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## Details emerge in bin Laden's death

Students, faculty react  
to military strike,  
presidential address

Ron Gleeson  
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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 address from the East Room of the White House.

Obama was able to offer further details during his address than was initially known.

According to the president and top administration officials who briefed reporters after the president's speech, the effort to track down bin Laden centered on a trusted courier for al-Qaida, a man whom officials described as a protégé 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 information from detainees in U.S. custody who said he was one of the few al-Qaida couriers trusted by bin Laden, a senior official said.

U.S. intelligence had been surveying areas where the courier had worked and in August, succeeded in discovering the man's residence, a walled compound in the Pakistani city of Abbottabad.

The compound had drawn the CIA's interest because it was far larger than residences around it, with walls 12 to 18 feet high that were topped with barbed wire and few windows in the three-story building.

The CIA had deemed the compound an apparent custom hideout for persons with major significance.

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Frances Edwards  
Political science professor



Photo: McClatchy Tribune

**Dave Alwatan of Dearborn, Michigan, shows off the American flag while celebrating the death of Osama bin Laden on Monday.**

After years of speculation that the world's most-wanted man was hiding in the caves and rugged redoubts of the Pakistan-Afghanistan border region, officials now came to believe that he was hiding less than 40 miles north of Pakistan's capital, Islamabad.

The official said that by Friday morning the evidence had become 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 minutes and consisted of what the president called a "fire-

fight."

No Americans were injured or killed in the raid, but the courier, his brother, one of bin Laden's

sons, and a woman whom officials said was being used as a shield were also killed.

White House officials were told at 3:50 p.m. Eastern time that bin Laden had been tentatively identified as among the dead. DNA tests confirmed his identity later in the day, U.S. officials said.

Political science Professor Frances Edwards said one word flowed through her mind as she heard the news of bin Laden's death — relief.

"A lot of people have spent the last ten years doing their best to find him," she said. "I am glad their hard work paid off and they were successful."

Although the U.S. has eliminated its biggest target in terms of terrorism threats, Edwards said she is not sure how or if the event will bring about any change to U.S. involvement in the Middle East.

"A mastermind and extremely rich man with a lot of connections is no longer in the picture," she said. "In terms of international security I think it is a great advantage that at least one hub of unrest

has been taken out."

Edwards, who co-authored a book titled "Saving City Lifelines: Lessons Learned in the 9-11 Terrorist Attacks," said she does not see the U.S. shifting its involvement in Afghanistan to another area in the world.

"I don't think bin Laden's removal will have significant impact on our need to stabilize that country and bring some sort of acceptable government to the country," she said.

Charles Simonetti, a communications and journalism double-major, said he is somewhat confused from what he has heard from various media sources.

"I am from France and the information my country gives is different than what I heard on Sunday," he said. "I'm confused. I don't know what to believe right now."

Gregory Enriquez, a computer engineering and psychology double major, said he has a mixed reaction to bin Laden's death.

"I think there are definite pros

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Map: McClatchy Tribune

**Osama bin Laden was killed in a firefight with U.S. forces in a compound about 40 miles north of Islamabad, Pakistan.**

## World leaders offer post-assassination congratulations

McClatchy Tribune

MEXICO CITY — Congratulations poured in from around the globe. From London and Paris, to Nairobi and New Delhi, nations touched by terrorism hailed the news of Osama bin Laden's death.

But some nations remained silent Monday, unnerved by the U.S. demonstration of its ability to project power with stealth and deadly force against its foes.

Middle Eastern leaders reacted with caution, fearful of retaliation, and the Palestinian Hamas movement in Gaza

condemned the killing.

Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, a conservative organization with links around the Islamic world, rejected the outcome of the U.S. raid in Pakistan, saying it prefers putting accused radicals on trial.

In Western Europe, leaders voiced relief, satisfaction and even elation that a U.S. commando action on a military garrison town in Pakistan had rid the world of the al-Qaida mastermind.

"I'm overjoyed at the news," French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe told state radio, according to the Agence France-Presse news agency.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy called the death of bin Laden "a historic defeat" for terrorism, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel praised it as "good news."

Nations touched more brutally by Islamic terrorism were particularly effusive.

Spain, where 191 people died in the al-Qaida bombings of four passenger trains in 2004, called bin Laden's demise "a decisive step in the fight against international terrorism."

Britain, too, suffered al-Qaida attacks on underground trains and a bus in 2005 that killed 52 people. Prime Minis-

ter David Cameron said bin Laden's death will "bring great relief to people across the world."

