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Alaska university's sewer system clogged by socks

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — The sewer system at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Fine Arts Complex has suffered \$15,000 worth of damage, and campus maintenance workers think they've found the culprit: Children's socks.

The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reports the socks have been flushed down toilets in the facility's lower level since December.

When campus officials posted signs requesting the sock-flusher or flushers to stop, 40 socks were flushed down the toilets in one week.

Maintenance superintendent Bill Cox says campus officials are powerless to stop the sock assault.

—AP

Today's Web Poll

Do you think al-Qaida will retaliate in the wake of bin Laden's death?

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Web Poll Results

Did you watch the royal wedding live at 4 a.m.?
Yes 26.24%
No 73.76%

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Jeff Ray of Shanksville, Pa., visits the temporary memorial to United Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa., Monday, May 2, 2011. Osama bin Laden, the face of global terrorism and architect of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, was killed in a firefight with elite American forces in Pakistan on Monday, May 2, 2011 then quickly buried at sea.

The Associated Press

One unwary phone call led U.S. to bin Laden's doorstep

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 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 al-Libi, told interrogators that when he was promoted to succeed Mohammed as al-Qaida's

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Volunteers from Henry County removed tree limbs and other debris from homes in Spalding County, following recent tornadoes which recently blew through the Southeast.

Special Photo

Local residents, officials jubilant over bin Laden's death

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McDonough resident, Crystal Beale, said Monday was "like being able to take a breath for the first time," after she heard the news that al-Qaida Leader Osama bin Laden had been killed by U.S. Navy SEALs Sunday in Pakistan.

Bin Laden has been referred to as the "mastermind" of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington D.C., which led to an ongoing "War on Terror" in Afghanistan and Iraq. Beale's husband, U.S. Army Sgt. First Class John Beale, was killed in Afghanistan, on June 4, 2009. John Beale also worked for the Clayton County Water Authority.

Crystal Beale said "justice has been served" with bin Laden's death, and added that her thoughts now turn to her husband's fellow men and women in uniform.

"It's been a glorious day," she said. "My husband's death was not in vain. He and the other soldiers who died before now, this was why they died — fighting to take out the root of evil. And we prevailed. We did it."

As the news sank in on Monday, bin Laden's death was celebrated by local elected and public safety officials, military veterans and relatives of military servicemen and women, who died in the ongoing war against terrorism that has ensued since 9/11.

"We think it's wonderful," said military veteran, Hal Dayhuff, of Stockbridge. Dayhuff, who served in Vietnam between 1964 and 1965, is also a member of the Tunnel Rats, a local chapter of the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association, which meets in Stockbridge.

"He [Bin Laden] was the one instigating a lot of the happenings against the United States," said

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A HELPING HAND

Volunteers pitch in to help tornado victims

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More than 40 Henry residents gathered in a neighboring community over the weekend, to assist victims of storms that ripped through portions of the Southeast, including the Southern Crescent area.

Local volunteers went to School Road in Spalding County Saturday, to clear debris left by the recent tornadoes. Henry Commission Chairman Elizabeth "B.J." Mathis, spearheaded the endeavor. The team of volunteers she took to the area worked for about six hours, she said.

"The house we spent the most time on, was a couple who had no homeowner's insurance," Mathis said. "We were able to completely clear all the trees from their yard, and put them along the roadway for Spalding County Public Works to pick up later. Some of them were so large, you couldn't reach your arms around them."

Mathis said the volunteers were split among different areas in Spalding County, as well as Lamar County,

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Henry County Emergency Management Director Don Ash helped to clear fallen trees and other debris from a home in Spalding County, during a clean-up effort in the aftermath of recent tornadoes in the area.

Special Photo

Price of gas to continue climb

National average just pennies from \$4

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Customers still buy 2-liter sodas for just under \$1.50. The 3-pack of soap bars is \$1.99, while a large can of disinfectant spray is \$3.99, and most candies and snacks are priced under \$2. Those prices have remained the same for months.

Outside the McDonough neighborhood convenience store and gas station, however, fuel prices are soaring.

"Maybe people are getting use to it," said the gas station attendant, Rocky Patel, noting that many customers expect prices will continue to rise at their current pace.

AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report indicates that expectation is probably on target. Average gasoline prices in metro Atlanta have climbed 11 cents over the past week, from \$3.75 per gallon of regular unleaded on April 25, to \$3.86 on Monday.

The increase is partly the result of a 3 cent hike in the state's gas tax, which went into effect Sunday, according to the Associated Press.

Many metro Atlanta motorists, like Anthony Jones, will have to eat those rising costs for fuel.

"I'd like to see them [prices] start going down," said Jones, acknowledging his fatigue over the price spikes.

Jones pumps premium grade fuel into his car on his way to, and from, work, 19 miles from his home in McDonough. "I don't fill up at

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McDonough resident, Anthony Jones, pays more than \$4 per gallon for premium gas at his neighborhood gas station. He makes frequent stops at the station, pumping gas in \$10 increments to dull the sting of increasingly high fuel prices.

Photo by Johnny Jackson

