

The Canberra Times BRIEFING

'Heads down' for Budget

The Federal Government will finalise its job-creating Budget this week.

The publication of national-accounts figures on Thursday — expected to show that the economy grew by about 2 per cent in 1991-92 — will occur four days before the big-spending Budget.

The missing element in the Government's Budget strategy is wages and this week the Government will meet the ACTU to finalise its national wage claim.

Financial markets have been expecting a Budget deficit of about \$14.5 billion, but some analysts are predicting that the deficit will come to \$16 billion and is likely to undermine financial markets.

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National priorities

The issue of recognising Aboriginal people in Australia's Constitution was far more important than the debate on republicanism, the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Robert Tickner, said yesterday.

Mr Tickner returned from Canada on Saturday where he met government representatives and Indian and Inuit organisations. He said Australia had the potential to lead the world in shaping its relations with indigenous people, but it was anything from a decade to a hundred years behind Canada in some areas.

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Athletes disappoint

Australia's track and field athletes did not live up to expectations at the Barcelona Olympics and the sport's future must be seriously re-evaluated, according to athletics team manager John Daly.

Although Daly said he was expecting a similar performance to Seoul from the track and field team in Barcelona, the number of finalists and the overall performance had been well down.

"Our results were not satisfactory here and we must rebuild around the athletes who were successful and tell the others to lift their game," he said.

'Scrap' rules

The Victorian Council of Social Security has called on the Federal Government to scrap social security rules that are weighted against people living in isolated areas, saying the rules discriminate against the poor and disadvantaged.

A VCOSS spokesman said the Government gave assurances the main targets of the rule were so-called "lifestyle drop-outs" living alternative lifestyles outside the mainstream workforce, but VCOSS research showed it was the disadvantaged who were suffering.

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Test for Bannon

The Premier of South Australia, John Bannon, has successfully negotiated the first hurdle in what looks to be the most testing month of his 10-year premiership.

Mr Bannon won approval yesterday for the sale of his Government's

57 per cent stake in SAGASCO, the state's gas company, at the state ALP annual conference.

The endorsement headed off a potentially embarrassing rebuff for Mr Bannon who will make his first appearance before the State Bank Royal Commission on Tuesday, and is then expected to bring down a tough budget on August 27.

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THE WORLD

Bush resists force

The US President, George Bush, has moved to crush growing political pressure to use force in the Balkans, saying there is no "quick and easy military answer" to the horror in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

He stressed that the United States and its European allies still saw diplomatic pressure as the only effective means to end the civil war in what was once Yugoslavia.

Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton and members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee have urged Mr Bush to take more aggressive action, but the President said he would not be pushed into a "reckless" use of military force.

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SPORT

Raiders' warning

The Raiders, for the first time since 1987, can not make the Winfield Cup final five but they showed with their 38-2 hammering of premiership hopeful Illawarra at Bruce Stadium yesterday that season 1993 is one of the other 15 sides had better be wary of.

Illawarra coach Graham Murray now has to turn around his club's biggest loss of the year before it meets Penrith at Illawarra Stadium next weekend.

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Brink of win

A stunning bowling performance by Waqar Younis on Saturday put Pakistan on the brink of a 2-1 cricket series win over England.

Waqar took four second-innings wickets to leave England struggling on 5-137, still 36 runs behind Pakistan's first-innings total of 380.

Meanwhile, in Colombo, Australian cricket captain Allan Border has challenged Dean Jones to prove he is good enough to carry the mantle as the Test side's leading batsman.

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Jew repays debt

A Holocaust survivor whose family was saved from the Nazis by Muslim neighbours in Sarajevo is repaying the debt.

Tova Greenberg, 54, has rescued some of her saviours' relatives from the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina and

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Third man accused of war crimes

ADELAIDE: Committal proceedings for a third South Australian man charged with European war crimes are expected to begin in the Adelaide Magistrates Court today.

Heinrich Wagner, 68, is charged with having murdered 19 children and a railway worker and with being involved in the murder of 104 people in Nazi-occupied Ukraine between 1942 and 1943.

He appeared in court in June when an officer with the Federal Government's Special Investigations Unit gave evidence about several documents.

Those documents included a deed-poll declaration dated back to 1957 in which Wagner allegedly changed his name from Andre Wojtenko after emigrating to Australia.

Wagner is the third person charged under Australia's controversial 1988 War Crimes Act. Committal hearings for the other two cases, against Adelaide pensioners Ivan Polyukhovich, 76, and Mikolaj Berzowski, 78, were completed earlier this year.

