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CONCESSIONS BRING AGREEMENT WITH NTRA

Following months of uncertainty, Mid-Atlantic region racetracks, including Philadelphia Park, have agreed to extend for a year membership in the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA).

The agreement came after a series of meetings with representatives from the racetracks and the NTRA, including its CEO, Tim Smith, produced concessions the racetrack operators were seeking.

The PTHA also currently remains a member in good standing of the NTRA.

Prominent among the concerns of the racetracks, and in particular with Philadelphia Park, was the NTRA's alignment last year with Television Game Networks (TVG), a channel

that operates out of Oregon and televises racing programs via satellite from tracks all over the country.

TVG became a direct competitor of Philadelphia Park when the local track last year launched The Racing Network (TRN), which also transmits via satellite. TVG quickly locked up the TV signals from many major tracks, including Aqueduct, Belmont, Saratoga, Del Mar, Churchill Downs and others, thus denying TRN access to those markets.

Other concerns swirled around the NTRA, which was formed two years ago with an understanding shared by most racetracks, including all members of the Mid-Atlantic region, that its mission was to increase the awareness and popularity

of thoroughbred racing — the Go Baby Go campaign of TV advertising was the opening salvo — foster improved communications and cooperation among the diverse stakeholders in the industry, provide leadership and resources for appropriate legislative and regulatory initiatives and improve overall economic conditions while respecting the diversity of goals among the various tracks.

Problems with how the NTRA was carrying out its original charter were not restricted to the Mid-Atlantic Region. After Philadelphia Park threatened to withdraw from the NTRA, citing its "present structure of governance" and its connection with

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TICKET TO PARADISE

by Larry McMullen



Dr. James Penny

If there is a price tag on salvation, Dr. James Penny, the Philadelphia Park veterinarian who died this past Dec. 18 at the age of 78, earned it with one patient he cared for many years ago at his small animal practice in Southwest Philadelphia.

This was before he began a career in thoroughbred racing that spanned the history of the sport in Pennsylvania, starting with a position as track veterinarian at the old Liberty Bell Park in 1969.

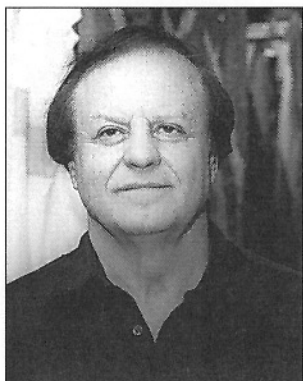
Prior to the inception of horse racing in this state, Dr. Penny had served as track vet at Garden State

Park starting in 1944 and later at Atlantic City and Monmouth. He also spent 10 years as vet at Delaware Park.

All of this was in addition to his practice at 68th St. and Greenway Ave., which he continued until 1979. He also was vet at the Pennsylvania SPCA until racing began in this state.

"He wasn't happy unless he had something to do," said his son, James Mackey Penny Jr. "Even when he wasn't at the track or at his practice, he kept busy doing maintenance at home or at his summer place in

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LARRY RIVIELLO
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Records are made and records are broken.
In baseball, Mark McGwire hit 70 home runs to break the record of Roger Maris, who hit 61 to break Babe Ruth's record of 60.

In thoroughbred racing, Laffit Pincay Jr. at the age of 52 shattered the mark of 8,883 winners ridden by Bill Shoemaker when he rode Irish Nip to victory in a Maiden Special Weight race at 1 1/16 mile on the turf at Hollywood Park on Dec. 10 of last year.

Then there was Ray York, who at age 66 became the first jockey to ride in seven decades. How about that!

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The annual children's Christmas party was held Dec. 18th in the Recreation Hall. The turnout was tremendous, thanks to Chaplain Nick Salios and his wife Rose. Santa Claus had plenty of gifts for all and lots of pizza and refreshments were served.

Thanks to Jeff Cooper and Walt Hughes for their fine music.
Our new Chaplain, Charles Patane, also contributed his services.

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The PTHA Board of Directors is considering granting lifetime membership to anyone who served on the Board for six years.

