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SLOTS IN PENNSYLVANIA? RENDELL SAYS BET ON IT

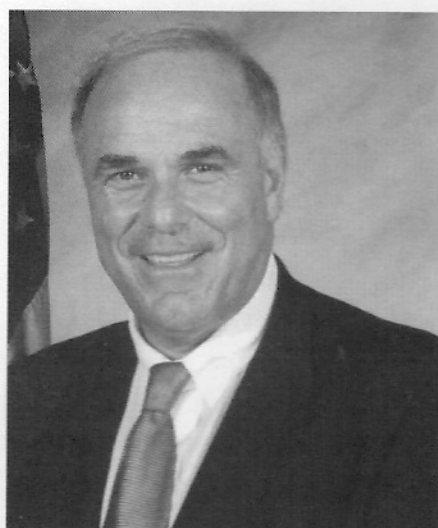
by Larry McMullen

Ed Rendell says if he's elected governor of Pennsylvania, slot machines would most likely be installed at the state's four horse racing tracks by September of next year.

That means he would accomplish the job in around eight months from the time he was inaugurated in January of 2003 if he happens to defeat Republican candidate Mike Fisher for governor in the November general election.

"I'd call a special session of the Legislature the day after I was inaugurated," Rendell said in an interview during a campaign visit to Bucks County, "and we'd work until we had it done."

Republican Fisher is also committed to slots at the race-tracks, but says he would support them only under the condition he was convinced they were necessary to save jobs in the horse racing industry or to allow the tracks to compete



ED RENDELL

economically with surrounding states that already have slots. From comments attributed to Fisher and his campaign aides, he has yet to be convinced.

Rendell said he anticipated slots would generate up to half a billion dollars in revenue yearly and that he would use the state's share to substantially replace property taxes in funding public school education.

In making a pitch for the general good, however, he

does not downplay the importance of slots in maintaining the health of the horse racing industry.

"Thirty five thousand jobs depend on getting slots," he said. "Over the next five years, I don't believe our horse racing community can withstand the competition from states that already have them." (For story on what slots have meant to Mountaineer Race Track in West Virginia, see The Thoroughbred Scene on Page 3).

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Please take a minute to handicap the Governor's race. The candidates are Republican Mike Fisher and Democrat Ed Rendell. On May 15 at Philadelphia Park at a Tommy Tomlinson fund raiser, Fisher publicly endorsed slots at the racetracks.

"I will endorse Tommy Tomlinson's bill for slots," he said.

Fisher sat at our table and committed to Mike Ballezzi, Steve Appel and me that he will support the Tomlinson bill, provided the horsemen are on board.

On Saturday April 20 at Philadelphia Park, a fund raiser was held for Ed Rendell and he also publicly endorsed slots at the state's racetracks.

Rendell in his acceptance speech said that he will reduce business taxes, spend money on education, have 15 students to a class and reduce property taxes, etc.

I handicap this promise is going to be made with the big bucks from slot revenue.

Let's not forget our horsemen and breeders must get a fair share.

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Congratulations to Ray D. Hamm, newly elected President of the P.H.B.A. Ray has bred and owned horses in Pennsylvania since 1988, and last year served as chairman on the committee of the successful inaugural Pennsylvania Day at the Races.

Congratulations to Peter Giangliulio, newly elected vice president of the P.H.B.A.

The twenty-third annual Iroquois Award Dinner was held at the Hotel Hershey on Thursday, May 23. Congratulations to all the awardees. As always, it was a successful night, good food, friendly atmosphere, a fun night; a job well done by Executive Secretary Mark McDermott, Dorothy Weber, Assistant Executive Secretary, and committee.

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War Emblem, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. War Emblem had a chance to become the first Triple Crown winner in 24 years and only the 12th in history. (The Belmont had yet to be run as this edition of the newsletter went to press).

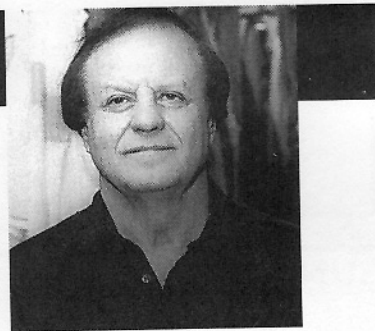
Going into the final leg of the Triple Crown, it would have been smart not to overlook Magic Weisner, a real closer.

