Phyoe Kyaw ’10 killed by truck in traffic accident

By Ethan A. Solomon
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Phyoe Kyaw ’10, 23, was killed on Dec. 27 after he was hit by a truck while riding his bicycle at the intersection of Vassar Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

At around 7-40 p.m., an oil tank truck was turning from Massachusetts Ave. onto Vassar St. heading towards Main St. when it hit Kyaw. He was transported to a hospital where he was pronounced dead.

A blue bicycle could be seen crushed under the truck’s wheels in a video report from Boston’s 7 News.

Kyaw graduated MIT in 2010 with a bachelor’s in chemical biological engineering. Course 10B. He was from Yangon, in the Southeast Asian nation of Myanmar.

According to the MIT News Office, Kyaw was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity and involved in Camp Kesem, a summer program for children with a parent who has died of cancer. After graduating, he worked as a research scientist at Cambridge-based Stance Labs.

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SEEKING CREDITS
Ray Gelinas of Canning Studios uses a roller to paint the ceiling of lobby 10 during a restoration project.

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Extended Forecast

By Michael Winnes

BEIJING — Timothy F. Geithner, the U.S. Treasury secretary, came to Beijing on Tuesday hoping to persuade Chinese leaders to toughen their diplomatic stance toward Iran and soften their opposition to U.S.-led efforts to force Iran to forgo a nuclear program.

By many accounts, including some from the Chinese themselves, this was a divided visit. Hu Jintao, China’s president, has repeatedly said he would not allow China to emerge as a world leader, and the government would deal a severe blow to the opposition, saying that the collapse of his regime would be a disaster for the country.

Instead, Israel sees a potential benefit, saying that the collapse of his government would be a disaster for the country.

Barak, told the same parliamentary committee that if Assad went, the Iranian regime would have a chance to collapse as well. “We are confident that the Iranian regime is a threat to its own people and to the region,” he said.

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Barak said he had evidence that Iran was not interested in helping the opposition and that the opposition was not interested in helping Iran.

The new leader, Kim Jong Un, has been under pressure to find a way to improve the economy and to deal with the economic problems that have been exacerbated by the war with Syria.

The military rally in Pyongyang on Monday marked the 60th anniversary of the day of Kim Jong II, the new leader’s father who died on Dec. 17, and the 100th anniversary in April of the birth of Kim Il Sung, the founder of North Korea.

But it did not reveal what sort of criminals would be pardoned or whether the prisoners could be freed. For years, international human rights groups have claimed that up to 200,000 people are being held in political prison camps, and many in other penal institutions.

North Korea granted the last such pardon in August 2005 to mark the 60th anniversary of the ruling Workers’ Party.

This year, the Boston area has been experiencing a very anomalous mild winter. The brief snow showers that passed through the area on Monday night constituted our first measurable snowfall since October. It is rather extraordinary, considering that there was a cold front expected to move through the region late in the evening.

The area has far fewer snow showers than usual, and the relative lack of snowfall so far does not necessarily mean that the rest of the season will be mild.

In fact, another chance for snow will come tomorrow, as a Nor’easter system tracks up the coast and interacts with the cold front that is approaching the region today. However, much of the precipitation associated with this storm will be quite scattered. The National Weather Service said the snow is expected to fall on and around the Boston area late tonight, with the heaviest accumulations expected along the coast.

For those hoping for a snowstorm, there will likely be additional chances throughout the day, as February is statistically the snowiest month in our area.
New Hampshire primary voters

Weeks of indecision end for many

Since December 2009, when the New Hampshire primary was announced that nullified corruption charges against thousands of politicians, the government received reappraisal charges. The butler's murder, in fact, put the government on notice to reverse course. But the butler's murder, in fact, put the government on notice to reverse course. A third-person judicial commission, which was investigating the nullified corruption charges, was more than the government's political leadership. The government has no unanswerable relationship with the country's top generals.

Zardari, who spent 11 years in prison on corruption charges, says the corruption cases against him involve reports that dated to the 1990s were politically motivated. In an interview last week with The New York Times, he said that reopening those cases would be nothing short of a “triumph of the grave” of his wife. Zardari also claims immunity under Pakistan’s constitution, which he authored. In a monologue, which had been broadcast on the radio in the evening, Zardari said, “We are not involved in the project. Our hands were forced.”

The election’s results could help doctors and families evaluate, for example, whether an older person with a terminal illness should consider hospice care, Lee said. Compared with the caucus-goers in Iowa, Nebraska and many in New Hampshire, are more likely to call themselves independent, more moderate, and less likely to be evangelical Christians. There were fewer Tea Party supporters in the New Hampshire contest.

“My wife said to me, ‘He’s not going to win,’” said Cenatiempo, who, like some 40 percent of this state’s registered voters, is not a member of either major party. “That doesn’t matter. What matters here is that I treated people right.”

