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RAGS TO RICHES — A DREAM CLAIM

Dha Pog, one of those magical claims that everyone in horse racing dreams of making one day, was named Horse of the Year at the

annual Philadelphia Park Awards Dinner Feb. 8.

The five-year-old mare was haltered early last year for \$5,000 by Team Central Inc., trainer Guadalupe Preciado.

By the end of the year, Dha Pog had won nine of 15 starts and \$122,806 for Team Central, Inc. She had been basically a sprinter but wound up winning for her new connections at a mile and a half in the finale of a starters' handicap series at Philadelphia Park.

"It was a lucky claim," said Lewis Lieberman, who makes up Team Central together with long-time friend and partner Elliott Sidewater.

"Lucky," repeated trainer Preciado.

It's the kind of luck everybody could use. Horse racing intelligence didn't hurt, either.

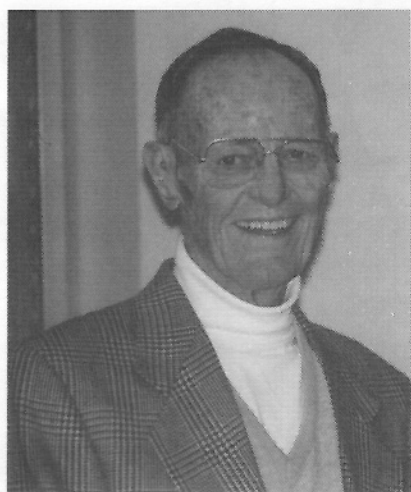
"Well, we did figure she had a tremendous upside," said Lieberman, who is one of those owners who uses a computer in helping to choose horses to



CLAIMING MIRACLE -- Dha Pog owners Elliot Sidewater and Lewis Lieberman (far left) and trainer Guadalupe Preciado (fourth from left) receive top awards for their mare.

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THE DEATH OF RACETRACK ROYALTY



DONALD C. LEVINE

If you had to use a single word to describe Donald C. LeVine, "gentleman" would do nicely.

It's the first thing almost everyone says in talking about the Senior State Steward who passed away Dec. 16 at the age of 72.

But it wouldn't nearly complete a picture of the man.

Intelligence would be another important word. As would integrity and fairness.

He was so well respected, even the hardest knocking-horseman facing a fine or suspension would catch himself before using foul language in his presence.

Sam Boulmetis, Jr., who rode for LeVine when he trained horses in the '70s and later served with him as a steward

said, "He didn't use that kind of language himself and he would tolerate it from others only up to a point."

Speaking of language, its uses and meanings were other important facets of LeVine. Boulmetis is almost in awe when he speaks of the ease with which LeVine

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After a long period of rest, old man winter awakened, bringing cold, sleet and snow. Fortunately, we lost only a few racing days and live racing continues at Philadelphia Park.

Election of officers for the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc. were concluded. Congratulations to John Wames as President and all the newly elected Directors.

John and I called for a joint meeting with our Board of Directors to meet on Monday, Feb. 26. The purpose of the meeting is to exchange ideas and discuss future plans together as united Pennsylvania horsemen.

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On Monday, Dec. 18, the 9th race was designated the Isadore Schwartz Handicap, purse \$25,000, in honor of Isadore, who has been a breeder of Pennsylvania breds for the past 40 years, a Board Member for 16 years, writer of the Iz Sez column in our newsletter, an accomplished violinist with the Philadelphia Orchestra for over 35 years and widely traveled. He is a real credit to the thoroughbred industry.

Izzy is presently recuperating from an illness at the Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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On Tuesday, Dec. 26, the 2nd race was run in honor of the late Donald LeVine, Senior State Steward at Philadelphia Park. Mr. LeVine was a stew-



PRESENTATION made by Mike Ballezzi and Larry Riviello after Lord Sanford won the Izzy Schwartz Handicap.

ard who took his position seriously, did his job well with meaning and fairness. It was my honor and pleasure to be associated with him.

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Points of interest: The Pennsylvania Derby will increase its purse from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Philadelphia Park had two substantial increases in overnight purses last year. More to follow.

