Dean for Student Life Search Committee Will Start Interviews in May

By Michael McGraw-Herdeg

The search committee for a new Dean for Student Life, Larry G. Benedict’s replacement, is well underway, and a preliminary list of the top eight candidates will be announced on Monday afternoon. Following the current schedule, a new dean could be named as early as June or as late as early July. Benedict will leave at the end of the academic year, at the end of August, said Undergraduate Associate President Martin F. Holmes ’08, a member of the committee that is selecting the new dean.

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By Eric Schmitt and Jeffrey Gettleman

WASHINGTON

A U.S. missile strike in Somalia apparently killed one of al-Qaeda’s top operators in East Africa on Thursday, but while administration officials claim success they also acknowledged facing an uphill battle to score lasting blows in the weeks ahead.

U.S. officials portrayed the attack that killed the operative, Aden Hashi Ayro, as a product of intensified intelligence gathering in which they tracked him for weeks and made use of the free rein granted to the Pentagon in carrying out attacks in Somalia’s largely ungoverned spaces.

Thursday’s attack was arguably the most successful U.S. strike against Islamic militants outside of Iraq, Afghanistan or Pakistan since a deadly strike in Yemen in 2002, reflecting broader U.S. concerns about terrorist havens in Africa. Ayro was one of the most feared and notorious figures in Somalia, a short, wiry man believed to be in his 30s who had gone from lowly car washer to a top terrorist suspect by a string of attacks against Westerners, including killing a BBC journalist, detonating an Italian graywater and planning suicide attacks across Somalia.

He was a military commander for the Shahab, an Islamist militia, which the U.S. government recently classified as a terrorist group, saying it was linked to al-Qaeda.

The United States has failed to contain al-Qaeda in places like Pakistan and Afghanistan, and struggles even in Somalia, where the government gave authorization 16 months ago for U.S. strikes on militants there.

But U.S. attacks on terrorism suspects in the region have proved controversial, and human rights organizations have upbraided the United States for launching airstrikes in Somalia in the past year that ended up wounding or killing civilians.

Still, some administration officials said they wanted to make a mark on the issue in the waning months of the Bush presidency, pointing to al-Qaeda’s resurgence in the tribal areas of Pakistan, the rising number of cross-border attacks from Pakistan and Afghanistan; and worries that al-Qaeda and its offshoots are seeking to establish safer havens in the Horn of Africa and other parts of the continent.

In January, U.S. officials reached an understanding with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to intensify strikes by pilotless aircraft against suspected terrorists. A few weeks later Abu Laiti al-Lis, a senior Qaeda leader, was killed in a missile attack in the tribal areas.

Within Somalia, there was debate over whether Ayro’s death would be a turning point toward peace or fuel for more resistance. Government officials have been trying to make a trace with more moderate elements of Somalia’s Islamist movement and argued that with a violent leader like Ayro gone, moderates would be more receptive.

A bill that would prohibit doctors and health insurers and employers based on the information that people carry in their genes won final approval in Congress on Thursday by an overwhelming vote. President Bush has indicated he will sign, spokes both to the mounting hope placed in genetic research to greatly improve health care and the fear of a dystopia in which people’s genetic information could be used against them.

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People know we all have bad genes, and we are all potential victims of genetic discrimination,” said Rep. M. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., who was a key sponsor of the bill, which passed the House on Thursday by a 414-1 vote, and Senate by 95-5 a week earlier.

Still, some experts said that people should still be cautious with their genetic information. And the bill has the open the ability for insurance companies to ask consumers to take genetic tests that they believe could lead to preventive therapies.

Doctors say a fear of discrimination on the part of patients has prevented thousands at risk of genetic disease from taking advantage of tests that might help them make better health care choices. Some patients worry that they may be denied jobs or face higher insurance premiums if a genetic predisposition to disease shows up in their medical records.

