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SOUTH BAY

Santa Clara county to enforce new area code policy

By Camille Nguyen
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Santa Clara County implemented its new area code designation Saturday, forcing all residents using the 408 area code to dial one before calling any other phones in the south bay area, including those that start with 408.

Along with the change, all new phone numbers distributed in the Santa Clara County will be designated a 669 area code instead of the normal 408 in order to meet increasing consumer demand, according to the California Public Utilities Commission.

The modification will create an area code

overlay, which adds a second area code to the same location as an existing area code. In this case, it is 669 and 408.

However, many residents have taken issue with the need to dial an extra digit when making local calls.

"It sucks," said Philip Tran, a senior business management information systems major. "Why do I have to press 1-4-0-8 when I'm in the same area code? It doesn't make sense."

When a caller neglects to place a call with the area code, it will result in a recording instructing the caller to dial one plus the area code.

Callers, however, will have a six-month grace period for callers not dialing one before

making calls, although the new dialing procedure must be used after the six months is over.

In spite of the alteration in dialing, other residents do not consider the implementation a huge change.

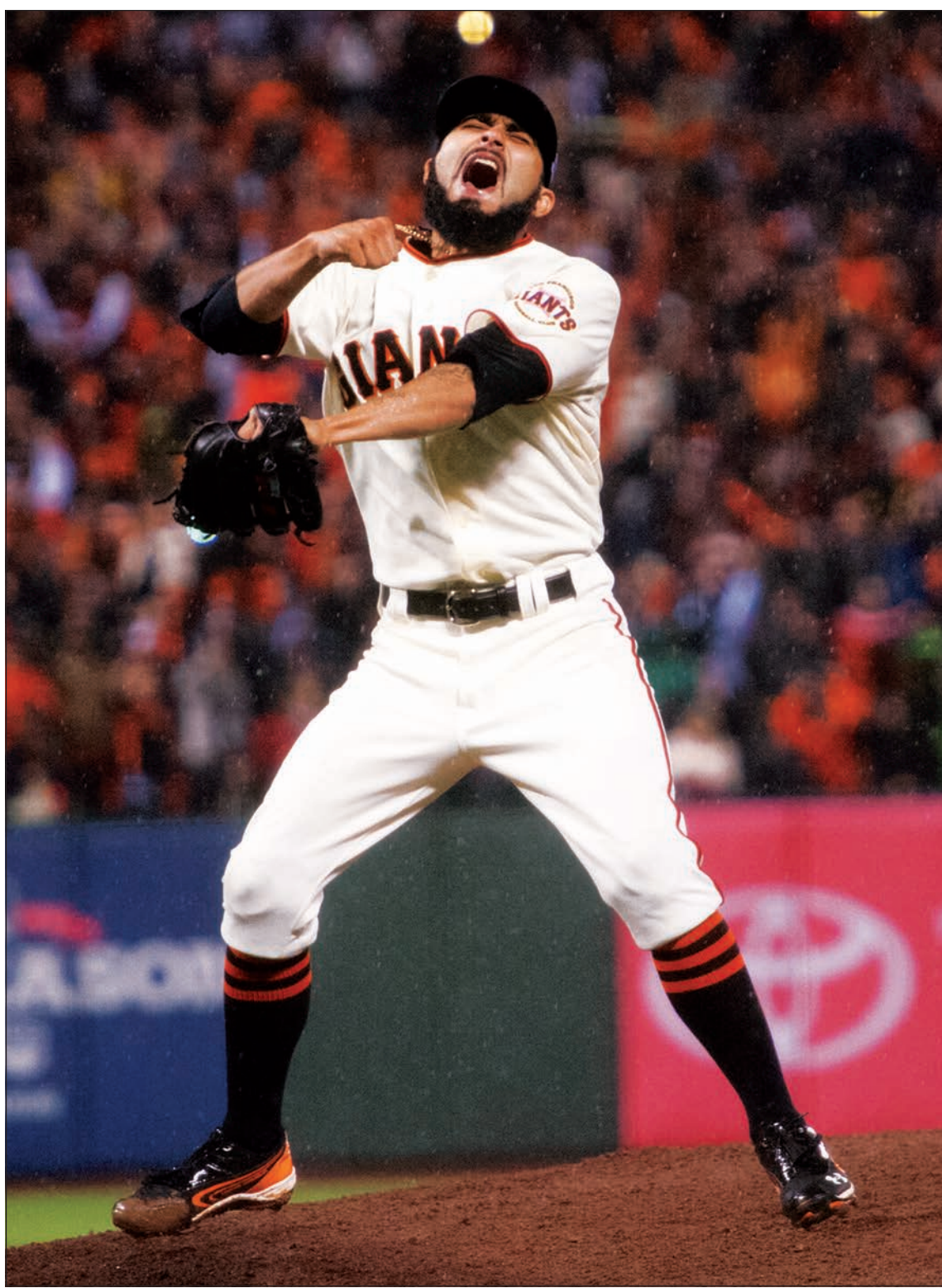
"I really don't care. It's just one extra number," said Celestine Urbano, a senior child and adolescent development major who originally comes from South San Francisco and has a phone number with the 650 area code.

The 408 area code is predominantly used in Santa Clara County and is found in cities such as San Jose, Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Gatos, Milpitas and Sunnyvale.

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GIANTS 9, CARDINALS 0

Giants headed to World Series



Giants pitcher Sergio Romo celebrates the last out as the San Francisco Giants beat the St. Louis Cardinals 9-0 in Game 7 to win the National League Championship and advance to the 2012 World Series. The Giants will face the Detroit Tigers in San Francisco for Game 1 on Wednesday. Photo by Paul Kitagaki Jr. / MCT

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EDUCATION

New class specializes in wrangling 'big data'

By Camille Nguyen
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The fields of technology and computer science look for the next big thing, which can make it difficult for recent college graduates to secure any form of employment.

