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Scientists Make Last Effort To Contact the Mars Lander

By Kathy Sawyer
THE WASHINGTON POST

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Byron N. Hitchens

The Sun

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, December 7, 1999

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The mercury climbed to 60°F (15°C) on Sunday at the Blue Hills Observatory in Milton, tying the record set on this date in 1973. The normal high for a December 5th is approximately 41°F (5°C).

The front which brought us rain showers yesterday has already drifted away from us today. The Gulf of Maine, moving in behind an area of high pressure which is gradually building along the Appalachian mountains, should provide dry and sunny conditions at least through Friday.Disallowing high temperatures will manage to stay above 50°F (10°C) for most of the week.

Temperatures will drop close to the freezing point at night because clear skies allow more longwave radiation to escape into space.

The numerical models are predicting that the area of low pressure which will begin to form in the lee of the Rockies on Thursday will deepen and cover a large portion of the Great Plains. However, this will be accompanied by a strong cold front which will bring a cloudy sky and a good chance of rain for the weekend.

Today: Mostly cloudy, high of 65°F (19°C), low of 40°F (4°C). Winds will be gusty, winds west/southwest 15-25 mph. Tonight: Clear skies, low of 35°F (2°C).

Wednesday: Clear, high of 52°F (11°C), low of 30°F (-1°C). Winds will be gusty, winds west/southwest 15-25 mph.

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Russian Planes Warn Chechen Civilians of Intensified Strikes

By Daniel Williams
THF WASHINGTON POST

Russian planes dropped leaflets Monday over Grozny, the devastated capital of breakaway Chechnya, delivering a stark ultimatum to civilians: Leave by Saturday or face intensified air and artillery strikes.

Leaflets also warned Grozny's defenders to give up or die, and officials said new, heavier armaments will be used to batter the city.

"Everyone who fails to leave...will be destroyed," the leaflets said.

Russian officials described the ultimatum as the start of a new phase in the combat against the separatist region. Rebels will be wiped out or expelled from urban areas and forced into the mountainous south, where they will be pounded by pursuing jets and artillery, they said.

The two ultimatums support the growing perception that Russian generals urgently want to shake the city from which they were expelled three years ago at the end of Chechnya's independence war. They appeared intent on creating an urban free-fire zone in which anything that moves will be considered a legitimate military target.

Up to 50,000 civilians remain in the city, the Russians said. Chechen officials put the number at 40,000.

President Clinton sharply criticized the Russian ultimatum to civilians, calling it "a threat to the lives of the old, the infirm, the injured people and other innocent civilians who simply cannot leave or are too scared to leave their homes.

"Russia will pay a heavy price for these actions, with each passing day sinking more deeply into a morass that will intensify extremism and diminish its own standing in the world," Clinton said at the White House.

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Japan's economy contracted more severely than expected in the quarter ended September 30, dashing government and investor hopes that the once-vicegerent nation had finally shaken off its eight-year malaise.

The Japanese government reported Monday that third-quarter gross domestic product -- the nation's total output of goods and services -- shrank 1.0 percent from the previous three months.

The downturn, a reversal from an annualized 0.8 percent rise in the second quarter, came amid signs that other industrial economies will continue to post strong growth.

"It considerably sharper than the 0.1 percent expected by private economists," Feldman said.

"There is no sign of a recovery in Japan, and the world's second-largest economy and a key U.S. trade partner, suffered a staggering 3.8 percent drop. The report provided fresh ammunition for skeptics who argued that a genuine recovery is not a battle for the very existence of Russia. Over the weekend, he responded to intense Western criticism of the campaign's brutality by saying Moscow could not be expected to build friendly relations with foreign countries "at the price of breaking up our state.

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Final Decision Shouldn’t End Input

This Thursday, Chancellor Lawrence S. Bacow ‘72 will release his final recommendations on the future shape of the MIT housing system.

This report will encapsulate one of the most important policy drafts in recent memory. Every student at MIT in the coming decades will be directly affected by the recommendations of this report.

Unfortunately, the timing for the release of this report is very poor. Students have precious little time in the twilight of the semester to devote to anything other than classwork. Many students preoccupied with exams will find it most convenient to ignore the release of this report. The chancellor, student leaders, and students themselves must let this happen.

Chancellor Bacow must redouble his efforts to ensure that students give serious consideration to the release of his report. At his presentation Thursday he must make every effort to stress the great importance of this report and encourage all students to read his findings.

Student leaders must also urge their respective constituencies to read the report. If leaders expect to receive feedback from the students they represent, they must stress to students the importance of understanding and reacting to this report. Student leaders have shown admirable dedication to participating in the process which lead up to the release of this report. That dedication to provide student input should continue through the implementation of Bacow’s report.

