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## DELAWARE REACTS TO BIN LADEN'S DEATH



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Pfc. Zachary T. Myers and SSgt. Shannon M. Smith were killed in Iraq when their U.S. Army convoy was struck with a rocket-propelled grenade.

## Judge orders competency hearing for boy

ANDREW TOBIAS  
Staff Writer

A judge on Monday ordered a competency hearing to determine if a 12-year-old Sunbury-area boy accused of murdering his mother's fiance can understand the court proceedings against him.

The boy, whom the *Gazette* is not naming because he is being charged as a minor, signed a green piece of paper in court that says he denies murdering 38-year-old Jeffrey Reece on April 23. That is the equivalent of entering a not guilty plea

in the adult court system.

Juvenile/Probate Judge Kenneth J. Spicer on Monday said there will be a hearing scheduled within the next month to rule on whether the boy can understand concepts like his right to remain silent and his right to legal counsel.

If the court determines he can't, then prosecutors can't charge him.

Louis Herzog, the boy's court-appointed guardian ad litem, requested the hearing. The prosecutor and the defense will have

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## 'BITTERSWEET'

### For Delaware mother, bin Laden's death brings purpose for her son's sacrifice

ANDREW TOBIAS  
Staff Writer

Tonya Latto is a pacifist who has been known to nurse baby birds that have fallen out of their mother's nest back to health. Basically, she is not the kind of person to dance on somebody else's grave, she said.

But maybe for Osama bin Laden, she will this once, just a little.

"I don't wish for any person to kill another person, be they good or evil. That's just me," Latto, of Delaware, said in a phone interview

"The bottom line is, it's not going to bring my son back. But I feel like ... America got one. Good. It's about time.

— Tonya Latto

Monday afternoon. "But this one time, I'm going to ask God to give me a pass on it. Because I'm overjoyed that that piece of pure evil is removed from this Earth. It's kind of a bittersweet thing. I

hate to see anyone die, but in a way, I feel like my kid didn't die in vain," said Latto whose son, Pfc. Zachary T. Myers, 21, died in Iraq on Sept. 8, 2009 after his convoy was struck with a rocket-propelled grenade.

Members of her son's U.S. Army unit who recently returned home from Iraq, woke her up late Sunday night with phone calls and text messages with news that U.S. Special Forces had killed bin Laden in Pakistan.

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## Delaware city buys land for new fire station

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Staff Writer

Delaware city has officially purchased land along West Central Avenue to make way for a \$1.5-million income-tax supported fire substation.

The 1.58-acre property is located on the northwest corner of West Central Avenue and Lexington Boulevard in Delaware Township. It was purchased for \$225,000 from Mitchell Family Investments LLC.

The property formerly



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housed Larcom & Mitchell Co., a farm implement dealership and horse track supplier, and most recently a postal center.

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## United Way exceeds campaign goal of \$3.3M

More donors contribute, despite economy

KATE LIEBERS  
Staff Writer

Despite a year of strained budgets, the United Way of Delaware County collected more donations than its goal of \$3.3 million.

The local United Way announced that \$3,386,733

was pledged during the 2010-11 campaign, which ended last week.

Of those pledged contributions, \$2,361,061 will be provided directly to local nonprofit organizations, according to United Way of Delaware County president Brandon Feller.

An additional \$359,075 will go to specific organizations requested by donors that are not affiliated with

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## Phone call from Kuwaiti courier led U.S. to bin Laden's Pakistan hideout

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MATT APUZZO  
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 Sunday 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 com-

pound 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.

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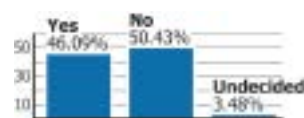
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