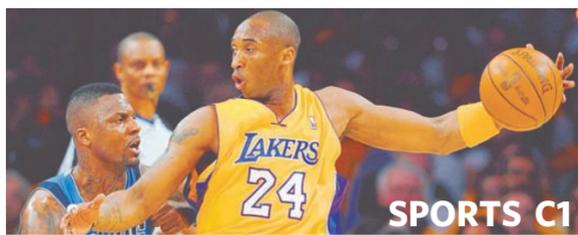


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Phone call led to bin Laden



Farooq Naeem/AFP/Getty Images



SEARCH: Courier's conversation put authorities on track to terrorist leader's compound in Pakistan.

By Adam Goldman and Matt Apuzzo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When one of Osama bin Laden's most trusted aides picked up the phone last year, he unknowingly led U.S. pursuers to the doorstep of his boss, the world's most wanted terrorist.

That phone call, recounted Sunday by a U.S. official, ended a years-long search for bin Laden's personal courier, the key break in a worldwide manhunt. The courier, in turn, led U.S. intelligence to a walled compound in northeast Pakistan, where a team of Navy SEALs shot bin Laden to death.

The violent final minutes were the culmination of years of intelligence work. Inside the CIA team hunting bin Laden, it always was clear that bin Laden's vulnerability was his couriers. He was too smart to let al-Qaida foot soldiers, or even his senior commanders, know his hideout. But if he wanted to get his messages out, somebody had to carry them, someone bin Laden trusted with his life.

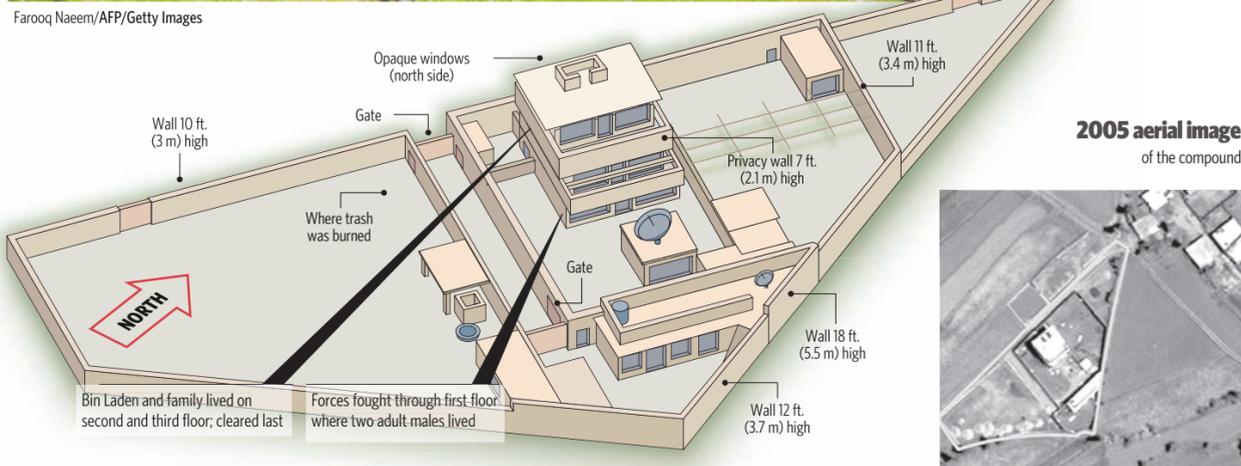
In a secret CIA prison in Eastern Europe years ago, al-Qaida's No. 3 leader, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, gave authorities the nicknames of several of bin Laden's couriers, four former U.S. intelligence officials said. Those names were among thousands of leads the CIA was pursuing.

One man became a particular interest for the agency when another detainee, Abu Faraj al-Libi, told interrogators that when he was promoted to succeed Mohammed as al-Qaida's operational leader he received the word through a courier. Only bin Laden would have given al-Libi that promotion, CIA officials believed.

If they could find that courier, they'd find bin Laden.

The revelation that intelligence gleaned from the CIA's so-called black sites helped kill bin Laden was seen as vindication for many intelli-

BIN LADEN A10



2005 aerial image of the compound



Outcome and aftermath

All times EDT

One U.S. helicopter lost because of mechanical failure; destroyed for security purposes

Along with bin Laden, three adult males killed: bin Laden's son and two al-Qaida facilitators

Woman identified as bin Laden's wife used as human shield; killed; two others injured

3:32 p.m. Obama returns for update

3:50 p.m. Obama told bin Laden appears to be one of those killed during raid

11:35 p.m. After confirmation, Obama announces in televised address that U.S. forces killed bin Laden and are in custody of his body

Bin Laden's body put aboard the USS Carl Vinson, then placed in the North Arabian Sea

Death of terrorist leader stirs emotions in Valley

REACTION: Many say killing brings a limited sense of closure.

