

rivals at the start.” Agnew reported that the Grade 2 winner came out of the race okay, but that the back half her front shoe had been torn off during the rough start. Unfortunately, **David Staudacher** and partners’ The Wine Steward, by Vino Rossi, was scratched by the stewards from the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile-G1. Also on the Saturday card was the Twilight Derby-G2, which was won by Real Team (GB), by War Front. His dam is \$496,736 G2 SW Mrs McDougal. At the 2018 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, the daughter of Medaglia d’Oro, bred to Curlin, topped the auction for \$1.6-million when consigned by Eaton Sales, agent for **Theiline Wright Scheumann’s** Grousemont Farm. . . . **Mark Glatt** was the leading trainer at the September 29-November 5 Santa Anita meet by wins with 12 . . . Gonna Getcha Good (2020) g., Practical joke—Endless Sea, by Mt. Livermore (KY). Won: MC\$25,000, GG, 11/11. Owner: **Remmah Racing Inc.** Trainer: **Jack Steiner**. Half-brother to Swedish G3 SW, Norwegian G3 SW and German and French SP Silver Ocean and Swedish SW and Norwegian SP Over the Ocean. Out of half-sister to \$274,309 SW Atlantic Fury and SP Terra Nova . . . Linda’s Gift (2019) f., Arrogate—Americana, by Tapit (KY). Won: Red Carpet S.-G3 (T), Dmr, 11/23. Record: 3 wins, \$194,936. Only foal out of \$92,580 SP mare who was the only foal out of \$497,396 G2 SW Arena Elvira, a daughter of Ghostzapper bred by Jerre Paxton’s **Northwest Farms LLC** . . . Practically Broke (2021) c., Practical Joke—Showgirl Form, by Dynaformer (KY). Won: MSW (T) (1st start), Dmr, 11/23. Owners: **Dan J. Agnew & Rodney E. Orr**. Trainer: **Mark Glatt**. Half-brother to \$197,973 winner Bravo Kitten and \$183,562 winner Vegas Kitten, both by Kitten’s Joy . . . Delusively (2020) f., Good Magic—Nicksappealinglady, by Successful Appeal (KY). Won: Alw/OC\$25,000 (N), GG, 11/24. Owners: **Edward A. & Theresa DeNike**. Record: SP, 2 wins, \$57,740. Half-sister to \$502,976 G2 SW and G1-placed Chocolate Martini and \$191,395 SW Nicky’s Brown Miss. Out of \$158,728 SP mare . . . Murphys Tiger (2018) c., Smiling Tiger—**Youtheprizeandi**, by You and I (CA). Won: C\$40,000, GG, 12/3. Breeder and owner: Jethorse LLC. Trainer: Tim McCanna. Record: 6 wins, \$141,276. Half-brother to \$352,016 G1 2023 SW Daddysruby and \$119,973 SP Daddysprize. Out of Washington-bred SW . . . Beau Soleil (2021) f., **Alternation**—Sun for Fun, by Sky Classic (KY). Won: Str/OC\$50,000 (N), LAT, 12/17. Record: 2 wins, \$69,370. By new Blue Ribbon Farm stallion. Out of \$222,583 SP mare . . . Minister of Soul (2014) g., Ministers Wild Cat—Sensitive Soul, by Bernstein (CA). Won: Alw/OC\$35,000 (N), Zia, 12/20. Record: 18 wins (5-time SW, 10-time SP), \$575,822. Half-brother to \$492,180 SW and Washington sire **Raised a Secret**, \$276,739

SP Sapphire Kid and Beautiful Soul, a 2022 filly by Danzing Candy . . . Duly Noted (2021) f., Grazen—Fragrant Harbor, by Harbor the Gold (CA), Won: MSW (1st start), GG, 12/26. Breeders: **Charlie Dunn, Ray McCanna & Al Hodge**. Owners: Dunn Bar Ranch LLC, Al Hodge, Anne MacLennan & **Tim McCanna** (trainer). Half-sister to 10-race, \$195,793 winner Marilyn’s Smile, and 2022 and 2023 fillies by Smiling Tiger. Out of a winning sister to SP Val de Saire and half-sister to SP Three Forks Gold and the dam of 2022 Washington most improved plater Pearl River Delta . . . Golden Prayer (2020) f., Bolt d’Oro—K C’s Songofprayer, by Songandaprayer (MN). Won: Alw/OC\$50,000, GG, 12/29. Owner: **Steve Moger**. Trainer: Ed Moger Jr. Half-sister to \$119,279 SW Flatter Hymn, \$217,252 SP Poetic Verse and a 2022 Take Charge Indy colt. Dam is a winning half-sister to \$328,409 SW Country Diva, steeplechase SW Bon Caddo and SP Halfandtwoquarters . . . **Holyjazz** (2019) g., Abraaj—Holy Mama, by Holy Bull (WA). Won: C\$5,000, LAQ, 12/30. Breeder: Horseplayers Racing Club. The only 5-race Washington-bred winner in 2023. Record: 6 wins, \$50,489. Brother to \$99,495 SW and 11-race winner Abraa Jabraa. Out of 5-race winning half-sister to \$108,575 SW Blazing Charcoal . . . **Peter Flies** (2020), g., Private Gold—Irene Flies, by Rocky Bar (WA). Won: MC\$25,000 (by 3 1/2), GG, 12/30. Breeders: Keith & Jan Swagerty. Owner: Remmah Racing Inc. Trainer: Jack Steiner. Out of unraced daughter of \$184,529 SW No Flies On Doodle, a half-sister to \$380,427 SW Mike Man’s Gold and \$53,718 SP Mike Man’s Bro . . . Big City Lights (2019) c., Mr. Big—Champagne Exchange, by Exchange Rate (CA). Won: Alw/OC\$80,000 (N), SA, 1/6. Breeder: **Bar C Racing Stables Inc.** Record: 2-time SW, 8 starts, 4-4-0, \$443,420. Half-brother to G2-placed Exchange Vows. Out of daughter of 2-time Washington champion Youcan’ttakeme.

With a Furlong to Go – East of the Rockies . . .

Five Star General (2016) h., Distorted Humor—Party of Interest, by Bernardini (KY). Won: Evangeline Mile S., EvD, 4/8, Longacres Mile, EmD, 8/18, Tenacious S. (by 3), FG, 12/23; 2nd Michael G. Schaeffer Memorial S., InD, 7/8; 3rd Delta Mile S., DeD, 11/3. Owner: **Elttaes Stable**. Trainer: **Grant Forster**. Record: 6-time SW, 11 wins total, \$677,429. Half-brother to SP Battle Zone. Out of \$91,410-winning half-sister to \$554,313 SW Criminologist, \$204,929 G2-placed Rescue Squad and \$164,050 SP Party Now . . . Call Me Fast (2019) g., Dialed In—Caged Mistress, by Ministers Wild Cat (KY). 2nd Ben Ali S.-G3, Kee, 4/22, 2nd Blame S.-G3, CD, 6/3. Breeder: Glen Todd. Owners: **Giddyup Stables LLC & Tom Lambro**. Trainer: **Michael Puhich**. Record: 3 wins, \$401,359. Out of \$136,765 SW . . .

Ryvitt (2020) c., Competitive Edge—She Is Bedazzling, by Medaglia d’Oro (KY). Won: Bachelor S., OP, 4/29, Chick Lang S.-G3, Pim, 5/20, Maxfield Overnight S. (by 3 1/4), EIP, 7/2, Steel Valley Sprint S., Mhg, 11/20. Record: 6 wins, \$658,484. First foal out of half-sister to \$215,276 G2 SW High Dollar Woman and \$109,602 SP Joedini. Second dam, \$101,110 G2-placed Melissa Jo, is a half-sister to 2005 Washington horse of the year and Longacres Mile-G3 winner **No Giveaway**, Washington champion and \$199,975 SW **Youcan’ttakeme**, \$257,721 SW Hail to the Nile and SP **Miss Ballard** . . . Sandy’s Garden (2019) f., **Conveyance**—Lots of Mine, by Mineshaft (NY). Won: Alw (by 7 3/4), FL, 5/23, Alw (by 9 3/4), FL, 6/21, Alw, FL, 11/14. Record: SP, 4 wins, \$126,758. Out of a half-sister to \$306,198 SW and G3-placed Harmony Hall . . . Dreaming of Kona (2020) c., Fast Anna—Pliant, by Maria’s Mon (KY). Won: Tom Ridge S., PID, 6/5. Record: 3 wins, \$198,720. Out of a daughter of 2001 Washington champion 3YO filly and \$145,220 SW **Graceful Cat**, who was bred and raced by Terry & Diane Garrison’s Savario Farm . . . Camp Custer (2020) c., Girvin—**Grinch**, by Salt Lake (FL). Won: MSW (1st start), LS, 6/9. Out of 2004 Washington champion and \$164,284 SP mare . . . **Cherokee Chatter** (2017) m., Jake La Gold—Tribal Chatter, by Speightstown (WA). Won: Alw, PID, 6/13. Breeder: Antonio Martinez. Owner: Thomas E. Bozantz. Trainer: Cathy Bozantz. Record: 2022 Washington plater of the year, 6 wins, \$120,900. Out of \$111,852 winning half-sister to \$492,999 SW Swift Winds . . . Plane Talk (2017) g., **Conveyance**—Kitty’s Pearl, by Bellamy Road (KY). 2nd Dark Star Turf Sprint S., Cby, 6/21. Record: SW, 7 wins, \$229,927 . . . **My Harbors Dream** (2019) g., Harbor the Gold—Bamboo Dream, by Finality (WA). Won: Alw/OC\$16,000-N, Mth, 6/25, Str/OC\$25,000-N, Del, 8/17, Str Alw/OC\$40,000-\$32,000 (N) (by 4 1/2), Del, 9/9. Breeder: Danielle Auger. Record: 6 wins, \$165,049. Out of \$100,021 SW . . . The Wine Steward (2021) c., Vino Rossi—Call to Service, by To Honor and Serve (KY). Won: Bashford Manor S., EIP, 7/2, Funny Cide S., Sar, 8/27; 2nd Breeders’ Futurity-G1, Kee, 10/7. Owners: Paradise Farms Corp. & **Dave Staudacher**. Record: SW, 3 wins, \$370,260. Dam is a half-sister to \$527,394 G2 SW and G1-placed Isotherm, \$589,600 G3 SW Giant Game and \$292,260 G1-placed Gio Game . . . Nobody Listens (2018) g., **Conveyance**—Royalesque, by Chapel Royal (IN). Won: Brickyard H.-R, InD, 7/5, Turf Monster S.-G3 (by 3), Prx. 9/23, Parx Dash S., Prx, 8/22, Alw-R, InD, 8/3. Record: 5-time SW, 14 wins, \$704,230. By 3-time leading Washington sire. Out of half-sister to \$1.8-million Japanese SW A Shin Wezen. Sadly, Nobody Listens died in a tragic trailer accident the day after he won the Turf Monster Stakes . . . Background (2017) g.

Khozan—Ephyra, by Corinthian (FL). Won: Alw/OC\$62,500, EIP, 7/16. Owner: **Giddyup Stables LLC**, Trainer: **Michael Puhich**. Record: 2021 Longacres Mile-G3 winner, 7 wins, \$492,486. Brother to \$94,280 2023 2YO SW Squints, who won the Juvenile Sprint Stakes at Gulfstream Park on November 11, and \$46,480 SP Esoteric. Out of \$111,879 winning half-sister to \$303,516 SW Leonides . . . Generous Tipper (2021) c., Street Sense—**Stopshoppingdebbie**, by Curlin (KY). Won: MSW (by 7 1/2), EIP, 8/28; 3rd Breeders' Futurity-G1, Kee, 10/7. Earnings: \$116,550. Out of \$249,728 SW and Emerald Downs champion, who like her Emerald Downs champion half-sisters Shampoo and Smarty Deb, was bred and raced by the late Jerre Paxton's Northwest Farms LLC . . . Caribbean Beauty (2020) f., Uncle Mo—Fresia, by El Prado (Ire) (KY). Won: MSW, InD (by 6), 8/28. Breeders: **Bar C Racing Stables Inc.** & Uncle Mo Syndicate. A \$700,000 Keeneland September Sale yearling 2nd sister to California champion and \$585,522 SW Galilean and a half-sister to Washington champion Harbored Memories . . . Life Talk (2021), f., Gun Runner—Touchy Feely, by Bernardini (KY). Won: Demoiselle S.-G2, Aqu, 12/2, MSW (by 8 1/2), Sar, 8/31; 3rd Frizette S.-G1, Bel, 10/7. Breeders: Gun Runner Syndicate, Mulholland Springs LLC & **Tom Grether Farms Inc.** Owner: Repole Stable. Record: 2 wins, \$364,250. Out of winning half-sister to \$330,242 G2 SW Indian Firewater . . . Gracie's Boy Roy (2021) g., **Atta Boy Roy**—Amariah Grace, by Sky Mesa (IA). 3rd Circle City S.-R, InD, 9/6. Earnings: \$40,684. Sired by champion Washington racehorse and sire. Out of half-sister to \$143,455 SW Sly Beauty . . . Devils Red (2020) g., More Than Ready—Elusive Diva, by Elusive Quality (KY). Won: Alw, Mnr, 9/13. Record: 3 wins. \$45,434. Brother to 2-time Eclipse champion sprinter Roy H. Dam, a \$484,510 G3 SW and G1- & G2-placed, is one of 4 SWs. including Washington champion Handyman Bill and English SW and Group 1-placed Tropics, out of SW and 2003 Washington broodmare of the year **Taj Aire** . . . Boss Like Bess (2020), f., Private Gold—Dance With Effie, by Chhaya Dance (PA). Won: Alw/OC\$16,000 (earned \$60,000 of \$101,750 purse), Prx, 9/23. Breeder: **John Parker**. Record: 3 wins, \$173,898. Out of \$73,309 SW, a half-sister to Longacres Mile-G3 winner, \$552,348 SW and 2022 Washington leading freshman sire Gold Rush Dancer, also by Private Gold. Mare produced 2022 filly by Slew's Tiznow which brought \$18,000 at the 2023 WTBOA Sale . . . Koshier Cowboy (2018) g., **Conveyance**—Hickory Heifer, by Forestry (KY). Won: Alw, Mnr, 10/1, Alw, Mnr, 11/21. Record: 5 wins, \$98,937. Son of 2021-23 leading Washington sire . . . Buchu (2021) f., Justify—Flowering Peach (Ire), by Galileo (KY). Won: Jessamine S.-G2, Kee, 10/6. Record: 2 wins, \$294,955. Her third dam,

