

Sudoku Puzzles - Fill out each puzzle with numbers 1-9 so that each row, each column, and each 3x3 square has one of each digits.

Easy:

		2					8	
5		3		6	7		9	4
4				2	8			6
6				8				
8		7		3		5		1
				9				8
9			2	5				7
7	4		9	1		6		2
	5					1		

Medium:

					6		9	5
6					9	3		
3				8	2		7	
		8						5
		7	2		3	4		
	5					7		
	2		9	6				7
		3	1					6
9	4		3					

Hard:

8					6		7	
	6			2	5	1		
5		3						
	5	8			2	9		
		2	5			7	3	
						8		3
		6	4	9			2	
	3		1					4

EVIL!:

		5				1	8	
					1	9	2	
			4	7				
	3		8					6
7				3				9
9					2		3	
				8	3			
	4	1	9					
	2	8					7	

Source: www.websudoku.com

Last Edition of Chuck Norris Quotes

- 5. Chuck Norris needs no car to move around the earth, because the earth moves around for Chuck Norris
- 4. Chuck Norris doesn't use phones, he hangs out with everyone he needs to talk to.
- 3. Chuck Norris won the hot dog eating contest by eating 55 hot dogs and the first runner up.
- 2. Chuck Norris needs no bed; Chuck Norris can roundhouse kick the ground until it changes physical state and becomes an orthopedic cushion.
- 1. **Chuck Norris can sit in the middle back seat of a coupe (two-door) car and still not be sitting bitch!**

Please send us your quotes, lines, feedback, questions, comments, rticles, contributions, pictures and hatemail to sp-newsletter-chair@mit.edu

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Events and Notices

**Happy B-Day
Monica!**

What movie would you like to see for the next outdoor screening? Help decide by voting in the Online Opinion Poll at <http://s-p.mit.edu/>

HDTV at S&P S&P has upgraded our 3rd and 5th floor lounges with HD Dish Network service. The available channels are TNTHD (ch 9420), Discovery HD (ch 9421), HDNet (ch 9422), HDNet Movies (ch 9423) and ESPNHD (ch 9424). The HD receiver can be found on input 5 of the TV.

Xbox 360 S&P has installed a new Xbox 360 in the 5th floor lounge. Games and controllers are available for checkout from the front desk.

**Upcoming Events
@ S-P and MIT**

**Friday July 28, 7pm.
Shakespeare in the Park**

"The Taming of the Shrew" - for free at the Boston Common. Meet in the lobby at 7 for an 8 PM show. First 15 people to RSVP to [sp-outing-chair](http://s-p.mit.edu/committees.php?comm_name=sp-outing-chair) get free transportation.

**Saturday, July 29th: 1-4pm
Westgate Summer Block Party**

Join as at the Tang Lawn. (In front of W84; Rain Location: Lobdell dining hall in the student center). Food, ice cream, juggling, games, clowns, Tim the Beaver, and games for kids. Contact westgate-social@mit.edu.

**Sunday, July 30th: 10am-10pm.
Six Flags Amusement Park**

Cost with transportation - MIT \$20 , guest \$25 Cost w/out transportation - MIT \$15 , guest \$20 Get your tickets at the GSC office. gsc-ac@mit.edu

Thursday, August 6th Foxwoods Casino!

Trip to Foxwoods Casino: Sunday, August 6th, 11am-9pm. Sponsored by GSC Activities and MIT Club of Boston Cost: \$18 - Students, \$20 Guests Includes transportation, free meal and 3 free \$5 kino tickets Sign up online at <http://bostonclub.mit.edu/events/060806.html>

**August 12-13:
Rafting Trip at Penabscot River**

Join us at the Penabscot River in Maine: for the weekend of August 12-13th (Transportation included) Cost - \$135 for students, \$140 for guests Tents, food (breakfast,lunch,dinner) provided (worth \$190+) Get your tickets at the GSC office. gsc-ac@mit.edu

Don't forget your **Weekly Coffee Hour** -- every Wednesday at 9pm!

What's going on

House Updates

It's the summer, nothing much goes on. Fun activities to make your life better, behind the scene budget proposals, fun stuff you'll enjoy.

Orientation is around the corner

Get in the love train...

Orientation is right around the corner, fresh meat! For all of you who missed the love train last spring, or took an unexpected stop, here is your chance to get back on track.

