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"ParX" new name, new image for destination casino complex



A billboard on the PA Turnpike "teases" the new name and grand opening of the new casino, adjacent to Philadelphia Park Racetrack.

The sprawling building next door to Philadelphia Park Racetrack is creating lots of excitement as its December opening looms a few short months away.

A recent tour of the newly named "ParX Casino" showed huge floorspace designated for slots and table games, a dance floor and stage just waiting for bright colors and flashing lights surrounding big-name entertainers.

Bill Hogwood, CEO of Greenwood



View from within the check-in area of ParX Casino, the stand alone building adjacent to Philadelphia Park Racetrack which will open in mid-December. The new casino will offer great restaurants, exciting entertainment, a race book and slot machines.



Bill Hogwood among the blueprints and plans for ParX Casino, scheduled to open in mid-December. Hogwood anticipates the Bensalem casino to become a "destination" for people seeking top level entertainment, gambling and racing.

Gaming and Entertainment, has visions of a hotel and shopping in the area between the track and the new casino, but in the immediate future, (cont. on p.2)

Hannum "leaps" into new appointment as Racing Commissioner

In October, 2008 Governor Ed Rendell appointed John "Jeb" Hannum, III to the Pennsylvania Racing Commission, along with Dr. Corinne Sweeney. While Sweeney's work on the backside of the track was in veterinary research, Hannum brings to the table years of riding and owning Thoroughbreds in both England and the United States.

"I grew up with steeplechase horses, and had the good fortune of working under two Hall of Fame trainers in Jonathan Sheppard and Mike Smithwick," said Hannum, who

lives with his wife and three children in Unionville, where he was born and raised.

"At the age of 14, I was working in England for a top flats trainer and English



Jeb Hannum and his family live in Unionville, PA.

Derby winner Peter Walwyn."

Hannum's unique experience in both countries with top trainers had enabled him to learn racing from the ground up. He met his wife, Emily, when she came to the United States to work for Sheppard. They were both amateur steeplechase riders, who, after marriage, returned to Europe and lived there from 1998 to 2005. While in England, Hannum worked for a member of Parliament and also in the pharmaceutical industry.

"My international experience was especially of interest to the Department of Agriculture because of England's zero tolerance drug policy," said Hannum. "Medication is the first and foremost issue in all racing jurisdictions and I can offer England's perspective after having seen how they operate."

Hannum is especially proud of Pennsylvania's success in allocating slot machine revenue towards the racing industry, and feels educating the public, our legislators, and those who can impact racing about its significance to agriculture and the state's economy.



As an amateur steeplechase rider and former racehorse owner, Hannum brings to the Commission first hand experience with the people and horses he was appointed to protect.

"Recently, we have seen some of the pressures our industry is under," said Hannum. "We have to make sure that we continue to make our case for this vibrant industry."

Hannum is an agent for Country Properties of Fox and Roach Realtors in Unionville, and works towards protecting open spaces.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is great news for us to hold a special day to show our appreciation to horseowners at Philadelphia Park. This event, scheduled for September 19, is the highlight of a week that also includes a benefit golf tournament at beautiful Blue Bell Country Club, and our annual Pig Roast for backstretch employees and their families.

It is so important that we keep our racing

community together. We do have a lot to be thankful for, and setting aside a Saturday with increased purses (added to our already competitive purse structure), a special luncheon, and gifts for our horsemen is sure to be a great day for everyone.

As President of the PTHA, I can tell you that there is a lot going on here at Philadelphia Park--it looks like we have dodged the bullet for now as PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi has been representing us well in Harrisburg, protecting our interests during the Commonwealth's budget crisis.

If you, as owners, have not been to the track in awhile, you will be happy to see the four new, spacious barns that have gone up since last year. The updated ventilation systems, attached tack and feed rooms, and wide shedrows have received rave reviews from the trainers who have already moved in.

And although you may not be able to *see* a difference, the racetrack has been undergoing renovation during the month of August in order to provide a safer surface for our runners. The track had been closed to racing and training as the cushion was peeled up, and the base examined. Training will resume by mid-month, with racing scheduled for the final weekend.

