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PA Horsemen Address Safety and Medication Issues in Response to Media Accusations



PTHA President Sal DeBunda, moderator (center) at the recent Health and Safety issue meeting in Harrisburg, with Jeb Hannum, Executive Secretary, PA Horse Breeders' (right) and Dan Tufano, Director, PA Racing Commission.

Last month, 50 industry stakeholders, including representatives from both Standardbred and Thoroughbred racing, met at Penn National Racecourse to discuss medication and safety issues. In part, the meeting was to address recent media criticism of the treatment of horses in the industry.

Coordinated by the Pennsylvania Equine Coalition, in which the PTHA plays a prominent role, the meeting centered on medication rules, procedures and practices, claimed horse policies, out of competition and pre-race testing, Lasix administration oversight and racetrack safety. PTHA President Sal DeBunda acted as moderator.

"I was pleased with the overall support within the industry for working together toward the common goals of developing solutions that will improve the health and safety of horses, jockeys and drivers in Pennsylvania," said DeBunda. "The sharing of ideas and views from individuals representing all facets of the industry promoted a healthy discussion of the issues and helped drive us to focus on these key areas as a starting point."

Medication topics were varied, and of top priority among all horsemen at the meeting: testing, withdrawal times, uniformity of rules, administration of Lasix, use of corticosteroids, and even record keeping of the private practice veterinarians.

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PA Senate Votes 39-8 to Reduce Governor's Race Fund Cut

Because of the efforts of PTHA President Sal DeBunda, Executive Director Michael Ballezzi, the PTHA Board of Directors, and lobbyists Wojak and Associates and Joseph Loeper, there has been significant progress in maintaining the Race Horse Development Fund.

On May 9, the Senate voted to reduce the Governor's cuts to purse funding from \$72 million to \$4 million.

"Although that was good news for the survival and growth of the horseracing and breeding industry, we will continue to oppose even a \$4 million cut," said DeBunda. "The PTHA will aggressively push back against Governor Corbett's cuts, so that our goal when the vote goes to the House, is to preserve the entire \$72 million."

Letter writing campaigns by the membership and a video production demonstrating the overwhelming success that Act 71 has had on creating jobs in the industry made their way into the hands of legislators and prompted their support of the Fund.

"We are not out of the woods yet," said Ballezzi, "but we are much better off than we were in February. Through our combined efforts of educating legislators on the importance of the horse racing industry, we have gained the support of many who will now vote in our favor, and will stop the raid on our funding."



President's Message

Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esquire



It has been difficult to ignore the headlines and blogs that in the past few months have criticized our industry. Much of the "news" is left to be deciphered by people outside of racing, who know little about horses, don't know the nuances of keeping a racetrack surface safe (as Chris McErlean so elegantly phrased it at the recent Safety and Medication meeting, "a track is a living breathing thing..."), and have wagered once a year--maybe at a friends' Kentucky Derby party.

What they do believe is often gleaned from the media's viewpoint, which the New York Times would have them believe is that the safety and humane treatment of our horses and riders is less important than the money earned by gambling or owning such horses.

While it is hard to combat the internet and national newspapers, I believe I reached an "ah-ha" moment just last week -- and it was through an inquisitive married couple, a Thoroughbred named Sonny, a personable and informative outrider, and a beautiful day at Parx Racing.

Last Tuesday, Donna and Jay Karfunkle attended the races with the East River Bank group. They bet a few races, enjoyed lunch in the Cotillion Room -- all standard fare. Mr. Karfunkle, a dapper and polite gentleman, mentioned that his wife really wanted to pet a horse, and could we do something about that? He added that he was a go-get 'em kind of guy that liked to make things happen, so he thought he'd ask.



The true highlight of their afternoon was meeting that horse, close up and personal, being able to feel his breath, learn his story, and understand the relationship between we humans and our four-legged athletes. It took just 15 minutes, but because of the extra attention of Sherry Harrington, Parx outrider, and her pony Sonny, a relationship has been created. Not just between Sonny and his new friends, but between racing and OUR new friends.

