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FOUR ANIMAL KINGDOM PARTNERS BACK FOR ENCORE AT CHURCHILL CASTELLANO, HERRICK, PASCARELLA, ZOLDAN GO FOR DERBY DOUBLE WENT THE DAY WELL HAS BARRY IRWIN'S TEAM VALOR IN RARE POSITION

As tears well with each verse of "My Old Kentucky Home" at Churchill Downs next Saturday around 6:30 p.m., no one in the crowd of 150,000 will likely feel the emotional weight of the Kentucky Derby quite like the team reliving the great opportunity that took them to the pinnacle of American racing 12 months ago.

Barry Irwin and four members of the Team Valor partnership that triumphed under the Twin Spires last year with Animal Kingdom will be back in surreal fashion as part of the group that owns Went the Day Well, who will attempt to join his stablemate in racing history.

Mark Castellano, Norton Herrick, Carl Pascarella and Bruce Zoldan were 4 of the 20 partners who experienced the unique joy of a Derby victory with Animal Kingdom, and they are back for more as part of the group behind Went the Day Well.

Their participation has added a special layer to the path that brings Went the Day Well into the Run for the Roses for the same trainer, Graham Motion, and with nearly identical credentials as Animal Kingdom at this point a year ago.



From left, Carl Pascarella, Bruce Zoldan, Norton Herrick and Joey Fatone celebrate together in the special Derby winner's circle last May.

"I've been to Churchill every year for the last 20 and last year was very, very special," said Carl Pascarella, who previously had a unique Derby viewpoint from his time as the CEO of the credit card giant Visa when the company offered a \$5-million bonus from for a horse who could sweep the Triple Crown. "The only thing that we were hoping for last year was for Animal Kingdom to qualify and then

that he would stay healthy so we could walk behind him from the backstretch to the paddock, to have that enjoyment and that feeling. When he won, it was euphoric. It was like no other feeling that maybe I've ever had, or at least not in a long time.



Jockey John Velazquez will pilot Went the Day Well in a final workout on Saturday morning around 8:30 a.m. EDT at Churchill Downs.

“When you’ve been to the Derby as many times as I have and you have a horse in it, it really changes the experience and the level of involvement. With all the people that I know that are affiliated with Churchill and the Derby, it just makes you feel much, much more apart of everything that is going on. It was just a unique and very honorable experience. One of the things that my wife, Yurie, and I have talked about it is ‘How do you go back the next year after that phenomenal experience of Animal Kingdom, Barry and Graham and everyone associated with it?’ When Howe Great and Went the Day Well started making some noise this winter, it really re-kindled that fire and you’re almost afraid to think about what’s

possible. Just the idea of being able to have a horse again is just a phenomenal thing. We pray that he stays healthy, and if he does, that walk from the backside again will be very, very memorable. But, as my wife pointed out, gosh, we want him to do well, too.”

Pascarella, of San Francisco, now runs a private equity firm.

Zoldan, the CEO of Ohio’s Phantom Fireworks and the Youngstown Phantoms of the U.S. Hockey League, points to the long odds for reaching America’s greatest race with one colt, let alone two years in a row, from an annual North American foal crop of around 30,000.

“Last year, the words were ‘surreal’ or ‘off the charts,’ and being back in it with another opportunity, being 1 of 20 Thoroughbreds again with a chance to win the Derby, it’s just amazing,” Zoldan said. “Some family and friends are starting to believe that I have some sort of extraterrestrial connection. I have to give the credit to Barry.”

Zoldan, the CEO of Ohio’s Phantom Fireworks and Youngstown Phantoms of the U.S. Hockey League, spiced up the winner’s circle celebration, bringing along his friends Joey Fatone of N’Sync and celebrity chef Guy Fieri.

“I’ve been going to the Kentucky Derby for 25 years, even before I partnered with Team Valor,” Zoldan said. “It’s just a great event, and it’s hard to imagine what it will be like having another chance to win it, being there with my friends and family.”

A fun video of Zoldan and his entourage in their euphoria right after Animal Kingdom crossed the wire last year is available [here](#).

Herrick is a real estate investor and Broadway and Hollywood producer. He won a Tony Award three years ago as a producer of the revived musical *Hair*.

“Nothing comes close to the Derby; that was an unbelievable feeling,” said Herrick, who lives in Boca Raton, Florida, and New Jersey. “I’m just really looking forward to racing this horse and bringing home a winner again, which would be totally incredible. I can’t wait.”

Even before Animal Kingdom, Pascarella had a unique Derby viewpoint from his time as the CEO of the credit card giant Visa when the company offered a \$5-million bonus for a horse who could sweep the Triple Crown.



At the front of the podium, Mark Castellano, left, and Carl Pascarella, right, join Barry and Kathleen Irwin to ring the bell at the NASDAQ exchange last summer before the Belmont Stakes, along with partners Mark Polivka, Tom Furey and Bruce Zoldan, left to right in the middle row.

Six times between 1998 to 2004, Pascarella went to the Belmont Stakes with the Triple Crown on the line. He never got to present that check, though, as Silver Charm, Real Quiet, Charismatic, War Emblem, Funny Cide and Smarty Jones all failed to complete the sweep.

