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**SPORTS DAILY**  
A rain delay knocked Zack Greinke out of the game, but the Royals' bullpen picked him up en route to a 3-2 win over Pittsburgh. | **B1**

**WHAT A WEEK**  
From outdoor theater to bombs bursting in air, summer is in full swing this week in Kansas City. | **Calendar of events, C1**



**NATION**  
Pitchman Billy Mays, whose animated style of hawking products made him a pop culture icon, died Sunday of unknown causes. | **A2**

**TODAY'S WEATHER**  
Will we get independence from the heat this week?

Low **58** High **87**



**TUESDAY**  
A little liberty  
**62 83**



**WEDNESDAY**  
Relief is coming  
**58 82**



**THURSDAY**  
Storms could bring  
**64 81**



**FRIDAY**  
... natural fireworks  
**65 86**

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**SENTENCING IN PONZI SCHEME** | Confessed con man is expected to spend life in prison

## DAY OF RECKONING FOR MADOFF

**No help is in sight for many middle-class families in anguish over investment losses.**

By DAVID B. CARUSO  
The Associated Press

**N**EW YORK | Bernard Madoff will get one last creature comfort before he is sentenced today, probably to spend the rest of his days in prison: The judge has given him permission to

don his own clothes for the hearing, rather than a jail uniform.

Jack Cutter is wearing something special, too, these days: a butcher's smock.

The 80-year-old from Longmont, Colo., had to go back to work after he lost his

retirement savings in Madoff's massive swindle. He used to be a petroleum engineer. Now he spends his weekdays toiling in the meat department at a Safeway supermarket. The gig pays \$8.64 per hour.

"It's a tough job," he said. "Eight hours on my feet."

But with money tight, he has no choice but to stick it

out in the only job he could find. "My slide rule skills were pretty much outmoded," he said.

Madoff's fraud, maybe the biggest in Wall Street history, wiped out thousands of people around the globe. Not all of them were Palm Beach millionaires.

A sizable roster of teachers, farmers, mechanics and other

middle-class people are also among the victims. Many had been enjoying a comfortable retirement until Madoff's arrest in December. Now, nest eggs gone, they are struggling to pay the bills.

Help isn't on the way anytime soon.

Prosecutors, who have

SEE MADOFF | **A8**

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Richard Grissom in a recent Kansas Department of Corrections mug shot.

## The pain lingers for three families

**Killer in prison for life, but haunting question persists: Where are the remains of his victims?**

By TONY RIZZO  
The Kansas City Star

Twenty years later, the secret remains locked away in a killer's mind.

The motive for his silence is as mysterious as the final fate of three young Johnson County women unfortunate enough to cross paths with Richard Grissom Jr. that June two decades ago.

The shockingly random crimes targeted young women with no known connections to their killer. New victims vanished even as police scrambled to hunt down Grissom. A pall of fear blanketed the city for nearly three weeks — until authorities cornered Grissom at a Dallas airport after he attempted to coax another young woman to meet him there.

In his wake he left a trail of evidence that linked him to the missing women. But his criminal carelessness did not extend to their bodies.

No trace of Joan Butler, Christine Rusch and Theresa Brown has been found. Grissom never has revealed how he killed them or what he did with them.

For the women's families, the silence is a final and ongoing act of evil.

"He's arrogant," said Jim

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LOCAL

## Record numbers seek concealed-carry permits



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Training is required before an applicant can receive a concealed-weapons permit in Missouri. At a recent class in Liberty, Jackie Poynter (far left) of Independence watched as instructor Richard Eaton demonstrated what a gun's recoil feels like. Also taking the class were Jerica Unger and her husband, Jerimia Unger, of Independence.

**Applicants cite fears of crime fueled by recession, prospect of stricter gun laws.**

By GLENN E. RICE  
The Kansas City Star

Jackie Poynter surveys the row of handguns on the metal table and picks out a silver .22-caliber Smith & Wesson.

With protective ear muffs on, the 31-year-old Independence woman waits for the firearms instructor to give the signal before squeezing off a series of shots.

"We've got a marksman right here," she exclaims. "Lord help anyone breaking into my house."

Across the Kansas City area, record numbers of people like Poynter are applying for permits to carry concealed weapons. The surge reflects the fears of rising crime in a down economy



The class at Great Guns in Liberty also included practice on an indoor firing range. Jerica Unger shot at targets with a .22-caliber handgun.

and concerns that the election of President Barack Obama might bring new limits on gun rights.

Clay County has seen the

biggest increase.

From Jan. 1 through the end of May, 801 Clay County residents applied for permits to carry a concealed weapon —

**MORE LOCAL NEWS, A4**

- Duck Derby fundraiser draws a crowd to the Plaza.
- Mary Sanchez: Stories behind health-care statistics.

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## Fatalist twist to teenage risks

**Study finds 15 percent of teens think they will die before age 35, leading to unsafe behavior.**

By LINDSEY TANNER  
The Associated Press

**CHICAGO** | A surprising number of teenagers — nearly 15 percent — think they're going to die young, leading many to drug use, suicide attempts and other unsafe behavior, new research suggests.

The study, based on a survey of more than 20,000 teens, challenges conventional wisdom that says teens engage in risky behavior because they think they're invulnerable to harm. Instead, a sizable number of teens may take chances "because they feel hopeless and figure that not much is at stake," said study author Iris Borowsky, a researcher at the University of Minnesota.

That behavior threatens to turn their fatalism into a self-fulfilling prophecy. Over seven years, adolescents who thought they would die early were seven times more likely than optimistic ones to be diagnosed with AIDS. They also were more likely to attempt suicide and get in fights resulting in serious injuries.

Borowsky said the magnitude of teens with a negative outlook was eye-opening.

Adolescence is "a time of great opportunity, and for such a large minority of youth to feel like they don't have a long life ahead of them was surprising,"

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INSIDE THE STAR

■ Soldiers oust the president of Honduras in the first military takeover of a Central American government in 16 years. | **A3**

■ The Wizards are out of the MLS-Mexican First Division tournament after a 3-1 loss to Santos Laguna. | **B1**