However, the computer science department at SJSU has implemented a new class that aims to give students an edge over competitors when applying for jobs.

The class, CS 185C: Introduction to Big Data, focuses on sifting through heaps of data and analyzing the information to discern certain trends or patterns in accordance to company needs.

"There's a crisis in the job market — suddenly there's the need for 'data wranglers,'" said Jon Pearce, computer science department chair and professor.

According to Pearce, data wranglers are individuals hired to examine enormous data sets and find patterns for resource and commercial purposes that may be turned into a business advantage for a company.

"The fact is, you know, you have this skill that enables you to use these tools, think in this certain sort of way that allows you (extract) these patterns that aren't obvious until you've gone through these reams of data," he said, explaining the potential for students to get jobs in the computer science industry.

Companies, such as retail chain Walmart, are searching for data-savvy computer scientists to scan and analyze information accumulated from cash register transactions in order to ascertain trends and patterns across consumer purchasing habits to further marketing strategies, according to Pearce.

He said he knows of some

schools in the east coast exploring the importance of data wrangling as a skill set for students, although none are as evolved as the course offered at SJSU.

"As far as I know, this is the only course on big data being given on the undergraduate level in the United States," said Peter Zadrozny, CS 185C's class instructor.

Zadrozny said he got involved with the class after receiving a call from Carol Beattie, director of development for the College of Science, asking him to help improve the curriculum of the computer science department.

"The class is designed with the employer in mind," he said, adding that he had spoken with the CIOs and executives of companies in order to learn of key traits they were looking for in employees specializing in big data. "Based on what they were looking for, I designed the course."

CS 185C is split into two sections — one section working with the product Splunk, which specializes in turning machine data into visible trends, and the other working with another product called Hadoop, which helps develop open-source software for computing, according to Zadrozny.

In the class, half of the semester is dedicated to the learning of the importance of the products, and the second half is aimed at having students gain hands-on experience through employing the products in big data analytics.

"There's a grading system based on two projects," Zadrozny said, going on to say that students were given the option to choose from a pool of projects and randomly organized into teams

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Spartan alumnus works to improve early education for children

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Standing inside a small, cramped garage she calls home in East Palo Alto, Blanca Escobar watches her 3-year-old son David identify different colors and letters for his tutor, Rachel Cerezo.

David points out a letter correctly to Cerezo and laughs.

Cerezo, who has been tutoring David since March, congratulates him for his correct answer with a smile and a high-five.

According to Escobar, the free program 10 Books A Home has helped David blossom from a shy and quiet child to a positive and confident learner.

"He never used to even talk,"

Escobar said, "Now he's able to pronounce letter sounds, and he's actually asking me questions about books all the time."

The program is designed to combine kindergarten preparedness as well as improve family involvement.

The program was founded by SJSU alumnus Paul Thiebaut in 2011, after he recognized the need for quality kindergarten readiness programs in East Palo Alto.

More than 3 million California students in grade school come from a low-income household, and annual test scores show that these students are academically behind, according to the California Department of Education.

"Unfortunately, a low-income

area like East Palo Alto puts children at a very high risk of entering kindergarten unprepared," Thiebaut said. "And kindergarten is where it all starts."

Thiebaut said he graduated with a degree in economics from SJSU in 2007 and pursued a master's degree before deciding to leave school and commit himself to founding his program and dream.

"It was a huge risk. I knew I was pursuing a dream that didn't have any job security or foundation," he said.

Thiebaut said his program involves a variety of steps and procedures to ensure a child has the best opportunity possible to succeed.

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David Escobar, 3 years old, identifies colors with his tutor, Rachel Cerezo. Photo by Natalie Cabral / Spartan Daily

Alumnus: '10 Books A Home' program to help child education

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According to Thiebaut, the following steps and requirements must be met to qualify for the two-year program.

Applicants for the program must be between 3 and 4 years old and have two of the three biggest risk factors of struggling academically.

They must be from either a low-income household, have parents with no post-high school education or come from a family that speaks little to no English.

Upon acceptance, parents must agree to participate in the program for the full duration of two years.

They are given their very own small bookcase, custom-made by various donors and a kindergarten readiness kit with various early development books and educational posters to take home.

During those two years, the children are assigned one volunteer role model who works with the child once a week, in the child's home.

According to Thiebaut, volunteers are also not allowed to work with any other children other than the one assigned to ensure the focus and concentration toward that single child.

Over the past years, Thiebaut and his organization have recruited volunteers from surrounding schools, neighborhoods and universities such as Stanford University and Foothill College.

Volunteer Kathleen Daly, owner of Cafe Zoe in East Palo Alto, said the experience of being a child's role model is almost indescribable.

"You can't stop smiling," Daly said. "I had a child myself, and 18 years later, I forgot what it was like when she was three."

According to Daly, the 10 Books A Home program is more powerful than preschool because it works off of relationship building as well as early education.

"It's great with the parents there in the home with you during the tutoring session because they can watch us get animated about the books and hopefully use that technique themselves," Daly said.

The parents' involvement, according to Thiebaut, is one of the most crucial aspects to the success of his program.

"Our tutoring sessions are only about an hour long but during that time, because we're actually there in the home, parents are being inspired to be involved in their child's educa-

tion," Thiebaut said.

Thiebaut said the tutoring sessions include the instruction of basic skills such as holding a pencil correctly, identifying alphabet sounds, colors and shapes as well as the natural relationship building with the tutor.

