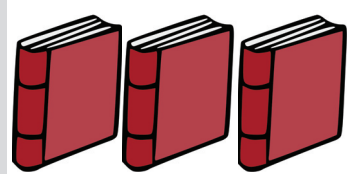




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Table tennis students prepare for tournament

CLEAR FOR TAKEOFF

Aviators prep for nationals

By Andrew Cypert
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The SJSU Precision Flight Team is going to the National Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference at Ohio State University next Spring thanks to the team's efforts at the Los Angeles Region 2 SAFECON competition in early November.

The Precision Flight Team is a student-run organization that takes part in competitions against teams from other universities across the country in National Intercollegiate Flying Association and Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Flying Association air meets, according to sjsuflightteam.org.

This year, the Precision Flight Team scored second overall, second in ground events and third in flight events at the competition. Individual team members scored high rankings during the meet as well.

"Our team was really ecstatic that we're going to nationals for the third year in a row," said Zackary Shaffer, team captain and aviation operations senior. "We really accomplished what we were trying to do plus we did a lot better than expected."

But even though the team did well in Los Angeles, there is still a lot the team needs to work on in order to prepare for the championship.

"Some of the other schools, looking at their scores across the nation, everyone is looking really strong," Shaffer said. "So

probably our chances at first are very slim because we don't have the proper funding, but we could probably finish within the top 10."

Shaffer said he is happy with the progress of the team, but wishes that the new team members this semester could have had more opportunities to practice.

The team practices ground events every Friday and sometimes on weekends. Ground events include aircraft identification, computer-accuracy calculation tests and preflight inspections.

The team will begin practicing more next semester once the championship gets closer.

Team members are responsible for funding everything from engines to gas, mostly by themselves, but some of the members take more pride in the team because of this.

"Unfortunately, our school's program—unlike the other schools—doesn't have that many people to support us," said aviation senior Carlo Espinosa. "We pay out of our own pockets. It's good that we don't have that many strict regulations."

Teams from other schools have certain rules that they must follow because they are funded by their schools, but this is not the case at SJSU.

Espinosa said any of the 18 current

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THE HARD TRUTH

SJSU ranks 65th in sexual health report

By Adolfo Oseguera
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Trojan Brand Condoms released its 2015 Sexual Health Report Card Rankings on Nov. 4, showing which universities around the U.S. have the best accessibility to sexual health resources on campus with research from Sperling's Best Places.

The report card ranked 140 universities out of 11 categories that included condom availability, sexual assault programs, on-site sexually transmitted infection testing and others.

SJSU's ranking in 65th place is attributed to the lack of resources it offers students.

"Campuses need resources so students can plan families accordingly," sociology graduate Alejandra Candelas-Prado said. "If a student chooses to begin a family during their school years, they will have that resource to go to for assistance. The sexual health resources is another way that campuses show that they care about their students."

The 2006 report card and current rankings show that schools have improved based on a 4.0 scale. The overall 2006 GPA average of 1.90 for overall health went up to 3.00 in 2015.

According to the report card, "Schools have continued to implement better pro-

gramming and sexual health resources for their students, improving vastly over the past 10 years."

Students can schedule a sexual wellness consultation in the Health and Wellness Center on campus whenever they need assistance or information.

Consultation topics include: birth control, pregnancy, HPV vaccines, sex and much more. On top of consultations, SJSU also has a Condom Co-Op. The Condom Co-Op allows students go to the Health and Wellness Center to pick up four free items each day. They can choose male or female condoms, dental dams, latex gloves and lubricant packets.

"I always see people near the Event Center handing out free condoms and letting the students know that they have such a resource," said industrial design junior Davis Phan. "I think it is great that the university cares about students' health safety."

Phan said he takes advantage of the resources SJSU has to offer and has gone in for

consultation before.

Trojan created a Sexual Health E-Tool Kit so campuses could see how they could improve their status in the report card.

According to the pamphlet of the E-Tool Kit, campuses should have testing,

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FINAL EFFORT



Kevin Mistry | Spartan Daily

Freshman running back Malik Roberson and the Spartan offense were outrushed by Boise State 300 yards to 138 in the Spartans 40-23 loss on Friday at Spartan Stadium.

full article on page 6 >>

SERVE AND COLLECT

UPD hosts annual holiday toy drive

By Hailee Miguel
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The University Police Department is hosting their 24th annual toy drive this winter in hopes of helping approximately 600 local kids and over 200 families in the San Jose area.