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It is breeding season. Researchers now recommend Vitamin E for broodmares. Inquire with your veterinarian.

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Board members Steve Appel and Sal DeBunda, along with partner Rap A Tap Stable, scored a big success in claiming House Minister, trainer Richard Vega, for \$15,000. After the claim, House Minister won two races in a row, both allowance races and both registered in good fashion.

How sweet it is!

The story of the claim was featured on our TV show on CN8, Let's Go Racing, with Kerry Walsh interviewing Appel.

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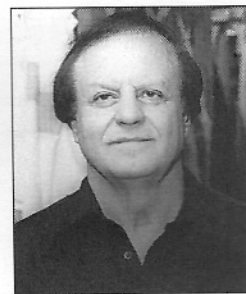
Jan. 20-23, the National HBPA's semi-annual meeting was held at the Hyatt Hotel on the Riverwalk in San Antonio.

A special appreciation award was presented to Watson Macmann. Mr. Macmann was a founding member of the Board of Directors for the Texas Thoroughbred HBPA and the Management Committee of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership when it formed in 1996.

The national office in Florida is expected to move to Kentucky. A transition committee will determine the particulars.

Scott Savin resigned effective Dec. 31, 2000. A search for a new Executive Director is underway.

Michael Ballezzi, our Executive Director, is a member of the committee to hire a new national Executive Director. Anyone interested in this position contact Michael at his office.



LARRY RIVIELLO
President

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FROM THE DESK OF
THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Mike Ballezzi reports the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association issued a strong statement of disgust with the manner in which executives of Tampa Bay Downs conducted recent contract negotiations with its horsemen. The statement was issued at the annual winter convention of the HPBA in San Antonio, Texas Jan. 22-23.

In attendance at the convention with Ballezzi were PTHA President Larry Riviello and Board Member Dr. Steven Appel.

Ballezzi said National HPBA President Rick Hiles informed the convention that members of the Tampa Bay Downs HPBA were banned from the track premises during contract negotiations. Hiles said the agreement finally approved by the Tampa Bay horsemen was not reflective of the wishes of the majority of the track's HPBA members.

"I have never seen horsemen

treated as they were during this negotiation," said Hiles. "and we have to let people know just exactly what went on over here. The members of the HBPA had to conduct their meetings out in a field adjacent to the track property because they were not allowed on the track premises."

In other convention business, it was announced that the Claiming Crown, which will be run Aug. 4 for the third time at Canterbury Park in Minnesota, will include only six races, one less than in 2000, with the elimination of the Tiara, a 1 1/16-mile turf race for fillies. Total purses for this year's event will be at least \$550,000.

Ballezzi made a point of extending warm thanks to President John Roark of the Texas Horse Partnership for the job he and his organization did in hosting the convention.

"The food, entertainment and hospitality were extraordinary," said Ballezzi. "Our hosts made us feel for a couple of days that we were Texans."

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The Executive Director is pleased to announce that overnight purses at Philadelphia Park increased

more than \$28,000 in the period from Jan. 1, 2000, to Jan. 1, 2001.

Gross purses as of Jan. 1, 2000, were \$132,520. With seven percent deducted for stakes' purses and three percent for benevolence, overnight purses amounted to \$109,870. By year's beginning 2001, those figures had risen to \$154,000 gross and \$138,000 in overnights, an increase of more than 25 percent.

By midyear 2000, on July 1, the figures were \$142,000 gross and \$125,000 in overnights.

Ballezzi attributed much of the gains to a concerted effort on the part of horsemen at Pennsylvania's four racetracks, Philadelphia Park, Penn National, the Meadows and Pocono Downs, in negotiations with the State Legislature over a two-year period.

The effort resulted in the State agreeing to pump back \$10 million into the racing industry each year from parimutuel taxes, with each track's share based on handle. In addition, the State also agreed to take over funding of breeders' awards, resulting in savings to Philadelphia Park horsemen of more than \$1 million a year.



