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GIANTS 4, TIGERS 3

Giants win World Series

Fans across Bay Area celebrate second Series victory in three years



Giants fans celebrate San Francisco's sweep of the Detroit Tigers yesterday at Fourth Street Pizza Co. The Giants won 4-3 in the 10th inning and earned their second World Series title since 2010. Photo by Derik irvin / Spartan Daily

By Matt Kawahara McClatchy Tribune

the World Series.

DETROIT - No doubt Marco Scutaro had waited a long time for the at-bat. Days before, the 36-year-old journeyman infielder had caught the final out to send himself and the Giants, his sixth major-league team, into

Sunday night, he came up with a runner on second and two outs in the 10th inning of a tied game, and delivered a signature line drive up the middle that will forever have its own place in Giants lore.

Scutaro's single off Detroit Tigers closer Phil Coke became the go-ahead hit in Game 4 of the World Series as Ryan Theriot slid side in the bottom of the 10th, getting Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera for the

For the second time in three years, the San Francisco Giants are the kings of baseball. For the first time in franchise history since 1954, they did it in a sweep, finishing the Tigers in four games.

Romo threw a two-strike fastball past a frozen Cabrera to end it. Catcher Buster Posey exploded out of his crouch and sprinted for Romo, who pumped his arms and screamed. At first base, Brandon Belt threw his glove into the air. Near second, Scutaro

across home plate and went into a crouch, sank to his knees and pointed at the sky beboth fists clenched. It became the Series- fore jumping into the arms of center fielder single off Coke and moved to second on a winning hit as Sergio Romo struck out the Angel Pagan, who had risen both arms to the sacrifice bunt by Brandon Crawford, After heavens as the game ended. They melded near the pitcher's mound into a teeming mass, Hunter Pence hatless, the top buttons of his jersey hanging open, bumping into whomever he could find.

> For manager Bruce Bochy and 11 members of the Giants' roster, it is the second World Series title in three years. For Theriot, a member of last year's St. Louis Cardinals, it is his second in two years with two teams. For journeymen Ryan Vogelsong and Scutaro, it is their first championship, the reward for year after year that ended in heartbreak or faded unfulfilled into another off-season.

Theriot started the 10th with a bloop Pagan struck out, Scutaro came up with the biggest hit of his career, bigger than any of his record-tying 14 that helped the resilient Giants overcome their 3-1 deficit in the National League Championship Series.

The Giants fell behind 3-1 to the red-hot Cardinals in the championship series, and then rolled off seven wins in a row. Beginning in Game 5 of the NLCS, they went 56 innings without trailing, four innings shy of the longest such streak in history, a streak that ended in the third inning Sunday night.

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2012 BALLOT ANALYSIS

Opposing views on Measure D

New legislation will help minimum wage workers make ends meet

By Kimberley Diaz @SD_KDiaz

Measure D attempts to increase the minimum wage rate from \$8 to \$10 in San Jose, which is a 25 percent increase to the government required minimum wage, according to the city of San Jose website.

If the measure passes, it will go into effect 90 days after it passes in the ballot, according to the website.

Those in favor of the measure include Lunardi's Markets, Azucar Restaurant, Pacific Printing, All Star Building Maintenance, United Way Silicon Valley and the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits.

The main argument for passing Measure D is that \$8 an hour is not enough to keep an adult self-sufficient in San Jose.

According to the argument in favor of the measure on the city of San Jose website, rent in San Jose averages \$1,800 a month, which is \$400 more than what someone working with minimum wage pay gets in a month.

Another argument in favor states that the increase will encourage more spending in small-neighborhood businesses and will raise around \$70 million for local goods and other things, which will lead to local spending and more jobs.

However, the arguments against Measure D revolve around the loss of jobs and increase in prices in San Jose.

According to the argument against the measure on the website, many businesses may have to cut jobs to stay open and prices of groceries, gas and other necessities will

San Jose Inside online publication believes that Measure D will make small businesses suffer the most and will make it more difficult to acquire a job in the suffering

"The ballot measure failed to take into account part-time jobs, internships, sea-

sonal work or food servers who make tips,"

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Raise in minimum wage will lead to more layoffs in small businesses

By John Linford Contributing writer

Measure D has received much support from minimum wage workers and unions. However, it is opposed by businesses across

According to Sanjoseca.gov, Measure D "would add a new chapter to the San Jose Municipal Code (the 'Code') to require employers to pay their employees a minimum wage of \$10.00 per hour for work performed within the City of San Jose." Currently, the minimum wage in San Jose is \$8.00 per hour, and the Federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour.

Measure D seeks to increase the minimum wage in San Jose by 25 percent from the city rate and by almost 40 percent from the Federal rate. Many people feel that this will help those who earn minimum

wage.

In reality, Measure D does not help

minimum wage workers; rather, it makes it

harder for businesses, eliminates jobs, and makes it more difficult for workers.

Businesses do not have much room for changes in costs because they do not have many opportunities to increase their numbers of customers.

If Measure D passes, businesses will be hit hard. This is because the businesses will not receive any new customers from an increase in the minimum wage. Rather, they will receive close to the same amount of revenue as before the wage increase. However, the businesses now have more costs to

If Measure D passes, businesses that rely on the minimum wage will basic have two choices: lay off employees or increase store

Savesanjosejobs.com reports, "30 percent of employer and 43 percent of those who hire minimum wage workers report they will lay off employees."

