Sloan grad student found dead
Heng ‘Nikita’ Guo passed away Friday, death a suicide

By Jessica J. Pourian
and Bruno B. F. Faviero

Heng ‘Nikita’ Guo, an MBA student in MIT’s Sloan School, passed away last Friday in her apartment in Cambridge. Her death has been ruled a suicide by the Medical Examiner’s office. She was 28.

Her death certificate, filed Oct. 30, states that she hanged herself. She was discovered by her husband, Bochao Zhang, on Friday evening.

Guo was born in Lanzhou, China on June 5, 1984. She lived in Shenzhen, China before moving to the U.S. in 2001 to pursue a BS in electrical engineering at Texas A&M University. According to her LinkedIn profile, while in college, she was involved with the Academy of Future International Leaders, the Asian Presidents Council, and the Aggie Band.

Upon graduating in 2006, Guo moved to New York City and worked on Wall Street in investment banking, private equity, and hedge fund roles before enrolling in Sloan’s MBA program in 2011.

Nikita was also the Founder and CEO of Natural Loong Group, a startup including preventive healthcare by combining technology and traditional Indian and Asian healthcare knowledge, according to Guo’s blog.

She was expected to graduate from Sloan in 2013. The news was announced to the MIT community on Tuesday, through a compassionate email from President L. Rafael Reif. “Such a loss of a promising young person is incredibly painful,” wrote Reif in his email. “Our hearts go out to Ms. Guo’s husband and her family.”

He encouraged students to reach out to those around them, with a reminder that students should contact Mental Health Services at 677-253-2916 if they need to talk to someone.

A private funeral service will be held on Saturday. Those looking to send flowers to the service should email jgwong@mit.edu.

Peer Ears: here to listen
New peer based student support program

By Kath Xu

Feeling stressed but don’t know what to do? Starting next spring, students will be able to take advantage of a new student-run program called Peer Ears, designed to allow students, or “peer ears,” to refer their peers in need to the proper MIT-support resources.

The program was founded by Diya Srinivasan ’13 and Emad Taliep ’14, who felt that many students were not always sure where to go if they encountered a problem. Unlike MedLinks, however, peer ears will not be trained to handle mental health issues themselves.

Peer Ears is the second mental health program that will launch in the spring, joining Peer2Peer, an anonymous email-based support service that was created partially in response to the closing of Nightline two years ago.

“Peer Ears will be the first program of its kind to interface with the resident safety net,” explained Srinivasan. “Our ‘peer ears’ — the program’s student advocates — would help GRTs check up on floormates, guaranteeing that a few people are always aware of the general well-being of their neighbors.” Students who need help can go to their peer ears at any time, who will be trained to direct them to a support service.

To achieve this goal, Peer Ears plans to offer a two-week training course during the second half of IAP to train selected students to deal with a wide variety of issues. The course will be taught by professionals from MIT’s Mental Health & Counseling Services.

An application will be sent out in early November. From there, a list of peer ears will be selected based on interviews and written applications. Our two liaisons to the program from Mental Health and Counseling will review that list and recommend a certain set of candidates,” said Taliep. Afterward, residents of the dorm who have not applied to the program will be

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Underclassmen donate $4,000
Giving Campaign donations fund student service projects

By Emily Kellison-Linn

The Underclassmen Giving Campaign (UGC) wrapped up last Friday, with students donating a total of $3960 to fund their classmates’ public service projects. As in past years, an anonymous MIT alumnus will match all donations.

929 students made a donation during the five days of the campaign. Total participation in the campaign is down slightly from last year, when 1000 students contributed a total of $4300 dollars before the matching donation.

All money raised will go toward the MIT Public Service Center’s Expedition Grant Fund to support undergraduate service projects abroad. In contrast to previous years, in which the campaign was structured as a competition between different classes, no competition was held this year. Contributors to the campaign could vote on which four undergraduate service projects to fund. The four projects were finalists chosen by the Public Service Center from all grant applications.

The two top vote-getters — which will both be funded — were the projects chosen by Ji and Jordan M. Downey ’13. Pu plans to teach a series of computer literacy, robotics, and independent living groups (FSILGs). All members of the MIT community are encouraged to take advantage of great counseling offered by Mental Health Service at 677-253-2916.

—Eric Grimmson PhD ’06, Chancellor

IN SHORT
Daylight Savings Time ends Sun-
day at 2 a.m. Remember to set your
clocks back!

