Faculty fling fake facts in food fight
Professors talk latkes and hamentashen

By Yuanyu Chen

Latzes or Hamentashen? That was the question this past Wednesday as students, faculty, and staff crowded into 26-100 to anticipate MIT Hillel’s annual Latkes vs. Hamentashen debate. Six professors tried their hand in a debate moderated by Dr. Erika B. Barbara Imperiali of the Chemistry Department, and Dr. Erika B. Wagner ’92 of the X-Prize Lab. On mate Jewish food product: the latke mentashen debate. Six professors try Department, and Dr. Erika B. Barbara Imperiali of the Chemistry Department, the moderator, opened the night by showing how latkes and hamentashen influence MIT, both in research and buildings. Keith claimed that both latkes and hamentashen inspired architect Frank O. Gehry, who designed the Stata Center. “Gehry used the shapes of the latke and the hamentash in the design of the Stata Center,” he said.

Representing the latke were Amy Smith ’84 of D-Lab, Professor Barbara Imperiali of the Chemistry Department, and Dr. Erika B. Wagner ’92 of the X-Prize Lab. On the other side, the hamentash was represented by slut Sokolov of MIT Hillel’s annual Latkes vs. Hamentashen debate held on Wednesday evening in 26-100.
Another Madoff aide faces fraud charges

A senior executive who worked for Bernard L. Madoff for more than 30 years was arrested Thursday on federal fraud and conspiracy charges, including claims that he had helped Madoff survive a cash crisis that almost derailed the gigantic Ponzi scheme five years ago.

The executive, Daniel Bonventre, 63, joined the Madoff firm in 1985 as director of operations, steered the back-office record-keeping staff, at least since 1978. He was arrested by federal agents at about 6 a.m. on Thursday at his apartment on East 79th Street.

In a criminal complaint filed on Thursday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, Bonventre was accused of doctoring records to effectively hide the doomed state of an investment firm found in fraud, adding that his investigation into “this colossal deception” was continuing.

In a parallel case, the Securities and Exchange Commission filed a civil fraud complaint against Bonventre, accusing him of helping “manipulate the list of investors” that had concealed the fraud from regulators and investors.


As fighting subsides, Afghans plant a flag in Marjah

MARJAH, AFGHANISTAN — The black, red and green flag of the Taliban was being removed from the center of the town on Thursday, as Afghan officials symbolically claimed control after a major American-led military offensive.

While this city has emerged from the worst of the fighting, there were reports of scattered battles to the north of Marjah, and Afghan and American troops continued their push towards Taliban-controlled areas.

The militaries now face formidable challenges in securing the city, which is a gateway for the rest of the country.

Residents who fled began to return, and some markets re- opened. Coal is still in short supply because the road into Marjah is still mined, and the city remains a dangerous labyrinth of buried booby traps, bomb sites and pockets of insurgents.


Durable goods orders rise; jobless claims climb

A lackluster report on durable goods on Thursday resurrected doubts about the sustainability of a recovery for manufacturing. In addition, the number of people filing unemployment claims reached a three-year peak, and a barometer of home prices unexpectedly fell.

Orders for durable goods, items like refrigerators and computers that are expected to last at least three years, rose 3 percent in January. The Commerce Department attributed the gain largely to a surge in commercial aircraft given a much-expected last week — up 22,000, to 496,000 — the highest level in more than three months. Economists surveyed by Bloomberg News had expected claims to drop by 13,000.

By Mark Lander  FOR THE TIMES

WASHINGTON — Despite intense public and private pressure by the Obama administration, China has not yet shown any sign that it will support tougher sanctions against Iran, leaving a stubborn barrier before President Barack Obama’s efforts to constrain Iran’s nuclear ambitions.

Diplomats from two major European allies said this week that China had refused even to discuss “preliminary, substantively” the issue of sanctions, preferring to continue diplomatic efforts with Tehran. And one senior diplomat said he believed that the most likely outcome might be a decision by China to abstain from voting on a resolution in the U.N. Security Council.

“An abstention is a better than an ‘yes,’” the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing the delicacy of the matter. “The U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton expressed optimism this week that China was edging toward the American view that the time had come for stronger measures against Iran. But other administration officials acknowledged that her optimism was based less on tangible evidence than on a belief that China would not want to end up diplomatically isolated.

China, the official notes, has backed all three previous U.N. sanctions resolutions on Iran, overcoming its initial reluctance. Last November, it joined 25 other members of the International Atomic Energy Agency in rebuking Iran for concealing a uranium enrichment plant at Qum.

