

Cause of death of Sidney Pacific resident remains undetermined

Institute: ongoing investigation is standard procedure; Reif: ‘moments of sadness’ draw community together

By **Leon Lin**
NEWS EDITOR

The cause of the death of Hadi Kasab, the 23-year-old graduate student who was found dead in his room last Thursday evening, had not yet been released at press time Monday.

“The MIT Police have determined that there is no threat to the community,” MIT said last week. A spokeswoman for the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office said Monday that an investigation was still under way.

Kasab lived in the Sidney Pa-

cific graduate residence and was a master’s degree candidate in MIT’s Computation for Design and Optimization program. He was a native of Saida, Lebanon, according to the MIT press release.

“In this painful time, our hearts go out to Mr. Kasab’s family and friends,” President L. Rafael Reif wrote in an email to the MIT community last Friday. “Moments of sadness like this one reveal the very meaning of community. We share sadness together as surely as we celebrate our successes. When we draw together, we gain strength from each other. As we absorb the

news of this loss, I hope we will all take time to reach out to those around us.”

Reif also wrote that plans to commemorate Kasab would be announced on the MIT News website.

Reif’s email reminded students who feel affected that they can turn to their faculty advisors, housemasters, graduate resident tutors, or resident advisors for support. Students can also contact MIT’s mental health services at 617-253-2916 or the graduate education dean’s office at 617-253-4860. Information about these and other resources is available at together.mit.edu.



COURTESY OF MIT GAS TURBINE LABORATORY

Who is calling snow days at the Institute?

MIT stayed open even as others closed

By **Victoria Messuri**

Many Boston universities and colleges have closed at least once this year due to winter weather, but MIT has remained open. Whether MIT closes is up to three or four top administrators. *The Tech* spoke to Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart PhD ’88 and John DiFava, the director of facilities operations and security, to find out how the decision is made.

According to Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart PhD ’88, during a storm, MIT can take action in three ways: close, open late, or open on time but excuse those who are late.

The process starts with John DiFava, who can make a recommendation to close MIT, though it still has to be vetted by at least three others.

When making his decision, DiFava first considers whether Facili-

ties will be able to keep up with snow removal on campus, he told *The Tech*. Next, he considers the City of Cambridge’s ability to remove snow and the conditions of the roads immediately adjacent to campus.

DiFava said he cannot pay attention to popular travel routes far from MIT, such as Routes 93 and 95. “The reason is, [with] so many storms, particularly this year, the South Shore gets killed, the North Shore is fine, [or] the North Shore gets killed, the South Shore is fine. I have to make my decision based on campus,” DiFava said.

Sometimes a call from the City of Cambridge tips the scale, according to DiFava. “If we get a call from the city of Cambridge saying, ‘you know something, we just can’t keep up,

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TAMI FORRESTER—THE TECH

Akhilesh Bakshi sings a solo with the MIT Ohms during Jhankaar, the Yale, Harvard and MIT South Asian a cappella showcase on Friday, March 7. Hosted by the Ohms in 32-123, Jhankaar also featured performances from Yale’s Sur et Veritaal and Harvard’s Mirch.

Capital Cities and Flosstradamus to co-headline SpringFest concert

Weekend-long program to feature events run by student groups

By **Patricia Z. Dominguez**

The Undergraduate Association Events Committee announced Monday night that artists Capital Cities and Flosstradamus will be co-headlining the concert during this year’s SpringFest on Saturday, April 26 in the Johnson Athletic Center.

The Events Committee chose

the artists for this year after reviewing the responses to a survey sent out to undergraduates during the fall semester. The results of the survey showed that many students favored alternative music and electronic dance music over other genres.

According to the Events Committee co-chairs Daniela M. Yuschenkoff ’14 and Lindsey C.

Osimiri ’14, the committee hoped to choose artists that would appeal to the majority of the MIT community. As a result, they said they chose two main artists to co-headline in order to satisfy the preferences of as many MIT students as possible. Both Capital Cities and Flosstradamus are also

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SARAH LIU—THE TECH

Will Drevo G delivers comedic one liners over improvised piano at Friday’s Comedy Night, hosted by the students of the Stand-Up Comedy Club.

IN SHORT

The MIT community is invited to celebrate MacVicar Day 2014 at a symposium focused on undergraduate advising and mentoring titled, “Creating A Network of Mentors: A Roundtable” from 2-4

p.m. in Bartos Theater (E15-070). Reception to follow.

Come to a debate between the candidates for UA president and vice president moderated by *The Tech* on the first floor of the student center this Wednesday, March 12.

The three P/VP tickets are Andrew Acker ’15 and Grace O’Malley ’15, Jeffrey M. Sperling ’15 and Nathan Varady ’16, and Shruti Sharma ’15 and Billy Ndengeyngoma ’15.

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U.S. and Russia hit roadblock trying to start Crimea talks

By Michael R. Gordon and Steven Lee Myers
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration’s effort to solicit Russia’s help to defuse the crisis in Ukraine appeared to hit a dead end on Monday when Secretary of State John Kerry delayed an anticipated trip to Russia and the two sides issued dueling accounts of their recent diplomacy.

Apparently in an effort to portray the United States as the intransigent party, the Kremlin took the unusual step of televising a brief exchange between President Vladimir V. Putin and the Russian foreign minister, Sergei V. Lavrov, in which they complained that Kerry had spurned an invitation to come to Russia for consultations.

The State Department responded by rushing out a statement saying that it was the Russians who were not prepared to engage in discussions on the United States’ proposals, especially the idea that they meet with officials from the new Ukrainian government.

“We are still awaiting a Russian response to the concrete questions that Secretary Kerry sent Foreign Minister Lavrov on Saturday in this regard,” Jen Psaki, the State Department spokeswoman, said in a statement.

The administration’s efforts to enlist Russia’s support involved several phone calls by President Barack Obama to Putin. But it moved into high gear last week when Kerry went to Europe and met with Western foreign ministers, Ukrainian officials and Lavrov, twice.

The basic Western strategy was to form a “contact group” that would include the United States, European nations, Russia, Ukraine and international organizations. That would be a way, U.S. officials calculated, to hammer out a common strategy on Ukraine and to bring Russian and Ukrainian officials together for their first face-to-face meeting on the crisis.

