



EXTENDED COVERAGE OF BIN LADEN'S DEATH

FABLED SEAL TEAM SIX ENDS HUNT WORLD REACTS WITH RELIEF, OUTRAGE

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Budget deal still eluding Fla. House, Senate

By Bill Cotterell
FLORIDA CAPITAL BUREAU

With tempers flaring and time running out, weary Florida legislators will find out today if their leaders can compromise on health care spending and settle on a \$68-billion budget in time for the 2011 legislative session to end as scheduled on Friday.

"Let's get it right. I'd rather delay and get it right than rush and get it wrong," Senate President Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island, said Monday evening.

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"If it takes us to overtime, it takes us to overtime."

House and Senate budget negotiators are stuck on health and human services spending. The House would spend more for drug-abuse treatment and mental health, as well as services for the developmentally disabled, while the Senate has a higher fee schedule for doctors treating Medicaid patients.

Also unresolved are some tax cuts. Gov. Rick Scott sought about \$2.4 billion in tax reduction, but neither chamber wants to cut anywhere near that amount.

Instead of taking 1 percent off of the 5.5 percent corporate-income tax rate, for instance, Haridopolos said the Senate might ante up an increase in the basic tax exemption from \$5,000 to \$25,000. That would save business about \$37 million and take about 15,000 companies off the tax rolls.

There could also be some reduction of auto tag fees and levies for some other services. The Florida Constitution requires a 72-hour cooling-off period between final resolution of budget differences and formal votes on the House and Senate floors. That means a deal must be reached by tonight, if the 60-day

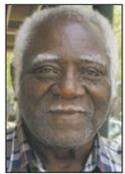
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Local reaction



"(I feel) relief. I'm thankful for those who protect our freedoms every day."

Christina Johnson, Tallahassee resident



"We still have a lot of work to do ... because of all the people under him."

Samuel L. Johnson, Tallahassee resident



"I thank God it's over. Maybe now all this war will stop."

Jannie Bradwell, Gadsden County resident

Bin Laden's demise: Long pursuit, burst of gunfire



Dionne Layne, facing camera, hugs Mary Power on Monday in New York as they react to the news of the death of Osama bin Laden. At left is the rising tower, 1 World Trade Center, also known as the Freedom Tower. MARK LENNIHAN/The Associated Press

One unwary phone call led US to doorstep

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 Monday 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

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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

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Americans feel joy, fear in wake of terrorist leader's death

By Tamara Lush
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Americans awoke on Monday to a world without Osama bin Laden, and many felt jubilation, a surge of patriotism and a sense that their prayers had been answered and that the U.S. had finally avenged the nearly 3,000 people killed that bright September day nearly a decade ago.

But to many — including some of the same Americans glad to see bin Laden dead — the news didn't make them feel safer. It led to uncertainty and fear.

Walter Hillegass, a

plumber who cleaned the dust-choked World Trade Center site for days after the attacks, said he is scared of what comes next.

"I'm happy they got him," said Hillegass, staring at ground zero in New York, holding a U.S. flag. "But there's always going to be another one right behind him."

Outside Boston, Laura Bell, a 65-year-old claims examiner for a health care company, said she is glad bin Laden is dead but doesn't believe it will make the United States

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GLENN BEIL/The Associated Press
The 2011 Florida State Law Enforcement Memorial on Monday commemorates law-enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. A parade down Monroe Street stopped at the Capitol for a formal ceremony.

Hundreds gather to honor fallen law-enforcement officers

By Amanda Curcio
DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of people gathered at the historic Capitol to honor fallen law-enforcement officers stood in complete silence, captivated by a pair of buglers' haunting rendition of taps.

A procession of family members and loved ones of the memorialized officers were then escorted out of the courtyard by

law-enforcement officials. They wore red ribbons with the word "survivor" written in gold.

Florida State Fraternal Order of Police, a group of sworn law-enforcement officials, hosted Monday morning's ceremony marking the start of Law Enforcement Memorial Week. This was the ceremony's 29th year.

"Every day, Florida's law-enforcement officers

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put their lives on the line," said Gov. Rick Scott at the event. "They are the true example of nobility."

"Sometimes, this comes at a high cost," Scott continued.

The event commemorated the loss of nine Florida law-enforcement officers last year; there were 158 law-enforcement officer deaths in the entire country. Tampa Police Chief Jane Castor lost two officers, David L. Curtis and Jeffrey A. Kocab, on June 29, both shot during a traffic stop. She said Monday that, even dur-

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