by Lone Star Jockey Club, the operation of the facility should create approximately 5,000 permanent jobs with projected personal income of approximately \$80 million a year.



RETAMA PARK

(Based on Information Provided by Licensee)

Retama Park, a Class 1 racetrack licensed in September of 1991, will be located northeast of San Antonio in Selma. The facility will be situated on a 280 acre site that is directly off Interstate 35. It is located only 20 minutes from downtown San Antonio and 55 minutes from downtown Austin.

The grandstand facility will reflect the hacienda style, popular in South Texas, incorporating a "paseo" or broad avenue, connecting the paddock to the track through a series of archways.

The 90-foot tall, five-level stadium is designed for unobstructed views of the tracks and tote board, and will accommodate 8,000 to 12,000 fans. The main entrance is connected to the grandstand by the beautifully landscaped paddock courtyard. The paddock contains the horse saddling barn, concession areas, a fountain, and plenty of seating. Adjacent to the grandstand will be a grassy knoll to accommodate overflow crowds.

There will be a one mile main track with a 7/8 mile chute and a 550 yard main straightaway to the finish line. The track will be illuminated for night racing except on weekends. An inner grass turf course is also planned.

The 23 barns will stable 1,288 horses with lush, grassy surroundings and native trees shading a center green common. In this area, grooms cottages will be provided for 160 grooms.

Once financing is completed on the \$51 million project, Retama Park will provide 600 construction jobs over a 15-month building period. With a staff of more than 500 people, Retama Park will be one of the largest employers in Bexar County.

An integral part of the overall Retama Park project is the development of the Texas Horse World, a place where the sciences related to horses and racing can be furthered and where excellence in the industry can be pursued.



Sam Houston Race Park

(Based on Information Provided by Licensee)

In August of 1991, Sam Houston Race Park was awarded the Class 1 racetrack license for Harris County.

For the year of 1992, efforts have been devoted to two basic pursuits: the acquisition of financing to build the racetrack and a thorough review and improvement of all architectural details to enhance the track's aesthetics and functionality.

The reconfiguration of the site plan coupled with strong devotion to space economy will allow for the full complement of patron, horsemen, and administrative facilities to be located on the 178 acres of land that was purchased in April of 1992. New plans for civil engineering mean that the infield can be opened up to accommodate an additional 10,000 patrons on peak days.

The facility will have four patron levels that will offer a variety of opportunities for dining, wagering, and watching the races. Patrons will be able to circulate

freely among the various areas affording views of both the racing ovals and the saddling paddock.

State-of-the-art innovation inside the grandstand will result in better information for bettors and a wide spectrum of entertainment options. Each dining table will have its own television showing a number of channels. Additional monitors will be liberally distributed throughout the complex. Some of these will be configured such that patrons will be able to search through past races for hints on upcoming performances.

The extensive engineering and planning that occurred in 1992 means that construction of Sam Houston Race Park will begin almost immediately once financing is finalized.

With a construction timetable of 14-16 months, the opening of Sam Houston Race Park in Houston is anticipated for mid-1994.

LA BAHIA DOWNS

South Texas Race Association holds a Class 2 license for La Bahia Downs. The owners continue to work to fund the facility located in Goliad, near Victoria and Corpus Christi. The Association is hoping to be open for both live racing and simulcast operations in 1994.

LONGHORN DOWNS

Located in Round Mountain, approximately 50 miles northwest of Austin, Longhorn Downs has completed a substantial portion of ground work including its 5/8 mile turf track. The site for the grandstand has been completed to grade and some site work for the stalls, parking lot, and back stretch facilities has been done. The owners have continued to search for suitable financing for the \$35 million Class 2 facility.

LUBBOCK DOWNS

In late 1992, Lubbock Downs reported that it has made significant progress in bringing racing to West Texas. The financing and final plans for the track will be presented to the Commission in early 1993. If approved by the Commission, this Class 2 racetrack would be open for live racing in 1994.

Commission Meetings

During 1992, the Texas Racing Commission held 11 formal meetings. The minutes or a transcript of each meeting is kept on file in the Commission office and is available to the public on request. Highlights of the meetings follow:

January 17, 1992:

Adopted and proposed rules. Acted on Proposals for Decision in contested cases involving occupational licensees. Heard report from Gulf Greyhound Park regarding management contract. Heard report from staff regarding kennel crates at Corpus Christi Greyhound Race Track and Valley Greyhound Park. Granted exemption to Manor Downs regarding racetrack configuration. Approved simulcasting at Trinity Meadows. Approved agreement between Trinity Meadows and Texas Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (THBPA).

February 28, 1992:

Adopted and proposed rules. Heard report from staff regarding seminar for stewards, racing judges, and other racing officials. Determined decision-making process for the Dallas/Tarrant County Class 1 racetrack licensing proceeding. Acted on Proposal for Decision regarding occupational licensee. Held executive session to confer with attorney regarding pending litigation. Approved agreement between Bandera Downs and THBPA. Approved simulcasting at Bandera Downs.

April 3, 1992:

Adopted and proposed rules. Approved simulcasting of Greyhound Race of Champions. Approved resolution regarding interstate and intrastate simulcasting. Approved funding

proposal for the Association of Racing Commissioners International Quality Assurance Program. Discussed possibility of use of Lasix. Considered Motion for Rehearing in contested case involving occupational licensee. Discussed budgetary assumptions and revenue projections. Approved change in racing schedule for Valley Greyhound Park. Approved simulcasting for Texas horse racetracks for Spring 1992. Ratified subcommittee approval of additional race date for Bandera Downs. Granted additional live race dates to Manor Downs.

