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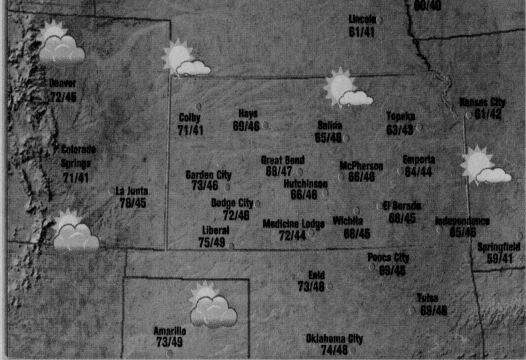
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# Your Kansas STORM TEAM

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**WICHITA WEATHER** Today: High 74, Low 52. Tomorrow: High 77, Low 57. Tuesday: High 74, Low 50. Wednesday: High 70, Low 48. Thursday: High 66, Low 47. Friday: High 72, Low 48. Saturday: High 73, Low 48.



### ALMANAC

Yesterday's weather  
CONTINENTAL U.S. EXTREMES  
High: 107 Del Rio, TX  
Low: 15 Stanley, ID  
PRECIP. IN WICHITA  
Day: 0.00  
Month: 5.11 (normal 1.18)  
Year: 11.93 (normal 8.32)  
**TEMP IN WICHITA**  
At Mid-Continent Airport  
High: 75 (record 100°, 1967)  
Low: 56 (record 37°, 1946)  
**WICHITA** *Hourly temps* *Estimated*  
Midnight: 61° Noon: 69°  
1 a.m.: 59° 2 p.m.: 74°  
3 a.m.: 56° 3 p.m.: 73°  
4 a.m.: 56° 4 p.m.: 72°  
5 a.m.: 57° 5 p.m.: 69°  
6 a.m.: 58° 6 a.m.: 68°  
7 a.m.: 59° 7 p.m.: 68°  
8 a.m.: 59° 8 p.m.: 66°  
9 a.m.: 63° 9 p.m.: 62°  
10 a.m.: 68° 10 p.m.: 63°  
11 a.m.: 68° 11 p.m.: 61°  
**KANSAS** *Hourly temps* *Estimated*  
Chadwell: 71° 53° 0.22°  
Coffeyville: 71° 53° 0.22°  
Dodge City: 68° 54° 0.00°  
Garden City: 68° 51° 0.00°  
Goodland: 58° 46° Trace  
Hutchinson: 74° 55° 0.00°  
Kansas City: 63° 51° 0.02°  
Marshall: 61° 52° 0.11°  
Russell: 65° 59° 0.02°  
Salina: 67° 59° 0.12°  
Topeka: 62° 49° 0.23°

### Northeast Kansas

Highs will reach the low 70s today. You can expect mostly sunny skies with winds out of the southeast at 5-15 mph.

### Northwest Kansas

Highs will reach the upper 60s today. You can expect mostly sunny skies with light southwest winds.

### Southeast Kansas

Highs will reach the upper 60s today. You can expect mostly sunny skies with northwest winds at 15-25 mph.

### Southwest Kansas


Highs will reach the mid-70s today. You can expect mostly sunny skies with southeast winds at 5-15 mph.

### AROUND THE COUNTRY

Today's weather across the United States, including temperatures and conditions for major cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

### ASK MERRILL TELLER

Ocean storms: The cyclone that hit Myanmar has raised questions about what a cyclone is and how it relates to a hurricane. A hurricane and a cyclone are the same. Such massive weather systems get their power from warm ocean water, usually between 78 and 82 degrees. Thunderstorms feed off of the warm conditions and if other atmospheric conditions are just right, you start to get circulation. The wind and storm surge are the main destructive features that accompany the systems.



### AROUND THE WORLD

Today's weather around the world, including temperatures and conditions for cities like London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

### Two hospitalized after stabbings at east IHOP

An early-morning fight Saturday in the parking lot at the International House of Pancakes, 11855 E. Kellogg, sent two people to the hospital with stab wounds, police say.

Wichita police Sgt. Jeff Davis said the two were stabbed during a fight at about 2 a.m.

