

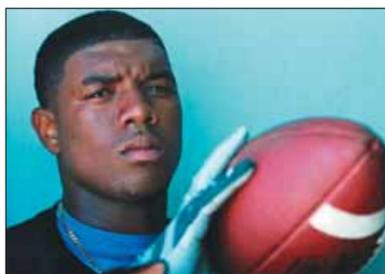
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Gadhafi is dead



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Libyans wave the national flag as they celebrate the capture and subsequent death of Moammar Gadhafi on Thursday after rebel forces drove Gadhafi loyalists from Sirte. "You have won your revolution," President Barack Obama said.

LIBYA: The wounded, ousted leader was dragged out of hiding, begging for his life.

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 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



Libyan TV

Revolutionaries surround a bloody man believed to be Moammar Gadhafi minutes after his capture and shooting in Libya on Thursday, in an image from video shown on television. Gadhafi's body was later paraded on the hood of a truck.

a more democratic Libya.

Other leaders have fallen in the Arab Spring uprisings, but the 69-year-old Gadhafi is the first to be killed. He was shot in his hometown of Sirte, where revolutionary fighters overwhelmed the last of his loyalist supporters Thursday after weeks of

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● Gadhafi's death helps clear the way for oil exports. As Libyan crude returns, it could lower the price of oil on the international markets and gasoline at American pumps. A9

Thomas Suarez is only 12 years old but he's already written a popular app, Bustin Jieber. He learned the ins-and-outs of building from an Apple manual. He will talk about how he has become part of the technology wave at TEDx Manhattan Beach on Saturday.

Brad Graverson
Staff Photographer



Whack-a-singer creator will speak at TEDx event

MANHATTAN: Boy, 12, will explain tech gap between kids, parents.

By Rob Kuznia Staff Writer

Thomas Suarez loves to hate Justin Bieber, and hopes you do, too. Earlier this year, the 12-year-old Manhattan Beach resident created an iPhone app called Bustin Jieber, in which the player tries to slap

down — with two thumbs — the carefully coiffed head of the teenage heartthrob as it pops up, a la the game Whac-A-Mole.

Impressive (and amusing) as it is, the game represents just a fraction of Thomas' prodigious technological know-how, which greatly exceeds that of his parents.

On Saturday, Thomas will address the startling gap of tech

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