PTHA TROPHY WINNERS DECEMBER-FEBRUARY



HORSE	OWNER	TRAINER
REGAL MONUMENT	JON STABLE	JOSE F. AGRINSONI
SHORE DRIVE PLACE	E & G STABLES	SCOTT A. LAKE
PUNXSUTAWNEY PUNCH	MAUI MEADOW FARM & JOSEPH W. HOLMAN JR.	GUADALUPE PRECIADO
TURKOMAN TIME	DAVID G. SZYMANSKI	RICHARD SIMOFF
HAS EM LOOKIN	HEAVENLY ACRES FARM	DONALD P. SAVILLE
LAST SUPPER	RK STABLES	EFRAIN T. GARCIA
FLYING BEAR	INDIAN MILLS STOCK FARM	PHILIP T. ARISTONE
DARYL'S BIRTHDAY	LINWOOD STABLES	JACQUELINE GRIFFIN
NOTJUSTLATELY	RONALD GLORIOSO	RONALD GLORIOSO
WATCHOUTFORLEFTY	BIG BOY STABLES	DOUGLAS NUNN
JOHNNY NO TALK	GUMPSTER STABLE	PATRICIA FARRO
WOMENS WORLD	WOODROW C. LOTT	WOODROW C. LOTT
GREEN BADGER	SKEETS STABLE	DARYL BEAKLER
NOAH'S ARK	SUSAN LeBARRON	KEITH LeBARRON

~ BACKSIDEVIEW ~

Herbert C. Boorse practically closed an era of thoroughbred racing all by himself when he died Jan. 22 at Springdale Farm, his long-time home in Ft. Washington, at the age of 97.

He started in the industry so long ago, he paid the princely sum of \$70 for the first race horse he ever owned.

"Bought a two-year-old filly named By Surprise at a dispersal sale," he said in an interview a couple of years ago. "Had to walk her 20 miles to where I was stabled in Ambler. She won \$30,000 racing and then she had five foals for me as a broodmare and all of them were winners, too."

Boorse, who began in the auto business by selling Model T Fords, owned a number of car dealerships over the years that sponsored his ventures in racing.

His wife of 69 years, **Marie Reefer Boorse**, died in 1996. He is survived by daughters **Rosemarie A.**, **Donna A. Platt** and **June Cusimano**, two sisters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Frank Musser, an owner-trainer who always carried only a few horses in his stable but had a reputation for his willingness to share what he had with others, passed away Jan. 9.

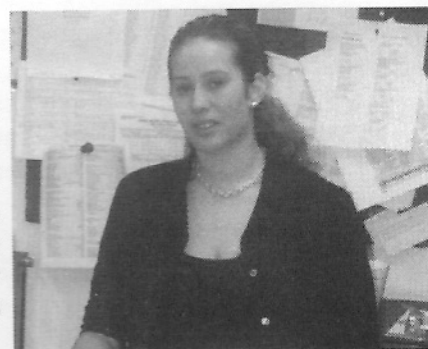
"He was a generous spirit who almost always was upbeat and happy," said an owner-trainer who knew him well.

In addition to his activities in thoroughbred racing, **Musser** owned a number of outside businesses over the years.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, **Carol**, and children **Michael** and **Mary**.

Prayers are offered for PTHA Board of Directors' member **William J. Hartwell**, who is recuperating at home after suffering two heart attacks.

An enthusiastic welcome to new PTHA office employee **Tammy Levin**, who has already proven to Secretary **Connie Youmans** her ability and willingness to learn.



A MOMENT OF REDEMPTION

by Larry McMullen

Chris Antley might have died under a dark cloud, but he did have at least one shining moment in his too-short life that showed it's possible for any one of us to be a hero.

It had nothing to do with any big race he won in a career that included 3,460 victories out of 19,719 mounts and earnings of more than \$92 million, including two Kentucky Derby victories, with **Strike The Gold** in 1991 and **Charismatic** in 1999.



... comforting Charismatic

It was **Charismatic**, of course, that Antley rode in the feel-good story of the 1999 racing season after coming back from problems of substance abuse and bouts with depression. Going into that year's Belmont, it appeared Antley might cap a remarkable saga of recovery and redemption by guiding **Charismatic** to a sweep of the Triple Crown.

Instead, he probably achieved more in defeat than he ever could have in victory.