Election Day is on Tuesday! If you
haven’t sent in your absentee ballot, do it now!

The deadline for applying to the IAP EMT Class has been extended until Nov. 4 at 11:59 p.m. Check out the application at http://ems.mit.edu/apply.php.

If you see simulated emergencies or gunfights in Boston tomorrow, do not be alarmed! The city of Boston is hosting a 24-hour large scale public safety simulation for emergency personnel including the Boston and Cambridge Police. There is no danger to anyone in the area and most exercises will be done in areas away from the public.

Send news information and tips to news@tech.mit.edu.

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MIT students turn out for free ice skating and Halloween fun in Johnson.

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TECH MIT EDU
Telethons planned to aid Hurricane Sandy victims

There’s a single message across the television spectrum since Hurricane Sandy: Please give.

In announcements reminiscent of the media industry’s response to Sept. 11 terror attacks and the flooding after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, NBCUniversal said Thursday that it will host a one-hour telethon and concert Friday night on all NBC network and its cable channels Friday night to benefit relief efforts for victims of the storm.

The telethon was said it would turn Monday into a “Day of Giving,” starting with “Good Morning America” and ending with “The Tonight Show.”

Many local television stations are also running public service announcements to encourage donations to the American Red Cross. NBC said it had already started to run Red Cross ads on TV and on radio, its stations in Philadelphia will open a phone bank for donations all day Friday.

NBC’s telethon, “Hurricane Sandy: Coming Together” will be held at NBC studios at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. Matt Lauer, the co-host of “Today,” will be master of ceremonies. Among the artists scheduled to perform are Bruce Spriingsteen, Billy Joel, Jon Bon Jovi, Sting, Christina Aguilera and Jimmy Fallon, host of NBC’s “Late Night.” Brian Williams, anchor of NBC’s “Nightly News,” will also appear.

—By Etan Bronner, The New York Times

CLEVELAND — Thousands of lawyers from both presidential campaigns will enter polling places Tuesday in a kind of Ivy vs. Ivy with one central goal: tracking their opponents and, if need be, initiating legal action.

The lawyers will note how poll workers behave, where voters are directed, if intimidation appears to be under way, whether lines are long. And they will report up a chain of command where decisions over court action will be made at head-quarters in Chicago and Boston.

This go in on every battleground state — including Wisconsin, Virginia, Florida, even Pennsylvania — but it will be most focused in Ohio and especially in Greater Cleveland, which is heavily Demo-cratic and where many people believe history reaches a simple lesson: The more votes you get, the likelier President Barack Obama is to win.

As the persuasion effort winds down, campaigns are focused on getting their supporters to vote and getting those voters counted.

The result has been a mass mobilization of lawyers. The Demo-crats will have 1,000 lawyers in action here in Cuyahoga County and 2,500 across the state, their organizers say.

They have been holding training sessions, grouping legal volun-teers into workers and supervisors.

The Republicans have much smaller teams — about 70 in this county — and will rely more on surrogates, including nonlawyer poll workers.

Democratic lawyers were not sure they trusted and, given the likelihood of a tight presidential race, the risks of litigation here — and delayed re-sults — are high.

“If it’s close, you will see both sides running to court,” said Jeff Hastings, a Republican and chair-man of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

The Democrats say they fear acts of sabotage.

“How much would it be for them to send people to the wrong precincts and tie up poll workers to slow things down?” asked Stuart Garson, chairman of the Democratic

—By Bettina Wassermer

HONG KONG — Two surveys released Thursday buttressed the view that the giant Chinese econo-my is picking up after a brief period of moderation.

One of the monthly polls was conducted by the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing in Bei-jing this month, and the other, by the World Bank, came out in late October. Both showed that manufactur-ing conditions improved in October, as the effects of recent stimulus measures and somewhat delayed effects of recent policy changes begin to filter through to companies making various products as varied as furniture, garments and plastic goods.

The official purchasing managers’ index for October, from the logistics federation, came in at 50.2, rising above the 50-point level which sep-arates contraction from expansion, for the first time since July.

The HSBC reading, which was more focused on smaller and me-dium-size companies, rose to an eight-month high of 48.5 in Octo-ber, up from 47.9 in September. The reading was a significant improve-ment from the previous figure of 49.1 that the bank published last week.

