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'I have nothing'

Milton trainer left reeling after barn fire claims 44 horses

By Steve LeBlanc
 CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Reeling from the tragic barn fire that claimed 17 of his horses Monday night, Ben Wallace figures the worst is still to come.

At least when it comes to the personal agony associated with the horrific ordeal.

"Once it's really kicked in... after the hoopla has died down and you're alone and realize you've lost everything," Wallace told the *Champion* Tuesday morning, in the wake of a devastating barn fire at Puslinch's Classy Lane Stables (northwest of Milton, near Guelph) that killed 44 standardbred horses — many of them regulars on the high-stakes racing scene at Mohawk, Woodbine and Flamboro Downs. He described the insurance on the horses he trained or had ownership

Corrections strike date looms

By Julie Slack
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Chad Oldfield has never seen a corrections division so fed up or ready to fight for a fair contract as the current workforce at Milton's Maplehurst Correctional Complex / Vanier Centre for Women.

With a strike looming at midnight Sunday, Oldfield, Local 234 president, at the maximum-security prison in Milton where he's a corrections officer, said the situation is less than optimistic.

The situation has been called a crisis in corrections by the media as the provincial government and Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU)



Lauryn-Audrey Maccaroie with mom Laura-Lynn Quiambao at Milton District Hospital. Justin Greaves / Canadian Champion

Oh baby!

Local family welcomes little Lauryn-Audrey

By Steve LeBlanc
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With three other children all born later than expected, Laura-Lynn Quiambao is certainly no stranger to the waiting game. But that didn't translate into a patient demeanor this time around, according to the mother of Milton's first baby of 2016.

Quipped Quiambao, "I was antsy for a month."

Anticipation

With Lauryn-Audrey due on Christmas Day, anticipation was — to say the least — firmly entrenched among the family when New Year's Eve passed and their newest addition had yet to present herself.

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