

Last year, Republic Ranches sponsored the inaugural edition of The Land Report's Texas Issue. Through this sponsorship and in conjunction with our strategic partners at Fay Ranches, we crisscrossed the Lone Star State, meeting landowners, sharing insights, and celebrating the extraordinary ties that Texans have to our land. What a great experience!

Our sponsorship reaffirmed our commitment to serve as the state's premiere farm and ranch brokerage. Many brokers claim to be a part of a statewide network, but Republic Ranches is in fact the only statewide brokerage. We have no affiliates. We have no sister companies. We have us. And all of us are committed to serving your needs, be it with productive farmland, a working cattle operation, mineral interests, or a great hunting ranch.

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Be sure to page through the "Texas Ten." This study of Texas's largest landowners is the most popular page at our website. Enjoy it as our Thank You for being able to serve you in our chosen profession.

Sincerely,

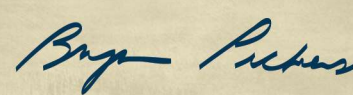
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Last November and this January, the *New Shepard* booster lifted off from Jeff Bezos's Corn Ranch, touched the edge of outer space, and returned to its Far West Texas launching pad. Commercial flights with paying passengers are planned as early as 2018.

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THE LONE
STAR STATE'S
LARGEST
LANDOWNERS

It can be as traditional as enhancing the best genetics or as advanced as exploring the heavens. From subsurface to suborbital, Texas's largest landowners are compelled to transform the world we live in. That's what happens when you think big.
— *The Editors*



The legacy of King Ranch Quarter Horses is featured on this page. ABOVE: Lauro Cavazos Sr. (left) rides Macanudo, the son of Old Sorrel, whom The Boon is descended from; Dick Kleberg Jr. rides Wimpy, the grandson of Old Sorrel, who was the first registered Quarter Horse; and Bob Kleberg leads on Peppy, another grandson of Old Sorrel. BELOW: The Boon stands at Brazos Valley Stallion Station.