Over the past month or so, an-evolent data and early signals suggest that the Chinese economy might have finally bottomed out. Flapping overseas demand and the delayed effects of measures aimed at cooling inflation and a red-hot property market pushed China to lose steam this year.

The indexes released Thursday, however, backed up the impres-sion that the economy might en-joy a modest recovery in coming months.

“Overall, this reflects the impact of policy easing that has acceler-ated since May, including pickup

in infrastructure investment, fis-cal expenditure, accommodative liquidity condition and monetary policy stance,” economist at HSBC organ said in a note.

A stabilization in the hous-ing market in recent months also provided support to domestic de-mands, they added.

HSBC’s purchasing managers’ indexes for other countries showed the picture of modest improve-ments extending across much of the rest of Asia in October.

The readings for Indone-sia, South Korea and Taiwan all registered above 50 in October, a point from September.

South Korea also reported trade data Thursday that showed exports picking up again in October, with a 1.2 percent gain from a year earlier.

Although the increase was small, it topped expectations and was a turnaround from the decline of 2 percent recorded in September.

—By Etan Bronner

NYS schools, some relocated, are to reopen Monday

NEW YORK — City public school students will return to classes Monday morning, but some of them will not go to the buildings they left last week.

Four of the city’s 1,879 schools were severely dam-aged by the storm, Dennis M. Walcott, chancellor of the city’s Edu-cation Department, said Thursday. Students whose classes were held in severely damaged buildings will be relocated to other schools, Walcott said, and some classes may be held at temporary sites.

Among the schools hardest hit was John Dewey High School in Brooklyn, which had a fire on fire, and Stuyvesant High School in Queens, where there was severe flooding.

—By Etan Bronner, The New York Times

Campaigns brace to sue for votes in crucial states

By Etan Bronner

Situation for noon Eastern time, Friday, November 2, 2012

WEATHER

Winter is coming

By Vince Agard

Extended Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with an afternoon shower, high 59°F. Winds W 10-15 mph.

Tomorrow: Clearing but colder, low 38°F. Winds W 10-12 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, breezy, 60°F. Winds W 10-12 mph.

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China presents plan to end Syrian conflict

By Yvon Chouinard

A new proposal to end the conflict in Syria was presented in Thursday. China, one of the Syrian government’s main economic supporters, has long insisted that the conflict is not its doing, but that of the nations that have been backing the Assad regime.

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The economic record warrants four more years

By Jason London

With just a few days remaining before the election, and with the presidential candidates locked in a dead heat, polls suggest that the economy will become the defining issue of the last-minute decisions of a handful of voters who are still undecided, especially in critical swing states. Sampling in various polls also indicates that among likely voters, the economy will be the overriding issue.

What is troubling is that after the polls close, and after the last debates, we may learn that these voters — and those who have already made up their minds — made their decisions based on misinformation, distortions, and misperceptions about the candidates’ economic records and philosophies.

The national dialogue in the run-up to the election has been marred by misperceptions of both candidates. Those about Romney — that he’s an out touch elitist, a greedy, corporate unconcerned about the plight of the poor — is largely accurate. But those who have made up their minds — and those who have already made up their minds — made their decisions based on misinformation, distortions, and misperceptions about the candidates’ economic records and philosophies.

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Fiscal responsibility — setting the record straight

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Take the example of the president’s decision to help save the failing U.S. automobile industry. The administration had a difficult choice to make. Letting Chrysler and GM go bankrupt would have had disastrous consequences. On the other hand, an unconditional bailout would have set a dangerous precedent. Instead, the administration urged firms to undergo bankruptcy protection — a process by which debtors are insulated from punitive measures from creditors while they can reorganize their finances. The administration also imposed the condition that firms receiving bailout funds would have to strip away unneeded capacity. As is usually the case with legislation of this scale, a small portion of taxpayer dollars wasn’t efficiently allocated. And, claims that these loans have been paid in full warrant skepticism. But a substantial majority of tax dollars have been paid back, the trend is continuing, and the American auto industry is rebuilding.

These major Keynesian interventions, in tandem with the Troubled Asset Relief Program initiated by the Bush administration, cost U.S. taxpayers over $1.5 trillion. But even if one didn’t account for the loans being paid back by banks and automobile firms, these decisions were still fiscally responsible. If one accounts for what would have happened to our economy without these interventions, then it becomes clear that they were cost-effective.