Parents who apply for the program are required to attend "First Teacher Classes," which are created for the parents to discuss the needs of their child with the assigned role model.

"Our program is bilingual as well, so there's no confusion with communication," Thiebaut said. "Meeting with these parents is very personal and it increases parent commitment to learn about what their child is actually interested in."

For Escobar, the program is the type of opportunity she needed after arriving here from El Salvador. She said it has inspired her to make an effort in David's academic life.

"I read him the Bible, and even if the book is in English, I'll just make up a story and he still sits there involved," Escobar said.

Escobar arrived in the United States six years ago, and aside from David, she has two daughters back home in El Salvador.



David Escobar looks at pictures in a book from his tutor, Rachel Cerezo. Escobar is a part of the 10 Books A Home Program. Photo by Natalie Cabral / Spartan Daily

While she hopes to one day bring her other daughters to the U.S., Escobar said she's adamant about David succeeding in this country.

"That's all a parent wants," Escobar said. "If you don't have an education, you're stuck washing dishes, but David was born here and should have more opportunities than I did coming here."

Seeing David even talk

aloud with confidence is proof enough that 10 Books A Home is making a difference, according to Thiebaut.

Thiebaut credits the ongoing growth of his program to the volunteer role models and generous donors as well.

With two book shelves and a table utilized as an office desk cramped into Thiebaut's apartment in East Palo Alto, his

program's main office is anything but glamorous.

Still, with the simple dream of investing in education, he said he only hopes to see his organization grow even more within the next five years.

"Dreams were meant to be built, not remembered," Thiebaut said.

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Big data: Class to help students earn job in computer science

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similar to the way they would be in the computer science industry. "The students will present the first project using Splunk (and the second project) using Hadoop."

During the project, students are assigned to work in a variety of different data analysis situations, including

government data, commercial airline performance and social media.

In spite of the class and its curriculum being fairly new to the world of computer science, some students are acknowledging its presence on campus as necessary to their success.

"I believe that (data wrangling) is a necessity, given the nature of the

industry," said David Do, a senior computer science major. "We will only have more data to deal with as time progresses, so students who to do well in (such a) competitive field must learn how to deal with big data."

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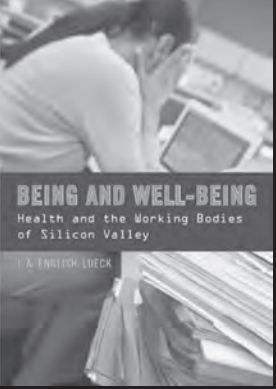
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RESTAURANT REVIEW

CaliDog creates a unique and tasty twist on American hot dogs

By Kimberley Diaz
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CaliDog Hot Dog, a new hot dog fusion restaurant, has put a delicious twist on an American classic dish.

The restaurant, which recently opened earlier this October at the San Pedro Square Market, has very vibrant colors that sets itself apart from all the other venues surrounding it.

The mood seems very casual with many businessmen and families sitting by and enjoying a quick bite.

The stand is very small, but the restaurant has a large banner that showcases each hot dog, what each dog has and a photo with the price in the corner.

The owners are very active with the restaurant, with one of them manning the register, making newcomers feel welcomed and offering suggestions.

CaliDog sets itself apart from other hot dog stands and restaurants by offering five unique hot dogs that come with different toppings you wouldn't normally see on a hot dog.

Some of these unique toppings include seaweed, shrimp ceviche, Chinese spiced pork chili and even eggs and bacon.

CaliDog also offers plain hot dogs (\$5) with differ-

ent types of sausages such as American Kobe beef, chorizo sausage, bratwurst and veggie dogs.

To begin, I ordered their trademark SriRancha fries (\$3), which are fries that have Sriracha hot chili sauce and ranch.

The fries came to me piping hot with each fry glistening with sauce.

They were incredibly delicious, with a tangy spiciness to them.

There was no need for ketchup for the fries because they already had enough sauce to make each fry full of flavor.

For my entree, I had the Shaking Dog (\$7), which is an American Kobe beef sausage with lemon vinaigrette watercress, topped with Vietnamese shaking beef.

One of the owners suggested I get a bottle of Coca-Cola (\$2) to go with my meal.

It has been a while since I have seen Coke in a glass bottle and at a reasonable price, so I obliged.

The Shaking Dog was very juicy and moist, with each bite complementing the white bun surrounding it.

One of the things I dislike about a lot of hot dogs is that the bun tends to be too dry or too crisp, which makes me throw out the bun – making it no longer a hot dog.

This bun, however, was soft and warm enough that I actually ended up eating the entire thing, which is a rare feat for me.

The shaking beef was incredibly tender and full of



The Shaking Dog (\$5) at CaliDog consists of an American Kobe beef sausage topped with lemon vinaigrette watercress and Vietnamese style shaking beef. Photo by Kimberley Diaz / Spartan Daily

tasty juices which seeped into the lemon vinaigrette watercress, making the leaves taste even better than they ever would alone.

The Coke, which was served to me icy cold, also complemented the hot dog, making this entire experience very rewarding and delicious.

Besides hot dogs, CaliDog also offers an assortment of fries such as plain (\$2), garlic (\$3) and chili cheese (\$3).

You can even order bacon

(\$1) as a side for your hot dog or a fried egg (\$1).

For drinks, they offer a Japanese drink called Calpico (\$3), which is a yogurt-based soft drink.

In addition, they also offer Coke bottles and Ramune drinks (\$2), which are Japanese sodas that come in different flavors such as strawberry, lychee, melon and grape.

The service was really quick and friendly.

I really felt welcomed when I started asking

questions about the place and the owner happily answered each one.

My food came out piping hot within five minutes, which is impressive for a starting business.

