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Rhonda Williams, of McSherrystown, is one of the characters in the book.

Woman's nightmare returns

Ebola outbreak brings back terrifying memories for McSherrystown woman

By BRIAN GEOGHAN
Dispatch/Sunday News

For years, the horrifying, recurring nightmare was always the same, waking Rhonda Williams with a terrifying image.

The dream took Williams back years, to her time in the Army at the Reston, Va., facility. In the dream, she found herself in the dark entrance to the monkey room.

"I keep looking down this long hallway, and there's a monkey — a nice, big one — with a syringe, chasing me," said Williams, a 24-year-old McSherrystown resident.

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The dream never ended; she always awoke before the crazed monkey caught her.

In the monkey room: Williams' dreams were the lasting result of her time spent in the monkey room, the "Hot Zone," in Reston, Va., in December 1989. Hundreds of experimental monkeys from the rain forests of the Philippines were at the Army research center there.

The monkeys were brought to the compound, examined for a time, then sold to various research facilities to be used in experiments.

When the Ebola virus was discovered in the animals, Williams was among the Army personnel summoned to clean up the mess through dangerous, mass monkey killings.

For years, the memories were only rekindled by the dream.

The incident was kept under tabs by the government, and Williams never told anyone what she had experienced first-hand.

Until the release of "The Hot

Zone," the No. 1 selling non-fiction book by Richard Preston, and the recent Ebola outbreak that killed 121 people in Kinshasa, Zaire, Africa, Williams' experience had become a fading memory.

Reliving experience: Now the substitute teacher is reliving the experience, talking about her character in the book and what she went through, whenever someone wants to hear.

"It brought back some things I had forgotten," Williams said of the book. "We weren't allowed to talk

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Scars haven't healed

W. Shore union out of meetings

By CAROLINE NYLEN
Dispatch/Sunday News

Five years ago, scarred by a teachers' strike, the West Shore School District adopted a plan to prevent rancor from reaching that level again.

Now, amid a flurry of meetings and press releases, the plan itself has become the focal point of a new battle splitting the district along those same lines.

Complaints ignored? Frank Hummert, president of the West Shore Education Association, said the executive council of the teachers' union decided this month to withdraw from what the district calls the "relations by objectives process" because they felt their complaints had been stifled and ignored, and progress had stalled.

Union representatives no longer attend the network of committee meetings created as part of the process.

"We were to keep our mouths shut and work through the chain of command," Hummert said.

He added, "I don't see that we've moved forward at all."

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THIS IS ONLY A TEST!



BILL KALINA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A Coast Guard helicopter lifts a man from the Susquehanna River as part of a drill yesterday.

RIVER RESCUE

Local Coast Guard Auxiliary holds drill at Susquehanna

By JEFF KRALOWETZ
Dispatch/Sunday News

Had it not been for the whirring rotors of an orange Coast Guard helicopter overhead, you may have thought Jack Shirk was trying to end it all.

Dressed in a bright orange jumpsuit, Shirk jumped from a boat into the murky waters of the Susquehanna River at Long Level yesterday.

Within minutes, the helicopter from Cape May, N.J., came to a 50-foot hover above Shirk and began lowering a metal rescue basket.

Safe Boating Week: The drill was part of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's celebration of Safe Boating Week, and an attempt to whip up new membership for the auxiliary.

The auxiliary, with 40,000 members nationwide, was formed by Congress in 1939 to promote boat safety.

From its local headquarters at Long Level, south of Wrightsville, its civilian members help stretch the Coast Guard's ability to provide rescue and safety services along the lower Susquehanna.

Shirk, a Reading diving equipment store

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Want to join auxiliary?

Anyone interested in joining the local flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary should call 1-800-368-5647 or a local marine equipment dealer.

Members must be at least 17 years old and own at least 25 percent of a boat, airplane or marine radio station.

If you are a boat owner who would like the auxiliary to do a courtesy safety inspection of your boat, call the Long Level headquarters at 252-3956 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on week-ends.

owner during the week, found that his duty yesterday was playing waterlogged boater to the Coast Guard's hovering knights in fluorescent orange.

Can't see anything: "When (the helicopter) got within 200 to 300 feet of my position, I can see absolutely nothing," Shirk said, adding that the blindness — caused by the mist whipped up by the helicopter blades — continues while in the rescue basket being hauled upward.

Rebert has his doubts about story

Inquest scheduled for Harris killing

By RICK LEE
Dispatch/Sunday News

David R. Gross told York City Police he shot and killed an intruder who tried to rob him at knife-point in his own home on Jan. 29.

York County District Attorney H. Stanley Rebert isn't so sure about Gross's story.

On Wednesday, Gross, 34, of 259 Roosevelt Ave., faces a coroner's inquest into the shooting death of Paul J. Harris.

Harris, 29, of 234 Elm Terrace, was shot twice in the chest and once in the back in Gross's apartment, according to reports.

"The question . . . is whether it is justifiable homicide," said Rebert, explaining the pending inquest. "And it is a case where I would prefer to get a recommendation from a coroner's jury."