With an economic crisis averted for the time being, the Obama administration set out to realize the cornerstones of its domestic agenda — reforming the American healthcare system. Opponents of the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”) immediately changed that it would explode the deficit and lead to soaring healthcare costs. They are still saying it today. So is Mitt Romney.

But the Congressional Budget Office has projected that the law will reduce the deficit by $100 billion over the next 10 years, and by more than $1 trillion between 2020 and 2030. The law will do so in several ways. By including a larger number of healthy individuals in the healthcare market, the individual mandate will lower prices for care, and reduce the number of people who rely on the emergency room as their only source of healthcare. Other reforms in the ACA will significantly reduce administrative costs, and require that a certain ratio of premiums will be spent on health coverage instead of other costs incurred by insurance companies.

After a brutal legislative battle over the ACA drained the administration of most of its political capital, the president and Congress had to decide whether or not to let the Bush tax cuts expire. The tax cuts, signed into law in 2001 and 2003, cut taxes for nearly all U.S. taxpayers. In December 2010, the president signed a bill that temporarily extended both the Bush tax cuts and the payment of unemployment benefits. The measure prevented an average tax increase of roughly $3,000 for every American household. Furthermore, the extension of unemployment benefits served to keep those who were struggling afloat. In December 2010, the economy was in a more fragile condition than it is today, and any increase in the tax burden for middle class families could have plunged the economy back into recession.

The misperception of Obama as a fiscally irresponsible “big government” spender has also been fueled by relentless attacks from conservatives saying that he has stifled economic growth by imposing burdensome regulations. The truth, however, bears no resemblance to the charges. On Jan. 18, 2011, the president signed executive order 13563. The order called on all federal agencies to begin a “regulatory look-back” — an analysis of existing regulations designed to modify, streamline, or repeal those which had proven to be ineffective or unduly burdensome to businesses. Through April of this year, the net monetary benefits of this process have exceeded $90 billion, and that number will only increase as more and more agencies strip away laws that breed inefficiency. In comparison, the corresponding figure for the George W. Bush administration is $3.4 billion, and for the Clinton administration, $14 billion. Not only has the president’s directive saved money, but it has encouraged growth in industries that were previously overburdened by federal regulation.

Based on his economic record, the president had a real chance in this campaign to define himself clearly as a new kind of Democrat — one who had asserted Keynesian crisis management but had recognized the economic burden of overregulation, the merits of conservative solutions to important issues like healthcare, and the need to keep taxes low on the middle class and small business owners. He also had the chance to correct the misperception that he is fiscally irresponsible — certainly much earlier than he finally tried to do in the second debate — and to undermine the notion that conservatives are always fiscally responsible while liberals are reckless spenders.

His campaign may have failed to take full advantage of those chances, and it is certainly failed to communicate his economic record effectively. But if the president is denied re-election, critics should point to a failure in communication — not performance.
Peer Ears planned for spring
Students will refer their peers to MIT support services

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able to provide input to make the final decisions.
In a way, Taliep said, Peer Ears can be likened to a human version of MIT Together, which launched two weeks ago and aims to aggre-
gate all of MIT’s support resources into one place. However, he and Srinivasan stressed that Peer Ears is different from other support ser-
vices that are already in place.

“It’s different because we also want that interaction with a peer ear to be no different than seeing a friend,” said Taliep.

The idea for Peer Ears first came up in 2008 among the founders of MIT’s Active Minds chapter, a club that aims to promote aware-
ness of mental health issues and general mental well-being. How-
ever, development was stalled un-
til members Srinivasan and Taliep took up the program. The club’s advisor and two liaisons from MIT Mental Health guided the forma-
tion of the program. In addition, Srinivasan and Taliep consulted the Dormitory Council, representa-
tives from the Division of Student Life, MIT’s law office, and people who run similar programs at peer institutions.

Taliep said, “In putting this to-
gether, we’re thinking maybe this will get some important things right; maybe it won’t. But what-
soever happens, we’ll set a precedent for involving our campus in this process of shoring up our services and building up and supporting our community. That’s all that we could ask for.”

Students who have any ques-
tions about the program can email peerserear@mit.edu.

Introducing the Predict the 2012 Presidential Election contest
Do you think you can predict the 2012 presidential election? Which direction will the swing states vote?
The general elections are coming up next Tuesday, and The Tech has created an election contest centered on presiden-
tial predictions. We’re opening the contest today, and you can find it at http://tech.mit.edu/
elections2012.