Nancy Alberts, trainer and owner of Magic Weisner, is from West Chester. She trained horses for over 30 years and cleans her own stalls. A one-woman show.

Nancy bought the mare Jazema for \$1.00. The mare looked like a castoff. Her foal Magic Weisner had many problems as a yearling. Dr. Weisner and Nancy nursed the yearling to good health. Naturally, Nancy named the colt after Dr. Weisner. This is what owning thoroughbreds is all about.

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On April 20th, "Let's Go Racing." Mark Reid was interviewed by Kerri Walsh. Mark was



LARRY RIVELLO
President

one of our leading trainers at Philadelphia Park. Mark was also a board member and Vice President of our PTHA. Mark had over 100 thoroughbreds in training.

Mark now sells thoroughbreds. His best sell was Medaglia D'Oro to trainer Bob Frankel.

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Congratulations to Jose Rivera Jr. winning his first race on Saturday, April 20. He won with Whiztar in the 5th race, owner-trainer Dee Curry.

Rolando Vazquez broke his maiden on Lost Hours in the 4th race, Monday, April 29, owner-trainer Bob Seeger.

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Shipping into Delaware claiming rule change:

A claimed horse shall not run for twenty days after being claimed in a race in which the determining eligibility price is less than 25 percent more than the price for which the horse was claimed.

All owners and trainers: Don't forget to stop in and see our newly renovated PTHA office.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

An ounce of loyalty is worth more than a pound of knowledge.

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Rendell said an added benefit would be that slots would produce an additional 10,000 jobs at the racetracks, Philadelphia Park in Bensalem, Bucks County, Penn National in Dauphin County, Pocono Downs in Luzerne County and The Meadows in Washington County.

"Besides all of that," said Rendell, "I'm just tired of seeing tax dollars leaving Pennsylvania and going to Delaware and West Virginia and the casinos in New Jersey.

Whatever downside there is to slots, Pennsylvania residents are already experiencing it in those places."

In other words, Rendell is determined to keep money here that state residents are already spending elsewhere. It was a message he repeated often during the primary campaign he ran against State Auditor General Robert P. Casey that resulted in an overwhelming victory. It's a triumph many political observers feel Rendell can duplicate in the general election if, as expected, he runs up huge pluralities in Philadelphia and the surround-

ing area, where he is one of the most popular politicians ever.

Legislators will be lining up with bills on slot machines to present to Rendell if he's elected but he said he'll propose his own legislation. He said he'll negotiate terms for how revenues will be shared between horsemen and track management in order to be fair to both sides.

Rendell was asked if there was any way he thought his proposal for slots wouldn't make it through the Legislature.

He didn't hesitate.

"It's an immovable force," he said.

THE THOROUGHBRED SCENE

For just one eye-opening example of what slot machines can mean for a race track, look no further than Mountaineer in Chester, W. Va., which BS (Before Slots), was generally thought of as a minor-league operation.

That's past tense. Not anywhere close to the glowingly healthy and major-league financial picture Mountaineer presents today.

MTR Gaming Group, the owner of Mountaineer Race Track and Gaming Resort, reported double-digit increases in revenue, earnings and net income for the first quarter ending March 31. The compa-

ny also received approval for an additional 500 slot machines.

Revenue for the quarter rose 22 percent to \$59.4 million and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization increased 19 percent to \$11.6 million compared with the same period a year ago. Net income increased 18 percent to \$5.1 million while earnings per share held at 17 cents.

Net win-per-day for each machine was \$236 from an average of 2,218 machines compared to a year ago when an average of 1,905 machines generated a win-per-day of

\$240. The additional 500 machines will be installed in July and bring Mountaineer's total to 3,000.

Mountaineer, which races at night, saw an increase of 65 percent in off-track betting for the quarter. Average daily handle, live and export, was \$1.1 million.

In addition, MTR Gaming Group recently opened a 359-room hotel with a new steakhouse and retail shops to follow.



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PTHA PROFILE

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN; FATE PLAYED A ROLE

by Larry McMullen

It occurred to Betsy Gambone some time after 9/11 that fate easily could have put her in the World Trade Center in New York City when Doomsday struck for almost 3,000 people who worked there.

"I majored in finance and economics at Penn State," she said recently. "I took an internship at Prudential in Philadelphia. I thought I would wind up trading stocks in New York."

What put her on a different road was her love for horses.