Washington-bred SW **Cappucino Bay**, produced \$5.7-million G1 SW and megastar sire Medaglia d'Oro, \$338,770 G3 SW Naples Bay (her second dam) and \$344,285 SP Espresso Bay . . . Wit (2019) c., Practical Joke—Numero d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro (KY). 3rd Belmont Turf Sprint (on dirt), Bel, 10/7. Record: G3 SW, G1-placed, \$648,000. Half-brother to 2018 Longacres Mile-G3 winner **Barkley**, whose first crop reaches the races in 2024 . . . Spooky Lady (2019) f., Ghostzapper—**Lady of the Nile**, by Pioneer of the Nile (NY). Won: Alw-R, Aqu, 11/19. Record: 2 wins, \$139,603. \$400,000 Keeneland September Sale yearling. Dam is Emerald Downs SP half-sister to \$224,842 G3 SW Lord Simba . . . Deposition (2021) c., Constitution—Mandrell, by Dubawi (Ire) (KY). Won: MSW, Prx, 11/21. Out of English winning daughter of G1 SW Country Star, a daughter of 2000 Washington horse of the year and G1 SW **Rings a Chime** . . . Turnpike Bob (2019) g., Palace—It's Stevie Time, by Quiet American (PA). Won: Alw-R, Pen, 11/24. Record: 6 wins, \$147,330. Half-brother to 2011 Washington champion and \$328,687 SW **Point of Reference**, the dam of 2-time Washington champion and \$180,89 SW **Unmachable** . . . **Lonesome Boy** (2021), c., Nationhood—Atta Girl Pearl, by Atta Boy Roy (WA). Won: MC\$40,000 (by 12 1/4), Prx, 12/19. Breeders: Pat & Mullan Chinn. Owner: John E. Parker. Earnings: \$46,594. Half-brother to 2022 Washington most improved plater and \$60,545 earner Pearl River Delta and Pearl Essence, a 2023 Conveyance filly. Out of unraced half-sister to SP Val de Saire and SP Three Forks Gold . . . **Itsablingthing** (2020), f., Pontiff—It's My Knight, by Yes It's True (WA). Won: MSW (by 2 3/4), Mhg, 12/19. Breeder: Warlock Stables. Owner and trainer: Roddina A. Barrett. Earnings: \$39,894. Out of 4-race winner of \$46,554 who produced a 2022 filly by Pontiff named Bling It. Second dam, 2009 Washington champion 2YO filly Knight Raider, also produced 2023 2YO \$64,940 SW Freightline, SW Miss Valor and \$35,721 SP Wicked Winnings . . . Spencer's Boy Luna (2020), c. **Alternation**—Paris Girl, by Pulpit (KY). Won: Alw, Mhg, 12/20. Record: 3 wins in 6 starts, \$39,212. Half-brother to Japanese SP Vodka tonic. Dam is a half-sister to \$166,105 SP Savannah Belle.

With a Furlong to Go – Internationally . . .

First Minister (2020) c., Galileo (Ire)—Naples Bay, by Giant's Causeway (Ire), Won: Prix Hocquart-G3, ParisLongchamp (France), 5/25. Out of \$338,770 G3 SW who is half-sister to 7-time G1/G2 \$4.5-million SW and major sire Medaglia d'Oro, both offspring of Washington-bred \$164,133 SW **Cappucino Bay**, a half-sister to 1988 Washington champion 2YO and \$189,236 SW Maharesred . . . **Abraa Jabraa** (2017) m., Abraaj—Holy Mama, by Holy Bull (WA). Won: Fillies and Mares

Spring Sprint S., Lbg, B Cup Fillies and Mares Sprint S., Lbg, 9/24; 2nd Farewell Fillies and Mares S., Lbg, 10/9. Breeder: Horseplayers Racing Club. Record: 4-time SW, 11 Thoroughbred wins, \$99,495; 1 Quarter Horse win. \$3,041. Out of a half-sister to \$108,575 SW Blazing Charcoal . . . Calm Strong (2019) f., Bayern—Diva's Seastar, by Broken Vow (KY). Won: KNN Cup-G3 (**Kor**), Busan (Korea), 6/25. Out of \$53,920 SP mare bred by John and Doris Konecny. Dam is a half-sister to 4 SWs, including Grade/Group 3 winners Tropics and Elusive Diva and Washington champion Handyman Bill, all offspring 2003 Washington broodmare of the year **Taj Aire** . . . **Gray Gem** (2015) g., Matty G—Whatdidshesay, by Knight in Savannah. Won: Open S., Lbg, 6/25. Breeder: Quadrun Farms LLC. Owner and trainer: Lyle Magnuson. Record: 18 Thoroughbred wins, \$147,734; 2 mixed wins, \$5,500. Out of \$111,590 SW, a half-sister to SP Whatdidshesay and SP Whatdidtheysay . . . El Dorado Storm (2018), g., **Coast Guard**—Kula Girl, by Hesabull (BC). Won: Sprint Series S., GRp, 8/13; Sprint Series Leg One S., GRp, 7/22, B Cup Sprint S., Lbg, 9/24; 2nd Sprint Series S., GRp, 7/30. Record: Thoroughbred SW, 10 wins, \$54,647; 8 mixed wins, \$24,653. Brother to \$165,363 SW Satellite Storm . . . **Bourbon Bandit** (2018) g., Parker's Storm Cat—Bourbon Baby, by Speeding Light (Arg) (WA). Won: Sprint Series S., GRp, 7/30. Farewell S., Lbg, 10/9; 3rd Open S., Lbg, 6/25. Breeder: Roger J. Hoff. Record: Thoroughbred SW, 9 wins, \$44,170; 2 mixed wins, \$8,902 . . . Suddenly Famous (2021) g., **Car Talk (Ire)**—Sudden, by Speed Jaro (Fr) (AB). Won: MSW, CIM, 9/30, 2nd Birdcatcher S., CIM, 10/22. Earnings: \$30,543. By former Washington stallion. Brother to Oregon champion Sharp Dressed Beau and half-brother to Oregon champions Suddenly Adele and Gracie Gold . . . Artie's Storm (2018) g., We Miss Artie—Tiz Stormy Now, by Tiznow (ON). Won: Durham Cup S.-G3, WO, 10/7. Record: G2 SW, 7 wins, \$614,474. Third dam is Herman Sarkowsky's Eclipse Award winning 2YO **Phone Chatter** . . . Romeo Yankee (2019) g., Flat Out—Bella Cantu, by War Chant (KY). Won: Alw/OC\$50,000 (N), WO, 12/10. Breeder: **Rod Orr**. Owner: **Katie E. O'Connor**. Half-brother to \$221,889 G3-placed Boyett , , Mo Strike (2020) c., Uncle Mo—Featherbed, by Smart Strike (KY). Won: Alw, King Abdulaziz (Saudi Arabia), 12/21; 2nd Oaklawn H., OP, 4/29. Record: G3 SW, 2 wins in US, \$213,685; winner in first start in Saudi Arabia. Half-brother to \$421,006 G3 SW and Bar C Racing Stables' sire **Dynamic Impact**. Out of \$227,904 SW and G1-placed half-sister to \$202,762 G3-placed Little Cliff and \$190,801 SP Dynamical.

At the Farm

Alternation to Stand 2024 Breeding Season at Blue Ribbon Farm

Rick and Debbie Pabst have purchased six-time stakes winner Alternation (Distorted Humor—Alternate, by Seattle Slew) from Lexington's Darby Dan Farm. The 15-year-old stallion will stand the 2024 breeding season at the Pabsts' Blue Ribbon Farm in Buckley for a private treaty.

"We are very excited to be standing Alternation at stud at Blue Ribbon Farm," commented Debbie Pabst. "We hope that everyone who is interested in breeding to him will call the farm to make an appointment to come see him."

During his four seasons of racing Alternation won the Grade 2 Peter Pan Stakes at three and added wins in the Grade 2 Oaklawn Handicap, Grade 3 Pimlico Special Stakes, Grade 3 Razorback Stakes, as well as the listed Governor's Cup Stakes and Essex Handicap, at four. He also finished second, by a head, in the Oklahoma Derby. In his 19 starts, Alternation had a 9-1-1 record, earnings of \$1,064,728 and a SSI of 18.40.

Alternation entered stud at Darby Dan in 2014. His top runner, Serengeti Empress, won the 2019 Kentucky Oaks (G1), Ballerina Stakes (G1) and four other stakes, earning \$2,175,653. He is also the sire of Puerto Rican champion Avantika. Serengeti Empress, Avantika and two of other his stakes winners carry double crosses of Seattle Slew.

He is one of 182 stakes winners sired by top international sire Distorted Humor. A four-time graded stakes-winning son of 1987 Eclipse champion two-year-old Forty Niner, Distorted Humor is the sire of champions in the US, UAE, Ireland and Canada. His son Funny Cide won both the 2003 Kentucky Derby (G1) and Preakness Stakes (G1), while another son, Drosselmeyer, had a victory in the 2010 Belmont Stakes (G1) and would later take the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1). Distorted Humor's Grade 1-winning sons Flower Alley, Any Given Saturday and Jimmy Creed have all become successful sires.

Alternation's dam, Alternate, a three-time stakes winner and multiple graded placed daughter by 1977 Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew, also produced \$1.5-million Pacific Classic (G1) winner Higher Power (whose first crop reaches the races in 2024) and \$251,005 stakes winner Interrupted. Alternate, who earned \$550,695 in her three-year racing career, is a half-sister to Canadian Horse of the Year Peaks and Valleys, who won the Grade 1 Molson Export Million Stakes, earned over \$1.5-million and was a successful sire.

Through December 31, 2023, Alternation has sired 16 stakes winners, including eight who have placed in 2023 stakes. His 223 starters (159 winners) have earned

\$17,151,025 with a \$76,910 average earnings per starter. In addition, Alternation is the sire of 19 two-year-olds and 20 yearlings.

Harbored Memories Enters Stud at Bar C Racing Stables in 2024

2021 Washington champion turf horse Harbored Memories has been retired to the place of his birth, Neal and Pam Christopherson's Hermiston, Oregon-based Bar C Racing Stables Inc., where he will enter stud for the 2024 breeding season for a \$1,500 fee, with special consideration to stakes winners and stakes producers.

He is one of 30 state champions sired by the late Harbor the Gold, now in his 15th straight year on top of the Oregon sire list. Harbor the Gold is also the leading sire by wins at Emerald Downs with 493 (70 stakes). His sons Zabracadabra and My Harbors Dream were the top earning Washington-bred runners in 2023 (\$160,150 and \$136,860, respectively). His total progeny earnings exceed \$14-million.

Unraced at two, Harbored Memories' 12-race career was centered at Santa Anita Park, though he did make the trip to Del Mar twice. His first win came in a mid-May, 6 1/2-furlong maiden special weight race over Santa Anita's turf course. He also won his next outing, an allowance/\$100,000 optional claiming race (N) over the same surface and distance. He also ran second to multiple graded stakes winner Beer Can Man in a Del Mar allowance. In his five starts on the grass in 2021, Harbored Memories had a 2-2-0 record and turf earnings of \$102,300.

Harbored Memories made three starts at four, with two seconds and a fourth in allowance company. After another year off, the bay ran twice in 2023, and finished third (May 7) in turf allowance.

His retired with a 2-6-1 record and earnings of \$168,120.

Harbored Memories is the fourth foal and second state champion produced out of the El Prado (Ire) mare Fresia. Her 2016 Uncle Mo colt Galilean won six restricted California stakes and placed in the Grade 2 Rebel Stakes at Oaklawn Park. Voted California champion older male runner in 2020, he was retired to stud at Hidden Lake Farm in New York in 2022.

The Christophersons had purchased Fresia at the 2015 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale for \$35,000. She was carrying Galilean, who they sold as a yearling in California for \$60,000. He was later pinhooked for \$600,000 at the Barretts' Two-year-old Sale.

In 2019 the Christophersons entered into a partnership with the Uncle Mo Syndicate to breed Fresia back to Uncle Mo. That filly, the now three-year-old Caribbean Beauty, brought a \$700,000 bid at the 2021 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. On August 28, in her second start, she won a Horseshoe Indianapolis maiden special weight race by eight lengths.

Fresia is a half-sister to two-time Canadian Grade 3 winner and \$509,349 earner His Race to Win and a sister to \$116,265 earner Torreadora, dam of Canadian champion and Woodbine Mile (G1) winner El Tormenta and Grade 3 winner Zero Tolerance.

Fresia's grandam, Seattle Classic, an unraced daughter of Seattle Slew, produced Canadian champion juvenile filly and Grade 1 winner Hello Seattle and stakes winner Sail From Seattle.

Seattle Classic was a daughter of 1991 Canadian broodmare of the year Classy 'n Smart, whose dam No Class created a Canadian dynasty through her many of top-class offspring.

Voted 1985 Canadian broodmare of the year, No Class, by Nodouble, produced six stakes winners, four of whom were awarded Sovereign Award championships. The previously mentioned champion Classy 'n Smart produced four stakes winners, led by Canadian Horse of the Year and Grade 1 winner Dance Smartly (\$3.2-million) – who was the 2001 Canadian broodmare of the year – and Grade 1 winner and major sire and broodmare sire Smart Strike.

Old Friends Welcomes Washington-bred Mike Man's Gold

Mike Man's Gold, the all-time leader by wins at Emerald Downs with 26 victories, has been retired to Old Friends, the Thoroughbred retirement farm in Georgetown, Kentucky.

The 2010 dark bay gelding was donated by Karen Angelos, who has owned and cared for the gelding at his breeders Keith and Jan Swagerty's West Coast Training Center in Auburn since his retirement from racing in 2022.

When West Coast Training Center was recently sold, Angelos reached out to Old Friends for a permanent retirement place for the multiple stakes winner and 2017 Washington plater of the year.

He was bred and originally raced by the Swagertys (Swag Stables). Mike Man's Gold, who is by Liberty Gold out of 2017 Washington broodmare of the year Chedoodle, by Slewledo. At the time, Angelos was the broodmare manager at the Swagertys' farm.

Mike Man's Gold boasted a nearly unprecedented 11-year career, which saw him become a fan-favorite at Emerald Downs.

He began his racing career under trainer David Martinez as a two-year old in 2012 and promptly captured his first three starts, all at Emerald Downs, including the Premio Esmeralda and WTBOA Lads stakes.

