

2010 Legal and Public Notices

ral Resources (drinking water fee), 60.00; SD Dept of Revenue (1/2 malt license fee), 150.00; Thurman Law Office, 80.00; Fullerton Building Center, 163.21; Press & Dakotan, 92.97; Home Federal Bank (loan pymt), 2,500.00; Joel Finck (general labor/mowing/FICA), 356.96; Roxanne Ellinger (salary/FICA), 332.02; Paul Scherschligt (salary/FICA), 245.31; 1st Dakota National Bank (FICA), 130.99; **TOTAL \$16,787.43**

REPORTS:

May Water Report

Finance Officer Ellinger reported one delinquent account. Board instructed notice be served on the landowner, shut off date of June 18th if no payment is received.

Water Superintendent Report

Water Superintendent Scherschligt reported lift station and tower equipment is working well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vacant Lot

No new correspondence from Yankton County.

Dogs

Discussion was held on a rental property with new tenants and animal. The landlord will be contacted and a subsequent letter to the tenants about Ordinance requirements.

Ball Park Restroom Project

Mayor Bloch reported on the project status and timeframe of the concrete work. Project completion date is end of June. For insurance purposes, a valuation of \$25,000 was cited for the restroom facility.

FEMA Flood Ins Designation

Board members viewed the official letter of designation for the Town of Lesterville under the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) flood insurance program.

NEW BUSINESS:

2010 Drinking Water Report

Motion Bloch, second Pratt to approve the 2010 Drinking Water Report prepared by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Motion carried. Finance Officer Ellinger will post signs and deliver notices regarding the availability of the report to town residents.

Statement of Extension

Motion Frank, second Pratt to sign the 2012 Statement of Extension of Planning and Development District III. Motion carried.

Malt Beverage License

Motion Pratt, second Frank to approve renewal of the Malt Beverage license to Lanie Tueck d/b/a Lanie's for the 2011-2012 year with no Sunday sales. Motion carried.

Mosquito Abatement Program

Motion Pratt, second Frank to enter into an agreement with Yankton County on mosquito control for the 2011 season. Motion carried. Discussion was held on requesting more chemical donuts for large water areas and to fog for mosquitoes as soon as possible.

August Meeting Change

Finance Officer Ellinger requested a date change of the August meeting. Discussion ended with a tentative date of Saturday, August 13th at 9:30 a.m.

OTHER:

*Trustee Frank contacted North-western Energy again regarding the replacement of the pole at the intersection of Jackson Ave and 2nd Street. Replacement should be completed by the end of June.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Frank, second Pratt to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried. Next meeting of the Lesterville Town Board is scheduled for Monday, July 11th in the fire hall meeting room. Roxanne Ellinger
Finance Officer



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Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich returns home after being found guilty on 17 of 20 counts in his corruption trial Monday in Chicago.

Ex-Gov. Blagojevich Convicted At Retrial

BY MICHAEL TARM AND KAREN HAWKINS
Associated Press

CHICAGO — There was no escape for Rod Blagojevich the second time around. The former Illinois governor was convicted in a retrial Monday of a wide range of corruption charges, including trying to sell President Barack Obama's old Senate seat.

And for once, Blagojevich could barely speak. Driven from office by the scandal that made him a national punch line, he now faces a significant prison term that experts said could be 10 to 15 years.

It was a bitter defeat for the man who rode his talkative everyman image to two terms as governor and insisted that hours of FBI wiretap recordings were just the ramblings of a politician who liked to think out loud.

But after the verdict, it was a quieter Blagojevich who stepped before a forest of microphones and cameras — the kind of scene he once relished as a politician — and spoke for barely 30 seconds, his eyes red, his face drawn and frowning.

"Well, among the many lessons I've learned from this whole experience is to try to speak a little bit less, so I'm going to keep my remarks kind of short," he said.

Blagojevich spent 2 1/2 years professing his innocence on reality TV shows and the witness stand. During his first trial, a federal jury convicted him of only the least serious charge and deadlocked on the others.

There was no such reprieve this time. After nine days of deliberations over three weeks, the jury found him guilty of 17 of 20 charges, making him the second straight Illinois governor convicted of corruption.

After hearing the verdict, Blagojevich turned to defense attorney Sheldon Sorosky and asked "What happened?" His wife, Patti, slumped against her brother, then rushed into her husband's arms.

Before the decision was read, the couple looked flushed, and the former governor blew his wife a kiss across the courtroom, then stood expressionless, with his hands clasped tightly.

The verdict capped a long-running spectacle in which Blagojevich became famous for blurting on a recorded phone call that his ability to appoint Obama's successor to the Senate was "f--ing golden"

and that he wouldn't let it go "for f--ing nothing."

