

Staff photo by Michelle Ganassi
Officer Chris Pile talks to State police Trooper Ed Thomas outside the apartment where a shooting occurred in Somerset Borough Thursday.

second gun case

By BRUCE SIWY
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A young black male was taken into custody Thursday evening after Somerset Borough police responded to a second gun-related incident within a 24-hour period.

According to Somerset County 911 shift supervisor Geraldine Budzina, police were called to the 500 block of South Center Avenue around 7:45 p.m.

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Resort gets gambling license

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press

HARRISBURG (AP) — Casino gambling is coming to the Nemacolin Woodlands Resort in southwestern Pennsylvania after the luxurious resort won a four-way derby Thursday to capture the state's last miniature "resort" casino license.

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board voted 6-1 in favor of Nemacolin. In doing so, gambling regulators also rejected a bid by a hotel and conference center near Gettysburg that had generated opposition from some Civil War preservationists who worried that gambling would sully the area's historic character and dishonor the sacrifice of soldiers who died there.

Opponents of the Gettysburg application who attended the packed meeting hugged and cried after warding off a second attempt in five years to land a casino license near the site of the Civil War's tide-turning battle. Nemacolin's founder, 84 Lumber CEO Joe Hardy, said he felt like he won the Super Bowl.

"We're thrilled," Hardy said after board members voted. "I mean, I'd like to jump up in the air. It's something that's really going to make Nemacolin. We have all these amenities and that ties in beautifully."

(See CASINO, A11)

Violence linked to drugs

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Two men were in critical condition after an early Thursday morning shooting in Somerset Borough.

Borough police Chief Randy Cox said Samuel L. Taylor Jr., 39, of Allegheny County, and Brett Bailey, 24, of Washington County, were taken to Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center after the pair were involved in an apparent drug-related shooting.

Cox said around 3 p.m. that both men were still in critical condition. A nursing supervisor at the hospital said Thursday night that he could not release any information on either individual. Cambria County Coroner Dennis Kwiatkowski said that he had no information about the men.

Cox said Taylor and Bailey did not know each other but had mutual acquaintances in

Somerset.

"Our initial indication is a drug deal is what brought these two individuals together," Cox said.

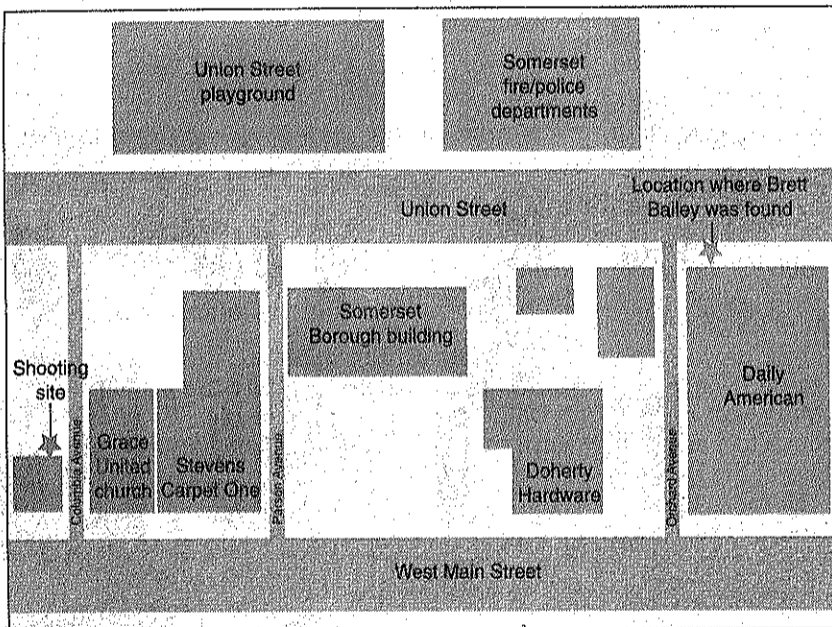
Police were called to an apartment at 404 W. Main St. for a reported shooting at 2:07 a.m. When police arrived, they found Taylor lying on the floor. He had been shot in the chest and head. Police also noticed shell casings and large amounts of blood in the bedroom area of the apartment.

While at the apartment police received another call about a second gunshot victim located near the Union Street entrance to the Daily American, 334 W. Main St. Police found Bailey, who had been shot in the chest and arms.

"At this point the best information is that it was a shooting of two individuals," he said.

