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# Heavy Lifting

**Dana and Jimmy Barnes make Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert's barn run smoothly**

BY TRACY GANTZ

**J**immy and Dana Barnes' road to Bob Baffert's employ began on horseback at Golden Gate Fields in 1983. The couple met while exercising Thoroughbreds in the mornings, which led to marriage, two daughters, and major roles on the Baffert team as the Hall of Famer's assistant trainer and one of his go-to exercise riders.

Baffert, of course, quarterbacks a championship stable from his Southern California base, one that regularly succeeds in Triple Crown, Breeders' Cup, and other important races. In 2011 alone Baffert has won the grade I Kentucky Oaks, Santa Anita Handicap, Santa Anita Derby, Hollywood Gold Cup, Haskell Invitational, Del Mar Futurity, Goodwood Stakes, and Pat (continued on page 3588)



Dana and Jimmy Barnes are instrumental in Bob Baffert's success

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## SOUTHERN IMAGE

Halo's Image – Pleasant Dixie, by Dixieland Band/ \$2,500 LF

### California's #1 Leading Sire by 2011 progeny earnings

- More than \$4.5 million in 2011 earnings and six current stakes horses.
- Sire of 2011 Grade 1 SW **SOUTHERN SPEED**, winner of the \$2,740,360 BMW Caulfield Cup (**Aus-G1**) by 1 1/2 lengths.
- Also sire of 2011 **G1**-performing, 3-time NYRA Graded SW **CALIBRACHOA** (\$456,040, **G3** Tom Fool H., **G3** Bold Ruler S., **G3** Toboggan H., etc.), SW **PINK CANDY** (\$75,000 Donna Freyer S., etc.), Listed SW **WINNING IMAGE** (\$75,000 Cornucopia, etc.) and **Southern Ridge** (2nd **G3** Phillip H. Iselin S., etc.).



## MARINO MARINI ~ 2011 Top-4 California Sire by All Weather Earnings

Storm Cat – Halo America, by Waquoit/ \$2,500 LF

- Combined 2011 progeny earnings of more than \$1.7 million and 11 stakes horses, including **SHUDACUDAWUDYA**, **HOT FUSION**, **Bleach Blonde**, etc.
- October Barretts yearlings avg. 14X his stud fee and featured the day 2 top seller that brought \$70,000!
- Top-5 Calif. 2YO Sire with six 2YO SHs, including SW **STARLIGHT MAGIC** (\$100,000 Cal. Cup Juv. Fillies), **Marshal Marini** (2nd \$75,000 Charlie Palmer Futurity, etc.) and **Taylor Marini** and **Tio Vic** (2nd & 3rd \$100,000 Barretts Juvenile S.).



## THE PAMPLÉMOUSSE ~ First Foals Arrive 2012

Kafwain – Comfort Zone, by Rubiano/ \$2,500 LF

- Santa Anita Graded stakes-winning miler by 2011 Top-5 California General /Juvenile Sire **KAFWAIN**.
- Won 3 of 5 starts, including the **G3** Sham S. by 6L (**107 Beyer**) and **G3** San Rafael S. at one mile.
- Out of a half-sister to the dam of 2YO **G1 SW STORMELLO** (\$700,100).
- Precocious female family of **G2** Arlington-Washington Lassie S. winner **SPECIAL WARMTH**.

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## 2012 STALLION ROSTER



### McCANN'S MOJAVE ~ Outstanding First Foals 2YOs 2012

Memo – Joni U. Bar, by Nordic Prince/ **\$3,000 LF**  
(consideration to approved mares)

- Record-setting, multiple Graded stakes winner of \$1,513,565.
- All-surface stakes winner with graded scores at 6.5F, 8.5F, and 9F (NTR)
- Defeated 90 SWs including 54 Graded/Group winners and 15 Grade 1 Winners.

### SIERRA SUNSET

Grade 2 Winner with Tactical Speed from a Classic Family

Bertrando – Toot Sweet, by Pirate's Bounty/ **\$2,500 LF**

- Four-time stakes winner with scores in Oaklawn's **G2** Rebel S. (**99 Beyer**), the \$125,000 California Cup Juvenile S., the Alamedan H. at 1 1/16 miles (**101 Beyer**), and the Bay Meadows Juvenile S. by 8 lengths.
- Precocious 2YO, breaking his maiden at 4 1/2 furlongs by 5L second time out!
- By **BERTRANDO**, California Leading Sire of 53 SWs. Out of a stakes-placed full sister to the dam of **G1** Belmont S. winner **DA' TARA**.



