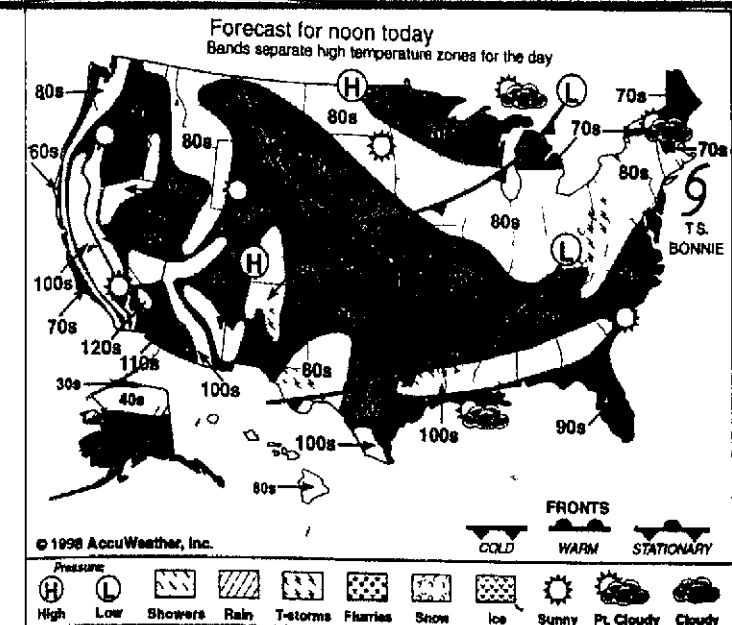


WEATHER & TIDES



Bonnie will skirt southeastern New England with wind and rain today, while much of New England will enjoy some sunshine. A few showers and thunderstorms are on tap near a front from New York to Texas. Blazing sunshine and heat will continue from the Rockies to the West Coast while hot, steamy air stifles the Southeast.

■ FORECAST: SOME SUN, 90°/72°

ANNAPOLIS AREA: Today, partly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. West winds 5 to 10 mph. Tomorrow, partly sunny. Highs around 90.

OCEAN RESORTS: Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-80s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight, clear. Lows in the lower 70s. West winds 5 to 10 mph. Sunday, partly sunny. Highs in the mid- to upper 80s.

CHESAPEAKE BAY: Today, southwest winds 5 to 10 knots. Waves less than 1 foot. Tonight and tomorrow, southwest winds 10 knots. Waves 1 foot or less.

THE LONG-RANGE OUTLOOK: Monday through Wednesday, partly sunny. Lows mid-60s to lower 70s. Highs in the 80s.

■ AREA WEATHER DATA

Record high today	100 in 1953
Record low today	47 in 1986
One year ago today	Balmy, 85/60
Precipitation yesterday	None (as of 3 p.m.)
Precipitation one year ago today	None
Total precipitation for August	0.92 inches
Normal precipitation for August	3.92 inches
Yesterday's high temperature	88 degrees (as of 3 p.m.)
Yesterday's low temperature	74 degrees (as of 3 p.m.)
Chesapeake Bay water temperature	80 degrees
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:33 a.m.	Sunset tomorrow: 7:41 p.m.
Moonrise: 1:27 p.m.	Moonset: 12:01 a.m.

■ TODAY'S TIDES

	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Annapolis	5:21 a.m.	10:17 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	11:53 p.m.
Edgewater	4:58 a.m.	9:54 a.m.	4:31 p.m.	11:30 p.m.
Fairhaven	4:04 a.m.	9:05 a.m.	3:37 p.m.	10:41 p.m.
Sandy Point	5:38 a.m.	10:41 a.m.	5:11 p.m.	12:17 p.m.
Shady Side	5:01 a.m.	10:18 a.m.	4:34 p.m.	11:54 p.m.