The prices seem a little steep, with the hot dogs ranging from \$5 to \$7, but you get what you pay for and more.

The hot dogs are also very filling, but do not make you feel too full that you don't want to do anything.

Overall, CaliDog was a

great experience with some of the best hot dogs I have had in ages with each of the toppings complementing the hot dog, so you know those flavors are meant to be together and aren't just thrown in there for show.

CaliDog is open Monday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and is located inside the San Pedro Square Market.

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MOVIE PREVIEW

'Cloud Atlas' film pays tribute to novel

By John Anderson
McClatchy Tribune

NEW YORK – Recently, David Mitchell, the author of "Cloud Atlas," was sitting with Lana Wachowski, the co-director and screenwriter of "Cloud Atlas," watching their mutual movie. At some point, Mitchell leaned over and asked who wrote a particular line of dialogue.

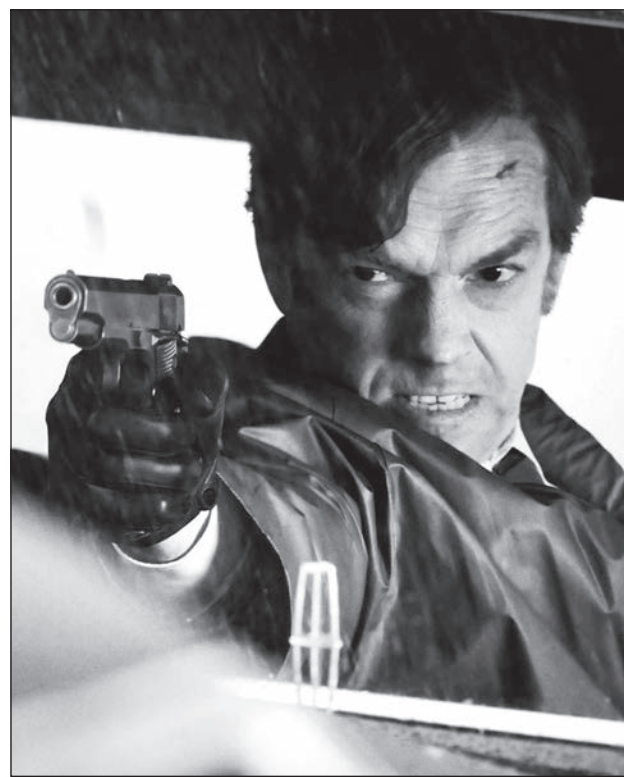
"That's yours, you idiot," said Wachowski. At least according to Mitchell.

The point: The seams between Mitchell's bestselling novel and the movie being released Friday – directed by Lana and Andy Wachowski ("The Matrix") and German filmmaker Tom Tykwer ("Run Lola Run") – are fairly invisible, at least in terms of meaning and message. Just as the book imparted a story of cosmic solidarity, karmic responsibility and spiritual unity, so does the film adaptation, which stars Tom Hanks, Halle Berry and a cast that numbers far fewer than the characters.

At the same time, readers of the very popular novel set in 1936 Scotland – and 1973 San Francisco, 2012 England, 2144 "Neo Seoul" and the South Pacific of 1949 – are going to find a very different beast on screen than what they found between the covers of the book: Rather than the six "nesting" narratives, each of which was being read by the principal of each successive story line, the movie takes a "mosaic" strategy, telling the half-dozen stories simultaneously. Or as close to that as possible.

The question: To read or not to read?

"I would see the movie



Hugo Weaving stars as Bill Smoke in the epic drama, "Cloud Atlas." Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures.

first," Hanks said, with just a hint of mischief. "Imagining the story is very different from seeing it on screen, so forget the book, see the movie first, and if you want to learn more ...," he said, affecting the voice of a bygone TV announcer, "... pick up the book. There are substantial differences. Of course, a lot got dropped out. And Andy, Lana and Tom added quite a few embellishments that David Mitchell didn't."

The book's English author said he didn't care if one read the novel first or saw the movie (as long as one reads the book). And of course, so many people have read the book that for many the point is moot. (About 300,000 paperback copies are in print in the United States alone.)

Ordinarily, movie adaptations ignore their source material rather easily. But "Cloud Atlas" is a special

case. It's about the sea voyage of a 19th century San Francisco attorney (Jim Sturgess) who aids a runaway slave (David Gyasi) and is poisoned by a shady shipmate (Hanks). And it's about a poor, pre-World War I composer (Ben Whishaw) who becomes the amanuensis of an older, famous musician (Jim Broadbent), and about a publisher in present-day Britain (Broadbent) who's committed to a "rest home" by his nefarious brother (Hugh Grant), and a 2300s Hawaiian goatherd (Hanks) who is visited by a woman from the future (Berry) and imperiled by a savage chieftain (Grant), and about a journalist (Berry) trying to expose an incipient nuclear disaster in 1973, and a genetically engineered worker (Korea's Doona Bae) in league with an anticorporatist revolutionary (Sturgess) in the year 2144.

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ELECTION 2012

Obama and Romney spar over foreign policy in final debate

By Mark Z. Barabak and Michael A. Memoli
McClatchy Tribune

BOCA RATON, Fla. — A pugnacious President Barack Obama cast Mitt Romney on Monday night as a defense and foreign policy amateur, accusing him of naivete and shifting positions that would undermine the country's well-being at home and its security abroad.

"The problem is ... on a whole range of issues," Obama said in one biting exchange, "you've been all over the map."

Romney took a more temperate tone but nevertheless accused the president of repeatedly apologizing for the country abroad — something the president vigorously denied — and failing to stand up for its ideals, especially during the revolutionary Arab Spring.

