Final suspect wanted in Venton Club shooting apprehended in Philadelphia

Brewington "Taff" Bivens Jr., 36.

of Chance and Salisbury, was arrested by Philadelphia police without incident at a residence there last Thursday for his role in the shooting of Theolonious Topp, 29,

of Salisbury in the club parking After arraignment and extradition,

violations.

Topp was shot and critically wounded early morning Jan. 15. with attempted first degree murder, assault with intent to murder, plus and use of a handgun in a crime of handgun crimes.

The final suspect wanted in the Jan, 15 shooting at the Venton Club was arrested in Philadelphia last Thursday. he faces two counts each of attempted first degree murder, assault with intent to murder, assault, battery, and handgun before the shooting.

On Jan. 17, police arrested Kevin Lamont "Beebop" Bivens, 29, of Salisbury after he turned himself in The following day, police arrested and charged James Randolph "Buttons" Deshields, 31, of Chance intent to murder, assault and battery

After second trial in Circuit Court, Man accused of burning house acquitted

Somerset County Circuit Court. Judge Theodore R. Eschenburg in-terrupted the trial of Theodore "Ted" Smith on its third day Wednesday to rule in his favor.

This was the second time Smith had gone to court. He was charged in August 1994 with burning down his house Feb. 10 that same year. A jury was "hopelessly deadlocked" when the case was first tried April last year, and State's Attorney Logan C. Widdowson brought the case School Board airs uniform issue

that a growing child would outgrow

Hevison said the company could

work out a payment plan and that

most of the clothing could be al-

-Board Chairman Ted W. Abbott

conclusion on the wardrobe, he

but is glad the problem has de-

see the situation cleaned up, even if

said that students should dress better on the issue.

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wardrobe.

tered for growth.

t means uniforms.

A Princess Anne man was found not guilty of malicious burning with intend to defraud last week in Semerat County C that had a jury heard the case "it would have been an acquittal." show that Smith had burned the house for insurance purposes and to destroy marital assets that were to be sold following Smith's divorce. But Judge Eschenburg said he could

there was one "the State didn't

the clothing in about six months. She said with an average cost of about \$200 for three sets of clothes, many parents could not afford the

dress code would solve more prob-

Board Vice-Chairman Thomas

"Ted" Ward said he is undecided

about whether students should wear

uniforms. He also said the students'

would be taken into consideration

Board member Ann M. Taylor

could not mandate uniforms unless

the state legislators votes for them,

lems than uniforms would.

WHS student board member she said. Taylor also said that the

prove it."

lined by the State Fire Marshal's Office, he was critical of the inveswould have been an acquittal." tigation, particularly when it came The State's Attorney tried to to searching for destroyed personal property. "Nobody took the time to go back and look for those particular items," he said.

Eschenburg said he believed there was evidence that showed the fire see no motive for the fire and if was allowed to burn, but "there was no evidence that the defendant set the fire." He added, however, that The judge called conflicting ex- had this been a civil case with a pert testimony on how the house fire started "the battle of the ex-lower burden of proof, "the result would be different."

DeWayne Whittington met with

county PTA members who

suggested having uniforms. Taylor said 86% of all PTA members at

that time said they wanted to try

uniforms and that they have been

After hearing the student's re-

sponses. Taylor said she thought they were confusing the uniforms

with a new board dress code policy,

Under the new policy, students

who dress improperly are subject to in-school and out-of-school

suspensions and after five instances,

referral for expulsion. The policy

also forces parents to bring suitable

clothing to school for their child

and attend conferences with school

HOW TO MAKE-UP

SNOW DAYS MULLED

was a big issue. Mother Nature left

the Board of Education with another

problem: how to make up school

ssed in January as eme

days for Somerset County Schools.

Only two of them, however, may

days missed for snow.

While the new dress code policy

persistent with idea ever since.

also passed at the meeting.

administrators.

Princess Anne Chamber of Commerce officers installed Saturday night include, seated from left, President Mattie Dryden and Vice President Jim Hinman Jr. Standing are directors David Donohoe and Bill Wilson, Treasurer Roland Collins, director Jack Cook and Recording Secretary Richard Crumbacker.

Pr. Anne Chamber installs new officers and looks to new challenges

A look back at 1995 with an eye on the future was the theme of the Princess Anne Chamber of Commerce's second annual membership banquet, held Saturday at the

Princess Anne firehouse. Over 60 members and guests double the turn-out from the previous year--were reminded of last

year's projects and this year's challenges, including a commitment to Somerset County students. Outgoing President Joseph E Chisholm advised the audience the educational system "is your biggest challenge in '96" and it's more than just passing resolutions of support. "We hire these kids out of the school," the Peninsula Bank vicepresident said. "We have no choice. We've got to do something. The hard part is stepping up and fixing it." He also said continued pressure to the retail community will come from Salisbury, and Pocomoke City's proposed Wal-Mart.

To meet the challenges, Mr. Chisholm said the private and public sectors must work together--just like they did to get the two wel-come signs built on U.S. Rt. 13. This was the most visible project completed by the chamber, with project director David Donohoe getting credit for leading it forward. Other projects from 1995 included the rain-shortened Christmas parade, organized by Sharon Harris, and Halloween Haunted House. This was chaired by Debbie Westbrook who solicited student volunteers Abbott said that he asked state from UMES and Washington High officials to declare all four days School. Some of these same ers also helped landscape the

welcome signs. For the business community, Mr. be declared emergency days, which Chisholm praised the chamber's efschools are not required to make up. fort to promote local purchasing by The board is still waiting for that UMES and the Eastern Correctional



mansion

cooperation with the Crisfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Roland M. Collins, Corresponding Secretary Debbie L. Westbrook, and Recording Secretary Richard P. Crumbacker. Legal Counsel is



lot to promote. He was the guest speaker following the dinner.

president is Mattie W. Dryden, the past vice-president and branch manager of Bank of Maryland. James L. Hinman Jr. of Hinman Funeral Home is the new vice-president.