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By Byaksa Bajaj

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**Double Bombs in Iraqi Town Kill At Least 35, Wound 62**

By Erica Goode and Stephen Farrell

The New York Times

May 2, 2008

Two hundred blasts set off by suicide car bombers killed at least 35 people and wounded at least 62 others, marking the worst violence in Baghdad in months.

The first bomb was aimed at a warehouse in the eastern district of Sadr City, where it was being neighbor, said a security official in Balad Ruz. His death is the latest in a string of attacks on civilians that has had a hard evidence — and “it is a lot — on an in every single street or shop a person who searches the people.”

Al-Rubaie, who said that his forces were trying their best to stop attacks but that Basra had a big market for food and that the market was open every single day.

And, like everyone else, Al-Rubaie was not confident that the situation in Basra could be easily resolved in the near future.

Meanwhile, the conflict in Iraq continues to escalate, with oil production halting and oil exports being severely affected.

In particular, investors focused on a sharp production drop caused by a government decision to reduce oil exports, which will affect the country's economy and productivity in the long run.

Despite the challenges, the government continues to work on finding solutions to the current crisis and to ensure the safety and well-being of its citizens.

For the big oil companies, the impact of this problem is significant, as their profits are affected by the reduction in oil production and exports.

**Bush Proposes U.S. Spend More On Food Aid Programs For Poor Nations**

By Steven Lee Myers

Washington

President Bush on Thursday proposed spending an additional $770 million in emergency food assistance to poor nations, responding to rising food prices that have resulted in social unrest in several nations. The additional funds would be spent in the current fiscal year, which ends on September 30.

This is the first time in six years that the Bush administration has formally proposed increased aid to the world’s poorest countries.

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Correction  

China's Overreaction Hurts Their Aims  

I have never really been too energized about the cause of Tibet (worthy, no doubt, but just not one of my "pet" causes) and was somewhat ambivalent on the whole issue of the Olymp-

ics in China. On one hand, it would be nice to have the Olympics hosted in a place that already touts itself as being more representative of the values the Games are so frequently said to stand for; on the other

hand it would be a bit hypocritical of me not to allow my televised sports entertainment to be tainted with the arrival of an issue that already has pretty much everything else I consume. Even

the fact that China is taking this chance as an opportunity to show off its newfound wealth didn't bother me — hustling and competing in Olympic Games has always been about nation-

alism, determining who has the best genes, the best doctors, the best coaches, and sometimes even the best athletes. However, the seemingly organized uproar that has been created by an apparent significant portion of the Chinese population at MIT and elsewhere to the vocal criticism of a few semi-organized activists has managed to change my mind.

China has been somewhat criticized in the media on their Human Rights record recently. Regardless of any considerations regarding the appropriateness of the content or its tim-

ing (what information that is coming out really now?), what is more significant is the reaction of the Chinese people to this brushing aside the criticism, as mostly every-

one seemed to be doing, or taking it at face value, recognizing the reality and merely stating they were taking those steps to improve it, so it seems the criticism was somewhat taken personally, as an offense to their integrity. It almost appears that Chinese people took on the role of what in my country is called the "offended victim" — like a debate participant about to go on the offensive. Bull to present her to society that suddenly throws a tantrum when someone notices she is 8-months pregnant un-

derneath the pretty green dress. The complete-

ly overblown reactions we have been seeing, from Facebook groups to seemingly endless Letters to the Editor in The Tech, from Beijing Olympics stickers on namecards to the attacks to the Chinese students. The Tech reported even a few days ago, are a proof of that. At least most Americans (or the ones I know, anyway) were able to distinguish international criticism of the invasion of Iraq from personal attacks on the U.S.A. In an ironic way, the reactions to the carto-

ons published in The Tech demonstrate the validity of the points made by the author in a way he probably never thought possible. If a mere cartoon that isn't even funny published in a place where newspaper is a subject to the type of attack, what chance do more basic hu-

man rights stand?

