

GOOD LUCK WITH FINALS WEEK AND HAVE A GOOD WINTER BREAK!



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MIT President Dr. Sally Kornbluth testifies at a House Education and Workforce Committee Hearing on confronting antisemitism, at the U.S. Capitol, Tuesday, December 5.

President Kornbluth testifies before U.S. house committee in hearing on antisemitism

Kornbluth on protest chants: “There’s a difference between what we can say to each other – that is, what we have a right to say – and what we should say as members of one community.”

By Alex Tang, Alor Sahoo, Russel Ismael, Josh Nix, Tina Zhang, Jayashabari Shankar

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A Summon To Testify

MIT President Sally Kornbluth testified before the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce on Dec. 5. The committee titled the hearing “Holding Campus Leaders Accountable and Confronting Antisemitism” in a press release dated Nov. 28. Harvard President Claudine Gay and former University of Pennsylvania President Elizabeth Magill, and Pamela Nadell, professor of history and Jewish studies at American University, were present alongside Kornbluth.

The Testimony

In her opening statement, Kornbluth stated that she “abhor[s]

antisemitism” and said that her administration “is combatting it actively.” She added that since Oct. 7, her campus communications have been “crystal clear about the dangers of antisemitism and about the atrocity of the Hamas terror attack.”

With regards to the chants in recent demonstrations, Kornbluth believes that “there’s a difference between what we can say to each other – that is, what we have a right to say – and what we should say, as members of one community.”

Kornbluth said that “the right to free speech certainly does not extend to harassment, discrimination or incitement to violence in our community.” She added that policies have been established to “regulate the time, place, and manner of demonstrations” and that “reports of student conduct that may violate our policies are

handled through our faculty-led Committee on Discipline.”

Kornbluth said the administration “is intensifying our central efforts to combat antisemitism.” She noted that she is “deeply concerned about the rise in prejudice and hatred against Arabs, Muslims, and Palestinians, nationally and in our community, and we are determined to combat that as well.”

Kornbluth noted efforts amongst members of the MIT community to “counter hate.” She said, “thanks to an inspiring group of faculty members, we are seeing more discussion among students with conflicting views.”

Kornbluth concluded, “We know there is further work to do. But we are seeing progress. And MIT’s vital mission continues.”

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MIT holds annual Winterfest festival

Kornbluth: “Winterfest is more than a holiday celebration.”

By Tina Zhang and Russel Ismael

STAFF WRITERS

Members of the MIT community gathered at the Stata Center and Koch Institute on Dec. 12 to celebrate the annual Winterfest. Hundreds attended, with many sampling various treats and enjoying the holiday ambience.

Josh Marchant, a graduate student in Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology program, said in an interview with The Tech that he enjoyed the event.

“It’s been a great event. The food’s been enjoyable, and I was able to remind my wife to come, so we’ve been able to enjoy it,” Marchant stated. “Overall, it’s been a fun way to destress over

the semester.”

Marchant further said that the Winterfest helped “kick off a transition to the holidays” and believed that the MIT community congregating at Stata was a “really big plus.” He added that it would be great if these events continued.

“It’s nice to sort of be on campus without feeling the stress of being on campus over a test or an assignment, and do something a little more fun and relaxing [instead].” Marchant said.

In an email to *The Tech*, MIT President Kornbluth said, “this was my first Winterfest, and I was delighted to be part of it.”

For Kornbluth, the Winterfest provides an “an opportunity to

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IN SHORT

Final exams will begin next week, beginning from Dec. 18 to Dec. 22.

Final grade deadline for subjects without final exams will be Dec. 19.

Pre-registration for the spring term and IAP begins Dec. 1.

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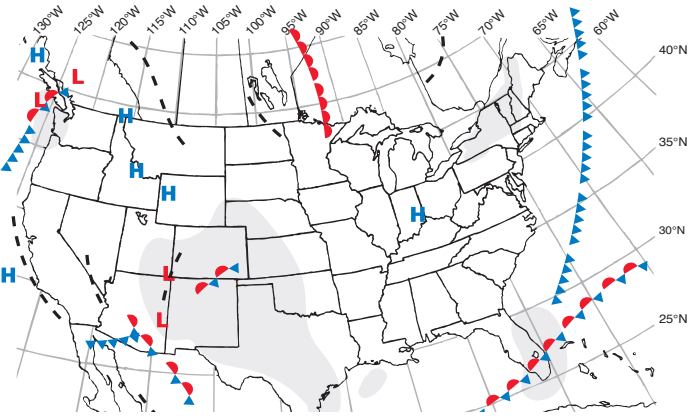
WEATHER

Sparkling days for the start of finals

By Rine Pan
METEOROLOGIST

As we head into the end of the semester, we're luckily seeing some days filled with bright sunlight to recharge your morale before the exam season begins. The end of the week brings about both unusually warm weather as well as the final crunch time for most students on campus, so be sure to take breaks from cramming in the library to enjoy the rejuvenating weather over the weekend.

Cloudy weather on Sunday brings this brief respite to a close, with nighttime showers acting as a precursor for more precipitation further along the week. Keep in mind that we might be seeing some snowy scenes at the start of next week, as flurry systems move from western Massachusetts and upstate New York into the harbor as many students prepare to head out for break. Make sure to bundle up to stay warm and healthy for the last stretch before freedom!



Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Thursday, November 30, 2023

Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	--- Trough	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	Warm Front	Rain ∇	Thunderstorm
§ Hurricane	Cold Front	Light **	Haze ∞
	Stationary Front	Moderate ***	
		Heavy ****	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

Extended Forecast

Today: Sunny. High around 38°F (3°C). Northwest winds 10-13 mph.
Tonight: Clear skies. Low around 32°F (0°C). Southwest winds around 10-15 mph.
Friday: Sunny. High around 50°F (10°C) and low around 38°F (3°C). West winds around 11-13 mph.
Saturday: Sunny. High around 50°F (10°C) and low around 35°F (2°C). Northwest winds around 9-12 mph.
Sunday: Cloudy with a chance of rain. High around 50°F (10°C) and low around 42°F (6°C). Southeast winds around 7-10 mph.