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Wages: A 'yes' vote increases minimum wage by 25 percent

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San Jose Inside said. "As a result, opportunities for people entering the workforce will decline. The only jobs that will be created as a result of Measure D will be to police the new minimum wage, paid for by the voters who passed it."

A vote "yes" on Measure D would mean more money for employees and could eventually lead to more economic revenue for the city and its businesses.

It could also help the SJSU students currently working full time to support themselves and pay for school.

Obviously, the change will not be seen immediately and \$10 still isn't a lot, but it's a step in the right direction to help people and families survive in an expensive city.

If someone is working the full-time 40 hours, this new increase will allow them to make about \$400 a week rather than \$320 a week under \$8 an hour.

This would mean they would make about \$1,600 a month and about \$19,200 a year, excluding taxes.

Again, it's still not a lot, but it is certainly better than someone making about \$15,360 a year full time under \$8 dollars an hour.

San Francisco's minimum wage is currently at \$10.24 an hour and allows those workers to support themselves in the city.

Some places will have to raise costs. Subways in San Francisco have already shown proof of that by eliminating the "five dollar footlong" deal in all San Francisco shops, according to SF Weekly.

However, the minimum range is a sacrifice that may need to be made, but not all shops will have to resort to this.

Either way, an increase in pay will make a small increase on food and other goods not much of a problem, because now people can afford it.

San Jose needs to increase the minimum wage because no one can live on just \$8 an hour alone, especially in San Jose, where rent is so high and where you are required to bring your own reusable bags or pay for them.

With an increase, people won't have to live paycheck to paycheck and it will encourage people to spend more money on other things, which will eventually lead to more spending, which will benefit the city's local businesses.

With many students working full time to get through school and support themselves, this measure will not only benefit those working, but over time the city will thrive through this and may become as successful as San Francisco has been.

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Businesses: Price increase will come if Measure passes

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Furthermore, if businesses do the second choice and increase store prices, they will most likely lose even more revenue because customers will simply go to a store with lower prices.

If Measure D passes, businesses will need to make cuts within their stores. The majority of these cuts are likely to come directly from employees.

Although some minimum wage workers will keep their jobs, many may need to try to find new work simply because their employers will not be able to pay them.

If this happens, many more people will make no money at all.

If Measure D passes, the number of unemployed in San Jose will rise quickly.

Raisethewagesj.com claims, "Raising San Jose's minimum wage to \$10 and adjusting it for inflation means the recovery will be more broadly shared and more sustainable."

However, the recovery will most likely be stopped dead because of the minimum wage increase.

Instead of providing more money for all minimum wage workers, only some workers will receive the benefits of Measure D, while others will go away with nothing at all.

The businesses that lay off workers will face a new dilemma.

The workers will now be expected to do the exact same amount of work as before; however, there will now be fewer of them. For instance, if a small business previously had eight employees working 40 hours per week each, they would now only be able to afford to pay six of them to work 40 hours per week each.

This means that the work of the two missing employees will be spread between the remaining six employees. If this happens, the remaining employees will now need to work even harder.

Some businesses, though, may do their best to keep the same number of employees. If this were to occur, the employees of these stores would now work less per week.

According to Savesanjosejobs.com, "52 percent of all San Jose employers and 67 percent of those who employee minimum wage report they will have to cut employee hours if minimum wage is raised so much, so quickly."

Maintaining the same example of a small business with eight employees that each work 40 hours per week, Measure D would cut the hours of each employee by 25 percent: from 40 hours per week to 32 hours per week

If this happens, the employees will make the exact same amount of money as before; this will not make life easier for them.

Sanjoseca.gov states that "San Jose rents average \$1,800 a month," but that this is "\$400 more than the monthly pay of a minimum wage worker."

If businesses were to cut the hours of their employees, the workers would still face this exact same challenge.

Raising the minimum wage may seem like a good idea; however, it is not what is best for the city of San Jose.

In fact, it will make life harder for people who earn more than the minimum wage. An argument against Measure D on Sanjoseca. gov states, "Measure D will add to city bureaucracy — costing city taxpayers more than \$600,000 per year, ever year."

Furthermore, the argument goes on to claim that "every business in the city will face audits and will be forced to open their financial records for four years "If Measure D passes, all residents of San Jose will feel it; it will not just be minimum wage workers.

Moreover, Sanjoseca.gov states, "Congress is already considering a bill to raise the minimum wage for every American — and without all the flaws of Measure D."

Measure D may sound like a good choice at first, but it will only harm San Jose.

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uting writer for the Spartan

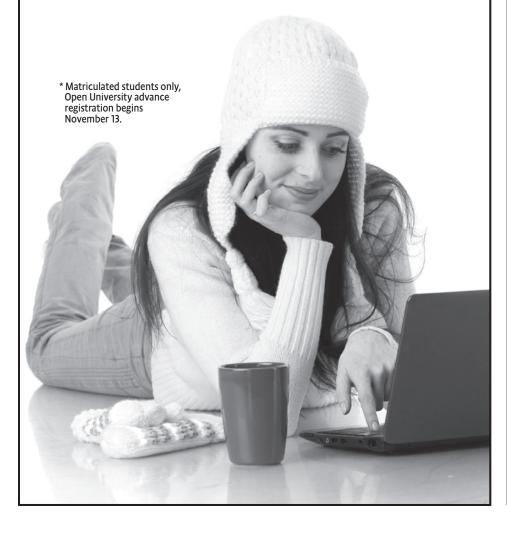
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SPORTS

SJSU 31, TEXAS STATE 20

SJSU football grinds its way to victory over Texas State

By David Bermudez @bermudez_Dave

The San Jose State football team continued its winning ways on Saturday with a hard-fought 31-20 victory over the Texas State Bobcats.

