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**CAMPUS IMAGE**



Junior forward Louis Garrett (right) drives past senior guard LaVanne Pennington in the men's basketball team's intrasquad scrimmage in the Event Center last night. The squad will have its first preseason exhibition on Nov. 1 against Academy of Art. **Photo by Jesse Jones / Contributing Photographer**

**TECH**

**Students have varying reads on e-book value**

By **Jacque Orvis**  
@jorvis

Some SJSU students aren't fully buying into the e-book trend.

According to Nick Chargin, the Robert's Bookstore general manager, college students have not fully embraced e-books because the current college student started reading with print text.

"People who started with e-books in elementary haven't reached college yet," he said, adding that teenagers are more comfortable with e-books than college students. "It's not as large as an impact. Yet."

According to SJSU economics lecturer Mike Jerbic, e-book versions of textbooks can be found online.

Jerbic said he took an in-class poll of 16 students about textbooks and asked how much they spent on them, which format they used and which format they preferred to use for the classwork.

His students spent an average of \$41 on textbooks this semester. One student didn't buy any of the books, and one student found free electronic versions of the books online, according to Jerbic.

"One student printed the book out on his own at no charge," he said, adding that the student printed the book from home for free. "Most of the students who paid for the book thought it wasn't worth its price."

However, students still seem torn between the tactile nature of a physical book and the convenience of an e-book.

Senior psychology major Priscilla Candell said she prefers "actual books" as opposed to e-books for her math and science classes.

"It's just easier to concentrate when I have the hard copy ... with

diagrams and pictures," she said.

Cristina Javier, a mechanical engineering graduate student, said e-books are more convenient than print copies but she still "prefers to flip through the pages" of printed text.

Chris Cook, a senior software engineering major, said he'll get whichever is cheapest. If he can't download it for free online, he'll buy a textbook if he really needs it for his class.

Tejaswini Karra, a software engineering graduate student, said while she would rather have physical copies of her textbooks, but she likes being able to search for information on an e-book with the 'control f' function.

"The more we move toward a society of convenience, the more convenience outweighs tactile experience," Chargin said.

Reference librarian Ann Agee said e-books are the more popular form of text checked out in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. library, as opposed to print text.

"In the 2011-2012 academic year, 855,352 e-books from the university's collection were accessed by students," Agee said.

In contrast, 365,063 print books were checked out by public and university patrons, according to Agee.

"For the past several years, the library has been trying to buy as many newly published books as possible in an e-book format," she said. "That means that if students are looking for current information, they're going to want to look at e-books."

She said readers appear to prefer e-books over printed books because of their accessibility and inability to be lost or stolen.

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**CAMPUS**

**Robotics club takes learning by the batteries**

By **Jacque Orvis**  
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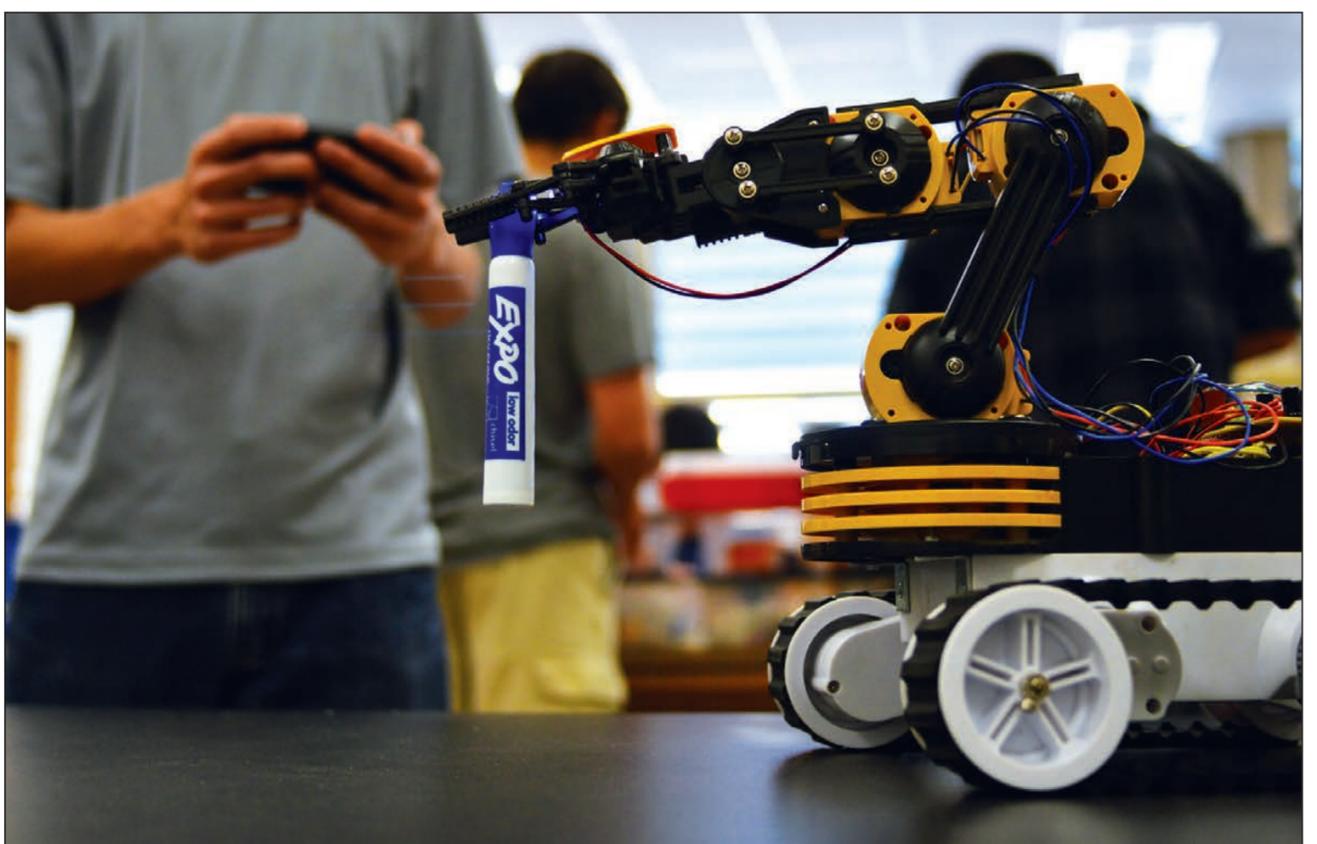
SJSU students started the Robotics Club to teach themselves what they aren't learning in the classroom.

