

One-of-a-kind dime from Carson City Mint sells for \$550,000

CARSON CITY (AP) — A dime that a Carson City Mint worker may have filched more than a century ago has sold for \$550,000 in a New York auction.

The 1873 dime is the only one known to exist. The 12,399 others minted that year were melted down when the government decided to increase the silver content of coins.

"Nobody knows exactly how it got out," said Keith Zaner, trends editor for Coin World in Sidney, Ohio. "Somebody probably stole it."

If so, rare-coin collectors at the Bowers and Merena Inc. auction last week in New York were thankful for the case of 19th century pilfering.

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Waldo Bolen, a collector from Morris, Ill., bought the dime with his \$550,000 bid. The dime has been in the collection of Louis E. Eliasberg Sr., a financier who had at least one of every known American coin.

Coins were minted in the Carson City Mint between 1870 and 1893. Today the old mint houses the Nevada State Museum and the exhibits include the old coin presses.

Bob Nylen, museum curator, said 1873 was a milestone year in monetary history. That year Congress passed a law that made gold the monetary standard, causing a wide decline in silver prices.

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Blackwell convicted of four deaths in courthouse shootings



EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — Timothy Blackwell was convicted Wednesday of killing his wife, two of her friends, and his wife's unborn child in a courthouse hallway last year.

A Snohomish County Superior Court jury deliberated about four hours Wednesday before reaching its verdict.

It convicted Blackwell, 48, on three counts of aggravated first-degree murder in the killings of Susana Remerata Blackwell, 25, who was pregnant; Phoebe Dizon, 46; and Veronica Laureta Johnson, 42, all immigrants from the Philippines. He also was convicted of first-degree manslaughter in the death of the fetus.

Blackwell remained silent as the verdicts were read. Prosecutors said earlier they would seek the death penalty if he was convicted.

The women were gunned down as they were sitting on a bench in the King County Courthouse on March 2, 1995, waiting for a hearing to resume in the Blackwell's divorce case. The trial was moved to Snohomish County after a judge ruled it would be improper to try Blackwell at the scene of the crime.

In closing arguments Tuesday, Deputy King County Prosecutor Lisa Marchese told jurors that Blackwell committed a "planned, purposeful, public execution," and was well aware of what he was doing when he calmly fired 11 shots at the three women.

Blackwell and his wife were in the midst of a bitter divorce, and the slayings occurred shortly before a hearing in the divorce proceedings was to resume. Blackwell had learned a day earlier that his wife was pregnant by another man.

FBI orders media away from hill over Freeman compound



JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — The FBI ordered reporters and cameramen to leave their hillside vantage point overlooking the Freeman compound Wednesday, but said it was not a prelude to a move against the anti-government extremists.

"We're trying to do everything we can to peacefully resolve the situation and we will continue those efforts," Attorney General Janet Reno said in Washington.

Officials said they decided to evict the media after a Fox Television news crew went to a fence around the compound Tuesday night and negotiated for interviews with the Freemen without telling the government beforehand.

"The negotiators have their own strategy for contacting the Freemen and don't want this kind of disruption," said a senior federal official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But Fox chairman Roger Ailes claimed the journalists were being used as scapegoats, adding in a statement that the FBI had planned to remove the media well before his staff made contact with the Freemen.

The FBI has isolated the rural area around the Freemen's farm complex since March 25, but had previously made no attempt to prevent journalists from watching from a country road on a hillside about a mile from the Freemen's main house.

Later Wednesday, the Freemen put out two batches of news releases defending the journalists and urging them to stand up for the right to remain on the road.

"If you cannot occupy the county road near Justus Township, Montana state, United States of America, you cannot go anywhere without the permission of your masters," a news release said.

Peres has slim lead over Netanyahu in early exit poll results



TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — As Israel held its breath, Prime Minister Shimon Peres maintained the slimmest of leads Wednesday over right-wing challenger Benjamin Netanyahu in a vote that sets the course of Middle East peacemaking.

Despite fears of a terrorist bombing by Islamic militants, it was a remarkably peaceful day of voting in a nation sharply divided over the central issue of how far Israel should go to ensure its peace and security.

With Jews evenly split, or perhaps tilting ever so slightly toward Netanyahu, Peres got a boost from a strong turnout of Israeli Arab voters who backed him overwhelmingly.

While the nation and a host of foreign countries anxiously awaited definitive returns, Peres' supporters tried to claim victory on the basis of exit polls that gave him a tiny edge but showed the race too close to call.

"Bibi is going home," they chanted, using Netanyahu's nickname, as they waved flags, danced and hugged each other after one TV exit poll gave Peres 51.1 percent to Netanyahu's 48.9 percent.

With 20 percent of the vote counted, Peres had 53 percent to Netanyahu's 47 percent, according to Israel radio.

With the race so close, it could take until sometime this morning to finish the unofficial count. Final results may not be known until late Friday, after an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 absentee ballots are counted.

Netanyahu, his face tight with tension, told the faithful at Likud Party headquarters that the race hadn't been decided yet.