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Military families still worry

Osama bin Laden's death at the hands of a U.S. Navy SEALs team was met with praise and pride from military members and their families, but their relief was tempered by the worry that it will send the wrong message...

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The Kansas Senate has confirmed former state House Speaker Robin Jennison as secretary of wildlife and parks. The Senate voted 38-0 on Monday to approve Gov. Sam Brownback's appointment...

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PM Harper wins majority

Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper won his coveted majority government in elections that changed Canada's political landscape with the opposition Liberals and Quebec separatists suffering a shattering defeat...

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BIN LADEN

SEALED and delivered



A Pakistani boy shows off shrapnel he collected in a field outside Osama bin Laden's home Monday.

These are the missions the Navy's elite force trains for

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Early on Monday morning Pakistan time, a team of Navy SEALs approached a high-walled fortress believed to contain the world's most notorious terrorist.

Just 38 minutes later, this Navy SEALs team reemerged from the building after sustaining no casualties and accomplishing their goal of killing Osama bin Laden. This team is unofficially known as SEAL Team 6.

"These guys are the best of the best," said Dale Herspring, a professor of political science at KSU, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and retired U.S. diplomat and Navy Captain. He described the SEALs as "the toughest and hardest of any special forces to get into. And this team is the best of those guys."

Officially, the team's name is classified and not available to the public and technically there is no SEAL Team 6. It is given that label during the 1980s to confuse the former Soviet Union about the number of SEAL teams. At the time there actually were only two others.

The unit is overseen by the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), which oversees the Army's Delta Force and other special units. JSOC's combined forces have been responsible for a quadrupling of counterterrorism raids that have targeted militants in record numbers over the past year in Afghanistan. Some 4,500 elite special operations forces and

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One call said it all for U.S. intelligence forces

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 monitored 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.

Shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, detainees in the CIA's secret

prison network told interrogators about an important courier with the nom de guerre Abu Ahmed al-Kuwaiti who was close to bin Laden. After the CIA captured al-Qaida's No. 3 leader, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, he confirmed knowing al-Kuwaiti but denied he had anything to do with al-Qaida.

Then in 2004, top al-Qaida operative Hassan Ghul was captured in Iraq. Ghul told the CIA that al-Kuwaiti was a courier, someone crucial to the terrorist orga-

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Bin Laden took a path of terror in life

Key events in his life since 1980:

1980-89: Bin Laden fights Soviet troops in Afghanistan. After 1989 Soviets retreat, he returns to Saudi Arabia to be showered with praise.

1992: Saudi Arabia freezes bin Laden's bank accounts and a \$350 million share of the family's multibillion-dollar empire. After being forced to leave Sudan, bin Laden moves to Afghanistan in 1996.

Feb. 1998: He forms the International Front for Fighting Jews and Crusades, an umbrella for anti-U.S. Islamic militants worldwide.

Oct. 2000: Terrorist attack on USS Cole at Aden, Yemen, kills 17 U.S. sailors. Bin Laden is linked to attack.



Sept. 11, 2001: Hijackers crash two jetliners into New York's World Trade Center and a third into Pentagon. A fourth hijacked plane crashes in Pennsylvania. Washington names bin Laden as chief suspect.

Feb. 11, 2003: Bin Laden calls on Iraqis to carry out suicide attacks on Americans and defend themselves against U.S. attack.

Jan. 2004: In audio recordings, bin Laden says the U.S.-led war in Iraq is beginning of "occupation" of Persian Gulf states for their oil.

Jan. 19, 2006: He vows in an audio recording to never be captured alive and says the U.S. military has become as "barbaric" as Saddam Hussein.



1990-91: During Persian Gulf conflict, he tries to dissuade Saudi government from allowing "infidel" armies into Saudi Arabia. Saudi leadership turns to U.S. for protection. He moves to Sudan and is stripped of citizenship for continuing to criticize alliances with Washington.

Aug. 1998: Bombings at U.S. embassies in Tanzania (right) and Kenya kill 231 people, including 12 Americans. Bin Laden is indicted in bombing.



Oct. 7, 2001: U.S. begins bombings in Afghanistan, saying ruling Taliban is harboring bin Laden.

Nov. 13, 2002: He threatens Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Germany and Australia in an audio recording, saying, "It is time we get even. You will be killed just as you kill, and will be bombed just as you bomb."

Sept. 10, 2003: Bin Laden is seen in a video walking through rocky terrain with top deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri. In it, bin Laden praises "great damage to the enemy" on Sept. 11 and mentions five hijackers by name.



May 1, 2011: President Barack Obama appears on television and says that bin Laden was killed in Pakistan in a U.S.-led operation.

Marlatt re-bid on agenda

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A new bid for Marlatt Elementary construction is scheduled for consideration at Wednesday's meeting of the USD 383 school board meeting. The session will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Robinson Education Center.

The board rejected all project bids during its April 20 meeting because of a spreadsheet error by the low bidder in which \$450,000 in electrical costs was inadvertently omitted.

The board will also hear a proposal to allow seventh graders to play on a combined seventh- and eighth-grade football team starting with the 2011-12 school year.

The other Centennial Middle League schools all have separate seventh grade football teams. Other

schools in the area — Riley County, Wamego, Junction City and Fort Riley — also have seventh grade football in some capacity.

The 2011-12 elementary and secondary student handbooks changes are on the agenda as well.

The proposed changes include stating the district's ownership of audio or visual recordings made in violation of board policy or school rules.

The administration is recommending the hiring of three additional teachers for next school year.

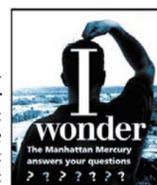
The district projects that two teachers will be needed at Bluemont Elementary and one teacher will be needed at Marlatt Elementary.

Increases to student fees and textbook rentals are scheduled for next school year if the board accepts the recommendation.

Same McCall, different job

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I wonder why our local officials who accept bids for our road construction projects don't seem to be concerned about the contractors getting the project finished in a reasonable amount of time. The McCall Road project seems like it must be approaching its second year. It also seems like the number of employees on the job is woefully inadequate and they should be working on Saturdays and in two shifts. With the economy the way it is, we should hire construction companies who are more motivated to get the job done.



seem like the McCall Road project is approaching its second year, but technically it isn't, city engineer Rob Ott said.

The current project, which will expand the McCall from a three-lane to a five-lane roadway, didn't begin until after September 2010, when the city entered into a contract with Bayer Construction.

Any road work you noticed before that was probably part of the McCall intersection project, which was a separate endeavor funded through the Kansas Department of Transportation with \$1 million from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

"I can see how the general public

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