Finally, students themselves must take responsibility and find time to review Chancellor Bacow’s recommendations. Housing is an integral part of the MIT experience, and students should make their opinions known to the administration on this pivotal issue.

Chancellor Bacow, student leaders, and individual students have an obligation to give the report proper consideration despite the important timing of its release.

OPINION

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Michael J. Ring

The Cambridge City Council will soon face a Y2K problem of its own. No, the city's computers are not going to crash (so we hope) with the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve. The problem is a political, not a technological, nature. When the new council is sworn in next year, one of its first responsibilities is to choose the next mayor of the new for, and for the second consecutively mayoral election, blood is likely to be spilled.

In the 1998 election, then-councilor Kathleen Born won the mayoral vote over 14 other candidates by a margin of 7 votes. She was the only candidate to exceed quota on the first count.

But Gallagher's mayoral candidacy is not over yet. He plans to run against her in the 2000 Democratic primary. So the mayoral election is far from guaranteed. His play against Wolf may not sway Decker, who is now in a difficult position, as the Cambridge wheels are in motion unaligned with either the progressive or moderate blocs the council, Decker's constituency is divided and undecided. Decker is the first councilor most frequently by Decker supporters for the mayor's job. In an interview, Born, Davis, and Reeves are— are all progressive. Therefore, Decker's constituents strong— strong alignment with the councilor may well determine the mayoral councilor she may not have the political capital to do otherwise.

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This isn't going to be a column lamenting the loss of the "true meaning of Christmas." Plenty has already been written about how nobodys mean anything by Christmas except its normal operating hours, which end at about 12:30 AM. But Christmas is not about the birth of Jesus Christ.

It isn't going to be a column about how much money-as possible. Kids make mile-long lists with family and friends and to celebrate with the meaning of Christmas beyond its original intention. We had a great time in the frantically rush of the holiday season, but it's Christmas to begin an annual Christmas season.

Veena Thomas

It's the Season

Make Christmas, Not War; Remember the Holiday's Origin and Spirit

The Christmas season is a time extending above and beyond Christmas. Christmas originated as a religious holiday, and it remains a religious holiday. However, I think we should, and we have, secularize the meaning of Christmas beyond its original intention. It didn't have to be an act of love. People who really cared as a token of affection. It didn't have to be

Christmas has become a time to spend with family and friends, and we wear red and green. We make friends, and we wear red and green. We make

Giving a gift to someone often becomes a matter of obligation and not of any real feel- ing. People who made a gift to someone simply out of obligation will get something in return. If you feel moved to give a gift to someone, if it all, if no one ever gets a gift from you.

Oprah's Secret Santa. Oprah's Secret Santa is a token of affection. It didn't have to be

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Keynote Speaker:

Rick Barry

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Founder and Chief Technical Officer
of Sycamore Networks, Inc.

"The P.T. Barnum of Biotech"
Wall Street Journal

Wednesday, December 8, 1999
7:00 pm
Wong Auditorium, Building E51
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

http://50k.mit.edu/
The Washington Internship Program, run through the political science department, is open to all MIT students and offers them the opportunity to spend a summer working in public policy in Washington DC and course XIV is also beginning an undergraduate internship program in Washington. The political science department also sponsors a local internship for credit and helps students find other internships in Cambridge, Boston, and Washington. Contact Sibo Werner, Undergraduate Academic Administrator, in the political science department for more information.

The MIT Germany program, part of the M.I.T Science and Technology Initiative, is sponsored by the department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. It offers students, both undergraduate and graduate, the opportunity to combine their studies of the German Language with working in science or engineering with German companies. Internships range from three months during the summer to six to twelve months during the year, often after graduation or as part of a PhD program.

For more information, visit their website at <http://web.mit.edu/lfm/www/>.

The MIT Societo por Esperanto invites you to learn Esperanto over IAP

Esperanto is an invented language introduced in 1887. It is designed to be easy to learn by anyone through its simple and regular grammar (all the rules can fit on one page and there are no exceptions to memorize). Esperanto is also intended as a language for international communication. It does not replace native languages, but is rather a second language which people of different native languages can communicate. And because Esperanto is invented, it is politically neutral and therefore does not favor one nation or culture over another.

What are your plans for New Year's Eve?

I'll be in Times Square

 lleging home to New Zealand where my par- ents are. The last time I've seen them was Spring Break.

I'm watching the Three Stooges marathon like every year.

My family and I are going to church and celebrating New Year's with my entire west coast family.