Electrical engineering students Phil Cyr and Killol Acharya said they started the Robotics Club in Fall 2010 because other SJSU clubs didn't fulfill their interests in robotics.

"By doing these projects, I learn things I don't in the classroom," member Kevin Adinata said before he picked up a marker with a robot while controlling it from his phone. "It's all paper and pen most of the time... you don't get into the application process in the classroom"

Adinata said it's easier for him to learn about electronics by building things rather than learning the theory behind it in class.

"That's what I expected in college," he said. "But it's more math



Electrical engineering student Kevin Adinata controls a robot from his phone using an Android app designed by the Robotics Club. **Photo by Jacque Orvis / Spartan Daily**

and physics and solving equations."

Most Robotics Club members are drawn to the club because of the applied science experience, according to Adinata.

"We do projects; we're interactive," Adinata said. "Not a lot of other clubs do projects that aren't for competition."

Ben Lancaster, a freshman electrical engineering major, said

he joined the club because he was looking for a place to build stuff.

"It gives me access to tools I don't have access to," he said. "And I've been learning a lot of things from people about robotics."

Luat Nguyen, a senior electrical engineering major, said the club also hosts basic soldering skills at every meeting for members new to electronics, and they hold workshops during the summer to teach

each other new skills.

"We share knowledge between majors," Nguyen said, describing the Arduino and digital design workshops for mechanical engineering held over the summer. "People I taught are now teaching other students."

Nguyen said members have several different robotic projects in progress simultaneously – including a programmable helicopter and

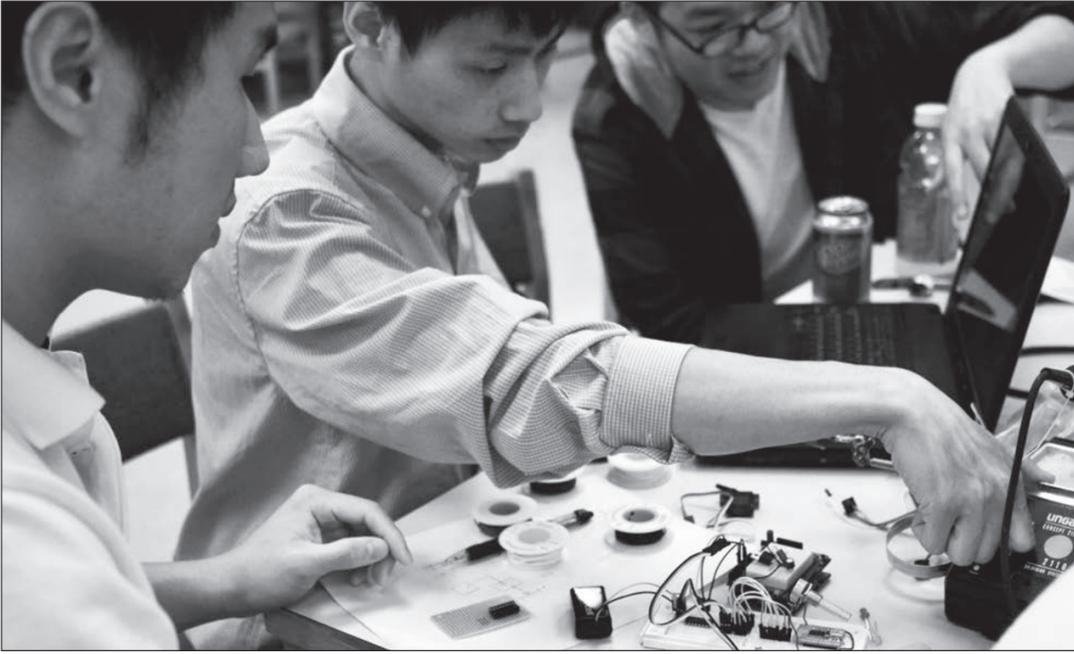
a control-free powered skateboard.

