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Man shot in chest outside apartment

A man was shot in the chest around 6 a.m. Friday at an apartment in the 8900 block of East Harry, Wichita police Lt. Doug Nolte said.

The victim, a 25-year-old man, was sitting outside when he was approached by an unknown man who asked to use his phone, police said. The suspect then pulled out a gun and shot the man in the upper left chest.

The victim was transported to Via Christi Hospital on St. Francis in serious condition.

The suspect was described as 5-foot-8, 180 pounds, with a tattoo on his right forearm, a shaved head and goatee.

The suspect was also wearing dark jeans, a dark shirt with white lettering and boots.

Police are still looking for the suspect.

— Sarah Tucker

Woman hit by bullet fragments

A 25-year-old woman was hit by bullet fragments after her boyfriend shot at her during an argument this morning, police said.

The incident happened about 4:30 a.m. in the 600 block of South Kansas, Lt. Doug Nolte said. The victim, a 25-year-old woman, was having an argument with the suspect, her 25-year-old boyfriend, police said.

During the argument, the suspect pulled out a gun and fired two to three shots at the victim, police said. Pieces of one bullet hit the victim after ricocheting off a metal pole behind her.

Her injuries were minor, and she didn't need medical attention.

Police are looking for the suspect.

— Sarah Tucker

Woman killed, man hurt in U.S. 54 crash

A Medicine Lodge woman is dead and a Wichita man injured following an early morning crash Friday in Kingman County, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Jami Danielle Romine, 35, was driving a 1985 Chevy truck westbound on U.S. 54 when she lost control and left the road around 3 a.m. Friday.

The truck overturned, killing Romine and injuring her 36-year-old passenger, Steven Burke of Wichita, according to a report from the highway patrol. The accident happened at mile marker 154, near the Cunningham exit.

Burke was taken to Kingman County Hospital for treatment, but a hospital representative said Friday afternoon that Burke was not listed as a patient there.

Highway patrol reports neither person was wearing a seat belt.

— Eagle staff and wire services

Longwell, Peterjohn spar over federal planning grant

BY DEB GRUVER
The Wichita Eagle

A federal sustainable communities planning grant is emerging as a key issue in the Sedgwick County District 3 commission race.

Wichita City Council member Jeff Longwell, who is

challenging incumbent and fellow Republican Karl Peterjohn for the seat, supported city involvement in the \$1.5 million grant to the Regional Area Economic Partnership from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Peterjohn noted at a

Pachyderm Club candidate debate Friday that he has voted three times against the county participating in the grant. He said the region doesn't need the federal government telling it what to do.

"We have at the moment a tremendous number of plan-

ning organizations," Peterjohn said. He said he considers the grant wasteful government spending.

But Longwell said the grant will help the five counties involved — Sedgwick, Butler, Harvey, Reno and Sumner — approach planning in a more collective way. He

used stormwater management as an example.

"You can't address it in a parochial way," he said. "You have to do it in a regional way."

The candidates also discussed their viewpoints on

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Mike Hutmacher/The Wichita Eagle

Wichita firefighters battle a fire near the corner of Douglas and Walnut on Friday afternoon. Investigators aren't sure what started the fire in the apartment above Bullwinkles Tattoo Shop, but witnesses say they heard an explosion before flames and smoke broke out.

Building burns in Delano

■ 'Loud boom' preceded fire above tattoo parlor

BY AMY RENEE LEIKER
The Wichita Eagle

Investigators still aren't sure what started a fire in the upstairs apartment over a Delano district tattoo parlor Friday afternoon but witnesses say they heard an explosion before flames and smoke broke out.

When fire crews arrived at Bullwinkles Tattoo, 929 W. Douglas, they saw fire and heavy smoke pouring from the second floor of the building, Wichita Fire Chief Ronald Blackwell said Friday.

The flames were contained on the upper floor of the building, causing extensive fire and smoke

damage to its contents. Damage estimates are still unknown, he said.

The tattoo parlor is owned and operated by Dan McClure, who lives above his business with girlfriend Holly Barton. Both say they were downstairs with about half a dozen others when they heard a "loud boom" around 2 p.m. Friday. McClure said he does not own the building.

"I thought someone had hit the garage door," McClure said. When asked how he felt about the fire, he said: "I don't have a clue. It's still soaking in."

By the time emergency crews arrived, everyone had evacuated the building, Blackwell said. No injuries were reported.

Wichita police, Emergency Medical Services and the fire department responded to the call. Au-

thorities shut down traffic in the area, including a short closure of the intersection at Douglas and Seneca. Shortly before 4 p.m., most of the fire crews were gone, but barricades still blocked traffic on Douglas from Handley to Seneca.

Blackwell said investigators are still surveying the building adjoining Bullwinkles, which houses Club Billiards, for possible damage.

McClure, who has owned Bullwinkles for 13 years, said Friday that he has no insurance.

"I've lost everything," he said, in a subdued voice.

Barton echoed his tone. "(I'm) speechless. All of my stuff is up there, too," she said, including the couple's cat, which remains missing.

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Holly Barton, left, and Dan McClure, middle, look at their apartment above Bullwinkles Tattoo Shop in Delano.

Business owners to face off in primary

■ Gene Suellentrop and Robin Clements are GOP candidates in House District 91

By Eagle staff

The Republican primary race in Kansas House District 91 features the incumbent from the previous District 105, Gene Suellentrop, and small business owner Robin Clements.

Clements says her business,



Public Solutions, consults with small businesses on public policy. Suellentrop, also a business



Robin Clements



Gene Suellentrop

owner, was chosen by the Sedgwick County Republican Party in late 2009 to fill a vacant seat in the Legislature. He won re-election in

2010.

Both candidates live in northwest Wichita.

The district covers parts of north and west Wichita as well as Park City. It includes about 25 percent of the residents of the old District 105, about 20 percent of the old District 91, 21 percent of the old District 90, 27 percent of the old District 89 and 7 percent of the old District 85.

The winner in the Aug. 7 primary election will face Democrat Katelyn Delvaux in November.

Kansas House District 91



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KC's All-Star Game cleanup efforts rankle some residents

BY BILL DRAPER
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City's efforts to make a good impression for the rest of the world are bittersweet for residents of some inner-city neighborhoods who are asking why it took a baseball game to get city officials to do something about blight they say has been ignored for decades.



For months, city workers and volunteers have been cleaning up areas before Major League Baseball's All-Star Game activities were scheduled to begin on Friday. Code enforcement officers have been hounding residents since early spring to tidy up their properties, and dozens of dilapidated homes were hastily being torn down ahead of the Midsummer Classic on Tuesday night.

Hosting its first All-Star game in nearly 40 years, the city has been scrambling to present a positive image not just to TV viewers but thousands of out-of-town fans expected to be in Kansas City over the next several days. The event will provide a much-needed financial boost and city officials acknowledge there's a lot at stake for a community struggling to establish itself as a Midwest-

ern entertainment and business hub.

The spotlight brings a special challenge for Kansas City. Super Bowls and All-Star Games are often held in arenas or stadiums that are either near downtown or next to tightly controlled developments of hotels and restaurants, usually within walking distance.

That's not the case in Kansas City, where Kauffman

Stadium is miles from downtown and many of the city's entertainment districts and events associated with Tuesday's game. Some events are being held in the city's toughest ZIP codes, prompting the city-sponsored demolitions and pleas from city officials. "Clean up your property," City Manager Troy Schulte said of the message to resi-

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