(See SHOOTING, A11)

Somerset Borough



Graphic by Rick Kazmer

After being shot, Brett Bailey, 24, of Washington County, walked from an apartment at 404 W. Main St. around 2 a.m. Thursday to the rear of the Daily American at 334 W. Main St. Newspaper staff called 911 and Bailey was taken to the hospital.

ICC a 'Noah's arc' for wildlife

By VICKI ROCK
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More than 60 experts from around the world are visiting the International Conservation Center in Fairhope today as part of the African Painted Dog Conference being held at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium.

Dr. Barbara Baker, president

and CEO of the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, said the zoo plans to bring painted dogs to the ICC sometime this year, but no definite date has been set.

"We've tried to really put a focus on the painted dog, that's why we've brought together the leading experts in the world," she said. "African painted dogs are a very endangered species but so little information is

available about them. The opportunity to work with experts from around the world to share and learn information is a major step forward in the work to protect these wonderful but endangered animals. Painted dogs face many threats, from poaching and domestic dog disease to being killed by cars as Africa's population expands."

(See ICC, A11)



Photo courtesy of Paul Selvaggio

The newest litter of African painted dogs at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium.

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David Barclay.
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reading today.

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I believe that they epitomize what
the Legislature intended when they
drafted the legislation for the award of
two resort licenses," the board's chair-
man, Greg Fajt, said in announcing his
decision to vote for Nemaacolin.

Nemaacolin hopes to open the Lady
Luck Casino within 12 months. However,
construction could be delayed if a losing
applicant or another party to the case,
such as The Meadows casino nearby, ap-
peals the decision. Under the law, a ca-

the only "no" vote for Nemaacolin, arguing
that Fernwood could draw stronger gam-
bling profits — and, as a result, stronger
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ICC

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John Lemon, chairman
of the Painted Dog Conser-
vation Project in Perth, Aus-
tralia, said in a telephone
interview that painted dogs
have disappeared from 25 of
the 39 countries where they
used to exist. The species
has been around for at least
3 million years but could go
extinct in our lifetime.

breeding, husbandry and the
welfare of the painted dogs,"
Lemon said. "Painted dogs
live in large open spaces.
The Pittsburgh Zoo had the
forethought to purchase the
ICC — we have to take our
hats off to them. This will
improve the painted dogs'
social structure and well-be-
ing."

"They are unique crea-
tures, as unique as the Tas-
manian tiger," he said. "They
are the most social carnivore
in the world."

The painted dogs will be
kept separate from the three
elephants already living at
the ICC, Baker said, but the
animals co-exist in the wild.
When the painted dogs are
at the ICC, more research
will be done in their care and
pack dynamics.

Painted dogs are very
distantly related to domes-
tic dogs; they are more
closely related to wolves.
They are not hyenas. They
are also called African wild
dogs. They don't bark; they
chirp, sometimes sounding
like birds, and they use low-
pitched growls. Painted dogs
look after the weak members
of the pack, Lemon said.
They let the pups eat first.
They regurgitate food to feed
the new mothers, puppies
and weak or injured dogs.

"This will be the insur-
ance population to keep the
species from extinction,"
Lemon said. "It's like a mod-
ern Noah's Ark."

"They take care of each
other," he said. "We could
take a leaf out of their book.
They are also very efficient
predators."

The conference attendees
were introduced to the zoo's
newest litter of painted dog
pups on Thursday. The lit-
ter of five males and three
females, born Jan. 13, is the
zoo's second successful litter.

The experts are going
to look at the site and make
recommendations for what
should be done before the
painted dogs are brought in.
There is a fenced area for
them, but a nighttime and
bad weather enclosure will
be needed. Painted dogs will
dig and climb so the enclo-
sure must be secure. Living
at the ICC will be very en-
riching for painted dogs, he
said. If they see deer outside
their enclosure, it will be
enriching for them. It will
stimulate the pack behavior
of a hunt except for the final
kill.

"Since the mortality rate
for pups in both zoos and
the wild is very high, this is
a great opportunity for us to
share what we have learned
from both of our litters since
one was hand-raised and the
second litter is being raised
by mom," Baker said.

"The Pittsburgh Zoo has
been very successful with

The Pittsburgh Zoo &
PPG Aquarium is partner-
ing with the African Painted
Dog Project in Zimbabwe.

Workshop sessions in-
cluded presentations by
Lemon; Dr. Greg Rasmus-
sen, founder and director of
Painted Dog Conservation;
and Dr. Tico McNutt of the
Botswana Predator Conser-
vation Trust as well as veter-
inarians and keepers on the
most up-to-date accomplish-
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