

Gorman wins Class 4A basketball title

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Bishop Gorman High School, rebounding from last year's disappointing state championship game loss, defeated Galena of Reno 53-39 Saturday to win the NIAA Class 4A state boys basketball championship.

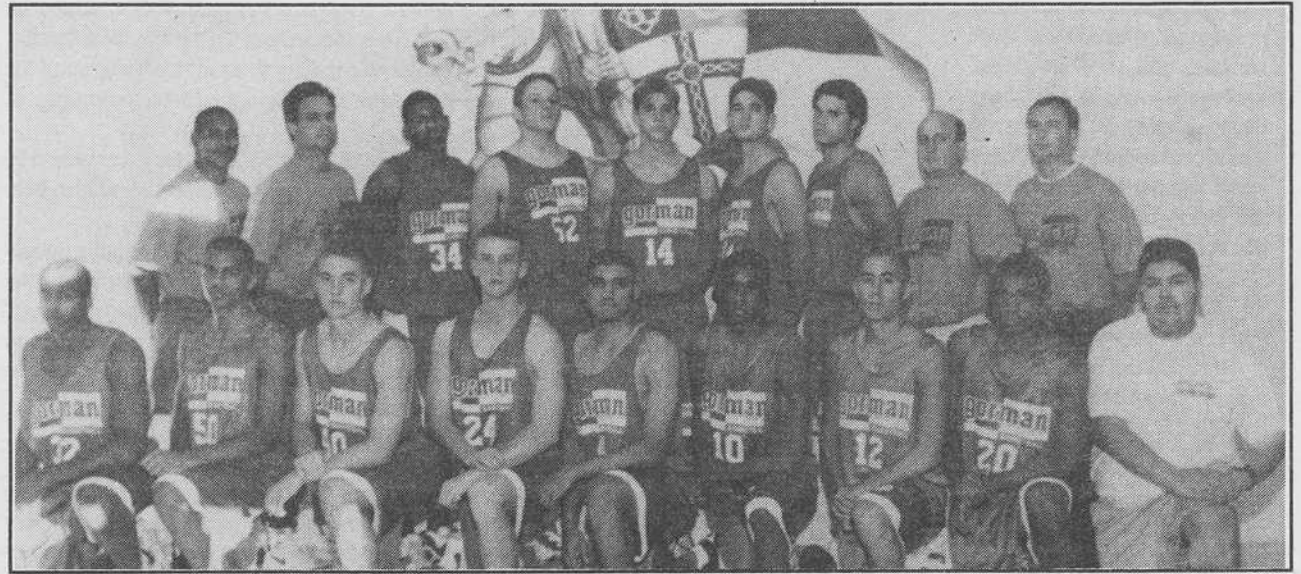
The game, played at the Lawlor Events Center in Reno, was a tight defensive battle; the Bishop Gorman Gaels led the Galena Grizzlies 31-30 near the end of the third quarter. But Galena's shooting went cold in the fourth quarter as they scored just eight points the entire fourth quarter.

Bishop Gorman hit 11 of 16 free throws over the final three and a half minutes of the game to help seal the win and secure the school's first state title since 1989. In addition to defense, free throw shooting helped the Gaels pull away.

"We've always told the kids three things: that defense, rebounding and free throws will win you a championship," Bishop Gorman Head Coach Jeff Wagonseller said after the game.

"There's a gorilla off our back right now," Wagonseller said. "We've knocked on the door four times in the last five years up here and we finally got in. It's a great feeling. I'm really happy for the kids who believed."

The Gaels played a 1-3-1 zone defense that stymied the Galena team that had scored 60 and 55 points in its previous two games.



Members of the Bishop Gorman state championship basketball team from back left to right: Coach Robert Smith, Coach Tom Hughes, Kendall Soares, Luke Jackson, Bobby Findlay, Ryan Peters, Greg Warpinski, Head Coach Jeff Wagonseller, Coach Dan Bisek. FRONT: Darrel Ewell, Angelo Fernandez, Joe O'Connell, Jason VanMeetken, Mo Terry, Shane Christensen, Brandon Meissner, Ethan Williams, and manager D.C. Cabrera. Photo special to the Sentinel-Voice

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Trials, tribulations are part of living

By Junious Ricardo Stanton
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During the course of our lives, each one of us will encounter a myriad of circumstances and situations which will severely test our mettle. It is one thing for things to unravel because we failed to adequately plan or to consider the consequences of our actions, but it is something else to be forced to grapple with circumstances beyond our control. Often we ask "why me?" as if we are the only one on planet earth who is going through difficulty.

A wise teacher once said, "in this world you will have tribulation ..." He advised his listeners to "be of good courage." When we are facing tragedy or going through the fires of life, it is often difficult to be of good courage if we think we are all alone or ill-equipped to handle the vicissitudes of life. Therein lies the key to dealing with life confidently and optimistically. Knowing you are not alone and that you are fully equipped by the Creator to deal effectively with whatever comes your way. This is not to say everything will be pleasant, but you will

be able to cope because you are not alone!

