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The stallion barn at Sequel New York

Second Act

Becky Thomas brings Sequel back better than ever

BY TERESE KARMEL / PHOTOS BY SKIP DICKSTEIN

THE BLINDING SNOW and freshly painted black fences that ring the paddocks are a study in contrast this subzero morning at Sequel New York, one of the most prominent breeding farms in this fertile region of the Empire State.

“He’s the man. He’s fed first,” said Barb Burleson, wife of farm manager Wally Burleson, as she sweeps out the stall of the stately Freud, a full brother to leading sire Giant’s Causeway and the 2014 leading sire in New York by progeny earnings. *(continued on page 46)*

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2015 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	BIG BROWN (05, Boundary), Dutchess Views Farm	\$8,500	69/11	1/2	0/1	(Dortmund, \$330,000)	\$808,695	*402	14	1.33	1.84
2	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$10,000	60/12	0/0	0/0	(Perfect Freud, \$34,200)	\$354,723	*872	39	1.68	1.28
3	POSSE (00, Silver Deputy), Rockridge Stud	\$5,000	68/11	0/0	0/0	(Possessed, \$56,750)	\$353,057	*620	26	1.38	1.37
4	CATIENUS (94, Storm Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	37/13	0/0	0/0	(Jcs American Dream, \$49,200)	\$267,610	*543	26	1.13	1.26
5	BOB AND JOHN (03, Seeking the Gold), Saratoga Stud	\$6,000	40/11	1/1	0/1	(Why Two, \$82,065)	\$264,103	*189	9	0.97	1.39
6	HERE'S ZEALOUS (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm	\$1,000	25/6	0/0	0/0	(Mighty Zealous, \$45,600)	\$223,177	179	0	0.85	0.97
7	DESSERT PARTY (06, Street Cry), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	25/7	1/1	0/1	(Shore to Party, \$44,000)	\$216,336	91	3	0.83	1.48
8	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Saratoga Stud	\$3,500	26/6	0/0	0/0	(Big Gally's Answer, \$41,100)	\$202,551	*182	3	1.18	1.22
9	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Saratoga Stud	\$7,500	20/5	1/1	0/1	(Shrinking Violet, \$120,000)	\$200,887	*337	15	1.38	1.46
10	FROST GIANT (03, Giant's Causeway), Keane Stud Operations	\$10,000	24/3	0/0	0/0	(Lady Luciano, \$69,900)	\$169,138	*140	5	1.89	1.15
11	NOBLE CAUSEWAY (02, Giant's Causeway)	Died, 2014	43/7	0/0	0/0	(Noble and a Beauty, \$20,000)	\$142,769	226	6	0.84	1.08
12	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations	Died, 2014	20/4	0/0	0/0	(Laura Can Disco, \$35,846)	\$125,473	250	11	1.36	1.22
13	MR. SEKIGUCHI (03, Storm Cat), Mole's Hill Farm	\$2,500	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Yourdreamsormine, \$26,240)	\$108,622	*89	1	0.87	1.28
14	LEWIS MICHAEL (03, Rahy), Questroyal North	\$2,500	20/2	0/0	0/0	(Ace Deuce, \$22,400)	\$75,481	98	2	0.77	1.17
15	SIR WHIMSEY (04, Jump Start), In Front Training Center	\$2,500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Take Issue, \$52,800)	\$74,800	8	0	0.75	1.56
16	BUSTIN STONES (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$5,000	17/2	0/0	0/0	(Lulu Rocks, \$22,800)	\$71,361	95	2	1.34	1.47
17	RELATO DEL GATO (01, Tale of the Cat)	Died, 2014	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Town Kitty, \$69,600)	\$69,600	12	0	1.29	0.76
18	COSMONAUT (02, Lemon Drop Kid), Saratoga Stud	\$5,000	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Moldavite, \$18,600)	\$63,101	64	1	1.02	1.11
19	MUSKET MAN (06, Yonaguska), Waldorf Farm	\$2,500	9/3	0/0	0/0	(La Moskette, \$13,760)	\$60,122	34	1	1.49	1.14
20	GOLDEN MISSILE (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm	\$3,500	19/3	0/0	0/0	(Missilewhileuwork, \$22,120)	\$57,330	*629	15	1.05	1.54
21	ALEX'S PAL (99, Valid Expectations)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Benanti, \$12,240)	\$57,119	101	2	1.28	0.95
22	TEUFLESBERG (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Lady Asano, \$25,800)	\$53,365	80	4	1.77	1.18
23	SAY FLORIDA SANDY (94, Personal Flag)	Pnsd	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Say Mr. Sandman, \$20,200)	\$28,415	*189	1	0.80	1.12
24	THE CLIFF'S EDGE (01, Gulch), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	20/0	0/0	0/0	(Frazil, \$7,596)	\$24,907	234	5	0.83	1.20
25	HARLEM ROCKER (05, Macho Uno)	Pnsd	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Liberty Island, \$22,000)	\$22,242	8	0	1.53	1.12
26	CONGRESSIONALHONOR (01, Forestry), Sandy Way Farm	\$2,500	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Betty's Boy, \$9,576)	\$22,140	161	1	0.68	0.95
27	GRIFFINITE (98, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Two Times a Nite, \$9,850)	\$21,340	66	0	0.61	0.89
28	ELTISH (92, Cox's Ridge)	Died, 2012	9/0	0/0	0/0	(Nicole's Miss El, \$8,000)	\$19,474	313	13	1.16	1.26
29	UNCLE CAMIE (00, Abaginone)	Died, 2012	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Gray's Sunshine, \$9,450)	\$10,450	27	1	0.88	0.78
30	SMART ALERT (96, Gold Alert)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(True Shot, \$9,000)	\$10,085	13	0	0.40	0.36