"We have to stand by our principles," Romney said. "... But unfortunately, nowhere in the world is America's influence greater today than it was four years ago."

The third and final presidential debate focused largely on defense and foreign policy issues, with the two rivals painting vastly different pictures of the world: Safer and tighter-knit, Obama suggested. Dangerous and more threatening, Romney said.

But on many issues, including Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan and the use of predator drones — which both men endorsed — the two were often largely in agreement,



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney (middle) listens as President Barack Obama (right) makes a point during the final presidential debate at Lynn University in Florida yesterday. Bob Schieffer was the moderator (left). Photo by Robert Duyos / MCT

despite their sometimes heated rhetoric.

Most of their sharpest exchanges involved domestic policy, with the two restating many of the positions they took in their first two debates.

Obama accused Romney of favoring across-the-board tax cuts that would help the wealthy at the expense of the middle-class, while plunging the country even deeper into debt. Romney cited his decades in private business, rescuing the scandal-plagued 2002 Olympics and governing Massachusetts, saying in every instance he managed to keep the books in balance,

and would do so again as president.

The two sat side-by-side at a wooden table facing the moderator, CBS' Bob Schieffer, who kept a much tighter rein on the two men than in their previous town-hall style encounter.

Even so, the president was on the attack much of evening, alternately dismissive and sarcastic toward his Republican rival.

At one point, when Romney criticized threatened defense cuts and called for building more Navy ships and bulking up the Air Force, Obama suggested his rival "maybe hasn't spent enough

time looking at how our military works."

"You mentioned the Navy, for example, and that we have fewer ships than we did in 1916. Well, Governor, we also have fewer horses and bayonets ... because the nature of our military's changed," the president taunted. "We have these things called aircraft carriers where planes land on them. We have these ships that go underwater, nuclear submarines."

The two candidates pivoted from foreign to domestic issues.

Romney said America's role is to "make the world more peaceful," and that to do

so, "America must be strong. America must lead."

"For that to happen, we have to strengthen our economy here at home. You can't have 23 million people struggling to get a job. You can't have an economy that over the last three years keeps slowing down its growth rate," he said.

Obama answered that because he presided over an end to the war in Iraq, has begun a transition out of Afghanistan, and strengthened alliances with partners abroad, the nation is in a position to "start rebuilding America."

Romney's approach was the wrong one both home and

abroad, Obama added, tying him to the previous administration by promoting "wrong and reckless policies."

"He's praised George Bush as a good economic steward and Dick Cheney as somebody who shows great wisdom and judgment. And taking us back to those kinds of strategies that got us into this mess are not the way that we are going to maintain leadership in the 21st century," Obama said.

The combative exchange underscored the high stakes in a debate coming just two weeks before an election that appears to be a dead heat.

Obama, who has seen his earlier lead slip since a lethargic opening debate in Denver, was more clearly on the offensive and seeking to build on the inherent advantage as the commander in chief.

Romney responded by brushing aside the attacks, saying they failed to address the serious challenges — and opportunities — the country faces as the Middle East convulses in widespread upheaval.

Romney, consistent with the earlier debates, took a more moderate stance than he has in much of the campaign.

He praised Obama for the death of terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, but said the country "can't kill our way" to a solution in the Middle East. He said the answer is greater economic opportunities and the spread of freedom.

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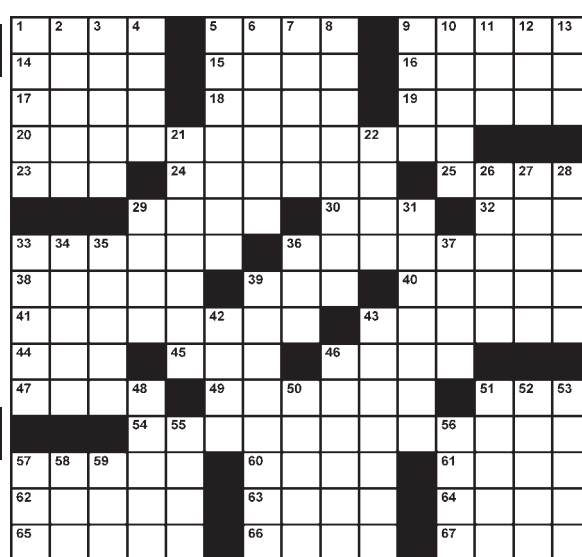
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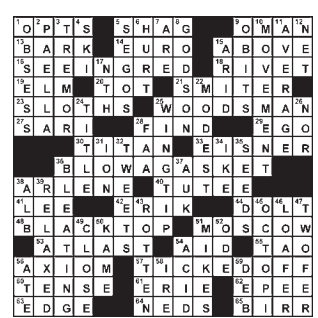
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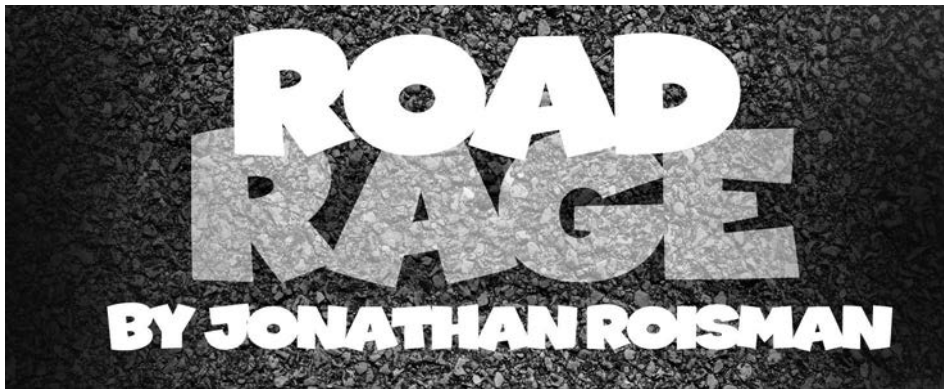
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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆



Tired of being plugged in



Jonathan Roisman's column appears every other Tuesday.