"Of course, nothing will bring back those loved ones that families have lost to terror," Cameron added. "But at least they know the man who was responsible for these appalling acts is no more."

Even Russia, which finds little common ground with the U.S. these days, offered enthusiastic congratulations and compared bin Laden's capture to its own hunt for Chechen terrorists.

"Russia was one of the first to come up against the threat of global terrorism, and unfortunately, knows firsthand what al-Qaida is," the Kremlin said in an official statement posted on its website.

Joy over bin Laden's killing largely bypassed Somalia, a haven for pirates and Islamic radicals, but surged in Kenya, a nation that saw scores of fatalities when al-Qaida bombed the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi in 1998.

Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki said the killing of bin

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and cons about the death of Osama bin Laden," he said. "It's good to know that that particular threat is gone, but there is always the notion of retaliation."

In addition to announcing the news, Obama praised the joint efforts of U.S. and Pakistani intelligence, and appealed to Muslims around the globe to support the U.S. action.

"Bin Laden was not a Muslim leader," he said.

"He was a mass murderer of Muslims."

Bin Laden's death leaves Ayman al-Zawahri, an Egyptian physician and Islamist ideologue, as the apparent leader of al-Qaida.

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 successful and actionable."

*Nate Morotti contributed to this story. Information compiled from McClatchy Tribune.*

**CAMPUS IMAGE**



Photo: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

Junior nursing major Karishma Bendale and junior accounting major Thien Vo look at glass-blown flowers during an art sale on Monday.

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Laden is an "act of justice" for the victims of the 1998 embassy bombing.

U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon described the elimination of bin Laden as a "watershed moment in our common global fight against terrorism."

Several Middle Eastern nations offered cautious praise — but none with the unabashed happiness of Israel.

"The state of Israel joins together in the joy of the American people after the liquidation of bin Laden," said a statement by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "This is a resounding victory for justice, for freedom, and for the shared values of all democratic countries fighting shoulder to shoulder with determination against terror."

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British Prime Minister

Bin Laden was born in Saudi Arabia as one of some 54 children born to Mohammad bin Laden, and the Saudi government stated that his death is "a step towards supporting international efforts to combat terrorism and to dismantle its cells."

Words of approval also came in from parts of Asia and Latin America.

In Colombia, a staunch U.S. ally, President Juan Manuel Santos called bin Laden's death "an important and powerful blow against global terrorism."

"This shows, once again, that sooner or later, terrorists always fall," Santos said.

Mexico noted that its own citizens were among those killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and said that bin Laden's death "is an event of great transcendence in the efforts to free the world of the curse of terrorism."

"The world is a safer place now," said Peruvian Foreign Minister Jose Garcia Belaunde.

Leaders of nations considered renegades by Washington kept mum about the killing, among them Moammar Gadhafi of Libya, the Castro brothers of Cuba, and Kim Jong Il of North Korea.

Venezuela's loquacious President Hugo Chavez, who has repeatedly accused the Pentagon of preparing to invade his country to topple him from power, offered no public remarks.

In Asia, China gave swift and broad coverage to the killing, portraying it as a demonstration that U.S. capacity to project its power is not diminished as some Chinese commentators have suggested.

India reacted with "grave concern" at new evidence that its longtime rival Pakistan remains a haven for Islamic militants.

"This fact underlines our concern that terrorists belonging to different organizations find sanctuary in Pakistan," Indian Home Minister P. Chidambaram said in a statement.

New Delhi has long tried to convince Washington to take a harder line on Pakistan, and frustration increased after 2008 attacks in Mumbai that killed more than 160 people.

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MOVIE PREVIEW

# A Spartan guide to the summer box office season

Wesley Dugle  
Staff Writer

## What to watch



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(Left to right) Zach Galifianakis, Bradley Cooper and Ed Helms reunite for *The Hangover Part II*.

### “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”

## What to avoid



Photo Courtesy: Allmoviephotos.com

Paul Bettany stars in Screen Gems’ sci-fi action thriller *Priest*.

