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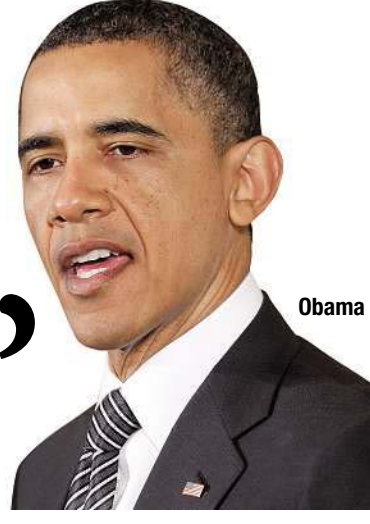
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U.S. REJOICES OVER OSAMA BIN LADEN'S DEATH

THE WORLD IS A 'BETTER PLACE'



CIA warns killing may spur revenge attacks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After nearly a decade of anger and fear, America rejoiced Monday at the demise of Osama bin Laden, the terror mastermind behind the horrific 9/11 attacks.

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Bin Laden, killed in an intense firefight in a daring raid at his fortified hideout in Pakistan, was hunted down based on information first gleaned years ago from detainees at secret CIA prison sites in Eastern Europe, officials disclosed.

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His body was quickly taken away for burial at sea, but not before a DNA match was done to prove his identity. A U.S. official said there also were photos showing bin Laden with the fatal wound above his left eye, a gunshot that tore away part of his skull. The photos were not immediately released.

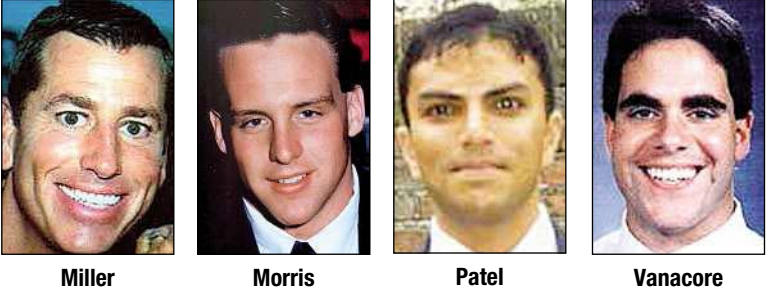
"The world is safer. It is a better place because of the death of Osama bin Laden," Obama declared, hours after U.S. forces killed the al-Qaida leader in the middle-of-the-night raid on his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

Obama was expected to visit New York, the site

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LEFT: These photos from video obtained by ABC News show a section of a room in the compound, bottom, where it is believed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden lived in Abbottabad, Pakistan. RIGHT: Pakistan army soldiers and a police officer patrol Monday past the house, background, where it is believed bin Laden lived. Bin Laden, the mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks that killed thousands of people, was slain in his hideout in Pakistan late Sunday in a firefight with U.S. forces, ending a manhunt that spanned a decade.

'Justice has been served,' but survivors' wounds 'just won't heal'



By Register Staff

Family members of several former Connecticut residents killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks had similar reactions Monday to the news that Osama bin Laden is dead.

All were pleased that some measure of justice has been served, but said that was tempered by the

pain they still feel over their lost loved ones.

"We're all happy that he's been killed, but it doesn't change the fact that 9/11 happened. Yesterday is no different than today," said John Vanacore of North Haven, brother of Edward Vanacore, who died when the Twin Towers collapsed.

"It doesn't bring our family

member back," or members of other families who died, John Vanacore said.

"Naturally, we're happy that it happened. It's a long time coming. We're elated, though we're not going to throw a party."

Edward Vanacore was a 1990 graduate of North Haven High School who was last seen on the 78th floor of the South Tow-

er at the World Trade Center before the building collapsed. He worked for Fiduciary Trust Company International.

Kathy Maycen of Branford, mother of 9/11 victim Lindsay Stapleton Morehouse, said she left some white roses for her daughter Monday on a 9/11

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Police board puts claims about chief to rest

By Susan Misur Register Staff

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NORTH BRANFORD — After a brief investigation, officials Monday essentially dismissed a letter making harassment accusations against Police Chief Matthew Canelli and questioned the behavior and credibility of the resident who made the claims.

The Board of Police Commissioners has for three weeks been meeting about and looking into

a letter that was submitted by Victor Pietrandrea to the Town Council, which forwarded it to the commission. Town Attorney John Gesmonde has previously said that the letter and a recent Register editorial questioned Canelli's performance, necessitating an investigation.

The commission has said Pietrandrea's letter contains "falsehoods" and "untruths," and Monday discussed Pietrandrea's past interactions with town employees.

But Pietrandrea's attorney,

Nicholas Mingione, said Pietrandrea's own actions should not have been discussed in a "five-minute-long diatribe" during the meeting because it was not on the agenda, citing Freedom of Information Act policies and calling the situation a "witch hunt."

Commissioners and Canelli said the issue is over for them, but Mingione said Pietrandrea may sue the town because officials "severely impaired my client's civil liberties." Pietrandrea

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Victor Pietrandrea is seated left as his attorney, Nick Mingione, right, tries to add comments during a meeting of the North Branford Board of Police Commissioners at the North Branford Police Department Monday.

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