Nguyen was the fourth member to join the club, signing up during his second semester at SJSU in Spring 2011.

He said it was difficult getting students to sign up at first because the club didn't have any robots built yet.

"They didn't want to stick

SEE **ROBOTICS** ON PAGE 2



(From left to right) Electrical engineering students Johnston Chong, Luat Nguyen and Robert San work on the design of a new robot for the SJSU Robotics Club. **Photo by Jacque Orvis / Spartan Daily**

## Robotics: Club computes for hands-on skills

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around,” Nguyen said. “But we managed to get a few.”

They built their first robot later that semester — a brick-sized battery-powered robot that is programmed to drive along a black line on a surface using infrared light, according to Nguyen.

In Fall 2011, they built a motorized skateboard. The next semester they built a quad-motored helicopter, a balancing robot and the remote-controlled arm car, according to Nguyen.

The latest complete robot is a car with a robotic arm controlled by an Android

application designed by club members.

Nguyen said it was easier getting new members this semester because the new robots made an impression at the Fall Welcome Days last August.

According to Nguyen, the Robotics Club now has 28 members and 74 newsletter subscribers.

In addition to building robots for the club, members work on their own projects and contribute to the workshops to teach other new skills, according to Nguyen.

Lancaster said he’s working on a secret “Halloween

scarebox” for his Halloween costume.

“I want to be a mad scientist,” he said. He called it a “big red button” but wouldn’t say much more about it.

He said he’s also building an affordable frequency generator.

Lancaster said he wants to make one that generates 10 megahertz because there aren’t any affordable frequency generators on the market that go above two MHz.

“I’ll offer to build them (for others) or just give away details online,” he said. “I haven’t decided yet.”

Nguyen added that while the club gets funding from Associated Students and donations, most of the money for parts comes out of pocket.

For example, he said club members spent around \$300 on parts for the projects, including ten new Arduinos for the summer workshops.

“We wanted to make new recruits feel welcome,” Nguyen said. “Make them feel like they’re do something here that they’re part of the team.”

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## E-books: Students torn over new format

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However, Spartan Bookstore’s Ryland Metzinger said students still prefer print textbooks over digital copies.

“The fact that we have an e-book platform and are offering more and more textbooks in digital format offers students yet more choices to get textbooks,” he said. “But most students are not going the digital route.”

Metzinger said e-books represented one percent of the Spartan Bookstore’s total textbook sales last year.

“Through our e-textbook platform, Nookstudy.com, we are able to offer over 30 percent of our textbooks available to purchase digitally,” he said. “Many students ask about e-books, but end up preferring to rent books or buy them and sell them back.”

Spartan Bookstore rented more than 20,000 books and saved the SJSU students over \$800,000, according to Metzinger.

“It’s much more convenient to download the books,” Cook said. “I only get ones that I absolutely need to get.”

According to Metzinger, digital books are 30 to 60 percent cheaper than new print textbooks.

He said renting textbooks is 50 percent cheaper than buying new, and students can get about a 50 percent return if they sell new books back to the Spartan Bookstore.

But he says selling back textbooks that were purchased used is the cheapest option for students

“By buying a used textbook at 75 percent of the new retail price, assuming we will buy the book back, we will give the students 50 percent of the used price,” he said.

Cook said he forgets to return the books he rents from the bookstore, costing him more money than it would have to buy it new and sell it back.

“I can pretty much sell (a new book) back for about the same or more if I keep it looking new,” he said.

Regardless, Chargin said e-books will take off when electronic publications evolve into something more than just the reading material.

