



# Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc. NEWSLETTER

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## MACHO ACT HIGHLIGHTS DRAMA-PACKED DERBY

by Larry McMullen



**DISPLAYING MACHISMO** — Macho Uno prances in walking ring before crushing the field in Pa. Derby.

It's hard to tell if the stars were in their proper alignment or if all was serene in horse racing heaven, but here on earth, every needed element was in place to make the 2001 edition of the Pennsylvania Derby at Philadelphia Park a memorable event.

Great crowd, great horse, magnificent weather and a filly entered in a male-dominated race who many experts believed would give the boys more than they could handle.

That wasn't all, though, The \$500,000 Grade III Derby also featured the triumphant return of a homeboy who has reached the top of the sport by producing champions in the last few years, and the appearance of a Hall of Fame jockey who was mourning the retirement to injury of what he called the "greatest horse" he had ever ridden.

The Hall of Famer, Gary Stevens, would wind

up the day praising his good fortune in having so quickly found a replacement to ride who has comparable ability to the recently retired Point Given.

The homeboy was Joe Orseno, who grew up across the river in South Jersey and cut his teeth conditioning horses at Philadelphia Park. Last year, Orseno had two Eclipse Award winners in his barn, Macho Uno, two-year-old colt, and Perfect Sting, female turf.

Now, here he was back on home grounds with Macho Uno, anxious for his colt to answer questions that had arisen about whether he deserved to be labeled a great horse after he suffered an almost unexplainable loss in his three-year-old debut race

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**POWER TRIO** — Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens holds Pennsylvania Derby trophy aloft as beaming Macho Uno owner Frank Stronach and trainer Joe Orseno exult.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Roark of Texas was elected President of the HBPA at the national convention held in Boston, Aug. 12 to Aug. 14.

I was elected Vice President and Chairman of the Board is Ed Hagan of Oregon.

Remi Bellocq was retained as Executive Director.

Congratulations to all of my fellow officers, who I'm confident will join with me to provide effective leadership.

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William P. Hill's Monk's Falcon, trained by Wayne M. Bailey, captured the inaugural running of the \$50,000 Donald C. LeVine Memorial Stakes at 7 furlongs on Saturday, Aug. 8.

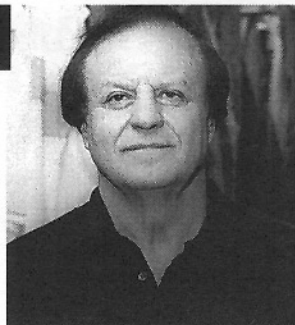
The following race, the \$100,000 Larry Riviello President's Cup, was won by James Bohanon's Trion Georgia, trained by Robert O'Connor II.

I want to thank my horsemen, horsewomen and management for the honor bestowed upon me with the naming of the Larry Riviello stakes race. I am grateful and honored.

Over the past 20 years, I've worked for the health and welfare of the horsemen and horsewomen and have done my best to earn the respect they have shown me. I promise to continue my efforts to keep our organization aggressive, strong and united.

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Mike Ballezzi and I attended the Racing Commission meeting in Harrisburg Aug. 23. We also met with PHBA President Robert Szezyller. We are pleased that we



**LARRY RIVIELLO**  
*President*

agreed to maintain the owner bonus percentage at 40 %.

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Mike Ballezzi and I attended a meeting of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission's Equine Health and Care Committee, of which Mike is a member. The Committee is chaired by Commissioner Rick Abbott. Agenda items included discussions on Foot and Mouth Disease, West Nile Virus, mistreatment and neglect of race horses, rabies vaccination, medication and racing surfaces.

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Our annual pig roast on Aug. 31 was a real success. Plenty of good food and beverages were on hand and great entertainment was supplied by Rocco Gabriella and Patricia McBride. Both can really belt out a song. As usual, it was a fun day.

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Congratulations to our local trainer Joe Orseno and owner Frank Stronach for capturing the \$500,000 Pennsylvania Derby with the gray colt, Macho Uno.

In watching the replay with Stronach, I asked if he was concerned when his colt was four or five lengths behind on the final turn.