But Russia has not accepted the legitimacy of the new Ukrainian government.

On Thursday, Obama told Pu-

tin that Kerry was prepared to hold further talks with Lavrov on how a contact group might work, according to a senior administration official who declined to be identified because the official was discussing diplomatic exchanges.

On Friday, Kerry presented the Russian foreign minister with a one-page paper that outlined American and European ideas for solving the crisis, a paper that Lavrov could present to the Russian president.

That same day, Lavrov invited Kerry to Sochi, Russia, where he could see Putin, who was there for the Paralympic Games. Kerry indicated that he would consider the idea.

Even as the invitation was made, however, U.S. officials became concerned that Russia was doubling down in Crimea. Encouraged by Russia, the local Parliament was pushing for secession, a move endorsed by Russian lawmakers. To U.S. officials, the hope for a diplomatic breakthrough appeared to be undercut by Russian actions on the ground.

Speculation widens over missing jet’s fate as search area expands

By Matthew L. Wald
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Watching a seat-back display with a plane-shaped icon gliding across the map, it is easy to forget that in true scale, the airplane is very small and the route very large. As the hours and days drag by with no trace of the Malaysia Airlines flight that disappeared over the Gulf of Thailand early Saturday, the world is getting a reminder that if something goes wrong on a jet five miles up in the sky, traveling at 10 miles a minute, it can cover a lot of ground — or water — before it comes down to earth.

There is only speculation about what happened to the missing flight. But Arnie Reiner, a retired captain with US Airways and former chief accident investigator at Pan Am, noted, “If they somehow got turned around or went off course when the thing was going down, it could be 90 or 100 miles

away from where the flight data disappeared.”

It is not yet known whether the Malaysian plane deviated from its flight path, or how long the pilots could still fly the aircraft after the last reported contact. Assuming the plane remained in powered flight or a controlled glide, the potential search area would cover thousands of square miles. After more than two days of fruitless search, Malaysian officials expanded the search area Monday.

The rule of thumb for a crew planning a normal descent to an airport is to allow three miles of distance for every thousand feet of altitude. A jetliner at 30,000 feet that cut its engines to idle would fly about 90 miles before reaching a runway near sea level. Another rule of thumb for pilots may shed light on why no distress signal was heard from the Malaysia Airlines flight. Pilots have a mantra for setting priorities in an emergency: Aviate, navigate, communicate. The first

priority is to fly the airplane. Telling air traffic controllers on the ground what is going on comes third, since doing so is unlikely to instantly yield any help with the crisis in the cockpit, whatever it is.

Although officials have not ruled out terrorism in the Malaysia Airlines case, no evidence of foul play has come to light. No group has claimed responsibility for downing the plane, though Reiner said about the 747 that exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, “when Gadhafi’s guys blew up Pan Am 103, they weren’t talking about it.”

The mystery will probably not be solved until the wreckage, and especially the black boxes, are recovered. The wreckage alone could yield important clues, including whether the plane broke up in flight, suffered an explosion or had a mechanical failure. In most crashes, definitive findings on these questions take months or even years to establish.

Snowden tries to rally tech conference to buttress privacy shields

By Jenna Wortham and Nicole Perloth
THE NEW YORK TIMES

AUSTIN, Texas — Edward J. Snowden wants the technology industry to get serious about protecting the privacy of its users and customers.

“When we think about what is happening at the NSA for the last decade, the result has been an adversarial Internet,” Snowden told a crowd of developers and entrepreneurs at the South by Southwest conference Monday, speaking by videoconference.

“They are setting fire to the future of the Internet,” he added. “You guys are all the firefighters. We need you to help us fix this.”

Snowden, the former National Security Agency contractor who leaked classified documents that revealed a vast network of government surveillance, told the audience that they “can enforce our

rights for technical standards.”

Snowden said he chose the conference, known as SXSW, to speak directly to people with the skills to make mass surveillance significantly more expensive for government agencies — if not impossible. For the past decade, Snowden said, the NSA had been given free rein to make the Internet less secure by engaging in large-scale sweeps of data.

Snowden fled the United States last summer and is living at an undisclosed location in Russia, where he has been granted temporary asylum. He faces charges in the United States of violating the Espionage Act.

Snowden appeared remotely at the conference with Christopher Soghoian, the principal technologist of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Ben Wizner, director of the ACLU’s Speech, Privacy and Technology Project and Snowden’s legal adviser, both of whom were on site in Austin. The event was a rare

live interview for Snowden, conducted by Wizner.

Using technology to mask his whereabouts, Snowden appeared through a Google Plus videoconference.

Appearing before a green screen that had been programmed to display the U.S. Constitution, Snowden addressed a rapt audience that often broke into applause and cheers. Hundreds packed into an exhibition hall to hear him speak and those who could not find seats stood along the wall or sat on the floor.

Leading up to the event, Rep. Mike Pompeo, R-Kan., wrote a letter to SXSW organizers calling for them to cancel the event altogether.

Snowden said he had no regrets about his actions, even though he now faces prosecution and is thought by many to be a traitor, or worse.

“I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution and it was violated on a massive scale,” he said.

One author of a stem cell study calls for its retraction

TOKYO — One of the authors of a study that was claimed to have discovered a simple way to make stem cells said Monday that he was no longer sure of his team’s conclusions, and he called for the study to be retracted.

The study, laid out in two papers published by Nature in January surprised scientists around the world by finding that a simple acid bath might turn cells in the body into multipurpose stem cells. The new technique could be a quicker and easier source of stem cells than methods now in use, the authors said.

But Monday, Teruhiko Wakayama, a professor of developmental engineering at the University of Yamanashi and one of the study’s co-authors, told NHK, Japan’s public broadcaster, that a series of concerns raised in recent weeks by researchers around the world had shaken his belief in the study’s findings.

“There are too many overall issues that I am not sure about. I am increasingly uncertain,” Wakayama told NHK.

The new technique was developed by researchers at the Riken Center for Developmental Biology in Kobe, Japan, and at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston. Haruko Obokata, the 30-year-old lead writer of the study’s two papers and a rising star in Japan’s scientific community, has become an overnight celebrity here and a symbol of the rising stature of female scientists.