The stand alone casino continues on schedule, with its opening scheduled for mid-December. We expect to see our racetrack grandstand changed back into an area catering to the comfort of the horsemen by next summer.

We hope you will join us on September 19 to celebrate Owners Appreciation Day.

Donald Reeder

PRESIDENT PTHA

ParkX Casino (continued from page 1)

the link between the two will be a tree-line walkway which will encourage guests to make their way to the grandstand for further entertainment on racing days.

"Within six months of the completion of the new casino, we expect to have the racetrack grandstand converted back to an area for the horsemen," said Hogwood. "I really think we will be able to integrate big racing days with the whole idea of an exciting destination place for people from all over."

Philadelphia Park Breaks in August for Track Renovation









Starting August 3, Philadelphia Park's main track was closed for training and racing for two weeks as the six inch cushion was scraped back and inspection made of the underlying base.

The yearly renovation is performed almost every summer, with training resuming in mid-August, and racing set to resume on August 29.

— PTHA's TURNING FOR HOME Philadelphia Park Racehorse Retirement Program www.patha.org • turningforthome@patha.org • 215-272-6716



PREMIUM SALTINE A \$250,000 yearling purchase, then a multiple stakes winner at 6 at Prairie Meadows, 10-yearold Premium Saltine has found a happy new life in retirement. Adopted by Beth Coale, the son of Salt Lake is shown with Beth's young son

HE'S A TROOPER

At 17 hands, Trooper was just too big to make it at the races. But send him over fences, and he has come into his own. We think he'll be an upper level event horse, and he seems to love his new job!



CAPE ROMAIN

Cape Romain was placed with Turning For Home on June 5 in need of surgery to repair a condylar fracture of his right front cannon bone. Thanks to the generosity of Hogan Equine, and Dr. Patty Hogan, the 4yo KY-bred byVictory Gallop had 2 screws inserted to help heal the fracture, and he is on to his new career!





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On July 20, Channel 6 Action News reporter Katherine Scott visited with recently retired Without A Doubt, a ten-year-old stakes winner with nearly \$500,000 in earnings, and his trainer. former jockey Danny Velazquez. In response to their segment on the news that night, TFH received this wonderful email:

"My name in Tara Brick. I recently saw a story about your organization on Action News. I am interested in adopting a race horse for pleasure english riding and perhaps some lite horse showing. I have been out of the horse scene for a while, but grew up in love with horses and had a small mare for several years until going off to college. I am now ready to get back into the horse world.

I have an interest in adopting a horse and giving it a second chance. All of my pets have been second chancers and now I am ready for the biggest one, a horse. I saw a beautiful horse on the ABC segment named "Without a Doubt." Perhaps he may be my return to horses!

Sincerely, Tara Weston-Brick"

Tara became an approved adopter, then met this sweet gelding and fell in love! Without A Doubt moved to his new home at Gloucester County Dream Park in Logan County, NJ on August 6.

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RECENTLY ADOPTED... Redding, Flush Flop, Be Oh Be, Cloudy and Cold, A's Bet, Premise, Open Sleigh, Love Is The Way, Filly Pops, Storming Ocean, Las Olas Tori, Mason Dixon Moon, True George, Fisherthefirechief, Sarita's Princess, Jaguar John, Southack, Starvin Marvin, Stunning In Black, Show Me Baby, Forty One Grove, Stilts, Me Posse, Precious Is Gold, Love Everybody, Delila's Dream, Eleni Mou, Carolina Gal, Aliso's Vision, Elegant Honor, Cloud Springs, Senora Roberta, Captain Slocum, Summer At Last, Five Card Poker, Time's Wings, Sultry Dancer, He's A Trooper, Nieves JE, Splash N Go, Caller Lady, Pointment, It Certainly Is, Supah Wise, Adalius Is A Star, Real Galaxy, Mr. Volponi, Sandie Silverrod, Gold West, Repent's Image, Dreamin of Green, Molly's Punch, Man of La Mancha, Grand Salami, Dabear, Anniversary Annie, No Credit Given, My Rodeo Gal, Toocoolforschool, Without A Doubt, Mr. Smoochswapper. Jockey O.