Orientation events is where I met all my current best friends. It's a sweet opportunity where everyone is friendly and willing to meet new people. Later in the semester people build their niche and feel comfortable within their group of friends, sometimes blocking new friendships believing they already have the friends they need. What if those friends get girlfriends/boyfriends and get lost for a while?! [Biff?] Or what if some of them get too caught up in their qualifiers? [Klein? Me?] Yes,



Knight Armor | Notre Dam School (Caguas, Puerto Rico).



...No description available

it happens, friends can be loyal and always be on your side, but they can't always go out drinking every night. So new friends are always welcomed! Through new friends you can meet the dream girl you've been looking for. Or dream guy, for those with different choices, like girls.

Most orientation events at MIT include alcohol, something that surprised me at first but that planted the most valuable friends I have! Even if you do not drink, there will be plenty of happy friendly people and you'll get caught in the atmosphere and loosen up. Just walk up to random people and ask for their name and field. If they ask back, then you can go ahead and ask where they are coming from and just keep the conversation going.

Grab a Long Island ice tea and go mingle with the crowd.

The most important event, and one from which I don't remember a single detail except for what I can recall from scars, is the Harbor Cruise! Grab a Long Island ice tea and go mingle with the crowd. Talk to everyone, it's orientation and people want to meet people.

The new students also want the opinion and experiences of students who have gone part of gradschool. Kindly offer your advice, tell them which professors to avoid even in the hallways! Tell them which classes are worth the effort and what subjects to chose for the quals. All advice is welcomed.

Perhaps the title wasn't the most appropriate, but it got you to read the article, so I guess it did its job. Anyways, I won't try to convince you to be a social bug which you are not, but I'm telling you to attend the most events you can because you meet people, they're fun, and they're free.

• Daniel

Get medieval!

Renaissance Festival

Travel back to medieval times and enjoy the festivities! I recently went to a Renaissance Festival in upstate New York, about 40 min from Rochester. Everyone must try to go to one of these if they get the chance. It is like Medieval Times, the eating place where you eat with your hands and watch the knights on horses throw each other off their horses during the jousts, only that it's a whole town. There are medieval characters that walk around within the crowd, performing their role all day long. You still get to eat the turkey legs and watch the knights battle each other, plus you walk around a carnival where aside from little artisan stores there are games, many games.

These are not the usual games you see at your town fair, this are medieval games. There is arrow shooting, javelin throwing, ax throwing, knife throwing, ninja star throwing, mudball throwing, even rat on a sling shot throwing! There is face painting, live acting, puppet theater, mud show, pillow fighting, and that thing you hit with a hammer to see how high it goes. What else can you ask for? Oh yes, beer, cider and wine which make the maze a lot more challenging! Yes, there is maze.

You can buy from pirate hats to lady hats and from capes to dresses. The food is awesome, complement that BBQ sauce smothered turkey leg with an ice cream and you're money! Best of all, impress your girlfriend with the medals you can win at the many games. A friend got one for ax throwing and I got one for mud ball throwing, (after 15 tries... I guess the cider played a role in that stunt). Another friend didn't get any and had to put up with us bragging about the wooden chunk and the ceramic disc we proudly carried around our necks for the rest of the weekend. Warning: the ceramic medal tends to dissolve in water; do not attempt to wear while water skiing.

• Daniel, yet again.

Photofile

Some pics of what's going on this summer with some SP residents.



Super Klein | Alex's dad teaching Daniel how to water ski. Alex is helping.



Jousts! | Knights battling each other at Renaissance Festival



Queen recognition | Daniel and Carlos showing off medals valiantly earned at the Renaissance Festival

Guest Column:

Piece of Mind

Waking up to the sound of a construction truck is not my definition of excitement. I'm not asking for the construction downstairs to stop, or even to finish faster, I'm just asking for them to wake me up for breakfast, not for the midnight snack. Anyway, I don't think they will even consider it, so I will refrain from asking. No matter how annoying the noise can get, the construction itself attracts a lot of attention. I have the impression that the public feels a certain pride when they walk by, as if it was them who were building the roads; the construction workers (especially those driving the fancy machines) realize that people are staring, and they feel even prouder. This feeling of importance is what seems to give them the right to make noise at minus 5 in the morning. The construction enterprise in Cambridge will end no earlier than December 2035 because, on average, only about 20% of the workers present at any site are actually working. Most are doing one of the following: i) resting; ii) supervising another worker (even if he's resting); iii) waiting in line at the nearby food truck to get food; iv) eating; v) digesting the bronto burger they just ate; vi) talking to the policeman who is in charge of 'security', who is obviously included in the percentage of people not doing their job. It makes no difference to me whether the efficiency of construction is 20% or 2% in any construction site, except the one downstairs. But waking at 7:00 to the beeping of a truck backing up, and seeing that the mother#@\$&* who is making the noise is the only one actually working, makes my head fluid boil! If you want to be lazy at work is fine with me, but please start being lazy an hour later. That would buy me

You walk like a lady!

