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This is a rendering of Creek Casino Wetumpka under construction on the Hickory Ground site. COURTESY OF POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS

Creeks fight over site

Poarch, Muscogee bands at odds over land

By Sebastian Kitchen
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The Poarch Band of Creek Indians says it will not have to dig up any more remains or disturb a ceremonial ground as the tribe expands its Wetumpka casino, but the battle be-

tween that tribe and those in the Muscogee Nation who consider that ground sacred continues.

Both factions say they consider their heritage sacred and the site of the casino, known as Hickory Ground, sacred, but the Muscogee Creeks of Okla-

homa say the Poarch Creeks have desecrated the land. The sacred land, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, includes a ceremonial ground, a tribal burial ground and individual graves.

Robert McGhee, a member of the Poarch Band tribal council, also said that all of the human remains and burial objects that were previously excavated

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Decades-old documents outline fight for sacred site

ONLINE
Video of the Hickory Ground site and Poarch Creek operations on it at the site were reinterred in mid-April after unsuccessfully

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U.S. loses global hero

Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon, dies at 82

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Neil Armstrong was a quiet, self-described “nerdy” engineer who became a global hero when as a steely-nerved U.S. pilot he made “one giant leap for mankind” with the first step on the moon. The modest man who entranced and awed people on Earth has died. He was 82.

Armstrong died of complications resulting from cardiovascular procedures, a statement from his family said Saturday.

Armstrong commanded the Apollo 11 spacecraft that landed on the moon July 20, 1969, capping the most daring of the 20th century’s scientific expeditions. His first words after setting foot on the surface are etched in history books and in the memories of those who heard them in a live broadcast.

“That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind,” Armstrong said.

In those first few mo-

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Story, winners and more photos from race

ONLINE
More photos of the Dragon Boat event at montgomeryadvertiser.com

The Montgomery Dragon Boat Race and Festival was not only a competition but also a fun way to enjoy a day at the riverfront. There were dance-offs, food, entertainment and activities for the kids including face painting. The charitable event drew about 70 teams and thousands of spectators. The annual event benefits Bridge Builders Alabama and Rebuilding Together Central Alabama. PHOTOS BY MICKEY WELSH/ADVERTISER



Neil Armstrong landed on the moon July 20, 1969. NASA/AP

CHIEF JUSTICE RACE

Will campaign spending decrease?

Some major donors staying on the sidelines

By Brian Lyman
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Alabama’s last chief justice race came with a financial tsunami that inundated the state with campaign material and television advertisements.

For now, at least, the 2012 race appears closer to a moder-

ate rain.

Fundraising in the race between former Alabama chief justice and GOP nominee Roy Moore and newly-named Democratic nominee Robert Vance, a Jefferson County circuit judge, could crest well below that high water mark in 2006. The ebb tide could in part be

to this year’s dynamics: Moore won a GOP primary against opponents who raised double or triple his funds. However, many of the large contributors in the Sue Bell Cobb/Drayton Nabers race have, to this point, stayed on the sidelines.

One of Cobb’s major supporters said last week he’ll stay there.

“Lawyers don’t need to be participating in judicial elec-

tions,” said Jere Beasley, a former lieutenant governor and founder of Beasley Allen, a trial law firm. “Neither do corporations. In my opinion, it’s time to change.”

Beasley and his firm donated heavily to PACs that supported Democrat Cobb, who won a narrow victory over Republican Nabers. *The Birmingham*

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