



PTHA NEWS

Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Newsletter
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2018 Issue #1

A Landmark Year for the PTHA & Parx Racing

The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA) is perennially recognized throughout the horse racing industry as a leader in protecting horsemen's rights especially in the state legislature, as well as guaranteeing live racing at Parx Racing, providing health care and pension for horsemen, creating/maintaining benevolence programs, and much more. Among the PTHA's sponsored organizations are the Horsemen's Purchasing Association (HPA), Turning for Home, Inc. (TFH), Granny Youmans Scholarship Fund and Race Track Chaplaincy of America (Parx Racing Division). 2017 was a landmark year for the PTHA; below are just some of the highlights.

PARX RACING

The number of live racing days at Parx Racing increased from 162 to 170 in 2017, and total paid purses stayed roughly the same. Highlighting the racing calendar was the first ever two-race Grade 1 race day in the state of Pennsylvania, when both the \$1,000,000 Cotillion Stakes and the \$1,000,000 Pennsylvania Derby were contested as Grade 1s.

Competitors in both races were recently crowned Eclipse Award champions in their respective divisions: PA Derby winner West Coast captured the Champion Three-Year-Old Male category while Cotillion second-place finisher Abel Tasman won Champion Three-Year-Old Filly.

LEGISLATIVE

The newly-passed expanded gaming law (for more details, see page 3) effectively squashed any arguments of those who wished to take money out of the Race Horse Development Fund (RHDF), which had been established as a "safeguard" for horsemen to keep their cut of the slots revenue. Over the years since the creation of the RHDF, it has been a constant battle to protect that money. Corrective language within the new law made it clear that the RHDF is *not* funded through taxpayers' dollars, as was the standard argument among detractors. As of the passage of the new expanded gaming law, the RHDF was officially converted into a trust fund.

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2017 Parx Racing Leaders



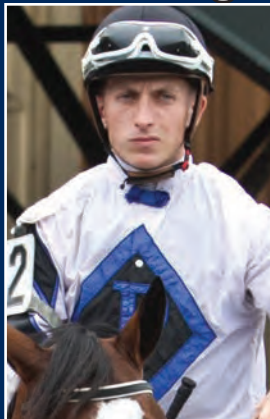
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President's Message

Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esq.

As you can see, this first *PTHA News* is a recap of 2017, which is a great opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments and continue moving forward into the future. I am proud of so many successful ventures this year, especially the 10th Anniversary of Turning for Home, our progress towards a solution to the workmen's compensation issue, and growth in the number of stable employees taking advantage of health benefits (as well as continuing health insurance for eligible trainers). Please be sure to read our cover story for full details.

Speaking of last year, I would like to congratulate our 2017 leading horsemen, many of whom were repeat winners successfully defending their titles. Capturing their second straight year-end records were Leading Owner Ten Strike Racing, Leading Trainer Patricia Farro & Leading Jockey Frankie Pennington, while

promising youngster Dexter Haddock ran away with the Leading Apprentice Jockey title. We look forward to honoring these horsemen as well as more equine athletes are our annual Horsemen's Awards Banquet on March 21, 2018.

On another note, I was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of beloved Parx Racing analyst Vince Reed, as well as longtime horseman John Scanlan. I would like to extend my condolences to both of their families.

Please read page 3 for details about a crucial law that passed regarding expanded gaming in PA. While we were not successful in getting a share of the new slots revenue, we *were* able to establish protective radiuses around Category 1 licenses such as Parx Racing, as well as a cap on the amount of non-racing funds that can be taken from the RHDF.



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Expanded Gaming Law Passes in PA

One of the fiercest battles in Harrisburg amongst legislators has been the fight for and against expanded gaming in Pennsylvania. While it seemed far-reaching earlier in the year, by October of 2017 Governor Tom Wolf had signed the bill and sent it on to become state law, making Pennsylvania the fourth state to allow betting online. The Keystone State is already the second-largest commercial casino state, and the passage of this law will certainly further solidify that standing.

The law allows for up to ten Category 4 licenses (stand-alone mini casinos), as well as video gaming terminals (VGTs) at truck stops, iGaming, airport gaming terminals, fantasy contests, lotteries, and sports wagering. It also adjusts many of the current monetary distribution items, including several at Parx Racing (designated a Category 1 license due to its status as a racetrack with a casino attached). For example, the law specifies that “1% of gross terminal revenue (GTR) must be distributed to the host county and be used for funding nonprofit entities fulfilling a human service, victim assistance, or drug and alcohol prevention and treatment within the county”.

“Our biggest concern is that these additional gaming outlets will divert play from the Category 1s,” noted PTHA lobbyist Gary Babin of Wojdak & Associates.

