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Libya's Moammar Gadhafi killed

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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 turned the oil-rich country into an international pariah and his own personal fiefdom.



Gadhafi

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."

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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 and France said they hoped that his death would lead to a more democratic Libya.

Other leaders have fallen in the Arab Spring uprisings, but the 69-year-old Gadhafi is the first to be killed. He was shot to death in his hometown of Sirte, where revolutionary fighters overwhelmed the last of his loyalist supporters Thursday after weeks of heavy battles.

Also killed in the city was one of his feared sons, Muatassim, while another son — one-time heir apparent Seif al-Islam — was wounded and captured. An AP reporter saw cigarette burns on Muatassim's body.

Bloody images of Gadhafi's last moments raised questions over how exactly he died after he was captured wounded, but alive. Video on Arab television stations showed a crowd of fighters shoving and pulling the goateed, balding Gadhafi, with blood splattered on his face and soaking his shirt.

Gadhafi struggled against them, stumbling and shouting as the fighters pushed him onto the hood of a

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The St. Louis Cardinals and Texas Rangers face off in Game 2 of the World Series. B3

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The extreme funk that settled over the country during the summer has eased slightly, but Americans remain gloomy about the economy and more than half say President Barack Obama does not inspire confidence about a recovery. A3

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Greek lawmakers passed a deeply resented new austerity bill Thursday, caving in to the demands of international creditors in order to avoid a national bankruptcy, as a second day of riots left one protester dead and more than 100 people wounded. A9

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The new Republican majority at the General Assembly declared they'd be more responsive to North Carolina business. A report released Thursday by a nonpartisan group supported by business interests seems to show lawmakers did just that. C2

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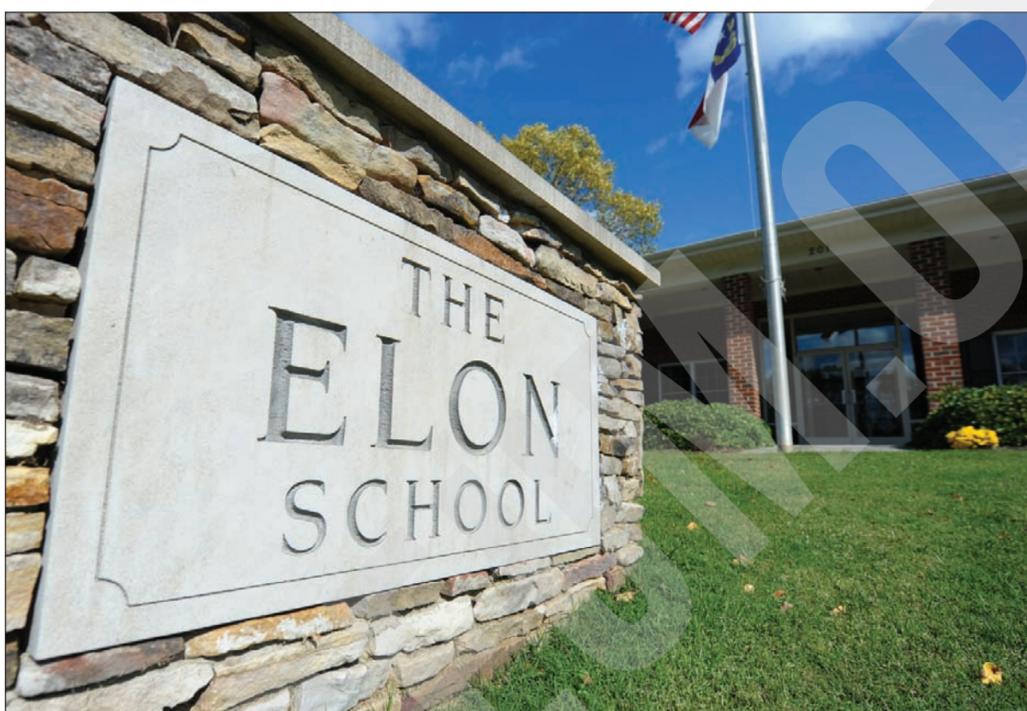
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The Elon School, a private, college preparatory high school, has been put on the market because of a sharp drop in donations and other funding, according to the organization in charge of its financing.