Castellano, a New York native who is retired from Wall Street and lives in New Jersey, has experienced a great run at Churchill dating back to Pluck’s victory in the 2010 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf winner. He carried a dream of owning racehorses ever since his father would take him to Aqueduct and Belmont Park in his childhood, giving him a deep perspective of the significance of seeing Animal Kingdom’s name in gold above the Churchill paddock as the reigning Derby winner, and what it would be like for Went the Day Well to succeed him.

“Obviously everyone keeps comparing him to Animal Kingdom because of the nearness to what just happened,” Castellano said. “It’s easy, to the point that the horse wins the Spiral, just like Animal Kingdom, and with the same saddle cloth number. Tell me about scary. His whole progression has been unbelievable. At first it seemed like he started off a little slow but then all the sudden he wins, he wins, and now he’s in. The whole thing is becoming surreal in many ways.”

In 137 years, only 12 owners have conquered the Derby more than once. The only back-to-back winners were Col E.R. Bradley in 1932 and 1933, fabled Calumet Farm in 1948 and 1949 and Meadow Stable in 1972 and 1973.

Churchill Downs has a media center [here](#) for Kentucky Derby information past and present.

WENT THE DAY WELL: NEWS, NOTES, TIDBITS, OBSERVATIONS & WHAT NOT

Went The Day Well, points out Barry Irwin, is bred on the reverse cross that also produced WinStar Farm's unbeaten Gemologist. The Wood Memorial winner is by Tiznow out of a mare by a scion of the Mr. Prospector line. WTDW is by a scion of the Mr. P line and out of a mare by Tiznow.

On Wednesday, Irwin received an e-mail and photo from Win Stevens of Keane Stud as follows:

Craig Bendoroff gave me your email address. He thought you might enjoy seeing one of our pictures of WENT THE DAY WELL as a weanling. The colt is at that gawky growth stage in this photo, but he has certainly matured into a magnificent animal. Everyone at Keane Stud is thrilled to see him doing so well, and we can't wait to see him in the winner's circle at the Derby. Just to give you some history, TIZ MAIE'S DAY was one on the broodmares that we boarded at Keane Stud for Austin Delaney (JP is his son). He was a long-time client of ours and had named the mare for his sister, Maie. Sadly, Austin passed away in May 2009 and never got to see her first foal. I'm sure he'll be watching on Derby day. I'm happy to know that you also bought the mare and will give her the chance to produce more champions. All the best. Winslow Stevens, Keane Stud



TEAM VALOR HEADS TO AUSTRALIA FOR THE MELBOURNE CUP IN NOVEMBER PARTNERS SET TO ATTEND BOTH THE VICTORIA DERBY DAY AND THE MELBOURNE CUP STALLION TOUR WITH B. IRWIN WILL KICK OFF 13-DAY TRIP, 4 NIGHTS IN CITY OF SYDNEY STABLE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY BRIGANTIN IN \$6-MILLION, 2-MILE CUP IN LAND OF OZ

Basic itinerary and estimated travel costs have been set for a trip to the South Pacific in November for partners attending the Melbourne Cup Carnival. Team Valor's well-traveled home-bred Brigantin has been pointed for the two mile Melbourne Cup and richest handicap in the world since his run in the Group 1 Ascot Gold Cup last June. When Irwin and several partners in the colt expressed their interest in traveling over for the race, coordinator Megan Jones began putting together an itinerary for a medium-length trip to Australia that would allow partners to spend time in Melbourne for the Carnival and experience as much as possible without being away for too long. "We think it's a wonderful opportunity for our partners interested in international racing, particularly to be able to experience both the Victoria Derby card and the Melbourne Cup in the span of three days. We were able to incorporate some time in Sydney on the front end because it is just two hours south of the prominent region for breeding Thoroughbreds in Australia, so we'll be spend a few days in Sydney exploring the city and harbor with a day of racing too, and then move north to visit what I think is one of the most exciting selections of stallions we could have before us in one little area on the other side of the world." Jones reported this week from Fair Hill.



2011: A full field of 24 turns into the home straight for what would be one of the closest finishes in the race's history.



2011: The French-trained bay Dunaden (inside, yellow) prevails by a short nose over English raider Red Cadeaux.

Held on the first Tuesday of November, the Melbourne Cup is the richest handicap in the world and a test of stamina over 3,200 meters. The race is held at Flemington, the nation's best-known and oldest continuing metropolitan racecourse, and is a revered sporting, social and cultural event throughout the country. Popularly dubbed "the race that stops the nation," it is declared a public holiday in the state of Victoria and preceded on Monday by the popular Melbourne Cup Eve Parade. Trainers, owners and jockeys participate in the parade that fills and begins on Swanston Street and culminates in a media conference for the Melbourne Cup runners' connections in Federation Square.

The Melbourne Cup Carnival itself is a week-long celebration, with racing commencing on Victoria Derby Day on the Saturday 3 days prior to Melbourne Cup. Victoria Derby Day is considered by many racing purists to be the single greatest day of Australian racing and among the best days of racing in the world, as it boasts the rare draw of an entire race card consisting of Group races with 9 in total. The featured Victoria Derby is one of four Group I races on the card and Australia's premiere race for 3-year-olds, offering a purse of \$1.5 million and covering a distance of 2,500 meters.

Team Valor partners are scheduled to arrive in Australia on Friday, October 26 and met at the Sydney Airport for escort to their residence at The Four Seasons Hotel in the historic district of The Rocks, which will play host to Team Valor's partners for their four nights in Sydney. The harbor side district of The Rocks is well known for vibrant restaurants and shopping along its cobblestone streets, and the area is known for its many treasures including antique stores and galleries for contemporary art, ceramics and sculpture. The Rocks is also home to Sydney's premier street market, open each Saturday and Sunday from 5am to 10pm the northern end of George Street.

