

## High Court Ruling Could Affect 3 S.D. Inmates

PIERRE (AP) — Officials in South Dakota have identified three inmates in the state prison system who are serving mandatory life sentences for murders they committed when they were younger than 18, Attorney General Marty Jackley announced Thursday.

A U.S. Supreme Court decision last month said mandatory life-without-parole sentences for juvenile homicide offenders violates the Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment. The decision's impact on the South Dakota cases is unclear.

More than 2,000 people are in U.S. prisons under such a sentence. Some might win immediate release, while others still could be kept locked up for life. Judges also could impose new sentences carrying a specific number of years and a parole review.

The three South Dakota inmates serving mandatory life sentences for murders committed when they were under 18 are Paul D. Jensen, Daniel N. Charles and Jessi Owens.

The Supreme Court decision "may not impact the mandatory life sentences imposed on Jensen, Charles and Owens," Jackley said in a news release. "Courts must determine if the decision retroactively applies to juveniles previously sentenced to life imprisonment."

## Homeless Woman Fined \$50 For Child Neglect

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A mother who lived with her toddler in a car outside an Omaha homeless shelter has been fined \$50 for a misdemeanor count of child neglect.

Omaha television station KMTV reports that police found Theresa Stockfeld living in the car in April. Police also say she had allowed several intoxicated, homeless men to take care of her 3-year-old daughter while she left the car.

Police say that when officers found the girl, her diaper hadn't been changed in a long time, the interior of the car was littered with clothes, trash and old food and a weapon was within the girl's reach.

Stockfeld pleaded guilty to misdemeanor child neglect earlier this week. She's due in court later this month to see if she can regain custody of her daughter.

## Animal Shelter Crowded With Runaway Pets

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Humane Society's shelter in Omaha has been overwhelmed with calls from people seeking pets sent fleeing by their fear of Fourth of July fireworks.

The Humane Society's Jason Crumley tells Omaha television station KETV that the shelter runs into the same problem every July Fourth, but this year has been worse because residents were allowed to shoot fireworks for more than a week before the holiday.

Crumley says dog owners have been calling for days reporting their dogs jumping fences and running off because of fireworks. Crumley says those dogs often wind up at the Omaha shelter.

# Police: Hit-And-Run Preceded Neb. Shooting

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Police said a gunfight erupted after he was shot in the chest just before 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, about an hour and a half after his son was struck by a hit-and-run motorist. Police said Sifuentez was shot when he and other family members confronted the man they believed had hit the boy after police didn't arrest him, though he was arrested after the shooting.

Orlando Rey Sifuentez, 41, of Lincoln died after he was shot in the chest just before 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, about an hour and a half after his son was struck by a hit-and-run motorist. Police said Sifuentez was shot when he and other family members confronted the man they believed had hit the boy after police didn't arrest him, though he was arrested after the shooting.

The boy was later released from a local hospital with a busted lip.

"This is the kind of tragedy that can occur when emotion runs high and you don't let the police do their job," Lincoln Police Chief Jim Peschong told the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

The boy, Andrew Sifuentez-Coleman, was lighting a firework in the street just before 10 p.m. when a car hit him and drove off. Family members said a friend followed the car and reported its location to police.

An officer went to the location and questioned the vehicle's owner, 23-year-old Robert Sweets Robinson, who said he didn't hit the boy. The officer left after seeing no damage on the vehicle that would warrant an immediate arrest, but Peschong said the inves-

tigation had been ongoing and the allegations weren't "something we wind up taking lightly."

Peschong said Andrew's family members had threatened Robinson before leaving. The relatives then went back, in two or three vehicles, and exchanged gunfire with Robinson, authorities said.

Police said Robinson shot Sifuentez in the chest. An 18-year-old man who was with Sifuentez, Matthew J. Guerra, was shot in the calf and taken to a Lincoln hospital with injuries that weren't life-threatening. Robinson wasn't injured.

Police didn't find a gun on Sifuentez or Guerra but saw five bullet holes in the house that they believe came from someone in Sifuentez's camp, Peschong said.

While investigating the shooting, police found evidence suggesting Robinson did hit the boy. They arrested him on suspicion of leaving the scene of an injury accident and may add other charges, Peschong said.

"I'm angry. I'm very fuckin' angry," the boy's mother, Christy Coleman, told the newspaper. "This is all I have in the world. My boys."

The police chief said it was early in the investigation and officers were still interviewing witnesses.

"There were a lot of people there when officers were sent out," he said.



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## NPPD Sees Record Peak In Energy Use

COLUMBUS, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's largest electric utility is asking customers to conserve after another record day for energy usage.