In the first-ever meeting between SJSU (6-2, 2-1) and Texas State (3-4, 1-1), the Spartans' offense easily moved the ball up and down the field on the Bobcats defense by getting a season high of 571 yards of total offense.

"The way we finished the game shows you our conditioning, shows you the character of our football team and the toughness and it was fun to watch," said Spartan head coach Mike MacIntyre.

At halftime, the Spartans trailed Texas State 20-17 and coach MacIntyre said they made a few corrections on offense and defense and "showed them a couple things we can do with a couple runs we knew we could hit."

"We just talked about how good of (a) second half football team we've been and we are," MacIntyre said of the message he told his team during half-time. "We're in great physical shape, we play really hard, we played quite a few guys and we felt like we could do that in the second half and we did."

The SJSU defense got things going by intercepting Bobcats' senior quarterback Shaun Rutherford, who threw the ball where none of his receivers were and landed right into the hands of Spartan safety Cullen Newsome, who ran it back to the Bobcats' 39.

"Our defense got used to the speed of the game," MacIntyre said of the defense in the second half.

The Spartans failed to capitalize on the interception when Freeman fumbled the ball on the Bobcats' 24yard line.

On the next Texas State possession



Senior safety Cullen Newsome (left) makes an interception during the third quarter of the Spartans' 31-20 win against the Texas State Bobcats on Saturday. Photo by Jason Reed / Contributing Photographer

the SJSU defense again stopped the Bobcats and forced a punt and gave the ball back to quarterback David Fales and the Spartan offense.

The very next play, Fales threw a 78-yard touchdown pass to running back David Freeman who came in the first half for injured running back Tyler Ervin.

This put SJSU up 24-20 and it was Freeman's first reception of the year, his second touchdown of the day and it was the Spartans longest play from scrimmage this year.

"He was ready," MacIntyre said about Freeman coming in and running the ball. "I talk all the time to him about how your role can change in snap and you better be prepared when that snap happens and David was prepared. He and De'Leon (Eskridge) had to take all of the load on and they did a really good job of It and I was proud of David."

On the Spartans' next possession it was running back Eskridge's turn to run the ball.

After Fales threw the ball multiple times to get a first down for the Spartans, Eskridge went on to break a 32-yard touchdown run up the middle and put SJSU up 31-20.

Eskridge also had a career day with a career-high 134 yards rushing on 25 attempts.

"All the running backs want to run hard," Eskridge said.

Coming into this game, the Bobcats have been allowing 193.2 rushing yards per game, the Spartans ran for 195 and SJSU did not allow a sack for the second game in a row.

"We wanted to put an emphasis on running this week because we know we are a good pass team, we wanted to practice on getting the runs and opening up and that's exactly what the offensive line did," Eskridge said.

From the start of the game, the Spartans wanted to establish the running game early and they did so on their first possession when Ervin broke free with a 32-yard gain that put SJSU into the Bobcats territory.

SJSU failed to put it in the end zone and kicked a field goal to go up 3-0.

After forcing the Spartans to punt on their next possession, Texas State drove down 62-yards and went up 7-3 with four minutes left in the first quarter on a one-yard run from Bobcat running back Marcus Curry.

The Spartans answered right back

with a six-play 81-yard drive that began when Fales began to find open receiver Noel Grigsby and tight end Ryan Otten for big completions that set up Freeman's first touchdown of the day that put the Spartans up 10-7.

"We got ourselves in good situations, and getting third and second and short helped," said Fales on the run game helped the passing game.

"De'Leon and Freeman did a good job of getting through the holes and our offensive line helped a ton."

In the middle of the second quarter, the Bobcats retook the lead 14-10, when Bobcats quarterback Shaun Rutherford kept the ball on the option and ran for a 45-yard touchdown as ran down the sideline and dove to the end zone.

Texas State added to the lead on its next possession when wide receiver Andy Erickson took an SJSU punt and returned it 54 yards to the Spartans' 41

The SJSU defense was able to hold the Bobcats from scoring another touchdown and allowed just another field goal.

With two minutes left before halftime, the Spartans capped a 75-yard drive in seven plays when Fales threw a quick pass to wide-open receiver Chandler Jones who ran it easily in for the touchdown and tying the game at

Before the end of the half, the Bobcats got another big 48-yard gain on an option play from Tim Gay that put Texas State on the SJSU 27.

Texas State failed to get a touch-down and was forced to kick another field goal and went into halftime witha 20-17 lead.

Next Saturday the Spartans go on the road to face the Idaho Vandals.