“It’ll grow more with multimedia factor,” he said. “The more media grows to be more than just words on a screen — that’s when e-books will take over.”

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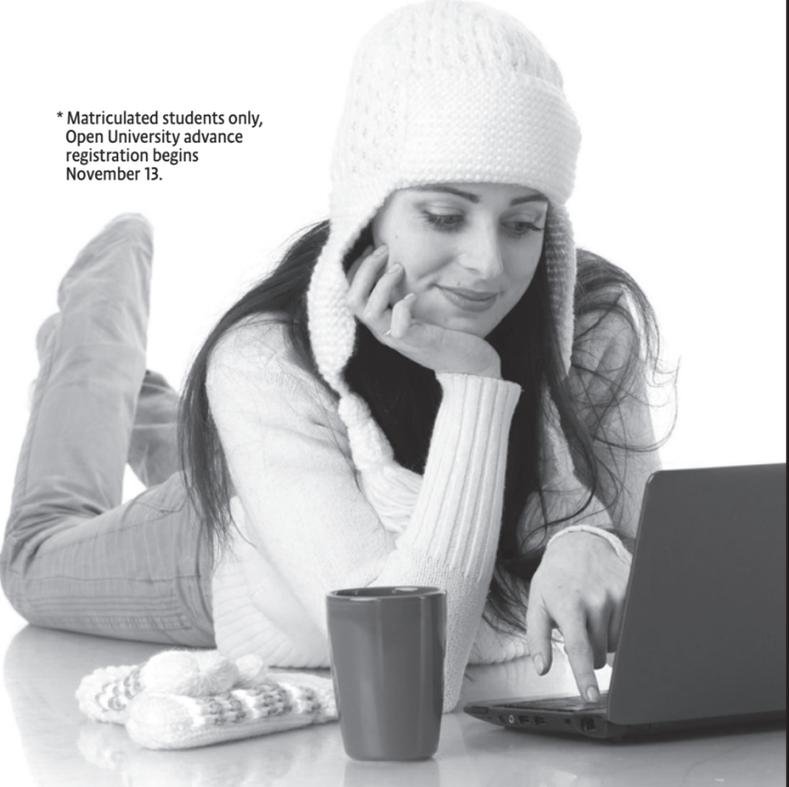
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## WORLD SERIES PREVIEW

## Giants' improbable run nothing like the one in 2010

By Ron Gleeson  
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The Giants are headed to their second World Series in three years. This trip to the Fall Classic, however, is nothing like the one that brought San Francisco its first Series title in the franchise's existence.

In some ways it is similar. There was plenty of excruciating torture apportioned throughout both series.

In each series, the Giants won three straight games to steer clear from an imminent elimination. There's not much more a team can do to put its fan base through such purgatory.

There was also that feeling that no matter what, in the end, everything would turn out alright.

Even with series deficits of 2-0 to the Cincinnati Reds and 3-1 to the St. Louis Cardinals, the team knew it would not give up and used each other as motivation to play one more game together.

The World Series run in 2010, however, possessed a very small amount of bumps in the road for the Giants.

San Francisco never fell down a game in a series during that entire postseason, never mind face an elimination game and stave it off like this club has.

The most notable difference in this team is written on paper. The Giants' roster is dramatically altered from its 2010 version.

The only position player that started in the Giants' clinching Game 5 of the 2010 World Series still in the starting lineup as of yesterday: Buster Posey.

In 2010, Pablo Sandoval was too out of shape and too far into the downward spiral of an October slump that he only received three plate appearances in the World Series.

This time around, Sandoval is batting third in the lineup and will be counted on heavily. Back then, Barry Zito was considered the worst pitcher on the staff, so bad that he was left off the World Series roster.

Tonight, he will start in Game 1 of the World Series. The Giants have won each of Zito's last 13 starts. What a turnaround.

Why is Zito starting tonight instead of say, Tim Lincecum, you ask? That is another reason why this path



Barry Zito is the starting pitcher for the San Francisco Giants in Game 1 of the 2012 World Series. The Giants have won in each of Zito's last 13 starts. **Photo by Aric Crabb / MCT**

is nothing like the one paved two years ago.

Dominant pitching without a doubt was the foremost reason why the Giants won in 2010 — with timely but sparse hitting sprinkled throughout, of course.

The doubts about this team have shifted from the plate to the mound, as its best pitcher from 2010 is struggling like he never has before. Lincecum, recognized as the best player throughout the postseason with the Babe Ruth Award in 2010, would hands-down be the Game 1 starter if he weren't coming off the worst season of his young career.

The two-time Cy Young winner pitched 8.1 innings of relief in the previous two series this postseason while allowing just one run, but gave up four runs in 4.2 innings in his only start this postseason in Game 4.