“Gaming at our own Category 1 (Parx Racing) is the only way that we currently get our funding.”

However, there are several silver linings to the new law. Lobbyists believe that an amendment to the original bill allowing for a “protective radius” around current Category 1 licensees will help minimize some of the adverse impact on the expanded gaming. Category 4 licenses will not be permitted within a 25 mile radius of Parx Racing.

Perhaps the most important amendment is a change to the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund (RHDF), effectively ending the perennial argument from entities who are anti-horse racing and believe that the money saved within the RHDF belongs to taxpayers. These changes specifically clarify that assessments received by the RHDF are *not* Commonwealth (of PA) funds *and* convert the RHDF into a trust fund.

“It is yet to be determined what the effect will be on brick-and-mortar gaming establishments like Parx Racing,” said Michael Ballezzi, Esq., Executive Director of the PTHA. “Of course, we believe that it is highly likely that there will be an adverse effect on our revenue here at Parx, but it will be a wait-and-see game from here.”

Around the Parx Oval



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Photos: Nikki Sherman, Michelle Castillo, Don White

A Landmark Year for the PTHA & Parx Racing

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HEALTH CARE

Nearly 200 trainers and their dependents received health insurance in 2017. In addition, with guidance from the PTHA's insurance partner, Lockton Group, more than \$12,000 was saved in premiums. More prescription reimbursements than ever before were easily covered by corresponding flex insurance and older claims were successfully finalized and closed out.

A record number of more than 220 stable employees were able to use the Stable Employee Benefits in 2017, which was established as a direct result of funding from the RHDF. Stable employees were comfortable coming in to the PTHA office to set up their folders, thanks to a combination of excellent customer service by Benefits Coordinator Amanda-Kate Lenzi and Spanish translations by HPA Manager Vicky Mangini. More individualized care was also made possible throughout the year as partnerships were developed with specific medical offices such as a rheumatologist, chiropractor, acupuncturist and more. This allowed first-ever procedures to be paid for by the Benefit Trust, including braces, dentures, and corrective eye surgery.

A partnership with the LaSalle University nurses also enabled more proactive women's healthcare, including more mammograms and routine exams than ever before.

PENSION

The increased number of racing days granted Parx-based trainers more opportunities to race their horses, and therefore earn more credits towards their retirement funds. Accordingly, the PTHA expects to contribute over 40% more towards that account than in 2016.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

One of the most crucial problems in horse racing is the current trend of exorbitantly high workmen's compensation rates for trainers. The PTHA has led the way through a partnership with Lockton Group to work towards a solution to this extremely debilitating

problem, and made great headway towards an answer with extensive research throughout 2017.

HORSEMEN'S PURCHASING ASSOC.

In late 2017, the HPA moved across the administration building to a bigger, brighter location, which immediately attracted more customers. It is easier for shoppers to see the expanded offering of merchandise and the location is ideal for horsemen who are headed into Ron's Backstretch Cafe. In addition, the HPA saw a 12% increase in average daily gross sales over the past two years, despite racing twenty less days.

TURNING FOR HOME

TFH accepted over 300 horses in 2017, reflecting an intake growth of 35% more than the previous year, yet still kept its waiting list to an average of just two weeks - without ever turning away an eligible horse. A 30% increase in funding has allowed TFH to continue as the largest on-track retirement program in the country, handling 307 horses plus 18 relocated alumni in 2017.

After ten years, the program exceeded the half-million-dollar mark, with 80% of expenses going directly to horse care. With an average of 110 horses under the care of Partner Farms at any given time last year, and the average cost per horse for care being approximately \$1,400, the result is that the TFH team is able to help more horses than any other similar program.

EVENTS

In November of 2017, the PTHA hosted another meeting of the national Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (THA), yet again impressing all THA affiliates (Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York). Attending members spent two days discussing the current most controversial topics in racing, and then were treated to dinner, drinks and entertainment at the award-winning Gran Caffè L'Aquila. At that dinner, THA Chairman Alan Foreman declared, "Yet again, Sal DeBunda and Mike Ballezzi at the PTHA have blown us out of the water with this incredible experience."

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Parx Racing Roundup

MILESTONES

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Parx Racing Hall of Fame jockey Kendrick Carmouche notched his 3,000th career victory on December 19, 2017 when he piloted Good Save to a win for trainer Kate DeMasi and owners Pewter Stable and MJM Stable. Carmouche dominated the jockey standings at Parx Racing from the first year he began riding here, and won four consecutive riding titles, took a one-year reprieve and re-captured the leading jockey title one year

thereafter. He subsequently moved his tack north to the tougher but more prestigious New York circuit and has found success up there as well.