All three men were charged

as a result of investigations by the unit, set up in 1987 after a report by a federal public servant, Andrew Menzies, said it was "more likely than not" that a significant number of alleged war criminals had entered Australia after World War II.

Polyukhovich will stand trial in the Adelaide Supreme Court later this year charged with the murder of eight Jews in August or September 1942, and with being involved in the murder of up to 850 Jews in the Ukrainian village of Serniki in August or September 1942.

In his first appearance in the Supreme Court last month, Polyukhovich pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Last month too at a committal hearing Berzowski, who had been charged with being involved in the murder of 102 Jews near the Ukrainian village of Gnivan in 1942, was found to have no case to answer.

Funding for the unit was withdrawn by the Federal Government on June 30, making Wagner likely to be the last Australian charged with European war crimes.

'War games' equipment to train RAAF at home

By FRANK CRANSTON

A huge United States Air Force Lockheed C-5 transport aircraft will deliver today to the RAAF base at Tindal, Northern Territory, some of the most sophisticated "war games" equipment in the world.

The RAAF has negotiated a \$19.5 million two-year lease of the equipment for an electronic-warfare range to exercise its McDonnell Douglas F/A18-A Hornet fighters, General Dynamics F111C bombers and possibly aircraft of neighbouring South-East Asian countries.

The electronic-warfare range is at Delamere, about 130km south-east of Katherine, 300km south of Darwin.

The range will be operated by a US company under a two-year contract while Australian operators are sought.

The new range, the only one of its kind in the region, is being installed under the aegis of Project AIR 5396 to provide Defence with basic electronic-warfare

equipment. Previously the RAAF had exercised at the Cape Thunder range near the former USAF base at Clarke Field in the Philippines, but this had to be removed before the eruption of the volcano Mt Pinatubo forced its abandonment in any case.

Delamere will also have a tactical air weapons range with a simulated target complex to develop aircrew skills in target detection, identification and weapons delivery.

The equipment includes a multiple-threat radar system, a threat reactive analysis indicator system, and an AN-MSQ-T8 surveillance radar.

The range will include an array of simulated targets including an airfield complex, surface-to-air-missile site and a power station.

It is expected to be operating by November.

Medical aid: recruits sought

By NAOMI MAPSTONE

A team of Australian medical professionals is being recruited by World Vision to travel to the famine-stricken African nation of Somalia to provide badly needed aid.

A spokesman for World Vision, Jonathan Smith, said the team would leave as soon as possible because of the urgency of the situation.

"It depends on how quickly we can recruit... [we hope] within the next one to two months," he said.

The task force would be made up of several doctors, nurses, a nutritionist

and logisticians, who arrange for the transport and distribution of supplies. All members of the team would be paid professionals, he said. People who worked in famine- and war-stricken countries like Somalia were just normal people with a strong commitment.

Medical professionals interested in applying to join the team going to Somalia can ring Tim Brewster, overseas personnel officer for World Vision, on 03 287 2209. Donations to World Vision can be made at any branch of the ANZ Bank or by phoning 008 038 111.

Weapons Act to come under fire again

By CHARLES MIRANDA

THE MUCH maligned ACT Government's Weapons Act 1991 has again come under fire, this time for not allowing an Australian Protective Service officer, who carries a service revolver on duty, to own a recreational weapon.

Mr R. from Higgins cannot own a weapon, despite being authorised to carry one on duty, because under section 25 of the Act an applicant can be refused a weapon licence if he/she has within a period of eight years been convicted in the territory or "elsewhere" of an indictable offence.

The indictable offence may or may not have any direct relationship with firearms. In Mr R's case the offence was a domestic one in 1989.

The licence sought is for a rifle for recreational shooting with his family.

Mr R. said he was in his late 40s and served in the air force for 22 years. He was raised on a farm where rabbit, kangaroo and wild-pig shooting were second nature and for the past four years has been an officer with



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the Australian Protective Service — a job which required further weapons training.

A response to a letter sent by Mr R. to the ACT Attorney General, Terry Connolly, said that the legislation was "in response to community concern at the growing number of gun related tragedies in Australia each year" and the Act did not "provide for a discretionary approach".

The letter went on to say, "I regret that the application of the law has made your own situation difficult but I am of the view that the ACT legislation, which has been considered as a model for other jurisdictions, accurately

reflects the desire of the community for gun ownership to be a restricted privilege and not a right".