Antley, quickly realizing his mount had broken down after a brave effort to capture the Belmont, dismounted immediately after reaching the finish line, cradled the colt's broken leg in his arms and wept.

Owner **Bob Lewis** and trainer **D. Wayne Lukas** credited Antley's quick action with saving **Charismatic's** life and allowing the colt to go on to a career in the stud barn.

Antley, who was 34, was found dead in his California home late last

year from a fall that resulted in severe trauma to his head. The death was ruled acci-



CHRIS ANTLEY

idental after tests found evidence of four different drugs in his system.

Antley had stopped riding last March because of ballooning weight.

A former agent of Antley's said the rider "was a mess" from mental health problems and substance abuse and expressed deep sorrow at the way his life had ended.

But once, when he was on a world-wide stage and TV and still cameras were recording his every move, Chris Antley stood quietly comforting a stricken animal and showed that at his best, a human being might achieve redemption in a single instant taken from an entire lifetime.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER....

Sometimes we stumble onto good lessons on life. As I approached Kathy Koonz at Barn 11 one morning, she was saying to her horse, "Molly, Jeff Lloyd must be around here somewhere because you're acting up."

About five minutes later I saw Jeff on the backstretch and asked why Molly is always eager to see him. Without a word, jockey Lloyd reached into his pocket and when he opened his palm, there it was -- the magic of the track -- a piece of peppermint candy!

"It works every time," said Jeff.

That was fascinating. If a jockey can gain the favor of the horses with candy, surely a chaplain can.

One morning, Ron Wendling at Barn 28 called out, "Chaplain, there's something for you on the seat of my truck."

Waiting for me was a huge bag of mints! The inhabitants of Pony Barn A were ecstatic. It's amazing to watch all those heads and eyes turn toward you when you feed Bob in stall #1. Lisa McKee, who has horses on that side of the barn, informed me that to treat only one would leave lots of disappointed creatures. Right then and there, Ron and Liza moved me into the world of peppermint pampering.

But I quickly learned one must follow some steps if he wants to feed peppermints to horses. First, get permission from the trainer. It helps. Next, Floyd Snyder told me that if the thoroughbred has his back to you, just rustle the candy wrapper. If he likes mints, he'll turn around every time. When holding your hand out to the horse, keep your hand flat and thumb beside the palm -- Which assures candy, and

not fingers, go into the horse's mouth.

Actually, horses are quite agile at picking candy off the hand. But problems can arise. For example, some leave a slobbery mess, one is a grabber who uses his teeth to snatch the treat and someone recently lost his candy-filled pocket to a hungry critter. Proper candy feeding techniques make for happy horses, hands with all the fingers and intact clothing.

These events set me to thinking. Two or three lessons come to mind. Not only horses but most humans love sweets. In fact, many of us have a "sweet tooth." Psalm 19:10 says that the words of God are, "sweeter than honey . . . from the comb. The prophet Jeremiah spoke of eating God's words.

It's good to crave God's words and ingest them for the soul. We could all gain from a sweet tooth of the spirit. What's more, you've probably heard that sugar attracts more than vinegar. So many times horsemen have said, "If you give this one candy, he'll love you for life."

Like humans, horses are attracted to the sweetness. Kindness, like sugar, attracts. Hostility, like vinegar, repels. Think about it. Oh, another saying comes to mind -- a little bit of sugar helps the medicine go down.

We usually appreciate those who treat us with kindness, adding the sugar before giving us the sour truth. Horses and peppermints have mixed to teach me convincing lessons.

SPECIAL THANKS

Each year, the



**CHAPLAIN
JACK CORDELL**

Chaplain's office presents the Children's Christmas Party. Without the financial help of the PTHA, the scope of the project would be impossible. We offer our sincere thanks to President Larry Riviello, Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and the PTHA Board.

In addition to the help from the Association, more than 30 churches and several individuals across the county sent gifts for the horsemen and children. First Baptist Church of Levittown provided presents through the "Country Store," and their teens performed face painting. Secretaries Colleen Doyne and Pat Hodge did a great job of organizing and distributing the items.

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Santa's bundle of joy.