Cenatiempo, a retired surgeon, voted at a polling place here Tuesday morning, and he thought the debates last weekend showed that Mitt Romney had done since 1976, winning the one-two states of Iowa and New Hampshire in his quest for the party’s presidential nomination. Those who cast ballots last year, about 16 percent said they were very conservative, and 7 percent called themselves somewhat conservative and five called themselves very conservative. (In Iowa, 4 percent said they were very liberal.)

The New York Times

Manhattan, N.Y. — A truck bombing in the country’s most populous city, in northwestern Pakistan. A truck that had been parked in a residential area of the city exploded at 6 a.m., killing two dozen Pakistani troops. The bombing, according to the country’s powerful military to reopen corruption cases against Zardari’s party, leading many government officials to speculate that the judiciary was being used by the country’s powerful military to bypass democratic processes before the March elections for the Senate, in which the Pakistani People’s Party is expected to win a majority.

Several weeks after Cenatiempo voted in New Hampshire’s primary, a retired surgeon, cast votes grudgingly, others with utmost confidence in their choice, some in New Hampshire are more likely to call themselves independent, more moderate, and less likely to be evangelical Christians. There were fewer Tea Party supporters in the New Hampshire contest. Cenatiempo, 63, had done his homework on the candidates. He watched the debates last weekend closely and said he had thought that Rick Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator and former governor of Utah who experienced a surge of support after his strong performance in the Iowa caucuses, should consider suspending his campaign. Zardari’s claims are being challenged by the family of the condemned American, Amir Mirzaei Hekmati, who has not been on record in the radio in the evening.

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In October, State of the Race declared Mitt Romney the heavy favorite to become the Republican nominee for president of the United States. Since then, much has changed in the Republican field, but the most important change is this: Mitt Romney is no longer the heavy favorite to become the Republican nominee. The reason is that his improbable Super Tuesday showing, which saw him win almost every primary and caucus, caused all the polling numbers among other candidates, his visible weaknesses against the main opposition, and his superior organization, his wins in Iowa and New Hampshire have quickly eroded, and the promising and messaging of his campaign have given him nothing other than a lock on the nomination.

The response by the conservative establishment to the candidacy of Newt Gingrich is best described in a three-word phrase: non-existent. It has been disastrous debate performances and has since had miserable showings in both Iowa and New Hampshire. Unless he manages to stabilize with a strong showing in South Carolina, his campaign funding and volunteer pool will dry up and his bid will be over. The arguable exception, Jon Huntsman, never even got off the starting gate, and will soon depart after flouting to win in New Hampshire.

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SpeECHes and rallies before the primaries

Contrasting the campaigns of Ron Paul, Rick Santorum, and Newt Gingrich

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them. The Granite State didn’t disappoint. Arriving an hour later for a Ron Paul rally at a regional airport on the outskirts of Nashua, I was greeted by a bearded, greying man in a stetson and cowboy boots who was selling campaign buttons. I dished out $10 and picked out a couple. The slogans included an acronym of the President’s last name (One Big, Ass Mistaake, America), and a picture of the Trix rabbit with the tagline, “Silly Democrat, paychecks are for work!” I entered the hangar where the congresswoman was set to speak, where the common greeting by staff and supporters was, “Hello, and welcome to the Revolution!” The son of the revolutionary, Kentucky senator Rand Paul, warmed-up the crowd of 300, attacking Rick Santorum’s support of congressional earmarks, denouncing traditional Washington politics, ridiculing foreign aid, and declaring that his father was the only candidate with a plan to balance the budget in one term. The senator also condemned the doubling of the national debt under George W. Bush, adding that “the Republican party is an empty vessel unless we imbue it with values.”

Republican presidential candidate

Out in the parking lot, Santorum was sitting in the passenger seat of an idling Dodge pick-up being driven by an aide. As the crowd spilled out of the restaurant he got up and pushed through a circulating throng of supporters and hecklers. daylight was fading as he gave an abbreviated version of his speech, without a microphone and then took a few questions. His views on major social and economic issues had been clearly stated after his late surge in Iowa. What I had not heard from any candidate was an answer on the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, tasked with promoting fairness and transparency in mortgages, credit cards, and other consumer financial products and services. Santorum had time for about five questions from the audience after his speech. When he called on me, one of the last to comment, I told him that the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is a step in the right direction when it comes to preventing predatory lending practices, and if not, how would you tackle the problem? The former senator asked me to re-state the name of the agency. I re-stated, more slowly, “The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” He began his response by referring to the CFPB as the “the Super Financial Office.” He tied my question to the president’s recession appointment of Richard Cordray as the director of the bureau, claiming that the appointment was an unconstitutional presidential power-grab. He didn’t explicitly call for the dissolution of the CFPP, but stuck to the principle that an increase in the role of the federal government would hurt the economy. He also claimed that the agency was an example of the President’s belief that he and the smartest people can make decisions better than you can.

