

A & A Cleans Up

Fred and Linda Alexander bring exciting sires to New Mexico

BY LENNY SHULMAN

SOMETIMES IT'S THE SIMPLE THINGS that matter the most. Following the wishes of his ailing father a dozen years ago, Fred Alexander left a job on the railroad to take care of some Quarter Horse mares his dad cherished on a small farm near Anthony, N.M. Although the mares had cost the elder Alexander more money than they ever generated, he loved the horses, and his son promised to look after them. So, with his wife, Linda, and daughter in tow, he set out to see exactly what he was getting into.

"The place was rundown, so I just started cleaning it up and making it presentable," said Alexander. "I'm a neat freak anyway. We walked the farm and saw a lot of boarders that people weren't paying for, and so my wife started doing the books and I quit the railroad and took over the place and cleaned house. I'd never run a farm before or worked for one, so cleaning it up seemed like a good first step."

From those modest beginnings, the Alexanders have built A & A Ranch into New Mexico's top Thoroughbred breeding destination. The 2015 leading sires chart for the Land of Enchantment tells the story. The top three sires on the list either stand at A & A or have been pensioned from there. Alexander runs a New Mexico-bred sales consignment that is usually tops in the state, and for a guy starting from the ground floor, he has developed a sterling reputation among area horsemen.

"Fred runs one of the top farms in New Mexico for standing stallions," said Tom Goncharoff, who manages a farm for New Mexico horseman R.D. Hubbard about an hour away. Goncharoff, who also managed Crystal Springs Farm for Hubbard in Kentucky, added, "Fred is a class act. His staff



Fred and Linda Alexander

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pay attention to detail, and they get mares in foal, which is the name of the game. And the place is immaculate, which really stands out."

There is that cleanliness again. It has paid off in a big way for the Alexanders, as did the one stallion they inherited when they got to the ranch.

"There was a big, old, ugly horse there with no race record," Alexander said. "Ron and Joe Allen had brought this guy to New Mexico around 2000 when the slots money was just coming into the state. The stud was a Thoroughbred, and I didn't know a thing about the Thoroughbred business. The Allens had some mares there for him to service, and there may have been one or two other reputable clients around. I figured since there was a stud there, I should try to turn the place into a stud farm."

After a little research Alexander found out that big, ugly dude was a son of Fappiano named Desert God, whom Alexander groomed and helped turn into the state's leading sire. Desert God is the sire of 29 stakes winners, and his progeny have earned better than \$14.6 million. And Desert God is responsible for New Mexico superstar Peppers Pride, who won all of her 19 career starts running as a homebred for Joe Allen.

"I began picking up some word-of-mouth business just by making the place look better and by some people coming by to breed to that stallion," said Alexander. "It was difficult for me to sell folks on him because he didn't have a race record and he wasn't very attractive. But lo and behold, when his babies started running, business started picking up. Not only is

