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Violence in courts prompts action

By JOE LAMBE
 The Kansas City Star

A man convicted in Jackson County of a baseball bat assault last month smashed a water pitcher, shook his fist at the judge and stormed the bench.

In another Jackson County case this month, friends of a man just convicted of murder followed a visiting judge out of the downtown courthouse.

And last year, a Jackson County circuit judge's stolen laptop surfaced in Oklahoma alongside pounds of methamphetamine. County judges here and elsewhere are demanding more security this year following incidents like these and high-profile national cases of violence against judges.

After the killings of a federal judge's relatives in Chicago, the murder of a judge and three others in an Atlanta courthouse, and an incident Monday in Seattle in which police killed a man who brandished an inert hand grenade in a federal courthouse, the need

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VERDICT EDGES MISSISSIPPI TOWARD A RECONCILIATION WITH ITS PAST

JUSTICE, DELAYED SINCE '64, SERVED

Ex-Klansman found guilty of manslaughter in civil rights workers' deaths

By SHAILA DEWAN
 The New York Times

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. — It is likely to be the final chapter in a story that has troubled a generation.

A jury on Tuesday pronounced Edgar Ray Killen guilty of manslaughter in the deaths of three young, idealistic civil rights workers who disappeared on a summer night here exactly 41 years ago.

Killen, 80, sat in a wheelchair, the thin, greenish tubes of an oxygen tank under his nose, his expression impassive as the verdict was read aloud.

Throughout the courtroom, people wept — the Killen family on the right, the victims' relatives on the left and townspeople deeply invested in the case.

Roscoe Jones, a tall, elderly black man with tear-rimmed eyes who had worked

alongside the three young men, pushed his way through the crowd to the side of Rita Bender, a white woman who had been married to one of them. When he reached her, they embraced.

The disappearance of the three — Andrew Goodman, 20; Michael Schwerner, 24; and James Earl Chaney, 21 — on June 21, 1964, drew the national news

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Former Ku Klux Klansman Edgar Ray Killen will be sentenced Thursday. He faces 20 years on each of three manslaughter counts.

ROGELIO SOLIS
 The Associated Press

First glance

Wyandotte County District Court has added two metal detectors and employee pass cards. Changes are on the way in Jackson County, including video cameras for entrances and an employee pass card system.

A SUMMER OF ROCK AND ROCKETS



KEITH MYERS/The Kansas City Star

Guitar Summer Jam Camp at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe helped sharpen the chops of Collin Henry (right), 12, of Edwardsville, and Hayden Hager, 13, of Olathe. Collin taught part of a song to Hayden.

Specialty camps help kids broaden interests, hone skills

By ANDREW EDER
 The Kansas City Star

One by one the summer campers stood, gulped a mouthful of water and sprayed it all over the place in mock surprise.

Spit takes: a comic staple and a scheduled activity at comedy camp.

That's just one of the specialty camps that are rising in popularity as kids get bored with traditional summer camps and parents want them to acquire special skills and knowledge.

Is your daughter a budding Madonna or Whitney Houston? Send her to Diva Training Camp in Overland Park, where she'll learn yoga, etiquette and dance technique.



JILL TOYOSHIBA/The Kansas City Star

Mari Chapman, 10, of Overland Park, played a pingpong-pelting game at a five-day Harry Potter Camp in Liberty.

For a listing of camps in the area, go to KansasCity.com and click on FYI/Living.

Does your son like to blow things up? Send him to Explosives Camp at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Peg Smith, chief executive officer of the American Camp Association, says it has seen a rise in specialty camps nationwide in recent years. That has helped boost the number of campers overall from about 9 million in 1998 to more than 11 million.

Smith attributes the popularity of short specialty camps to the growth of a "developmental model." Instead of camp being just a place to stash the

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MERGED FIRM TO BE BASED HERE

KC to reap benefits of AMC, Loews link

By JENNIFER MANN
 The Kansas City Star

AMC Entertainment Inc. is merging with Loews Cineplex Entertainment, creating the most widespread brand name in the struggling movie exhibition industry.

The new AMC will be based in Kansas City and run by AMC's management. It will be the second-largest exhibitor based in the U.S. behind Regal Entertainment Group, which operates chains under three names.

AMC's downtown Kansas City corporate headquarters, where the company employs about 200, is expected to expand, though details remain sketchy.

The AMC-Loews merger, announced early Tuesday, culminates an on-again, off-again corporate courtship that dates back nearly two years. The new company will have almost 450 theaters, with a total of 5,936 screens, compared with Regal's 558 locations with 6,273 screens.

AMC and Loews, which are both privately held, did not disclose the financial terms of the deal. It comes just six months after formerly publicly traded AMC went private in a deal valued at \$2 billion. Loews was acquired by its current owners a year ago for \$1.46 billion.

Both companies have storied pasts. AMC traces its roots to the turn of the century when

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Post merger comparisons

AMC Entertainment Inc.

The merged entity will be called **AMC Entertainment Inc.**, and will be based in Kansas City.

447 Number of theaters
5,936 Number of screens

Regal Entertainment Group

That compares with **Regal Entertainment Group**, the largest exhibitor based in the U.S.:

558 Number of theaters
6,273 Number of screens

LOW-KEY MANNER HELPS MINNESOTA NATIVE GOVERN ARKANSAS TOWN

Mayor successfully makes Southern migration

By MALCOLM GARCIA
 The Kansas City Star

MORRILTON, Ark. — The culture of rural Arkansas tickles Mayor Stewart Nelson.

Take liquor stores, for instance. Nowhere else in the world, he says as he pulls into the parking lot of just such an establishment, would people line up at the back door to remain unseen as they buy their libations without stepping foot inside.

Nelson points to the rear door of a shack plastered with beer signs to prove his point. He then jabs a finger at a drive-through window, another covert



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form of liquor distribution.

"You could be a stone-cold alcoholic, drunk every day of your life, and still stand up in church, if you're able, and swear before God that you have never

entered a liquor store and be telling the truth."

Nelson laughs, bending over the steering wheel so his head doesn't strike the roof. He stands well over 6 feet and has a thick head of white hair and an equally full white beard.

"Some people will go to a whole lot of trouble to drink."

Nelson doesn't hail from these parts. A native Minnesotan, he moved here in 1972 as an employee of Levi Strauss & Co. He also worked for Maybelline and was the only husband in town who dared come home with lipstick on his

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11-year-old's ordeal is over

The Boy Scout who vanished Friday from a camp in Utah was found alive on Tuesday. Brennan Hawkins was reunited with family including his father, Toby. Story, A-2

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