Mike Man's Gold continued his winning ways in 2013 he won the Seattle Slew Handicap; and in 2014 he added a victory in the Muckleshoot Tribal Classic Stakes.

Following his four-year old season, Mike Man's Gold continued to test stakes company, but also began running in lower level races, where he had many wins.

Mike Man's Gold raced his first 29 starts

for the Swagertys before being claimed in 2016, by trainer Jeff Metz for Kelly Dougan and Brett Brophy. The new owners lost him in his next start to trainer Joe Toye for owners Greg and Chuck Conley and Toye's Terra Firma Farm. Metz then reclaimed him, but again lost him to Toye's group later that same month.

Mike Man's Gold would have his best racing season in 2017, when he won five of his nine starts and add a third place finish in the 2017 Muckleshoot Tribal Classic for Toye and the Conleys.

The talented gelding set the all-time win record at Emerald Downs with his 22nd victory on September 1, 2019.

Rigoberto Velasquez haltered him twice for Inittowinit, but Mike Man's Gold then returned to the Toye barn via the claiming ranks. His final Emerald win came July 22, 2021, when trainer Candy Cryderman claimed him for \$6,250 for John Parker.

The next month, Toye re-claimed the hard-knocking runner for \$2,500 and Mike Man's Gold made his final start for Paddock Partners Ltd and Swag Stables on August 26, 2022, finishing fourth in a \$2,500 Emerald claimer.

Mike Man's Gold also placed in races at Del Mar and Turf Paradise, but all his wins came from his 67 starts at Emerald Downs.

In addition to his 26 wins, Mike Man's Gold closed out his career with eight seconds, eight thirds, and \$380,427 in earnings in his 86 total starts.

Angelos is looking forward to a visit with her former charge. "Mike Man has been big part of my 23 years there and I can't wait to come see him at Old Friends and give him some peppermints."

"They don't make them like him anymore," said Michael Blowen, founder of Old Friends. "Like Soi Phet, Rated R Superstar, Welder and Rapid Redux, Mike Man laid it on the line for a long time. He arrived on September 20 a bit tired, but bright-eyed and alert. Thanks to Nancy and everyone at Emerald Downs, and Karen at Swag Stables, for making it possible for Old Friends to enjoy him every day."

Farm Bulletin . . .

Two-time Emerald Downs sprint champion **Handy N Bold**, 28, passed away March 28, 2023, at Jones Farm in Renton, where he had spent his long retirement. Foaled in British Columbia in 1995, the gelded son of Bold Laddie—Five Rings, by Table Run, raced the majority of his seven-year career for Doris Orr while trained by Charles Essex. In his 32 starts Handy N Bold had a 11-6-9 record and earnings of \$249,121. He won ten stakes at Emerald Downs, including four runnings of the Governor's Handicap (1999-2001, 2003) . . . 2018 Washington champion 2-year-old filly **Money in the Starrs** (Abraaj—Our Monstarr, by Demons Begone) produced her first foal on February 8, 2023, in Kentucky

for Erin Fisher, a filly from the first crop of 2021 Horse of the Year Knicks Go. She was then covered by first year stallion and \$2.9-million SW Epicenter for 2024 . . . Dr. Schivel (Violence), the \$1,327,000 G1 winner trained by **Mark Glatt**, has been retired to stud at Taylor Made Stallions in Nicholasville, Kentucky, where he will stand the 2024 breeding season for a \$12,500 fee . . . Two-time Eclipse Award-winning sprinter Roy H has joined Kentucky Horse Park's Hall of Champions. Foaled in Kentucky in 2012, the \$3.1-million earner by More Than Ready won back-to-back Breeders' Cup Sprints (G1), as well as five other Grade 1 or Grade 2 stakes. His dam, triple Grade 3 winner and Grade 1-placed Elusive Diva (\$484,510), by Elusive Quality, is one of four stakes winners, including Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed Tropics and Washington champion Handyman Bill, produced out of 2003 Washington broodmare of the year **Taj Aire**, who was one of three stakes winners, led by state champion Mahaska, produced out of 1990 Washington broodmare of the year **Whimsical Aire**. After his retirement from racing in 2019, Roy H served as his trainer Peter Miller's stable pony . . . The cover story on the December 13, 2023, *Thoroughbred Daily News* featured **Neal and Pam Christopherson** in an article titled "Bar C' Coup Reverses the Oregon Trail," by Chris McGrath.

At the Sales

CTBA Northern California Sale

The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA) held their 2023 Northern California Yearling and Horses of Racing Age Sale on August 15 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. A total of 166 yearlings and 14 other horses were cataloged. After 42 outs, 32 of them yearlings, and 20 RNAs, the 115 yearlings sold brought a \$1,064,900 total, a \$9,260 average and a \$5,500 median, while the three non-yearlings sold for a \$10,700 total. Both the yearling average (\$3,567) and median (\$2,200) were significantly up from 2022 figures.

Topping the sale for \$100,000 was a colt from the last crop of Vronsky, the first foal out of a sister to \$63,065 stakes-placed Alsatian and half-sister to \$632,065 Grade 3 stakes winner Lucky J. H. He was purchased by PT Syndicate #1 and Meister.

The top-priced filly and second highest selling yearling was a daughter of Stay Thirsty out of the winning Indian Charlie mare Letsgotovegas.

John Parker signed for yearling fillies by Run It and Bodexpress. Rozamund Barclay bought a yearling daughter of Grazen out of a \$180,777 winning sister to two \$330,000-plus stakes winners. Eric Jensen went to \$29,000 to acquire a Sir Prancealot (Ire) filly out of \$129,770 stakes-placed Cotton's Point.

CTHS-British Columbia Division Yearling and Mixed Sale

The British Columbia division of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society (CTHS) held their annual yearling and mixed sale on August 30 at the Thunderbird Show Park in Langley.

Fifty-eight yearlings and four broodmares were cataloged. After six withdrawals and ten RNAs, 42 yearlings sold for a \$876,000 (\$648,240US) total and a \$20,857C (\$15,434US) average and three broodmares sold for a \$6,000C (\$4,440US) total and a \$2,000C (\$1,480US) average.

Topping the sale for \$58,000C (\$42,800US) was a full sister to BC champion two-year-old colt Legacy Square and half-sister to BC champion two-year-old filly U Did It. The daughter of Lent out of BC champion two-year-old filly Architecture, by Dixie Chatter, was consigned by Emerald Acres, agent and purchased by Whitehall Farms. Whitehall Farms also purchased the second highest offering, again from Emerald Acres, a Pop Artist colt for \$44,000C (\$32,469US). The colt is a half-brother to Jack Diamond Futurity winner Power Corrupt and stakes winner Purple Storm.

Keeneland September Yearling Sale

Keeneland offered 4,215 yearlings at their September 11-25 yearling auction. A total of 3,452 yearlings went through the ring with 2,754 selling for a \$394,127,900 total, a \$143,111 average (up 0.48 percent) and a \$67,000 median (down 4.29 percent).

Topping the venue for \$3-million was an Into Mischief half-brother to Wood Memorial Stakes (G1) winner Outwork. Bred by Repole Stable Inc., the colt was purchased by Sonson, Woodford, West Point, LEB, agent.

The \$2.5-million top-priced filly was an Uncle Mo-sired half-sister to Kentucky Oaks (G1) winner Shedaresthedeevil.

Neal and Pam Christopherson's Bar C Racing Stables Inc. sold the seventh highest-priced colt and ninth highest-selling yearling overall. The colt, who dam had been purchased carrying the colt for \$210,000, is a February 7 son of Uncle Mo out of a young daughter of Group 2-placed Toogoodtobetrue (Ire) and from the family of champions/highweights Galileo, Sea The Stars, Black Sam Bellamy, Urban Ocean and Victory Song. The \$1,350,000 purchase was secured by the same group that bought the saletopper.

The Christophersons also sold an Om half-brother to \$592,522 stakes winner Galilean for \$90,000. The colt is also a half-brother to Washington turf champion Harbored Memories.

Buyers With Washington Connections

Bob Cappelletti, as agent, purchased four yearlings: a Twirling Candy colt out of a \$74,912-winning half-sister to stakes winners Icabad Crane and Out Gold Dream; a Good Samaritan colt out of a \$207,639-winning Uncle Mo mare; a Liam's Map filly, the first

foal out of \$205,000 stakes-placed mare; and a Gift Box filly out of a young winning Pioneer of the Nile mare.

Fred Desimone signed for a trio of fillies. Two are daughters of Omaha Beach, the first is out of a half-sister to stakes winners Charity Belle and Spicer Boy, and the second a half-sister to Grade 3 winner Stunning Sky. He also signed for a Munnings filly out of a winning half-sister to four-time Grade 3 winner Mr. Money.

Joseph DiPietro purchased an Army Mule colt out of a \$114,405 stakes-placed Curlin mare.

Halvorson Bloodstock, as agent, signed for a Ghostzapper colt, the first foal out of a half-sister to Grade 3 stakes winner Champagne Problems, also by Ghostzapper.

Steve Moger bought a filly by Outwork out of a half-sister to three stakes-placed runners.

Michael Puhich, as agent, signed for three colts: a Practical Joke half-brother to Grade 3 stakes winner Mo Stash; a son of first-crop stallion Improbable out of \$128,980 stakes winner I Bet Toni, who has already produced Grade 2 winner Toinette; and a son of first-crop stallion Game Winner out of a half-sister to \$295,778 stakes-placed What a Fox.

Chris Randall purchased four yearlings. The two colts are by Maximus Mischief, one out of a half-sister to Grade 3 stakes winner Something Ventured, and the other a half-brother to two stakes-placed winners by first-crop stallion Tiz the Law. The two fillies are a Unified half-sister to stakes winners Lulu Wong and two-time Emerald Downs stakes winner Princess of Cairo; and a daughter of The Factor.

From Washington and/or Emerald Stakes Families

Among those selling with a connection to local families were a half-sister to Longacres Mile (G3) winner Barkley and grade 3 winner Wit. from first-crop stallion Authentic that sold for \$185,000; a Dialed In filly out of a winning half-sister to Washington champions Stryker Phd (a two-time Mile winner) and Madame Pele that sold for \$100,000; a daughter of Violence out of an unraced half-sister to 2023 Longacres Mile winner Five Star General that brought a \$200,000 bid; and an Uncle Mo filly out of a Grade 3-winning half-sister to 2019 Longacres Mile (G3) victor Law Abidin Citizen that sold for \$45,000.

An American Pharoah filly out of Emerald Downs champion Belle Hill sold for \$350,000, while her Canadian champion half-sister Hillaby's Nyquist filly brought \$125,000.

A Caravaggio half-brother to 2022 Gottstein Futurity winner Lloyds Logic sold for \$30,000.

A Speightstown filly out of Washington champion Ladyledue's Grade 2-winning daughter My Lady Curlin brought a \$200,000 bid.

A Justify filly out of six-time stakes winner (two at Emerald Downs) Alliford Bay sold for \$225,000.

A Medaglia d'Oro colt out of Washington Oaks winner Princess of the Nyl brought \$110,000.

An Istagrاند half-brother to 2022 Muckleshoot Derby winner You're the Cause sold for \$150,000.

A American Pharoah filly out of a three-quarter sister to stakes winner Beautiful Daniele (dam of Washington horse of the year Bodenheimer and stakes winner King of Speed) brought \$150,000.

Five yearlings with ties to Northwest Farms were noted. An Outwork filly out of a winning half-sister to Barbara Shinpoch stakes winner Cherokee Echo and Canadian stakes winner Notoriously was hammered down for \$260,000. A Not This Time colt out of a half-sister to Grade 1 winner Separation of Powers and stakes winner Empire of War sold for \$240,000. His third dam was Emerald Downs champion Lasting Code. A Street Sense colt out of an unraced sister to Emerald Downs champion Stopshopping Debbie and half-sister to two other Emerald champions brought \$110,000. Two yearlings out of daughters of Emerald Downs champion Goin to the Window changed hands: a City of Light filly for \$150,000; and a Frosted colt for \$29,000.

A daughter of Nyquist out of \$300,860 stakes winner Smiling Causeway (a three-quarter sister to Eclipse champion She's a Tiger and three-time Grade 1 winner and sire Smiling Tiger) sold for \$235,000.

A Mitole filly out of Washington horse of the year and Grade 1 winner Delicate Vine's Grade 2-winning granddaughter House of Fortune brought \$130,000.

Also noted as selling was a Gift Box colt out of Emerald Distaff Handicap winner Perhaps a Pie; a Lord Nelson filly out of Washington champion Invested Prospect; and a Dialed In half-brother to Emerald Distaff Handicap winner Reginella.

Fasig-Tipton California Fall Yearling and Horses of Racing Age Sale

The fifth annual Fasig-Tipton California Fall Yearling and Horses of Racing Age Sale was held at Fairplex in Pomona on September 26. With 60 supplemental offerings, a total of 343 horses were cataloged. After 62 withdrawals (34 percent), 281 horses went through the ring with 185 selling for a \$5,751,500 total, a \$31,089 average (up 1.86 percent) and a \$15,000 median (down 11.76 percent).

Topping the one-day sale for \$250,000 was a California-bred colt by Vronsky. The half-brother to \$366,010 multiple stakes winner Kings River Knight was purchased by West Point Thoroughbreds Inc.

Three other yearlings brought a bid of \$200,000 or more, including a California-bred Stay Thirsty colt out of stakes winner

and stakes producer My Fiona, who was sold for \$225,000.

The \$200,000 top-selling filly was bred in Kentucky and is from the first crop of champion Improbable. The half-sister to \$323,551 Grade 2 stakes winner Spectator was bred and consigned by Barton Thoroughbreds.

The other \$200,000 yearling was a California-bred colt by Flatter out of a \$118,954-winning half-sister to \$507,565 Grade 3 stakes winner Kitten's Point.

Stormy Hull's Critter Creek Farm, as agent, was represented by 11 yearlings. Ten went through the ring, but only six sold. Topping his consignment for \$60,000 was a Smiling Tiger filly out of an unraced Cyclotron mare from the family of champion Serena's Song. He also sold a Stanford brother to \$204,493 stakes winner Opening Buzz for \$50,000.

Others in his consignment changing hands were: a Grazen half-sister to California champion California Diamond; a Dynamic Impact half-brother to Barbara Shinpoch Stakes winner Sweet Saga; an I'll Have Another colt out of a \$80,794-winning daughter of Redattore (Brz); and a Dialed In filly out of an unraced half-sister to the aforementioned California Diamond.