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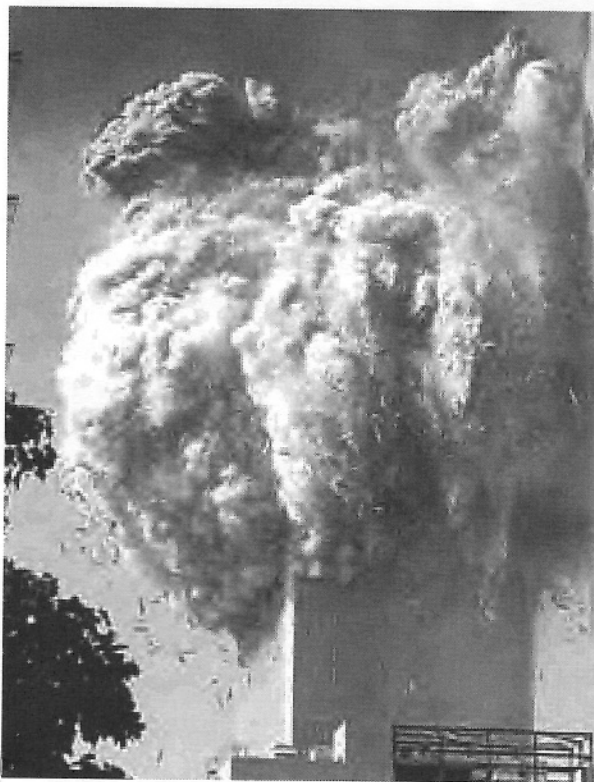
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# TALES FROM THE FIRES OF HELL

by Larry McMullen



No American escaped injury in the terrorist attack on our country. All of us have permanent scars. It was just that for some, it was even more personal and real than it was for most of us.

The world of thoroughbred horse racing was as much affected as any other aspect of our national life.

It hit home at Philadelphia Park, too.

Jockey Andy Dinnoo raced here for a couple of years in the late '90s and made lifelong friends who were devastated when they learned of the terrible fate that befell him and his family.

Dinnoo at around 8:45 on Monday morning, Sept. 11, was galloping a horse at the Meadowlands, a racetrack in North Jersey that offers a panoramic view of the skyline of Manhattan that was dominated until that day by the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

From horseback, he saw the fire

and smoke that rose from the north tower when a terrorist rammed a hijacked airliner into the building. Dinnoo was jolted by a shock of instant recognition and instant dread.

It would turn out that the airliner had crashed at around the 96th floor, igniting more than 20,000 gallons of jet fuel.

Dinnoo's wife worked on the 98th floor of the north tower for the insurance firm of Marsh and McLennan. He knew his wife was always punctual, that she arrived at work every morning around 8:30.

He had met Rena Sam when she was only 16 and he was 20. He saw her walking near the racetrack in their native Trinidad and he approached her and struck up a conversation.

"Just like that?" he was asked.

"You know how young guys are," he said.

He was one young guy who knew almost right away that he had found a love that would last forever.

"We've been together ever since we met," he said.

He and Rena were married in January of 1993.

She was pretty and bright and had her mind on the future. After she finished high school, she graduated from a university in Trinidad with a degree in business administration. In this country, she decided she needed an American education and studied business and accounting at Berkeley College in New Jersey and then attended Pace University, where she made the Dean's List and obtained a bachelor's degree.

Andy and Rena were living in an apartment in Brooklyn the last morning of their lives together.

He rushed immediately from the racetrack so he could search for his wife in the devastation of Lower Manhattan.

He couldn't get there.

The Holland Tunnel was blocked to traffic. So were the bridges into New York.

He never got home until the following morning.

Along with Rena's parents, who live in the same apartment building in Brooklyn, he searched for her in all the hospitals. They left her name and picture in the armory in Manhattan that served as a registry for the missing.

Dinnoo realized that Marsh & McLennan had 1,900 employees in the north tower who occupied floors 93 to 100. A few days after the disaster, the company listed two employees dead and more than 300 missing.

As we were all to learn quickly and sadly, the word "missing" when used in reference to Ground Zero in Manhattan usually meant the victims were no longer among the living.

Before the count was done, more than 5,000 people were listed as missing or confirmed dead.

"You have to be realistic," was all Dinnoo would say about the fate of his wife, who was 28 years old.

More than a week after he experienced during a morning workout the greatest agony he will ever know, he couldn't even think about mounts he was scheduled to take at the Meadowlands in the days ahead.

He had never considered what every day would be like without Rena.

