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Family Farming

Saratoga Stud bolstered by O'Cains and fifth-generation farmer Rick Burke

BY PHIL JANACK PHOTOS BY SKIP DICKSTEIN

NOT 15 MINUTES from the main gate at Saratoga Race Course, along a paved, twolane road that winds through the upstate New York countryside and bears his family's name, sits Rick Burke's Irish Hill Century Farm.

At first glance the 300-acre parcel looks relatively unchanged from when Burke's great-grandfather, William Burke, first settled on the property with his and several other Irish immigrant families in the late 1800s.

William Burke died during a typhoid fever outbreak a decade later, but the Burkes never left. James Burke, William's son and Rick's grandfather, at one time supplied the nearby racetrack with hay and straw.

Rick Burke, 33, represents the fifth generation to farm the land, passed directly from father to son for 130 years.

"Every generation has done something different, but we've been in farming," Burke said. "I know a little bit about everything. We do it all. We produce our own hay here, and I rent a couple hundred acres for baling hay. We do everything right here."

Ten years ago in the midst of an economic downturn, the family considered the unthinkable—selling the family farm and starting all over in the Midwest.

"Farming is a difficult business," Burke said. "We thought about selling, but I told my father I'd rather try and fail than just quit, and he said the same thing. He's been here his whole life, almost 60 years."

Burke holds a college degree in dairy production and animal science but he pitched an



From left, Dr. Lynwood 'Doc' O'Cain, Rick Burke, Suzie O'Cain, and Mike Brown

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Multiple Grade I winner **JERANIMO** set a new record Jan. 4th winning his third San Gabriel S.-G2, the millionaire is one of **CONGAREE**'s 10 stakes horses in 2013, including **DON'T TELL SOPHIA**, **G2** winner, multiple stakes winner, multiple Graded placed, from 7 starts in 2013 all stakes, 3-3-1, while recording the highest Beyer for a filly at the Churchill fall meet; **Shrinking Violet** won her first 2 starts of the year, finished 2nd in the Ontario Fashion S.-**G3** and then returned to win her fourth and final start of the year at Gulfstream on Dec. 27th.

2013 Juveniles include: Con Gee (4-1-2-1, 2nd Irish Sonnet S.) and Lady's Smart Alec (2-1-0-1, 3rd NY Stallion Series S.)



