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"... there's got to be a lot of happy people down here today"

Senators throw life jacket to lake residents

McCaskill and Blunt join in bill aimed at blocking federal agency's order to remove 1,260 homes.

By DONALD BRADLEY
The Kansas City Star

A life jacket — and some muscle — flew all the way Thursday from Washington to the Lake of the Ozarks.

The two U.S. senators from Missouri teamed up with legisla-

tion aimed at stopping the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from enforcing its order to remove an estimated 1,260 lake residences, some in the million-dollar range.

"Did they really think somebody was going to go in there and tear down all those homes?" asked Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Democrat. "This was ridiculous."

A sentiment shared, in a rare blip of Washington bipartisan-

ship, by her Republican counterpart, Sen. Roy Blunt.

"An example of another federal agency acting as if common sense has been thrown out the window," Blunt called it.

The homes, along with 3,000 or so decks and gazebos, recently were discovered as violating a buffer zone owned by the utility company that operates Bagnell Dam.

The "removal" news shocked

and outraged owners. They had permits and deeds. They'd paid taxes for years on the houses, some of which had been in families for generations. The thought of losing them, along with retirement and investment savings, brought many sleepless nights.

"I'm in tears," Martha Sharp said Thursday when told of the senators' action. Her home sits in

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FYI AT THE MOVIES

"The Three Musketeers" (★) is a miscast, muddled mistake. "Paranormal Activity 3" (★★★), on the other hand, is an improvement on the first two installments in the low-budget horror franchise. | D1-2

A TYRANT'S END



Libyan leader Gadhafi tries to flee insurgents in a convoy, but an attack stops it. When he runs away, he's captured and killed.

A provisional governing body now faces the job of restoring calm, uniting a host of factions and establishing democracy.



DAVID SPERRY | THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The death of Moammar Gadhafi, the eccentric dictator who ruled Libya with an erratic but brutal fist, was celebrated Thursday by revolutionary fighters in Sirte, Libya.

By CHRISTOPHER GILLETTE and KIM GAMEL
The Associated Press

SIRTE, Libya | Dragged from hiding in a drainage pipe, a wounded Moammar Gadhafi raised his hands and begged revolutionary fighters: "Don't kill me, my sons."

Within an hour, he was dead, but not before jubilant Libyans had vented decades of hatred by pulling the dictator's hair and parading his bloodied body on the hood of a truck.

The death Thursday of Gadhafi, two months after he was driven from power and into hiding, decisively buries his nearly 42-year regime that had turned the oil-rich country into an international pariah and his own personal fiefdom.

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■ An update on how the "Arab Spring" is faring in eight other nations.

■ A timeline of Moammar Gadhafi's four-decade rule of his North African country.

■ World reaction to the dictator's death. | A14

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It also thrusts Libya into a new age in which its transitional leaders must overcome deep divisions and rebuild nearly all its institutions from scratch to

achieve dreams of democracy.

"We have been waiting for this historic moment for a long time. Moammar Gadhafi has been killed," Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril said in the capital of Tripoli. "I would like to call on Libyans to put aside the grudges and only say one word, which is 'Libya,' 'Libya,' 'Libya.'"

President Barack Obama told the Libyan people: "You have won your revolution."

Although the United States briefly led the relentless NATO bombing campaign that sealed Gadhafi's fate, Washington later took a secondary role to its allies. Britain and France said they hoped that his death would lead to a more democratic Libya.

Gadhafi, 69, was shot to death

in his hometown of Sirte, where revolutionary fighters overwhelmed the last of his loyalist supporters Thursday after weeks of heavy battles.

Also killed in the city was one of his feared sons Muatassim. Another son, one-time heir apparent Seif al-Islam, was wounded and captured.

Bloody images of Gadhafi's last moments raised questions over how exactly he died after he was captured wounded but alive. Video on Arab television stations showed a crowd of fighters shoving and pulling Gadhafi, with blood splattered on his face and soaking his shirt.

Gadhafi struggled against

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LISA IRWIN CASE | Attorneys for parents of missing baby speak

KC police seeking a confession, lawyers say

Investigators strongly deny using unreasonable tactics, but say they need more from the child's parents.

By MARK MORRIS
The Kansas City Star

Lawyers for a Northland couple pushed back hard against police Thursday for saying their clients have stopped cooperating in the search for their missing 11-month-old daughter.

Police also have pushed Deborah Bradley and Jeremy Irwin unreasonably for a confession, their lawyers contend.

"To (police), refusing to cooperate means not wanting to sign a confession," said Sean O'Brien, one of the attorney

"That's ridiculous," said police spokesman Steve Young. Officers merely want to get the truth and a fresh interview with the couple would be a good start, he said.

In an interview with The Star, O'Brien and attorney Cyndy Short said they have begun to set



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'Good news' on natural gas bills for the winter

Heating your home this season may not hurt your wallet so badly, thanks in part to drilling in shale formations.

By STEVE EVERLY
The Kansas City Star

Suddenly it's colder and furnaces are firing up, but heating bills are expected to be reasonable this winter — at least for households heating with gas.

The federal Energy Information Administration said this week it expected natural gas prices to stay steady or go up just a bit. And in Kansas City, gas utilities say some area consumers could do much better than the federal agency is predicting.

Missouri Gas Energy this week filed its proposed winter cost-of-gas charge with regulators, designed to cover the wholesale cost of the fuel plus storage and transportation. At \$6.16 for

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SPORTS DAILY

Bill Snyder's methods worked 20 years ago when he turned around K-State football, and they are still working today for the No. 12 Wildcats. | B1



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