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### Scholarship Winner

Blair Milligan, West Brunswick High School student and daughter of Cray and Wendy Milligan of Ash, is congratulated by Congressman Charlie Rose for having been awarded the \$500 Silvio O. Conte Education Foundation Scholarship Award. Rose recommended Blair for the award after she served as a Congressional page in his Washington office. The scholarships go to students with an "impressive record of public service and outstanding scholastic achievement."

### SPORTING SCENE

## Rotten Year In Sports Reaches Merciful End

A century from now, what will sports historians have to say when they look back on the year 1994?

Chances are it won't be remembered as the year the Dallas Cowboys won their second straight Super Bowl or the year the New York Rangers ended the curse and finally captured the Stanley Cup.

More likely, it will be remembered as a year of unprecedented greed in professional sports and one of many bizarre happenings.

Major League Baseball's players ended their season just when things were getting interesting, and the National Hockey League's owners ended their season before it ever started.

A National Basketball Association rookie nicknamed "Big Dog" refused to play for anything less than \$100 million... until he realized \$70 million could buy a lot of Milk Bone.

After solving every problem facing our nation and our world, President Clinton still had time to attend the NCAA Basketball Tournament Final Four and root for his Razorbacks.

1994 will be remembered as the year of "Skatagate" starring bad-girl Tonya Harding and the angelic Nancy Kerrigan.

Most of all, it will be remembered as the year that O.J. Simpson sat in the back of a white Ford Bronco as it made its way along a California freeway with police cruisers giving chase.

If anything good came of this year, it is that Simpson reminded us just how ridiculous it is to think of someone a "hero" simply because he can run and carry a football at the same time.

I think I speak for sports fans everywhere when I say it's good to have 1994 behind us. Here are a few things I'd like to see in 1995:

- Penn State feasts on Oregon's Ducks in the Rose Bowl, and Miami ties Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. The Nittany Lions win their third national championship under super coach Joe Paterno.
- A team other than the Dallas Cowboys wins Super Bowl XXIX.
- Jimmy Johnson loses a Super Bowl bet to fellow FOX broadcaster Terry Bradshaw, and Bradshaw shaves Johnson's head on national television.
- My favorite PGA Tour player, fellow lefty Phil Mickelson, wins all four major tournaments.
- Ernie Ervin comes back and wins the Winston Cup Championship.
- Boxer Mike Tyson restores some semblance of order to the heavy-weight division. No offense, but a championship belt around George Foreman's waist is a cry for help from the boxing gods. Tyson, a convicted rapist, is scheduled to be released from prison in May.
- Major League Baseball players refuse to end their strike, but the fans don't care after realizing that the minor leaguers filling in are just like major leaguers without the swollen heads. Unemployed baseball brat Barry Bonds ends up on American Gladiators. The Phillies win the 1995 World Series.
- The Phoenix Suns win the NBA Championship, defeating "Shaq Daddy" and the Orlando Magic. Phoenix superstar Charles Barkley is named league MVP, retires from basketball and becomes governor of Alabama.
- Our beloved Carolina Panthers go 1-15 in their inaugural season in the National Football League. The only highlight is a 42-3 whipping of the NFL's other expansion team, the Jacksonville Jaguars.
- San Antonio Spurs bad boy Dennis Rodman is banned for life from the NBA for conduct unbecoming an adult. So long Mr. Technical Foul, Mr. Ejection, Mr. Bad Hair Day. Nobody messes with Santa Claus, mister.

Doug Rutter  
Sports Editor



### HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

## Trojans Shooting Hoops In Pennsylvania

BY DOUG RUTTER

What were you doing Tuesday morning around 6:30?

Sleeping? Enjoying that first cup of coffee? Scanning the morning paper over a bowl of Corn Flakes?

The 11 members of the West Brunswick High School boys' basketball team and five coaches/chaperones were getting ready to pile in to a pair of school system vans and head north. Way north.

Their destination was State College, Pa., where the Trojans are competing this week in the 1994 State College Kiwanis Holiday Basketball Tournament at State College Area High School.

"The kids are real excited about it," West Brunswick coach Emmett Lay said last week. "I'm very happy for the opportunity for the young men."

West Brunswick is one of four boys' teams participating in the tournament. Others are Hollidaysburg, Pa.; William Floyd High, Long Island, N.Y.; and host State College.

The two-day tournament, scheduled Wednesday and Thursday, also features a four-team girls' field. All of the girls' teams are from Pennsylvania.

Coach Lay said the tournament and trip is a good reward for the Trojans, who are off to their best start in four years with three wins in their first five non-conference games.

"We've worked real hard in our non-conference schedule," Lay said. "It's a reward for the hard work and an opportunity to visit another part of the country."

State College, a small town nestled in the Nittany Mountains, is home to Penn State University.

Besides playing basketball, Lay said he hopes the team will have time to visit Penn State's Beaver Stadium, home of the Nittany Lions football team, and stop in historic Gettysburg, Pa.