On the contest website, you can fill in your predictions for the way a state will vote. Click on each state to assign it to the Republican or Democratic par-
ty. The electoral vote counts are shown on top.

All current MIT students, staff, and faculty are eligible to enter the contest, but the site is open to everyone to play along. The contest will be open for predictions until 11:59 p.m. EST on Monday. At that time, you will be able to log in, see your scorecard — your predictions as well as the results as they come in — and see how you stack up against other players.

We will announce the win-
ers of the contest on our Face-
book page (http://www.face-
book.com/TheMITTech) and Twitter feed (@thetech).

Have fun, and good luck!

—Joanna Kao

Solution to Techdoku I

Solution to Techdoku II

Solution to Crossword I

Solution to Crossword II

Solution to Sudoku I

Solution to Sudoku II

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**Undergrad giving, from Page 1**

A smattering of new rules to staff at HIV clinics in Togo (a small country in Africa), while Downey plans to upgrade the kitchen area at a children’s center in Costa Rica. Fox and Downey will each receive an Expedition Grant of up to $3,000 from the Public Service Center, and plan to do their projects during IAP this year.

- **Campus leaders felt that the class competition format of past years obscured the ultimate purpose of the campaign, which is to fund student service projects.**
- **The new format of voting for projects was intended to draw students’ attention back to that goal.**
- **Jordan A. Haines ’15, co-chair of the UGC, was pleased with the changes.**
- **“Showingcase the four candidates this year provided a very tangible reason to give to UGC that may have been glossed over in the past,” Haines said in an email to The Tech.**
- **According to Rosheen B. Kavanagh, associate director of Student Philanthropy Programs, 86 percent of contributors cast a vote, which campus leaders consider a success.**

- **Kavanagh attributes the slightly lower participation this year to the extra effort required of donors to fill out a voting form after donating. Voting was not required, but only those who donated could vote.**
- **Co-chair Chandler B. Schulpf ‘14 was satisfied with the way the campaign’s new format emphasized the service element of the campaign.**
- **“This new method made it very clear we were asking for money for the Public Service Center, and not just asking for general donations to MIT, which in my opinion is a much greater incentive to give,” Schulpf said in an email to The Tech.**
- **According to Haines, UGC leaders implemented the new format in response to a drop in participation between last year and the year before. The changes did not raise participation as hoped. However, Haines and Schulpf are confident that the changes represent a move in the right direction, and believe that participation can be raised next year as students and volunteers become more familiar with the system.**
- **Volunteers for the UGC solicited donations at a Lobby 10 booth throughout last week. The UGC also held a study break for each class, at which students could make donations.**

Descriptions of the candidates and their projects can be found on the UGC’s website at [https://giving.mit.edu/underclausen campaña](https://giving.mit.edu/underclausen-campaña).

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MOVIE REVIEW

Six stories, three directors, one Cloud Atlas

The film adaptation of David Mitchell’s novel is a must-see this year

By Jaimie Chung

Once in a while, a film transcends its medium and stands alone as a work of art. Cloud Atlas is such a masterpiece. Of course there are details that can be critiqued, but it is useless to scrutinize these details because they are insignificant in comparison to the important message the film relays.

When the trailers were first released, I knew that the movie would be epic. But when I tried to describe why I was so excited about it, I couldn’t. The directors (Lana Wachowski, Andy Wachowski, and Tom Tykwer) released a short video introduction of the film where they explained what the film meant to them, how it was made, and what it is. They each said a few words at a time, finishing each other’s sentences and thoughts. This video is a perfect analogy for the film. The directors had such respect for David Mitchell’s novel that they decided to make the film only if Mitchell approved. Fortunately, he did. The most poignant statement in this short video is when the directors explain why the film was not immediately picked up by a studio and is an independent production: “It’s hard to sell because it’s hard to describe. It’s hard to reduce. ‘And with that, I will attempt to reduce the film into a few points I believe are the most compelling.’”

What astounded me most was how the filmmakers were able to make six disparate stories flow together to tell one story and have one message.