The other day I forgot my cellphone and left the house without it, and it turned out to be the best thing I did that day.

It felt liberating to not be plugged into our ever-growing technological world.

At first it was annoying whenever I went for my phone to check Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

Everyone knows how important it is to obsessively check their phones to see the latest photos of their friend's dog or the latest orgasmic dessert someone just got at a restaurant.

Granted, cellphones are a miraculous tool that connect us to our friends and family, not to mention an entire database of knowledge known as the Internet, but being plugged into our virtual lounge has a lot of drawbacks.

The most obvious one is when you're walking around campus. Hundreds of people at a time have their heads buried into their chest while they're aimlessly moving toward their classes.

Between bicyclists, skateboarders and people on scooters, there's already enough to dodge on the campus' many narrow walkways. Adding more zombie pedestrians just adds to the challenge of getting around.

I don't believe that 95 percent of the people walking and messing around with their phones are doing anything that can't wait a few minutes.

People got along fine just 10 years ago when the

term "smartphone" was only used in the offices of Silicon Valley.

I admit that I missed my phone for a bit. I couldn't check sports scores or my email, but I quickly enjoyed some newfound freedoms.

When I receive text messages I usually have the urge to immediately reply as if I'm on call for the other person.

Without my phone I realized that it'd be okay if I got back to them in a few hours — it wasn't a life or death situation.

I was also disconnected from my work. As a journalist, it's very important for my editors to get a hold of me, but it was nice to be left alone.

Having a personal computer in your pocket is a wonderful thing.

I use it all the time for almost everything imaginable.

It's great to have a weather or traffic report right at your disposal.

It makes everything convenient, which isn't a bad thing. But it makes everything a little boring and predictable.

My emails are similar day to day. Checking people's statuses on Facebook just isn't important. As much as I love Instagram, it's really just a service where everyone can pat themselves on the back for being a narcissist, myself definitely included.

I think people forget how to communicate with one another.

What did people do when they wanted to share about their day? Most social media today is just a virtual bullhorn.

Imagine walking in front of a group of hundreds of people on the street and shouting how much you love Starbucks' pumpkin latte.

Yes, social media is supposedly about communicating with friends or acquaintances, but no one actively knows over a thousand people.

Our smartphones have given us a way to make our lives easy and I'm grateful for that.

It's also given everyone a mobile mouthpiece to tell people in the world they are uninteresting.

Not having my phone for a day helped remind me what my priorities should be, even if I quickly forgot them when I got home and saw my friend post a picture of her adorable dog on Instagram.

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Letter to the editor

Note facts and falsehoods when discussing GMOs

In response to the article, "GMO awareness raised by campus group," that ran Oct. 4.

Thank you for writing about GMO awareness and the campus Environmental Club.

I am currently working on a research paper about GMOs and the safety issues that GMOs raise, both for humans and for our planet.

More students and voters should be aware of what GMOs are and how Proposition 37 will affect them.

I understand that raising awareness through classroom presentations can be difficult since, as Thyra quoted Chara Bui, the president of the Environmental Club, "several teachers have complained about students endorsing political campaigns."

One approach that should maybe be explored is rather than using the political stance, simply stating the facts.

I think most professors would be receptive to the stance of genuine concern for health and safety in a presentation.

This issue of GMOs and food safety will be around long after the election is complete and therefore warrants a need to educate people to assist them in making informed decisions.

It is important to point out that there is a false statement in the California Official Voter Information Guide.

An official news release from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics announced that the academy was erroneously credited to have stated "biotech foods are safe." This misinformation should be made aware to all voters.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is the largest organization of nutrition professionals.

Their opinion on a nutrition or food-related issue is widely trusted and regarded as the expert opinion.

Therefore, it should be noted that at this time the Academy has not taken a position on GMO foods.

Thank you again for the thought-provoking and informative article.

Sarah Libanti
Junior nutritional science major

In My Experience: Keep calm and partisan on



Kelsey Lynne Lester-Perry's column appears every Tuesday.

"In My Experience" is an all-around advice column where expert Kelsey answers your questions based on her life experience.

DISCLAIMER:

Please submit all questions to spartandaily@gmail.com, which will be kept anonymous and answered every Tuesday by Kelsey.

Dear Kelsey,

It is election season and I am an SJSU college student and Democrat living in a house with my Tea-publican parents and very conservative older brother.

I always hear people say that you shouldn't talk about politics with your family, but I feel that they are just ignorant and I have a responsibility to share the knowledge I have gained about the issues being covered in this election, etc.

I am also a gay male and my family doesn't agree with this as a life choice — which makes talking to them even harder. What should I do?

Sincerely,

Bl-party-son

My dearest Bl-party-son,

First let me say that I know where you are coming from.

I don't always agree with my family in terms of political issues, but thankfully they consider themselves Democrats — which is my political affiliation, as well.

I have also heard (from my parents, actually) that it isn't a good idea to talk politics with family members because it could possibly cause rifts in lifelong relationships.

The days, weeks, months, even years leading up to the election is always hard on people who have the minority opinion.

In this case, you are outnumbered, and I can only imagine how that must feel. So here is my advice to you:

In terms of simple political views including who you are going to vote for, what propositions you support and such: I suggest that you just keep discussing with your other well-informed SJSU classmates?

This way you don't feel completely alone in your beliefs.