### “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”

## May

### “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 (“300” star 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”

### “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.

**More to Avoid:** “Bad Teacher,” “The Troll Hunter”

## June

## July



Photo Courtesy: Allmoviephotos.com

### “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

Oh, Michael Bay — bringer of explosions, sultan of cheese, king of cliché, how I adore thee. Wait, what’s the complete opposite of adore? Oh that’s right, hate! I’m not a fan of Mr. Bay. Even though I’ve been a Transformers fan since I was a kid and found the first film somewhat enjoyable, the second was as if Bay’s imagination was unleashed in an overly indulgent storm of explosions, predictability, garbage and completely devoid of anything original. Unless you really like Bay’s “films” I would avoid this one like a hooker with leprosy.

**More to Avoid:** “The Smurfs” (more for your small siblings who might goad you into watching it with them)

## August

### “Rise of the Planet of the Apes”

August 5

I wasn’t really sure what to think of this movie until I saw the trailer a few weeks back and I’ve got to say, it looks intriguing. It stars the always enjoyable James Franco, the lovely “Slumdog Millionaire” star Freida Pinto, and Andy Serkis, best known for his role as Gollum in “Lord of the Rings,” who is of course playing a CGI monkey. The film has some potential and as long as it’s nothing like the God-awful reboot by Tim Burton in 2001, it should be pretty good.

**More to See:** “Conan the Barbarian 3D”

### “Final Destination 5”

August 25

Here we go again. Death’s angry at some meddling kids and we will all be subjected to two hours of blood-spilling fatalities that we have all seen over and over again. Need I say more?

**More to Avoid:** “Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World” (same as my comment about “The Smurfs”)



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GAME REVIEW

# Classic fighting franchise returns with gory remake

Nic Aguon  
Staff Writer

“Get over here!”  
I grew up playing Mortal Kombat as a youngster and I’m glad the makers of the game went back to the roots of the storied franchise with the series’ latest iteration.

Despite Mortal Kombat influencing the rating system for video games, from E for Everyone to M for Mature, the newest addition of Mortal Kombat is gracefully bloody and violent.

Obtaining a copy for PlayStation 3, I popped in Mortal Kombat with anticipation and hopes of a great 2-D fighting game. What I got was more than I expected — the graphics are superb, detailing each bloody blow and bone-cracking hit.

Sub-Zero’s blasts of ice and Liu Kang’s fireballs are very detailed as well as their costumes. Each of the characters in Mortal Kombat are excellently rendered, which players will notice as they battle through the ranks offline or online.

The revamped control system makes Mortal Kombat an easy game to pick up and play. The button combinations to execute moves have been simplified compared to the lengthy button patterns in Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe.

This makes the game as easy to play as Mortal Kombat II on the Super Nintendo or Sega Genesis.

There is also a large amount of content to unlock, including secret char-

acters and battles with Noob Saibot or Reptile. Surprisingly, the developers included Kratos, the protagonist of the God of War franchise.

Concept paintings and drawings are also unlockable content as well as costumes and trophies.

Mortal Kombat sports some of the most brutal punches and kicks that register with more satisfaction than Super Street Fighter IV or Marvel vs. Capcom 3.

Mortal Kombat has reverted to easy finishing-move combinations, ceasing the frustration of trying to pull a tricky fatality in the short time span players have to perform it.

Each character has two or three finishing moves known as “fatalities,” which are a gruesome spectacle to watch. One of Liu Kang’s fatalities includes turning into a dragon and devouring his adversary in a horrific manner.

The story mode for each character is one of the most in-depth story

modes I have seen in any Mortal Kombat. The majority of the storylines have substance and a reason for you to keep playing to see what unfolds.

The musical score for each stage fits seamlessly and doesn’t get in the way of the battle.

I’m glad the developers reinvented the Mortal Kombat franchise, as I was not pleased with the recent releases — Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe was a disappointment because they cut out all the bloodshed and fatalities that make Mortal Kombat its own entity.



Photo Courtesy: themortalkombat.com

One of the most well known fighting game franchises of all time returns in a next-generation iteration titled simply “Mortal Kombat.”

However, with every game comes its flaws. I found Shao Kahn to be incredibly cheap, frustrating players with the same combos and attacks.

Taking the battle to the online world, I ran into some lag. Although it was the night before the Playstation Network’s online servers went down, I was able to get a few good matches that didn’t give me any problems.

Overall, Mortal Kombat is a flawless victory for any fan of fighting games. Its good graphics, bone-breaking hits and easy controls make Mortal Kombat a contender for the top fighting game on the market.

Popping the newest Mortal Kombat in, I felt like I was 9 years old again, mashing my Super Nintendo controller’s buttons trying to pull Scorpion’s fatality — he burns his opponent, then a guy pops up and says, “Toasty!”