"We saw a need for an outreach in our local community, and that's how it all started," UPD Captain Alan Cavallo said. "Let's reach out to these folks and we can generate funding, we can solicit. The whole goal was 'hey, there are people in need that live right here next to the university, so let's give back to them.'"

UPD is asking for unwrapped toys for children up to the age of 12, which can be donated in a few ways. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off either in donation boxes located around campus or in the UPD lobby.

UPD gives out toys to those in need and food gift cards as well.

Comerica Bank donates \$5,000 to the cause each year. The police department uses that money to purchase toys and gift cards for those in need.

"It's an amazingly warm program,"

said Sergeant John Laws.

Volunteers are encouraged not only to donate, but also contribute to the gift wrapping and delivery.

On Dec. 16, UPD and volunteers will meet in the Event Center Aerobics Room at 11:30 a.m. to wrap more than 100 bags of toys.

Food will be provided and the event will go until approximately 3:30 p.m., but volunteers are asked to stay and give as much time as they can.

Laws said the toy drive has expanded from helping approximately 75 families to 250 families per year, and last year gifted approximately 400 children with toys.

Portraying Santa and seeing the children receive gifts they otherwise are unable to get is something that stands out to Laws.

Santa will not only distribute the toys, but also will be available for photos with kids and spend time with families.

Personal deliveries are an option as well. UPD delivers toys to 50-75 families, Cavallo said.

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TOY DRIVE SCHEDULE

<p>DECEMBER 26</p> <p>Event Center's Aerobics Room Wrap Toys and Presents</p> <p>9:30AM</p>	<p>DECEMBER 29</p> <p>Sweeney Hall Room 100 Toy Giveaway Brief</p> <p>8:00AM</p> <p>Event Center's Aerobics Room Toys Distributed by Santa</p> <p>IMMEDIATELY AFTER</p>
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Infographic Adolfo Oseguera

AVIATION

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members can fly in basketball shorts if they wanted to instead of a regulation outfit.

The team flies all over the country on these trips simply because they can. They paid for their equipment so they head to different places during breaks in the school year or even on weekends.

Espinosa said the team has flown to Los Angeles, San Diego, and Prescott, Arizona within the past year.

When it comes to the national championship in Ohio, it will take the team three to four days to get there. Each two-seater plane has a pilot and a co-pilot/navigator, which is even more practice for the competition.

"In aviation, you don't just read it. You actually apply it. We actually get to do it and we love sharing," Espinosa said. "We like taking people up who aren't pilots because that's what aviation is all about, sharing it with everyone else."

Espinosa and Shaffer said aviation builds bonds between students and brings socialization to academia.

"The best thing I like about the flight team is spending time with fellow pilots and/or people who are interested in the same goal or pursuit as you," Espinosa said.


The team is a brotherhood in their eyes and it gives students who want to make aviation a profession more chances to practice and improve.



Photo by Carlo Espinosa | Precision Flight Team member

Andrew Cypert is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Carlo Espinosa departed from the Los Angeles Basin and rose to 6,500 feet in his Cessna 152 after the Region II SAFECON in early November.






Spartan Knowledge

Mistry's mysteries

On the third floor of SJSU's Martin Luther King, Jr. Library there is a hallway between bookshelves that have motion detectors throughout. The motion detectors are connected to speakers placed in the ceiling. It makes the sound of pages in a book flipping as people walk down the hall.

Check out the full story in tomorrow's paper.

Mysteries Edition 4

Infographic & photos by Kavin Mistry

TOYS

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Volunteers and UPD officers gather in the morning to set an agenda for the day then hop on one of the busses ready to deliver gifts to several households in San Jose neighborhoods.

Santa is also on hand to take toys to these family homes, and volunteers are encouraged to help in the process and on delivery day.

"We do (check) the application, to say don't be somebody who is going to steal from us, but we'll give you what we can give you if you need help," Cavallo said.

This event is to help surrounding communities of SJSU and campus community.

"There are people in need who work here who are in need so, we opened it up to them, it's open to students, faculty and staff," Cavallo said. "If you can't afford to have Christmas come see us and we'll help you out."

The annual drive has many benefits to the community, but seeing the kids' reactions to receiving their gifts and Santa Claus is something that stands out to Cavallo.

"The one thing you see is a bunch of happy kids. That's a cool thing, and that's what Christmas is all about, giving back to people and helping children," Cavallo said.

