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BIN LADEN DEAD: WHAT IT MEANS



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Pennsylvania State University senior Jake Librizzi holds an American flag as he and others fill Beaver Avenue in downtown State College on Sunday shortly after learning of the death of Osama bin Laden, the mastermind of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

RELIEF, JOY

Area residents affected by 9/11 applaud death

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America and the lives of its citizens changed forever in the nearly 10 years since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The nation went to war in two countries. Security tightened at the nation's airports. And the nation remained forever on guard for the next terrorist blast on home soil that didn't come.

Now the U.S. and the world look ahead to life without Osama bin Laden, killed not in a remote cave but in a fortified mansion in Pakistan at the hands of U.S. Special Forces.

The mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks can no longer taunt America, as an important chapter closes in the fight against terrorism.

Some Erie-area residents who were involved in the lengthy fight — or watched developments from afar — reacted Monday to the stunning news of bin Laden's death.

A changed man

Brian Sheldon watched the twin towers crumble and knew he had to fight.

"I said, 'I have to be in this. I didn't know what it was going to be, it could have been World War III, but I had to be in this,'" said Sheldon, 45, a teacher at Erie's Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy.

Two days after the attacks, Sheldon's father dropped off the name and phone number of an Army recruiter. When the Army told him he was too old, he joined the Navy Reserve instead.

"It changed my life," Sheldon said of the terrorist attacks. "The path my life was going to take diverged at that moment."

Sheldon spent eight months in 2006 deployed

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Jeff Ray, right, and Jan Ray, of Shanksville, attach a sign to the fence that overlooks the crash site of United Flight 93 in Shanksville on Monday. Passengers on the flight prevented another 9/11 attack in Washington.

Detainees provided info that led U.S. to bin Laden

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden, the terror mastermind killed by Navy SEALs in an intense firefight, was hunted down based on information first gleaned years ago from detainees at secret CIA prison sites in eastern Europe, officials disclosed Monday. The U.S. said a DNA match proved the man behind the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, was dead, and millions of Americans rejoiced.

After the gunfire, U.S. forces swept bin Laden's fortified compound in Pakistan and left with a trove of hard drives, DVDs and other documents that officials said the CIA was already poring over. The hope: clues leading to his presumed successor, al-Qaida No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahiri.

"The world is safer. It is a better place because of the death of Osama bin Laden," declared President Ba-

rack Obama, hours after U.S. forces killed the al-Qaida leader. They then ferried the body out for a quick burial at sea.

Bin Laden's death after a decade on the run caused a national wave of euphoria mixed with remembrance for the thousands who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Crowds celebrated throughout the night outside the White House and at ground zero in Lower Manhattan where the Twin Towers once stood. Thousands of students at Pennsylvania State University and in other college towns spilled onto the streets and set off firecrackers to mark the moment.

"For my family and I, it's good, it's desirable, it's right," said Mike Low, of Batesville, Ark., whose daughter Sara was a flight attendant aboard

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MTR says it may sue Rubino, Arneault

Lawyer claims abuse of system

By **ED PALATTELLA**
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Former gambling-industry executive Edson "Ted" Arneault and Erie real estate agent Gregory J. Rubino say they filed a federal lawsuit to clear their names.

One of the suit's defendants is countering that Arneault and Rubino are abusing the legal system and risking becoming targets of lawsuits themselves.

The defendant, MTR Gaming Group Inc, which Arneault once led, is likening the actions of Arneault and Rubino and their lawyer, John Mizner, to extortion.



Edson "Ted" Arneault: Signed up to speak today before Gaming Control Board.

MTR is questioning why Arneault and Rubino filed their 124-page suit, on April 15, and why they signed up to speak today at a public hearing on the slot-machine license renewal for MTR's Presque Isle Downs & Casino. Rubino helped Arneault develop the complex, which opened in Summit Township in February 2007.

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, which licenses casinos, in 2006 banned Rubino from doing business with Presque Isle Downs. Arneault left the publicly traded MTR as its chief executive in 2008, when he was 61. Arneault and Rubino, 59, sued in federal court to try to lift the ban, the reasons for which the Gaming Control Board, citing confidentiality rules, has not disclosed.

"It is clear that you and Messrs. Arneault and Rubino are using your frivolous lawsuit and threat of disparaging testimony to extort whatever result is your (clients') ultimate goal," a lawyer for MTR, Henry Siedzikowski, said in a letter to Mizner on Wednesday.

Siedzikowski, of suburban Philadelphia, told Mizner that MTR, based in West Virginia, is prepared to countersue Arneault, Rubino and Mizner over their "meritless" suit.

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