One person was stabbed in the chest and another in the chest and abdomen, he said.

The fight was part of an ongoing dispute between two families, Davis said.

One person was in serious condition at Wesley Medical Center and another was in fair condition Saturday.

— Eagle staff

### GRADS

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Yakubova will finish work on her master's in education this summer, then move to Lawrence with her boyfriend, Charles McGill. She is from Uzbekistan and ended up at Newman as the result of an online search. Once she was here, the Internet is how she met McGill. "I heard there's some nice guys in Kansas when I was back home," she said, joking.

Some students aren't job-hunting yet. Instead, they'll continue their studies.

Daniel Bryan earned his bachelor's in theology and will go for his master's. Amanda Stanley earned her

bachelor's in biology and will go to medical school. They are this year's winners of the Harvey J. and Leona J. Abrahm Award, awards of \$2,500 given to students who exemplify Newman's mission and spirit and who show promise to make a strong and positive contribution to society.

At the Friends commencement Saturday afternoon, where 1,067 students were candidates for degrees, faculty members were among those honored:

- The W.A. Young Award for Teaching Excellence went to Michelle Robertson, assistant professor of marriage and family therapy.
- The Jan LaFever Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award went to Curtis Wilson, adjunct professor in Friends' master of

arts in teaching program. He also is a kindergarten teacher at Franklin Elementary School.

- The Faculty Emeritus Award went to G. Robert Dove, professor of biology. He is retiring from Friends after 44 years.

The Friends ceremony, at the Kansas Coliseum, featured guest speaker Denny Day, a literacy consultant. He urged graduates to see the world through the eyes of a child.

"It is through the eyes of our children that we will see the future respond to the leadership of our elders," he said.

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### MOTHER'S DAY

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■ Ooh and aah over baby animals at the zoo, where moms get in free when accompanied by a paying child today. The Sedgwick County Zoo, 5555 Zoo Blvd., is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children's tickets are \$6.

■ Start the day with a doughnut. Mothers who come in with their children can get one free at LaMar's Donuts, 10051 W. 21st St. and 3301 E. Harry. The shops are open from 6 a.m. to noon.

■ Treat mom to something sweet. Mothers who come in with a child get a free ice cream at Cold Stone Creamery, 2441 N. Maize Road and 3000 N. Rock Road. The stores are open from noon to 9:30 p.m.

■ Buy a flower at Westlake Ace Hardware stores and your mom gets a reference wheel with gardening advice on 30 plants. The stores are at 8829 W. Central, 2559 S. Seneca and 3110 E. Douglas. They are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Contributing: Joe Rodriguez of The Eagle, Associated Press

### MCCORMICK

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already humiliated into selling her body to strangers? For the person who has already appeared on the Web site?

Lee is rightfully proud of Project Butterfly, which he said has helped more than a dozen women leave the sex trade for good. He doesn't want the department portrayed as only punishing sex workers.

"Many departments do not look at the problem-solving aspect of that crime, but we do," he said.

I applaud the project and its purpose, but the Web site photos make Project Butterfly's task more difficult.

Following my column on this subject last year, for example, a former sex worker called me. She said months after her arrest and conviction for prostitution and her completion of Project Butterfly, co-workers at her new job found her on the Web site and tormented her.

After another column detailing her ordeal, Lee and the department tweaked the policy, removing the photos 30 days after arrest.

"The point you raise is a valid one," Lee said then. "I do want to see these women have the ability to start over. The desire here is to change behavior, not

to harm."

That sounds like the argument I'm making.

If we don't want to harm them—if we want to help them—let's take down the photos.

Shame works for the jobs, but let's find other ways to deal with the sex workers.

Shame isn't a deterrent for these women.

They had to travel far beyond shame to get where they now live and work.

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**MARK  
McCORMICK**  
COMMENTARY

## Prostitutes don't need a public shaming

About this time last year I asked the Wichita Police Department why it insisted on posting photographs of sex workers on its prostitution Web site along with those of sex-trade customers.

Deputy Chief Robert Lee said then that posting the women's photos was about punishing both parties in these transactions. It's also about, he said, the blight on neighborhoods. The drug activity. The violent crime.