### SLEW'S TIZNOW

Record-Setting G1 Performing Multiple Stakes Winner

Tiznow – Hepatica, by Slewpy/ **\$2,500 LF**

- Won on dirt and synthetic, including Del Mar's El Cajon S. at one mile by 3 lengths and Hollywood Park's War Chant S. at 1 1/16 miles in a **record 1:40.34**.
- Saratoga maiden winner and 2nd in Keeneland's **G1** Breeders' Futurity at two.
- In his final start, posted a **102 Beyer** in Hollywood Park's G2 Californian S.
- Full brother to Multiple Graded stakes winner **SLEW'S TIZZY**.

### STORM WOLF ~ Attractive First Foals 2YOs 2012

Stormin Fever – Exclusive Rosette, by Ecliptical/ **\$2,500 LF**

- Graded SW full brother to **G1**-performing GSW **MISTY ROSETTE**.
  - Won 3 of 5 starts, including the **G2** Lazaro Barrera Memorial S. by 6L in **1:22 1/5**.
- Posted a **104 Beyer** breaking his maiden at Santa Anita and a **101 Beyer** winning an allowance there in 1:09 flat.



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O'Brien Stakes. Game On Dude ran second in the Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I), and Baffert also captured the inaugural Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint—which is not yet graded—with Secret Circle.

Jimmy and Dana are instrumental components in Baffert's success. Jimmy helps Baffert as his assistant at the Santa Anita barn, with Mike Marlow looking after matters at Hollywood Park. Jimmy travels extensively when Baffert has horses running at home and across the country on the same weekend. Dana works many of the stable runners and sometimes heads out on the road with Jimmy.

"Jimmy has been gone probably more than he's been home this year," said Dana. "We've just run so many horses. There were four weeks in a row where he was back and forth from the East Coast to the West Coast. He'd come home for two days and go back."

Jimmy usually flies with the horses, making sure that each horse receives first-class care.

"His biggest enjoyment is when I send him on the road with a horse to the big races and he wins," said Baffert. "He knows everybody; he's the best roadman."

Dana noted that in addition to trips to

Churchill Downs in the spring and fall and the frequent trips to the East, Jimmy in 2011 traveled to Arkansas, Indiana, Ohio, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. Dana went to Kentucky both times and to Maryland.

It's a schedule more easily kept these days, especially for Dana, now that their daughters are grown. Jimmy, 52, and Dana, 48, have raised daughters Jenee, 24, and Jordan, 18. Jenee is studying law at Tulane University, while Jordan is preparing for college.

When the girls were young, Dana found her job as exercise rider—minus the travel—almost ideal.

"It was a great job for a mom because I'd be home by 10 and have the whole day with my kids," Dana said, adding that the only difficulty was finding a babysitter for the odd hours and days.

While a racetrack schedule can play havoc with a marriage when one of the partners has a "normal" job, Jimmy and Dana's marriage has thrived. Jimmy says he probably sees Dana more at the barn than at home.

"It's amazing how a husband and wife can work together and get along," said Baffert. "I thought at first when I had them together, 'Oh, man, this might not be good.'

But they work great together."

Jimmy's day starts at 4:30 a.m., while Dana begins about an hour later. Dana finishes by late morning, and Jimmy might get home at noon for a quick break if he leaves the barn at all during the day.

Baffert regularly has about 120 horses in training, which keeps everybody busy, both at Santa Anita and Hollywood.

"Jimmy is a working machine," said Baffert. "He and Mike Marlow are workaholics."

Baffert recalled one time he saw Jimmy raking the shedrow.

"What are you doing?" Baffert asked him. "No, no. You're the assistant. You don't rake shedrows anymore."

Jimmy loves his job, not only because he has spent his entire life on the racetrack but also because of the quality in the Baffert barn.

"It's great to wake up every morning and come out to a barn full of classic horses," Jimmy said.

It's quite a list, one that goes back to Eclipse Award winners Silver Charm and Real Quiet in the late 1990s on through 2001 Horse of the Year Point Given and more recent champions such as Lookin At Lucky and Midnight Lute.

## Apprentice Days

Before Dana and Jimmy began working for Baffert, they apprenticed with many other top California horsemen.

