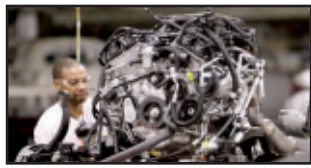


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In the news

■ **Donald Trump**, 64, the New York real-estate developer, said he's decided "in my mind" to run for president but won't officially announce it until the season finale of his reality-television show *Celebrity Apprentice*.

■ **State Rep. David Simpson**, a Texas Republican, introduced a bill to make it illegal for a security officer to intentionally touch someone's private areas unless he has probable cause to believe the person is carrying something illegal, after former Miss USA Susie Castillo said she was "molested" during an airport security pat-down.

■ **Gov. Chris Christie**, R-N.J., said his administration won't repay \$271 million the federal government says New Jersey owes it after his October decision to halt work on a commuter-rail tunnel to New York City.

■ **Rep. Gabrielle Giffords**, D-Ariz., plans to return to Florida from Houston, where she is recovering from a gunshot to the head, to watch her astronaut husband lead the final launch of the space shuttle Endeavour, which has been delayed until at least Sunday, her spokesman said.

■ **Sen. Scott Brown**, R-Mass., who serves as a lieutenant colonel in the Massachusetts Army National Guard, plans to conduct his annual National Guard training in Afghanistan.

■ **Donna Crites**, 45, of Hutto, Texas, was sentenced to three years of probation for providing alcohol to her underage son and his friends to make gelatin shots, the consumption of which preceded a car accident in which five of the youths were hurt and the driver told investigators he had consumed up to 40 shots.

■ **Pope Benedict XVI** fired Bishop William Morris of the Toowoomba, Australia, Diocese, an outspoken bishop who argued in a 2006 message that a shortage of priests should prompt the church to consider ordaining women and married men.

■ **Garry McCarthy**, the Newark, N.J., police director and Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel's choice for Chicago's next police superintendent, vowed that he'd have "cops' backs" if they do their jobs well.

Obama: 'A good day' for U.S.



Revelers celebrate the news of Osama bin Laden's death Monday outside a television studio in New York's Times Square.

DNA used to confirm raid killed bin Laden

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WASHINGTON — Declaring the killing of Osama bin Laden "a good day for America," President Barack Obama said Monday that the world was a safer place without the al-Qaida terrorist and mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. His administration used DNA testing to help confirm that American forces in Pakistan had indeed killed bin Laden, as U.S. officials sought to erase any doubt about the stunning news.

Acting on intelligence that bin Laden was holed

KILLING DRAWS mix of cheers, anger across globe. Page 5A.

9/11 VICTIMS' Arkansas kin react to bin Laden's death. Page 6A.

His counterterrorism chief, John Brennan, said Monday that Obama had monitored the raid from the White House Situation Room and expressed relief that elite forces had finally gotten bin Laden without losing any more American lives.

The dramatic developments came just months ahead of the 10-year anniversary of the hijacked-airliner assaults on the United States. Those attacks took nearly 3,000 lives and led the U.S. into war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Obama reaped accolades from world leaders he'd kept in the dark about the operation, as well as plaudits from political opponents at home. Congressional leaders gave him a standing ovation. See **BIN LADEN**, Page 6A

Terrorist went down fighting

U.S. detainees key to finding him

JAMES OLIPHANT TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — After landing by helicopter at the Pakistani compound housing Osama bin Laden on Sunday, the U.S. special operations team tasked with capturing or killing the al-Qaida leader found itself in an almost continuous gunbattle.

For the next 40 minutes, the Navy SEALs team cleared the two buildings within the fortified compound in Abbottabad, north of Islamabad, trying to reach bin Laden and his family, who lived on the second and third floors of the largest structure, senior Defense Department and intelligence officials said Monday.

"Throughout most of the

40 minutes, they were engaged in a firefight," said a senior Pentagon official, who characterized the operation as intense but deliberate.

Bin Laden "resisted" and was killed by U.S. gunfire in the larger building toward the end of the operation. He fired on the assault team, a U.S. official said.

After the firefight, the special operations force quickly gathered papers — valuable intelligence on al-Qaida, officials said — and other materials in the two buildings and clambered back on helicopters, taking bin Laden's corpse with them.

Before departing, the U.S. team blew up one of the helicopters, a Black Hawk, which See **FIREFIGHT**, Page 5A



Soldiers and police officers patrol Monday in Abbottabad, Pakistan, near the house where Osama bin Laden is believed to have lived.



Little Rock firefighters rescue a stranded motorist from high water near the 12300 block of Interstate 30 on Monday morning.

Boy Scouts missing near flooded camp

6 teens, 2 leaders skilled in survival

AMY UPSHAW, KENNETH HEARD AND JOHN WORTHEN ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Searchers hunted for a missing Boy Scout troop camping near a flood-prone area of the Ouachita Forest where 20 people died last summer, as rain continued to fall Monday and worsened widespread flooding around the state.

The troop's six Scouts and two leaders were believed to be trapped but safe on high ground after the rapidly rising Little Missouri River blocked their exit from the Albert Pike Recreation Area on Sunday, the Montgomery County sheriff's office said.

However, no one has

FLOODS SPUR Pulaski County school district to close. Page 4A.

RISING RIVER carries off boats, docks. Page 1B.

heard from or seen the troop members since Wednesday, said Art Hawkins, executive director of the Evangeline Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Lafayette, La., where the troop is from.

"Cell-phone service is nonexistent in that area," said Hawkins, adding that the boys are all about 14 and experienced in outdoor survival.

In other developments, Federal aid has been designated for part of Arkansas.

See **FLOODING**, Page 4A

U.S. gives Beebe's plan to overhaul Medicaid green light

CHARLIE FRAGO ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Gov. Mike Beebe's plan to overhaul the state's Medicaid system advanced Monday after the federal government gave preliminary approval to a proposal to restructure payments to doctors, hospitals and other health providers for treating its mostly poor and disabled recipients.

Beebe received an e-mail

from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services allowing Arkansas to "push ahead" by "crafting more detailed ideas," said Matt DeCamp, Beebe's spokesman.

A more formal written response is expected within the next few weeks, state officials said.

Fixing Medicaid is necessary to avert a looming cash shortfall. Kept afloat in re-

cent years by federal stimulus money, the state projects a \$200 million shortfall by 2013.

State health officials say that the best way to avoid cuts in benefits or kicking people off the rolls is to replace the traditional "fee for service" model — which reimburses providers for each test and procedure — to a "bundled care" model, in which provid-

ers divide a single payment for a specific condition such as asthma or diabetes.

Many providers initially opposed the plan when it became public in March. On Monday, David Wroten, executive vice-president of the Arkansas Medical Society, said his feelings haven't changed.

"We are no more supportive of the plan today than we

were when it was announced. Physicians across the state are not the least bit interested in dividing reimbursement bundles with others," he said.

Instead, Wroten said, the state should expand an existing coordinated care program — ConnectCare.

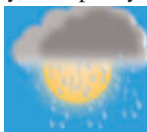
John Selig, the state Department of Human Services director, said ConnectCare See **MEDICAID**, Page 2A

Early deadlines

Because flooded roads affected newspaper delivery, deadlines were earlier than usual for today's editions. Some late news and sports coverage may not be included. Go to arkansasonline.com for the latest information.

WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK
Today Rain early, then partly cloudy.
High 65 with north winds at 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight Clear to partly cloudy.
Low 46.



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