Kornbluth to speak on accusations of antisemitism on MIT campus

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A contentious hearing followed. Representatives questioned the presidents, including President Kornbluth. Kornbluth stated, "college campuses are a crucible of ideas where students are side by side." She highlighted that "speech can be a form of harassment and our policies make absolutely clear that harassment is punishable." Kornbluth added, "Coming from a majority STEM institution, I cannot even think of a place where it's even more important for our students to also learn the humanities...we all have to live and work together as people and in order for us to be successful."

The Aftermath

Later on the afternoon of Dec. 5, Kornbluth wrote in an email to the MIT community saying that in the weeks following Oct. 7, students, faculty, and staff "have shared with me a wide range of views on the tragic situation in the Middle East and on its repercussions on our campus." She stated that every conversation has taught me something important. Kornbluth highlighted the Institute's new effort, "Standing Together against Hate." She also noted a faculty letter that

states "we must maintain and strengthen the bonds of friendship and collegiality that cut across political, ethnic, and religious differences, especially in the face of the rising tides of violence and hatred abroad and on university campuses." In concluding her email, Kornbluth said, "We cannot and must not let events in the world drive us apart, or erode our respect for each other's humanity, or thwart the great mission we're here to pursue together." On Dec. 7, the MIT Corporation released a statement affirming its support for President Kornbluth. Mark P. Gorenberg '76, Chair of the MIT corporation, wrote that "I and the Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation entirely support President Kornbluth." The full statement from the Corporation is as follows: "The MIT Corporation chose Sally to be our president for her excellent academic leadership, her judgment, her integrity, her moral compass, and her ability to unite our community around MIT's core values. She has done excellent work in leading our community, including in addressing antisemitism, Islamophobia, and other forms of hate, all of which we reject utterly at MIT. She has our full and unreserved support."

Winterfest 2023 held at Stata, Koch



OMAR OROZCO - THE TECH

The MIT community enjoys the Fall 2023 Winterfest celebrations in Stata, Tuesday, December 12. Winterfest, from Page 1

come together in the spirit of this season of light and goodwill, and a reminder to cherish our colleagues and friends." She added, "It's a wonderful MIT tradition to mark the end of the fall semester and kick off the winter season by gathering with colleagues and friends for a well-deserved break." Furthermore, Kornbluth said that "I've been working with my leadership team on larger issues about strengthening the fabric of our community, and Winterfest is a continuation of that effort." Kornbluth also highlighted the collective efforts of the Institute's events team that planned the Winterfest event. "I'm grateful to the Institute Events team for all the work and planning they put into creating it," She wrote. "Events like this, where we can be together as a community, are always important, but they are especially meaningful in difficult times." Prior to assuming the presidency of MIT, Kornbluth served as Provost of Duke University. In comparison to MIT, Kornbluth wrote, "We had lovely winter celebrations at Duke, too, but it was less chilly and didn't get dark as early as it does here." Nevertheless, she said, "Winterfest is a great way to help create some more warmth and light."



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MIT community members participate in a rally organized by MIT Coalition for Palestine in protest of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, Wednesday, December 13.

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Upcoming Sports Events

NO UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS
*FUTURE EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED AFTER
WINTER BREAK*

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- Friday, December 1st:**
- Men's Squash lost to University of Virginia 0-11
- Saturday, December 2nd:**
- Men's Water Polo lost to the Redlands 6-15 in the DIII Championships
 - Men's Squash lost 3-6 at Dartmouth College
 - Men's Basketball lost to Fitchburg State University 75-78
 - Women's Basketball defeated Brandeis University 77-60
- Sunday, December 3rd:**
- Men's Fencing defeated Lawrence University 18-9
 - Women's Fencing defeated Lawrence University 24-3
 - Men's Fencing lost to St. John's University 11-16
 - Women's Fencing lost to St. John's University 13-14
 - Men's Squash defeated Navy 5-4
 - Men's Water Polo defeated Augustana College 11-9 in the DIII Championships
 - Women's Swimming and Diving placed 1st of 7 at the MIT Winter Invite
 - Men's Swimming and Diving placed 2nd of 5 at the MIT Winter Invite
 - Women's Fencing defeated Tufts University 16-11
 - Men's Fencing lost to Yale University 5-22
 - Men's Fencing lost to Cornell University 11-16
 - Women's Fencing lost to Cornell University 9-18
 - Men's Fencing defeated Yeshiva University 27-0
 - Men's Fencing defeated Yeshiva University 25-2
 - Men's Fencing lost to Drew University 9-18
 - Women's Fencing defeated Drew University 23-4
- Tuesday, December 5th:**
- Women's Basketball defeated Bridgewater State University 89-82
- Wednesday, December 6th:**
- Men's Basketball defeated Springfield College 72-71
- Saturday, December 9th:**
- Men's Basketball lost to Wheaton College 56-76
 - Women's Basketball defeated Trinity College 79-68
- Monday, December 11th:**
- Women's Basketball played against Westfield State University
 - Men's Basketball played against Husson University

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SEASON UPDATES

Fall Sports Season Summary

By Hannah Friedman

The Engineers had an electric fall season. Here are some highlights! Women's Volleyball debuted strong and ended the season with a 9th NEWMAC championship. They won the MIT Quad Tournament Title (their 11th title in the 15 year history of the event), captured the New England Challenge title for the second year in a row, and collected NEWMAC and AVCA honors. Emily Cheng and Consecrata Rozario were named to the AVCA All-America Team.

Sailing won the Toni Deutsch '58 Regatta and the Smith Trophy.

In Field Hockey, Paige Forester broke the program record for goals with a stunning total of 70 against Smith College on September 15th. The team made it all the

way to the NEWMAC championships, and received NFHCA Postseason Accolades.

Women's Tennis won many awards at the MIT Invitational and Katya Shepherd Johnson led the Engineers to the Singles Semi-Finals at the ITA New England Championship (where MIT tied its program record with 12 players selected to play in the tournament).

