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A CELEBRATION OF PENNSYLVANIA RACING

by Larry McMullen



AHEAD OF THE GAME — Sea Of Green wins Gallant Bob to add value for owner.

Janis Gerace had no problem joining the celebration of racing in the Keystone State even though she didn't have an entry in one of the six state-bred races that made up Pennsylvania's Day at the Races at Philadelphia Park on Oct. 6.

That was due partly to Sea Of Green, the colt she owns and trains, capturing the \$150,000 Gallant Bob Handicap at six furlongs on the same program.

But it also had to do with the desire of most horsemen and horsewomen to boost the breeding industry that supplies the stars of the sport that provides their living.

Gerace offers an example of the knowledge and skill required in determining the chances of success of lightly or unraced young thoroughbreds.

She bought Sea Of Green, a Florida bred, at a sale of two year olds at Calder for \$35,000. With his win in

the Gallant Bob, the colt raised his career earnings to \$449,912 with six wins out of 19 starts.

Keith Lebaron had even more reason to celebrate than most when Classic Verse, a gelding that races in his wife Susan's name, won the \$50,000 Devil's Honor Handicap for state bred at seven furlongs.

"I've been training for 26 years," said an overjoyed Lebaron, "and that was my first stakes win."

It was a day filled with the kind of excitement and surprises you can expect when eight of the 11 races on the program are stakes, including the \$250,000 Grade II Cotillion Handicap. Total purses for the eight stakes were \$700,000. The quality of racing drew a large crowd that matched the enthusiasm of the horsemen. Almost.

"I'm always a fan of state-bred races," said John C. Zimmerman, who trains Tradewinds Stable's Sir Echo, winner of the \$50,000 Yankee Affair Stakes at 1 1/16 miles on the turf, "especially when I get the biggest part of the pot."

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FANS GATHER to cheer for Keystone State racing.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First things first. It has been three years since our last election for officers of our PTHA. Please vote.

And please attend our annual General Membership meeting Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. at Philadelphia Park. Dinner will be served.

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Slots! Slots! Slots!

Governor Tom Ridge, in his farewell speech to the General Assembly, said this about gambling:

"Be careful when it comes to gambling. There are winners, but there are many, many losers."

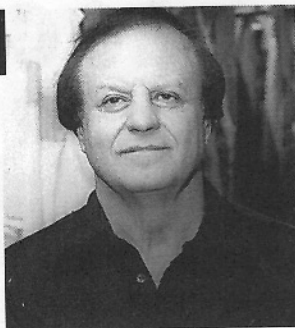
I agree with Gov. Ridge. There are winners and losers. The losers are Pennsylvania citizens who lose their money on slots at the racetrack out of state. If they are going to lose, let them lose their money in Pennsylvania, where they will benefit and the state will also benefit.

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Mike Ballezzi, Sal DeBunda and I went to Harrisburg Sept. 11 to address the tourism and Recreational Development Committee of the House of Representatives. The purpose was to provide information on proposed slot machines at thoroughbred and harness tracks in Pennsylvania.

Twenty minutes into the meeting, we were escorted out of the capitol building because of fear of a possible terrorist attack after the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center were destroyed in New York and the Pentagon in Washington was hit.

Mike, Sal and I attended a rescheduled meeting Oct. 10. I want



LARRY RIVIELLO
President

to thank Sal for his presentation to the committee and Mike for his hours of work and input.

On Monday, Nov. 12, we met in Harrisburg with Representatives Karl Boyes and Frank Tulli Jr. on what else? — Slots.

President John Wames and Executive Director Todd Mostoller from the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association at Penn National also attended.

Then on Thursday, Sept. 15, we met on slots again, this time with State Senator Robert M. Tomlinson.

All of the meetings were very productive and signalled that the PTHA, in seeking a fair share from any revenues produced by proposed slots, is actively working for its horsemen and horsewomen.