I was thinking I would bring some people and go up to the top of a mountain near L.A., overlooking the city.

I probably will be back here, in Boston, doing the First Night thing.

Compiled by Katharyn Jeffries

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1:00 p.m. - Kendo Practice. Come learn the Japanese art of swordfighting under the instruction of sensei Jun Himeji. 7th dan from Harvard. No experience is necessary. McCormick Gym. Sponsor: MIT Kendo Club.
3:00 p.m. - Chi Alpha Campus Meet. Chi Alpha Fellowship will be speaking on the beauty of reconciliation at our weekly meeting. There will be time for worship and fellowship as we study the Bible. PDR 3. Student Center. Sponsor: Chi Alpha.
4:00 p.m. - Chris Van Urem, School of Architecture. Open. More info: Call Truly Kortman at 253-6969. Email ivan@mit.edu.

Wednesday’s Events

12:00 p.m. - Lemelson-MIT $30,000 Student Prize. MIT seniors & grad students are eligible to apply for a prize of up to $30,000 as a reward for a new idea that must result in the creation of a new company or non-profit. Open. More info: Call James Wolfram at 253-3352. Admission 0. Sponsor: Lemelson-MIT Program.
7:00 p.m. - MIT Chamber Music Society. Thau Maguerre’s Trio for flute, oboe & piano; Schubert’s Quintet in A major (the “Trout” Quintet) D 667 (op. post. 114); Dvorak’s String Quintet in A minor, Op. 77. at 5 p.m., Bartos Theater - E15 (Media Lab), 20 Ames Street. More info: call S. Berkna at 253-6962 or e-mail berkna@mit.edu. Open. More info: Call Sigrid Berkna at 253-6962. E15 Atrium, Media Lab, Bartos.
8:00 p.m. - What do Late Nights, Pajamas, and Finale Have in Common?, Elizabeth Young and Laurie Ward, Office of Academic Services. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Closed. More info: Call Van Chu at 253-6961. Email deeproot@world.std.com.

Friday’s Events

9:00 a.m. - UROP’s IAP Research Mentor Program. Deadline for Research Mentor applications is January 20. All upperclassmen and IAP 2000 Research Mentors, should see the URL below and submit their applications, ASAP. 7:10 p.m. - Sponsor: UROP.
1:00 p.m. - Young Composers’ Ensemble Premiere Concert. Student ensembles perform works by fellow students. Admission 0. O. Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
1:30 p.m. - “Mort and Mabel” Annual “Messiah” Sing. Scores provided; refreshments served. Admission free. Twenty Chimney. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
7:00 p.m. - “The Sixth Sense.” Malcolm Crowe (Bruce Willis) is a child psychologist who takes on the task of curing a young boy who “sees dead people”. Admission 0:25-30. 0. Little Theater. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
8:00 p.m. - Living Tradition of Ball. A concert of traditional and modern Balinese music and dance, featuring the U.S. debut of masked dancer Gusti Ngurah Ketut Arwa...s. Admission 0. Killian Hall. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.
9:00 p.m. - MIT Writers Series: Gerald Early. The director of African and AfrO: Products ..

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Down with Science

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the crass rat

DEAR PRESIDENT VEST, IN LIGHT OF THE IMPENDING Y2K AND THE INEVITABLE TOTAL CHAOS AND MASS DESTRUCTION THAT MANY PROPOSE WILL ENSUE,

I ASK YOU TO PLEASE PUT THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE. I MEAN REALY. SHOULD MY STUDENTS BE FORCED TO SPEND WHAT COULD CONCEIVABLY BE OUR LAST WEEKS ON EARTH...

STUDYING FOR FINALs?

YOU KNOW, HE'S NOT GOING TO CANCEL FINALs... WHY DON'T YOU JUST STUDY LIKE THE REST OF US, A

NO WAY, I'M HOLDING OUT UNTIL I GET A DEFINITE

I FOUND A BOOK ABOUT ASTRAL PROJECTION.

I SOLD THIS DURING OUR MEETING.

DOES ANYONE WANT TO SWITCH CHAIRS?

IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS, SANTA'S WORKSHOP HUMS WITH THE WORK OF HAPPY ELVES CREATING...

A WOODEN CHOO-CHOO FOR BILLY...

AN ADORABLE DOLL FOR SUSIE...

AN IDEAL CUP OF CHOCOLATE MILK FOR TOMMY.

I SPEAK ENGLISH BUT I THINK IN FRENCH.

SOMEDAY I'LL TAKE FRENCH LESSONS TO FIND OUT WHAT THE HECK I'M THINKING.

