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## Schools doing better at finding teachers

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Wrapping up their best recruiting season in at least four years, county school officials plan to start the school year Monday with fewer than 30 teaching vacancies.

Long-term substitute teachers will hold those positions until teachers can be hired.

Recent years have generally seen about 50 open positions at the start of school. Thanks to a 5 percent pay raise, creative recruiting initiatives and partnerships with area businesses, nearly 600 new teachers have signed on this year.

"We are in outstanding con

dition," said Sharyn Doyle, supervisor of teacher personnel.

Anne Arundel is in better shape than anticipated because about 100 teachers who were expected to retire decided instead to stick it out and earn a 10 percent raise between this year and next.

The county took advantage of a 1 percent teacher raise paid by the state for two years by coming up with an additional 4 percent raise each year.

Despite stiff competition across the state for their services, teachers were receptive to incentives offered by the county, Ms. Doyle said.

Area businesses also collaborated

to offer teachers reduced application fees for apartment rentals, discounted mortgage rates, bank incentives and free computer courses.

Highway billboards and signs on school system trucks to advertise teaching positions also attracted attention, Ms. Doyle said.

"We were highly competitive this year," Superintendent Carol S. Parham said.

New teachers also were drawn to a new mentoring program that will pair them with veteran teachers. The program is targeting schools with the largest numbers of new teachers.

"One of the main questions we're asked when we go recruiting is 'What kind of support do you have for me so I'm not on my own?'" Ms. Doyle said.

Twenty-one mentors will be assigned to about 170 teachers at:

- North County High in Glen Burnie
- Meade High at Fort George G Meade
- Bates Middle in Annapolis
- Marley Middle in Glen Burnie
- MacArthur Middle at Fort George G Meade
- Georgetown East in Annapolis
- Freetown in Glen Burnie
- Harman in Hanover

- Hilltop in Glen Burnie
  - Marley in Glen Burnie
  - Maryland City
  - Meade Heights
  - Mills Parole in Annapolis
  - Point Pleasant in Glen Burnie
- Most of the remaining teacher vacancies are in hard-to-fill areas, including special education, science and math — the subject area with the greatest number of openings this year.

School officials had some luck hiring teachers in those areas by offering bonuses ranging from \$500 to \$1,500.

Under a state law in effect for two years only, school officials were

able to rehire retired teachers with no penalty to their retirement plans. Fifteen retirees agreed to come back this year, Ms. Doyle said.

Three retired principals also returned to help process 3,500 teacher applications.

Despite the continuing shortage, Anne Arundel continues to have the lowest percentage of non-certified teachers in the state, Ms. Doyle said.

School officials expect to continue hiring for this year until January, but already they've begun offering contracts to teachers for next year — "just trying to get a jump" on the competition, Ms. Doyle said.



Members of Anne Arundel Medical Center's "Magnificent Seven" vascular team: from left, vascular surgeon David H. Deaton, cardiologist Jonathan Altschuler, radiologists George Odell and Thomas Lank, and vascular surgeons John Martin, William Rogers and Karl Holschuh.

## AAMC fields cutting-edge team

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They are known as the "Magnificent Seven" — a team of four vascular surgeons, two radiologists and one cardiologist from Anne Arundel Medical Center.

All experts in their field, the doctors have teamed up in a unique program to jointly decide the best course of treatment for every vascular patient at AAMC.

Vascular surgeons David H. Deaton, John D. Martin, William Rogers and Karl Holschuh, radiologists Thomas Lank and George Odell, and cardiologist Jonathan Altschuler refer patients back and forth discussing each case and monitoring the treatment.

Merging all three disciplines to work together clearly makes the quality of care better and gives us the ability to detect problems earlier," said Dr. Martin, director of AAMC's vascular program, who came up with the

team concept about a year ago.

Vascular disease involves a group of disorders that affect the arteries of the body, causing them to become narrowed or clogged, and slowing or stopping the blood flow.

This can cause symptoms such as high blood pressure or pain in the arms and legs and increase the risk of heart attack, stroke or kidney failure. Risk factors include smoking, diabetes, high cholesterol or a family history of vascular disease.

Dr. Martin and his team perform 15 to 20 vascular surgeries a week.

Armed with the latest technological equipment and procedures, AAMC has moved to the forefront in treatment of vascular disease.

Much of that is due to the recent additions of Dr. Deaton and Dr. Martin, nationally known experts in the performance of surgery for a condition known as abdominal aortic aneurysm.