Still, some experts quickly expressed caution, saying more needed to be known about the new approach.

Caution turned to skepticism as researchers reported trouble in replicating the study’s results.

Some of the photos used in the study were then called into question, as was wording that was found to be similar to that in an article published by different researchers almost a decade ago.

Those questions prompted both Riken and Nature to begin separate investigations into the study’s integrity last month.

Wakayama said that the numerous questions raised left the authors with little choice but to retract the paper.

—Hiroko Tabuchi, *The New York Times*

Adam Lanza’s father says ‘you can’t get any more evil’

Peter Lanza had not seen his son Adam for two years before the day Adam walked into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., and killed 20 schoolchildren and six adults.

Since that morning, Lanza cannot go an hour without thinking about his child. And now, he says, he wishes his son had never been born.

“You can’t get any more evil,” he said in his first public comments since the shooting. “How much do I beat up on myself about the fact that he’s my son? A lot.”

In a series of emotionally wrenching interviews with the writer Andrew Solomon, Lanza detailed his son’s medical history and increasing isolation, his ex-wife’s struggle to deal with their troubled child, and his own role as the father of the person who committed one of the worst mass shootings in the nation’s history.

Solomon, the author of the book “Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity,” recounts the interviews in an article in this week’s issue of The New Yorker magazine.

Adam Lanza, 20, shot his mother, Nancy, before going on his shooting rampage at Sandy Hook on Dec. 14, 2012, and then shot himself just as the police were arriving at the elementary school.

Peter Lanza’s account confirms the basic portrait that emerged from the investigation, and adds new details as well as a deeper understanding of how he and Adam’s mother struggled to understand and care for their son. Lanza described Adam’s behavior as a child as “weird” but never dangerous. He said that the first official diagnosis they received concerning Adam’s mental health came when he was 13.

The diagnosis was Asperger’s syndrome, a category that the American Psychiatric Association has since subsumed into the broader diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder. Adam refused to accept that he had the disorder.

Peter Lanza said that the diagnosis might have kept them from realizing the danger their son posed.

—Marc Santora, *The New York Times*

Report cites ‘devastating toll’ on health of Syria’s children

The Syrian civil war’s effect on the health of Syria’s children is far more insidious than has been widely understood, a leading children’s advocacy group reported Sunday, with large numbers dying or at risk from chronic and preventable diseases that have flourished because the country’s public health system has basically collapsed.

In a report timed to coincide with the beginning of the fourth year of the conflict, the group, Save the Children, said the effects of untreated illnesses on Syrian children were only partly reflected in the documented statistics.

They show that at least 1.2 million children have fled to neighboring countries, that 4.3 million in Syria need humanitarian assistance and that more than 10,000 have died in the violence.

“It is not just the bullets and the shells that are killing and maiming children,” said the report, “A Devastating Toll.” The conflict, which began in March 2011, has left a “shattered health system resulting in brutal medical practices that have left millions of children suffering,” the report said.

The report asserted that “several thousands of children” had died because of greatly reduced access to treatment for diseases including cancer, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, hypertension, and kidney failure. The report is based partly on conclusions drawn from data that has been issued by other organizations, including the United Nations and the World Health Organization, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Doctors Without Borders, and other medical research, as well as from the Syrian government.

But the report also draws on Save the Children’s own research, including interviews with Syrian children, parents and medical providers who painted what amounted to a portrait of medieval health conditions.