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The muscular 17-year-old stallion with the broad blaze may be king of the farm, but he could soon be challenged by the aptly named newest Sequel stallion, Alpha, who at 3 had a hat trick in New York

graded stakes in 2012, winning the grade III Withers Stakes, grade II Jim Dandy Stakes, and dead-heating for the victory in the grade I Travers Stakes. For good measure, in 2013 he added the Woodward Stakes (gr. I).

Freud and Alpha, who is 6, along with four other stallions, are housed in a crisp, new barn that dominates the sweeping landscape of this 223-acre farm near Hudson, an hour south of Saratoga Springs.

Sequel, which reopened in 2011 after a two-year hiatus because of poor economic conditions, is owned by Becky Thomas in partnership with Dennis Narlinger. Thomas closed Sequel in 2009 because long-awaited casino money had yet to be infused into Thoroughbred breeding and racing pots.

"It was not a hard decision," she said. "Our breeder base—mom-and-pop operations—didn't have the money for stud fees. The award program was decimated, New York OTB was bankrupt...it was a dreadful time. We were not a charity farm."

Vivien Malloy, who owns Edition Farm near Hyde Park, N.Y., has known Thomas through the thick and thin years.

"I met her years ago on the backstretch of Saratoga...I was with a group of men and someone said 'I'd like to introduce you to Becky Thomas. She's just come from

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Inside the stallion barn at Sequel New York

