

## International Students Discuss Their Thanksgiving Experiences

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STAFF REPORTER

If you're from the U.S., feasts and family gatherings probably come to mind before media clips and TV shows when you think of Thanksgiving.

But for Hannah M. Woodcock '11, a Cambridge-MIT Exchange student, and plenty of other international students at MIT, just the opposite is true.

Woodcock, for one, admits that all she knew about Thanksgiving before coming to the U.S. she had learned from Thanksgiving specials on the TV show "Friends."

Tung Shen Chew '11 from Malaysia knew from TV that the American holiday of Thanksgiving existed but, at the same time, he "didn't care about it at all."

While most domestic students returned home to their families over Thanksgiving, international students generally found the break too short

to make a trek home worthwhile. Many, instead, crafted their own domestic trips, often in groups with other international students.

Thais M. Terceiro Jorge '12 from Brazil went to New York with other international students from Cyprus, Colombia, and Venezuela during her freshman year Thanksgiving break. Even though she visited tourist locations, the weekend decidedly lacked a festive feel: "It was not Thanksgiving, it was just, 'Oh, I have four days off. I'm going to travel somewhere.'"

This year, Terceiro Jorge attended a Thanksgiving meal hosted by her extended family in the U.S. Terceiro Jorge said she had expected her cousins to cook Brazilian food, but they surprised her by actually making turkey, mashed potatoes, apple pie, and other traditional Thanksgiving cuisine.

Woodcock also spent her Thanksgiving in New York, eating with

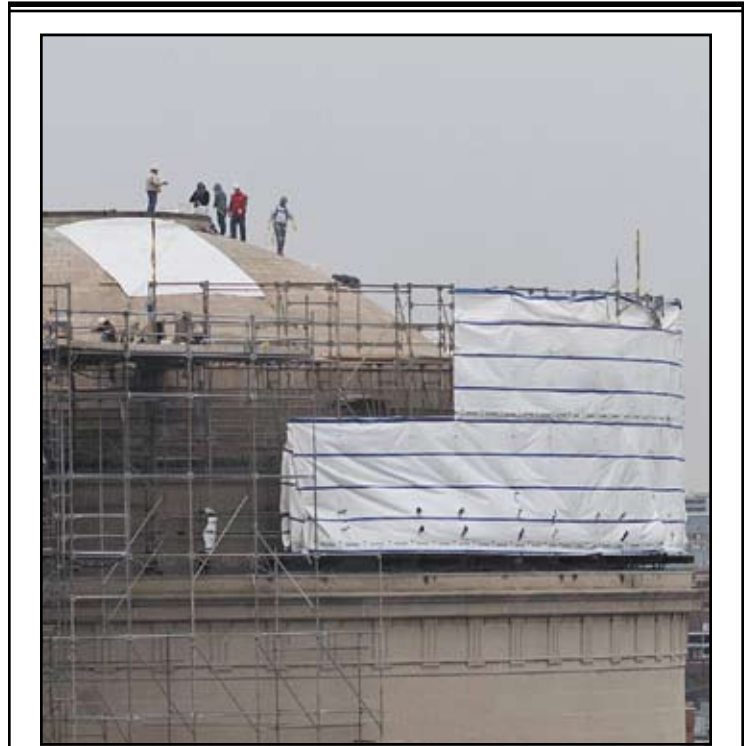
an American friend's family. She enjoyed the day. She said, "It was pretty much like Christmas dinner at home... It was exactly the same as my pre-Christmas family get-togethers."

The Americans who attended Terceiro Jorge's cousins' gathering tried to enlighten Terceiro Jorge on some aspects of the holiday: "We started watching college football," said Terceiro Jorge. "The Americans were explaining to me how it worked, since I had no respect for how it worked, and I just thought, 'So brutal.'"

Being around family, even if not all her own, allowed Terceiro Jorge to understand more that Americans feel on the holiday. "I felt what it was like a little bit, being with your family on Thanksgiving, than just being with your friends. It's different," she said.

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MELISSA RENÉE SCHUMACHER—THE TECH

Workers began removing the tarp on the scaffolding around the Great Dome on Monday. The dome has been receiving repairs to prevent leaking and water damage since the summer.

### Caltech Students Pull Part of a Hack at MIT

Walking back to East Campus from the Student Center at around 6:30 yesterday morning, I stumbled across a banner crumpled on the steps outside 77 Massachusetts Avenue that looked like it was meant to be stretched across the pillars there. It looked at first glance like part of your average failed hack, but I quickly realized this failed hack was a little more Californian than average.

#### Reporter's Notebook

The banner, I discovered, would have labeled MIT as a new east coast campus of the California Institute of Technology. Other parts of their multi-piece plan would have expanded on that theme.

Further signage just inside Lobby 7 was still hanging; it read "Caltech East". A large red banner being lowered in Killian Court read like a property sign: "SOLD."

I asked someone nearby what was happening and, as it turned out, he was a Caltech student, Anthony Chong, involved in organizing the failed hack.

He told me someone in his group had dropped something while putting the hack up, which caused a sound that led a facilities worker to discover their deeds.

He said the facilities worker had reported the hack to the MIT Police, who then came to the scene and ordered that the hack be taken down that morning.

Unfortunately, I had interrupted Chong while a campus police officer was asking him questions about his "prank" (Caltech students don't call them hacks), so we exchanged information, and I set off to

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MICHAEL Y. MCCANNA—THE TECH

California Institute of Technology "hackers" eat at Sunny's Diner on Landsdowne St. after failing to deploy banners with phrases such as "SOLD" and "Caltech East" Monday morning.

## College Degrees Don't Seem to Close Racial Gap in Hunt for Jobs

By Michael Luo  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Johnny R. Williams, 30, would appear to be an unlikely person to have to fret about the impact of race on his job search, with companies like JPMorgan Chase and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago on his resume.

But after graduating from business school last year and not having much success garnering interviews, he decided to retool his resume, scrubbing it of any details that might tip off his skin color. His membership, for instance, in the African-American business students association? Deleted.

"If they're going to X me," Williams said, "I'd like to at least get in the door first."

Similarly, Barry Jabbar Sykes, 37, who has a degree in mathematics from Morehouse College, a historically black college in Atlanta, uses Barry J. Sykes in his continuing search for an information technology position, even though he has gone by Jabbar his whole life. "Barry sounds like I could be from

Ireland," he said.

That race remains a serious obstacle in the job market for African-Americans, even those with degrees from respected colleges, may seem to some people a jarring contrast to decades of progress by blacks, culminating in President Barack Obama's election.

But there is ample evidence that racial inequities remain when it comes to employment. Black joblessness has long far outstripped that of whites. And strikingly, the disparity for the first 10 months of this year, as the recession has dragged on, has been even more pronounced between those with college degrees and those without. Education, it seems, does not level the playing field — in fact, it seems to have made it more uneven.

College-educated black men, especially, have struggled relative to their white counterparts in this downturn, according to figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. As recently as September, the unem-

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### In Short

¶ A memorial service for Kabele Zwane '12 will be held in the MIT Chapel this Wednesday at 3 p.m. A reception will follow the service in W11 at 4 p.m.

¶ H1N1 vaccines will be available to MIT students this Wednesday at MIT Medical during daytime hours. To receive a vaccine, you must arrange an appointment by calling 617-253-4865. More information about the vaccine and the flu in general, visit [web.mit.edu/fluinfo](http://web.mit.edu/fluinfo).

¶ Applications for student groups to receive funding from the Undergraduate Association Finance Board are due Wednesday at midnight. Finboard will be holding "office hours" to answer questions about applications on the fourth floor of W20 at 9 p.m. that evening.

¶ Pre-registration for IAP and spring term opens today at 9 a.m. Students can pre-register on WebSIS by going to <http://student.mit.edu>. IAP activities can be viewed at <http://web.mit.edu/iap>. Students can register for physical education classes offered over IAP by visiting <http://mitpe.com>.

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### 'Know Your Status' Day Today in Student Center

The first annual 'Know Your Status' HIV Testing Day is happening today from 12-2 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Student Center. Tests are done with oral swabs and each appointment takes about thirty minutes, said Kate McCarthy, program manager for sexual health and the organizer of the event. Most of the thirty spots available are reserved, but if space is available walk-ins will be accepted, McCarthy said.

Students can also get tested privately and on other days by setting up appointments with MIT Medical. 'Know Your Status' Day coincides with the annual World AIDS Day. Statistics say that 1 in 500 students will become HIV positive and 1 in 4 college students will contract another STD. McCarthy said that Medical hopes that the event will help destigmatize sexually transmitted disease testing.

—Meghan Nelson

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# WORLD & NATION

## China Charges 58 with Covering Up Mine Disaster

By Edward Wong

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIJING

Ten journalists and 48 officials have been charged with taking bribes to cover up a mining disaster last year, according to a report published on Monday in China Daily, an official English-language newspaper.

Mine bosses relocated bodies, destroyed evidence and paid the journalists the equivalent of \$381,000 to cover up the explosion, in which 34 miners and a rescuer were killed, China Daily reported. Earlier reports by other news organizations indicated that the bosses also cremated miners' bodies against the wishes of family members, paid grieving relatives to silence them and sealed the mine shaft with truckloads of dirt.

The disaster took place on July 14, 2008, almost a month before the Beijing Olympics, at the Lijiawa mine in Hebei province, about 100 miles west of Beijing. The cover-up kept the disaster out of the public eye for 85 days.

In September 2008, someone reported the cover-up on an Internet chat site, and the ensuing clamor forced the central government in Beijing to step in, firing 25 local officials and putting 22 of them under criminal investigation. The charges reported by China Daily on Monday were the result of an investigation by the State Council, China's cabinet.

## Somali Pirates Seize U.S.-Bound Oil Tanker

By Jeffrey Gettleman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NAIROBI, KENYA

Somali pirates have struck again, seizing an oil tanker loaded with \$20 million in crude that was headed from Saudi Arabia to the United States, naval authorities said Monday.