You will be talking to your peers who have had the same chance at education as you.

I think this may give you the courage to eventually discuss these same issues with your family.

Don't wait until the election season is over, though. It sounds like you have some strong views and you owe it to your family to educate them to the best of your ability. Who knows? They might even change their minds.

As for the issue of your sexual orientation — DO NOT let your family and their views affect the way you feel about yourself.

Politics sometimes bring out the ugliest traits in people, especially family members.

It isn't right that they make you feel badly about a choice that is yours and nobody else's.

I am sure your family loves you, but with the heat behind this particular election and the widespread views on equality between liberals and conservatives — they may feel like they have to stay strongly planted behind their party's message.

This isn't right. But once again, use your education and practice from discussing with your peers to eventually speak with them openly about your views.

This is a very serious issue because not only is it an issue in the mouths and minds of every voter, but it is a personal issue that has to do with how you identify.

Give your family some time. Give your family all of the information you can muster.

I am sure they will come around— and if not, at least you have your views and morals on the issues.

Let them keep you strongly planted in the world of truth this election season and beyond.

Love,
Kelsey

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San Francisco Giants celebrate winning the pennant after beating the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 7 of the National League Championship Series at AT&T Park. **Photo Karl Mondon / MCT**

NLCS

Giants rout Cardinals 9-0 to win NL pennant

By Alex Pavlovic
McClatchy Tribune

SAN FRANCISCO— The comeback kings will play for baseball's greatest crown.

The Giants blew past the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday, winning 9-0 in Game 7 of the National League Championship Series to complete a second straight historic comeback and advance to the World Series for the second time in three seasons.

The Giants are the first team in MLB history to win six elimination games en route to the World Series, having overcome from a 2-0 deficit in the best-of-five series against Cincinnati and a 3-1 deficit in this series against St. Louis.

So it's on to the World Series, against the Detroit Tigers. Game 1 is Wednesday at AT&T Park.

The Giants roared to victory Monday behind the predictable and the unbelievable.

Matt Cain shut the Cardinals out for 5 2/3 innings and Marco Scutaro went 3 for 4 to tie an LCS record with 14 hits in a series.

But the game turned on Hunter Pence's three-run double that appeared to literally turn in midair.

The Giants led 2-0 heading into the third inning and promptly knocked Kyle Lohse out of the game with a Scutaro double, Pablo Sandoval double and Buster Posey walk that loaded the bases. Joe Kelly entered to face Pence, who has sparked the comebacks with fiery speeches but entered Game 7 with just one postseason RBI.

On Pence's first day after being traded to San Francisco from the Philadelphia Phillies, the right fielder smiled and warned reporters, "I have to be honest, every now and then, I do things you don't see very often."

That turned out to be the understatement of the season.

Pence broke his bat on a 95-mph fastball but the ball hit the bat three times, once at contact and twice as Pence followed through with a shattered bat.

The result was a knuckleball to shortstop, and Pete Kozma initially broke to his right before unsuccessfully sprawling back to his left as the ball shot into the outfield.

Scutaro and Sandoval scored easily, and Posey, who couldn't even run when spring training began, sprinted home when John Jay overran the ball in center.

In an all-hands-on-deck game, the Cardinals appeared frozen while the Giants ran away with the pennant. Cardinals manager Mike Matheny left Kelly, his long reliever, in to face a string of Giants left-handed hitters.

Brandon Belt's sharp grounder was deflected by Kelly, allowing Pence to reach third and Belt to safely get to first.

FOOTBALL

SJSU focusing on aggressive defense to defeat Texas State

Staff Report

SJSU's football team is coming off a huge 52-24 win this past weekend against University of Texas at San Antonio, playing its second home conference game against the Texas State University Bobcats on Saturday.

During Monday's news conference, SJSU head coach Mike MacIntyre said he was very pleased with SJSU's performance against the Roadrunners but aims to make consistent improvements to keep the Spartans' win streak hot.

"One of our goals was to come out of the locker room on steam, because we didn't do that the week before and I felt like we did that," MacIntyre said. "Our offense and our defense played good but had a couple of let downs there that we need to sure up."

In Saturday's game, it was SJSU's special team that placed the Spartans on their back, with huge plays by freshman special teams defender Chris Kearney recovering a bad snap in the Roadrunner's end zone and sophomore wide receiver Tyler Ervin returning a 92-yard kickoff to place the Spartans up 38-7.

MacIntyre hopes Ervin will be able to have a similar performance in Saturday's game, but MacIntyre said that the Spartans will "have to be very conscious" of

Texas State's kicking game.

"Their kickoff guy kicks it deep, deep, deep, in the end zone every time so that might be a struggle for us to get the ball to Tyler (Ervin) on kickoff returns," he said.

Junior cornerback Bene Benwikere had a huge game against the Roadrunner s, recording 11 tackles, forcing a fumble, catching an interception and two tackles for loss in only his second start of the season after starting junior cornerback Damon Ogburn Jr. sat out Saturday's game due to an injury.

Benwikere was named WAC Defensive Player of the Week, alongside SJSU's senior defensive end Travis Johnson, junior linebacker Vince Buhagiar and Ervin who all have been named as WAC Player of the Week honorees this season.

When asked about the pressure to play well with SJSU as the favorite, MacIntyre was more concerned about containing Texas State's option offense.

Their option offense is very formidable and can make a lot of things happen," MacIntyre said. "Our defense has to be extremely sharp and offensively we have got to contain their pass rush. They do a good job at harassing the quarterback and we have got to be able to take care of business there."

Texas State is currently 1-0 in the WAC conference and 3-3 overall after a victo-

rious 38-7 homecoming win over University of Idaho on Oct. 13.