The Creative Beggar

A friend of mine lives on Central Square. Every morning on his way to campus he stops at Dunkin Donuts for some coffee. One day he found a beggar outside the coffee shop; he had some spare change from the coffee so he gave it to him. As he walked away, the beggar said "I like blood" in a very funny voice. He though he had misheard him and went on.

A few days later he walks by the beggar again and drops some change again. As he walked away, the beggar said "You walk like a lady" in a funny voice again. Now that's business creativity. My friend says that he gives money to that guy just to see what he's going to say. He is not a beggar, he is a business man. The product he says is random lines. Would you give money to the same beggar day after day?

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Eventually you'll probably want him to get a job or to leave you alone. But with this beggar it's different. You want to give him money even before you have seen him. You regret not having money when you walk by because you miss out on the line of the day. I wonder what would happen if I show up with ten friends and we each drop him some change. Will he come up with ten random lines? How far can his spontaneity go?! Whatever the case, among all the crazy people in Central, this has to be my favorite one, the creative beggar.



Throw away that piece of junk

Buying a new computer?

MIT IS&T (Information Services and Technology) is here to help. [Should it be called Information Technology Services? But around here even the master's degree is reversed – SM]. Go to <http://web.mit.edu/ist/services/hardware/presales.html> and you can check out the deals you can get as an MIT student. I was recently looking for a laptop and this was a good place, at least to start. In this website you can find Apple, HP, Dell, and IBM (now distributed by Lenovo) laptops. Desktops are limited to Dells, but they're probably the best deal. Anyways, I did my research on laptops so this is what I'll tell you about.

If you go to <http://web.mit.edu/ecat/govconnection> and use your MIT certificate, you can check out some good deals on laptops and desktops. You might always want to crosscheck with other sites like Amazon, Costco, Staples and the manufacturer's sites. Right now is probably the worst time to buy a laptop: Windows Vista is coming out next spring and Intel is about to release its new line of 64 bit processors. Vista is the next 64 bit Windows, resource hungry but stylish. Right now only AMD has 64 bit laptop processors (Turion 64 series: TL-50, TL-52, etc). The best Intel processor right now for laptops is the Intel Core Duo (T2300, T2400, T2500, etc); it's pretty much a dual core Pentium M [M stands for mobile and dual core in simple terms means it has two processors inside]. The Turion 64 is a 64bit processor, which can teach a lesson to the Core Duo [at least in 64 bit applications; office tools work pretty much the same, in games the Turion is superior.] The Turion 64 X2, which is the dual-core version.

With this info I set off and looked for a laptop with the Turion 64 X2 so that when Windows Vista came around I could run it in a breeze. I also looked for something with at least 1GB of memory and about 100GB of hard drive. To my surprise only Gateway and



HP carry this, the rest of the industry vowed to Intel with its 32 bit processor. Until the new Core Duo 2 for laptops (T5000 and T7000 series) comes out to battle the Turion 64 X2, your best bet is on AMD. I chose the HPdv2000z series [watch out, the dv2000t comes with Intel Core Duo], which can have all that as well as integrated webcam, Bluetooth, DVD-DL burner and media remote. For newbies, DVD-DL stands for dual layer DVD, which means in a dual layer disc you can burn about 9GB. You can get this from HP.com or Costco.com (slightly cheaper, faster shipping).

For those loyal to Intel, who are willing to pay more for the same performance, then wait a while until the Core Duo 2 series comes out. Also if you wait until the spring you can get your computer with Windows Vista instead of XP. A quick summary of Intel laptops: Vaios are very expensive, but very nice. IBM Thinkpad (not 3000 series) are as expensive as Vaios but are ugly, yet they are the most reliable and highest quality. Dells are cheap as dirt and seem to be good. I would have gone for Dell if I had chosen Intel. For those of you from the dark side, Apples are more expensive than PCs, but they're pretty and now they run the exact same processor, you guessed, Core Duo. The new And a final piece of advise, if you buy it now upgrade it to Windows XP Professional, the Home Edition is less secure and stable for network environments.

PS: For desktop processors, by the early August Intel would have released the Core Duo 2 6000 series which can smoke the Athlon 64 X2 (desktop version of Turion).

• Guess who? Daniel!