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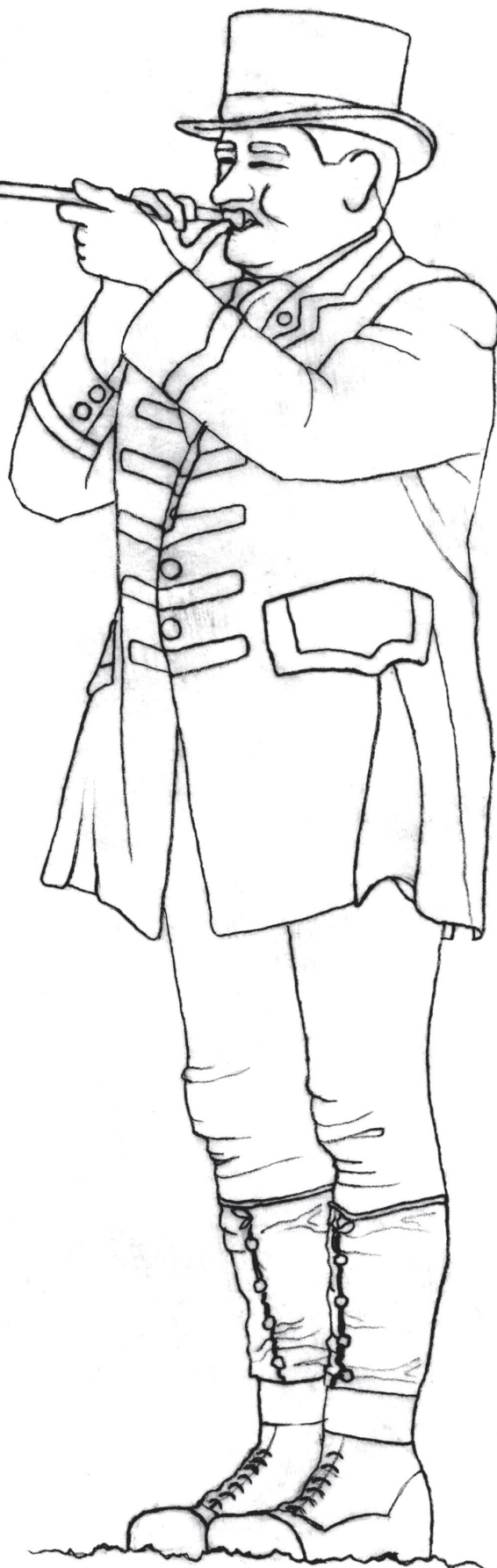
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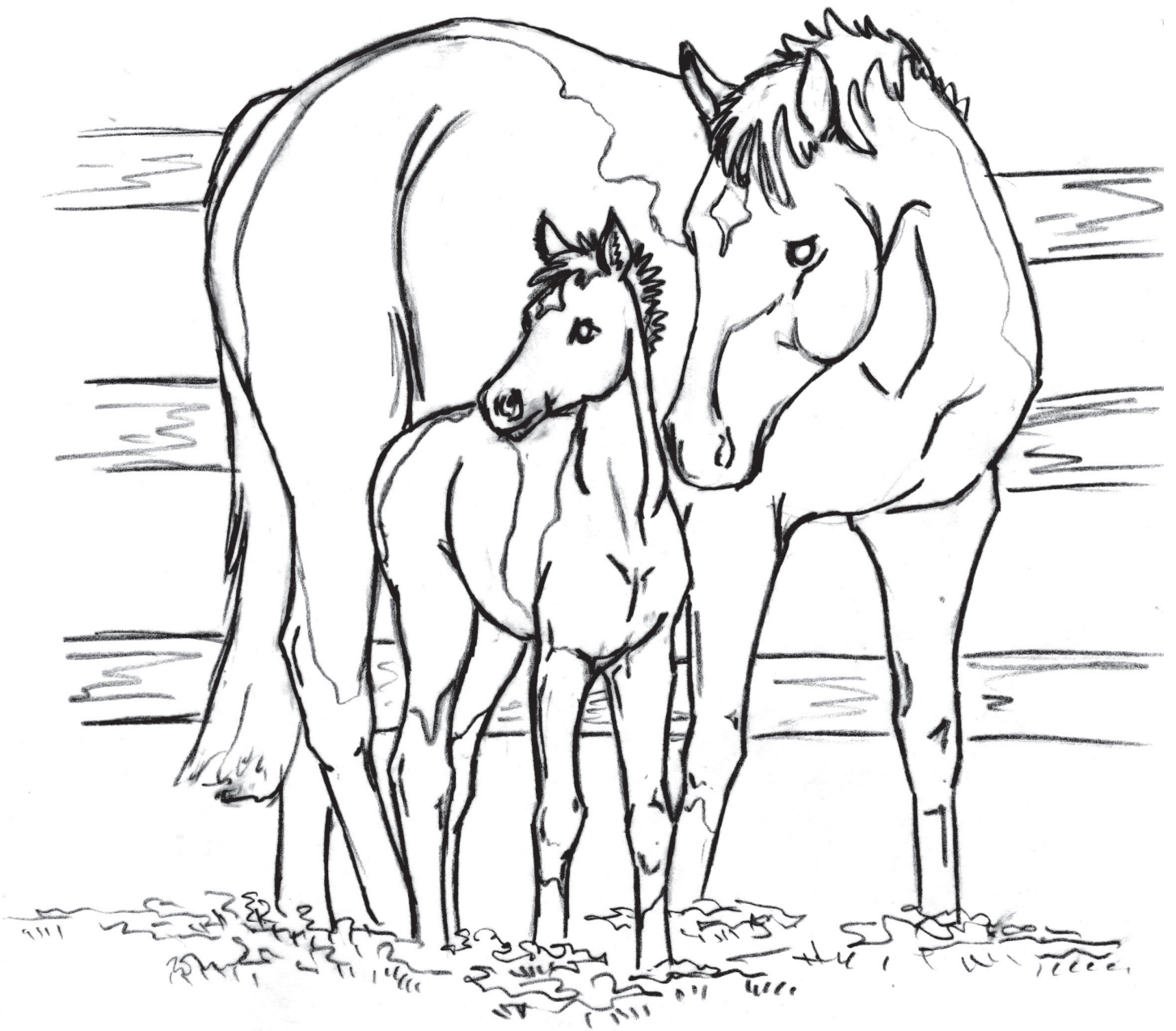