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Randy Swisher owns race horses. His regular job, including on the fateful day terrorists attacked the United States, is at Banc America International Securities on 57th St. in Manhattan, where he trades stocks for his firm's Foreign Exchange.

He just as easily could have been miles away in Lower Manhattan in one of the twin towers of the World Trade Center that were devastated Sept. 11 when they were rammed by hijacked American airliners in what America's political leaders have accurately labeled an act of war.

"I turned down a job my company offered me in the World Trade Center," Swisher said.

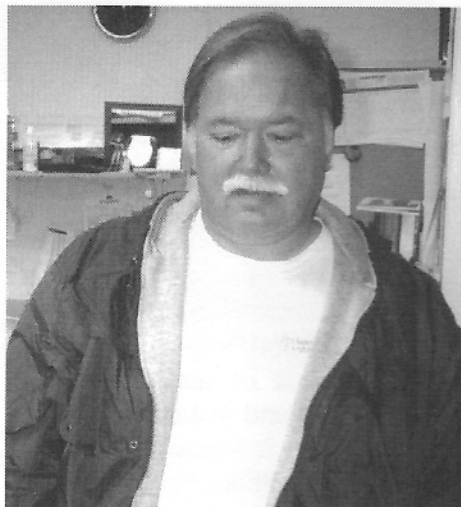
Two hundred Bank of America employees, of which Banc of America Securities is a subsidiary, were at work on the 81st floor in the south tower of the World Trade Center when it was stuck by a hijacked airliner.

"Three of our people are still missing," Swisher said only a few days later.

Also missing were two friends who were in the World Trade Center working for another securities' company, Cantor Fitzgerald.

"Wally and Mike," said Swisher. "I dealt with them often on a business level and I was out on the town with them just the week before."

A week and a half after the

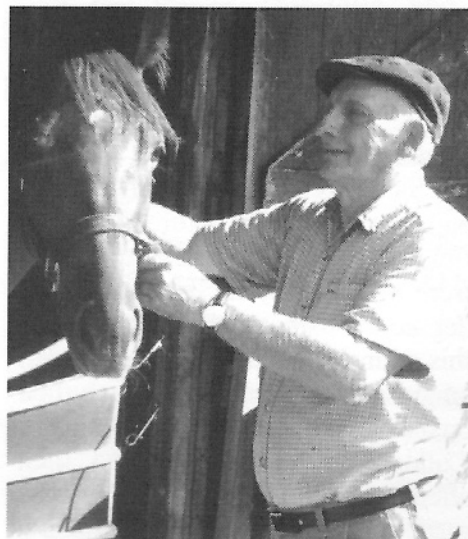


**RANDY SWISHER**

attack, Swisher learned two more of his friends who worked for Cantor Fitzgerald were being counted among the missing.

He said on the day the World Trade Center was hit, his company, fearful of a strike by terrorists on their location on 57th St., evacuated him and his fellow employees.

Before the day was over, both towers of the World Trade Center would collapse, the Pentagon in Washington would be the target of another airliner with a terrorist at the controls and still another airliner would crash near Pittsburgh,



**WILLIAM CARANGO**

apparently through the heroic actions of passengers who refused to die on someone else's terms.

"Everybody I saw on the street was crying," Swisher said of the scene he found on the streets of Manhattan.

The whole country cried with them.

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William Carango, an owner who helps his trainer son, Anthony, in conditioning his horses, said his brother John's grandson never had a chance.

"He worked on the 104th floor of the World Trade Center's north tower," he said.

Carango said everybody died on that floor, less than 20 floors above where the first hijacked airliner hit.

His name was Donald Jones — "We called him Donny," said Carango — and he worked as a stockbroker for the securities' firm of Cantor Fitzgerald, which employed 1000 workers on floors 101 to 105.

A week following the crash of the two airliners into the twin towers, 700 of the company's workers were listed as missing. Of the remaining 300, 212 were out of the office when the holocaust occurred, so that apparently no more than 100 people in the World Trade Center from Cantor Fitzgerald survived.

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Herold Whyllie is a trainer at Philadelphia Park who commutes every day from his home in Brooklyn. For a few hours on the

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day terrorists declared war on America, he wondered if his 18-year-old son, a student at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, about three blocks from Ground Zero, had been an early casualty.