YOU'RE ALL IDIOTS. I QUIT!

THERE... I FOUND A HIGHER PAYING JOB TWO MILES AWAY. ADIOS, SUCKERS.

I'M THE NEW WEB DESIGNER. I HEAR YOU'RE IDIOTS. WHERE'S THE ETHERNET JACK?

I QUIT.

CHOCOLATE MILK FOR TOMMY.

ARE YOU A MAD MAN, OR WHAT?
HE COULDN'T HAND OUT APPLICATIONS FAST ENOUGH.

PETER WILL CLOSE THE BATHROOM WINDOW WHEN YOU BLOW-DRY YOUR HAIR?

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UA Allocates Funds For Spring Weekend

The UA decided to implement a policy of overfunding that would allow overallocation based on the unspent funding for the past term. To do this, the UA needed to allocate $23,569 to cover any unforeseen group spending. This money would allow the overallocation to begin this Spring rather than in Spring 2001. "The biggest problem that the Financial Board faces is the lack of funding. We could use money left over each term to help groups in the future," said McGann.

The UA Judicial Board recently decided that these funds may in fact be used in the same manner as uninvested reserve funds, which can be allocated by a two-thirds vote of the UA council.

UA requests funding proposals

The UA also issued a request for proposals to spend the remaining funds. The purpose of the UA is to fund student groups and also to be there in emergencies," McGann said. The council also voted to give $30,000 of seed money to the Spring Weekend Planning Committee, replacing the funds previously allocated by the now defunct large activities fund. This will allow the Spring Weekend Planning Committee to make large cash expenditures in the expectation of inflows such as the sale of concert tickets.

Accounting mishap costs $22,670

Following the transition to the new SAP accounting system, the Financial Board discovered that $22,670.17 had disappeared. "One big pot for everyone to dip into wasn't a very good idea," said Mendel Chuang '02, the UA representative from the Finboard. Rather than taking an equal amount from each student group, the UA decided to use a portion of the excess funds to deal with this discrepancy.

The UA also voted to allocate $6,680 towards renovations of the Small Activity office, which would include replacing cabinets and putting locks on storage space and the front office. "This better use of the office would alleviate the lack of storage space that groups do have at MIT," said ASA president Jocelyn L. Wiese '00.

The UA council also allocated $9,000 to replace the aging booths in Lobby 10. These booths, which cost around $900 each, are to be constructed by the MIT Hobby Shop. They are intended to be more comfortable and handicapped accessible than the current booths. The UA currently has a group of funds marked as an invested reserve, money saved to cover any financial emergencies. The UA increased this invested reserve from $17,397 to $30,000, allowing for a two year buffer of operating expenses.

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PKS House Closed Following Explosion

PKS, from Page 1 thing good came out of this," said PKS President Randy K. Chiu '00.

Brothers will abide by agreement

Chiu said the brothers planned to make the restitution. It was his understanding that if they did, "everything would be okay," Chiu said.

"We will follow through," Lee said. Lee expects the request for charges against them to be dropped.

In light of the events following the explosion, Chiu said that "Other infractions should be careful."
The hearing was a result of the October 26 incident when the theatrical device Lee was carrying to advertise PKS's Halloween party "Skuffle" accidentally exploded, sending him to the hospital. Two other PKS brothers, Griswold and Nathui, also suffered minor injuries as the three prepared to interrupt a lecture in Room 10-250. Campus Police closed Building 10 for most of the day as the Cambridge Bomb Squad and Fire Department investigated.

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If there are problems with the room setup, the student will be given time to fix the problems, Rockefeller said. It has not been decided what will happen if the student does not make the required changes, but Rockefeller stated that “fines will probably not be necessary.”

It is also unclear how fire hazards in public areas, such as in floor or suite lounges, will be addressed.

**Pet policy also being considered**

The fate of pets is also uncertain under the new inspection policy. While cats are not currently allowed in any MIT dormitory, DormCon is considering some sort of official sanction. One policy under consideration would be to designate certain areas of a dorm for people who plan to have pets, Frank stated. That way, freshmen choosing housing would know clearly what animals they can expect to find on a certain floor or dorm.

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"You have no idea how upset everyone - college admissions officers and guidance counselors alike - has become over the trend toward early applications."

Population rise also responsible

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Early Action, from Page 1

allowing students to send applications early to multiple colleges. MIT has never restricted the number of institutions to which early action applicants can apply.

"Because of this we know that there are students in our pool who are also applying to Harvard early," Jones said. "From admissions officers' point-of-view, that is a nightmare. Just getting the work done on time becomes a serious problem and it becomes very difficult to calculate yield."