“I think we’ve made a lot of progress,” Clinton said Wednesday in testimony before the Senate, adding that she believed that the Security Council would adopt a resolution in the next 30 to 60 days.

In a sign that the administration may be managing expectations in light of China’s stance, she noted that the United Nations was not the only arena for squeezing Iran. The United States and the European Union are expected to impose their own sanctions, she said, and other countries could team up against Iran.

“We will look at additional pressure,” Clinton said.

By Steven Greenhouse  FOR THE TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is planning to use the government’s enormous buying power to prod private companies into improving wages and benefits for millions of workers, according to White House officials and several interest groups briefed on the plan.

By phrasing how it awards $500 billion in contracts each year, the government would disqualify more companies with labor, environmental or other violations and give an edge to companies that offer better levels of pay, health coverage, pension plans and other benefits, the officials said.

Because nearly one in four workers are employed by companies that have contracts with the federal government, administration officials see the plan as a way to shape social policy and lift more families into the middle class. It would affect contracts like those awarded to make Army uniforms, clean federal buildings and move laws at military bases.

Although the details are still being worked out, the outline of the plan is drawing fierce opposition from business groups and Republi- can lawmakers. They see it as a gift to organized labor and say it would drive up costs for the government in the face of a $1.3 trillion budget deficit.

“I’m suspicious of what the end goals are,” said Ben Brucker, a labor researcher. “It could backfire. Government officials are not used to being an arm’s length from organized labor. They may have some idea of what the government is looking for, but they may not be able to explain it to organized labor.”

That could help to explain why some countries have already said they will not sign onto the proposed sanctions.

Israel, for instance, which declared that it would try to water down the sanctions.

Russia is also expected to support a resolution, though diplomats predicted that it would try to water down the sanctions.

That leaves China, which declared again this week that it preferred diplomacy. Experts say Beijing is being driven partly by its commercial ties; it has vast investments in Iran’s oil and gas sector, and Iran is its second-largest supplier of oil, after Saudi Arabia.

A plan new policy would help millions of workers and the environment, “ a White House official said.

—Daniel Hamill, The New York Times

Situation for noon Eastern Standard time, Friday, February 26, 2010

**Precipitation Symbols**

- Heavy
- Moderate
- Light
- Showers
- Snow Showers
- Snowfall
- Breezy
- Strong Breezy
- Cold Front
- Warm Front
- Hurricane
- Low Pressure

**Extended Forecast**

Today Cloudy and breezy with rain showers, High 39°F (4°C). Winds E at 15–25 mph.

Tonight: Cloudy with light rain and snow showers, Low 24°F (-4°C). Winds W at 5–10 mph.

Tomorrow: Cloudy with rain or snow possible, High 41°F (5°C). Winds W at 8–12 mph.

Friday: Cloudy, with a chance of rain, Snow or snow showers. Highs in the low 40s °F (6°C).
Democratic seeks attention in Florida senate race

By Damien Cave

Florida’s former attorney general, Drew P. Landers, on Thursday began running a television advertisement in which he predicted that his campaign would be a long-shot candidate for Florida’s open Senate seat, created quickly last week to tales of woe: a college student who nearly ended up homeless because her mother who paid for health care with credit cards; an electrician struggling to get unemployment benefits.

“They can’t cover in this campaign, I need to give you all some voice,” Meek said.

He leaned forward at a cafe here, a 6-foot-4 half of a man with a head slightly larger than his shoulders. He is the Republican competitor — Gov. Charlie Crist (Hispanic) of Florida; Rubio — the former speaker of the Florida House, was released with little concern. But it was the dollar led to a flight from the dollar prices of commodities like gold and silver, he said. The Dow Jones industrial average plunged nearly 200 points minutes after the close of trading.

The contrast between the parties’ candidates looked particularly stark last week.

A tense day for Wall Street ended about Greek debt and the American jobs market.

Almost as disturbing was the continuing reluctance of people to buy homes. The Mortgage Bankers Association said applications for loans to buy homes dropped last week to the lowest level since 1997.

January’s 11.2 percent drop in new-home sales to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 309,000 came as a surprise to analysts, who had expected a slight increase, said they did not know about him to form an opinion.

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Letters

Sex discussion is healthy

I present Chandip Randolph's portrayal of The Tech as a "little boy's club" simply because its generous campaign to promote sex toy usage among those who feel they need it.

These days, women are allowed to like sex just as much as men, they're allowed to like talking about it, and they're allowed to like reading articles about it. There's no need to add just a "few young women" to the "little boys"; we're all in the same impure, "childish," going-to-hell boat. I wonder if he has actually read The Tech's articles on sex, or if the "women" are all written by women, about women. So the next time Chandip Randolph would like to criticize the student body's healthy obsession with sex (those of us who aren't voluntarily abstinent, that is), he can at least level the accusations in a non-gendered way.