It was suggested a further application be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

After paying a \$240 lodgement fee with AAT and attending an "informal conference" Mr R. was told the AAT did not have the power to reverse the law and could simply hear whether he had interpreted the Act properly. He continues to be refused a licence.

The president of the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia ACT branch, Terry O'Brien, said gun laws were like drift nets in the ocean, where because the legislators had neither the wit or will to get to the root of the problem.

"In a law of this nature many people partly or wholly innocent will be caught up in the Act and the shooter's movement feels it will have little affect on social problems in the long run".

Various shooting clubs in the ACT did submit points-of-view suggestions when the Act was first introduced, some of which were adhered to by the ACT Government.

Rebate has been passed on to all

ARMED with a letter from the Minister for Urban Services, Terry Connolly, a motorist was disappointed to find he had to pay more than \$140 for his third party premium.

"I am pleased to be able to let you know that the 1991/92 Third Party Insurance Premium for cars has been set at \$140," Mr Connolly said in a letter enclosed with all registration renewal notices.

"This figure represents a subsidy of \$54.82 as the real cost has been calculated by NRMA Insurance Limited as \$194.82. The money for this subsidy is coming from profits made in previous years by NRMA Insurance Limited, and resulted from a reduction in the number of Third Party Insurance claims against the company. These profits belong to thee."

"Following negotiations with the ACT

Government, the NRMA is now returning these profits to ACT motorists. Not all of these profits will be directly returned as a Trust Fund is to be established. Money from the Trust Fund will be allocated to projects aimed at increasing motoring safety."

The letter has apparently caused some confusion to people who understood the word "car" to mean their vehicle. Third party premiums on other vehicles, such as utilities and four-wheel drive vehicles are higher.

A motorist has told Consumer Voice that he had expected to pay the \$140 specified in Mr Connolly's letter. But registry staff had said he would have to pay \$168. He had been given no explanation for the difference but had heard staff quip that this was "another of those letters".

The general manager roads and transport branch of the Department of Urban Services, Mike Sullivan, said there was no one to whom the reduction of third party premiums did not apply. It appeared the confusion had been caused by the person not having a standard private motor vehicle.

The Third Party Premiums Committee recommended the premium for standard vehicles. It also recommended a series of relative premiums for other vehicles. Therefore, the third party premiums for some vehicles, such as motorcycles, would be less than the standard. For other vehicles, such as trucks, premiums would be more. But the rebate of \$54.82 had been passed on to everyone and the relativities had been calculated from the standard premium.

Correct child restraint tricky issue

HAVING taken considerable trouble to get advice on where to anchor a child restraint, a Yarralumla man would have done better to have read his vehicle's manual.

Mr M. wrote to Consumer Voice because staff at the Phillip Motor Vehicle Registry had refused to pass his 1983 vehicle for registration until a child restraint anchor bolt had been removed. Mr M. said he had fitted the bolt in accordance with advice from a technical officer of the Dickinson registry in 1983.

Since then the vehicle had passed eight registration inspections but in June it had failed because of the anchor point.

Staff from the ACT Motor Vehicle Registry have since inspected Mr M.'s vehicle and have confirmed the bolt had been in the wrong place. A spokesman said Mr M. had been shown where the restraint should be anchored and had been assured the decision

to fail his vehicle with the bolt in the previous place had been correct.

The spokesman said it was not known why the vehicle had passed previous inspections or why Mr M. had been given incorrect advice. But from the manual supplied with his vehicle, he had been shown the point recommended by the manufacturer for anchoring a child restraint. This was the same point specified recently by registry staff.

Paper collection

Canberra Paper and Cardboard Recycling will collect in Red Hill, Griffith, Giralang, Kingston and Barton tomorrow. Leave clean paper on nature strips by 7am, even if raining. No plastic, wood, carbon or waxed paper, milk cartons, cloth or wire. Inquiries: 239 1863.

AIDS bus

For confidential information and advice about HIV and AIDS, condoms, pamphlets, needle exchange and stickers. The bus will be at the ANU 6-10pm tonight.

Parenting

Southside Community Services six-week program to help parents understand their children's behaviour. Wednesdays from August 19, 9.30am-noon, Southside Community Centre, Broomfield Crescent, Narrabundah. Cost \$10. Bookings and inquiries: 295 7572.

Quota Club

The Quota Club of Canberra meets tomorrow, 6pm for 6.30pm, Embassy Motel, Deakin. Prospective members welcome. Acceptances: 251 6058.