RAGS TO RICHES — A DREAM CLAIM

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claim. "And she was a Pa. bred, which made her eligible for all those kinds of races."

What finally decided the issue besides being convinced the mare was sound, said Lieberman, was when Dha Pog won a race by nine lengths and the previous owner didn't raise her in claiming price.

Some bargains just can't be ignored.

Dha Pog was also voted the Outstanding Claim of 2000, leaving almost everyone saying, "who else could it have been?"

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Bob Seeger might start being considered as having permanent possession of Owner of the Year Award after he and his Plumstead Stable won for the sixth consecutive year. His record in 2000 from 367 starts was 49-45-51.

Seeger said winning the award never grows old.

"I'll tell you how much it means to me," he said. "I can tell you every owner I beat out for the award in all six years."

He wasn't lying.

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Scott Lake was "Division A" Trainer of the Year at Philadelphia Park with an amazing 146 wins out of 471 starts.

"Division B" Trainer of the Year, for conditioners with anywhere from 50 to 150 starts, was John Servis with 28 wins out of 99 starts.

Both Lake and Servis, of course, also distinguished themselves on a national stage last year as finalists in the Eclipse

Awards, Lake in the trainer category and Servis for his filly Jostle's run for the three-year-old title.

Lake was still talking about the thrill of the Eclipse Awards and the classy way Bobby Frankel accepted the award for top trainer after beating out Lake. "He said he was kind of embarrassed to take the award," said Lake. He said, 'Lake had more wins than I had starts.'"

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In other categories, Hidden Lanes Farms What's Your Wish, trainer Guadalupe Preciado, was two-year-old colt or gelding of the year; two-year-old filly was Plumstead Stable's Golden Lake, trainer Robert J. Seeger; three-year-old colt or gelding was Phyllis and Eichi K. Kowai's Lord Sanford, trainer Carol Oxman; three-year-old filly was Heavenly Acres Farm's Hialeah Dream, trainer Donald P. Saville; four-year-old and up horse, colt or gelding was owner-trainer Robert A. Szezyller's Sly Ole Buck, four-year-old and up filly or mare was Home Team Stables' Elfin Glen, trainer Scott A. Lake and

Claiming Horse of the Year was Richard Englander's Crane Beach, trainer Scott A. Lake.

Apprentice Jockey of the Year was Antonio Pena, with a record of 77-83-78 out of 579 mounts and Journeyman Jockey of the Year was Rodrigo Madrigal Jr. with 166-146-138 out of 983 mounts.

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An emotional highlight of the evening was when PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi announced that the horsemen and Philadelphia Park were honoring the quarter of a century of service, sacrifice and hard work President Larry Riviello has invested in local racing by inaugurating an event to be contested every year from now on, the Larry R. Riviello President's Cup.

"I want the horsemen and race track management to know how honored and pleased I am by this recognition," said Riviello.

**More Photos &
Award Winners
on following pages.**



IT'S AN HONOR -- Executive Director Mike Ballezzi hands the perpetual trophy for the Larry R. Riviello President's Cup to the man whose name graces the new event.

THE BEST OF PHILADELPHIA PARK

HORSE OF THE YEAR
DHA POG

TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT OR GELDING
WHAT'S YOUR WISH

CLAIMING HORSE OF THE YEAR
CRANE BEACH

TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY
GOLDEN LAKE

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THREE-YEAR-OLD COLT OR GELDING
LORD SANFORD

APPRENTICE JOCKEY OF THE YEAR
ANTONIO PENA

THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY
HIALEAH DREAM

JOCKEY OF THE YEAR
RODRIGO MADRIGAL, JR.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD & UP
HORSE, COLT OR GELDING
SLY OLE BUCK

"DIVISION A" TRAINER OF THE YEAR
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"DIVISION B" TRAINER OF THE YEAR
JOHN SERVIS