By the way, a frank discussion of sexual habits is not only enjoyable, it is informative, and allows both men and women a chance for self-discovery and empowerment.

— Kallie J. Hedberg ’10

UA Update

Campaign documents due today!

Senate met on Monday, February 22. Senate members passed 41 U.A.S. 4.1: Bill to Create Midterm Reviews, which would review members of the UA Executive Committee between the fall and spring semesters, was discussed and then tabled. Paula C. Trepman ’13 was confirmed as the Vice Chair for the Committee on Dining. Senate also approved the FI

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**Bringing sugar and spice to the ice**

Yuna Kim transforms figure skating into art

By Maggie Liu

I have always been drawn to figure skating for its combination of ballet, dance, and gymnastics. When executed well, a skater delivers a performance worthy of lush red curtains and a Broadway stage. Sadly, the required virtuosity is often lost in the number-crunching and the tallying up of how many points combination XYZ will produce. Though skaters must fulfill strict technical requirements, what really sets an amazing performance apart is the artistry.

Having followed Olympic figure skating since the days of Michelle Kwan, I find that sometimes the competitions run the risk of being too numbers-based. Kim is a very good skater. Her strengths lie in the preciseness of her execution. Every movement is deliberate. Call her a fine competitor or a consummate showman, but Kim does not succumb to success. She hits all the prescribed moves and delivers her performances with such finesse that her skating transcends sport. Yuna Kim succeeds because of the art of figure skating, allowing her to focus on the art: narrating a tale on the ice.

For Wednesday’s short program, Kim transformed into a sensual, charming Bond girl. For two minutes and forty seconds, that persona ruled the ice with a coy smile here, and a flirtatious glance there. Her massive triple jumps were perfectly executed, but almost an afterthought, somehow secondary to the character she had crafted. The performance went beyond just movement. It was an theatrical performance that stayed with the audience long after her final bow.

The image that Kim presented that night was sleek. Figure skating costumes are known to be flashy and I cringe at the palettes of chiffon, pools, and random streamers decorating the costumes. Even NBC sports announcers agree: “I do find some of the costumes sometimes are over the top,” said Dick Button, the two-time gold medalist and a commentator for NBC at the Turin Olympics. “You almost feel you’ve been trapped in a windmill in the Metropolitan Opera House costume department.” Kim chose a one-shouldered black number with a smattering of crystals. While one may argue that costume design is irrelevant to the quality of a skater’s routine, it is relevant in a performance. In Kim’s case, it completed her Bond girl persona.

Regardless of what medal Yuna will wear on the podium, she will be remembered and praised for her lyricalism and poise, not just as an athlete, but also a performer.
Crossword Puzzle
Solution, page 8

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1 Grip
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14 Heart connection
16 Bellow
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22 Bruno of “City Slickers”
23 Gateway rival
24 Most strange
27 Thinks about
31 Beauty parlor
33 Actress Ruby
34 Final bio?
35 “Call Me___”
36 Nutmeg spice
37 Draped Abner
38 Fad
39 Trap for the unsuspecting
40 Chic
42 Taxi devices
43 Chip’s chipmunk buddy
44 “Crazy” singer
46 Folklore creature
49 Detroit suburb
52 Demolish
54 Grace closing
55 At rest
57 Twisted
58 Horse turns to the right
59 Spiral pin

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2 Display model
3 “Roots” author Haley
5 One kind of fortuneteller
8 Diplomat’s strong suit
9 Rakes and heels
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12 Spoils taken
13 Most blatant
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21 NYC station
22 Bruno of “City Slickers”
23 Ancient Greek coins
24 Exercise count
25 Red figure
26 Exercise count
27 “…Misty for Me”
28 Happen again
29 Oozes
30 Oobiz
32 Madison Ave. output
33 Pisa’s river
34 Most blatant
35 Artistic inspiration
36 Like a shooting star?
38 Contents of a folder
39 Takeoffs
40 Grease audibly
41 Grieve audibly
42 Look after
44 Periodical sequence
45 Bodies of water
46 Snatch
47 Title
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49 Slope lift
50 Fork prong
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**Freedom**

Sometimes I'm terrified to realize how many options I have.

Like, at any moment in any conversation I could just punch the person I was talking to and all these potentially life-changing events would unfold.

It's only my moral rules that stop me from flaying you or stripping naked, or getting on a plane to fly, sure rules make repins, but shouldn't you exercise that freedom at least once before you die?