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Pennsylvania's Day at the Races on Saturday, Oct. 6 featured six stake races for registered state breds, each with a purse value of \$50,000, as well as the \$150,000 Gallant Bob Handicap for three year olds and the \$250,000 Cotillion Handicap for three-year-old fillies (complete details in the accompanying story and in the results on Page 4).

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DEATH OF A LOCAL CHAMPION

by Larry McMullen

My Juliet, a champion filly who combined astonishing speed in sprints with stamina to win distance races against her era's best thoroughbreds, has died in Kentucky at the age of 29.

Her list of lifetime accomplishments is extraordinary. Eclipse Award-winning sprinter at 4 years old, the daughter of Gallant Romeo won 17 stakes during her magnificent career and banked \$548,859 in a time when money had much greater value. Some of her career highlights include a victory over the great Bold Forbes in the then Grade II Vosburgh Handicap of 1976 and a win at 5 over the boys in the 1977 Grade II Michigan Handicap at 1 1/8 miles.

While she won graded races around two turns, she also had

the ability to dazzle with an incredible turn of foot. She once went an opening quarter in an astounding 20.3 and was the long-time track record holder at six-and-a-half furlongs at Philadelphia Park, where she was stabled and performed brilliantly. The mark of 1:14.3 for 6 1/2 furlongs stood for 22 years.

Jockey Tony Black, who teamed with My Juliet in many of her stand-out races, including the Vosburgh, said he was truly saddened at the news of her passing.

"She provided me with a lot of

great memories that I doubt will ever be equalled," said Black. "She was a great athlete, very versatile, wonderfully easy to ride, like pushing buttons. I've never ridden a sprinter better than her. She was as powerful, as willing and as fast as any horse I've been on — ever."

The filly was owned by George Weasel Jr. and trained for most of her career by Eugene Euster but she was brought to the racetrack and turned into a star by trainer Leland G. Ripley.

Philadelphia Park has recognized My Juliet's place in its history with an annual stake race named after her. The racetrack this year also opened the "My Juliet Café" in its picnic area.



WHERE SHE BELONGS — My Juliet in the winners' circle.



MY JULIET — winning the Cotillion Handicap in 1975.

- Pa. Day at the Races -



3rd race

\$50,000 Lil E Tee Stakes Three Year Old, 6 Furlongs

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|---|-----------------|--------------------|------|------|------|
| 7 | Beau's Surprise | Clinton L. Potts | 3.40 | 2.20 | 2.10 |
| 2 | K Mac | Stewart Elliott | | 3.00 | 2.20 |
| 1 | Two Raise Limit | Kendrick Carmouche | | | 2.60 |

Winning Time: 1:11.65, Winning Breeder: Walter Downey
Winning Owner: Thomas G. McClay, Winning Trainer: Todd M. Beattie



4th race

\$50,000 Go For Wand Stakes Three Year Old Fillies, 6 furlongs

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|---|--------------|-----------------------|------|------|------|
| 8 | Golden Lake | Jose Riquelme | 3.40 | 2.60 | 2.20 |
| 4 | Foxy Power | Rodrigo Madrigal, Jr. | | 4.80 | 2.60 |
| 3 | First Violin | Stewart Elliott | | | 2.20 |

Winning Time: 1:13.32, Winning Breeder: Robert Seeger
Winning Owner: Plumstead Stables, Winning Trainer: Robert J. Seeger



5th race

\$50,000 Yankee Affair Stakes Three Year Old and Upward, 1 1/16 miles, Turf

| | | | | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Sir Echo | Clinton L. Potts | 7.40 | 3.00 | 2.10 |
| 3 | Royal Romp | Joseph Rocco, Jr. | | 2.60 | 2.10 |
| 7 | Nordagus | Stewart Elliott | | | 2.10 |

Winning Time: 1:45.1, Winning Breeder: Stud Aire Farms
Winning Owner: Tradewinds Stable Winning Trainer: John Charles Zimmerman



6th race

\$50,000 Storm Cat Stakes Two Year Old, 6 furlongs

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|---|---------------|------------------|------|------|------|
| 2 | Volley Ball | Eibar Coa | 3.60 | 2.60 | 2.40 |
| 4 | Oswayo | Clinton L. Potts | | 3.00 | 3.20 |
| 9 | Pal's Partner | Alex Cole | | | 5.40 |

Winning Time: 1:10.81, Winning Breeder: Shellaine Brown
Winning Owner: New Farm & Benjamin W. Perkins Sr.,
Winning Trainer: Benjamin W. Perkins, Jr.