Those who thought the Mortal Kombat franchise was finished should think again.

Mortal Kombat is a storied franchise known for its gory combat, diverse roster of combatants and detailed levels. Here is a brief timeline of Mortal Kombat games that have released in the past.

- Mortal Kombat (1992)
- Mortal Kombat II (1993)
- Mortal Kombat III (1995)
- Ultimate Mortal Kombat III (1995)
- Mortal Kombat Trilogy (1996)
- Mortal Kombat 4 (1997)
- Mortal Kombat Gold (1999)
- Mortal Kombat: Deadly Alliance (2002)
- Mortal Kombat: Deception (2004)
- Mortal Kombat: Unchained (2006)
- Mortal Kombat Armageddon (2007)
- Mortal Kombat Collection (2008)
- Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe (2008)
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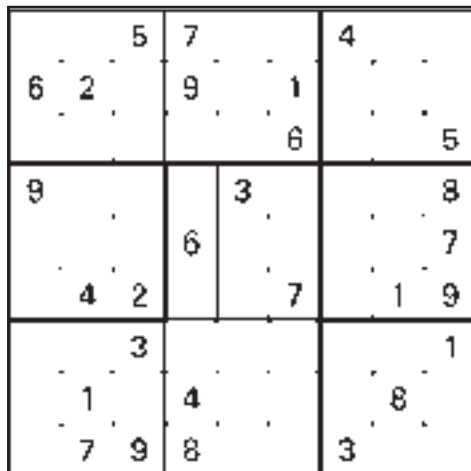
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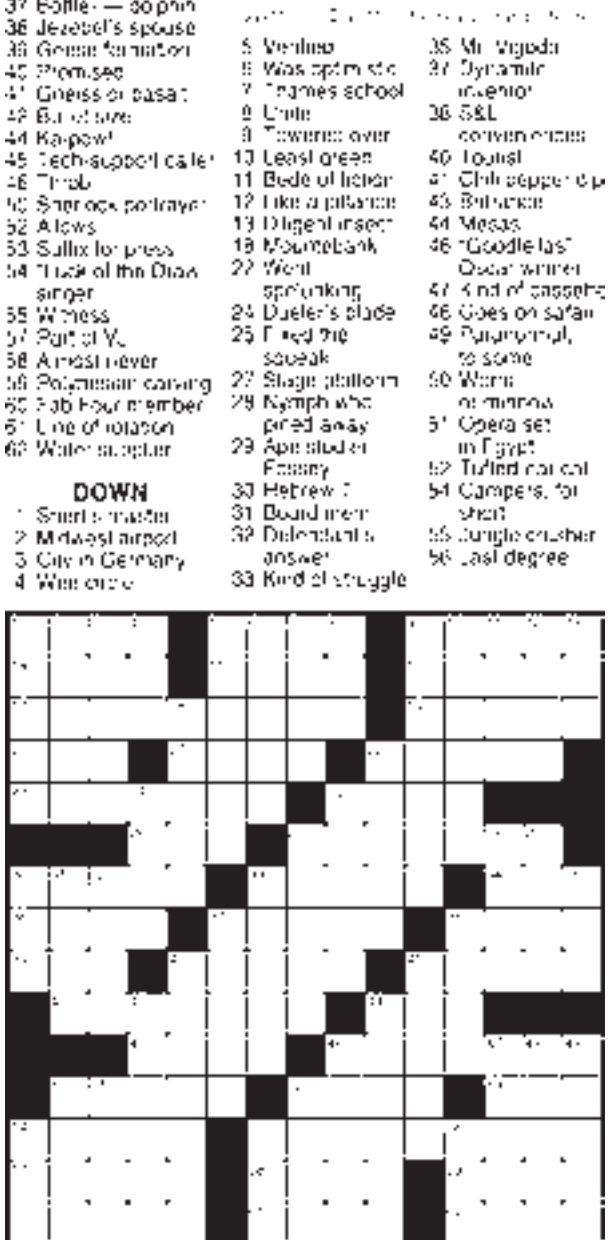
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# Bin Laden's death a symbolic victory for the U.S.

Ding dong the bastard's dead.

That's probably the sentiment many people around the world had as news of the Osama bin Laden's death spread like wildfire on steroids.

President Obama's shocking May Day announcement seems like it will usher in a new era of U.S. foreign and domestic policies alike.

What will this portend in actual practice?