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SJSU 2, LA TECH 1

Women's soccer shorts out Techsters in season closer

By Dennis Biles
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It's been something of a chaotic season for the SJSU women's soccer team, so it only makes sense that a chaotic play would make the difference against the Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters

Tied at 1-1 with about 25 minutes left to play, freshman forward Alyssa Montejo scored the game-winning goal by grabbing a rebound of her own shot during a scrum in front of the Louisiana Tech net and then put it past their goalie to lift the Spartans to victory.

Even Montejo found it a bit hard to explain exactly what happened thanks to the flurry of

bodies all around her.

"Well, there was a shot I think, and then it ricocheted. And then it just, it just went crazy,"

Montejo said. "Then I got a few touches on it, and then a few of my teammates got touches on it.

Then finally I got the last one."

The victory gives the Spartans (6-11-1, 3-5 Western Athletic Conference) their first back-to-back wins since August and keeps their slim hopes for the playoffs alive.

"Obviously we need a lot of help on Sunday to get into the tournament, and I hope we do since we're playing really good soccer and now we're starting to finish," head coach Jeff Leightman

Although the Spartans out-shot the Lady Techsters three to two in the first half and held them without a corner kick, SJSU could not prevent them from scoring when a clear shot in front of the net by freshmen Lady Techster midfielder Brittany Beddow just eluded the grasp of freshman goalkeeper Zoe Makrigiannis, giving Louisiana Tech a 1-0 lead.

Despite giving up the goal, Leightman said he thinks his team controlled the game throughout its duration.

"Honestly, I think we dominated from start to finish," head coach Jeff Leightman said. "We played great soccer and moved the ball very quickly. We were pinging it around."

Although they failed to score in the first half, the Spartans had a few chances, and it would be more of the same in the second, albeit with different results.

The Spartans evened the score less than four minutes into the second half when junior midfielder Megan Molina set up junior defender Amanda Heins with a soft pass and Heins blasted a shot off the left post that bounced into the net.

Keeping up their unrelenting pressure on offense, the Spartans then scored the game-winner about fifteen minutes later.

Before the game, the team honored its senior members — defender Krista Cullen, forward Michelle Haughey, forward Kelsey Lord and defender Helen Phan — by presenting them with plaques and balloons and bringing their family members on the field in a pregame ceremony.

Phan said she believes the team got a little bit more of a rise from the excitement of playing at



SJSU's Amanda Heins (left) is congratulated by teammate Kelsey Lord (middle) after she scored a goal against Louisiana Tech Friday night in the Spartans' 2-1 victory at Spartan Stadium.

Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Contributing Photographer

home in the last game of the regular season.

"We had a lot of energy going into Senior Night and I feel like everyone was playing for each other," Phan said. "We pushed everything we had and finally got two goals in the net."

For the Spartans to make the playoffs, they need the University of Texas at San Antonio to lose against Texas State, and the University of Idaho to lose or tie against New Mexico State. Both teams play Sunday.

Even if they don't make it, Leightman believes the future is bright for women's soccer at SJSU.

"We're really young. I think the program has a very good future," Leightman said. "We play really good soccer but we got a bit unlucky with results. But we're very young. We're returning a lot. As a program we're really moving forward. I'm excited about next year."

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Men's soccer suffers loss

By Dennis Biles @Denny149

The SJSU men's soccer team fought hard all game long, but were unable to overcome the No. 10 ranked New Mexico Lobos Friday night in a 1-0 loss at Spartan Stadium.

"The margin between winning and losing at this level is miniscule," head coach Gary St. Clair said. "Our boys played really, really hard tonight. I'm very proud of them because the other team's awfully good. We were awfully good tonight too, but that's what happens in conference."

The loss extends their losing streak to four games, their longest of the season.

In a highly physical game with three yellow cards issued, two to SJSU, as well as a red card in the closing moments, the Spartans (6-8-1, 3-4-1 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) had trouble maintaining possession of the ball and couldn't capitalize on the few opportunities they had, nearly all of which came in the second half.

In the first half, the Spar-

tans were only able to get one shot on goal as well as a single corner kick, while the Lobos (13-3-0, 6-2-0) took eight shots and had seven corner kicks.

"In the second part of the first half, the game was being played all on our half of the field," St. Clair said.

Under constant attack from the Lobos, the Spartans finally relented in the 33rd minute, allowing the only goal of the

After a free kick resulted in a scrum in front of the Spartans net, senior forward Levi Rossi of the Lobos came out with the ball and cut a pass back to junior defender Kyle Venter, who booted it in at the far post from about a dozen yards out.

St. Clair said that his team was having problems keeping up with the Lobos in one-on-one situations, especially late in the first half, and at halftime he told his players to keep grinding it out.

"At halftime we discussed it with our players that they needed to be better," St. Clair said. "It was a bit of a challenge, but I thought they did a really great job."

Although the Spartans were out-shot again in the second half, this time seven to five, the Spartans kept possession of the ball for longer stretches of time than in the first half and mounted consistent scoring

The Spartans were unable to

find the back of the net due to a combination of bad breaks and good defense by New Mexico, according to senior midfielder Diego Ochoa.

"We were getting out there but we were not completing the chances," he said. "That final pass was not there. They were good on defense. They were good at what they did. We just couldn't finish. The chances that we had, there were few very of them, we just could not finish."

The Spartans had a number of chances to tie it with less than 10 minutes to play, but a stubborn Lobos defense thwarted them every time.