Women's and Men's Cross Country took first place and second place respectively at the Purple Valley Classic, second place and first place respectively at the Pre-National Classic, and both the Women's and Men's team claimed the NEWMAC championship title. Men's Cross Country also won the NCAA regional crown. Sam Acquavia and Riley Macon receive the USTFCCCA Regional Accolades.

Women's Indoor Track and Field had

Alexis Boykin set a program record in the weight throw.

Men's Lightweight Crew emerged victorious at the Quinsigamond Regatta. Women's Openweight Crew emerge victorious at the Head of the Fish.

Men's Water Polo won the Division III East Championship title. Women's Soccer claimed the NEWMAC championship title and earned the All-Region, All-American, and Regional Coaching Staff of the Year honors.

Men's Fencing collected 6 top 10 finishes at The Big One and Andy Zhang was named NFC Rookie of the Year and Fencer of the year. Women's Fencing had Kristen Palmer named NCAA Woman of the Year finalist and Hannah Tao was named NFC Rookie of the Year. Both Men's Fencing and Women's Fencing held undefeated

records in the NFC Competition.

MIT Football earned NEWMAC honors.

Women's Swimming and Diving had multiple record breaking performances that earned them the win at the MIT Invite.

Overall, MIT had 138 student athletes qualify for the NEWMAC Fall Academic All-Conference Honors and 7 Engineers were named to the NEWMAC All-Sportsmanship Team.

These are some of the big wins and awards the Engineers accomplished over the Fall season.

I recommend attending some games and showing support to our stellar student-athletes. It's time that these athletes start getting the recognition from the student body that they deserve.

Nearly half of Israeli munitions dropped on Gaza are ‘dumb bombs’

Natasha Bertrand, Katie Bo Lillis
CNN

GAZA — Nearly half of the air-to-ground munitions that Israel has used in Gaza in its war with Hamas since October 7 have been unguided, otherwise known as “dumb bombs,” according to a new US intelligence assessment.

The assessment, compiled by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and described to CNN by three sources who have seen it, says that about 40-45% of the 29,000 air-to-ground munitions Israel has used have been unguided. The rest have been precision-guided munitions, the assessment says.

Unguided munitions are typically less precise and can pose a greater threat to civilians, especially in such a densely populated area like Gaza. The rate at which Israel is using the dumb bombs may be contributing to the soaring civilian death toll.

On Tuesday, President Joe Biden said Israel has been engaged in “indiscriminate bombing” in Gaza.

The reporting on the assessment comes at an extremely sensitive time in US-Israeli relations, as the White House struggled on Wednesday to explain Biden’s comment that Israel is engaged in “indiscriminate bombing” while at the same time claiming that Israel is trying to protect civilians.

A growing rift between the two countries has opened over how the Israeli military is carrying out its operations in Gaza in its war against Hamas, which it launched after Hamas killed more than 1,200 Israelis on October 7.

Biden said on Tuesday that Israel is losing the support of the international community as the death toll rises in Gaza, where more than 18,000 Palestinians have been killed over the last two months, according to the Hamas-run Gaza Ministry of Health. The US is also becoming increasingly isolated internationally as it refuses to back calls for a cease-fire in the conflict.

A US official told CNN that the US believes that the Israeli military is using the dumb bombs in conjunction with a tactic called “dive

bombing,” or dropping a bomb while diving steeply in a fighter jet, which the official said makes the bombs more precise because it gets it closer to its target. The official said the US believes that an unguided munition dropped via dive-bombing is similarly precise to a guided munition.

Kirby said on Wednesday that Israel is “doing everything they can to reduce civilian casualties.” But the US has repeatedly urged Israel to be more precise and deliberate in its targeting of Hamas fighters inside Gaza, CNN has reported.

Still, the Biden administration currently has no plans to place conditions on the military aid it is providing to Israel, CNN reported on Wednesday. That is despite growing calls by Democratic lawmakers and human rights organizations for the US to stop providing weapons unless Israel does more to protect civilians. A US official said that Biden ultimately believes that a strategy of quiet pressure on Israel to change its tactics has been more effective than threatening to withhold weapons.

Arctic Report Card proves “time for action is now” on climate change

Emily Mae Czachor
CBS NEWS

WORLD — Not unlike the rest of the Earth, this summer was the hottest ever recorded in the Arctic, where scientists say human-caused climate change is heating things up faster than anywhere else in the world. Marked consequences of that have already been seen and felt in communities in and around the planet’s northernmost polar region, and their domino effects could end up being even more severe and widespread than they are now.

Citing its latest Arctic Report Card — an annual assessment of how the region is faring environmentally and released this week — the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration warned that ongoing carbon emissions, in the United States and beyond, will only continue to drive dramatic changes in the Arctic that in turn contribute to extreme weather events in places far from there. Officials with the agency urged people to take action.

“The overriding message from this year’s report card is that the time for action is now,” said Rick Spinrad, the administrator of the NOAA, in a statement. “NOAA and our federal partners have ramped up our support and collaboration with state, tribal and local communities to help build climate resilience. At the same time, we as a nation and global community must dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions that are driving these changes.”

The report came out after the United Nations’ weather agency declared earlier this year that the planet had experienced its hottest three-month stretch on record over the summer, with experts drawing distinct connections to between the soaring temperatures and devastating wildfires that scorched huge areas of land across multiple continents and depleted air quality to an extent that threatened human health. And, more recently, the European Union’s Copernicus Climate Change Service announced that 2023 was globally the hottest year on

record, too.

Changes in the Arctic region directly impacted some of the extreme weather this summer across large and more southern parts of North America, with experts linking “unprecedented” polar temperature increases to the warmer spring and early snowmelt over northern Canada that laid the foundation for its worst wildfire season to date.

The consequences could extend further, as the 2023 report showed a continued decline in sea ice extent and melting on the highest point on Greenland’s ice sheet — which has only happened five times in 34 years. A separate study on melting in Greenland, published in November, showed that ice shelved in the region lost more than 1/3 of its volume in the last 50 years because of rising temperatures.