What seems normal to us is often alien to outsiders. That fence that surrounds the racetrack is keeping us safe inside, but has kept potential fans out. Now is the time to make contact. Think about what effect it would have if each one of us made a friend or two at the track, took a little time to explain betting, walked them to the paddock and let them shake hands with a jockey.

The Karfunkles WILL be back, and they may bring a friend, who may come back and bring...well, you know what I mean. Let's be like Mr. Karfunkel, and make things happen, for the good of our industry.

Salvatore M. DeBunda
PRESIDENT, PTHA

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Sign on to our website or see us in the PTHA Office to find out about how you can help alert your legislators and Senators to the serious impact that depriving the Race Horse Development Fund of \$72 million will have on farmers, trainers, breeders, veterinarians, blacksmiths and other related business in your communities. www.patha.org. Form letters available.

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Participants were eager to discuss the New York Times' recent analysis of breakdowns on the track in New York at Aqueduct. Their writers theorized that trainers are abusing drugs and running sore horses because of the allure of elevated purses due to casino revenue. Alan Foreman said that the correlation is a real stigma, and that we have to combat the idea that money causes these problems.

PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi noted that Pennsylvania has been at the forefront of a number of health and safety reforms, including its status as the only state in the country to ban the intra-articular injections (tapping) within 7 days of a race.

"Our horsemen's groups have given their full support to New Bolton Center and Dr. Soma's work in medication detection, and establishing thresholds and withdrawal times," said Ballezzi. "In the past five years, we have seen to it that over \$1 million has gone to the Center for research and development of detection of drugs."

Although racetrack safety is not as large an issue in Standardbred racing, the majority of the group felt that addressing track surface issues can play a major part in decreasing the rate of horse injuries and breakdowns in Thoroughbred competition. They agreed that it is important to develop a working relationship between horsemen's groups, management and officials.

At the end of the meeting, committees were formed, and the group planned to convene again in the next few months.

Attendees included PTHA President Sal Debunda, PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi, PA HBPA Executive Director Todd Mosteller and President Stephanie Beattie, Drs. Lawrence Soma and Mary Robinson from New Bolton Center, Dr. Thomas Lurito, DVM, Brian Sanfratello, President of the PA Horse Breeders and Jeb Hannum, Executive Secretary; Daniel C. Tufano, Director of the PA Horse Racing Commission, Sal Sinatra, Director of Racing Parx Racetrack, Chris McErlean, President of the TRA and Vice-President of Penn National Gaming, Alan Foreman, Chairman and CEO of THA, Inc., Victor Molina, Parx jockey, as well as representatives of the Standardbred racing industry.

Dr. Lawrence Soma (right) and his associate Dr. Mary Robinson spoke about medication thresholds and guidelines, and their research work at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center (far right).



Representative Gene DiGiralomo and Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP) Executive Director Sally Fabian, RN, MSN are holding a \$5,000 check which was generously donated by the PTHA to help provide health care to low income adults.

PTHA Presents Check to Bucks County Health Care Organization

Executive Director Michael Ballezzi recently presented a \$5,000 check to the Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP), a non-profit health clinic located in Langhorne, PA which provides health care to low income adults who have no medical insurance.

Representative Gene DiGiralomo of Pennsylvania's 18th District and member of BCHIP's advisory board, recently notified Ballezzi of the non-profit organization's efforts at fundraising, and the Parx Racetrack's horseman's organization immediately agreed to help.

"I like to help out as many local organizations as I can, and I have been familiar with BCHIP's good work for a long time," said DiGiralomo. "I thought many of the backstretch workers could benefit from their services." BCHIP's mission is to address gaps in service and to improve the health of Bucks County residents.