She rode when she was growing up in Norristown. She took riding lessons at Our Farm in Montgomery County when she was still a kid.

She graduated from Penn State in 1987, taking only four years to complete her double major. She thought she deserved a break before taking a job with a Wall Street firm, perhaps one that had offices in the twin towers.

"It wasn't a thought that scared me," she said. "It just struck me how things work out sometimes."

She took her break before carving out a career in high finance by riding horses at Ray Gambone's Our Farm.

A future in New York became the road not taken when she and Gambone married the next year, in 1988.

By now, they have three children, Matthew, 13, Katelyn, 9 and Robert, 8.

And the way it is with fate, Betsy wound up putting her education to every bit as much use as she would have in New York.

"For what I'm doing now, my time at Penn State was well spent," she said.

What she does is track the finances of Our Farm, a 400-acre spread that right now is home to about 300 horses, some dogs, chickens and one cow.

Don't ask why a cow. Just know that Betsy bought it to be part of an event that raised \$20,000 for Kennedy-Kenrick Catholic High School in Norristown. And no, the cow wasn't turned into steaks and hamburgers or mistreated or abused in any way. It's still alive and well at Our Farm.

Betsy Gambone doesn't need a title but if she had one for all the time she spends at computers crunching the numbers for the operation, it would be farm manager.



BETSY GAMBONE

She said she has gotten increasingly busy over the years so that she can't spend as much time riding as she would like. But she does show horses every year at the Devon horse show on the Main Line, probably the premier event of its kind in the country.

The Gambones have quarter horses as well as thoroughbreds, some of whom wind up showing.

"They're not all fast enough to race," she said.

She called her husband a "wonderful, wonderful" horseman concerned and knowledgeable in all aspects of breeding, racing and showing.

Right now, about 30 of the thoroughbreds are racing, most under the care of Our Farm's principal trainer, Ernie Cranfield. Among the stock on the farm are 43 yearlings and 32 weanlings.

It's a big business, constantly in flux, and it's one reason Betsy Gambone ran for the Board of

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THE PASSING OF AN OLD TIMER WHO LOVED LIFE AND SHARING

by Larry McMullen

Maybe it was because Carl Auwarter was almost everyone's idea of what a grandfather should be that he was called "Pop."

Included among those who called him that was a backstretch worker who knew firsthand how generous the old man could be.

"If you needed something," he said after Auwarter passed away late last month at 89 years of age, "Pop would always be there."

Carl's son Ed was saying his father's helping hand was offered whether all that was needed was a meal or something more important, like a job or even a career.

"He started a lot of people in the thoroughbred game," said Ed Auwarter, who handled the racing end of the business at the track while his father spent the last years of his life working on their 50-acre farm in Tansboro, Winslow Township, N.J.

Carl Auwarter grew up in South Jersey and as a young man participated in rodeos. He got involved with horse racing in the 1950s and stayed involved the rest of his life.

Family members Pop launched in horse racing included his daughter Carolyn and her husband Gerald Sleeter, his nephew, Eddie Broome, and niece,

Betty Auwarter. Some stayed in — Broome's operation now travels back and forth from New Jersey to Florida — and some went on to other

ness his father helped start right after prohibition. He wasn't a drinker — maybe a beer at most — but he'd go there just to shoot the breeze."

The last conscious day he spent on earth, Pop was sitting on a tractor, mowing the fields. It was a new day. He had work to do.

"He always told me," said son Ed, "that no matter how bad things had been the day before, no matter how bad you screwed up yourself, you had to forget it and start fresh the next day because nothing was going to change from you worrying about it."

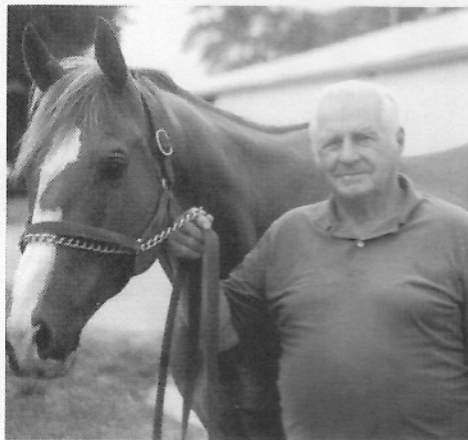
Like anybody who spends any time in horse racing, he had enough experiences to support his philosophy.