Jimmy grew up in Northern California, where his father, Laverne, owned some horses.

"My father trained a couple of horses on his own when I was 7 or 8 years old," said Jimmy. "I'd come out and help clean stalls, walk hots, whatever I could do. Then I went to work for his trainer during the summer, traveling the fairs. That was a lot of fun."

Jimmy graduated to galloping horses and wanted to be a jockey, but his mother, Barbara, refused to let him ride until he was 18, insisting that the young boy get an education. Jimmy rode in a few races before he outgrew a career as a jockey. He trained on his own for a while and then worked as an assistant to trainer Allen Severinsen.

Dana, meanwhile, called Southern California home, growing up in the horse town of Norco, east of the Los Angeles area.

"I had my first pony when I was 2 years old," said Dana. "We always had show horses, but I wanted to ride racehorses."

Dana showed Quarter Horses in classes such as Western pleasure before starting English riding lessons in fourth grade. That led to learning to gallop racehorses at a local training center.

At age 17 she worked at Old English Rancho in Ontario, Cal., until she could go to the racetrack at age 18.

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Dana finds exercising horses a great job for a mom



# CALIFORNIA WINNERS



## GIACOMO

Holy Bull - Set Them Free, by Stop the Music

- 10 Stakes horses to date in first two crops - 13% from runners
- Current 2yos include superstar Demoiselle (G2) winner Disposablepleasure, track record-setting Stakes winner Jake Mo, multiple Stakes placed Jomelo, etc.
- By Horse of the Year Holy Bull, he is a half-brother to multiple Grade 1 winner Tiago (\$2,358,270)
- Kentucky Derby (G1) winning earner of \$2,537,316



## NOBLE COURT

Doneraile Court - Grey Dawn Grey, by Grindstone

- Multiple Graded winner and multiple Grade 1-placed earner of \$465,230
- Stakes winner on dirt, turf and all-weather
- On-the-board in 16 of 20 career starts
- Posted a 102 Beyer in the Triple Bend H.(G1)
- Won the six-and-a-half furlong Joe Hernandez S. in 1:12 flat
- Grandson of Grade 1 Kentucky Derby winners Seattle Slew and Grindstone

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# 2011 Leading Sires in California

State sire lists updated daily online. Go to <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/thoroughbred-breeding/sire-lists>

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in California (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 7, 2011. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A ♯) indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race.