The 2023 Arctic Report Card showcased communities and organizations, like the Alaska Arctic Observatory, that are working on solutions to combat climate change and its far-reaching impacts.

In Moscow soldiers’ wives make camouflage nets, minefield signs

Andrew Osborn
REUTERS

MOSCOW — Natalia Yermakova’s husband, Alexander, has been fighting in Ukraine for over a year after responding to President Vladimir Putin’s mobilisation call as a volunteer. Wounded in the leg, he was operated on and then sent back to the front.

A believer in what Russia calls its “special military operation” against Ukraine, Natalia is toiling as a volunteer in a “Family Battalion” in Moscow.

She is one of a group of around 40 mostly female relatives of mobilised men who thread camouflage netting, make signs to mark minefields, gather candles to be used in dug-outs, and put food parcels together in their free time.

The relatives take turns accompanying the deliveries they assemble - in a more-than-30-year-old van - to the Russian military in what Yermakova calls “the new territories” - Ukrainian land annexed by Russia.

“We really want to support them (the soldiers) morally and emotionally and send them a message...that what they are doing there is needed by people here,” Yermakova told Reuters, while taking a break from threading a giant camouflage net.

Some wives of Russian soldiers fighting in Ukraine are demanding that their husbands, who they say have not been given enough breaks to spend time with their families, be demobilised and their places taken by others

“I believe that Russia is waking up, waking up from its sleep, and understands that it (the war) is not just happening for no reason and that there are compelling reasons for it.”

That’s a reference to the Kremlin’s narrative that the conflict is part of a wider existential struggle for a fairer world order against what Putin sees as a decadent West bent on containing Russia.

The West brands Russia’s actions in Ukraine as a brutal and unpro-

voked land grab, but this view finds little purchase among Russians like Yermakova. They accuse Ukraine of mistreating Russian speakers in the east since 2014 when a Russian-backed uprising erupted there. Kyiv denies the charge.

Yermakova said threading camouflage nets to help conceal trenches and to fit on soldiers’ helmets was the volunteers’ main task because it could help save their husbands’ lives by keeping them safe from enemy drones.

She and others have also started sewing bandages and baking apple and cabbage pies to send to their men.

Yermakova said she had made several delivery runs, describing the area close to the frontline as “a different world.”

Despite the grim nature of war, she said that she and her husband tried to bring a bit of normality to their lives by practising tango dancing, something they both loved, on the rare occasions they saw each other.

Somalia secures \$4.5 billion debt relief deal with intl. creditors

Somalia on Wednesday secured a \$4.5 billion debt relief deal from its international creditors, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank said, which will allow the nation to develop economically and take on new projects.

The deal comes as part of a debt forgiveness program —called the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries initiative— overseen by both organizations. As a result of its participation in the program, Somalia’s external debt will fall from 64 percent of GDP in 2018 to less than 6 percent of GDP by the end of 2023, the IMF and World Bank say in a joint news release.

Somalia’s national debt currently exceeds \$5 billion, according to official figures.

U.S. Treasury said it intends to cancel 100 percent of Somalia’s remaining claims and “urges Somalia’s other bilateral creditors to be equally generous and to move expeditiously.”

The deal is “a significant milestone in Somalia’s path to continued recovery and meaningful reform to promote greater stability and economic opportunities for the Somali people,” U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said.

“Debt forgiveness will lead to a change in the world’s perception of the country’s economic stability, he said. “Somalia will be able to access global funds and investments from all over the world, as it is open to international financial markets.”

Somalia remains one of the world’s poorest countries, beset mostly by security challenges stemming from years of unrest.

Debt relief will free up revenue, including from meager but expanding domestic sources, to invest in key public infrastructure, said Mohamed Mohamud Adde, an independent political analyst and academic based in Mogadishu.

“It is crucial for the Somali government to have its debts cleared, since the government is not able to raise taxes from the public and cannot borrow money from international institutions due to these debts,” he said. “The old infrastructure of Somalia has been eroded by time and civil war. Thus, building new roads is essential for the country’s development. This would create jobs and facilitate people’s ability to trade with each other. ”

—Fatima Hussein and Omar Faruk, Associated Press

Why the Indian Ocean could be China’s Achilles’ heel in a Taiwan war

Every day, nearly 60 fully loaded very large crude-oil carriers sail between the Persian Gulf and Chinese ports, carrying about half of the oil that powers the world’s second-largest economy.

As the vessels enter the South China Sea, they ply waters increasingly controlled by China’s growing military, from the missile batteries and airfields at its bases on disputed islands to its stealthy Type 055 destroyers.

But when crossing the Indian Ocean, joined by others headed to China from Africa and Brazil, these tankers lack protection in a naval theatre dominated by the U.S.

A dozen military attaches and scholars say that vulnerability is now being scrutinised as Western military and academic strategists discreetly game scenarios about how a conflict with China over Taiwan, or elsewhere in East Asia, could evolve or escalate.

In a major war, Chinese oil tankers in the Indian Ocean “would find themselves very vulnerable”, said David Brewster, a security scholar at the Australian National University.

“Chinese naval vessels would effectively be trapped in the Indian Ocean and ... they would have little or no air support, because there are no bases or facilities of its own that (China) could rely on.”

Four envoys and eight analysts familiar with discussions in Western and Asian capitals, some speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive topic, said this enduring weakness gives China’s adversaries a ladder of escalatory options, especially in a drawn-out conflict, like Russia’s war on Ukraine.

—Greg Torode, Reuters

Images of stripped, humiliated Palestinians draw condemnation

The images of the Palestinian men, stripped to their underwear, forced to kneel, some bound, some blindfolded in the custody of Israeli soldiers, were certain to provoke extreme emotions.

When they exploded on social media, similar language across multiple tweets suggested a campaign — organized or spontaneous — to get them to the public.

As photos and video spread on X, Facebook and other platforms last week, they were picked up by Israeli media. “Images circulate of dozens of Hamas terrorists surrendering in Gaza,” the Jerusalem Post trumpeted in a typical headline. Israel’s military, which censors the Israeli media, did not object to the characterization or prevent the images’ spread.

