



Philadelphia Park Casino on Schedule for '09 Opening

At this time next year, the steel-framed 270,000 square foot structure that is now located across the parking lot from Philadelphia Park Racetrack will be recognized as one of the most exciting casino destination spots. Its much anticipated opening in November of 2009 will be the culmination of a plan to provide "surprises at every turn."

"All of our planning has been aimed toward creating something special," said William Hogwood, CEO of Greenwood Racing. "The casino will be able to



Over 1,700 tons of structural steel have been used to build the 270,000 square foot casino.

accommodate up to 5,000 slot machines, which will be installed upon demand. The area will be able to expand to be a lot of things, but will never look unfinished."

Things will be moving quickly starting in mid-March, at which time the building will have been completely enclosed, and therefore weatherproofed, explained Hogwood. "The interior design drawings are now being finalized, and will go out to bid, the process completed by the end of February."

"By March and April, people will begin to see some very exciting outside design features," said Hogwood. "We have hired Kirschenbaum Bond + Partners, a major New York firm, to create a marketing strategy, and hope to offer 'sneak peeks' of what will be a very sophisticated and impressive new casino."

Current statistics from the Gaming Industry Observer's East Coast Slot Report show that Philadelphia Park has the highest handle of any of the casinos in Pennsylvania, including Harrah's Chester, and Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

It also tops all but one of the casinos



The facade of the new casino features the warm colors and design-style of 19th century artist, Piet Mondrian.

in Atlantic City. "As we stand right now, Philadelphia Park Casino is one of the most successful around," said Hogwood. "We are competing with a mature market and experienced operators, and we are doing it successfully, in spite of the economy."

Once the new casino is finished, the racetrack will return to a facility for the horsemen and racing fans. "We are working with PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi to make the racetrack a facility that will best (continued on page 9)

Turning For Home Takes 100th Horse into Retirement Program



EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR TURNING FOR HOME. Thanks to the generosity of Gretchen Jackson, owner of Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro, Philadelphia Park's retired racehorses have a brand new, 36' wide run in shed. Eberly Barns of Lancaster, PA, delivered the shed last month to one of our retirement facilities.

On December 6, Norton Waltuch's two-year-old gelding, Big Apple Sky, set a milestone of sorts as he became the 100th horse to be placed into PTHA's Turning For Home. Philadelphia Park's seven month old retirement program for racehorses has staunchly the flow of horses to livestock auctions by administering its program from the Bensalem, PA backstretch.

The program's success has been acknowledged nationally, with The Jockey Club calling it a "model program for other racetracks across the country." Program Administrator Barbara Luna has fielded calls from representatives of tracks including Monmouth Park, Delaware Park, Thistledown and Mountaineer who have inquired about the non-profit organization's strategy of placing

Thoroughbreds with approved non-profit organizations in order to insure their humane treatment and eventual adoption into safe homes.

"Over 85% of the program's funding goes directly to care of the horses," said Program Administrator, Barbara Luna. "We make it a point to know the physical status of each horse during his rehabilitation, which is often aided by Hogan Equine, LLC, and the New Jersey Equine Clinic. Our adopters are carefully screened, and we have already received emails and pictures from the happy new owners of the many horses that have second careers outside of racing because of our program."

TURNING FOR HOME 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- On May 15, 2008, Tropical Kelley became the first horse to enter Turning For Home's retirement program.
- As of December 15, 2008, TFH has accepted 111 Philadelphia Park Thoroughbreds into the program
- TFH supports a 100-acre adoption facility where over 50 Turning For Home horses can be rehabilitated, retrained, and adopted to approved homes.
- Last month, TFH became a member of Pennsylvania's Association of Equine Practitioner's Unwanted Horse Committee



President's Message



Has anyone noticed recently that just about every week, another racetrack is being heralded in the news for enforcing its zero tolerance policy for sending horses to auctions where they run the risk of being sold

for slaughter? Management is taking away stalls, denying access to the grounds and even naming those trainers and owners who have broken these rules.

Well, for once, I'm glad that Philadelphia Park is NOT making headlines, as it proves that horses from our track are being taken care of responsibly. As a matter of fact, we should be applauded for what we are NOT doing, and that is -- we are not finding retired and noncompetitive or injured horses from Philadelphia Park horsemen tied in pens at auctions like New Holland, or others on the East Coast.