Miguel Valencia-Perez G

U.S. Should Look At Own Ethics

We are witnessing the last stages of a great humanitarian tragedy, being acted out in one of the largest and most powerful countries on earth: China. A small ethnic group or economic and technological prowess but rich in culture and tradition, is slowly being smothered. The U.S. has conspired to the overwhelming military force of a larger, more advanced na-

tion. Much of their land has been stolen, and their culture has largely been destroyed. Their leader is currently engaged in a desperate at-

tempt to gain independence for his people, but has little chance of success.

I am referring, of course, to the Lakota Sioux Indians, who on December 28th declared sovereign nation status in large sections of Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, and South Dakota. So why bring up the strug-

gles of Native Americans? Because of all the attention that has been given to the recent pro-

tests, the parallels between the U.S. conquest of Native Americans and China’s ac-

tions in Tibet are too obvious to make any blaming heart protestors. I am hardly an expert on Native American history, but I have studied enough to have a basic knowledge of America’s sad record in this area. And just in case you are inclined to argue that we have since made amends for our wrongdoing, I do not think the right to own a casino can make up for widespread forcible seizure of land and de-

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Summer Style: Figuring Out Fashion

By Manisha Padi and Ying Yang

Summer is fast approaching and with warm weather and no classes comes a new fashion. Indeed, this is the perfect time to experiment with your own fashion sense, and get a better understanding of what trends, fits, and colors suit you. Although we’re excited to get started with this time of year, we wanted to warn you all to avoid some of the pitfalls that can keep you from feeling the full warmth of summer.

1. Be careful with light colors. What looked good on you in black might not look the same in white. Light colors make you look bigger, and can be seen through when stretched across your body. So, when choosing white or light colored garments, be sure to choose form-fitting layers underneath that will show your summery self off in the best way possible.

2. Look for sheer fabrics. Sheer is very big this spring and summer. This year, it’s more about coverage than sheer. If you’re trying to betray it. Try to invest in tops and dresses that are chiffon and have subtle sheer details (ohh sleeves, transparent fronted dresses, etc.). Guys, this works for you as well. Light fabrics make it possible to be cool while still wearing staples like collared shirts. Just remember, thin fabrics don’t have to be low quality fabrics — to check this, pull on the seams and the fabric to make sure they have some give, and check carefully for imperfections in the store.

3. Find swimwear that suits your body. What looks good on you is what makes you feel comfortable. Girls, don’t be afraid of one pieces or tanks. Instead, choose something that flatters your figure. One pieces are not always the best choice, since even the cutest bikini can’t outshine a bad fit or an exposed flaw. Guys, find the right length for your leg. Tall guys should look for longer length, to balance out their proportions, while shorter guys can accented legs with shorter lengths.

4. Show only your best skin. Take care of your skin. Make sure you use sunscreen when you are outside for extended amounts of time. Since no one likes peeling and burnt skin. Accurate areas that you’re confident about. Be particularly careful with un-toned shoulders and arms. Just because you can’t see them in the mirror doesn’t mean they’re sexy, either. When in doubt, go for cap sleeved shirts with arms. Just because you can’t see them in the mirror doesn’t mean they’re sexy, either. Just remember, thin fabrics don’t have to be low quality fabrics — to check this, pull on the seams and the fabric to make sure they have some give, and check carefully for imperfections in the store.

5. Embrace colors and experiment with both colors and thereof. It is best to mix colors with neutrals. Don’t wear heavy colors like royal purple, hunter green, or navy blue and instead choose hot pink, orange, or yellow. Pair them up with white, khaki, or cream bottoms.

6. Remember summer won’t last forever. Invest money in pieces that cover many seasons. Guys, look for light sweaters, polos, and T-shirts that wouldn’t look out of place in the fall. Girls, try Polos, cardigans, versatile skirts and dresses, and neutral accessories. Get the bright, flowy miniskirt at a cheaper store. Also, remember that just because it’s summer doesn’t mean it’ll always be warm. Nights and rainy days can get cold, so remember to look for versatile sweaters and hoodies to complement your tanktops and shorts.