7th race

\$50,000 Mrs. Penny Stakes Three Year Old and Upward, F & M, 1 1/16 miles, Turf

| | | | | | |
|----|--------------------|-------------------|------|------|------|
| 11 | Arty'svirginiagirl | Jose Luis Flores | 6.60 | 4.00 | 2.80 |
| 5 | Debutante's Dream | Eibar Coa | | 5.60 | 4.40 |
| 9 | Final One | Joseph Rocco, Jr. | | | 4.80 |

Winning Time: 1:45.66, Winning Breeder: E. H. Beau Lane II
Winning Owner: Edward Lane, Winning Trainer: Uriah St. Lewis



8th race

\$50,000 Devil's Honor Stakes Three Year Old and Upward, 7 furlongs

| | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------|-------|-------|------|
| 8 | Classic Verse | Kendrick Carmouche | 39.20 | 14.20 | 7.80 |
| 4 | Iron Punch | Carlos M. Cruz | | 6.00 | 4.40 |
| 3 | Sly Ole Buck | Mark V. Salvaggio | | | 5.00 |

Winning Time: 1:23.64, Winning Breeder: John Gambone, Winning
Owner: Susan LeBarron, Winning Trainer: Keith W. LeBarron

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9th race

\$150,000 Gallant Bob Handicap

Three Year Old, 6 furlongs

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|----|------------------|-----------------------|-------|------|------|
| 10 | Sea of Green | Jose Luis Flores | 14.60 | 5.80 | 3.60 |
| 1 | Bay Head King | Charles C. Lopez | | 5.20 | 3.60 |
| 2 | Beyond Brilliant | Ronald J. Warren, Jr. | | | 3.20 |

Winning Time: 1:11.14, Winning Breeder: Ocala Stud Farm, Winning Owner: Janis L. Gerace, Winning Trainer: Janis L. Gerace



10th race

\$250,000 Cotillion Handicap, Grade II

Three Year Old, 1 1/16 miles

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|---|---------------|---------------------|------|------|------|
| 5 | Mystic Lady | Eibar Coa | 5.00 | 2.60 | 2.10 |
| 1 | Zonk | Michael J. McCarthy | | 3.60 | 2.60 |
| 7 | Celtic Melody | Charles C. Lopez | | | 2.40 |

Winning Time: 1:43.86, Winning Breeder: Ashford Stud, Winning Owner: Lee Lewis, Winning Trainer: Mark A. Hennig

PENNSYLVANIA RACING

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Todd Beattie was another winning trainer who offered wholehearted support to state bred stakes, but he insisted he would have believed, anyway, that the initial running of Pennsylvania's Day at the Races was a great idea that deserved to be continued.

He deflected personal credit for conditioning Thomas McClay's Beau's Surprise to win the \$50,000 Lil E Tee Stakes at six furlongs.

"It was a good spot for him," said Beattie after his colt laid off a

quick early pace to win in the stretch.

The most dramatic victory of the day might have been produced by the Uriah St. Lewis-trained Arty'svirginiagirl, owned by Edward Lane, who rallied four and five wide after falling far back early to easily take the \$50,000 Mrs. Penny Stakes at 1 1/16 miles on the grass.

After watching the six-year-old mare register her first victory on the turf in seven tries, St. Lewis gave the day's briefest, most succinct endorsement of Pennsylvania's Day at the Races.

"I like it."

So did Robert A. Szezyler, President of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association that staged the six state-bred stakes with a \$50,000 purse for each, after taking in the races and feeling the electricity generated by the crowd.

"We're tickled to death," said Szezyler, "and obviously, we'd like to make this an annual event."