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in New York (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2011 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through March 8, 2015. As supplied to Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2014 is \$21,617 or 45% of the 2014 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 45% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 19%; Singapore by 54%. 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 crop 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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1	ROCKPORT HARBOR (02, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2013	95/25	0/0	0/0	(Port Aggregate, \$47,600)	\$625,606	434	26	1.39	1.45
2	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	66/17	1/1	0/1	(Willet, \$60,000)	\$535,137	*1098	41	1.59	1.35
3	SMARTY JONES (01, Elusive Quality), Northview PA	\$4,000	46/12	0/0	0/0	(Old Time Hockey, \$42,000)	\$403,535	*563	25	1.67	2.06
4	CORINTHIAN (03, Pulpit), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	95/14	0/0	0/0	(Life At Six, \$24,360)	\$317,280	*455	9	0.83	1.41
5	SILVER TRAIN (02, Old Trieste)	Died, 2013	71/14	0/0	0/0	(Fiftyshadesofbay, \$23,200)	\$254,552	*433	16	1.04	1.31
6	FAIRBANKS (03, Giant's Causeway), Northview PA	\$2,500	43/9	0/0	0/0	(Brazilian Symphony, \$36,960)	\$232,148	186	2	1.10	1.30
7	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,000	26/12	0/0	0/0	(Horizontalyspeakin, \$36,250)	\$204,144	183	6	1.28	1.42
8	LOVE OF MONEY (01, Not For Love)	Died, 2012	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Ultimate Avary, \$32,480)	\$133,193	123	2	1.05	1.26
9	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	23/6	0/0	0/0	(Mia Alberta, \$19,980)	\$96,553	*368	9	1.17	1.15
10	TALENT SEARCH (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	19/2	0/0	0/0	(Total Talent, \$30,150)	\$94,673	73	0	0.96	1.40
11	WEIGELIA (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$3,500	21/5	0/0	0/0	(No More Strippers, \$14,050)	\$87,600	63	2	1.19	1.00
12	ACTIVIST (94, Wild Again), Godstone Farm	Private	18/3	0/0	0/0	(Gottagetamoveon, \$18,810)	\$81,152	175	3	0.94	0.86
13	FORMAL DINNER (88, Well Decorated)	N/A	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Kayudy Flyer, \$13,930)	\$73,636	*639	25	1.08	1.10
14	REAL QUIET (95, Quiet American)	Died, 2010	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Sabbath Bay, \$27,792)	\$70,964	*624	16	1.19	1.23
15	LITE THE FUSE (91, Buckaroo)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Parrakeet, \$20,880)	\$68,603	536	23	1.23	1.19
16	PARTNER'S HERO (94, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	18/1	0/0	0/0	(Pink Hero, \$22,775)	\$59,973	446	21	1.20	1.33
17	IT'S A BIRD (03, Birdonthewire)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Thinks He's a Bird, \$39,330)	\$54,370	14	0	0.39	1.05
18	GIMMEAWINK (00, Elusive Quality), Mountain Springs Racing Stable	\$2,500	18/3	0/0	0/0	(Gimmeadrink, \$18,400)	\$46,008	*213	3	0.78	1.06
19	SNOW RIDGE (98, Tabasco Cat)	Died, 2012	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Victor's Tuition, \$13,305)	\$43,310	*284	8	1.00	1.16
20	AISLE (99, Pulpit), Whirlwind Stables	\$1,000	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Circular Drive, \$12,492)	\$39,661	84	0	0.83	0.79
21	WISEMAN'S FERRY (99, Hennessy), Dana Point Farm	\$5,000	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Wise Lou, \$19,584)	\$39,090	*278	6	1.72	1.09
22	CITY SHARPSTER (99, Carson City), Woodvale Farm	\$1,000	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Vereda Tropical, \$8,208)	\$33,501	53	0	0.59	0.75
23	GOT THE LAST LAUGH (04, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Boston Humor, \$8,205)	\$30,069	31	0	1.19	1.21
24	RIMROD (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Castle Rockstar, \$7,434)	\$29,618	95	2	1.46	1.20
25	SHOW TUNE (04, Unbridled's Song), Safe Haven Equine	\$500	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Candy Tunes, \$14,560)	\$28,932	46	0	0.61	1.02
26	MORE SMOKE (02, Smoke Glacken), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$1,500	10/1	0/0	0/0	(Knight Smoke, \$11,778)	\$27,290	47	1	1.03	1.25
27	TEKKEN (IRE) (94, Nureyev), Lojeski Farms	\$1,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Bachman Billy, \$13,076)	\$27,202	43	1	1.28	1.25
28	DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (96, Notebook), Maui Meadow Farm	\$1,000	15/1	0/0	0/0	(Crossing, \$8,050)	\$26,705	283	7	1.08	1.23
29	SIR SHACKLETON (01, Miswaki), Dana Point Farm	\$1,000	14/1	0/0	0/0	(Sir Newcastle, \$4,670)	\$25,031	*94	2	0.68	1.08
30	GOULDINGS GREEN (01, Charismatic), Mohns Hill Farm	Private	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Golden Legs, \$13,760)	\$24,198	20	0	0.63	1.46
31	COASTAL STORM (99, Storm Cat)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Stormy Woman, \$12,540)	\$23,956	138	3	1.08	0.83
32	BULLSBAY (04, Tiznow), Northview PA	\$3,000	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Bullheaded Boy, \$8,550)	\$22,313	34	1	1.83	0.99
33	NORTH POTOMAC (02, Not For Love), Greenwich Hollow Farm	\$1,000	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Our Lucky One, \$21,750)	\$21,750	16	0	0.90	0.61
34	ANDIRON (06, A.P. Indy), Xanthus Farms, Inc.	\$2,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Hot Stocker, \$15,960)	\$21,513	31	0	0.53	0.63
35	CAPITANO (01, Belong to Me), Fox Tale Stud	\$1,500	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Eight Dancers, \$7,080)	\$19,633	27	0	0.66	1.16
36	TRAJECTORY (97, Gone West), Mountain Springs Racing Stable	\$3,500	8/0	0/0	0/0	(Daniel Did It, \$8,630)	\$19,561	362	14	1.09	1.37
37	PURE PRECISION (99, Montbrook), Blackstone Farm	\$1,000	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Godiva's Queen, \$6,530)	\$18,555	161	3	1.12	1.01
38	SENR SWINGER (00, El Prado), Diamond B Farm	\$2,000	14/1	0/0	0/0	(Billie Skirts, \$5,648)	\$18,453	82	1	0.45	0.97
39	POWER BY FAR (95, Power of Mind), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Powerful Sun, \$7,965)	\$14,215	108	1	1.21	1.19
40	PRIMORDIAL (90, Risen Star), Stockwell Stable	\$750	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Lawyer Daggett, \$13,950)	\$13,950	16	1	0.82	0.48