While it may appear that others rarely experience the pain and suffering you encounter, no human is immune to the storms of life. All of us will experience our share of disappointment, heartache, loss of loved ones, or the failure of plans or dreams to turn out the way we want. Each time you are faced with such a situation you have to make a crucial decision. You will have to decide how you will view and respond to it. Will you choose to see it as an overwhelming defeat, a problem that you are incapable of handling? Or will you view it as a temporary condition? — a lesson along life's way, one that will not destroy you or cripple you? Will you look at the situation as a catalyst to develop your ingenuity and competence? Will you ask yourself "what lesson(s) can I learn from this experience? What can I discover about myself?"

The good news is that you are never alone in any situation. Divine Intelligence and Power are ever present in your midst, ready, willing and able to come

to your aid and assistance. To contact the divinity within simply turn your consciousness inward. Get quiet, still your mind, close out the outside world. Listen in the stillness for Divine Wisdom to speak to your deepest needs. The strength, resolve and courage you need to transcend whatever crisis is before you, is within you. The wisdom, guidance and intelligence you need to sustain you is closer than your skin. The resourcefulness you need to find a solution or make a way out of nowhere is within you!

The solutions you need may come to you in a dream or as a flash of insight, a hunch or an idea that seems to pop into your consciousness out of nowhere. The right person or persons may come into your life at just the "right" time to provide the needed services, support or help. These things will not be coincidences, they will be the channels Omneity uses to meet your needs, answer your prayers and help you solve your problems.

Keep an open and receptive mind. Expect things to work out for your highest good and for the good of all concerned. Give thanks, even in the midst of adversity for this is an opportunity for personal growth, expansion and maturity. Turn the situation completely over to the omnipotent and omniscient spirit that dwells within you.

Keep in mind that faith is not passive. It requires confidence and courage. It takes courage to remain patient in the face of seeming disaster. It takes strong faith to remain confident when the outward signs point to defeat or humiliation. It takes a powerful will not to cave in, in the midst of agony, or suffering.

Muster your inner

resources, never give up on yourself. Be prepared to do whatever it takes to resolve the situation.

Follow your hunches and flashes of intuition, they are guideposts along life's way. Life can be difficult, but there is a way. Be of good courage. The Divine I Am in the midst of you is mighty.

City will lease computers to Project Youth

By Nancy Watson
Sentinel-Voice

The non-profit group Project Youth, which lost all of its equipment to burglars last week will be able to lease a few obsolete computers from the City of Las Vegas, but it does not appear that the city will be able to provide any other assistance.

Renee Smith, director of Project Youth, is disappointed but said she will take what she can get. "It's better than nothing," she said.

Nothing is what Project Youth has for equipment. Equipment stolen by the burglars included six computers, a copy machine, a fax machine, typewriters, a television, a camcorder, other equipment and the supplies needed to run the office and youth center.

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done, who provides for his family, who isn't afraid to get what he wants." Although this boy's tactics needed modification, he actually was behaving according to the values of right and wrong taught him by his father.

Our children face moral decisions every day. Not only do they need our guidance, but they want to talk to us about these issues. Coles recounts that, upon hearing a fairy tale about a girl who gives up ownership of the stars to share them with other children, a group of 10-year-olds launched into a lively talk about the value of generosity.

They asked to take copies of the story home

Sugar Ray beat down in comeback

A crowd of about 11,000 cheered for Sugar Ray Leonard last Saturday night at the Atlantic City Convention Center, but he was beaten by Hector "Macho" Camacho at 1:08 of the fifth round. Camacho, 34, a former WBC super featherweight and lightweight champion held on to the IBC middleweight championship. It was the 14th fight in nearly 17 years for Leonard, 40, who has retired several times, once for a detached retina in his left eye. However, he also won the undisputed welterweight title and parts of four other titles.

Smith, who is legally blind, will have her personal computer which the burglars also took, replaced by Services for the Blind. She uses the computer in the Project Youth office located at 1201 Miller Ave.

As for the older computers which the city will lease to the project, Deputy City Manager Steve Houchens said, "they are good machines and adequate for classroom and training." The amount of the lease will be nominal, he said.

As long as they are adequate for tutoring in reading and math, Smith said she will take them.

Houchens said he requested help for Project Youth from a variety of city department heads, including Computer Services, General Services and Neighborhood Services. But

"there's not a whole lot of other equipment available," he said.

The city has provided the office with new doors and windows to replace the ones damaged during the robbery of the building which is the old Vegas Heights fire station. An alarm will also be installed.

Some of the stolen equipment was new, the rest was no more than four years old, Smith said.

Project Youth provides tutorial assistance and life skills training to at-risk adolescents and teen-agers. There are now 15 young people enrolled in the program.

Smith was planning on using the computers for a job-search skills class that was due to begin March 16. In the class students are taught personal and professional skills needed to find employment.





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