

Barsky slides back into things

Paul Barsky came back to the airwaves the other day. Talk about a whirlwind trip to the midday shift on WYSP-FM (94.1).

Barsky, last heard here on the Point in November 2003 when Beasley Broadcasting took him off the air, was living in Florida with his wife after getting a settlement in a lawsuit he'd filed against the company.

Some time ago, with **Howard Stern** on his way out of 27 Infinity Broadcasting markets, Infinity reached out to talk about "new strategies," says Barsky, 48. Not much happened, though he filled in at a talk station in L.A.

Friday the 21st, he got an e-mail from Infinity in New York. "Then I got a call from WYSP — 'Can you fly in Sunday and meet?' It all hap



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meet?' It all happened that fast. If I sound exhausted, this is why. ... Before I knew it, I was

driving in." His hiring was announced at 8 a.m. Tuesday and he went on the air following Stern at 10:30 with former sidekicks **Vinnie the Crumb** and **Kim Douglas**. Barsky will follow **David Lee Roth** when he replaces Stern in January.

Barsky's show (officially 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) is all talk, unlike the music-talk hybrids he did during previous stops here at WMMR and the old Y100, WCAU-FM and Max.

Rockin' out with Ricky

Beleaguered City Councilman **Rick Mariano** still has his sense of humor. After his recent visit to City Hall tower, he was taken to Pennsylvania Hospital for psychiatric evaluation. He later was moved to Bryn Mawr Hospital. To keep a low profile, a friend says, he used **Axl Rose** as a code name. Only those who called Bryn Mawr asking for the reclusive front man of **Guns 'N Roses** got through. Reps of the councilman and the hospital said they couldn't comment.

The FedEx man only rings once

Sounds like a plot right out of Hollywood: A FedEx driver with a burning desire to make a movie gets his chance.

John Hunt of Doylestown recently wrapped filming of *Jersey Justice*, a thriller he wrote about a soccer mom who avenges the murder of her husband. With a budget of about \$100,000, Hunt got **Tammy Howell** to produce and **Abe Holtz** to run the camera. He also got actors **Blanche Baker** (who won an Emmy in the mini-series *Holocaust* and played **Molly Ringwald's** self-involved older sister in *Sixteen Candles*), **Bo Svenson** (*Walking Tall*), **Jerry Lyden** (*Toy Soldiers*), **Chris Mann** (*The Wire*), **Brian Anthony Wilson** (*The Postman*), and — he's everywhere! — **Gervase Peterson** (*Survivor*).

Hunt, a part-time actor, managed to direct while working his day job out of Fort Washington. "I'd give them the [day's] shot sheet, and go out and deliver packages," Hunt says. The movie now heads to editing

Locally shot "Jersey Justice" stars (from left) Jerry Lyden, Chris Mann, Blanche Baker and Gervase Peterson. Doylestown's John Hunt managed to direct while working his day job at FedEx in Fort Washington.

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and then the film circuit.

Movie move-up

Lady in the Water, the **M. Night Shyamalan** movie about a sea nymph (**Bryce Dallas Howard**) found in a swimming pool by an apartment-building manager (**Paul Giamatti**), wrapped principal photography on Oct. 21, more than a week early — to the delight of producers and Warner Bros. Time is money. This bit of efficiency also precipitated a change of date for the wrap party, held last weekend at Patou in Old City. *Lady* is expected in theaters in July.



M. Night Shyamalan

Another movie note

Eagles co-owner **Christina Lurie** helped produce the film *America Brown* — a football movie, of course — and it's about to come out on DVD through Philly's TLA Releasing. The blurb calls *America Brown* — featuring **Karen Black**, **Michael Rappaport** and **Natasha Lyonne** and directed by newcomer **Paul Black** — a "poignant coming-of-age story about a star high school quarterback in crisis."

Briefly noted

Want a closer look at **Terrell Owens'** Moorestown mansion, which he put up for sale the other day for nearly \$4.4 million? Check out the Web site www.40landingcourt.com set up by his Realtor, **Erica Lacey**. In Thursday's column, the reference to the modeling agency that represents Owens' girlfriend, **Felisha Terrell**, was incorrect. She's with Elite.

Former Eagles star **Hugh Douglas** has signed with KYW-TV (Channel 3) through the football season. He'll debut 11:35 p.m. today on the station's sports wrap-up show, now called **CBS 3 Sports Zone**.

Glenside's **Kevin Wilson**, 19, an Army private posted in the Middle East, wrote home that there's but one laptop computer for 75 soldiers in his unit. His mother, **Terri**, called WMGK-FM (102.9) morning guy **John DeBella**, who issued the call. SAP America in Newtown Square came through with free laptops for all, including shipping to Fort Hood, Texas.

Girl with a golden nose ring: Actress **Scarlett Johansson** (*Lost in Translation*, *Girl With a Pearl Earring*) joined friends at Thursday's gala opening of the Penn Museum's women's committee sale, Treasures: From the Silk Road to the Santa Fe Trail. A delicate ring shimmering in her nose, Johansson shopped the jewelry stalls before Amtrak-ing back to New York. The sale runs through today at the museum, 3260 South St.

A real power play

Much of south Florida has lacked electricity since Hurricane Wilma, and generators are scarce. When the Florida Panthers flew up to play the Flyers on Thursday, assistant coach **George Kingston** had a mission.

He phoned Planet Honda in Chadds Ford, which previously had sold all-terrain vehicles to Flyers players, and ordered himself a 2,000-watt generator, to be delivered to the Wachovia Center. Which is not around the corner from the Brandywine Valley. Planet sales manager **Vince Moffa** lives in Blackwood and offered to drop it off on his way home, so Kingston put aside two game tickets at the box office.

Moffa got the 47-pound generator to the center, watched the Flyers win in overtime, and received thanks from Kingston, who loaded the generator onto the team charter.

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