Details emerge in bin Laden’s death

Students, faculty react to military strike, presidential address

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The White House announced Sunday that U.S. special forces killed Osama bin Laden, the man whose face has been atop the FBI’s Most Wanted list since the attacks on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

“Justice has been done,” President Obama declared to the nation in a late-night national ad-

dress from the East Room of the White House. Obama was able to offer further details about bin Laden’s death than was initially known.

According to the president and top administration officials who briefed reporters after the presi-
dent’s speech, the effort to track down bin Laden centered on a trusted courier for al-Qaeda, a man whom officials described as a pro-
totype of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the operational mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The courier was identified by U.S. intelligence officials four years ago, based on informa-
tion from detainees in U.S. custody who said he was one of the few al-Qaeda couriers trusted by bin Laden, a senior official said.

U.S. intelligence had been sur-

veying areas where the courier had worked and in August, suc-
cceeded in discovering the man’s resi-
dence, a walled compound in the Pakistani city of Abbottabad.

The com-

pound was a "perfect cover site," Edwards said. "It was so certain that Obama ordered the go-ahead for a helicopter-borne team of special forces, including Navy SEALs, to attack the compound."

According to the official, the raid took about 40 min-
utes and con-
sisted of the president called a "Correct action to bin Laden’s death."

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"A mastermind and extremely rich man with a lot of connections is no longer in the picture... It is a great advantage that at least one of the world’s most wanted men has been taken out."

Edwards, who co-authored a book titled “Saving City Lifelines: Lessons Learned in the 9-11 Ter-

rorist Attacks,” said she does not see the U.S. shifting its involve-
ment in Afghanistan to another area in the world.

"I don’t think bin Laden’s re-

moval will have significant impact on our need to stabilize that coun-
try and bring some sort of accept-
able government to the country," she said.

Charles Simonsen, a communica-
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or, said he is somewhat confused from what he has heard from vari-
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Gregory Enriquez, a computer engineer and psychology dou-
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Bin Laden’s death leaves Ayman al-Zawahiri, an Egyptian physician and Islamist ideologue, as the apparent leader of al-Qaeda.

Edwards said the most important thing bin Laden’s death means to Americans is that the intelligence capabilities used to capture bin Laden have been improved upon since 9/11.

Before 9/11, one of the biggest criticisms of the U.S. is that we did not have a very integrated information system, which was true,” she said. “9/11 proved that we did not have all the different intelligence agencies talking to each other effectively.

“We have finally after 10 years developed an intelligence capability that allows us to merge civilian and military intelligence in a way that is a successful and actionable.”

News. More on this story in the story "Information compiled from McClatchy Tribune."
**What to watch**

**May**

- **"The Hangover Part II" May 26**
  At this point, pretty much every college student or partygoer has seen the classic movie that came out two years ago. It’s still one of my favorite comedies and though the premise seems questionable this time around, as long as Bradley Cooper keeps being himself, Ed Helms continues to get into sticky situations and the always amusing Zach Galifianakis makes things awkward between the three, there’s absolutely no reason not to go out and see this movie.

- **More to See:** "Thor," "Kung Fu Panda 2," "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides"

**June**

- **"X-Men: First Class" June 3**
  This is the movie I’m most excited to see this summer. A star-studded cast including James McAvoy (who will play a young Charles Xavier), Michael Fassbender (who will be playing young Erik Lensherr aka Magneto) and Kevin Bacon (who will play the villain Sebastian Shaw) will be headlining this movie about the original X-Men before they were known. The movie will be directed by "Kick-Ass" producer Matthew Vaughn, but most importantly will be produced and written by Bryan Singer who made the first two successful X-Men movies. If you were a fan of any of the films I definitely think this movie has a chance to be on par or even better than those were.

- **More to See:** "Green Lantern," "Super 8"

**July**

- **"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part II" July 15**
  It’s the last film you will ever see Daniel Radcliffe wielding a wizard’s wand in, so why not see how it all ends? The last film seems to promise an epic finale to the eight films that have been going since 2001 so it should definitely be worth seeing Harry Potter and his wizard buddies one last time.

