Saturday report of a gunman on campus a hoax
Tip said gunman was after Reif in retaliation for Swartz death, alerts to students delayed

By Joanna Kao

The Cambridge Police received a false report early Saturday morning of a "male with a large firearm and wearing body armor" at 77 Massachusetts Avenue. The report came in as an ongoing, electronic running message at 7:28 a.m. Two minutes later, Cambridge and MIT officers responded to 77 Massachusetts Avenue and began searching and clearing administrative offices, classrooms, and bathrooms in MIT's Main Group (central buildings). About 30 officers responded, according to John Boyle, a Cambridge police spokesperson. A special response team was notified and was on standby, but was not needed. The Boston Police department offered resources but was also not needed. State police shut down Massachusetts Avenue between Vassar Street and Memorial Drive at 7:35 a.m. MIT and Cambridge police set up a perimeter around MIT's main buildings, although they did not ask MIT and STF several times during the search. A grad student commented on MIT News's Facebook page asking if he should leave if he was in the Main Group Building. But no one responded.

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South Korean president warns North against nuclear pursuits

By Choe Sang-Hun
The New York Times

SEOUL, South Korea — The country’s new president, Park Geun-hye, was sworn into office Monday, facing far more complicated fissures both within South Korea and with North Korea than her father did during his Cold War dictatorship, which ended with his assassination 33 years ago.

Park, 61, is the first child of a former president to take power here as well as the first woman to hold the office, a remarkable turn for a country where Parliament, the Cabinet and corporate board rooms are predominantly male and the gender income gap is the widest among member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

In her address, Park called for the revival of an economic boom her father, Park Chung-hee, had once oversaw and urged North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

Park’s return to the Blue House, her childhood home, was a triumphant moment for her and South Koreans loyal to her father. His quashing of dissent and censorship of the press in the 18 years of iron-fisted rule were maligned among South Koreans during the country’s struggle for democracy.

She was elected Dec. 19, thanks largely to the support of South Koreans in their 50s and older who grew disenchanted with fractured politics and recalled how South Korea under the dictatorship had been a nation awash in corruption where per-capita income was just $1,000 a year into what is now an economic powerhouse whose smartphones, cars and ships are exported around the world.

But Park begins a single, five-year term facing sharp criticism from younger and liberal South Koreans who have no fear of speaking out. When she named Queen Elizabeth I of Britain as her role model, they filled blogs with derision for her sense of entitlement. They openly called her election a return to the past, arguing that the seeds of some of the country’s biggest problems have mobilized to try to dig up anything unflattering they could find on Hagel. Although they have not found much, the frenzy has at times resulted in Republicans senators throwing out incendiary charges — a first for a nominee for defense secretary — and there should be no mistake that the biggest victim will be none other than South Korea itself.

AlMAYT, Kazakhstan — Talks between Iran and six world powers over its nuclear program resume here on Tuesday after a break of eight months, but there is a general atmosphere of skepticism about their prospects for success, even if narrowly defined.

Since talks in Moscow last June, Iran has continued to increase its enrichment to 20 percent and has begun to install a new generation of centrifuges and has not agreed to an inspection of its nuclear military sites with the International Atomic Energy Agency, a deal originally conceived as but all but done last May.

If Iran scheduled for June, senior Western diplomats involved with these talks expressed skepticism that Tehran’s chief negotiator, Saeed Jalili, would be willing to make compromises that could be portrayed as weakness at home. Jalili is the personal representative of Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the dominant voice on the nuclear issue. Khamenei has recently expressed continued mistrust of the United States and its intentions, saying that he would not allow the kind of bilateral talks between Washington and Tehran that most analysts think would be crucial to any resolution.

At the same time, Iran has taken some of its stockpile of 20 percent enriched uranium and converted it into reactor fuel, which cannot easily be turned back. The conversion means that Iran now has less of the uranium needed to make a bomb, reducing the sense of urgency among the six powers, but Israel, that its nuclear program needs to be slowed.

—Steven Erlanger, The New York Times

Weather

Blizzard in Great Plains brings tech great rains

By Vince Agard
USA TODAY NETWORK

The same winter storm that swept the Great Plains, blizzard conditions to parts of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas will reach our area to tomorrow. However, warm temperature is expected to arrive from us experiencing similar conditions, as most of the precipitation is expected to be snowfall. Rain, still, the weather will be windy with gusty winds accompanying rain that will become heavy at times. Furthermore, the chances of snowfall will have a high chance of snowfall in the storm, with gusty winds

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Tonight: Cloudy with a wintry mix beginning at late. 