On December 30, 2017, Iredell with Navin Mangalee aboard set a new track record for six furlongs at Parx Racing, stopping the clock in 1:07 1/5. The record was previously held by Royal Currier in the Gallant Bob Stakes on September 24, 2011. That time, the gelding covered the distance in 1:07 2/5. Iredell is a son of Curlin who was owned by Run To Win Stable & Jagger, Inc. and trained by Jamie Ness.



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PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES

In the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes on December 2, 2017, Daniel McConnell's homebred Prince Lucky rolled past his rivals with a little more than a furlong to run and pulled away late for an impressive 2 3/4-length score. Despite a less-than-perfect start, winning jockey Ricardo Santana, Jr., rode with the utmost

confidence in his mount. Sitting at the back of the pack after the opening furlong, Santana was in no hurry aboard Prince Lucky as longshot leader Jw'strickymischief led the early parts of the race for local connections J. Guadalupe Guerrero and John Loyle. Entering the far turn, Santana - who was without a whip - urged his colt to the outside and set his sights on the wire, easily capturing the colt's first career stakes victory.

Prince Lucky was trained by J. Larry Jones and in his first start in the Keystone State, went off as the 4-5 favorite over a solid field of eight Pennsylvania-breds. The bay son of Corinthian is out of the Great Notion mare Lucky Notion.



Photo: Nikki Sherman

ATTENTION TRAINERS

Please make sure to submit your 2018 badge list to both Chris Forbes at security **AND** PTHA Benefits Coordinator Amanda-Kate Lenzi at the PTHA. Stable employees will not be eligible for health, dental or eyecare benefits until all paperwork has been properly filed. Take care of it early so that your employees can be ready for medical care at any time.

Horseman's Profile: Luis Carvajal, Jr.



Photo: Nikki Sherman

Luis Carvajal, Jr. (right), celebrates his trainee Imperial Hint's scintillating victory in the Don Levine Memorial at Parx Racing on September 4, 2017.

Luis Carvajal, Jr., is a relative newcomer to the highest echelons of horse racing, but is already on his way to becoming a household name, thanks to his multiple stakes-winning trainee Imperial Hint. The "small but mighty" colt captured the attention of the

media during the weeks before the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) at Del Mar this past November. But it was Carvajal's expert training job that lifted Imperial Hint above nearly all competition in the \$1.5 million race, and they lit up the toteboard with a valiant second-place finish.

Carvajal was born into a racing family: his father Luis Carvajal, Sr., was a jockey in Chile, and it was while watching him ride that the younger Carvajal fell in love with the sport. However, Luis, Sr., was not thrilled with his son's desire to follow in his footsteps.

"He wanted me to focus on school," Carvajal, Jr., remembers with a laugh.

But he was determined, and in 1988 Luis Carvajal, Sr., relented to his son's desire, helping him move to the United States. He did have success as a jockey, capturing his first race on the tough New York circuit at Aqueduct.

"It was the golden era of jockeys," Carvajal, Jr. says. "and I got to ride with some of the best jockeys in the world. That was a great learning experience."

Despite having achieved his original dream of being a jockey, Carvajal eventually realized that he was more interested in the training aspect of the sport. After officially hanging up his tack as a jockey, Carvajal decided to alter his career path and became an assistant trainer under Angel Penna, Jr.

Shortly after the turn of the century, Carvajal was given the opportunity of a lifetime when Robert Durso offered him an assistant training job. Durso was a fixture at Monmouth Park for over forty years, and Carvajal was excited to learn another style of training from Durso.

While working for Durso, Carvajal spent afternoons learning to fly airplanes. He received his pilot's license in 2005 and briefly considered another career change. However, that idea flickered out when Durso decided to retire that same year and informed Carvajal that he wanted to send clients in the direction of his longtime assistant. Durso had become "like a father" to Carvajal, helping his protege earn his trainer's license, and thereafter was always just a phone call away until he passed away in 2007.

In early 2016, one of Carvajal's owners named Raymond Mamone chose a juvenile colt right out of a field in Florida, and that colt has sent the duo on the ride of a lifetime. Named Imperial Hint, the colt made his debut a winning one and followed that up with an even more dominating performance, capturing the Ocala Breeders' Sales Sophomore Stakes by nearly seven lengths.

By the end of the year, Carvajal had determined that Imperial Hint was best suited to sprinting, and between December of 2016 and the 2017 Breeders' Cup Sprint, the colt reeled off five straight victories (several at his home base of Parx Racing), including Grade 3 wins in the General George Stakes at Laurel Park and the Smile Sprint Stakes at Gulfstream Park. The General George performance earned him an invitation to the Dubai Golden Shaheen last March, but Imperial Hint developed shipping fever and was forced to scratch despite making the long trek across several oceans.

