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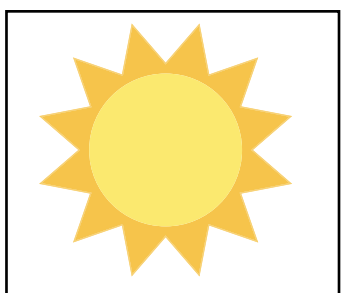
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Drowning at Vets Lake

Divers find victim after late night search

By SUSANTHACKER
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As darkness fell Saturday night, Great Bend 911 received a report that an adult male was drowning in the lake in Veterans Memorial Park.

Great Bend Fire Chief Mike Napolitano said that bystanders reported a man went into the lake shortly after 9 p.m. while attempting to retrieve a volleyball from the water. The body was pulled from the lake at 11:50 p.m.

DROWNING
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Portable lights illuminate rescue workers and a command center on the south end of Veterans Park as they search into the night late Saturday for a male drowning victim. The body was found near one of the deeper ravines on the north edge of the lake.

Two vehicle accident claims life of Great Bend resident



TERRY SPRADLEY/Great Bend Tribune

A two vehicle accident at U.S. Highway 56 and the Trail Street turn-off shut down the highway for almost 6 hours as Hazmat teams were called in to assist with the clean-up.

By TERRY SPRADLEY
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LARNED - Pawnee County Sheriff and Kansas Highway Patrol officers were called to the scene of a two-vehicle fatality accident early Saturday morning at the corner of U.S. Highway 156 and Trail Street in which Chet E Gisick, 29, of Great Bend died.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, the accident occurred at 7:06 a.m. Gisick was east-bound on Highway 56 in a 2000 International semi when a semi driven by Lee E. January, 43, of McPherson, who was westbound on 56 turned to go south onto Trail Street and entered the path of

Gisick's truck. He struck January's semi on the passenger side of the vehicle.

January, Gisick and a passenger in Gisick's truck, Ryan M. Doyle, 18, of Claflin were all transported to St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital where January and Doyle were treated and released. Gisick and Doyle were not wearing safety restraints.

Pawnee County Sheriff officers on the scene said a Hazmat team from Wichita had been called in to assist in the clean up due to an unspecified chemical in January's semi.

Gisick was a 1995 graduate of Claflin High School moving to Great Bend. He was driving for MAB out of Garden City. He leaves behind a wife and two kids.

Convenience store robbed during trail days parade

By TERRY SPRADLEY
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LARNED - Larned Police responded to an aggravated assault and robbery call at Casey's convenience store on Edwards Saturday morning.

According to Police call logs the incident happened at 11:14 a.m. during the Santa Fe Trail Days parade.

Emergency Medical Service responders were also called to the scene. One individual was transported to

St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital where they were treated and released.

Larned City Police as well as district manager of the Casey's convenience store chain store had no comment on the incident.

City dispatchers said Police Chief Chuck Orth would be available for comment on Monday.

Aggravated assault can include among other things, assault with a deadly weapon, or assault with the intent to rape or murder.

A final flight

Area veteran says
farewell to a flying
workhorseBy DALE HOGG
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There few dry eyes among the 1,300 veterans and spectators watching as the famous C-141 Starlifter transport plane dubbed "The Hanoi Taxi" screeched to its second to last landing earlier this month at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

The plane had ferried countless young American soldiers to the jungles of Vietnam and it brought many of them home, some unharmed, some wounded and some who would never see their homeland or loved ones again.

It was the first plane to land in Hanoi and the first plane to fly out of the embattled Vietnamese capitol with U.S. prisoners of war.

One of those teary-eyed spectators was David Ames, an Ellinwood Vietnam War Air Force veteran who worked as a jet-engine mechanic on the workhorse C-141s.

"That plane did so much for this country," he said of the cargo craft. He was in Dayton for a ceremony marking the end of the C-141s' tour of active duty with the United States military.

"The Hanoi Taxi" will take

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Santa Fe Trail Days



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High heat and strong winds did not deter visitors from attending the 14th Annual Santa Fe Trail Days celebration Saturday. Saturday's events included a parade, games, gunfight demonstrations and car show. The celebration continues today and Monday with baseball tournaments living history demonstrations at Fort Larned Historical site and special exhibits at the Santa Fe Trail Center.

Left: The Santa Fe Trail Auto Club was one of several venter booths providing food and drink to festival visitors. The car club also sponsored a bicycle give-away and chance tickets for a racing adventure weekend with proceeds going to their annual scholarship.



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Top: Larned Area Chamber of Commerce members pulled Cindy Cline's winning ticket for the \$10,000 Home Makeover Give-away. Cline's ticket was purchased from her daughter Sarah Cline. Above: In the hustle and bustle of the Santa Fe Trail Days, a little attitude goes a long way. As this young festival goer demonstrates Saturday morning.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Quake Kills More Than 3,500 in Indonesia

BANTUL, Indonesia (AP) — Desperate relatives searched rubble for survivors Saturday after a powerful earthquake flattened nearly all the buildings in this rice-farming town while residents slept, killing more than 3,500 people on Indonesia's densely populated Java island.

