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Students practice lightsaber duelling at Splash, a weekend-long teaching and learning extravaganza organized by MIT Educational Studies Program, 19 and 20 November. The first in-person Splash in three years attracted over one thousand participants and featured a wide variety of classes.

Building access for the general public will be exapnded Dec 1

Access to the libraries and “Main Group” of campus buildings, Lobby 7, and the Infinite will be restored

By Srinidhi Narayanan
NEWS EDITOR

Provost Cynthia Barnhart PhD '88 shared changes to building access policy in an email to the MIT community Nov. 29.

Barnhart wrote that building access for the general public will be expanded, with access to the libraries and “Main Group of campus buildings, including Lobby 7 and the Infinite Corridor” being restored.

Effective Thursday, Dec. 1, “many buildings” will be open to the public on weekdays; “other buildings” will be open to the public during stated public access hours; the turnstiles in Lobby 7 will be opened to enable easy access to the Infinite Corridor. The buildings in question are marked with orange and blue dots respectively on this map.

MIT announced in August that restrictions on access to some campus buildings, instituted during the COVID-19 pandemic, would remain in place. Following backlash to the initial policy announcement, MIT Administration stated that they would proceed with the approach for the fall semester, but would “continue the conversation” for the spring semester “and beyond.”

Barnhart and Executive Vice President and Treasurer Glen Shor sent students a survey Oct. 4 to “assess and calibrate the Institute’s ap-

proach to building access.” Responses were collected for ten days.

Barnhart wrote about the survey results in her Nov. 29 email, stating that “we learned that members of our community place different priorities on campus safety, ease of access, and a welcoming environment for visitors, and that any successful solution must balance all of these values.”

She included a link to the complete survey results as well. Of the 22,687 invited participants, 7044 (31%) responded. Included in the survey were some basic access statistics: questions like “In the past week, how many days were you on campus?” and “What times are you usually on campus?”

Respondents were also asked about their feelings on various elements pertaining to campus access and could rate each aspect on a scale of 1 (not a priority) to 5 (essential). In particular, they were asked about the importance of various aspects of building policy — easy access to buildings or facilities of work and study, safety of buildings or facilities of work and study, a campus that feels welcoming to visitors, and easy access of buildings and facilities for personal visitors. The average ratings were 4.5, 4.2, 3.8, and 3.5, respectively.

Respondents were asked if they felt that they could arrange building access for their visitors with ease

(rating ease from 1 to 5), to which they responded with an average of 4.5 for an alternative daytime hours approach.

Finally, they were asked whether they would prefer a pre-COVID conditions approach to the current (restricted access) approach, and whether they would prefer an alternative daytime hours approach to the current approach. 53% and 71% of respondents indicated strong agreement (rating of 4 or 5) for the two questions, respectively. 32% and 25% indicated strong disagreement (rating of 1 or 2).

The August announcement about continuing restrictions saw organized activity from students and alumni — prominent among them was Cambridge City Councillor Burhan Azeem '19. Azeem tweeted about the decision to expand public access, writing “Over the last few months, I’ve been engaging with MIT about reopening their campus. Today, I’m excited to say main campus will fully reopen to the public on weekdays & the turnstiles will be fully removed! It’s not everything but it’s a huge step, thank you @MIT!”

Barnhart concluded the email by sharing that the Institute would launch a working group charged with assessing potential security enhancements at the Main Group and along the Infinite Corridor, also linking some additional details.



AUSTIN CHIN

Lion Dance performance at the annual Nightmarket, November 28.

IN SHORT

Pre-registration for spring term and Independent Activities Period (IAP) begins Dec. 1.

PE registration for IAP is Dec. 7.

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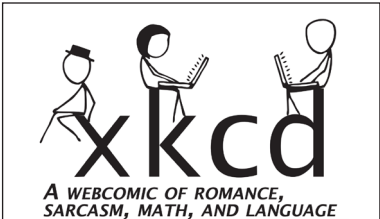
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WEATHER

Watch for winds and rainy weather

By Amena Khatun

Did you enjoy Wednesday afternoon's dose of winds? Hopefully so, since more are on the way today and Saturday. A storm system is blowing in from the west, along with another one a couple days behind, giving us two doses of wind and rain in the same week. Make sure you stay prepared with a raincoat or jacket. Friday will act as somewhat of a reprieve, however, giving us a day of mild sun

before the storm on Saturday.