With a little more than two minutes to play, the Spartans

were awarded a free kick on the left wing after a yellow card on the Lobos.

stopped by senior Lobos goalkeeper Victor Rodriguez for his only save on the night, all but ending the game for SJSU. Despite being shut out for

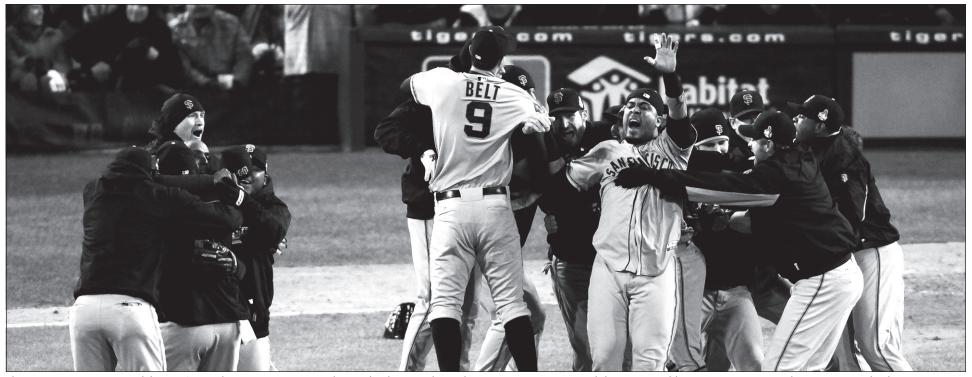
However, Ochoa's kick was

Despite being shut out for the fourth time on the season, Ochoa was proud of the way the team responded in the second half.

"I'm just happy with the way the guys played," Ochoa said. "In the second half we actually came out at them. We can't put our heads down. We just have to keep going forward."

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WORLD SERIES



The San Francisco Giants celebrate after striking out Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera in the 10th inning to win Game 4 and the 2012 World Series at Comerica Park in Detroit, Mich. The Giants defeated the Tigers, 4-3. Photo by Eric Seals / MCT

World Series: Giants sweep Tigers in four games with 10th-inning victory

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The Giants took an early lead in the second inning when Pence hit a ground-rule double to left-center and scored on a triple by Belt. It was Belt's first hit of the series, as he whipped around on an inside fastball and hit it off the wall in right, and Pence galloped across home plate pumping both his fists.

It also gave an early lead to Matt Cain, the Giants' ace and the winning pitcher in the clinching games of both the division and championship series. For two games, the Giants' pitching had held the Tigers scoreless, their starters allowing one run in the series. That streak was snapped on a third-inning breaking ball from Cain

With one on and two outs, Cabrera hit a high fly ball to right field. Pence drifted back onto the warning track, ran into the wall and looked around as if surprised to find it there. The ball, seemingly caught up in the winds above Comerica Park, landed in the right-field seats, giving the Tigers a 2-1 lead.

Just the third hit of the series for Cabrera, it was the first extrabase hit for the Tigers since Delmon Young's double in Game 2, on which Prince Fielder tried to score from first base and was thrown

As steady rain begin to fall on a cold night in Detroit, Tigers right-hander Max Scherzer kept the Giants in check until the sixth, when Scutaro hit a chopper down the third base line on which Cabrera, charging, could not get a grip. Scherzer struck out the torrid Pablo Sandoval, bringing Posey to the plate.

Perhaps no player better embodied the Giants' resiliency this season than Posey, the 25-year-old catcher who came back from a horrific ankle injury to lead baseball in hitting and become a frontrunner for the MVP. In a 1-0 count, Posey unloaded on a changeup from Scherzer and hooked it just inside the left-field foul pole, a couple rows back, for a two-run homer.

Circling the bases, Posey held one finger aloft, the moment reminiscent of his backbreaking grand slam in the clinching game of the division series against Cincinnati. But this was a narrower lead, one run, and one Cain could not hold in the bottom half.

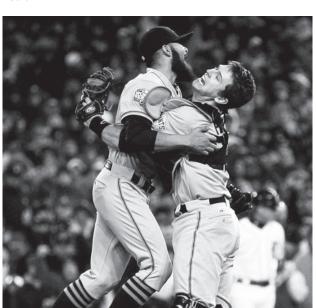
After Cain struck out Cabrera and got Prince Fielder to pop out in shallow center field, Delmon Young drove a first-pitch breaking ball over Pence's head into the right-field seats to tie the game.

Bochy, though, sent Cain back out for the seventh, and the righthander retired the side in order. On his 102nd and final pitch of the night, Cain threw a 91 mph fastball past Austin Jackson to end the inning and hopped off the mound.

It could be the final pitch of the season for Cain, depending on how the rest of the season plays out. If so, the big right-hander logged 249 1/3 innings counting the postseason, the strikeout of Jackson his 213th.

In the eighth, Bochy turned to Jeremy Affeldt, the veteran lefthander who had not allowed a run in 8 2/3 innings in the playoffs. Affeldt walked Avisail Garcia to start the inning, then mowed down the middle of the Tigers' order, getting Cabrera and Young to swing at sliders diving at their back feet and blowing a fastball by Fielder.