Laws said there are years with fluctuating volunteers, sometimes there are too many and sometimes there are too little.

This is the first year the toy wrapping and distributing will happen after finals, which is a concern to UPD because they need students to help as much as they can.

"I think the UPD holding this toy drive is a good thing to help out the local community. San Jose has a lot of lower socioeconomic families that could use the toys during the holidays," said kinesiology senior Arturo Langarica. "It's always a good feeling to give to those who are less fortunate than you."

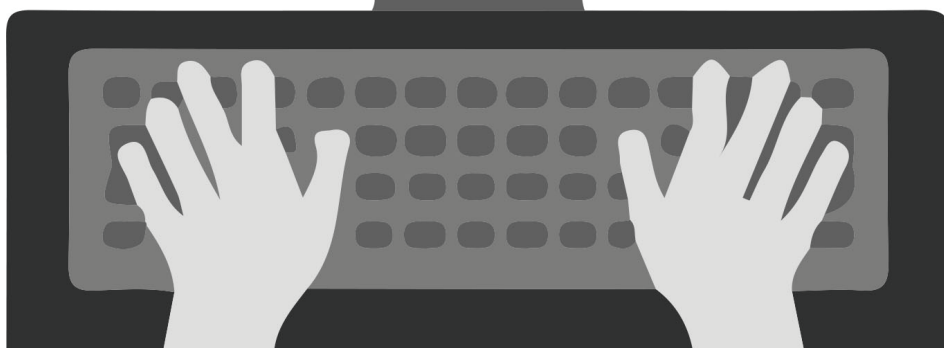
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TROJAN

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student peer groups, a separate lobby for sexual health programs, advocate the release of information and resources and campus newspaper coverage of more sexual activity stories.

Phan said he was not aware of any of the resources until his junior year on campus. He said SJSU needs to do a better job in promoting the program or informing


students about the opportunities and resources that are available.

If students need help with sexual resources, they can call Wellness and Health Promotion Coordinator Zoe Whaley for consultation.

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TEACHER EVALUATIONS

Teacher evaluations are due on December 8. Students who complete evaluations may access grades Tuesday, Dec. 22. Students who DO NOT complete ALL evaluations get access on Tuesday, Jan. 12.





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REVIEW

The novel full of great experiences

Tony Rauch explores a variety of real-life situations in his novel "what if I got down on my knees."

By Adolfo Oseguera
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A novel should be able to relate to its audience. A reader should be able to see themselves in the character's shoes.

Tony Rauch wrote the novel "what if I got down on my knees" which includes multiple short stories readers can easily relate to because of the themes and storyline of each one.

The short stories vary from having bizarre storylines to more realistic ones readers can picture themselves in.

Rauch writes in a way that is almost diary-like rather than a typical novel.

"What if I got down on my knees" includes great literary devices such as metaphors and onomatopoeias.

"That jersey was holy to me, the most beautiful thing ever—cloudy, velvety, baby haze that faded on and on forever. Fade on, fade on. It faded on a dream

of blue as if from an eternal sky back home that dissipated into the thin strands of clouds at the sleeves that unfolded back into sky like a road map to heaven, all crisp thin red lines and bright silver."

The way he describes the jersey in, "when Jesus and I played Football" was majestic and well thought out.

One of the themes of the novel was about learning to let go.

The story revolved around the narrator's friendship with a good friend, Dave Granger. Granger held many of the narrator's memories and secrets, which is why he did not want to let go of him. The narrator realizes Granger would probably do better in life without him in it and learned he had to let go for his friend's benefit.

That story in particular hit close to home

for me because I have gone through something similar because I chose to let go for the bigger cause.

Passion was another theme in the novel.

This theme appears in story, "in the dust." The narrator and his friend, Elmer, do what they love to do even though they get in trouble for it. They love to rally up a large number of dogs by provoking them and having the dogs chase them down the city causing a river of dogs.

Rauch's strategy of breaking the novel up into different stories was a good strategy

because it kept me going and wanting to read more.

I can relate to Elmer and the narrator, because I tend to do many things that I love which gets me in trouble. It is their drive of passion that I can see in myself.

Despite the large amount of short stories, they were easy to read and got straight to the point.

I related to more than one story and that was one of the main reasons I really enjoyed this book.

In particular, the story of Dave Granger and the story with Elmer, I mentioned before.

The one thing I did not like was the title. I felt like it was misleading. I went in thinking that the novel was going to be about sex stories but it wasn't.