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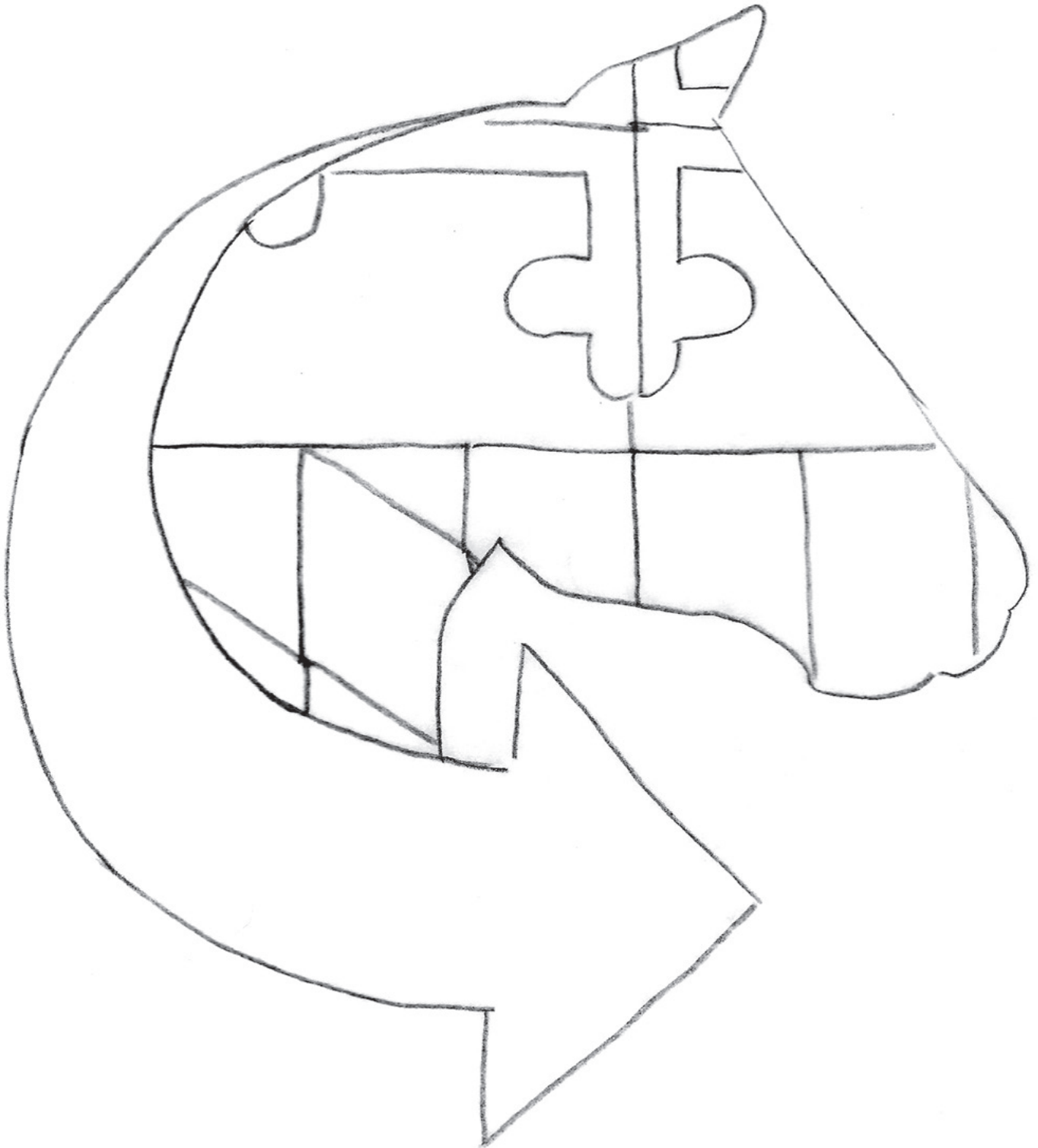
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