The magnitude-6.3 quake wounded thousands more and was the nation's worst disaster since the 2004 tsunami. It also triggered fears that a rumbling volcano nearby would erupt.

The earthquake struck at 5:54 a.m. near the famed Borobudur temple complex, caving in roofs and sending concrete walls crashing down. Thousands were wounded. Survivors screamed as they ran from their homes, some clutching bloodied children and the elderly.

The worst devastation was in the town of Bantul, where 80 percent of the homes were destroyed and more than 2,000 people killed. Residents started digging mass graves almost immediately, with family members sobbing and reading the Quran beside rows of corpses awaiting burial beneath a blazing sun.

Village heads recorded their names so the victims could be added to the official death toll. Subarjo, a 70-year-old food vendor, sobbed next to his dead wife, his house destroyed.

Iraqi Athletes Targeted for Wearing Shorts

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An Iraqi tennis coach and two of his players were shot to death this week in Baghdad because they were wearing shorts, authorities said Saturday, reporting the latest in a series of recent attacks attributed to Islamic extremists.

A U.S. Marine AH-1 Cobra helicopter, meanwhile, crashed Saturday and its two crew members were missing in Anbar province, a volatile area west of the capital where insurgents are active. Hostile fire was not suspected as the cause of the crash, the U.S. military said.

In the Baghdad incident, gunmen stopped a car carrying the Sunni Arab coach and two Shiite players, asked them to step out and then shot them, said Manham Kubba secretary-general of the Iraqi Tennis Union.

Extremists had distributed leaflets warning people in the mostly Sunni neighborhoods of Sadiyah and Ghazaliyah warning people not to wear shorts, police said.

"Wearing shorts by youth are prohibited because it violates the principals of Islamic religion when showing forbidden parts of the body. Also women should wear the veil," the leaflets said.

Bush Likens War on Terrorism to Cold War

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — President Bush, likening the war against Islamic radicals to the Cold War threat of communism, told U.S. Military Academy graduates on Saturday that America's safety depends on an aggressive push for democracy, especially in the Middle East.

The president took a subtle jab at Syria and the nuclear ambitions of Iran. He chided previous U.S. administrations, saying that decades of excusing and accommodating the lack of freedom in the Middle East did nothing to make America safer.

"This is only the beginning," Bush said. "The message has spread from Damascus to Tehran that the future belongs to freedom, and we will not rest until the promise of liberty reaches every people in every nation."

Bush delivered his 35-minute foreign policy address to 861 cadets, all clad in crisp white slacks and gray jackets. Overcast skies threatened rain but did not dampen the graduates' enthusiasm for the president's tough talk against terrorism.

"The war began on my watch, but it's going to end on your watch," Bush told the cadets. "By standing with democratic reforms across a troubled region, we will extend freedom to millions who have not known it and lay the foundation for peace for generations to come."

Man Throws His 2 Kids, Himself Off Balcony

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A man killed his two young children Saturday by throwing them off the 15th floor of a landmark South Beach hotel and then jumped to his own death, police said.

The children were 4 and 8 years old and the family was on vacation from Alton, Ill., said police spokesman Bobby Hernandez.

The mother of the children told police she and her husband had been having marital problems for the past six months, Hernandez said. Police did not immediately release the identities of the family members.

The woman heard one of her children screaming from an adjacent room in the Loews Hotel, and when she walked into the room she saw her husband going off the balcony, Hernandez said.

She looked over the railing and saw her husband and her two children lying on a mezzanine roof that is about two floors above the ground.

White House Invokes Privilege in Spy Cases

NEW YORK (AP) — The Bush administration has asked federal judges in New York and Michigan to dismiss a pair of lawsuits filed over the National Security Agency's domestic eavesdropping program, saying litigating them would jeopardize state secrets.

In papers filed late Friday, Justice Department lawyers said it would be impossible to defend the legality of the spying program without disclosing classified information that could be of value to suspected terrorists.

National Intelligence Director John Negroponte invoked the state secrets privilege on behalf of the administration, writing that disclosure of such information would cause "exceptionally grave damage" to national security.

The administration laid out some of its supporting arguments in classified memos that were filed under seal.

The government's motion, widely anticipated, involves two cases challenging an NSA program that allows investigators to eavesdrop on Americans who communicate with people outside the country suspected of terrorist ties.

Violent Street Clashes Shake East Timor

DILI, East Timor (AP) — Youths with machetes, slingshots and spears rampaged across East Timor's capital Saturday, attacking people, burning houses and deepening a crisis that has sent thousands fleeing in terror despite the deployment of foreign troops.

With chaos spreading, the United Nations said it would relocate employees' families and nonessential staff to Darwin, Australia.

The violence raised worries that one of the world's youngest nations is plunging into civil war seven years after its break from 24 years of repressive occupation by Indonesia.

Festering distrust between Timorese who supported independence and those who didn't fueled a months-long dispute between the military leadership and 600 renegade soldiers that exploded in this week's violence. The soldiers — nearly half the army — were fired in March after striking over complaints of poor working conditions and discrimination.