"Medical insurance is the last thing that adults with low income pay for," said Fabian, Executive Director of BCHIP and a registered nurse. "Unfortunately, these are people who may have diabetes or heart disease and need the medical care."

PTHA Benevolence

Granny Youman's Fund Awards Two Scholarships for 2012



Jeff Evans (left) and Matt Cowan accepted checks from the Granny Youmans Scholarship Fund recently to help with expenses while attending Lincoln Technical Institute.

Cousins Matt Cowan and Jeff Evans recently accepted checks from the Granny Youmans Scholarship Fund towards their individual programs at Lincoln Technical Institute.

Jeff, whose mother Cecilia works for Floyd Snyder and whose dad, Joe drives the water truck and ambulance at Parx, is enrolled in a two-year automotive technician program at the Institute's Torresdale campus.

Matt, who has lived with the Evans since his parents passed away, had always enjoyed playing games and working on his PC. He will finish his Computer Networking and Security curriculum this fall. He attends the North Eastern Campus of Lincoln Institute.

Although Matt does not work on the backstretch due to severe allergies, he was eligible to apply for a scholarship since he is a dependent of the Evans, a 2012 change in the program's criteria.

Both young men spent their high school years home schooled, Jeff for four years, and Matt for two. They accomplished their course work through the internet.

Parx Chaplain Rick Bunker who has been instrumental in the success of the Fund, met Jeff during his walks through the backstretch, and encouraged him to apply for the Granny Fund Scholarship.

"I like to stop and talk to everyone in the barn area," said Bunker. "When I met Jeff, he had already started the two-year automotive program, so he seemed a good candidate."

Each year, the Granny Youmans Fund, named for PTHA office manager Connie Youman's mother, accepts applications from backstretch employees or their dependents who wish to further their education.

The Granny Youmans Fund has provided help for hotwalkers, grooms, trainers and their dependents with a

chance to better themselves through education, something she was adamant about through her life until she passed away in February of 2000.

Licensed Parx employees and their dependents are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Visit Chaplain Bunker in his office in the rec hall, or see Connie Youmans in the PTHA office. There is no deadline for application.

PTHA Works With La Salle Nurses to Improve Backstretch Health Care



The LaSalle nurses visit the Rec Hall on the Parx backstretch every Tuesday, referring serious cases to Dr. Brian Rizen, the track physician.

Cathy Somers, the PTHA's Benefits Coordinator, is working closely with Sharon Starr, Clinical Coordinator of the LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center to provide additional and better care for backstretch workers. In April, they got together and began a dialogue with backstretch employers, including trainers, in order to search out their needs.

"Our recent graduate students and center leaders are focusing on an occupational health model for the prevention and restoration of health in a safe and healthy environment," said Starr. "Speaking directly with the horsemen helps us to understand better how conditions can be improved in order to promote prevention and early health interventions."



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Three Generations of Horsewomen Support Racing, Breeding & Rescue in PA



Rosamond Clark currently lives in Florida, but the 92-year-old horsewoman started the Rosamund S. Clark Fund in 2010 which helps the PTHA's Turning For Home.

Rosamond Clark was a young woman growing up in Paris, France, with a love of horses. Interrupted by World War II, she moved to the United States, married, and passed along that passion with her daughter, Val, with whom she shared a horse for 20 years. There are now four generations of women, the youngest 2-year-old Helen, who, if history repeats itself, will join her aunts, Val's daughters Frances and Andrea, who both have had a hand in operating the family's Equivine Farm in Chester County, PA.

"I started breeding PA-breds 15 years ago when I bought the farm," said Val. "Before that, Lee Vosters and I were partners in Maryland, breeding horses and racing them in partnership. She and I have been friends for a long time, and foxhunted together for 35 years."

While the women in the family "grew" horses, Val's husband, Peter, now retired, grew grapes, starting a vineyard on 18 of the 145 acres at Equivine. Their son, David, is a wine importer, who owns his own vineyard in Argentina.