King Ranch Heirs

911,215 acres

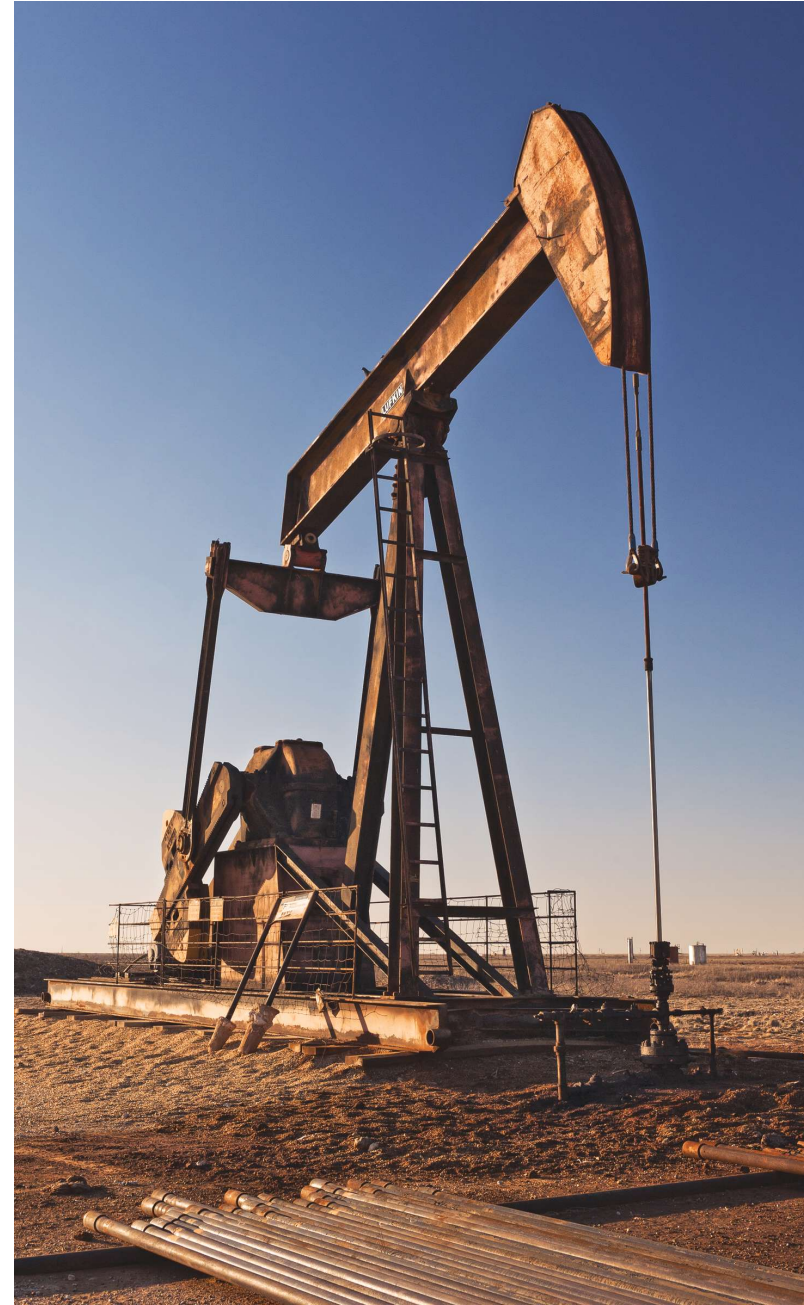


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Robert Moorman Denhardt noted in *The King Ranch Quarter Horses* that "... the first cash income for the Santa Gertrudis was produced by the sale of horses and mules, about \$23 worth, on June 19, 1854." This legacy was reiterated last October when the state's largest private landowner acquired The Boon (left) from Alice Walton's Rocking W Ranch. A fitting acquisition for the family that tamed the Wild Horse Desert. Turn to page 80 and read all about it.

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According to the Texas State Historical Association, the O'Connors, in all likelihood, brought the first rotary drilling equipment to the Lone Star State.

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O'Connor Ranch Heirs

580,000 acres
Up 80,000 acres

This year's Texas 10 features some major changes, including the addition of 80,000 acres in Far West Texas, specifically, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties. The vast majority of this family's acreage is situated along the Coastal Plain in and around Aransas, Goliad, La Salle, McMullen, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties. This is the area where Tom O'Connor and an uncle, James Power, were granted 4,428 acres by the Mexican government in 1834. A century later in 1934, the O'Connor Ranch welcomed the discovery of the Tom O'Connor Field, one of the state's best known oil fields.



House Speaker Sam Rayburn (center) hauled so many bass out of a stock pond on the Catarina Ranch that it was subsequently named for him.

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Briscoe Family

560,000 acres

Only a few American landowners can claim ties to a British baronetcy; the Briscoes can. The family's ancestral holdings in Northern England date back to the 14th century, and Crofton Hall is a historic landmark. The driving force behind the family's Texas landholdings was Dolph Briscoe Sr. (1890–1954). The enterprising cattleman partnered with Ross Sterling, founder of Humble Oil and 31st governor of Texas, and eventually cobbled together almost 200,000 acres in South Texas. Over the next five decades, his son, Dolph Jr., (1923–2010) more than doubled that. Today, the family's Open Six brand is a feature on the Catarina Ranch, the neighboring Carla Ranch, the Chupadera Ranch, and additional ranches in South Texas and Far West Texas.



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Stan Kroenke

510,527 acres

Kroenke's impressive stable of blue-chip properties ranges from Montana's Q Creek Land & Cattle to the NFL's Los Angeles Rams, the NBA's Denver Nuggets, and the Arsenal Football Club. But the franchise that matters most to Texans is the half-million-acre W.T. Waggoner Ranch. In February of this year, Kroenke added this historic holding to the Kroenke Ranches portfolio, which includes more than 800,000 acres not in Texas. Turn to page 96 to read more about the sale of the W.T. Waggoner Estate Ranch.