When Sal Sinatra and Mike Ballezzi set Philadelphia Park's policy against sending horses to slaughter back in early June, we offered the horsemen an option for their retired horses, and it was based right here with PTHA's Turning For Home, Inc.

Turning For Home accepted its 100th horse into the program during the first week of December, and that after only 6 1/2 months of operation. Quickly after that milestone, numbers 101-109 filed in, but that shows the program is working. While trainers may be concerned about waiting for a spot in the program when they so desperately need the stall space, they may appreciate that two to four horses a week move into safe and loving homes, or into beautiful grass pastures and careful, attentive rehabilitation.

Yes, it is definitely a good thing that we cannot compete with the latest headlines. Let's keep up this good work...

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families, and Best Wishes for 2009!

Donald Reeder

PRESIDENT
PTHA

Industry news...

RMTC Will Tackle Corticosteroid Use

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium recently prepared a list of 2009-10 goals, one of which is tackling use of corticosteroids in racehorses.

Corticosteroids—those commonly used in horses include dexamethasone, prednisone, and triamcinolone—have strong anti-inflammatory capabilities are designed to be used therapeutically. They are injected into joints to alleviate swelling.

The focus on corticosteroids comes as the RMTC has succeeded in getting most racing states to adopt regulation of anabolic steroids in racehorses. It appears all but a handful of racing states will have rules on the books before the start of 2009 racing seasons.

Dan Fick, executive director of The Jockey Club and chief executive officer of the RMTC, offered an update on medication and drug testing during the Racing Officials Accreditation Program conference Dec. 8 in Tucson, Ariz. The first ROAP conference was held the same day as the Association of Racing Commissioners International Model Rules Committee meeting, also in Tucson.

Fick said goals for the RMTC the next two years include uniform drug testing; international laboratory accreditation; collecting frozen samples for future testing; more effective sample testing to maximize funding; lobbying state legislatures for more money for drug testing and investigators; and working more closely with the Anti-Doping Research Laboratory operated by Dr. Don Catlin.

"We want to create a world-class drug-testing infrastructure," Fick said.

The focus on streamlining drug testing began in earnest in August at The Jockey Club Round Table, where Alan Foreman, chief executive officer of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, proposed combining lab functions, pooling the about \$30 million a year spent on drug testing, and recruiting future scientists. Foreman attended the ROAP conference.

"There is tremendous infrastructure work needing to be done," Foreman said. "But there is not grass growing under our feet on this one."

Fick said the RMTC is attempting to address testing for "milkshakes," or TCO₂, in racehorses. To this day, there is debate over which method is most effective in curtailment—or catching—a practice that can enhance performance and at the same time have therapeutic benefits. Fick also said officials must do more with out-of-competition to target blood-doping.

"EPO and TCO₂ are two areas where we're getting beat by the ones who want to cheat," Fick said.

The RCI was to discuss development of a model rule for TCO₂ testing at its Dec. 8 meeting.

Thus far in 2008, the RMTC, which relies solely on contributions, had received almost \$900,000, with about \$1.2 million in cash on hand. In 2009, the organization hopes to raise about \$700,000 from industry stakeholders, get \$500,000 in grants, and receive \$1 per start from racetracks and horsemen.

Much of the group's time has been spent developing often-contentious threshold levels and withdrawal times for legal therapeutic drugs. Fick said the RMTC is just about ready to refocus on targeting prohibited designer substances.

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PTHA Trophy List

DATE	OWNER	HORSE	TRAINER
10/4/08	Rocky Hill Group	Red Magic	Armand Correnti
10/11/08	W.P.F. Stable	Shouldabeenaclown	Pam Shavelson
10/18/08	Edward P. Evans	Rough Water	Anthony Dutrow
10/25/08	CJZ Racing Stable	Full Makeover	Robert Reid, Jr.
11/1/08	HACK Stable	Pleabargain	Andrew Carter
11/8/08	Jeremy Gilliam	Happy Digger	Jeremy Gilliam
11/15/08	Armand Delaperriere	Preachin Heat	Anthony Pecoraro
11/22/08	Larry Zellen	Uncle Gidge	Alan Goldberg
11/29/08	Danny Limongelli	Western Illusion	Steven Krebs
12/6/08	Lianna Stables	Ramblin Romeo	Julian Canet

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Storm Cat—Train Robbery, by Alydar



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**Thoroughbred Times*, Dec. 4, 2008