The success of Imperial Hint has taken Carvajal and owner Raymond Mamone to new heights, and Carvajal is quick to place all of the credit on the colt, in spite of his superb training job.

"He's not just a good horse, he's a great horse," he says without pause. "But what is most surprising about Imperial Hint is his size. He sure doesn't know he is little, and he has a huge heart."

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The impact the Parx horsemen have made through their PTHA's Turning for Home, Inc. (TFH) program greatly surpasses the limits of the Thoroughbred racing industry: our reach extends to horsemen of all disciplines, animal lovers from all walks of life, and most importantly, the horses who are the heart of our sport. Throughout the ten-year (and counting!) campaign that was intended to end the risk of our racehorses going to slaughter, TFH realized that celebrating post-racing accomplishments is the most effective way to change the mindset of the decision makers responsible for these great athletes at the end of their first career.

Take, for example, our centerfold. Painstakingly-collected success photos of satisfied adopters from each horse rehomed over the prior year inspire us to carry on. Awards programs are bringing off-track Thoroughbreds back into popularity, such as the Take2 Second Career Thoroughbred Program, Inc., Retired Racehorse Project (RRP), and Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), and thanks to social media, owners and trainers are effectively bombarded with these results. Victory is ours when steps are taken to place retiring racehorses into programs with the ability to continue their education and secure safe second careers.

TFH was created in 2008 to address the need for a safe outlet for horsemen who may not have the time or know the steps necessary to start a retiring horse into a second career. It is our mission to find them safe homes and new careers, and we feel strongly that our Partner Farm managers are the best guides for these horses at the most critical part of their lives, as they transition from racing to be taught a new vocation. Think of us as college, and the kids are now on their own, but need to be guided to adulthood where they are no longer catered to, but need to be productive citizens in order to keep a shelter over their heads. Only a small percentage do well enough on the track to earn a free ride...most have to prove themselves useful in second careers. It helps if they are retired while still sound enough to do so.

The bridges we provide for these horses take time, work, and a lot of reaching out and following up! To

meet our growing program in 2017, additional farms were scouted to extend our reach along the east coast, from Cardinal Ridge Equestrian Center in Barre, Massachusetts, down to Emotere Farm in Ocala, Florida. With over one hundred horses in rehabilitation at any given time and nearly one horse per day coming in, keeping in touch with everyone and making sure each horse is okay is more than a full-time job.

Tracking takes teamwork, and our team rose to the task with the addition of assistant Danielle Gibson. She is the friendly face responsible for administrative duties in the Turning for Home office at Parx Racing, and follows up with each adopter after six months. Nikki Sherman, the PTHA's Marketing Director and photographer, expands our reach to potential new homes via our website and other publications, and TFH continues to rehabilitate all eligible horses with the assistance of Program Veterinarian Dr. Tom Lurito, Mid-Atlantic Equine Clinic's own surgeon Janik Gasiorowski, VMD, and the many supportive veterinarians helping monitor progress at our Partner farms. Our competent and eclectic Partner Farms are able to handle whatever rehabilitation cases that we send their way.

With the TFH team continuing to lead the way in aftercare, our horsemen can relax knowing that we have it handled, and horsemen outside of racing can reap the benefits of a symbiotic relationship recycling these athletes for future endeavors. The betting public can feel good about supporting racing, and everyone wins.

We want to thank every horseman who contributed to TFH. This is an all-in effort here at Parx, and the results are something we can all take pride in. We will exceed 2,500 horses assisted in 2018, our Ten Year Anniversary! Our annual Turning for Home Day, on June 23rd this year, needs to be special! Your support is always appreciated for these days, which allows us to share stories with every fan, animal lover, horseman and potential adopter of the great work being done on behalf of the horses at Parx. Please reach out if you would like a Sponsor opportunity for this upcoming event, or if you have a donation to our annual auction on March 21st in conjunction with the Parx Racing Horsemen's Awards Banquet!



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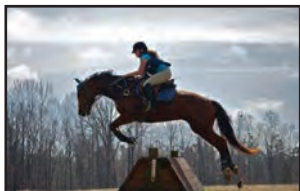
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Melissa began riding at the young age of five and quickly became a confident and brave rider. She was often the guinea pig rider for any new horse at her local lesson barn, which helped satisfy her determination to become a better rider with each passing day. Upon opening Double Take Stables, Melissa was able to hone her craft, and she now proudly teaches a new generation of young riders in NC.