The landmark acquisition of the Powderhorn Ranch by Texas Parks and Wildlife is rightly considered one of the hallmark achievements of the state agency under the leadership of former chairman Dan Allen Hughes Jr.

Hughes Family

390,000 acres

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The Hughes family enjoys decades' worth of oil and gas know-how, and they've invested a portion of their profits in land. The majority of it is used for cattle ranching, grazing, and hunting leases. But their talents are also put to the greater good. Dan Allen Hughes Jr. served as a commissioner and, subsequently, as chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, and he also serves on the advisory board of the Borderlands Research Institute for Natural Resource Management at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.



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Malone Mitchell 3rd

384,000 acres

His Riata Corporate Group has interests in South America, Eastern Europe, and Turkey, but Mitchell's landholdings are much closer to home. With his Longfellow Ranch, this Sanderson native has created a hunter's paradise not far from where he grew up in Terrell County. (The ranch extends into neighboring Brewster County, as well.) Professionally guided archery, rifle, and muzzle-loader hunts are offered for elk, mule deer, whitetails, aoudad, javelina, and turkey. Take a tour at www.longfellowranch.com.



Hunting options at Longfellow Ranch include elk, white-tailed deer, Barbary sheep, javelina, turkey, and mule deer (pictured).





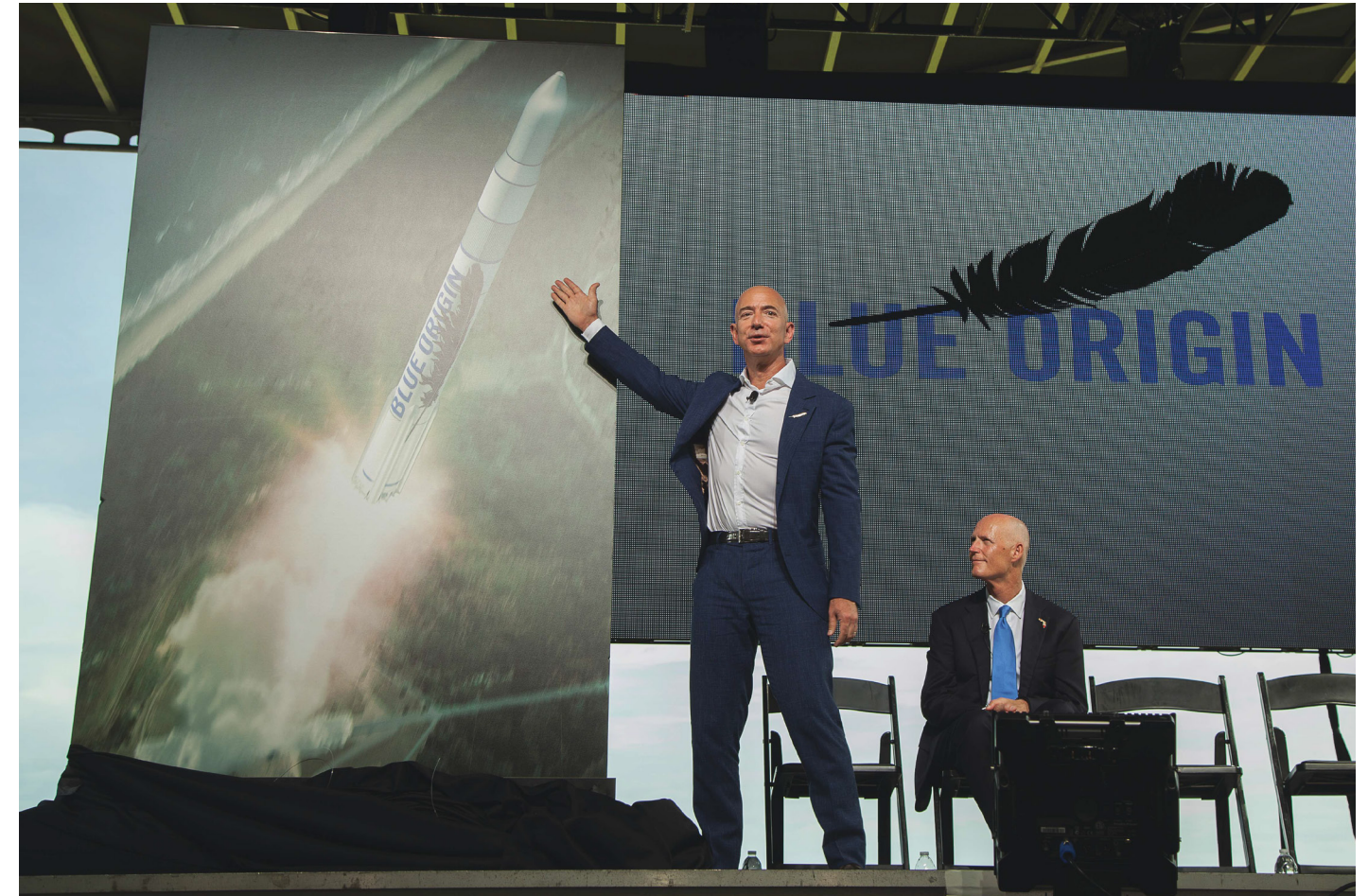
Santa Gertrudis genetics have been a staple of the Nunley cattle operation since the 1950s.