According to European naval reports, nine pirates hijacked the tanker and its crew of about 30 about 800 miles offshore and headed back toward pirate havens along the coast of central Somalia.

The pirates — many of them penniless former fishermen from Somalia's war zones — appear to be positioning themselves in the middle of the ocean on mother ships and then, for attacks, deploying on motorized dinghies, mere ants compared to the mammoth ships they capture.

The pirates seem to have shifted from the Gulf of Aden, where dozens of ships were attacked in 2008 but which is now heavily patrolled, to the vast stretch of ocean between the African mainland and the picturesque Seychelles islands.

In the past two months, 38 ships have been attacked and 10 hijacked, the International Maritime Bureau said.

## Wall Street Wanders But Closes Higher at the End

By Javier C. Hernandez and Matthew Saltmarsh

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

Wall Street spent Monday trading within a narrow range but managed to push higher at the close.

Despite a lackluster day, the Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose more than 5 percent in November, their biggest gain since summer. The Nasdaq rose slightly less than 5 percent for the month.

Investors spent much of the session gauging the fallout from Dubai's debt crisis and weighed results from the first weekend of holiday shopping.

The sales on the weekend after Thanksgiving provided an early snapshot of consumer spending for the holidays. The National Retail Federation reported that more people went to the stores this weekend, but total spending was virtually unchanged at \$41.2 billion, and the average shopper spending fell to \$343.31 a person, from \$372.57 a year ago.

# CBO Says Senate Health Bill May Cut Cost for Many

By Robert Pear and David M. Herszenhorn

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Congressional Budget Office said Monday that the Senate health bill could significantly reduce costs for many people who buy health insurance on their own, and that it would not substantially change premiums for the vast numbers of Americans who receive coverage from large employers.

The eagerly awaited report, which came as the Senate began debate on the legislation, provided Democrats with ammunition against Republicans who have criticized the bill on the ground that it would raise costs for a majority of Americans.

Moderate Democrats whose votes are vital to President Barack Obama's hopes of getting the bill through the Senate, like Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana, had feared that the bill would drive up costs for people with employer-sponsored coverage. Bayh issued a statement saying the report reassured him on that point.

Before taking account of federal subsidies in the form of tax credits that would benefit many people who

buy health insurance on their own, the bill would tend to drive up premiums, the budget office said. But including the subsidies, which would cost the government nearly \$450 billion in the next 10 years and on average cover nearly two-thirds of the total premium charged to people buying insurance on their own, more people would see their costs decline than would see them rise, the budget office said.

For most people who get health insurance through employers — five-sixths of the total market — the budget office concluded that there would be very little change in their premiums relative to projections under current law.

Administration officials said the report provided a lift to the bill, which embodies Obama's top domestic priority.

"The CBO has rendered a fundamental judgment that this will reduce the deficit and reduce people's premium costs," said Rahm Emanuel, the White House chief of staff, who met with Senate Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill on Monday. "All the Republican leadership will guarantee you is the status quo."

But Republican senators like

Charles E. Grassley of Iowa and Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the minority leader, said the report validated their concerns. They focused on the prediction that unsubsidized premiums in the individual insurance market, representing a relatively small share of those who have health insurance, would rise an average of 10-13 percent.

"The analysis by the Congressional Budget Office confirms our worst fears," Grassley said. "Millions of people who are expecting lower costs as a result of health reform will end up paying more in the form of higher premiums. For large and small employers that have been struggling for years with skyrocketing health insurance premiums, CBO concludes this bill will do little, if anything, to provide relief."

The Senate majority leader, Harry Reid, Democrat of Nevada, said the highly partisan floor debate that opened Monday afternoon was one of the most significant in the history of the Senate. It is expected to continue for much of December, with supporters and opponents alike offering a raft of amendments as the White House and Democratic leaders seek to cobble together the 60-vote coalition necessary to win passage.

# As Manhunt Widens in Killings, Threat to 'Shoot Some Cops'

By William Yardley

THE NEW YORK TIMES

SEATTLE

The search for a man suspected of fatally shooting four uniformed officers south of Tacoma, Wash., expanded to this city and beyond on Monday with a flurry of police sweeps and SWAT team investigations. Details also emerged that the suspect had told people that he planned to "shoot some cops," the police said.

"The information our investigators got is, he said the night before, 'Watch TV tomorrow; I'm going to shoot some cops,'" said Hunter George, a spokesman for Pierce County, whose sheriff's office is leading the investigation. "Unfortunately, nobody reported that."

The suspect, Maurice Clemmons, 37, has a lengthy criminal history, including pending felony charges of raping a 12-year-old relative and as-

saulting police officers. He had been released on bail last week.

Clemmons continued to elude the authorities on Monday as the police pursued a confusing range of tips that he had been seen in several places across Seattle, from a park in the Beacon Hill neighborhood to the University of Washington.

Officials posted a bulletin on Twitter saying the suspect could be in the university district and urging students to stay alert. Later in the day, the police said they were looking for a green 1997 Mazda Millennia and were monitoring the state's borders, but the search for the car was soon called off.

The police offered a reward of \$125,000 for information leading to Clemmons' capture.

Earlier Monday, after a tip from Pierce County investigators, Seattle police officials believed that they had cornered Clemmons in a house in the

city's Leschi neighborhood. After officers surrounded the house, flooded it with spotlights and sent a robot to approach it, SWAT teams entered, only to find that he was not there, said Detective Mark Jamieson, a spokesman for the Seattle Police Department.

"We have more concrete evidence that the suspect was at that location," Jamieson said. "We don't know if he was in the house, but he was seen at that location."

Pierce County sheriff's officials said they believed that Clemmons suffered a gunshot wound on Sunday morning outside the coffee shop near Lakewood where the four officers were killed as they worked on laptops preparing for a patrol shift. Officials said earlier that there was evidence that one of the four officers had chased the gunman outside as he fled and fired shots, striking the suspect before dying of gunshot wounds.

# WEATHER

## Weather Roller Coaster

By Brian H. Tang

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Weather certainly has its ups and downs, and the last two months have been no exception. Comparing October and November as a whole for Massachusetts, October's mean temperature ranked in the 18th percentile while November's mean temperature will most likely rank around the 95th percentile. In fact, the temperatures at both Logan Airport and our campus weather station have yet to dip below freezing this autumn. The latest freeze in recorded history at Logan Airport was December 2nd in 1975 and we have a good chance of breaking that record, though it will be close call this morning.

While the month to month anomalies have done a 180, the day to day variability this week will be even crazier. Today and tomorrow will feature mostly sunny skies and seasonably cool weather, though it will feel chilly compared to the above average temperatures we've been enjoying. On Thursday, a strong storm will rocket up the eastern Great Lakes surging atypically warm air into New England. Temperatures may approach records in the mid-60s°F (upper-10s°C), but the warmth will be coincident with periods of rain and blustery conditions. Thereafter, more typical chilly, breezy December weather follows.

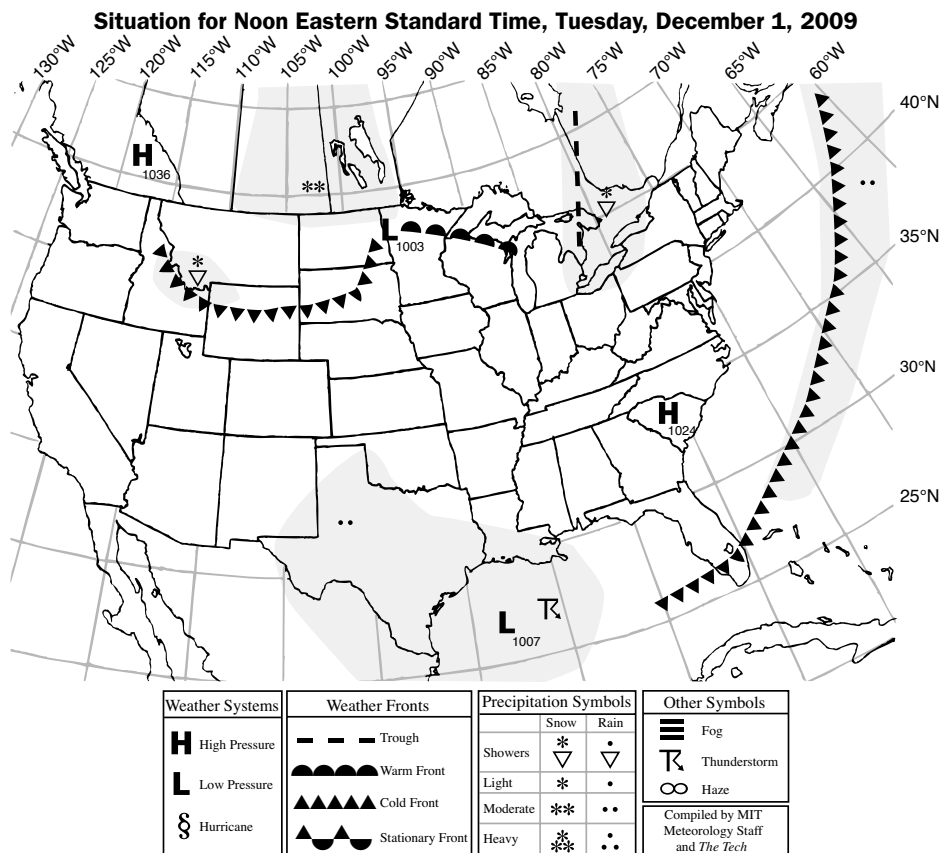
### Extended Forecast

**Today:** Mostly sunny. W winds 5-15 mph. High 45°F (7°C).

**Tonight:** Clear. W winds 10-15 mph. Low 35°F (2°C).

**Tomorrow:** Sunny, then increasing clouds in the late afternoon leading to rain overnight. SW winds 5-10 mph. High 50°F (10°C).