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|------|--|---------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | | 2015 Earnings | Foals | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch | Private | 67/39 | 3/4 | 3/3 | (Diabolical Dame, \$234,200) | \$1,375,929 | 101 | 9 | 1.02 | 0.97 |
| 2 | ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch | \$3,000 | 55/29 | 4/4 | 4/4 | (Stormin the Jewels, \$167,103) | \$1,220,263 | 117 | 13 | 1.32 | 0.82 |
| 3 | DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano) | Pnsd | 36/19 | 2/2 | 1/2 | (Proceed, \$96,000) | \$822,426 | 259 | 25 | 1.48 | 0.74 |
| 4 | QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm | \$5,000 | 38/20 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Gold Boundry, \$122,741) | \$786,774 | 106 | 8 | 1.47 | 0.87 |
| 5 | THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm | \$3,500 | 47/22 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (E P Who, \$80,495) | \$559,116 | 97 | 4 | 0.90 | 1.02 |
| 6 | SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West), A & A Ranch | \$2,500 | 30/16 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Gator Heat, \$90,890) | \$469,006 | *44 | 1 | 0.69 | 0.93 |
| 7 | PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm | \$2,000 | 19/12 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Wyatt, \$179,920) | \$440,112 | 61 | 1 | 0.75 | 0.89 |
| 8 | WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm | \$3,000 | 41/10 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Storm Warrior, \$112,036) | \$428,397 | *125 | 4 | 1.12 | 1.06 |
| 9 | PREMEDITATION (99, Afternoon Deelites), A & A Ranch | \$2,500 | 16/9 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Mr. Wizard, \$174,849) | \$399,613 | 75 | 6 | 1.10 | 0.83 |
| 10 | YOUR EMINENCE (01, Saint Ballado) | Died, 2012 | 28/13 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Golly Gee, \$114,354) | \$396,839 | 165 | 3 | 0.69 | 0.74 |
| 11 | ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch | \$3,500 | 32/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Twixy Roll, \$71,844) | \$385,660 | 119 | 10 | 1.03 | 1.01 |
| 12 | DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat) | Died, 2012 | 29/15 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Snowbound Jones, \$48,589) | \$375,592 | 440 | 14 | 0.77 | 0.80 |
| 13 | DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds | \$2,500 | 24/15 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dom Juan, \$44,966) | \$327,695 | 100 | 2 | 0.83 | 0.62 |
| 14 | RIGHT RIGGER (06, Unbridled's Song) | N/A | 5/4 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Tea Light, \$133,950) | \$326,846 | 6 | 1 | 2.43 | 0.71 |
| 15 | REAL DANDY (02, Yankee Victor) | N/A | 21/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (My Dandy Girl, \$154,967) | \$294,668 | 36 | 1 | 0.67 | 1.14 |
| 16 | SILVER WAGON (01, Wagon Limit), McCallum View Farm | \$2,500 | 15/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (The Big Deluxe, \$144,392) | \$276,803 | 58 | 1 | 1.11 | 1.30 |
| 17 | DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm | \$2,500 | 18/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (King of Cool, \$42,217) | \$227,038 | 209 | 5 | 0.74 | 0.83 |
| 18 | TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University | \$1,500 | 18/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Whatakiss, \$52,242) | \$225,704 | 71 | 1 | 0.81 | 0.60 |
| 19 | ¶ SHAME ON CHARLIE (04, Indian Charlie), Ernest Riggs Farm | Private | 2/2 | 2/3 | 1/2 | (Indian Tiva, \$161,938) | \$217,385 | 3 | 2 | 5.31 | 0.76 |
| 20 | FIREJACK (02, Dixieland Band), Hourigan Horse Farm | \$650 | 17/7 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Miss E Bar, \$74,980) | \$198,276 | 65 | 1 | 0.47 | 0.84 |

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he by Fappiano, but he's out of Blush with Pride, a huge pedigree. He could have been standing in Kentucky with that pedigree. But nobody pays any attention to that stuff here. They just want to see results on the track."

When those results came good, Alexander's ranch became a destination for breeders from around the region. He bought an adjacent parcel of land and built the operation up to 40 acres. Located close to Sunland Park, A & A benefitted from the timing of the state's slots program, and business justified standing more stallions. The economic downturn of 2008 put a crimp in everyone's business, but New Mexico, unlike its neighbor Texas, has stabilized as far as Thoroughbred racing goes and remains steady.

The Alexanders own about 10 broodmares and play host to some 65 other year-round boarders. A number of their clients breed to sell while others race, so some of the babies they raise go to the sales while others are broken and sent to the track.



Alexander said he sells all of his own babies each season. In all, some 175 broodmares visit A & A for breeding purposes during an average year.

With Desert God having been pensioned a couple of seasons back, Alexander has been looking for fresh blood to add to his already standout roster of stallions that includes Attila's Storm, Diabolical, Roll Hennessy Roll, and Southwestern Heat. He found his new stallion in Archwarrior, who will stand his first season at A & A in 2016.