—Rick Gladstone, *The New York Times*

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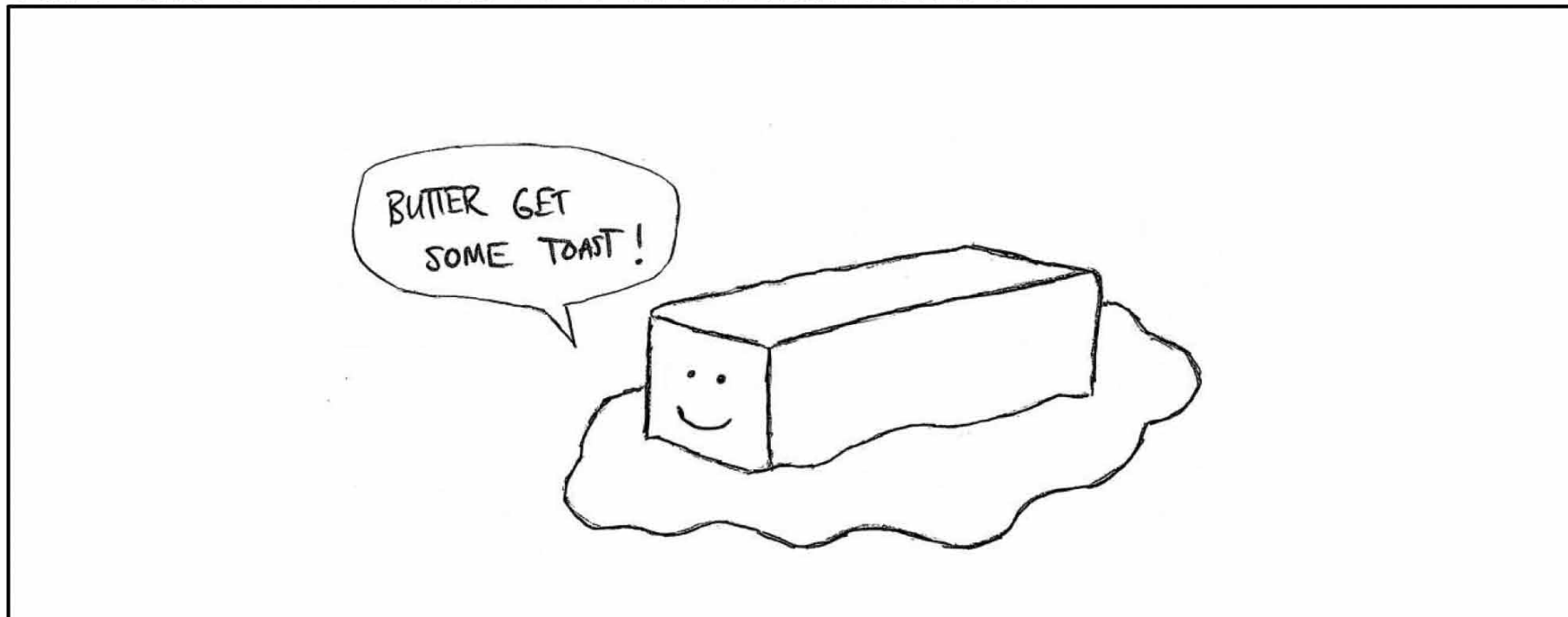
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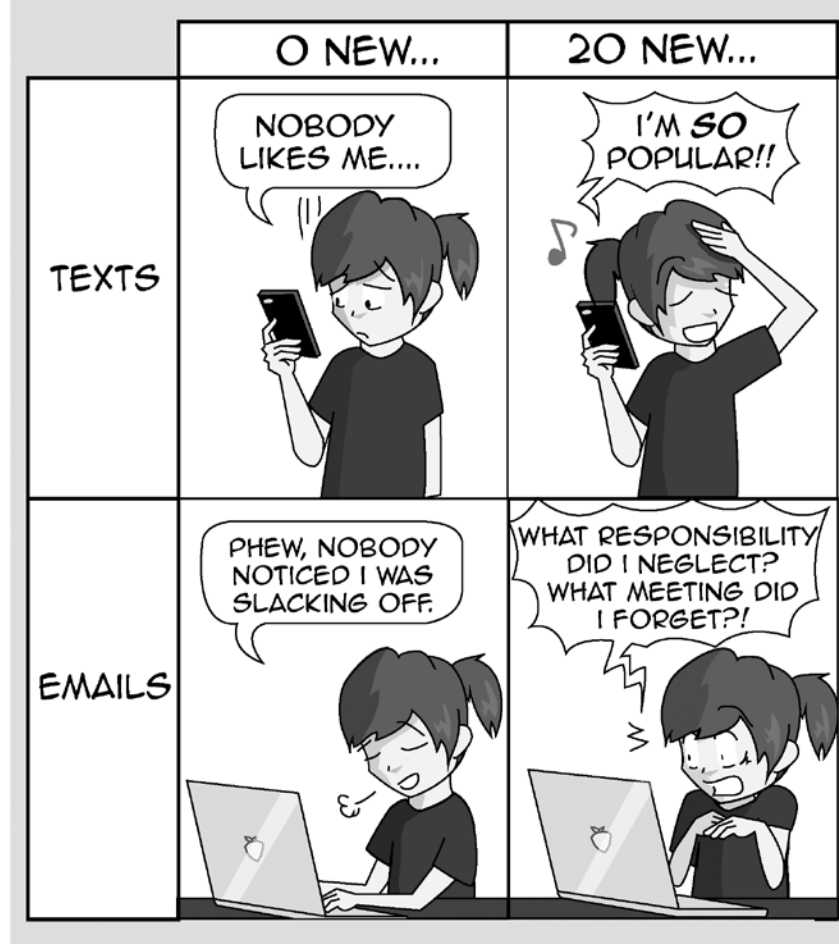
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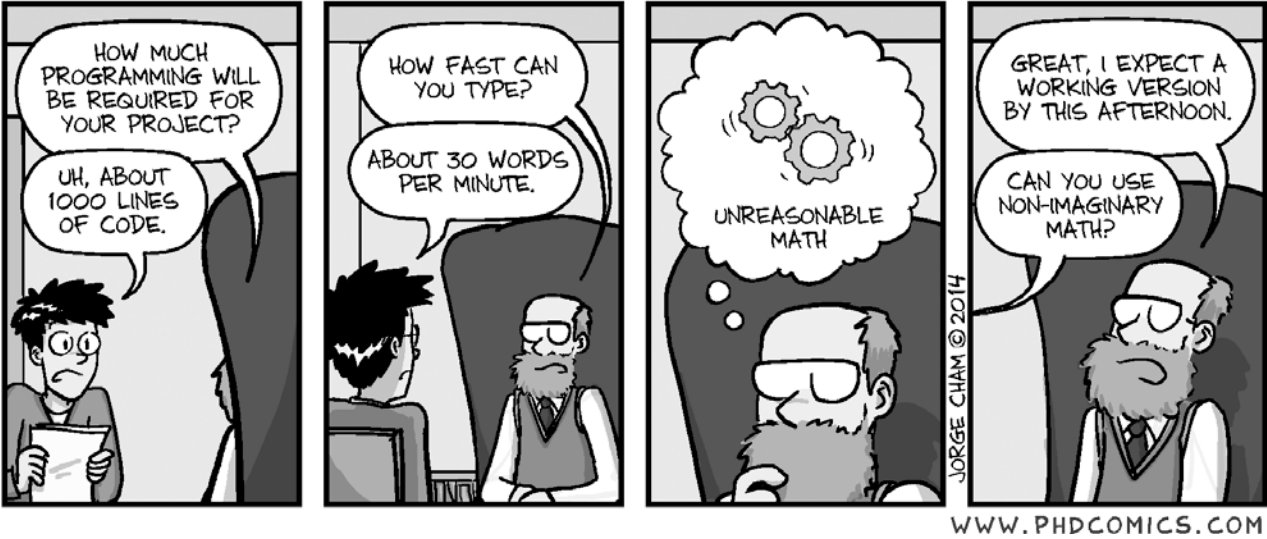
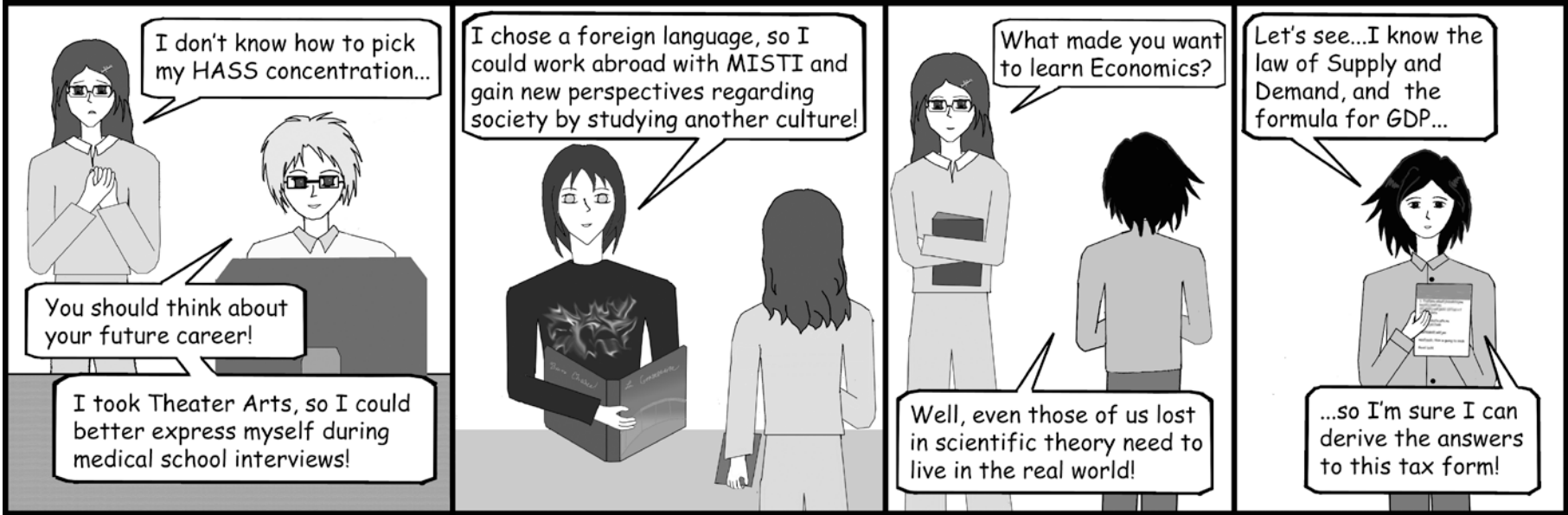
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Somewhere on the Search for Meaning by Letita Li