Next stop, Salem, N.H. for a town hall meeting with Newt Gingrich in the Salem High School cafeteria. The room was well-lit with an established media area. Around 150 chairs were set up, and when I arrived at 6:10 for a 7 p.m. start time, only the first two rows were filled up. But by the former speaker’s 7:30 arrival, all seats were filled and people were being turned away at the door. Several voters wore “Don’t MESS up New Hampshire” T-Shirts, a jab at Mitt Romney, whom the speaker has labeled “a Massachusetts moderate.” Gingrich arrived with a security detail and an entourage of campaign staff. After shaking hands and taking pictures with a few local politicians, he took to the podium. Like Santorum and Paul, Gingrich declared that this is the most important election of our generation, implying that the U.S. will face a sharp decline if President Obama or Mitt Romney (“Harvard Lawyers”) are elected. What distinguished Gingrich from his counterparts was his ability to clearly spell out his case against the president. He was a true conservative, not a moderate. He said that in 2012, the Republican nominee will only defeat the President if the candidate can clearly explain a contrast that is evidence-based, which is why he did not explicitly call for the dissolution of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, but rather led his response by referring to the CFPP as the “the Super Financial Office.” He tied my question to the president’s recession appointment of Richard Cordray as the director of the bureau, claiming that the appointment was an unconstitutional presidential power-grab. He didn’t explicitly call for the dissolution of the CFPP, but stuck to the principle that an increase in the role of the federal government would hurt the economy. He also claimed that the agency was an example of the President’s belief that he and the smartest people can make decisions better than you can.

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Who has the resources and time to fight the armies of lawyers at the disposal of powerful lending institutions? With little time left for questions from the audience, I was lucky enough to be called on again. “Leaving aside the controversy over the appointment of Richard Cordray,” I asked, “do you think that regulatory lending practices are a problem? The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is a step in the right direction, and if not, should predatory lending practices be prevented?” The former speaker didn’t hesitate. “I’m very cautious about centralizing power in Washington. I think we can do what predatory lending practices are and give you a right to defend yourself with the suit of triple damages, if that’s what’s being engaged in. But I’m not certain that I want the government micromanaging the financial sector anymore than I want it micromanaging anything else, because I don’t trust it, and I think it’s inherently political.” He also said the agency would lead to corruption, although he did not explain how.

In their responses, both Santorum and Gingrich had channeled the late libertarian economist Milton Friedman, who once said, “Many people want the government to protect the consumer. A much more urgent problem is to protect the consumer from the government.” But even their heirs, Ronald Reagan, had acknowledged that “government’s first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.” The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was created to protect the people, not run their lives. What both candidates failed to acknowledge is that the CFPP is not designed to make decisions for consumers, but simply to allow consumers to make more informed decisions. According to the agency’s website, “Above all, this means ensuring that consumers get the information they need to make the financial decisions they believe are best for themselves and their families, that prices are clear up front, that risks are visible, and that nothing is buried in fine print. In a market that works, consumers should be able to build, a business model around unfair, deceptive, or abusive practices.”

Many cite poor financial decisions in the housing market as one of the factors leading to the crash of 2008. Fine print, confusing language, and attractive front-end offers have been used to take advantage of American consumers for years. These tactics have cost working- and middle-class families tens of billions of dollars. Santorum offered no solution to the problem. The former speaker’s solution of allowing consumers to sue for triple damages is unrealistic. Who has the resources and time to fight the armies of lawyers at the disposal of powerful lending institutions? The impression that emerged from the candidates’ answers to my question, and from much of what I heard on the campaign trail, was a distinct lack of concern. When I had witnessed in 1972: fear and loathing. A healthy skepticism of government is at the heart of our nation’s birth. But the candidates I saw exploited that skepticism, fanning the flames of fear of forced government-dependency at the hands of an impoverished liberal establishment. It’s not a new tactic. We’ll know sooner whether it’s working.
Totally Random!
By Elise Stove

WE DO CALCULUS
by Paelle Powell

Sudoku
Solution, page 12

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**Stumper Crossword Puzzle** by Doug Peterson

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**EDITOR'S NOTE**
Starting this issue, we will be running Newsday crossword puzzles from Creators Syndicate. Since The Tech only publishes twice a week and Newsday is a daily puzzle, we have some flexibility in which puzzle is run. The difficulty of the Newsday puzzles varies by the day — starting from Monday, the difficulty level increases with the days of the week. We’ve picked a Saturday crossword for today’s issue of The Tech — the hardest puzzle of the week. We’re interested in what you think of today’s difficulty level. Email your thoughts to cl@tech.mit.edu.

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Sometimes I think it's crazy that we haven't colonized other planets yet! Other days I think maybe, JUST MAYBE, the rest of the universe will get by just fine even if we don't bring our murderous ways to it.

Anyway, wow, yay, go us!