Topping the others with a tie to Washington racing was a Street Boss colt which sold for \$82,000. He is the first foal out of the winning Bernardini mare Woven, a half-sister to Grade 1 winner Sutra and Angie C. Stakes winner Karula, whose unbeaten daughter Appeal Factor was named top-ranked two-year-old filly at the 2023 Emerald Downs meet. All three stakes-winning fillies were bred and raced by Jack and Theresa Hodge's Enumclaw-based Oak Crest Farm LLC.

A Stay Thirsty colt out of a stakes-placed half-sister to Emerald Distaff Handicap winner Kimmyv and two other stakes horses sold for \$55,000.

Saratoga Selected Yearling Sale

Fasig-Tipton held its 102nd Saratoga Selected Yearling Sale on August 7-8 at the Humphrey S. Finney Sales Pavilion in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Among the 235 yearlings cataloged were five with direct ties to Emerald Downs stakes winners, including four Emerald champions.

A Maclean's Music filly out of a half-sister to 2009 Emerald Downs champion older filly or mare Elusive Horizon, who was bred and raced by the late Jerre Paxton's Northwest Farms LLC, sold for \$250,000.

A Not This Time filly, out of 2012 Emerald horse of the meet Class Included, brought a \$275,000 bid, Her grandmother, A Classic Life was voted 2004 Emerald Downs champion juvenile filly. Class Included was bred by Mike and Amy Feuerborn, who owned the mare during her Washington campaigns. The Feuerborns also raced her stakes-winning dam.

A War of Will colt out of a daughter of 2012

Emerald champion Stopshoppingdebbie, who is a half-sister to Emerald champion fillies Shampoo and Smarty Deb – all daughters of 1997 Emerald champion two-year-old filly Taste the Passion, brought \$380,000. All four champions were bred and raced by Paxton.

An Into Mischief daughter of the last major stakes winner bred by Paxton, Grade 1 winner Separationofpowers, changed hands for \$380,000. The Candy Ride (Arg) mare's granddam, 2002 Emerald Downs champion Lasting Code, was also raced by Northwest Farms.

Carl Grether (Tom Grether Farms Inc.), with partner Mulholland Springs LLC, sold an Into Mischief colt, the first foal out of \$305,898 Grade 2-placed Meal Ticket, for \$950,000.

After 32 outs and 59 RNAs, 153 yearlings sold brought a \$74,780,00 total and a \$488,758 average (up 4.4 percent). The median held steady at \$375,000.

Topping the auction at \$4-million was a Curlin colt out of four-time champion and Grade 3 stakes producer Beholder. The \$6-million earner is a half-sister to UAE heavyweight and Grade 1 winner Mendelssohn and Grade 1 stakes winner and four-time leading North American sire Into Mischief.

The November Sale

Fasig-Tipton held their annual premier breeding stock sale on November 7 at their Newtown Paddocks in Lexington, Kentucky. A total of 246 weanlings and broodmares and broodmare or racing prospects were originally cataloged, but after 25 late additions, the total offered reached 271 horses. After 66 withdrawals and 51 RNAs (24.9 percent), 154 horses sold for a \$101,281,000 total, a \$657,669 average (up 9.81 percent) and a \$295,000 median (up 18 percent). It was the third straight year that the select sale had grossed over \$100-million.

Twenty-five mares brought a million or over, led by two \$6-million broodmare or racing prospects: 2022 Eclipse champions Nest (by Curlin) and Goodnight Olive (by Ghostzapper).

Three weanlings were sold for a sale-topping \$500,000 each: a filly by Munnings and colts by Maxfield (first crop) and Into Mischief.

Three horses with a connection to Washington were noted as selling: a Lexingtonian (first crop) filly out of 2014 Washington Oaks winner Lady Fifty Two brought \$190,000; a Justify half-brother to Yulong Warrior, who won the 2019 Get Away Stakes at Emerald Downs, sold for \$150,000; and nine-year-old stakes producer Impazible Woman, by Mission Impazible, sold for \$325,009 while bred to Not This Time. The \$57,283 winner is a half-sister to stakes-placed Awesome Woman, dam of 2016 Washington champion three-year-old colt or gelding The Press.

Keeneland November Sale

Keeneland held their 80th November Breeding Stock Sale November 8-16. With supplements, a total of 3,582 weanlings, broodmares and broodmare prospects were offered. After 854 withdrawals, and the addition of 93 post sales – as of November 19 – 2,221 horses were sold for a \$188,891,000 total, a \$85,048 average and a \$32,000 median.

Topping the sale for \$2.1-million was the BBA Ireland purchase of the unraced ten-year-old Galileo (GB) mare White Hot (GB), dam of 2021 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) winner Pizza Bianca bred to Into Mischief. Ten other mares brought from \$1-million to \$1.8-million.

Topping the foals of 2023 for \$750,000 was a colt by Gun Runner out of the winning Galileo mare Urban Hill (GB), who is also the dam of \$190,343 stakes-placed Ohhwoothreefive. Shadwell Racing Inc. made the winning bid.

Local Buyers

Pam and Neal Christopherson's Bar C Racing Stables purchased the four-year-old Flintshire (GB) filly Missoni, a half-sister to \$174,471 stakes winner and Grade 2-placed Classic Fit, for \$150,000. She is carrying her first foal, by War Front. Her dam is an unraced half-sister to four stakes winners, including Grade 1 winner and major sire Scat Daddy.

Rick and Debbie Pabst of Blue Ribbon Farm purchased the nine-year-old Speightstown mare Gilded Lily, bred to Sir Winston, for \$20,000. A four-race winner of \$64,438, she is a half-sister to Grade 3 winner Painting, stakes winner and Grade 3-placed Patina and stakes-placed Oil Painting, all offspring of \$435,406 stakes winner and Grade 1-placed Handpainted, by A. P. Indy. Gilded Lily's first foal, the 2019 Gun Runner filly Gilded Quest, has won two races in 2023 and earned \$56,155.

Dr. Duane and Sue Hopp and their Castlegate Farm went to \$45,000 to secure a February 3 weanling daughter of American Pharoah, the first foal out of a Tiznow half-sister to four stakes winners. led by \$555,417 earner Johannesburg Smile.

Oakhurst Thoroughbreds' Dr. Jack and Margaret Root Jr. paid \$30,000 for the unraced six-year-old Snow Star, bred to Minimum Security. The daughter of Curlin is a half-sister to \$172,050 Grade 3 winner Champions Dream, a three-year-old son of Justify. Both are out of the Grade 2-winning Tapit mare Dancinonherdreams.

Montanans Al and Joyce Bell signed for two young broodmares. They paid \$80,000 for six-year-old Take Charge Patti, a \$96,699 earner by Will Take Charge. The half-sister to \$128,269 stakes winner She's Offlee Good was offered bred to Yaupon. The Bells went to \$70,000 to secure Calm Inspiration a four-year-old daughter of Curlin out of Grade 2 winner and Grade 1-placed Thank You Marylou. She had been bred to Army Mule.

Sellers

Tom Grether Farms and partners sold a February 1 filly by Into Mischief out of \$162,370 stakes-placed Blame It On Alphonse – a half-sister to three \$300,000-plus stakes winners – for \$600,000 to Stonerstreet Stable. It was the top price of the sale for a weanling filly and second highest of all the 2023 foals offered. The partners also sold a Bolt d'Oro filly out of a winning half-sister to Grade 2 stakes winner Indian Firewater for \$250,000.

Local Champion or Stakes Winner Connections

Emerald Downs winner Rachae Leigh's Lexingtonian filly sold for \$20,000. The daughter of Stormin Fever is a half-sister to Washington champions Stryker Phd (\$631,011) and Madame Pele (\$196,942). Another half-sister, five-year-old My Pharoah Lady, by American Pharoah, bred to Constitution, was a \$145,000 RNA.

2018 Washington champion two-year-old Money Inthe Starrs, was a \$67,000 RNA, while carrying her second foal, by Epicenter. Her first foal, a filly by Go Knicks, brought \$20,000.

A weanling daughter of McKinzie out of Grade 2-placed Exchange Vows, a granddaughter of two-time Washington champion and stakes producer Youcan'ttakeme, sold for \$300,000.

A colt from the first crop of Tacitus out of 2012 Washington champion Quizzical, a daughter of Washington champion Mahaska, sold for \$20,000.

Also noted as selling was a 2023 filly by Cupid out of a half-sister to Canadian Horse of the Year Lexie Lou, now a Grade 1 producer in Japan. The filly's third dam is two-time Washington champion and Grade 2 stakes winner Favored One.

Censorship, a four-year-old Tonalist half-sister to 2022 Gottstein Futurity winner Lloyds Logic and stakes-placed Whiskey Bound, sold for \$52,000 bred to McKinzie.

Guileful, a four-year-old stakes-placed half-sister to Auburn Stakes winner Whatwasithinking, sold bred to Epicenter (her first foal) for \$250,000.

A Gift Box colt out of Emerald Downs stakes winner Perhaps a Pie, sold for \$25,000.

Stakes winner and Washington's most improved plater Sis's Sis, by Cahill Road, is the dam of unraced Roxanne's Rox On, a five-year-old Temple City mare, who also changed hands, along with her 2023 Beau Liam filly.

Second Bite, a \$68,275 winner by Carpe Diem and half-sister to graded stakes winners Wit (\$648,000) and Washington stallion Barkley (\$368,425) bred to Jack Christopher, brought \$175,000.

A weanling half-brother by Army Mule to 2022 Muckleshoot Derby winner You're the Cause brought \$60,000.

A Yaupon filly out of 2011 Pegasus Two-year-olds in Training Sale graduate and two-time Grade 1 winner Belle Gallantey

sold for \$70,000. A Lexingtonian filly out of Belle Gallantey's unraced daughter Arrostop brought \$30,000.

A Street Cry (Ire) winning half-sister to Conveyance, bred to Charlatan, sold for \$60,000, while White Mischief, a winning Into Mischief half-sister to Grade 2 winner Leggs Galore (whose dam is a full sister to Conveyance), sold bred to Jack Christopher for \$75,000.

Washington Bridge, a \$273,502 Grade 2 winner who was raced by Mark Dedomenico and partners, sold bred to Nyquist for \$50,000. The dam of UAE Oaks (G3) winner Mnasek is a daughter of \$179,890 stakes winner and multiple stakes producer Stirling Bridge, who was a 1996 WTBOA Sale yearling.

Northwest Farms

Five horses from families that were nurtured by the late Jerre Paxton's Northwest Farms were noted, led by the \$300,000 bid for Emerald champion Smarty Deb's \$159,218 stakes-winning daughter Starship Nterprise, by Honor Code, who had been bred to Nyquist for her first foal.

Winner Hot Blooded Girl, by Tapit, a half-sister to Emerald Downs champions Stopshoppingdebbie, Shampoo and Smarty Deb, was sold bred to Olympiad for \$50,000.

Deb's Candy Girl, a daughter of Candy Ride (Arg) out of Emerald Downs stakes winner Bisbee's Prospect, who was a half-sister to Emerald Downs champion racemare Taste the Passion – the dam of the previously mentioned trio of champions – brought, \$75,000 while covered by Golden Pal. She had already produced G3-placed Impeccable Style.

Also selling was the Bodemeister mare Cypriana, a winning half-sister to Emerald two-year-old filly champion Goin to the Window, bred to Take Charge Indy.

After the Hammer . . .

A January 7, 2023, story titled "Auctioneer Caldwell Carries On Keeneland Family Legacy," which featured WTBOA auctioneer **Scott Caldwell**, can be viewed on the *BloodHorse* website at <https://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/265869/auctioneer-caldwell-carries-on-keeneland-family-legacy> . . . Among the top-selling fillies at the OBS March Two-year-olds in Training Sale in Florida was January-foaled daughter of Curlin—Tiz o' Gold, by Cee's Tizzy, who brought a \$325,000 bid after being a \$180,000 Keeneland September Yearling Sale purchase. She is a half-sister to Grade 2 stakes winner and six-time Grade 1-placed Bravazo, who earned over \$2-million and now stands at Calumet Farm. His first crop races in 2024. Their second dam, winner **Pep o' Gold**, by Slew o' Gold, was bred in Washington by Kathy and Hugh Shiels and Charlie and Cindy Hoctor. At the same sale, Global Icon, from the first crop of sprint champion Mitole,

sold for \$260,000. He is out of the \$489,862 stakes-winning and graded stakes-placed Mineshaft mare Kiss Mine, one of three stakes winners out of \$381,629 stakes winner Kiss the Devil. Kiss Mine is now owned by **Connie Belshay** . . . Cashing Tickets, a 12-year-old mare by Indian Charlie, bred to Into Mischief, topped the eight-horse May EquiRing online mixed sale for \$725,000. Consigned by Checkmate Thoroughbreds, the full sister to G3 \$496,560 SW and leading Washington sire **Conveyance** had already produced \$695,048 G2 SW Leggs Galore. EquiRing is part of Horseco, which also includes Starquine.

General

Russell Baze Awarded 2023 Avelino Gomez Memorial Award



Duane Hamamura Photo

Russell Baze was named the 2023 recipient of the Avelino Gomez Memorial Award.

The award is given to the person, Canadian-born (Baze was born in Vancouver, British Columbia), Canadian-raised or a regular rider in the country for more than five years, who has made a significant contribution to Thoroughbred racing.

Baze, who led all North American jockeys by wins 13 times, had 12,842 Thoroughbred wins (as well as 57 mixed and two Quarter Horse victories) before his retirement from riding in June 2016.

He was elected to the National Racing Hall of Fame in 1999, the Canadian Racing Hall of Fame in 2012 and the Washington Racing Hall of Fame in 2004. Baze was also honored with the 2002 George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award.

Among his many wins were victories in a trio of Longacres Miles (Simply Majestic, Sky Jack and Adreamisborn).

John Parker Named 2022 Washington TOBA Winner



Palmer Photography/Erin Palmer

Each spring the WTBOA Board of Directors votes to award the person or stable from the previous year who they feel most exemplifies the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) guidelines for the

state of Washington.

Lakebay resident John Parker was named Washington's 2022 TOBA winner. He was the owner and breeder of three starters

and winners, led by juvenile stakes winner Annette Marie, as well as being the breeder of a trio of other winners, including stakes winner Mischief Road.