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Wnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2013 Earnings	Foals		A-E Index	Comp Index
1	BLUEGRASS CAT (03, Storm Cat), Rockridge Stud	\$7,500	224/120	9/10	1/9	(Percussion, \$294,800)	\$5,498,097	*386	18	1.35	2.04
2	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$10,000	150/82	9/14	6/9	(Effie Trinket, \$368,628)	\$5,240,757	*480	35	1.77	1.27
3	POSSE (00, Silver Deputy), Rockridge Stud	\$5,000	169/106	4/5	2/4	(In the Fairway, \$136,034)	\$4,005,041	*500	20	1.40	1.38
4	UTOPIA (JPN) (00, Forty Niner), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbred	ls \$5,000	117/51	2/2	2/2	(Sally's Dream, \$315,132)	\$2,479,444	205	5	1.09	1.30
5	BOB AND JOHN (03, Seeking the Gold), Saratoga Stud	\$6,000	100/63	3/3	1/3	(Jonrah, \$115,267)	\$2,424,431	*160	7	1.03	1.42
6	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Saratoga Stud	\$7,500	87/48	4/7	0/4	(Don't Tell Sophia, \$334,276)	\$2,066,097	*286	14	1.35	1.47
7	POMEROY (01, Boundary), Rockridge Stud	\$3,500	91/51	5/6	0/5	(Brooklyn Cowboy, \$116,255)	\$1,826,717	*201	9	1.16	1.33
8	FROST GIANT (03, Giant's Causeway), Keane Stud Operations	\$10,000	34/15	3/6	3/3	(West Hills Giant, \$261,996)	\$1,637,093	*80	4	2.49	1.16
9	CATIENUS (94, Storm Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	109/60	0/0	0/0	(Glamour Puss, \$86,130)	\$1,538,906	*518	26	1.15	1.29
10	NOBLE CAUSEWAY (02, Giant's Causeway), Sequel Stallions New Yo	rk N/A	95/51	2/2	1/2	(Samraat, \$133,200)	\$1,529,999	171	4	0.70	1.09
11	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations	\$5,000	62/28	1/1	1/1	(Vicki's Dancer, \$226,050)	\$1,486,945	235	9	1.30	1.23
12	GOLDEN MISSILE (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm	\$3,500	82/45	0/0	0/0	(Estrada's Girl, \$163,581)	\$1,400,983	*606	15	1.06	1.57
13	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Saratoga Stud	\$3,500	48/20	2/2	2/2	(Stock Fund, \$180,580)	\$1,353,298	*124	2	1.07	1.25
14	TEUFLESBERG (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	35/22	3/4	1/3	(Girl Code, \$130,120)	\$1,240,549	62	4	2.14	1.22
15	HERE'S ZEALOUS (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm	\$1,000	52/32	0/0	0/0	(Flying Zealous, \$126,050)	\$1,186,821	162	0	0.81	0.97
16	SUNRIVER (03, Saint Ballado)	Died, 2009	59/28	1/1	0/1	(Suilleabhain, \$98,674)	\$1,107,410	107	3	1.07	1.45
17	BUSTIN STONES (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$5,000	30/20	0/0	0/0	(Keep Bustin, \$208,425)	\$1,014,911	43	0	1.41	1.61
18	ANDROMEDA'S HERO (02, Fusaichi Pegasus), Dutchess Views Farm	\$1,500	38/19	1/1	1/1	(Go Get the Basil, \$127,740)	\$1,005,789	74	2	0.95	1.03
19	MR. SEKIGUCHI (03, Storm Cat), Mole's Hill Farm	\$2,500	43/19	0/0	0/0	(Lotosblume, \$67,950)	\$619,661	*76	1	0.91	1.30
20	CONGRESSIONALHONOR (01, Forestry), Sandy Way Farm	\$2,500	39/16	0/0	0/0	(Anhourofhonor, \$67,676)	\$564,570	159	0	0.66	0.96
21	ELTISH (92, Cox's Ridge)	Died, 2012	35/12	0/0	0/0	(Patron's Heidi H, \$49,415)	\$520,844	301	13	1.18	1.27
22	ALEX'S PAL (99, Valid Expectations), Centennial Farm	\$3,500	19/7	1/3	0/1	(My Pal Chrisy, \$366,100)	\$512,800	86	2	1.32	0.94
23	SAY FLORIDA SANDY (94, Personal Flag)	Pnsd	33/16	0/0	0/0	(Sandyinthesun, \$62,738)	\$392,587	*187	1	0.81	1.13
24	¶ NOONMARK (03, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York	\$5,000	12/4	1/2	0/1	(Exit Stage Left, \$75,350)	\$235,941	39	1	0.98	1.28
25	¶ COSMONAUT (02, Lemon Drop Kid), Saratoga Stud	\$5,000	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Marvin's Miracle, \$100,000)	\$214,166	18	0	1.53	1.18
26	JADE HUNTER (84, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2011	14/5	0/0	0/0	(Jade Run, \$101,178)	\$195,542	*958	44	1.36	1.55
27	A. P JET (89, Fappiano)	Died, 2010	12/4	1/1	0/1	(Strong Impact, \$122,926)	\$188,268	451	16	1.14	1.25
28		Died, 2012	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Uncle Smokey, \$76,600)	\$146,715	25	0	0.80	0.75
29	MAYBRY'S BOY (99, Broad Brush), Saratoga Stud	\$2,500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Sweet Moon, \$47,590)	\$140,445	14	1	1.60	1.64
30	NORTHERN SPUR (IRE) (91, Sadler's Wells), Foggy Bottom Farm	N/A	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Fall Colors, \$24,175)	\$106,458	97	4	1.17	1.16
31	CROWN DELITE (99, A.P. Indy), Babcock Farm	\$1,500	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Empedrado, \$43,530)	\$80,632	30	0	0.73	1.33
32	VERBATIM RUN (89, Verbatim)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Jaz E Jaz, \$48,440)	\$71,765	29	0	0.74	0.59
33	GRIFFINITE (98, Unbridled's Song), Silvernails Farm	\$2,500	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Bob the Pool Man, \$22,060)	\$70,052	58	0	0.64	0.89
34	BREATHLESS AFFAIR (01, Signal Tap), Waldorf Farm	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Glassy Aly, \$52,840)	\$53,560	10	0	0.49	0.24
35	MIRACLE MAN (02, Yankee Victor), Pucker Ridge Farm	\$2,000	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Quiet Miracle, \$24,114)	\$46,622	5	0	0.62	1.37



Construction on the new stallion barn at Saratoga Stud

entirely new venture to his parents, Tom and Anise, who continue to live and work on the land. He thought the Thoroughbred breeding business was the next logical step for the family farm.

"We threw around a lot of ideas," he said. "Crop farming is pretty volatile, and

2013 New York Sires by Stakes Winners

Sire Stks Wnrs Stks Wins
Freud14
Bluegrass Cat
Pomeroy 6
Congaree 4 7
Posse 5
Frost Giant 3 6
Teuflesberg 3 4
Bob and John 3 3
Noble Causeway2
Stonesider
Utopia (JPN) 2 2

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2009 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2013. As supplied to *The Blood-Horse* by The Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (*A ¶ indicates a sire represented by his first corp to race.*)

*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00; COMPARABLE INDEX indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