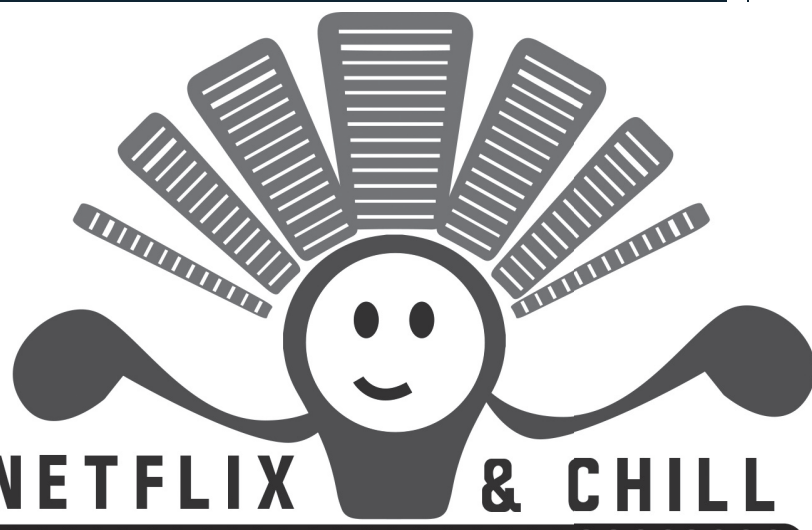
The cover of the novel was very bland and boring as well.

I guess the saying is true, "don't judge a book by its cover."

Overall, "what if I got down on my knees" is a book for a reader to relate to and feel like they are part of the experiences that Rauch writes about.

Adolfo Oseguera is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

The novel being broken up into different stories was a good strategy in Rauch's part because it kept me going and wanting to read more.

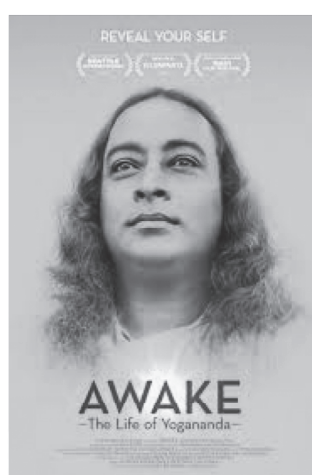


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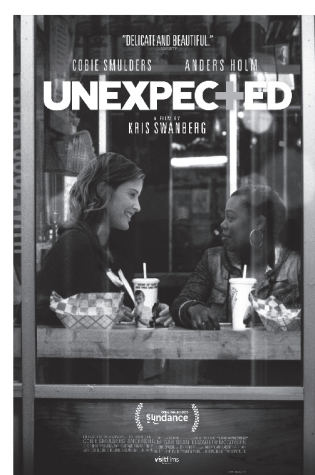
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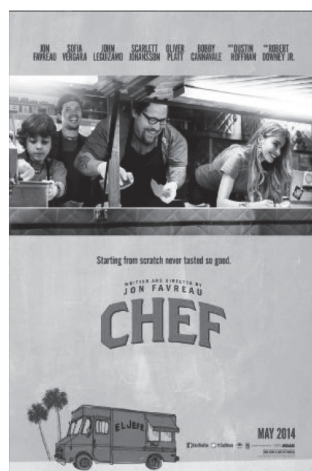
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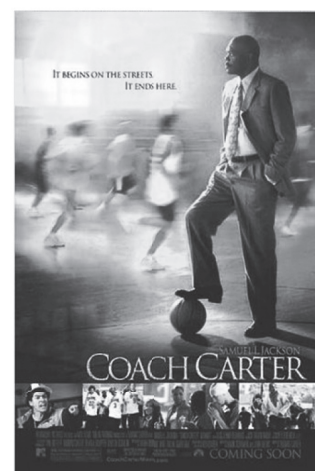
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Rhetorical ramifications Conflicting ideals lead to celebration of murder and domestic terrorism

By Jeremy Cummings
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The fabric of America is unraveling. Not because of abortions, but because of people who call themselves Americans and then express joy at their neighbors' deaths.

As citizens of a democratic nation, it's our right to speak out against laws or ideas with which we disagree. Likewise, it is our responsibility to deal with it when things don't go our way.

For example, I think fracking should be illegal because better energy options exist, it destroys the Earth and there is a disproportionate amount of worker deaths at fracking sites.