Quickly, though, claims that the detainees were Hamas militants were challenged. Palestinians in Gaza identified relatives who they said were not fighters. Some of them were released. The images, rights activists say, began to convey something different, and darker: an attempt to humiliate and dehumanize Palestinians.

This week, the United States, Israel’s closest ally, called the images “deeply disturbing.”

Now they are indelible: an enduring cause for rage among Palestinians and anger in the region. For some, they stir echoes of the tableaux of torture that emerged during the Iraq War from the U.S.-run detention center at Abu Ghraib prison.

“No world leaders asking what’s the fate of Palestinians arrested, stripped, and humiliated by Israeli forces,” Ruba Ali al-Hassani, an Iraqi sociologist, wrote on X soon after the images appeared. “... We live in wretched world that repeatedly tells us what it is.”

For some, the public degradation triggered memories of their own ordeals. “You have no idea what this will do to you,” said Mohammad Mattar, 46, a Palestinian man who was detained by Israeli settlers and soldiers in the West Bank in October and was stripped to his underwear and photographed, in images that were posted on social media.

—Kareem Fahim, William Booth, Sufian Taha, Hazem Blousha, Washington Post

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Even a laudably broad commitment to free speech would not shield against the consequences of violating the ASA's bylaws

My first real exposure to this concept was in 17.035 (aka 21H.181), where Harvey Silvergate was invited to speak to our class one day. Mr. Silvergate is one of the co-founders of the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), which is one of the leading advocacy groups for free speech protections on college campuses across the United States. During our conversation with him, one of my classmates raised a

Finally, there is the reason that Mr. Silverglate provided for his view in my 17.035 class: He would want to know

I have not been to campus recently, so I cannot personally attest to the current atmosphere here. However, to the extent that any students have been intimidated by rhetoric on campus to a sufficient degree such that, e.g., they are legitimately fearful to venture to

Now, my understanding, based on communication from the MIT administration, is that the Committee on Discipline ("COD") is currently investigating individuals against whom complaints in this matter have been filed. Firstly, in light of recent events, it should be reiterated that the COD must investigate these complaints. Any attempt by the administration to delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere in proceedings would be not only deeply wrong-headed and immoral, but also insulting and injurious to all the members of our community who have filed complaints. Moreover, I strongly urge the COD to provide due process to all those it investigates and to ultimately pursue proper sanctions, up to and potentially including expulsion, against all those, and only those, who crossed this line from protected "hate speech" to unprotected "severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive" harassment aimed against other members of our community, or those who violated MIT's content-neutral "time, place, and manner" policies (discussed further below).

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DEI bureaucracy fails the stress test

How much was spent on all of this? The employment site Glassdoor reports that the low end for salaries of Assistant Deans at MIT is about \$100K. Add up salaries of over a hundred people at this level, their support staff, benefits for all, and ordinary office overhead at average Institute burden rates,

From IDHR: “The objective of MIT’s Institute Discrimination & Harassment Response Office (IDHR) is to prevent and address discrimination and discrimi-

So now we are to believe that the solution, however well intentioned, is STAH: that STAH will attend to those identities (somehow) overlooked by DEI/BAC/IDHR. The evidence is incontrovertible that these bureaucracies have failed to allow (at least) our Jewish community to “feel welcome, valued and respected” or to “prevent and address discrimi-

Before we create another misguided bureaucracy—and particularly before we select the next Institute Community and Equity Officer, this failure of the existing administrative offices should be recognized by an immediate hiring freeze and a thorough examination of these programs by an objective outside party. A potential model for such an inquiry is the retention of a major law firm as MIT did in the Epstein affair, which resulted in an overhaul of the Institute's policies for accepting gifts. President Kornbluth, having inherited this bureaucracy, should have a free hand

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By Susan Hong

love,
susan

meshing!!

"and i'm not sure why, but i will see you soon" - beabadoobee,
"see you soon"

By Vi Trinh

i love people!

even if we are complete strangers, i fall in love with every single person i meet. there's something intrinsic to people that makes me want to know everything about them. upon seeing them laugh, smile, or talk, my heart beats and says "you know this joy — why not hold on to it a bit longer?"

however, holding onto that joy is hard when making friends is so difficult.

meeting people is the easy part — see someone often enough, and eventually the two of you wave whilst passing by each other in the infinite. still, talking to them is an ordeal in and of itself, and don't get me started with the struggle that comes with maintaining contact, getting to know people well, and becoming their confidant.

i was insanely lucky to make friends the way i did. a lot of my attempts to get closer to people were somewhat sketchy gambles, but they worked out in the best ways possible.

and so, here are six of those gambles:

1. i chose to have random roommates during the housing lottery process.
2. i started off a conversation with "hi i think you're cool and i have no idea how to start this conversation so please pretend like i'm saying something of substance."
3. i chose the gender neutral cabin during my fpop simply because it was gender neutral.
4. i sat next to some kid on the first day of 9.01, who, upon meeting me, opened instagram, pointed to my profile picture, and went "is this you?" (it was in fact me)
5. i joined esp, and later, the tech.
6. i didn't quit my urop even though it ended up being pure data analysis (i find it boring.)

although some of them led to stronger connections than others, they all mean a lot to me, for these reasons:

1. i went random when picking roommates because i wanted to meet new people, but i was still a little worried i wouldn't mesh with them well. however, meeting my two roommates dissipated my fears. from the start, we've always looked out for one another. we bond over the smallest joys and comfort one another through the largest problems, and i don't think the random matching could've given me any better roommates.

2. when i introduced myself, i was in a mindset where i was terrified that i wouldn't be able to find community. in a fit of desperation, i took a chance and blabbered it all out to someone i just met. somehow, they thought my introduction was pretty funny and became friends with me.

3. one of my goals for this semester was to get more comfortable with myself academically, socially, and personally. therefore, during my fpop, i used my first bout of freedom to explore my gender identity by surrounding myself with other queer people, and it lead to great things! besides bonding with other queer people, i had some crucial conversations about my identity — and others' too — and became more aware of what was beyond me. i find it so amazing that despite the amount of pain weaved into people's lives, they've managed to find joy out of it.