The 54-year-old Democrat, who has been free on bond since shortly after his arrest, said only that he was disappointed and stunned by the verdict. He said the couple wanted "to get home to our little girls and talk to them and explain things to them and then try to sort things out." His two daughters are 8 and 14.

The case exploded into scandal when Blagojevich was awakened by federal agents on Dec. 9, 2008, at his Chicago home and was led away in handcuffs. Federal prosecutors had been investigating his administration for years, and some of his closest cronies had already been convicted.

Blagojevich was swiftly impeached and removed from office.

The verdict provided affirmation to U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, one of the nation's most prominent prosecutors, who, after the governor's arrest, had condemned Blagojevich's dealings as a "political corruption crime spree."

"The jury sent a loud and clear message that Governor Blagojevich committed very serious crimes shaking down a children's hospital, trying to sell a Senate seat and demanding cash campaign contributions in advance before signing a bill," Fitzgerald said.

Referring to the verdict against Ryan five years ago, he said: "I hope that that message is heard this time."

Fitzgerald pledged to retry the governor after the first jury failed to reach a decision on all but the least serious of 24 charges against him.

On Monday, the jury voted to convict on 17 of 20 counts after deliberating nine days. Blagojevich also faces up to five additional years in prison for his previous conviction of lying to the FBI.

Blagojevich was acquitted of soliciting bribes in the alleged shakedown of a road-building executive. The jury deadlocked on two charges of attempted extortion related to that executive and funding for a school.

Judge James Zagel has barred Blagojevich from traveling outside the area without permission. A status hearing to discuss sentencing was set for Aug. 1.

The charges carry a possible sentence up to 300 years in prison, but federal guidelines mean he will serve only a fraction of that.

Wildfire Shuts Los Alamos Lab

BY SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
Associated Press

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. — Thousands of residents calmly fled the town that's home to the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory as a rapidly-growing wildfire approached, sending up towering plumes of smoke, raining down ash and charring the fringes of the sprawling lab's property.

The blaze, which began Sunday, had destroyed 30 structures south of Los Alamos and forced the closure of the lab while stirring memories of a devastating blaze in May 2000 that destroyed hundreds of homes and buildings.

"The hair on the back of your neck goes up," Los Alamos County fire chief Doug Tucker said of first seeing the fire in the Santa Fe National Forest on Sunday. "I saw that plume and I thought, 'Oh my god here we go again.'"

Tucker said the current blaze — which had grown to roughly 50,000 acres, or 78 square miles by midday Monday — was the most active fire he had seen in his career. By midafternoon, it had jumped a highway and burned an acre of land on the outskirts of the lab's 36-square mile complex.

Lab officials assured that radioac-

tive material stored at various locations on the lab property was safe from the flames.

The anti-nuclear watchdog group Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety said the fire appeared to be about 3 1/2 miles from a dumpsite where as many as 30,000 55-gallon drums of plutonium-contaminated waste were stored in fabric tents above ground. The group said the drums were awaiting transport to a low-level radiation dump site in southern New Mexico.

Lab spokesman Steve Sandoval declined to comment on that assertion, but did acknowledge there is low level waste stored in drums on lab property that is regularly taken to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project site in Carlsbad.

"We have stuff like gloves that are used in research that are packaged in 55 gallon-drums and shipped down to WIPP," he said.

Traffic on Trinity Drive, one of the main roads out of Los Alamos, was bumper-to-bumper Monday afternoon as residents followed orders to leave. Authorities said about 2,500 of the town's residents left under earlier an earlier voluntary evacuation.

"We're just hoping for the best," Vivian Levy, a resident since the 1970s said as she packed her car and her animals — again.

"Last time, I just walked out of my house and said goodbye, and that it was going to be OK," she said before breaking down in tears. "I'm doing the same thing this time. It's going to be OK. I'm prepared to say goodbye."

Sam Kendericks said he knew the blaze was going to be bad when he first saw the plume Sunday.

"I was going to the hardware store and I did a U-turn as soon as I saw the plume come over the mountain. I told my wife to start packing. We were here 10 years ago. We had 20 minutes last time. So this time we're ready," he said.

The fire has the potential to double or triple in size, Tucker said, and firefighters had no idea which direction the 60 mph-plus winds would take it.

"We are preparing for the fire to go in any direction," Tucker said.

On Monday afternoon, the flames were just across the road from the southern edge of the famed northern New Mexico lab, where scientists developed and tested the first atomic bomb during World War II. The lab activated its emergency operations center overnight and cut natural gas to some areas overnight as a precaution. Officials said all hazardous and radioactive materials were being protected.