WSU Student Travis Lensen Awarded 2023 Washington Thoroughbred Foundation/WTBOA Scholarship



Originally from Lynden, third year veterinary student Travis Lensen was awarded the \$1,000 2023 WTF/WTBOA WSU veterinary scholarship. He was involved in both 4-H and FFA programs showing dairy cattle. He also worked on

dairy and berry farms.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in Animal Science in 2019, Travis entered the WSU Veterinary College with goals of becoming a large animal veterinarian with plans to practice in a rural area.

HIWU Launches Mobile App

A mobile HIWU (Horsereading Integrity & Welfare Unit) app to assist stakeholders in the Thoroughbred industry with the components of the Horsereading Integrity and Safety Authority's (HISA) Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program is available.

The free app is highlighted by a Prohibited Substances database, through which users can look up any of the substances that comprise HISA's Prohibited List of more than 1,300 banned substances and controlled medications. Each substance listing is populated with information about the substance, such as HISA classification, licensed and colloquial names, detection times and screening limits (as applicable) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) label's indication for use.

In addition to the substance lookup tool, the app includes access to all educational materials on the HIWU website and the ability to submit tips through HIWU's anonymous whistleblower platforms. Pending and resolved matters concerning potential violations of the ADMC Program are also available for viewing at any time.

The app is configured to send push notifications to mobile devices to alert users about important updates.

The app is available for download on the Apple and Android app stores.

Over the Stable Gate . . .

The February 2023 issue of *BloodHorse* featured the McCanna family's **Down the Stretch Ranch** in its Second Acts column titled "Curative Connection" . . . Former Pacific Northwest race caller Jason Beem was featured on *The Paulick Report's* March 3 The Friday Show Presented By Walmart

Farm's Pinehurst: "How Jason Beem Found His Calling" . . . The *Daily Racing Form* has added a new symbol to its past performances. A diamond with an X will denote when a race has been taken off the turf and moved to a synthetic surface . . . Equine artist **Dagmar Gallenithner-Steiner** was featured in a July 2023 *BloodHorse* article titled "Classic Art." Gallenithner-Steiner is the wife of retired jockey Joe Steiner and the daughter-in-law of Sally and Joe Steiner. . . Bellevue resident **Ken Miles** was the subject of the "CTBA Member Profile" in the June/July 2023 *California Thoroughbred*. Miles and his partner Sheridan Jones, of Monroe, bred 2023 Snow Chief Stakes winner Old Pal in California. The partners also bred his Washington-bred half-brother, \$367,348 earner Zabracadabra . . . Ben's Cat, the leading earner for 2011-2017 Washington leading sire **Parker's Storm Cat**, has been inducted into the Maryland-bred Thoroughbred Hall of Fame. Ben's Cat was bred, trained and raced by King Leatherbury, for whom he made 63 starts, from four to 11 (2010-2017), with 32-9-7 record, which included four Grade 3 victories and 22 other stakes wins. He earned \$2,643,782. Parker's Storm Cat moved from Maryland to stand the 2009 breeding season at Elwin and Patti Gibson's Gibson Thoroughbred Farm in Thorp, where he covered mares through 2020 . . . Former Emerald Downs announcer **Matt Dinerman** was named the new track announcer for Oaklawn Park when the Arkansas track opened on December 8. The 31-year-old Dinerman had been the racecaller at Golden Gate Fields for the last six years, and the California native also served as the track announcer for the Santa Rosa meet the last two seasons. Current Emerald Downs race announcer **Bill Downes** was hired as his replacement at Golden Gate for the 2024 winter/spring meeting that began on December 29. Dinerman was featured in the "On the Rise" column in the January 2024 *BloodHorse*. The monthly column by Karen M. Johnson profiles young racing personalities.

News from The Jockey Club

The Jockey Club Releases 2023 Report of Mares Bred

The Jockey Club has released the Report of Mares Bred (RMB) statistics for the 2023 breeding season. Based on RMBs received through October 18, The Jockey Club reports 867 stallions covered 26,597 mares in North America and they estimate an additional 2,500 to 3,500 mares will be reported as bred this year.

RMB statistics, sortable by stallion, mares bred or state, for all reported stallions in 2023 are available through the Fact Book

section of The Jockey Club's website at jockeyclub.com.

Kentucky traditionally leads North America in Thoroughbred breeding activity. During 2023, Kentucky's 199 reported stallions covered 16,953 mares, or 63.74 percent of all of the mares reported bred in North America. The number of mares bred to Kentucky stallions increased 1.58 percent compared with the 16,689 reported at this time last year.

Golden Pal had the highest number of mares bred in 2023 with 293, followed by Epicenter (262), Practical Joke (252), Jack Christopher (247) and Uncle Mo (234).

Fourteen stallions had a book size of 200 or more that covered a total of 3,213 mares in North America in 2023, which is 12.1 percent of all coverings reported. The 45 stallions with books of 150 or more covered 8,588 mares, which is 32.3 percent of all mares reported bred. For comparison, reports submitted by October 10, 2013, show that one stallion covered more than 200 mares in North America, which represented 0.6 percent of the total for that year. Those reports also show 19 stallions covered 150 or more with a total of 3,205 mares in the 2013 breeding season, which equates to 9.4 percent of all mares reported bred.

Pacific Northwest Stallions

Seven Washington stallions were listed as covering 89 mares: Barkley (31), Coast Guard (10), Conveyance (18), Gold Rush Dancer (18), Raised a Secret (5), Running Tap (4) and War Power (3).

Eight Oregon stallions were listed as covering 66 mares: Dynamic Impact (9), Giacomo (1), Jess Mo (21), Outlash (4), Raging Tiger (13), Rise Up (10), Sixthirteen (2) and Why Not Be Perfect (6).

Two Idaho stallions were listed as covering seven mares: Dancing Divo (5) and Lupino (GB) (2).

Nine British Columbia stallions were listed as covering 77 mares: Bakken (23), Counterforce (16), Lent (6), Mister Snickers (3), Not Bourbon (3), Pop Artist (4), Second in Command (2), Sungold (15) and Texas Wildcatter (5).

No stallions standing in Montana were listed.

Per information from The Jockey Club Fact Book on November 7, 2023.

The Jockey Club Releases 2023 Breeding Statistics

The Jockey Club reported that 1,248 stallions covered 28,548 mares in North America during 2022, according to statistics compiled through October 8, 2023. These breedings have resulted in 18,143 live foals of 2023 being reported to The Jockey Club on Live Foal Reports.

The Jockey Club estimates that the number of live foals reported so far is 85-90 percent complete. The reporting of live foals of 2023 is down 2.5 percent from last year at

this time when The Jockey Club had received reports for 18,609 live foals.

In addition to the live foals of 2023 reported, The Jockey Club has received 2,018 No Foal Reports for the 2023 foaling season. Ultimately, the 2023 registered foal crop is projected to reach 18,500.

Breeding statistics are available alphabetically by stallion name through the Resources – Fact Book link on The Jockey Club homepage at jockeyclub.com.

Kentucky-based stallions accounted for 58.9 percent of the mares reported bred in North America in 2022 and 63.7 percent of the live foals reported for 2023.

Pacific Northwest Statistics through December 1, 2023

According to The Jockey Club figures, 103 mares were bred in Washington in 2022, down from 151 in 2020 and 135 in 2021.

In Oregon, mares bred last year totaled 68, down five from 2021 and 25 less than in 2020.

British Columbia, which has led in mares bred in the Pacific Northwest since 2019, saw 113 mares bred in 2022, down from 2021's 137 and 176 in 2020.

The Jockey Club Projects 2024 Foal Crop of 18,000

The Jockey Club projects a North American registered Thoroughbred foal crop of 18,000 in 2024. This represents 500 fewer foals than the 2023 foal crop estimate of 18,500.

The foal crop projection is computed by using Reports of Mares Bred (RMBs) received to date for the 2023 breeding season. RMBs are to be filed by August 1 of each breeding season.

Additional foal crop information is available in The Jockey Club's online fact book at jockeyclub.com/factbook.asp and in the online state fact books.

Transferred as Retired from Racing Now Digital

The Transferred as Retired from Racing process can now be completed digitally through the Interactive Registration (IR) website at registry.jockeyclub.com.

Previously, the retired from racing process required notarized signatures on a hardcopy form. With the assistance of digital signature verification, The Jockey Club can confidently collect the signatures required to complete the retired from racing process through IR.

The Jockey Club amended Rule 18 of the *Principal Rules and Requirements of The American Stud Book* from Sold Without Pedigree to Transferred as Retired from Racing in 2013 so that an owner can retire a Thoroughbred from racing without affecting its breeding privileges. To date, more than 5,400 Thoroughbreds have been recorded as retired from racing. A list of these horses can be viewed through IR. ■

In Memoriam

Frank Best

Frank Best, 68, passed away July 17, 2023, in Kentucky. He was born December 19, 1954, in Soap Lake.

A top rider in the Pacific Northwest, Frank's first win came in Coeur d'Alene in the 1960s. According to Equibase charts he rode 15,564 starters, with 1,977 wins and over \$17.6-million in mount earnings.

He was the overall seventh leading jockey at Longacres with 602 wins. Among the Washington-bred horses he rode were state champions Zulu Whiz, Miss Ebony, Dancing'all the Way and Snipledo. He also rode Oregon champion Prints Charming and was aboard Pappy when he won the 1980 Longacres Derby over Loto Canada.

Frank rode at Emerald Downs from 1996-98, but his last ride came at Philadelphia Park on November 27, 1999. His last winner was Westhoff in a Prairie Meadows' maiden special weight race the previous September.

Frank had been working for trainer Grant Forster in Kentucky and on related racing circuits.

Frank and Donna were married close to 50 years. Their son Jeremy also rode and worked on the Emerald Downs gate crew for several years.

Janice "Jan" Bosquette

Jan Bosquette, 87, passed away June 10, 2023. Jan was born January 30, 1936, in Mason City to Pearl Ardis and Russell Simard. She attended Riverside High School in Chattaroy. After graduation, she embarked on a 32-year-career with Pacific Northwest Bell in Spokane.

Jan and her husband, Thoroughbred trainer Jerry Bosquette, spent numerous years racing at Playfair Race Track. Jan was a devoted advocate for the preservation of horse racing in Eastern Washington.

Beyond her dedication to horse racing, Jan's true loves were family, friends and all types of horses. She took great joy in gardening and nurturing various flowers, with a particular fondness for roses. She also enjoyed traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry; brother, Ronald; and sister, Jerinee. Jan is survived by her son, Gary; and nieces, Celeste, Pearl and Wuzzy.

James Francis Etter Sr.

James Etter passed away July 20, 2023, five days before his 87th birthday.

Jim was born July 25, 1936, in Spokane to Hal and Helen Etter. The third of their eight children, he attended St. Aloysius Grade School, Gonzaga Prep, Seattle University and Gonzaga University. At GU he received

his degree and the nickname "Stretch" playing first base.

At age 17, Jim was hired by Inland Asphalt and quickly advanced from working summer hours to becoming part-owner in 1977, until selling the company in 1981.

Jim married Billie Sharpe in 1959 and they had four children.

Jim loved animals, and especially horses. He had both racehorses and draft horses. In 1979 he purchased property west of Spokane that became the original Etter Ranch.

In 2019, Jim decided to sell 231 acres of his Spokane Valley Etter Ranch to Spokane County to preserve the property for hiking trails and wildlife habitat. It is now the newest addition to the Antoine Peak Conservation Area.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Donna Jurdy, Marilyn McCanna, Betsy Jackson and Halene Dill. Jim is survived by his wife, Billie; children, Teri Etter, Tami (Brian) Sweeney, Jami (Stan) Webb, James Francis (Jackie) Etter Jr.; sister, Sandy (Lance) Russum; brothers, Frank "Ginge" (Patsy) Etter and Mike (Sue) Etter; grandchildren, Jami (Ryan) Hildebrand, Travis (Katie) Webb, Matt (Alice) Sweeney, Jessica Tesdahl, Tana (Erik) Bond, Marisa (Chris) Rohrbach, Christina (Hunter) Hahn, Devon Erho, Colton (Kia) Erho, Allie Etter and Sammie Etter; and 14 great grandchildren.

Policarpo "Poli" Fernandez

Poli Fernandez, 67, passed away January 30, 2023. He was born January 26, 1958, in Mexico.

Poli was well-known on the backstretch, having worked over 20 years in the horse racing industry as a groom at both Yakima Meadows and Emerald Downs. He worked for several different trainers over the years, including Richard Wright, Doris Harwood and H. R. "Pat" Mullens, but Larry Wolf was his main employer.

Poli later worked as a feed associate for Steve Demengie and most recently for S. & W. Hay.

Poli was loved by all who knew him and known, not only for his work ethic, but also his generous spirit and delicious tamales.

He had returned home to Mexico in November to be with his family.

Poli leaves his wife, Maria de Jesus Olguin Valdez; and daughters, Itzel and Toyonzil.

Basil Frazier

Basil Frazier, 85, a top rider in Washington and British Columbia, died August 3, 2023. He was born August 24, 1937, in Spokane.

Basil rode 2,218 winners and was adept on both the one-mile oval at Longacres and five-eighths bullring at Exhibition Park (now Hastings Racecourse), where he won four titles and a then-record 141 wins over the latter strip in 1974.

A member of the British Columbia Racing Hall of Fame, "The Baz" rode three BC Derby winners including a triumph aboard Kinghaven Farms' Norland in 1974. At Longacres, Frazier won the 1974 Longacres Mile on Times Rush, the 1977 Washington Championship on Banchory Bob, and the 1980 Gottstein Futurity aboard Question. He scored his milestone 2,000th victory aboard Dyna Driller on May 13, 1982, at Longacres.

The nephew of National and Washington Hall of Fame rider Basil James, and father of jockey Don Frazier, Basil won 449 races and 29 stakes at Longacres.

After retiring from riding, Frazier worked as a jockeys' agent and as a broadcaster at the racetrack. Most recently he worked in security at the Muckleshoot Casino.

LaVern "Vern" Patrick Gibson

Vern Gibson, 78, passed away March 16, 2023. He was born November 25, 1944, the third son of Edward "Buz" L. Gibson and Georgia A. Johansen in Harney County, Oregon. He and his brothers Benny and Stacy were raised in a rural area near Bend. The family then moved to the Colville Indian Reservation so the boys could attend school.

When he was in grade school, Vern was diagnosed with polio. His parents' diligent care saved him from being in an iron lung and helped him to walk without a limp.