Under consideration as lifetime members are Joseph Daniero, Ralph Delaney, William Hartwell, Ralph Riviezzo, Joyce Spaziano and Eugene Koons.

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Points of interest:

At the last Commission meeting on Dec. 16, Dr. Cornelius Uboh announced the recent purchase of a nanoflow system which has been attached to the LC/MS/MS system. Dr. Uboh explained the nanoflow system would allow the introduction of very small quantities of samples into the machine without the risk of losing the sample.

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It has been reported that the milkshake mixture of sodium bicarbonate and water that reduces fatigue in horses has become common practice in Kentucky, which permits the use of such milkshakes.

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Total Breeder's Cup handle was \$100 million, breaking the old record.

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Charismatic wins in a photo finish for the Eclipse Award Horse of the Year, beating out Artax and Daylami in a split vote.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Mike Ballezzi announces that the PTHA has withdrawn from the MATCH Series.

"The vote by the Board of Directors was unanimous," said Ballezzi. "Our contribution to the series was \$85,000 and we just couldn't justify to our horsemen spending that much money without a significant return."

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The Executive Director also announces that the PTHA, along with the Racing Secretary's office, has established new guidelines for the Philadelphia Park annual awards, including cash awards of \$2,500 each to trainers in two categories.

Receiving the cash awards in addition to trophies will be the trainer with the most wins during the preceding year and the trainer with 50 to 150 starts who achieves the highest winning percentage.

In the awards for horses in all age and sex categories, each nominee must have had five starts at Philadelphia Park during the award year or if not, must have had 50 percent of its starts at Philadelphia Park in the award year.

In addition, nominees for

Claiming Horse of the Year must have won a claiming race during the year at Philadelphia Park and nominees for Outstanding Claim of the Year must have been claimed at Philadelphia Park during the award year.

Other awards for 1999 will be Leading Owner, Leading Jockey and Leading Apprentice Jockey, all to be determined by number of wins.



THE COMPANY STORE

All award winners will be announced and presented at the annual banquet at Celebrations in Bensalem March 1.

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The Executive Director says the major overhaul of all barns on the backstretch continues into its second year with plans to install new roofs as well as proceeding with barn maintenance and rehabilitation.

A major overhaul of all dormitory restroom facilities is also on the agenda.

On the frontside, a complete remodeling of the second floor of the grandstand is scheduled with a special section of box seating in the area of the finish line to be reserved for horsemen.

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The Executive Director is pleased with the acceptance and overwhelming enthusiasm for the new HPA (Horsemen's Purchasing Association) store in the Administration Building, where, in addition to feed and shavings, horsemen can buy supplements, leather and nylon goods and all race preparation materials, including bandages, et al. The store motto is if you don't see it, ask; if we don't have it, we'll order it. The promise will always be quality products at the lowest prices.

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The Executive Director is also pleased with the horsemen's participation in and acceptance of the new regulations for parking and operation of vehicles on the backstretch. Most horsemen realize the regulations help assure a safer backside, where speeding is always a major concern and where major fines will be imposed on violators.

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The Executive Director and the entire Board of Directors wish all horsemen a safe, prosperous and progressive new millennium.

CHARGE OF GRAND THEFT HOLDS UP ONLY IF ACTUAL PROOF NOT REQUIRED

By Larry McMullen

The Trentonian newspaper believed its racing writer had discovered cheating at the track.

It was so convinced, it gave Linda Dougherty space to outline two recent races at Philadelphia Park, one of which the reporter called "something akin to grand theft."

In the other, according to the reporter, the horse suddenly woke up "and wires a field at fat odds."

In the first case mentioned, Bunkman paid off at odds of 21-1, in the other, Schumate scored at 12-1.

Interestingly enough, the two horses are the only names of living things mentioned in the story's 12 lengthy paragraphs.

If there was a case for cheating, maybe the names of the owners or trainers or jockeys who perpetrated the thievery should have been mentioned and maybe they should have been given the opportunity to face the reporter and give their side.

The only quotes in the entire story are from a nameless bettor who is reported as having said after the Schumate race, "This is unbelievable. It's an insult to your intelligence! Do these trainers really think the public is so stupid? Why don't the stewards do anything?"