In 2012 it was not easy for any 2-year-old to stand out in trainer Todd Pletcher's Saratoga barn. Pletcher won with 21 individual 2-year-olds at that meet, yet a strapping son of Arch who broke his maiden late in the stand made the biggest impression. Archwarrior had been breezing with some of the barn's older stars, and when a photo of him head-and-head with 2011 Travers Stakes (gr. I) winner Stay Thirsty hit the press, he became a household name with big promise. After that six-furlong victory, which he won by 3/4 lengths in 1:10.07, Archwarrior started just one more time be-



Fred Alexander has spent a lot of time 'cleaning up' A & A Ranch, which is now home to 75 broodmares



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| 1 | SONGANDAPRAYER (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne | \$4,500 | 155/73 | 2/2 | 1/2 | (Raised a Secret, \$150,038) | \$2,651,780 | *854 | 34 | 1.17 | 1.49 |
| 2 | E DUBAI (98, Mr. Prospector), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$3,500 | 143/79 | 3/4 | 2/3 | (Dubacious, \$165,140) | \$2,629,734 | *957 | 29 | 1.30 | 1.21 |
| 3 | HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud | \$5,000 | 137/61 | 2/3 | 1/2 | (Gentlemen's Bet, \$314,690) | \$2,507,415 | *310 | 8 | 1.03 | 1.26 |
| 4 | D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm | \$3,500 | 95/59 | 3/5 | 1/3 | (Amelia's Wild Ride, \$291,930) | \$2,342,692 | *382 | 14 | 1.40 | 1.27 |
| 5 | CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm | \$4,000 | 95/53 | 4/7 | 2/4 | (Smack Smack, \$292,500) | \$2,117,556 | *404 | 17 | 1.25 | 1.20 |
| 6 | YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions | \$3,500 | 126/61 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Yankee Dealer, \$160,400) | \$1,884,899 | *474 | 19 | 1.17 | 1.23 |
| 7 | MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold), Red River Farms | \$1,500 | 89/44 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Melodious Tune, \$100,059) | \$1,544,678 | *176 | 4 | 1.10 | 1.05 |
| 8 | SUN KING (02, Charismatic), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$2,500 | 95/41 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Bold Cait, \$142,604) | \$1,480,380 | 257 | 2 | 0.71 | 1.01 |
| 9 | TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$3,000 | 84/33 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Kate Is a Ten, \$124,050) | \$1,104,399 | *338 | 8 | 0.92 | 1.07 |
| 10 | LONE STAR SPECIAL (05, Malabar Gold), Horse of Course | \$1,500 | 20/16 | 1/4 | 0/1 | (Mobile Bay, \$589,090) | \$1,102,521 | 36 | 1 | 1.43 | 1.09 |
| 11 | GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms | \$2,000 | 33/17 | 2/3 | 1/2 | (The Pickett Factor, \$208,640) | \$931,954 | *475 | 12 | 0.96 | 1.07 |
| 12 | GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City) | Died, 2012 | 62/31 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Where Y'at Joe Joe, \$68,050) | \$892,273 | *462 | 13 | 1.10 | 1.12 |
| 13 | MY PAL CHARLIE (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds | \$2,500 | 59/28 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (My Prophet, \$52,435) | \$855,988 | 89 | 1 | 0.81 | 1.18 |
| 14 | FOREFATHERS (04, Gone West), Red River Farms | \$2,000 | 62/32 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Mr. L. S. Shoe, \$75,000) | \$840,789 | 107 | 1 | 0.65 | 1.16 |
| 15 | IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud | \$2,500 | 71/23 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ide Be Cool, \$74,500) | \$770,518 | 570 | 15 | 1.09 | 1.07 |
| 16 | RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm | \$2,500 | 55/27 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Foreign Production, \$53,700) | \$717,997 | 161 | 7 | 1.19 | 1.03 |
| 17 | BIG TOP CAT (02, Storm Cat) | Died, 2012 | 62/25 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Thiscatcanjam, \$88,100) | \$646,413 | 147 | 3 | 0.73 | 0.86 |
| 18 | MY FRIEND MAX (92, Danzig) | Died, 2013 | 34/17 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Madelyn's Wild Max, \$78,895) | \$618,553 | 215 | 3 | 0.98 | 0.91 |
| 19 | LION TAMER (00, Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud | \$2,500 | 49/18 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Heavy On Themister, \$109,420) | \$582,687 | 120 | 2 | 0.77 | 1.08 |
| 20 | GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Averett Farm | \$3,500 | 24/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mr. Masterpiece, \$89,394) | \$540,654 | 91 | 1 | 1.16 | 1.12 |
| 21 | OLE REBEL (99, Carson City), Clear Creek Stud | \$1,500 | 38/13 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Big Dog Doug, \$60,170) | \$533,565 | 84 | 2 | 0.73 | 0.84 |
| 22 | PORTO FORICOS (95, Mr. Prospector) | Died, 2013 | 39/19 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Social Misfit, \$88,475) | \$528,773 | 237 | 5 | 0.96 | 1.14 |
| 23 | AFTERNOON DEELITES (92, Private Terms) | Pnsd | 33/15 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Afternoon Tango, \$109,940) | \$493,829 | *602 | 25 | 1.10 | 1.32 |
| 24 | ELUSIVE BLUFF (06, Elusive Quality) | N/A | 15/8 | 2/3 | 0/2 | (C. Zee, \$170,070) | \$422,041 | 33 | 2 | 1.43 | 0.90 |
| 25 | BEHINDATTHEBAR (05, Forest Wildcat), Le Mesa Stallions | \$1,500 | 30/16 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Leavethetip, \$56,100) | \$415,538 | 68 | 0 | 0.59 | 0.89 |