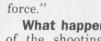
Hear testimony: In the county courthouse, a six-person panel presided over by York County coroner Kathryn Fourhman will hear the state's testimony on the police and medical investigation into Harris's death.

That panel will then make a recommendation on whether criminal charges should be

filed against Gross.

"It's really an aid in determining whether charges are appropriate," Rebert said.

"The question is whether (Gross) was truly justified in killing (Gross) claimed he was in his house and the victim came in and threatened him in some manner." He claimed he had to use deadly



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force."

What happened: The day of the shooting, Gross told police he had been asleep around 1:30 a.m. when he heard a tapping at his kitchen window. Thinking it was his downstairs neighbor, Robert Nolder, he went to the door, he said.

But because of a "30-percent weird feeling," he clipped a .38m handgun to his jeans before unlocking the door, he said. Another 40-caliber handgun was under the pillow of his bed, he said.

When Gross opened the door, a man with a sweater pulled up over his nose con-

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Police nab 21 in prostitution sting

Operation centered on W. Princess

By RON SOUTHWICK
Dispatch/Sunday News

An undercover prostitution sting in York City netted 21 arrests between Friday afternoon and early yesterday morning.

The state police's Troop H Vice Task Force led the operation at the intersection of West Princess Street and Cherry Lane. State police worked with York City police and the York County District Attorney's office.

"That's a problem in York City and that area," said York County District Attorney H. Stanley Rebert. "It's always been a problem."

19 men, 2 women: A total of 19 men were charged with soliciting sex from an undercover female trooper. In addition, state police charged two women with offering sex acts for money to undercover troopers.

were given citations at the scene.

Rebert said the sting was done — like sweeping drug busts, to send a message that the crime of soliciting prostitution will be prosecuted.

Police will enforce: "You raise the consciousness of the community that police are going to enforce the prostitution section of the law," he said.

Rebert said even the threat of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases hasn't curbed the city's prostitution problem. He said people are still willing to risk their health — and even their lives — for sex.

"That's absolutely incredible to me," Rebert said.

"It's not deterring as many people as we'd like," Rebert said. "I think it's somewhat less of a problem, but not to any great degree."

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LOCAL

Keep that chili cookin'



Lynn Fisher, of the GTE/IBEW Local 1451 team, said his group sold out of chili by 2:30 p.m. yesterday. The team won the Chairman's Choice award with a recipe for 'Jackass Chili.'

IT'S HOT STUFF

Annual Chili Cook-off sports variety of tastes to perk up your palate

By NERISSA MILLER
For the Dispatch, Sunday News

Dan Ross of York thinks the Chili Cook-off at the York Fairgrounds is a real gas, but it worries him.

"... I think this event will cause problems with the ozone — if you know what I mean," he said while sampling a bowl yesterday at the York Jaycees sixth annual Chili Cook-Off.

The event, which started at noon, featured 19 booths offering spicy and flavorful chili for adventurous tasters.

For \$3, you could test mild Roadkill Hillbilly Chili or a super-hot spicy concoction mixed by employees of United Defense LP.

"Our turnout was fantastic this year," said Jaycees spokeswoman Linda Weinstein. "We're really pleased."

About 3,000 people attended the event.

Cow-tap bingo and a performance by soft rock singer Harry Traynham were added attractions. But chili was the big draw.

A panel of 15 judges tested chili for taste, aftertaste, appearance, and consistency.

The restaurant was given \$1,000 to donate to a charity and \$300 to keep.

Chili chums: Westgate's award-winning recipe comes from the kitchen of Diane Shearer and includes four types of meats, three types of beans, and secret spices. Her concoction has earned prizes every year of the cook-off, from the 1994 People's Choice award to the 1990 second place Restaurant award.

"At the shack, men in skirts and stockings greeted guests,

The winners:

- Grand Champion: Westgate Restaurant.
- Individual Champion: Nikki Enrich.
- People's Choice: Westgate Restaurant.
- Chairman's Choice: GTE/IBEW Local 1451.
- Best Corporation Chili: Dentsply.
- Best Restaurant Chili: Porkie's Place.
- Best Not-for-Profit Chili: Friends of Martin Library.
- Hottest Chili: United Defense LP.

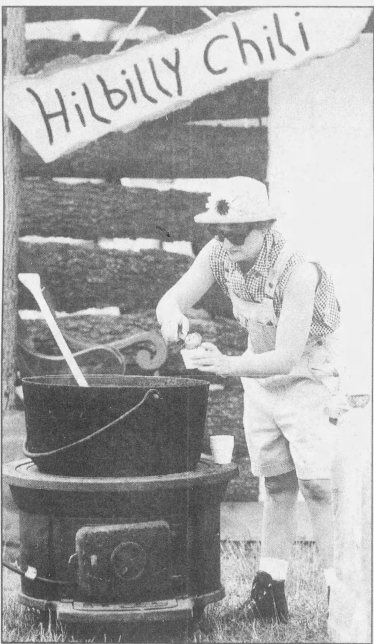
while women with toy guns and painted moustaches served the chili.

"The best thing about this event is the friendly atmosphere," said Jack Shearer, sporting a Mexican cowboy outfit.