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Parx Hall of Famer Dick Jerardi Looks Back at His Remarkable Career



(Reprinted with permission, originally printed for the Daily News upon Parx Racing Hall of Fame member Dick Jerardi's retirement.)

It was the winter of 1985. I had been at the *Daily News* for just a few weeks when I got a call from executive sports editor Mike Rathet, the man who hired me. In classic Rathet style, he said: "Don't take this the

wrong way, but I don't care if I ever see you again."

Pause.

"As long as you do your job."

I took it exactly as it was meant. Find the stories and write 'em up. Have a point of view. Tell people something they don't know.

Nearly 33 years and more than 7,000 stories later, the job is done. (You will see me here occasionally, called out of the bullpen during March Madness and the Triple Crown, but that is for later.) What a glorious run it has been for me.

Really, who gets to cover their two favorite sports for so long at a paper that so valued writing and writers? It was an endless joyride from college gyms in the fall and winter to race tracks in the spring and summer. The NCAA Tournament would end in early April. The Triple Crown would begin in early May.

There was the occasional Eagles, Phillies or Sixers game. (Never understood why they didn't send me to a Flyers game.) MLB playoffs, NBA playoffs, Eagles NFC Championship games, Sixers ride to the 2001 NBA Finals, the 2008 World Series when I timed the final half-inning, almost exactly 10 minutes from first pitch to city exploding.

Penn State football from 1993 to 2004. A few Temple, Villanova and Penn football games. Figure I had to cover at least 1,000 college basketball games involving city teams.

I got hired mainly to cover the new Garden State Park, which opened on April 1, 1985, the night Villanova beat Georgetown for the national championship. That was surely an omen.

I am not sure what it says that I lasted twice as long as the track. I do know this: When I was thinking about ending my run, I asked myself a lot of questions, including what is it that I have not had a chance to do at

the paper that I really want to do. When the answer was nothing, I knew it was time.

It was nothing because so many wonderful people gave me the opportunity to do what I loved to do for so long. I have covered 25 Final Fours and the Kentucky Derby for the last 31 years. Been to every Preakness for the last 40 years, but I had a head start, growing up in Baltimore.

I didn't know it when I got here, but I wanted to work only in Philly, with fans who stop me in gyms or at the track to talk about anything and everything. I will still be in the gyms and at the track hanging out, so keep stopping me.

I certainly spent more time at Parx Racing than anywhere. When anybody asked me if I had to choose between basketball and horse racing, which would it be, I would say, thankfully, I never had to choose, but my answer was always the track. They allow betting there.

The best single event I covered? The 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. Shared an apartment with Phil Jasner and Rich Hofmann. Phil covered the "Dream Team." Rich and I covered everything else. I remember the eclectic city more than the events. It never closed, and as far I could tell, nobody ever slept.

Wrote about swimming and track and field mostly. Went to a boxing match where I swear the winner never threw a punch.

Even though Phil was all over everything, I had to be there for the gold-medal basketball game. I don't remember much about the game, but I do remember going up to Chuck Daly afterward and saying to him: "Did you know you never called a timeout during the Olympics?" He smiled and said, "That was my only goal."

While Phil was working the locker room, I taped the press conference for him — Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Larry Bird. Phil listened to the tape. I kept it. By the way, Charles Barkley was the best player in Barcelona.

Most amazing year? 2004, of course, with the SJs.

I had Saint Joseph's from the beginning at Madison Square Garden until the agonizing end more than four months later across the Hudson River at the Meadowlands. Easily the best continuing story I ever covered.

Was barely back from the Final Four when Smarty Jones, the horse from Philadelphia Park, was running his way onto the cover of *Sports Illustrated* by blowing away the field in the Derby. Smarty ran out of the pro-

verbial TV set in the Preakness before a loss every bit as cruel as St. Joe's in the Belmont.

Good endings were not my specialty. In fact, as the years went by, I wondered if I would ever get to cover the only two stories left that I really wanted to cover: a Triple Crown and a Philly basketball team winning the national championship.

Then, I got them both within 10 months — American Pharoah's Triple Crown on Long Island and Villanova's national championship in Houston. I can still hear the sound through the press-box window at Belmont Park as Pharoah crossed the finish line. And I had a perfect view behind Kris Jenkins' shot. It was always going in, and a team that had played perfectly for three glorious weeks had the perfect ending.

Best Philly team I covered? Dead heat: La Salle (1990). St. Joe's (2004). Can't choose. Won't choose.

Best player? Dead heat again: La Salle's Lionel Simmons and St. Joe's Jameer Nelson, both national players of the year, both wonderful people. Very different players, but their major impact was the same. When they played, their teams won.