Son Ed told of an allowance horse, Chester Murphy, his father liked a lot and was pointing to a big race at the Meadowlands after he won an event in Atlantic City.

"Chester Murphy got sick suddenly and died, just like that," said Ed Auwarter. "It was a terrible, disappointing thing but he knew how to get over it. He said every new day was a chance to get right whatever went wrong before."

It was a family trait Carl Auwarter inherited from his German immigrant parents

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CARL AUWARTER

things. But they all got the benefit of Pop's knowledge and willingness to pass on what he knew.

Like most oldtimers in the game, the wisdom came the hard way, hauling his thoroughbreds in horse trailers to half-mile tracks in Maryland and New England and wherever else hardscrabble racing was conducted decades ago,

He was so used to getting up early in the mornings, he couldn't give it up even in the last years of his life.

"Oh, he'd get up later," said Ed Auwarter, "about 7 a.m. He'd feed the animals and then go out and sit on a tractor to mow the pastures. In the afternoons, he'd go down an old back road to the Gold Nugget Tavern, a busi-

IN THE RACETRACK WORLD, SHORTY WAS MUCH TALLER

by Larry McMullen

Charles W. "Shorty" Woodruff, who spent a lifetime in the world of thoroughbred racing, was so young in heart and spirit, that even though he was 77 years old, he and his wife Pat were planning to adopt a special needs child.

"You have to go to seven meetings where they teach you how to care for and raise a child with handicaps," said his wife. "Charley and I had completed the meetings."

On May 2 of this year, Shorty's plans for the future ended when he suffered a heart attack and passed away shortly after midnight at Frankford-Torresdale Hospital.

It was typical of Shorty that he worked the very last time he could, on the day before he died.

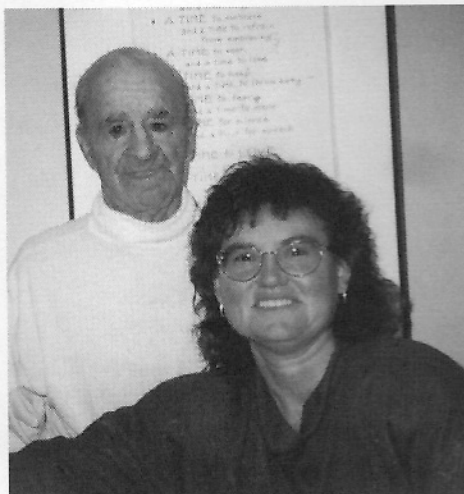
"He did some work for (trainer) Ernie Cranfield," said Pat.

The racetrack was where Shorty belonged. As a kid, he worked on a horse farm in Norristown. From the start, he was destined to be a lifer. Anything he ever did that wasn't on a racetrack, he referred to as being in the "outside world."

So even though Pat wasn't at the racetrack very long, it seemed only right that she would meet Shorty there.

She was walking horses for Danny Perlswieg at Garden State Park in 1973

when they met. Shorty worked for Perlswieg around 15 years. At 4 feet, 11 inches and weighing around 99 pounds, Shorty started out



"SHORTY" AND PAT

believing he'd be a jockey. He was an exercise rider for a while but most of the time, he was a groom who developed a reputation for the way he handled horses.

"If a horse was a bad actor," said Pat, "Charley would tap him with a shank and the horse would start walking like a cow, with his head down."

She said there were times when she swore he was a horse whisperer, that he could talk to the animals and look at them and touch them and know if something was wrong.

She said he was so comfortable around a barn that he'd be standing outside a stall and one of the horses

would start licking the top of his head and he'd act like he didn't notice.

Pat laughed warmly at the memory. "His hair would be sticking straight up and he'd still be talking to you like nothing had happened."

At the racetrack, Shorty was in his element but Pat decided she wasn't. She attended Bucks County Community College and earned certification as a pre-school teacher, the kind of position she's held for the last 19 years.

Charley hardly ever ventured into the outside world.

"He didn't even own a suit," she said. "He never went out at night. Never. I must have been doing something right."

Most of the time, Pat called her husband Charley.

"I'd call him Shorty sometimes just for fun," she said.

Charley was more than a quarter century older than Pat and about four inches shorter but they clicked from the start and they were married 22 years.

"I guess opposites do attract," said Pat. "Around the racetrack, nobody cared if we were different but outside, they'd stare sometimes."

For Shorty, Pat was his outside world. She was all he needed.