**Thursday:** Rain in the morning, then partly cloudy and windy. High 63°F (17°C).



# Obama Gives Troop Orders Before Speech on Afghan War

By Eric Schmitt  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The White House said Monday that President Barack Obama had issued orders to send thousands of additional troops to Afghanistan, relaying his decision to military leaders late Sunday afternoon during a meeting in the Oval Office.

Obama spent Monday telephoning his foreign counterparts — including the leaders of Britain, France and Russia — informing them of details that he will announce in a nationally televised address on Tuesday night from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Robert Gibbs, the White House press secretary, declined to say how many additional U.S. troops Obama had approved, but senior administration officials have said that about 30,000 would be sent in phased deployments over the next 12 to 18 months, bringing the total U.S. presence in Afghanistan to around 100,000.

Gibbs told reporters at the White House that Obama would discuss in the speech how he intends to pay for the plan — a major concern of his Demo-

cratic base — and will make clear that he has a time frame for winding down the U.S. involvement in the eight-year-old war. “This is not an open-ended commitment,” Gibbs said.

The administration was sending its special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Richard C. Holbrooke, to Brussels on Tuesday to begin briefing NATO and European allies about the policy. He will be joined at NATO on Friday by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, who will brief NATO foreign ministers in his capacity as the top allied commander. While an administration official said Holbrooke would discuss troop requests, he is not expected to make specific requests for nonmilitary aid.

Obama spent much of Monday calling allied leaders. He spoke for 40 minutes with the French president, Nicolas Sarkozy, who signaled that France was not in a position to commit more troops. “He said France would stay at current troop levels for as long as it takes to stabilize Afghanistan,” said an official briefed on the exchange, who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe a private dip-

lomatic exchange. Instead of troops, Sarkozy told Obama that France was putting its focus on a conference in London sponsored by Germany and Britain to rally support for Afghanistan, said officials here and in France.

The French newspaper *Le Monde*, citing diplomatic sources, reported Monday that Clinton had asked Sarkozy last week to send an additional 1,500 troops to Afghanistan, to supplement the 3,750 French soldiers and 150 police officers now there.

But the French defense minister, Herve Morin, publicly confirmed the French position on Monday, saying “there is no question for now of raising numbers.”

Prime Minister Gordon Brown of Britain said Monday that Britain would send 500 additional troops to Afghanistan in early December, raising the number of British troops there to 10,000. The announcement was closely coordinated between the governments in London and Washington, the two largest troop providers in the 43-nation coalition fighting in Afghanistan. Brown spoke to Obama by video link after his announcement in the House of Commons.

## Now With Foothold in Iraq, Oil Companies Look to the Future

By Timothy Williams  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD

More than six and a half years after the U.S.-led invasion here that many believed was about oil, the major oil companies are finally gaining access to Iraq’s petroleum reserves. But they are doing so at far less advantageous terms than they once envisioned.

The companies seem to have calculated that it is worth their while to accept deals with limited profit opportunities now, in order to cash in on more lucrative development deals in the future, oil industry analysts say.

“The attraction of these fields to oil companies is not the per-barrel profit, which is very low, but their value as an entrance ticket to the oil sector of southern Iraq,” said Reidar Visser, a research fellow at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs who operates an Iraq Web site, *Historiae*. “In terms of size and potential, the Basra region remains one of the most attractive areas of future growth for the international oil industry.”

Iraq’s first stab at opening its oil industry to foreign investment ended in disappointment at an auction in June in

which most companies declined to bid. But last month many of those same companies — including Exxon Mobil and Occidental Petroleum, the first American companies to reach production agreements with Baghdad since the 2003 invasion — signed deals at much the same terms they rejected over the summer.

Analysts say the deals on three of the country’s top fields show that Iraq, after an embarrassing start, may be on a path to joining the world’s major oil-producing nations, which could in turn upset the equilibrium in OPEC and increase tensions with the neighboring oil giants Iran and Saudi Arabia. Adding to those strains, development rights to 10 other Iraqi oil fields will be offered to foreign companies at a public auction in Baghdad on Dec. 11.

However, the auction and the contracts come at an awkward time: just months before national elections that could provoke renewed violence or sweep in a new government that could disown the deals.

In the recent deals, the major oil companies have agreed to accept service contracts, in which they earn a fee for each barrel of oil produced. Yet they

vastly prefer production-sharing agreements, in which they gain an equity stake in the oil itself. Such deals are far more lucrative to oil companies, but for Iraqis they are reminiscent of the colonial era, when foreign companies controlled the country’s oil wealth.

“We have shown that we can attract international companies to invest in Iraq and boost production through service contracts,” Hussain al-Shahristani, Iraq’s oil minister, said recently. “They will not have a share of Iraqi oil, and our country will have total control over production.”

But Iraq has also been forced to acknowledge that it cannot hope to revive its decrepit oil industry without the money and the technical expertise of the major companies. Despite strong anti-American sentiments among the Iraqi public, few officials want to refuse American cash.

“We do not have any preferences,” said Abdul Hadi al-Hassani, deputy chairman of Parliament’s Oil and Gas Committee. “We are interested only in the financial health of the company and in their technical know-how. American companies are well known in the oil sector.”

## Iran’s Plan to Phase Out Subsidies For Staple Items Holds Risks

By Robert F. Worth  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIRUT, LEBANON

The outside world may be focused on Iran’s intensifying confrontation with the West over its nuclear program. But at home, Iranians are more concerned with an ambitious and risky new effort to overhaul the country’s troubled economy.

If it goes awry, the plan to phase out Iran’s system of state subsidies, which has existed for decades, could profoundly destabilize the government of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has aggressively championed change. But it could also help wean Iran from its dependence on foreign gasoline and insulate the economy from new sanctions — which are a strong possibility if Iran continues to defy Western pressure over its nuclear program.

The new plan has been the subject of frenzied debate in shops, blogs and homes across Iran, not to mention the Parliament. Lawmakers across the political spectrum have warned of catastrophic price shocks once subsidies are lifted.

Conservatives seem deeply worried about the repercussions, with some saying the plan could lead to a crime wave, or worse. Opposition leaders like Mir Hussein Mousavi have begun hinting that the government’s failure to stem economic pain could become their new rallying cry.

There is widespread agreement that selling everyday goods at far below market prices, which costs the Iranian government an estimated \$100 billion a year, makes little economic sense. It encourages overconsumption of gasoline and other products, discourages domestic production and makes Iran more dependent on imports, economists say. The subsidies are also regressive, because the rich pay the same artificially low prices as the poor and consume far more. And they encourage smuggling.

Previous governments have tried to eliminate subsidies and build a more dynamic, market-oriented economy, but retreated in the face of popular pressure. Ahmadinejad — who has long cast himself as a cham-

pion of the poor and a scourge of Iran’s privileged elite — has pushed hard on the issue, and last month Iran’s Parliament gave him full authority to begin paring back the subsidies this year.

Ahmadinejad, not known in the past for favoring strong pro-market medicine for Iran’s ailing economy, has presented the measure as a matter of economic justice. He says half of the money the government saves by eliminating subsidies will go to helping poorer Iranians adjust to higher prices.

But the measure also has clear political motives. The changes would hit hardest at the urban middle class, which has tended to favor Ahmadinejad’s opponents. And the president clearly hopes to carry out an important policy change that two predecessors, Mohammad Khatami and Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani — now leaders of the opposition — tried and failed to achieve.

The risks are serious, however, and lately even some conservatives have hinted that Ahmadinejad may not be up to the task.

## With Vivendi Deal, GE Clears Path to Sale of NBC

By Tim Arango  
and Bill Carter

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

General Electric has reached a tentative agreement that clears the way for the sale of NBC-Universal, including the flagship NBC network, to Comcast, according to people briefed on negotiations.

General Electric has reached a tentative agreement to buy Vivendi’s 20 percent stake in NBC Universal for about \$5.8 billion, clearing the way for GE to sell control of the television and movie company to Comcast, the nation’s largest cable operator, in a deal that reflects the changing landscape of broadcast television.

While a deal between GE and Comcast still could hit a snag over price, it is considered highly likely because GE wants to sell NBC because of rising losses and Comcast wants to buy it so it can control more television programs and movies to offer viewers through its cable systems.

## Woods Assumes Fault in Crash and Seeks Privacy

By Larry Dorman  
and Joseph Berger

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Tiger Woods said Sunday that the car accident that sent him to the hospital early Friday was his fault and “has become embarrassing” to him and his family.

“I’m human and I’m not perfect,” he said in a statement on tigerwoods.com, his Web site, before adding: “It’s a private matter, and I want to keep it that way.”

Woods and his lawyers again declined to talk to the Florida Highway Patrol about the car accident. But Woods, the No. 1-ranked golfer in the world, released the statement accepting responsibility for the accident around the same time that the police released a tape of a 911 call made Friday morning by a man who identified himself in the call as Woods’ neighbor.

In the statement, Woods took a contrite tone about the events that began at 2:25 a.m. Eastern on Friday and addressed the speculation — prompted by reports by *The National Enquirer* and others on gossip Web sites — about marital difficulties between Woods and his wife, Elin. On Friday, the Windermere, Fla., police chief, Daniel Saylor, said that Woods’ wife had used a golf club to break the rear window of the sport utility vehicle to help extricate Woods.

“Although I understand there is curiosity, the many false, unfounded and malicious rumors that are currently circulating about my family and me are irresponsible,” Woods said in the statement.

He added: “My wife, Elin, acted courageously when she saw I was hurt and in trouble. She was the first person to help me. Any other assertion is absolutely false.”

## Mammogram Safety Questioned For Young, High-Risk Women

By Denise Grady

THE NEW YORK TIMES

For young women who have a high risk of breast cancer because of genetic mutations or family history, the radiation from yearly mammograms may make the risk even higher, researchers reported at a radiology conference on Monday.

The report is particularly troubling because it suggests that the very women who are told they need mammograms most may also be the most vulnerable to harm from them. Doctors routinely urge high-risk women to have mammograms earlier in life and more often than women judged to be at average risk.