The genius of the directors comes from the fact that they came up with idea themselves for actors to play characters in each of the stories and have them transform into different ages, races, and even genders. However, the genius of the novel is that he uses unique ways to connect each story in a way such that each story is affected by those before. The colonial adventure is told to the romance through a memoir of one of the colonial characters; the romance is told in a series of letters between the two lovers to a journalist in the mystery, whose story is told in a mystery novel written by a kid who follows the journalist around to the writer in the comedy; the writer’s story is told by a film adaptation of his life that the main character of the science-fiction plot watches; and finally, the manifest of this sci-fi character is propagated and becomes a religion for the people of the post-apocalyptic tale. However, instead of occurring in chronological order, they are often shown in montages. All of the stories’ plots move together.

Tom Hanks takes on the most characters and is able to play each convincingly, from a Scottish thug to a nerdy scientist. Hugo Weaving and Hugh Grant split up the villain roles in many of the stories, and each is terrifyingly fantastic. The most haunting characters are in the post-apocalyptic story, in which Weaving plays a devil figure in Hanks’s character’s mind and Grant is a cannibal ravaging the villages. Not unexpectedly, the violence is beyond gruesome, as the Wachowskis take on the three more violent stories. In the dystopian science-fiction story, we see waitresses lured into a room where they believe they will achieve “exultation” but are actually killed, dismembered, and used as a fuel source. Along with the graphic violence are, however, beautiful graphics. In the same story, we see the main character ascend in an elevator from captivity to Neo-Seoul for the first time, and the view is breathtaking.

What I appreciated the most about the film was its approach to race. Having just written an essay on racism against Asian-Americans in the American entertainment industry for a class, I was pleased to see the first American media product (we can disregard that the film was mostly backed by German production companies) that conveyed race in a not only unprejudiced but also supportive way. Although the story that takes place in Neo-Seoul has Caucasian actors wearing eye prosthetics, this story is not a separate one that regards Asians as a separate, alien culture. Rather it is one that is arguably the most important of the six in that it continually reminds us of the importance of connectivity through its dialogue. We are also introduced to the niece of one of the Caucasian characters in the mystery story, an Asian-American who speaks English fluently, which elegantly implies that race is just a characteristic — not a barrier. There is the argument that putting characters in “yellow-face” is offensive, but this is just an example of the directors casting each actor in several roles—in one story Donna Bae, a South Korean actress, plays a Hispanic woman and in another, Halle Berry plays a Caucasian woman.

Overall, Cloud Atlas cannot be analyzed by the depth of its actors or the sharpness of its dialogue. It is a story that needs to be told, and it does so successfully. The film is complicated and might not be for the masses, a reason why production companies were hesitant to pick it up. However, it is thought-provoking and transcendent. Go watch it.
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NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION
The National Scholar-Athlete Awards
### SATURDAY STUMPER by Lars G. Doubleday

**Solution, page 6**

#### ACROSS

1. “Hah!”
2. “No problema”
3. Finesse
4. Athlete competing for the Beehive Boot
5. Farm sound
6. Gobsmack
7. Galilean concept
8. Haitian island setting of the Pirates of the Caribbean
9. Resonant sound
10. Nero’s love
11. Check
12. Top in improbability
13. Marked up
14. 2004 film that received an NAACP Image Award
15. It’s free of charge
16. Principle of Puzo prose
17. Red army’s enemy?
18. Principle of Puzo prose
19. UPS Store convenience
20. Have joint tenancy
21. Nick
22. Emmy winner as Carmela and Jackie
23. Stationery choice
24. Emmy winner as Carmela and Jackie
25. Tennessee post captured by US Grant
26. Graduation, for example
27. Pick out
28. Contract
29. Muslim honorific
30. Before you know it
31. Row
32. Minor key
33. Marked up
34. Social worker
35. Total, e.g.
36. Ground stuff
37. Point-and-click device
38. Right hand
39. In no uncertain terms
40. Youngest major leaguer in 1994 and 1995
41. Fireball
42. Success in a certain search
43. Without imagination
44. Jam
45. Before you know it
46. Carreras’ Met debut
47. Table salt, for example
48. Book before Philemon
49. Start to give way
50. Battle Born St.
51. Without imagination
52. “__. beast be lord of beasts
53. Well-made product?
54. Just as expected
55. Heavens
56. Crown spot
57. “So true!”
58. Knock off
59. Advance
60. Ground stuff
61. Calendar-watch reading
62. HAVE joint tenancy
63. Descriptor for papers or pills
64. Stir
65. Solo exercises
66. Cop show staple
67. Urine
68. Document classification
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**Fifty Shades** by Randall Munroe

As with most famous books, I've never actually read *Fifty Shades Of Grey*. I only know the plot from watching the *Wishbone* version.