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June 9, 2002

Dear PTHA Member,

In less than 150 days, elections for state offices will occur in Pennsylvania. In many respects it is the most important election for state officers in the history of Philadelphia Park. Those who we elect will have a profound and direct effect upon the passage of slot legislation which, as you are aware, is critical to the survival of our industry and the economic future of all horsemen and women.

The elections provide our Association with an opportunity to provide financial support to advocates for horsemen's interests in the General Assembly. The reality of modern-day politics is that campaigns for public office are becoming increasingly expensive. Our assistance would be timely and influential to those who we support.

As President of the Association, I am making this urgent appeal to you to help the Association in this endeavor. We are asking for a modest, one-time contribution from you to our Association's political action committee. With the elections almost upon us, it is critical that you respond quickly. We would suggest a contribution in the range of \$50 - \$250 however any and all contributions are needed and appreciated. Checks should be made payable to PA THA PAC with appropriate information identifying the contributor and contributor's address and mailed to P. O. Box 300, Bensalem, PA 19020.

In some cases, we will attempt to arrange meetings with the candidates that we are supporting and we would welcome your participation in these meetings. I thank you in advance for your prompt response to this request.

Sincerely,

Lawrence R. Riviello
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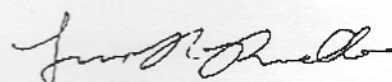
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P.S. Corporation checks are not permitted by state law. Cash contributions over \$50 are also prohibited.

Dear Member,

This is a Race Day Medication Survey. The National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association is developing a national medication policy. Please read the survey over carefully and answer only the section you believe to be the best option. Your opinion is important to the policy making process and you will be kept informed as the national medication policy evolves. Please return the survey to the PTHA office at Philadelphia Park.

Your President,



Larry R. Riviello

RACE DAY MEDICATION SURVEY

Given that the best possible uniform testing and regulatory procedures are in place, would you favor any of the following policies regarding RACE DAY medication?

1. Favor the use of **SALIX** (formerly Lasix) **ONLY** on RACE DAY?

YES _____ NO _____

2. Favor the use of a specified number of ACRI Class IV and V therapeutic non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAIDs) medications and anti-bleeding remedies on RACE DAY?

EXAMPLE: The use of SALIX, Butazolidin and/or Banamine on RACE DAY only.

YES _____ NO _____

3. Favor the use of ANY OR ALL ACRI Class IV and V therapeutic non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAIDs) medications up to midnight prior to race day and anti-bleeding remedies on RACE DAY?

NOTE: This would be in line with Kentucky's current rules which ban the use of all stimulants, depressants, local anesthetics, narcotics, antihistamines, bronchodilators, hallucinogens, performance enhancing drugs and all Class 1, 2 and 3 medications in thoroughbreds within 48 hours of race time. Kentucky rules permit / condone the use of anti-inflammatory medication and anti-bleeding remedies so long as they do not contain any of the eight forbidden drugs and/or medications listed above.

YES _____ NO _____

A LAST FOAL FOR WHITEY

by Larry McMullen

Leonard "Whitey" Makowski, who with few exceptions arose around 2 o'clock in the morning seven days a week for the last 40 years or so of his life to work with his race horses, always considered what he did a pleasure and not a job.

"The work he did that wasn't with horses, those were jobs to him," said Dorothy Makowski, his wife of almost 50 years. "So I told him early in our marriage that he ought to give up the jobs and just stick with what was a pleasure."

And that's what Whitey Makowski did until the very last days of his life, which ended May 1 after he suffered a couple of devastating strokes. He was 73.

He and his wife shared the duties, with Dorothy taking care of horses on their 10-acre farm in Mt. Laurel and Whitey conducting the racing end of the business, mostly at Philadelphia Park and in New Jersey at Garden State Park, Monmouth and the Meadowlands. Occasionally, they'd make a trip to New York for a big race.

They had a number of good horses over the years, the best of which was the speedball filly Shanaleen, who won a number of stakes and around \$250,000 in purses.

They never had more than a couple of horses racing at once and they only raced horses they bred and owned.

For a while they had two broodmares on their 10-acre farm in Mt. Laurel, NJ. but then Shanaleen died and they had only Shanachie, who was Shanaleen's dam.

Shanachie's last foal was Shanagin, an unraced two-year-old filly who is still on the farm.

Whitey was certain the foal was going to be another good one on the racetrack.

