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 As Belvedere Square celebrates its fifth anniversary Ann Nault closes her white tablecloth restaurant. **12**

Rape case break
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Vision for downtown unveiled
 Columbia plan calls for revamped mall

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Six years from now, shoppers might be able to exit the Columbia mall food court onto a wide outdoor promenade lined with trees, fountains, stores, restaurants and offices.

The central feature of this promenade would be a "rain fountain" that would fill with cool water in summer and convert to an ice skating rink in winter.

Heading down the promenade, the strollers would come to a 300-room hotel and conference center anchored by a new Patuxent mall. From there they could head to Lake Kittamaquendi along a switchback path, lined with gardens, called the "Spanish Steps."

Or they could head in the direction of an "arts district," anchored by a new arts center, Merrivue Post Pavilion and a new park in Symphory Woods.

Such was the vision of a partially redeveloped Town Center that offi-

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD

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Kathy Schwartz-Howe, director of Days End Farm Horse Rescue, rides Cappy, to the rescue organization's new digs, a 26-acre farm in Linton, on April 26. The 15-year-old horse was found free in the former headquarters. Cappy is the first horse Schwartz-Howe cared for when she opened Days End nearly 20 years ago. **See story, Page 66.**

By Sarah Daniels
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Joseph Samuel Ellis, the former Glenelg High School teacher who was convicted of sexually abusing a student, as well as his wife, has been granted to a former student and her family during his sentencing hearing April 25.

"It's hard knowing I hurt someone so much, and she didn't deserve it," he said as he took the stand.

Circuit Court Judge Richard Bernhardt sentenced Ellis, 77, of Elkrade, to five years in prison after an emotional eight-hour sentencing hearing. Ellis was originally facing 29 to 32 years.

Assisting Attorney Linda L. Kline, Ellis received no prison time.

"We have some mitigating factors that you also deserve some leniency," Kline said. "I'm sure you're a wonderful person now and you've been a good neighbor in the community."

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Teacher sentenced for abuse
 Man gets five years in Glenelg High case

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