The implications for the future are potentially staggering in their full import, and they turn initially on how this seminal event will undoubtedly be used to justify U.S. policies that have defined the recent past.

In his announcement, President Obama demonstrated how different he is in temperament (if not policy making) from his predecessor, George W. Bush.

Coming eight years to the day after the infamous "Mission Accomplished" speech — and, coincidentally, falling on the 66th anniversary of the announcement of Hitler's death — Obama's rendering con-



**Salman Haqqi**  
On The Contrary

tained none of the misplaced bravado such as "Bring It On" or glorification of misery.

We got our man.

Wave the flag, kiss a nurse, and start packing the equipment.

It's time to plan to bring all our boys and girls home from Afghanistan right?

When the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks rolls around, let the world see that we are on a clear path to bringing home our troops from Afghanistan and handing back sovereignty to the Afghan people.

With more Sherlock Holmes than Rambo, and judging from press accounts, not much role for the 100,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, U.S. intelligence tracked Osama bin Laden to a safe house in a well-appointed town north of Pakistan's capital and a small U.S. force raided the compound.

Press reports say bin Laden was killed in a firefight in the compound and that his body has been buried at sea, in accordance with Islamic tradition that expects a burial within 24 hours.

Success typically has many authors, and I don't doubt the ability of some to argue that our occupation of Afghanistan has contributed to this result.

Perhaps it will turn out that some prisoner captured in Afghanistan by U.S. forces contributed a key piece of information that helped investigators find bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

Bin Laden's death is not the end of al-Qaida nor of groups inspired by al-Qaida — indeed, that there will be an incentive now for al-Qaida and

al-Qaida-inspired groups to retaliate and to prove that they can still carry out actions against the U.S.

Yet as a blow against what al-Qaida represented, the killing of its putative leader almost certainly carries more symbolic, rather than practical, value.

Symbols have the power to unleash the unconscious, to act like a trigger to evoke an emotional response on many levels.

Those who understand the power of symbols may employ such power for good or for evil.

In the decade since the Sept. 11 attacks, the jihadist movement had become widely dispersed in countries such as Yemen, Algeria and Iraq, where militant adherents have been operating as virtual franchises independent of the main al-Qaida leadership.

Amid this decentralization and the killing and arrests of other senior commanders by U.S. and allied forces, bin Laden had become a marginalized figure living in a "retirement

phase" with little or no involvement in current al-Qaida operations, according to professor Paul Rogers of the Institute of Peace Studies at Bradford University in Britain.

Important figurehead as he was, Rogers argues, his death hardly represents a turning point.

It probably isn't a key moment in the war overall he said.

"It's hugely significant for the United States, obviously, and there will be considerable rejoicing, especially in New York," Rogers said. "But the reality is that bin Laden was a figurehead but was not hugely significant in a movement which has in any case been very considerably dispersed."

Terrorist attacks will not go away.

Yet the psychological blow to jihadists operating under the al-Qaida umbrella of losing their totemic leader should not be underestimated.

Whether anyone at the Pentagon likes it or not, the death of bin Laden is a game-changer politically, for U.S., Afghan and

world public opinion, in terms of the perceived justification for maintaining 100,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

The world was already bone-tired of the war in Afghanistan, even before bin Laden's death.

Two-thirds of Americans were saying that the war in Afghanistan wasn't worth fighting, and three-quarters of Americans were saying that they wanted to see a substantial withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Afghanistan this summer.

The death of bin Laden may reinforce the calls for a quicker pullout of American troops from Afghanistan and strengthen pressure to end America's longest war, but that isn't going to happen.

To believe that this will bring an end to the wars is a naive assessment of why we went to war in the first place.

*This is a special appearance of "On The Contrary." Salman Haqqi is the Spartan Daily Executive Editor.*

## Homophobia rots the sporting world

Recently during an NBA game, Kobe Bryant was caught on television calling a referee a "fucking faggot."

More recently, Atlanta Braves pitching coach Roger McDowell used homophobic slurs in response to heckling San Francisco Giants fans, according to ESPN's website.

Both are obvious reminders that homophobia continues to rot the sporting world.

I'm not trying to limit its harm to sports, but being homosexual can have vast consequences in team sports, especially in male athletics.

I'm guessing that at least hundreds of professional athletes are closeted homosexuals.

I will never know what it feels like to be living in a secret, but it must be extremely difficult.

After hearing retired NBA point guard Tim Hardaway rant about how he hates homosexuals in 2007, who can blame them for hiding their sexuality?

