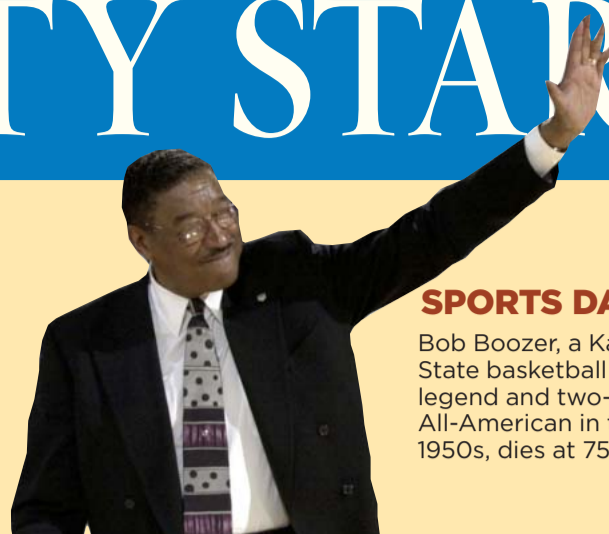


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**SPORTS DAILY**

Bob Boozer, a Kansas State basketball legend and two-time All-American in the late 1950s, dies at 75. | C1

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

A sunny and mild start to a hot week.

Low **48** High **74**



**TUESDAY**  
Warm-up begins  
53 81



**WEDNESDAY**  
Even warmer  
62 86



**THURSDAY**  
Partly cloudy  
66 87



**FRIDAY**  
Chance of storms  
62 86

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After the Joplin tornado, families of victims wanted loved ones right away. But a mistake convinced coroner Rob Chappel to be more methodical.

## ‘It’s about being right’



KEITH MYERS | THE KANSAS CITY STAR

The abandoned fertilizer warehouse east of Joplin that became a makeshift morgue after the tornado brings back memories for Jasper County Coroner Rob Chappel. His meticulous approach in identifying the bodies frustrated families tired of waiting.

By LAURA BAUER  
The Kansas City Star

**J**OPLIN, Mo. | He knows the voice the moment he picks up the phone. It's the tone that sets him back.

Rob, we have a problem.  
Rob Chappel has known Jerry Derfelt, a funeral director from nearby Galena, Kan., for years. The two have worked together many times, and in the hours after the Joplin tornado, Derfelt was among those who came to help Chappel, the Jasper County coroner.

It was Derfelt who brought 45 body bags

that Sunday night. It was Derfelt who went to one of the triage centers, where several bodies had been collected, and delivered the victims to Chappel.

**Part two of three**

Go to [KansasCity.com](http://KansasCity.com) for all of The Star's Joplin tornado coverage.

Now he's calling because something has gone wrong. And Chappel knows from experience that in this business, when someone calls and says there's a problem, it's usually a big deal.

Before he even hears what it is, in his gut, he knows.

It's Tuesday morning, two days after an EF5 tornado wiped out one-third of Joplin. Chappel has come home for a few hours to grab some sleep and food and change into

fresh clothes. He needs to get back.

Bodies continue to pile up. Nearly 90 came in that first night and 20 or so the next day. He is expecting recovery crews to find more today.

Hospitals across the region, from Miami, Okla., to Springfield to Kansas City, are tending to the survivors. Some needed to have arms and legs amputated. This storm was violent, the injuries life-changing. Kids have cracked skulls, and many elderly people are barely hanging on after the tornado ripped through their nursing home.

Chappel stays focused on the dead.

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**KC-BASED CHAIN |**

A \$2.6 billion deal reached

## CHINA FIRM BUYS AMC

Theater chain will become biggest in the world but U.S. operations will remain headquartered in Kansas City.

By KEVIN COLLISON  
The Kansas City Star

**A**MC Entertainment, a Kansas City fixture since 1920, has been purchased by a Chinese firm for \$2.6 billion to create the world's biggest movie theater operator.

The firm founded by Stan Durwood will remain headquartered in the Kansas City area — a new headquarters building is being built in Leawood — but the deal unites the No. 2 theater chain in the largest market, the United States, with the biggest player in China.

Wanda's move underscores the growing ties between the U.S. and Chinese film industries, which benefited from a slew of cross-Pacific deals this year.

Gerry Lopez, CEO and president of AMC, said Sunday night the deal, which includes a \$500 million investment from the Wanda Group to fund AMC's strategic and operating initiatives, opens new opportunities for the firm.

“As the film and exhibition business continues its global expansion, the time has never been more opportune to welcome the enthusiastic support of our new owners,” Lopez said in a statement. “Wanda and AMC are both dedicated to providing our customers with a pre-

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## Whooping cough cases spread in Johnson County

More than 100 reported the diagnosis. Health department investigating reports and urging residents to get vaccine.

By DAWN BORMANN  
The Kansas City Star

When Susan Sukstorf read a note reporting a case of whooping cough at her son's middle school, she tossed it aside with little worry.

“Oh, some kid didn't get their vaccination. That really stinks for them,” she remembers thinking.

Days later the Olathe mom was calling the car pool parents, her 14-year-old son's best friends and the staff at Frontier Trail Middle School to warn them. A laboratory test — completed only because she casually told her son's doctor

that he had bunked with the ill student on a school trip — confirmed he had whooping cough.

“Never in anybody's wildest dreams were we expecting that he had whooping cough,” she said, noting that her son and the other student were fully vaccinated.

The teenager is one of at least 113 people — more than 20 since Wednesday — who have reported the diagnosis to the public health department in Johnson County.

The health department recently issued a warning about the outbreak, urging residents to get the vaccine and be mindful of symptoms to help lessen the spread. Residents in regular contact

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**INSIDE THE STAR**



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Demonstrators made a futile attempt to stop a Chicago police officer from detaining a protester on Sunday. As events surrounding the NATO summit unfolded, at least 45 arrests were reported, and four officers were reported injured. Inside the summit, Afghanistan got plenty of attention from the assembled leaders. | Related story, A6

## A ‘brutal’ session ends in Kansas

A divided Legislature sends Brownback a \$14.3 billion budget that adds more money for schools. Redistricting issue is left to courts.

By BRAD COOPER  
The Kansas City Star

**TOPEKA** | After 99 days of anger and anguish, Kansas lawmakers went home following a rare Sunday session, leaving the governor to sign a bill slashing taxes and letting judges draw new election districts.

Legislators capped the last day by passing a \$14.3 billion budget that added more money for schools but never during the session advanced Gov. Sam Brownback's plan for overhauling the school finance formula.

The session was marked by a bitterly divided Legislature as the House and Senate clashed over a number of key issues, including the depth of tax cuts, school funding and drawing new election districts to account for shifts in the population.

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