Continence

Continence Awareness Week, from today. Inquiries: 254 1808 (Belconnen), 205 1460 (Woden) or 293 5957 (Tuggeranong).

Recollection

Fil-Care of Canberra will hold a Recollection, Sunday, 9am-noon, Dominican Priory, Watson. Theme: God in our busy lives. Reservations: 255 1794 or 254 3323.

History

Canberra and District Historical Society monthly meeting, tomorrow, 8pm, Meeting Room 1, Griffin Centre. Guest speaker: Ken Taylor.

Probud Club

Meeting and Luncheon of the Probud Club of East Canberra, Thursday, 9.30-11.45am, Eastlake Football Club.

Flowers

The Canberra Flower Club workshop meeting, tomorrow, 10am, Downer Community Centre, Frenchman Place. Inquiries: 247 6635.

Mediation

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) presents a seminar on mediation, led by Sue and Steve Williams, Wednesday, noon-3pm, Friends Meeting House, Condamine Street, Turner. Inquiries: 273 1237.

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Inquiries: 254 1111.

Speech workshop

Voice production and speech workshop, Wednesday, 6.30-10.30pm. Cost \$15, bookings essential. Inquiries: 281 5072.

Meeting

Canberra branch of the APC and RAAF Association meets August 18, 2pm, Canberra Services Club, Manuka. Inquiries: 295 1611.

Probud Club

Canberra City Ladies Probud Club meets tomorrow, 10am, Salvation Army Hall, Braddon. Inquiries: 249 8827.

Save the Children

Monthly meeting of the Save the Children Fund, Wednesday, 1.30pm, Blind Society Room, Griffin Centre. New members welcome. Inquiries: 258 3093.

ANU Law Revue

The ANU Law Revue presents Strictly Courtroom, Thursday to Saturday, doors open 7.30pm, show 8pm, ANU Arts Centre. Adult \$7, concession \$5. Proceeds to the Smith Family.

RANWA

Royal Australian Navy Wives' Association pasta demonstration, soup 'n' sandwiches and fashion parade, Thursday, 11.30am-1.30pm, RSL Headquarters. Cost \$2. Inquiries: 254 0278 or 282 5160.

Lecture

Senate Department public lecture, today, 12.15-1.15pm, Main Committee Room, Parliament House. Speaker: Senator Bruce Childs. The Truth About Parliamentary Committees.

Meeting

St Christopher's Branch of the Catholic Women's League August meeting, tomorrow, Haydon Catholic Centre, Manuka. New members welcome. Inquiries: 273 1237.

Reading

The Australian Defence Force Academy Library presents a reading by Australian author Frank Hardy, today, noon, in the library seminar room.

Caters

Caters group get together today, 7.30pm, and Wednesday, 12.30pm, Hughes Community Centre.

Irish friends

Friends of Ireland Canberra Irish Choir (social), tonight, 8.30pm, Canberra Irish Club, Parkinson Street, Weston. All welcome. Inquiries: 241 3554.

Chisholm Watch

Chisholm Area 22 Neighbourhood Watch meeting tonight, 7.30pm, Chisholm Sports Club. All welcome.

Ex-service women

Ex-Service Women Sub-branch RSL ACT August meeting, tomorrow, 10.30, Southern Cross Club, Phillip. Inquiries and apologies: 247 9938.

Advocacy

Citizen Advocacy would like to hear from people who have time to spend with a person who has an intellectual disability. Inquiries: 257 3075.

Wilderness

The Wilderness Society needs volunteers. Call into the office in the Griffin Centre or telephone 257 5122.

Contributions

Fridge Door is for community notices from non-profit organisations. No notices are accepted by phone. Contributors can mail or deliver them to The Canberra Times (9 Pirie Street, Fyshwick). Please type or print clearly. The deadline is 4pm two days before publication, or 4pm Thursday for Monday's edition. There is no Fridge Door on Saturdays or Sundays.