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Students wind down outside of Hayden Library during finals week with dogs from Dog B.O.N.E.S., a non-profit therapy dog organization. The event, which attracted many students, was hosted by MIT Libraries.
What exactly is MITx?

Reif says that brainstorming for the idea of MITx began more than a year ago, when he asked two committees, the MIT Online Study Group and the MIT Council on Emerging Technologies (MITECT), to come up with ideas about what an online MIT education platform would look like. Broadly speaking, MITECT considered how online technology could be integrated into on-campus education, and the Online Study Group was asked to think about MIT in the rest of the world.

Last month’s faculty meeting was not one committee which ultimately formulated the concept for what the Online Study Group and MITECT, he says MITx reflects years of development on OCW and online learning initiatives pursued by individual departments.

Michael E. Poslter, "There has been the undergraduate representative for the Council on Emerging Tech-

"In terms of incentivizing things, I visioned and what the commit-

The provost likens building an MITx course to development of the platform.

MITx aims to combine the output of efforts like those in one single context. "There are developments in an open lan-

to the rest of the world."

"If you truly do have a free-form problem, I think that’s a very interesting and also engaging problem that you don’t want to guide the student down any particular road," said Reif. "You want to see what creative things they can do," said the CSAIL professor. "That is our research question; I’d love to have my colleagues in machine learning, my colleagues in cognitive systems thinking about problems like this. I think it’s hard."

MITx’s certification

MITx will sell certificates to users who want to get more than just the online course experience for a course. Certificates would be awarded if users “show that they have mastered the materials.” That “has to be a stringent require-

Employers could someday see MITx certificates on a resume, like in-

The provost says it would be "difficult to say" whether users would be graded automatically.

MITx programs, which will be shared openly on the OCW site. ” She also noted that MIT remains fully invested in OCW, and OCW will “continue to be MIT’s free and open effort to share the curriculum used at MIT.”

"We’d have to be very clear about what our goals are," said Reif. "The number one goal is to improve what OCW currently offers, the new system will ask users to complete exams and assignments online. Students would be graded automatically.

"The idea, to get it to scale, is to nowhere out of human graders," said Agarwal.

Agarwal said it would be guilty of being a part of some-thing new and potentially revolu-

"I think the idea of having some clear brand name — it’s MITx — and that a cer-

"It’s a standard technique for putting on how people interact with the community of students on campus," said Allen. "I don’t know how it will play out, but it’s something that I feel — to put it boldly — is something MITx’s immediate term future depends on," Allen said.

We have to further develop and dis-

"Students who complete a course on OCW: MITx, on the other hand, will only have courses that are designed for the platform.

"EASY FOR FACULTY

Once a course has been taught at MIT, it’s reasonably easy to extend that course to the rest of the world. "An MITx course, however, will need to be newly designed with online learning objectives in mind."

"Some departments at MIT often award points through par-

"MITx is... OCW is..."

"Completing a course on MITx involves completing assignments and exams, receiving grades and getting feedback."

"Faculty involvement

Chair of the Faculty of Samuel M. Allen PhD ’75 says the MITx ini-

Also, most of the educational material will be acces-

"MITx videos will be different in kind from OCW, and OCW will “continue to be MIT’s free and open effort to share the curriculum used at MIT.”

"Some departments at MIT often award points through par-

"Multi-proNged

MIT has two goals for MITx: 1) supplement the residential learning experience for students on campus, and 2) bring online educational offerings to the rest of the world.

"INTERACTIVE

Completing a course on MITx involves completing assignments and exams, receiving grades and getting feedback.

"NOT CERTIFICATE GRANTING

OCW cannot, in the traditional sense, substitute for actually taking a course.

"NEW

Content for MITx will be mostly brand new and designed specifically for the platform. Even video lectures probably will need to be re-filmed for MITx."

"ITx

Interactive course on MITx involves completing assignments and exams, receiving grades and getting feedback.

"MITx will offer a completely differ-

tent educational experience — its online, it’s automated, minimizing human and so forth," said Reif.

"For those faculty who would want to do this — and I hope many will — this will require an invest-

"Some faculty may use extra time to pursue research instead of teaching. Keeping faculty interested in teaching might require additional incentives — Allen says he’s not sure what those would be, but they’re critical of importance."

"In terms of incentivizing things, largely online."

"Because MITx is largely different from classic lecture-style courses, faculty participation (and faculty par-

"At December’s faculty meeting, President Susan J. Hockfield said that "students who complete a course from OCW: MITx, on the other hand, will only have courses that are designed for the platform.

"OCW is..."
Can an MIT professor save the USPS?

With the United States Postal Service (USPS) on the verge of eliminating 35,000 jobs to avoid bankruptcy, government officials are desperately seeking solutions to avert the crisis. MIT might have one. In the coming months, MIT Professor and the holder of the first copyright to “EMAIL,” Shiva Ayyadurai will be working on a proposal that will investigate how the USPS could save thousands of jobs by entering the email management industry.