7. Embrace accessories. Accessories are key. This season is all about bold, bright colors to contrast your neutrals. From hot pink patterns to patterned outifts, it’s all about the colors you choose to wear. Do make sure you have at least one neutral pair. Guys, remember that summer is the best time to experiment with beachy jewelry and sunglasses, so go ahead and try on accessories you hadn’t considered. You might be surprised.

8. Focus on health and posture. When you’re showing skin, your health matters. Try easy workouts. Walk or bike every where. Just going to the beach is exercise if you walk straight up in the air instead of toward the goal.

By Dr. James Graham Ruby G

Dear Ask A TA,

How do I tell if my TA thinks I’m cute?

—Yearing to Know

Dear Yearing,

The reliable criteria for determining if a TA thinks you are cute are as follows. First determine if the TA in question is in fact your TA. If yes, then determine if your gender is compatible with that of the TA's. If so, congratulations! Your TA thinks you are cute.

Why is this method so robust? Remember who your TAs are. Your TA is either a student at MIT, or an overseeing undergraduate (grad student) at MIT (which is saying a lot). When the TA you are interested in has this important TAing specification beaten into his or her heart explode. And then you'd definitely never find out what kind of questions will be on the final.

More importantly just like the rest of the MIT student body, he or she is probably Course VI. As such, he or she is in dire relationship straits, stranded in a state of near isolation, and can be seen through by the TA's way of work or home unannounced. For most people, this would be disturbing. But for your lonely hearted TA, this is probably the most exciting turn their social life has ever taken.

So, if your TA thinks that you are cute, why doesn’t he make a move? Again, he isn’t just a TA, he is a TA (mit). Why would you expect him to act any differently than anybody else (mit)? Just like the rest of the MIT populace, he is shy and socially awkward. In fact, when talking about relationships, he'll probably get nervous enough simply elaborating the relationship between impedance and frequency. A discussion about a real romantic relationship might make his poor little TA-ing heart explode. And then you'd definitely never find out what kind of questions will be on the final.

The TA-ing students probably have all had this important TA-ing specification beaten into his or her skull — DO NOT hit on your students. It's the cardinal rule of TA-ing and is specified as a user requirement of the TAship interface.

Now in regards to this forbidden attraction between you and your TA, the TA is presented with an interesting logical dilemma: the reason that you are interested in him is the same as the reason that your romance is forbidden. The classical solution to this game theory challenge is for both of you to wait until the semester is over to hook up. However, the logical basis of this solution is clearly flawed, and both you and your TA know it. Will he still be attractive when he no longer knows what is going to be on the final ahead of time? Seriously? I thought not.

There is a very limited window of time in which you will be attractive when he no longer knows what is going to be on the final. So give it time. Wait until the end of the semester. Then, years later, if you are in dire relationship straits, send your ex-TA an e-mail and say you need to brush up on impedance over a romantic candle lit dinner. I guarantee that he will come down from the Athena cluster to join you. That is unless he is TA-ing another bunch of cuties that semester.

—Dr. James Graham Ruby G
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events harness high attendance. Last week,
hundreds of students flocked to a free performance
of the Boston Lyric Opera’s last production of
the Abduction from the Seraglio. Though this is one of Mozart’s lesser known operas, the theatre filled to near full capacity.
The Boston Lyric Opera, offering free tickets to the public (but specifically targeting students for the dress rehearsals of all its mar-
jor productions. Before the beginning of the opera, Janice Mancini Del Sesto, the exu-
berant General Director of the BLO, arrived in the left box seat to announce this season’s reopening of the Stephen Smale Award for Excellence. She then positively led the audi-
ence in a grand applause for Joseph Valone, a Boston University music program alumna;
the award was a cash prize for a young, up-
and-coming performer who will further his / her career in professional opera.