Unlike Hardaway, I don't believe Bryant or McDowell hate gay people, and I'm sure neither was trying to create uproar about homosexuality.

I do believe Bryant and McDowell are an example of a society that constantly degrades the group that isn't dominant.

Throughout my life, I've said "that's gay" to signify when something is inferior, and most of my friends have done the same.

This is no different than Bryant's comment. Subconsciously, we decided that homosexuals are inferior.

I believe what Bryant was trying to say was, "That was a bad call and you're a terrible ref."

So first off, to help alleviate homophobia, we need to stop saying things are gay when they aren't.

Just imagine if we flipped the scenario — being gay is "superior" and being



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Akeley's Alley

straight is "inferior."

If this was the case and gays said "that's straight" to describe something not cool, I'd feel out of place and compelled to hide my straightness.

Secondly, we need to understand that being gay has nothing to do with athletic ability, and it would be a huge burden off the shoulders of the closeted if we are willing to accept them when they come out.

In the early '90s, Magic Johnson announced that he tested positive for HIV, and he ended up retiring soon after because many players opposed his comeback.

Even though Johnson didn't reveal himself as gay, I hope that our society has learned from that scenario.

Hopefully, homosexuals will be able to play sports without hiding who they really are.

Hopefully they will be able to expect being accepted when they come out.

Hopefully, society will grow up and realize that homosexuals are just as human as heterosexuals in every way.

Being on the same team as a homosexual might be a little bit uncomfortable at first.

Inevitably, the feeling in the locker room or the shower after the game would be different, maybe even awkward.

But as long as the athlete is doing whatever it takes to win, I'd support him or her.

Anybody who can't get past having a gay teammate should ask themselves where the root of their hatred comes from, which is most likely fear.

Once we accept our own fears, we all should be able to accept the.

*"Akeley's Alley" is a weekly column appearing on Tuesdays. Joey Akeley is a Spartan Daily Copy Editor.*

## Violence is all around me now

brain for anyone I know who might have been responsible and left me wondering whether my own family was safe.

Growing up, I never locked my house or car doors, trusting the people of my community to respect my possessions.

The 5,000 people in my town tend to abide by traditional values, rules and mannerisms that characterize Mount Shasta as a safe, close-knit community.

But now, I'm not sure what to believe. I haven't even been gone from Mount Shasta for four years but the demographics and situations of the town have completely changed.

Instead of standing as an example of a quaint, small town, my home has now become just as dangerous as a bad neighborhood in a large city.

This reiterates the fact that violence is becoming more and more widespread, affecting people at a young age and influencing them throughout their lives.

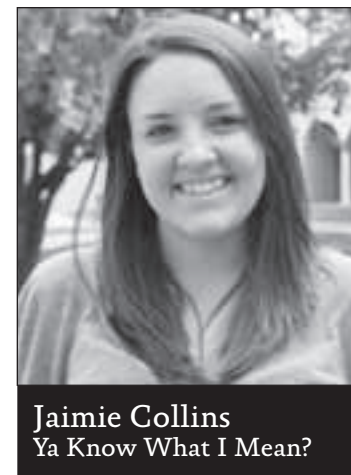
According to the World Health Organization, 1.6 million people worldwide lose their lives to violence and it is among the leading causes of death for people aged 15 to 44.

This increased violence is having a serious detrimental effect on our society.

It is a major problem that needs to be addressed, but instead of working to decrease these behaviors, our country is focusing on issues that may not matter 10 years down the road.

Overall, my recent experience with violence stood as one more example of the growing desensitization currently experienced by the majority of society.

Through news media, video games, online and television,



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Ya Know What I Mean?

our nation has become increasingly numb to the affects of taking in such large amounts of violence.

Instead of being appalled when these events occur, we accept them as a part of our daily existence, justifying the brutality as something we have no power to change.

People have become more and more convinced that violence is an integral part of our culture, when, in fact, it is something we can prevent for the overall bettering of society.

We can now see that the prolonged years of condoning violence have had a detrimental effect on the way we interact not only with each other, but also with the world around us.

It is sad to see this idea spreading, which is evident from the crime committed in my town.

There is no doubt that the next time I go home I will be more wary of the people around me and unsure whether or not I am truly safe.

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## ■ WATER POLO

# SJSU notches best tournament finish in school history

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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 fifth amongst 16 teams in 2002, 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. 7 Spartans, who hosted the tournament, lost 13-10 to eventual champion No. 2 Cal in the semifinal on Saturday.