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			Stakes Rstrct						Cumulative		
Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Wnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2013 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	DEFRERE (92, Deputy Minister), Walnford Stud	\$2,000	64/31	0/0	0/0	(Peri Whan, \$113,520)	\$1,389,045	*562	22	1.24	1.19
2	DON SIX (00, Wild Escapade), Greenfields Farm	N/A	30/16	2/2	1/2	(My Place Anytime, \$131,410)	\$811,840	67	2	1.24	1.22
3	MO MON (98, Maria's Mon)	Died, 2011	32/12	1/1	1/1	(Elba, \$116,485)	\$562,759	122	3	0.79	1.18
4	UNBRIDLED JET (96, Unbridled)	Died, 2011	21/11	1/1	1/1	(Pinot Grigio, \$102,838)	\$453,158	*250	9	1.04	1.23
5	PRIVATE INTERVIEW (92, Nureyev), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Tactical Saenz, \$79,925)	\$250,452	219	4	1.10	1.23
6	IRON DEPUTY (99, Silver Deputy), Walnford Stud	\$1,500	6/2	1/1	1/1	(Gunfighter, \$128,450)	\$213,590	26	2	1.58	1.30
7	PARK AVENUE BALL (02, Citidancer), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Park Avenue Appeal, \$61,900)	\$201,531	30	0	0.64	1.34
8	MASTER PHONE (94, Phone Trick), Red Valley Farm	\$2,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Smart Phone, \$37,110)	\$123,811	14	0	1.04	1.06
9	COZY DELL (97, Cozzene), Hidden Acres 4-D Farm	\$500	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Champagne Rain, \$73,375)	\$114,555	8	0	1.26	0.92
10	HEY CHUB (00, Carson City), Joe-Dan Farm	\$2,000	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Tubby Chub, \$38,775)	\$97,192	10	0	1.46	1.69
11	HIT THE TRAIL (99, Cahill Road)	Died, 2012	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Trail Rockin, \$49,610)	\$70,378	28	1	0.95	1.19
12	SOME KIND OF TIGER (00, Storm Cat), Batcha Farm	\$2,000	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Sidney Anne, \$66,174)	\$69,004	14	0	0.44	0.96
13	LORD OF CAT (01, Storm Cat), Westhampton Farms	\$2,500	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Elegant Lord, \$51,150)	\$59,415	3	0	1.34	0.14
14	¶ CABLE BOY (04, Jump Start), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	5/1	0/0	0/0	(She's Hot Wired, \$44,540)	\$57,530	7	0	0.58	1.00
15	SAHARA HEAT (04, A.P. Indy), Sterling Chase Farm	\$5,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Lulu Had a Baby, \$31,940)	\$53,005	5	0	0.66	1.21

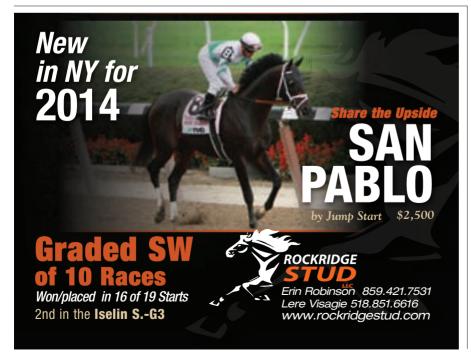
to start over with dairy—that is such a hard industry—it's just too much.

"A lot of people will tell you dairy cows and horses are complete opposites. Well, they're really not. In college we had to study both species, and there's a lot of similarities between the two. It just seemed like the route to go. It wasn't a huge transition. I met a lot of resistance when we started, people saying, 'Oh, you've been around cows. You don't know anything about a horse.' It wasn't that hard. Actually, a lot of stuff we're starting to do in the equine business now, dairy farmers have been doing for years."

Some of those things include testing hay and feeding grain accordingly, Burke said, along with developing animal-specific nutrition and vaccination programs. In the process Irish Hill has evolved into a full-care Thoroughbred facility specializing in broodmare care and foaling, while also providing Thoroughbred sales preparation, boarding, and transportation.

"For foaling, calving out a cow is a lot harder than a horse," Burke said. "Holstein cows are a lot worse to work on because you've got that great big monster calf, and cows just keep straining. If you've got one with a leg down or a head down or upside down, they don't stop pushing. Horses kind of work with you. They also have those long, skinny legs and a long, skinny head, so they come out a lot easier. One thing I do pride myself on is when it comes to foaling a horse, I know what I'm doing."

By his father's count Burke hasn't taken a day off in more than four years, and that isn't likely to change anytime soon. In an ever-evolving equine industry Burke is



2013 New York Sires by Winners

Sire	.Rnrs	Wnrs
Bluegrass Cat	. 224	. 120
Posse	. 169	. 106
Freud	. 150	82
Bob and John	. 100	63
Catienus	. 109	60
Utopia (JPN)		
Noble Causeway	95	51
Pomeroy	91	51
Congaree	87	48
Golden Missile	82	45
Here's Zealous	52	32
Disco Rico	62	28
Sunriver	59	28
Teuflesberg	35	22
Stonesider	48	20
Bustin Stones	30	20
Mr. Sekiguchi		
Andromeda's Hero	38	19
Congressionalhonor	39	16
Say Florida Sandy	33	16
Frost Giant	34	15
Eltish	35	12
Alex's Pal	19	7
Jade Hunter		
Northern Spur (IRE)		
A. P Jet	12	4
Noonmark	12	4
Uncle Camie		4

2013 New York Sires by 2-YO Winners

SireRnrs	Wnrs
Bluegrass Cat	19
Freud	8
Posse	6
Pomeroy	6
Bob and John 15	6
Utopia (JPN)	6
Noble Causeway 15	
Mr. Sekiguchi 9 9	4
Noonmark	
Cosmonaut 7	
Congaree	3