4. the fact that i occupied enough space in their mind to be a parasocial presence was intriguing to me so i decided to see where it went. although i wasn't very close to this person at all (to the point where we don't talk at all anymore), our acquaintanceship comforted me a lot. they sat in the same seat every day, would always talk to me during the breaks, and showed me their hobbies and such. it was the

typical classmate relationship, but it was nice having that consistency, especially when i was still figuring out how to navigate life.

5. i'll say it over and over again, but esp is one of the most open, welcoming spaces i've ever been in, and a lot of the people i talk to daily are espeople (hehe). i've had fun interactions with people in the tech, from arguing with people about my ambiguous use of "team" in my previous article to eating banh mi with other members.

6. at my first meeting with my urop supervisors, i learned that i would have a lab partner — another freshman, no less. they were incredibly intimidating to me at first (i'm scared of knowledgeable and intelligent people, which is this entire institution), but as we got to know each other, i learned that we were like one another (read: insane) and i've met so many people because of them.

as you might be able to tell, i read into things a lot, and i think this stems from the fact that i latch onto people. my therapist described it as “meshing,” which is the idea that through loving people, we become entangled into one another and become the best parts of the people we love most. each knot represents an aspect of vulnerability and security, and it’s easy to get caught in the whole piece when there are so many aspects of a relationship. trust, hastiness, devotion, dependence, isolation — there are many reasons why a knot is created, and it’s important to examine each relationship and familiarize ourselves with the reasons why it’s still together.

i believe that to love someone is to know them - and inversely, to be known is to be loved — and i think i've gotten to know many people. i know about their fears, successes, and desires, and they know about mine too. i understand them at their core and they understand me at my core — truly, that's all i can ask for.

t was truly an amazing experience eating [his] way through the Italian dessert scene."

His only gripe was that there was “limited information about each dessert’s history and cultural significance.” Regardless, he commended MITaly for “introducing [him] to both familiar and lesser-known delights” and wished that there was a smaller crowd so he could inform the event organizers of his appreciation.

But the ending may not be so saccharine. Baraccia expressed concern regarding MITaly's financial health and urged people to donate if they love Italian cuisine because they may be unable to continue doing dessert tours in subsequent years.

"I think that people who come here should donate more," Baracaia stated. "We are in very bad need [of donations] — the MIT dessert tour is going to disappear next year because we had so few donations."

By Russel Ismael

STAFF WRITER

The MIT community had their sweet tooth satisfied on Monday, Dec. 4, when MITaly, the Italian Association of MIT, organized an "Italian dessert tour" in the Stratton Student Center. The association offered a myriad of pastries for the attendees in order to promote sublime Italian cuisine. The theme for the tour revolved around Christmas, as a third of the desserts seen there were what an Italian would traditionally eat during the holiday season.

More than a hundred people lined up for the event, eagerly awaiting a bite. Desserts such as pandoro, panna cotta, and panettone were just the tip of this sugar iceberg. Each attendee was able to take six desserts from an array of tables, with complimentary drinks.

Matteo Baracaia, a MITaly representative, spoke to *The Tech* about how they organized the event.

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A call to action for ASA to ban content-violative campus groups

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neutral policies relevant for recognition by the Association of Student Activities (“ASA”)?

Straightforwardly, in Article III, Section 1 of the ASA’s Bylaws, the responsibilities of recognized student groups are laid out, which include point #2: “Each activity shall comply with ... MIT policies on student conduct” (emphasis added).

Moreover, Sections 2 and 3 of Article II of the ASA’s Bylaws further specify that “[a]ny ASA recognized activity not meeting its responsibilities as set forth in this constitution and the policies of the ASA may be subject to derecognition.” This also intuitively makes sense: ASA-approved groups can use the MIT name and, in some instances, operate with funding from MIT, so that continued ASA-recognition implicitly means tacit approval from the MIT administration.

Again, I understand that the COD is supposedly investigating individuals. However, I am not aware of the COD also investigating the CAA, or other student groups, as a whole. As such, the resulting course of action that the ASA Board must take is clear: investigation and, if (presumably) appropriate, de-recognition of the CAA.

As a former member of the ASA Board, I acknowledge this may be a novel decision to make, and it should certainly not be taken lightly, particularly given any concerns regarding free

speech. While numerous groups have been de-recognized in the past for failing to meet the requirement that their active membership consist of “at least 50% MIT students,” I am not immediately aware of any prior instance in which a group was de-recognized for a reason similar to the situation at hand.

Nonetheless, the ASA must carry out its duty, whether it comes to recognizing student groups, approving student group funding, or de-recognizing student groups, in a viewpoint-neutral manner. As such, given the apparent facts of this matter, pending a fuller investigation with due process for those involved, and absent any public contrition from CAA leadership, the ASA Board has an obligation to de-recognize the CAA for having violated the ASA’s Bylaws deliberately and repeatedly in a manner that clearly goes beyond free speech protections. I strongly urge the ASA Board to perform its duty on this matter. And if the ASA Board fails to do so, I strongly urge a two-thirds majority of the student group representatives at the next ASA General Body Meeting, this upcoming spring, to vote in favor of de-recognition. Failure to do so would likely either encourage even more unchecked disruptive protests in the future or result in an even more pervasive double standard of regulations being frequently applied unevenly (and likely dependent on content). Both of these possibilities would ultimately further tarnish the credibility of MIT as an institution of higher edu-

cation, further fracture our community, and perhaps even lead to further intrusive government investigations (which would arguably be warranted).

As an aside, I want to be clear that the above is emphatically not a call for those reading this to harass the members of the ASA Board on this matter, whichever way they may be leaning, particularly for readers who are not MIT students. Those who are motivated can always write up their own opinion pieces, after all. And for those readers feeling upset, you can always send your comments my way at chadqian@alum.mit.edu, if you want to tell me how stupid I am or whatever. “Practice what you preach” and all that jazz.