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Montbrook—Bold Burst, by Dahar



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Quiet American—Really Blue, by Believe It



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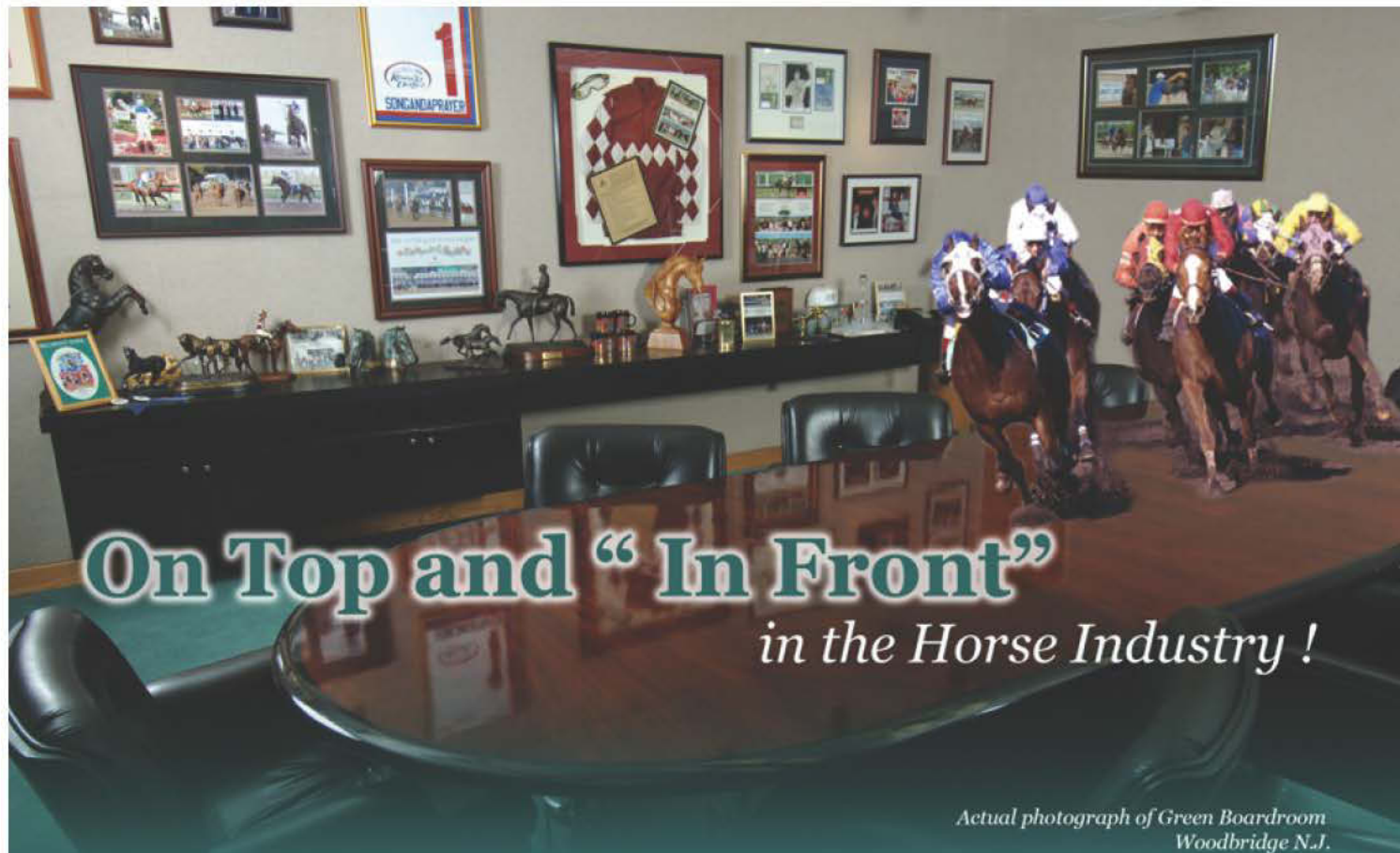
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- Sire of G1SWs **MY GREAT LOVE** and **ALBERT THE GOLD** from his first two crops
- Grade 1 winner **ALBERT THE GREAT** (\$3,012,490) won or placed in 12 grades stakes; defeated **TIZNOW**, **LEMON DROP KID**, etc.
- Holds the fastest 1 1/4 miles (1:59.24) run by a 3yo in New York
- 2009 Fee: \$3,500 live foal