**Joshing**

So, is the new project going forward?

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**Easy Sudoku**

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After 15 years serving MIT, Licari graduates’
By Melissa Renée Schumacher

UPS driver A.F. Licari is “finally graduating” to a new delivery route, he told The Tech on Wednesday, March 3, after having been working the MIT route for 15 years. MIT was the first route he worked, consistent in that he delivered to the same areas. “You get to know others before. Licari says he doesn’t really want to leave, but he thinks it’s time for a change. United Parcel Service drivers get routes assigned through a bidding system every two years, and this time around, a driver with more seniority was picked for the MIT route. “He’s met a lot of nice people here—he has many friends who are faculty and housemasters—and he’ll miss them, he said. Licari has delivered many strange things to labs at MIT, like frogs and perfume. Once, a box of crickets came open in his UPS van. Licari said that when time of day matters, students are moving in or out because they get a lot of packages from home, which usually contain heavy books. Sometimes, he’ll take their stuff for their packages and chase down his van for their stuff.”

One of the strangest packages he has ever had to deliver was a box of pizza. About ten years ago, a student’s parents sent him a pizza from home, in the box, taped up and addressed. By the time Licari picked it up, the sauce started to go through the box. “Needless to say, I was glad to get rid of that package,” he said.

Licari’s favorite time of the year is the graduation. He said that it’s good to see students happy, having parties and cookouts. Around finals, students can be “like zombies,” sometimes walking in front of his truck without noticing. Graduation is a welcome change from that.

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the other side of the room, representing the hamentashen were De- partment Head Eric R. Grimson of EECS, Assistant Professor Maria C. Gonzalez of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Department Head Michael Sipser of Mathematics. Each professor was allowed seven minutes to present why his or her treat was superior to the other. After each presentation, the opposing team was allowed a 90-second rebuttal.

In order to decide which team would have the choice to go first, the audience had a chanting battle. The right section of the audience yelled “hamentashen” while the left section screamed “latkes.” The middle section of the audience was asked to decide which side was louder—the latke won. Team Latke chose to go second.

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These are among the accusations involving the cancer clinic owned by the doctors group, Melbourne Internal Medicine Associates, court records show.

A lawsuit by federal officials is focusing only on what the officials say are fraudulent billings from 2003 through at least 2008. But the case points to some of the rising concerns about safety procedures and oversight involving today’s increasingly complex computer-controlled radiotherapy and diagnostic equipment. At the same time, it raises questions about financial incentives and the overuse of high technology, and highly reimbursed, treatments. By not properly supervising technicians, as the government alleges, the doctors put patients at risk — and then tried to cover it up. By treating patients at the group’s own cancer center, doctors stood to benefit from tests and radiation therapy in which they had a financial interest. And, according to federal officials, the cancer center often ordered more lucrative treatments when less advanced and cheaper ones would have served just as well.

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MIT hosts NEWMAC playoffs this weekend

Men's basketball faces Clark in first game, Saturday at 1 p.m. in Rockwell Cage

By Russell Spivak
SPORTS EDITOR

The bar has been raised, a new precedent has been set, a new sheriff is in town. Whatever cliché you choose to use, there is one undeniable fact: the men’s basketball is for real. During last year’s improbable run to the Division III NCAA tournament, the Engineers reached an all-time high. The 2009-2010 Engineers have reached a new pinnacle of success; they have won the most games, 22, in the program’s history. With only three losses on their slate (one of which came against Division I Harvard), the Engineers have also won their first regular season NEWMAC title. All this has been accomplished by a very young team. Willard J. Johnson ’09 and Billy E. Bender ’12 are the two returning starters. Seven of the 14 players are freshmen.

For the first time since the Engineers hosted the NEWMAC conference championship tournament at Rockwell Cage this weekend, where the top four teams will square off to determine the conference champion. The conference championship, regardless of the regular season title, is guaranteed a spot in the Division III NCAA tournament. However, there are also several at large bids, so teams who lose may still be given a spot based on performance. (That’s where the regular season title comes into play.)

Should the Engineers falter this weekend, their résumé is strong enough to be a favorite to receive an at-large bid. But that’s not the plan. “We don’t want to leave it up to chance,” said Johnson, the captain. “While I think we deserve the opportunity to play in the NCAA tournament, March regardless of this weekend, we want to win this tournament and to do what no other team has been able to do before us - win both tournaments.”

To do that, MIT will need to capitalize on their home court advantage and be sound in every aspect of the game. As any sports fan knows, anything can happen on any given day, especially in college basketball. After last year’s successes, however, fans are expected to come out in large numbers.