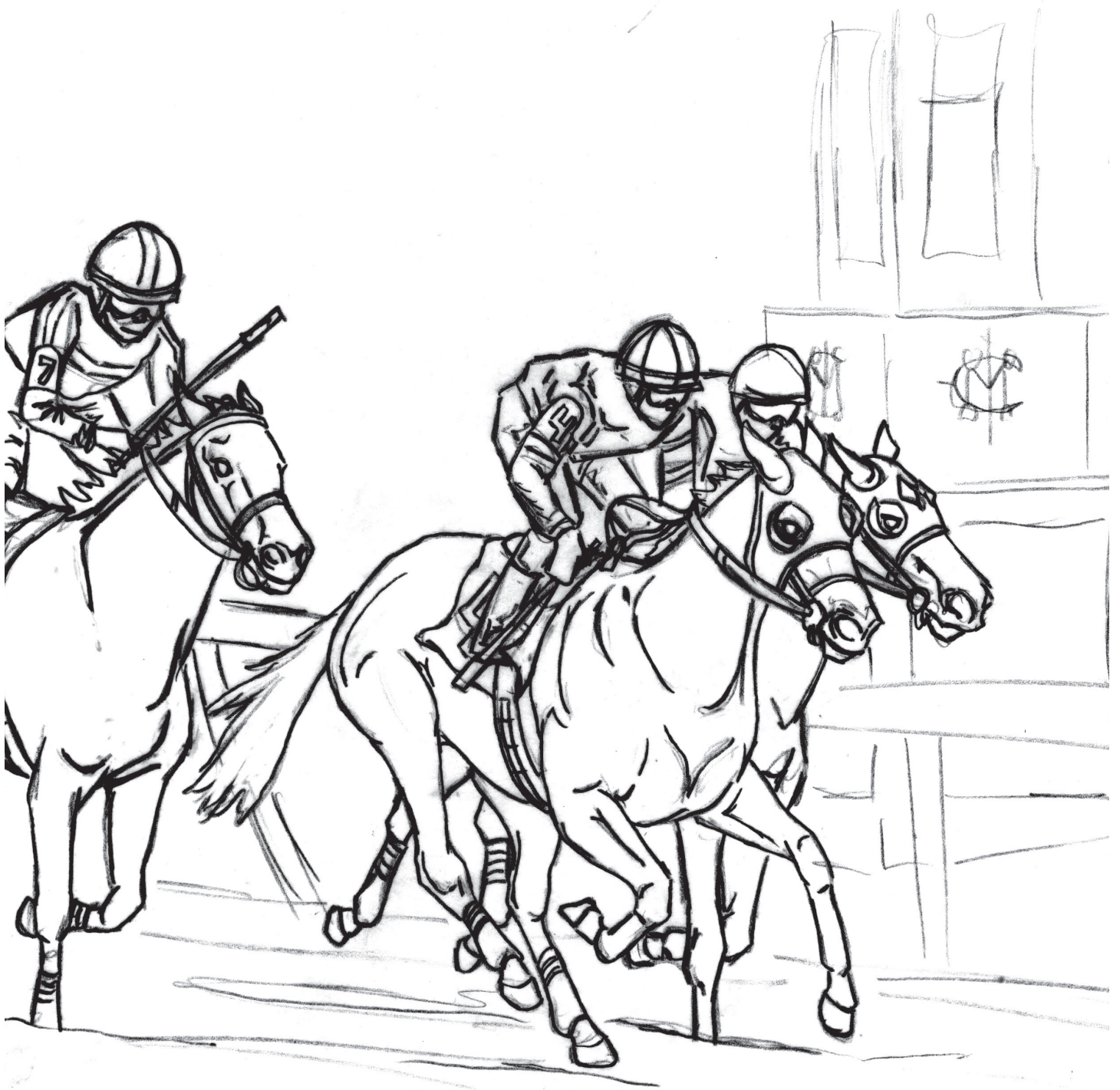
There are more than 100,000 horses in the state of Maryland, ranking it first among states in terms of the number of horses per square mile.