There was a suggestion the nameless bettor had wagered on

the 8-5 favorite, who finished third.

It would only be fair to assume you could find more than a few bettors following any race at any racetrack on the face of the planet who would complain in pretty much the same manner and with the same passion after tearing up tickets on an 8-5 favorite who didn't live up to the support at the windows.

All we learn from the Trentonian reporter about bettors' feelings after Bunkman destroyed some hopes by winning at 21-1 was that they expressed "similar sentiments."

Most gamblers would think that horses winning at odds of 12-1 and 21-1 was more proof of races honestly won than the other way around. Shouldn't the connections of the two horses have bet heavily, thus causing the odds to drop drastically, if they knew the races were rigged in their favor?

The argument might be made that they could bet with bookies and not affect the odds but no such scenarios were even hinted at in the story.

Rolando Lima, who trains Schumate, didn't mind discussing



Rolando Lima

at all how much he bet on his horse when he won at odds of 12-1 going 1 1/4 miles, the first time he had ever tried a marathon.

"Not a penny," said Lima.

It would be reasonable to guess a trainer might have reasons for not wanting it known he had cashed a bet on the race, especially if the result were suspicious, but The Trentonian apparently had no such proof or it would have been mentioned.

Besides, it's legal for a trainer to bet on his own horse.

Lima said he didn't. He has the same right any other human being has to be believed without evidence to the contrary.

Lima didn't mind filling in details on the race, either.

"In the first place, I was only entered because the racing secretary asked me to help fill the race," he said.

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Wildwood Crest. He was a pretty good carpenter and he had a complete set of tools that he carried around with him in the trunk of his car."

The work habit started young, when Jim Penny Sr. was growing up around 9th St. and Erie Ave. in Philadelphia and would hang around the practice of Dr. Henry Schneider, a vet who often cared for large animals, including horses that he treated in a open area adjacent to the building that housed his office. The area had a fence with a gate that opened onto Erie Ave and gave young Jim a glimpse into a world that would fascinate and occupy him for the rest of his life.

Dr. Schneider, who also was called on to do work with animals from the circus that set up in a field at 10th and Erie every summer, encouraged the youngster and allowed him to do small chores for him. They became so close that Penny would sometimes fill in for Dr. Schneider when he grew up and became a vet himself.

The wonder of those early years never left him.

"I want people to know how much he loved his job," said James Jr., who is a lawyer. "For him, he lived his whole life like he was a kid at the circus."

The job and the joy of it

touched every part of his life. He met his wife of more than half a century, Nancy Lee Penny, through his association with Dr. William J. Lee, who was a professor of equine surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, where Penny earned his degree in veterinary medicine.

And he continued on the job until the very end end of his life because neither he nor anyone else could imagine him without his work. He wouldn't even take time



Dr. Penny at work at Philadelphia Park.

off to see a medical doctor last summer even though he was experiencing problems breathing.

He waited until the track shut down for a short period of time last August before he went to a physician and learned he had cancer.

A couple of months later, he was gone. In addition to his wife and oldest son, he left behind sons John Michael and Joseph Mark, daughter Martha Mary Penny, a brother John, who was chairman of the biology department at La Salle University, and four grandchildren.

Despite a hectic work schedule,

James Jr. said his father always found time for his children.

"He was always there to watch us when we took part in sports," he said. "When one of my brothers took up sailing, my father got so involved he became commodore of the Greater Wildwood Yacht Club. Of course, he found time to do repairs on the club's building."

He was so vigorous and full of life, his stride so strong as he made his walking rounds of the barns on the backstretch, his death came as a shock to almost everyone who knew him.

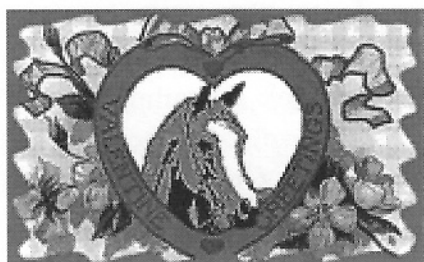
What wouldn't surprise any of his friends or co-workers would be the story of the young boy in Southwest Philly who brought a kitten who was near death to Dr. Penny's small animal practice at 68th and Greenway a long time ago.

