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LOCAL REACTION



Freshman Mike Cohen celebrates the news of Osama bin Laden's death Sunday night on the University of Delaware campus in Newark.
 THE REVIEW — UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE/JOSH SHANNON

Death marks milestone for Del.'s younger generation

Most were in elementary and middle school on 9/11

By **HIRAN RATNAYAKE**
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Most students at the University of Delaware were in elementary or middle school when they heard that planes had crashed into the twin towers, the Pentagon and a field in western Pennsylvania, killing thousands of Americans.

And just like the baby boomers who grew up with the Vietnam War molding their worldview, 9/11 changed the lives of these young adults at a time when they were just becoming aware of the world beyond their families.

For them, the United States has been searching for Osama bin Laden for most of their lives, and the specter of terrorism and bombings has been ever-present.

So they were ready to celebrate Sunday night when President Barack Obama announced bin Laden's death.

Chants of "USA, USA, USA," the singing of the national anthem and the staccato of exploding firecrackers erupted as hundreds of University of Delaware students marked bin Laden's death on The Green. It was a scene repeated from New York City to Washington, D.C.

Newark police said they made no arrests and said the crowd was orderly during the three hours.

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THE IMPACT ANALYSIS

Obama's landmark victory cultivates a moment of unity for the country

By **DAN BALZ**
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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's historic announcement late Sunday that Osama bin Laden is dead represents a huge national security victory for the United States and a milestone for this administration, bringing to a close the most relentless mission by U.S. intelligence and military forces over the past 10 years.

Obama's announcement, which came just before midnight, was grounds for celebration for a country still scarred by the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, producing a rare moment of national unity at a time of deep divisions on many domestic and foreign-policy issues.

The spontaneous flag-waving crowds that gathered outside the White House, cheering and singing the national anthem and "God Bless America," were a small symbol of the emotional relief that swept across

Obama's announcement was a milestone for his administration.

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TOP STORY WAR ON TERROR

Killing of Osama bin Laden by team of Navy commandos gives Americans a chance to rejoice

HOW U.S. GOT ENEMY NO. 1

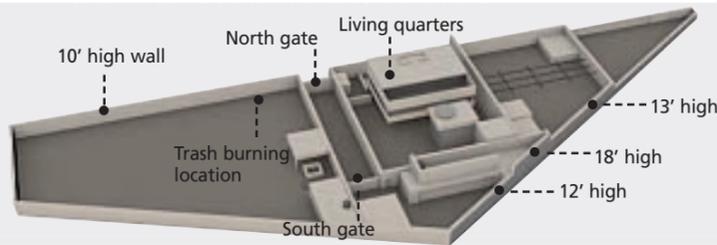
1 Before dawn Monday, four U.S. military helicopters leave Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan and enter Pakistani airspace using sophisticated technology to evade the country's radar



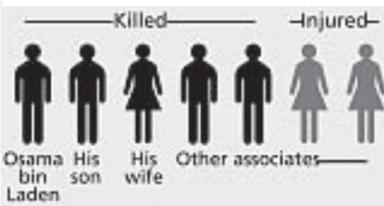
2 Two dozen Navy SEALs drop into the high-walled compound in the city of Abbottabad sliding down from helicopters. Shortly after the team hits the ground, one of the helicopters crashes. None of the SEALs are injured.



3 The team storms the compound and enters the room where bin Laden is hiding. In the ensuing firefight, bin Laden uses one of his wives as a human shield and returns fire, according to John Brennan, the president's top counterterrorism adviser. The SEALs kill bin Laden with a bullet to the head.



4 Three other adult males are killed in the raid, including one of Bin Laden's sons and his wife. Two women are injured.



5 Unspecified material is collected by U.S. forces during the raid.



6 Less than 40 minutes after the strike begins, the Navy SEALs exit in the three remaining helicopters, taking Bin Laden's remains.

7 Bin Laden's body is put aboard the USS Carl Vinson and placed into the North Arabian Sea. Traditional Islamic procedures, including washing the corpse and placing it in a white sheet, are followed. Preparations for at-sea burial began at 1:10 a.m. EDT Monday and were completed at 2 a.m. EDT, according to an official.



Sources: CIA; LeadDog Consulting; GeoEye; Department of Defense

AP



President Barack Obama (second from left) watches intently Sunday at what is presumed to be a live feed from the attack on bin Laden's compound in Pakistan. The senior aides surrounding him include Vice President Joe Biden (left). AP/PETE SOUZA



A photo taken by a neighbor shows the U.S. helicopter destroyed and left behind by the American attack force. AP/MOHAMMAD ZUBAIR

Daring operation comes after years of relentless effort

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 terrorist 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 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.

View extended coverage at delawareonline.com/osamabinladen.

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