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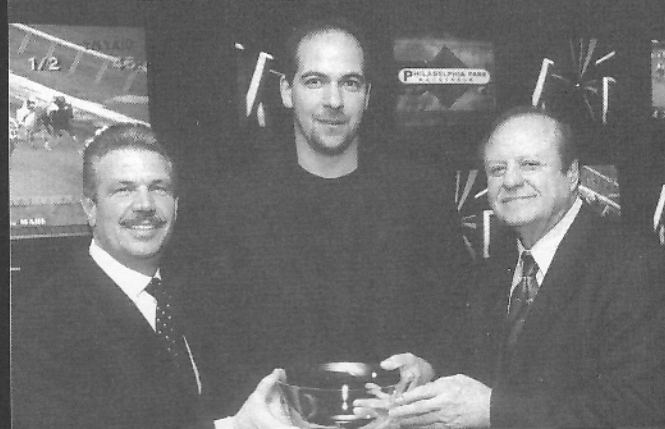
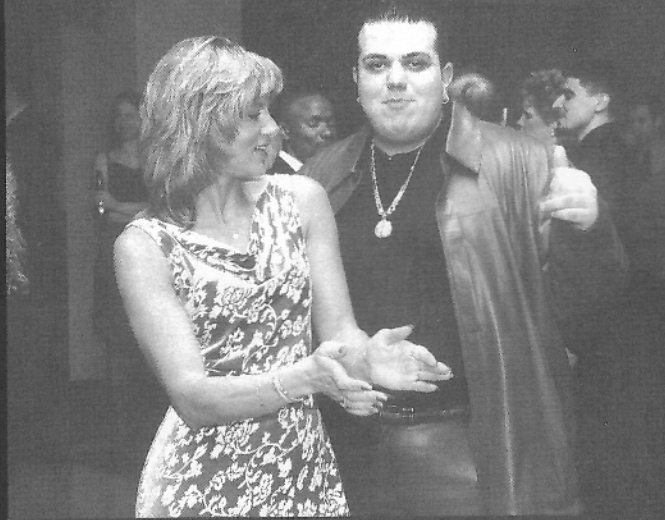
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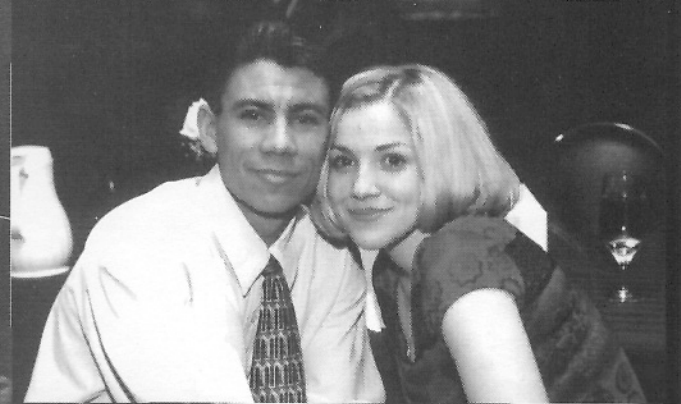
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**THE DEATH OF
RACETRACK ROYALTY**
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would complete the New York Times crossword puzzle, fabled for its difficulty and ability to befuddle even the brainiest puzzle addict.

"He finished the Times puzzle between races," said Boulmetis before repeating himself in an almost reverent whisper, "... between races."

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Don and his brother Tom, who is 70, started together as stock brokers. Another brother, Robert, 67, was an analyst in the market and never became involved with racing. Eventually, both Don and Tom got into the game and became trainers. Tom says he only trained his own horses. He stopped coming to the track about six years ago. Tom's daughter, Carol Lynne LeVine, trains for him now.

"I'm so proud of her," says Tom. "She does a better job with the horses than I ever did."

Don got into the sport in a bigger way than his brother. His most famous horse was Ring For Nurse, who won the Sapling Stakes and the Kindergarten Stakes in 1969 as a two year old.

Don became a racing official in 1983, serving as a steward at such tracks as Gulfstream, Tampa Bay, Turf Paradise and Garden State. He moved to Philadelphia Park as a steward in 1987 and was named Senior State Steward in 1990.

His courtly manners and basic fairness earned him a fierce loyalty among the trainers, own-

ers and jockeys he sometimes had to fine or suspend because of infractions.

Typical is veteran rider Tony Black, as accomplished as any jockey who ever competed in this area.