BUDDHA

Unbridled's Song—Cahooters, by Storm Cat

- Pennsylvania's Third Leading Sire for 2008 with progeny earnings over \$1.7 million
- Sire of **HISSE** (SW at 2 and 3 with \$209,081 earnings), **BUDDHA LADY** (stakes placed with \$149,933 earnings), and **Dieties Day** (MSW winner by 7 1/4 lengths at 2)
- Other stakes horses: **GLORIFICATION**, **Lenaro**, and **Aviv**
- Won Wood Memorial S.-G1 defeating **MEDAGLIA D'ORO**
- 2009 Fee: \$3,500 live foal



CERTAIN STORM

Storm Cat—La Affirmed, by Affirmed

- Full brother to **BERNSTEIN**, sire of 29 stakes winners, 51 total stakes horses
- Full brother to 3-tme G3 NYRA SW **CARESS**, dam of G1 2yo SW **SKY MESA**, sire of eight 2yo winners
- Full siblings have sold for \$5.5 M, \$3.1 M, and \$1.5 M
- Out of a half-sister to champion **OUTSTANDINGLY**
- His first crop are 3yos in 2009
- 2009 Fee: \$2,500 live foal



COSTAL STORM

Storm Cat—Pearl City, by Carson City

- Pennsylvania's Leading Freshman Sire of 2005, Leading Second Crop Sire of 2006, and Leading Third Crop Sire of 2007
- Progeny earnings for 2008-\$670,977 (\$1,757,453 lifetime); 2yo starter average \$41,880
- 33% 2yo winners have won stakes, including **EAGLE SPEED** and **FANCY DAN**
- 2008 winners include **Coastal Solace** (3yo Dear Jane Stakes-placed, \$140,040), **AMAZIN WEBB SNYDER** (\$128,088), and **HURRICANE DOTTIE** (\$70,776)
- Three-quarter brother to leading sire **HENNESSY**
- 2009 Fee: \$2,500 live foal



LITE THE FUSE

Buckaroo—Annie's Dream, by Droll Role

- Fourth Leading Pennsylvania Sire in 2008 with \$1.7 million in progeny earnings and \$18.7 million lifetime
- Pennsylvania's Leading Sire of 2006/2005/2004
- Sire of ten stakes horses in 2007, including Super Derby-G2 winner **GOING BALLISTIC** also twice stakes-placed in 2008 (\$940,282) and undefeated **FEROCIOUS FIRES** (\$356,267) with another 2 SWs in 2008
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- Set all the pace to win Pimlico's Dancing Count S. by 3 3/4 lengths and Monmouth's Select S. by five lengths
- Third to Champion Sprinter **LOST IN THE FOG** in Gulfstream Park's \$150,000 Swale S.-G2
- By Champion Sprinter **SMOKE GLACKEN**, sire of 32 stakes winners
- First crop will race in 2011

2009 Fee: \$3,500 live foal



SANTANA STRINGS

Wheaton—Smiling Santanna, by Prospectors Gamble

- Multiple graded-stakes winning son of **WHEATON**, sire of 14 stakes winners, including 3 in 2008, and \$15 million lifetime progeny earnings
- **SANTANA STRINGS** won or placed in 11 stakes on dirt, turf, and synthetic tracks ages 2 through 6, retiring with \$576,955 earnings
- Won back-to-back stakes at 3—Alysheba Breeders' Cup S. and Amsterdam S. -G2 at Saratoga with a 100 Beyer Speed Figure
- In 2008 ran 2nd in the \$300,000 Sunshine Millions Sprint S., running a 103 Beyer, his best
- Santana Strings retired in 2008 to stand his first season in 2009.

2009 Fee: \$2,500



SHARK

Danzig—Surfside, by Seattle Slew

- Multiple stakes-placed son of **DANZIG**, sire of 10 champions and 200 stakes winners
- Out of champion **SURFSIDE**, winner of four G1 stakes at 2 and two more at 3; placed in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies -G1 and Breeder's Cup Distaff-G1
- **Shark** broke his maiden at Churchill Downs finishing 6f in 1:09 2/5 to win by 3 1/2 lengths
- Won or placed in 13 starts on dirt, turf and off-tracks earning \$183,976

2009 Fee: \$3,500



SIPHON (Brz)

