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## Local news in brief

### POLICE/FIRE

#### Man may have drowned in river

Cincinnati police, firefighters and members of the Boone County Water Rescue squad were looking Monday evening for a possible drowning victim in the Ohio River.

Witnesses said that about 4:30 p.m., a man went swimming in the water near a Sedamsville boat ramp but never returned, police and fire sources said.

Channel 5 reported that the man had been drinking with a girlfriend, and then went swimming. When he had some trouble, she went in after him but couldn't rescue him.

#### Revived boy dies

An 11-month-old boy revived by paramedics last week after being found not breathing in the bathtub at his home died Saturday at Children's Hospital, according to the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

Paramedics and deputies were called June 19 to the home of Cody Webb in the 300 block of East Mill Street in Somerville.

The boy's mother, Tiffany Baker, was home with the child.

The incident and the child's death is under investigation by sheriff's detectives.

#### Vandalism arrests

A Crime Stoppers' tip led to the arrests of two people in the June 14 vandalism at Cottell Park in Deerfield Township, the Warren County Sheriff's Office said.

Matthew Nalley, 18, of Mason, and a 17-year-old from Deerfield Township allegedly ripped out 11 trees at the park on Irwin-Simpson Road and dumped them on a ball field backstop and in a restroom, the sheriff's office said. The damage was estimated at \$2,475, the sheriff's office said.

The two, who were arrested June 20, will be charged with felony vandalism, the sheriff's office said.

### COURT

#### Sex charges dropped

Sex charges have been dropped against two 11-year-old Middletown boys accused of inappropriately touching a girl while she was walking home from school in April.

Felony charges of gross sexual imposition were withdrawn by the Butler County prosecutor's office in Butler

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County Juvenile Court on Monday after separate reports from forensic psychologists who evaluated the boys indicated they were not competent to stand trial.

Defense attorneys and the prosecution declined to reveal why the boys were deemed incompetent.

According to the Middletown police report, the mother of the 11-year-old girl said her daughter told her the boys knocked her down on April 27 in an alley off 17th Avenue near Verity Parkway and fondled her.

## EDUCATION

### New principal named

Jeffrey J. Brokamp, a 1978 graduate of Walnut Hills High School, was appointed principal of the school Monday night by the Cincinnati Board of Education.

Brokamp, 47, of Anderson Township, replaces Marvin O. Koenig, who is retiring after 15 years at the school. Brokamp is the current principal at Mount Washington Elementary.

Brokamp's father, Raymond Brokamp, is a former Walnut Hills principal and a former Cincinnati Public Schools superintendent.

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