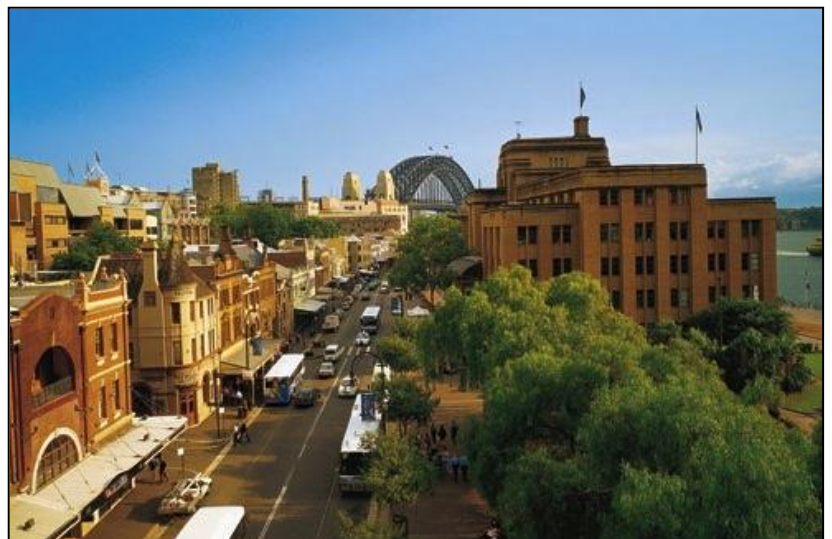


The Rocks (top and bottom) and the bird's eye view (m) of the Sydney Opera House from a deluxe harbour view room at The Four Seasons

Overlooking the Sydney Harbour, Four Seasons Hotel Sydney is ranked among *Travel + Leisure's* Top 10 for Top City Hotels in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. Team Valor has reserved a block of Grand Premiere Full Harbour View rooms for partners. Grand Premiere Full Harbour View rooms size at 570 square feet and offer views of the famous Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House. Among interesting tidbits about the hotel, it hosts Sydney's largest outdoor pool and on Wednesday through Saturdays you'll find live jazz performers at the hotel bar.



With Saturday afternoon reserved for racing and a portion of Sunday penciled in for partners to enjoy a laid back Sydney Harbour Cruise, both Friday and Monday will be open days since there is such a wide range of activities to pursue. Jones remarked, "There is so much to do in Sydney. Some partners may want to be out on the water or beach while others are shopping or heading to Darling Harbour or climbing the Harbour Bridge for all I know, but either way I want everyone to have a chance to do some of the things that pique their particular interest. So we'll leave those days open!" A trip to the nearby Sydney Opera House is a sure thing in the works for one evening if interest warrants.



On Tuesday, October 30, Team Valor will transfer two hours north to the Hunter Valley, an area well known for its production of high class racehorses and one of the country's greatest wine regions. The Towers Lodge & Estate will host Team Valor for two nights and is home to 12 guestrooms, as well as a winery and two restaurants (Roberts restaurant- pictured at right- and the unique dining experience of nine, located nine feet underground in the original Towers Lodge cellar), library and recreational facilities that include a heated pool, sauna, gym, walking track and 18 hole pitch and putt golf course.



Barry Irwin will host a brief meeting on Tuesday evening to give partners insight into which horses in Australia he considers to be his favorite and most interesting sires what he'll be looking for on Wednesday in the stallions (including the following) at: **Arrowfield Stud** Redoute's Choice (pictured left); **Darley's Kelvinside Stud** Lonhro, Street Cry, Bernardini, Exceed and Excel, Authorized, Medaglia d'Oro; **Coolmore Australia** Encosta de Lago, Fastnet Rock, High Chaparral, Dylan Thomas, Henrythenavigator, So You Think; **The Vinery** More Than Ready and Congrats.

Thursday, November 2 partners will fly down to Melbourne to arrive a day in advance of their first official event preceding the start of the Cup Festival. The Carbine Club lunch takes place on Friday afternoon, named in honor of the 1890 Melbourne Cup victor Carbine, who blazed to victory in record time (3:28.25) carrying a record weight of 65.5kg (144 pounds) in the biggest field ever assembled (39).



The schedule for Melbourne will follow with Victoria Derby Day on Saturday, The Melbourne Cup Eve Parade and Media Conference on Monday, and the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday. Partners will stay at The Langham Hotel (pictured above, Yarra River in foreground) in Melbourne, which has been voted for three consecutive years as (#1) Top City Hotel in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific by *Travel + Leisure*. The Langham is renowned for its customer service and positioned along the Southbank Promenade overlooking the Yarra River. The hotel is located in close proximity to Federation Square and 15 minutes from Flemington Racecourse.



Phar Lap being led by police escort to his van at St. Albans Stud near to be taken to Melbourne for the 1930 Melbourne Cup.

Trip costs for arrival in Sydney on Friday, October 26, and departure from Melbourne on Wednesday, November 7, are estimated to be \$7,300 per person for double occupancy. Singles add \$2,700 per person for lodging. Quote is based on the exchange rate of US1.04 to AU1.00

Partners interested in traveling should contact Megan Jones (megan@teamvalor.com) by Friday, May 11.