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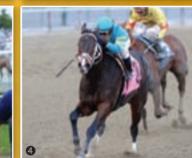
- WEST HILLS GIANT (\$454,149), 1st stakes win NY Breeders' Futurity
- 2nd stakes win NY Stallion
 Spectacular Bid S. at Belmont
- 3rd stakes win NY Stallion Series S. at Saratoga
- COMANDANTE wins, WEST HILLS GIANT
 2nd NY Stallion Series S. at Aqueduct
- COMANDANTE (\$270,568), 2nd stakes win Alex M. Robb S. at Aqueduct by 4 ¹/₂
- FROSTY BAY (\$225,979,)
 1st stakes win NY Stallion
 Cupecoy's Joy S. at Belmont
 - 2nd stakes win NY Stallion Series S. by 2 at Saratoga
- KELLI GOT FROSTY (\$198,894), on the board in 11 of 13 career starts, 1st East View S. by 9 ½ at Aqueduct

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Rank	Stalling (Fouring fooled) (VOD Size) Where Stands	2014	Rnrs/	Wnrs/	SW/	(Obief Ferner Ferninge)	2013	Feels		A-E	Comp
-	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	Stud Fee	Wnrs	Wns	BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Earnings	Foals			Index
1	0 //	Died, 2013	223/131	13/18	4/13	(Ria Antonia, \$1,156,140)	\$7,256,930	355			1.48
2	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	146/88	9/15	2/9	(Prayer for Relief, \$436,188)	\$4,480,495	*657		1.56	1.35
3	ANY GIVEN SATURDAY (04, Distorted Humor), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$5,000	166/90	4/4	0/4	(Show Some Magic, \$247,879)	\$4,319,908	*359			1.51
4	WISEMAN'S FERRY (99, Hennessy), Dana Point Farm	\$5,000	71/41	2/7	0/2	(Wise Dan, \$2,751,972)	\$4,078,724	*269		1.71	1.08
	SMARTY JONES (01, Elusive Quality), Northview PA	\$7,500	124/73	9/11	0/9	(Better Life, \$678,635)	\$4,006,841	*365		1.70	2.17
		Died, 2013	171/100	4/4	0/4	(Nevada Kid, \$209,565)	\$3,518,072	*307		1.08	1.36
7	CORINTHIAN (03, Pulpit), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	197/99	1/1	0/1	(Justoneatheguys, \$122,299)	\$3,452,883	*333		0.92	1.41
8	FLASHY BULL (03, Holy Bull), Penn Ridge Farms	\$4,500	108/56	2/5	0/2	(Flashy American, \$286,380)	\$2,475,442	164		1.21	1.21
9	OFFLEE WILD (00, Wild Again), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	110/60	4/7	0/4	(Hogy, \$339,500)	\$2,450,257	*279		1.31	1.28
10	- (-,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	\$6,000	102/55	2/3	1/2	(Tomorrow's Tale, \$125,365)	\$1,888,683	*647		1.35	1.24
11	FAIRBANKS (03, Giant's Causeway), Northview PA	\$3,500	68/30	1/1	0/1	(Synapse, \$127,960)	\$1,582,231	108		1.00	1.36
		Died, 2010	69/31	2/4	1/2	(Norman Asbjornson, \$193,250)	\$1,456,816	*623		1.19	1.23
13	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	60/35	0/0	0/0	(Chicharito, \$157,450)	\$1,339,114	*345		1.15	1.16
14		\$3,500	84/38	0/0	0/0	(Blues and Silvers, \$181,160)	\$1,305,285	*290		0.97	
15	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,500	51/31	1/4	0/1	(Pelican Cove, \$98,770)	\$1,178,719	165			1.46
16	TRAJECTORY (97, Gone West), Mountain Springs Racing Stable	\$3,500	70/27	1/1	1/1	(Line of Best Fit, \$151,565)	\$1,171,478	353		1.10	1.36
17		Died, 2012	57/26	0/0	0/0	(Wire Funds, \$97,170)	\$1,159,828	100		1.09	1.24
18	LITE THE FUSE (91, Buckaroo), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	50/27	1/1	1/1	(Lisa Stannard, \$138,020)	\$976,796	525		1.24	1.20
	CAT THIEF (96, Storm Cat), Penn Ridge Farms	\$4,000	59/30	0/0	0/0	(Whatthecatdrugin, \$188,934)	\$976,490	*443		1.18	1.63
20	(-)	\$1,500	50/21 64/37	1/1 0/0	1/1 0/0	(Vianney Lane, \$109,410)	\$898,562	426 *185		1.23 0.81	1.35 1.10
21	GIMMEAWINK (00, Elusive Quality), Mountain Springs Racing Stable PURE PRECISION (99, Montbrook), Blackstone Farm	\$2,500 \$1,000	32/14	1/1	0/0	(Pallium Prize, \$65,313) (Tightend Touchdown, \$427,000)	\$865,802 \$817,310			1.17	
22	DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (96, Notebook), Maui Meadow Farm	\$2.000		0/0	0/0		\$648.683	155 268		1.17	1.02
23 24	WEIGELIA (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$2,000	41/22 25/15	2/2	1/2	(Coco Point, \$65,100) (Isabella Swift, \$96,153)	\$642,025	200		1.10	1.25
24	ACTIVIST (94, Wild Again), Godstone Farm	\$3,500 N/A	36/16	0/0	0/0	(Paliuli, \$76,530)	\$620.295	166		0.97	0.86
25	SIR SHACKLETON (01, Miswaki), Dana Point Farm	\$1.000	37/22	0/0	0/0	(Sir Newcastle, \$75,550)	\$602,357	*90	1	0.97	1.12
27	FORMAL DINNER (88, Well Decorated), Mountain Springs Racing Sta	1 1	40/24	1/3	1/1	(Caviar N Champagne, \$94,400)	\$585,212	*631		1.08	1.12
28		Died. 2011	24/14	1/1	1/1	(Adios Nardo, \$120,560)	\$581,466	*108		0.88	1.21
29		Died, 2011 Died, 2012	50/22	0/0	0/0	(One Diego, \$46,122)	\$548,993	*272		1.01	1.17
30	RIMROD (00, Danzig). Castle Rock Farm	\$1.500	26/13	1/2	1/1	(Lenape Rim, \$100,150)	\$516.199	71		1.54	1.17
31	SOUTHERN SUCCESS (03, Dixieland Band), Dana Point Farm	\$1,000	18/14	0/0	0/0	(Southern Parfait, \$71,596)	\$439,953	38			1.17
32	POWER BY FAR (95, Power of Mind), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Power of Snunner, \$166,740)	\$433.505	106		1.23	1.21