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McGann ’00. “The VA, IFC, Dormcon, and GSC plan to collaborate again on the implementation process.” Students will have a chance to react to the decision, but according to RSSC and SAC member Jennifer C. Berk ’01, “it looks like feedback will be directed to those implementing the decision.” Vest announced in the summer of 1998 that all freshmen will be housed on campus beginning in fall 2001. The decision necessitated a redesign of MIT’s residence system. Bacow formed the RSSC to submit a residence design plan in late fall 1998. The RSSC sponsored a Residence System Redesign Contest over IAP 1999 to gather student input.

After two drafts and community feedback, the RSSC’s final report went to the chancellor on October 1, followed by another report submitted by the SAC later that month. The decision, which passed through Academic Council last week, received the approval of President Charles M. Vest, Dean of Students Rosalind H. Williams, and Vice President and Secretary of the Corporation Kathryn A. Willmore.

Bacow Encourages Student Involvement

Residence, from Page 1

Association floor leader Andrew D. Montgomery ’01. “The chancellor's been very receptive to the ideas of the various groups that have been providing him with input,” said Dormitory Council President Jennifer A. Frank ’00.

Decision raises hope, concerns

Bacow stressed his hope that the MIT community will see the decision as an improvement to the current system. He encouraged students to “roll up their sleeves and get involved in the implementation process.”

Frank concurred, stating, “The presentation is designed to lend closure to the process so that we can begin the implementation.”

Bacow conceded that the decision leaves certain issues unresolved. “I consciously tried not to answer every question because some are best left to other groups,” Bacow said.

“We’ll wait to see the decision before we determine the exact first steps of implementing the decision,” said UA President Matthew L.

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GET TO THE GOOD PART.
Susanna Mierau ’00 has been named one of thirty-two U.S. Rhodes scholars for 2000. Mierau is a resident of East Campus majoring in Brain and Cognitive Sciences in MIT’s Whitaker College of Health Sciences and Technology.

Mierau said that she is currently deciding which specific area to study at England’s Oxford University, but that her primary interest is neural pharmacology and neural transmitters.

“Right now, I’m going to talk to my advisors and see what they think,” Mierau said. She currently plans to complete her PhD in three years, which is common at Oxford.

Mierau has concentrated on both cognitive science research and molecular biology research involving Alzheimer’s disease. At Oxford, she hopes to focus her research somewhere in between the two. Eventually, Mierau hopes to conduct academic medical research in the U.S.

“I’ve enjoyed being at MIT so far,” Mierau said. She expects Oxford to be drastically different from MIT, since teaching is based on a one-on-one tutorial system. While classes offer lectures, the program is essentially independent study.

Application process rigorous

Becoming a Rhodes scholar involves a rigorous application process beginning in October. Mierau was required to obtain eight letters of recommendation for her application. Mierau applied in her home state of Kansas, and “toward the middle of November, I found out that I had an interview for the state,” Mierau said.

“At the state interview, it was a lot of fun,” Mierau said. Mierau said that both interviewers and candidates were easygoing. “The interviewers were really nice, and asked easy questions.”

Of the nine candidates competing from Kansas, Mierau was one of two selected to move on to the District VI competition, which includes most of the Midwest. At the regional level, however, the competition intensified. An eight-person panel conducted the interview, including several scientists and a medical doctor. All panel members were Rhodes scholars themselves.

“At the state level, there was only one scientist on the committee,” Mierau said. “At the regional level, there were several scientists.”

Also on the panel was a former MIT HST researcher.

Four regional finalists, including Mierau, were selected as Rhodes Scholars.

Mierau is captain of the MIT Sailing team, and is also involved in the MIT Symphony Orchestra. She serves as vice president and housing chair for East Campus, and also works as a teaching assistant for Introduction to Psychology (9.00).

Rhodes scholars in recent years

Mierau is MIT’s fourth Rhodes scholar in the past three years. Last year, Christopher Douglas ’99 and Lisa A. Peyser ’98 were named Rhodes Scholars, following Toby H. Ayer ’96 in 1998 and Pardi’s C. Sabeti ’97 in 1997.

The Rhodes Scholarships, the oldest international fellowships, were started early this century. Regional selection committees choose thirty-two scholars each year from among those nominated by selection committees in each of the fifty states.

Rhodes scholars have traditionally demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and athletic ability. They are appointed for two years of study in the University of Oxford, with the possibility of renewal for a third year. All educational costs such as matriculation, tuition, laboratory and certain other fees are paid. President Clinton and current Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley were Rhodes scholars.

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