White House: Deal On Deficits Is Still Possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama plunged into deadlocked negotiations to cut government deficits and raise the nation's debt limit Monday, and the White House expressed confidence a "significant" deal with Republicans could be reached. But both sides only seemed to harden their positions as the day wore on, the administration insisting on higher taxes as part of the package but Republican leaders flatly rejecting the idea.



Obama

Obama and Vice President Joe Biden met with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., for about 30 minutes at the White House, setting the stage for an evening meeting with Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said Obama reported after the morning session that "everyone in the room believes that a significant deal remains possible." But Carney also affirmed that Obama would only go for a deficit-reduction plan that included both spending cuts and increased tax revenue, an approach that Republicans say would never get through Congress.

Said Carney: "It's the only way to get it done if you want to do it right."

McConnell was seen speaking with White House Chief of Staff Bill Daley moments before his scheduled meeting with Obama and Biden

Court Issues Arrest Warrant For Gadhafi

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Thousands of jubilant Libyans danced and cheered in the streets of the rebel stronghold of Benghazi after the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant Monday for Moamar Gadhafi, accusing him of crimes against humanity for killing civilians who rose up against his rule.

The court order raised pressure on the Gadhafi regime, already targeted by daily airstrikes, and NATO clearly hopes it will encourage key allies to abandon him. But it also gives Gadhafi less incentive to accept a peaceful settlement that would see him leave power — something he has shown no indication of doing — because of the subsequent threat of arrest.

The court in The Hague, Netherlands, lacks police powers, and the force most likely to arrest Gadhafi appears to be the rebels battling to oust him.

At the United Nations, political affairs chief B. Lynn Pascoe said the rebels now hold a tenuous military advantage over Gadhafi's forces. The rebels have failed to penetrate the Libyan leader's center of power in Tripoli and conceded Monday they are unlikely to detain Gadhafi on their own.

Court Rejects Calif. Ban On Video Game Sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — States cannot ban the sale or rental of ultra-violent video games to children, the Supreme Court ruled Monday, rejecting such limits as a violation of young people's First Amendment rights and leaving it up to parents and the multimillion-dollar gaming industry to decide what kids can buy.

The high court, on a 7-2 vote, threw out California's 2005 law covering games sold or rented to those under 18, calling it an unconstitutional violation of free-speech rights. Writing for the majority, Justice Antonin Scalia, said, "Even where the protection of children is the object, the constitutional limits on governmental action apply."

Scalia, who pointed out the violence in a number of children's fairy tales, said that while states have legitimate power to protect children from harm, "that does not include a free-floating power to restrict the ideas to which children may be exposed."

Justices Stephen Breyer and Clarence Thomas dissented from the decision, with Breyer saying it makes no sense to legally block children's access to pornography yet allow them to buy or rent brutally violent video games.

Muslim Woman Sues Abercrombie & Fitch

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A former stockroom worker for Abercrombie & Fitch Co. sued the clothing retailer in federal court Monday, saying she was illegally fired after refusing to remove her Muslim headscarf while on the job.

Hani Khan said a manager at the company's Hollister Co. store at the Hillsdale Mall in San Mateo hired her while she was wearing her hijab. The manager said it was OK to wear it as long as it was in company colors, Khan said.

Four months later, the 20-year-old says a district manager and human resources manager asked if she could remove the hijab while working, and she was suspended and then fired for refusing to do so.

It's the latest employment discrimination charge against the company's so-called "look policy," which critics say means images of mostly white, young, athletic-looking people. The company has said it does not tolerate discrimination.

New Safety Rule Targets Drop-Side Cribs

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's one of the biggest purchases for soon-to-be parents: a crib for baby. Beginning Tuesday, a new generation of cribs, designed to be safer, will be the only ones approved for sale — in stores, online, and even at neighborhood yard sales.

Ushering in one of the most significant changes in child safety in decades, the rule taking effect this week bans the manufacture, sale and resale of drop-side cribs. Drop-sides have a side rail that can be raised and lowered to allow parents to more easily place or lift a baby, but they have been blamed in the deaths of several dozen children.

Another significant part of the new federal standard mandates more rigorous safety tests for children's cribs before they hit the market. In the past, manufacturers were allowed to retighten screws and bolts on a crib in the middle of hardware testing meant to mimic how a child might rattle a crib — by jumping up and down or shaking a rail. While the tests were intended to simulate a toddler in a crib, they don't mimic the reality of the parent. It's a rare parent who would know when to retighten obscure pieces of hardware on a crib during normal use by a child.

The retightening of screws and bolts during durability tests on cribs ends Tuesday, as part of the new rule approved last year by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Stronger mattress support systems and crib slats are also a major part of the new testing.

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