Researchers caution that the new report is not conclusive, and that the issue needs more study.

High doses of radiation can increase the risk of breast cancer, especially in young women, but mammography uses a low dose. The American Cancer Society and many breast cancer experts say the benefits of screening far outweigh any theoretical risk from the radiation.

The findings come not from new research, but from an analysis of data from six earlier studies involving about 5,000 high-risk women in the United States and Europe, some who had breast cancer and some who did not. Their median age was 45.

## After Dubai, Wondering Where The Next Debt Bombs Lurk

By Graham Bowley  
and Catherine Rampell

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Like overstretched American homeowners, governments and companies across the globe are groaning under the weight of debts that, some fear, might never be fully paid back.

As Dubai, that one-time wonderland in the desert, struggles to pay its bills, a troubling question hangs over the financial world: Is this latest financial crisis an isolated event, or a harbinger of still more debt shocks?

For the moment, at least, global investors seem to be taking Dubai’s sinking fortunes in their stride.

But the travails of Dubai, a potent symbol of hyperwealth, nonetheless have some economists wondering where other debt bombs might be lurking — and just how dangerous they might turn out to be.

Big banks that have only just begun to recover from the financial shocks of last year are now nervously eyeing their potential exposure to highly indebted corporations and governments.

From the Baltics to the Mediterranean, the bills for an unprecedented borrowing binge are starting to fall due. In Russia and the former Soviet bloc, where high oil prices helped fuel blistering growth, a mountain of debt must be refinanced as short-term IOUs come due.

The numbers are startling. In Germany, long the bastion of fiscal rectitude in Europe, government debt is on the rise. There, the government debt outstanding is expected to increase to the equivalent of 77 percent of the nation’s economic output next year, from 60 percent in 2002. In Britain, that figure is expected to more than double over the same period, to more than 80 percent.

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## Corrections

An article Tuesday about MIT's Rhodes Scholarship winners incorrectly claimed that MIT broke its record for the most Rhodes Scholars in a given year. MIT did not break that record this year, but this year's three winners did break the record for the most MIT Rhodes Scholars from the U.S. in a year.

## Letters To The Editor

### Take the Lead on Scientific Integrity

As I am sure you are aware, the University of East Anglia's computer system was hacked and many e-mails by prominent weather researchers have been published. Some of these are extremely disturbing. They appear to document collusion among leaders in the field to alter and then withhold raw data and to stonewall

Freedom of Information requests regarding analytical methods. Anecdotal reports of moving weather stations to lower altitudes in California and Japan are also emerging. Most disturbing, these e-mails appear to document a concerted effort to undermine the peer review process.

If this is true, the entire scientific community should be alarmed or at least concerned. Peer review is fundamental to scientific progress. If it is successfully taken down in one branch of science, all peer review is in danger.

As an MIT alum, I have searched mit.edu for a discussion of these recent reports and have found nothing. As you may have heard, MIT provides leadership to the world's various scientific and technological research communities across the spectrum. Fortunately, nothing that has emerged implicates anyone at MIT. We should be leading this discussion, not ignoring it. This is not just about weather, but the integrity of all of science.

George Howard Brown '72

## An Idea for Afghanistan: The Ownership Society Principle

Parthiban Santhanam

How do you turn a rebellious liberal into a risk-averse conservative?

Easy. Give him something to lose — like a house — and just wait.

This ideology, with its deeply conservative private-before-public prescription for social tranquility, has been an important one over the last several decades in Western democracies. And while the fallout from the housing crisis will leave us debating the merit of specific pro-home-ownership policies for a while, perhaps the legacy of this relatively simple observation about human nature need not be limited to already-rich countries.

Instead, maybe it makes sense to export this idea, known as "the Ownership Society" principle, to far-away Afghanistan with its myriad security challenges and political instability.

This type of suggestion is easy to criticize: Why spend money to put people in permanently-owned homes instead of rented property when that money is so desperately needed elsewhere? In response, I'd suggest that the dire situation of Afghanistan dictates that anything we do which improves the security situation is ultimately worthwhile.

Time and again we hear that while the Af-

ghan population is not pro-Taliban, allied forces constantly fight against an enemy that blends in with the civilian population. If the insurgents are broadly unpopular, but the public is not sufficiently vigilant in opposition to hamper their operations, maybe we can make them so by just giving them something to lose, something privately owned.

As an Afghan or as an American, if you see someone suspicious poking around, threatening to bring chaos into your neighborhood, all else equal, don't you care a bit more if you're a home-owner than a renting tenant?

Perhaps building a bunch of cheap modular homes and giving them away can effectively turn the Afghan public into part-time contractors for allied intelligence operations. If it works, in a sense it's nothing more than an accounting trick — the flows of goods and labor are as though we've hired them and placed our trust in the Afghan people by paying them ahead of time.

If we consider such an endeavor alongside other parts of the economic development program, the case gets better. For home-building, it seems that the worst-case scenario is that the security situation is not improved, our money is lost, and we just ended up making a giant charitable donation to the people of Afghanistan that will pay political dividends for gen-

erations. If we design and build the homes ourselves, it's hard to imagine how they could be effectively used to make our security mission harder. The potential downside to ideas involving the transfer of more liquid assets is much worse, especially if those assets must traverse the bureaucracy of a corrupt national government. Even if other plans, like providing money to buy farm equipment, seem logically likely to lead to more sustainable economic growth, insofar as they don't address the fundamental problems of security and stability, they may not be the most effective way to pursue our broader goals in the region.

Plus, what else are we going to do with our glut of excess home-building capacity? Considering the multipliers at play in American manufacturing communities and the severity of the recent downturn in residential construction, if implemented appropriately, such a program could almost qualify as economic stimulus.

Economic conservatives like to say that a rising tide lifts all boats. If we were to fund a wave of private economic empowerment in Afghanistan by building cheap homes for its citizens, it's hard to see how that wouldn't lead to improved security and stability one way or another.

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# 'Hackers' Reveal Corrupt Science At Climate Research Unit

*Another Reason to Stop Cap and Trade and the Copenhagen Treaty*

Matthew Davidson

Over the past few weeks anonymous "hackers" entered the computer systems of the Climate Research Unit of the University of East Anglia in the UK. This intrusion has been confirmed by the university and at least some of the data leaked to Wikileaks.org have been confirmed as authentic by officials at the CRU. Among the data were hundreds of e-mails and source code files which describe a shameful corruption of the scientific process.

Many corporate media outlets have refused to report on this story. Indeed much of the biased reporting recently put forth as journalism by CNN, *The New York Times*, etc. has presented anthropogenic global warming as a foregone conclusion. In reality, there is a great deal of disagreement among scientists on the subject. Looking beyond these media giants to the independent journalism being conducted by bloggers across the web, one can find a great deal of evidence contradicting the foregone conclusions of corporate media and revenue-hungry politicians.

Warwick Hughes, an Australian climatologist with a skeptical view of anthropogenic global warming, contacted Phil Jones, the director of CRU in 2000, to ask about some inconsistencies he saw in Jones' work. He asked for data gathered using government funds, which he is entitled to view under the UK's Freedom of Information Act of 2000. After a series of e-mails, Phil Jones replied: "Why should I make the data available to you, when your aim is to try and find something wrong with it." Warwick Hughes was

repeatedly denied access to this data in a move to conceal materials and methods which should be open to any honest scientific debate and discussion.

When other scientists began asking for data from the CRU using FOIA requests, Phil Jones began asking scientists to delete e-mail records: "Mike, Can you delete any emails you may have had with Keith re AR4? Keith will do likewise. Can you also email Gene and get him to do the same? We will be getting Caspar to do likewise." If these e-mails had been requested under FOIA, deletion of these records was a likely a criminal act.

Also uncovered was an e-mail that expressed cheer at the death of a scientist who published reviews skeptical of anthropogenic global warming and communicated legal advice on how intellectual property rights may be used to conceal data: "Subject: John L. Daly Dead; Mike, In an odd way this is cheering news! One other thing about the CC paper – just found another email – is that McKittrick says it is standard practice in Econometrics journals to give all the data and codes!! According to legal advice IPR [intellectual property rights] overrides this."

Another e-mail from Phil Jones discusses preventing the opposing views of Chris De Freitas from being published in the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report: "The other paper by MM is just garbage – as you knew. De Freitas again. Pielke is also losing all credibility as well by replying to the mad Finn as well – frequently as I see it. I can't see either of these papers being in the next IPCC report. K and I will keep them out somehow – even if we have to redefine what the peer-review literature is!"

E-mails of other scientists at the CRU were also released. Tim Osborn of the CRU discusses truncating data to "hide" declining temperatures. An e-mail from Prof. Michael Mann of Penn State University to Tim Osborn stated that results which support critics of global warming shouldn't be shown to others. Dr. Kevin Trenberth of the National Center for Atmospheric Research admits that he cannot account for the current lack of global warming: "The fact is we can't account for the lack of warming at the moment and it is a travesty that we can't."

These communications reveal a trail of manipulation and concealment of data that would not support the theory of anthropogenic global warming. This is shameful and cannot be ignored by the scientific community. This corruption must be investigated and the individuals responsible must be tried for any illegal acts committed.

This is especially important to us all ahead of the Copenhagen Climate Conference and the Senate vote on the cap and trade bill. The Copenhagen treaty and the cap and trade bill are both justified by science presented in the UN IPCC Fourth Assessment Report, which included data from the scientists mentioned above. Until the extent of the corruption of data is known, we must resist these and other government actions that will have extreme economic consequences across the globe. If we sit by and allow lawmakers to pass and approve legislation based on falsified data and incorrect theories, we are all to blame for the needless negative effects that the new laws will have on our lives.