Andrea, who is interested in becoming a bloodstock agent, currently lives in Ocala, and is engaged to Todd

Pletcher's assistant, Jonathan Thomas. She also gallops horses.

Frances, who earned her trainer's license while working for Jonathan Sheppard is stabled at Parx, and is very close to her grandmother, although Rosamond 92, lives in Florida and no longer travels.

"She used to love to watch the races, and even though she can no longer see too well, she still listens to them on television," she said. "My grandmother is a very strong woman, and when we were growing up, would lecture us on the importance of the



Val McNeely (second from left) on Mother's Day with Frances, son David, granddaughter Helen, and daughter Andrea. Although Val inherited her mother's love of horses, she now spends much of her time as a director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, one of her father's main interests.

care of the horses. She felt that their humane treatment was most important."

Two years ago, Valerie McNeely stopped in the Turning For Home office in the Parx administration building, introduced herself to Program Administrator Barbara Luna, and began speaking of her mother, who wanted to help with the track's racehorse retirement program.

A few months later, Turning For Home became the beneficiary of the Rosamond Clark Fund, which has helped many of the program's nearly 800 retirees find safe homes after surgery or rehabilitation, and retraining.

"She is a tough lady who knows there is a need for an organization like this," said Frances, whose six horses, include four of the Equivine PA-breds, at Parx.

Although Val spends most of her time away from the farm these days, she inherited both of her parents' sense of responsibility towards those who cannot care for themselves -- whether it is horses or humans.

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Homebred Calypsogirl winning her debut on May 26 at Parx. The daughter of Milwaukee Brew is one of the four PA-breds trained by Frances McNeely that were bred by the McNeely's Equivine Farm in Chester County.



PTHA President Salvatore DeBunda (11th from right) hosted a St. Joseph's Prep School Class of 61 Day at the Races on May 19. Over 30 of his former classmates attended for lunch in the Cotillion Room. Above, the winner's circle presentation for the Prep 61 Classic, won by Runnin Bull who was ridden by John Bisono (center).

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Starr said that studies show that backstretch workers are at risk for diminished health status "secondary to physical job requirements, environmental issues, insurance status and the migratory lifestyle that is necessary to perform their jobs."

"One scheduled new service to aid workers is optical screening, with referrals," said Somers. "We have hopes of soon adding hepatitis testing, and possibly a mobile clinic to check cholesterol levels, blood, and to just perform basic physical check-ups."

Somers also added that she is trying to get the word out as soon as possible that backstretch workers should use the lower priced generic medication that can be purchased through the local Target, Wal-Mart and Shop-Rite Pharmacies, some for as little as \$4. The PTHA reimburses up to \$500 of prescription medication a year.

The LaSalle nurses have been funded by the PTHA since 2001, and have promoted health through education, screening, counseling, and case management. Emergency cases are referred to Dr. Brian Rizen, who established the Don LeVine Memorial Clinic the same year in the rec hall which is also named for the popular racing official and former trainer. Rizen donates his time and expertise every Tuesday.

PTHA Soccer Starts Friday, June 8.

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"My grandfather, Hays Clark, was a successor to the founders of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, which was founded in 1956," said Val. "He said if you have the ability to be able to look after those less fortunate, you owe it to them to do so. I do a lot of travelling as a member of the Board of Governors, just as my father was. I helped to build a club in Chester two years ago, and am working to build another one now."

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential.

NOTE: Unfortunately, Mrs. Clark was too ill to speak to us for the story on her family. All of us in the PTHA would like to wish her well, and offer our thanks for what she has enabled us to do for our horses because of her generosity through the Rosamond Clark Fund.



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Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Rick Bunker

Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: - Leviticus 25:10 (and, inscription on the Liberty Bell)

My mind has been so racing with reminders of the greatness of our singular republic I will simply share a few with you in hopes that we all will be encouraged by our exemplary national past and reassured of the promise of a commendable future. It is inspiring to know that all our founding forebears who bore arms in the defense of our nation did so without expectation of pensions, or insurances, but for liberty and freedom.

