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THE DEATH OF OSAMA BIN LADEN

'Good day for America'

MIXED EMOTIONS: Responses ranged from cheers to somber reflection.

LOCAL TIES: Parents of fallen soldiers, Sept. 11 survivors grapple with news.

PAKISTANI PROBE: Officials want to know who helped al-Qaida chief.



Tina Fineberg

Draped in the American flag, Pedro Valerio, of Elizabeth, N.J., right, and others in New York's Times Square react to the news of Osama Bin Laden's death early Monday morning. President Barack Obama broke the news late Sunday.

Embattled church files for protection

BY MOLLY MONTAG

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SIUX CITY - Cornerstone World Outreach filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday, the day before the church's property was to be auctioned at a sheriff's sale.

About 118 acres of land, including the church building east of Sioux City, was scheduled to go up for sale this morning to pay off a \$3.65 million court judgment.

The Rev. Cary Gordon, a pastor at Cornerstone, said in a statement that the church filed for bankruptcy protection after negotiations with Cincinnati United Contractors, an Ohio builder seeking to foreclose on a \$4.99 million lien, broke down in recent months.

"Due to obstacles encountered during construction; complications arising from an inability to achieve funding during the economic and political climate, and an unfortunate breakdown of ongoing negotiations between our church and Cincinnati United Contractors (CUC), Cornerstone World Outreach (CWO) is regretfully forced to seek

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U.S. officials warn of potential retaliation

BY BEN FELLER

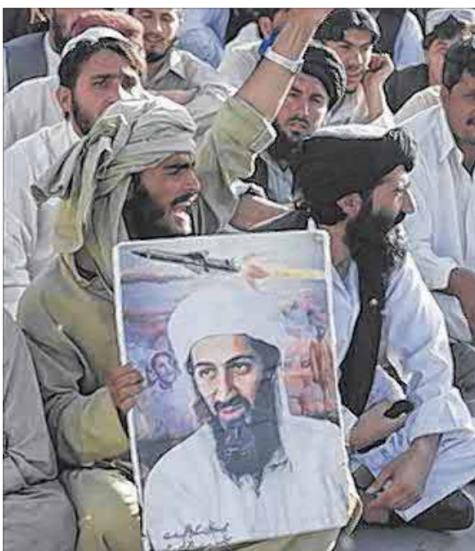
The Associated Press

Proudly declaring the killing of Osama bin Laden "a good day for America," President Barack Obama said Monday the world was a safer place without the world's most hunted terrorist. DNA testing helped confirm that American forces in Pakistan had in fact killed the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, U.S. officials said, seeking to erase any doubt about the news that riveted the globe.

Acting on intelligence that bin Laden was holed up in a compound in the city of Abbottabad, Obama ordered a risky, unilateral mission to capture or kill the al-Qaida leader on foreign soil. His counterterror chief, John Brennan, said Monday that Obama had monitored the raid from the White House Situation Room and expressed relief that elite forces had finally gotten bin Laden without losing any more American lives.

"It was probably one of the most anxiety-filled periods of time in the lives of the people who were assembled here,"

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Arshad Butt

Supporters of Pakistani religious party Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam rally to condemn killing of Osama bin Laden in Quetta, Pakistan on Monday. Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks that killed thousands of people, was slain in his hideout in Pakistan early Monday in a firefight with U.S. forces, ending a manhunt that spanned a frustrating decade.

Santorum says he's winner

BY BRET HAYWORTH

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SIUX CENTER, Iowa - Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said he hasn't decided if he'll run for president in 2012, but if he does he'll be in it to win.

Santorum on Monday said he lost his senatorial re-election bid in 2006 when the country's electorate shifted left politically, but said he's never changed his conservative fiscal and social positions. He said the 2010 tea party surge shows the U.S. is ripe for conservatives.

Santorum said he would be the only Republican in the field with a history of defeating incumbent Democrats, as he did from Pennsylvania in the U.S. House in 1990 and 1992 and then for the Senate in 1996. He said President Barack Obama will no doubt be a formidable candidate, but victory is essential.

"We need to defeat Barack Obama, repeal Obamacare," Santorum said.

Santorum said the Democratic legislators pushing for federal health care reform and so-called cap and trade energy legislation to reduce carbon emissions in

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Parents of slain soldiers say fight continues

BY TIM GALLAGHER

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SIUX CENTER, Iowa - May grinds on and on for Elaine Leusink and her family. She goes from Mother's Day to the date her son, B. Jay Leusink, was killed in battle. And then on to Memorial Day.

"I'm not a fan of May," Leusink said.

May 1, 2011, will be remembered as the day U.S. forces killed al-Qaida terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon.

Leusink heard the news early Monday. "I'm a little relieved he's out of the picture," she said. "But this in no way finishes things."

While bin Laden's death doesn't end a war, Leusink said she believes it might bring a measure of peace for her late son,



JERRY MENNENGA

Lonnie Ford stands in a room in his Pender, Neb., home in this March 7, 2008, file photo. The home is a shrine to his son, Josh Ford, who was killed in Iraq in 2007.

who was killed May 22, 2006, by a roadside bomb while on patrol in Iraq.

"I couldn't help but to think: 'How does B. Jay feel about this?'" she mused. "He so wanted it to end. He did what he had to do to end it."

Leusink, a lance corporal with

the U.S. Marine Corps, was one of 19 Siouxland armed-services members killed in duty since military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan began.

In Pender, Neb., on Monday, Lonnie Ford took questions about

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Local reaction

Former Sioux City Councilman Brent Hoffman was among those in the Pentagon when terrorists struck on Sept. 11. He reflects on what Osama bin Laden's death means. **LOCAL A9**

Inside the hunt

The break in the hunt for Osama bin Laden started years ago, inside secret CIA prisons, when two al-Qaida leaders identified bin Laden's most trusted courier. **NATION A9**

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Nation reflects

To some Americans, a world without bin Laden offers a sense of satisfaction. For others, it's a reminder to remain vigilant. Find this story and many more at siouxcityjournal.com.



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THE MINI

Osama bin Laden is dead, and at the hands of United States servicemen. A happier ending could not have been hoped for. Our mission in Afghanistan is accomplished and it is now time to bring our troops home.

Mark Solheim, Sioux City

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