

“SPOON” by Eloise Zeng



Introducing... #2

The California Tech CalGuesser

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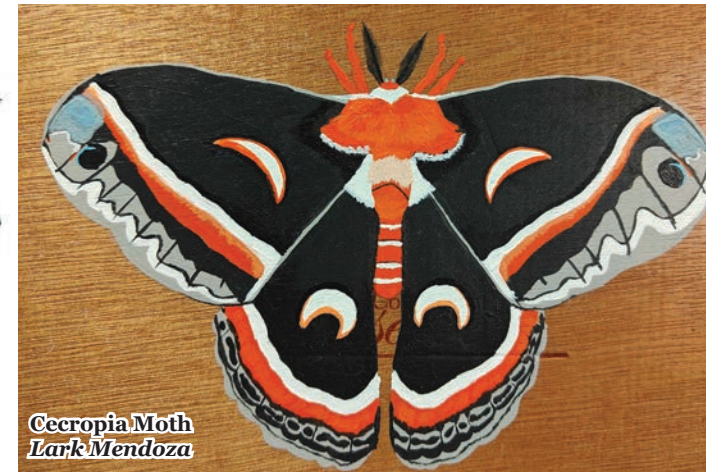
Last week's winners! >>>

Art & Photography Spotlight

spooky edition



Lady Slytherin Domani Sharkey



Cecropia Moth Lark Mendoza

Hazy Wanderer Juan Luchsinger



Haunted Place Juan Luchsinger

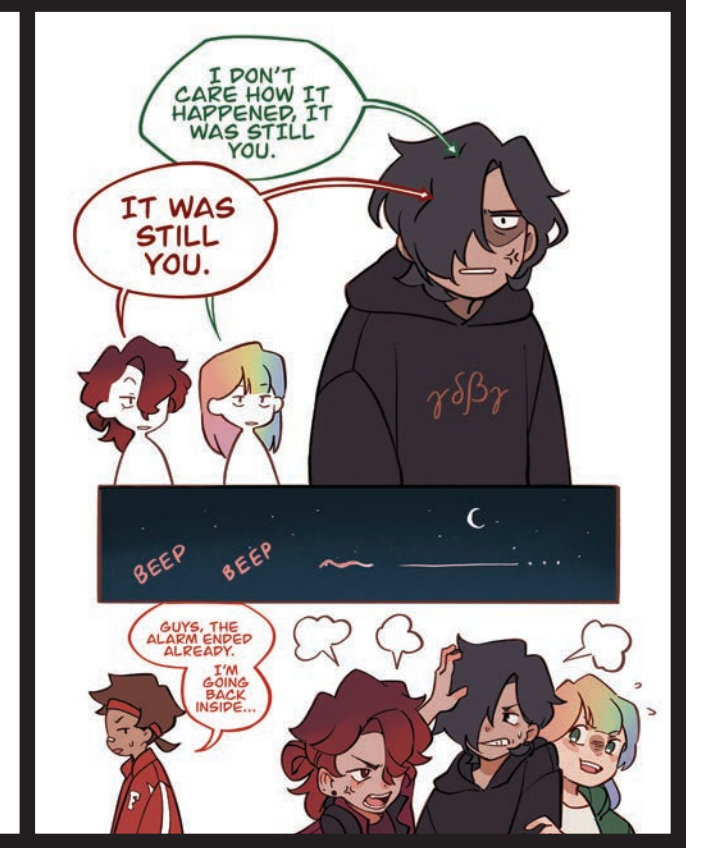
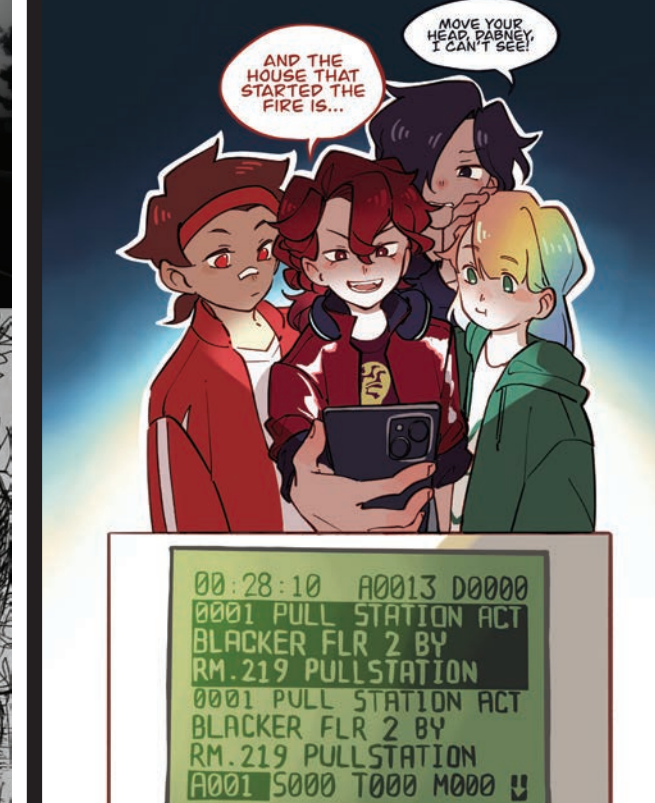