In other weather news, winter weather has been throttling the Pacific northwest. The combination of snowfall and below average temperatures caused widespread power outages and school closures. The southern United States has also been experiencing severe weather, with severe thunderstorms and tornadoes rocking Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama along with neighboring states.

Extended Forecast

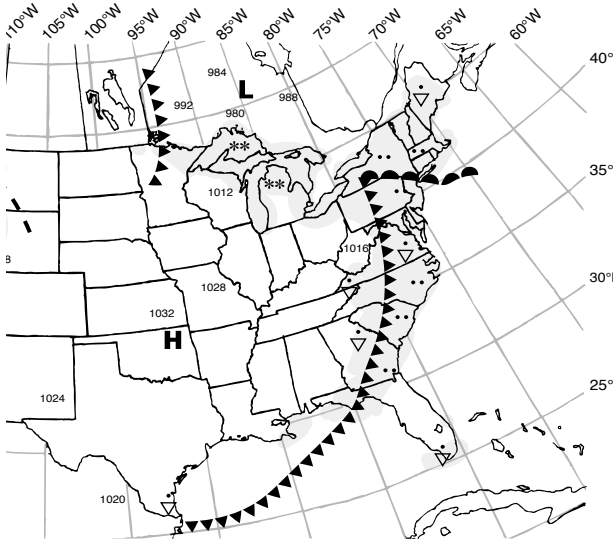
Today: Sunny. High around 42°F (6°C). West winds around 11-20 mph with gusts reaching 44 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear. Low around 29°F (-2°C). West winds around 6-11 mph with gusts reaching 28 mph.

Friday: Sunny with clouds moving in at night. High around 47°F (8°C) and low around 36°F (2°C). South winds around 3-9 mph.

Saturday: Rainy, clearing up in the late evening. High around 60°F (16°C) and low around 35°F (2°C). South winds around 15-21 mph with gusts reaching 41 mph.

Sunday: Sunny. High around 45°F (7°C) and low around 30°F (-1°C). West winds around 6-10 mph with gusts reaching 21 mph.



Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Thursday, December 1, 2022

Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow * Showers ∇	Fog ☁
L Low Pressure	—••• Warm Front	Light * Moderate ** Heavy ***	Thunderstorm ⚡
§ Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front		Haze ☁
	▲▲▲ Stationary Front		



Grad student Sarah Weiss cycles down the course at the ECCC Cyclocross Championships in Raynham, MA, Saturday.

Solution to Crunch

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Solution to So Close

from page 3

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Solution to Aisles

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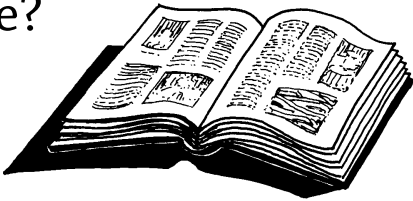
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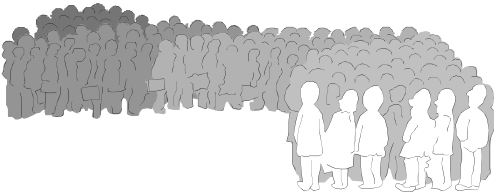
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Crunch time

Solution, page 2

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

So close

Solution, page 2

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

In the Aisles

Solution, page 2

ACROSS

- 1 Coffee holders made of paper
- 5 Drag from behind, as a car
- 8 Much-admired celebrities
- 13 Well-qualified
- 14 Ankle-length skirt
- 15 Unusual knickknack
- 16 Appear to be
- 17 Eve’s son after Cain
- 18 Opinion piece
- 19 Person collecting tickets on a railroad
- 22 Taunter’s shout
- 23 Negative vote
- 24 Houston baseball player
- 27 Vacation excursion
- 29 Six-point football scores: Abbr.
- 32 Parcel out
- 33 Man’s “three-piece” attire
- 34 A Great Lake
- 35 Person serving meals on an airplane
- 38 Italy’s capital, to Italians
- 39 Color that also means “sad”

- 40 Office assistants
- 41 Have a debt to pay
- 42 Soil-chopping tools
- 43 Performed in a movie
- 44 2,000 pounds
- 45 Suffix meaning “sort of”
- 46 Person pushing a cart in a supermarket
- 54 Open and close one’s eyes quickly
- 55 Make less difficult
- 56 Tip of an ear
- 57 Traditional Native American tent
- 58 What “+” means
- 59 Actor Alda
- 60 Filled with unwanted plants, as a lawn
- 61 Get a look at
- 62 Round toy on a string