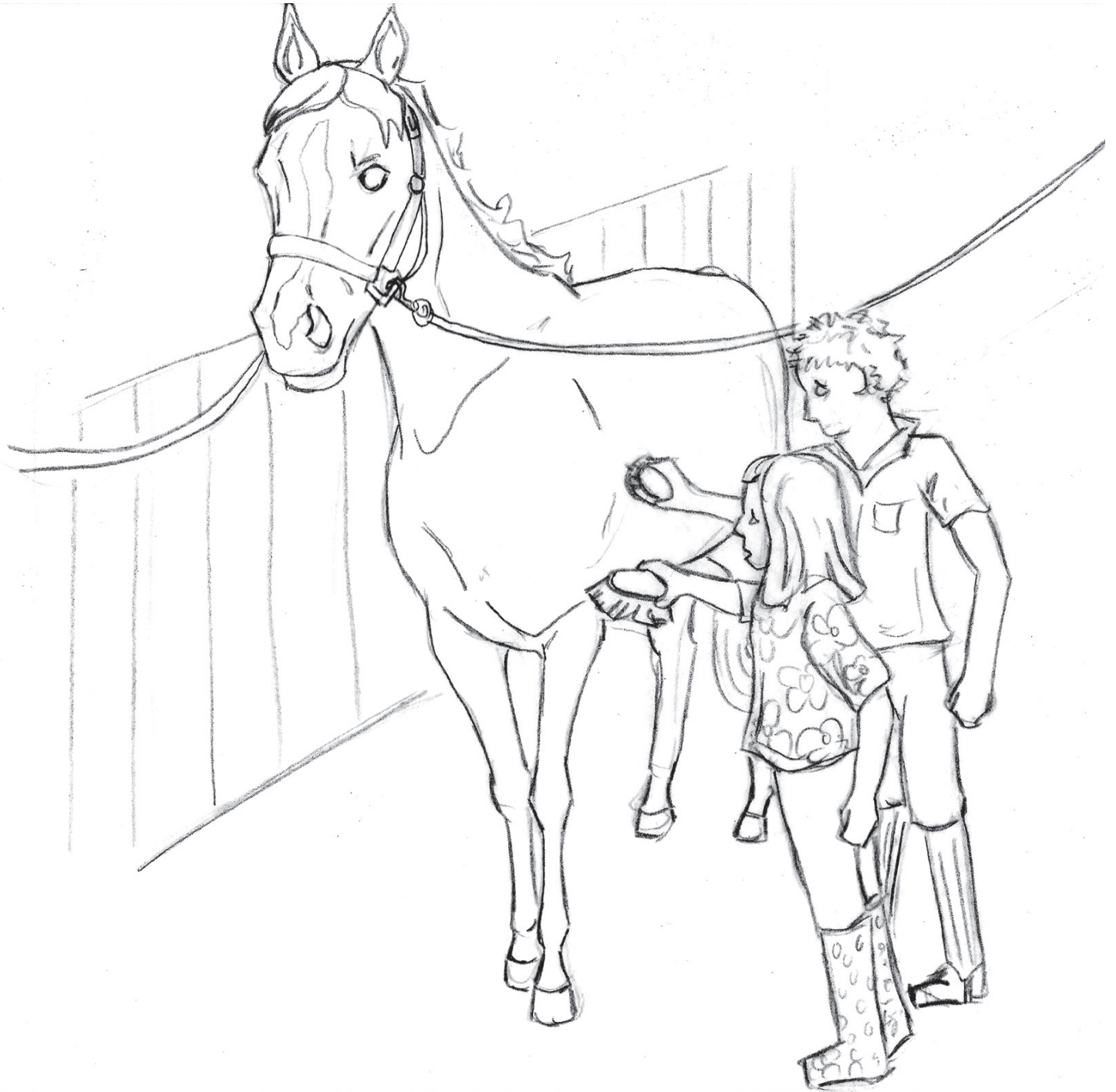
lifetime. The Maryland Equine Transition Service provides safe alternatives for horses needing homes by helping owners identify the best options for each horse.