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by Lars G. Doubleday Solution, page 11

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MOVIE REVIEW

Bethlehem explores the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Film fails to provide context for complicated struggle



COURTESY OF ADOPT FILMS

Tsahi Halevi as Razi, Efrat Shnap as Maya, and Yossi Eini as Levy in the Israeli drama *Bethlehem*.

By Aleksandra Stankovic

Bethlehem follows 17-year old Palestinian Sanfur (Shadi Mar'i), the brother of a leader of the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, and Razi (Tsahi Halevi), the Israeli Shin Bet (secret service) officer who has recruited Sanfur as an informant. Set in Israel and the West Bank around 2004 near the end of the Second Intifada, the film explores the region's broader conflict by exam-

ining the social connections surrounding the central characters. The film was the debut directorial effort of Yuval Adler, an Israeli who co-wrote the film with the Palestinian journalist Ali Waked, and was Israel's submission to the Best Foreign Language Film competition at this year's Academy Awards. The movie's earnestness to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict gets the better of its narrative

ambitions; its desire to portray the complexities of each side's internal struggles overtakes the film's narrative of the central characters' complicated relationships. While we are told that Sanfur and Razi share a bond like father and son, the movie gives us little grounding for that claim, save a few lines of dialogue. It is therefore difficult to understand why either one would take the sorts of risks he does for the other.

This is largely because their story exists solely to propel the film's meditation on violence, mistrust, and betrayals between and within these two communities. *Bethlehem* asks the viewer to at once care about the small, intimate story of a handful of characters, while expending the majority of its runtime on scenes removed from the central narrative.

Their story exists only to propel the film's meditation on violence and betrayal.

The opening scene conveys the resignation to violence of Sanfur and his friends, as the boys' game of bravado takes a dangerous turn when one challenges another to take a gunshot to the chest while wearing an old bulletproof vest they have found, as if the young characters seek empowerment through their own self-destruction. This beginning sets the tone for the whole film, with many of its scenes ending abruptly, often in violence which erupts seemingly out of nowhere. Or rather, out of a poorly established context, making the movie seem confusing and disjoint.

The focus of the film, then, is ultimately not on individual characters, but on groups and how they come together in conflict. No one comes out of this movie well — the Palestinian characters, who seem-

ingly receive a harsher portrayal within the film, are shown fighting and bickering, while the film's Israelis lie to and mistrust one another.

It isn't that *Bethlehem* is a bad movie (it's not). There are some technical strong points to the film in its pacing, cinematography, and the raw performances of its three leads. Mar'i, Halevim, and Omari, all non-professionals who have never previously appeared in a film, lend power and credibility to their portrayals. It's just that the movie never rises above the weight of its subject matter to deliver on the promise of its gripping premise.

The film deserves to be seen, bringing important attention to a long-standing conflict. And though it sometimes fails to give its rich subject matter the nuanced and thoughtful consideration it deserves, perhaps it will inspire its viewers to seek out the context themselves.

★★★★☆

Bethlehem

Directed by Yuval Adler

Starring Shadi Mar'i, Tsahi Halevi, and Hitham Omari

Language: Arabic and Hebrew

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Some 'tings nice, some not so much

Some 'Ting Nice Caribbean Restaurant is hit-or-miss

By Daniel Kolodrubetz
STAFF WRITER

Caribbean food, with its warmth and traditional spices, seems like the perfect way to escape this never-ending Boston winter, at least for an hour or two. Some 'Ting Nice, located in a run-down building right on McGrath Highway in Somerville, attempts to provide some respite, but fails to fully deliver on that promise. While their menu has a wide variety of Caribbean options, the dishes themselves were uneven and left me wishing this restaurant could live up to its potential. Walking in, I was pleasantly surprised by how large and welcoming the restaurant was. Going on a weeknight meant that it was also very empty, and the staff actually seemed a bit surprised to see any customers. All in all, the atmosphere was very quiet, though I thoroughly enjoyed the Bob Marley and hip-hop mixtape that they were playing in the background. This may change during busier times, but certainly this is not the destination if you are looking for excitement on a Wednesday evening. My waiter was extremely friendly and attentive, and she even provided complimentary soup. But she struggled with some basic menu questions. There were also a couple of menu items that were unavailable, though I was not informed of this until after ordering