In a carbon-constrained world, artificial scarcity of a government apportioned commodity

will cause some industrial processes in certain areas to be unprofitable, while processes which pollute even more remain profitable in other areas of the world. Prices will rise in some areas and fall in others. Factories will be relocated in order to seek out the most acceptable business environments. The quality of life for individuals living in developed nations is likely to decline greatly as we are asked to pay more for the energy and food we consume. We may eventually be forced to agree to home energy audits and asked to pay fees to the government for items that consume energy in unapproved ways, such as incandescent light bulbs. Under the Copenhagen treaty, these policies will be forced upon us not by our elected officials, but by unelected bureaucrats at the UN and its offshoots.

As we pay these higher prices and fees, the money will flow into government hands. Many lawmakers see climate legislation as a revenue goldmine, and they are very keen on passing this legislation and providing scientists with plenty of motivation (grants) for justifying the theory of anthropogenic global warming.

We must tell our elected representatives that we will not sit idly by while they pass legislation based on compromised data. We must tell them that MIT stands for honesty in science and that we demand a thorough investigation of this matter.

Matthew Davidson is a graduate student in the Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering. He encourages those interested in signing or helping with a petition demanding an investigation of the climate data to meet him on the steps of Building 7 this week or contact him at [matthewd@mit.edu](mailto:matthewd@mit.edu).

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# CAMPUS LIFE

## Brouhaha Rhythm

### Capitalism Gone Wild

By Michael T. Lin  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

If you asked me what possibly could have compelled me to stay up until five in the morning to trudge through Cambridge for a Black Friday sale, I would have given you exactly two reasons. One is the age-old excuse, “my friends were doing it.” The other is that I managed to justify it to my nerd self by going to the electronics store first. A few DVDs, a set of Rock'em Sock'em Robots, and more self-restraint than any human should ever have to exercise later, here I am pondering the significance of the experience.

For those of you who weren't here, the weather on Black Friday featured the trademark Boston drizzle — just wet enough to be irritating, but not nearly downpour-like enough to reenact dramatic film moments. (This gave birth to my draft proposal to rename “Black Friday” to “Black Next-Post-Thanksgiving-Fair-Weather-Day,” which would also include a one-day Daylight Super-Saving 5-hour clock shift.)

Bearing in mind that Black Friday has been

getting somewhat less civil from year to year, I showed up expecting virtually anything to happen, ranging from a one-on-one sword duel to the death over the last copy of *Lego Rock Band* (the concept of which still boggles my mind, by the way) to a full-on brawl breaking out in the martial arts section of the home entertainment department, complete with faux kung fu, between the Jackie Chan and Bruce Lee fans.

As it happened, the lines outside the mall were actually surprisingly docile, partly due to the aforementioned five in the morning, partly the dampening effect of the rain, and mostly the armed security at the door. Besides which, it may also be that the videogame-playing, film-watching crowd outside Best Buy isn't as inclined to physical violence as the crowd outside, say,

the sporting goods store, no matter how ravenous for heavily-discounted box sets they may be. (To be fair, I bought one, too, and the deal was good enough that I wouldn't have been surprised at some harsh language, or at least a hand gesture or two.)

I typically prefer to shop for electronics retail and clothes secondhand, but considering that my shopping companions had somewhat higher (and cleaner) standards for clothing, I was specially selected to fill the time-honored position of bag-holder. (That's shopping bags, mind you, not purses. Really, I swear.) I'd like to believe that I approached this hallowed responsibility with reverence and respect, but distinctly recalling that I equated “time spent holding bags” to “time available for napping,” I'll probably have trouble selling that, even to myself.

In my defense, I did perk up later on — toy stores have a way of providing a second wind. One requires quite a bit of energy to properly grovel to be allowed in. Only to browse. Just for a minute.

There's a lot to be said for nostalgia — I suspect it accounts for a large part of toy purchases in cases where the box says “Ages 6 and up” but the customer is over 20. I can't imagine that I'm the only one with a weakness for childish fun. For one thing, the simplest pleasures in life are often the most universal. For another, there are dozens of Facebook groups and hundreds of online anecdotes (a fraction not written by actual children) to the same effect. There are innumerable other people my age and older with a craving for Nerf guns and a senior-citizen-like disdain for newfangled, overcompensatory, semi-automatic weapons of foam dart warfare, I'm sure of it. Now, if you'll excuse me, I really should get going. Apparently, Rock'em Sock'em Robots requires adult assembly, which means I need to find a grown-up before the knocking-off of blocks can commence.

## Evening Walk

### MIT and Sloan

By Erdin Beshimov

Many students come to MIT Sloan not because of the business school itself, but because they want to be part of the MIT community at large. I was one of those students, and I wanted to apply what I learned in the classroom by working side by side with outstanding engineers on bringing new technologies to market. To me, that seemed like a great way to prepare for and anticipate the future evolution of business and society, as opposed to treating business school as just a springboard for a job.

But once I set my foot on the campus, I quickly discovered to my chagrin that MIT

doesn't quite conform to the image of an embracing union of businessmen and engineers, an image so actively promoted by the school. Engineers and businessmen at MIT represent two very distinct cultures and mostly keep to themselves. What's more, a business student's literal interpretation of *Mens et Manus* — i.e. actively exploring the campus, its labs, and the work done by MIT's technologists — could be frowned upon by engineers and even seen as a disguised attempt to take advantage of someone else's work.

This barrier is a downer for many students who discover it, but after three months at MIT, I've come to believe that it will change. For

one, many students take active steps to bridge the campus, instead of receding into their distinct spheres. The MIT 100K competition is the mothership of this movement, but there are many other initiatives, such as IdeaStorm at the MIT Entrepreneurship Center, for example, that also bring and engage students from different departments together. Many engineers take the New Enterprises (15.390) class offered at Sloan and, finding it valuable, they generate excellent word-of-mouth for the cause of cross-campus collaboration. Thanks to these activities, the campus as we see it today won't be the same tomorrow. Sometime soon, a company that emerges from one of

these initiatives will become really big and famous, and its example will compel a serious departure from the divided atmosphere that reigns today.

Finally, no matter how difficult it may be for students to operate in this barrier-ridden environment, it may actually come to be really useful. After all, most technology companies probably have some form of a cultural tension between engineers and the rest of the company. For those planning to be a part of innovation-based businesses, it should be valuable to experience this tension, understand it, and finally overcome it and use it for creative purposes. So enjoy it while it lasts!



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# To Kill a Creative Bird

By Laila Shabir

It's 4 a.m. on a Wednesday morning, and I want to paint. I haven't had an urge this strong to reach for my brush and palette in a long, long time. And I haven't been this swamped with work in a long, long time. Psets, midterms, make-up midterms, quizzes, make-up quizzes (I was sick for a while), essentially make-up on all my to-do lists. Oh, and "e-mails requesting extensions." My only concern (while rearranging items on my to-do list) is, when do I get to absorb all this new information and to let it really sink in? When and how do I reflect on my newly acquired knowledge and think of real world applications?

I'd imagine that after seven semesters at MIT, I'd be used to this lifestyle by now. Maybe some days, I handle it better than others. Some days, my to-do checklist has more checks than blanks, but most days, I spend hours simply reorganizing my schedule, trying to fit the million things in. I also happen

to be a senior, which means I spent all of September and October job hunting, which in turn means more time away from school and more make-up quizzes and midterms.

As a freshman, my academic career looked perfectly clear. I wanted to major in economics, do tons of research, write a few papers and maybe join a club or two on the side if time permitted. As a senior, I'm looking back, and, while I did all those things I had wanted to do, it came at a price, one that I discounted quite terribly early on. I came to MIT with a creative soul. My math was okay, I could do the numbers. But I was passionate about economics and about originality and creativity. I still very much am.

To be fair, I'm absolutely in love with my

major, the department, its faculty and the curriculum. But when I look inside myself, I see that I'm just not as creative anymore. Ideas and dreams don't come to me as freely and as vividly as they did before I started drinking from the fire hose.

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For seven years through high school, I wrote a biweekly column for a magazine in the UAE, where I grew up. I worked at a local beauty salon, making intricate henna tattoos. I drew and painted almost every weekend. I fixed faulty faucets around my home.

I concocted new recipes. I dreamt of creating things, of "inventions" that could improve our lives. And all I do now is check things off my checklist.

Am I bad at time management? Sure. Do I procrastinate more than I should? Of course! I have a midterm today and I should be study-

ing for that but instead I'm writing about how I feel my creative soul has somehow lost its way along the infinite corridors at MIT. An example — it took me seven semesters to submit an article to *The Tech*, something I've wanted to do since freshman year! I think I really understand it now why everyone says if you can get through the Institute, you can get through anything in life. Nowhere else can I imagine myself being constantly tested, constantly checked on to see if I'm learning, to see if I'm taking my commitments seriously.

Maybe my creative dreams will come back to me after I walk down the ramp with a crisp diploma and check off my final college task. Maybe I'll have the time to think of the enormous amount of knowledge I've gathered over the years and think of how I can use it to help a life breathe easier. Maybe then I'll say to myself, hey, I've graduated from MIT and there's nothing in the world I can't do! I think I'll wait for June to see... and until then, IHTEP!