Sixth-seeded SJSU (21-13) defeated third-seeded Hawaii (18-12) 11-9 on Friday, securing a spot in the top four. The Rainbow Wahine were the highest ranked opponent the Spartans beat this season.

The Spartans' third-place game against No. 1 Stanford on Sunday ended 15-5 in favor of the Cardinal.

Senior utility player Adriana Vogt lead the tournament with 11 total goals, becoming the fifth-highest career scorer in MPSF history with 245. Vogt tallied five goals in SJSU's first two games and scored her last point in the game against Stanford.

After being tied 3-3 at halftime against the Rainbow Wahine, the Spartans went on two three-goal runs in the second half.

"That pull-away in the third quarter was more important for us," said Vogt on Friday, referring to the Spartan 5-2 goal edge in that period.

Her second five-meter penalty goal came with six minutes left in the game, when Hawaii's Dagmar Genee pulled junior utility player Dani Curran underwater. Vogt shot to the left and the ball dragged under the goalies arms and into the net to put the Spartans at 10 points.

"It was a case of showing up, and we forgot to show up," said Hawaii head coach Michel Roy on Friday.

Junior goalkeeper Meagan Minson was tops in the tournament with 30 saves, 12 of which came in what Tully called "a tremendous effort" by her on Friday.

"She was a brick wall today," Vogt said after the first game.

Minson said the team was pumped for a win.

"You could just see it in everybody's eyes, everybody wanted it," Minson said of the win. "We did it."

Minson's six saves on Saturday weren't enough, however, as Cal roared to a 10-5 lead in the third period before a bullet by Vogt kept SJSU in the game. The Spartans were unable to get within two the rest of the game, losing 13-10.

"We had some defensive lapses, they scored a couple more goals than we really wanted to see," Tully said Saturday. "It was just making mistakes. Cal is an excellent team. If you make mistakes, they're going to capitalize on your mistakes, and they did. That puts you in a hole."

The same happened Sunday, as Stanford jumped out to a 7-0 lead.

"They got out on a quick burst there," Tully said Sunday. "That's the third time we've played them and they've hammered us pretty good every time."

Freshman two-meter player Timi Molnar backhanded a shot in at the beginning of the second half, but the Spartans couldn't come back.

"We left everything in the water," said junior two-meter player Allie Stewart on Sunday. "We tried our very best, and I don't think we have any regrets about that game."

As the team meeting after the game began, Tully looked at the team and said "You know what guys? It's my birthday." The team started chanting for Lou, jumping up and down with enthusiasm.

"They know December is my birthday," said Tully, who missed a year of coaching two years ago to overcome a form of cancer called multiple myeloma. "I said 'Yeah, two years ago today, that's when I got my transplant at Stanford, and they said this is your new birthday.' (The girls) went crazy."



Photo: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

**Freshman two-meter player Timi Molnar loads up to throw the ball into the net during the Spartans' 11-9 win against the University of Hawaii on Friday.**

On his second 'birthday,' Tully would have another face-off involving Stanford — though this time with a different result.

Stewart said despite the loss, for the team to finish in the top four was an enormous accomplishment.

"We're all super stoked about it," Stewart said. "We won our first game, we put our heart and soul into that game, we came out firing."

We put hours of our lives with water polo and to say it pay off in the end is rewarding."

Junior attacker Natalie Jennings agreed.

"We really pulled together as a team," Jennings said Sunday. "A loss like that is tough, but I don't think many teams could take it like we did. It's not that we're happy about our play, but we have each other and we gave the seniors a great weekend."

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cal beats SDSU (7-6)	USC beats Arizona State (10-9)	Arizona State beats SDSU (11-9)
SJSU beats Hawaii (11-9)	Hawaii beats SDSU (14-10)	USC beats Hawaii (8-7)
Stanford beats Arizona State (15-6)	UCLA beats Stanford (9-8)	Stanford beats SJSU (15-5)
UCLA beats USC (12-10)	Cal beats SJSU (13-10)	Cal beats UCLA (7-6)

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Champion: Cal

## ■ WATER POLO

## Senior Spartan ends career in record books

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Senior utility player Adriana Vogt said when she was a freshman coming into 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' 15-5 loss to Stanford which put them in fourth place of eight teams in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. "Finishing in the top four in the MPSF, to me, is just as good as going to the NCAA tournament."