Before she left the box seat and with spot-
light still shining upon her, Del Sesto wanted
the audience that since this was a dress re-
hearsal, the cast could stop at any moment in order to implement last minute changes. Immediately thereafter, a smiling Willie An-
thoni Waters walked out, waving a piece of paper;
the soloist’s baton toward the audience. As applause
for him faded, the orchestra began the over-
ture. This passage of music, shorter than other Mozart overtures, set the tone for the rest of the evening. Instead of containing memorable melodies and varied tempos and dynamics, the overture meandered around a few chords.
The stage curtain opened up to reveal a cross section of two neighboring cars on the Orient Express. In a projection, displaying an antique map of the train’s course, glim-
mered on the curtain for the duration of the opera. This set decision, probably made by stage director James Robinson, created an uncluttered space and narrowed the scope of the stage. Clearly, Robinson was trying to avoid any small quarters of even the most posh cars on the Orient Express, but the half-raised curtains obscured so much of the stage’s natural space that it was difficult to get a clear perspective, even from the balcony seats.

Because all the scenes happen in one train
car or the other, set designer Allen Moye cleverly devised a moving set on wheels that shifted from left to right during scene changes. This not only gave the impression that we were still on a train with the cast, but also helped to solve the horizontal spacing issues on stage. The story of the Abduction from the Seraglio is a universal one, involving love, jealousy, desire, and risk. Belmonte, a Spanish nobleman, has arrived on the Orient Express to find his wife, Constanza, who was captured earlier by pirates and sold to the Pa-
role from the Seraglio

...Assuming that you didn’t work too hard today...
Arts Editor
By Sarah Dupuis

Myriad Shows Amidst Finals and Spring Weather

May 2, 2008

The Best Concerts of May 2008

May 2, 2008

the Middle East (downstairs), 18+, $15
Chair as Alice in Chains
Featuring Backseat Lover as Pearl Jam, Angry
sMACKdown!

Saturday, May 3
certainly worth attending a bacchanal in your
responsible for Steer Roast's lineup, but it's
rockist writer might've booked had she been
perhaps not the kinds of musical genres this
Hearts, Excepter
Second Night: space Faces, Big Bear, Wzt
and Professor Murder
First Night: Ho-Ag, oxford Collapse, Neptune
senior House Courtyard
steer roast
stars.
shows; especially notable ones are marked with
billing. With that I present to you May's best
my column, after all, and so my picks get top
skipped over one of your favorites. But this is
ommend scouring venue Web sites to see if I
Kevin Devine, to name a few), so I highly rec-
New Deal, Firewater, Eyedea & Abilities and
somehow). There are so many notable groups
playing locally this month that I didn't even get
to list (The Teenagers, Los Campesinos!, The
Strokes ever wanted to do and did it a mil-
tom Planet's 2004 self-titled did everything

April showers bring May flowers, and in
this case, the downpour of ex-leader-singer
shows last month has led to a hefty crop of di-
verse acts (okay, Jeremy Enigk snuck in there,
somehow). There are so many notable groups
playing locally this month that I didn't even get
to list (The Teenagers, Los Campesinos!, The
New Deal, Firewater, Eyedea & Abilities and
Kevin Devine, to name a few), so I highly rec-
Rjd2
Paradise Rock Club, 18+, $15

Saturday, May 9
El Peru Del Mar*
The Middle East (Upstairs), 18+, $15
Swede singer Sarah Asling is absolutely
mistakeable, and with her melancholic pop-mel-
dios and lo-fi production, she'll do everything
in her power to make you miserable, too. But
rest assured, it's the good kind of miserable;
think of a cuter, female Morrissey type dressed
as a 50s housewife and singing with The Shang-
ri-La's.