Trip costs include:

- Individual meet & greet in Sydney & transfer to hotel
- 4 nights at the Four Seasons, Grand Premiere Full Harbour View
- Full day's transport on Sat. Oct 27 to include a morning city tour
- Afternoon of Sydney racing
- 4-hour cruise on Sydney Harbour in private craft, including lunch
- Transfer by private bus Sydney to Hunter Valley
- 2 nights at The Towers Estate & Lodge in Hunter Valley
- Transport to winery on Tuesday afternoon in Hunter Valley
- Day transport on Wednesday to visit stud farms in the Hunter Valley
- Transfer to Newcastle Airport
- Economy class airfare, Newcastle to Melbourne
- Transfer from Melbourne airport to The Langham Hotel
- 6 nights at the Langham Hotel
- Carbine Club lunch
- Members Enclosure admission at Flemington
- Hill Stand seating at Flemington
- Train transport to Flemington both days
- Half-day city tour of Melbourne
- Outgoing transfers to Melbourne Airport

BRIGANTIN LIKELY FAVE IN G3 PRIX BARBEVILLE SUNDAY AT LONGCHAMP EIGHT ARE SET TO PARTICIPATE IN 15.5-FURLONG MARATHON IN PARIS HALF THE CAST ARE BACK FROM BRIGANTIN'S 2012 BOW WHEN SECOND

Brigantin should be forgiven if he feels a sense of déjà vu on Sunday for the \$105,000, Group 3 Prix Barbeville, as half of the cast is back from racing last time out in the Listed Prix Right Royal. The only difference in the 15.5-furlong contest is the venue—this time it is Longchamp, where horses turn to the right, as opposed to Saint-Cloud, where the runners turn left in the American fashion.

It seems likely that Andre Fabre will be saddling the favorite in Team Valor International and Dave Munro's Highfield Stock Farm chestnut, as he was closing on winner Ivory Land in the final stages of the Listed event and must surely move up for having had that previous tune up.



Brigantin stretched for all he was worth to beat Melbourne Cup hero Dunaden for the Group 2 Vicomtesse Vigier last season at Longchamp during a season that saw him place in the Group 1 Ascot Gold Cup and the Group 1 Prix du Cadran. He is back for more this season at 5.

Brigantin is on course to contest the \$6-million, Group 1 Melbourne Cup over half a furlong farther in November in Australia.

“There is absolutely no way Brigantin was primed for as good an effort as he put in last time, as he only recently been returned to training after having been given the winter off, because Fabre wants to have him at his best for the fall,” noted co-breeder Barry Irwin, who prospected his dam, Banyu Dewi in Germany and raced her to wins in the United States, as well as Graded placings.

“Even though Ivory Land beat both Brigantin and Prairie Star last time, I think the surprise package in this contest could be Prairie Star. Prior to his last outing in the Right Royal, Prairie Star had been first 4 times and second 3 times in his 8 lifetime outings. Last time his rider used him up on the pace. Look for him to be more formidable this time around.”

The horse to beat is Ivory Land, who got weight last time from Brigantin and does so again, as the Team Valor colorbearer still must lug a penalty for having won a Group 2, something none of the other participants in this contest has managed to duplicate.

Ivory Land, still receiving 2 pounds and rated 1 pounds higher by The Jockey Club handicapper, won the Right Royal fair and square, although Brigantin appeared to be eating him alive at the death. He has the second-best trainer in France in Alain Royer-Dupre, who is trumped among French trainers only by the perennial leader Andre Fabre.

Brigantin has crossed the line first 5 times, including once when disqualified for not carrying high enough weight when trainer Fabre entered him without a penalty for having won the Swiss Derby. He was a Group 3 winner at 3 and a Group 2 winner last season at 4. In winning the Group 2 Vicomtesse Vigier last season, he took the scalp of Dunaden, who subsequently won the Melbourne Cup.

Barry and Kathleen Irwin will contact partners with results and a video link on Sunday.

DESTINY'S CHILD FACES SEVEN 3YO FILLIES TUESDAY IN DUSSELDORF RUNS HALF-FURLONG FARTHER THAN IN LOCAL BOW ON SAME LAYOUT THREE RIVALS BOAST SOLID EUROPEAN FORM LAST SEASON AT AGE 2



Destiny's Chile came along with late charge to win in Ireland at 3.

Destiny's Child, born in Germany but raced in Ireland, was sent immediately after acquisition and syndication by Team Valor International to Peter Schiergen to race in stakes company in Germany, where she figured to have an edge in recent conditioning as a winner this year and eventually have a chance to explore the depths of her stamina.

The stamina part will have to wait for now, but after a good tune-up going 7 ½ furlongs weekend before last when facing a top colt in a Listed prep for the Guineas, Destiny's Child returns Tuesday in a spot where she could make an impact.

The one-mile Henkel Stutenpreis, which is a Listed race, will be run over the same Dusseldorf turf course she ran fourth on behind probable male Guineas favorite Amarillo. Among the 7 fillies in the line up, only a pair have raced this season. The others will be making their 3-year-old debuts.

Trainer Mario Hofer sent Britney, who was an October debut winner in Germany, to win a small race in France racing on Fibresand (synthetic) at Changilly on April 11. Best in 2 of 5 outings, this had placed twice in France last season, most notably when third to Walderche. The last-named filly most recently won a Graded French Guineas prep in France for Andre Fabre and looks very smart indeed. Britney is the lone entrant not to be jockeyed up for Tuesday's contest and could be a non-runner.