After engaging in deadly riots last month, the dismissed soldiers fled the seaside capital to set up camp in the surrounding hills and threatened guerrilla war if they weren't reinstated.

Drug Cocktail Causing Series of Overdoses

DETROIT (AP) — Larry, a 53-year-old heroin addict, has two cardinal rules: Never shoot up alone, and shoot up only one person at a time. If one overdoses, "you need someone there to bring you back," he said. Larry, who asked that his last name not be used because of his habit, recited his rules after hearing that a mixture of heroin and a powerful painkiller has been killing users who believe they are taking heroin alone.

Officials from Philadelphia to Chicago have reported deaths from the drug, called fentanyl and considered 80 times more powerful than morphine. In the Detroit area — the apparent hub of the problem with more than 100 confirmed cases since last fall and as many as 41 possible deaths in the past eight days — officials from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are investigating and community organizations are scrambling to get the word out to users.

The CDC says it has no national statistics on fentanyl deaths. But individual reports from a scattering of states indicate the drug mixture is widespread.

Philadelphia has had 20 confirmed deaths from heroin mixed with fentanyl since April 17, and test results are pending in eight suspected cases, the city health department said.

In New Jersey, where officials first raised the alarm about the drug in April, there have been about 10 confirmed fentanyl deaths and 10 to 20 suspected cases since last month, according to the state's poison control center.

Jackson in 1st Appearance Since Acquittal

TOKYO (AP) — Michael Jackson made his first public appearance since being acquitted on child molestation charges, choking up as he thanked Japanese fans at an award ceremony Saturday.

"I'm honored to be in Japan again and I'm very happy to be among the Japanese people because I love them very much," Jackson said in a brief appearance at MTV Japan's "Legend Award" ceremony at Yoyogi Olympic Stadium. "Thank you for your loyalty."

The pop star was to visit orphanages, tour Tokyo and meet with businessmen during his trip to Japan, said Broderick D. Morris, chief executive of Positive Productions Yokohama, an entertainment promotions company.

Jackson arrived Friday night with his three children and will stay through Wednesday on the first leg of a swing through Asia that will include stops in Singapore, Shanghai, China



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Drowning

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The victim was later identified as Paul Wilson, 30 or 31 years old, address unknown.

A beach with a volleyball net is on the south side of the lake, which is a former sand pit. Napolitano said the lake bottom has a few deep ravines in it.

As rescue efforts began, the Great Bend Fire Department launched a boat on the south side of the lake, and searchers worked their way north, probing the water with grappling hooks. Meanwhile, divers and another boat were deployed,

and other emergency responders walked the shores.

Napolitano said winds caused problems with the search, because it was difficult to keep the boat moving in a straight line. "The water is really murky," he added.

Wind gusts were reported to be up to 35 miles an hour during the search.

While the search continued, more lights were brought in and the boats worked in a fanning pattern. Marker flags showed the areas already searched.

With nearly all emergency responders working at the lake, both fire stations were

left with minimum personnel. Non-emergency calls, including two gas skips and a motorist hitting a deer, were deferred as workers concentrated their efforts at the lake.

A large crowd had gathered on the north side of the park, but barricades went up and the park was cleared around 10:15 p.m. At 11:20 p.m., Kansas Fish and Game prepared to add another boat to the search. Searchers alternated between diving and dragging portions of the lake.

No emergency personnel were injured during the search, Napolitano said.

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its place with the retired aircraft in the National Museum of the Air Force at Wright-Patterson. But, before being put on display, the plane flew a re-enactment of the Hanoi flights.

"The C-141 made some flyovers for the crowd to take pictures," Ames said. On its first attempt to land the pilot made ago around because of high cross winds. "That was all right for everybody because we got some great picture and video."

The second attempt to land was a perfect landing. "Once on the ground the spoilers pop up and the thrust reverser opens to slow aircraft down. I had a great view to watch that."

The tears shed May 6 were the result of memories rekindled by the plane.

"I got to see lots of military personnel heading for Vietnam," Ames said, harking back to his days in the service. "I got to see lots of caskets with dead American soldiers killed in Vietnam heading home."



COURTESY PHOTO

David Ames of Ellinwood poses in the cockpit of a C-141 Starlifter. Ames, a Vietnam War Air Force veteran, was a mechanic and worked on the Starlifters which were retired from service earlier this month.

On a happier note, "At Yokota Air Base, Japan in the fall of 1968 I fixed Bob Hope's C-141," Ames said.

The Lockheed C-141 Starlifter first saw action in December 1963 and served a 43-year hitch. The Air Force flew 284 of the planes and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration flew one. All together, the planes flew 10,645,714 hours, with an

average per plane of 37,365.

One of the POWs who returned on one of those flights spoke at the ceremony. Richard Allen "Dick" Stratton, a Navy pilot was a prisoner for six years. When he walked of a C-141 upon his return from Vietnam he said "It's nice to be home. It's great to be free."

Ames was a buck sergeant and was discharged June 9, 1970.

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