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Florida and she's going to help me start a farm," recalled Malloy. "She was very Southern—calling everyone 'ma'am' and 'sir,' and I remember thinking how brave it was of her to come up north and do this."

When the casino money started flowing, Thomas, who had returned to her breaking-and-training facility in Florida, invested \$2 million in new construction and renovations and reopened Sequel in time for the 2012 breeding season.

The decision is paying off.

"It is going well, and the program continues to grow," Thomas said. "I felt it was important to become the premier stallion station in New York; to have the best semen, the best staff, and the best vets to appeal to mares from outside the state."

Encouraging the Kentucky-based Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital to open in Saratoga (with a vet on-call in Hudson) helped make breeders more comfortable about coming here, she added. "Now we're getting million-dollar mares who could go anywhere."



Becky Thomas owns Sequel New York with Dennis Narlinger

Among satisfied customers is Saratoga breeder William Wilmot, who called Thomas "a charming, bright woman who has succeeded in a man's game, as hack-

nayed as that sounds. Some years ago she had the vision and opportunity to bring some nice stallions to New York. She was the first to see that opportunity and make that commitment here."

Part of the Sequel resurgence can be attributed to its relationship with Sheikh Mohammed's Darley, which has sent stallions, including grade I winner Girolamo, a son of A.P. Indy, to Thomas since 2012. Girolamo is back in Lexington, where he stands for \$5,000; at Sequel he stood for \$15,000.

"When they moved Girolamo back to Kentucky, which was always the plan, it left us with a void in the high-quality A.P. Indy line," Thomas said. "So when they said we could have (A.P. Indy grandson) Alpha, I was very happy," she said.

The decision to stand the son of Bernardini, who banked \$1.8 million under the care of trainer Kiaran McLaughlin, was based on his record in New York, said Darley head of sales Charles Boden, although Alpha, too, could end up in Lexington.