them and eagerly waiting for my food. Certainly if the full menu had been available, this review would have featured a lot more oxtail. The free soup was an excellent start to the meal, as it was full of seasonings, veggies, and dumplings. After thoroughly enjoying that bit of hospitality, I started my tour of their menu with a fried dough appetizer, pholourie (the "p" and the "h" are both pronounced). These little balls of pea-based dough contained almost no flavor to offset their gummy texture. The zesty tamarind sauce that was served as a side was tasty, but it was simply not enough to offset the bland dough. Sadly, this would not be the last time I would encounter a bland dish during the night. I decided to be adventurous when choosing a main dish and went with the curried goat, which turned out to be the best decision of the night. All too often, goat can come out very tough and nearly inedible. The chef here, however, managed to keep the goat tender using a delicious curry sauce that was full of spice without being overpowering. This sauce also complemented the bammy, one of the side dishes offered with the entrees. This flatbread made from cassava had a solid structure without being too dry. It was the perfect vehicle to mop up every last bit of the curry sauce that I could manage.

After the goat, I decided to go the more traditional route and ordered the jerk chicken. While I made sure my water glass was full in anticipation of the spicy chicken dish, what arrived at the table was chicken covered in an unexpectedly sweet sauce. Their version of this classic Jamaican dish was more reminiscent of teriyaki than the spicy rubbed chicken I had seen before. Ultimately, this sweetness did not complement the other Caribbean spices on my plate and made for a fairly disappointing serving of chicken. Along with each main dish came two sides of my choosing; the only problem is that not all side dishes were created equal. As a charter member of the Eggplant Fan Club, I had to try the melongene chaka, which was billed as roasted eggplant. Unfortunately, I was served something with the texture of baby food and a flavor to match. This dish could have been a nice companion to a meat dish if it had a bit more kick to help bring out the normally fulfilling taste of the eggplant, but it fell far short of that goal. The macaroni pie, on the other hand, was a substantial cube of good quality mac and cheese, with an appropriate ratio of cheese and pasta that didn't feel too heavy. Topping it off was a crunchy crust from the baking process, which enhanced the classic dish with an additional texture. To finish the experience, the very limited dessert menu probably won't satisfy diners with a nagging

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Some 'Ting Nice Caribbean Restaurant

561 McGrath Highway, Somerville

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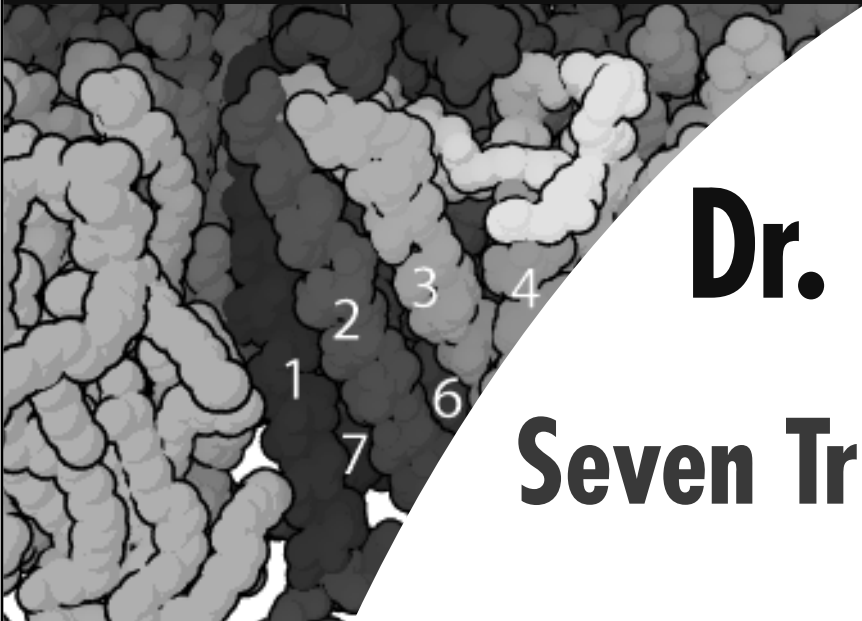
sweet tooth. It is possible to have an excellent meal at Some 'Ting Nice, by picking exactly the right dishes and hoping they're actually available that night. However, with all of the misses on the menu, even among traditionally safe choices, eating here is a bit of a gamble. If you happen to be in the area and are looking to fill yourself up at a welcoming restaurant without breaking the bank (the main dishes average to \$12), then you may want to make a quick stop here. Otherwise, I would not recommend making the effort to visit Some 'Ting Nice just for the culinary experience.

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Dr. Robert J. Lefkowitz

Seven Transmembrane Receptors

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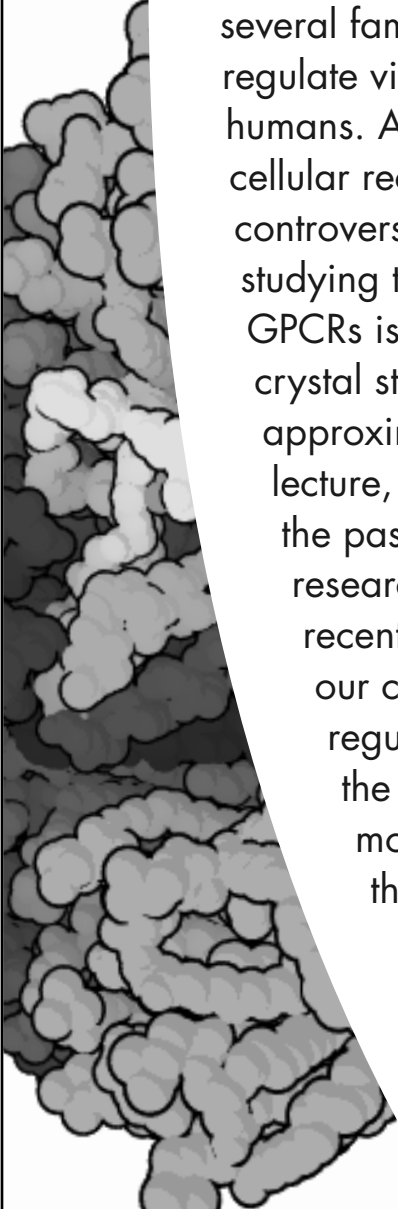
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Seven transmembrane receptors (7TMRs), also known as G protein coupled receptors (GPCRs) represent by far the largest, most versatile, and most ubiquitous of the several families of plasma membrane receptors. They regulate virtually all known physiological processes in humans. As recently as 40 years ago, the very existence of cellular receptors for drugs and hormones was highly controversial, and there was essentially no direct means of studying these putative molecules. Today, the family of GPCRs is known to number approximately 1,000, and crystal structures have recently been solved of approximately a dozen members of the family. In my lecture, I will briefly review how the field evolved over the past 40 years, hanging some of the story on my own research throughout this period. Then I will discuss recent developments in the field, which are changing our concepts of how the receptors function and are regulated in fundamental ways. Finally, I will discuss the possibility of leveraging this new mechanistic and molecular information to develop new classes of therapeutic agents.