Almost all of the signers of the Declaration of Independence suffered hardships for proffering this document and signed with high expectation of the same. Franklin profoundly quipped at the signing, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we will all hang separately." Indeed as the document declares, "For the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortune, and our sacred Honor."

Have you ever wondered what happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence, in the war that ensued? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants; nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well-educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. They had security, but they valued liberty more.

John Hancock was President of the Continental Congress which passed the Declaration of Independence. He signed his name with such large script in order, as

he said, that King George III could read it without his spectacles. Hancock was one of the few millionaires of his day. When Washington was planning his attack on Boston, Hancock said to him: "Nearly all the property I have in the world is in houses and real estate in Boston; but if the expulsion of the enemy troops requires that these houses be burned to ashes, issue the order immediately!"

As you know there is a question mark in our National Anthem after the final words, "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave." It has been well said that we are always but one generation away from the continuance of the blessings of liberty and thus there is the perennial question and concern of whether our hard won liberties will be lost.

They will be lost, unless we have a large army of young people like Bill Pierson who defended the U.S. flag from 150 campus demonstrators intent on lowering the flag to half-staff in support of their defiant cause. Since the heroic incident, Pierson has received hundreds of telephone calls, letters, and telegrams commending him for his heroic stand. In commenting on the incident, he said, "I am overwhelmed! I was born under that flag. I fought for that flag and what it stands for. I wouldn't have moved if they had moved!" In giving him a "Citation for Meritorious Service," the American Legion said, "This community, yes, this nation, owes Bill Pierson a debt of deep gratitude!"

There are many other present demonstrations of sacrificial, courageous and wise stands for liberty going on at home and around the world every day, or else we would not be able to celebrate another Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day this summer. As Lincoln said, "It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work...to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and...not perish from the earth."

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD – Psalm 33:12

Recently, Chaplain Rick Bunker shared with the PTHA some generous numbers:

"In 2011, the Parx Racetrack Chaplaincy gave out 35 beds, 342 boxes of food, 22 turkeys, 57 coupons for a free turkey or ham, 312 blankets, 80 good or new jackets, 19 microwaves, 11 refrigerators, 26 bicycles, 73 book bags filled with school supplies, 42 Bibles, over 600 pairs of socks, countless hats, scarves, gloves, towels, wash cloths, sheets, pillows, toiletries, loaves of bread, and more. There were 34 Chapel n' Chows in 2011 as well, and most of those provided many meals of leftovers. We in coordination with the PTHA and the Racing Office provided over 2,000 meals through the meal ticket and meal card program at the Race Track Café. We gave out over 750 Christmas gifts to children of employees of the Racetrack."

Many thanks to the Chaplain, the generosity of his volunteers, the PTHA and the Parx Racing Office.

PTHA & PARX MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC



2012 PA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

4/14 Parx	Lyman H.	3&Up, 7F	\$75,000
	Foxy J G S.	3&Up, f&m, 7F	\$75,000
6/1 Pen	Danzig S.	3yo, 6F	\$75,000
	Wonders Delight S	3yoF, 6F	\$75,000
6/15 Pen	Lyphard S.	3&Up, f&m, T	\$75,000
7/6 PID	Leematt S.	3&up, 1M	\$75,000
	Northern Fling S	3&up, f&m 1M	\$75,000
7/28 Parx	Crowd Pleaser S.	3yo, 1 1/16T	\$75,000
	Power By Far S.	3&up, f&m, 6F	\$75,000
8/3 Pen	Robellino S.	3&up, 1 1/16T	\$75,000
	Russian Rhythm S	3yo&up, f&m, 5/8T	\$75,000
8/10 PID	Malvern Rose S.	3yof, 1 1/16M	\$75,000
9/7 PID	Mark McDermott S.	2yo, 6F	\$75,000