According to Ayyadurai, large companies lack the email infrastructure to efficiently handle the overload of messages coming into the company every day. As a result, important messages are not being correctly sorted and delivered to the proper recipients. Sorting between important and junk email is a difficult problem that requires “human eyes,” even the most intelligent algorithms fail to sort efficiently.

Ayyadurai believes the USPS can provide a service that will help companies become more efficient at managing their own email. Under his plan, the USPS can retrain workers it intends to lay off in order to support the proposed system and generate enough revenue to avoid bankruptcy. Though some email management systems outsource work to countries like India, Ayyadurai argues that the USPS is a trusted and reliable brand, and can do a better job.

Last September, FastCompany, an entrepreneurship and technology magazine, interviewed Ayyadurai about his ideas on the future of the USPS. The article was picked up by USPS senior officials, who have since contacted Ayyadurai about his ideas. Ayyadurai has firsthand experience in the email management business. In 1996, Ayyadurai started a company called EhoMail, which uses an algorithm to intelligently organize email for businesses. However, Ayyadurai discovered that even an intelligent algorithm could not sort email as efficiently as an actual human. On March 13, Ayyadurai will speak about the future of the postal service for the MIT Communications Forum.

—Robert McQueen

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Cambridge — As the traffic signal turned red Friday morning, Marcia Pearson passed her lavender bicycle in the middle of Vassar Street.

When the coast was clear — no cars or trucks turning from Massachusetts Avenue — she rode across the street using the crosswalk, which is designated for pedestrians.

“This intersection makes me nervous,” said Pearson, a Somerville resident who bikes regularly to work in Boston. “I like to cross the way pedestrians do. I don’t feel safe in this spot right here.”

With good reason. Thousands of bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists converge each day at the intersection near the Massachusetts Institute of Technology campus, where crowds of students on Vassar Street meet traffic on Massachusetts Avenue. Police say it’s a hazard.

“For the amount of volume that goes through that intersection … I would say it is one of our highest accident locations in the city,” said Police Deputy Superintendent Jack Albert.

Since 2007, Cambridge police responded to 35 accidents at the intersection, 24 of them involving cars and bikes, according to police reports. Many resulted in minor injuries, the records show, but last month one was fatal. MIT graduate Phyo N. Kyaw of Cambridge was riding a bicycle when he collided with a truck.

Police have targeted the intersection as part of a roadway safety campaign aiming to improve bicycle safety across the city by educating riders and cracking down on those who violate traffic laws.

At the crash site Friday, black cable secured a white bicycle on a support. Flowers, candles, and short music were placed around the wheels of the bike that bore a message to Kyaw, a 23-year-old native of Myanmar. “You are dearly missed!”

Albert said Kyaw was wearing a helmet. But neither the police nor the Middlesex district attorney’s office released details about how the accident occurred, citing an ongoing investigation.

Albert said accidents are bound to happen with so many people using the intersection.

Efforts have been made to improve it.

The police road design enhancements were being made on Massachusetts Avenue, and MIT targeted the crosswalk to adjust the timing of traffic signals to be more pedestrian friendly.

But the Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street intersection — which Kyaw alone — remains a hot spot.

It was rec-ommend- ed on the Police Department’s list of top five dangerous intersections in 2011, following closely behind Gardner and Massachusetts Avenue in Harvard Square.

Pete Stidman, who heads Boston Cyclotron, urged improved city planning, design and better awareness of cyclists and drivers who use the road.

“Twenty-four out of 55 would be a high percentage,” said Stidman, referring to the number of accidents involving bicyclists at the intersection. “That is definitely a cause for concern.”

According to the police accident reports, blame was not confined to a single group. Motorists ran red lights, cyclists followed vehicles too closely, and many ignored traffic signals. Of the 55 accidents since 2007, 26 involved vehicle-only accidents and three involved pedestrians, the reports show.

Most of the accidents involved drivers making right turns colliding with bicyclists because they did not see them.

On Dec. 12, a bicyclist riding on Mass Ave. through the intersection told a police a dark red sedan on Vassar Street went through the red light, striking him in the middle of the road. He landed on the hood of the car, the driver who had failed to stop said.

The driver told police she was heading south on Massachusetts Avenue when she saw a red light there. She had a flat tire. She lost control and rammed into the front of another car.

While there were plenty of near misses at the intersection Friday morning. A bicyclist was seen skip- ping through traffic just as two tracks were making turns. A car blew through a red light. And a garbage truck barreled through the intersection, ignoring a pedestrian using the crosswalk.

Most bicyclists wore helmets, but during a 15-minute span a dozen cy- clists seem navigating the roads had only winter hats or earmuffs protect- ing their heads.

Intersection safety?

An investigation into the crash is being led by the Middlesex Dist- rict Attorney’s office, with help from Cambridge and MIT police.