The worry was intensified because New York had been sealed off from the outside world, causing Whylie to be delayed from arriving home until the following day.

To his great relief, he eventually learned Herold Jr. had been evacuated from school and walked across the Brooklyn Bridge before catching a cab home.

"He was okay," said Whylie. "He was more in shock from what happened than anything else."

But Whylie, one of the trainers who knew and grieved for Andy Dinnoo on the apparent loss of his wife, was still haunted by what fate might have had in store for his three daughters, ages 11, 10 and 8.

"They were always taking school trips to the twin towers," he said.



**HEROLD WHYLIE**

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Paulette Follett, wife of Philadelphia Park owner/trainer Norman Follett, worked for a law firm at One Liberty Place, directly across the street from the World Trade Center. She was just coming

out of the subway on her way to work when the first plane struck.

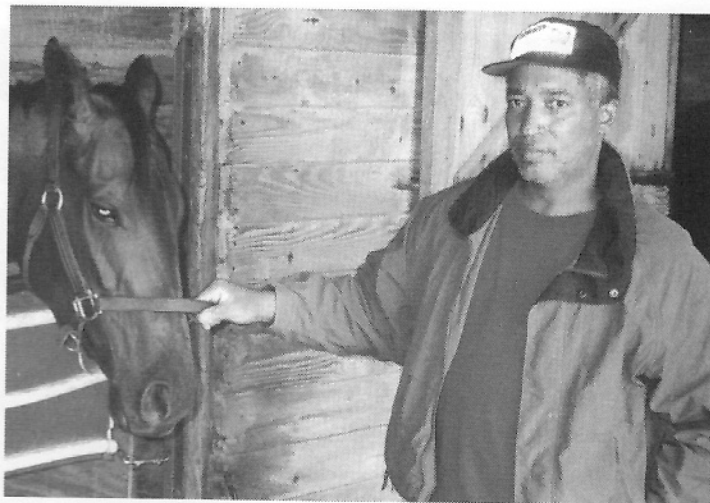
Follett figures she was no more than 500 feet away when the second plane crashed into the south tower.

"She said she was just frozen," said Follett, "that everybody seemed frozen. A man grabbed her hand and said, 'Lady, you'd better start running.'"

Follett said she told him she ran and somewhere along the way, a piece of falling debris struck her on the leg, injuring her just slightly. She said at one point, she met a woman who was crying and saying she had to go back to find out what

had happened to her friends.

Follett said his wife tried desperately to talk the woman out of it but couldn't. The last she saw, the woman was still headed in the direction of



**NORMAN FOLLETT**

what some people were calling the fires of hell.

Follett's wife finally got on a subway car traveling away from the disaster that was jammed with people who had no idea what had just transpired in the world above ground.

They all stared open mouthed at the new passenger who was crying hysterically.

Follett talked about his frantic efforts to contact his wife by phone but was unsuccessful for almost two hours before he reached her at her mother's house in Brooklyn.

"Sometimes, you think there's a lot of stress in horse racing," said Follett, "but it doesn't seem nearly so bad now. All of those people who died. They were just trying to survive, just trying to make a living like all of us."

Follett and his wife have two daughters, 25 and 22, and a son, 6. The family is intact.

All of its members survived.

In a new world where murderers of innocents claim God is on their side, it is a great success story.

# AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

*(The following is an abridged version of an editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian journalist and radio and television commentator. The full text of his comments were printed in the Congressional Record).*

"... this Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When distant cities are hit by earthquakes, it is the United States that hurries in to help. So far this spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody has helped.

The Marshall Plan . . . the Truman Policy . . . pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. And now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, war-mongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplanes.

Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10?

If so, why don't they fly them?

Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon?



You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios.

You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles.

You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon - not once, but several times - and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even the draft dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting

American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them.

When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both of them are still broke.

I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time

when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at

the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of these."

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*(Amazingly, although this editorial would have been appropriate if it had been written and delivered immediately following the terrorists' attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, it was actually broadcast June 5, 1973, over radio station CRFB, Toronto, when America had just pulled out of the Vietnam War. Its author, Gordon Sinclair, died in 1984).*

# LARRY R. RIVIELLO SR. PRESIDENT'S CUP — ● FIRST INSTALLMENT OF LIVING MONUMENT



**FIRST PRESIDENT'S CUP** — is presented by the President himself, Larry Rivello. On the receiving end are Trion Georgia's trainer Robert R. O'Connor II and jockey Stewart Elliott.