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1	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	\$15,000	49/9	0/0	0/0	(Lovable Lady, \$35,646)	\$346,317	921	79	1.71	1.45
2	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	44/11	0/0	0/0	(Spotted Heart, \$37,122)	\$300,820	*597	21	1.22	1.30
3	ORIENTATE (98, Mt. Livermore), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	54/9	1/0	0/1	(Mappin Time, \$44,594)	\$241,455	*747	40	1.30	1.75
4	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,500	23/6	0/0	0/0	(Great Drive, \$44,730)	\$204,483	188	11	1.60	1.21
5	GIACOMO (02, Holy Bull), Heritage Stallions	\$3,500	42/9	0/0	0/0	(Classic Giacroll, \$20,210)	\$174,657	*289	15	1.11	1.28
6	TWO PUNCH (83, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2011	21/4	0/0	0/0	(Shinnecock Bay, \$33,228)	\$134,569	*1103	56	1.42	1.40
7	SCIPION (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	22/5	0/0	0/0	(Scip's Sonata, \$25,519)	\$131,690	109	3	1.13	1.04
8	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	26/7	0/0	0/0	(Madbobandshan, \$20,807)	\$122,084	*961	24	1.15	1.34
9	STREET MAGICIAN (04, Street Cry), Heritage Stallions	\$3,000	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Magic Soul, \$36,960)	\$117,915	49	2	1.01	1.21
10	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	25/4	0/0	0/0	(Northern Cherokee, \$16,120)	\$104,237	*517	24	1.39	1.14
11	DANCE WITH RAVENS (02, A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	36/7	0/0	0/0	(Charm City Dancer, \$16,330)	\$102,602	327	10	1.17	1.48
12	GATORS N BEARS (00, Stormy Atlantic)	Died, 2012	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Change of Command, \$44,600)	\$100,201	151	6	1.05	1.19
13	CHEROKEE'S BOY (00, Citidancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,000	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Touring Hong Kong, \$17,043)	\$95,393	88	1	1.19	1.05
14	PETIONVILLE (92, Seeking the Gold), Murmur Farm	\$5,000	29/6	0/0	0/0	(Pesci to De Niro, \$13,800)	\$81,887	*687	49	1.33	1.28
15	GO FOR GIN (91, Cormorant)	Pnsd	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Shaunna Alexandra, \$49,100)	\$67,256	*400	14	1.24	1.40
16	ROCK SLIDE (98, A.P. Indy), Shamrock Farm	\$2,000	19/0	0/0	0/0	(Rock Me Gently, \$11,726)	\$63,692	259	8	1.02	1.21
17	M EIGHTY (99, Lite the Fuse), Shamrock Farm	Private	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Fran's Buckaroo, \$38,202)	\$50,592	14	0	1.37	0.89
18	GREEK SUN (01, Danzig), Marathon Farm	Private	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Periwinkle, \$10,070)	\$10,970	32	0	1.00	1.17



Top: Name plate for Freud, the leading sire of 2014 in New York and a full brother to three-time leading sire Giant's Causeway; left: a display of halters of all the Sequel New York stallions

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Boden said Darley wants to help New York breeding gain the reputation of producing competitive horses worldwide. The fact Darley owns the lush 100-acre Greentree Stable's property on Nelson Avenue, adjacent to the Saratoga Race-

course backstretch, already "makes us a fan of the state," he said.

Boden called Thomas "a tremendous horse- and businesswoman who is enthusiastic and a great salesperson. She has shown her ability to stand stallions (with) a marquee horse like Freud. She has good clients that follow her lead and support the horses she stands. She also has a long list of success stories with yearlings she has sold as 2-year olds."

Another Darley horse at Sequel is Desert Party (\$7,500), a \$2.1 million juvenile. The son of Street Cry won the 2008 Sanford Stakes (gr. II) at Saratoga before shipping to Dubai, where he added two group races. There's also Emcee (\$7,500), a classy sprinter son of Unbridled's

Song who won the seven-furlong Forego Stakes (gr. I) at 4 in a stakes record 1:21.

Thomas' commitment to the New York branch of her network, with its staff of 10, is underscored by the new \$1 million state-of-the-art stallion and breeding facility. With its clean lines and simple T-formation, it has the look and feel of a Shaker church, sitting atop a snow-covered hill.

Four roomy eat-off-the-floor-clean stalls occupy each wing with openings to paddocks; a large breeding room, with a small heated enclosure for owners to witness the process, connects the two wings. In a comfortable heated reception area visitors are greeted by color photographs of the stallions. Burleson oversaw its construction and is like a proud papa showing a visitor around the premises.

"There's lots of room for the big stallions, and there's room to expand," Burleson said. "But the key is having the right ones."

Burleson, who has a degree in equine science, joined Sequel two years ago after leaving Taylor Made Stallions, where he spent 17 years as farm and account manager. When Thomas, 57, decided to give New York another go, Burleson, a soft-spoken man who grew up on Texas ranches, signed on. He especially appreciates working for Thomas.