The Nebraska Public Power District says it set an all-time peak on Wednesday, with an estimated 3,000 megawatts. The previous

record was the day before, at over 2,800 megawatts.

Before that, the last all-time peak was about 2,700 megawatts on July 30, 2006.

To help save energy, customers should raise the thermostat, close the blinds and don't use the dishwasher or drier until night.

## OBITUARIES

### Linda Hajek

Funeral services for Linda Hajek of Tyndall will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 7 at the United Methodist Church in Tyndall with Rev. Duane Coates officiating. Kathy Koenig will be organist and Bill VanGerpen will give the eulogy. Inurnment will take place at a later date in the Bon Homme Cemetery, rural Springfield. Auxiliary committal rites will be performed by the Tyndall American Legion Pike-Wagner Post #2 Auxiliary.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall and online condolences may be left at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

Linda Darnell Hajek was born on Tuesday, August 26, 1952 in Caledonia, Minnesota to Harold, Sr. and



**Linda Hajek**

Alice (Twite) Heaney. She graduated from Caledonia High School in 1971. Linda was united in marriage to Jerry Hajek on December 30, 1971 at Brookings, South Dakota. She was a cook for the Senior Nutrition Site, SEMCAC, and later ran a daycare in her home. Linda loved to cook and also enjoyed working crossword puzzles and collecting dolls. She was a member and past President of

the American Legion Auxiliaries in both Caledonia and Tyndall, and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Brownsville, Minn. After moving to Tyndall, she worked at the Tyndall Bakery and the Corral. Linda passed away following a courageous battle with cancer on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at her residence in Tyndall at the age of 59 years, 10 months and 9 days.

Linda was the beloved wife of Jerry Hajek of Tyndall; loving mother of Kimberly Jo Heaney (deceased), Angela (Scott) Dolle of Caledonia, Minnesota and Dennis (Amy) Hajek of Eyota, Minnesota; cherished grandmother of Alexander Hajek, Jacob Dolle, Samantha Hajek, Jena Dolle and Olivia Hajek; a loving daughter to Harold, Sr. and Alice Heaney of Caledonia, Minnesota; a dear sister to Harold (Susie) Heaney, Jr. of Caledonia, Minnesota and deceased brothers

Lyle and Mark Heaney; daughter-in-law of Leonard and Audrey Hajek of Tyndall; and sister-in-law of David Hajek of Sioux Falls, Dwight Hajek of Deadwood, and Dianne (Arthur) Klein of Cedar Falls, Iowa. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

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### Shirley Juracek

Shirley E. Juracek, age 90, of Yankton, SD passed away Monday evening, July 2, 2012 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 7, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, with Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service and memory sharing at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Shirley Evelyn (Hill) Juracek was born to Gust and Ragna (Geraldson) Hill in Yankton County. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton. She received her elementary education in a Yankton County rural school. She graduated from Yankton High School in 1938. She attended Mount Marty College and Yankton College, where she graduated cum laude with a B.A. degree in Elementary Education. She was a dedicated elementary school teacher for 39 years in Knox County, NE and Yankton County schools, most notably at Pershing School and Mission Hill School.

Shirley married Otto Juracek on December 12, 1942 in Hartington, NE. She continued to live and teach in Yankton while Otto served in W.W. II. Otto and Shirley built a home and lived in Yankton all of their lives. They were married for 45 years before Otto passed away in 1988.

Shirley taught Sunday School at Trinity Lutheran Church for 20 years and was also on the Board of Education there. She also taught Vacation Bible School at Trinity. She was a member of the Yankton Retired Teachers Association, the Yankton Historical Society, and the Sons of Norway. She was very proud of her Norwegian heritage and co-authored the book *Roots, Branches and Twigs*, a Hill Family Genealogy, with her cousin Lynne



**Juracek**

(Neil) Wainwright of Pueblo, CO. Shirley enjoyed gardening, canning, walking, reading, collecting coins and stamps, and genealogy. She was a wonderful cook and she also loved to bake. Shirley especially enjoyed spending time with her relatives and never missed a Hill family reunion. Shirley will be remembered as a generous, optimistic, and encouraging person as well as a proponent for education.

She is survived by three nieces, Sharon (James) List of Yankton, Janice Spratte of Westminster, CO, and Jerelynn Rowley of Colorado Springs, CO, nine great nieces and nephews, James D. List of Sioux Falls, SD, Kim (Jon) Heck of Sioux Falls, SD, Tammy (Ken) Knudtson of Brookings, SD, Elizabeth Mahoney of Greeley, CO, Katharine Mahoney of Denver, CO, Erick (Amie) Spratte of Brighton, CO, Svalynne (Jock) Kramer of Colorado Springs, CO, Greg Rowley of Denver, CO, and Todd (Jackie) Rowley of Colorado Springs, CO, and eleven great great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otto, her parents, Gust and Ragna, one sister, Edna Eggers, and four brothers, Gerald, Owen, Bernie (infant) and Lloyd (infant).