Added to the entertainment mix, of course, was the Gallant Bob Handicap won by Sea Of Green and the Cotillion Handicap, in which Lee Lewis' Mystic Lady captured the 1 1/16 miles race to score her fifth victory in her last ten races, all stakes and all run at different tracks.

The three-year-old filly's performance caused trainer Mark A. Hennig to remark, "She's quickly becoming my favorite filly of all time."

Bob Seeger, a member of the PTHA Board of Directors, might have best illustrated the purpose of the state-bred stakes when his Golden Lake won the Go For Wand Stakes at six furlongs. Seeger's Plumstead Stables owns the three-year-old filly that he trains and bred.

If the purpose of the day was to encourage the breeding and racing of top notch thoroughbreds, Seeger could have been the poster boy.



URIAH LIKES IT — Pennsylvania's Day at the Races, that is. Trainer Uriah St. Lewis has one hand on the cup as he joins with connections of Arty'svirginiagirl in winners' circle.

CANDIDATES IN

PRESIDENT

LAWRENCE R. RIVIELLO

A Pennsylvania-bred residing in Springfield, Delaware County, PA., I attended Temple University where I majored in Marketing and Business Administration. Those skills were put to use as an owner-operator of restaurants since 1949, and presently, the owner of Rite Buy Beer Distributor in Springfield.



I stable and race at Philadelphia Park in the stable name of LaBet, Inc. and have been actively involved in the breeding and ownership of thoroughbreds for over three decades. I am aware of many future problems confronting our industry. Yes, I call it an industry. It is no longer the Sport of Kings, racing and breeding is a full-time business. Like many owners, I have a sizable investment in breeding and racing stock.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve you again as President of the PTHA.

Please exercise your right to vote, this is your guarantee for the future of horsemen.

OWNERS/DIRECTORS

STEVEN APPEL, DDS:

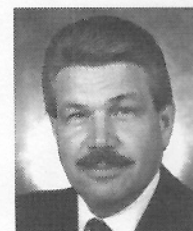
My first 3 years as an Owner/Director of the PTHA have been a real eye-opener. With slot machine legislation on the horizon, we are at a most important time. Although I was the newest member of the Board, I have made many important contributions to aid our local horsemen, including my involvement as a driving force behind the Claiming Crown Preview Day and in production of our TV show, "Let's Go Racing."



MICHAEL P. BALLEZZI, ESQ.:

Education: Juris Doctor - 1976 - Widener Law School; Bachelor of Arts - 1973 - Rutgers University.

Professional experience: Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association 1996 to present; Attorney At Law 1976 to present, District Justice 1983-1998.



Thoroughbred experience: Owner - 1973 to present in PA, NY, NJ, DE, WV and MD; Owner - Balmora Farm; Trainer - 1973 to 1977 in PA, NY, NJ, DE and MD.

Policy objectives: As a member of the PTHA Board of Directors I have concentrated my efforts on those issues which are essential to the survival of all horsemen at Philadelphia Park, including increasing the purse structure to reflect management's rising revenues, helping to originate the Horsemen's Purchasing Association, initiating a strong presence in Harrisburg to insure the future of live racing and the introduction of gaming at the state's racetracks.

SALVATORE M. DEBUNDA, ESQ.:

I am just completing a my second term as a Director, 1st Vice President and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the PTHA.

I live in Blue Bell and I am one of the shareholders of the law firm of Pelino & Lentz, P.C. and Chairman of its Corporate Department. I have owned and raced horses since 1988. During those 13 years, I have been involved in many aspects of the equine business - ing, breeding and pinhooking as well as racing partnerships.

During the last six years as a Director and Officer of the PTHA have participated in such important projects as negotiation of a new year live racing agreement, and establishment of the Horsemen's Purchasing Association.



CHARLES W. EVERETT:

Education: 1994 - Temple University; Bachelor of Finance; 1992 - Schlicker & Kratz Real Estate Academy; Real Estate Certified.

Professional Experience: 1995 to present - Mortgage Broker who has helped many horsemen obtain financing for homes.