Treatment for the disease — a weakening of the wall of the major artery in

the abdomen — has traditionally involved a highly invasive surgical procedure, along with a week in the hospital and several months of recuperation.

In the newer procedure, surgeons bypass the artery in two small incisions with minimal scarring. It reduces the hospital stay to one night and recuperation to about a week.

Because of Dr. Deaton's association with the manufacturer of the device used in the procedure and his experience using it, AAMC has been selected as one of 14 training sites for the surgery nationwide.

Every three weeks, teams of vascular surgeons, cardiologists and radiologists come to town for the two-day training course at the Loews Annapolis Hotel.

We are the only community hospital out of all (the training sites) involved in this," Dr. Martin said. "We bring cutting-edge care to the community so they never have to venture

out. It's an easier place to be a patient than in a teaching facility."

New technology for vascular surgery allows the vascular surgeon, cardiologist and radiologist to show case their individual skills.

"Cardiologists usually deal only with the heart," Dr. Martin said. "Now we step on each other's toes and are willing to share and learn each other's different training."

AAMC has an inpatient vascular unit in the downtown hospital and a non-invasive vascular lab at the Weems Creek Facility in Annapolis.

In the spring, a new vascular center will open at the Ambulatory Health Service Pavilion on the hospital's Jennifer Road campus. The outpatient center will house vascular cardiology and radiology offices as well as a cardiovascular rehabilitation center.

"It's truly unique," Dr. Odell said. "I'm not aware of another program in the country where they are all together under one roof."

## Mom guilty in attempt to kill girl

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A Rosehaven woman who gave her 3-year-old daughter anti-psychotic medication in a failed plot to murder her pleaded guilty to reckless endangerment yesterday.

County Circuit Judge Eugene M. Lerner sentenced Anita Turner, 34, to a suspended three-year prison term and ordered her to enroll in a live-in psychiatric treatment program as recommended by her attorney and the prosecutor.

County police charged Turner with attempted murder April 12 after she called 911 to report she'd given her daughter a prescription drug she'd been taking to treat a manic depressive illness. When paramedics arrived, they found the girl slumped over in a dining room chair, conscious but listless.

Questioned by officers, Turner repeatedly said she was a bad mother and wanted to murder her daughter and two boys, ages 8 and 10. She admitted giving her daughter some of her pills, but couldn't say how many. Turner has received treatment for a bipolar disorder for more than a decade and was taking the prescription drug Seroquel. The drug is a member of a relatively new category of medications called "atypical anti-psychotics" used to manage mental illnesses including schizophrenia, according to medical references.

Judge Lerner ordered her to check into Central Therapeutic Services, a residential treatment facility in Annapolis. Patients are under 24-hour supervision to start, and gradually gain more independence as their treatment progresses, said Turner's attorney, Mary Jo Livingston of the Public Defender's Office.

Patients stay up to five years in the program, but the length of Turner's stay will depend on her progress, Ms. Livingston said.

Assistant State's Attorney Sandra Howell said she agreed to the sentence proposal because it ensures Turner will be supervised while she gets the treatment she needs.

The judge also placed Turner on five years supervised probation and ordered no contact with her children who now live with their father in Virginia.

Turner struggled to explain her actions to the judge, saying, "I would just apologize, before she was overcome with tears."

"I hope you're able to get your life in order so you are able to be reunited with your children at some later time," Judge Lerner said.

## Roads to close for 10-mile run

By BRIAN HAYNES  
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Unless you're wearing running shoes, getting through downtown Annapolis Sunday morning probably will be slow going.

Several streets will be closed for most of the morning as more than 5,000 runners weave through the city for the 25th annual Annapolis 10 Mile Run.

The race begins at 7:50 a.m., but city police will start closing roads at about 7:30 a.m. All should be reopened by 11 a.m.

Runners will start at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, head down Rowe Boulevard onto Northwest Street, around Church Circle and down Main Street through Gate 1 at the Naval Academy.

During that time, Main Street and Randall Street will be closed off. Also during the run, parts of Rowe Boulevard, Northwest Street, Church Circle and Taylor Avenue will be shut down.

The runners will zigzag through the academy and emerge at Gate 8 onto Route 450 before crossing the Naval Academy Bridge, looping around the scenic overlook and recrossing the bridge.

Portions of Ritchie Highway and Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard south of Route 50 will be closed for that part of the race, according to Officer Charles Ravenell, county police spokesman.