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2012 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2011 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Harris Farms	\$20,000	114/55	3/7	1/3	(Acclamation, \$1,126,000)	\$4,270,578	*508	29	2.19	1.24
2	TRIBAL RULE (96, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$5,500	136/78	8/11	5/8	(Heleanor Rugby, \$205,306)	\$3,267,955	363	21	1.49	1.19
3	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), Ballena Vista Farm	\$5,000	151/75	4/6	0/4	(Ducky Drake, \$165,669)	\$2,767,695	610	31	1.26	1.18
4	KAFWAIN (00, Cherokee Run), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	140/70	5/9	2/5	(Daisy Devine, \$493,561)	\$2,713,303	*368	16	1.12	1.31
5	SOUTHERN IMAGE (00, Halo's Image), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	101/65	3/6	1/3	(Calibrachoa, \$295,500)	\$2,249,444	*298	4	1.76	1.44
6	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	148/76	3/4	1/3	(Ain't No Other, \$204,203)	\$2,076,551	452	18	0.97	0.89
7	BERTRANDO (89, Skywalker), Ballena Vista Farm	\$8,000	111/55	4/5	1/4	(Liberian Freighter, \$153,000)	\$1,843,823	980	53	1.39	1.56
8	SALT LAKE (89, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2010	102/53	2/3	0/2	(Teddy's Promise, \$109,408)	\$1,741,984	*1192	51	1.43	1.42
9	MARINO MARINI (00, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	100/61	2/3	1/2	(Bleach Blonde, \$137,248)	\$1,731,707	194	5	0.98	1.04
10	IN EXCESS (IRE) (87, Siberian Express), Vessels Stallion Farm	Pnsd	113/57	3/3	2/3	(Magic School, \$121,750)	\$1,671,106	945	63	1.68	1.43
11	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), Harris Farms	\$5,000	128/60	1/1	0/1	(Yodelen Dan, \$149,528)	\$1,595,523	642	23	1.06	1.09
12	ARAGORN (IRE) (02, Giant's Causeway), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	87/40	1/2	0/1	(Birdie Beats Par, \$185,570)	\$1,592,885	129	1	0.97	1.49
13	MINISTERS WILD CAT (00, Deputy Minister), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	83/46	6/8	2/6	(Castnet Dancer, \$140,961)	\$1,539,579	170	8	0.90	1.02
14	GIACOMO (02, Holy Bull), Adena Springs @ Magali Farms	\$5,000	79/46	4/5	0/4	(Disposable Pleasure, \$161,600)	\$1,395,195	*132	5	0.95	1.51
15	STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Golden Eagle Farm	\$4,500	107/41	0/0	0/0	(Filled With Wonder, \$92,382)	\$1,358,763	*593	27	1.24	1.44
16	SEA OF SECRETS (95, Storm Cat), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	97/49	3/8	1/3	(Hermosillo, \$230,620)	\$1,279,400	*411	20	0.97	1.10
17	DEACARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms	\$4,000	82/40	3/3	0/3	(Stoney Kece, \$156,680)	\$1,260,912	236	7	1.04	0.99
18	RICHLI BLENDED (98, Rizzi)	Died, 2006	25/15	1/4	0/1	(Ultra Blend, \$648,000)	\$1,032,494	120	2	1.06	0.77
19	ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$2,500	64/29	2/2	1/2	(Atticus Jack, \$163,344)	\$1,023,266	411	13	1.09	1.50
20	REDATTOR (BRZ) (95, Roi Normand)	N/A	68/29	0/3	0/0	(Red Defense, \$92,196)	\$973,019	*405	2	1.03	1.21
21	DEPUTY COMMANDER (94, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2009	91/41	0/0	0/0	(Madam Inspector, \$140,152)	\$956,716	*564	24	1.19	1.60
22	OLMODAVOR (99, A.P. Indy), Adena Springs @ Magali Farms	\$5,000	67/39	0/0	0/0	(Idle Talk, \$71,758)	\$925,194	*171	4	0.91	1.39
23	GOOD JOURNEY (96, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$5,000	36/16	1/1	0/1	(Thirtyfirststreet, \$208,000)	\$917,095	*221	1	1.51	1.07
24	FREESPOOL (96, Geiger Counter)	N/A	78/36	2/2	1/2	(Raetodandy, \$141,536)	\$820,643	193	3	0.60	0.78
25	VRONSKY (99, Danzig), Old English Rancho	\$3,500	24/12	2/3	1/2	(Norvsky, \$259,306)	\$813,790	64	2	1.66	0.82
26	CEE'S TIZZY (87, Relaunch), Harris Farms	Pnsd	60/28	0/0	0/0	(Earnednevergiven, \$152,480)	\$811,353	718	39	1.68	1.17
27	HIGH BRITE (84, Best Turn)	Died, 2010	68/33	1/1	1/1	(Quick Enough, \$167,953)	\$789,287	*914	46	1.05	1.18
28	SIBERIAN SUMMER (89, Siberian Express), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	Died, 2011	62/34	0/0	0/0	(Sanger Silver, \$76,440)	\$761,571	*365	13	1.05	0.89
29	TEN MOST WANTED (00, Deputy Commander), Magali Farms	\$2,500	55/26	2/3	1/2	(Lady On the Run, \$206,750)	\$748,053	143	2	0.68	1.23
30	PERFECT MANDATE (96, Gone West), Old English Rancho	\$7,500	52/32	0/0	0/0	(He's a Dance Star, \$106,940)	\$733,554	289	11	0.97	1.26
31	SAFE IN THE U S A (99, Gone West)	N/A	32/22	1/1	0/1	(Safe Home, \$130,001)	\$699,138	59	1	1.20	1.11
32	LUCKY PULPIT (01, Pulpit), Harris Farms	\$2,500	23/14	2/2	1/2	(Luckarak, \$182,070)	\$697,768	48	2	1.81	1.29
33	ROAR (93, Forty Niner)	Died, 2008	53/33	1/1	0/1	(Roar Baby Roar, \$72,000)	\$681,536	*652	18	1.48	1.36
34	POPULAR (99, Saint Ballado), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	28/21	1/2	1/1	(Halo Dolly, \$230,510)	\$646,869	65	1	1.00	0.97