Thoroughbred Experience: Owner 1989 to present in PA, NJ, DE, MD and WV.

Policy objectives: As a PTHA candidate, I will work for the benefit of all horsemen and women at Philadelphia Park.



BETH ANN GAMBONE:

Education: BS Economics, Pennsylvania State University, BS Finance Pennsylvania State University, minored in Computer Science and Accounting.

Professional: Co-Owner of Our Farm, Inc., horse farm in Pennsylvania (race horses, show horses, breeding and standing thoroughbreds and quarter horses & horse riding program)

Unity is what is needed in our industry, and I feel it will be a deciding factor in our future. I am an active director of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association. As a member of both boards, I could effectively act as a liaison, greatly insuring the integrity of information between both organizations.



JOSEPH J. SENA JR., ESQ.:

Education: Juris Doctor - 1994 Widener University School of Law; Bachelor of Science, Business Management - 1989 University of Rhode Island.

Occupation: Attorney, licensed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Previously employed with the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General.

Thoroughbred Experience - I am a third generation horseman. I have been involved with racing and breeding all my life. I am currently serving on the PTHA Board of Directors as an Owner/Director.



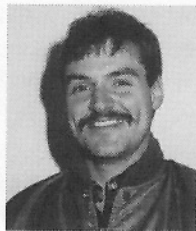
PTHA ELECTION

OWNER/TRAINER DIRECTORS

EDWARD J. COLETTI JR.:

Ed has been a Philadelphia Park based public trainer since 1972. During that time, he's had great success in the Pennsylvania racing industry and wants to help keep the innovative and progressive programs going strong.

A horseman most of his life, Ed is a third generation trainer. His grandfather and father started racing in Pennsylvania in the early '70's. He will focus on doing everything he can to aid horse racing in the state and continue the forward progress of the PTHA.



RALPH J. DELANEY JR.

I am currently a director of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and was a member of the team that negotiated the present live racing contract. I train horses at Philadelphia Park twelve months a year.

I attend all Board of Directors and general membership meetings. I would like to see an ad hoc committee formed from the backside, to meet with the board of directors about every six or seven weeks, so that everyone can be more informed on what is happening with the PTHA. The ad hoc committee could also suggest some things that might help the PTHA as a whole.



RONALD S. GLORIOSO:

My career in thoroughbred horse racing began in September of 1968 at Atlantic City Race Course. Since 1974, I have been stabled at Keystone/Philadelphia Park (barn 14). With over 33 years of experience and more than 26 years with Philadelphia Park, I have been exposed to a myriad of people and situations. Based on my understanding of the sport and ability to listen to the needs of others, I believe I am a strong candidate for the board.

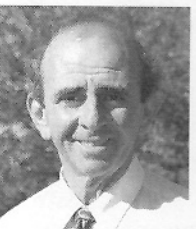


FRANK L. POLLARA:

Education: Associates Degree; Newark College of Engineering (NJIT).

Profession: Trainer of thoroughbred race horses for 36 years.

My family has been involved in the horse business for over 40 years. We started with a dream like everyone else, the same dream that keeps us all coming down to the barn every morning. We got involved in every aspect of the business, from breeding to racing. Everyone contributed to the family operation. My father studied pedigrees, my brother became a veterinarian and I became a trainer, even learning to shoe my own horses. Our family business still continues and I've been training for 36 years.



GUADALUPE PRECIADO:

Has been in horse racing since 1972. He has worked as a hot walker, groom, foreman, assistant trainer and his current position as a trainer since 1989.

Lupe is running for this position to help all horsemen in various areas. His primary objective will be to find a way to increase the purse structure at Philadelphia Park working with the track management and the State of Pennsylvania whether or not slot legislation is successful.



DONALD S. REEDER:

Came on the race track scene in 1962 and to Philadelphia Park in 1979. He served as an assistant trainer to Dennis Heimer, who was consistently a leading trainer in this area, before operating his own very successful public stable.

Don has been a Board member of the PTHA for the last six years. His main focus will be to do anything he can to help horseracing and breeding to thrive in Pennsylvania.