When he was 14, Vern left school to work at the racetrack. His family followed the racing circuit and Vern developed a deep love for the sport. He rode Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds and Appaloosas from 1958 to 1983 at racetracks in Washington, Oregon, Montana, California, Colorado and Winnipeg, Alberta. In 1970, Vern held the record for winning seven races in a day at the small Hayden Lake, Idaho, track.

Vern led the Yakima Meadows jockey standings twice in the 1960s. Among his many winners was five-time Playfair and Yakima Meadows stakes winner Mucho Loco, who he rode for his parents.

He later became a jockey valet at Yakima Meadows and at Emerald Downs from 1996-2017.

Vern loved hunting, working with leather, repairing other jockeys' saddles, whips and boots and attending mountain men rendezvous.

He was married four times. With his first

wife, Pam Kendall, they had one daughter, Kimmy. Vern and his second wife, Jo Ann Thornton, had three children: Tana Johnson, Penny Gibson and Ty Gibson. He and his third wife, Sharon Denison, had no children together. Vern and his fourth wife, Rae, raised one son, Patrick, and two stepchildren, Jackie and Monty.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, half-brother, Stanley K. Gibson; and great-grandson Wayne R. Johnson.

Vern had ten grandchildren: Weston, Tate, TanaAnn, Wayne R., Justin, Justy, Lacey, Lexi and Makala; and eight great-grandchildren.

Howard Hammer

Howard Hammer, 103 1/2, passed away November 23, 2023. He was born May 4, 1920, in Dee, Hood River County, Oregon. He was one of 13 children born to Raymond S. and Orma B. Hammer. Howard had been the oldest-recorded living man in the Hammer family since the 1500s.

In 1929 his family moved to Deming, Washington.

Howard worked all his life, beginning at age six milking cows before he went to school. He worked at dairy farms until he was 15.

From there he began his lifetime career of logging. Howard logged with horses, towers and heavy equipment. He did not helicopter log.

Howard owned several companies in his lifetime. The main one was Washington Loggers Corporation, which he bought into in 1964 and purchased outright in 1973. He even logged 80 acres in Cold Water Canyon, adjacent to Spirit Lake at Mt. St. Helens, the year before it erupted. Over the years his company shipped millions of board feet of logs to China, Japan and Korea.

After acquiring 208 acres over several years in Bellingham, he transformed the land into the Iron Gate Business Park. Today, there are several thousand people working in the park, including manufacturing, transit, lumber and concrete businesses.

He also built 16 homes in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

As a logger, Howard topped 150-foot high trees, won 73 trophies in competitions of sawing, chopping, felling trees and cable splicing, enduring a few injuries along the way. He also learned the value of the horse in work. And in leisure.

In 1963, Howard was one of the founders of the Deming Logging Show in Bellingham, which helps support "Busted up" Whatcom County loggers.

He was a 68-year member of the Bellingham Elks Lodge.

Howard purchased his first racehorse in 1965. That same year his \$500 purchase, Hokey's Wonder, was named horse of the meet at British Columbia's Sandown Park. Through the years, he has raced up

and down the West Coast and in Arizona. Among the many good runners Howard and Dee – who were married May 5, 1997 – raced under their Remmah (Hammer spelled backwards) Racing Inc. were 2002 Washington champion three-year-old colt or gelding Bold Ranger and 2010 Oregon horse of the year and champion three-year-old male Seven Torrents. Other successful racehorses that either were bred and/or raced by the Hammers include Whatcom Warrior (winner of 1991 Gottstein Futurity), Silver Gem, Toobusytocall, Pleasant Thunder, Infosec, La Waun (the second successful runner by that name raced by the Hammers). Other recent successful runners include Tom's Surprise, A Man's Man, Gotham Desire and Hot Rageous.

His final winner came at Golden Gate Fields on November 11 when Gonna Getcha Good won a \$25,000 maiden claiming race. Other 2023 winners who raced in the Remmah Racing Stables' silks include Duplication, Sparks Flyin and Chuckanut Bay, who was twice stakes-placed at two in 2022.

At the time of his death, Remmah Racing had seven runners stabled in California with trainer Jack Steiner.

Between 2000 and October 24, 2023, Remmah Racing has a 176-152-154 record from 1,030 starts with earnings of over \$2.9-million.

Among his trainers through the years were Doug Adams, Craig Roberts, Mark Molina, Frank Lucarelli, Blaine Wright, and more recently Steiner and Jorge Rosales.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Kay; and son, Vernon. Howard leaves his wife, Dee; son, Howard Jr.; daughter Judy; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Bessie Kallas

Bessie (Vasiliki) Kallas (née Maglaras) passed away March 20, 2023. She was born in Spokane August 15, 1924, to John and Anna (Bebekos) Maglaras, the third of four children. Bessie was a first-generation Greek-American. Her parents immigrated from the Peloponnese and settled in the Spokane Valley, where they farmed the land on Broadway and McDonald.

Bessie graduated from Central Valley High School in 1942. She met her future husband, George Kalochristianikas (shortened to "Kallas" when he served with the US Coast Guard during World War II) when they were children. They had grown up on neighboring farms. George and Bessie married September 2, 1951, and built their family home in Millwood. They had two children.

The whole family moved to Ephrata for seven years as co-owners (with Bessie's brothers), of the Farmers Market Grocery Store.

Upon returning to Spokane, George and Bessie owned and operated Hank and George's Smorgasbord.

The entire Kallas family shared a passion for horse racing and George and Bessie owned several successful Thoroughbreds at Playfair. The couple were well-known among the "horse trackers" and it was not out of the ordinary for them to be seen surrounded by their grandchildren in their box seats at the finish line. YiaYia (as Bessie was affectionately called) was a kind and gentle soul. However, when it came to her horses crossing the finish line first, she was especially competitive.

She excelled with Greek cuisine and was a wonderful entertainer.

YiaYia crocheted and gifted many special blankets for each of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also attended many of their sporting events.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George; her parents; and her three brothers. She is survived by son, John (Carlotta) Kallas; daughter, MaryAnn Thornton; grandchildren, Andrea Kalochristianikas, Angela (John) Agouridis, Christina (Jeremy) Fromm, Stephanie (Matt) Deyo and Kevin Thornton; and seven great-grandchildren.

Glyn C. Kelly

British Columbia businessman and horseman Glyn Kelly, 87, passed away May 18, 2023. He was born February 12, 1934.

He enjoyed playing many sports, including a successful career in baseball in his younger days.

Glyn worked odd jobs before he began to buy property in Vancouver in his late 20s. He then opened his first tire store, Tireland, which he expanded in British Columbia and Alberta.

His uncle was in the gaming business and Glyn first got into horse racing in the 1960s. His all-time favorite horse – who he purchased for \$300 – was Flashing Pass, who won the 1994 Canada Day Stakes at Hastings Racecourse. He also raced the stakes-placed Cariboo Road with longtime partner Anne MacLennan. Another good runner he owned in partnership was the multiple stakes winner Star Student, who he and Anne raced with Fred and Cindy Desimone. The latter two runners were both trained by Dan Markle, as is Gabby Hayes, who won three races in a row for Glyn, Anne and Dan while competing at Golden Gate Fields this year.

Glyn and Anne, who were together for 17 years, traveled extensively in Europe and Australia.

He is survived by four of his five children; and his older sister, Bobbie Philbrook.

Gregory "Greg" Franklin Luce

Greg Luce, 76, passed away February 6, 2023, at his home in Stanwood.

He was born on February 28, 1946, to Norman Franklin and Betty Rae Luce of Seattle. Greg grew up very active – playing

multiple sports and helping on the family farm. He graduated from Mountlake Terrace High School in 1964. The family then moved to Stanwood, where he would meet his future wife Teresa.

They were married April 20, 1968 and had three children. Greg followed in his father's footsteps by working for The Boeing Company all his adult life.

Greg had a strong work ethic. While working full time, he earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Western Washington University and Seattle University. Greg retired in 2005 as a Procurement Cost Analysis Senior Manager after 40 years at Boeing.

Greg cared for animals throughout his life. He had helped his parents raise mink on the family farm in Lynnwood, where he worked many hours after school and on weekends. In addition, he had a special horse named Lucky, that he rode frequently for fun and in competitions. The pair won many barrel racing events.

In 1965, when the family relocated to Stanwood, he and his parents started raising Quarter Horses. They won races at Yakima Meadows and throughout the Northwest and California, including with champion Frosty's Deacon.

The family switched to Thoroughbreds in the late 1970s. Greg continued to breed, raise and race Thoroughbreds until his death. Greg spent many hours studying bloodlines to determine the best stallions to breed to his mares at his Luce Horse Ranch.

Among the good runners the Luce bred from their small, select band of broodmares were stakes winners Icicle Angel, Arondight, Grey Moon Runner and Power Has Returned. Recent Emerald Downs winners bred by the couple include Johnny Five, Hart Mountain, Slice of Pie and Black Flame.

A WTBOA member since 1976, at the time of his passing Greg was a member of the WTBOA Board of Directors. First elected in 2017, he had recently been re-elected to serve his third term. Greg also served on the WTBOA Finance and Sales committees.

Greg's favorite hobby was fly fishing. He spoke often of trips down to Eastern Oregon with his brother, Jeff, where they would camp and fish. He took his family back to Oregon every summer to visit. Greg passed his love of fishing to his sons and his son-in-law Mario.

Greg is survived by his wife, Teresa; sister, Trina Luce; daughter, Brenda (Mario) Mendez; sons, Benjamin (Kasey) Luce and Daniel (Aubrey) Edwards-Luce; and grandchildren, Jimmy, Caroline and Patrick Luce, Matthew and Thomas Mendez and Braelyn Edwards-Luce.

He was laid to rest in Canyon City Cemetery, Canyon City, Oregon. This cemetery held very special meaning to Greg, as relatives dating back over 130 years are buried there. Greg truly felt at peace in

Eastern Oregon. He wished to live there permanently and will now peacefully rest in his beloved high desert.

Harold "Tag" A. May

Harold May, 90, passed away December 4, 2023. He was born June 5, 1933, in Nebraska, where he was raised, the youngest of 13 children.

Harold enlisted in the US Army and served in Germany.

He joined with two of his brothers to form TRI M Construction, which did work on steel projects, large buildings and roadways, including early work on the Kingdome. Harold also attended the structure's implosion many years later.

He also worked at Grand Coulee dam.

Harold had a passion for racehorses and cattle. For many years he owned and operated the 40-acre Country Lane Farm in Enumclaw, where he bred such good runners as two-time Longacres stakes winner Agitated Native. The \$158,808 earner also ran second in the 1987 Longacres Derby (G3) and fourth in the 1989 Longacres Mile (G2). Harold also bred three-time stakes winner and \$127,921 earner Errantry.

Harold partnered with trainer Neale Lytle to race several of his runners, but also had employed trainers Jeff Hudson and Janet Maczko.

He was predeceased by his daughters, Crystal May and Sheila May-Farley. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; son, Lincoln; grandchildren, Lincoln May, Landry May, Andy Burt, Sam Burt, Zac Farley and Emma Talercio; and three great-grandchildren.

Raymond "Ray" Daniel McCanna

Ray McCanna, 64, passed away October 7, 2023, at his home in Port Ludlow. Ray was born December 30, 1958, the oldest of four children born to Daniel R. and Marilyn (Etter) McCanna. He was followed by brothers Tim and Daniel "Boone," and sister Kerri.

Ray graduated from Gonzaga High School where he participated in track, football and baseball. He attended the University of Idaho, where he was a four-year starting free safety on the football team. In 1979, as a junior, he was named to the All-Big Sky Conference second team.

Both his father Dan and paternal grandfather, William "Pappy" McCanna, were Thoroughbred trainers, and Ray and his younger brother Tim followed in their footsteps. Brother Boone became a jockey's agent and later established Down The Stretch Ranch outside of Creston.

His dad, who was also a high school vice principal, moved the family to Deer Park, where he built a training center

Ray finished among the top ten Playfair trainers for four years, beginning in his debut season in 1987 when he was sixth in a three-way tie with 27 winners. His father Dan led the meet with 55 winners. Ray saddled 15

winners (10th) in 1988, 38 for second place in 1989 and tied for sixth with 18 winners in 1990. Ray also started horses at Longacres and Yakima Meadows.

According to Equibase, Ray's training career consisted of 1,157 starts, from 1987-93, with a 157-128-123 record and \$292,330 in earnings. His final win came with Shoe Strap at Nebraska's Lincoln Park in October 1993.

Ray got into the oil business through an uncle who was a driller for Exxon. Later, he and a partner founded Clean Concepts Inc., an industrial gas and oil cleaning company. Their distribution became worldwide, and included France, Australia and the Middle East. The company was recently sold, but Ray was still involved.

Ray was a partner in a several horses, trained by Tim, since the 1980s. He was a member of Kings and Queens Stable which raced three-time (2004-06) Washington champion race filly Queenledo. Another successful runner he bred and raced in partnership (with Charlie Dunn and Al Hodge) – until she was claimed in January 2022 – was \$195,792 earner Marilyn's Smile, a California-foaled daughter of Smiling Tiger who was named after Ray and Tim's mother. At the time of his passing he had partnerships in ten horses.

After spending time in Louisiana, Ray developed a passion for Cajun cooking. He was also a wine connoisseur.

In addition to his Port Ludlow residence, he and his wife Becky maintained a home in Idaho.

He was predeceased by his mother, Marilyn. Ray is survived by his wife, Becky Taylor McCanna; daughter, Mallory; father, Dan; brothers, Tim (Jan) and Daniel "Boone;" and sister, Kerri (Tim) Ames.

Pete McCormick

Nationally respected Thoroughbred auction bidspotter Pete McCormick, 75, passed away January 26, 2023. At the time of his death he was living near his family in East Bend, North Carolina.

Pete grew up in Ontario, California, and began fostering his future auction skills when selling rabbits and chickens at age six. He became enthused by auctioneering after time spent around a nearby livestock auction house owned by his mother and Tom Caldwell. Caldwell, who became like a "father" to Pete, and head auctioneer Bob Bentley encouraged the youngster and at age 11 an opportunity arose for him to call his first formal auction alongside the two noted auctioneers.

Pete once said "My life is the auction business." The long-standing bidspotter was widely respected by his colleagues and horsemen. Pete had helped sell horses all over the country, including Keeneland, Ocala Breeders' Sales and WTBOA Sales.

He also conducted antique and fine furnishing auctions.