†Indicates that the tide occurred last night

■ WEATHER ELSEWHERE

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EST									
	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk		Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk
Ablene, Tex.	94	75		cdy	Little Rock	107	75	1.25	cdy
Akron, Ohio	83	59		cdy	Los Angeles	76	65		clr
Albany, N.Y.	85	60		cdy	Louisville	90	68		cdy
Albuquerque	88	72		clr	Lubbock	87	66	59	cdy
Allentown, Pa.	86	66		cdy	Macon	100	65		cdy
Amarillo	91	68	56	clr	Madison	79	67	25	cdy
Anchorage	52	34	34	cdy	Medford	98	59		clr
Asheville	89	63		clr	Memphis	97	68		cdy
Atlanta	90	71		cdy	Miami Beach	91	81		cdy
Atlantic City	75	71	49	cdy	Midland-Odessa	90	72		cdy
Austin	98	79		cdy	Milwaukee	77	68	19	cdy
Baltimore	89	74		cdy	Mpls-St. Paul	85	65		clr
Baton Rouge	100	77		cdy	Mobile	96	76		cdy
Billings	91	61		cdy	Montgomery	100	64		cdy
Birmingham	97	65		cdy	Nashville	94	63		cdy
Bismarck	90	54		clr	New Orleans	99	79		cdy
Boise	98	67		clr	New York City	81	73		cdy
Boston	78	64		cdy	Newark	84	72		cdy
Bridgeport	80	70		cdy	Norfolk, Va.	85	73		clr
Brownsville	95	77	01	cdy	North Platte	98	68		clr
Buffalo	85	59		cdy	Oklahoma City	99	77		clr
Burlington, Vt.	83	58		cdy	Omaha	86	68	03	clr
Caribou, Maine	73	53	01	cdy	Orlando	95	75		cdy
Casper	88	53		cdy	Paducah	91	63		clr
Charleston, S.C.	94	76		cdy	Peoria	79	68	22	cdy
Charleston, W. Va.	87	61		cdy	Philadelphia	88	74		cdy
Charlotte, N.C.	91	68		clr	Phoenix	113	89		cdy
Chattanooga	96	68		cdy	Pittsburgh	84	60		cdy
Cheyenne	85	49		cdy	Pocatello	90	42		clr
Chicago	74	64		cdy	Portland, Maine	82	58		cdy
Cincinnati	86	62		cdy	Portland, Ore.	91	61		cdy
Cleveland	83	58		cdy	Providence	84	65		cdy
Colorado Springs	76	57		cdy	Pueblo	88	57		clr
Columbia, S.C.	97	75		clr	Raleigh-Durham	95	71		clr
Columbus, Ga.	98	71		cdy	Rapid City	94	60		clr
Columbus, Ohio	88	63		cdy	Reno	96	56		clr
Concord, N.H.	87	53		cdy	Richmond	92	74	08	cdy
Corpus Christi	93	73		cdy	Roanoke	93	68		cdy
Dallas-Ft. Worth	103	79		cdy	Rochester	84	56		cdy
Dayton	88	62		cdy	Rockford	76	66	83	cdy
Daytona Beach	93	76		cdy	Sacramento	99	60		clr
Denver	86	55		cdy	St. Louis	84	73		clr
Des Moines	85	72	03	clr	St. Thomas	87	80		cdy
Detroit	79	62		cdy	Salem, Ore.	92	55		clr
Duluth	82	60		cdy	Salt Lake City	88	55		clr
El Paso	92	73		cdy	San Angelo	93	71		cdy
Elkins	82	57		cdy	San Antonio	92	74		cdy
Erie	85	63		cdy	San Diego	78	68		clr
Eugene	94	49		clr	San Francisco	68	53		clr
Evansville	91	63	09	cdy	San Jose	84	58		clr
Fairbanks	58	37	04	cdy	San Juan, P.R.	88	78		cdy
Fargo	86	57		cdy	Santa Fe	83	60		cdy
Flagstaff	86	53		cdy	St. Ste. Marie	77	67	01	cdy
Flint	77	61	12	cdy	Savannah	97	75		cdy
Fort Smith	97	79		cdy	Seattle	82	56		clr
Fort Wayne	78	59	14	cdy	Shreveport	102	75		cdy
Fréno	100	68		clr	Sioux City	88	66	01	cdy
Goodland	87	56		cdy	Sioux Falls	85	60		clr
Grand Junction	92	55		cdy	South Bend	74	68	07	cdy
Grand Rapids	71	68	13	cdy	Spokane	93	53		cdy
Great Falls	90	52		cdy	Springfield, Ill.	80	69	76	cdy
Green Bay	83	68	05	cdy	Springfield, Mo.	85	72	01	cdy
Greensboro, N.C.	91	68		cdy	Syracuse	85	57		cdy
Harrisburg	90	73		cdy	Tallahassee	97	74		cdy
Hartford Spgld	87	61		cdy	Tampa-St. Petersburg	93	81		cdy
Helena	90	45		clr	Toledo	78	59	01	cdy
Honolulu	88	75		cdy	Topeka	89	69	27	cdy
Houston	98	74		cdy	Tucson	107	79		cdy
Huntsville	96	63		cdy	Tulsa	96	78	03	cdy
Indianapolis	85	66		cdy	Tulsa	96	63		cdy
Jackson Miss.	100	67		cdy	Waco	104	73		cdy
Jacksonville	95	73		cdy	Washington D.C.	94	74		cdy
Juneau	58	48	75	cdy	W Palm Beach	92	78		cdy
Kansas City	85	69	1.20	cdy	Wichita	92	72	88	cdy
Knoxville	94	67		cdy	Wichita Falls	95	79		cdy
Lake Charles	97	78		cdy	Wilkes Barre	80	60		cdy
Lansing	75	65		cdy	Wilmington Del.	87	75		cdy
Las Vegas	108	79		cdy	Yakima	94	51		cdy
Lexington	91	61		cdy	Youngstown	84	61		cdy
Lincoln	86	69	1.30	cdy	Yuma	117	89		cdy

