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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

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GRAND PRAIRIE

Man riding personal
watercraft hits tree, dies

A 49-year-old man died in a personal watercraft accident at Joe Pool Lake on Sunday. William Liakos of Mansfield was riding west on the Walnut Creek arm of the lake about 7 p.m. when he missed a turn and hit a creek bank and a tree, Grand Prairie Lake Patrol officials said. A helicopter ambulance took him to Methodist Dallas Medical Center, where he died. Officers were still investigating the accident.

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GRAPEVINE

Man found slumped
in boat dies at hospital

A 41-year-old Bedford man is dead after a Sunday morning boat ride on Grapevine Lake, authorities said. Two passing boaters, who were crossing a cove near Vineyards Campground, saw Jeffrey Stuart Long slumped over in a paddle boat, his body partly submerged. After dialing 911, the pair pulled Mr. Long onto their boat, took him to shore and performed CPR until authorities arrived, around 9:30 a.m. Paramedics took Mr. Long to Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine, where he was pronounced dead at 10:29 a.m. An autopsy will be conducted.

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LEWISVILLE

Victim of accidental
drowning identified

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office has identified a man whose body was found Saturday in Lewisville Lake. Paul Joseph Schmeltz, 42, of Dallas accidentally drowned, the medical examiner's office said. A visitor to the lake spotted Mr. Schmeltz's body about 12:30 p.m. Saturday near the place he had disappeared Thursday after jumping into the lake from his boat, authorities said.

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PLEASANT GROVE

**Inquiry under way after
man dies in police care**

Dallas police are investigating a 31-year-old man's death in police custody Saturday night. Sgt. Gil Cerda said family members called police about 10 p.m. Saturday because their son, Johnny Robles, was combative when he got home in the 700 block of Pleasant

Hills Drive. Police handcuffed Mr. Robles to control him, Sgt. Cerda said, and he became unresponsive while paramedics treated him in an ambulance. Paramedics tried CPR, then took him to Medical Center of Mesquite, where he died about 11:20 p.m. The cause of death hadn't been determined, the Dallas County medical examiner's office said. Sgt. Cerda said the Police Department's internal affairs division would investigate. He said the officers involved were not placed on leave.

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RED BIRD

Woman killed, boyfriend
wounded in shooting

A 30-year-old woman was shot and killed and her boyfriend wounded Saturday night at the Woodglen Park Apartments in the Red Bird area of Dallas. Dallas police Sgt. Gil Cerda said three men rushed into the apartment in the 6800 block of South Cockrell Hill Road and demanded money shortly after 9 p.m. Elizabeth Avery was shot and died at the scene. Her 26-year-old boyfriend, whose identity couldn't be confirmed, was in serious condition Sunday at Methodist Dallas Medical Center, Sgt. Cerda said. It wasn't clear whether the assailants took any money. Sgt. Cerda said police had no information from witnesses.

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