Quick 1066

ACROSS

- 1 Authoritative saying
- 5 Oscillate
- 8 Greedy
- 9 Deep sleep
- 10 Describe accurately
- 12 Reveal
- 14 Stains
- 15 Graceful
- 17 Counter
- 18 Gambling game
- 19 Duty list
- 20 Flare
- 21 Espied
- 23 Pawn (sl.)
- 25 Apart
- 27 Tick
- 29 Among
- 30 Paper quantity
- 31 Bleach
- 32 Walk ostentatiously

DOWN

- 2 Socratic method
- 3 Carried
- 4 Wine-making refuse
- 5 Broadly
- 6 Poem
- 7 Cloth
- 11 Nominal chiefs
- 13 Harbingers
- 14 Takes off
- 16 Trail
- 20 Defeated
- 22 Porcine
- 24 Crockery
- 26 Doctrines
- 28 Anger

Solution tomorrow

English cryptic 1721

By CUSTOS

- 1 Deputy needs medical expert, we hear, as accused persons do (5, 2, 3, 4)
- 8 Short book the Spanish revise (5)
- 9 Toffs holding about a pound back — they tamper with horses (8)
- 11 Real ink, adulterated, gets thinner (7)
- 12 A vicar finally detected in a sin, cupidify (7)
- 13 King has to design a vessel (3)
- 15 Athletic event in European cellar (4-5)
- 17 Transfer a cheerful Cockney on disguise (3, 4)
- 20 Member of family showing energy in holiday resort (5)
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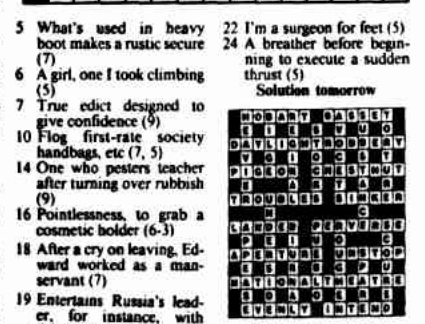
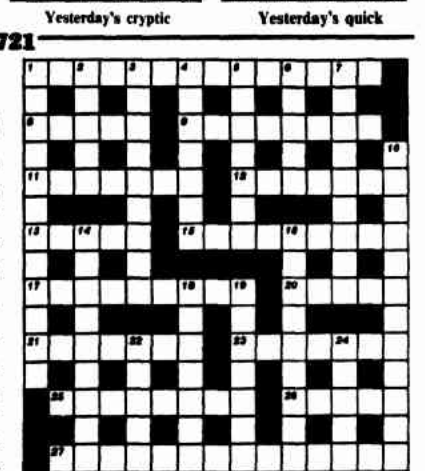
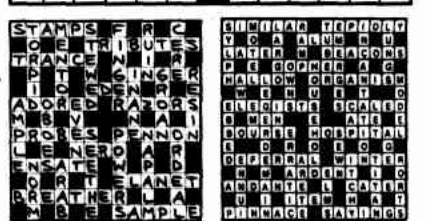
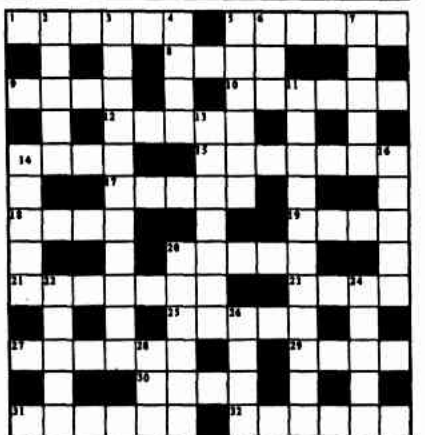
DOWN

- 1 Laity tackles reforms in Mormon area (4, 4, 4)
- 2 A liberal embargo in old Scotland (5)
- 3 Stupidly hits out when embraced by a pretty girl (9)
- 4 King of paint almost nobody's used on sink? That's about right (3-4)
- 5 What's used in heavy boot makes a rustic secure (7)
- 6 A girl, one I took climbing (5)
- 7 True edict designed to give confidence (9)
- 10 Flag, first-rate society handbags, etc (7, 5)
- 11 One who pesters teacher after turning over rubbish (9)
- 16 Pointlessness, to grab a cosmetic holder (6-3)
- 18 After a cry on leaving, Edward worked as a manservant (7)
- 19 Entertains Russia's leader, for instance, with drinks (7)
- 22 I'm a surgeon for feet (5)
- 24 A breather before beginning to execute a sudden turn (5)

Solution tomorrow

Yesterday's cryptic

Yesterday's quick



History

- *Highlights in history on this date, August 10:
- 1566: Iconoclastic riots by fanatical Calvinists break out in the Netherlands.
 - 1627: French forces under Cardinal Richelieu begin siege of La Rochelle against Huguenots, which English are unable to relieve.
 - 1664: Truce of Vasvár ends war between Turkey and Holy Roman Empire, whereby rival armies are to withdraw from Transylvania.
 - 1741: Prussia