Tuesday: Wintry, with gusty winds and heavy snowfall. High 44°F (7°C). Wind E at 15–25 mph, gusting at higher at.

Thursday: Wintry, with gusty winds and heavy snowfall. High 48°F (9°C).

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Obama urges Congress to find compromise on budget cuts

By Michael D. Shear

WASHINGTON — With automatic budget cuts set to hit by the end of the week, President Barack Obama on Monday again warned of dire consequences and urged Congress to find a way to compromise in the next four days.

"These cuts do not have to happen," Obama told a gathering of the nation’s governors at the White House. "Congress can turn them off at any time with just a little bit of compromise." The president acknowledged that the effects of the cuts would grow over time. "The longer these sequesters are in place, the bigger the impact will be," he told the governors.

But the White House and Republican Congress in Congress have shown no evidence of plans to actually negotiate in an effort to avert the automatic cuts. Obama’s administration has spent the past week painting an increasingly bleak picture of life in America after the cuts: jobs lost, government contracts closed, child care made scarce. Over the weekend, the administration released what it said would be the effects of the cuts, state by state.

In the meeting with the governors, Obama said the impact could be avoided if Republicans would be willing to embrace some increase in revenue by closing tax loopholes that grant breaks to the wealthy and to corporations. In exchange, Obama said that Democrats would be willing to accept what he called modest changes in entitlement programs like Medicare. He said that Congress should also agree to new spending on infrastructure and preschool, and that such programs would save money in the long run. "There are always going to be areas where we have some genuine disagreements," Obama said. "There are more areas where we can do a lot more cooperating than, I think, we’ve seen over the last several years."

Republicans sign brief in support of gay marriage

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg

WASHINGTON — Dozens of prominent Republicans — including top advisers to former President George W. Bush, four former governors and two members of Congress — have signed a legal brief arguing that gay people have a constitutional right to marry, a position that it advances conservative values to grow up in two-parent homes, and allowing children of gay couples to be married promotes family values by communicating with others about plans to torture and kill women, including herself. "I was going to be tied up by my feet and my throat slit, and they would have fun watching the blood gush out of me," she said, sobbing repeatedly through her afternoon on the witness stand.

Legal analysts said the brief had the potential to sway conservative justices as much for the prominent names attached to it as for its legal arguments. The list of signers includes a string of Republican officials and influential thinkers — 75 as of Monday evening — who are not ordinarily associated with gay rights advocacy.

Video claims family held by Nigerian extremists

NEW YORK — A federal judge on Monday ordered Rajat K. Gupta, a former Goldman Sachs director, to pay the bank more than $62.2 million to reimburse it for legal expenses connected to his insider trading case.

Last June, a jury convicted Gupta, 64, of leaking boardroom secrets about Goldman to hedge fund manager Raj Rajaratnam, who himself was convicted of insider trading in 2011 and sentenced to 11 years in prison. The presiding judge, Jed S. Rakoff, sentenced Gupta to two years in prison. He is free on bail while appealing the conviction.

Goldman had sought $69.1 million in reimbursement from Gup- ta, which represented the total amount the bank had paid to its pri- mary outside counsel at the law firm Sullivan & Cromwell for an internal investigation and other expenses.

Cannibal case trial begins

NEW YORK — Kathleen Mangas-Valle, said that when she de- fended into her husband’s electronic chat history, she found he had been communicating with others about plans to torture and kill women, including herself. "I was going to be tied up by my feet and my throat slit, and they would have fun watching the blood gush out of me," she said, sobbing repeatedly through her afternoon on the witness stand.

The officer, Gilberto Valle, has been charged with plotting on the Internet to kidnap, rape, kill, and cannibalize female victims. His wife was the first witness in the trial, which began on Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

—Adam Nossiter, The New York Times

—Benjamin Weiser, The New York Times

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How should the MIT community respond to calls for gun control?

By A.J. Edelman

By now there must be a special command bunker ready for Joe Biden. If the gun control committee meeting of the US Senate Committee on Appropriations is anything to go by, this is what he will hear if he enters his office. When the committee met precisely two weeks ago, each senator brought to the table his own opinion on the issue of gun control. (It is anybody’s guess what his personal opinion on this issue actually is.)

Based on the feedback from the committee, it appears that President Biden is well on his way to securing the majority of a majority for gun control legislation. It is not clear, however, how effective the legislation will be.

There is little evidence to suggest that stringent gun control measures will be effective.