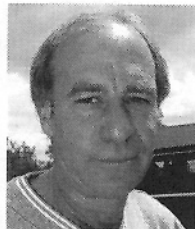


RALPH R. RIVIEZZO:

Has been connected with horses his whole life. In his teens he served his apprenticeship as a horseshoer under farrier George Fulton, worked for George D. Widener's Erdenheim Farm, and trainer Ralph Delaney, Jr.

At 21, he joined the Philadelphia Mounted Police and at the same time was galloping horses at Liberty Bell Race Track for Crimson King Farm. He then decided to leave the Mounted Police and go full time into training horses at the racetrack.

As a Director, Ralph would like to continue to unite and strengthen the horsemen, improve economics and restore dignity to the industry that has been declining for the past decade.



STEVE E. ROWAN:

My life's first love, and my life's blood is horse racing. Since I grew up in a traditional thoroughbred horse racing family, I am aware of the needs of horsemen and horsewomen not only in Pennsylvania, but the entire United States.

As a Director of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, I will continue to work for my fellow horsemen to insure that our livelihood continues and that the rules and laws governing horse racing will benefit horsemen and their families.



ROBERT J. SEEGER:

Born in Philadelphia, PA. I attended Council Rock High School and lived in Bucks County all my life.

I've been training at Philadelphia Park since the mid 80's and currently have approximately 40 horses in training. I'm a member and have served on the Board of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeder's Association.

In the past three years, the general membership of the PTHA has made great strides in coming together as an effective horsemen's group. Our ability to monitor Philadelphia Park's simulcasting, OTB and track handle numbers have been instrumental in our negotiating a fair contract with management. With the slots issue so crucial to the future of Pennsylvania racing, the board we elect this time may have the most difficult job of any board elected to date.



JOYCE M. SPAZIANO:

I have been nominated to run for election to the Board of Directors of the PTHA. I have had previous board experience as a director from 1981 to 1996. I have served with many of the current board members and have had the pleasure of serving with the current president since I was a board member at Penn National in 1973.

If elected, I would work with the newly elected board and hope to continue the progress the horsemen have made the past three years.



A HORSEWOMAN'S GENTLE EXIT

by Larry McMullen

When Jenny Ornsteen was trying to break into horse racing, she learned soon enough that knocking on doors didn't always work. Sometimes they had to be kicked open.

Like when she wanted to be an outrider at Hialeah Park in the 1970s.

A trainer she worked for put in a good word with the general manager of the track.

"Women can't outride," said the executive, who was just repeating a popular, if mistaken, belief of the time.

"You'd better tell her then," said the trainer, "she just caught a loose horse one of your outriders missed."

In a way, she'd been preparing for that moment since she was six years old and began nurturing a dream of riding jumpers in the Olympics.

The dream was abandoned when she was a teenager and boarded a couple of her jumping horses at a farm in Chester Springs that was owned by a horseman who owned thoroughbreds.

He told her she could board her charges for free if she would break racehorses for him.

"I learned this was something I could make a living at," said Ornsteen.

It was the beginning of a 32-year whirlwind career that included dazzling highlights such as serving as an analyst for five years on telecasts of the Breeders' Cup on NBC and a trip to France to help broadcast the famed Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Getting from outrider to TV star was a charmed trip that began when she was an outrider at Arlington Park in Illinois and was an assistant to the announcer on a trackside



**JENNY ORNSTEEN AND
DAUGHTER FRITZI ROSE**

breakfast show for fans on week-ends.

"The announcer didn't feel well one day and asked me to talk to the fans," said Ornsteen. "As soon as I picked up the mike, I knew I loved it."

She wound up doing the breakfast show three hours each Saturday and Sunday and that led to a handicapping show and finally to doing features with trainer and TV personality Frank Wright on a local CBS show that won an Eclipse award.

She came to Philadelphia Park in 1988, where practically her first words to management were, "How come you don't have a woman doing your TV show?"