About 15 years ago, Pete moved to Washington where he and his brother owned a ranch.

Pete also collected clocks and watchstands.

He leaves his son, Ken.

Beverly Joan Medeiros

Beverly Medeiros, 89, passed away in Tillamook, Oregon, December 31, 2022. She was born June 8, 1933, in Taylorville, Illinois, to Roscoe and Delma Mollohn.

Beverly was an owner and trainer at Longacres, Yakima Meadows, Emerald Downs and Portland Meadows. Among her trainees was \$173,083 stakes winner Session's Flame. The mare was one of the few Washington-breds who won races at Longacres, Yakima Meadows and Emerald Downs. Beverly also trained stakes winner Snoopy Paul, stakes-placed Just Out Run and 1992 Joe Gottstein Futurity third Revel's Time. From 1986 until her final runner, Sully's Last Chance on September 20, 1999, at Emerald Downs, Equibase gives her trainer statistics as 1,531 starts, a 154-141-148 record and \$924,815 in earnings.

After she retired from training in 1999, she moved to Tillamook and worked in Oceanside as a clerk at the local post office.

Beverly enjoyed going to garage sales and spending time with her grandkids.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ronald Medeiros; brothers, Robert Mollohn and William Mollohn; and sister, Ruby Dowell.

Beverly is survived by her children, Jacquelyn Kelly, Renee Valdez, Ramona Roberts, Janice Bohnke and David Dowell; brother, Roscoe Mollohn; sister, Rosalio Steele; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Barbara Allaire Baker Meeking

Twenty-six days after the death of her beloved husband Robert, Barbara Meeking, 94, passed away January 25, 2023. Barbara was born December 9, 1928, in Pennsylvania and grew up with hunter-jumpers. After moving to Washington, she retrained ex-racehorses from Longacres for the hunter-jumper world.

Bob and Barbara were married 38 years. In 1976 they purchased a 60-acre farm in Poulsbo which they would name Allaire Farms The picturesque nursery and stallion station was taken from Barbara's middle name.

Barbara's first racehorse was Fifi's Fire, a 1966 colt by Haltafire.

Her daughter Ruel Johnson and granddaughters Allaire and Amy are also accomplished equestrians. One of Barbara and Ruel's early retraining projects went on to compete for the Canadian Olympic show jumping team.

At one time Barbara was very much into breeding and selling beef cattle at her earlier farm in Tenino. She continued to raise a few cattle at the Poulsbo farm.

Barbara loved to fish, especially surf coast fishing in Florida. The Meekings raised catfish and bass in their pond and held an annual catfish derby on the farm for many years.

She was also active in Kitsap County politics.

The Meekings joined the WTBOA in 1977 and Barbara served on the board 1996-98. The couple was named Washington's TOBA winners in 1997. They were also the recipients of the 2012 WTBOA/WHBPA Special Recognition Award.

The Meekings bred several stakes winners: Hear the Band (under Barbara Detels), Ducking the Issue and My Turn to Star (both trained by Bob), Just Call Me Grace, Eternal Order and Knight in Savannah (co-bred with Jean Falls)

They also bred and raced stakes-placed A. Lurie Girl (by Matricule) who broke her maiden in 2008 by an Emerald Downs record 19 lengths.

Allaire Farm, a full service farm, was ranked among the top ten Washington breeders ten times.

Barbara enjoyed putting together racing syndicates focused on fun.

The first stallion they stood was Sir Session, in 1987. They also stood Phone Order, Polish Gift, Knight in Savannah, Consigliere (GB), Demon Warlock, Matricule, Trail City, Individual Style, Flagman Ahead, Polish Miner; and more recently Rallying Cry, Running Tap and Trickey Trevor.

Barbara is survived by her daughters, Ruel Johnson and Stacy FitzSimmons; grandchildren, Case Levenson, Amy Braeckel, Allaire Blanter; and great-grandson, Arko Braeckel.

Victoria Miller

WTBOA member Victoria Miller passed away in December 2022.

Victoria, who had been a racing fan for several years, raced March On Linch with Alan Bozell and Mike Phillips and Sara's Finale with Alexis and Susan Young at Emerald Downs in 2022.

Robert "Bob" John Mollgaard

Bob Mollgaard, 82, passed away January 25, 2023. He was born October 25, 1940, to Margaret (Molly) and Henry Mollgaard. Bob graduated from Cal Poly State University in San Luis Obispo, California.

For 32 years he ran and owned the wholesale nursery Mollgaard Floral in Snohomish.

After that Bob followed his passion for cars and opened his own used car lot in Everett.

He retired on his ten-acre Mountain Meadow Ranch in Snohomish, where he enjoyed spending his time with his family.

Bob also bred a few Thoroughbreds and raised German Shepherds.

He was involved with many and various

hot rods over the years and was very active in several car clubs. Bob loved attending and participating in hot rod shows all over the country.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his grandson, Robert Brandon Niebuhr. Bob is survived by his girlfriend, Sandy; brother, Harry Mollgaard; son, Travis Mollgaard; daughters, Nicki Shaw, Tamara Mollgaard and Tarrill Kertesz; granddaughter, Dallas Marie; and grandsons, Liam and Grayson Shaw.

Jerry Moss

Jerry Moss, 88, passed away August 16, 2023, in Bel Air, California. He was born in New York City. Jerry graduated from Brooklyn College with an English major and later moved to Los Angeles where he met Herb Alpert. The two would form A & M Records and go on to release albums by industry greats such as the Police (and later the band's lead singer Sting), the Carpenters, Cat Stevens, Joe Cocker, Sheryl Crow, Peter Frampton, Sergio Mendez, and of course Alpert's Tijuana Brass. The record label's first single was Alpert's megahit "The Lonely Bull."

In 2006 Moss and Alpert were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

In the late 1960s Moss and good friend Nate Durfoff claimed and raced a mare named Angeltune. After stepping back for a few years, Moss returned to racing in the 1970s.

In 1986, trainer Bobby Frankel purchased a Washington-bred daughter of Knights Choice for \$60,000 at the March CTS Two-year-olds in Training Sale. That speedy filly, trained by Frankel and named Delicate Vine, would win four of her five starts, including victories in the Grade 1 Arlington Lassie Stakes, Grade 2 Sorority Stakes and Grade 3 Landaluce Stakes for Moss and his then wife Ann. Named Washington horse of the year and later inducted into the Washington Racing Hall of Fame, Delicate Vine would later become a multiple stakes producer for the Mosses. Delicate Vine's best runner was Hollywood Juvenile Championship (G2) winner Altazarr, who would later stand at Woodstead Farm.

Though Moss raced many top racehorses, including 2005 Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Giacomo and 1994 Kentucky Oaks (G1) winner Sardula, his name will be forever linked with the brilliant and nearly unbeatable Zenyatta, 2010 Horse of the Year and the only filly to ever win the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1).

He leaves wife, Anita; and three children.

Frank "Frankie" Anthony Parente

Frankie Parente, 51, passed away March 3, 2023. He was born June 14, 1971, to Frank and Barbara (Annie) Parente.

Frankie graduated from Kennedy High School in 1989 and attended the University of Washington where he

graduated with a BA in political science and communications.

He then started his 28-year career with the R. S. Hughes Co., which distributes industrial, manufacturing and safety equipment, as a manager trainee at their Seattle location. Frankie went on to manage branches in Portland and Salt Lake and held regional manager positions in Southern California and Portland as an integral part of the National Accounts Sourcing Team. Frankie was often called to travel to other branches to troubleshoot issues.

Frankie and Christina were married August 14, 1999, at the Space Needle.

During his school years, Frankie had worked on the family farm, Frankie's Farm Fresh Produce, and then at his dad's Backstretch Café at Longacres. Horse racing became a huge part of his life. He watched horses run for 30 years and loved to bet on the ponies.

Frankie and Christy enjoyed spending time at Del Mar Racetrack. They also enjoyed trips to the coast, Arizona and Hawaii.

A lifelong Seahawks fan, Frankie loved all Seattle sports, but his move to Portland expanded his fandom to the Trailblazers and Timbers. Live games were always a treat for him.

Frankie is survived by his wife, Christina; his parents, Frank and Annie Parente; grandmother, Betty; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jack A. Pring Jr.

Jack Pring, 92, passed away June 19, 2023. He was born in Spokane January 21, 1931, to John and Pauline Pring. Jack attended West Valley High School where he was elected school president, as well as captain of the football, basketball and track and field teams. Jack continued his education at the University of Idaho and Washington State College.

While attending WVHS, Jack met Donna Christensen and, after eight years of courtship, they were married June 28, 1953, and had four children.

A true patriot and lover of country, Jack joined the Coast Guard and served on the USCGC Winona during the Korean War. While serving his country, Jack excelled at a new hobby – boxing – earning him the Golden Glove award and the opportunity to later spar with some of the all-time greats, such as Pete Rademacher and the one and only Muhammad Ali.

After his Coast Guard service, Jack worked on a cattle ranch west of Clarkston, before joining his father at Appleway Chevrolet. There, he was able to transform the dealership from a 100-car per year franchise into over 1,500 cars sold in his first year. His remarkable success helped to advance his reputation, representing fellow Chevrolet dealers on the National Dealer

Council at the age of 28. The dealership grew into the Appleway Automotive Group.

In 1960, Pring Corporation was founded and developed several retail and office properties throughout the Northwest.

Jack was a horseman. In 1981, he purchased Playfair Racetrack for a figure reportedly over \$4-million in the name of his family's Appleway Leasing Corporation. He owned and operated the track for eight seasons. Among the improvements he made were to install a new Micro-Tote 1000 Buy-Cash totalizer system, a new electric timing system and expand the track as an all-year center for entertainment. On August 25, 1985, the first in-state simulcast in Washington history was held at Playfair.

In 1981 Jack was honored with the second S. J. Agnew Special Achievement Award.

Jack enjoyed serving the community of Spokane. He was the president of many organizations, including the Spokane Humane Society and Spokane Fair and Central Valley School board. He was also the recipient of many other distinguished awards. Jack was a lifelong member of the Spokane Valley United Methodist Church.

Jack's other interests included physical fitness, sports, hand-writing analysis, reading, dogs, attending his children and grandchildren's activities, Gonzaga Basketball, traveling the world with Donna and spending time with family at Idaho's Priest Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and son, Tim. Jack is survived by his wife, Donna; children, Jack, Susan (Stephen) Prince and Brad; ten grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Patti Rizzo

Patti Rizzo, 70, passed away after a short illness in March 2023.

She had been a mutual clerk at Longacres and The Off-Track and later at Emerald Downs, where she worked through the 2022 closing weekend.

Marilyne Anne Rizzuto

Marilyne Rizzuto, 84, passed away March 14, 2023. She was born July 9, 1938, to E. R. "Dick" and Mary Jo (Stockton) Lilly. Marilyne attended West Valley High School and Kinmen Business School.

She and Joe Rizzuto were married for 62 years and raised three children.

Marilyne and Joe worked together at the family's pizza dough and crust manufacturing company Rizzuto Foods, Inc. She served as bookkeeper. The company was founded in 1955 and sold to Rich Products in 2020.

Joe, who started out as a horse owner, was the leading trainer at Playfair in 1980 with 48 wins. His best runner that year was stakes winner Kam Tan Kan, who was voted horse of the meet, best handicap horse and

top sprinter. Kam Tan Kan won six Playfair stakes from 1978-80.

Among the other stakes winners Joe saddled were W. I. Tike, Toro's Judge, Dancing Ruler, Welch Victory, Unexpectedly and Half Throttle.

In 1989, Joe led Eastern Washington Racing, Inc., who leased Playfair for a 98-day season.

Marilyne enjoyed family, cooking, baking, gardening, sewing, swimming, bowling, golf, piano and a long list of dogs, cats and horses. Close to her heart was her volunteer work at Ronald McDonald House.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Robert Lilly. Marilyne is survived by her husband, Joe; daughters, Wendy and Pam (George) Young; son, Tony; nine grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

Nancy L. Ross

Nancy Ross, 82, passed away in Federal Way in September 2023. She was born September 28, 1941.

A longtime industry member, the then Nancy LaFrance managed Duane and Sylvia Vance's Medallion Farm in Olympia while in her 20s. She and former husband, John Ross, later purchased the farm and stood several stallions, including Introductivo, Prince Alert and Just the Time.

In the 1980s she was the farm secretary at Dewaine Moore's Rainier Stables in Enumclaw for several years. She also had worked at the WTBOA (1999-2002) as sales secretary and part-time at Plateau Veterinary Supplies in Enumclaw.

Nancy was active for many years in the Washington Thoroughbred Farm Managers Association.

She was predeceased by her sons, Kerry LaFrance and Kevin LaFrance. Nancy leaves daughter, Joanna Ross; and grandchildren, Alicia LaFrance, Garrett LaFrance, Nathan LaFrance, Angelia D. Litz.

Sharimae (Rowley) Rossi

Sharimae Rossi, 91, passed away July 18, 2023. She was born May 16, 1932.

Sharimae was married to Al Rossi for 64 years and they had four daughters.

One of the major highlights of Sharimae's life was being a team member at Longacres as the receptionist "Director of First Impressions" at the Turf Club. During the 20 years she worked there, she met and enjoyed the connection with celebrities who attended the races, including John Wayne, Henry Winkler, Mickey Rooney, Steve Largent, Tim Conway and Tom Poston.

Husband Al served as the Director of Programs and Gift Sales at Longacres for many years.

Sharimae was an avid gardener and made sure their home was surrounded by nature's beautiful flowers and shrubs.

She loved to read, listen to the Bee Gees and meticulously kept all the drawers and

cupboards in order, knowing the exact places where every item was.

She was predeceased by her daughters, Colleen Patron and Patricia Allen. Sharimae is survived by her husband, Al; daughters, Linda (John) Ardis and Anita (Kirk) Dornan; and grandchildren, Rylee, Haley, Troy, Preston, Brianna, Emily, Heather and Matt.

Bill Tollett

Retired trainer Bill Tollett, 90, passed away November 20, 2023. He was born August 10, 1933, in San Antonio and raised in Texas.

As a youth he was an outstanding baseball catcher and was offered a bonus contract in high school, which he declined.

His Uncle Tom had a cattle ranch, and that's where Bill learned to ride and love horses at a young age.

Early in his career, he worked as an electrician and spent time attending to power poles.

Bill served two years in the US Army, and it was while he was stationed in Washington that he met future wife Donna, while attending church. Bill and Donna were married in 1955.