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John Servis, Trainer of Smarty Jones

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Wendlings' Generosity Helps Retired Horses



Ron and Janice Wendling, with Jazz Company. A few months after the Wendlings took apart their farm buildings and donated tractors, machinery and stalls to Turning For Home, they found their Pa-bred Jazz Company to have sustained a serious fracture in a front leg. With the help of equine orthopedic surgeon Dr. Patty Hogan, Jazz Company was operated on, and is being rested after placement with the PTHA's retirement program for racehorses.

In the last few months, trainer Ron Wendling, and his wife Janice have gone from living in a 200-year-old house on their 20-acre Charter Farm, to residing in an "over 55" community, a necessary change when the NJ Turnpike Authority needed the farm property for highway expansion.

"We knew when we purchased the place that the Turnpike could expand--our barn was just three feet away from the highway fence," said Janice. "The day Afleet Alex won the Belmont, we received a certified letter letting us know our property would be affected by the new exit ramp to Route I-195, so it wasn't a surprise."

In 1981 when the Wendlings first moved to the farm, they were new to horseracing, and in 1984, Ron took out his trainer's license. They have trained, rehabilitated and bred Thoroughbreds, and cared for a few boarders, while keeping about four in training at Philadelphia Park.

"I remember shortly after we got involved in racing, a young man named Chris DeCarlo learned to ride on our old mare, Melissa. He'd get run off with all the time, and it seems like just a few years later, I saw his name in the program as leading rider."

In downsizing and knowing their barn would be torn down, the Wendlings generously offered three tractors, stalls and stall mats, screens and a manure spreader to South Jersey Thoroughbred Retirement (SJTR) at Jennings Farm in Medford, NJ. SJTR works closely with Turning For Home in rehabilitating and adopting Thoroughbred racehorses. The generous donation has enabled the construction of 10 additional stalls in a second barn to accomodate the many retirees from Philadelphia Park.

The Wendlings, both 60 years old, say they are too old to buy another farm, but have embraced their home with its city water and sewer, updated electricity and large windows, compared to the old farmhouse which was always in need of repair. "We are actually living like humans again," said Janice. "I'm not going to give up horses, though, unless I am dead. I moved my two old broodmares to a boarding stable, and my husband will still be at the track every morning."

Charter Acres will be reborn at Jennings Farm where new stalls will be built to help house many of Turning For Home's retirees



Owner's Appreciation Day Set for September 19 PA-bred Stakes, PTHA President's Cup, Enhanced Purses Highlight Racing Card

September 19's First Annual Owners Appreciation Day features a special Saturday of enhanced purses, PA-bred stakes races, the PTHA President's Cup, a luncheon and gifts for participating horseowners.

The fun will kick off mid-week on Wednesday, September 16 with a charity golf tournament at Blue Bell Golf and Country Club, proceeds to benefit Turning For Home, the PTHA's program for retired racehorses.

On Friday, the annual pig roast for backstretch workers and their families will be held behind the administration building on the backstretch. Last year, Ron's Backstretch Cafe slow-cooked four hogs for the occasion, which also featured music and gifts for the children.

On Saturday, owners, trainers and their



grooms who participate in the day's racing card, will receive special gifts from the PTHA, while breeders and owners will be offered a buffet luncheon in the picnic area tent.

"We thought starting off the week with a benefit golf tournament on Wednesday would be a great way to help support the 250 horses for which Turning For Home has rehabilitated and found homes," said Mike Ballezzi, Executive Director of the PTHA. "Our special card of racing on Saturday features five mid-level claiming and starter races offering 50% higher purses, and the PA breeders have scheduled five state-bred stakes races worth \$625,000," added Sal Sinatra, Director of Racing.

The \$250,000 PTHA President's Cup is the feature race of the afternoon.