Itajara—Ebreia, by Kublai Khan

- Sire of a graded stakes winner in each of his first five crops, including G1 winners **SIPHONIC**, **I'M THE TIGER**, **SIPHON CITY**, and **SIPHONIZER**
- Progeny earnings over \$2.4 million in 2008
- Sire of 24 stakes horses lifetime, 12 stakes winners, including champion **SIPHONICA**
- Sired eight 2008 stakes horses including **PARK AVENUE PRINCE** and **DELOSVIENTOS** also a G2 winner in 2008 along with G3 winner **Z FORTUNE**
- Multiple graded stakes winning sire with earnings over \$3 million

2009 Fee: \$5,000 live foal



ZAVATA

Phone Trick—Pert Lady, by Cox's Ridge

- A Top 2nd Crop Sire with 31 winners and 3 stakes horses
- Sire of two crops to race with progeny earnings of over \$1 million, including 2008 stakes-placed **Dakota Phone** (\$113,480) and **Secret Talent** (\$51,895)
- A multiple NY Graded SW at 2 (Saratoga Special -G2 and Tremont S. -G3) and G2 SW at 3 going, 6f in 1:08.64
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Backstretch Cafe Offers Home Cookin' to Hundreds

The knives and forks are plastic, and the plates are paper, but on a recent morning after training hours, Ron's Backstretch Café at Philadelphia Park was serving up a lunch menu that included filet mignon, ham steak, and stuffed pork chops.

The customers arrive in waves, starting about 5:00 a.m. wearing helmets and boots, or worn jeans and sweatshirts, with the comforting fragrance of Thoroughbred horses mingling with the steam table aromas of warm soup and breakfast sausage.



Ron Finley and electrician Buddy Schultz on Thanksgiving Day at Finley's Backstretch Cafe.

When Ron Finley and his family took over the backstretch kitchen in July of 2000, his resume included 10 years of operating a cafeteria in Clifton Heights, PA; running the multimillion dollar Finley Catering; and preparing and serving meals to movie stars and United States Presidents at his brother's Crystal Tea Room and the Ballroom at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Center City.



Dinner is served -- to over 260 Philadelphia Park horsemen and women on Thanksgiving Day.



Ron's daughter Shannon, and grandchild Jocelyn admire the Christmas tree in the track kitchen. The tree stays up year 'round, decorated by Angie Tonzelli for whatever season suits!

Prior to moving to the backside, he ran the food concessions on the frontside of Philadelphia Park before being approached by Mike Jaffe, Vice-President of Food and Beverage Services. Finley agreed to take over the daily task of feeding the backstretch workforce three meals, seven days a week, from the small kitchen and dining area located just inside the stable gate entrance off Galloway Road.

Instead of former Presidents Bill Clinton and Gerald Ford, and stars like Oprah Winfrey, there are almost 600 trainers, jockeys, grooms and hotwalkers who consume the 6,000 pounds of bacon, 7,000 dozen eggs and 23,000 gallons of coffee a year, as well as thousands of pounds of beef, chicken and pork in the dozens of different entrees offered at the popular "eatery."

Food must be hot and prepared quickly, the bacon, egg and cheese on hard roll sandwiches a mainstay breakfast of people who still need to walk a hot horse, do up legs, or breeze another one before the track closes for training at 10 a.m.

At lunchtime recently on the Philadelphia Park backstretch, Finley worked behind the scenes ordering fresh vegetables, while his wife Deborah, daughter Shannon, and son Jason rang up orders, created sandwiches, and piled gravy on potatoes and slices of leftover Thanksgiving turkey to feed the hardworking racetrackers, many who have no other place to go for such sustenance.

Angie Tonzelli, Carlotta Martinez, and "Tom" Cruz Preciado are instrumental in the smooth operation, as is Maria Ortiz, who manages the food service in the jockeys' room on race days.

"We always make plenty of good food which we can provide at reasonable cost," said Finley. "Every once in awhile, we like to offer such extravagance as filet mignon and lobster tails, too, when I can get them. Where else can you go for a steak platter like that for \$10?"

Every year, Philadelphia Park and the PTHA split the cost of the Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, as well as the Independence Day picnic and the Labor Day Pig Roast. Finley cooks for all of them.

"We also provide free food for the children's holiday parties sponsored by the Chaplain," said Finley.

