

RALLY TIME

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BRUINS ROLL AGAIN

BRUINS SCORE IN OVERTIME TO BEAT PHILLY, 3-2, AND TAKE 2-0 LEAD IN SERIES, PAGE 3C

Winsted school funds criticized

At a town meeting Monday in Winsted, every resident who spoke in favor of the budget proposal being rejected said spending on schools was too low. PAGE 1B

Medal of Honor for 2 veterans

Just hours after praising today's military for killing Osama bin Laden, President Barack Obama praised America's veterans when he gave the Medal of Honor to two Army privates who served in the Korean War. PAGE 3A

Bad sign for windmill project

Six of the seven members of the state Siting Council said they'll vote against a wind turbine project planned in Prospect. The formal vote could be May 12. PAGE 1B

It's the season for the sneezin'

If you're sneezing and your eyes itch, you're one of 50 million Americans suffering from allergies that bloom with the trees and flowers this time of year. PAGE 1B

Sex assault victims have help

A woman who developed Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome because of sexual assault as a child has created a support group in Waterbury to help other victims. PAGE 4D

OPINION OF THE DAY: "The liberals have created a permanent welfare culture, ruined our schools (which used to be among the world's finest) by requiring low levels of accomplishment, allowed incompetent teachers to remain employed and established ridiculous political correctness." — **Ralph Rose, Watertown**
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WEB EXTRAS

TODAY AT REP-AM.COM

SPORTS SHOTS Look in the Strike Zone to find galleries from the Litchfield-Northwestern baseball game, left, and the Seymour-Watertown softball game.

DEAL OF THE DAY Get \$35 tickets to see "Shirley Valentine" at 7 Angels Theatre in Waterbury for just \$17.50.

HOT TOPIC More than 30 comments posted Monday by readers on the story, "Waterbury man dies after being shot by Taser."

NEWS VIDEOS Watch video reports on the killing of Osama bin Laden and the reaction of families of 9/11 victims. Plus, video report on the deadly weather last week in Alabama.

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'THE WORLD IS SAFER. IT IS A BETTER PLACE BECAUSE OF THE **DEATH** OF OSAMA BIN LADEN.' — PRESIDENT OBAMA

A VIOLENT ENDING

SHOT TO HEAD BY U.S. NAVY SEAL KILLED TERRORIST LEADER

TIPS LEADING TO HIS WHEREABOUTS CAME FROM CIA DETAINEES

HOMELAND SECURITY WARNS OF EXTREMISTS SEEKING REVENGE



Al Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, shown in this photograph from 1998, was recognized by a U.S. Navy SEAL during the raid on a home in Pakistan. The SEAL shot bin Laden in the head, then matched the dead man's face with a photo of the terrorist leader.

Americans finally rejoice after a decade of hunting

BY ADAM GOLDMAN AND CHRIS BRUMMITT
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. Navy SEALs who killed the world's most-wanted terrorist seized a trove of al-Qaida documents to pore over, and President Barack Obama laid plans to visit New York's ground zero.

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.

His body was quickly taken away for burial at sea, but not before a DNA match was done

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» Visit rep-am.com to see video reports on the death of bin Laden.

to prove his identity. A U.S. official said there also were photos showing bin Laden with

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Families of 9/11 victims express mixed emotions

BY MICHAEL PUFFER
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

Richard Spagnoletti often visits the Waterbury grave site of his son, Gregory, who was killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The 74-year-old retired printer mows the grass, waters the flowers, prays and talks about what's happening with the family.

On Monday morning, Spagnoletti brought a big piece of news. "I told him they finally got the bastard," Spagnoletti said.

Gregory Spagnoletti was 32 and a vice president with a financial firm, working on the 89th floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

Two years later, his family received fragments of his body identified through DNA

analysis. These were buried in a Waterbury cemetery under an elaborate marker of granite bearing carved images of the bull and bear of the stock market, along with a black marble replica of the World Trade Center.

Richard Spagnoletti fell asleep in front of the television early Monday and awoke to see a news ticker across the bottom of the screen announcing the killing of the mastermind behind those attacks.

Monday was a day of mixed emotions for people like Spagnoletti who lost loved ones in the terrorist attacks of 2001.

Spagnoletti is grateful justice has finally been done. He's nervous about retaliation. He told another of his

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Senate expects to pass budget

State Democrats, Republicans spar over tax plan

BY PAUL HUGHES
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

HARTFORD — The state Senate was poised late Monday to approve a two-year, nearly \$40.2 billion budget that raises \$2.6 billion in taxes, assumes \$2 billion in labor savings and anticipates a \$1 billion surplus.

The Senate session opened just before 4:30 p.m. Monday and carried late into the night as senators debated the budget and Republicans amendments to cut spending and eliminate proposed tax increases.

Democratic and Republican leaders did not agree much on Monday other than the legislature will pass the budget plan.

"This is the right course for the state of Connecticut," Senate President Donald E. Williams Jr., D-Brooklyn, said. Republicans said the spend-

ing and tax plan that Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and Democratic leaders finalized over the weekend moves Connecticut in the wrong direction.

"This budget has not done what the public asked us to do, and that is to reduce the size and scope of government," said Sen. Jason C. Welch, a first-term Republican from Bristol.

The tax package is going cost every taxpayer more. The tax increases add up to \$1.4 billion next year and \$1.2 billion in the following year.

"No budget which requires the largest tax increase in state history can be considered a good budget in my opinion, and it is not what people want," said

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Sen. Joe Markley, R-16th District.

The Democratic plan bumps spending up 2.1 percent to \$19.8 billion in the first year, and 2.3 percent to \$20.3 billion in the second year.

There are also budgeted surpluses of \$369 million for the 2012 fiscal year that starts July 1, and \$635 million for the 2013 fiscal year.

The Democratic budget does not appropriate this money. State law requires any unappropriated surpluses be used to pay down state debt and replenish the state's rainy day fund.

Republicans on the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee questioned why Democrats built a \$1 billion surplus into the budget instead of lowering proposed tax increases.

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Sen. Jason Welch, R-Bristol, reads paperwork as the Senate debates the two-year \$40.1 billion budget at the Capitol in Hartford on Monday. He said the proposal doesn't cut the size of government enough.