Bark! Bark! Smack! Bark!

It's called "the Detroit rule." Any food sounds tastier when prefixed by a location. Go ahead, try it.

But why is it called the Detroit rule? It's named after the one exception.

Ahhhh.

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**The All Nighters**

*Warning you about.*

Relax, Maria, I'm coming from the future.

Oh, I thought you were my twin sister. What are you doing here?

That's ok, too late.

Yikes! MIT medical closes at 11pm!! Good thing I can call the 24-hour helpline at 617-253-4481.

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**Uppercut** by Steven Sullivan

So are we going to class or what?

No way man. Didn't you hear about the Hurricane?

We had yesterday off for that there's no bad weather here anymore.

There is nothing out there.

Hmmm!

We must be in the eye of the storm.

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**SMBC**

Saturday Morning Breakfast Cereal by Zach Weiners

SOMEWHERE ELSE by Fred Piscop

Solution, page 6

ACROSS
1 Flurry of activity
6 Expert
10 Marching band instrument
14 Oompah band tune
16 Improve, as skills
18 Army absentee
20 Sort of sailboat
21 Term enders
22 ’60s war zone
23 Pie target
25 Christmas carol
31 Make eyes at
33 Austrian peaks
34 Chance to speak
36 County fair cry
39 Improve, as skills
40 London lav
41 Sand forth
43 Clever crew
44 Digressing
49 The whole enchilada
50 Golden Rule conclusion
51 Russian cake
54 Panhandle city
58 Skating move
60 Dilapidated
62 Orthodontist’s concern
63 Rhymester
64 Make one’s case
65 Pale
66 Some responders to 35 Across

DOWN
1 Locality
2 Serve Sauterne
3 Prefix for meter
4 Whole alternative
5 Procrastinator’s reply
6 Introspective query
7 Intrude, with “in”
8 Army absentee
9 Make eyes at
10 Blond
11 Corn Belt state
12 Native to
13 Smoked seafood
14 Donnybrook
15 Improve, as skills
16 Yankee doodle
17 At full strength
18 Donnybrook
19 Army absentee
20 Sort of sailboat
21 Online currency
22 Army absentee
23 Columbo portrayer
24 Rock concert gear
25 Standoffish
26 Barely perceptible
27 1993 treaty
28 Test pilot’s attire
29 Cardinal point
30 Minkgoss’s supplies
31 Kon-Tiki Museum locale
32 Blunder
33 Austrian peaks
34 Chance to speak
35 County fair cry
36 County fair cry
37 Ostentation
39 Have
42 Former Chinese leader
46 NL team
47 Navy mascot
48 Atlas section
51 Rum cake
52 Gyroscope part
53 Playwright Henley
54 All over
55 Actress Fisher of Bachelorette
56 Sly glance
57 Low-fat
58 Ends’ associates
60 Car rental option
61 New pedometer reading

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The bright sunlight provides a dramatic contrast with the dark clouds and the Boston skyline as seen on Tuesday morning. The exposure used tries to find a middle ground and capture the eerie calm after Hurricane Sandy passed.

By Emily Kellison-Linn
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Aperture: ƒ/20
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TKD, from Page 16

The final match was very tense, with Chen edging out Cornell’s Hilary T. Monaco to take the gold. The men’s C1 team (Kevin Hu ’15, Berdibek, Danilo J. Ondina ’14) fought fiercely against Boston University, Tufts, and Cornell, securing a silver medal. The women’s C2 team (María Z. Tso ’14, Tsang) was only a two-person team, but that didn’t stop them from muscling their way to a bronze medal. The men’s B1 team (Isaac Fenta ’14, Gabriel Jimenez ’16, Pinto) clawed their way through tough matchups against the University of Vermont, Johns Hopkins University, and Penn State to snatch a silver medal.

Both the men’s C1 and C2 (beginner) teams went undefeated throughout the entire day in a very tough bracket. The men’s C1 team (Kevin Hu ’15, Berdibek, Danilo J. Ondina ’14) tore their way through Connecticut, Penn State, Johns Hopkins, and RPI to secure a gold medal despite an injury early on. The men’s C2 team (Adam J. Spanbauer G, Brandon H. Baker G, Cecilio Aponte ’15) faced off against Connecticut, Tufts, Brown, and Cornell before bowing out to MIT’s C1 team to lock in the silver medal. The men’s C3 (Jianjiang Lin, Geoffrey M. Gilmore ’16, Diego A. Giraldes ’15), C4 (Jacovia D. Rodriguez ’15, Steven C. Brown ’16, Erwin Hilton ’16), and C5 (Tahsin F. Syed G, Benjamin J. Shaliba ’16) all had very strong debut performances and show great promise for the future.