“Republican obstructionism” or “Tea-Partyism” are frequent phrases thrown around in any argument in order to delegitimize the possible value of disarming. Such is the case with the recent discourse on gun control measures. Increased background check measures poll favorably across the political spectrum. But while polls suggest that both Republicans and Democrats favor increased background checks, the NRA does not.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) has been arguing against gun control for many years. The organization has doubled their expenditures on marketing in the last five years, and are no longer sold at local firearm vendors. The group is plagued by violent crime, and are no longer sold at local firearm vendors. The group is dedicated to the idea that the American people will not be able to protect themselves if they are disarmed.

It is harder to use. “Biden’s advice is not to give up. But that is not, and with good reason. It’s harder to aim, it’s harder to shoot a sight手套.”

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Individuals should have the protection to themselves in times of perceived danger.

Additionally, research sug-

ides that beyond law rates, the amount of firearm laws that are fired up eventually do come down, many times with deadly consequences.

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I am a group speaking “Liberty!”

If we have the ability to save even one life, we should take action.

In Maricopa County, Arizona, Sheriff Joe Arpaio told a conference that the “law enforcement community” is not being paid enough. The conference was held in an attempt to bring awareness to the issue. Hopefully, Congress and the American people will not be able to protect themselves if they are disarmed. Unfortunately, the Tea Party ca-

gun violence has undermine
d our freedom from fear. Gun control legislation may be a step in the right direction, but gun control advocates have the right to say “Liberty!” as well.
The topic of cloud formation requires a great deal of fundamental research but also has wide societal implications.

Because the characteristics of clouds depend on many dynamical and physical factors (like the temperature, relative humidity, aerosol particle number, particle size, and particle composition), we need to perform experiments in the laboratory to determine how, when, and what type of clouds can form under particular conditions. In order to understand how Earth’s climate will evolve as a result of human activities, we need to pin down the role of aerosols and clouds. They are the single largest source of uncertainty in the climate system, especially because of a lack of physical understanding of the process. In order to explore this cloud-seeding ability, these changes can have a significant effect on future climate. However, such effects are poorly understood, so I am investigating them in the laboratory.

Overall, I find the topic of cloud formation fascinating since it requires a great deal of fundamental research but also has wide societal implications. I have greatly enjoyed the work I have been able to do so far, especially spending a summer doing research in Germany, and I look forward to helping answer some fundamental questions in the field. Luckily for me, answers to these questions are still fairly elusive: as a result, I am guaranteed a mysterious life for years to come.
First set of Media Lab Director’s Fellows selected
Joi Ito picked nine leaders of their respective fields to be part of Media Lab initiative

Joi Ito, Director of the Media Lab, speaks about the creation of the Director’s Fellows program.

Although Ito became director of the Media Lab only a little more than a year ago, in November 2011, he said that he had been thinking about the fellowship program for a while. “I had the idea very early on, even before I started officially. I started informing people through the Lab as speakers and as visitors. But many of them felt like they could have an ongoing relationship with the Lab, so I started informally bringing people in,” Ito said. “From a communications perspective, a fundraising perspective and sort of a program perspective, it runs better if you formalize it a little bit and create some structure, so we did that.”

Ito admits that the Fellows Program is currently a work in progress, but hopes to formalize the process of selecting Fellows in the future. “All the initial fellows are people who I’ve gotten to know through my travels, so I know their personalities relatively well,” said Ito. He currently also sits on the board of directors of the MacArthur Foundation, the same group that awards the MacArthur “Genius Grant” Fellowships. From his experience there, Ito hopes to find inspiration in selecting the next Fellows. “They are very good at finding people who no one knows, who are extremely interesting, who are extremely diverse,” Ito pointed out. “There’s a possibility that I may steal some pages out of the MacArthur Fellows playbook.”

He already has a list of people being considered for next year’s fellowship. However, regardless of whom he selects, Ito hopes to reach out to involve more of the MIT community in the program. “They’re Media Lab Fellows, but it’s MIT Media Lab, and I’d love to try to figure out ways to have our Fellows interact with more of the rest of MIT,” said Ito.

Chorallaries present concert in Bad Taste

Jim Gaffigan brings chuckles to MIT

“Husband to hot wife, father of five, comedian, actor, writer, [and] former sleeper” Jim Gaffigan performed last Friday night in front of a packed Kresge Auditorium. His jokes spanned a wide range of topics, often food-related. The show was sponsored by the SHASS Department’s de Florez Fund for Humor, and tickets were given to MIT students, faculty, and staff via a lottery.
MIT Global Poverty Initiative co-hosts International Development Hackathon