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Robert J. Lefkowitz, MD is James B. Duke Professor of Medicine and Professor of Biochemistry at the Duke University Medical Center. He has been an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute since 1976. His group spent 15 years developing techniques for radioligand binding, solubilization, purification, and reconstitution of the four adrenergic receptors known at the time. In 1986, Dr. Lefkowitz transformed the understanding of what had become known as G protein coupled receptors (GPCRs), when he and his colleagues cloned the gene and cDNA for the $\beta 2$ adrenergic receptor, and recognized its sequence homology with rhodopsin, thus establishing them as the first members of a new family of proteins, the Seven Transmembrane Receptors (7TMRs). This superfamily is now known to be the largest, most diverse, and most therapeutically assessable. Since then, Dr. Lefkowitz has continued to revolutionize the GPCR field through the cloning of eight adrenergic receptor subtypes and the first serotonin (5HT1A) receptor; discovery and cloning of the G protein coupled receptor kinases (GRKs) and β -arrestins; and discovery of "biased" signaling through β -arrestins or G proteins. He has received numerous awards and honors, including the National Medal of Science, the Shaw Prize, the Albany Prize, and the 2012 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. He was elected to the USA National Academy of Sciences in 1988.

Boston plans for increased security at Marathon

3,500 police officers to be deployed at April event expected to draw 1 million spectators

By Katharine Q. Seelye
THE NEW YORK TIMES

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. — Over the long, cold winter, Boston has been preparing a ceremony to honor those killed and injured in last year’s marathon and to stage a race that will be one of the biggest — and, they said Monday, the safest.

The 118th running of the Boston Marathon, scheduled for April 21, has drawn a huge field of about 36,000 runners, which is capacity for the course and 9,000 more than last year. The runners include thousands who were forced to stop last year after the explosions and thousands more who want to show their solidarity with Boston. (The record number was set in 1996 at the marathon’s centennial celebration, when 38,708 runners entered.)

At least 1 million spectators, twice the usual crowd, are expected

to gather along the 26.2-mile course, many of them at the finish line on Boylston Street, where two bombs exploded, killing three people and injuring 260 others.

The security challenge is immense, in part because the event is spread across eight cities and towns along a route lined by spectators on both sides.

More than 3,500 police officers, twice the number of last year’s, will be deployed, public safety officials said here Monday at a news conference outlining their security plans. Those plans include plainclothes officers, private security contractors, numerous security checkpoints with metal detectors, bomb-sniffing dogs and hundreds of surveillance cameras.

Spectators are being encouraged to carry their belongings in clear plastic bags to speed up security screening and not to carry

backpacks or coolers, wear vests with pockets, or bring baby strollers. Fanny packs are allowed if they measure smaller than 5 inches by 15 inches by 5 inches.

Officials said they had met with security personnel around the world in preparation for this year’s marathon, including several sessions with the New York City Police Department and security officials in London.

“We have to get this right 110 percent of the time; the bad guys only have to get lucky once,” said Kieran L. Ramsey, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI’s Boston office.

Despite the intense security upgrades, officials said they did not want Boston to appear to be a police state and they were trying to retain the festive and traditional character of the event, the oldest continuously run marathon in the world.

“We are confident that the overall experience of runners and spectators will not be impacted and all will enjoy a fun, festive and family-oriented day,” said Kurt N. Schwartz, director of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

The Boston Athletic Association had said that unregistered runners, known as “bandits,” who jump into the race along the route, would be banned this year. But Schwartz demurred when asked about a ban, saying instead that police would respond to them on a case-by-case basis.

The marathon is held on Patriots’ Day, which falls on the third Monday in April and commemorates the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775. It is celebrated in only a few states; in Massachusetts, it is a school holiday, which makes the marathon all the more festive.

“I want to encourage everyone to come out,” said Col. Timothy P. Alben, superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police. “This is the opportunity to show the resiliency of the American public, to celebrate Patriots’ Day, school vacation. We’ve got a Red Sox game at Fenway Park that day. I’d love to see people come out.”

On April 15, the date of last year’s Marathon, a procession of hundreds of people, including survivors of the explosions, families of the dead and emergency medical workers, will walk down Boylston Street and in front of the Boston Public Library to the finish line.

Wreaths will be laid at the sites of the two explosions. At 2:49, when the first bomb went off, churches throughout Boston will toll their bells, sounds that officials said would signal the region’s mourning and its renewal.

Solution to Crossword
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Solution to Techdoku
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Solution to Sudoku I
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Solution to Sudoku II
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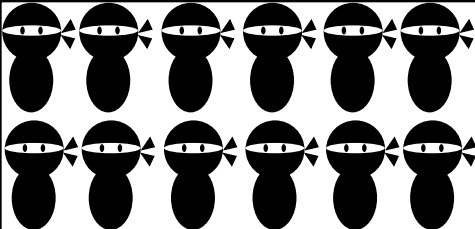
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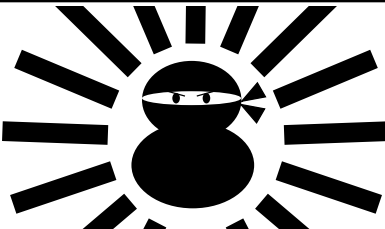
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SpringFest features two acts in concert

Decision took survey into account

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performing in this year's Coachella Festival.

