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Gadhafi meets a violent end



Amr Nabil The Associated Press
Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, photographed at a 2001 news conference in Tripoli, reportedly pleaded for his life when he was captured after fleeing to a drainage pipe. One son was killed and another wounded.

LIBYA: Dictator pulled from drainage pipe and paraded. Death ends a 42-year regime.

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

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Moammar Gadhafi's death gives a boost to President Barack Obama's handling of foreign policy. **A7**

all of 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

LIBYA A8



Abdel Magid al-Fergany The Associated Press
Libyans in Tripoli celebrate the death of Moammar Gadhafi on Thursday, which came two months after he was driven from power and into hiding. President Barack Obama told Libyans: "You have won your revolution."

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Brittany Murray Staff Photographer

Seventh-grader Arianna Cortez and classmates take cover under their desks at Franklin Middle School as part of Thursday morning's Great California ShakeOut exercise, which, each year, teaches residents how to prepare for a major earthquake and what to do during a quake.

Pollution limiting is OK'd by state

CLIMATE: Plan offers companies financial incentive to cut emissions.

By Jason Dearen
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California formally adopted America'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

CAP-TRADE A7

Six indicted in LB-area condo scam

CRIME: Local agent among those accused of defrauding lenders by inflating prices.

By Tracy Manzer Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — A prominent local real estate agent is among six people named in a federal grand jury indictment charging that the group scammed banks and lending companies by falsely inflating prices of more than a dozen beachfront condominiums.

Defendant Jason Ray Patterson,

REALTY A5

'Rapture' pastor again says world ending

By Beth Duff-Brown
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A California ministry says the end of the world is nigh. Again.

The Oakland-based Family Radio International that stirred a global frenzy when it predicted the rapture would take 200 million Christians to heaven on May 21, now says the cataclysmic event will destroy the globe today.

This time, the ministry and its 90-year-old leader, Harold Camping, are avoiding the media and perhaps a repeat of the international mockery that followed when believers awoke on May 22 to find themselves still on Earth.

"I'm sorry to disappoint you, but we at Family Radio have been directed to not talk to the media or the press," Camping's daughter, Susan Espinoza, wrote in response to an email request about today's doomsday scenario.

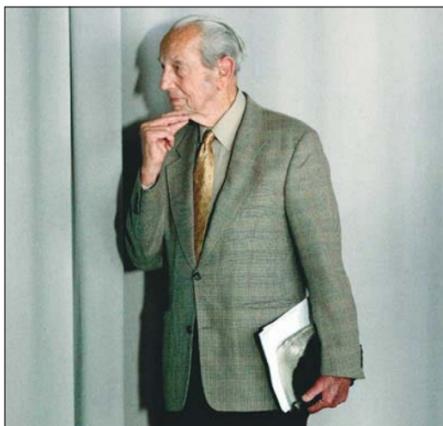
Calls to the ministry in Oakland went to voice mail and were unreturned. Several followers who were contacted also declined to comment.

Camping, who suffered a mild stroke three weeks after his prediction failed to materialize in May, still spreads the word through his Family Radio International Web site. God's judgment and salvation were

completed on May 21, Camping says in a message explaining the mix-up in his biblical math.

"Thus we can be sure that the whole world, with the exception of those who are presently saved (the elect), are under the judgment of God, and will be annihilated together with the whole physical world on Oct. 21," he says on the Web site.

Followers were crestfallen in May when the rapture did not occur, particularly those who had quit their jobs or donated some of their retirement savings or college funds for the more than 5,000 billboards and 20 RVs plastered with the Judgment Day message.



Marcio Jose Sanchez The Associated Press

Harold Camping, who predicted through his Oakland Family Radio International ministry that the rapture would take Christians to heaven May 21, now says the world will be destroyed today.

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