fore going to the bench with injuries. But the grand-looking colt had plenty of quality, as affirmed by the \$375,000 paid for him out of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s March sale in Florida.

His owners, Ed Harrell and Gil Moutray, race as Alto Racing and have roots in New Mexico, as both have summer homes near Ruidoso. It was last year when they first approached Alexander about Archwarrior. He didn't pursue the horse then but received a second chance on the horse this year and jumped at it.

Alexander hesitated because the breeding of Archwarrior suggested a distance horse in an area where speed is king.

"As I did more research on him, I discovered he actually had a lot of speed, but with the pedigree to carry it two turns," said Alexander. "Reading some of the comments from Pletcher and others, I couldn't help but be interested. When you're a big, good-



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looking dude like that and still have the speed to win first out as a 2-year-old going six furlongs, that's pretty intriguing.

"People have been waiting for some new blood, and he's going to get a lot of attention. He's been here a month and we're excited. The timing is right. With Desert God pensioned, people have been looking for something to replace him, and we're real excited to be able to bring Archwarrior in here."

Archwarrior, out of the Seeking the Gold mare Winner's Edge, will stand for \$2,500 after spending his first two seasons at Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds in Florida.

The holdovers have plenty to recommend as well. Currently Diabolical and Attila's Storm are in a tussle to see who will be leading sire this year in New Mexico. Diabolical, a son of champion sprinter Artax, has a \$180,000 lead as of Nov. 23. His daughter Diabolical Dame, a five-time stakes winner and earner of better than \$330,000, deserves much credit. She added the New Mexico Classic Cup Oaks Championship Stakes Nov. 1 at Zia Park. Diabolical has 11 stakes winners to his credit. Diabolical, who raced in England, France, Singapore, Dubai, and the U.S., amassed \$1.4 million in earnings. He won a group III in Dubai and the Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap (gr. II) at Saratoga.

"He was a big-time runner," said Alexander. "We paid \$100,000 to bring him here about six years ago and that was a ton of money for me. But it turned out. Just look at his race record (9-8-5 from 32 starts) and the quality of the competition he was running against. This guy ran 32 times and every race was against stakes and graded stakes competition. He was one tough son of a gun. He's throwing 2-year-old stakes winners from 4½ furlongs to 1¼ miles, so he's getting the whole range. He's really panned out."

Diabolical, out of the Dayjur mare Bonnie Byerly, will be 13 in 2016, and commands a \$6,000 fee.



