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## REGION | COUNTY'S METH STRIKE FORCE VISITS ADDICTS



Sheriff's deputies Steve Cerda, left, and Dennis Carvalho, change out handcuffs on a woman, who is a parolee, as she is transferred onto a bus at the Escondido Police Station during operation "Tip the Scale," a multi-agency sweep of parolees to get drug users off the streets in Escondido on Thursday. The woman, who was found in possession of drug pipes, was arrested for violating her probation.

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# 'TIP THE SCALE'

Operation aimed at getting offenders off the streets, into sobriety



A police officer holds aluminum foil used for smoking Oxycontin pills in the apartment of a parolee during the sweep. The black lines are from the pill rolling as it is being burned and inhaled.

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Officers with the county's multi-agency Methamphetamine Strike Force visited the homes of 80 known drug users in the Escondido area Thursday during a sweep aimed at getting offenders off the streets and back on the path to sobriety, authorities said.

The law enforcement operation, dubbed Tip the Scale, includes a chance for drug users to sit down with treatment professionals before they're jailed for the night, police said.

The idea is to reduce property crimes — an estimated 1 in 4 of which are committed by drug users — by jailing drug offenders in the short term and guiding them to the help they need to make long-term changes, officials said.

"You put the right people in jail, you put them back on track, you get results," San Diego County Assistant Sheriff Ed Prendergast said during a briefing before the operation. "We know it works, we know it's effective, so that's why we're here today."

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# No mercy for Gadhafi in the end

Fugitive Libyan leader was pulled from drain pipe, killed; his body paraded in the streets

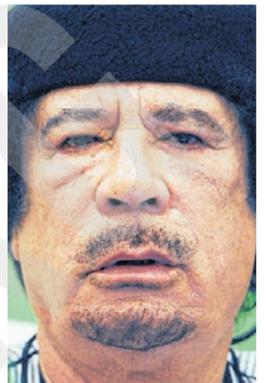
By CHRISTOPHER GILLETTE and KIM GAMEL  
Associated Press

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



Moammar Gadhafi

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 the 69-year-old Gadhafi

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## CALIFORNIA ADOPTS PLAN TO REDUCE EMISSIONS

Pollution producers will need to buy permits from state

By JASON DEAREN  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California formally adopted the nation's most comprehensive so-called "cap-and-trade" system Thursday, an experiment by the world's eighth-largest economy that is designed to provide financial incentives for polluters to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

State officials said they hoped other states and Washington, D.C., would follow suit, calling the plan a "capstone" among the suite of tools California can use to reduce the pollution linked to climate change and cut dependence on foreign oil.

"For half a century every American president has been calling for America to move away from our dependence on foreign oil and become energy independent," said Mary Nichols, chairman of the California Air Resources Board.

"The reason we have not succeeded in addressing our addiction to petroleum is because we did not

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## REGION

# Filmmaker ready for screaming

Third movie in 'Paranormal' series now in theaters

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Five years after shooting a low-budget horror film in his Rancho Penasquitos home, Oren Peli is looking forward to a weekend of screams and gasps from fans flocking to see the third installment of his hit "Paranormal Activity" series, which opens nationwide Friday.

"It's all very thrilling," said Peli, 41, Thursday from Los Angeles, where he lives part-time. "It's hard to process sometimes. I'm thankful for every moment, and that I can still do what I enjoy doing. It's really crazy for me to think I'm in this kind of position."

"Paranormal Activity 3" opened in 20

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Oren Peli shot the original "Paranormal Activity" in his Rancho Penasquitos home. The third installment of the hit series has just been released.

Photo courtesy Allied Integrated Marketing

## VISTA

# Trustees refuse to reinstate kids' camp

By STACY BRANDT  
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Vista Unified School District trustees reaffirmed Thursday their decision to end a weeklong camping trip for fifth-graders next year.

The board members decided in August to stop allowing the district's students and teachers to go on the field trip during the school year, saying they were concerned that it was unfair to those who didn't. Only



Kirin Sawasaki, 9, of Alamosa Park Elementary School holds a sign in protest of the Vista school board's decision not to send students to fifth-grade camp. ANTHONY CARRASCO | For the North County Times

students at about a third of the district schools went last year.

Parents from some schools that have gone on the trip over the last

several years asked the board to reconsider its decision at a meeting

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