(left to right) Jorge Malbran Angel G, Roberto J. Melendez ’12, and Kevin Kung G discuss a possible project at the 28-Hour International Development (ID) Hackathon last Friday, Feb. 22. Co-hosted by the MIT Global Poverty Initiative and Harvard Developers for Development at the Microsoft NERD center, ID Hack brought together hackers and NGOs from the greater Boston area to work on projects that will make an impact on international development. At the kickoff on Friday evening, over thirty groups pitched ideas to developers, engineers and innovators. After, the entire group mixed to form teams to hack on specific projects.
Timeline of MIT notifications unclear
Over an hour between police response to gunman & alerts to students

Hoax, from Page 1

tem.” The tipster’s IP address indi-
cated New York, although it does not necessarily mean the tipster was physically in New York. The Boston Globe reported that Cam-
bidge Police spokesperson Dan Riviello said, “The threat did not come via one of the department’s anonymous tip submission plat-
forms.” When asked by the Tech via email to clarify the “Internet relay,” Riviello declined to com-
ment because of their ongoing investigation.

According to police radio traffic, shortly before 9 a.m., a MIT staff member with the same name as one provided by the hoaxster was questioned by police but was unin-
volved with the incident.

Around 10 a.m., the Cambridge police started to clear the scene, and at 10:19 a.m., the Cambridge Police tweeted, “Scene is clear. Call unconfirmed. No threat to pub-
licity in #CamBMA. MIT Police.” No email was sent out at this time. MIT returning to normal operation. MIT PD will monitor campus.

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Timing of emergency alerts

A looming question that re-
mains is why MIT’s emergency alert service took so long to send out an alert to students. Cambridge and MIT police were at Mass Ave by 7:10 a.m., but the first alert, which ap-
peared at MIT’s emergency in-
formation site (emergency.mit.net), appeared at 8:47 a.m., more than an hour later. Students signed up for emergency alerts get a text mes-
sage around 8:53 a.m. and an email was sent out around 9:22 a.m. not-
tifying students of the report and asking them to stay indoors and re-
spond suspicion activity to campus police.

The Cambridge Police sent out a tweet about the report of a possible gun

Timeline of Saturday’s gunman hoax incident, from report to the all-clear

7:20 a.m. Cambridge Police receive report of male with a “large firearm and wearing body armor.” MIT Police is noti-
fied.

7:30 a.m. Cambridge and MIT Police respond to 77 Massachu-
setts Avenue.

7:35 a.m. Cambridge Police tweet “Report of possible person with gun on Mass Ave in #CamBMA”

7:35 a.m. MIT police began shutting traffic on Mass Ave between Vassar Street and Memorial Drive.

7:43 a.m. Police have locked down the area around MIT’s Main Group Buildings (although there were still reports of students and staff in the buildings later).

8:37 a.m. Someone at the MIT Police’s control center asked whether he should contact the Security and Emer-

gency Management Office (SEMO) to send out an alert asking people to stay out of the Main Group (MIT’s central buildings).

8:47 a.m. MIT’s emergency information website, emergency.mit.

8:51 a.m. MIT’s emergency alert sends a text message, “Multiple law enforcement agencies on campus in response to a report of a person with a gun on campus. Further info on the Emergency Web Page.”

9:10 a.m. A second text message is sent out, “Multiple law en-
forcement agencies on campus in response to a report of a person with a gun on campus. Stay indoors and shelter in place and report suspicious activity to the campus police dispatch dial 100.” More updates to follow on emergency.mit.

9:22 a.m. MIT Alert sends out an email to all-campus@mit.

9:30 a.m. A third text message saying “Continue to shelter in place, report suspicious activity by cell phone to MIT Police.”

Around 10:00 a.m. Cambridge Police start to clear the scene.

10:19 a.m. Cambridge Police tweet “Scene is clear. Call unconfirmed. No threat to public safety in #CambMA #MIT”

10:46 a.m. MIT Alert sends a text message saying “Cambridge Police have issued all-clear. MIT returning to normal operation. MIT PD will monitor campus.”

— Joanna Kao
Announcing the first annual MIT $10K CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

Any MIT student team in the $100K competition is eligible to win $10K if the arts or design are a core component of the proposal.
Techdoku
Solution, page 8

Sudoku
Solution, page 8

Saturday Stumper by Bruce R. Sutphin
Solution, page 8
Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun

Tuesday, February 26, 2013
The Tech

by Jorge Cham

Least Action Principle
by Amanda Aparicio

I did the math. The results look grim.

[1176] Those Not Present

by Randall Munroe

A WEBcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language

Those Not Present

Every time someone says something negative about a person who’s not in the room, I shoot my name back a few indices.

Ah, not sorry,
but no friends...

...his mind is never
 gonna take off if...

Y’know, his sister
 is a sociopath...

...and there’s a video
 by J.D.

What are you thinking about?

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Maybe I should try a new vector space?

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