This year's budget for SpringFest will be \$130,000. These funds come directly from the student life fee paid by MIT undergraduates to the Student Activities Office.

As with last year, this year's SpringFest will run throughout the weekend, featuring events organized by student groups, as well as the concert on Saturday. Groups to be represented at SpringFest include SaveTFP, G@MIT, and the Panhellenic Association. Students can expect a multitude of events, including an on-campus carnival, the Greek Olympics, and many more. During SpringFest 2014, G@MIT will also be hosting Fierce Forever, billed as one of the largest student-run drag shows in the world.

"Student groups asked us months ago whether or not this was still happening," Yuschenkoff said in an interview with *The Tech*.

So far, many of last year's participants have agreed to run events during SpringFest 2014, accompanied by many newcomers.

Since this is the second year in a row that SpringFest will be held as a weekend-long event, Osimiri and Yuschenkoff are confident that this year, the events will be better publicized and run more smoothly.

This year's budget for SpringFest will be \$130,000, coming from the student life fee paid by MIT students.

Pre-sale tickets for the SpringFest concert will be available to MIT students for \$10 on March 19. Tickets will go on general MIT sale on March 26 at \$15 for MIT students and \$20 for MIT affiliates. Tickets will be available to local college students for \$20 on April 2.

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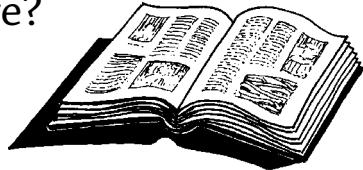
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Top administration decides on closures

DiFava: Safety is most important

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we'd love to delay some of the bigger employers in the area like MIT, like Harvard, is there anything you can do?' That's a consideration."

Barnhart said MIT closes if the governor declares a state of emergency in Massachusetts or if public transit shuts down. But for most storms the decision is not so clear-cut. According to DiFava, decisions have to be made on a case-by-case basis.

Once DiFava makes a recommendation, he discusses it with Marianna C. Pierce, the director of policy, compliance, and labor relations. DiFava then makes a phone call to Anthony P. Sharon, the deputy executive vice president, and Kirk D. Kolenbrander, a vice president and secretary of the Corporation. Collectively, the three arrive at a decision.

"At the end of the day, my decision is based on safety," DiFava said.

Barnhart added: "Harvard and MIT follow the same procedure, and we check on each other as well."

This year, MIT has never closed or opened late, but it has excused late employees.

"It falls on my ability to remove the snow, which is predicated on how many people I have coming in, and how our subcontractor is doing," DiFava said. MIT's long-time contractor, Delesantro, pro-

vides MIT with 15 pieces of large-scale equipment to aid in snow removal.

Norman Magnuson, the grounds services manager, said that Facilities has 40 to 45 staff members who handle snow and plowing during a snowstorm.

"Facilities tries to be at MIT just prior to the start of snow," Magnuson said. "It takes six to eight hours to clear a bad storm after it stops snowing."

Magnuson also said there was a nationwide shortage of salt and ice melt this winter. Despite this shortage, MIT has been able to keep up with this year's snowfall. Boston has seen a total of 53.5 inches of snow this winter so far, 10 inches short of the 2012-2013 total of 63.4 inches, according to National Weather Service statistics.

"We've got it down to a science. Between our Facilities people and our contractor, we do a good job. We're able to get it cleaned up in a pretty quick order," said DiFava.

Last winter, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick declared a state of emergency due to the February 2013 nor'easter. MIT closed for that storm.

"[Governor Patrick] asked that employers consider the fact that it may be worth closing. And that's kind of a message to me," DiFava said. "But this year, it's funny. Where snow fell and in terms of the time the storm started, we were in good shape."



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Participants at Colleges Against Cancer's all-night Relay for Life event dance in the group Zumba exercise Saturday evening in Johnson Indoor Track. The goal of the fundraising event is to increase cancer awareness and raise funds for research, advocacy efforts, education, and patient service programs.

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(5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

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THURSDAY

(3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Built to Last: Opportunity and the Economics of Empowerment talk by Obama Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett — Kresge Auditorium

(5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

Communicating Science: Lessons from a Climate Blogger — 4-370

FRIDAY

(7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.)

Beaver Ball: Celebrating 100 Years of the Mascot — 50-140

(7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.)

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(8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.)

Pi Day — Ashdown

SATURDAY

(6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

MIT Figure Skating Club's Annual Skating Exhibition — Johnson Ice Arena

(8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.)

MIT Symphony Orchestra concert, excerpts from Berlioz's *Romeo et Juliette*, Sibelius' *Symphony No. 1* in E minor — Kresge Auditorium

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By Mindy Brauer
DAPER STAFF

The Roger Williams defense became impenetrable

The back-and-forth scoring resumed until Pingree converted a free-position shot and then set-up Rahilly to even the game at 10 with 9:36 left to play. Despite Roger Williams's efforts to slow down the action, DiDio replied with

MIT returns to action on Tuesday, March 11 when it hosts Eastern Connecticut State University while Roger Williams continues its road trip on Monday, March 10 when it visits the College of Mount Saint Vincent.

Men's volleyball team comes out victorious

By Mindy Brauer
DAPER STAFF

In its only match of the day on Saturday, MIT defeated Hilbert, 25-18, 25-21, 25-21. Kenneth M. Siebert '14 paced the balanced attack with 10 kills and a 0.643 hitting percentage to go along with two aces. Alexander C. Klein '15 produced seven kills and a 0.455 hitting performance as Bradley L. Gross '15 turned in seven kills, a 0.429 hitting effort, and two blocks. Sean D. Kropp '17 also bolstered the front row with seven kills while Andrew A. Busse '15 generated two blocks. Martin J. Krasuski '17 recorded 10 digs and three aces as Brendan S. Chang '16 collected eight digs. Paul M. Syta '14 tallied 10 assists, five digs, four kills, and

Next up for MIT will be a home match against first-time opponent Marymount University on Wednesday, March 12.

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