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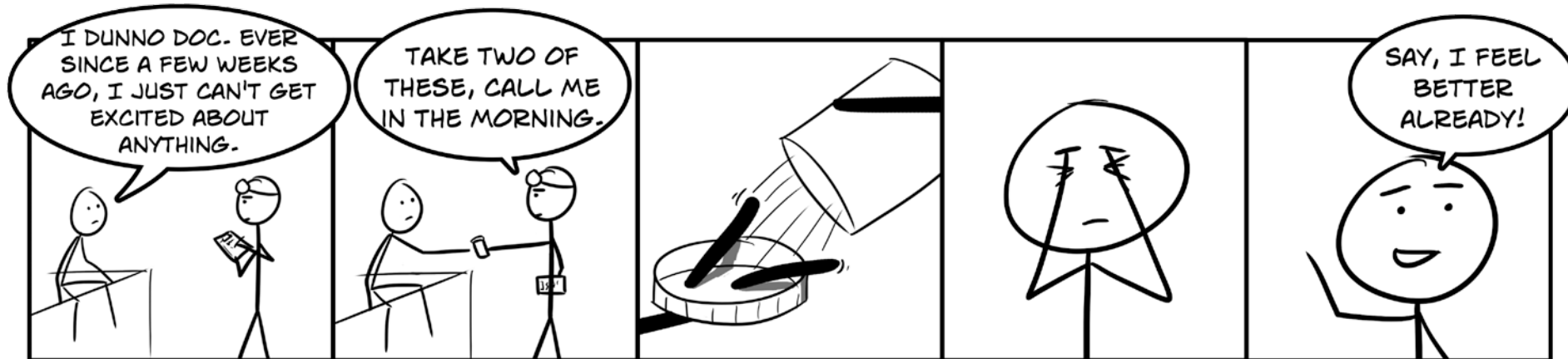
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by Michael Ciuffo



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Solution, page 10

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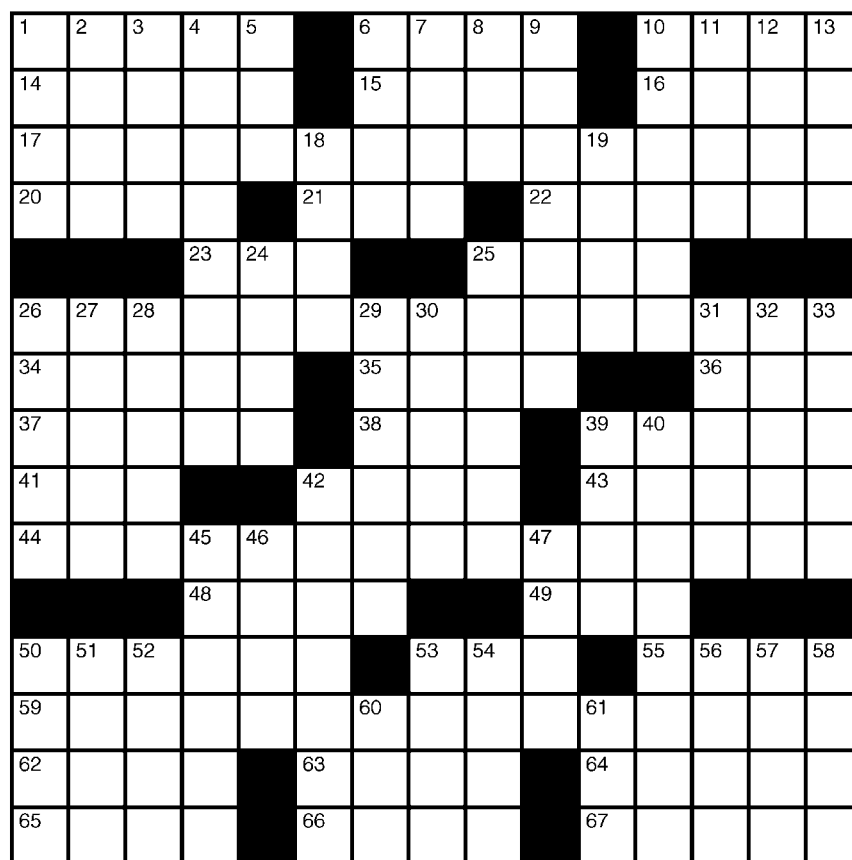
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- 7 Miscalculates
- 8 Amazon squeezer
- 9 Pizza tidbit
- 10 Trick pitch
- 11 Of low quality
- 12 "The King and I" role
- 13 Sticky wicket
- 18 Sign gas
- 19 Newcastle's river

- 24 Singer Diana
- 25 Croatia's capital
- 26 Sub shops
- 27 Pindar, for one
- 28 Mrs. Fred Flintstone
- 29 Sweat of one's brow
- 30 In fine fettle
- 31 Animated
- 32 Really dig
- 33 Momentous tales
- 39 "Pygmalion" dramatist
- 40 Pioneer in psychology
- 42 Dives in with gusto
- 45 With a deft touch
- 46 John of the PGA
- 47 Comfort
- 50 In that case
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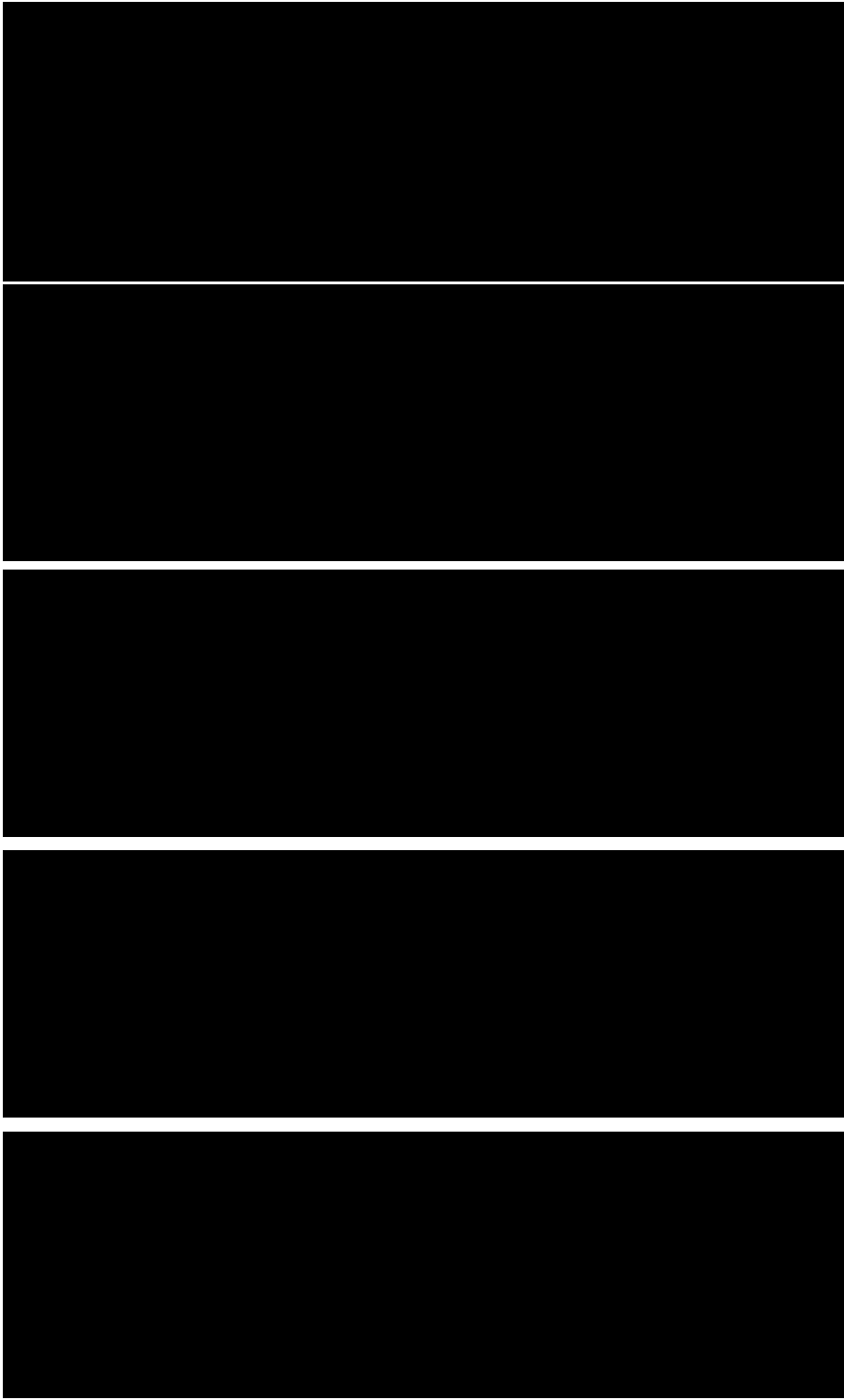


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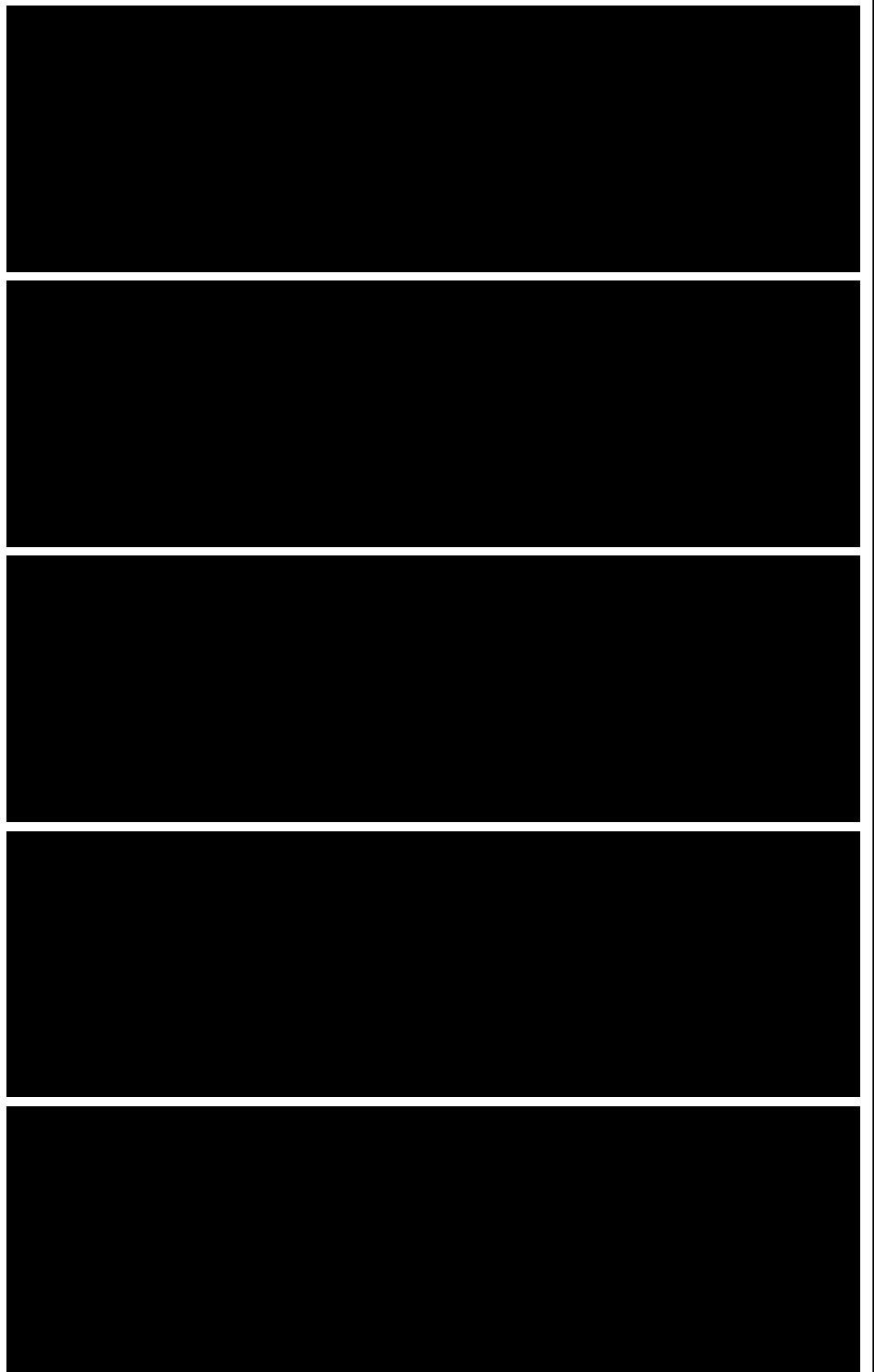
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## Sudoku