By Susan Abram Staff Writer

Across the San Fernando Valley and beyond on Monday, Americans awoke to what some called a brighter national landscape after hearing that Osama bin Laden, the face of global terrorism since Sept. 11, 2001, had been slain.

Bin Laden's death at the hands of an elite Navy SEALs team dominated conversations across the Valley, with many residents saying that while al-Qaida remains a threat, the slaying of the terrorist group's figurehead brings some psychological closure.

For those who lost a loved one in the attacks in 2001, bin Laden symbolized a heinous link. He was Public Enemy No. 1.

"I'm going to church tomorrow. I'm going to sit quietly and I'm going to say 'Thank you God,'" said Marian Farkas, a volunteer with Operation Gratitude, the Van Nuys-based nonprofit that ships thousands of care packages to military personnel around the world.

Farkas, 70, has volunteered with the organiza-

REACTION A10



L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca, right, with Police Chief Charlie Beck, addresses safety concerns in the wake of Osama bin Laden's death. See A5

Keith Durrflinger
The Associated Press

Terror threat is still substantial

By Lolita C. Baldor The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden's death may temporarily decapitate al-Qaida, but the threat of terror attacks remains, and it could spike in coming days from individuals or small extremist groups inspired to take revenge for the killing, terror experts said Monday.

Would-be successors to the terror leader pose a threat as they jostle for power and attention. And other jihadists inspired by the extremist messages may decide to act on their own — a threat that law enforcement officials say is much harder to detect and prevent.

"People who are angry at us will be more so," said Matthew Levitt, a counterterrorism and intelligence expert at the Washington Institute for

SECURITY A10

U.S. says DNA evidence proves it was bin Laden who was killed

PROOF: Officials move to dispel rumors that terrorist leader is still alive.

By Robert Burns and Calvin Woodward
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Knowing there would be disbelievers, the U.S. says it used convincing means to confirm Osama bin Laden's identity during and after the firefight that killed him. But the mystique that surrounded the terrorist chieftain in life is persisting in death.

Was it really him? How do we know? Where are the pictures?

Already, those questions are spreading in Pakistan and surely beyond. In the absence of photos and with his body given up to the sea, many people don't

want to believe that bin Laden — the Great Emir to some, the fabled escape artist of the Tora Bora mountains to foe and friend alike — is really dead.

U.S. officials are balancing that skepticism with the sensitivities that might be inflamed by showing images they say they have of the dead al-Qaida leader and video of his burial at sea. Still, it appeared likely that photographic evidence would be produced.

"We are going to do everything we can to make sure that nobody has any basis to try to deny that we got Osama bin Laden," John Brennan, President Barack Obama's counterterrorism adviser, said Monday. He said the U.S. will "share what we can because we want to make sure that not only the American people but the world understand exactly what happened."

BODY A10



Ted Erickson pulls weeds in his garden plot at Sepulveda Garden Center, where likely fee hikes are causing concern.

John McCoy
Staff Photographer

GARDEN FEE HIKES UP FOR VOTE

Resistance withers

By Kevin Modesti Staff Writer

ENCINO — They never formed a pitchfork-wielding mob, or even raised their gardening trowels in anger.

But users of the Sepulveda Garden Center did express their displeasure in no uncertain terms after the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks threatened to impose a huge fee increase last summer.

For months, the gardeners succeeded in at least delaying the fee

hike they said would force some retirees to give up their horticultural hobby.

Now their resistance seems to be wilting.

Recreation and Parks commissioners are expected to vote Wednesday to raise annual fees at the San Fernando Valley's two community gardens from \$25 per plot to \$120 per plot.

Many green thumbs sound

GARDENS A5

Exploring group checkups for diabetes, Parkinson's

MEDICINE: Doctors find 'new way of delivering health care' can help patients.

By Lauran Neergaard The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wait a minute, Doc. You want me to share my appointment with 10 other patients?

Group appointments aren't just for psychotherapy anymore. Put diabetes, high blood pressure and maybe even Parkinson's disease on the list.

Shared checkups aim to help patients who are battling certain chronic diseases, and they're far from the typical 15-minute office visit. They're stretched over 90 minutes or even two hours, offering more time to quiz the doctor

about concerns, learn about managing the disease — and get tips from fellow patients.

What's in it for the doctor? A neurologist found he learned more about how his Parkinson's patients were faring by watching them interact with others than when he had them one-on-one.

"I can see if you're getting worse over the course of the visit, your ability to eat, to walk, to converse and to think," says Dr. Ray Dorsey, who led a pilot study of group checkups for Parkinson's patients at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

"This is a new way of delivering health care," adds Dorsey, now at Johns Hopkins University. "People are

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BACK ON ROAD TO PROFITS

Chrysler reports its first post-bankruptcy profit, earning \$116 million during the first three months of the year.

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