Reinstated doctor can't practice here

By KARESSA E. WEIR
Staff Writer

Dr. Jeffrey Briggs is not allowed to practice medicine at Anne Arundel Medical Center, the hospital board has decided.

A former Annapolis gynecologist who surrendered his medical license six years ago after having sex with his patients, Dr. Briggs had reapplied for hospital privileges in June.

The AAMC Board of Trustees

met Thursday to consider the request. While all board deliberations are confidential, hospital spokesman Mary Lou Baker said Dr. Briggs does not have privileges at AAMC.

She declined to elaborate on the exact actions of the board or the reason behind them, citing board confidentiality.

Dr. Briggs, 44, is listed with the state Board of Physician Quality Assurance as having an active license with no restrictions. The board took him off probation in December.

It is not known where he

currently lives or works. He could not be reached for comment.

In 1992, Dr. Briggs surrendered his license following allegations that he had sex with at least five patients and performed an abortion on one after she became pregnant with his child.

The board found him guilty of immoral and unprofessional conduct two years later and reinstated his license with three years probation.

In a lawsuit he filed against his former attorney, Gill Cochran, Dr. Briggs admitted to having sexual relationships with two patients and told the court he admitted one of the women to an abortion clinic as his wife.

He also testified he removed a second fetus from the same woman less than three years later, but disputed the claim that the fetus was viable.

That lawsuit was thrown out of court in May.

The status of two lawsuits filed by the women against Dr. Briggs is not known.

Alleged burglar gets stuck in window

By NICOLE GAUDIANO
Staff Writer

Running from police in a Davidsonville home, Alonzo Joseph Wallace thought he found his escape route.

But the broken window became a window of opportunity for county police when Mr. Wallace got stuck in the frame.

Mr. Wallace, 29, of 1716 Roasback Road, sustained minor cuts to his

hands and arms from the incident on Thursday.

Police found him walking around the Patuxent River Road home of George A. Picot when they responded to a burglar alarm at about 12:43 p.m.

He had allegedly been placing property inside a bag he was carrying.

A large quantity of jewelry was recovered from the bag he dropped

when stuck in the window.

Even after police removed him from the window, he continued his struggle as they attempted to handcuff him, police said.

Several officers arrived at the scene and arrested Mr. Wallace.

Mr. Wallace was transported to the Southern District Station in Edgewater where members of the Picot family identified him.

Police discovered he had an out-

standing warrant for failure to appear in court on July 28.

Mr. Wallace was treated with stitches at the Anne Arundel Medical Center. Officer Sonny Pentz was also treated there for minor injuries to his hand, knee and arm.

Mr. Wallace was charged with first degree burglary, felony theft, two counts of assault of police officers, resisting arrest and attempting to disarm a police officer after allegedly attempting to grab Officer Pentz's service weapon.

POLICE BEAT

Correction

In a Police Beat item in *The Capital* on Wednesday, county police gave an incorrect address for John Henry Sheppard, who was charged with possession of cocaine and marijuana. His address is 417 Old Stage Road in Glen Burnie.

NORTH COUNTY

Woman robbed

A masked man snatched a Linthicum woman's purse Thursday outside a Glen Burnie fast food restaurant, county police said.

Mary Cullison, 51, said the unarmed suspect approached her at about 9:26 p.m. in the parking lot of Hardee's, 1699 Crain Highway, as she was exiting her car.

