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Moammar Gadhafi

Libyans jubilant after death of former leader



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Revolutionary fighters celebrate the capture of Sirte, Libya, on Thursday. Moammar Gadhafi was killed Thursday when revolutionary forces overwhelmed his hometown, Sirte, the last major bastion of resistance two months after the regime fell.

Revolutionaries showed Gadhafi no mercy

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 eccentric 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 the nearly 42-year regime that had turned the oil-rich country into an international pariah and his own personal fiefdom.

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 U.S. 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.

See **LIBYA**, Page 7A**Toomer's Oaks Poisonings**

Updyke's attorney allowed to withdraw

Trial delayed, motions hearing moved to Jan. 17

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A Lee County judge delayed the trial of the University of Alabama fan accused of poisoning the Toomer's Oaks until 2012 and allowed a defense attorney to withdraw from the case Thursday.

Lee County Circuit Court Judge Jacob A. Walker III granted a motion by Harvey A. Updyke Jr.'s attorney Glennon Threatt to withdraw from the case Thursday morning before setting a January court date to hear other motions. Updyke was originally scheduled to go to trial in the criminal session beginning at the end of October.

"I'm not abandoning Harvey, I'm stepping aside to let him go forward," Threatt said.

Threatt, the fourth attorney on the case, filed the motion after an on-air

See **TRIAL**, Page 8A**ARCHIE ARROW**

FELINE MIGHTY FINE



Mary Smith teases Archie Arrow with a feather toy Thursday in Auburn. Archie came into Smith's Auburn Veterinary Hospital with an arrow through his single front leg. Smith adopted Archie, and the tabby even has his own Facebook page.

VASHA HUNT/OPELIKA-AUBURN NEWS

Cat shot with arrow gets new lease on life

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One look at Archie, an 8-year-old brown, short-haired tabby, and you can see that if he started out with nine lives, he's already gone through about eight and a half of them.

Auburn Animal Control officer Krista Weldon dropped off the badly injured cat at Auburn Veterinary Hospital in late June with an arrow through his left front leg. He had been picked up in Camden Ridge.

Jeanie Greene, a receptionist at the hospital, was shocked by what she saw.

"She (Weldon) said he'd been shot with an arrow, so we thought it would be somewhere through his body," Greene said. When Archie was brought in, it was discovered that he'd been shot through his left leg.

"When we started to look at him, we could see he was already missing his front right leg," Greene said.

See **ARCHIE**, Page 8A**Opelika Chamber of Commerce**

Guest speaker Hammett touts economic initiative

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The Alabama Economic Development Alliance hopes to roll out a strategic plan for the state at a conference in early 2012, Chairman Seth Hammett said Thursday at the Opelika Chamber of Commerce's Business Over Breakfast event.

Hammett, the guest speaker at the breakfast, told attendees that the alliance has been working to develop a statewide economic

development plan that focuses on the three R's: recruitment of new companies and industry, retention of existing companies, and renewal of jobs through entrepreneurship and research.



Hammett

With unemployment continuing to hover around 9 percent statewide, Hammett said job creation is key for Alabama's economy.

"I think it is critically important that we come up with a strategic plan for Alabama to move our state forward," he said.

Hammett, former Alabama Speaker of the House, was selected by Gov. Robert Bentley to chair the Alabama Economic Development Alliance upon its creation in July. The alliance is composed of various state leaders representing different economic development interests.

Hammett said the alliance has been developing

its strategic plan through "envisioning sessions" and responses from questionnaires. He said they plan to present the initiative to Bentley shortly before Christmas in hopes of rolling out the plan at the winter conference of the Economic Development Association of Alabama in January.

Before becoming chair of the alliance, Hammett served as the director of the Alabama Development Office, which he said was an "eye-opening experience,"

COMING SUNDAY

Adams Beverages was named Small Business of the Quarter on Thursday by the Opelika Chamber of Commerce. Read more about the award on Sunday's Business page.

especially concerning how global Alabama's economy has become. Hammett said about 2,200 Alabama companies are now doing business in foreign countries, specifically mentioning one company in Ozark that has four employees, yet does business in five countries.

"We do live in a very much one-world economy," he said. "... And I think some-

times we lose sight of that."

In response to a question from Opelika attorney Tommy Eden, Hammett said Alabama's immigration law has created a dearth of agricultural and construction workers and he hopes the Alabama Legislature reviews the law during its 2012 legislative session.

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