35	TERRELL (00, Distorted Humor)	N/A	52/26	0/0	0/0	(Late Affair, \$54,098)	\$624,492	104	0	0.57	1.00
36	GLOBALIZE (97, Summer Squall), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	42/21	2/3	0/2	(Life Is a Rock, \$116,766)	\$623,761	138	3	0.75	0.81
37	MOMENTUM (98, Nureyev), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$5,000	67/31	0/0	0/0	(Joyzey Billy, \$50,142)	\$593,408	162	1	0.60	1.08
38	TIZBUD (99, Cee's Tizzy), Harris Farms	\$2,500	35/13	0/0	0/0	(Spud Spivens, \$156,494)	\$592,181	95	1	0.99	0.92
39	LIT DE JUSTICE (90, El Gran Senor)	N/A	53/23	0/0	0/0	(Veilit', \$53,854)	\$532,438	385	22	1.24	1.18
40	VALID WAGER (92, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2007	44/24	1/1	1/1	(She'smylittleman, \$98,420)	\$521,714	500	18	1.05	1.19
41	ROCKY BAR (98, In Excess), E. A. Ranches	\$2,500	35/21	3/5	2/3	(Page Springs, \$140,536)	\$519,371	51	10	1.37	0.77
42	CAPSIZED (96, Summer Squall), Running C Ranch	N/A	32/19	1/1	0/1	(Chokecherymary, \$96,478)	\$494,165	116	1	0.71	0.92
43	COMIC STRIP (95, Red Ransom), Gray's Farm	\$2,500	40/20	1/2	0/1	(Rollerskates, \$51,500)	\$445,396	286	11	0.79	1.22
44	WESTERN FAME (92, Gone West), Paradise Road Ranch	\$2,000	38/19	0/0	0/0	(Chandler's Heart, \$68,123)	\$419,493	272	13	0.92	0.81
45	GOTHAM CITY (98, Saint Ballado), Daehling Ranch	\$2,000	34/19	0/0	0/0	(Democratic Sweep, \$34,674)	\$392,319	135	0	0.82	0.89
46	SUANCES (GB) (97, Most Welcome), Rancho Temescal	\$1,500	27/9	0/0	0/0	(Adam Suances, \$52,880)	\$372,849	67	1	0.87	1.25
47	GAME PLAN (93, Danzig), E. A. Ranches	\$2,500	47/19	1/1	0/1	(Passing Game, \$69,700)	\$369,077	398	23	0.85	0.82
48	TANNERSMYMAN (98, Lord Carson), Woodbridge Farm	N/A	30/16	1/1	1/1	(Sherman Bartlebert, \$71,370)	\$365,400	84	2	0.85	0.75
49	ONE MAN ARMY (94, Roman Diplomat), Milkyway Farm	\$5,000	15/9	1/1	0/1	(M One Rifle, \$109,130)	\$342,470	62	4	1.45	0.91
50	CRAFTY C. T. (98, Crafty Prospector), Windfall Farms	\$5,000	21/10	0/0	0/0	(Dapper Devil, \$117,068)	\$334,984	*89	1	0.88	0.94
51	TRAPPER (00, Iron Cat), Rivendell Ranch	\$2,000	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Trapper's Bounty, \$100,538)	\$322,560	17	0	1.33	0.86
52	FLAME THROWER (98, Saint Ballado), Oak Hill Farm	\$1,500	42/15	0/0	0/0	(Thisonessforruthie, \$50,980)	\$309,372	*215	2	0.77	1.06
53	SINGLETARY (00, Sultry Song), Harris Farms	\$1,500	34/13	2/2	1/2	(Logical Single, \$138,346)	\$299,731	77	4	0.63	1.26
54	ANCIENT ART (01, Storm Cat), Warren's Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	17/8	0/0	0/0	(Warren's Got Game, \$123,866)	\$294,806	57	0	0.61	0.68
55	HIGH DEMAND (97, Danzig)	N/A	31/13	1/2	0/1	(Demanding Diva, \$51,242)	\$293,000	126	2	0.81	1.16
56	GREY MEMO (97, Memo), Rideley Farm	N/A	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Adelicate Miss, \$100,540)	\$270,023	45	0	0.88	0.78
57	DOC GUS (98, Mr. Greeley), Warren's Thoroughbreds	Died, 2009	18/6	0/0	0/0	(Warren's Creampuff, \$72,800)	\$265,371	37	0	0.78	0.88
58	BIRDONTHEWIRE (89, Proud Birdie), Madera Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Soul Candy, \$97,000)	\$264,231	*246	10	1.31	1.39
59	IRON CAT (95, Storm Cat)	N/A	26/14	0/0	0/0	(Creston Cowboy, \$30,790)	\$262,010	128	5	0.89	1.02
60	SOUGHT AFTER (00, Seeking the Gold), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	22/10	0/0	0/0	(Gotnaceupersleeve, \$56,536)	\$260,542	60	0	0.85	0.82
61	MUQTARIB (96, Gone West)	Pnsd	33/16	0/0	0/0	(Meltarib, \$70,920)	\$259,121	*271	4	0.60	0.92
62	STORMED (99, Storm Cat), Warren's Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	17/5	1/1	1/1	(Warren's Knockout, \$145,488)	\$257,514	72	1	0.52	0.81
63	BEHRENS (94, Pleasant Colony), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	25/12	0/0	0/0	(Sporty Boy, \$45,100)	\$252,300	193	0	0.61	1.44
64	AWESOME GAMBLER (04, Coronado's Quest), Lovacres Ranch	\$5,000	15/4	1/1	1/1	(Willie B Awesome, \$153,896)	\$249,932	35	1	1.01	0.79
65	FLYING CONTINENTAL (86, Flying Paster)	Died, 2004	14/8	1/1	0/1	(Pack Your Bags, \$89,198)	\$241,175	493	24	0.92	1.06
66	POTEEN (94, Irish River), Old English Rancho	\$1,500	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Baton Roo, \$87,598)	\$238,901	71	3	0.89	0.80
67	CINDAGO (03, Indian Charlie), Legacy Ranch	\$2,500	6/3	1/1	1/1	(Courtside, \$164,620)	\$238,155	23	1	2.17	1.47
68	OUR NEW RECRUIT (99, Alphabet Soup)	Died, 2009	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Almost a Lady, \$38,040)	\$228,913	45	0	0.77	1.00
69	BEAU GENIUS (85, Bold Ruckus)	Pnsd	34/14	0/0	0/0	(Niner Genius, \$26,652)	\$211,948	*746	39	1.19	1.16
70	STORMY JACK (97, Bertrando), Harris Farms	\$1,500	36/9	1/1	0/1	(Jack O Lyn, \$43,280)	\$204,241	130	2	0.81	0.73