Sunday, May 11
Phantom Planet
Bank of America Pavilion, AA, $35.50
I don't care what anyone has to say. Phantom
Planet's 2004 self-titled did everything
The Strokes ever wanted to do and did it a mil-
lion times better. The melodies are memorable, Jason Schwartzman's drumming is powerful,
and Greenwald's formerly O.C.-friendly vocals
growl and snarl with the coolest of the cool.

Okay, so Pearl Jam is touring nationally
and Alice in Chains is working on a new al-
bum with William DuVall singing. But tickets
for the former will be way too expensive, and
replacing your dead lead singer is downright
creepy. Consider this Monsters of Mock show
your best and cheapest chance at a musical time
machine (outside of your own Walkman).

Rjd2*
Paradise Rock Club, 18+, $15

Sunday, May 17
Theo Silver Mt. Zion Memorial Orchestra &
Thee La-La Band
The Middle East (Downstairs), 18+, $15

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lion times better. The melodies are memorable, Jason Schwartzman's drumming is powerful,
and Greenwald's formerly O.C.-friendly vocals
growl and snarl with the coolest of the cool.

New release Raise the Dead partially returns to
the land of radio friendly, but maintains at least
some rock aesthetic. They're opening for Panic
at the Disco, Motion City Soundtrack and The
Hush Sound; leave early.

Tuesday, May 13
British Sea Power
Paradise Rock Club, 18+, $15
Brighton quartet asks the question Do You
Like Rock Music? on latest L.P. Perfect for
post-punk lovers.

Friday, May 16
Bell X1
Paradise Rock Club, 18+, $15
This Irish band, formerly called Juniper,
recently released their new album; catch that material live at this underage-
show in Allston Rock City.

Wednesday, May 21
Local 93*
Harpers Ferry, 18+, $12
Rock tsseme's has consistently released al-
bums at fairly regular intervals, grounded by
the popularity of single "Bound for the Floor." Lead singer Scott Lucas is particularly notable
for installing bass pickups on his electric gui-
tar. Check out their notoriously high-energy
show in Allston Rock City.

Saturday, May 25
Islands*
The Middle East (Downstairs), AA, $25
This Irish band, formerly called Juniper,
recently released their new album; catch that material live at this underage-
show in Allston Rock City.

Former Sunny Day Real Estate frontman has
turned to Christianity and scoring soundtracks
(most notably Prices-heavy The United States
of Leland) since the breakup of his emo band
J'aime. Now he's about to release his fifth solo
album, catch that material live at this underage-
friendly Fenway Recording Sessions gig.

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Tech Photographers Take to the Skies!

The MIT Flying Club is a student-run organization. The MITFC is free to join and offers opportunities for free or subsidized hands-on flying experiences in General Aviation aircraft, lectures, free use of a fully-certified FAA-instrument-simulator, carpools to airports, and FAA seminars. The club also sponsors two students per semester to train and fly with the Hawk Flying Club in Lawrence, brings helicopters to Briggs field every September (and offers free rides around campus and Boston to MIT students) and is working on obtaining funds to offer flying scholarships to offset the cost of training for ratings.

Andreas Mershin of the MIT Flying Club took Tech photographers Ricardo Ramirez and Eric Schmiedl up for an aerial photo shoot of the MIT campus on April 26, 2008.