DOWN

- 1 Group of a film’s performers
- 2 Lyft’s ridesharing rival
- 3 “Not guilty,” for example
- 4 “Half” prefix for circle
- 5 Something forbidden

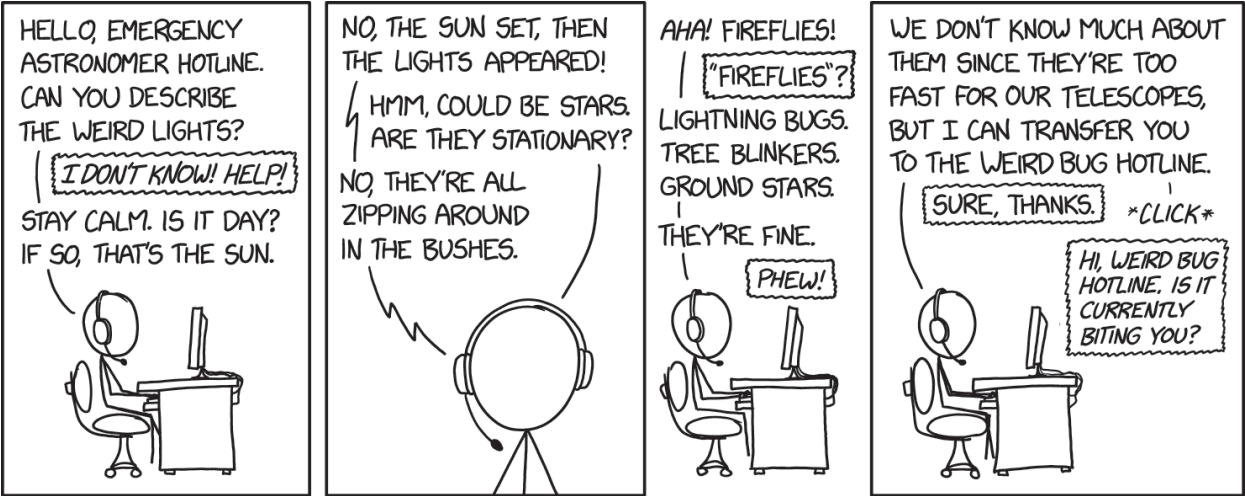
- 6 Plow-pulling animals
- 7 Untamed
- 8 South Pole’s frozen covering
- 9 Coated with powdery dirt
- 10 Approximately
- 11 Person telling fibs
- 12 __ sauce (Asian condiment)
- 14 Very manly
- 20 Toward the Arctic
- 21 Join forces
- 24 Grant permission for
- 25 Sticky mud
- 26 Garment for Julius Caesar
- 27 Ballerinas’ skirts
- 28 Any solemn ceremony
- 29 Make a swap
- 30 Had a fine meal
- 31 Full collections
- 32 Spherical hairstyle
- 33 Reduced-price event
- 34 Revise, as a manuscript
- 36 Hyphenated steak order
- 37 Tortilla chip
- 42 Sport with a puck
- 43 Fireplace residues
- 44 Having firm muscles
- 45 Magazine edition

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- 46 Great joy
- 47 Ready to be harvested
- 48 Sales agents, for short
- 49 Connecticut Ivy League school

- 50 Theatrical production
- 51 Sport played on horseback
- 52 Auction website
- 53 Nevada casino city
- 54 Texter’s “Incidentally . . .”

[2633] Astronomer Hotline



Employment statistics have to correct for the fact that the Weird Bug Hotline hires on a bunch of extra temporary staff every 17 years.

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In a world of powders, fake sugars, and bad bubble tea, Yi Fang Taiwan Fruit Tea refuses to take shortcuts. If you want a smoothie made with Oreo, prefer your drink topped with popping bubbles, or expect seasonal drinks to mean things like gingerbread smoothies and eggnog slush, look elsewhere. But if you want simple, traditional drinks made with intense attention to detail, then this is the place for you. When you come to Yi Fang Taiwan Fruit Tea, their website tells you exactly what to expect: “old-fashioned Taiwanese premium tea.”

Overall, I had a great experience! Faccia a Faccia's new brunch menu left a strong impression. Coupling delicious food with great customer service, the restaurant is a lovely brunch spot positioned perfectly in the lively scenery of Newbury Street.

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