Now, a diligent reader will probably have realized by this point that I have refrained from explicitly mentioning either “Israel” or “Palestine” in this article so far (external links notwithstanding). This exclusion is deliberate. On one level, I recognize that I am by no means an expert in the geopolitics or history of this region of the world. As such, I would, at best, end up sounding astoundingly dumb if I tried expounding on anything in detail. I just simply know that the atrocities that Hamas committed against innocent civilians on October 7 were utterly, truly abhorrent and barbaric. I simply know that there are humanitarian rules of war that all sides must follow. And I simply know that the fog of war can be blindingly thick at times, with the

present conflict being no exception from this rule. I suppose that much at least is axiomatically obvious to me, but, hey, what do I know.

Moreover, I believe the above principles I laid out apply universally. Indeed, if an ASA-recognized student group advocating for a view that I passionately held (“Students Against the SALT Deduction,” anyone?) decided to violate MIT’s content-neutral “time, place, and manner” policies deliberately and repeatedly, I would hold the same position I expounded upon here. After all, selective application of regulations is corrosively antithetical to the proper, healthy functioning of a rules-based society, like our own.

Of course, perhaps it would be remiss of me to not make at least one, somewhat more conclusive comment on the wider “context” of this situation. So, to that end, I will conclude this lengthy piece with a prayer for all Israelis and Palestinians:

*May, one day, they all live in peace.
Free from suffering.
Free from destruction.
And free from terror.*

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ELLIE MONTEMAYOR - THE TECH

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It's 9:30 p.m. on a cold night, you've valiantly conquered your latest midterm, and for once in your life that empty feeling in your stomach isn't because of an unfinished psst: it's hunger. Maseeh D is great and all, but you want something different. Something savory and warm to sink your teeth into; you deserve it. But what can fill the void? A burger? Too basic. Tacos? Too tedious. No, you deserve more.

Now as someone hailing from the great state of Texas, I take my barbeque very seriously. So when some of my friends from New York first introduced me to this so-called barbeque, I was more than a little skeptical. But my openness to new experiences — coupled with my motto of never turning down an opportunity for free food — led me to give the place a chance.

The Golden Original Chicken with Secret Spicy sauce is a great choice if you're in the mood for something with a kick. Crispy. Crunchy. And full of flavor. What more can you ask for? Don't forget to pair it with their pickled radish and sweet potato fries for a perfectly balanced meal.

Hands down, the Signature Rice Bowl is my favorite item on the menu. There's something incredibly comforting about a bowl of tender rice topped with eggs, chicken ("over seasoned to perfection," as we say in the South), tangy onions, scallions, and toasted sesame seeds drizzled with spicy mayo. And coming in at 15 bucks, this is a steal, especially in this economy!

Vialé: Hit or Miss?

An Italian restaurant with nice ambience but mediocre dishes

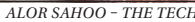


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Our decision to eat at Vialé was actually impromptu. Originally, we planned to eat at Brookline Lunch, but we realized that we wouldn't have time to finish our meal because of the long line. Therefore, we decided to check out Vialé, as it was conveniently situated on Mass Ave in Central Square, and we were curious what it had to offer for first-timers. The sign is inconspicuous, hiding near the greenhouse-like windows that give a clear view into the beautiful interior.

Vialé's website frames the restaurant as an upscale American take on Italian classics, offering both dinner on the weekdays and brunch on the weekends. From classics like the margherita pie pizza to the saffron lumache to the calamari, the menu is enticing for many. Reviewers concurred, with Vialé voted Best Of Boston by Boston Magazine in 2018.

When we entered and sat down at a booth, we immediately liked the restaurant's ambience. The wall art had urban street qualities to it, which added color that balanced out the neighboring monochrome white wall. Near the window, there were various kinds of greenery that added vibrancy. Although the lighting was a bit dim in some places, the orange hue from the Edison style string lights and the small white string lights



along the front of the store made the place feel upscale and intimate.

Besides the lighting and layout, the jazz music in the background was a great addition because its liveliness and energy enhanced the atmosphere. Another special feature was the restaurant's seating variety, from bar seating to the traditional two-person tables. Overall, the environment successfully melded a homey feeling with an upscale, lively one.

Although the menu had a brunch special, it was rather short and had few options. Thus, we weren't sure what to eat. I asked the host for her recommendations for brunch, so I ended up ordering the Shrimp N Grits dish, while Alor decided on the margherita pie pizza.

The Shrimp N Grits had a buttery scent with a hint of seafood, which smelled quite pleasant. The dish was presented well, with the green garnishes of scallion and chives dotting the food. I was pleased to see a good amount of shrimp for the price I paid (\$18). My first bite of the dish started off well, as the shrimp had a hearty taste with a dash of sea brine and the right level of chewiness.

The orange sauce had a nice creamy texture with a trace of sweetness, giving the dish a smooth finish. The sunny side up eggs did not disappoint. The ends of the sunny side had the ideal crispiness, contrasting the rich, gooeey flavor of the yolk.

When I tried the grits and the chorizo, however, I was disappointed by the saltiness. Personally, I felt that leaving out the chorizo would have made the dish better, as it was dry and made me feel thirsty. I enjoyed the textural variation of the grits, but wished



that they could've been lighter to complement the heavier parts of the dish. Overall, the Shrimp N Grits was interesting for its variety of textures and taste, though for \$18 I expected a bit more consistency in the saltiness across the entire dish.

Alor's margherita pie pizza looked decent — a visually appealing, caramelized crust with melted mozzarella and some shredded basil. It had an aroma of caramelized cheese, atop a large serving of sauce. Despite this presentation, the taste and texture left much to be desired. For one, the chewiness of the crust was more suggestive of pita bread than a traditional pizza, which (if intentional) was not advertised on the menu. In addition, the sauce to cheese ratio was somewhat lopsided — despite almost immediately digging into the pizza, he felt that the crust was somewhat soggy from sauce.

This problem was manageable for the 4 corner slices, but magnified for the 2 edge slices. Finally, the pizza felt unseasoned despite the shredded basil on top. The flaky salt and chili flakes at our table helped Alon mitigate some of the textural and flavor issues, but the \$15 price point left him unsure about the dish's consistency and overall quality.