Pennsylvania's Day at the Races Sat. Sept. 8 at noon Parx

9/8 Parx	Banjo Picker Sprint	3&up, 6F	\$75,000
	Roanoke S.	3&up, 1 1/16M	\$75,000
	Marshall Jenney H.	3&up, 5/8T	\$75,000
	Dr. Teresa Garofalo		
	Memorial S.	3yof, 6F	\$75,000
	Mrs. Penny S.	3yo&up, f&m, 1 1/16T	\$100,000
9/22 Parx	Alphabet Soup H.	3&up, 1 1/16T	\$75,000
10/5 Pen	Ligature S.	3&up, f&m, 6F	\$75,000
10/6 Parx	PA Breeders Distaff	3&up, f&m, 1 1/16M	\$75,000
11/21 Pen	Blue Mountain Juv. S.	2yo fillies, 6f	\$75,000
12/8 Parx	PA Nursery S.	2yo, 7F	\$75,000

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Backstretch Views



CONGRATULATIONS!

A hearty congratulations to PTHA Board member and trainer Butch Reid, his wife Ginny, and daughter Whitney for her May 25 graduation from Wellesley College. After taking a Stem Cell biology course as a freshman, she spent the summer of 2010 working as an intern at the Harvard Stem Cell Institute doing research, and at the Joslin Diabetes Center.

Soon after, she declared Biology as her major. Last summer, she worked as a veterinary assistant at Saratoga for Drs. Yarborough and Ravenstein. Having always been a presence in her parents' racing stable, at one time, she considered a career as a veterinarian, but has decided on human medicine instead.

Whitney graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. degree and plans on applying to medical school this summer.



Parx jockey Joe Hampshire will be inducted into the New England Turf Writers Association's Hall of Fame on July 19 in Danvers, MA. Hampshire, among the leading riders at Parx, experienced much of his early success at both Rockingham Park and Suffolk Downs, winning 67 stakes races and almost 20 riding titles before moving his tack to the mid-Atlantic. Trainer Ron Dandy, also a New England transplant, supplied Hampshire with many of his Suffolk and Rockingham mounts, was inducted into the Hall of Fame last year.

OBITUARIES

MARLIN E. LENGEL, FATHER OF RACEHORSE OWNER DAVE LENGEL

Marlin Lengel, age 79, passed away in Boca Raton, FL on March 25. The father of David and Michael Lengel, he loved watching his granddaughter, Angela's equestrian and sporting activities, and also watching his family's racehorses compete. He also enjoyed playing the slot machines and fishing. Mr. Lengel served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, and was employed by the Reading Eagle Company for 30 years, and also worked for 25 years in his town, for the Wernersville Post Office. Along with his two sons and granddaughter, he is survived by his brothers Gerald and Terry. His wife, Doris (Binkley) Lengel, passed away in 2008. He was interred at Hain's Church Cemetery, Wernersville.

JANET RUTH MCCARTHY, WIFE OF PARX TRAINER WILLIAM McCARTHY

Janet Ruth McCarthy of Levittown, PA died Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at her home. She was 58. Born in South River, N.J., and formerly of Towson, MD., Janet had been a resident of Middletown Township for the past 30 years. She worked as an aide in the Neshaminy School District at Maple Point Middle School for 20 years until retiring in August of 2011.

Janet was the beloved wife of William E. McCarthy for 39 years. She was the loving mother of Carrie and William C. McCarthy, both of Levittown. She was the daughter of Eleanor and the late Charles Barraclough; and the sister of Patricia Weisselberg.

PARX GROOM MEETS DERBY AND PREAKNESS WINNER I'LL HAVE ANOTHER

Felipe Perez, whose brother Benjamin is Doug O'Neill's foreman, recently had a chance to spend some time with Derby Champion I'll Have Another enroute to the colt's try for the Triple Crown (picture at left). Currently working for Jimmy Ryerson, Perez had worked for O'Neill for 7 years in California and when O'Neill was based at Parx.