“Come early, unless you want to be last,” Johnson warned.

MIT will undoubtedly need strong performances all around. Noel Hollingsworth ’12 will need to be in the paint along with Tim Tashman ’13, where the two combine for an average of 13.2 points and 11 rebounds per game. Mitchell H. Katz ’13 must also continue to lead the Engineers and maintain ball control.

The Engineers’ only blemish in conference play, two losses against Wheaton, can be blamed on one problem: turnovers. In those two games combined, the Engineers turned the ball over 32 times while taking the ball away only 12. If the Cardinal and Grey want to ensure playing into late March, they need to keep the ball in their position and allow Katz and Jimmy R. Burke ’13 to run the offense and lead MIT Men’s Basketball to new heights.

The Engineers will be playing their first game against either Clark or Wheaton at 1 p.m. at Rockwell Cage on Saturday, Feb. 27. If MIT wins, the championship will be played on Sunday at noon.

Who should lead the Undergraduate Association?

The Tech will host the Presidential Ticket Debates on Sunday, March 7th at 8:00pm on the first floor of the student center.

Send ideas for questions to opinion@tech.mit.edu

UPCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Basketball: NEWMAC Tournament
Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 17-18 at MIT

Men's Swimming: NEWMAC Championship
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27 at Wheaton

Men's and Women's Track and Field: NEICAAA Championship
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28 at Wheaton

Women’s swim & dive take 2nd at NEWMAC
Kokensparger Rookie of the Year

By Paul Blascovich
DAILY STAFF
Last weekend, the MIT women’s swimming and diving team traveled to Wellesley College for the NEWMAC Women’s Swimming Championship. After three days of intense competition, the Pride of Springfield College (893 points) emerged in first place, capturing their tenth consecutive title, while the Engineers (846) were runners-up for the eleventh straight year; Wheaton (596), Coast Guard (449) and Clark (382) rounded out the top four teams.

On Friday, MIT’s Anna S. Kokensparger ’13 quickly became the story of the weekend. In her first individual event, the freshman won the 200 IM with a NEWMAC-record swim (2:04.90), finishing over 4.5 seconds ahead of runner-up and previous record holder, Daniaa Adam of Wheaton.

Amy E. Jacobs ’11 also had a outstanding day for the Engineers. The swimmer won both the preliminaries (24.10) and finals (24.11) of the 50 free by a margin of over four tenths, notching First-Team All-Conference honors.

Kokensparger returned Saturday and another victory in the 100 back (55.86). Once again, her swim set a Championship Meet record as she edged out two-time event winner and teammate Jacobs. In her final individual event, Kokensparger won her third title in the 200 fly (2:04.10), shattering the conference record (Jennifer A. Chao ’08) by well over four seconds. All three of her individual performances were also NEWMAC A-cut times, qualifying her for next month’s National Championship. At the conclusion of the meet, Kokensparger was named 2010 NEWMAC Rookie of the Year.

Also on Sunday, Jacobs (53.02) out-swam Coast Guard’s Gayman (53.03) to capture her second individual win by the narrowest of margins. Both of her winning times met NCAA B-cut standards.

Sydney A. Giblin ’12 garnered an additional All-Conference nod for the Engineers, as her second-place swim in the 200 free (1:53.86) was good for an NCAA B-cut and Second-Team honors.

In the relays, Jacobs and Kokensparger led the MIT contingent to an additional two NEWMAC and three Institute records. With Giblin and Hua L. Hu ’13, the team swam the 800 free relay in a blistering 7:38.45, beating the conference record set by the Engineers in 2004. The same quartet captured the crown of the 400 free relay (3:35.56), this time breaking last year’s NEWMAC record and an Institute record team record from 2003. Jacobs, Hua and Kokensparger teamed up with Nicole J. Wang ’13 to break the MIT record in a 200 free relay time trial (1:35.59).

The Cardinal and Grey’s other championship win came in the 400 medley relay. Sarah A. Scollard ’13 and Lauren D. Lo ’13 led Kokensparger and Jacobs in an NCAA B-cut time of 3:58.67 to add another 40 points to the Engineers’ score.

Up next, the MIT men hit the pool this coming weekend for the 2010 Men’s Swimming and Diving Championship hosted by Wheaton College. Then, March 18-20, both teams travel to the University of Minnesota for the 2010 NCAA Division III Championship.

SCOREBOARD

Men's Fencing
Wednesday 2/17
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Men's Volleyball
Wednesday, 2/24
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Thursday, 2/25
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