The kitten was returned to the boy completely recovered. Later, Dr. Penny would receive a letter printed in a childish scrawl thanking him for saving the kitten. Enclosed was three pennies in payment for his services taped to the letter, which the little boy said was all he had.

It was more than enough.

Dr. Penny kept the letter with the pennies taped to it for the rest of his life.

If St. Peter takes admissions to Paradise, all you can picture him saying to Dr. Penny is, "If you've got three cents on you, Jim, you're in."



BACKSIDE

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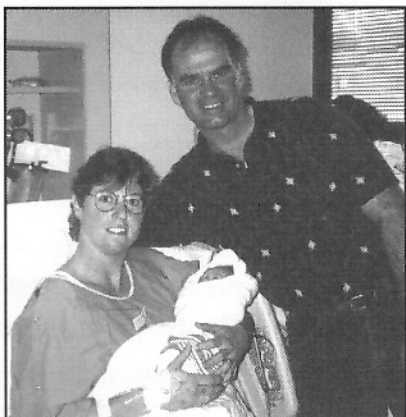
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Prayers and best wishes go out to local legend **Marty Fallon**, who might have forgotten more than most people ever learn about thoroughbred racing during a long and fabled career as jockey, owner and trainer. **Marty** has been very ill and is currently recovering at home.

The high point of **Fallon's** career probably came with Hillsdale, who lost Horse of the Year title in 1958 by a head to Sword Dancer in the 1 1/4 mile Woodward Stakes at Aqueduct after **Fallon's** charge had raced the great Round Table into defeat earlier in the race.

Hillsdale had begun that campaign by defeating Round Table in the 7-furlong San Carlos Handicap in 1:21 4/5 and finished the season by winning all but three of his 13 races, with each of the defeats by a margin of less than a length.

Hillsdale, like trainer **Fallon**, was a champion among champions.



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Hail to **Robert** and **Kimberly Swentkowski**, who proved January 2 of the new millennium that they produce children and winners with the same kind of skill. Son **Brian Anthony Swentkowski** was born healthy, bright and beautiful at 9:45 that morning after which assistant trainer dad had to hurry to the track, where he saddled two winners of the total of only six horses the **Swentkowskis** have in their barn.

If that doesn't belong in the record book for visits to the winners circle in one day, a new category needs to be introduced into the book.

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SIMPSON

The Eclipse Awards this year had a couple of Philadelphia Park connections as jockey **Rolanda Simpson** was one of the three finalists in Apprentice of the Year voting that was won by **Ariel Smith** — whose total purses won by racing mostly in New York apparently was the deciding factor rather than total races won — and the **Louis Albertrani**-trained **Artax** captured Sprinter of the Year honors.

Albertrani conditioned horses at Philadelphia Park from the late '80s to the mid-'90s.

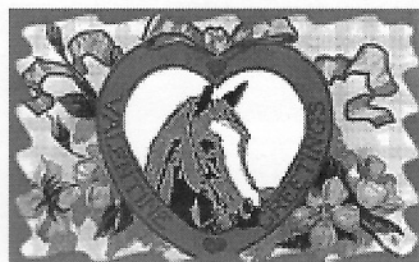


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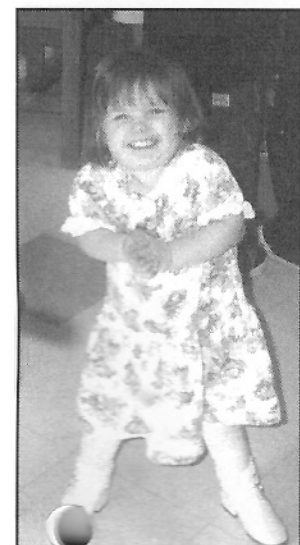
Speaking of living legends, National Football League Hall of Famer **Steve Van Buren**, who also has won some note at local racetracks as a horseplayer, celebrated his 79th birthday recently with a party at the Valley Forge Turf Club OTB parlor in Oaks, Pa.