But do you see me taking a fracking CEO hostage or blowing up drill sites? No, because that's what terrorists do.

The use of violence, sooting innocents at a planned parenthood for example, in pursuit of a political goal, like criminalizing abortion, is terrorism. I don't know if you missed the memo, but terrorism is bad.

According to Gallup polls, the majority of the country has believed abortion should be at least partially legal since the '70s. That's what we call a majority, and in a democracy majorities get to make the decisions.

It's OK to be anti-abortion. Just learn to deal with reality better.

Go have angry sex and make some more pro-life babies. Maybe in a generation or two they'll be the majority and the tides of democracy will flow in their favor.

In the meantime, just deal with it. You're not always going to be happy. That's just how life works.

I'm disgusted by the man's actions in Colorado, but not surprised unfortunately. This will just be another number in the National Abortion Federation's catalog of the nearly 7,000 violent attacks and threats against abortion providers.

The most shocking thing to me about

this is the way people are reacting to it on social media. America's a free country though so everyone is free to be a hypocrite and condone terrorism when it's for a cause they support.

Voice your opinions at your pleasure, but know that if you publicly support domestic terrorists you are not a good person. There are ways to support the anti-abortion

movement that don't involve killing people or praising a murderer.

Last week, I took some time to debate with a few anti-abortion activists on campus. They were very logical and open to a real dialogue with me.

That's how you support your cause.

You go out and talk to people. When you want to make a political change, you take political action.

The Colorado Springs gunman has been accused of domestic terrorism, and I hope he's convicted. We'll be seeing his ugly mug in our Facebook feeds for the next few weeks as the courts decide his fate.

And because gun violence is involved, pundits and politicians will begin hacking up rhetoric about mental health and gun control with renewed vigor. The only mental health issue I see, however, is people thinking it's OK to condone terrorism on Twitter.

How were these people raised that they're comfortable expressing joy over a horrific public murder?

I blame the barrages of rhetoric launched by the media and politicians. The right words can make people do anything.

It's funny how the same people who say America needs to unite against the Islamic State group turn around and tell poisonous lies that pit us against each other.

Jeremy Cummings is the Spartan Daily executive producer.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

Facebook is an outlet for people to express themselves and in the case of the recent attacks, it has only given us the option to highlight our pictures with the French flag. I did not change my picture because I felt that I did not have to prove that I am against terrorism with a profile picture.

This Facebook function is a superficial method of telling your friends, "Hey, don't forget about me, I hate terrorism too!"

Perhaps it would be best if Facebook would give everyone a choice of what flag to wear. Better yet, get rid of the flag overlay function altogether and pin information on how to donate blood to the top of our page. With the amount of people on Facebook, the company has the power to influence millions of users and they should be doing so in a more productive way.

Speaking of power, it is the media that has the most power of influence over the American people. To say that "Americans are more sympathetic to situations involving Americans" singles Americans out by implying that we are the only ones that feel this way.

The article, "What we really care about," mentions the more an event is televised, the more people become emotionally invested. Isn't that the case for everyone else, or just Americans? To be fair, American media do not televise global events as much as other media outlets around the world which effectively makes the American people uninformed and ultimately ignorant of anything that has nothing to do with America.

Facebook's response to the Paris attacks raises the question of whether they are obligated to help or not, and to what extent? Are they obligated to know about and publicize every terrorist attack in the world?

Spencer Lofting
Communications senior



Classifieds

Sudoku Puzzle

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 - 20 Marsh bird
 - 21 Pine tree product
 - 22 Part of a ship's hull
 - 23 Like some old buckets
 - 25 Trip to the garage?
 - 27 Climb (up a pole)
 - 30 Seoul mates?
 - 34 One hundred million decades
 - 35 Italian wine area
 - 38 Cliffside dwelling
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 - 43 Exceptionally smart people
 - 44 Hawaiian island
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 - 46 Target of tweezers, sometimes
 - 48 Animal's restraint
 - 51 Wasn't colorfast
 - 52 Type of finish
 - 54 "___ hollers, let him go"
 - 57 Group of three
 - 59 Merge
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 - 66 Thrill no end
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 - 69 Give permission for
 - 70 Eye-opening problem?
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 - 8 Atomic particle
 - 9 Greeting for Caesar
 - 10 Job-hours total
 - 11 Capitol employee
 - 12 Swivel sharply
 - 13 Loaf or loafer part
 - 18 ___-to (shack)
 - 19 Block, as a bill
 - 24 Myanmar currency
 - 26 Face-to-face exam
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 - 28 "That's silly!"
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 - 33 "Against the Wind" singer Bob
 - 36 Belmont bet
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 - 47 Catch ___ (start to get)
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 - 53 How some things are contested
 - 54 What comes to mind
 - 55 Dirt used on a new homesite
 - 56 What time will do to a wound
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How concerned should Americans be about the Islamic State group?