"What I respect the most is that there's no 'in between' about her," Burleson said. "She's straightforward—not a lot of hemming and hawing around. If there's a problem, she finds a solution. She wasn't born with a silver spoon in her mouth. She's like us."

Not silver spoons, but 55-gallon orange and white drums were in her upbringing
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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2015 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2015 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	BROTHER DEREK (03, Benchmark), Naylee Farm	\$3,500	39/9	2/2	1/2	(Sam's Sister, \$138,000)	\$433,349	*115	5	1.34	1.24
2	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$3,500	47/15	0/0	0/0	(Ruby Red Rocket, \$22,260)	\$226,539	253	11	1.16	1.08
3	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	40/13	0/0	0/0	(Racing for Chasen, \$29,160)	\$218,520	748	29	1.01	1.06
4	LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$3,500	38/11	0/0	0/0	(House Wine, \$27,500)	\$194,097	*348	19	1.25	1.24
5	LUFTIKUS (96, Meadowlake), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$750	21/4	0/0	0/0	(Devil's Gate, \$18,700)	\$82,692	281	9	0.99	1.11
6	PEAK DANCER (97, Mt. Livermore), Householder Farm	Private	20/5	0/0	0/0	(Honybadgerdontcare, \$17,990)	\$79,520	79	4	1.03	0.91
7	BOP (97, Rahy)	Died, 2012	27/3	0/0	0/0	(Bop Along, \$20,960)	\$75,819	*192	5	0.98	0.90
8	GARNERED (98, Holy Bull), Naylee Farm	\$1,000	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Nay's Back, \$35,160)	\$54,380	90	0	0.67	0.74
9	FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Morningsbreaking, \$31,980)	\$53,583	63	3	1.40	0.75
10	REPARATIONS (96, Forty Niner), Blue Spruce Farm	\$1,500	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Let Freedom Ring, \$19,740)	\$51,925	135	3	0.98	0.81
11	DENIS OF CORK (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$3,500	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Celtic Moon, \$17,700)	\$47,347	59	0	0.69	1.22
12	FOREST GROVE (01, Forestry), Naylee Farm	\$1,500	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Arborville, \$14,000)	\$45,989	105	3	0.91	1.28
13	CHARITABLE MAN (06, Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$3,500	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Charitable Annuity, \$14,860)	\$43,475	79	0	0.80	1.18
14	GRAND RESERVE (02, Theatrical), One Sparrow Farm	\$1,000	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Mighty Grand, \$16,827)	\$28,885	35	0	0.40	0.78
15	REAL ESTATE (04, High Yield), Flamingo Run Farm	Private	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Sharp Razor, \$16,080)	\$21,884	38	0	0.63	0.85
16	FOOTNOTES (04, Storm Cat), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Just a Song, \$18,820)	\$19,324	15	0	0.97	0.85
17	BAILERO (ARG) (99, Roy)	Died, 2012	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Sterlings Mr. Abel, \$17,350)	\$17,870	14	0	0.34	1.14
18	MESOPOTAMIA (93, Deputy Minister), Matilda Bay Farm	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Crafty Mary, \$8,260)	\$17,194	108	2	0.71	0.98
19	DANISH GOLD (96, Slew o' Gold)	Died, 2012	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Four Prospects, \$15,392)	\$15,598	26	0	0.44	0.63
20	FEAR THE CAPE (01, Cape Town), Blue Spruce Farm	\$1,500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Faithful Sinner, \$9,190)	\$15,550	35	1	1.02	0.87

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when Thomas was training young horses for rodeo barrel racing. She also helped her father run a cattle ranch, worked with Quarter Horses, and eventually gravitated to the Thoroughbred industry.

By the mid-1980s she had established a solid reputation as a breeder and pinhooker. She has a barn full of mares on the New York property, some of which she owns.

"One of my favorite things is to train progeny out of mares I've had," Thomas said. "It's very rewarding when you own and train something you really like."

Named New York breeder of the year in 2008, Thomas bred 2006 U.S. champion older female Fleet Indian (with

Lewis Lakin), New York champion female sprinter Behaving Badly, and multiple graded winner Capeside Lady. Of the eight graded stakes winners born at Sequel, Giant Ryan (Freud), Franny Freud (Freud), and Rightly So (Read the Footnotes) were sired by Sequel stallions.