● To tell the truth, if PTHA President Larry Rivello was told he could have a choice of being honored with a statue in his likeness that would stand forever or an annual stake race named after him, the statue would finish out of the money.

His fellow horsemen didn't have to ask. The first annual Larry R. Rivello Sr. President's Cup, a \$100,000 race at one mile for three year olds, was held Saturday, Aug. 18 and to say Rivello was pleased would be an understatement.

● "It's a great honor," he told family members and fellow PTHA Board of Directors at a luncheon at Philadelphia Park held in conjunction with the race.

He was told the honor was richly deserved, that it was in

recognition of his long and meritorious service to the racing industry in this state and the nation as a whole — the last 19

years as President of the organization now known as the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and a number of stints as an officer of the National Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association. He currently serves as Vice President of the NHBPA in addition to his duties with the PTHA.

The initial running of the Larry R. Rivello Sr. President's Cup was captured by James D. Bohanon's Trion Georgia, trained by Robert R. O'Connor II and ridden by Stewart Elliott. The colt covered the distance in 1:38 and returned \$17.80, \$6.80 and \$4.00.



**PIZZA BREAK** — President Rivello shows pleasure at both the snack and the initial running of the race named in his honor.

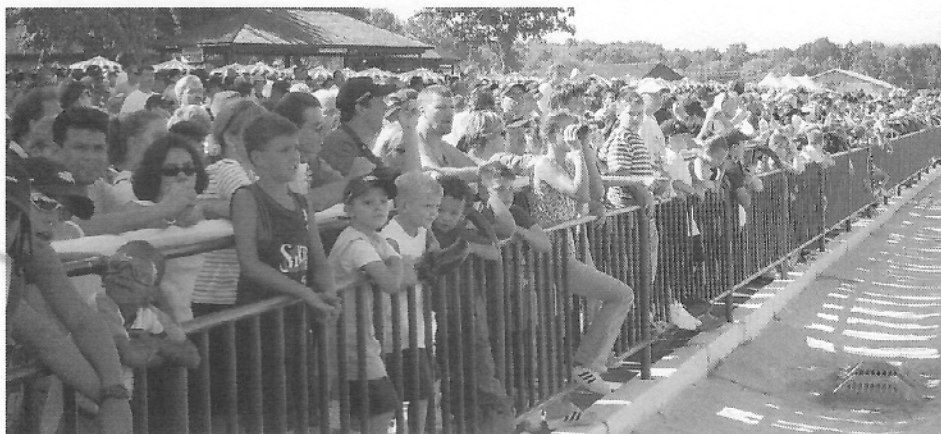




**THE IN CROWD** overlooks the out crowd during one of the best-attended Pennsylvania Derby Days ever.



**HAIL TO THE VICTORS** — Crowded winners' circle includes the connections of Macho Uno, PTHA President Larry Rivello, Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and First Vice President Sal DeBunda.



**RAILBIRDS**, flocks of them, press closer for a better view of the action.

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in an allowance test at Saratoga in July. It was, after all, Macho Uno who beat Point Given in last year's Breeders' Cup.

He not only answered all the questions, he was so dominating in crushing the well-backed filly, Roger J. Davenport's Unbridled Elaine, trained by David Vance, and the rest of the Pennsylvania Derby field, he posed a new one of his own.

Who is going to beat Macho Uno in this year's Breeders' Cup?

If there is an answer, interestingly enough, it could be Red Bullet, who won last year's Preakness and is also trained by Orseno.

Orseno admitted both are likely to be entered in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Belmont Park this year.

"For \$4 million, we'll take our best shot," said Orseno.

In total agreement, even though he hardly needs the money, was Frank Stronach, who owns both Macho Uno and Red Bullet, a number of racetracks, including Santa Anita and Gulfstream, and pocketed the \$300,000 winner's share of the Derby at Philadelphia Park after his colt breezed to a victory that Gary Stevens said was even easier than it looked.

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"I had such a hold on him down the backstretch," said Stevens, who never really had to ask the colt to run, even though he was sitting off fractions set by Tom R. Durant's Touch Tone that were almost unbelievably slow (48.3 for the first half mile).