Best team I covered? Not a close call. Penn State 1994 football. They were a machine.

Best of the local horses that incredibly won five Triple

Crown races from 2004 to 2006? Loved Afleet Alex and Barbaro, but Smarty Jones was never beaten except by circumstance and ran his opposition into submission. Never had a better time than hanging with the Afleet Alex crowd, a party that had no beginning or end.

First Derby for the *DN* was when Bob Levy's Bet Twice ran second in 1987. When Bet Twice crushed the field in the Belmont Stakes, the party was at 21 Club in Manhattan, my first and last visit.

Stood right behind the Wyeths when Union Rags won the 2012 Belmont Stakes.

Story that struck the biggest chord with non-sports fans? Barbaro, without any doubt.

Story that I will never forget researching and writing? The 25th anniversary of Hank Gathers' death in 1990. When I began to talk to people in 2015 and ride around town and, finally, visit his gravesite, it was clear the pain, so overwhelming for so many 25 years before, had never gone away.

Thanks - So many people to thank, too many to name, but you know who you are — coaches, players, athletic directors, trainers, jockeys, editors, writers & the readers.

Whenever I sat down to work on a story, the goal was always the same: Find the best obtainable version of the truth and write it. That will never change.

HORSEMEN'S AWARDS BANQUET

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Parx Racing to Be Regular Feature on Sirius XM's "Down the Stretch"



The PTHA has entered into a programming agreement with Sirius XM radio. The PTHA and Parx Racing will be featured on a segment every Saturday morning as part of their "Down the Stretch" program, which is hosted by National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Announcer Dave Johnson and award-winning writer Bill Finley. Also part of the show each week will be Parx Racing Hall of Famer and Eclipse Award-winning writer Dick Jerardi.

The show airs every Saturday morning on Sirius Channel 93 and XM Channel 93 from 10 am to 1 pm. The Parx Racing segment began on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at approximately 11 am.

Sirius XM has over 31 million subscribers and is available throughout the United States and Canada. In satellite radio, there is no way to accurately measure the size of a particular show's audience, but Sirius management has estimated that "Down the Stretch" has about 250,000 listeners.

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Parx Horsemen Around the Nation

Oct. 21 - MD MILLION/MD BRED STARTER H.

Laurel Park, 7 furlongs
1st - HELLOITSME
O: Carlos Milian
T: Carlos Milian
J: Larry Mejias

Oct. 21 - MD MILLION TURF S.

Laurel Park, 1 mile (T)
1st - SPARTIANOS
O: Nick Sanna Stables LLC & Two Legends Farm
T: Michael Pino
J: Nik Juarez

Nov. 3 - TEMPTED S. (G3)

Aqueduct, 1 mile
1st - DAISY
O: Fox Hill Farms, Inc.
T: John Servis
J: Kendrick Carmouche
3rd - SWEET CANDY DANCE
O: Happy Tenth Stable
T: Alfredo Velazquez
J: Angel Arroyo

Nov. 11 - JAMES F. LEWIS S.

Laurel Park, 6 furlongs
1st - A DIFFERENT STYLE
O: D. J. Stable LLC
T: John Servis
J: John Bisono

Nov. 11 - RICHARD W. SMALL S.

Laurel Park, 1 1/8 miles
2nd - DISCREET LOVER
O: Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.
T: Uriah St. Lewis
J: Jose Flores
3rd - JUST CALL KENNY
O: ABL Stable, Dominic Bossone, James Cahill & Peter Donnelly
T: Patrick McBurney
J: Jose Delgadillo

Nov. 22 - SWATARA S.

Penn National, 1 1/16 miles
1st - DISCREET LOVER
O: Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.
T: Uriah St. Lewis
J: Jose Flores

Nov. 22 - FABULOUS STRIKE S.

Penn National, 6 furlongs
2nd - FAVORITE TALE
O: PJG Stable
T: Guadalupe Preciado
J: Paco Lopez
3rd - FLASHY KYEM
O: Daniel McConnell & Lee H. Vosters
T: Keith Nations
J: Jorge Vargas, Jr.

Nov. 25 - AQUEDUCT TURF SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP S.

Aqueduct, 6 furlongs (T)
2nd - DUBINI
O: Kathleen DeMasi
T: Kathleen DeMasi
J: Kendrick Carmouche

Nov. 25 - CHRISTOPHER ELSER MEMORIAL S.

Laurel Park, 6 furlongs
2nd - JUMPMASER
O: Tom Coulter
T: Guadalupe Preciado
J: J. D. Acosta

Dec. 2 - DEMOISELLE S. (G2)

Aqueduct, 1 1/8 miles
2nd - MAURER POWER
O: Cash is King LLC
T: John Servis
J: Irad Ortiz, Jr.