If that was her interview, she passed it. She took over the Philadelphia Park Live TV show for simulcasts and it was during this period that she was asked to do the Breeders' Cup telecasts.

It was shortly before her last Breeders' Cup show that she saw a doctor after experiencing a numbness in her neck and learned she was suffering from multiple sclerosis.

That was in 1992. She battled through the beginnings of the illness, using an optimistic outlook as a weapon.

"I was told if you went symptom free for 10 years, you'd beaten it," she said.

In 1994, she married Stan James, currently Director of Facilities at Philadelphia Park, and the following year gave birth to a daughter, Fritz Rose.

She had to give up the TV show to stay home with her child, but racetrack management convinced her to stay on as Publicity Director.

"They've been unbelievably supportive and understanding," she said, citing that she was encouraged to work from home as much as necessary.

"The kind of technology we have today made it possible," said Ornsteen, but she said managing everything became increasingly difficult after her father died and her ailing mother came to live with her and her family. "I'd wind up writing press releases ten o'clock at night after handling family matters all day."

She isn't complaining. She just wants all of her friends and all of the horsemen at Philadelphia Park to understand that her resignation from her job, effective Sept. 4, in no way meant she was unhappy with the choice she made a long time ago to earn her living in horse racing.

Her first and only child is in the first grade at Newtown Friends School. Her mother's health is a daily concern and her own well being is uncertain at best.

It was just time for her to go.

She exits gently through some of the same doors she once was forced to kick open.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER. . .

When his friend asked him how his horse did in the race, the trainer quipped, "Oh, he just ran for the curiosity of it."

"What does that mean?" puzzled his companion.

"Well, he just wanted to know if all the other horses had tails."

Some people live out their lives like that. They just seem to lag behind out of curiosity, with little purpose in the race of life. But in Philippians 9:24-27, the Bible calls us to "run in such a way as to get the prize."

That's purpose.

Paul said he made his body his "slave."

That's discipline.

Purpose and discipline are practiced to "get a crown that will last forever."

That's reward.

Life lived to honor God gives life purpose and focus and will receive eternal reward.

This holiday season offers all of us a superb opportunity to take personal inventory. How's your "race" going? Is it just a rat race and the rats are leading? Or are you paying attention to God's nudgings to worship Him, to see Him in a manger, clothed in the person of His Son?

It's always time to run TO Him and then to run FOR Him with purpose and dedication. It's a race worth winning. The odds are with God. You can bet on Him.

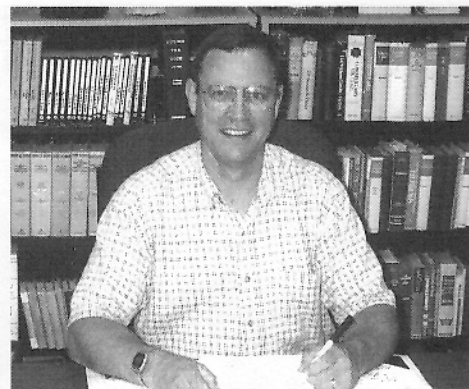
Those who ignore Him lose more than their shirt.

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Plans are in full swing for the Children's Christmas party, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15 in the Rec Hall. This year, the children will see a muppet show, do crafts, visit the Country Store for free shopping and receive gifts from Santa, all before enjoying pizza and soda.

Thanks to PTHA President Larry Riviello, Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and the Board of Directors for making this very special event possible.



**CHAPLAIN
JACK CORDELL**

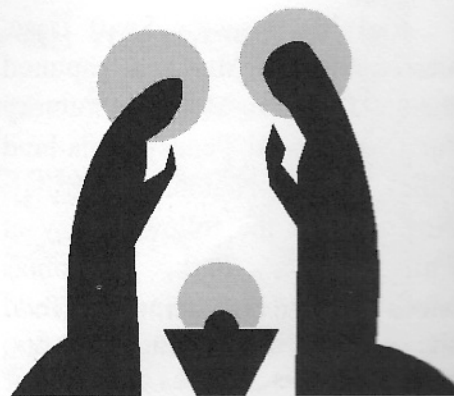
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SCHEDULED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY:

Saturday, Dec. 15
9:30 a.m.-noon
*Annual children's
Christmas party*

Wednesday, Dec. 19
6:30 p.m.
*Candle lighting and caroling
in the Rec Hall
followed by a meal*

Friday, Dec. 21
(Morning)
Distributing gifts to dorms



- BACKSIDE VIEW -



Congratulations to **Linda Cowan** and trainer **Ronald Taylor** on bringing a new member into the local racing community on October 3. **David Jeffrey Cowan** weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches in length.