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

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"I learned a lot there, things like how to break babies, bandage horses," said Dana.

Dana freelanced as an exercise rider at the racetrack in between attending college. She galloped horses for Laz Barrera and Bob Wheeler and then took a more permanent job with Michael Whittingham. Horses in the Whittingham barn at the time included Malibu Stakes (gr. II) winner Pacmania and multiple stakes winner Vigor's Lady.

But Dana wanted to become a jockey, and she thought she had a better chance to break in on the Northern California circuit. It was the 1980s, which meant women were legally allowed to ride in races, but few could get many mounts. Mary Bacon was about the only female jockey riding with any regularity at Golden Gate Fields and Bay Meadows.

### 2011 California Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Tribal Rule.....	136	78
Old Topper.....	148	76
Benchmark.....	151	75
Kafwain.....	140	70
Southern Image.....	101	65
Marino Marini.....	100	61
Swiss Yodeler.....	128	60
In Excess (IRE).....	113	57
Unusual Heat.....	114	55
Bertrando.....	111	55
Salt Lake.....	102	53
Sea of Secrets.....	97	49
Ministers Wild Cat.....	83	46
Giacomo.....	79	46
Stormin Fever.....	107	41
Deputy Commander.....	91	41
Aragorn (IRE).....	87	40
Decarchy.....	82	40
Olmodavor.....	67	39
Freespool.....	78	36
Siberian Summer.....	62	34
High Brite.....	68	33
Roar.....	53	33
Perfect Mandate.....	52	32
Momentum.....	67	31
Redattore (BRZ).....	68	29
Atticus.....	64	29
Cee's Tizzy.....	60	28
Ten Most Wanted.....	55	26
Terrell.....	52	26
Valid Wager.....	44	24
Lit de Justice.....	53	23
Safe in the U S A.....	32	22
Globalize.....	42	21
Rocky Bar.....	35	21
Popular.....	28	21
Cornic Strip.....	40	20
Game Plan.....	47	19
Western Fame.....	38	19
Gotham City.....	34	19
Capsized.....	32	19

After Dana met Jimmy, however, her priorities shifted.