Maryland designated jousting as its official state sport in 1962. This medieval sport became a favorite pastime of Maryland settlers as far back as 1634 when Lord Baltimore founded the original colony on the shores of St. Mary's County. The sport is still popular today with many tournaments throughout the state.

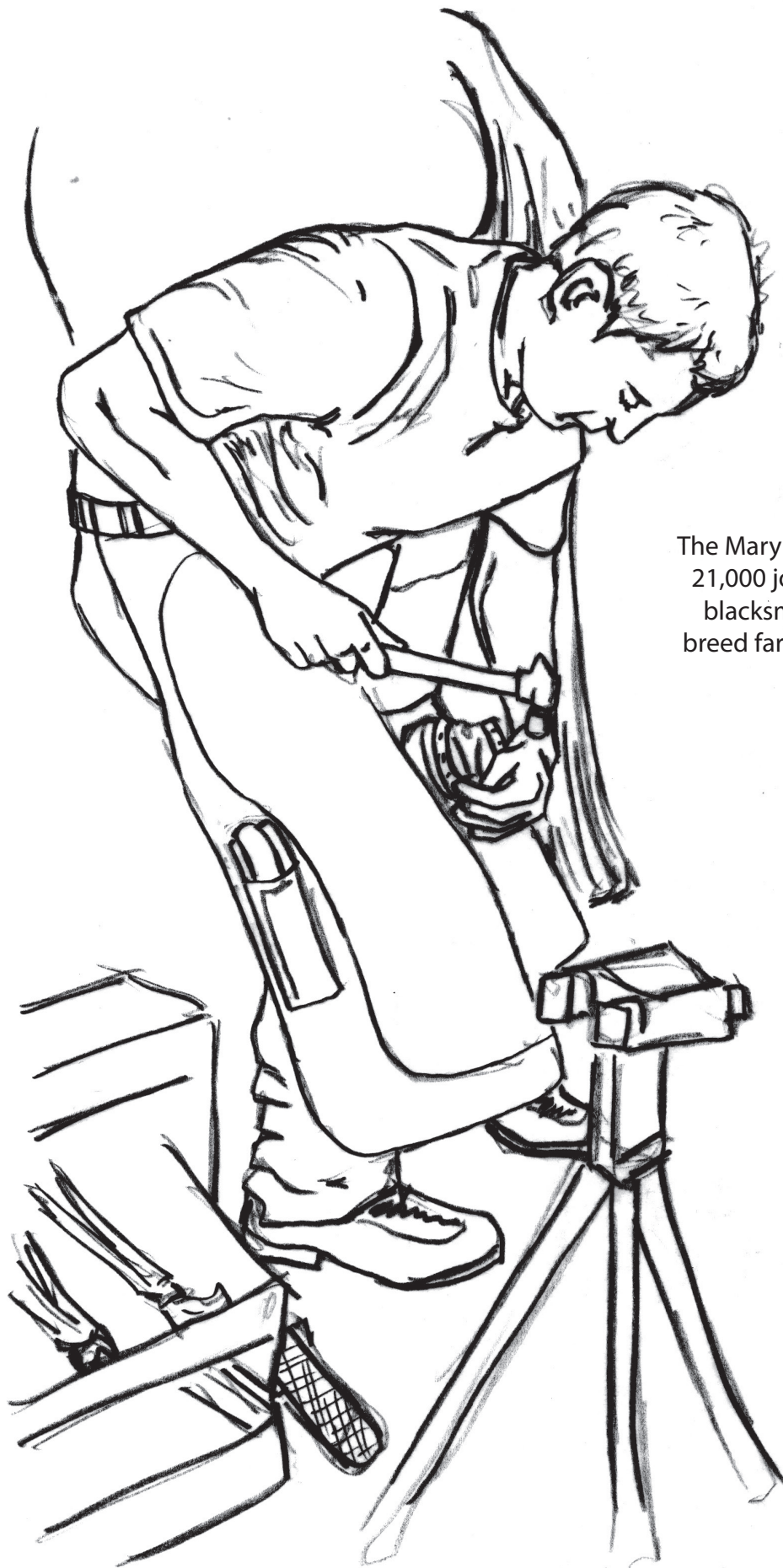




The Thoroughbred is Maryland's official horse breed. Our state is home to the Preakness Stakes (G1), the second leg of the famed Triple Crown. The racing sector supports 5,214 jobs and adds \$365 million in value to the state economy for a total economic impact of \$572 million to the state.