(clockwise from top-left)
- Killian Court, Building 10, the Great Dome, the Little Dome, Building 3, and Building 4 as seen from the air.
- Dorm row viewed from 1,500 feet up in a Cessna C172.
- Boston’s Back Bay area and downtown.
- Members of the flying club prepared for the flyover with a “FLY” message on Briggs Field.
- Andreas Mershin preps the Cessna for flight at Sterling Airport in Sterling, Mass.
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 At any time
2 Caribbean cult
3 Key of Boccherini’s string quartet
4 Romulus’ twin
5 Exec.’s aide
6 Takes first cut
7 Ethiopia’s neighbor
8 Expands
9 Scamp
10 Composer Satie
11 24-hr. cash source
12 Tango move
13 You bet!
14 Spicy condiment
15 Materiel
16 U.N. host
17 “Le coq __”
18 Tel Aviv__
19 Fools
20 Expectation from an amulet?
21 Auto style
22 U.N. host
23 Hangman’s knot
24 Studio or tap
25 Hiatus
26 Very dry
27 Bowling targets
28 “Le coq __”
29 Pair
30 Craft of sci fi
31 “Amadeus” role
32 Something to pump?
33 Tel Aviv__
34 Reservoir filler
35 Boxer LaMotta
36 Flack who is terse?
37 Actor Bruce
38 Bump into
39 Coming out of the sunrise
40 New Deal program
41 Increase girth
42 Scallion’s relative
43 Short putt
44 Something for nothing
45 Wisconsin mascot
46 Sorta
47 Real looker
48 Blue
49 Half of MXII
50 One of the strings
51 Hawkeyes
52 Pismire
53 To date
54 Writer Jong
55 Reservoir filler
56 Wastes time
57 Stick, already!
58 Latin 101 conjugation
59 GP group
60 Pot cover
61 Run to seed

DOWN
1 To-do list item
2 Caribbean cult
3 Boccherini
4 Composer Satie
5 Very dry
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The Daily Blunderbuss

by Ben Peters

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Puzzles by Pappocom

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Theory of Pete

by Cai GoGwilt

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Dilbert®

by Scott Adams

Bonus Puzzle

Solution, page 13

ACROSS
1 Washington port
2 Soaked up
3 Library patron
4 Verdi opera
5 Telephone pole adjunct
6 You, to Yves
7 Begged
8 Begin’s peace partner
9 Committee
10 Pelion’s twin peak
11 Civil libs.
12 Stiff hat
13 Dom one’s vestments
14 Relinquishes
15 Trail mix
16 You, to Yves
17 Final stroke
18 You, to Yves
19 Cry out loud
20 Formula math
21 You, to Yves
22 Begged
23 Begin’s peace partner
24 Financial hole
25 Aussies
26 Norse goddesses of destiny
27 Buenos __, Arg.
28ican coverage
29 Sweats
30 Mexican moola
31 Actress Meryl
32 Cartland and Walters
33 Film featuring “I Only Have Eyes for You”
34 Improve to meet a standard
35 Artist’s range of colors
36 Putting a band around
37 Very fast
38 Formula math
39 Small anchors
40 Best and Ferber
41 Completely cloudy
42 Norse goddesses of destiny
43 Improved to meet a standard
44 Infringement
45 Olympic discus legend
46 “Maude”
47 Group of business people
48 Beer kicks
49 Fundamental principle
50 Does data entry
51 Trail mix
52 “Le coq ___”, Rimsky-Korsakov opera
53 Upfront monies
54 E-mail
55 Soak up rays
56 Wellread
57 Night before
58 Diminutive size
59 Black goo

DOWN
1 Infringement
2 Siliceous meteorite
3 Australian capital
4 Harem area
5 Suvan of “American Beauty”
6 Seed coats
7 Gave one’s consent
8 Cartland and Walters
9 Team player
10 Pelion’s twin peak
11 Civil libs.
12 Stiff hat
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Think you’ve solved it?
If you’re an MIT student and your answer is correct, you could win a new iPod Nano! Go to libraries.mit.edu/puzzle to get a copy or submit your answer by May 5th, 2008 to be eligible for the drawing.

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Gilbert and Sullivan Players Present Ruddigore

MIT Gilbert and Sullivan Players perform Ruddigore or The Witch’s Curse, a comic opera by Arthur Sullivan and W.S. Gilbert. Performances will be held in La Sala de Puerto Rico 5/2/4 and 5/8/10.

The play is produced by Robert Morrison ’96, and directed by Garry Zacheiss ’00 and Ky Loewenhaupt. The musical director is Joshua G. Miller G.