Dec. 2 - PA NURSERY S.

Parx Racing, 7 furlongs
3rd - JW'STRICKYMISCHIEF
O: John W. Loyle
T: J. Guadalupe Guerrero
J: Hector Caballero

Dec. 2 - CLAIMING CROWN TIARA S.

Gulfstream, 1 1/16 miles (T)
1st - MARTINI GLASS
O: Vince Campanella & Nation's Racing Stable LLC
T: Keith Nations
J: Paco Lopez

Dec. 9 - WILLA ON THE MOVE S.

Laurel Park, 6 furlongs
1st - MS LOCUST POINT
O: Jim Reichenberg & Cash is King LLC
T: John Servis
J: Jorge Vargas, Jr.

Dec. 23 - QUEENS COUNTY S.

Aqueduct, 1 1/8 miles
1st - ZANOTTI
O: Ten Strike Racing
T: Juan Carlos Guerrero
J: Jorge Vargas, Jr.

Dec. 30 - HEFT S.

Laurel Park, 7 furlongs
1st - DIAMOND KING
O: Cash is King LLC & LC Racing LLC
T: Robert Reid, Jr.
J: Frankie Pennington

Dec. 30 - JENNINGS S.

Laurel Park, 1 mile
2nd - BRIDGET'S BIG LUVVY
O: Bing Cherry Racing
T: Michael Pino
J: Elvis Trjillo

Dec. 30 - VIA BORGHESE S.

Gulfstream, 1 3/16 miles (T)
2nd - MARTINI GLASS
O: Vince Campanella & Nation's Racing Stable LLC
T: Keith Nations
J: Paco Lopez

Jan. 8 - DAVE'S FRIEND S.

Laurel Park, 6 furlongs
1st - FAVORITE TALE
O: PJG Stable
T: Guadalupe Preciado
J: Frankie Pennington

Jan. 8 - THIRTY EIGHT GO GO S.

Laurel Park, 1 mile
3rd - MISS INCLUSIVE
O: Main Line Racing Stable & Joshtylane Farm
T: John Servis
J: Jorge Vargas, Jr.

Jan. 20 - WHAT A SUMMER S.

Laurel Park, 6 furlongs
1st - MS LOCUST POINT
O: Jim Reichenberg & Cash is King LLC
T: John Servis
J: Jorge Vargas, Jr.
2nd - TAZKEYA
O: Shadwell Stables
T: Michael Pino
J: Mychel Sanchez

Jan. 27 - FRANK WHITELEY, JR. S.

Laurel Park, 7 furlongs
2nd - WENTZ
O: Main Line Racing Stable & Joshtylane Farm
T: John Servis
J: Frankie Pennington

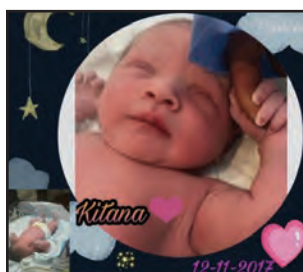
Jan. 28 - HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S. (G3)

Sam Houston Race Park, 1 1/16 miles
3rd - MARTINI GLASS
O: Vince Campanella & Nation's Racing Stable LLC
T: Keith Nations
J: Paco Lopez



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Backstretch Views



Kitana Luna was born on December 11, 2017 and weighed in at 8 lb., 12 oz., and 19.5 inches long. Her parents are Kate DeMasi's exercise rider **Deejaee Luna** and **Christa Rogers**.

Have any news?

We are always on the lookout for new Backstretch Views! Visit Marketing Director **Nikki Sherman** in the PTHA office or send over an email to nsherman@patha.org!

Anthony J. Iacovelli, known locally as "**Vince Reed**", died at the age of 76 on December 30, 2017. Vince moved to Levittown, PA in 1966, where he worked for more than five decades at WBCB AM 1490 radio as a news director and sportscaster. He was also a longtime racing analyst at Parx Racing. Vince was elected to the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Bucks County Chapter, in 2010. In addition, he was a member of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Levittown and Saint Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus, Council 4215, Saint John Neumann 4th Degree Assembly. He was honored as an inductee into The Chapel of the Four Chaplains. Vince is survived by his loving wife Barbara Anne, children Nadine Bontempo (Stephen), Vincent M. Iacovelli (Elisabeth) and Anthony J. Iacovelli (Suzanne), and 6 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association at 1617 JFK Blvd., Suite 700, Philadelphia, PA 19103.