"She's my ace in the hole," he would tell his wife.

It was a card he never got to play.

His wife said they didn't have any children.

"Only cats, dogs and horses," said Dorothy.

She mourns the joy her husband missed in not racing the last foal.

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and passed on to his and wife Ruth's three children, Carl Jr., Carolyn and Ed, the youngest.

The family racing business was conducted mostly with home bred and horses the members owned. One outside owner they've had since the 1960s is Jim Doyle, who was in construction.

The stable had the unusual circumstance of winning a race with Lady

Funfair the first day racing was conducted at the rebuilt Garden State Park after the old structure burned down and then winning on the final day the Cherry Hill track would ever open its doors with Our Sassy Lady, a filly out of Lady Funfair.

It was all part of the give and take of what most horsemen and horsewomen would call the greatest sport on the planet.

Carl Auwarter thought it was so great, he didn't want to miss any of it, which is probably why he never

spent a sick day in his life until about two years ago, when he suffered a stroke that eventually had much to do with his death as he approached 90 years of age.

Everything else he had, he gave willingly. His life was something else. He was on life support three days before he surrendered.

"My father never had a miserable day in his entire life," said son Ed.

What Carl Auwarter loved most, he gave grudgingly.

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In Memoriam

A HORSE OF ANOTHER COLOR

by Larry McMullen

How many chances do you get to say that pure white is an unusual color?

When you're talking about thoroughbreds it is.

The Jockey Club, which registers thoroughbred births in the United States, has recognized only 15 U.S.-bred white thoroughbreds and 40 worldwide.

Patchen Beauty, also pure white, added to the list on April 5 at Warren Rosenthal's Patchen Wilkes Farm near Lexington, KY, when she foaled a son of Pioneering.

"Well, it's easy when you start with a white mare," said farm manager Barry Ezine of the white colt.

Patchen Beauty is one of four



PATCHEN BEAUTY'S FOAL

white thoroughbreds bred at the farm. The others, besides Patchen Beauty and her foal, were Patchen Beauty's dam, Precious Beauty, and her dam, White Beauty.

Patchen Beauty raced, one of only five white thoroughbreds to

reach the racetrack, and compiled a record of two wins in 23 starts and earnings of \$54,268. Ezine said plans are for her foal to race also.

Before the month of April was over, the Thoroughbred Times ran a story that two more white thoroughbred foals, a filly and a colt, had been produced at Dalene Knight's Painted Desert Farm near Redmond, Or.

All of a sudden, white thoroughbreds were threatening to become, in the immortal words of former Philadelphia Eagles' coach Joe Kuharich on a different subject, "rare but not unusual."

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN *continued from pg. 5*

Directors of the PTHA, a job she won in the last election. She's also active in the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association. With the possibility of slots at the racetracks promising a major economic impact on the sport of horse racing in the state, she felt she had to become more involved politically.

"We have such a big stake in all of this," she said.

Business and political pressures, however, didn't keep her from the Devon Horse Show this year, where she showed in a competition May 30 with quarter horse Echo Me Quincy.

On the very same day, bells tolled and bagpipes mournfully sounded in a solemn ceremony at ground zero in New York that marked an end to an almost nine-month, monumental effort to clean up the debris and search for the remains of the victims of the terrorist attack on the United

States that resulted in the deaths of 2,883 people.

As the poet Robert Frost expressed it in "The Road Not Taken," he came upon two roads that diverged in a wood and the one he chose to travel made all the difference in his life.

Betsy Gambone thought about how she wound up in one place and not another and put it this way:

"I fell in love," she said, "and here I am."

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THOROUGHBRED SCENE

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More news on slots. A newly formed group, Bring Our Taxes Home (BOTH), founded by a former opponent of slots at Pennsylvania racetracks, held a press conference in Harrisburg recently to announce its existence, solicit contributions and push the State Legislature to pass a bill allowing slots.

Charles Gerow, a Cumberland County attorney and a former congressional candidate, said he formed the new group when he became aware that Pennsylvania citizens spend around \$3 billion a year gambling at racetracks and casinos in other states.

"Keeping the revenue in Pennsylvania is the quickest, most common-sense way to continue to provide state programs and services without raising taxes," said Gerow.

The state faces a budget shortfall that could hit \$1.2 billion this fiscal year. Slots at the racetracks are seen as a possible remedy.