Happy Sweet 16th birthday to **Melissa Chiarello**, granddaughter of PTHA Secretary **Connie Youmans** and her husband, **Murray Scott**. **Melissa's** natal day is Nov. 6.



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Prayers and good wishes for **Phyllis Koiwai**, an owner and fixture on the

backside (she taught English as a second language on the backstretch recently) who is recovering following surgery.

ANNUAL MEETING SET

The annual general membership meeting will be held Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. in the Derby Room on the second floor at Philadelphia Park.

Buffet Dinner will be offered.

Sign up in the PTHA office by Dec. 16.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Congratulations to the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association and President Robert Szezyller for a very successful day.

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Earl M. Barnett's Swift Case, trained by Jose Martinez, captured the \$50,000 Blue Mountain Futurity for two-year-old Pennsylvania-bred fillies at Penn National on Friday, Nov. 16 and the following day at Philadelphia Park, Thomas McClay's Oswego, trained by Todd M. Beattie, won the \$50,000 Pennsylvania Futurity for two-year-old colts and geldings.

Congratulations to all of the connections.

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Point of interest:

The National HBPA held a press conference on Thursday, Oct. 18, to call on states to enact threshold levels for 12 therapeutic drugs.

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Champion filly My Juliet died in Kentucky at age 29. My Juliet was stabled and raced at Philadelphia Park and was trained by Eugene Euster, who trained my horses at the time. I was privileged to watch My Juliet race. She was a credit to thoroughbred racing.

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The American flag was designed after the Sons of Liberty flag. Red

stands for courage, white for purity and blue for peace.

On 9/11, terrorists destroyed the Twin Towers in New York and damaged the Pentagon. On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan sneak attacked Pearl Harbor. I remember that dreadful day just like we will always remember 9/11.

Morse code for victory is ... — - V.

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The Board of Directors and I wish all of our members a Happy Holiday and a great year of racing in 2002.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It's amazing what we can do if no one worries who gets credit for it.

BULLETIN BOARD

FARM OWNERS

How would you like to stand what is arguably the best-bred stud in Pennsylvania? I am presently looking for a partner; namely a farm, which can guarantee mares to this stud for a reasonably low stud fee.

This horse is a 7 year old, sired by Nureyev, a Stakes winner of close to \$260M. He is out of a graded NY Stakes winner.

In addition to his Stake win, he was second in a grade 2 stake by 1/2 length, giving weight to the winner in track record time. He also placed in three other graded stakes, which were run in track or stake record times. His record also shows a nose bob loss at Saratoga in a \$57,000 handicap race.

If you have interest in this horse, Please contact me by mail as below. This horse may be seen at John Servis' Barn upon appointment with him.

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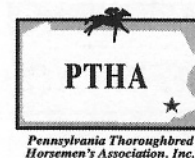
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WATCH ~ LET'S GO RACING ON

- FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM 10:30-11:00 AM
ON CN8 (replays at midnight)
- HOSTED BY THE VOICE OF
PHILADELPHIA PARK
~ KEITH JONES
- MEET LOCAL RACING PERSONALITIES
AND EQUINE STARS
- WEEKLY NATIONAL
REVIEW
- DISCUSS TOPICS OF
LOCAL INTERESTS



The Entire Staff
of the PTHA
would like to
wish all members
& their families a
Happy Holiday
Season!



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TROPHY WINNERS

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER



| HORSE | OWNER | TRAINER |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
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