Back for more: Friends of Martin Memorial Library, winner of the \$250 cash Best Not-for-Profit Chili Award, offered chili "guaranteed to increase your vocabulary by 10 percent."

The GTE/IBEW Local 1451 team won the Chairman's Choice award with a recipe for "Jackass Chili."

"We had the best chili in the place — sold out by 2:30 this afternoon," said Lynn Fisher, GTE employee. "Plus we have Becky," Becky, a burro imported from Delta for the event, sported a sombrero and Mexican blanket. She was a popular attraction with children and adults alike.



Ginger Meckley, of Thomsville, serves mild Roadkill Hillbilly Chili at the United Defense LP stand at the York Fairgrounds.

Dover schools ratify contract

Support staff gets \$1-an-hour raise

By NANCY SPANGLER
For the Dispatch, Sunday News

Dover

It looks like Dover Area school officials won't have to worry about labor contracts at least until the turn of the century.

Just about a month after the Dover Area School Board and the district's teachers' union ratified a five-year labor contract, a pact between the district and its support staff for the same time frame has been approved.

The new five-year agreement approved by the school board this month calls for members of the Dover Area School Support Personnel Association to receive a \$1-an-hour increase the first year, Dover Area school director Thomas D. Morley said.

Over the next four years, the contract calls for a 4 percent wage hike per year.

The pact, also ratified by the association, runs from July 1, 1995, to June 30, 2000, Morley said. The current three-year contract expires on June 30.

Under the contract, entry-level positions for cooks will go from \$5 to \$6 an hour. The entry level salary for full-time aides will increase from the current

\$5.50 to \$6 per hour.

Also, the policies for employee's life insurance go from \$12,000 to \$15,000 for full-time employees and \$6,000 to \$7,000 for part-time employees.

There are 72 full-time and 44 part-time employees in the association's bargaining unit, Morley said.

Other changes include:

■ Personal leave provisions that give employees who have completed 10 years of service one additional day of personal leave. Regular part-time employees who are entitled will get two days instead of one personal leave day per year. Personal days not used may accumulate from year to year to a maximum of five days.

■ A wage differential of \$1.50 an hour in addition to general duty wage rate for employees who are elevated to the position of head custodian, head cook or principal's secretary. This would only affect those employees above entry level and only those promoted after July 1, 1995.

Antiques show



BEI KALINA STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

D.N. Saller, of Springfield, Pa., checks out antiques at the 25th anniversary edition of the Greater York Antiques Show and Sale at the York Fairgrounds yesterday. The sale, in Memorial Hall, was started by the York YMCA Men's Club as a fundraiser for Camp Spirit. Today, it's a nationally known antiques show with more than 120 dealers in 113 booths, selling everything from Chippendale furniture to a jewelry.

■ STING

Police nab 21

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Rebert said a sting like this weekend's usually slows business down for a couple weeks, and sometimes up to a couple of months.

But Rebert added that at some point, "the behavior will continue."

State police charged the following people with soliciting prostitution: Howard Holzinger, 64, of York; Rodney Michael Jewell, 30, of York; Thomas Joseph Donaghy Jr., 36, of York; Silvestre H. Aleman, 27, of York; Marc P. Kleinman, 28, of York;

Peter K. Lucas, 43, of York; Robert LeRoy Grimm, no age listed, of York; Ronald Paul Young, 48, of York; Thomas Arthur Craft, 26, of Manchester; Carl David Anderson, 48, of York; Louis Francis Robinson, 36, of York; Edward C. Russell, 34, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Kevin Carl Chronister, 32, of Hanover; Gilbert L. Vazquez, 23, of York; Tony Allen Wagner, 29, of Hanover; Daniel E. Bosserman, 30, of York; Ralph Thomas Killen, 39, of Hanover; Robert Wayne Fisher, 39, of Hanover; and Jason Daniel Sweigart, 20, of Spring Grove.

In addition, Melissa Orr, 34, of York, and an unidentified white female were charged with offering sex acts for money to undercover state troopers.

Alcohol charges filed in sorority party

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. — A sorority member and pledge at Bloomsburg University face alcohol-related charges after a March party that nearly killed one of them.

Carrie R. Gobrecht, 19, of Hanover, was cited for underage

drinking. Chi Sigma Rho member Danielle Powers of Philadelphia was charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor, a misdemeanor.

Gobrecht, a sophomore, was taken by ambulance to the Bloomsburg Hospital after the party. Doctors found her to have a blood alcohol level of 0.328.

According to court papers, Powers handed Gobrecht four shots of straight vodka, then followed those up with a glass mixing more liquor with cranberry juice.

The sorority was suspended for two years following the incident and three sisters were expelled.

ATTENTION
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF
YORK COUNTY CUSTOMERS

Due to the MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY, your trash pickup will be one day later for the week of May 29, 1995 thru June 2, 1995.

Monday on Tuesday, Tuesday on Wednesday, Wednesday on Thursday, Thursday on Friday, Friday on Saturday, Manchester Twp. Monday will be on Tuesday.

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