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House asks for conference with Senate on jobs bill

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The Missouri House voted Thursday to ask the state Senate for more talks about the unfinished jobs bill that was supposed to be the centerpiece of this fall's special legislative session.

The House request for a conference committee meeting came just three days after Senate President Pro Tem Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, said there was no chance the two chambers could agree on the bill's details.

"I believe at this point that the differences between the House and the Senate on the economic development, tax credit reform bill are irreconcilable," Mayer told senators Monday afternoon, "that they cannot be resolved over the little bit of time that still remains in this special session."

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Downtown parking, water lines discussed at meeting

Residents request wider spaces, assigned parking in garage

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Two local residents have requested the city look into widening and providing assigned spaces in the Madison Street parking garage after a number of incidents there.

At the Public Works and Planning Committee meeting Thursday, Deanna Borland, speaking on behalf of herself and Brent Hemphill, said the two have had their cars "dinged" and even hit by others parking in the garage. Borland said she wanted the city to at least consider widening the spaces to reduce the chances of car doors hitting a neighboring vehicle or provide assigned parking spots to encourage accountability within the structure.

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A new look



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Glen Stubinger paints the building front above the entryway of a new business, The Snob Shop Exchange, a used clothing store at 209 E. High St., while in the background, co-workers build out the exterior above High Street Pub. They all work for WAVCO Construction and have been busy removing the old facade to get to the original exterior in preparation for restoration.

World looks warily to Libya's future post-Gadhafi

LONDON (AP) — European leaders hailed it as a victory, Libyan exiles celebrated in the streets and the mother of one of Moammar Gadhafi's many victims said she was treating herself to an expensive bottle of champagne.

But jubilation over the demise of Libya's long-serving ruler is being tempered by concerns over the circumstances of his death — and lingering doubts about Libya's future.

There were chants and tears of joy outside the Libyan Embassy in London, where one demonstrator stomped a sheet bearing the fallen leader's image.

"I was crying, I was shouting, I was smiling," said Najwa Creui, a 40-year-old teacher who has lived in Britain for the past 16 years. "It's the day Libyans have been waiting for as long as I have been alive."

But 37-year-old Amani Deghayes said that while she shared in the celebration, the anarchic bloodshed that followed the toppling of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein left her fearing for "what happens next."

"I hope there will be real democracy, not another crazy regime," she said.

In Europe, leaders sounded an optimistic note.

"Finally the way is free for a political rebirth for peace," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Thursday, pronouncing herself "relieved and very happy" at the news.

Britain and France, the powers that played a leading role in the military campaign that sealed Gadhafi's fate, said they hoped that his death would open a new — and more democratic — chapter in Libya's history.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy called Gadhafi's death a milestone in the Libyan people's battle "to free themselves from the dictatorial and violent regime that was imposed on them for more than 40 years," a message echoed by British leader David Cameron and other NATO allies.

The Vatican, which said it now considers Libya's interim government the legitimate rulers of the country, described Gadhafi's death as the end to a "long and tragic" fight to crush an oppressive regime. And U.N.

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Moammar Gadhafi

Traditionally black church now headed by white pastor

New leader says first Sunday at church was 'absolutely astonishing'

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Evidence of God's hand at work is all around John Underwood these days.

The first several decades of his life may have been fairly nondescript by his own admission. But as a middle-aged Caucasian, just beginning in the ministry, Underwood believes God can do anything — even call him to be pastor at a historically black church.

For Underwood and the congregation at Second Christian Church, their rela-

'We both said we could feel God's presence here, stronger than anywhere we had been in a long time.'

— John Underwood, pastor at Second Christian Church

tionship is color-blind. Their mission is building a solid spiritual base to reach out into the community.

"This congregation loves God, and that's the driving force behind anything that goes on here," Underwood said. "It's wonderful that someone like me could experience a church like this every Sunday. It's exciting and I'm humbled."

As a black man serving on the pastor search committee, Farrell Roundtree said he didn't want Underwood at first. His concern was based on how a white pastor might affect the fellowship.

"Now that he's here, we just love him," Roundtree said. "He's the perfect man for the job."

"If I had gotten my way, it would have been a mistake."

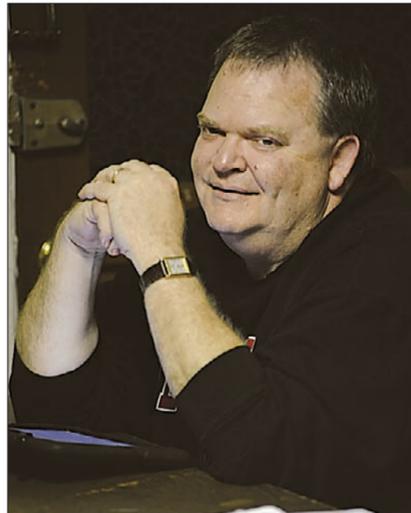
Seeing the benefits of Underwood's leadership, Roundtree said he is reminded of how great God is and that he has a plan, despite human agendas.

"He's definitely a true man of God; he loves the word and he loves the people."

"It has nothing to do with color."

The novelty of being a white pastor of

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Second Christian Church Pastor John Underwood speaks during a Bible study group.



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Sunny and a little warmer

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Bear feasts at candy store in Tennessee mountains

A bear has feasted on pecan logs, caramel apples and other treats at a candy store in the Smoky Mountains resort town Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Employees reporting for work found the bear Wednesday morning at the Ole Smoky Candy Kitchen, where the animal apparently had knocked a hole in a glass front door to enter.

Police propped open several back doors and made loud noises, and the bear ran into the woods.

The animal had spread candy on the floor, and wrappers and packaging were strewn throughout a back storeroom. Pecan logs had been chewed and chunks were missing out of caramel apples.



Moammar Gadhafi, the former Libyan leader ousted by rebels two months ago, was killed Thursday, the first leader to be killed in the Arab Spring uprisings. Do you think his death will lead to more violence or more stability in the region?

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