"Mr. LeVine was the most courteous and fair gentleman in racing," said Black. "He was always willing to listen to your interpretation of events. The young riders always learned from him and veteran riders respected his judgment."



**Lianne and Grace
in an earlier time.**

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Lianne Kelly, sister of famed movie actress and Princess of Monaco Grace Kelly and Olympic rower and local politician Jack Kelly and daughter of Olympic rowing gold medalist and Philadelphia builder and philanthropist John B. Kelly, Sr., met Don LeVine when he was a swimming instructor in Ocean City in the early 1950s.

"I took my nieces to learn

how to swim," said Lianne Kelly LeVine, who was a student at the University of Pennsylvania at the time.

It was love at first sight.

"He was gorgeous," his wife said of the young Don LeVine.

They were married soon after she graduated from Penn.

They had two children, D. Christopher and Grace, who is deceased, and three grandchildren, Kelly, Chris and Virginia LeVine.

Because of her background and bloodlines, Lianne Kelly LeVine would have as much right as anyone to claim to be American royalty. It just wouldn't be her style, however.

Besides, she'd much rather talk about about how her husband inspired respect and devotion from the horsemen and horsewomen who shared his kingdom.

She told of a time she was waiting outside Don's office to see him when a groom came in weighted down with backstretch mud on his clothes and hands and face. He obviously mistook Lianne for an owner who was about to be reprimanded by LeVine for breaking some rule.

He thought he was simply being kind when he looked at her and said, "Whatever you do, when you go in there, don't use the word - - - ."

And he said the four-letter word he imagined Don LeVine would least like to hear.

Lianne Kelly LeVine still laughs when she remembers the incident and says how proud she is that her husband was held in such high regard.



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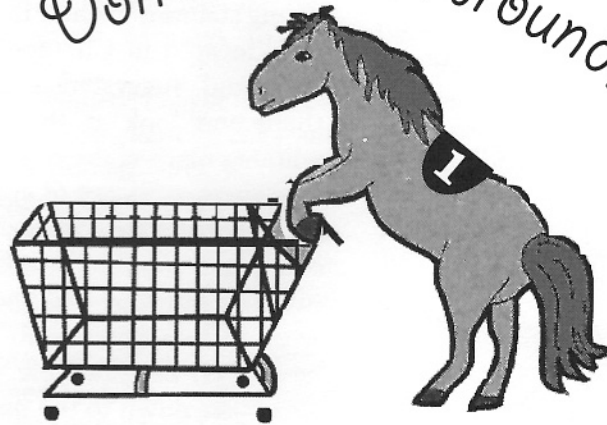
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ANNUAL MEETING SET

*The PTHA will hold its
annual membership meeting
on the second floor of the grandstand
at 7 p.m., March 28.*

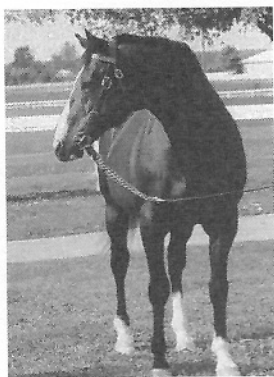
Dinner will follow the meeting.

*All owners and trainers are urged to
attend this most important session.
Sign up in the PTHA office by the
last race on Sunday, March 25.*

IZ SEZ...

This is a column I never thought I would have to write, but because it concerns only me as a young breeder a long time ago, I feel the necessity to talk of my experience so that other people would not make the same mistake I did — and what a whopper it was!

When I opened the 2001 Stallion Directory, it hit me



NORTHERN DANCER

immediately and reminded me of my stupidity, probably the worst mistake I ever made.

What happened was that many trainers told me that Windfield's of Canada had sent two new young stallions to their farm in the U.S., located in Chesapeake City, MD, and suggested I go down there and look at them for my winning mare at the time. She had won three races out of eight starts, going wire to wire in each win.

I drove down to Windfield's on my first free day and I did meet with the manager, who couldn't have been more affable with me, taking me down to the paddock to assess the studs.