Recently, she partnered with Justin Casse, brother of trainer Mark Casse, to break, train, and sell 2-year-olds. Fasig-Tipton Florida, the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., and Barretts are among the markets they will test.

"Becky is one of the most respected horsewomen in the U.S. who has broken and trained grade I winners like Officer, Creative Cause, and Artemis Agrotera.

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Farm manager Wally Burleson

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							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	DEFERRE (92, Deputy Minister), Walnford Stud	\$2,000	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Miami Music, \$30,000)	\$88,974	*581	23	1.24	1.18
2	DON SIX (00, Wild Escapade), Greenfields Farm	Private	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Beautiful Joe, \$13,800)	\$55,737	73	2	1.18	1.22
3	UNBRIDLED JET (96, Unbridled)	Died, 2011	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Gringo Bay, \$25,320)	\$32,775	*257	10	1.04	1.22
4	PRIVATE INTERVIEW (92, Nureyev), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Amblin Easy, \$27,000)	\$30,868	222	4	1.08	1.22
5	CHIPS ARE DOWN (02, Distorted Humor), Greenfields Farm	Private	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Play It Again, \$7,490)	\$14,770	8	0	0.36	0.58

2015 LEADING SIRES IN VIRGINIA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2015 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	REBELLION (GB) (03, Mozart), Hickory Tree Farm	\$3,500	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Just Keep Driving, \$6,475)	\$18,724	*40	1	1.11	1.37
2	UP PERISCOPE (00, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Surfing Up, \$7,080)	\$10,000	20	0	0.20	0.58



Mission Impazible has been a popular addition to the stallion roster at Sequel New York

Partnering gives our clients more options and expertise," Casse said.

Burleson said Freud (Storm Cat—Mariah's Storm, by Rahy), whose \$10,000 stud fee is Sequel's highest, "will get you a racehorse. They run on all surfaces at all distances, and you can't go wrong with him."

Lubash is Freud's first millionaire; other top earners are New York-breds Hessonite and Effie Trinket.

Sequel also stands Forty Tales, a multiple grade II-winning son of Tale of the Cat, whom Thomas owns with McMahan Stallions of Saratoga. Chester and Mary Broman, who own Chestertown Farm near Chestertown, N.Y., have a mare in foal to Forty Tales, whose stud fee is \$6,500, and 10 more are booked.

"I'm anxious for him to have his first foals so we can see how they look," said

Chestertown Farm manager Jeff Raine.

Another Sequel stallion is Mission Impazible, an 8-year-old gray son of Unbridled's Song who entered stud in 2013 and stands for \$7,500. Burleson has a special attachment to Mission Impazible because his sire was one of the first stallions he took care of at Taylor Made. Mission Impazible is a long, tall horse who won or placed in nine graded stakes (earning more than \$1.2 million) for his owner Twin Creeks Racing near Versailles, Ky. Twin Creeks' Randy Gullatt said he and partner Steve Davison stood the stallion in New York because "the breeding program was the best thing for him. We knew we were going to support the horse and taking advantage of the New York program was very opportune for us."

Mission Impazible covered 71 mares in 2013 and 105 in 2014.

"The magic number was 100, but the first year was a little more difficult than we thought. The second year, people started seeing his foals and everyone jumped on it," Gullatt said.

Gullatt added that his relationship with Burleson and Thomas contributed to the decision to stand Mission Impazible in New York.

"Becky is very aggressive and really learned that New York program well. She's got a ton of breeders who think the world of her and have a lot of respect for her."

This is the standard judgment of those who

know Thomas, a single mother who has raised four children (an attorney son, a daughter studying wildlife biology, and twins in pre-med and pre-law programs at Florida State). They all gather for the annual Sequel North stallion open house each January; this year it took place during a blizzard, but Maple Lane was still lined with cars.

"I'm very optimistic," Thomas said. "The quality of horses we are able to breed continues to grow. When you enter a race restricted to New York-breds, you'd better have your running shoes on."

Thomas has a mantra that she has lived by for years.

"I'd like to remove the asterisk so that instead of saying, 'That's a really nice horse for a New York-bred,' people say, 'That's a really nice horse and he happens to be a New York-bred.'" **BH**

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