33	MORE SMOKE (02, Smoke Glacken), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$1,500	24/11	0/0	0/0	(Raging Smoke, \$75,720)	\$417,547	45		0.98	1.26
34	GOT THE LAST LAUGH (04, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	19/12	0/0	0/0	(My Emma, \$83,800)	\$417,504	30		1.25	1.15
35	¶ TALENT SEARCH (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Hollywood Talent, \$110,685)	\$286.095	31		0.95	1.42
	CETEWAYO (94, His Majesty), Godstone Farm	¢∠,000 N/A	21/7	1/1	1/1	(Lightning Electric, \$92,280)	\$273,252	78		0.67	0.95
37	AISLE (99, Pulpit), Whirlwind Stables	\$1.000	20/9	0/0	0/0	(Kohl, \$50,440)	\$230,519	70		0.80	0.80
38	REVIVAL SONG (01, Unbridled's Song), Woodvale Farm	\$500	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Escandalo, \$46,322)	\$204,732	30		0.68	0.00
39		Died, 2011	12/7	0/0	0/0	(Colour Portrait, \$42,963)	\$192,820	25		0.75	1.02
40	SENOR SWINGER (00, El Prado), Diamond B Farm	\$2,000	29/5	0/0	0/0	(Fiona Will Win, \$24,940)	\$185,933	53	0	0.45	0.97
41	CITY SHARPSTER (99, Carson City), Woodvale Farm	\$1,000	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Semblanza, \$51,195)	\$185,543	36	-	0.63	0.78
	TEKKEN (IRE) (94, Nurevev), Lojeski Farms	\$1,500	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Picadilly Pete, \$85,420)	\$182,987	41			1.29
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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Wnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2013 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	E DUBAI (98, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	195/106	3/4	0/3	(Fort Larned, \$790,086)	\$4,806,474	*742	31	1.37	1.23
2	ORIENTATE (98, Mt. Livermore), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	185/99	8/10	2/8	(Great Hot, \$180,960)	\$3,638,854	*716	38	1.33	1.80
3	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	\$15,000	130/60	2/5	1/2	(Eighttofasttocatch, \$354,155)	\$2,913,499	848	74	1.73	1.45
4	DANCE WITH RAVENS (02, A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	118/57	1/1	1/1	(Maddy's Dance, \$153,140)	\$2,482,858	284	9	1.22	1.48
5	GIACOMO (02, Holy Bull), Heritage Stallions	\$5,000	109/57	6/7	2/6	(Disposablepleasure, \$170,360)	\$2,102,592	*237	13	1.19	1.31
6	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	67/37	3/4	1/3	(Javerre, \$208,434)	\$1,914,946	*481	23	1.41	1.16
7	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,500	56/29	3/4	2/3	(Havelock, \$154,023)	\$1,584,203	147	8	1.65	1.25
8	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	102/45	0/0	0/0	(Irish Lion, \$104,190)	\$1,533,605	*529	20	1.24	1.32
9	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	69/38	1/3	0/1	(Ribo Bobo, \$306,935)	\$1,455,663	*924	24	1.15	1.35
10	TWO PUNCH (83, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2011	72/32	1/3	0/1	(Bold Affair, \$195,000)	\$1,306,298	*1091	56	1.43	1.40
11	ROCK SLIDE (98, A.P. Indy), Shamrock Farm	\$2,500	59/28	1/1	0/1	(Rockinonthewater, \$146,124)	\$1,153,691	234	7	1.04	1.23
12	SCIPION (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	45/26	0/0	0/0	(Pitch N Roll, \$125,605)	\$1,143,420	77	2	1.19	1.08
13	GATORS N BEARS (00, Stormy Atlantic)	Died, 2012	51/23	3/4	1/3	(Ju Ju Eyeballs, \$169,280)	\$1,027,899	144	5	1.08	1.22
14	SHOWING UP (03, Strategic Mission), Heritage Stallions	\$3,000	43/19	2/2	1/2	(Eye Love Jeanie, \$133,806)	\$787,522	*84	2	0.84	1.39
15	CHEROKEE'S BOY (00, Citidancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	29/11	0/0	0/0	(Who Dat Boy, \$66,680)	\$543,569	69	1	1.25	1.09
16	GREEK SUN (01, Danzig), Marathon Farm	\$1,500	17/11	0/0	0/0	(Periwinkle, \$67,442)	\$369,566	28	0	0.90	1.19
17	GO FOR GIN (91, Cormorant)	Pnsd	33/10	1/1	0/1	(Shaunna Alexandra, \$42,000)	\$272,592	*398	14	1.26	1.42
18	SEEKING DAYLIGHT (98, Seeking the Gold)	Died, 2009	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Queen Chatanika, \$43,102)	\$144,867	*201	1	1.31	1.34
19	M EIGHTY (99, Lite the Fuse)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Fran's Buckaroo, \$53,160)	\$122,396	13	0	1.28	0.91
20	MOJAVE MOON (96, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	11/3	1/1	0/1	(Moonsox, \$21,600)	\$70,480	186	5	0.82	1.18
21	LA REINE'S TERMS (95, Private Terms), Glade Valley Farms, Inc.	\$1,000	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Incredible Terms, \$45,800)	\$68,540	19	0	0.48	1.33
22	PURPLE PASSION (94, Northern Raja)	Died	5/1	0/0	0/0	(License to Cary, \$37,235)	\$45,854	57	0	0.82	0.75
23	YADA BOY (01, Pentelicus)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Erin Styles, \$16,270)	\$30,070	7	0	0.33	0.18
24	MR. SHOPLIFTER (99, Devil's Bag)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Dont Rob Bob, \$10,100)	\$26,813	20	0	0.38	0.83
25	CAT COUNTRY (97, Storm Cat), High Way Stables	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Commissioner, \$21,830)	\$22,280	30	0	0.88	1.03