- **More to See:** "Captain America: The First Avenger," "Cowboys and Aliens"

- **"Transformers: Dark of the Moon" July 1**
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- **"Priest" May 13**
  Why a movie like this is being released in the summer is beyond me. The premise, set up, and actors, say to me that this film is more deserving of a February spot with the rest of the garbage movies. "Priest" looks like "Legion" with vampires (another bad Paul Bettany movie), and unless you are really into over-the-top action films I would recommend avoiding this one.

- **More to Avoid:** "Jumping the Broom," "The Beaver"

**June**

- **"Cars 2" June 24**
  Of all the movies by Pixar only one has a Rottentomatoes rating below 90 percent and that’s "Cars." While it was pretty successful, the film never really caught the imagination of the viewers in the same way other Pixar films have. You would think, of all of Pixar’s films, "Cars" would be the last one the producers would think to make a sequel of, but hey, maybe they are trying to go for a bit of redemption here. In any case, unless you really liked the first I would avoid this one.

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- Mortal Kombat II (1993)
- Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3 (1996)
- Mortal Kombat Gold (1999)
- Mortal Kombat Kollection (2007)
- Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe (2008)
- Mortal Kombat (2011)
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Violence is all around me now

It started out like any ordinary Thursday evening as she said goodbye to her husband and climbed into the car. She was aiming to drop her two children off at the daycare center before heading to her work. Although she was feeling a little tired from the day, she was looking forward to spending quality time with her family. 

Upon arrival at work, she was shocked that such a heinous act had happened in her hometown. 

This woman is one of the millions of Americans who have experienced or witnessed violence in their lifetime. 

Japan announced plans to fight against violence, and he ended up retiring soon after. 

When her husband disappeared, the world was in shock. 

Now, I'm not sure what this is going to mean for my life. 

But now, I'm not sure what the future holds for me. 

This phenomenon is not new. 

It is a major problem that needs to be addressed, but instead of working to decrease violence, many Americans are choosing to ignore the problem. 

Growing up, I never locked myself in my bedroom at night because I knew I was not alone. 

According to the World Health Organization, 1.6 million people died as a result of violence in 2010. 

This is not to say that violence is the only problem. 

As a blow against what the sporting world considers to be a battle against terrorism, the world public opinion, in terms of the American military, is changing. 

We need to understand that fighting terrorism is not the only way to bring an end to the wars in the world. 

The last thing I want to do is fight. 

However, as people become more aware of the problem, they are beginning to take action. 

According to the American Psychological Association, 24 million Americans have experienced some form of childhood abuse or neglect. 

This detail bothered me even more than the crime itself. 

But, despite the fact that violence is a problem that affects millions of people, it is often ignored or swept under the rug. 

It is a shame that violence is becoming more and more of a daily occurrence. 

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With more Sherlock Holmes inspired trouble and mystery, it is easy to forget that we are living in a world where violence is a daily occurrence. 

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For the first time in the program’s history, the SJSU women’s water polo team finished in the top four of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation tournament, claiming the fourth spot of eight teams—all of whom are ranked in the top 11 in the nation.

SJSU placed third amongst 16 teams in 2012, before there was a nationwide women’s water polo tournament. Since entering the MPSF, the Spartans had not finished any higher than fifth.

The No. 15 Spartans, who hosted the tournament, lost 15-10 to eventual champion No. 3 Cal on the semifinal on Saturday.

Senior utility player Adyna Vogt said the team’s performance was a result of focusing the fifth-highest career score in MPSF history with 245. Vogt tallied goals in five of SJSU’s first six tournament games, including her last point in the game against Stanford.

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SJSU head coach Michel Roy on Friday.

Senior utility player Adyna Vogt said when she was a freshman against the SJSU women’s water polo program, her goal was to get the team to the NCAA tournament.

“This year we were just a hair short,” Vogt said Sunday, after the Spartans lost 15-5 in favor of the Cardinal.

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