Garden in the Night Juan Luchsinger

Housetalia: "Something About Fire Alarms"

by Jen Hu

if anyone has requests or suggestions for house activities or interactions to draw, shoot them my way on discord @otaku553!



Amazon Skymall

Welcome back to Amazon Skymall! In this column, we hold a raffle where we [not] randomly select one of our lucky readers and give them the item of their choice from these hand picked selections!

Enter this week's raffle by using the QR code or the link below:



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Last Issue's Winner Bram Schork (Fleming, ME '26)

NO

NO Free



She-Demon Domani Sharkey



Wishes Denied Alicia Zhang



Lastly, surround thyself with the camaraderie of friends and allies. Together, your fellowship shall be a shield against the scorching ΔΓΣϵϕ ξ-ΑΙΛϞ. Their support and bravery will be your greatest weapon, for no demon can withstand the power of unity and friendship.

And so, my dear reader, in this whimsical tale, I leave you with this sage advice: to vanquish the ΔΕΡΩΝ ΕΞΩΡΩ, arm yourself with laughter, seek wisdom, and embrace the bonds of friendship. For in the face of such fiery folly, these shall be your greatest tools of survival.

Q How do you pass the Housing Eligibility Acumen Exam

A The Housing Eligibility Acumen Exam is not your typical test; it's more like a gauntlet, akin to the trials of Hercules.

First, arm yourself with your digital device and a steady internet connection. As you enter the digital exam realm, you're about to embark on a grueling journey.

Each question you'll confront mirrors a formidable undertaking, requiring not only your intellectual prowess but also your unwavering determination. Within this enigmatic exam, there are no easily discerned solutions. Your task is to unlock the concealed code, much like an ancient sage unraveling cryptic scrolls. Just as the mythic heroes of old faced their legendary challenges, you must also navigate this labyrinth of questions with wisdom and insight.

Approach each question with the tenacity of a hero facing mythical beasts. Expect the unexpected, and remember that the most unconventional answer might just be the right one.

The Housing Eligibility Acumen Exam is not for the faint of heart. It's a battle of wits, where you must endure and triumph over the enigmatic questions. Your housing fate is in your hands, and only the boldest will emerge victorious. Good luck, brave soul!

Second, seek the counsel of the Wise Wizards of Knowledge, who can be summoned through the magic of books and scrolls. Learn the ancient art of extinguishing flames, for it is said that even a flaming ΔΕΡΩΝ can be quenched with the wisdom of water and the knowledge of fire safety.

Caltech Timely Warning Crime Bulletin:

"Mental Health Challenges"

by Thanhthanh Nguyen



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Q What is the best way to celebrate halloween?

-Richard Schweddy

A

In the darkest of nights, the ΔΓΣϵϕ warriors, a group of brave warriors, are kindled in the heart of their celebration. They whisper secrets in the flames, seeking glory from the victory of the fire gods, so do their desires and their devotion, in the end, they practice to win a sacred fire, a symbol of their unwavering commitment.

-Quail

Q

Demon Elmo came back from the grave and he's coming for me. How do I save myself from elmo?

-Big Chungus

A

Ah, young one, gather 'round and lend me your ears, for I shall weave a tale of valor and wit, a fable to thwart the fiery menace of ΔΕΡΩΝ ΕΞΩΡΩ

In a land far, far away, there was a brave soul, much like yourself, who faced the flaming wrath of ΔΕΡΩΝ. But fear not, for the secret to surviving such an ordeal lies within the annals of wisdom and whimsy.