"I was with him when he trained Lava Man (currently I'll Have Another's pony)," said Perez. "He is a very nice person to work for."

Regarding the Derby and Preakness winner, Perez said he is a small horse, but is feeling very sharp coming into the Belmont.



Felipe Perez with jockey Mario Gutierrez, wearing the blue and white colors of I'll Drink to That's owner, Paul Reddam (right).





LOOK AT THE SAVINGS PTHA MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED!*



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Memorials

We'd like to thank the families and friends of those who have recently passed away, and who have named Turning For Home as beneficiary of donations, in lieu of flowers, in memory of their loved ones. It is an honor for us to be in your thoughts during these times.

In Memory of Kay Holman

Barbara Ashenfelter	Tara Marie Kazak	Richard M. Ogden
Mary Jo Ashenfelter	Moses Cornwell	Mary Read O'Malley
Virginia Simon	Ann Kazak	Shelby Schultz Simmons
William & Lynda Gallagher	Raymond & Leslie Kissner	Deborah S. McKechnie
Milly Levin	Kerri and Ann Kazak	Amy Guth
Deirdre Blain	Jane White	
William & Barbara Geraghty	James Blanton, Jr.	

In Memory of Marlin Lengel

Donald & Janet Dissinger	Ronald W. Bair, Jr.
Kenneth Noll	Ronald and Karen Krol
Friends at Wernersville Post Office:	William and Elaine Binkley
Patricia Hatt, Joseph Gagliardi,	Patricia and D. Kenneth Hatt
Vicki Krisher, Thomas Heiler,	Theresa and Jeffrey Salino
Elizabeth Lebo	



TFH Adoptees Become Part of the Family

And **Big Mikie M.** sure did. He is seen here with his adopter, Bryanna in her engagement photo, along with another member of the family!

Jesdarand has her own blog!

MYEXRACER.COM
Life with Jezebel my OTTB

This 4-year-old daughter of Point Given was retired by owners Lawrence Roman and Jeff Levine last November after suffering a bowed tendon. Adopted through Bonnie Hutton's After the Races, Jesdarand has become the topic of a blog by her new owner, Susannah Lackey, who writes under the name Lola Cakes. The love and patience that Susannah has for "Jezebel," who now lives in Maryland, comes through loud and clear in her recitation of the filly's transition from racehorse to pleasure horse. Check out Jezebel's and Susannah's progress at www.myexracer.com.

Summer time at Parx means tons of fun in the Parx Picnic Grove, including Horseshoe Decorating to benefit Turning For Home. For just \$5, your children (or creative adults!) can make an ornament, a souvenir of a great day at the races. You can find us near the pony rides and face painting. Above, some samples and Turning For Home volunteer Geneva Masak.

Milestone

Without the combined efforts of trainer Steve Krebs, Dr. Steve Mc Bride, Dr. Tom Lurito and Jessica Basciano of Off The Track Thoroughbreds, **Milestone** may not have had this second chance. Sent to the farm, he would drag his hind legs so badly, he rubbed sores above his coronet bands. It was difficult to see him walk up or down a slight hill. Diagnosed at the track with EPM, Milestone's recovery took the determination of an entire group of people, without whom he'd not have made it. Doesn't that face show how happy he is! (seen here with his rider, Emma Fennelly).



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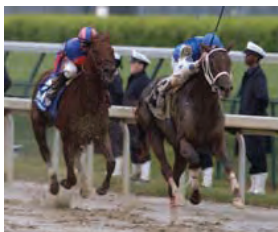
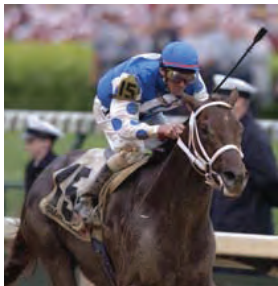
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