Another Giants pitcher who did so well two years ago, Madison Bumgarner, is throwing nowhere near the quality innings he did in his rookie year in 2010.

In four postseason starts in 2010, Bumgarner went 2-0 with 2.18 earned run average, allowing five earned runs in 20.2 innings pitched.

In half the starts this postseason (2), Bumgarner has allowed twice the runs (10). Giants manager Bruce Bochy has announced Bumgarner will start Game 2, which could be a costly decision should the left-hander continue to pitch this way.

Two of the best Giants pitchers this postseason, Ryan Vogelsong and Matt Cain, will start Games 3 and 4, respectively.

This could serve as a good fallback and set the stage for another series comeback should Zito and Bumgarner falter in the first two games.

Introducing the Giants' opponent in the World Series, the Detroit Tigers, similarities to 2010 further emerge.

First off, the Giants are the underdogs. Secondly, they are already being written off as Game 1 losers as they are scheduled to face Justin Verlander. Remember, the Giants were also supposed to lose Game 1 in 2010 to an-

other otherworldly pitcher in Cliff Lee — and they won.

Moreover, on the Tigers, the entire team is looking incredibly in sync coming off a four-game sweep of the New York Yankees, a team whose resilience has helped win them 27 World Series cham-

ionships — the most in Major League Baseball history.

The way the Tigers took down the Yankees, however, shows the piece of Detroit's puzzle that is most flourishing — the pitching.

Detroit held the Yankees to a .157 team batting aver-

age. For those of you who don't know baseball well, that is an incredibly low number for a team playing in the playoffs, or at any point of the season for that matter.

The fact that the Tigers are winning with pitching, much like the Giants did in 2010, may cause some concern for Giants fans. It shouldn't.

The Giants have defeated solid pitchers this entire postseason, such as Mat Latos, Homer Bailey, Kyle Lohse and Chris Carpenter — twice. Obviously, none of the caliber of Verlander.

The Giants do have their dark spots, aside from the starting pitching woes.

Aside from Hunter Pence's bases-clearing double in Game 7 and solo home run in Game 4 of the NLCS, Pence and Posey have been very unproductive. Posey, in fact, hit just .154 and collected only a single run batted in over seven games against the Cardinals.

Posey needs — no, must — improve those numbers to help the Giants counter the sizzling Detroit pitching.

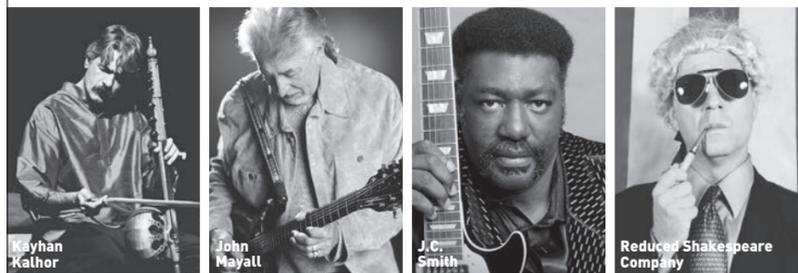
It was an improbable route to the World Series the Giants took this go-around.

But after coming from behind in historic fashion two series in a row, the Giants have to be thinking anything can happen, shouldn't they?

They weren't chosen by any baseball "analysts" to beat the Rangers in 2010 and this year is no different. Let's hope the result isn't either.

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## NIGHT LIFE DEAD? GET CREATIVE.



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**NATIONAL**



Brian Jones looks at the parents of Robert Champion on Monday as he apologizes to before being sentenced in an Orlando courtroom for the Florida A&M University hazing incident. **Photo by Red Huber / MCT**

## Former Florida A&M University band member gets two years of probation

By **Stephen Hudak and Denise-Marie Ordway**  
*McClatchy Tribune*

ORLANDO, Fla. — An Orange County judge Monday ordered two years of probation and 200 hours of community service for Brian Jones, the first of a dozen former members of Florida A&M's famous marching band to be sentenced in the fatal hazing of drum major Robert Champion.

Jones, 23, a percussionist who had pleaded no contest to a felony-hazing charge, also will have to complete six months of community control, a type of probation that might require him to wear an ankle monitor.

Circuit Judge Marc Lubet could have sentenced Jones

to five years in prison. But Lubet told Jones that his life was worth saving, and that a felony record would destroy him.

Before the sentencing, the victim's mother, Pamela Champion, who carried a framed photograph of her son to the podium, told the court that Jones' role was not minimal. She called the hazing an act of murder.

"You will always know your part in what you've done," she said, speaking directly to Jones. "It will haunt you."