As for the women, the C1 team (Jessica Yang ’15, Casey L. Denham ’15, Sarah J. Bricault G) easily won against Vermont and BU and left the ring with a silver medal for their efforts. The women’s C2 team (Tiffany F. Chen G, Colon, Kathryn E. Biegel ’15, Jean Chow) was right behind them with a bronze medal.

As the tournament drew to a close, the MIT Engineers walked away with a total of 504 points, only narrowly losing to archrival Cornell with 534 points. After a great deal of intense training both during and outside of regular practice, the team is ready to strike back this Sunday, Nov. 4 at the next ECTC tournament at Cornell.

KC Leung ’15, Ian P. Tolan ’16, Edgar Gridello ’16, and Matthew G. Jordan ’16, all within seven seconds of each other, took places eight through 11. Tolan received NEWMAC Rookie of the Year honors for his ninth place finish.

Following soon after Jordan and narrowly behind Zach Pietras of Springfield, Benji Xie ’15, who was last year’s NEWMAC Rookie of the Year, broke the tape in 13th position with a time of 26:30.34. Logan M. Trimble ’13 finished less than a second later (26:31.05) in 14th place. Wrapping up the top 20 runners was Ricardo Parz ’15 in 18th place with a time of 27:04.74.

The Engineers will continue with their season at the New England Regional Championship on Nov. 10.
By J. Austin Osborne

SPORTS

Arizona Cardinals @ Green Bay Packers
Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:00 p.m.

The Packers have certainly started to hit their stride. After a fairly комфортable win over the Jacksonville Jaguars last week, Green Bay is looking for a blockading point for a touchdown. Aaron Rodg-
net. On November 4th, he missed the second half of the game. It was a very tight conference game, and the Packers will look to continue their winning streak against the Cardinals.

Denver Broncos @ Cincinnati Bengals
Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:00 p.m.

Peyton Manning is once again solidifying himself as one of the top quarterbacks in the league. He looked nearly flawless in the Denver win over the Saints, and he should feel strong on the Bengals secondary. The running game also looked alive, as Wil-

Cincinnati and Denver have both been playing well. The Bengals have a strong defense, while the Broncos have a high-powered offense. This should be an exciting game between two of the best teams in the league.

Redskins vs. Giants
Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:00 p.m.

The Washington Redskins are in a must-win situation against the New York Giants. The Redskins need to improve on their performance from last week and get back to playing their best football. The Giants, on the other hand, have struggled lately and will be looking for a win to improve their record.

Buffalo Bills @ Houston Texans
Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:00 p.m.

Buffalo and Houston are both coming off strong performances. The Bills have a solid defense, while the Texans have a high-scoring offense. This game should be a close one, and it will be interesting to see which team can come out on top.

Minnesota Vikings @ Seattle Seahawks
Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:00 p.m.

The Minnesota Vikings are coming off a tough loss to the Dallas Cowboys, but they have a chance to bounce back against the Seattle Seahawks. The Seahawks are struggling on offense, and the Vikings have a solid defense. This game should be a close one, and it will be interesting to see which team can come out on top.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ Carolina Panthers
Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:00 p.m.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are in a must-win situation against the Carolina Panthers. The Buccaneers need to improve on their performance from last week and get back to playing their best football. The Panthers, on the other hand, have struggled lately and will be looking for a win to improve their record.

Dallas Cowboys @ Atlanta Falcons
Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:00 p.m.

The Dallas Cowboys are in a must-win situation against the Atlanta Falcons. The Cowboys need to improve on their performance from last week and get back to playing their best football. The Falcons, on the other hand, have struggled lately and will be looking for a win to improve their record.

Philadelphia Eagles @ New Orleans Saints
Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:05 p.m.

The Philadelphia Eagles have struggled lately, and they need a win to improve their record. The New Orleans Saints are in a must-win situation against the Eagles. The Saints need to improve on their performance from last week and get back to playing their best football. The Eagles, on the other hand, have struggled lately and will be looking for a win to improve their record.