Phil Coke matched Affeldt in the top of the ninth, striking out Pence, Belt and Gregor Blanco in order. But he couldn't escape the



San Francisco Giants relief pitcher Sergio Romo and catcher Buster Posey celebrate the victory over the Detroit Tigers in the 10th inning of Game 4 of the 2012 World Series at Comerica Park in Detroit, Mich. Photo by Julian H. Gonzalez / MCT

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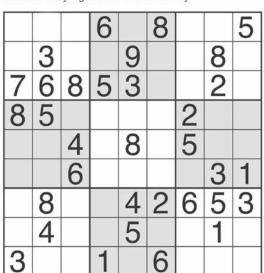
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OPINION



Let your cellphone die already

We spend 2.7 hours every day texting, tweeting, Tumblring, Instagramming and the like on our cellphones, and it's ruining

Little do we know, our cellphones are covered in microparticles of our poop, old food, pet dander and other people's sweat.

A report this week by the Wall Street Journal cites that because our phones go where we go, our phones essentially act as carrier sponges.

"We're feeding the little creatures," said a microbiologist cited in the article.

More troubling, no smartphone manufacturer has real policies on how to effectively clean a device.

But when I say our phones the things that we hold to our faces and keep with us all day, every day - are covered in fecal coliforms, we're not going to change our social protocols.

Those social protocols, of course, have been engraved into our daily existence. The New York Times also published a telling article this week about how we've destroyed common courtesy and social etiquette for a new era of cellphone culture.

When life existed with only face-to-face con-

tact and phone calls, you had to appropriately apologize whenever you blew someone off.

But today people often triple-and quadruple-book plans, and though in fact you'll hold out for the "coolest" thing to do, the other people get upset when they find you're not being kind.

Our society hasn't really found decent integration for politely saying "no" through the use of technology.

So when you tell your co-worker that you can't make dinner because you're feeling sick, but an



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hour later you post a photo of you at a bar on Instagram, you've instantly gotten caught.

"With the rise of social media and technology, it's harder to use little white lies to get out of things," the article states.

Yes, the rise of "micro-coordination" - smaller, more coordinated plans in a much less formal setting - has given us the ability to connect faster and easier, but the quality of how we interact has degraded.

Communications like this, though, are generally lazy, and by texting and messaging we promote laziness in socializing, and we send digital passive-aggressive notes to each other that forgo re-

"OMG, u r comin 2 tha partyy tonight?" And the immediate:

"ya." An hour passes. "sry bro, nxt

These are nothing but examples of conversations going on all day, all the time. We prefer texts instead of saying "Hello" in person. We'd call, but "that's awk-

The removal (or at least reduction) of frequent salutations and ritual communication degrades socialization.

And surely, if you're young and you date, you'll inevitably experience (or initiate) a breakup via text, email or Facebook message. This problematic distance, again, is a lazy cop-out attempt to maintain the distance that technology has lets exist.

We now live in a socially dense haven of communication. Couldn't we at least hold out to see each other?

These are strange new unwritten adaptations to our lives, and slowly but surely they are becoming integrated into our daily existence.

A good example of this happened about two years ago when the Associated Press, an organization that both defines and reflects on social culture in its AP Stylebook, decided to establish "social media guidelines" alongside, of course, ethics policies and the difference between the words "comprise" and "compose."

I think when you publish definitions of "thx" and "LOL" alongside lists of important companies (and how to officially write our their names), you validate this destructive behavior as ordinal, integral and simply part of our lives.

I think if you're OK with this,

then live your life in this newly problematic society that we live

Or if you're like me, and relatively "old-fashioned" and prefer real communication, insist on it. Make phone calls and have real-life meetings instead of lame texts, online #tweetups and Google+ hangouts.

Or, instead of complaining about your smartphone's poor battery life when out with friends, stop Instagramming every food and drink item in sight.

Do us a favor: Just let your phone die.

Start communicating like a human and less like a robot with a mini-computer. This is what we need, not another "X-Pro filtered" photo of a mediocre Taco Bell

The fact that the hashtag #toilettweeting and that a startup that will publish your tweets on toilet paper exist should disturb you.

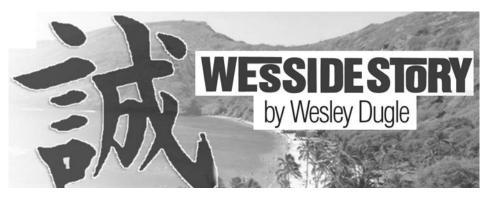
Life is more about symbolic interaction, human contact and exemplary empathy between each other, and less about being a braggart who can only communicate through a filter at a distance.

Or maybe I'm wrong and this whole digital method is a good

Maybe breaking up, shirking duties or cancelling plans is an OK thing to do, especially with abbreviated words and bad grammar on phones covered in poop.

Or maybe it's just a shitty way to communicate.

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Helping downtown San Jose businesses during NHL lockout



Wesley Dugle's column appears every Monday.

As the NHL continues its long arduous lockout, fans across the country and in Canada continue to miss out on watching their beloved hockey teams play.

San Jose Sharks fans have already missed out on several home games including good matchups against the Phoenix Coyotes and Los Angeles Kings.

Losing games to the lockout is sad for fans and players alike, but what makes this lockout worse are the little guys who are being hurt by these prolonged negotiations.

As the lockout reaches its 44th day of existence, workers at stadiums around the country and in Canada find themselves out of work and sports bars around these areas are also suffering.