First, equip thyself with the armor of laughter, for ΔΕΡΩΝ, though fearsome, cannot endure the mirthful onslaught of jests and japes. Share humorous tales, sing merry songs, and unleash your inner jester. Make ΔΕΡΩΝ doubt the seriousness of his fiery quest.

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ARC Tip of the Week: Good luck on midterms!

Final Reminder: Graduation Requirement for Seniors - Meeting with the Registrar. A meeting with the Registrar is required, prior to November 6, 2023, to declare your candidacy for the degree of Bachelor of Science to the Registrar and ensure your timely graduation in June 2024.

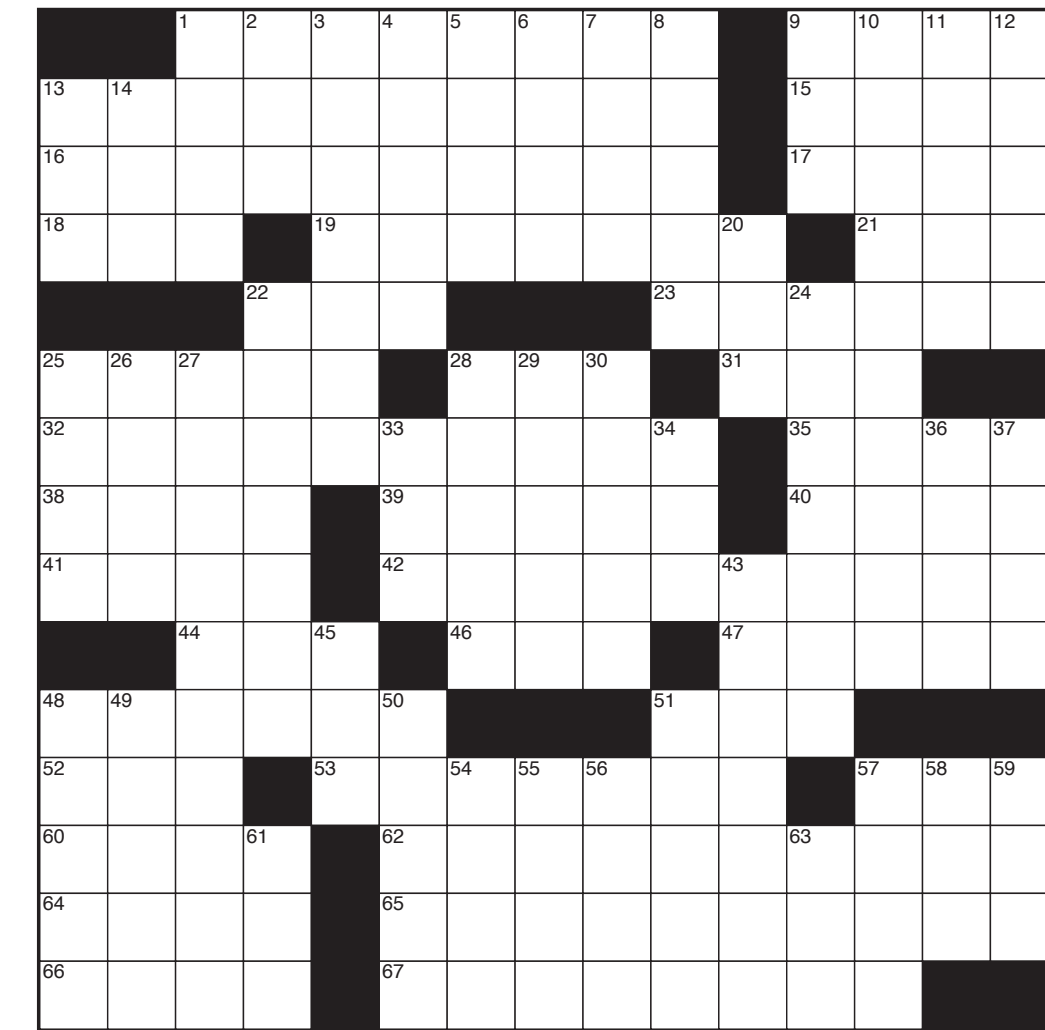
Course Concerns Form. If you have a concern about a course, please fill out this anonymous form: https://donut.caltech.edu/feedback/arc. We will do our best to get back to you in less than a week.