The margin of victory was only 1 1/2 lengths, but Stevens could have won by almost any margin he chose. Stevens was riding Macho Uno for the first time, replacing Jerry Bailey, who chose to remain at Saratoga for the last day of its meet, where he wound up as leading rider.

Stevens called Macho Uno a machine after the race, which was timed in 1:49.69 for the 1 1/8 miles.

If he was a machine, it was one with a lot of personality and an appropriate name. Stevens said the colt kicked a post in the walking ring, where he behaved in the macho way frisky young males often do. He also acted up behind the gate but Stevens said he was all business once the gate sprung.

Macho Uno wore blinkers for the first time in the Pennsylvania Derby, an addition that Orseno said was obviously a factor in his performance.

The largest crowd in many

years, estimated at more than 20,000, was in attendance. They saw a race that measured up for drama and stars, both human and equine, to any in the 23-year history of the Pennsylvania Derby.

Stronach went away from Philadelphia Park singing the praises of the track, its horse-men, management and racing environment. It would surprise no one if he paid return visits to the Pennsylvania Derby.

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## **PTHA NOMINATIONS LISTED**

Following are the nominees as officers of the PTHA:

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# - PA DERBY RESULTS -



## 8th race \$50,000 Ambassador Of Luck Handicap

Three Year Old and Upward, F & M, 1 1/16 miles

2	Betty's Hat	Gary L. Stevens	6.40	4.00	3.40
7	Debutante's Dream	Rene R. Douglas		20.00	9.60
5	Another Bird	Roberto J. Rosado			4.20

Winning Time: 1:47.69, Winning Owner: Vincent S. Scuderi

Winning Trainer: Juan Serey



## 9th race \$75,000 Steve Van Buren Handicap

Three Year Old and Upward, F & M, 7 furlongs

2	Vikki Slew	Todd Glasser	54.40	9.40	4.00
6	Lorline	Gary L. Stevens		2.80	2.20
4	Cedar Knolls	Robby Albarado			3.00

Winning Time: 1:22.59, Winning Owner: Northcote Stable

Winning Trainer: David Dotolo



## 10th race \$50,000 Pennsylvania Oaks

Three Year Old Fillies, 1 mile 70 yards

6	Indy Bird	Rene R. Douglas	12.20	4.40	4.00
4	Urban Dancer	Clinton L. Potts		5.00	3.40
11	Bernie's Gold	Rodrigo Madrigal, Jr.			3.80

Winning Time: 1:42.14, Winning Owner: Dell Ridge Farm

Winning Trainer: D. Wayne Lukas



## 11th race \$500,000 Pennsylvania Derby Grade III

Three Year Old, 1 1/8 miles

5	Macho Uno	Gary L. Stevens	3.80	2.60	2.10
1	Unbridled Elaine	Rene R. Douglas		3.60	2.10
3	Touch Tone	Robby Albarado			2.10

Winning Time: 1:49.69, Winning Owner, Stronach Stable

Winning Trainer: Joseph F. Orseno



# HONORS FOR FABLED OFFICIAL

In what his son Chris described as a "fitting" tribute to his father, the Rec Hall on the backstretch at Philadelphia Park was rededicated Aug. 18 as the Donald C. LeVine Recreation Center in honor of the almost legendary Senior State Steward and horseman who died last December.

Chris and his mother Lizanne were on hand to cut the ribbon that signified the renaming of the Rec Hall that is such an integral part of life on the backstretch.

"It was important to my father to respect not only his peers, but everyone who worked at the racetrack," said Chris.

The senior LeVine was an accomplished trainer before he became a racing official in 1983, serving as a steward at such tracks as Gulfstream, Tampa Bay, Turf Paradise and Garden State before coming in 1987 to Philadelphia Park, where he was named Senior Steward in 1990.

He had a towering reputation for fairness, intelligence and courtliness and was respected by every strata of the racing industry, from stable hands to management.

The Donald LeVine Memorial Stake, a \$50,000 race for three year olds at seven furlongs, was staged the same day the Recreation Hall was rededicated. William P. Hill's Monk's Falcon, trained by Wayne M.



**MOTHER AND SON**, Lizanne and Christopher, cut the ribbon at the ceremony that renamed the Rec Hall in honor of their husband and father, the late Senior State Steward Donald C. Levine. Dr. Brian Rizen and Chaplain Jack Cordell also participated.