adapting yet again.

In December Burke teamed with Dr. C. Lynwood 'Doc' O'Cain and his wife, Suzie, as partners in Saratoga Stud, a new stallion complex built on the grounds at Irish Hill. The union is one of dedicated professionals with a similar work ethic and passion for horses.

"I've always stayed off the radar, I guess you could say," Burke said. "I just always did my own little thing here and focused on the breeding end of the business, foaling out for the owners and getting ready for the sales and everything. Now, with the stallions, I call it a one-stop shop. If owners want to breed to these stallions, they don't ever have to leave the farm. They've got everything right here."

Alicensed veterinarian, O'Cain and his wife are highly regarded in the industry for their work with horses, particularly in New York. For 23 years they oversaw the entire breeding operation, including stallion promotion and development, of Highcliff Farm in Delanson, N.Y., until the passing of its founder, prominent New



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	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	Stud Fee	Wnrs	Wns	BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Earnings	Foals	wnrs	Index	Index	
1	LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$3,500	128/71	8/14	1/8	(Sandy'z Slew, \$112,423)	\$2,751,430	*310			1.25	
2	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$3,000	77/38	2/5	2/2	(Down Town Allen, \$113,860)	\$1,539,266	180		1.21	1.14	
3	LUFTIKUS (96, Meadowlake), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$1,500	59/26	2/5	1/2	(Amherst Street, \$195,316)	\$1,231,654	261		1.03	1.10	
4	BOP (97, Rahy)	Died, 2012	41/18	0/0	0/0	(Bomber, \$93,140)	\$663,557	*150		1.03	0.92	
5	PRIZED (86, Kris S.)	Pnsd	48/19	0/0	0/0	(Premio Loco, \$91,948)	\$618,820	*752		1.37	1.32	
6	FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	20/13	1/2	1/1	(Hidden Canyon, \$109,005)	\$609,826	34	2		0.72	
7	REPARATIONS (96, Forty Niner), Blue Spruce Farm	\$1,500	32/21	0/0	0/0	(Fast Punishment, \$69,335)	\$581,344	115		1.08	0.83	
8	BLACK TIE AFFAIR (IRE) (86, Miswaki)	Died, 2010	47/19	0/0	0/0	(Marvelous Chester, \$64,010)	\$528,965	*914		1.28	1.40	
9	DURING (00, Cherokee Run), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	30/12	1/1	1/1	(Jake N Elwood, \$109,450)	\$488,437	151			1.18	
10	YARROW BRAE (95, Deputy Minister), O'Sullivan Farms	\$750	22/12	1/2	0/1	(Margaret High, \$66,108)	\$463,510	278			1.02	
11	PEAK DANCER (97, Mt. Livermore), Householder Farm	N/A	22/13	0/0	0/0	(Pacmango, \$53,710)	\$461,587	54		1.22		
	FEAR THE CAPE (01, Cape Town), Blue Spruce Farm	\$1,500	12/5	1/2	1/1	(Fear the Facelift, \$184,757)	\$352,011	22		1.27		
13	PERUVIAN (92, Conquistador Cielo), Fox Run Stallion Station	\$2,000	4/3	1/4	1/1	(Saginaw, \$228,000)	\$297,089	85		1.02		
14	GHOSTLY MINISTER (97, Deputy Minister), Buckstud	\$2,500	23/7	0/0	0/0	(Spooky Story, \$52,410)	\$252,271	59		1.01	0.97	
15	MEDFORD (95, Meadowlake), Maple Valley Farm	Pnsd	24/8	0/0	0/0	(Perfect Cross, \$67,250)	\$250,665	85		0.65		
16	DEVON DEPUTY (96, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2009	14/6	1/2	1/1	(Red Hot Diva, \$117,090)	\$236,755	50		0.75	0.76	
17	PANA BRASS (92, Dixieland Brass)	Died	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Clink Clink Clink, \$79,440)	\$201,300	30		1.05	0.61	
18	CIVILISATION (98, Gone West), Naylee Farm	\$1,000	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Follow the Whales, \$54,520)	\$199,466	165		0.60	0.71	
19	GARNERED (98, Holy Bull), Naylee Farm	\$1,000	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Holy Boom, \$40,610)	\$198,685	64		0.72		
20	FOOTNOTES (04, Storm Cat), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Just a Trick, \$55,906)	\$167,381	11			0.81	
21	MESOPOTAMIA (93, Deputy Minister), Matilda Bay Farm	N/A	19/6	0/0	0/0	(Don'tmesswithallen, \$38,480)	\$152,024	106		0.72	0.99	