May 4, 1992:

Heard status reports from Sam Houston Race Park and Retama Park Association, the Class 1 racetrack licensees. Adopted and proposed rules. Approved ownership change in Bandera Downs. Heard report from staff on currently operating racetracks. Approved cancellation of Friday racing at Manor Downs. Granted additional live race dates to Trinity Meadows. Acted on Proposal for Decision involving occupational licensees. Discussed budget assumptions for 1994-1995 fiscal biennium. Discussed accreditation of stewards and racing judges. Discussed reciprocity with other states regarding occupational licenses.

June 1, 1992:

Adopted and proposed rules. Approved request by Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory for increase in per-sample charge for drug testing. Recognized Texas Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association as the official horsemen's representative for purposes of negotiating on simulcasting. Heard status reports regarding operating

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racetracks. Approved an order on 1992 simulcasting. Ratified subcommittee approval of a charity race date for Manor Downs. Discussed Association of Racing Commissioners International Quality Assurance Program. Delegated authority to approve kennel booking contracts at Gulf Greyhound Park to the compliance subcommittee.

July 6, 1992:

Adopted rules. Heard presentation regarding Lasix. Approved change in Bandera Downs ownership relative to Roger Donovane Stevens. Designated September 1-30 as application period for a Class 3 or Class 4 racetrack license. Acted on Proposal for Decision involving occupational licensee. Discussed Association of Racing Commissioners International Quality Assurance Program. Discussed 1994-1995 budget process.

August 28, 1992:

Adopted and proposed rules. Approved the Legislative Appropriation Request for 1994-1995 fiscal biennium. Reinstated participation in Quality Assurance Program of the Association of Racing Commissioners International. Approved race dates for Gulf Greyhound Park for 1992. Approved 1993 race dates for Corpus Christi Greyhound Race Track, Valley Greyhound Park and Gulf Greyhound Park. Granted exemption to Corpus Christi Greyhound Race Track from Sec. 309.302 relating to the banking on the racetrack. Approved Manor Downs' request to cancel Friday racing for Fall race dates. Acted on Proposal for Decision involving occupational licensee.

October 2, 1992:

Adopted rules. Approved Gulf

Greyhound Partners, Ltd.'s totalisator contract. Acted on Proposal for Decision and other matters in No. 91-R1-26, In Re: The Applications for a Class 1 Horse Racetrack in Dallas/Tarrant County. Granted Lone Star Jockey Club the Class 1 license.

November 9, 1992:

Adopted and proposed rules. Acted on Proposals for Decision involving occupational licensees. Acted on request by Valley Racing Association for approval of William J. Bork as member of Joint Venture Committee. Heard status reports from Gillespie County Fair and Festivals Association, Bandera Downs, La Bahia Downs, Lubbock Downs, Manor Downs, Trinity Meadows Raceway, Retama Park, and Sam Houston Race Park. Approved charity race date for Manor Downs. Approved contract between Manor Downs and Texas Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. Approved Order granting a Class 1 license to Lone Star Jockey Club. Approved simulcast and live race dates for 1993. Approved concession contract between Bandera Downs and Tropical Snow.

December 14, 1992:

Adopted rules. Acted on correction to Commission Order granting a Class 1 license to Retama Park. Discussed Motions for Rehearing in the issuance of the Dallas/Tarrant County Class 1 license.

December 28, 1992:

Discussed improvements to Trinity Meadows' track surface and grandstand. Acted on Trinity Meadows' request to conduct full card simulcasting in 1993 from Oaklawn Park from March 6 - April 17. Discussed issues relating to regulation of training facilities and facilities for obtaining official workouts.

Tracks That Operated in 1992

GREYHOUND RACETRACKS

Corpus Christi Greyhound Race Track
P.O. Box 9087
Corpus Christi, Texas 78469
(512) 289-9333

Gulf Greyhound Park
1000 FM 2004
La Marque, Texas 77568
(409) 986-9500

Valley Greyhound Park
2601 S. Ed Carey Drive
Harlingen, Texas 78550
(512) 428-0161

HORSE RACETRACKS

Bandera Downs (Class 2)
P.O. Box 1298
Bandera, Texas 78003
(210) 796-7781

Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association (Class 3)
P.O. Box 526
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624
(210) 997-2359

Manor Downs (Class 2)
P.O. Box 141309
Austin, Texas 78714
(512) 272-5581

Trinity Meadows Raceway (Class 2)
P.O. Box 121789
Fort Worth, Texas 76121
(817) 441-9240

Other Tracks Governed By The Texas Racing Commission

Lone Star Jockey Club, Ltd. (Class 1)
P.O. Box 12667
Austin, Texas 78711
(512) 477-4444

La Bahia Downs (Class 2)
P.O. Drawer 1250
Goliad, Texas 77963
(512) 645-3296

Retama Park Association (Class 1)
1964 South Alamo
San Antonio, Texas 78204
(210) 226-0101

Longhorn Downs (Class 2)
P.O. Box 1
Round Mountain, Texas 78663
(210) 825-3233

Sam Houston Race Park, Inc. (Class 1)
5851 San Felipe, Suite 200
Houston, Texas 77057
(713) 952-7300

Lubbock Downs (Class 2)
Route 10, Box 211
Lubbock, Texas 79404
(806) 745-1122

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