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Horsemen appear to have gotten substantial breaks in an economic stimulus bill signed by President George W. Bush March 9.

The package includes a provision that gives buyers of horses a 30 percent depreciation

bonus in the year of purchase and regular depreciation of the balance of the cost.

The new rules apply to purchases made after Sept. 11, 2001. Two requirements must be met in order to receive the bonus. First, the horse must be purchased in the three-year period from Sept. 11, 2001, to Sept. 11, 2004. Second, the original



SEATTLE SLEW

use of the horse must start with the purchaser.

In other words, the horse must not have raced prior to the purchase if that's the purpose for which it was acquired. A horse who has only raced but was bought for breeding purposes would also seem to qualify for the depreciation bonus.

For purchases that do qualify, one illustration of the effect would be that 37.5 percent of the cost of a yearling bought at public auction in July, 2002,

could be written off in 2002, three times more than was previously allowed. In addition, more than 50 percent of the cost could be written off by the end of 2003, almost twice what was previously allowed.

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The death of Seattle Slew recently on the 25th anniversary of his victory in the 1977 Kentucky Derby marked not only the passing of a racing legend but the end of an era that began with Sir Barton's sweep of the initial Triple Crown in 1919.

Until Slew's passing, there had always been at least one living Triple Crown winner. In 1989, before Secretariat died, there were three. Seattle Slew was the last Triple Crown survivor after Affirmed passed in 1990.

Slew had the added distinction of being almost as legendary in the breeding barn as he was on the race track, where he won 14 of 17 career starts and \$1.2 million in purses. His sons and daughters have earned more than \$75 million in purses. He sired 1984 Derby and Belmont winner Swale and 1992 Horse of the Year A.P. Indy as well as the great filly Landaluce and champion Slew of Gold. Overall, he sired 102 stakes winners.

Racing and breeding, no horse ever did it better than Seattle Slew.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER . . .

The Kentucky Derby sparkles as the crown jewel of racing. On Derby day, TV crews fan out to every nook and cranny of Churchill Downs, stalking for that special story. For a brief segment this year, a interviewer had some lighthearted moments poking fun at jockey agents. To hear the narrator, you can be an agent if you can breathe.

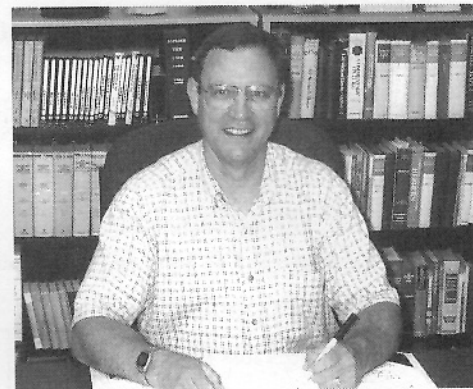
It became clear that trainers hold a measure of mistrust for agents. One agent even hinted he might use some trickery to get his jockey on a winner. I will leave that dispute with the agents and trainers. Of course, such issues don't exist at Philadelphia Park.

Having said all that, it's clear that the agent plays a significant role at the track. He hustles for his jockey, working hard to find the best mounts. Day after day, I spot Jack, Joe,

Gary, Columbo, Roy, Doc, Franks, Ray and Bobby clutching their little black books, looking focused, huddling with clients, encouraging their jockeys and planning their next move. These guys are as diligent as they are serious about their job.

It struck me that the Bible offers a word that resembles an agent. In 2 Corinthians 5:20, the Apostle Paul asked the Christians to serve as agents for God in Corinth, a place known more for its vices than virtues. Referring to someone as a "Corinthian" was calling him a scoundrel. To those early believers living in that decadent culture, Paul said, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors (agents) as though God were making His appeal through us."

In a word, the early Christians were called the



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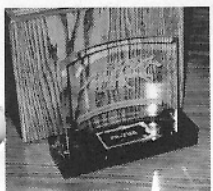
agents representing Jesus and seeking others to join with them in walking with God. Indeed, Paul said that Jesus calls his followers to a "ministry of reconciliation." That is, those cut off from each other (God and man) are rejoined by the agent, because the agent represents God to draw people to Himself.

In this world saturated with alienation, God sends his agents to find those who want a winner, one who will bring harmony and peace to the heart.

If you're an agent for God, you're an agent for good.

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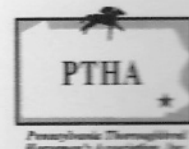
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