2008 PTHA President's Cup winner Soldier's Dancer (3), ridden by Manuel Cruz.

Vet School's Dr. Soma Heads Shockwave Research Team

In the last three years, Pennsylvania has led the country in establishing important medication rules which protect the welfare of the nation's racehorses. The cutting edge research in molecular biology and pharmokinetics that has allowed the enforcement of these rules started with a team of veterinarians working at the University of Pennsylvania

In 2006, Drs. Lawrence Soma and Cornelius Uboh at the University's School of Veterinary Medicine became the first in the world to develop a method for confirming the presence of the blood doping agent EPO in horses. Last year, Pennsylvania was the first of 24 states that adopted a model rule governing the use of steroids in racehorses, and the first state to go steroid-free.



In 2009, Soma and Uboh of the PA Equine Toxicology and Research Laboratory developed methods to test for the use of intra-articular injection of coricosteroids such as prednisone and dexamethosone. Results of their research enabled the Racing Commision to establish a new policy, effective June 1, prohibiting the administration of corticosteroids within 7 days of racing.

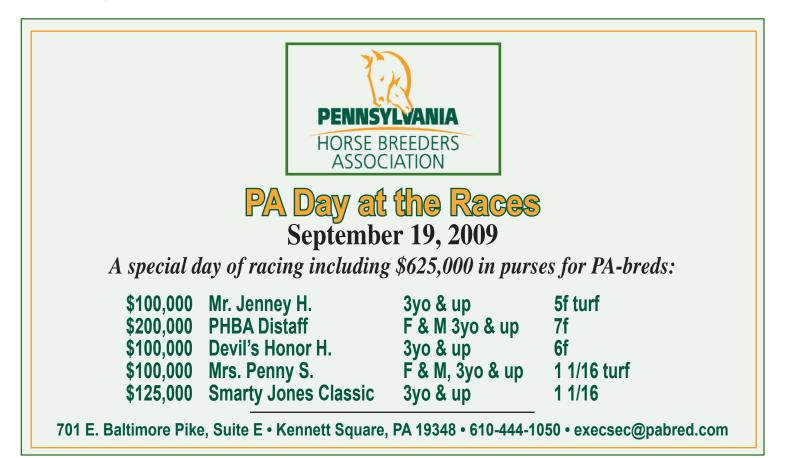
Drs. Soma and Uboh, along with scientist Dr. Yu-Chih Chen have once again taken the lead, discovering "biomarkers" that would indicate the use of shockwave therapy, which is often misused by trainers in the timing of the treatment on bone and ligament injuries in racehorses.

Shockwave therapy is used to treat orthopedic problems, such as fractures and ligament injuries through use of high energy acoustic, or sound waves by enhancing bone growth through the stimulation of bone cells. Best used in conjunction with other treatments, including rest, shockwave therapy creates changes in the body's DNA, and proteins.

Soma says use of shockwaves within three to four days of racing places a horse, and therefore the riders, in harm's way. "The therapy itself does help to heal certain kinds of injuries, but there is a 3-4 day window when the shockwave creates a considerable amount of analgesia (inability to feel pain). If a horse were to race the next day, there could be serious or

catastrophic injury," said Soma. "Shockwave therapy is fine, but the horse should be rested for a certain amount of time, and never raced the next day."

Soma, whose specialty has been the effective monitoring, detecting and identification of banned substances, says that it is a great challenge to keep up with drugs that are often made for humans, but administered to horses. "These drugs create foreign proteins in equines," said Soma. "And the danger is that they are foreign proteins to these animals. It may make them easier to detect, but may also cause more harm to the animals."





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Backstretch Views

Condolences...

Our thoughts are with the family of Philadelphia Park Plant Superintendent Vince Harrington, who passed away on August 5. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, four children, seven grandchildren, a brother, and daughter-in-law, and predeceased by two sons, Matt and Dennis. He was president of the Matt Harrington Scholarship Fund, which raised over \$190,000 in scholarships for Council Rock's ice hockey players.

He will be remembered by the horsemen as a friendly man always willing to help.

Donations can be made to the Matt Harrington Memorial Fund, or the National MS Society.