Peer Academic Coaches (Deans Tutor) How-To Guide. The ARC has compiled a guide on how to navigate the new Peer Academic Coach (PAC) system (replacing Deans Tutoring) for those who want to become a PAC as well as for those who want to get tutored by a PAC.

How to Find a Peer Academic Coach. Sign Up, Learn, Book It! Follow the directions on the "How to Schedule..." page to book your coaching session. Succeed!

The California Tech Crossword: "Topology"

ENRICA ADILLON AND MADELINE HICKS



ACROSS 1 Rescues from a bad situation 9 Like some pots 13 The links (0) 15 Do programming work 16 Decadent Indian flatbread 17 Drape holders 18 Figs, in sports reports 19 Nickname for a slow spouse 21 Baby goat 22 Like many crafts: Abbr. 23 Where molten rock meets the surface (1) 25 You might affix one 28 Atlanta-based public health agency: Abbr. 31 Lipo-suction target 32 Stately sushi order 35 "Bye" in text speak 38 L.A. museum to see some modern creations 39 Topological descriptor of the number of (holes) in the answers to 13-, 23-, 48-, and 65-across 40 Best when tied 41 Cue sport 42 Kind of deal 44 Hypothetical place in a sequence 46 AARP members 47 Hall's partner 48 Cutting component of a classic trio (2) 51 Key abbreviation when followed by "L" 52 Popular Youtube interview show "___ Ones"

Caltech Cross Country Finishes Third and Fifth at SCIACs Meet

Elizabeth Field Sports. Caltech's men's and women's cross country teams competed in the championship meet for the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) this past Saturday, October 28th. The men's team competed in an 8K course and the women's team in a 6K course. The Caltech men's team placed third in SCIACs, despite their anticipated ranking of fifth.

Women's and Men's Soccer End Their Seasons Strong

Elizabeth Field Sports. The Caltech women's and men's soccer teams played their final games of the 2023 seasons this past Saturday, October 28th. Both teams played at home, honoring their seniors with their senior day ceremonies and their performances. The women's team played first, at 11:00 am, against Occidental College. Caltech started the game strong, with a record setting goal by Jennifer Solgaard (EE, '25, Lloyd).



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Can you spot the amogus (🐱) in this issue?



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Balancing Equations and Laps: The Life of Sam Small, BioE Major and Star Swimmer

Skye Ruedas
Humans of Caltech

Caltech is known for its rigorous academic environment, but beneath the surface lies a community of student-athletes who defy the odds daily, balancing their passion for their sport with the demands of academic life. One such athlete is Sam Small, a junior BioE major, minoring in Chemistry. His journey provides an enlightening perspective on what it's like to be a student-athlete at Caltech.

Waking up at 6:30 am, Sam's day begins with a morning lift in the gym from 7 to 8:30 am. Refueling quickly with a coffee and snack, he goes off to his 9 am lab meeting. As a BioE major, Sam's academic plate is just as full as his athletic one. After his lab meeting, he makes some time for studying and lunch before attending his 1 pm to 2:30 pm class.

Sam's commitment to swimming is evident. Not only does he along with the other swimmers practice every day from Monday to Saturday, but they also attend two morning gym sessions a week. These practices and sessions build both their physical abilities and their bond with the team – a close-knit group that feels like family.

Sam's athletic journey impacts his social life too. The swim team, for him, allows him to be part of a community with shared goals and aspirations. This unified team provides companionship, mutual support, and lasting memories. On the other hand, there are trade-offs. The dedication to his sport occasionally keeps him and other swimmers from joining certain activities, like house ski or beach trips, especially during the season. Yet, for Sam, the personal growth and team victories make it all worthwhile.

Post-practice, Sam grabs dinner and then shifts his focus back to academics. His evenings often involve working as a TA for a lab class from 7 to 10 pm. Despite the long day, Sam's dedication to both his studies and sport is clear.

Through the eyes of Sam Small, we're granted a glimpse into the demanding yet rewarding world of a Caltech athlete. His story shows the commitment that defines Caltech's athletic community. Whether it's the support of a team that feels like family or the relentless pursuit of academic and athletic excellence, student-athletes like Sam show the spirit of Caltech.

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