The Bobcat's senior quarterback Shaun Rutherford threw 14-19 for a total of 182 yards, and recorded 86 rushing-yards.

Rutherford is ranked second in the WAC and 15th nationally in passing efficiency with a rating of 159.9, completing 69.9 percent of his passes this season, according to Texas State Athletics.

Texas State's senior tight end Chase Harper poses as an offensive threat for the Bobcats, with 15 catches for 178 yards and three touchdowns, with three passes of those passes for 25 yards in the Idaho game.

He was named to the John Mackey Award Midseason Watch List last week, along with being named College Football Performance Award's tight end and Performers of the Week in the WAC after his performance after the New Mexico State game.

Harper caught two passes for 51 yards and a touchdown in that game, with a 40-yard touchdown pass from Rutherford.

MacIntyre is relying on the Spartan defense to contain Texas State's pass rush, which did a good job against the UTSA, forcing four fumbles and recording a total of 73 tackles.

Information courtesy of SJSU Athletics.

After Gregor Blanco walked, Brandon Crawford hit a grounder behind the mound and Kozma inexplicably elected to throw home. The rookie's throw was not in time and Pence scored to make it 6-0.

Angel Pagan hit a sharp grounder to short two batters later but Kozma's high feed to second baseman Daniel Descalso allowed Pagan to beat the relay throw to first as Belt

scored. The five-run outburst marked the fifth time in the NLCS that the Giants scored at least four runs in one inning.

By the time one of the strangest rallies in postseason history was over, the Giants led 7-0.

Cain was shaky at times, but got plenty of help from his defense. Crawford made the biggest contribution, a leaping stab of a Lohse liner with two outs and two run-

ners in scoring position in the second inning.

Blanco and Scutaro also contributed rally-killing gems as the Cardinals went 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position through Cain's 5 2/3 innings.

Cain put two runners on in the sixth before giving way to Jeremy Affeldt, who got Descalso to pop up to end the threat on a night when the Giants were hardly challenged.

ROCK CLIMBING

Students learn the ropes at San Jose's newest rock climbing gym

By Jacque Orvis
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San Jose's Studio Climbing rock gym and Associated Students Outdoor Adventures teamed up for the first time to give SJSU students rock climbing lessons last Saturday.

"A lot of people don't know about our department," said Kayla Novak, outdoor adventure leader and junior meteorology major. "But they really fall in love with (us) once they find out."

Six SJSU students showed up for the climbing lesson, including three new climbers and three outdoor adventures associates.

Part of the Associated Students Campus Recreation program, Outdoor Adventures, specializes in extended outdoor trips for SJSU students, faculty and staff.

Business management Alejandra Lopez said she plans on going to the next climbing outing after learning how to climbing in Saturday's lesson.

Lopez and the other students were taught the basics of top-rope climbing such as how to tie the right knots, strap into the safety harnesses and belay other climbers.

Climbers top rope in pairs - one climber and one belayer. Tied to the end of a rope that

is anchored at the top of the wall or rock being climbed, the climber ascends as the belayer reels in the other end of the rope with belay device. This way, if the climber slips on a hold, he only falls a short bit.

"It's intimidating at first, but then they realized that it's everyone's first time," said junior kinesiology major Gabriella Selva.

Outdoor adventures is hosting only a few outings this semester in addition to the climbing lesson, including an outdoor climbing trip to Castle Rock State Park in Los Gatos and a Hunger Game-themed archery lesson in November.

"Next semester, we'll have more events," Novak said, listing off some tentative climbing, hiking and snowboarding trips.

According to Novak, this belay lesson was the first offered through Outdoor Adventures with Studio Climbing, having had the same lessons as Sunnyvale's Planet Granite in the past.

"(The Studio) is close by and we want students to be aware of the adventurous opportunities close to home," she said.

Part of Touchstone Climbing Incorporated, Studio Climbing opened for business in an old movie theater in downtown

San Jose at South First street and San Salvador last spring.

Touchstone gyms are notorious for opening rock gyms in non-climbing business locations, such as Oakland's Great Western Power Company and San Francisco's Mission Cliffs, a former power building with a smokestack and locomotive engine plant respectively, according to Hans Florine, Diablo Rock Gym manager and speed climber.

"Maybe it's the cool spaces that are created by the fun climbing walls, whatever it is we attract and retain a great community of people," Florine said.

Studio Climbing manager Diane Ortega said Touchstone chose the cinema location because the company wanted to have a noticeable presence in Downtown San Jose.

"It's a very beautiful building," she said. "We've been looking at this place for a long time."

Henry Springall, a climbing instructor and staff member, said the San Jose community is still discovering Studio Climbing.

"It's a weird time right now because many of our members left after the summer (to) go to school somewhere else," he said. "We're waiting for SJSU students to find out about us, that's why we're on campus promoting with the



SJSU student Alejandra Lopez sends her first route after her belay lesson at Studio Climbing in Downtown San Jose. **Photo by Jacque Orvis / Spartan Daily**

other organizations."

According to Springall, Studio membership climbed to around 350 members since opening its doors last February, after a nearly year-long transformation of the former cinema hall.

Crews tore out the original flooring and seating in the mezzanine upstairs and the area downstairs to make

room for the walls and fitness area, according to Springall.

"Originally they did acting theater and cinema here," he said about the 1960's business that was later home to a few different clubs, including Polyester's, Club Glow and Club Wet.

Now the gym is fully equipped with locker rooms, a fitness area and bouldering

walls upstairs, and a sauna in addition to the 40-foot tall top-rope climbing walls.

Creative arts major Dane Miller ascended the walls a few times after the belay lesson.

"I probably just need to get rid of this fear of heights now," she said.

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