He ran toward her, grabbed her purse from her shoulder, stealing an undetermined amount of cash, and ran away.

Gunpoint robbery

A Glen Burnie teen-ager was robbed at gunpoint Thursday by two men seeking marijuana, county police said.

The robbers approached Sean Brown, 18, at about 11:30 p.m. near his apartment on Warwickshire Lane, asking if he had any marijuana for sale.

The two men displayed handguns and ordered Mr. Brown and several other bystanders to the ground.

One of the suspects when through his pockets and removed an undetermined amount of cash and keys.

They stole Mr. Brown's bicycle and fled on Warwickshire Lane toward Harris Heights Avenue. But Mr. Brown later recovered the bike.

Scissor thief sought

Apparently desperate for hair cutting supplies, a scissor thief raided a Glen Burnie beauty supply store on Thursday, county police said.

The man entered Sally's Beauty Supply, 6720 H Ritchie Highway, at about 11:38 a.m. and headed for the scissors and hair clippers display.

He removed a plastic bag from under his shirt and told the clerk to place scissors, clipper blades and hair clippers into the bag.

Witnesses said the man had "very short hair."

Once he got his stash, he ran from the store in an unknown direction. Nothing else was disturbed in the store.

The thief was described as a black male standing 5 feet 8 inches to 6 feet tall, 30 to 35 years old, with a husky build and some facial hair. He was wearing blue jeans and a black shirt.

Lawsuit expanding against GB students

By KELLEY J. PRITCHARD
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The family of a 17-year-old who was badly injured after being chased by a group of Glen Burnie High School students into traffic two years ago has added two defendants to its \$20 million court case.

In a lawsuit filed Aug. 7, Joshua Hamlett and his parents, Donna and Dennis Hamlett, contend that Sandra Cunningham and Charles Kiessling, both of Glen Burnie, bear some of the blame for his injuries.

The action comes on the heels of a April 28, 1997, lawsuit that named Ezra Baty, William Volberding, Luis Martinez and Bradley Bohle, all of Glen Burnie, and Severn resident Jason Kreiger as defendants.

That case is slated to go to trial in January.

According to the new county Circuit Court lawsuit, Mr. Hamlett was leaving Glen Burnie High School in May 1996 and was hit by a truck on Ritchie Highway while trying to flee a group of students who were chasing him.

He was forced into oncoming traffic and was struck by a truck.

The latest lawsuit said that day's events unfolded after Mr. Hamlett was harassing Miss Cunningham,

who told the other defendants to intimidate Mr. Hamlett.

As Mr. Hamlett was leaving school, the group tried to stop him from leaving the school grounds, the lawsuit said.

Mr. Hamlett walked away and then ran, fearing he would be attacked, as the others chased him into the road.

After being struck by the vehicle, Mr. Hamlett was in a coma for almost three weeks.

The lawsuit said he received medical attention at the University Hospital Shock-Trauma Center for "serious head injuries, multiple pelvic fractures, multiple chest contusions and rib fractures."

Elliott Andalman, the Hamletts' attorney, said the new defendants were identified after he heard from the other defendants in pre-trial depositions, which are routinely taken in civil cases.

Miss Cunningham and Mr. Kiessling were originally listed as witnesses in the case, Mr. Andalman said.

He said he hoped the two lawsuits would be merged.

OBITUARIES

Irene Bratcher

Ruth Irene Bratcher, 59, of Pasadena and formerly of Annapolis, died of congestive heart failure Aug. 26 at Anne Arundel Medical Center after a lengthy illness.



BRATCHER

Mrs. Bratcher was born in Louisa County, Va., and educated in Virginia. She worked at the former Naval Experimental Station at North Severn.

Her interests included playing cards, fishing, and doing puzzles. She was married in 1956 to Edmond John Bratcher, who died in 1990.

Surviving are four sons, Donald Bratcher and Benjamin Janey of Annapolis, Larry Bratcher of Pasadena and Richard Janey of Jessup, five daughters, Doris Turner, Gail Offer and Bonnie Williams of Annapolis, Angela Spriggs of Severn and Eurika Byrd of Pasadena. 16 grandchildren, and

six great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are eight sisters, Loretha Holland of Brooklyn, Jean Wilson of Davidsonville, Barbara Hopkins of Harwood, Phyllis Young of Glen Burnie, and Mary Smallwood, Martha Howard and Joyce and Peggy Willis, all of Annapolis. She was the twin sister of Stephen David Willis, who died in July.