Champion's parents, who traveled from Georgia for the proceeding, reacted to the sentencing later Monday in a news conference. Pamela Champion said she was disappointed, but gave Jones credit

for having the courage to say he was wrong.

"They know exactly who they are and every one of them were wrong," she said.

They had expressed disappointment in the spring when prosecutors decided to seek third-degree felony hazing charges instead of murder or manslaughter for the band members who played a role in their son's death.

Champion, 26, died Nov. 19 after being beaten aboard a band bus parked outside the Rosen Plaza hotel. The Marching 100 had traveled to Orlando from Tallahassee to perform at the annual Florida Classic football game, a major fundraiser for FAMU and its longtime rival, Bethune-Cookman University of Daytona Beach.

## Sparta Guide

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African-American Faculty and Staff Association

**Today, Oct. 24**

12 to 1:30 p.m.

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Department of Justice Studies

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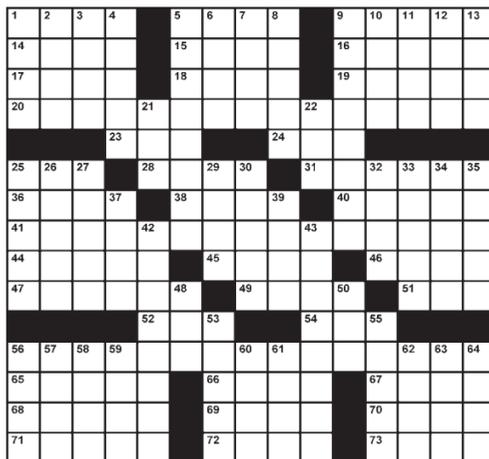
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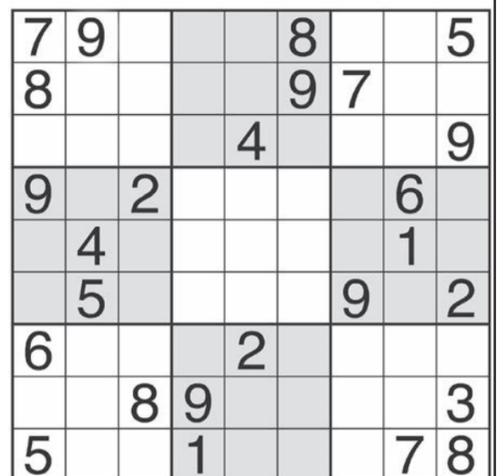
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### Previous Puzzle Answer



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



### Previous Sudoku Answer



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

## SJSU doesn't do enough to make its students feel safe



Follow Kimberley Diaz on Twitter at @SD\_KDiaz

Every night at 11 p.m., I get off work and cross through campus to get home.

SJSU is always so quiet around that time and it's the most frightening silence ever.

I've been attending San Jose State for nearly five years and I still don't feel safe walking through campus late at night.

Too much crime and violence have been occurring throughout San Jose,

making me feel more on edge whenever I set foot on campus.

I am thankful for the SJSU UPD alerts I get on my phone, but when I began to receive more texts than usual, I didn't think too much of it.

The idea of danger didn't really phase me until about a year ago.

It was late at night and I had just left work.

My boyfriend lives nearby, so he came out to walk me back.

I didn't want him to walk me home when he was so close by, so I decided to use a UPD bluelight.

They responded to my request and told me to wait. I waited a good 20 minutes, with constant cop cars passing by, before anyone came.

I understand that I wasn't in grave danger, but 20 minutes seems

like a long response time, especially when I saw UPD patrolling around campus.

I had a similar incident happen, only this one was much more frightening.

I had just gotten out of a late night class and I wanted to use a bluelight and be escorted home.

I pushed the button, but no response. I decided to go and use the next bluelight, thinking to myself that someone probably pushed it recently as a prank and that's why the dispatcher didn't respond.

I went to the next bluelight and nothing again.

This time, I could hear the dispatcher slightly and I tried to tell her my situation and then I heard no response and no flashing light on top of the bluelight.

She hung up on me.

In my mind, I tried to reason with this, think-

ing she probably hung up because she couldn't hear me and wanted me to call again. I tried pushing the button again and nothing.

After that, I decided to walk home, feeling terrified and confused.

I couldn't believe what had happened.

If I had been pushing the button for fear of my safety rather than needing a ride, I could have been in trouble or worse.

It was because of this that I decided to get a bike and use that to get home and walk with others when I can, avoiding the bluelights altogether.

What scares me more is the fact that I'm not the only one with this kind of story.

Many of my friends have experienced similar feelings, walking home and risking possible danger just

because they don't want to push the bluelight button and become a sitting duck.

Response time to escort students should not take so long.