Cherry Danon, placed in her only two starts at 2, scored a sparkling, albeit lowly-rated debut win on April 12 at Cologne, winning by 3 weeks. She is also trained by Peter Schiergen.

Among those making their first start at 3 are the headlines Sun of Jamaica and Dessau, both of whom had been analyzed last season by Team Valor, which turned them down on conformation.

Dessau, closely related to Animal Kingdom and Daveron, is the star of this cast, having the top rating based on her season at 2, when she cruised home on top in her debut, ran inexplicably poorly next time, but made amends to finish second in a Group 3 that is the most important race for juvenile fillies run on the German calendar. She is a top Guineas threat. Like Destiny's Child, Dessau is a daughter of German Horse of the Year and leading freshman Soldier Hollow.



Sun of Jamaica, also trained by Hofer has only broken her maiden, but she is Group 3 placed at home and was a useful fifth in the top Italian Group race for 2yo fillies last season. She has a high rating and figures strongly in this context. Topsy Tangerine won only once from 3 starts at 2, but the win was a freaky 7-length romp and it took place on this very same Dusseldorf course.

Destiny's Child will be ridden by the trainer's son, 17-year-old Dennis Schiergen, a student.

SUPER FLEET ALLABOUTCAROLINE IS TRANSFERRED TO WESLEY WARD VALUE PLUS 2-YEAR-OLD TO TRAIN AT KEENELAND FOR ROYAL ASCOT JOHN VELAZQUEZ TO PILOT SENSATIONAL KENTUCKY MAIDEN WINNER

Allaboutcaroline, who was Keeneland's fastest and most stunning 2-year-old winner this spring, has joined the barn of juvenile training whiz Wesley Ward. The grey filly arrived at the barn of Ward on Monday.

Initially Barry Irwin planned to send the fleet filly to the barn of Graham Motion, but had second thoughts after he got down to the nitty gritty of where the filly would train and where she would depart from the U. S. prior to arriving in England for the June 20 renewal of the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes at the famed Royal Ascot meeting.



Irwin explained "The filly has been training at Keeneland and Wesley is based at Keeneland until the Royal Ascot meeting. I am very big on not changing training surfaces, because I have learned that all horses remodel the bones in their limbs when they switch track. By keeping them on the same surface on a consistent basis, handlers of horses can minimize the chance of injury. So I consider it a plus to have the filly continue to train at Keeneland. Secondly, the filly will leave from Atlanta, which is only 6 hours van ride from Lexington.

"Perhaps most importantly, Wesley requires no learning curve for the Royal Ascot experience. The opportunity to be able to take advantage of this situation, in which the filly will be trained by the only American ever to win the Queen Mary with an imported runner, was simply too good to pass us.

"I spoke to Graham about it and he was cool with it. He knows that he will receive the filly when she returns from England. He understands that I didn't want him to have to reinvent the wheel."

Wesley Ward told Irwin that he already knows what he wants to teach the filly before she departs for England.

"She broke all right, but she did not break fast," Ward said. "I can get her to leave much quicker. Believe me, by the time I am finished with her, those other riders will wonder where this filly is, because she will be so far in front.

"She was green in the saddling paddock and warming up on the track before her win. I know exactly what I need to do to have her focus on the task at hand. I want to thank Team Valor for giving me this opportunity. I absolutely love this filly."

Foals born in 2012 at Denali Stud in Paris, Kentucky

Barry Irwin's prize mare Ginger Sea had this colt foal by the successful stallion Harlan's Holiday. This colt is a half-bro to current Grade 3 winner Howe Great.

Ginger Sea herself is being bred back to Leroidesanimaux, who sired talented Badleroibrown out of her, as well as the promising 2yo filly Beryl, who is now breezing in Ocala at the Classic Mile. What a cutie!



"I'm ready for my gate card, mom!" says the filly by War Chant out of the Grade 1 producer from Brazil Southern Law, above.

Perhaps the name Buckaroo Bonzai would be a good fit for this Proud Citizen filly out of the South African mare Jacaranda Jane, a winner both at home and in the United States.



Southern Law is the dam of a Grade 1-winning, mile record holding Champion in Brazil, while "Jane" is the dam of the consistent Lord Tarzan and the fleet juvenile filly Jane's Heir.



Went the Day Well's mother Tiz Maie's Day and colt foal from the first crop of Grade 1 King's Bishop Stakes hero Discreetly Mine appear to be posing for an oil painting in the fields of Denali Stud Farm.

Pluck's full brother by More Than Ready out of South African mare Secret Heart says "I'm drinking the Kool-Aid now, baby!" On right, South African Sweet Theresa's Leroidesanimaux colt.



'Lucky' life at Fair Hill

Lucky Chappy, resting up from his long trip to the Middle East, is enjoying the sun and green grass at Fair Hill in daily visits to one of the newly configured paddocks next to the Team Valor barn. Photos by Megan Jones, who said Lucky Chappy seems very happy and is looking good.



BARRY IRWIN'S HANDICAP RATINGS OF TEAM VALOR RACEHORSES

Barry Irwin maintains ratings of the top Team Valor runners. Ratings are done in pounds much like Timeform ratings and are changed weekly to reflect the basic quality of each animal. Codes indicate the current status of a runner's form. Comments are always up to date. Grid does not contain all of Team Valor's runners or horses in training, merely the ones with a minimum rating of 90 or better.