The Maryland horse industry adds \$1.3 billion to Maryland's economy. Horse ownership, equine institutions, for-profit organizations, and tourism spending by participants and spectators combine for a total of \$2.06 billion in economic impact.

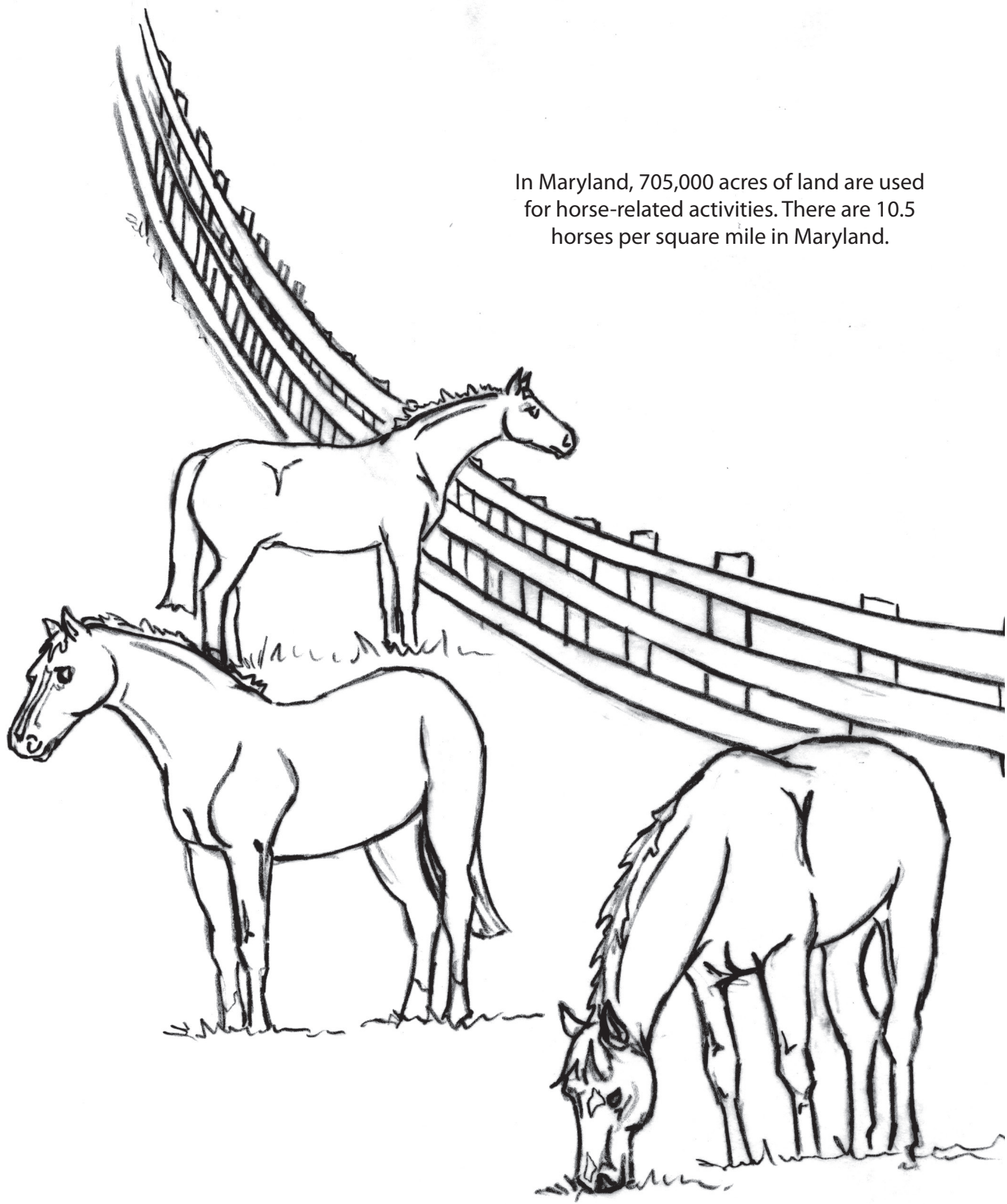


The Maryland horse industry hosts over 21,000 jobs ranging from farriers and blacksmiths to riding instructors to breed farm managers and much more!