I understand it's just an escort and that UPD is busy with other responsibilities but waiting more than 10 minutes to be taken home is ridiculous.

So many students pay these ridiculous fees and yet many of us don't feel safe on campus.

I feel it's dumb that we have so much crime happening on campus, yet a good portion of our money is going to a new Student Union.

A student union I might add, that I won't be able to use because I have graduated by then, as will so many others.

If I'm going to be charged more, at least make me pay for something that will ben-

efit the students safety and well-being.

UPD recently opened a new escort program that allows students to call when they need a ride home.

I haven't used it yet and haven't heard anything bad, but I haven't heard anything good either.

Not too long ago, I saw at least two UPD bluelights out of order for a good week.

Why does it take so long to fix a bluelight?

Shouldn't SJSU jump on that issue and fix it for the safety of the students rather than leave it useless for a week?

For a school that's sucking away our dollars, it feels as if SJSU is doing a terrible job at making the students feel safe.

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## Myhre's Mind

by Julie Myhre

### Enjoy your time before it's gone



Julie Myhre's column appears every Wednesday.

My oldest sister is getting married on Saturday and it is an understatement to say I am anxiously waiting for the day.

I can't believe we are already at the age where we are getting married – are we really that old?

It seems like just yesterday when Michelle was babysitting me and my other sister as my parents went out to dinner.

Where did the time go? In the first week of November I'll be 25 years old.

Is that what happens when you get older – time just flies by?

Do I just have to look forward to a life of time going by very quickly?

Apparently, I'm not the only person who realizes how fast time flies.

National Public Radio published a podcast called

“Why Does Time Fly By As You Get Older” by science correspondent Robert Krulwich in August about this exact topic.

A guest on the podcast was Professor Warren Meck of Duke University, who attempted to explain this concept.

One of the theories he talked about was that as people age, something changes in their brains that makes them lose the ability to measure time.

He said the speed of which our brain cells slow down as we age affects the way we react or comprehend time.

That is crazy. To think that when we hit a certain age we won't be able to comprehend length of time is kind of scary.

How long will it take us to realize how quickly time is going by?

One morning will I wake up at the age of 50 and say “Oh my gosh I was only 25 yesterday?”

I know that's a little extreme, but the reality is that time goes by quicker when we get older.

To test the theory, an NPR correspondent went to the streets and asked

people of different ages to close their eyes and tell the correspondent when they thought one minute has passed.

All the younger people they tested were able to roughly guess – they were off by five seconds or so – when one minute was up, but the older people, aged 60 and above, were not even close to the length of a minute – they were over by more than 30 seconds each time.

### Do I just have to look forward to a life of time going by very quickly?

This is a common test done throughout the world to look at how people measure time, according to Meck.

As your brain slows down or pulses differently,

people get the idea that the time around them is speeding up, when in actuality time is continuing at the same speed, he said.

It makes sense.

There is a running joke in my family that my mom has no concept of time because she is always five-to-ten minutes late to everything.

Maybe she doesn't really have any concept of time. Maybe as she's getting older she is really losing her concept of time.

Another theory, which I agree with, is the idea that time is not as significant when we're children.

I remember summers lasting forever as a child, but as a young adult they seem to speed past.

I think the concept of time moving quickly is mostly based on the fact that we are busy as adults.

When we're children, we have an easy schedule consisting of going to school and extracurricular activities, like playing a team sport.

As an adult, we have more responsibilities and stresses, including work, college, bills, hobbies, and other personal commitments.

These take up a lot of our time, without us even realizing it, and we all need to learn how to “slow down and smell the roses.”

This weekend I intend to take the time to soak up the excitement and joy of my sister's wedding because, before I know it, we are both going to be middle-aged women reminiscing on our 20's.

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## Letter to the editor

### Response to drone warfare

I have something to say about Leo Postovoi's blatantly false, counterfactual and outright defamatory column in the Oct. 8 edition of Spartan Daily regarding drone warfare.

Now, I'd like to clarify that I don't support Obama – for one thing, he's not doing enough to fight terrorism – but Postovoi's accusations of him being a murderer/war criminal constitute defamation.

For one thing, the drone strikes are not in violation of the War Powers Resolution as Postovoi falsely alleges – this resolution only prohibits going to war without Congressional authorization, whereas the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Terrorists (passed 9/14/2001) specifically authorizes the President to “use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons” – which, in particular, authorizes him to carry out targeted military attacks against known Al-Qaida terrorists anywhere in the world, including Pakistan.