The Trojans were scheduled to open the tournament Wednesday night with a first-round game against Hollidaysburg. State College was expected to face William Floyd High in the other opening-night contest.

The losers will meet Thursday afternoon in the boys' consolation game, with the winners facing off Thursday night for the tournament championship.

Lay said last week he didn't know anything about the three other teams in the tournament.

"We're going into it blind. We just got to go out and be ready to play," he said. "We're going to use it as a measuring stick and see how well we handle being away from home."

Joining Coach Lay and the players on the trip were assistant coaches Rahn Adams and Heath Hewett and their spouses.

How did West Brunswick get involved in a high school basketball tournament in State College?

It was arranged by Jan Calhoun, assistant su-

perintendent for instruction with Brunswick County Schools, who is friends with Tom Wallace, director of athletics at State College Area High School.

"We're real excited about having them," Wallace said. "We think they'll have a good time up here. Chapel Hill High School came up a few years ago and played in the tournament."

The eight-year-old tournament is sponsored by the State College Kiwanis Club, which provides housing and some meals for the teams as well as T-shirts and awards for the all-tournament team.

Lay said last week one of his biggest concerns about the trip was the weather and traveling conditions, which can be precarious this time of year in central Pennsylvania.

Wallace said the temperature was in the 50s last week in State College, there wasn't a trace of snow on the ground and there were no winter storms in the forecast.

State College has only received three inches of snow this December, he noted, compared to 33 inches last December.

West Brunswick's contingent is expected to return home Friday. Lay said he plans to hold practices Saturday and Monday in preparation for next Tuesday night's home game against Laney.

The Trojans will open Waccamaw Conference play Jan. 6 at home against the South Brunswick Cougars.

In Lay's words, "No rest for the weary."

## Shores Ladies Hold Member-Guest Tourney

The team of Ann Hierman, Lois Ross, Nancy Bouldin and Jamie Schrier had the low gross of 165 in the Carolina Shores Ladies Christmas Member-Guest Tournament Dec. 5.

Sally Manifold, Betty Kibblehouse, Edna Musor and Ginger Smith finished second with 181, followed by Terri Gould, Betty Ramondo, Kay Brannon and Irma Caroon with 182.

The foursome of Helen Morrison, Margie Green, Betty Gabor and Sally Miller posted the fourth low gross with 183.

First low net went to the team of Ilse Bateman, Jane Mahncke, Anna Clute and Diane Belair with 127.

Blanche Johnson, Ester Goroski, Ruth Radcliffe and Jenny Briggs placed second with 135.

Lynn Jerr, Dolly Mott, Pat Reardon and Joan Cowie were third with 136, followed by the team of Bar-



bara Brooks, Flo Warren, Ellie Cowie and Menchie Spencer with 137.

Closest-to-the-pin winners among the members were Terri Gould, Dolly Mott, Lynn Jerr and Ilse Bateman. Winning guests were Jamie Schrier, Margie Green, Anna Clute and Diane Belair. Schrier also had the longest drive.

## Two Are Elected To Board Of Golf Course Association

Jeff Christansen of Sandpiper Bay Golf Club and Billy Lewis of Brierwood have been elected to the board of directors of the Cape Fear Golf Course Superintendents Association.

The group met Dec. 13 and elected officers and directors for 1995. It is made up of more than 50 golf course superintendents or turfgrass managers representing 30 golf courses in southeastern North Carolina.

Elected president was Gary Smith, Landfall Club. Other officers are Steve Sprouse, Porters Neck, vice president; and David Pulley, Topsail Greens, secretary treasurer.

Other board members elected are Terry Warlick, Olde Pointe Country Club, and former president Alton Owens, Pine Valley Country Club.

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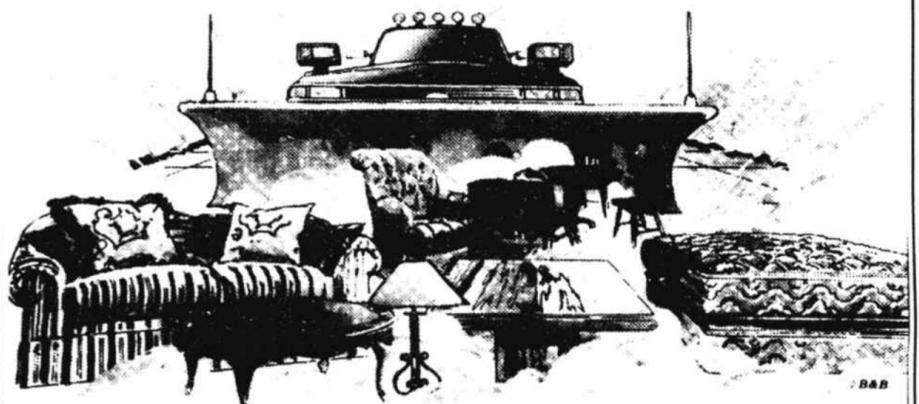


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