The young couple decided to stay in the Renton area and Bill took a job with the Renton-based Cochran Electric.

With his love of horses, Bill gravitated to Longacres and eventually took out his trainer's license. He remained a trainer for 57 years.

The Tolletts had three children, all who worked at the barn at different times. Son David was his longtime assistant trainer, prior to taking a job with the Alaska Forest Service a few years back.

Among the many top runners he trained were Washington champions Harmony Creek (G3), Spanish Highway, Judicature and Table Express. He had seven stakes winners at Emerald Downs, starting with Top Bracket in 2002. Early successful runners included Kenmore's Kid and Little Steel. Other stakes winners he nurtured included My Runaway, Sam's Table, Musical Boy, Cordova Red, Rueful's Rounder, Merlin of York and Ashby Hill. Bill also was the trainer of record when Gold Rush Dancer won the 2015 Gottstein Futurity by 5 1/2 lengths.

At Emerald Downs, he ranks 20th by number of wins with 311, where he had a 15.81 win percentage.

In 1989 Bill was awarded the Steve O'Donnell Memorial Award (now the Martin Durkan Award), and also received the Washington industry's Special Racetrack Achievement Award for that year.

From 1964 through when he retired from training on October 29, 2020, Equibase lists him with 8,850 starts and a 1,159-1,100-1,032 record and \$8,056,017 in earnings. His final win came with Mitch and John E at Emerald Downs on October 21, 2020.

Among the owners he trained for were

Sam Roffe, David and Elaine Parks, Brian Maier, Ramer Holtan, Ron Wise, John Parker, Al Young, Bill Hodkin and Gordy Jarnig.

He leaves his wife, Donna; sons, David and Daryl; daughter, Debbie; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Ronald "Ron" Ray Warren

Ron Warren, 86, passed away May 17, 2023. He was born January 16, 1937, in Kent and graduated from Kent Meridian High School in 1956. Ron then joined the US Navy, where he served six years active duty and two years in the reserves.

After his discharge, he worked for the Washington State Patrol for over 28 years, proudly retiring as Deputy Chief in 1988. Ron then worked for the Western Institutional Review Board from 1988 to 2013.

He met his future wife, Rosalie Burks, in the eighth grade. They shared 68 years of marriage.

In 2003, the couple acquired their first racehorse, Micropunch, through the claiming ranks. Two years later they would have their first Emerald Downs win with Sowhatyourpoint.

Among the good horses they raced under R & R Warren LLC was 2011 Washington champion three-year-old colt or gelding Jetrica, who would earn \$327,567 in their black and white silks. The runner, who was named after the Warrens' granddaughters Jessica, Brianne and Cami, won both the British Columbia Derby (G3) and Emerald Downs Derby during his championship season, as well as winning or placing in nine other stakes while trained by Jim Penney. Another of their good runners was Jamaica Bound, who finished second in the 2007 Emerald Downs Derby and was fourth in the British Columbia equivalent.

Ron enjoyed everything to do with the University of Washington Huskies, fishing trips to Alaska and most of all his family.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rita. Ron is survived by his wife, Rosalie; daughter, Dianna (Jeff) Nasset; son, Ron (Penny) Warren Jr.; granddaughters, Jessica Nasset, Brianne Nasset and Cami Warren; sister-in-law, Cindy (Paul) Spilker; brother-in-law, Bob Weber; and uncle, Clarence Warren.

Walter "Guy" Winchester

Guy Winchester, 72, passed away November 4, 2023. He was born May 18, 1951, in Seattle and attended Chief Sealth High School.

Always an animal lover, his parents bought into the Kaneohe Bay gelding Ten Stars in the early 1970s. Guy learned to ride on Ten Stars during the off racing season and later became a gallop boy at Longacres. Trainer Howard Belvoir said Guy was the only person, other than himself, to get on his good stakes horse Red Eye Express

for workouts. Guy also exercised horses for other prominent Washington trainers. He also rode at Bay Meadows and Golden Gate Fields.

From 1991 through September 23, 2018, Guy trained a few runners, mainly horses bred by himself and wife Robin, including winners Whistin Laddie – his final winner – and Sovereign Bay. Other winners under his shedrow included Snowball's Chance and Polly Ester Pompom. All told, Equibase records him as having 129 starts with a 9-14-16 training record.

Guy is survived by his wife, Robin; son, Chris; daughter, Jennifer; and three grandchildren.

Equine In Memoriam

Conveyance

Conveyance, Washington's leading sire 2021-22 and the current year's leader through November 19 with \$922,696, passed away unexpectedly in May 2023 at Rick and Debbie Pabst's Blue Ribbon Farm.

The 16-year-old son of Indian Charlie was a Grade 3 stakes winner in North America and was Grade 3-placed in the United Arab Emirates. He earned \$496,560 in his 11 starts with a 4-3-1 record.

The gray/roan stallion originally entered stud in 2016 at Buck Pond Farm in Versailles, Kentucky. He stood his first season at stud in Washington in 2021 after being purchased by the Pabsts. From his first four crops have come \$374,975 New York stakes winner and Grade 1-placed Water White; Grade 2 Panama stakes winner Miss Conveyance; 2022-23 stakes winner Nobody Listens, whose last win came in the Turf Monster Stakes (G3) on September 23 and is his sire's leading earner with \$704,730; \$284,160 stakes winner Rock On Luke; \$228,127 stakes winner Plane Talk; and four stakes-placed runners, including Larry's Angel, who ran second in the 2023 \$75,000 Southern Park Stakes.

Through November 19, Conveyance has sired 47 winners in North America who have earned \$4,260,111 with a \$63,584 average earnings per runner.

Conveyance was a half-brother to \$149,673 stakes-placed Atlantic Bull and a full brother to unraced Cashing Tickets, dam of \$695,548 Grade 2 stakes winner Leggs Galore. The 12-year-old Cashing Tickets was sold in the 2023 May EquiRing online mixed sale – bred to Into Mischief – for \$725,000.

Conveyance's first Washington crop will reach the races in 2024.

Infernal McGoon

Washington champion racemare and champion producer Infernal McGoon, 24, died while foaling in March 2023. Her colt by Smiling Tiger survived.

By Wekiva Springs, Infernal McGoon was foaled March 27, 1999, at John and

Doris Konecny's Czech-Mate Farm in Enumclaw. She was the fifth foal out of their homebred state champion two-year-old filly Flame McGoon. The daughter of Staff Writer won two Longacres stakes at two and placed in a trio of stakes at Golden Gate Fields at three, earning \$139,264.

Jody Peetz purchased Infernal McGoon as a yearling for \$57,000 at the 2000 WTBOA Summer Sale. The filly would earn \$153,965 in her One Horse Will Do Corporation colors. At four, Infernal McGoon won the Emerald Downs Breeders' Cup Handicap and Belle Roberts Stakes and was named Washington champion older filly or mare.

Sent to Kentucky, Infernal McGoon produced two named foals for Peetz before being entered in the 2008 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale where she was purchased, bred to Lawyer Ron, for \$25,000 by Halvorson Bloodstock Services LLC, as agent for Dale Mahlum.

The resulting filly was foaled in Washington, but sent to the 2010 Keeneland September Yearling Sale where Peetz purchased her for \$30,000. Named Talk to My Lawyer, she won the Gottstein Futurity, placed in two other Emerald Downs stakes at two and was named the state's champion juvenile filly. At three, Talk to My Lawyer came back to take the John and Kitty Fletcher Stakes and push her earnings to \$89,166. Unfortunately, Talk to My Lawyer produced only two foals before her premature death, but one was the 2014 Flatter filly No Talking Back, who won four Emerald Downs stakes races and placed in four others en route to earning \$170,504 while racing for Peetz and Steve Shimizu. She became a fourth generation Washington-bred champion.

No Talking Back produced her first foal in 2022, a colt by Brody's Cause who was bred in Washington by Terry and Mary Lou Griffin. The colt was sold to trainer Bonnie Jenne for \$52,000 at last August's WTBOA Sale.

Among Infernal McGoon's six other winners is three-time stakes winner and \$320,239 earner Ima Happy Cat, by Smiling Tiger, who raced for Tim and Sue Spooner. The Spooners sent Ima Happy Cat to Kentucky to be covered by Upstart this past spring.

Infernal McGoon's third highest earner was the Cahill Road mare Hetty, with \$57,998. She is the dam of 2022 Lethbridge stakes winner Mischief Road. Hetty is now owned by Petra Lewin and produced a 2022 filly by Conveyance named Blue Pearl.

Infernal McGoon's final seven foals were all sired by Smiling Tiger. She produced the unraced Breakaway Bud in 2020, Gone Silver in 2021 and her chestnut 2023 colt who was mothered by former Emerald Downs champion racemare and producer Taste the Passion (see below).

Taste the Passion

If there ever was a "Broodmare of the Track" title given at Emerald Downs, Taste the Passion would be the winner hands-down. The dark bay mare, 26, passed away in California on July 18 in the loving care of Jenny Webber, who had fallen in love with her as a two-year-old while she worked in Emerald Downs' media department and for Taste the Passion's trainer Bob McMeans.

Jerre Paxton (Northwest Farms LLC) had acquired her granddam, the 1977 Graustark filly Miss Cenyak to race. She was the first foal of stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Miss Francesca. Miss Cenyak won her first start, a maiden special weight race at Santa Anita as a three-year-old. Paxton then partnered with Dan Agnew to breed and race her offspring.

The first of her dozen foals was Grade 2-placed Cenyak's Star. The partners also raced her stakes-winning and Grade 2-placed daughter Affordable Price. Miss Cenyak also produced Wyoming Downs stakes winner Cenyak Gold and three-time Midwest stakes-placed Fort Hill. Three more of Miss Cenyak's daughters would also become stakes producers, led by Bisbee, by Believe It.

Originally sold by her breeders to Overbrook Farm for \$112,000 at the 1993 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, Paxton reacquired the unraced Bisbee for \$40,000 as a three-year-old at the Keeneland November sale.

The following year, Paxton bred Bisbee to Wild Again and Taste the Passion was foaled in Kentucky March 17, 1997.

Taste the Passion would race 16 times for Paxton. After winning an Emerald Downs maiden special weight race by 7 1/4 lengths in her first outing – and with the exception of one race, all her other 14 starts would be made in stakes races. She won both the Mona Lisa and WTBA Lassie stakes, ran third in the Gottstein Futurity and was named top two-year-old filly of the meet.

At three, she was runner-up in a trio of Emerald stakes and added three more stakes placements at the Auburn track at age four. Her final two starts came at Arlington Park where she placed third in a handicap. Her final record was 3-4-3 with earnings of \$142,210.

The Yakima horseman hit pay dirt with Taste the Passion's second offspring, a daughter of Gulch named Shampoo. In her 15 starts Shampoo won five Emerald stakes and placed in three others, earning \$213,075 and garnering honors as Emerald Downs' top three-year-old filly of 2007. She would later produce Paxton's \$135,342 stakes winner Blueberry Smoothie, by Giant's Causeway.

In 2005, Taste the Passion produced her second Emerald Downs champion, the Smart Strike filly Smarty Deb. She ran only five times, all at two, but won four of those

outings, led by victories in the Gottstein Futurity, Barbara Shinpoch and Angie C. stakes. In her final start, she ran fifth to Indian Blessing in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) over a sloppy Monmouth Park track. Smarty Deb would produce \$197,184 stakes winner Finallygotabentley, \$159,218 stakes winner Starship Nterprize and \$444,855 three-time graded stakes-placed Wild About Deb.

In 2008, Taste the Passion produced Seattle Sniper, by Strong Hope, who placed in four stakes at Emerald Downs, including a second to Washington champion Couldabentthewhisky in the Gottstein Futurity. He earned \$127,758.

Taste the Passion's 2010 Curlin daughter Stopshoppingdebbie won nine races (eight stakes) at Emerald Downs, where she was named top filly of her division in 2013-14. In her final start, Stopshoppingdebbie finished fifth in Santa Anita's L. A. Woman Stakes (G3).

Taste the Passion's 2014 Tapit filly, Hot Blooded Girl, won a Los Alamitos Thoroughbred meet maiden special weight race by 10 1/2 lengths for Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman while being trained by Bob Baffert. The \$330,000 2015 Keeneland September Yearling had been part of the Northwest Farms dispersal after Paxton's death earlier that year.

Taste the Passion, bred to Curlin, was offered in Keeneland's 2015 November sale where she brought a \$150,000 bid from David Mowat's Ten Broeck Farm.

Webber was on-hand when Taste the Passion produced her final foal, the Honor Code filly Chivalryisnotdead, in Washington. The 2019 filly made one start for owner/trainer Blaine Wright, coming in fourth in a Golden Gate Fields maiden special weight race as a two-year-old.

When Webber moved to California in the spring of 2022 to manage Rancho San Miguel, Taste the Passion and Infernal McGoon were among the mares who came with her. When the Washington champion passed away soon after foaling a Smiling Tiger colt this past spring (see above), Taste the Passion took charge of mothering the orphan.

Webber wrote a tribute to Taste the Passion and what she meant to her on her July 18 Facebook page, concluding her homage with "Thank you, Taste the Passion, aka Spot, it was an honor to love you for 24 of your 26 years." ■



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Friday, February 9, 2024

WASHINGTON HORSE RACING COMMISSION MEETING

Emerald Downs, Tribal Council Room, 5th Floor, or Zoom option*
Auburn (360) 459-6462

Saturday, February 24, 2024

WASHINGTON ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Emerald Downs, Auburn
WTBOA (253) 288-7878; maindesk@wtboa.com

Friday, March 15, 2024

WASHINGTON HORSE RACING COMMISSION MEETING

Emerald Downs, Tribal Council Room, 5th Floor, or Zoom option*
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Friday, March 29, 2024**

WTBOA SUMMER YEARLING SESSION "EARLY BIRD" NOMINATION DEADLINE

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Friday, April 12, 2024

WASHINGTON HORSE RACING COMMISSION MEETING

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Monday, April 15, 2024

NWRS STALLION NOMINATION DEADLINE

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Wednesday, May 1, 2024

WASHINGTON THOROUGHBRED FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RACE FOR EDUCATION DEADLINE

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Wednesday, May 1, 2024

NORTHWEST RACE SERIES EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR 2-YEAR-OLDS OF 2024

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Friday, May 3, 2024**

WTBOA SUMMER YEARLING SESSION FINAL NOMINATION DEADLINE

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Saturday, May 4, 2024

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Monday, May 13, 2024**

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