Our condolences to Michael and Tricia Farro on the passing of Michael's father, Domenico Farro on July 5. Mr. Farro was a Navy veteran of the Korean war, and had been a self-employed builder for 25 years. After his retirement, he worked with his son, training racehorses. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Madeline, and four sons, a sister, and three grandchildren.

Get Well Wishes ...

Philadelphia Park owner/trainer Frederick Campbell is recuperating from a recent illness. Our best wishes for a quick recovery.

Congratulations...

Blacksmith Bruce Schultz and his wife, Melissa, who became the first time, proud parents of twin boys on July 14. Proud grandpa is Bruce Schultz, Sr.,who shoes horses at Monmouth Park.

The Schultz twins: Robert Marcus (r) weighed in at 6 lbs., 5 oz., measuring 20"; and brother Colin Michael (I), 5 lbs., 3 oz., 19"



PTHA Trophy List

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DATE	OWNER	HORSE
5/9/09	CTC Racing Stables	Orientated Lady
5/16/09	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Sardinian Soiree
5/23/09	Donald Colapietro	Rampant
5/30/09	GWhiz Stables, LLC	Victory at Shiloh
6/13/09	Steve Klesaris	Rough Shod Heir
6/20/09	R & E Racing Stable	Ashley's Moment
6/27/09	Silly Goose Racing Stables	Net Present Value
7/4/09	Circle S Ranch, Inc.	Champagneforad
7/11/09	Vince Campanella	Sea of Trees
7/18/09	Edmund Zazzo	Habby Quatorze
7/25/09	Gilbert G. Campbell	Kap's Choice
8/1/09	Charles L. Biggs	Hawk Three O Ei

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Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Jack Cordell

LIFE-BUILDING WORDS

Fortune magazine ran an article, "The Best Advice I Ever Got." When the contributors include the likes of Bill Gates, Colin Powell and Tiger Woods, one takes notice. For example, Bill Gates' best advice came from his parents "to do things that I wasn't good at." To Gates, it was "fantastic advice" that shaped his life.

Colin Powell recalled a story about a young Lieutenant who asked an old General, "Sir, how do I become a General?" Replied the elder, "Son, you've got to work like a dog. You've got to have moral and physical courage. There may be days you're tired, but must never show fatigue. You'll be afraid, but you can never show fear. You must always be the leader." Responded the young man, "Thank you, Sir, so this is how you become a General?" "No," said he, "that's how you become a First Lieutenant, and then you keep doing it over and over." To Powell, "doing your best in the present has to be the rule."

Tiger Woods recalls, "My dad's advice to me was to simplify." His father would ask Tiger where he wanted to hit the ball and would then tell him to just do it, saying nothing more. Says Woods, "When I'm making adjustments during a round, I know some of the television commentators theorize that I'm changing this or moving that, but really what I'm doing is listening to Pop." In short, keep it simple. Great advice comes from three successful men: do what's difficult, do your best today, and keep it simple.

So, what do we ordinary, garden-variety people base our lives on? The Bible is a marvelous source. For example, "Love God" is a great start. The Psalmist (37:4) proclaimed, "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." The sacred pages offer profound advice. Build your life on its words, and you will succeed.

Judy Sare Kindergarten Class Visits Philadelphia Park

Dr. Debbie Kriftchner, recently performed double duty as mom of 5-year-old Josef, and equine veterinarian and licensed animal chiropractor and acupuncturist.

She invited her son's Judy Sare Kindergarten class to Philadelphia Park to tour the backstretch and go to the races. Kriftchner's husband, trainer Victor Collazo, gave the 12 children and 12 parents a tour of his barn, while Racing Secretarry Sal Sinatra took them over to the frontside for the races.

"Sal was instrumental in setting the whole thing up. He even took the kids to see the barn and walked them over to the picnic area," said Kriftchner, who held the children's attention by showing them a horse skull and horse teeth over in the Administration building.

The children all went home with a lesson in horse care, as well





as a stuffed pony from Turning For Home, the PTHA's retirement program for horses.

"I think all of the kids, as well as their parents, had a great time,"said Dr. Kriftchner. "It was a great way to show them what horse racing was all about. They are still all talking about it."



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