Photographs by Noah Spies.

Featured, from top to bottom,

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Michelle Attner G
Lyman Opie

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EXCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENTS START TODAY
**Private Acquisition Of 3Com by Chinese Corp. Blocked by U.S.**

3Com, from Page 1

After a bid to take 3Com private was blocked by federal regulators, Bain Capital Partners put together a $2.2 billion deal in which Huawei would acquire a 16 percent stake in 3Com. But the plan came under fire from members of Congress, because the TippingPoint business makes network security gear used by US government agencies, including the military. Huawei has close ties to China’s military. Critics worried that it might share technical details of TippingPoint products with Chinese intelligence services, helping them break into US government computer networks.

The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, which can block deals that jeopardize national security, said in February that the Bain-Huawei plan was unacceptable. 3Com is now trying to collect a $66 million fee from Bain, to compensate it for the failure of the transaction.

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Wednesday, May 2, 2008

By John DiFava

The Tech

The Music of the
Primes

Marcus du Sautoy

Thurs., May 8, 2008 at 6 pm

MIT, Compton Laboratories
Building 26, Room 100

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Solution to Crossword from page 23


day

22. "The Day My God Died"

23. "The Music of the Primes"


25. "What's Going On?"

26. "Tuesday May 6th at 7:00pm in 6-120"

27. "It's a connected world. Do your share."

28. "For 30 ways to help the environment, write Earth Share, 3400 International Drive, NW, Suite 2K (AD4), Washington, DC. 20008."

Birth Dates Will Be 'Directory Information' Under New Proposal

Birth Date, from Page 1

The proposal, which is being considered by the chancellor and the Committee on Student Information Privacy, also includes plans to “strengthen the opt-out procedures.” Hastings said.

In order to prevent MIT from sharing directory information, a student must submit a written signed request that MIT verifies. Hastings said that an opt-out procedure “is already there,” but students may “have to search a bit” to find it. He said that part of the proposal would include increasing awareness of the opt-out option and making it a printable form available online.

At last night’s meeting, students asked what practical benefit the AAI database access would yield. Hastings said that as part of applying for reaccreditation every ten years, MIT must say what graduate schools its students end up attending, a standard application of the AAI’s database.

Some students said that they considered birth dates private information. Brian A. Holland-Marcus ’10 said that she had obtained confidential medical information about herself, such as lab test results, by employing a student’s attendance at MIT electronically, something which cannot currently be done, Hastings said.

To date, MIT has not taken a formal position on whether to share dates, and that it was clear how to opt-out of the sharing. Last night, Hastings said that MIT would also expand directory information to include “honors and awards.” Like birth date, this category is so common that it’s listed in the Department of Education’s Model Notice for Directory Information, available online at http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpamd/ directoryinfo.html.

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This summer.
Somewhat local. Live out in the suburbs to be close to work; take the commuter rail into Boston if you need more excitement on weekends.

And beyond?
I’m also looking for at least one 2008 (or earlier) grad to continue the momentum beyond the summer.

Use Croquet or similar metaverse tool to build a cutting-edge 3D environment for kids age 6-9 to learn a second language.

Other tasks include machine learning, information extraction, and general slicing & dicing of textual and numeric data to present on the Web.


The biggest threat to depression is your awareness of it.
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Public Service Announcement from SADRC (Ottawa Awareness Resource Centre for Depression) - http://www.sadrc.org
O’Keefe Scores Twice in Final
Minute to Beat Wheaton by One

By Shreyes Seshasai

Game of the Week

By Aaron Sampson

M.I.T. Sport Taekwondo
Finishes 2nd Overall
On Road to Nationals

By Shannon Chisholm

Sailors Earn Berth to the ICSA
Dinghy National Championship

By Thaddeus D’Amico

Upcoming Home Events

By Aaron Sampson

Scoreboard

By Shannon Chisholm

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