Runner	Desc	Rating	Code	Comment
Animal Kingdom	4c	126	=	September return on tap
Ebony Flyer	4f	120	+++	G1 sprint for return
Went The Day Well	3c	120	+++	Kentucky Derby
Summer Soiree	4f	119	+	Foot abscess sidelines
Brigantin	5h	118	+++	G3 this weekend
Howe Great	3c	118	+++	Grass return at Churchill
Lucky Chappy	3c	117	+++	Virginia Derby in July
Brujo de Olleros	4c	115	++	August debut in mind
State of Play	3c	114	+++	Pimlico stakes possible
Meistersinger	4c	112	+++	Delaware redux next
Hasay	5m	108	+++	Eyes Dick in July
Allaboutcaroline	3f	107	+++	Royal Ascot bound
Table Three Ten	3f	107	=	Month of turnout left
Comtesse Dubois	3f	105	+++	June listed sprint next
Crimson China	4c	105	++	Derby Day allowance
Capitan Futuro	3c	104	+++	May 10 French debut
Smooth as Usual	3f	104	+++	Rocket ship
Master Shade	4f	104	+++	Game Pimlico effort
Valiant Passion	4f	104	++	Ran to form in return
Angegreen	3f	103	+++	Italian Oaks is next
Changingoftheguard	3c	102	+	Back in training
Agra	2f	102	=	Rehabbing knee injury
Destiny's Child	3f	100	+++	Encouraging German bow
M'Dearest	3f	100	+++	Brings it every time
Lord Tarzan	3c	100	+++	Genuine, consistent colt
Lelaps	3c	100	++	Will run next 5 days
Visionaria	3f	100	++	Doing great in Carolina
Humadea	4f	100	+	Training at FH
Toboggan Slide	5h	100	=	Month paddock rest
Psaltery	3f	98	++	Inconsistent filly
Badleroibrown	4c	96	++	Scoped dirty in last
Syncopate	4f	95	+	Back in training
Autumn Mist	3f	90	+	Snaith rehabbing bad feet

* Notes + on upswing, ++ substantial progress, +++ near top of game, = holding steady, -- going wrong way

TEAM VALOR BROODMARES AND MATING PLANS

Mares	2011 cover	Status	2012 Cover
United States			
Chantilly Nayla		In foal, bred 2-22	Arch
Dove Cry	Quality Road	Bay filly, 2-6; bred 4-2	Proud Citizen
Ginger Sea	Harlan's Holiday	Bay colt, 4-5	Leroidesanimaux
Jacaranda Jane	Proud Citizen	Bay filly, 3-19	Leroidesanimaux
Junia Tepzia	Henrythenavigator	Filly, 3-18, bred 4-17	Giant's Causeway
Minute Limit		Bred 3-16	Leroidesanimaux
Secret Heart	More Than Ready	Ch. colt, 3-9; bred 4-9	Kitten's Joy
Southern Law	War Chant	Bay filly, 4-17	Leroidesanimaux
Star of Taurus	Barren	In foal, bred 2-18	Yes It's True
Stately	Fairbanks	Bay colt, 4-1	Fairbanks
Sweet Theresa	Leroidesanimaux	Bay colt, 3-4; bred 4-4	Leroidesanimaux
Tiz Maie's Day	Discreetly Mine	Colt 3-27; bred 4-16	Proud Citizen
U.K./France			
Turfquelle (GER)	Monsun	In foal, bred 5-31	
Whatamiss	Refuse to Bend	In foal, bred 6-1	
Australia			
Alexandra Rose	Redoute's Choice	In foal, bred 11-10	
South Africa			
Chiquita	Captain Al	In foal, bred 11-23	
Captain's Lover	Giant's Causeway	In foal, bred 9-28	
Fuselage	Visionaire		Selling
Lipton Cup	Russian Sage	Bred 11-22	Selling
Little Miss Magic	Duke of Marmalade	Bay colt, 3-5	Trippi
My Kazzie	Visionaire	Not in foal, bred 11-16	
On Her Toes	Captain Al	In foal, bred 9-13	
Ribbons for Thee	Trippi	In foal, bred 9-29	Possible sale
Royal Purse	Visionaire		Selling
She's On Fire	Western Winter	In foal, bred 11-22	
Spring Garland	Visionaire	In foal, 11-8	
Sting Operation	Visionaire	In foal, bred 9-20	
Success Counts	Visionaire	In foal, bred, 11-13	
Sunshine Lover	Western Winter	In foal, bred 9-3	
Temair	Visionaire	In foal, bred 11-10	Selling
Twin Aspens	Russian Sage	Bred 10-6	Selling
Victory Garden	Visionaire	In foal, bred 11-16	



NOTES

SOLID SISTER, set for the 6:45 a. m. first race at Kenilworth race course in Cape Town, South Africa and a B. Eye yearling buy, has been bet down from 5 to 2 to odds of 7 to 10 for her debut tomorrow, debuting for Justin Snaith.

VALOR RED debuts Sunday in the first race at Clairwood (6:25 EDT) sprinting 5 furlongs up the straight for Charles Laird, who was high last weekend on a flopper in Oil Grey. This time, he says that this Western Winter filly will need a race or two. She has drifted from 7 to 1 to 8 to 1 in advance betting in a race where there is a 2 to 5 shot.