We shouldn't live in fear

By Vasuki Rao
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It is human nature to dramatically react to sudden, here and now, in-your-face threats.

Following the exhibited terrors of the Islamic State group and what it is capable of, that is the case with everything being discussed lately. Most of these discussions have revolved around the same emotion—fear.

If there is one thing we can praise the Islamic State group for, it is its capacity to terrorize. Fear is its strongest weapon.

Last week, Richard Dawkins tweeted, “Brussels, I may be wrong, but are our news media playing into IS hands by hyping the cowering fear of the next raid? Isn't it what they want?”

I might not have the highest regards for Dawkins (or his hypocritical personality) but I must admit, the man has a point.

For an organization that is driven purely by misguided definitions of what Islam is, the only way it can really win is if we succumb to the fear they are relentlessly trying to instill in us.

This does not mean that the lives of the victims that were taken away by the Islamic State group are not something we can mourn over. We can however, mourn without believing its propaganda and feeding it.

The Islamic State group is, in many ways, just a bunch of psychotic terrorists whose acts slowly convince you that your government cannot protect you, which is true. But it isn't because the group is bigger than your government.

Many things that happen that are beyond the government's control. Every school shooting, car accident and natural disaster would have to be blamed on the government's inability to prevent them.

Bad things happen, but it is up to us how we handle our reactions.

By allowing ourselves to be engulfed by fear, we are letting the Islamic State group win.

“Terrorism is a crime against the mind,” security expert Bruce Schneier said in an interview with the Washington Post.

In simpler words, if you shake the crazy cage long enough, a few bolts are bound to fall off, which is what the Islamic State group is trying to do.

An article in Vox recently stated that by not accepting Syrian refugees, we (the U.S.) are falling into the Islamic State group's strategy of creating contempt of Muslims in western countries.

So far, 27 governors have said that they will not accept Syrian refugees because

they fear the influx of people will increase the probability of sneaking in a member of the Islamic State group.

But by not accepting Syrian refugees, we are turning our backs on those who want a means of escape from a mutual enemy. As a repercussion, the Islamic State group will have more people to recruit from.

Working for a news organization, this might sound a little hypocritical of me, but just because something is on the news does not mean it is of utmost importance.

Global warming, for example, is much more important of an issue than the Islamic State group is at the moment. But we don't see discussions over morning coffee with people going, “so this global warming thing, I'm actually really afraid, what do you think we should do?”

Instead, I've heard at least five conversations from people asking each other how afraid they are about the Islamic State group and their thoughts since the Paris attacks.

Preventing the Islamic State group from staging a terrorist act at Times Square, for example, is not completely in our control. The only thing the attacks in Paris had over global warming was shock value.

Ironically, preventing global warming is something we can actually do through little things like purchasing a fuel-efficient vehicle, moving your fridge and freezer, using less hot water, recycling and reusing shopping bags.

Terrorist attacks are more graphic. They hit closer to home and they happen out of nowhere.

On top of all that, there have been more movies that depict exaggerated terrorist attacks than there have been films on the effects of global warming.

Countless statistics prove that your chance of getting killed in a day-to-day activity is greatly higher than your chance of getting killed in a terrorist attack.

After 9/11, U.S. citizens were afraid of suicide bombers and bombs being planted in malls, hospitals and schools, but nothing happened. Instead, it was the Muslims and the turban wearers around the country that were attacked out of—you guessed it—fear.

Fear makes people do stupid things. The Islamic State group is not only hated in the West but also in the Middle East. It does not have a good reputation anywhere except among the group itself.

If anything, we should take comfort in knowing we have more people on our side against a bunch of radicals whose hype is always going to be bigger than their physical ability to terrorize us.

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We should be prepared

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After the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, which sent the world into chaos, it's appropriate that we discuss the nature of the situation.

Before I begin my rant, I want to state that I know the goal of terrorism is to drive fear into hearts of the public, so by reacting the terrorist gain a small mental victory.

I know it's easy to just turn off your TV and ignore the chaos, but the “if” factor of an attack on American soil makes the fear a reality.