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| 1 | POLLARD'S VISION (01, Carson City), Mighty Acres | \$3,000 | 115/61 | 3/3 | 1/3 | (Twentytwentyvision, \$257,480) | \$2,830,247 | *601 | 17 | 1.34 | 1.25 |
| 2 | NOTIONAL (04, In Excess), Rockin' Z Ranch | \$2,000 | 129/71 | 1/2 | 0/1 | (Far Right, \$485,080) | \$2,434,723 | 247 | 5 | 0.90 | 1.16 |
| 3 | LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farm | \$3,500 | 114/59 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Rocket Heat, \$175,080) | \$1,986,694 | *291 | 4 | 0.93 | 1.07 |
| 4 | READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm | \$3,500 | 81/38 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Readtheprospectus, \$142,320) | \$1,953,700 | *302 | 16 | 1.37 | 1.17 |
| 5 | CACTUS RIDGE (01, Hennessy), Royal Vista Ranches | Pnsd | 68/41 | 3/4 | 1/3 | (Cactus Kris, \$193,054) | \$1,651,036 | *427 | 20 | 1.27 | 1.05 |
| 6 | KIPLING (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres | \$2,500 | 82/36 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dariel, \$94,800) | \$1,232,961 | 310 | 9 | 1.05 | 0.88 |
| 7 | TOCCET (00, Awesome Again), Mighty Acres | \$2,500 | 61/26 | 1/2 | 0/1 | (Az Ridge, \$170,363) | \$1,187,930 | *337 | 14 | 1.08 | 1.19 |
| 8 | DON'T GET MAD (02, Stephen Got Even) | Died, 2013 | 54/31 | 2/2 | 1/2 | (What Lola Wants, \$99,037) | \$1,116,948 | *157 | 6 | 1.19 | 0.96 |
| 9 | ORATORY (02, Pulpit), River Oaks Farm | \$3,500 | 46/23 | 2/3 | 1/2 | (Monster Sleeping, \$132,570) | \$920,880 | *175 | 4 | 1.22 | 1.16 |
| 10 | TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm | \$1,000 | 60/27 | 1/3 | 0/1 | (Heykittykittykitty, \$348,890) | \$913,957 | 573 | 24 | 1.04 | 1.22 |
| 11 | OMEGA CODE (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin' Z Ranch | \$2,000 | 47/28 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Zeta Zody, \$157,658) | \$813,332 | 306 | 9 | 0.70 | 1.24 |
| 12 | MR. NIGHTLINGER (04, Indian Charlie), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division | \$2,500 | 56/29 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lingering Smoke, \$72,304) | \$773,787 | 110 | 1 | 0.62 | 0.88 |
| 13 | EVANSVILLE SLEW (92, Slew City Slew) | Died, 2012 | 45/26 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Slew Hunter, \$62,901) | \$658,765 | *520 | 25 | 1.06 | 0.91 |
| 14 | LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore) | N/A | 30/19 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tight Britches, \$66,143) | \$571,862 | 354 | 9 | 1.13 | 1.21 |
| 15 | SAVE BIG MONEY (03, Storm Cat), Mighty Acres | \$2,000 | 31/18 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Vivid, \$62,004) | \$498,078 | 60 | 1 | 0.73 | 1.03 |
| 16 | SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station | \$1,000 | 30/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Navy Nurse, \$75,540) | \$430,491 | 375 | 18 | 1.16 | 1.01 |
| 17 | FREEFOURINTERNET (98, Tabasco Cat) | N/A | 23/15 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Catalactic, \$74,910) | \$417,830 | 86 | 1 | 0.87 | 0.93 |
| 18 | LIQUOR CABINET (IRE) (01, Hennessy), Oklahoma Equine | \$1,000 | 24/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Hard Cider, \$57,413) | \$368,129 | 66 | 1 | 0.60 | 0.91 |
| 19 | KING OF SCAT (96, Eastern Echo), Raywood Farm | \$1,000 | 23/15 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Okie Princess, \$74,310) | \$336,786 | 210 | 6 | 0.71 | 0.75 |
| 20 | FOREIGN POLICY (02, Danzig), River Oaks Farm | \$1,250 | 11/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ribbon of Darkness, \$170,976) | \$315,272 | 26 | 1 | 0.85 | 0.88 |

