

Sandusky Found Guilty



Jerry Sandusky is escorted from the Centre County Courthouse in Bellefonte, Pa., after being found guilty of child sex abuse. "This is not unexpected," his attorney, Joseph Amendola, told Sandusky's wife, Dorothy. **DAVID SWANSON / Staff Photographer**

Ex-PSU coach is convicted on 45 abuse counts

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BELLEFONTE, Pa. — Jerry Sandusky was convicted Friday night of molesting 10 boys over 15 years, closing the first chapter in a scandal that tarnished the reputation of Pennsylvania State University and led to the ouster of four of its top administrators. Sandusky, 68, a retired defensive coordinator for the university's football team who once was thought to be in line to succeed the revered head coach Joe Paterno, was found guilty of 45 of 48 counts of child sex abuse. He remained stone-faced as the verdict by a Centre County Court jury

of seven women and five men was read just before 10. Judge John M. Cleland ordered him to be immediately taken to a county correctional facility to await sentencing in 90 days. He faces the possibility of life in prison. Sandusky offered a slight wave towards family members as deputy sheriffs escorted him from the courtroom. Outside, he emerged in handcuffs. A bystander yelled, "Rot in hell!" Miles away, the foster mother of a Sandusky victim who had testified at the trial answered her phone in tears after hearing of the verdict. "Thank God it's over," she said. "I felt so responsible. I was supposed to be nurturing [the youth] See **SANDUSKY** on A4

Lynn convicted on 1 count

A jury found he ignored warning signs about an abusive priest.

By John P. Martin and Joseph A. Slobodzian
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A jury convicted Msgr. William J. Lynn of child endangerment Friday, finding that as the Archdiocese of Philadelphia secretary for clergy, he ignored credible warning signs about a priest who later sexually assaulted a 10-year-old altar boy. The verdict, after a three-month trial, marked the first time since the clergy sex-abuse scandal erupted nationally a decade ago that a Catholic Church supervisor had been found criminally liable for child-sex crimes by a priest. Common Pleas Court Judge M. Teresa Sarmina immediately revoked Lynn's bail, and deputy sheriffs escorted the white-haired monsignor to a holding cell. Lynn faces up to seven years in prison, and prosecutors vowed to seek a term near the maximum. The jury of seven men and five women acquitted Lynn on two other counts and deadlocked on attempted-rape and child-endangerment charges against his codefendant, the Rev. James J. Brennan. District Attorney Seth Williams said his office would review the evidence before deciding whether to retry Brennan, who was accused of trying to rape a 14-year-old boy in 1996. See **VERDICT** on A7



The Rev. James J. Brennan smiles after leaving the courthouse.



Msgr. William J. Lynn was convicted of child endangerment. **ALEJANDRO A. ALVAREZ / Staff**

Among Catholics, anger and sorrow after Lynn verdict

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As news circulated Friday afternoon that a jury had found Msgr. William J. Lynn guilty of child endangerment, many around the region praised the decision as fair, while some found it too gentle and a few maintained that the priest should have been set free. "He only got one count?" asked Erin McGonigal, 31, who gasped when told of the verdict. "What about all the kids, all the people who suffered?" she asked, standing outside Immaculate Mary nursing home in Northeast Philadelphia. She expressed doubt that Lynn would get the maximum prison sentence of seven years. Her mother, Marybeth McGonigal, 57, said Lynn had officiated at her wedding in 1980 at St. Bernard's parish in Frankford. Although she thought he was likable and "hip" at the time, she said she now found it See **REACTION** on A6

■ Grand jury report set changes in motion. **A6.**
■ Msgr. Lynn once a little-known aide. **A7.**

Jurors tell of hard decisions

By Joseph A. Slobodzian and Julie Zauzmer
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In the end, jurors said, it was not about the Catholic Church or the prosecution's carefully crafted litany of Philadelphia priests who over the years abused children and got away with it. It was about two people and what they did, and what prosecutors proved beyond a reasonable doubt, said Isa Logan, foreman of the 12 Philadelphia Common Pleas Court jurors in the land-

mark Catholic Church sex-abuse trial. Logan, 35, a muscular, 6-foot-6 Army veteran, bank worker, and deacon of a nondenominational West Philadelphia church, met with reporters Friday afternoon and, above the noise of traffic around City Hall, tried to give some insight into the jurors' deliberations. "We followed the court's instructions and the evidence," said Logan, a father of three who said he gained a See **JURY** on A7

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Isa Logan was foreman in the trial. **ALEJANDRO A. ALVAREZ / Staff**

A telling portrait

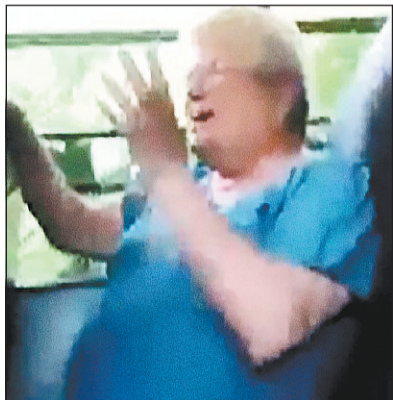
Who was that man, solitary and staring? He never told the jury.

By Jeff Gammage
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BELLEFONTE, Pa. — The clearest portrait of Jerry Sandusky to emerge during the trial that ended Friday night with his conviction may have been the one hardly anybody saw. It was lunchtime Monday, the defense was beginning to present its case, and the proceedings had broken for lunch. The jury had been led out of the courtroom. The attorneys were gone. All but a handful of the roughly 180 spectators and reporters had departed. That's when a few stragglers still in the courthouse annex, watching the closed-circuit TV feed

from the courtroom, noticed a curious scene. Sandusky was sitting alone at the defense table. He stared straight ahead. He didn't move, other than to occasionally shift in his seat. He looked isolated in the world. Who was that man, solitary and staring? He never told the jury. And because he did not take the stand in his defense, jurors were left to construct their image of the former Pennsylvania State University assistant football coach based largely on what they heard from others. Over two weeks, even as they listened to the evidence, See **PORTRAIT** on A4

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Karen Klein, 68, a bus monitor, reacts to the taunts from a small group of middle-school students on the ride home in Greece, N.Y. **Story, A5.** YouTube, AP



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