“The truck driver was unqualified,” ac- cording to 7 News. He has not been charged.

Middlesex DA spokesperson Jes- sie Venturini said there is no clear time frame for when the inves- tigation will be complete. It could take anywhere from a few weeks to a few months, she said. During that time, Stidman said, people would re-construct the scene, and with the DA’s office, determine if there was criminal neg- ligence and probable cause to charge someone.

The death has also renewed con- cern over the safety of the Mass. Ave./ Vassar St. intersection. Since 2007, Cambridge police have responded to 55 accidents at the intersection, 24 of them involving cars and bikes, the Boston Globe reported on Monday. In 2011, the intersection ranked No. 2 in Cambridge’s top five dangerous intersections.

“The Globe also published an ed- itorial on Monday calling for changes to the intersection … it’s clear that the intersection should be modified to make it safer for the thousands of people who pass through it every day,” wrote the Globe. “More visible traffic lights, for example, or signs cautioning drivers and bikers alike, would be a good addition.”

MIT community members who feel affected by this death are en- couraged to contact Mental Health Services at 617-253-2989.

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Weapon caused spacecraft’s failure?

By Andrew E. Kramer
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MOSCOW — A Russian scientific spacecraft whizzing out of control around the Earth, and expected to re-enter the atmosphere on Saturday, may have failed because it was struck by some type of anti-satellite weapon, the director of Russia’s space agency said in an interview published Tuesday.

He did not say who would want to interfere with the spacecraft, which was intended to explore a moon of Mars.

The Russian craft, named Phobos-Grunt for the moon and the Russian word for ground, ran into trouble soon after it was launched in November, when its rockets failed to lift it out of low Earth orbit. What was to have been a two-and-a-half-year interplanetary journey to retrieve a soil sample from Phobos will instead end over the weekend, according to Russian engineers.

When the 13-ton Phobos-Grunt breaks up in the atmosphere, debris could potentially fall anywhere along a vast stretch of the Earth’s surface that includes the cities of New York, London and Tokyo. Though the odds are heavily against the debris causing any harm, the spectacle of people around the world anticipating the crash is another embarrassment for Roscosmos, the Russian space agency, which has presided over a series of rocket and satellite failures this year.

A statement from the U.S. Strategic Command acknowledged that it was tracking the space probe and that it is likely to fall in the next week. "Predictions of re-entry date, time and location can change significantly due to many changing factors, such as solar weather and orientation of the spacecraft," the statement said. "These predictions become more accurate as the event approaches."

When Phobos-Grunt first went awry, the director of the Russian space agency, Vladimir Popovkin, said that a flawed navigational computer might be to blame.

NASA officials said that they helped Roscosmos, using NASA’s antennas known as the Deep Space Network, to try to re-establish contact with Phobos-Grunt, and that NASA had continued these efforts until the antennas were needed for the launch of its Mars Science Laboratory spacecraft on Nov. 26.

Popovkin’s remarks to the newspaper Izvestia were the first high-level suggestion of nefarious interference. A retired commander of Russia’s missile warning system had speculated in November that strong radar signals from installations in Alaska might have damaged the spacecraft.

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I’m not bigoted against vegetarians. On the contrary, I have many vegetarian friends. I talk and joke and laugh with them as if they were real people. I am a big enough person to tolerate them, even if they have not been enlightened by that most divine truth: the Maillard reaction is proof that God loves us and wants us to eat meat.

Still, I pity vegetarians and look forward to the day when the wretched creatures realize their error and come to me begging for absolution from their immoral ways. And when that time comes, I know where I shall bring them. When they are ready for conversion, we shall take a pilgrimage to the Mecca of meat, Midwest Grill. I shall welcome them into the fold and count them among the saved.

Midwest Grill is like a special rite in a life of meat observance, like a baptism — a baptism by meat.

At $25 a pop, the Midwest Grill is not meant to be an every-Sunday style of worship. It’s more like a sort of special rite in a life of meat observance, like a baptism by meat. At very least, it is the sort of place a value-minded person might wish to fast for a day or two before visiting. Whether you are the sort of person who believes in fasting as a part of religious ritual is not for me to judge: I am non-sectarian in my meat worship, and all faiths are welcome at Midwest Grill. I’m just saying that, for the sake of one’s wallet and arteries, you might not want to make Midwest Grill part of your regular gustatory routine.

Similarly, Midwest Grill probably does not deserve a place in your rotation of first date locations. If the idea of having a first date at a church sounds off, then why would you bring a date to another house of worship? The Midwest Grill is not a place of romance. It is a place for reflection upon the divine.