"I decided I wanted to get married instead," she said.

The couple moved to Southern California and married in 1985. Dana went back to work for Whittingham, who also hired Jimmy as an assistant trainer. Dana regularly breezed Skywalker, winner of the 1986 Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) at Santa Anita.

When Whittingham went east to train and his father, Hall of Famer Charlie Whittingham, needed someone to head up his Hollywood Park string in the early 1990s, Jimmy and Dana signed on with the elder Whittingham.

"There's never going to be another Charlie," Dana said. "He knew every single horse, and he truly loved horses. He would go around to every horse and give them a peppermint."

Charlie once told a friend of Dana's that she was one of the best exercise riders he'd ever legged up on a horse. While he wasn't the type to pay her that compliment directly, he saw to it that Dana finally realized her earlier dream of becoming a jockey.

He urged her to get her license and ride some horses for him. Dana's jockey career didn't last long, but she finished second on a Whittingham horse and ultimately won some races at Los Alamitos.

Because Jimmy managed Charlie's second string, he didn't have the opportunity of working as closely with him as Dana did.

"He was a fun guy to work for, genuinely nice," said Jimmy. "He took very good care of us."

### Baffert Charm

During the 1990s Jimmy also worked for Jerry Hollendorfer and Dave Hofmans. Meanwhile, Dana came to Baffert's notice because Baffert had the barn next to Whittingham at Santa Anita. She began working horses for Baffert about the time of Silver Charm and Real Quiet, when both won the Kentucky Derby (gr. I) and Preakness Stakes (gr. I). Dana worked with both champions.

"Silver Charm was the smartest horse," said Dana. "We had taken him to Hollywood Park to work him. I was jogging him back to where the casino is, and a whole bunch of people standing there realized it was Silver Charm. They started clapping, and you could literally feel that horse puff up."

Silver Charm enjoyed attention to such an extent that Dana recalls the horse getting upset after Real Quiet won the Kentucky Derby.

"They were stabled right next to each other in Kentucky," Dana said. "Everyone was around Real Quiet's stall, taking pictures and talking about him. Silver Charm

would take his hay net and sling it out as if to say, 'Hey, I'm over here!' Great horses know they're great."

A later Baffert champion, 2010 Preakness Stakes winner Lookin At Lucky, likewise reveled in his notoriety. Dana said he would play like a little kid on the shank at one end of the shedrow. But when he walked to the other end where photographers were gathered, he switched into regal champion mode, stopping and posing for pictures.

Jimmy joined Baffert's barn in the late 1990s, not long after Dana was able to work for Baffert full-time because their daughters were older. One of the many horses to impress Jimmy was Point Given.

"He was a racehorse, a beast," Jimmy said of the 1,280-pound champion. "There were always anxious moments around him because you could never tell what he was going to do, whether he would behave or misbehave."

According to Dana, Point Given's bad-boy street cred was somewhat undeserved.

"He had a bad reputation because he liked to rear up," she said. "He only reared up on days when he first went back to the track. I only worked him, so he never reared up with me. In the stall he was so sweet. He loved candy."

Dana finds most of the horses in Baffert's barn to be sweet, but even she had to confess that 2000 Santa Anita Handicap and 1999 Pacific Classic (gr. I) winner General Challenge was "a goofball."

"At Del Mar in the paddock, he would stop and stare at himself in the office windows for the longest time," Dana said.

Some horses such as The Factor demonstrated their quality right from the beginning.

"The first day I got on him, I thought that this horse was nice," said Dana. "He is so smooth in switching his leads. You can see him do it, but you can't feel it."

Jimmy and Dana both enjoy when the 2-year-olds first arrive at Baffert's barn. Jimmy said that everyone tries to predict which horses will emerge as the superstars.

"I picked (Del Mar Futurity winner) Drill," said Jimmy of the 2011 crop. "But then there are always others that come up and surprise you, like Secret Circle."

In the spring Jimmy, Dana, and the entire Baffert barn crew are at their busiest. While the pace rarely slows much, the closest they come to down time is in the fall after the Breeders' Cup. Still, Jimmy daily makes out set lists and follows up on numerous details after Baffert marks charts, decides where horses will run, and otherwise outlines battle plans.

"I'm busy buying horses, trying to stock the pond," said Baffert. "He's doing all the heavy lifting." 📌