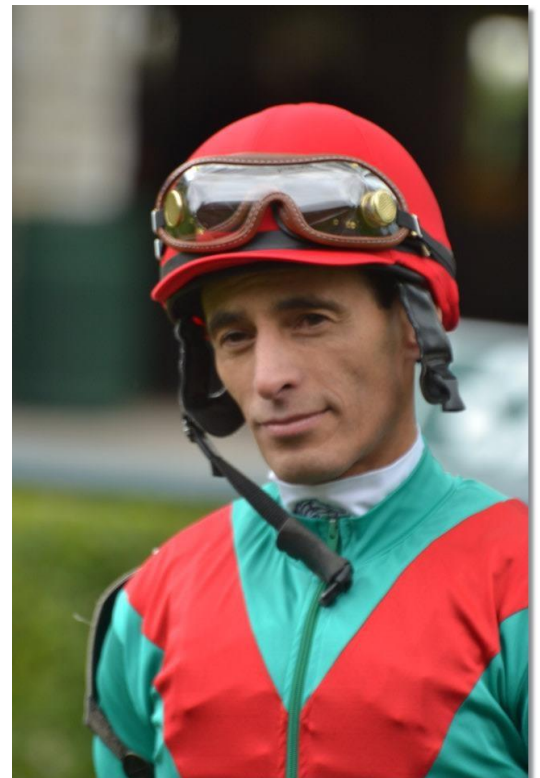
JOHN VELAZQUEZ, Team Valor's go-to jockey in the U.S., has been elected to the Racing Hall of Fame, one year after punctuating his résumé with a breakthrough win on Animal Kingdom in the Kentucky Derby.

CRIMSON CHINA accompanied Went the Day Well to Churchill Downs yesterday, and they will together on the dirt. Workout videos for Derby and Kentucky Oaks contenders at Churchill are available on HRTV's website [here](#).

HOWE GREAT stayed behind at Keeneland so he can continue training on the all-weather Polytrack. He will not have a workout before his start in the Grade 2 American Turf Stakes at Churchill next Friday. Javier Castellano retains the mount after they teamed for the first time in the Grade 1 Blue Grass Stakes on April 14 at Keeneland.

BADLEROIBROWN has been shipped from Keeneland to Fair Hill.

CAPITAN FUTURO is not going to make the Italian Derby because of a training setback last week when he missed 5 days of training following a breeze that had gotten trainer John Hammond very excited about the 3-year-old colt's prospects. "I plan to run him in a conditions race going a mile and five-sixteenths at Maisons-Laffitte on May 10," said the two-time Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-winning conditioner of Montjeu and Suave Dancer. "That leaves only 10 days before the Derby in Italy and that is just not enough time between races. After his race in May, I will liase with Barry (Irwin) and see what we should do next. I don't know what went wrong with the colt, but he was off behind for 3 days and I gave him 2 more days to make sure he was all right before returning him to training. He is perfectly fine right now."



JANE'S HEIR (right) covered a half-mile in :49.60 by herself this morning in her gate drill at Keeneland.

FIFTH GEAR, THREE HEARTS, and **TWO MANY LAWYERS** worked 3 furlongs together in :39.80 on the dirt in their first serious moves since joining the Team Valor barn at Fair Hill.

STATE OF PLAY will stick around Keeneland until after the Kentucky Derby, in case he requires a second round of injections in his stifle from Dr. Larry Bramlage. Barry Irwin said "He may not need them, but the colt is just doing normal training now, so having him continue over a track that he is used to is not a bad program for him right now." The Grade 2-winning son of War Front will be vanned to Fair Hill right after the Kentucky Derby and may point for a stakes on Preakness Day at Pimlico.



APPAREL. Team Valor's Under Armour apparel proved very popular, as approximately 60 partners bought up 225 items in the 4-day sale, which Bradley Weisbord negotiated to pass along a discount of 40 to 50 percent with no profit for Team Valor. "We anticipate that the items will be shipped out at the end of the week and hopefully arrive to the partners in the early part of next week," Weisbord said. "We will look to have a similar sale around holiday time."

BERYL, the half sister to Grade 3 winner Howe Great and full sister to winner Badleroibrown, had her first breeze last weekend, when trainer Bill Reccio sent the chestnut filly a furlong and out a quarter at the Classic Mile training center in Ocala, Florida. Barry Irwin, who bred the juvenile out of his prized South African mare Ginger Sea, has made no secret of wanting to take his time with this filly, as evidenced by him sending her down late to Ocala to be broken and telling Reccio not to breeze her until the late spring. "She's a good sized filly, with a lot of bone and substance, and I see no reason to rush her," Irwin said. "I'm in no hurry. At this rate, she will make it up to Fair Hill around the first week of June and if things go well Graham Motion can have her ready to run in the fall. That should suit this filly." The third foal out of Ginger Sea was named in honor of Beryl Markham, the famed British-born aviatrix, adventurer and horse trainer in Kenya whose heyday was in the 1920s through the 1950s. Irwin said "She was the first person to pilot a plane from east to west across the Atlantic. I loved her book *West With The Night*."

EBONY FLYER arrived this week in Durban from Cape Town, advises The Snaith Family. Jono Snaith said plans were still in place to sprint the filly 6 furlongs down the hill at Scottsville at the end of May for the Grade 1 SA Fillies Sprint. "Val de Ra goes 5 furlongs this week up in Johannesburg against What a Winter," he said. "I think she could be vulnerable over 6 furlongs and that intrigues us."