SJSU head coach Lou Tully said Vogt, who scored 11 goals over the weekend, had an exceptional tournament, calling her one of the top players in the conference.

Following the Spartans' 13-10 loss to Cal on Saturday, Golden Bears head coach Richard Corso shook Vogt's hand.

"I just told her I thought she was a great player and I wanted to congratulate her for four super years of playing," Corso said. "I said 'You're my favorite player.'"

Tully followed Vogt in her high school career locally at Sacred Heart Prep, which Vogt said is one reason why she committed to SJSU.

"The reason I came here is because of the coaching staff," she said. "They were just so sincere and honest. I used to come to (SJSU) games when I was a kid so there's just a re-

lationship that is unbeatable."

Noting the accomplishments of Juliette Moss, who played for the Spartans from 2005 to 2009, Tully said Vogt is the best player SJSU has ever had.

"When she came in she was a hell of a player," said Tully, who has coached the team for 14 years. "I said at the time (that) she's the best kid we've had walking through the door. Probably still is."

The senior's two penalty shot scores in the opening game against Hawaii made up the two-point differential.

Tully called the goals "critical."

Vogt ended the tournament with 245 career goals, good for fifth all-time in MPSF history. She also holds the SJSU record for career scores. In her senior season she notched 84 goals, which lead the conference.

Junior utility player Natalie Jennings said Vogt has "the biggest heart ever."

"She's willing to put it all out there for us, she's all about the team," Jennings said. "She's willing to set her pride and everything aside for other people, and that's really awesome."

Junior utility player Katie Buzzetta called Vogt the definition of a leader.

"She's there not only to bring the team up but to calm us down when we get into little mishaps," Buzzetta said. "She's everything for this team."

As for her role on the team, several players agreed on her importance.

"She definitely has a vital role on the team," said junior utility player Natalie Jennings. "We made it to fourth this year, and it's never been done. It's not going to be a matter of filling her shoes, because it can't be done."

Junior two-meter player Allie Stewart said it was going to be very different without Vogt.

"They are huge shoes to fill, a huge cap to fill," Stewart said. "We're all just going to have to step up."

Vogt said she's fine with how she ended her collegiate career, though her absence from the team won't hit her until training time in August.

"You can't have any qualms with it, you can't dwell on it, your career is over," Vogt said after the game Sunday.

Vogt said her dad, who played for legendary coach Peter Cutino at Cal in the 1960s, is the reason she plays the game.

"He's never forced water polo on me because it was his thing," Vogt said. "But when I became a water polo player, it was just like we had a common interest that really built our relationship. Now that it's over, we both feel the same way — that it's been a great part of my life."

Vogt said she was glad her parents were able to experience this chapter of her life with her.

"We're both are on the same page, where it's an accomplishment and something that's going to be great to look back on, but get ready to go on to the next one," she said.

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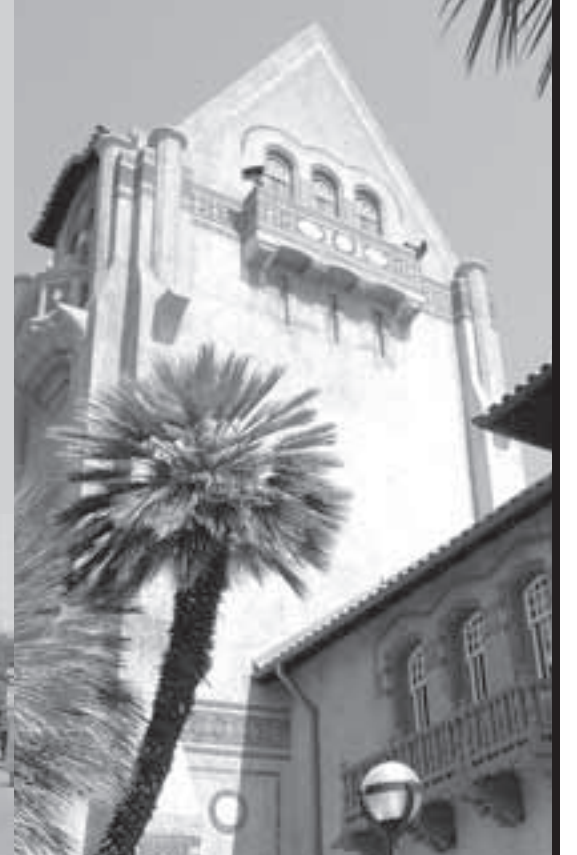
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