Solution, page 10

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The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between October 30 and November 12. The dates below reflect the dates incidents occurred. This information is compiled from the Campus Police's crime log. The report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher.

- Aug. 26 Bldg. W89 (291 Vassar St.), 5:00 p.m., larceny of laptop.
- Sept. 23 405 Memorial Dr., 6:00 p.m., past larceny of credit cards.
- Sept. 25 Bldg. W85 (540 Memorial Dr.), larceny of pipes for a lab project.
- Oct. 28 Bldg. 3 (33 Mass. Ave.), 8:00 a.m., report of harassing mail.
- Oct. 28 Bldg. 14N (160 Memorial Dr.), 2:40 p.m., larceny of bicycle from outside Stata Center.
- Oct. 28 Bldg. W45 (125 Vassar St.), 6:00 p.m., larceny of motorcycle.
- Oct. 29 Bldg. 26 (60 Vassar St.), 9:00 a.m., larceny of bicycle.
- Oct. 29 Bldg. W20 (Student Center), 10:00 a.m., larceny of mountain bike from bike rack.
- Oct. 29 Bldg. 33 (125 Mass. Ave.), 2:00 p.m., larceny of bike
- Oct. 29 Bldg. W16 (48 Mass. Ave.), 2:31 p.m., individual from earlier suspicious person report arrested. Jyoti Ballabh charged with trespassing.
- Oct. 30 Bldg. W20 (Student Center), 3:07 p.m., report that a delivery truck driver threatened an individual for how a vehicle was parked.
- Oct. 30 155 Bay State Rd., 11:00 p.m., larceny of wallet.
- Nov. 3 Bldg. 37 (70 Vassar St.), 10:24 a.m., larceny of laptop.
- Nov. 4 405 Memorial Dr., 8:25 a.m., construction site fire. Area evacuated by officers. Cambridge Fire and Police notified, ambulance dispatched.
- Nov. 4 Bldg. E15 (20 Ames St.), 6:30 p.m., larceny of laptop.
- Nov. 6 139 Mass. Ave., 2:45 p.m., past breaking and entering.
- Nov. 7 Bldg. W20 (Student Center), 12:45 a.m., report of suspicious individual. Trespass warning issued.
- Nov. 7 Bldg. W91 (507 Memorial Dr.), 8:00 p.m., hit and run damage to a vehicle.
- Nov. 8 Bldg. W79 (291 Vassar St.), 8:00 p.m., larceny of ID.
- Nov. 9 Bldg. W20 (Student Center), 4:00 p.m., larceny of unlocked bicycle.
- Nov. 10 Bldg. 2 (182 Memorial Dr.), 3:47 p.m., report of suspicious male eating department food for a conference. Trespass warning issued.
- Nov. 11 Bldg. E25 (425 Carlton St.), 7:00 p.m., report of suspicious activity on individual's computer.
- Nov. 12 Bldg. 2 (182 Memorial Dr.), 1:50 p.m., larceny of large screen monitors.
- Nov. 12 Bldg. NW30 (224 Albany St.), 4:36 p.m., report of homeless people in rear stairwell. Trespass warnings issued.

Compiled by Steve Howland

## Caltech Hack, from Page 1

find someone less busy to talk to.

I caught up with a few Caltech girls standing in Lobby 7, now holding the banners that had previously hung from the railing, off of the third floor. One of the girls told me that about ten of them had flown into Boston on Friday and had been staying with Caltech alumni living in the area to put the final touches on their prank. Apparently, alumni had paid to print the banners as well as 5,000 copies of a fake edition of *The Tech*. These fake papers eventually made it to newspaper stands on campus.

A floor mat in Lobby 10 was to have put a finishing touch on their welcoming decorations, but there was no time to deploy that part of the operation.

I, along with several other residents of East Campus — the dorm, not the branch of Caltech — met up

with several of the Caltech “pranksters” for breakfast at Sunny’s Diner.

We talked about the prank, and the Caltech students told us they had come ready to herald the new change of ownership with bright orange shirts labeled with a blend of the Caltech torch and MIT seal.

They had set up a phone tree at Caltech, which would take any inquiries and redirect them ad infinitum. Further details about MIT’s “acquisition” were posted on their website (<http://east.caltech.edu>), including such comments as “Ditch Day is tomorrow”, referencing a Caltech tradition.

As it turns out, the Caltech students hadn’t planned to stick around their new campus for very long: They headed back to Pasadena on a plane that left Boston at 6 p.m. last night.

—Vicki Crosson

# Some Black Students Removing Evidence of Race from Resumes

## Racial Gap, from Page 1

employment rate for black male college graduates 25 and older was more than twice that of white male college graduates — 9.1 percent compared with 4.5 percent.

Many academic studies have confirmed that black job seekers have a harder time than whites. A study published several years ago in *The American Economic Review* titled, “Are Emily and Greg More Employable than Lakisha and Jamal?”, found that applicants with black-sounding names received 50 percent fewer callbacks than those with white-sounding names.

A more recent study, published this year in *The Journal of Labor Economics* found white, Asian and Hispanic managers tended to hire more whites and fewer blacks than black managers did.

The discrimination is rarely overt, according to interviews with more than two dozen college-educated

black job seekers around the country, many of them out of work for months. Instead, those interviewed told subtler stories, referring to surprised looks and offhand comments, interviews that fell apart almost as soon as they began, and the sudden loss of interest from companies after meetings.

Whether or not each case actually involved bias, the possibility has furnished an additional agonizing layer of second-guessing for many as their job searches have dragged on.

“It does weigh on you in the search because you’re wondering, how much is race playing a factor in whether I’m even getting a first call, or whether I’m even getting an in-person interview once they hear my voice and they know I’m probably African-American?” said Terelle Hairston, 25, a graduate of Yale University who has been looking for work since the summer while also trying to get a marketing consulting startup off the ground. “You even worry that the hiring manager may not be as interested in diversity as the H.R. manager or upper management.”

Williams recently applied to a Dallas money management firm that had posted a position with top business schools. The hiring manager had seemed ecstatic to hear from him, telling him they had trouble getting people from prestigious business schools to move to the area. Williams had left New York and moved back in with his parents in Dallas to save money.

But when Williams later met two men from the firm for lunch, he said they appeared stunned when he strolled up to introduce himself. “Their eyes kind of hit the ceiling a bit,” he said. “It was kind of quiet for about 45 seconds.”

The company’s interest in him quickly cooled, setting off the inevitable questions in his mind.

Discrimination in many cases may not even be intentional, some job seekers pointed out, but simply a matter of people gravitating toward similar people, casting about for the right “cultural fit,” a buzzword often heard in corporate circles.

There is also the matter of how many jobs, especially higher-level ones, are never even posted and depend on word-of-mouth and informal networks, in many cases leaving blacks at a disadvantage. A recent study published in the academic journal *Social Problems* found that

white males receive substantially more job leads for high-level supervisory positions than women and members of minorities.

Many interviewed, however, wrestled with “pulling the race card,” groping between their cynicism and desire to avoid the stigma that blacks are too quick to claim victimization. After all, many had gone to good schools and had accomplished resumes. Some had grown up in well-to-do settings, with parents who had raised them never to doubt how high they could climb. Moreover, there is Obama, perhaps the ultimate embodiment of that belief.

Certainly, they conceded, there are times when their race can be beneficial, particularly with companies that have diversity programs. But many said they sensed that such opportunities had been cut back over the years and even more during the downturn. Others speculated there was now more of a tendency to deem diversity unnecessary after Obama’s triumph.

In fact, whether Obama’s election has been good or bad for their job prospects is hotly debated. Several interviewed went so far as to say that they believed there was only so much progress that many in the country could take, and that there was now a backlash against blacks.

“There is resentment toward his presidency among some because of his race,” said Edward Verner, a Morehouse alumnus from New Jersey who was laid off as a regional sales manager and has been able to find only part-time work. “This has affected well-educated, African-American job seekers.”

It is difficult to overstate the degree that they say race permeates nearly every aspect of their job searches, from how early they show up to interviews to the kinds of anecdotes they try to come up with.

“You want to be a nonthreatening, professional black guy,” said Winston Bell, 40, of Cleveland, who has been looking for a job in business development.