He is pictured here at the party — attended by many friends and former teammates — with **Tom Brookshier** (r.), who played for the 1960 champion Philadelphia Eagles and along with **Van Buren**, whose Eagles won titles in 1948 and '49, represent the only three championships the local pro football team has ever won, and **Dr. Edgar Kenton III**, who also has a starring role in **Steve's** story.

Dr. Kenton, a urologist at Lankenau Hospital, is credited with saving **Van Buren's** life after the greatest running back in Eagles' history suffered a stroke and almost died a number of years ago.

That's the kind of gift nobody else can match, birthday or not.

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The Christmas party for children on the backstretch at Philadelphia Park was its usual Yuletide success, in part due to the efforts of new **Chaplain Charles Patane** but also to the yeoman work of outgoing **Chaplain Nick Salios** and wife **Rose**, who hung around to assure the season would be merry.

Rose, as usual, did everything except play Santa. You'll have to guess what part **Chaplain Nick** took.

If you can't find him in the accompanying photos, you might at least discover the true meaning of Christmas.

It's there, I promise.





Being a semi-invalid, and more or less confined to my home, does have some advantages. Now I see hundreds of races on the TV. But what I see does not always thrill me.

Why? you ask. The answer is simple. About 65% of all racing today consists of short sprints. It seems the tracks — racing secretaries and management — have geared racing for speed. Speed and more speed.

As a breeder, this appalls me. We seem to have forgotten that a thoroughbred also needs another important factor — it's called stamina.

Track surfaces have been redone to accommodate this speed craze. In our area —

Monmouth is a good example — speed records have been falling consistently. Last summer at Monmouth, even 5 and 10 thousand claimers were going 21 and 22 seconds for the quarter and 43 and 44 for the half mile.

What are we trying to do, create quarter horse speed in the thoroughbred? Also dangerous is the lack of stallions who deliver speed and stamina. Look to the ads for new stallions and all you find are Beyer speed numbers and the track records each stallion broke before sending him to the stud barn, not how long he lasted on the track.

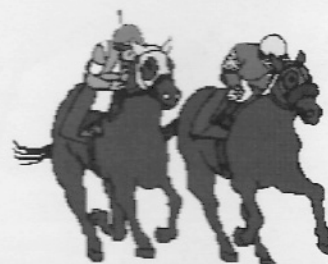
We in the United States are recognized as the best source of racehorses in the world and the sale prices are a reflection of U.S. breeding supremacy. But don't look back over your shoulders. If we continue on this speed craze, we will slowly but surely be overtaken in the breeding of world-class horses. The countries



ISADORE SCHWARTZ

which are sending out top horses today and which threaten our breeders are definitely Ireland, England and, yes, Japan.

Let's go back to breeding horses for speed AND stamina — and get more distance races in the book.



CONCESSIONS BRING AGREEMENT WITH NTRA

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competing sources of gambling revenue, Frank Stronach, who owns five racetracks, including Santa Anita and Gulfstream, also threatened to quit.

Stronach changed his mind and extended his contract through this year after his concerns were addressed and pending some changes in the leadership of the NTRA.

Members of the Mid-Atlantic region racetracks that extended their agreement with the NTRA in

addition to Philadelphia Park, are Garden State Park, Penn National, Delaware Park, Atlantic City Race Course, Charles Town Races, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course, The Meadowlands and Monmouth.

The NTRA has agreed to convene a meeting no later than April of this year of its Board of Directors, representatives of the Mid-Atlantic region and any other interested members, to discuss NTRA's governance (Board composition and procedures) and strategic missions and other matters of concern to the membership.

The NTRA also agrees that as long as it operates a wagering hub

in connection with TVG, it will not accept wagers from States where legal authorities have determined such out-of-State wagers are either in violation of the law or of a decision by a regulatory body until an agreeable solution can be reached with such authority and the NTRA members in that State.

Other concessions focus on improved communications, including an agreement by the NTRA to share with members of the Mid-Atlantic region and other interested members copies of contracts, loan agreements, Board minutes and non-privileged opinions of counsel.