2015 LEADING SIRES IN ARIZONA

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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 | TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch | Private | 36/21 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Top Tizzy, \$37,655) | \$425,867 | 86 | 5 | 0.94 | 0.91 |
| 2 | DISTORTED REALITY (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm | Private | 37/19 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Prater Sixty Four, \$42,714) | \$330,244 | 95 | 0 | 0.35 | 0.86 |
| 3 | MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm | Private | 26/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Silky Sami, \$44,382) | \$268,232 | 95 | 0 | 0.70 | 0.88 |
| 4 | DEMON WARLOCK (00, Demons Begone), Fales Ranch | \$1,250 | 14/9 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Redsolocup, \$49,370) | \$179,388 | 40 | 3 | 0.50 | 0.64 |
| 5 | EZ DREAMER (05, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch | Private | 9/4 | 2/2 | 2/2 | (Heidi's in Charge, \$72,849) | \$157,797 | 13 | 2 | 0.94 | 0.90 |

Attila's Storm, owned by Hubbard, won the 2007 Toboggan Handicap (gr. III) at Aqueduct and is grade I-placed. The son of Forest Wildcat, out of the Magisterial mare Sweet Symmetry, earned \$534,983 and has sired 14 stakes winners, including 2015 added-money victors Hurricane Hush, Renewed Vows, Stormin the Jewels, Lonnie Ton, and Atillas Gift. Other stakes winners Thermal and Reaper have earned more than \$340,000. Attila's Storm boasts an average of \$58,301 in earnings per starter, and 16% black-type performers from starters. He gets sprinters that are not just early but have longevity as well. Many of his progeny are holding up over multiple racing seasons and proving

to possess the soundness that breeders seek. While Attila's Storm looks like he'll finish second behind his pasture neighbor this year, he could well jump to the top of the state's sire list soon because he's proving popular with the ladies. Attila's Storm, who will be 14 in 2016, stands for \$4,000.

Roll Hennessy Roll has a special place in Alexander's heart as the first stallion he ever bought. Brought to A & A for his third season at stud, he was owned by Stan Fulton but wasn't getting large books of mares. Alexander, who said that a book in the 40s is solid for New Mexico, got Roll Hennessy Roll up to that level right off jump street, and he has responded by siring 10 stakes winners.

"He's turned out to be a solid guy," Alexander said, "with very fast, precocious 2-year-olds that are also solid, tough horses. The knock on him was he couldn't get two-turn horses, but he's had some stakes-placed runners going two turns. But his main game is fast 2-year-olds."

By Hennessy out of Roll Over Baby, Roll Hennessy Roll, who won the 2002 Hollywood Prevue Stakes (gr. III), will stand for \$3,500 in 2016.