He drew an analogy to several prominent black sports broadcasters. “You don’t want to be Stephen A. Smith. You want to be Bryant Gumbel. You don’t even want to be Stuart Scott. You don’t want to be, ‘Booyah.’”

Nearly all said they agonized over job applications that asked them whether they would like to identify their race. Most said they usually did not.

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### Solution to Crossword

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### Solution to Sudoku

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

# International Students Amused By U.S. Black Friday Shopping

Thanksgiving, from Page 1

joyed their Thanksgiving meals at MIT. The Sunday before Thanksgiving, Chew's hall in East Campus constructed their annual turducken, meaning "we put different things in the huge turkey." To him, Thanksgiving "gives you the opportunity to get really, really, really creative about the poultry."

Despite the centrality of turkey to Thanksgiving, Chew said, "I don't particularly appreciate the turkey. I appreciate all the other birds in there since they taste better."

The No. 6 Club, which Terceiro Jorge is part of, is known for its large international membership, and it hosted a Thanksgiving meal for its nearly forty members the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. In another dorm, on Thanksgiving day, Jędrzej Kaniewski '11, a Cambridge-MIT Exchange student and a resident of German House, ate with who he described as "all the miserable people that stayed over here on the weekend."

He completed his Thanksgiving experience with Black Friday shopping or, more accurately, crowd-watching and was not disappointed: "It was just utterly ridiculous, the queue was just massively long ... along the street. There was this massive queue of people, and other people with cameras videotaping the queue, and I was like, 'Why?! Stop wasting your time!'" he said.

But, when finally inside the store, he was disappointed with the sales. "They had a couple of good things," he said, "but the rest at normal prices. It seemed like, unless you were the first fifty people who got the good stuff, there's just no point in waking up at 4 a.m. ... It was just for the experience, it's not really worth the money."

Some international students said they saw some hypocrisy in swarming stores the morning after a day of giving thanks. "Here every time there's a holiday there's a huge sale ... what I don't like is that I feel like Thanksgiving has such a beautiful connotation, but I feel like some-

times here they make everything so commercial," said Terceiro Jorge.

Terceiro Jorge continued, "I think most people look forward to Thanksgiving because of Black Friday to shop, not because they're going to be with their families. I don't really like this huge-sale-thing after Thanksgiving, I think it completely destroyed the meaning of the holiday ... here they consume so much stuff."

Chew said, "[Black Friday's] another excuse for Americans to spend all their money before their next paycheck. As if people are actually saving money."

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# SPORTS

## MIT Taekwondo Team Takes Second Place at Cornell Tournament

By Kristina Lozoya  
TEAM MEMBER

A mere three weeks after the first Eastern Collegiate Taekwondo Conference tournament, the MIT Sport Taekwondo Club traveled to Cornell University to compete in the second tournament of the year on Saturday, November 7. Despite facing a twenty-man disadvantage against rival Cornell University, the team finished in second place.

MIT opened the day with the forms portion of the competition. Erika L. Lee '12 tied for second place and Rebecca Hung '11 took fourth place in the women's black belt division. Team captain Jason Uh '10 captured first place for the men.

ZheChen "Mary" Hong '10 and Shammi S. Quddus '10 took gold and silver respectively in women's red belt forms while Wenxian Hong G took second in the men's red belt division.

In the blue belt division, Christine T. Hsueh '10 and Hsinjung "Sophia" Li '11 finished first and second, and Alvin S. Chen '11 took first place in the men's division.

The MIT green belts had a similarly strong showing, with Christopher M. Williams G taking second place in the men's division and Bradley Wu '11 following in third place; Sharon W. Tam '10 took second in the women's division.

Rounding out the forms competition, Mengfei Yang '12 took second out of forty women yellow belt competitors.

Going into the sparring portion of the competition, MIT led by 124 points.

Sparring got off to an exciting start with the veteran women's A1 team (team captain Ranbel F. Sun '10, Hong, Lee), easily defeating the University of Michigan and Princeton University to face long-time rival

Cornell A1 in the finals. The match came down to the last second, with Cornell's Ping Liu inching out Lee with a turning kick to take the gold. The women's A2 team (Quddus, Li, Kristina Lozoya '13) also fought valiantly, taking bronze right behind A1. The women's A3 team (Hsueh, Michelle Wang '13, Teresa "Ty" Lin '12) made it to the quarterfinals, and the A4 team (Yinjen "Angela" Wang '13, Shelly Jin '13) made a solid debut.

The men's A teams both met tough opponents in the first round. The A1 team (Hong, Uh, Iliya T. Tsekov G) fell to NYU, and the A2 team (Daniel J. Sauza '11, Ijeoma "EJ" Emeagwali '12) fell to RIT.

Some of MIT's most dominating matches were fought in the B division. The women's B1 team (Sun, Hong, Lin, Xuan Yang '13), B2 team (Quddus, Li, Lozoya), and B3 teams (Hsueh, Yang) swept the division while the B4 team (Tara P. Sarathi '12, Tiffany A. Chen '12, Jennifer Tran '11) fell to UPenn.

The men's B division had tough matchups. The men's B1 team (Hong, Tsekov, Williams) fell to Cornell, while the men's B2 team (Wu, Chen, Benjamin Y. Lee '12, Emeagwali) made it to the quarterfinals.

The C division teams echoed the strong performances of the upper divisions. The women's C1 (Stephanie P. Chen '12, Chen, Yang) and C2 (Tam, Laura H. Deming '13, Tran took third and second places respectively. The women's C3 (Judith M. Vasquez '12, Yang) and C4 teams (Tong Li '13, Wendy Cheng '13) also made solid debuts. The men's C team (Wu, Lee, Williams) fought valiantly but bowed out to rest for B division matches.

MIT ended the day in second place with 518 points to Cornell's 558, but retained first place in the overall league standings. The team competes again Sunday, November 22 at Princeton University.

## McShane Named All-American; Three Selected to Region Teams

By Greg McKeever  
DAPER STAFF

Following their NCAA Tournament run this season, several MIT Field Hockey players earned regional accolades. Molly E. McShane '13 was selected as the New England East Regional Player of the Year and a Second Team All-American by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA). In addition, teammates Keri A. Dixon '11, Anna H. Teruya '12 and Kimberly A. Barker '13 were named to the NFHCA All-Region teams.

McShane tallied eight goals and seven assists in 23 games at midfield and helped lead MIT to the Second

Round of the NCAA tournament. McShane's All-America selection represents Tech's first such honor since Deanna Lentz in 2004.

Dixon was named to the New England East First Team after leading NEWMAC in both average goals allowed (1.54) and shutouts (seven) and setting a school record with 18 wins.

Teruya helped anchor a defense that surrendered the fewest goals in the NEWMAC. The sophomore was third on team in scoring with 12 goals and 29 points while earning two defensive saves.

In just her first season at MIT, Barker has quickly become one of the most prolific scorers in Institute history. She set program records for

goals and points in a single season, and finished second in the league in goals and third in points.

In addition to the NFHCA honors, McShane, Barker and head coach Cheryl Silva received recognition from the website womensfieldhockey.com. McShane was named to the All-America team while Barker earned the site's Rookie of the Year award; Silva was selected as the Division III Coach of the Year.

The Cardinal and Grey enjoyed its most successful season in the program's history, compiling a record 18 wins, capturing its first ever NEWMAC title and recording a Opening Round victory at the NCAA Division III Championship.

### May Earns Academic All-America Honors

Alexandra T. May '10 was voted to the Academic All-America Volleyball First Team last week. May was selected as an Academic All-American Third Team last year, and joins Amanda Morris '08 as the only First-Teams in program history. Her selection is the team's 14th award and raised MIT's institutional tally to 158, tops among Division III programs.

May closed her career ranking in the top 10 for kills in a season, career kills, kills per game, digs, digs per game, and total blocks. Her awards include the NEWMAC and NEWVA Rookie of the Year, the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) New England Rookie of the Year, three-time AVCA All-America Honorable Mention, NEWMAC All-Conference, NEWMAC Academic All-Conference, as well as NEWVA and AWVA All-New England awards.

—Mindy Brauer, DAPER Staff

### Sports Shorts

### Engineers Shoot Past Suffolk, 85-50

Senior co-captain Willard J. "Billy" Johnson '09 scored a season-high 20 points and Noel Hollingsworth '12 added 15 points and 13 boards as MIT beat Suffolk 85-50 in their first home game of the season. MIT shot 14-30 from three-point range and held a 55-30 edge in rebounding as MIT improved to 5-0.

MIT jumped out to a 15-3 lead in the first five

minutes, but Suffolk pulled within four with 6:07 left in the half. The Engineers then responded with a 21-0 run to enter the break up 42-17.

The two teams traded baskets early in the second half, and Suffolk cut the margin down to 31 with 15:36 remaining. That would be as close as the Rams would get, however, as Johnson responded with five straight points to send the Cardinal and Grey to victory.

MIT held Suffolk to 31 percent shooting to win for the fifth-straight time. Tech will travel across the river to play Emerson College on Tuesday.

—Greg McKeever, DAPER Staff

### Sud Scores 17 as MIT Rallies Past Albertus Magnus

MIT defeated Albertus Magnus College 54-46 on Saturday. Aparna A. Sud '13 paced the Engineers with 17 points, six rebounds and two steals.

The Falcons raced out to a 15-5 lead after seven minutes, but MIT went on an 11-2 run which brought it within one. The Cardinal and Gray evened the score at 25 with 2:34 left in the frame but an Albertus Magnus put-back gave it a 27-25 lead at halftime.

The Falcons opened the second half with a 9-3 spurt, but the Engineers then went on a 12-minute, 20-5 run for a seven-point lead with 2:46 remaining, then converted six of its eight free-throw attempts to seal the win.

Kristen E. Whaley '11 posted 10 rebounds, nine points, and three steals while Lauren S. Burton '13 tallied six points, four assists, and two steals.

MIT will take on the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in its next game December 2nd.

—Mindy Brauer, DAPER Staff

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