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Gadhafi found, shown no mercy



Gadhafi

SIRTE, Libya (AP) — 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 on Libyans to put aside the

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Half of Illinois high schoolers not reading at grade level

By BENJAMIN YOUNT

Illinois Statehouse News

SPRINGFIELD — Half of Illinois' high school students cannot read or solve math problems at grade level, but state school leaders are not blaming the students or teachers.

They are blaming the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Illinois State Superintendent Chris Koch and State Board of Education Chairman Gery Chico on Thursday unveiled the dismal results from last spring's standardized tests.

Under NCLB guidelines, 85 percent of students must be proficient in reading and math by 2011. The bar is raised to 100 percent by 2014. These same percentages apply to science for high-schoolers.

Students in third through eighth grades, as well as 11th grade, take standardized tests to measure their adequate yearly progress in reading, math and science. This past year, about half of Illinois' 11th-graders, who take the Prairie State Achievement Exam, or PSAE, scored at or above the 85 percent benchmark — 51 percent in reading and math, and 49 percent in science. In all, 656 of Illinois' 666 public high schools failed to meet NCLB requirements.

Students in third through eighth grades, overall, scored

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WHISTLING PAST THE 'GRAVEYARD'



The Telegraph/JOHN BADMAN

Two girls keep their eyes on the front yard of a house at 406 Bluff St. in Alton that has been turned into a Halloween cemetery as they walk past Thursday. Numerous tombstones, skulls, skeletons, spider webs and other ghostly attractions fill the front yard. Decorations are going up around the area as people prepare for Halloween, which is in just 10 days.

Texas ties series

Telegraph staff report

ST. LOUIS — The shot at going up two-games-to-none in the World Series was within grasp for the Cardinals on Thursday night, but the Texas Rangers had other ideas.

The Rangers pulled out a 2-1 victory over the Cardinals at Busch Stadium in Game 2 of the 2011 World Series, tying the series at one game each. The Rangers trailed 1-0 heading into the ninth inning, but they managed to score a pair of runs on two sacrifice flies.

"We did the best we could; (Texas) just did it better," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "Give them credit, they deserved it. Now the series is one-one."

The best-of-seven series now switches to Arlington, Texas, for Games 3, 4 and 5 Saturday, Sunday and Monday. All three games are set to begin at 7:05 p.m. Should the series return to St. Louis, Games 6 and 7 would be next Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7:05.

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A worker was down in the rocks this week as plumbers and electricians were doing preliminary work in advance of the foundation and floor for a new Burger King restaurant located next to the Best Western motel at 1902 Homer Adams Parkway in Alton. The new eatery will feature the latest menu items, months in advance of existing stores, and will be open by the end of the year, weather permitting.

The Telegraph/JOHN BADMAN



Burger King returning to Alton

By LINDA N. WELLER
The Telegraph

ALTON — A Burger King restaurant under construction next to the Best Western motel will have the chain's latest decor and offer new menu items other locations won't have until spring, a company representative said.

"There will be tons of great new menu items; some of the items are not out yet, such as our new smoothies and salads that won't be at the other restaurants until March," said Melynda Harvey, special projects coordinator in owner-manager Liberty Restaurant

Group's St. Louis region.

Harvey, of Missouri, said the goal is to open the Burger King at 1902 Homer Adams Parkway the last week of 2011.

Unforeseen delays, though, could push the opening into early 2012.

"We are very excited to be part of the community of Alton; already, people in Alton are excited about this," she said. "We are always on the lookout for places that don't have Burger Kings. We look for great opportunities in communities where we aren't already in."

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