While players and owners spar over the specifics of who gets paid how many millions of dollars here or there, people of lesser fortune are struggling to make ends meet because of this lockout.

Small businesses such

as sports bars and restaurants as well as college-aged workers and bartenders at these places rely heavily on income from game day to pay the bills and with the lockout going on like this they will struggle because

Players and owners will need to come together soon in order to save these fledgling businesses and if not to help the little guys out here, at least end the lockout for the sake of

But likely this lockout will go on for a while as commissioner Gary Bettman continues to piss away hockey's momentum again in mainstream sports as they did the last lockout, so

fans may have to hang tight in the meantime.

These small businesses though will struggle the most during this lockout and will have to endure it no matter how long it goes and fans should be concerned about this.

The sports bars in downtown such as Henry's Hi-Life, Britannia Arms and The Old Wagon Saloon and Grill are the lifeblood of the sports scene in San Jose, we go to them to get our drink on, hang out with friends and have fun watching the big game.

These bars work hard to establish a fun atmosphere for fans and should be appreciated for what they do for us on game day. But with the Giants clinching the World Series, 49ers and Raiders games only playing once a week and the Warriors likely to struggle again this season, these bars

will have less opportunities to make money and will struggle to make ends meet because of it.

The pedicab company, Eco City Cycles, has also been hit by the lockout as fewer fans will need rides to downtown for the games that are not happening.

Workers at these stadiums too will get less work because of the lockout and cash will become scarce for them as

At the end of the day when two elephants fight, in this case the NHL players union and owners, it's the grass that gets hurt the most and fans need to go out and show support for these people who are being hurt by this.

Go to these sports bars, hang out, grab a couple beers with friends, have a good time and tip the bartenders well because they need your help to stay afloat

during the lockout. If you know any peo-

ple who work at these stadiums, bring them out too, buy the first round and make sure they are getting the help they need to pay the bills because they need all the help they can get.

The NHL lockout, much like last year's NBA lockout, is a sad case of rich versus wealthy and we may have to endure it for a while before the season starts back up.

But these hard workers of the sports scene will struggle the most during this lockout and they deserve our support.

This is not just a sports issue, it's a community issue and we need to come together to help those affected by keeping them afloat during this lockout.

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SEASONAL RECIPES

All things pumpkin: Sweet and savory recipes for autumn

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Although pumpkins are used for decorations and jack-o'-lanterns for Halloween, the versatile fruit takes center stage in these recipes. Warm spices of cinnamon and nutmeg complement the pumpkin in rich, chocolate truffles and balance a homemade twist on a seasonal coffee shop favorite, the pumpkin spice latte. A pairing with coconut milk, potatoes and traditional Thai curry flavors such as lemongrass and ginger transforms the mild flavor of pumpkin into a savory dish.



Pumpkin Spice Latte

Start to finish: 5 minutes **Servings**: 2

Ingredients:

1 cup of coffee

- ¼ cup pumpkin puree
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon or to taste
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg or to taste
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 to 2 tablespoons sweetener (sugar, honey, agave) or to taste

In a small bowl, whisk by hand the pumpkin puree, milk, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla and sweet-

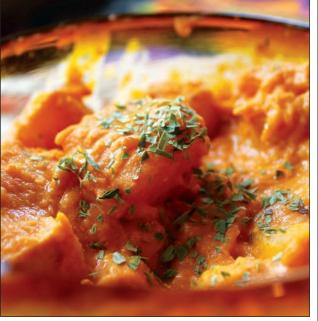
ener or mix it in a blender.

In a mug, pour 1 cup of coffee and half the pumpkin milk into the cup. The other half is for a refill or another serving.

Top with a dollop of whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon and nutmeg and enjoy.

Optional: Warm the pumpkin milk on the stovetop for about a minute. Use a milk frother to create foam.

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Pumpkin and Tofu Curry

Start to finish: 40 minutes **Servings:** 4

Ingredients:

- 1 small pumpkin, diced
- 1 large russet potato, diced
- 1 block (12 ounces) firm tofu, diced
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 can (14 ounces) unsweetened coconut milk
- 4 to 5 tablespoons Thai red curry paste more or less to taste
 - 2 to 3 tablespoons of fish sauce more or less to taste 1/2 tablespoon ginger
 - 1 bay leaf
 - Cilantro for garnish

Optional: sliced carrots, peas, chicken or seafood

In a pot of boiling water, steam the pumpkin and potato for 10 minutes. Strain and set aside.

In a large pan, sauté tofu and ginger in sesame oil, about 5 to 7 minutes. Remove and set aside.

In the same pan, add coconut milk, bay leaf, red curry paste and fish sauce. Stir until the paste has dissolved.

Lower the heat and add the pumpkin, potato and tofu. Simmer for about 10 minutes.

Serve in a bowl with jasmine or brown rice and top with fresh cilantro.



Pumpkin and Chocolate Truffles

Start to finish: 2 hours and 10 minutes **Servings:** 20 small truffles

Ingredients:

- ²/₃ cup heavy whipping cream
- ½ cup pumpkin puree
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon of nutmeg
- 8 ounces semi-sweet or bittersweet chocolate chips
- Cocoa powder for dusting

Optional: Orange-colored sugar for dusting

In a small saucepan over low heat, whisk together the heavy cream, pumpkin puree, vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg, while scraping down the sides of the pan.