	DEPUTY ROKEBY (01, Deputy Minister), Shotwell Farm	\$1,000	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Ileen's Star, \$42,817)	\$148,031	*33		0.56	0.87	
23	INNER HARBOUR (97, Capote), O'Sullivan Farms	N/A	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Balto More, \$53,595)	\$140,265	44			0.70	
24	¶ DENIS OF CORK (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$4,000	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Celtic Moon, \$67,690)	\$134,375	14	0	0.96	1.35	
25		N/A	15/4	1/1	1/1	(Practical Ideas, \$51,690)	\$129,278	275			1.49	
26	GREEN FEE (96, Green Dancer), Blue Spruce Farm	\$1,000	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Garden Tavern, \$24,440)	\$118,305	54		0.41	0.77	
27	CASTINE (95, Mr. Prospector), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Ray Gardner, \$46,543)	\$117,927	84	1	0.67	0.78	
28	ADMIRALTY ARCH (00, Arch)	Died, 2012	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Breezy Arch, \$36,370)	\$107,530	15		0.46	0.39	
29	XCHANGER (04, Exchange Rate), O'Sullivan Farms	\$500	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Velocci, \$26,800)	\$98,512	27		0.25	1.24	
30	SPREEBEE (99, Forest Wildcat), Mares Nest Farm	\$1,500	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Micmac Spree, \$48,640)	\$95,923	26		0.34	0.86	
31	STORED (01, Coronado's Quest), Naylee Farm	\$1,000	9/5	0/0	0/0	(G. Got Milk, \$27,550)	\$93,690	41		0.45	0.70	
	RACE ON GREEN (98, A.P. Indy)	Died	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Roseann's Joy, \$19,880)	\$87,996	44		0.58	0.66	
33	PRINTS OF PEACE (01, Storm Cat), O'Sullivan Farms	\$500	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Prince Conner, \$22,710)	\$83,030	44	0	0.65	0.74	
34	GHOSTLY NUMBERS (98, Polish Numbers)	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(T. J. Bodgit, \$42,400)	\$80,662	12	0	0.35	1.15	
35	¶ ON EAGLES WINGS (04, Gone West), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Saint On Wings, \$47,162)	\$71,354	6		0.89	1.13	
36	GUNNERSIDE (02, Seattle Slew)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Paycheck, \$22,820)	\$69,340	48		0.25	0.50	
37	DEPUTY RUMMY (01, French Deputy), Shotwell Farm	Died, 2013	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Rummy's Command, \$54,102)	\$68,434	24	1		0.55	
38	COUNTRY ONLY (97, Carson City), Naylee Farm	\$2,000	9/4	0/0	0/0	(City Spin, \$14,440)	\$66,920	40	0	0.38	0.82	
39	ZURVAN (03, Northern Afleet), Olbin Farm	\$1,000	1/1	0/0	0/0	(One Move, \$64,995)	\$64,995	5			0.75	
40	EMANCIPATOR (95, Forty Niner)	Died, 2009	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Ethan, \$32,127)	\$52,816	88	1	0.76	0.75	



Bob and John will stand the 2014 season at Saratoga Stud for \$6,000

York owner and breeder Carl Lizza, in July 2011.

The creation of Saratoga Stud helps to complete a transitional phase, not only for Burke but for the O'Cains as well. Highcliff's stallions—Bob and John, Congaree, Cosmonaut, Maybry's Boy, Smart Bid, and Stonesider— moved to Mill Creek Farm

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1	MR. EXECUTIONER (93, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2012	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Devlish Trix, \$12,670)	\$26,996	35	0	0.39	0.70
2	CAPTAIN RED (97, Mr. Greeley), Morgan Mills	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Pitching Pennies, \$23,420)	\$24,391	28	0	0.85	0.98
3	BIG PICTURE (02, Pioneering)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Emily's Cabochon, \$18,057)	\$19,357	6	0	0.32	1.20
4	UP PERISCOPE (00, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Surfing Up, \$13,400)	\$16,640	9	0	0.22	0.60
5	PLEASANT DANCER (91, Pleasant Colony)	Died, 2012	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Ballet Dancer, \$11,845)	\$11,845	33	0	0.78	0.67

in Stillwater under the O'Cains' direction shortly after Lizza's death.

