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Death of man, 80 Marco seeks state inquiry

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Marco Island officials are re-questing a state investigation after an 80-year-old man waited nearly an hour for an ambulance earlier this month, and later died.



Paul Anderson

A 65-page report from the Marco Island Fire Rescue Department, which was sent to the Florida Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, concludes that the NCH Healthcare System may have violated promises to the county to have an ambulance crew ready to transport patients between hospitals, and that Collier County EMS failed in its duties to promptly respond to 911 calls.

Mike Murphy, the Marco Island fire chief, filed a complaint this week with the state's EMS bureau. He asked them to investigate a lapse in medical care when Paul Anderson, 80, of Marco Island, died after it took health providers 54 minutes to

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For a video report, 911 calls and stories about the ambulance case

Resort's developer might face bankruptcy

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The developer of the Naples Bay Resort may be forced into bankruptcy.

On Wednesday, creditors filed an involuntary petition for Chapter 7 bankruptcy against the developer, Basil Street Partners, in federal court in Fort Myers. The filing comes as a court-appointed receiver for the project is searching for new financing to keep the resort operating.

An emergency hearing on the bankruptcy petition was held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. The hearing went on for more than three hours, as the attorneys on both sides tried to strike a compromise.

A ruling has yet to be made on whether the bankruptcy will proceed.

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For photos of the Naples Bay Resort



Moammar Gadhafi, Libya's dictator for 42 years until he was ousted in an uprising-turned-civil war, was killed Thursday as revolutionary fighters overwhelmed his hometown of Sirte and captured the last major bastion of resistance two months after his regime fell.

THE DEATH OF GADHAFI



Revolutionary fighters celebrate the capture of Sirte, Libya, on Thursday. Moammar Gadhafi was killed Thursday when revolutionary forces overwhelmed his hometown, the last major bastion of resistance two months after the regime fell. Amid the fighting, a NATO airstrike blasted a fleeing convoy that fighters said was carrying Gadhafi.



Revolutionary Libyan fighters inspect a storm drain where they claim Moammar Gadhafi was found wounded in Sirte, Libya, on Thursday.

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.

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From Fla. drought to heavy snow up north

WASHINGTON — Winter 2011-12 is likely to be an encore of last winter for much of the northern United States, with the worst cold and snow concentrated around the Great Lakes, and drought continuing and expanding from the Southwest states to South Florida, government and private forecasters predicted Thursday. Cool water temperatures in from the Pacific will steer the conditions. **PAGE 17A**

BUSINESS | IMMIGRATION

Few Americans take immigrants' jobs in Ala.

ONEONTA, Ala. — Potato farmer Keith Smith saw most of his immigrant workers leave after Alabama's tough immigration law took effect, so he hired Americans. It hasn't worked out: Most show up late, work slower than seasoned farm hands and are ready to call it a day by midafternoon. Politicians who support the law say over time more unemployed Americans will fill these jobs. **PAGE 7B**