Some time next month, Lee said, police will evaluate the effectiveness of the year-old prostitution Web site.

I'm hoping the department decides to do the right thing and take down the women's photos. Not because the women shouldn't be punished, but because posting their photos isn't a deterrent.

Our Police Department shouldn't be placing women in virtual stockades in the Internet square, especially when the department does such good work through Project Butterfly, its program that helps women escape the sex trade.

Lee said he believes, as I do, that prostitution is not a victimless crime. That sex workers can be raped and are raped by pimps and johns alike. That desperation pushes many of these women into the streets where they're struggling to survive.

Still, he said, prostitution has begun to spring up in residential neighborhoods and police have to fight it.

"The point you have to look at is that you've got solicitation going on in the streets in front of homes," Lee said. "Residents have a legitimate right to complain to us about that activity. The hope is to deter."

"Do I believe that a lot of these women have had a difficult time in life? Of course. The question is, though, should they be excused from punishment?"

I'm not arguing against punishment. I'm saying that posting photos of broken people isn't a deterrent.

Is shame an issue for the desperate person alone standing on a street corner? For the person

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## Creative ways of showing mom she's appreciated

Staff and wire reports

Today, Mother's Day, marks the 100th anniversary of one of the most-celebrated holidays in the United States.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 83 million mothers in the United States. The number of single-mother households has tripled to more than 10 million since 1970.

The National Retail Federation estimates that Americans will spend \$15 billion this year honoring their mothers. Dining out is expected to be the No. 1 expense.

But if you're looking for something else to do, or another way to treat your mom, check out these free or inexpensive indulgences:

- Give your mom thousands of blooms. It's the perfect day to take her for a stroll at Botanica, 701 N. Aradion. Admission is free for everyone today, courtesy of AngelWorks, a local nonprofit group. Botanica is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

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# Networking aids minority firms

BY CHRISTINA M. WOODS  
The Wichita Eagle

Because of his humble beginnings, Andre Barry, said he never thought he'd perform multimillion-dollar construction work in downtown Wichita. But a partnership with Key Construction has made Barry Construction Co. a player on big-ticket projects.

Networking with larger firms, Barry said, is critical for minority contractors like him.

His advice comes as nearly a half-billion dollars of government work is under way in the city and county. Projects include WaterWalk, the new airport terminal, the Intrust Bank Arena and the National Center for Aviation Training at Jabara Airport. But one association of African-

American businesses said networking may not be enough to ensure access to such projects.

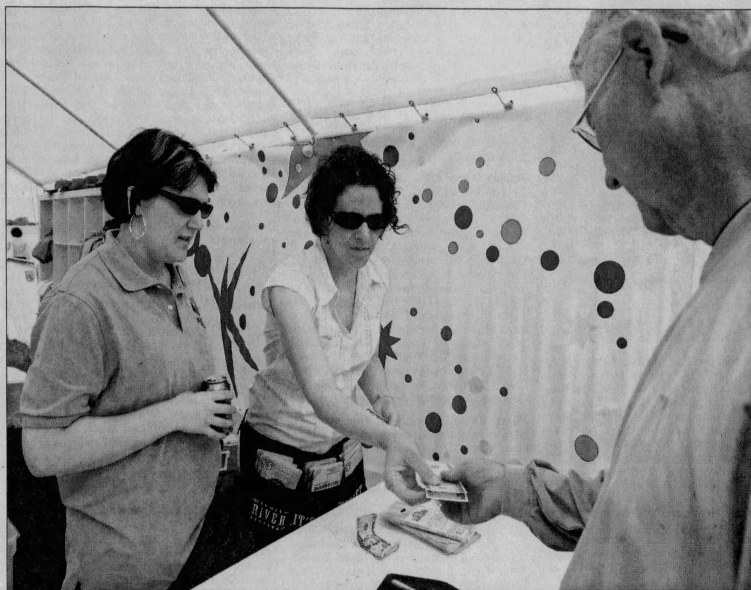
This week, members of United Builders and Contractors will present letters asking the city and county to create purchasing policies that require a percentage of the work go to minority- and women-owned firms. Their request is modeled on federal programs for such companies, known as

disadvantaged business enterprises. They made a similar case to the Wichita school board at a recent board meeting.