Prior to this, I had been educated to look for conformation in any stud I selected and neither of these two potential stallions had what I was looking for in that regard. But the manager quoted a price for almost half of what had been advertised. After about 20



ISADORE SCHWARTZ

minutes of looking the studs over, I told the manager I would let him know if I would select either of the two. Eventually, I didn't take either because of the conformation factor.

Of course, you might suspect by now how the story came out. One of the stallions was Northern Dancer, the other was Halo, both listed as Sire of Sires.

I had to make the biggest mistake of my life to realize that performance was more important than what I was looking for in conformation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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On Jan. 30th the 30th annual Eclipse Awards were presented in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Saenger Theater located adjacent to the French Quarter. There were over 600 attendees.

Three year old filly finalists:

Jostle -- trainer John Servis, representing Philadelphia Park.

Spain -- trainer Wayne Lukas.

Surfside -- trainer Wayne Lukas.

Horse of the Year nominees;

Kona Gold, Lemon Drop Kid, Tiznow.

Their winner, Tiznow, a California-based colt, who had nine starts with five wins, three seconds and total earnings of \$3,445,950.

Outstanding trainer award. Three nominees: Robert Frankel, Scott Lake and Joseph Orseno. The winner was Robert Frankel, who cracked the \$10 million mark in earnings last year.

Philadelphia Park horsemen and horsewomen are proud of Scott Lake, John Servis and Joseph Orseno for being nominated in their categories. They are a credit to our trainers.

When Robert Frankel accepted the trainer award, he said,

"Scott Lake had as many winners as I had starts."

Mr. Frankel showed class. In my opinion, the voting procedure of selecting awards needs to be revised.

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On Feb. 8, the 2000 Philadelphia Park PTHA Awards Banquet was held on the second floor at Philadelphia Park. Good food. Good music. Congratulations to all the award winners. (See story on top of page 1).

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

You become successful the moment you start moving toward a worthwhile goal.

LOCAL HORSEMEN NOT ECLIPSED

by Larry McMullen



SCOTT LAKE

Philadelphia Park horsemen stamped themselves once again as a force to be reckoned with in the thoroughbred racing world with their showing in the annual Eclipse Awards despite a failure to win in individual categories.

Two horsemen with strong local roots figured prominently in the balloting for top trainer with Scott Lake and Joe Orseno finishing just behind Bobby Frankel. In the case of Lake, who won more races -- many of them locally -- than any trainer in the country last year, a change in a single vote

would have allowed him to capture the Eclipse Award.

Frankel trained Arlington Million winner Chester House and Pacific Classic winner Skimming and was second in purse earnings to Bob Baffert.

Orseno trained Eclipse winners Macho Uno (two-year-old colt) and Perfect Sting (female turf).

Easily the biggest disappointment around Philadelphia Park was that Richard Porter's Jostle, trained by John Servis and stabled locally, did not win in the three-year-old filly category, finishing behind the D. Wayne Lukas-trained Surfside.

Jostle had established herself early in the year as a strong favorite for the award with victories in the Grade I Coaching Club American Oaks and the Alabama. The victory in the Oaks came despite a physical problem that deprived her of air and wasn't detected until just prior to the Alabama.

Jostle also scored impressive victories in the Grade II Black Eyed Susan and the Cotillion at her home track.

It apparently counted heavily against her in the Eclipse balloting that she was badly beaten in the Breeders' Cup and that Surfside late in the year won the Clark Handicap at Churchill Downs wire to wire against older males. It was noted by some observers, however, that the field in the Clark was undistinguished and that Surfside was the lone speed in the race.



JOSTLE --with trainer John Servis

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Each child also received a wrapped surprise with his/her name on it, a beanie baby or stuffed doll of the popular Ty Company (given by a small business owner in Pennsylvania), a crocheted Christmas tree ornament stuffed by

the women of the Baptist Temple of Blue Bell, PA. Each child also had his/her picture taken with Santa. (Parents, be sure to pick up the picture at Chaplain Cordell's office.

We gave gifts to 125 children and to nearly 200 employees who live in the dorms. Thanks for your gracious commitment to the children and workers.

~ Chapel Schedule ~

Wednesdays -- 6:30 p.m., worship service in the Recreation Hall.

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