COMTESSE DUBOIS (right) passed up a loaded version of the Grade 3 Poinsettia Stakes this coming weekend and will ratchet down her expectations a bit by looking to win another Listed event the first week of June at Arlington Park in Port Elizabeth, advises Justin Snaith.



COULD worked a bullet 5 furlongs in 1:00.20 (1 of 17) on the Tapeta at Fair Hill last Saturday. Megan Jones has video [here](#). Could is entered for her first start on turf on Tuesday at Atlantic City. Past performances are [here](#).

STANDING O also will try the turf on Wednesday, May 2 at Atlantic City. He worked 5 furlongs in 1:04 on the Tapeta track at Fair Hill yesterday. Past performances are [here](#).

UPCOMING RACES

Horse	Trip	Track	Trip	Class	Purse
Solid Sister	Apr 28	Kenilworth	5 T	Maiden	\$8,000
Brigantin	Apr 29	Longchamp	15.5T	Prix Barberville-G3	\$105,000
Valor Red	Apr 29	Greenville	5 T	Maiden	\$8,000
Destiny's Child	May 01	Dusseldorf	8 T	Preis Henkel Rennen	\$27,000
Could	May 01	Atlantic City	8 T	Starter allowance	\$16,000
Standing O	May 02	Atlantic City	8.33 T	Maiden	\$27,000
*Vapour Musing	May 04	Pimlico	8.5 T	Maiden	\$31,000
Lord Tarzan	May 04	Churchill	8 T	Maiden	\$53,000
Howe Great	May 04	Churchill	8.5 T	American Turf-G2	\$200,000
Crimson China	May 05	Churchill	8.5 T	Allowance	\$60,000
Went The Day Well	May 05	Churchill	10	Kentucky Derby-G1	\$2,000,000
Capitan Futuro	May 10	Maisons-Laffitte	10.5 T	Allowance	\$45,000
Eulonia	May 13	Pimlico	8.5	Maiden	\$33,000
M'Dearest	May 17	Churchill	9 T	Allowance	\$55,000
*Valiant Passion	May 18	Pimlico	6	Skipat H.-L	\$100,000
State of Play	May 19	Pimlico	8 T	James Murphy S.-L	\$100,000
Meistersinger	May 19	Delaware	8.5	Joseph French S.	\$60,000
Oil Grey	May 20	Clairwood	6 T	Maiden	\$8,000
Ebony Flyer	May 26	Scottsville	6 T	Fillies Sprint-G1	\$65,885
Angegreen	May 27	San Siro	11 T	Oaks d'Italia-G2	\$500,000
Comtesse Dubois	Jun 08	Arlington	5 T	Milkwood S.-L	\$16,500
Ebony Flyer	Jun 09	Clairwood	8 T	Gold Challenge-G1	\$92,200
*Capitan Futuro	Jun 09	Belmont	12	Belmont S.-G1	\$1,000,000
Allaboutcaroline	Jun 20	Royal Ascot	5 T	Queen Mary S.-G2	\$112,000
Master Shade	Jun 20	Delaware	8.5 T	John Rooney S.-L	\$75,000
Ebony Flyer	Jul 07	Greenville	8 T	Garden Province-G1	\$75,000
Hasay	Jul 15	Delaware	11 T	Robert Dick H.-G3	\$200,000
Lucky Chappy	Jul 21	Colonial	10 T	Virginia Derby-G2	\$600,000

PERFORMANCE GRID FOR UNITED STATES, EUROPE, SOUTH AFRICA

Top Speed Figures				
Runner	Desc	Thoro-Graph	Best Ragozin	Best Beyer
Meistersinger	2008 c	-2.5	4.25	94
Animal Kingdom	2008 c	0	3.25	103
Toboggan Slide	2007 c	0	5	94
Summer Soiree	2008 f	3	5.25	99
Went the Day Well	2009 c	3	6.25	92
Table Three Ten	2009 f	3	8	86
Allaboutcaroline	2009 f	n/a	8	n/a
State of Play	2009 c	3.75	8.75	83
Valiant Passion	2008 f	4.5	6.25	88
Howe Great	2009 c	4.5	6.75	88
Lucky Chappy	2009 c	4.75	4.25	92
Smooth As Usual	2009 f	n/a	7.5	87
Hasay	2007 f	4.75	7.75	88
Crimson China	2008 c	5.25	7.5	88
Humadea	2008 f	6.5	7.75	83
Master Shade	2008 f	8	11.75	82
Badleroibrown	2008 c	9	12.75	80
Lord Tarzan	2009 c	9.5	12.5	83
M'Dearest	2009 f	10	13	73

Top Timeform & Racing Post Ratings			
Runner	Desc	Timeform	RPR
Animal Kingdom	2008 c	125	126
Brigantin	2007 c	118	114
Summer Soiree	2008 f	117	114
Went The Day Well	2009 c	117	112
Howe Great	2009 c	116	108
Lucky Chappy	2009 c	113+	108
State of Play	2009 c	110	110
Lelaps	2009 c	87	n/a

Top South African Merit Ratings			
Runner	Desc	Best	Current
Ebony Flyer	2007 f	107	107
Comtesse Dubois	2008 f	99	99
Changingoftheguard	2008 c	95	95
Psaltery	2008 f	91	91
Syncopate	2007 f	88	88
Autumn Mist	2008 f	82	82