Elon School for sale

Lack of funding could prompt closure

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ELON — Little more than four years after it opened its doors, the Elon School announced Wednesday that it might be forced to close due to lack of funding.

The private, college preparatory high school — supported by the Elon Homes and Schools for Children — is for sale and began the search for a buyer this week. Though it's contributed more than \$7 million since the school opened in 2007, the organization can no longer afford to finance the school,

said Michael Stewart, chairman of the EHSC's board of directors in a letter to school supporters, parents and faculty Wednesday.

"Please understand, our purpose is to find a highly qualified individual or an organization that will continue to operate the Elon School under its existing high standards of academic and professional excellence. If we fail to locate a suitable buyer for the school, we will have no choice but to close (the school) at the end of the 2011-12 academic year," Stewart said.

The economy has reduced the amount of donations the organization has received over the last several years, Stewart said.

The school enrolls students in ninth through 12th grades, stressing academics, athletics and the fine arts. It has an annual operating bud-

get of between \$1.8 and \$2 million, said Fred Grosse, EHSC president, Thursday.

About 100 students are currently enrolled, 23 of whom are seniors. The school has graduated about 70 students over the previous four years.

"The Elon School is very successful and we want to keep it at that level," Grosse said. The main thing is we want the school to continue."

The organization will reach out to other independent high schools in the region that might be interested in acquiring the school, Grosse said. Leaders will also be meeting with families at the school to discuss the funding search.

When the organization chose to found the school in 2005, board members knew EHSC might not be

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Few take immigrants' hard jobs in Alabama

By Alicia A. Caldwell
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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: They show up late, work slower than seasoned farm hands and are ready to call it a day after lunch or by midafternoon. Some quit after a single day.

In Alabama and other parts of the country, farmers must look beyond the nation's borders for labor because many Americans simply don't want the backbreaking, low-paying jobs immigrants are willing to take. Politicians who support the law say over time more unemployed Americans will fill these jobs. They insist it's too early to consider the law a failure, yet numbers from the governor's office show only nominal interest.

"I've had people calling me wanting to work," Smith said. "I haven't turned any of them down, but they're not any good. It's hard work, they just don't work like the Hispanics with experience."

Alabama passed its law in June, and it was immediately challenged by the Obama administration as it has been in other states. Unlike those states' measures, Alabama's law was left largely in place while challenges played out in court, frightening Hispanics and driving many of them away.

The agriculture industry suffered the most immediate impact. Farmers said they will have to downsize or let crops die on the vine. As the season's harvest winds down, many are worried about next year.

In southern Georgia, Connie Horner has heard just about every

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New Haw River Paddle Trail access point opening Saturday

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SAXAPAHAW — A new Haw River Paddle Trail access point will open Saturday, creating another safe entry spot for people to use canoes or kayaks.

For the past year, Alamance County Haw River Trail Coordinator Brian Baker has worked to get the site ready for use. The access includes a covered shelter, signage displaying the complete Haw River Paddle Trail and a staircase with handles leading down an embankment to the river. It's located near the community center in Saxapahaw.

Baker said the Saxapahaw Community Chest provided the county with an easement to develop the new paddle trail site. A \$75,000 N.C. rec-

reation trails grant was used to fund the project that required a 25 percent funding match. Baker said the 25 percent match was met through private donations from nearby landowners and other patrons.

A takeout access point for canoes and kayaks was also added near the dam upstream in Swepsonville as part of the project to allow users the ability to get around the 13-foot dam at the site.

The county now has 11 Haw River Paddle Trail accesses along the 37-mile stretch of river flowing through the county. Baker said efforts are under way to develop another river paddle trail access along the Haw River at Greensboro and Chapel Hill Road in Orange County near the Alamance and Orange county line. Baker said funds weren't available yet for the

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The Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department will open Saxapahaw Mill Race Paddle Access in Saxapahaw. The access provides a gateway to the Haw River Trail and the North Carolina Mountains-To-Sea Trail.