Southwestern Heat rounds out the A & A stallion roster. By Gone West, he is out of Xtra Heat, champion 3-year-old filly of 2001 and a grade I winner of more than \$2.3 million. Southwestern Heat's second
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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 November 29, 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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|------|---|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | | | | 2015 Earnings | Foals | Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
| 1 | TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas | \$4,000 | 75/44 | 5/5 | 5/5 | (Prestons Princess, \$97,280) | \$1,605,335 | 153 | 17 | 1.22 | 1.12 |
| 2 | VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal) | Died, 2015 | 57/39 | 3/7 | 2/3 | (Ivan Fallunoalot, \$312,200) | \$1,465,155 | 645 | 40 | 1.22 | 1.15 |
| 3 | EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm | \$2,500 | 66/38 | 3/4 | 2/3 | (He's Comin in Hot, \$161,010) | \$1,288,389 | 241 | 15 | 0.83 | 0.91 |
| 4 | CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Lane's End Texas | \$5,000 | 57/33 | 1/2 | 0/1 | (Shrinking Violet, \$181,851) | \$1,178,803 | *337 | 13 | 1.35 | 1.44 |
| 5 | MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm | \$4,000 | 29/14 | 2/3 | 1/2 | (Thegirlinthat song, \$192,500) | \$711,493 | 78 | 7 | 1.14 | 1.06 |
| 6 | INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center | \$1,500 | 73/27 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lady Emily Sage, \$37,395) | \$628,493 | 180 | 5 | 0.58 | 0.78 |
| 7 | GRASSHOPPER (04, Dixie Union), Lane's End Texas | \$3,500 | 35/18 | 2/5 | 1/2 | (Texas Chrome, \$182,562) | \$603,472 | 52 | 2 | 0.71 | 0.99 |
| 8 | SILVER CITY (06, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm | \$3,500 | 22/11 | 1/4 | 0/1 | (Promise Me Silver, \$287,260) | \$547,790 | 32 | 1 | 1.24 | 0.96 |
| 9 | SING BABY SING (03, Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Texas | \$2,500 | 30/20 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (The Lone Roo, \$54,771) | \$510,952 | 45 | 0 | 0.63 | 0.86 |
| 10 | UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch | \$2,000 | 37/16 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (lbaka, \$79,069) | \$419,331 | 220 | 6 | 0.66 | 0.64 |
| 11 | SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Stoneview Farm | \$3,000 | 37/11 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Special U F O, \$72,716) | \$326,835 | 135 | 2 | 0.56 | 0.53 |
| 12 | GAFF (02, Maria's Mon), Seguin Horse Center | \$2,000 | 27/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Hook, \$53,710) | \$322,301 | 60 | 0 | 0.65 | 1.01 |
| 13 | LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center | \$1,500 | 23/11 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Born to Disco, \$69,538) | \$272,281 | 194 | 5 | 0.77 | 0.99 |
| 14 | SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), Keen Farms | \$1,500 | 25/13 | 0/2 | 0/0 | (Shyloh's Friend, \$43,505) | \$256,137 | *186 | 3 | 1.02 | 0.91 |
| 15 | JET PHONE (01, Phone Trick), Valor Farm | \$2,000 | 17/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Aces N Jacks, \$39,166) | \$248,009 | 32 | 3 | 1.15 | 1.20 |

2015 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS

| 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 | PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat), Anderson Farms | \$1,000 | 46/31 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Jean's Beauty, \$96,785) | \$1,054,421 | 101 | 1 | 0.87 | 1.01 |
| 2 | THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center | \$1,500 | 43/27 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Manchurian High, \$127,123) | \$963,979 | *136 | 4 | 1.04 | 1.19 |
| 3 | BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center | \$2,000 | 64/27 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tallahatchie Luke, \$127,910) | \$928,172 | *627 | 13 | 1.08 | 1.17 |
| 4 | PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy), McDowell Farm | \$1,000 | 40/17 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Bud Ro, \$50,577) | \$468,009 | 124 | 3 | 0.71 | 1.18 |
| 5 | ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev), Chad White | \$1,500 | 32/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Eighth At Citypark, \$52,550) | \$440,051 | *353 | 13 | 1.08 | 0.84 |
| 6 | HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Cornerstone Farms | \$500 | 31/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cupid's Hit, \$76,950) | \$338,895 | *178 | 1 | 0.51 | 0.62 |
| 7 | HESABULL (93, Dispersal) | N/A | 32/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Terre Noire, \$48,025) | \$329,427 | 181 | 6 | 0.82 | 1.06 |
| 8 | JONESBORO (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates | \$500 | 21/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Redneck Attack, \$40,354) | \$215,104 | 43 | 0 | 0.42 | 0.79 |
| 9 | COMMANDER'S SHOES (03, Deputy Commander), Rafter R Ranch | \$1,500 | 14/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Easter Shoes, \$66,825) | \$213,816 | 42 | 0 | 0.64 | 0.74 |
| 10 | RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitony), Chad White | \$1,500 | 23/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Farmerville, \$55,400) | \$195,880 | 377 | 7 | 0.74 | 1.22 |

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crop are 3-year-olds, and he already has a pair of stakes winners to his credit. His progeny also look like win-early types.

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