In a large, heat-safe bowl, add chocolate chips. Pour hot liquid mixture into the bowl, whisking the chocolate and cream together until the texture is smooth. Allow to cool.

Cover the bowl with cling wrap and refrigerate until set but not hard, for about 2 hours.

Use a teaspoon or cookie scoop to roll out chocolate balls. Roll the truffles between your hands to make them round

Dust truffles with cocoa powder and sprinkle cinnamon or orange-colored sugar on top. Chill in the refrigerator for about 10 minutes before serving.

ALBUM REVIEW

Donald Fagen rises to new heights with 'Sunken Condos'

By Dennis Biles



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Donald Fagen, co-founder of legendary rock group Steely Dan, may be getting up there in years but his slick musical style and witty, yet often sarcastic lyricism doesn't sound dated at all on his latest solo effort "Symbon Condoe"

"Sunken Condos."

By employing his usual method of utilizing a wide array of instruments coupled with clever, unabashed lyrics, Fagen has created a tightly produced album that sounds right at home among the rest of the Steely Dan catalog.

Clocking in at just over 44 minutes and containing nine tracks, it may seem a bit short by today's standards, but Fagen built his career on being a perfectionist that obsesses over getting the absolute most of out every single composition he puts together, and he makes no exceptions on his fourth solo album.

Even though Fagen stays true to the signature sound that has helped him craft a brilliant career spanning over four decades, it doesn't at all mean that he is behind the times or out of touch.

On the contrary, the fact that Fagen is able to get down with his usual brand of smooth funk, while slightly tweaking it with light contemporary grooves, shows that he's still right in step with the current direction of music today.

Many of the lyrical themes he explores on this album, chiefly getting older and learning how to adapt, show that Fagen is becoming more introspective in his advanced age.

The opening track of the album, "Slinky Thing," exemplifies this approach perfectly.

Backed by a smooth fusion of funk and jazz, Fagen tells an autobiographical tale of a tryst with a younger woman and the scrutiny from society, as well as himself, that accompanies it.

Those who are familiar with Fagen's lyrical style will get a kick out of "Good Stuff," a song detailing the story of a truck heist by a criminal organization which is perhaps my favorite song on the album.

Throughout his career, Fagen has written lyrics that are heavy on metaphors and analogies, and fans are often left to discuss and argue what they believe the true meaning of the song to be.

The song is a testament to that writing style and it should have listeners speculating on its context for some time to come. When I first listened to it, I thought it was a clever commentary on the intrusiveness of the powers that be upon the public, but now I'm not so sure.

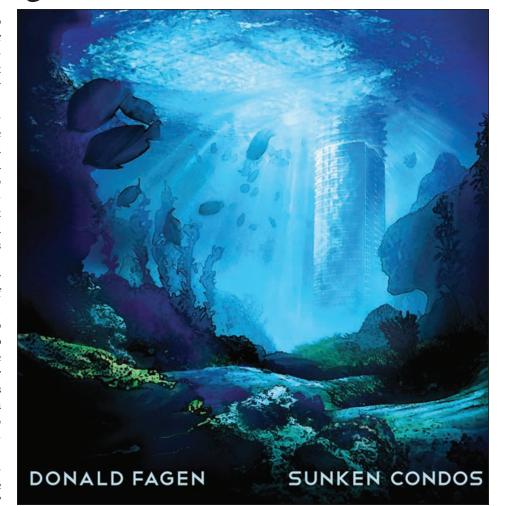
When reading interviews with Fagen where he discussed the album, he said many of the songs were a reflection on his own life, so I've begun to wonder if maybe it's a subliminal shot at the recording industry and how they "steal" an artist's creativity.

Or maybe it's just a really slick song about a group of thugs ripping somebody off.

Perhaps it is best left to each individual listener to decide what it means, since figuring out the deeper significance behind Fagen's lyrics has always been an interesting challenge due to their intentionally ambiguous and ironic nature.

For me, two more highlights of this album come in the songs "Miss Marlene" and "Not The Same Without You," two songs that seemingly have opposite meanings.

While the former is a dedication to a mesmerizing woman he last saw a long time ago, the latter is a break-up song in which Fagen declares, "I'm evolving at a really astounding rate of speed/ Into something way cooler, than what I was before." In his usual sarcastic fashion, Fagen croons



Donald Fagan's fourth solo album, "Sunken Condos" displays Fagan's ability to create witty yet intuitive lyrics combined with his funk and jazz roots. **Photo courtesy of highresaudio.com**

lines about how much better to his life is now that he's on

Both songs feature smoothfunk beats that excite the senses and soothe the soul at the same time.

Despite getting older and staying with his formulas, Fagen has managed to embrace the present, as well as the future, while still staying true to his jazz and funk roots.

Fagen is clearly not concerned with appealing to the masses and is strictly focused on making the kind of music he and his followers love to hear.

The album itself has no cohesive structure, letting Fagen be free to go where he wants, and many of the songs sound like he's seamlessly brought together two or more entirely different genres and infused them with his own brand of laidback but precise smoothness.

For Steely Dan fans, it's just Fagen doing his usual thing, and it makes for a highly enjoyable listen.

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