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'A day for reflection'

Flashback to horror: Memories still fresh

Staff reports

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy says he remembers Sept. 11, 2001, as if it were this week, not a decade ago. He said it will reverberate in his memory like the November 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Monday morning, hours after the world learned of the death of Osama bin Laden, Malloy recalled the clear, late-summer day in Stamford that turned into a nightmare when terrorists diverted two commercial jetliners into the World Trade Center.

Since there was no way of knowing the full extent of the incidents, he feared at the time that his city would become a target.

"The whole day was a brutal day as a mayor," Malloy said, recalling looking out of his office window to UBS headquarters and wondering why security was allowing cars to pull up to the front door.

"I remember all of this like it was yesterday," he said, adding that by late afternoon, he took time for a jog around his Shippan neighborhood. At the end of Shippan Avenue, out over Long Island Sound, he could see

See Bin Laden on A6



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Stamford resident Dionne Layne, facing camera, hugs Mary Power as they react to the news of the death of Osama bin Laden in New York on Monday. At left is 1 World Trade Center, also known as the Freedom Tower, which is under construction. Layne, 44, and her two children, who are 11 and 9, spent Sunday night and Monday at ground zero. Layne said she was planning to stay there all day. She has a "flag of heroes" draped over her shoulders in tribute to first responders killed Sept. 11. She says she brought her children to ground zero Monday instead of leaving them in school because "they can't get this in a history class."

9/11 families: 'It doesn't bring them back'

By Kate King Staff Writer

STAMFORD — For relatives of Sept. 11 victims, news of Osama bin Laden's death struck like an unexpected flashback, breaking into Sunday evening television shows and bringing back all the horrors of the terrorist attacks.

Donna Hughes, whose husband, Paul, was killed in the World Trade Center, was watching "Brothers and Sisters" when ABC interrupted with the news.

"I guess the hardest part for all of us is reliving that horrible day over and over again," Hughes said Monday. "And watching bin Laden on TV and the hate that wells up, the sorrow that you feel for the losses."

President Barack Obama, in a Sunday night televised address, announced American forces had shot and killed the al-Qaida leader during a firefight at his Pakistani compound. Bin Laden had eluded capture since 2001 after orchestrating the deadly terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

For some who lost loved ones in the terrorist attacks nearly 10 years ago, the announcement of bin Laden's death brought joy and a sense of closure. For others the news provided little comfort or relief. All grappled with renewed feelings of grief after the latest, unexpected reminder of the searing tragedy.

Crowds took to the streets in Washington, D.C., and New York City to celebrate the news following Obama's announcement.

Stamford resident Susan Fisher, who lost her husband Bennett Fisher in the World Trade Center attacks, said she felt only added sadness after hearing the news.

"It's not a time to celebrate," she said. "I'm not cheering. It was after all a killing, just another killing."

Fisher said she was at the grocery store Monday when she ran into a woman who had lost her son in the terrorist attacks. They both felt American officials had made the right choice in deciding to quickly bury bin Laden at sea in accordance with Islamic tradition, Fisher said.

"We were glad he was buried, I guess with a certain amount of respect for the Muslim law, if that in

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COPS SEIZE CACHE OF WEAPONS, BOMBS

Stamford teens arrested with explosives

By Jeff Morganteen Staff Writer

STAMFORD — Three city teenagers were arrested Friday night when Stamford patrol officers pulled over a car and found what police said are improvised explosive devices among a cache of weapons and bomb-making materials.

In addition to also discovering pellet and paintball

"It was a definitely an improvised explosive device that would cause serious physical injury and possibly death."

Stamford police Sgt. Lou DeRubeis

guns in the vehicle, police found gasoline, glass bottles and lighter fluid — materials that could be used to create homemade fire bombs known as Molotov cocktails, Stamford police Capt. Brian

McElligott said. The teens were arrested in the Springdale neighborhood, where police stepped up patrols and surveillance last week after a fire bomb was thrown against a wall on Gaymoor

Drive and extinguished by firefighters, police said.

The first-responding officers spotted what seemed to be improvised explosive devices, according to Sgt. Lou DeRubeis, head of the department's Explosives Disposal Unit, who declined to describe the devices. The officers detained the teens and called in the department's bomb squad, which

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