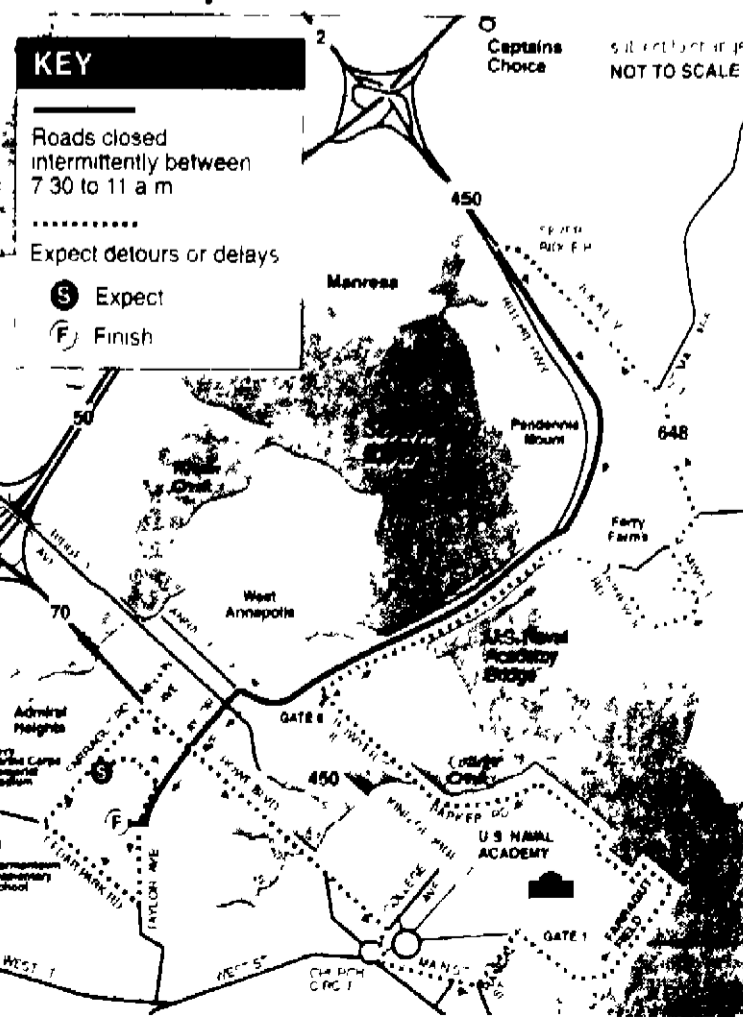
The bridge will remain closed until the last runner has crossed it, heading back into Annapolis.

Runners will travel down Taylor Avenue and cross Rowe Boulevard to the finish line at the stadium.

Motorists should avoid the race route to avoid delays, but officers will be stationed along the way to divert traffic and direct drivers to detours, according to Sgt. Paul Gibbs, special events coordinator.

"We'll be directing traffic," he said. "It's not like we'll be sending (motorists) down a road and forget about them."

### 25th Annapolis 10-Mile Run



## BWI concourse evacuated after fan causes smoke

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A concourse at BWI Airport was evacuated for about 40 minutes yesterday after airport workers saw and smelled smoke there.

Airport emergency crews and county firefighters responded to the terminal at Baltimore Washington International at around 4:10 p.m. They determined that an overheated fan near gate B-19 was causing the smoke and evacuated Pier B after identifying the source.

An estimated crowd of more than 500 people was moved to the main concourse.

Three Southwest Airlines flights and one from Delta Airlines were delayed by the incident, airport spokesman John White said. Incoming flights were diverted to Pier C.

Standing shoulder-to-shoulder, the crowd waited just inside Pier B's security gates as fire crews prepared to re-open the terminal.

"Because this flight is late, it causes a chain reaction. Now I'm late for other flights. I'm losing a lot of money on this," said Joel Ostrow, a driver for Sedan, Van and Limousine Co. in Owings Mills, as he waited to pick up a client aboard a Southwest flight from Providence, R.I.

"But what can you do?" he said. "It just happens. It's nobody's fault."

The delay was even harder on waiting passengers.

"I was supposed to leave five minutes ago," Marti Stuker of New Hampshire said as she tapped her watch. She was heading to a Southwest flight to Boston when the pier was evacuated.

Pier B was reopened at about 4:55, Mr. White said.

Pier B houses gates for Southwest and Delta Southwest, the largest carrier at BWI, last month opened 10 additional gates at Pier B in the rapidly expanding airport.