Always thinking of better ways to serve the people on the backside, Finley recently started a "takeout" service for horsemen shipping in to the receiving barn. "They are far away from the kitchen down there in the new barn, and don't want to leave their horses," said Ron. "So we have a runner deliver platters, sandwiches and drinks with a phone-in order system. from about 10:30 to 2:00 in the afternoon."

Good prices, good food, a devotion to the backstretch community, and even better, there are no reservations necessary at Ron's Backstretch Cafe!



Deborah Finley works the grill, builds sandwiches, and stacks plates with fresh, hot food seven days a week.

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support the level of horses and purses that we will be able to have due to the increase in income from the casino," Hogwood said.

"We plan to go forward in creating big events that will support both the casino and the racetrack, as we have found the big racing days benefit both operations.

"With the increases in purse money, there will be great opportunity for owners to improve their stock, so we can showcase full, quality fields that can compete with any other track in America. We know it is working, as we have already seen a 20% increase in our exported signal. Our racing is respected and being wagered on even more, and I am happy and confident that will continue."

STALLION SERIES NOMINATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

The deadline for registering stallions and foals for the new
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Foal Eligibility & Fee Schedules:

2008 Foals	By February 28 of yearling year	\$200
2007 Foals	By February 28 of 2YO year	\$200
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Stallion Eligibility & Fee Schedules:

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Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Jack Cordell

JUST DO SOMETHING

Medal of Honor winner, COL Jack Jacobs recounts a life-altering moment. He was in the middle of a fierce firefight in the jungles of Vietnam. The situation was desperate. He had to decide what to do. He gained clarity when his commander radioed – "Do something, even if it's wrong!" That's just how life often works. We don't know what to do, but something HAS to be done, and now. That's where our limited ability intersects with God's unlimited wisdom. We don't know what to do, but God does. Fear and/or confusion paralyze just when tragedy is about to befall us. But by trusting God to guide us, we can move ahead with the calm assurance that God will work, even when panic has wrapped its cold fingers around our throat, squeezing the life out of us.

Christmas tells us that God never freezes up with indecision, even when the world is falling apart. The same God who sent the child to Bethlehem is the one who will give you strength to take action, because the Scriptures promise, "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Indecision evaporates when you trust God to guide you. Simply, do it. Follow his direction. Then, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Children's Christmas Party for the backstretch employees' families was held on December 13. Thanks to the PTHA, individuals and churches, we are abundantly blessed with gifts and goodies for so many. A few days ago a woman brought gifts, and they filled the bed of her truck! We received a large wooden crate full of gifts from a church in West Virginia. A church in Pennsylvania sent four large boxes filled with cookies, baked by their youth group. Things arrived from as far away as Washington State. Indeed, we're blessed by so many who care about those of the racetrack.

INTERNET ACCESS IN THE REC HALL

Thanks to Philadelphia Park management, anonymous donors, monies from Pat Chapman's Smarty Jones Fund for the backstretch, and the Board of the Race Track Chaplaincy of Pennsylvania, computers are now in the Rec Hall. Eventually, four units will be available for those who wish free access to the Internet during the Rec Hall hours of operation. Also, Carolyn Pasha, YWCA of Bucks County social worker, will be teaching computer classes each Friday at 1:00 p.m. Contact the Chaplain's office if you are interested.



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Backstretch Views

Philadelphia Park's backstretch community mourned the passing of trainer, Ralph DeSanctis last month. DeSanctis celebrated the birth of his granddaughter, Emma Joy Harper, just weeks before he died.

From Morganville, NJ, DeSanctis is survived by his wife, Joyce, daughters Christine and Jaclyn who is also a trainer, and son-in-law, Todd Harper.

"Ralph was one of the nicest, most professional trainers on the backstretch," said PTHA Executive Director Michael Ballezzi. "He will be sorely missed."

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The racing industry lost another loyal fan recently when owner Charles Cramer passed away recently at the age of 76. From Vineland, NJ, Mr. Cramer bred and owned Thoroughbreds for 30 years, and, according to his son, Robert, was "always looking for the big horse."

"He raised all of his horses at the farm in Vineland," said Robert. "His two favorite homebreds were Spanish Splendor and Spanish Castle. Our entire family got involved with racing with him."

Cramer had horses in training with Philadelphia Park conditioner Eli Betancourt, and also kept two retired Thoroughbreds on his farm.

His family asked that in lieu of flowers, donations should be made to Turning For Home, Philadelphia Park's racehorse retirement program.



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