As for the Geneva Conventions Protocol I: Firstly, Postovoi has no business citing it at all, since the U.S. has never ratified it and is therefore not legally bound by it; and secondly, even had the U.S. ratified it, it defines “indiscriminate attacks” specifically as “attacks using weapons ... whose scope of destruction cannot be limited” (e.g. poison gas, carpet bombing, etc.) – and since the drone attacks are directed at point targets and cause damage only in a limited area, they do not constitute “indiscriminate attacks” under this protocol. (This, by the way, also means that the killing of al-Awlaki does not constitute murder as Postovoi falsely claims.)

To conclude: Postovoi's editorial is all peacemik propaganda and no facts, and has no place even in a rag like Spartan Daily, let alone any respectable paper.

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**HALLOWEEN RECIPES**

## Spooky Treats: Recipe ideas for a Halloween bash

By **Melanie Martinez**  
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### Pumpkin Rolls

The onset of fall always brings about an array of delicious pumpkin-inspired treats. Nothing makes the autumn season complete like the taste of homemade goods that fill the kitchen air with a warm pumpkin scent. These tasty pumpkin rolls with cream cheese frosting will do the trick for any Halloween gathering.

- Prep time:** 20 minutes for pumpkin rolls and filling
- Bake time:** 15 minutes
- Total time:** 35 minutes
- Serves:** 10 to 12 pieces per roll
- Ingredients**
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 4 tablespoons powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 375° F. Grease and flour a 10x15x1 inch jelly roll pan. Beat eggs on high speed for five minutes and gradually beat in granulated sugar. Stir in pumpkin and lemon juice. Sift together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and salt. Fold into pumpkin mixture. Spread in prepared pan. Top with finely chopped walnuts. Bake for 15 minutes. Sprinkle powdered sugar onto a fresh dish cloth and turn cake out onto cloth. Starting at narrow end roll towel and cake together, cool and unroll.

**Filling**

- 1 cup powdered sugar
  - 4 tablespoons butter
  - 6 ounces of cream cheese
  - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- Combine powdered sugar, cream cheese, butter and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Spread over cake, roll up and chill. Roll will be 10 inches long.



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### Baked pumpkin seeds

Pumpkin carving is an essential part of every Halloween.

Scooping out the seeds and carving up a jack-o-lantern is always a fun group activity.

Unsure what to do with all those pumpkin seeds after carving?

Don't throw them away – bake them! Below are two different pumpkin seed recipes to satisfy both the sweet tooth and spicy fix.

**Salty and spicy seeds**

- Ingredients**
- 1 cup pumpkin seeds
- 2 teaspoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic

Preheat oven to 300° F. Grease baking sheet.

In a medium-sized bowl, mix pumpkin seeds, melted butter, salt, cayenne and garlic. Stir until ingredients are distributed evenly and spread seeds flat on baking sheet.

Bake 20 to 30 minutes, stirring and adding butter as needed. Let cool and enjoy.

**Sweet seeds**

- Ingredients**
- 1 cup pumpkin seeds
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

Preheat oven to 300° F. Grease baking sheet.

In a medium-sized bowl, mix pumpkin seeds, melted butter, sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Stir until ingredients are distributed evenly and spread seeds flat on baking sheet.

Bake 20 to 30 minutes, stirring and adding butter as needed. Let cool and enjoy.

**Stumped on what to wear for Halloween? Check out future issues for some easy tips!**



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### Spook-driver

Any Halloween party with a signature drink is sure to be a hit.

Though, breaking away from typical mixed drinks and pumpkin beer can be difficult for those of us who are not certified mixologists.

The spook-driver's black and orange color scheme is festive enough for any Halloween soiree and is as simple to mix up as any typical screwdriver.

With the addition of black vodka that can be purchased at BevMo, this drink is anything but ordinary.

- Prep time:** Five minutes
- Serves:** One Spook-driver
- Ingredients**

- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 ice cubes
- 1 ounce black vodka
- 1 stick red licorice

Place ice cubes in glass and pour in orange juice. Slowly pour vodka over juice. Garnish with licorice that doubles as a stirrer.

**Note:** The black vodka will float on top of the orange juice after being prepared and needs to be mixed before drinking. Once mixed, the drink will turn a cloudy black color.



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### Spider Cubes

Those looking to enjoy a Halloween party sans alcohol can still add a spooky touch to beverages.

Spider cubes use plastic spider rings available at any party store and an ice tray.

These ice cubes will add a bit of Halloween flair to any bowl of punch.

Plus, once the spider rings double as party favors after the cubes have melted.

- Prep time:** three minutes
- Serves:** 32 ice cubes
- Ingredients**
- 1 pack of spider rings
- 2 ice cube trays

Fill ice cube trays with water and add spider rings. Freeze and enjoy in any drink.

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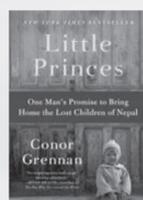
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