The Islamic State group, which claimed responsibility for the attacks, stated it had plans for future attacks around the world, most notably Rome and Washington D.C.

I'm not saying we need to go on high alert and change our everyday lives because of this, but at the same time this should not be taken lightly.

Terrorist groups will stop at nothing to achieve their goal.

According to the scientific journal “International Security,” two of the authors, Andrew H. Kydd and Barbara F. Walter, stated, “Terrorists using intimidation try to convince the population that the terrorists are strong enough to punish disobedience and that the government is too weak to stop them, so that people behave as the terrorists wish.”

In July 2010, the Department of Homeland Security started the If You See Something, Say Something campaign. While this is an initiative to prevent future terrorism, I don't think it's the right response because this program can potentially stir false hysteria.

There is a lot about the Islamic State group we don't know which could potentially make it a viable threat.

The CIA predicted that it had 31,500 active fighters but it turns out they severely underestimated the number of Jihadists. New reports suggest the group is at least 200,000 strong, which makes it a threat on several fronts.

The group is extremely media savvy and have been praised by media outlets for their recruitment efforts. This factor has been the reason the Islamic State group has been able to recruit foreign fighters that make a domestic attack even greater.

According to Business Insider, Islamic State group's marketing tactics “embrace professional-looking communications through news updates, magazines, videos and even parody Twitter accounts.”

The report also states the mission statement of Al Hayat Media Center, the Islamic State's news organization, is to “convey the message of the Islamic State in different languages with the aim of unifying Muslims under one flag.”

The point I'm trying to make is to hope for the best but prepare for the worst. I'm extremely confident that our government (despite all the shady things it has done) will protect us from a homeland attack. So far Homeland Security has already caught 66 people involved in terror plots against the U.S., according to the United Kingdom's Daily Mail.

A handful were disguised as refugees, which unfortunately contributes to the media frenzy of pundits stirring up fear in ignorant people.

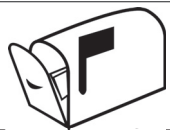
The White House has said they are vigorously screening refugees seeking asylum and the process is more in-depth than Europe's process.

All I'm saying is that if an attack were to happen (and that's a big if) the American people should be ready to respond, because it is inevitable that there will a response.

I'm willing to bet the people of Paris felt safe, until their country saw three attacks in one calendar year.

If an attack happens we need to come together as a nation and unite to help one another and reestablish our sense of freedom and security. We, as the American people, will not be defeated by mental games.

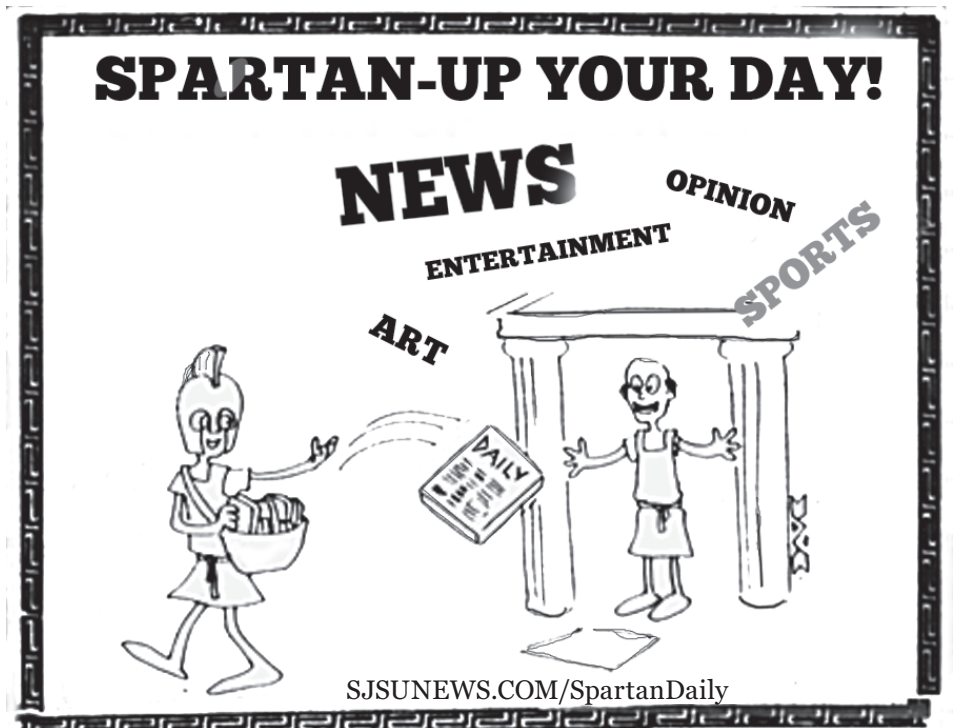
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Broncos trample Spartans

By **Kavin Mistry**
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San Jose State University fell one win short of bowl eligibility after a 40-23 loss at the hands of Boise State at Spartan Stadium on Friday.

