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## LATE COMEBACK

Rangers score twice in ninth to tie World Series.

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## GHOST TOURS



Check out haunts of the Shoals.

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## ELITE EIGHT



Wilson, Lexington advance.

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## WEATHER OR NOT

Dry, warm winter expected in South

WASHINGTON — Winter looks to be cold and wet across the northern tier of states, and the drought will worsen in the South, where conditions are expected to be warmer and drier than usual.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said snowfall probably will top the usual amounts from the Northwest to the Great Lakes and the Ohio and Tennessee river valleys.

Dry conditions could extend from southern California east across drought-stricken Texas and Oklahoma and along the Gulf Coast into Florida and possibly north to Virginia.



## ASTRONOMICAL

Images reveal forming planet

HONOLULU — Astronomers have captured the first direct image of a planet being born.

Adam Kraus, of the University of Hawaii's Institute for Astronomy, said the planet is being formed out of dust and gas circling a 2-million-year-old star about 450 light years from Earth.

The planet itself, based on scientific models of how planets form, is estimated to have started taking shape about 50,000 to 100,000 years ago.

## ONLINE TODAY



Cloverdale School holds Renaissance Faire. Pictures at TimesDaily.com.

## WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

Thursday's question: How do you rate your interest in the World Series?

Very interested: 9%  
Somewhat interested: 18%  
Not interested: 43%  
It's football season: 30%

Today's question: Is the world safer with the death of Moammar Gadhafi?

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## MOULTON

# Fireman accused of beating child

By Tom Smith  
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A Moulton firefighter is charged with torturing his live-in girlfriend's 3-year-old son and she is accused of allowing it to happen, authorities said Thursday.

Richard Bradley Brennan, 31, 108 Sims St., Moulton, is charged with two counts of torture/willful abuse of a child. His girlfriend, Amanda Dawn Jones, 32, 18247 Alabama 33, Moulton, faces a reckless endanger-

ment charge, according to Lawrence County Sheriff Gene Mitchell.

Brennan is accused of punching the child on several occasions, Mitchell said.

Brennan has been a Moulton firefighter since 2004. City officials said he has been suspended from work with pay pending the outcome of the investigation.

"These are the kinds of cases that just break your heart, seeing what a child has been put through," Mitch-

ell said. "There is a difference between discipline and what was going on in this situation. There is no justification for this."

The sheriff said the arrests were made after his office investigated accusations Brennan was physically abusing the boy.

Mitchell said the Alabama Bureau



Brennan



Jones

of Investigation and the Lawrence County Department of Human Resources worked with his investigators and they discovered the child had visible signs of abuse. He said the boy sustained injuries to his head and body.

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# Rest in peace, Bo



Daniel Giles/TimesDaily photos

Ericka Seets, 6, is comforted by her grandfather, Michael Seets, as they watch the burial of their champion coon dog, Shawnee Beaujolais, or Bo, at the Key-Underwood Coon Dog Cemetery on Thursday morning. Seets holds onto Shawnee Hills All Night Roxie, another black and tan coonhound. More pictures and video at TimesDaily.com.

# Hundreds attend funeral for champion coonhound

By Dennis Sherer  
Staff Writer

With a crowd of more than 400 looking on — including many dressed in camouflage — Bo was remembered Thursday for his ability to hunt raccoons in all sorts of weather and terrain.

His best friend recalled Bo's fondness for doughnuts.

Shawnee Hills Beaujolais, or Bo, was an 11-year-old black and tan coonhound from southern Illinois. He was buried Thursday at the world's only cemetery dedicated to hounds who hunt raccoons.

Ericka Seets, 6, one of his owners, said Bo was her best friend. "He was the goodest dog ever," Ericka said. "I loved BoBo."

The hound died May 25 of an infection. Ericka insisted he be brought to Alabama for burial.

Ericka's grandfather, Michael Seets, said they learned about the Key Underwood Memorial Coon Dog Cemetery from a friend in Pennsylvania who had a dog buried at the graveyard in western Colbert County in 2009.

After watching a video of the funeral for Merch, a hound owned by Ray Frost who was



A headstone and flowers were prepared for the funeral of champion coon dog Shawnee Beaujolais at Coon Dog Cemetery.

buried at the cemetery, Ericka Seets knew it would be the final resting place for her friend.

"About a day or two later after we watched the video, she said 'when BoBo dies, I want to take him there.' We never thought it would be this quick, but about nine months later, here we are," Michael Seets said.

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## SIRTE, LIBYA

# Libyan leader is dead

By Kim Gamel  
Associated Press

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.

Other leaders have fallen in the Arab Spring uprisings, but Gadhafi, 69, is the first to be killed. He 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.

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## MUSCLE SHOALS

# Air service bids will be rejected

By Russ Corey  
Staff Writer

A local review committee will reject the two proposals submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation by airlines interested in providing subsidized commercial air service in the Shoals because they fail to meet minimum criteria.

Air Choice One, of St. Louis, and SeaPort Airlines, of Seattle, were the only airlines to submit proposals to provide local air service under the Essential Air Service program, which subsidizes commercial air service to smaller communities such as the Shoals.

Both airlines would use a nine-seat Cessna Caravan, a non-pressurized, single-turboprop airplane.

At present, Delta Airlines uses a 50-seat jet to provide air service to and from Northwest Alabama Regional Airport in Muscle Shoals.

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