Condolences may be sent to the family through Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home in Yankton. Memorials should be directed to Avera Sister James Care Center, 2111 W. 11th, Yankton, SD 57078, Trinity Lutheran Church, 403 Broadway, Yankton, SD 57078 or Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

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### Elsie De Vaan

Elsie Mae (Ryken) De Vaan, age 87, of El Centro, CA passed away Saturday, June 16, 2012, at Woods Health Center, La Verne, CA.

Funeral services and Catholic mass were held on Wednesday, June 20, at the Richardson-Peterson Funeral Home in Ontario, CA.



**De Vaan**

Burial with graveside prayer service was in the Evergreen Cemetery in El Centro, CA next to Elsie's beloved late husband Walt.

Elsie Mae (Ryken) De Vaan was born in Yankton, SD on November 27, 1925 to Pearl Ethyl (Van Osdel) and Lawrence John Ryken. She grew up on the Ryken Farm with her brothers Marvin, Peter and Lawrence (Bill). Brother James died in infancy.

Elsie attended public schools in Gayville, SD and then went to South Dakota's Southern State College and received an AA degree in business after which she was a certified bookkeeper and stenographer. This led her to Minneapolis, MN for her first job and while there she met Walt De Vaan shortly after WWII. Elsie and Walt De Vaan were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, on November 27, 1947, and they moved to Southern California in the mid 1950s.

In the early sixties, Elsie and Walt sold everything except their home in Monrovia, CA and said goodbye to family and signed up for a three-year commitment as Lay Mission Helpers in Africa, building missionary churches and schools in what later became the nation of Zambia. After returning to the United States the couple settled back in Monrovia, CA and eventually purchased property in El Centro, CA where they established their A-Z Rental business.

Walt died in 1979. Elsie continued to be involved in the church. She taught CCD (catechism). She became president of the Soroptimist organization in 1981. She became a third order Carmelite. She headed an annual retreat each year for the women of the Imperial Valley.

Elsie had no children but is survived by many loving friends and family, including her sisters-in-law, Gladys, Helen and Judy and nieces and nephews of her late brothers, Marvin (Gladys), Pete (Helen) and Bill (Judy).

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### George Sealey

George Gilbert Sealey, 78, was born October 31, 1933, and died on July 1, 2012. The youngest of four children, Harold, John, Olive and George, he was born to Fred E. and Caroline Demann Sealey at the family farm near Meckling, South Dakota.

George attended Meckling School until the family moved to Vermillion, South Dakota in 1945. While attending Vermillion High School George and a friend of his, Clois Smith, were top trumpet players in the school band. He also carried the *Yankton Press & Dakotan* newspaper for several years. After high school George attended the University of South Dakota, studying applied science for two years. After college he worked for the Postal Service as a postal clerk. He entered the Army and served his term of service in Korea. Later he moved with his parents to a farm near Gayville, South Dakota. While on a trip to Sioux City, Iowa, he was involved in a car accident which injured his hip, which bothered him for the rest of his life. He farmed with his dad until the early 70's, after which they moved back to Vermillion. George was also a sixty year member of the Vermillion Odd Fellow Lodge #3.

His health failing, he entered the V.A. hospital in Sioux Falls,



**Sealey**

South Dakota. And in September 1999 he entered the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Nursing Home in Hot Springs, South Dakota, where he resided until his death. George is survived by his brother, John (Agnes) Sealey; his sister-in-law, Henrietta Sealey; his aunt, Goldie Sealey; his step-sister, Elinore Bobier; his nieces and nephews, James Sealey, Carol Regel, Suzanne Less, Ruth Richling, Michael Sealey, and Jane Slattery; as well as a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Caroline (Demann) Sealey; his brother, Harold Sealey; his baby sister, Olive Sealey; his niece, Nancy Sealey Huot; his nephew, John "Joe" Sealey; and his great-grand nephew, Mathew Sealey.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, July 9, 2012, at 11 a.m., at the Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion, South Dakota, with Pastor Shelley Aakre officiating. Odd-fellows Lodge #3 will perform a service following the memorial service. Following the memorial, a luncheon will be held at the Odd Fellows Lodge in Vermillion. Burial will take place at 1 p.m., at the Meckling Cemetery, rural Meckling, with military honors provided by Vermillion V.F. W. Post 3061.

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be posted online to [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com).

May he rest in peace.

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