Emotions ran high after Senior Day celebrations took place midfield before the game. The Spartans played a spirited game of football in front of their biggest crowd of the season.

The Spartans led 10-9 at halftime with quarterback Kenny Potter's 35-yard touchdown pass to tight end Billy Freeman and timely defense at the end of the second quarter that held the Broncos to a field goal.

"We got off to a good start in the first half," Potter said. "I am so proud of our guys, the seniors, everyone for fighting it out and that's

all you can really ask for as a player."

The game took a 180-degree turn in the second half as the defenses began to open up and an onslaught of Broncos offense ensued.

"I was frustrated with the second half," said head coach Ron Caragher. "Everyone knew what was at stake, a chance to come out and get a sixth win and a chance to send our seniors off with a victory, their final game in Spartan Stadium."

The second half belonged to running back Jeremy McNichols and the Broncos. McNichols had three touchdowns, two on the ground and one in the air to go along with 192 yards rushing and 40 yards receiving.

"Where the game turned was a missed tackle right there in the third quarter," Caragher said. "It turned into an 80-yard touchdown from a plus two-yard gain and then I think we had another missed tackle again. It's frustrating."

The game was close going into the fourth quarter then Boise State pulled away. In the blink of an eye, the score went from 10-9 to 26-10 in favor of the Broncos.

"I was a little surprised," said senior running back Tyler Ervin. "We went into the halftime up and we were looking to carry that momentum into the third quarter, but they ended up making a couple of good plays and we struggled to bounce back."

The Spartan offense did not quit, doing all it could to try and get back in the game. Boise State came back with every score and scored a touchdown to keep a solid lead.

Potter also threw two costly interceptions that put the comeback hopes to bed.

"I wish that I could have those two throws back. It's too late now, but I am proud of our offense, defense, everyone," Potter said. "We never quit whether we are down 17 with two minutes left or anything. It was good to see that."

Ervin had a quiet day, starting off with a 40-yard run on the second drive of the game before he was held to 12 yards the rest of the way.

"They have a very good defense," Ervin said. "I have to give it to them, they play hard and we just did not get the job done offen-



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Junior quarterback Kenny Potter struggled to come back after Boise State's offensive surge in the second half Friday at Spartan Stadium.

sively as far as running the ball."

The players had a tough time dealing with the loss, a culmination of a season filled with missed opportunities that if executed correctly could have resulted in a winning season for SJSU and a chance at a bowl game.

"It is tough especially because I am a senior," Ervin said. "This is my last year and

not being able to go to a bowl stings a little bit, but I think it is a learning experience for our entire team and the younger guys."

The Spartans end the season with a 5-7 record, 4-4 in Mountain West play.

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Senior	6'3	Tight End
Friday vs. Boise State		
7	109	1
Receptions	yards	TD

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Rogers leads Spartans to fourth place finish

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The San Jose State University men's basketball team finished fourth in the Great Alaska Shootout tournament after defeating the University of Alaska 91-87 Saturday afternoon.

The Spartans finished 2-1 overall in the tournament and already has more wins this season than all of last year with an improved record of 3-3.

The tournament victories were due in part to the Spartans much improved shooting. The team shot 58 percent from the field and 48 percent from beyond the arc.

Their offense was led by senior forward Frank Rogers, who set a new career high with 32 points, shooting 14-18 Saturday.

The Spartans pulled away from the Alaska Anchorage Seawolves with a 10-1 run and seven minutes left in the second half. The game decider came with 15 seconds left when SJSU guard Gary Williams, Jr. hit two clutch-free throws to put the game away.

The Spartans head home this week to face Antelope Valley on Wednesday, Dec. 3 before going back on the road.

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Senior	6'9	Forward
Salinas, CA		
Friday vs. San Diego		
18	14	3
18 points	14 rebounds	3 assists
Saturday vs. Alaska		
32	12	2
32 points	12 rebounds	2 assists

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