Prentice Lewis, interim administrator for United Builders and Contractors, said he tries to keep people enthusiastic about networking. "Unfortunately, for so many of our

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# Fun on Button Patrol



Eagle reporter Denise Neil sells a 2008 River Festival button to Jack Mahan on Saturday. The festival is having trouble filling volunteer slots.

## Riverfest officials are still seeking volunteers

BY DENISE NEIL  
The Wichita Eagle

Stand back, folks. I am an official member of the Button Police. I was sworn in Saturday afternoon in a hasty ceremony under a tent just inside Cessna Kids' Korner.

A frenzied woman handed me an apron, \$50 in fives and tens and 20 button packs.

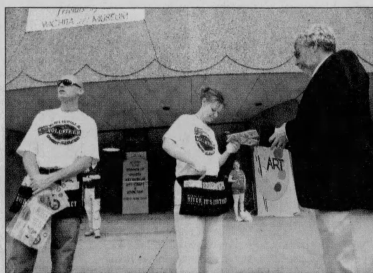
"Over there," she said, pointing to the Kids' Korner entrance. "No one over 3 gets in without a button. Good luck."

Good volunteers are hard to come by, especially at the Wichita River Festival, where organizers have been dealing with major volunteer shortages for the past two years.

The festival says it needs 2,224 volunteers to get everything done. So far this year, 1,625 have signed up.

The least popular job among those who do agree to help: Button seller. My assignment on Saturday was to experience a volunteer shift firsthand. When I called to set it up, volunteer manager Kim Wickliffe knew exactly where she'd put me.

When I arrived at about 12:45 p.m., stating my name and



From left, Michael Torrey stands next to his wife and fellow volunteer, Kristi Torrey, as she sells a 2008 River Festival button to David Papish of Clearwater on Saturday.

intentions, the on-site volunteer coordinator sent me to Kids' Korner. That's where the story is, she said.

The popular event, set up with inflatables, carnival rides and face painters, is in A. Price Woodard Park and is one of many gated festival events where buttons are now required for entry.

I took my post and prepared for battle, planning to use the full authority of my black apron to make sure all entrants were, indeed, buttoned up.

But in the two hours I worked the gate, there were no real battles. A few awkward moments, maybe. A couple of curse words muttered under the breath. (By festivalgoers, not me.)

### WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

The festival is under way, but volunteers are still needed. Those interested should go to the Volunteer Information Center in the northeast corner of Century II. In most cases, people can volunteer on the spot or sign up for a future shift.

### FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Overall, though, the experience was pleasant and sort of fun, though occasionally stressful.

My co-volunteer was Steve Misel, a dedicated soul who moved to Wichita three years ago. Last year, he read in the paper that the festival was in need of volunteers and signed up for seven of the nine days. This year, he's working the festival every day, open to close.

Steve's approach to button-selling was humor, though I found his particular brand of humor a little risky.

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# Friends, Newman mint 1,400 new grads

BY KAREN SHIDLER  
The Wichita Eagle

Lisa Fuson wants to be a therapist at a community health center.

Kiley Randolph wants to teach grade school.

Nigora Yakubova wants to be a school principal.

Saturday, they were among more than 1,000 area students who said goodbye to their college careers in commencement ceremonies for Newman University and Friends

### JOB OUTLOOK

Wichita college graduates have good chances of getting hired, 1C

### University.

Newman kicked off the college graduation season with a ceremony for its 349 candidates Saturday morning at Central Community Church.

Fuson got a master's degree in social work, and she'll start a job hunt Monday. "I'll have a lot to pay back in loans."

Randolph has already started looking. She earned a communications degree a few years ago from Wichita State University, then enrolled at Newman after being encouraged by co-workers. Her new bachelor's degree is in elementary education, and she already has interviewed at Wichita Collegiate School — where she saw a 3-inch-tall card of applications and heard, "but we're only choosing four."

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Kate Gordon/Correspondent

Newman University candidates for graduation enter the Central Community Church auditorium.