At the invitation of longtime friends and fellow breeders Joe and Anne Mc-Mahon, the Highcliff stallions then joined the roster at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds—best known as the birthplace of 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes (both gr. I) winner Funny Cide for the 2013 season. All six will now reside at Saratoga Stud, and the O'Cains plan to add more.

Eleven-year-old Bob and John (Seeking the Gold—Minister's Melody, by Deputy Minister) ranked fifth on the 2013 New York sire list with more than \$2.4 million in progeny earnings. He has sired seven stakes winners.

Congaree, a perennial leading sire in New York, ranked sixth in 2013. The 16-year-old son of Arazi—Mari's Sheba, by Mari's Book, has 14 stakes winners and will stand for \$7,500 in 2014.

Cosmonaut, a multiple graded stakeswinning son of Lemon Drop Kid—Cosmic Fire, by Capote, ranked second on New York's list of first-crop sires for 2013.

Maybry's Boy (Broad Brush—Aly's Conquest, by Alydar), will stand for \$2,500; Smart Bid, a grade II winner by Smart Strike—Recording, by Danzig, will be standing his second season at stud in 2014 for \$4,500; and Stonesider (Giant's Causeway—Added Gold, by Gilded Time) will stand for \$3,500.

"We were very impressed with Rick when we met him," Suzie O'Cain said. "He had mentioned on one occasion that he would like to have a full operation, and Doc and I were without an operation. We kind of started laying the groundwork for the possibility of his satisfying our needs and our satisfying his. That's what kind of happens a lot in our business. When you think about all the relationships that have developed through the years, a great number come from being able to provide somebody with something that they didn't already have.

"We'd always heard so many great things about him. He is just a great young man that decided to have a career with the horses. The amount of time he devotes to it is unbelievable. I mean, it's his whole life. He's very dedicated and very hardworking. He's certainly someone that, if we were going to do something like this, he would be the perfect candidate to part-



Jeff Cannizzo, executive director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders

2013 West Virginio	a Sires	by Winners
Sire	.Rnrs	Wnrs
Limehouse	. 128 .	71
Windsor Castle	77	
Luftikus	59	
Reparations	32	
Prized	48	19
Black Tie Affair (IRE)	47	19
Вор	41	18
Meadow Monster	31	14
Peak Dancer	22	13
Fiber Sonde	20	13
During	30	12
Yarrow Brae		
Kokand	15	9
Family Calling	24	8
Medford	24	8
Ghostly Minister	23	7
Mesopotamia	19	6
Devon Deputy		
Civilisation		
Garnered		
Deputy Rokeby		
Inner Harbour		
Fear the Cape	12	5
Stored		
Rock Hound		5
Prospect Bay		
Prints of Peace		
Green Fee		
Cowboy Carson		
Grand Reserve		
Country Only		
Gunnerside		
Footnotes	-	
Pana Brass		
Castine		
Dixie's Wild Again		
Xchanger		
Race On Green		
Admiralty Arch		
Your Abc's		
Peruvian		
Weshaam		-

ner with. My husband is a workaholic and pays attention to the details, so it's nice when you're partnered with someone who shares your same business concepts and understands the needs of the horses."

The timing of the new Saratoga Stud venture is ideal given the resurgence of the New York-bred program, which has seen purses and incentives rise with revenue from video lottery terminals at Aqueduct Racetrack on Long Island. Though approved in 2001, it took more than a decade of legal wrangling to get the VLTs up and running.

In 2012 the number of mares bred in New York jumped 43.1% from 2011, according to The Jockey Club. During the same time, the number of mares bred nationally dropped 3.8%.

At Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga New Yorkbred Preferred yearling sale in August 2013, 196 horses sold for \$14.2 million, up from 138 horses that changed hands for \$8.6 million in 2012. The average price rose from \$62,551 to \$72,480, with a record sales-topper that brought \$430,000 and 43 that sold in excess of \$100,000.

"Seeing a breeding facility expand and invest a significant amount of capital in New York State, specifically in Saratoga County, is such a positive sign of the times," said Jeff Cannizzo, executive director of New York Thoroughbred Breeders. "The stallion business is evolving for the better in New York. Now there is

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- SUZIE O'CAIN

another avenue for stallion owners to diversify very close to Saratoga Race Course with the opening of Saratoga Stud. Due to the positive bloodstock market shifts, people are again investing in land and property here. That is a true testament of how strong the New York breeding program is today."

In addition to Irish Hill's existing structures—two broodmare barns and a yearling barn—a brand new, expansive 10stall stallion barn has been constructed, and large, lush paddocks surrounded by five-board fencing were installed, all on land not previously used by horses.

"We felt like there was going to be a need to have more (facilities) in the Saratoga area because there's got to be expansion coming, and Saratoga's going to be the place where they're going to look," Suzie O'Cain said. "The industry outside of New York, as much as New Yorkers themselves, looks at Saratoga as being the epicenter of New York breeding. To have something very close to the racetrack, a new facility, I think is very appealing to someone who stands a stallion and is either already in New York or would like to come to New York. I think it's a very positive option for stallion owners."

Having weathered the difficult times, both Burke and the O'Cains are excited about what the future holds, for the industry and for Saratoga Stud.

"I think people are going to be surprised with what we're able to do among myself and Doc and Suzie here in New York," Burke said. "It's going to be pretty great."

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