

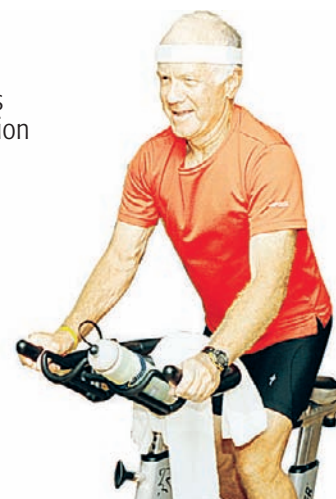


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DEATH OF OSAMA BIN LADEN

PRESIDENT: WORLD A SAFER PLACE

AFTER CONFIRMING IDENTITY, BIN LADEN BURIED AT SEA IN WHAT OBAMA CALLS A 'GOOD DAY' FOR AMERICA

By ADAM GOLDMAN and CHRIS BRUMMITT
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 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. Obama was expected to visit New York, the site of al-Qaida's attack on the World Trade Center, and meet with the families of those killed, an administration official said.

The CIA already was poring over confiscated hard drives, DVDs and other documents looking for inside information on al-Qaida, including clues that might lead to his presumed successor, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

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Vets praise work of 'silent professionals'

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Americans can speculate until the troops come home, but the world will never know the entire story of the military operation that snuffed out the world's most notorious terrorist.

"We'll never know the identities of the six Navy SEALs who took him out," said

Village of Glenbrook resident Brian Bates, a former Navy SEAL who spent 26 years in the U.S. Navy. So don't expect any ticker-tape parades or tell-all memoirs.

"The motto of special op people is 'silent professionals,'" said Norman Olsen, a Village of Santo Domingo resident who spent 28 years as a Navy SEAL.

And don't expect CIA agents involved in the operation to step forward.

"When you get in the CIA, you sign a

statement that you will never divulge sources or methods. If you do, it's a 35-year jail sentence," said Donald Wyman, a Village of Duval resident who spent 22 years with the agency.

Staying deep undercover means living to see another mission.

"You'll never see a photo of most of the people who were on that operation. That's because they're being hunted, as well," Olsen said.

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Death evokes sense of justice, closure for pair of Villagers

By DAISY MOON
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Myra Upton admits she's "never been one for revenge."

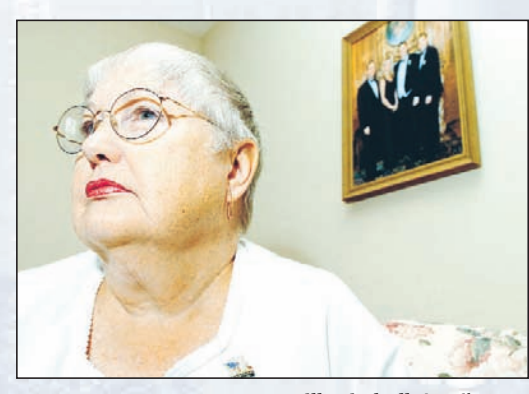
Justice, on the other hand, is a very different matter.

As reports poured in late Sunday evening of the death of terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, Upton of the Village of Springdale felt some semblance of justice had been achieved.

Upton's son Allen was among the 2,752 people who lost their lives

during the horrific terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, upon the World Trade Center. The 44-year-old partner and vice president of Cantor Fitzgerald was one of 658 employees of the firm who died when the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City collapsed after being deliberately struck by a hijacked airliner piloted by members of an Islamic terrorist group.

Upton has since visited the site of the demolished World Trade Center, an occasion she described as "very difficult — very hard to know that's where my son died."



Bill Mitchell / Daily Sun
Myra Upton lost her son Allen, shown in background portrait, during the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. 'Things will never be the same,' Upton said.

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- "You're Getting To Be A Habit With Me" (Bing Crosby)
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