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Nunley Brothers

301,500 acres

Seven decades have passed since Red Nunley took up ranching near Sabin. Beginning with a small steer operation, Red went on to establish one of the largest cow-calf operations in Texas. Along the way, he partnered with Dolph Briscoe Sr. (*see page 54*) to incorporate Santa Gertrudis genetics from King Ranch (*see page 52*). Today, Nunley Brothers Ranches is run by Red's grandsons Bob and Richard. The brothers partner on ranches spanning from South Texas to the Texas Hill Country and across the Trans-Pecos to Alpine.



One of the principal goals of Bezos's Blue Origin space exploration company is to eliminate US dependence on the Russian-made RD-180.

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Jeff Bezos

290,000 acres

The last 12 months have seen remarkable progress for Bezos and his team at Blue Origin. On two occasions, Blue Origin's *New Shepard* booster has lifted off from Bezos's Corn Ranch north of Van Horn, traveled 100 kilometers into the atmosphere, reached the Karman line, and then returned to the Culberson County launch site. (*New Shepard's* successful vertical landings are no doubt the envy of Elon Musk's SpaceX, which has so far endured three failed vertical landings with its Falcon 9 rocket booster.)





Christened “The Yankee Stadium of Texas” by *Texas Monthly*, Kokernot Field (above) was built in 1947 by H.L. “Mr. Herbert” Kokernot Jr. The family’s o6 brand is evident throughout the ballpark.

Kokernot Heirs

278,000 acres

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Among the most storied ranches in Far West Texas, the o6 brand was registered as early as 1837. It was purchased by John Kokernot in 1872, who, with his brother Lee, began grazing cattle on open range west of the Pecos. In 1912, Lee’s son, Herbert Lee Sr. (1867–1949), began to piece together the immense property now known as the o6 Ranch and the Leoncita Cattle Company.



Cowboys on the 6666 work cattle in the Croton Pens.

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The only daughter of “Miss Anne,” Ms. Marion is president of Burnett Ranches, which owns the Four Sixes Ranches. Her great-grandfather, Samuel “Burk” Burnett, founded the ranch in 1868. Numerous rumors have sprung up about the 6666 brand, including a tale involving a winning poker hand. The truth is that the pioneering rancher bought 100 head of cattle from Frank Crowley, and every one of them wore the 6666 brand.

Anne Marion

275,000 acres