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TIME TO CELEBRATE

The annual Pennsylvania Awards dinner
will be held March 1, 2000
at Celebrations in Bensalem.
Price for a ticket as of this writing was \$35.
Check the PTHA office
for further details.
New guidelines for the awards, with information on cash prizes for the top trainers at Philadelphia Park in 1999, can be found in the Executive Director's column on page 3 of this issue.

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Bit -D	\$ 17.50	Vita 99 25#	\$ 88.25
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Welcome to the new millennium, which will bring many challenges to the racing industry. We the horsemen and horsewomen had better be prepared for the challenges.

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The PTHA and the Pa. HPBA called for a meeting of all principals in the state's racing industry to consider expanded gambling at Pennsylvania race tracks as well as legislative initiatives to economically assist the racing and breeding industries.

The meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel & Convention Center in Camp Hill on Dec. 21.

We were privileged to have

Secretary of Agriculture, the Honorable Samuel Hayes Jr., address the body, urging us all to work together.

In addition to myself, Mike Ballezzi and Sal DeBunda attended as representatives of the PTHA.

Others at the meeting were Joseph Santanna of the PA. HPBA, Mark McDermott and William Solomon of the PHBA, Ron Battoni of the Harness Horsemen, harness breeders James Simpson and Paul Spears, John Swiatek from the Meadows management, Philadelphia Park president, Robert Green, William Bork, Joseph Lasinger and Phillip O'Hara of Penn National management and lobbyists Steve Wojdak, Eugene Knopf, Rocco Pugliese and Fred Douglas.

Further meetings are planned.

This, to me, was a great accomplishment. Horsemen, management and lobbyists all working together under one roof.

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Congratulations to Jack Gambone, owner of Valley Forge Stable, and trainer Ernie Cranfield for winning the Pennsylvania Futurity for state bred juveniles, colts and geldings, with Classic Verse, ridden by Jeff Lloyd, on Nov. 20th. The race had a purse of \$69,050.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

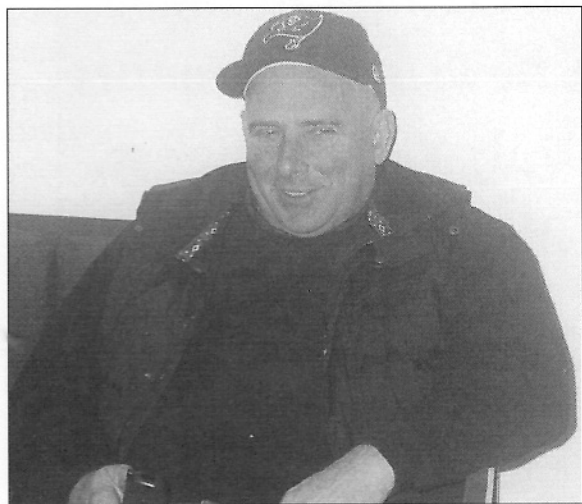
We are all in the same boat. Sometimes we row with different oars.

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He said the event became a lot easier when the Don Reeder-trained 9-5 morning line favorite scratched, leaving a five-horse field.

"My horse was the only speed in the race," said Lima.



Donald Reeder

So Schumate, who admittedly had less than sterling current form, went to the front under jockey Na Somsanith and stayed there.

The horse had already won seven races last year and more than \$48,000 so except for the unknown factor of the distance, a handicapper might have believed he was an overlay.

Faryn Waters, who trains Bunkman, said she thought her charge was something of an overlay, too, since one race prior to winning at long odds, she finished only a length behind the eventual favorite in the race that The Trentonian questioned. Waters also said she changed some equipment before the winning effort.

The Trentonian said Philadelphia Park stewards — also unnamed — were questioned about the two races.

"Unfortunately" the reporter wrote, "suspending and or fining a trainer for the sudden form reversal of a horse is an extremely difficult thing to do. . . One Philadelphia Park steward said that trying to prove a trainer is lying is difficult, and therein lies the problem. Without concrete evidence of hanky-panky. . . the authorities have a very tough time proving that a race wasn't on the up and up."

The Trentonian should have paid attention. All that last paragraph says is you can't charge someone with cheating without proof.

The newspaper should hold its own reporters to the same standard.



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