This project, like facilitating golf packages with Great Hope, were in

Mr. Chisholm said the organiza tion took on the role of both a traditional service club and business organization. But in whatever it did he held to his goal that chamber volunteers "would do it right and

Succeeding Mr. Chisholm as

Other officers include Treasurer

It's really not that bad at WMS

Continued from Page 1----could not prepare students success-fully for the MSPAP without first reestablishing a productive learning environment. "Nothing good can go on in a school until students can feel safe, until they can give and receive respect." remarks Lewis. Since Lewis' arrival in the 1993-

1994 school year, there has been a rapid decline in the number of suspensions, which had reached a startling 520 in 1992-1993. So far this year, there have only been 30. "I was a wreck about my daugh-ter, (Jayna, seventh grade) going (to Woodson) at first," admits Debbie Tawes. However, she has been "totally impressed" with the school's strict discipline. "They run a tight ship," she says. Lewis, who has been in education for over 20 years, including 17 in Baltimore county, says "We've been able to recapture the atmosphere and atti-tude (in the school) that I remember 25 years ago."

contribution to the current low MSPAP scores is the nature of the test itself. "The MSPAP represents a 180 degree turn on how to educate," says Lewis. The rigorous test, which lasts for an entire week, requires a level of critical thinking that many students are not used to. Students must not only demonstrate knowledge, but they must be able to apply what they know in a prac-tical, hands-on fashion. For instance, students are placed in groups, given materials, and asked to construct a container that will hold a certain number of M & M's. They may also be asked to compute a math problem and then ex-plain in writing how they arrived at the answer.

students need these higher level thinking skills. "The state realizes its expectations are high but necessary if students are going to progress." Do the low scores indicate that Woodson students are not up to the challenge? "Our kids are just as talented as others," says John Robertson, who teaches social studies and science. Lewis agrees that Woodson students are capable

of scoring well, but they are not yet ready. She explains that innovative teaching methods must be in place if students are to gain higher level thinking and application skills. However, in the case of the MSPAP "the Investigators," and the "Rainbow Team"), instill pride and a greater sense of structure to the students' day, says Lewis. The teachers are likewise divider into teams, and though they still

of instruction changes...the cart before the horse," she says. Instruc-tion now must be more performance-based, she says, where "students discover and learn new things as they do them." This is very different from the days of

make some of these instructional changes as it enters the third year of a five-year revitalization plan implemented prior to the recent state recommendation for reconstitution. But Lewis is insistent that these types of changes are going to take time. Math and science teacher Cindy Lawson, who has been teaching at Woodson for 14 years, agrees and says the state's reprimand is just like judging a painting that is only half finished.

"The state has come in in middle and has not given us a chance to finish improving," she said

Another contributing factor to the low test scores may be that neither students, parents, or even the school learn how individuals scored on the test. Students thus fail to see the test's relevancy. Also, Woodson teachers and administrators agree that some of the tasks on the test. are out of the students' range of experience. For instance, they may be asked to design a "community cen-" something about which only ' youth would be familiar. ter,"

One of the factors that may help students meet MSPAP standards is a new method of instruction called team teaching, which has received mixed reviews nationwide but according to Lewis, appears to be working well at Woodson. The entire school body is divided into two academic teams, one for sixth grade and one for eighth, with the seventh being split in half between the two. There is also a team for the fine arts. The teams, each with their own identity ("The Monster Squad,"

Princess Anne, Md. 21853 TOWN MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1996 PrincessAnneLibrary 7:30 P.M. AGENDA Pledge of Allegiance Approval of January Town Meeting Minutes President's & Commissioners' Comments Town Manager's Report a. Financial Reports b. Police c. Building

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Edward S. Cohn Stephen N. Goldburg, **Richard E. Solomon** SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES

BALTIMORE, MD 21202 SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES' SALE

said that while he has drawn no strong feelings against the wardrobe

ikes the clothing's neatness. He before the board takes a formal vote

creased. "Dress is an extension of said the wardrobe was only an op-

ducation," he said. "I just want to tion open to parents. The board

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decision to be made. Schools will make up one day a a full day on Presidents' Day, Feb. 19. Abbott said that the board has many options on how to make up the remaining missed day. These include taking a day from Spring Break, adding a day to the end of the school year or extending the school day by an hour everyday for a week.

TEACHER HIRED FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

The school board voted to hire a new elementary school teacher for next year. Lorene Y. Evans of Salisbury taught at Deal Island Elementary and is a Somerset and Wicomico substitute. Assistant Superintendent William E. Cain said he is not yet sure in which school Evans will teach.

Another new staff member, Donald Fitchett, will fill the position recently left by late bus driver James Whittington.

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straight teacher lecturing, she notes. Woodson has already begun to

she

teachers.

Perhaps the most significant

Lewis agrees with the state that



"There is a new spirit of revital ization in this town," remarks Paul, who believes the "silver lining" of this cloud over Woodson will be united community that stands be hind the school. Lewis agrees that the community has good reason to be proud of Woodson. Though the initial blow from the state was "devastating," Lewis is adamy that "if you look at how far we've come, it's pretty amazing." come, it's pretty amazing."

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