

LIBYA

# Dying Gadhafi shown no mercy

Jubilant Libyans vent decades of hatred on eccentric dictator

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**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



Gadhafi

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

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## FALL HARVEST | CROP REPORT



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A worker at the Grainstore Elevators in Henderson opens the doors of a truck on Wednesday afternoon. For corn, the current supply forecast of 13.576 billion bushels is 606 million bushels smaller than last year’s supply and the smallest supply in five years.

# Report confirms smaller corn, bean harvests

**URBANA** — With the USDA’s October Crop Production report, corn and soybean supply forecasts for the 2011-12 marketing year are likely close to the final estimates, said University of Illinois agricultural economist Darrel Good.

“Prices will be primarily influenced by the cur-

rent rate of consumption and expectations about consumption during the remainder of the marketing year. The actual rate of consumption will be revealed sporadically and in some cases slowly. Expectations about future consumption will likely vary widely,” he said.

For corn, the current supply forecast of 13.576 billion bushels is 606 million bushels smaller than last year’s supply and the smallest supply in five years. Assuming that year-ending stocks will not be less than 5 percent of consumption, consumption of U.S. corn during the current marketing year will

be limited to 12.93 billion bushels, 123 million bushels (about 1 percent) less than consumed last year, Good said.

The USDA currently forecasts consumption at 12.71 billion bushels, 343 million bushels (2.6 percent) less

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## HOUSING PRICES

# Median home price in county at \$94,000

20.5% increase over last September

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**GALESBURG** — The median price of homes sold in Knox County in September shot up to \$94,000, one of the largest increases in west-central Illinois.

The median price means half of the homes sold were for more than that price, while half sold for less.

Knox County had an impressive increase of

20.5 percent compared to the median sales price in September 2010.

Not only did Knox County experience a sizable increase, the median sales price was up 20.8 percent in Peoria County, to \$122,000. Other increases, from west to east across the middle of Illinois, included Rock Island County, up 5.1 percent to \$95,875, McLean County, (Bloomington-Normal) an increase of 0.9 percent to \$154,000, Champaign County, up 1.7 percent to \$150,000, and Vermillion County (Danville), up 10.2 percent to \$55,000.

Forty-five percent of the counties reporting — 45 of 100 — experienced increases in the median sales price compared to the same time last year. Increases were particularly strong in the I-74 corridor. According to the Illinois Association of Realtors, Sixty-three percent of counties reporting had year-over-year sales increases in September of this year.

According to the Illinois Association of Realtors, the increases in median prices bodes well for the future.

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# Bills get paid faster with lawmakers’ help

**Editor’s Note:** This story is the latest installment in a joint initiative by The Associated Press and Associated Press Media Editors on the fiscal crisis facing U.S. states and cities, how state and local governments are dealing with severe budget cuts, and how American lives will change because of it.

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**SPRINGFIELD** — If you plan on doing business with the state of Illinois, you’d better learn to beg — preferably to an influential

politician.

With the state billions of dollars behind in paying its debt, collecting on unpaid bills can be a torturous, confusing process in which how fast you get paid may depend on who you know.

After receiving “hardship” appeals from businesses and community organizations awaiting payment from the state, Gov. Pat



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## SPORTS



### Rangers stun Cards, even World Series

The Texas Rangers pushed across two runs in the top of the ninth inning and rallied to stun the St. Louis Cardinals 2-1 in Game 2 of the World Series on Thursday in St. Louis. The series, even at 1, moves to Texas for Game 3 Saturday. **Page B3**

### Silver Streaks close at Peoria Richwoods

Peoria Richwoods, Galesburg’s opponent for Friday’s regular season finale in Peoria, could make a strong case as the best three-loss team in the state. After a stunning home loss to Pekin and road defeats to state-rated foes Joliet Catholic and Washington to open the year, the Knights rattled off five straight victories to win the Mid-State 6 title. **Page B1**

## LOCAL & STATE

### District OKs reduction in its tax levy

The Galesburg Sanitary District on Thursday approved an \$18,500 reduction in its property tax levy from last year because certain taxes generated more money than expected — a budgeting situation seldom seen lately with local governments. **Page A5**

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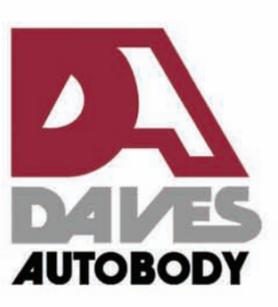
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