There are over 700 licensed stables in the state of Maryland that offer lessons, boarding and more! In 2015, the Maryland Horse Industry Board launched the state's Horse Discovery Centers with 35 centers spread out over 15 counties. These centers are carefully selected, licensed stables that are welcoming people of all ages and experience levels into their barns to learn about horses in a friendly and knowledgeable environment.

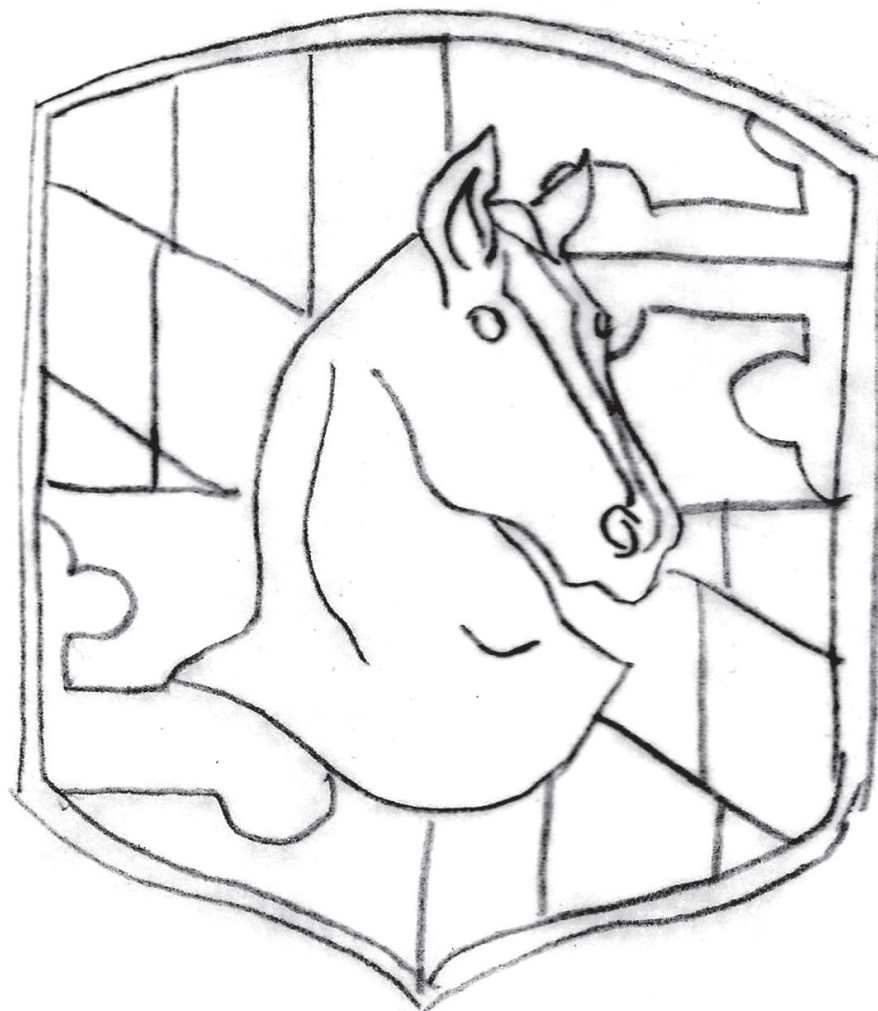
In Maryland, 705,000 acres of land are used for horse-related activities. There are 10.5 horses per square mile in Maryland.





From the Atlantic Ocean to the Appalachian Mountains, Maryland offers well over 1,500 miles of equestrian use trails.

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