Bailey and ridden by Clinton L. Potts, won the race as part of the field and paid \$47.00, \$15.00 and \$10.60.

Levine's wife was thrilled by all the attention her husband was receiving.

"I think this is just sensational," she said in the winners' circle following the race.

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"We had it planned that way," said Stronach.

Congratulations also to Gary Stevens for a patient and confident ride.

An estimated 20,000 fans were on hand for the Derby and handle was over \$3 million.

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On Sept. 11, Mike, Sal DeBunda and I were scheduled to address a hearing in the Capitol Building of the House Tourism and Recreation Development Committee concerning slot machines at the racetracks.

That was the day, of course, that terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Twenty minutes into the hearing, we were evacuated from the Capitol building because of safety concerns. The meeting was rescheduled for Oct. 10.

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Congratulations to owner D. J. Stables and trainer John Servis for winning the Manayunk Stakes Sept. 28 at Philadelphia Park with Maresha, ridden by Roberto Rosado. Winning time for the mile race for 2-year-old fillies was 1:40.97.

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Nominations were closed Sept. 26 for election of our PTHA officers at a meeting at the Rec Hall.

Ballots will be mailed 11/16 to 12/1. Please notify our office at 215-638-2012 if you don't receive a ballot.

Please exercise your right to vote, remembering that every vote counts.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*The U.S.A is the greatest nation in the world. God Bless America.  
911 . . . - V*

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Since Sept. 11, we've puzzled, "How can people do something so horrible?" The question haunts us. The skyline of Manhattan and we have forever changed. Many of us at Philadelphia Park have been impacted, including Rey Roque, the man who translates for our Chapel Worship services. Rey has lost two long-time acquaintances from his boyhood. Indeed, our world shuddered and shifted on that day.



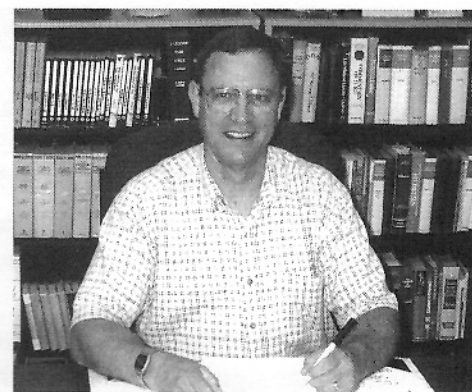
**REY ROQUE AND  
CHAPLAIN JACK**

We ponder, "How could this happen?" Some call it a failure of Intelligence by the CIA and FBI. But Tom Friedman, a writer for the New York Times, said America had a failure of imagination. That is, such acts were simply beyond what we could imagine. As Friedman then asserted, "pure, unadulterated evil" guided those planes.

Then, Jehaziel had a message for the people of Judah. "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. (See 2 Chronicles 20:12 and 15).

In short, we simply need to look to God. We must keep our eyes Godward as we pray for those grieving, broken families and loved ones. Keep your eye toward God, not for full understanding but for stronger faith.

Let's keep our eyes on God lest our anger overwhelm us, because God calls us to love. Keep your



**CHAPLAIN  
JACK CORDELL**

eyes on Jesus who said, "Love your enemies!"

But God is also a God of justice, opposed to evil. So let's keep our eyes toward God, trusting Him to give our leaders wisdom to carry out justice against unspeakable evil. Remember the words of Corrie Ten Boom, who endured Hitler's prison camps — "When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the tickets and jump off, You sit and trust the engineer.

The battle is God's.

## IN MEMORIAM, ROBERT J. SEEGER SR.

Robert J. Seeger Sr., 78, father of Philadelphia Park trainer and PTHA Board of Directors' member Robert J. Seeger Jr., died Sept. 23 at Doylestown Hospital Hospice.

Mr. Seeger was a carpenter who worked during World War II at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, where he helped repair and build decking for the battleship New Jersey. For a time in the late 1960s and early 1970s, he and his wife, the late Elizabeth Mae Crist Seeger, owned and operated the Penns Park Tavern.

In addition to his son, Robert Jr., he is survived by children Edward G. Seeger, Stephen M. Seeger, Betty Gail Fisk and Susan M. Seeger, six grandchildren and his fiancée, Mary Farrell.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Doylestown Hospital Hospice, 595 W. State St., Doylestown, PA 18901.