There is little else to say about Midwest Grill beyond its barbecue buffet nature. Service is good, seating is a little cramped, and the location is somewhat inconvenient. Being a buffet, the quality is not as good or consistent as what one could get by ordering smaller portions at a standard steak house. But these are unimportant details, mere theological curiosities, like wondering how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. If your mind gets hung up on these diversions, then you are missing the true message of meatism — that the salvation of man lies in faith in meat. So long as you hold that key tenet, and have faith that more meat equals more salvation, then your time at the Midwest Grill should prove sacred.
Taking Steve Jobs off the GOATS list  

Following the path of the greats isn’t always the best idea

By Deena Wang  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Out with the old, in with the new, that’s what New Years is for. Having taken the missteps of my first year and making a new beginning. As a sophomore looking back at 2011, I noticed a change in my freshman enthusiasm had crashed into the reality of classes, p-sets, and the need to find a career lucrative enough to pay off student loans. I found myself sitting in class without going to the student theater shows and leaving my dorm room only when I had to go out, feeling like I was stuck in a rut. My increasing workload led to a stagnant routine: a book Pro and the more YouTube videos I watched over exams. Surely there was more to college than this. I was supposed to become a well-rounded adult, not a workaholic.

That’s why I resolved that 2012 would be a time for change. This year, my world would end apathetically and a new one would spring from the ashes.

If you wear a mask long enough, it fuses to your skin and becomes a permanent part of you.

This year, I would become fashionable. If you’re thinking that this goal doesn’t sound terribly difficult, you’re wrong. It can. Clothes can inspire you to think and act differently. I began to regret choosing the HTC Evo 4G over the iPhone 4; I couldn’t deny it any longer. Steve Jobs was a GOAT.

However, the GOATs process was having such a positive impact on my life that I didn’t want to risk missing it up. I don’t have an entirely new — “first three” containing just Steve Jobs. This way he wouldn’t really affect the GOATs process because he would only matter in the event that there was no clear consensus among Lamba Gaga and Eminem and it was unclear what Charlie Sheen would do.

However, the more I used my Macbook Pro and the more YouTube videos I watched, I started to feel like I was going to wear Steve Jobs. Even though he was de jure tier three, he became de facto tier none. Eventually, he completely usurped the entire GOATs list decision-making process. I used to want to change “3 changes” Now I want to change “Steve Jobs” that meant.

I think the most important insight that I would ever have is that I never considered myself an artist, I didn’t know anything about fashion, I barely knew anything about the Internet. Bill Gates once said that Steve Jobs had “a sense of customer service” It was such an alien concept to me to explain” I wished Bill Gates could have explained it better. I don’t think I would have even known what I was trying to do.

I became so insecure about my perceived inadequacy at Steve Jobsing that I felt a lot better about myself whenever I did anything that could be spun as Steve Jobs-like. This tendency was at its worst when I was working with two of my friends on our final year (It’s Software Studies) project. Steve Jobs opinions, so I would make poorly thought-out assertions about why certain websites are popular. Steve Jobs focused on the little things, so I would constantly interrupt my friends when they were cod- ing in order to bring up relatively unim- portant issues. Steve Jobs was always the guy who announced the product, so when one of my friend was about to explain our project to another friend, I interrupted him and explained it instead. I tried to get my friends to let me dress in blue jeans and a black turtleneck and give our final presen- tation as if I were Steve Jobs. Overall, I was an absolutely terrible partner.

By the end of the project, I felt awful about myself. All semester, we had been looking forward to finally working together on the final project; we kept talking about how awesome it would be to sit there to- gether working on the same thing that we all cared about, listening to music, and talking about the things we didn’t get. I was so insecure about Steve Jobsing this. By the end of the final project, we just met up, parti- tioned the work, and then we both worked on our projects alone. It was all my fault. The worst part is that these were my two best friends. When ever I felt bad about something, I would talk to them. But I couldn’t even do that. I was afraid they wouldn’t even want to hang out with me any more.

One night, I couldn’t go to sleep. I just lay in bed, feeling bad. That is when I realized that I was so used to doing! To that point, I hadn’t missed a single class all semester, but the next morning, I didn’t even get out of bed. On top of that, there are a lot of useful things I learned from having Steve Jobs as a role model. For instance, I learned a lot from his thought process; the question “What is the reason for a _______” is one of the most useful approaches to me for analyzing cer- tain problems.

However, I feel like I can now look at him more objectively. He’s no longer an undeniable GOAT, so there’s no need to mess with the proven results of the three person GOATs process. For now, he’s off the list.