John Scanlan, 68, a longtime horseman in the Mid-Atlantic region, passed away on January 8, 2018. Among his 766 career victories, he trained stakes competitors Morning High, Toccet, Champagne Royal, Ready Cash and Dinner in Rio. John is survived by his loving wife Lynn, along with sons John, Jr., Patrick (Kristina), granddaughter Maeve Frances, brother Ronald (Donna) and sister Patricia. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be contributed to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation at www.trfinc.org or P. O. Box 834, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Anthony Dlugopolski died unexpectedly on November 9, 2017. He was a former jockey who won 3,443 races over a 25-year career that abruptly came to a halt following a horrific racing accident at Waterford Park in Chester, WV. His injuries left him a quadriplegic. Despite this massive setback, Tony still had a zest for life that enabled him to continue with his favorite pasttime, hunting. In 2017, Tony traveled from his home in Florida to attend the Jockeys and Jeans event here at Parx Racing, and while it was a difficult journey, Tony shared with organizers that he would not have missed the event for anything.



Owner **Raymond J. Taylor, Sr.**, 86, passed away on December 6, 2017, joining his beloved wife Frances Rita Altomare Taylor. Ray worked for over 40 years delivering food for Bond Bread & Acme. He was a true outdoorsman, and also enjoyed spending time with friends at the racetrack, "picking winners and not sulking over losers". Ray is survived by his children Maria Schmidt (Kirby), Raymond J. "Buddy" Taylor, Jr. (Mary), Joseph Taylor (Felipha), as well as brother Joseph Taylor (Josephine), 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society at 1626 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.



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Chaplain Rick Bunker

¹¹"The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!"

- Psalm 33:11-12 (ESV)

The reality of change is all around us and within us down to the very cells in our bodies. From Heraclitus' aphorism, "No one steps in the same river twice," to Buddhist teaching of no underlying substance and impermanence called *anicca*.

The Apostle Paul a student of both Greek and Jewish thought wrote to the early Church in Corinth, *for the things that are seen are transient*. Paul understood that on one level the reality of earthly existence is one of constant change; and, he embraced this change, by God's grace, as not wholly negative. In that same letter to the Corinthians he writes, *the old has gone, the new has come*.

Paul continues, *for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal*. There is an opportunity extended to all by God to live by faith. Despite our experience of an ever-changing world Paul discloses that there is the offer of stability and a foundational undergirding as real and constant as gravity, though likewise as unseen.

Below are some of the successes of 2017 that together we shared in by God's grace. No one can anticipate what changes and challenges will come in the New Year ahead, but with God we can be sure that we will get through whatever we confront and be able to continue this great work.

Some Benevolences of 2017 from the Office of the Chaplain:

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- 65 pairs of new work boots
- 254 Bibles
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- 46 bicycles (20 new)
- 241 book bags filled w/ school supplies
- Over 800 pairs of socks, countless hats, scarves, gloves, towels, wash cloths, toiletries, loaves of bread & more
- 61 Chapel n' Chows and all of these provided extra food, most with many meals of leftovers
- In coordination with the PTHA & the Racing Office over 3,500 meals provided through the meal ticket & meal card program at Ron's Backstretch Café
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I look forward to 2018 with optimism, and appreciation for being part of such a good community of horsemen. It is a joyful privilege to be your chaplain.

⁸"For I am the LORD, I change not." - Malachi 3:6a (KJV)



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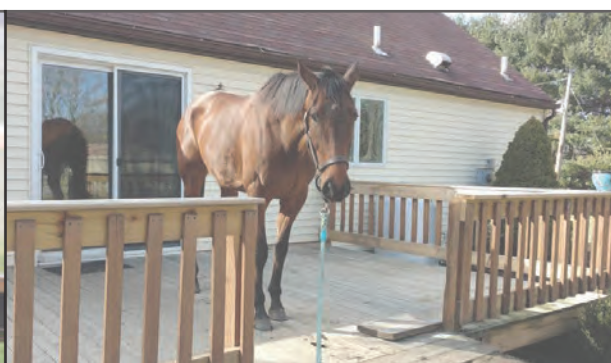
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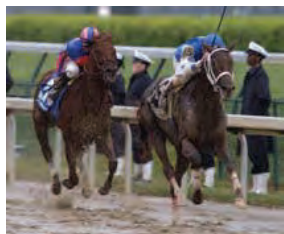
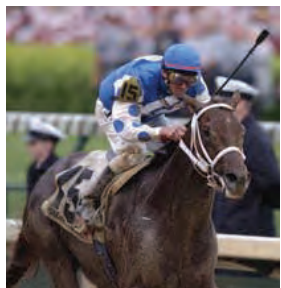
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