

Gadhafi killed in hometown

Libyan dictator first leader killed in Arab Spring revolution after being ousted earlier this year

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SIRTE, Libya — 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 69-year-old Gadhafi is

the first leader to be killed in the Arab Spring wave of popular uprisings that swept the Middle East, demanding the end of autocratic rulers and the establishment of democracy.

"We have been waiting for this moment for a long time. Moammar Gadhafi has been killed," Prime Minister Mah-

moud Jibril told a news conference in the capital of Tripoli.

There were conflicting accounts about Gadhafi's final hours, with the interim government saying he was captured unharmed and later mortally wounded in the crossfire from both sides. A second account described how

he was already wounded in the chest when he was seized and later sustained the other wounds.

Interim government officials said one of Gadhafi's sons, his former national security adviser Muattassim, also was killed in Sirte, and another, one-time heir apparent Seif



Moammar Gadhafi

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OUR SCHOOLS

Out in the field

Schools, venues making effort to improve trips

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NORMAL — Schoolchildren may not be taking as many field trips as they used to in these tight economic times, but districts and the venues students visit are working to make those trips more worthwhile.

"Field trips are an important educational component," said Heyworth school Superintendent Randy Merker. With that in mind, his district decided not to reduce the field trips it offers even though state funding, especially for transportation, has dropped.

On the other hand, Normal-based McLean County Unit 5 school district basically put a hold on field trips for a year in 2010 because of funding issues. Now field trips are back on, but they are based much more on educational merit.

Bloomington District 87 has a similar philosophy.

"We have not eliminated field trips, but we really try to make sure they have strong educational value. That, more than anything, has reduced the number of field trips," said District 87 Superintendent Barry Reilly.

To keep field trips, schools and venues are getting creative.

Tony Preston-Schreck, curator of Illinois State University's University Galleries in Normal, secured a grant from the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation Arts and Culture Fund.

It provided money to help students from rural schools in DeWitt, Livingston and McLean counties to

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Above: Bloomington Junior High School students from the honors art studio listen to Illinois State University's University Galleries curator Tony Preston-Schreck as they discuss the photo exhibit in the gallery Tuesday. Left: BJHS art teacher Carol Jackson, right, listens during the field trip.

Those with clout often paid earlier

By John O'Connor
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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 Quinn's budget office asked to speed up the payment of \$1.1 billion on more than 21,000 vouchers in the last 13 months. That's an average of 83 each business day, according to an Associated Press analysis of state records.

But the rules for who gets paid and how quickly are not always followed. Even state Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka, whose office is in charge of writing the checks,

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Snowy winter likely ahead for C. Illinois

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BLOOMINGTON — Get the winter coats ready and the snowblowers in working order; it may be another very snowy winter.

The winter outlook released Thursday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows about a 40 percent chance that Central Illinois will have a wetter than average winter — much like last year when the area received 40 to 45 inches of snow.

Average snowfall in Bloomington-Normal is 0.3 of an inch in November; 5.1 inches in December; 7.1 inches in January; 5.1 inches in February; and about 1.5 inches in March, said meteorologist Kirk Huettl from the National Weather Service in Lincoln.

Last year, the weather was influenced by a

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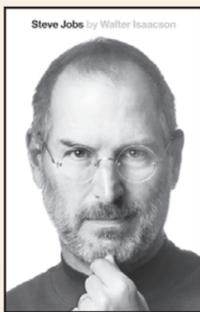
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