# Notes from Chaplain Cordell . . .



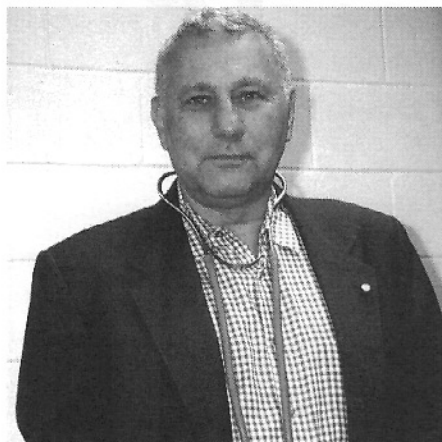
Thanks to the PTHA, Mike Ballezzi and Larry Riviello, and the management of Philadelphia Park, we had a great pig roast on Friday, Aug. 31. In addition, we thank all of you who donated to the Chaplain's Benefit Raffle. With excellent help and advice from Connie Youmans, Nikki Yager and Leslie Saunders, we had a tremendously successful raffle to help the horsemen and their special needs.

Also, thanks to Molly Shallcross and several volunteers from First Baptist Levittown for providing crafts and games for about 25 children at the Pig Roast. We sincerely thank the following individuals and businesses that contributed to the cause:

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# PRACTICING MEDICINE IN SPIRIT OF GIVING



**DR. BRIAN RIZEN**

The circle of medical care on the backstretch was completed Sept. 4 with the opening of the Donald C. LeVine Memorial Clinic, placing Philadelphia Park in the forefront of such free health service providers among racetracks.

Dr. Brian Rizen, who retired July 31 after 35 years in private practice in Feasterville, is the one-man staff at the clinic. He has a history at the racetrack that goes back to the days when thoroughbreds raced at the old Liberty Bell Park and he sometimes filled in for track physician Joseph Turci. Rizen is currently assistant to Dr. Herman McGill, the medical director at Philadelphia Park.

Dr. Rizen's clinic becomes a welcome complement to the clinic staffed by the LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center. The clinics are next-door neighbors, with the nurses housed near the track kitchen in the Administration Building and the doctor in an office in the Donald C. LeVine Recreation Center, barely 50 yards apart.

Kathy Wink, a registered and baccalaureate nurse now enrolled in graduate school at LaSalle University, is director of the nursing clinic and has hours every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during which time she sees an average of about 35 patients. The Neighborhood Center occasionally assigns another nurse to help out.

Currently, student nurses from the university join Wink in the spring and gain valuable knowledge and experience. She said there is a possibility in the future that student nurses will also help staff the clinic in the fall.

The PTHA contributes \$14,000 a year toward the clinic's budget.

Wink points out the nursing services provided are basically preventive and educational, with attention focusing on such factors as blood pressure and weight.

"I can't prescribe," she said, "nor do I do full assessments. If someone comes in and has a question, if I can't answer it right away, I'll have the answer next time."

The nursing clinic now also has an obvious new option of where to refer patients with Dr. Rizen on call.

The doctor said he first got the notion to open a racetrack clinic when he treated a female jockey who had suffered a broken back in a racing accident.

"Her husband had been a government employee," said Dr. Rizen, "who retired and had an



**KATHY WINK, RN**

option of receiving a lump sum payment or a pension that included medical benefits. He chose the lump sum and within a year came down with multiple sclerosis. His illness quickly took up all the money he had."

The couple's lone source of income disappeared with the wife's injury.

"She was a college graduate who had too much pride to even think about welfare," said Dr. Rizen. "These people just fell through the cracks. It just got me to wondering how many others were in the same situation."

The eventual result was the LeVine Memorial Clinic, where Dr. Rizen currently has hours on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and promises to add hours on Fridays if necessary.

"Winston Churchill said we make a living by what we get," said Dr. Rizen, "but we make a life by what we give. I made a living for 35 years and now I'm going to spend the next 35 years making a life."

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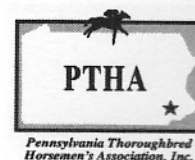
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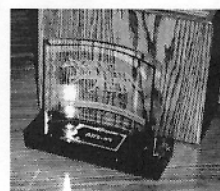
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