WELCOME 2012  
New Year, New look
Putting the best shoe forward

By Deena Wang  
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Not only was it important to figure out what to wear, but I also had to decide where to wear it. My theory is that you mentally divide the world into “home” — where you feel comfortable and let yourself go — and “outside” — where you try to project an image of yourself to the world. In high school, it’s easy to tell that your “home” is inside your house and your “outside” is school and work; however, the distinction is less clear in college. I was careful not to dress up to lounge around your dorm, but about classes, din- ning, or hanging out with friends? A too-expansive view of “home” would make me look like a freak, but a too-constricted view of “home” would leave me feeling bad about myself whenever I did anything that could be spun as Steve Jobs-like. This tendency was at its worst when I was working with two of my friends on our final year (It’s Software Studies) project. Steve Jobs opinions, so I would make poorly thought-out assertions about why certain websites are popular. Steve Jobs focused on the little things, so I would constantly interrupt my friends when they were cod- ing in order to bring up relatively unim- portant issues. Steve Jobs was always the guy who announced the product, so when one of my friend was about to explain our project to another friend, I interrupted him and explained it instead. I tried to get my friends to let me dress in blue jeans and a black turtleneck and give our final presen- tation as if I were Steve Jobs. Overall, I was an absolutely terrible partner.

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Not only was it important to figure out what to wear, but I also had to decide where to wear it. My theory is that you mentally divide the world into “home” — where you feel comfortable and let yourself go — and “outside” — where you try to project an image of yourself to the world. In high school, it’s easy to tell that your “home” is inside your house and your “outside” is school and work; however, the distinction is less clear in college. I was careful not to dress up to lounge around your dorm, but about classes, din- ning, or hanging out with friends? A too-expansive view of “home” would make me look like a freak, but a too-constricted view of “home” would leave me feeling bad about myself whenever I did anything that could be spun as Steve Jobs-like. This tendency was at its worst when I was working with two of my friends on our final year (It’s Software Studies) project. Steve Jobs opinions, so I would make poorly thought-out assertions about why certain websites are popular. Steve Jobs focused on the little things, so I would constantly interrupt my friends when they were cod- ing in order to bring up relatively unim- portant issues. Steve Jobs was always the guy who announced the product, so when one of my friend was about to explain our project to another friend, I interrupted him and explained it instead. I tried to get my friends to let me dress in blue jeans and a black turtleneck and give our final presen- tation as if I were Steve Jobs. Overall, I was an absolutely terrible partner.

By the end of the project, I felt awful about myself. All semester, we had been looking forward to finally working together on the final project; we kept talking about how awesome it would be to sit there to- gether working on the same thing that we all cared about, listening to music, and talking about the things we didn’t get. I was so insecure about Steve Jobsing this. By the end of the final project, we just met up, parti- ...
Boston Celtics travel to Miami but can’t handle the Heat
Norris Cole, James, and Wade shine in Boston’s 115-107 loss to Miami in their opening game at home

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American Airlines Arena in downtown Miami, Fla. was filled to capacity on Tuesday, Dec. 27 when the Heat dominated the Celtics. With only a few green jerseys out among the large crowd, the morale for the Celtics was low. I found myself struggling to root for my new Boson team. While I have lived in South Florida since I was born. Nevertheless, the game was exhilarating, and the Celtics showed a renewed effort throughout the last half of the game.

The Celtics lacked Paul Pierce who sat out due to an injury for the Heat. Norris Cole, a talented rookie who garnered 20 points throughout the game and had the crowd chanting “M-V-P” at the buzzer.

The first quarter was marked initially by multiple lead changes until Chris Bosh’s 10 points and Dwyane Wade’s huge layup at the buzzer secured the Heat to the lead for the first quarter at 38-27.

The second quarter continued the offensive stale for Miami. The Heat scored 19 points in the quarter with a high energy of 55-33 run with three points by James Jones. The Celtics answered back with three three-pointers from Ray Allen and one from Keyon Dooling, formerly a guard for the Heat, pushing the Celtics back up to 49-29. Due to the Heat’s offensive countered, the quarter ends with a 54 Miami. While the Celtics only had a few more turnovers than the Heat, the Heat did a better job at capitalizing on those opportunities. Seeing Boston’s dominance, the Heat posted a 23 point lead in the first half into 23 points. The second quarter marked a huge offensive takeover by the Heat’s LeBron James. He scored six straight points, including a beautiful “alley-oop” dunk shot from Dwyane Wade, pushing the Heat ahead 65-65. However, at this point there was only one Heat starter on the floor, and Boston seized the opportunity to come back. Both Boston’s defense and offense strengthened as the Celtics held off the Heat and went on a 38-6 run, ending the quarter at 91-83. (Heat). The Heat’s field goal percentage declined as the team missed their last 8 shot attempts of the quarter.

Boston’s streak continued into the fourth quarter, but the Celtics could not handle the Heat’s Norris Cole, who earned 14 of his 20 points in the final quarter. The Celtics narrowed the gap to 87-80 (Heat) following a Rondo three-pointer and a 24-point Dooling 3-pointer. Wade thumped Dooling’s next attempt by stealing a pass intended for Dooling and getting the ball to James. James found Cole, who made the next two jump shots. A free throw by Wade and two by Cole finished up the game at 115-107 (Heat).

The Celtics’ fourth quarter zone defense definitely kept them up with the Heat, but Miami’s standout rookie Norris Cole, as well as the Wade-James combo, pushed the Heat ahead and led to their victory.