Our experience here left us with mixed impressions. While the food may have struggled to meet expectations, the environment was inviting and service was stellar. We even got boxes of Vialé brand matches, which were a cool little gift to remember the restaurant by. Overall, Vialé's a place that you should come to for the vibes, ambience, and energy, with tempered expectations for the food.

***The Holdovers* is this year's best film, full of exquisitely rich coming-of-age Northeastern hygge**

A nostalgic holiday film that's a wonderful, deceptively complex story of bridging gaps and bringing down personal barriers set against beautiful snowy Massachusetts



By Cameron Davis

I'll show my hand straight out of the gate: I think Alexander Payne is one of the greatest working directors today. Election's biting political satire, Sideways' bittersweet midlife crisis bro comedy, The Descendants' crushing family dramedy on a gorgeous Hawaiian backdrop, Nebraska's slice-of-life Midwestern humor — Payne has proven time and time again that his eye for set design, ear for dialogue, and heart for empathetic but challenged characters are some of the best in the business.

These skills were sadly put on the shelf for the better part of the last ten years after Payne's singular misstep, Downsizing, flopped both critically and in the box office. Payne spent time after the release being a new father, getting a Greek citizenship, and toying with some projects that didn't get off the ground.

With *The Holdovers*, out in theaters late October and since enjoying a very successful limited release (expanding from six theaters in its opening weekend to almost 1,500 four weeks

later, after Thanksgiving), I can confidently say Payne is back at the top of his form, working with the same eye, ear, and heart that makes his films so special. And this time, it comes with a heap-
ing dose of hygge, the Danish term for a feeling of warm conviviality, that works extremely well as winter arrives in Cambridge.

The film follows Paul Hunham, a curmudgeonly Classics professor at a fictional New England all-boys prep school in 1970. He's cruel and overbearing to his students — whom he views as spoiled and incompetent — and difficult and uncompromising with his fellow teachers. Unsurprisingly, he's also unmarried and lives alone on the school grounds, which gives the academy's leadership justification for making him responsible for "holding over" during the Christmas break. While all the other faculty and staff take vacation, students that can't go home are housed on campus, left under Hunham's militaristic, Spartan care for the two-week holiday.

Initially, bonding among the holdovers and classic students-versus-teacher comedy ensues, but soon a fortuitous ski trip saves all the holdover students but one. Hunnam, ever-vigilant and calling to get permission for all the students to ski, is unable to reach the parents of Angus Tully, a precocious and surly student who's arrived at Barton Academy by way of multiple expulsions at other schools and significant family trauma (that, we later learn, further plays into his parents' unreachability). Thus, Hunnam and Angus are stuck at Barton together, along with cafeteria manager Mary, for the rest of the holiday.

What follows is a wonderful, deceptively

complex story of bridging gaps and bringing down personal barriers, fostering empathy across differences and how children and adults alike can mature in their own ways. David Hemmingson's script (originally inspired by Payne's viewing of a 1935 French film with a similar basic plot) is brilliantly paced, whip-smart without ever being too haughty. Quotes and references to the great works of Western civilization are used by Hunham as weapons against a world that he feels left out of; overwrought responses from Angus are clever but reflect similar insecurities. Mary's simple insights balance out the annoyingness of her two counterparts. Classic script touchpoints, such as a hospital visit, a chosen family Christmas Day, a first kiss, and a climactic parent-teacher conference are all familiar yet fresh. Themes that Payne has explored before, such as youth and aging, wealth and poverty, and personal growth, reappear but with even greater depth.

Moreover, all three lead performances really bring Hemingson's script to life. Paul Giamatti is superb as lazy-eyed Hunham, with an awkward and cold exterior poorly hiding a warm center; Da'Vine Joy Randolph is terrific as Mary, taking what could have been a stereotyped role and infusing deep humanity; newcomer Dominic Sessa is captivating in his first film role, balancing a youthful tomfoolery with a deeper wisdom. Other performances all flesh out the story, like a potential love interest (Carrie Preston), a friendly janitor (Naheem Garcia), a frustrated principal (Andrew Garman), and a host of other privileged prep-school boys (Brady Hepner, Ian Dolley, Jim Kaplan, Michael Provost). Each actor is so well-cast and talented that their world

feels real, and even upon a rewatch I loved taking the journey with each of them.

Beyond the story and acting, Payne and team deliver on an unbelievably rich, beautiful, complex backdrop of Barton Academy, its community, and the broader state of Massachusetts. I was lucky enough to first watch the film in a theater in Boston Commons (which is featured prominently in the film) and was coincidentally joined in the audience by an alumni group from Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH), one of the prep schools used as a filming location. Audience cheers for exteriors of downtown Boston and NMH alike were particularly loud as a result, but really well-deserved: the movie is stunning, with deep whites for snowy days, warm ambers and browns for library interiors, and bright rainbows for holiday parties and bars.

Accompanying the picturesque and exacting set design (all on location across five real Massachusetts schools and their communities and shot beautifully by cinematographer Egil Bryld) is an equally precise soundtrack from Mark Orton, who also composed the score for *Nebraska* in 2013. Its strings pluck over snowy countrysides and add a quiet beauty to scenes; new compositions are matched by perfectly-selected songs and Christmas carols from Beethoven, The Temptations, Chet Baker, and Cat Stevens, among others.

A return to peak form for Payne, a terrific star turn introduction for Dominic Sessa, and a strong Oscar contender for hopefully every category, *The Holdovers* brings laughs and tears in equal measure, and is the perfect film to celebrate autumn and welcome winter.



Maia DeMeyer '26, business chair and co-publicity chair for the Fugues, sings "Angel of Music" from "The Phantom of the Opera," Sunday, December 3.

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Beautiful vases, ornaments, and other creations from the MIT Glass Lab are displayed for a holiday sale in Lobby 10, Tuesday, December 12.

KATE LU - THE TECH



MIT LIVE presents their semesterly showcase, Monday, December 4.

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MIT Ohms presents their Frohmzen Fall 2023 concert, Saturday, December 9.

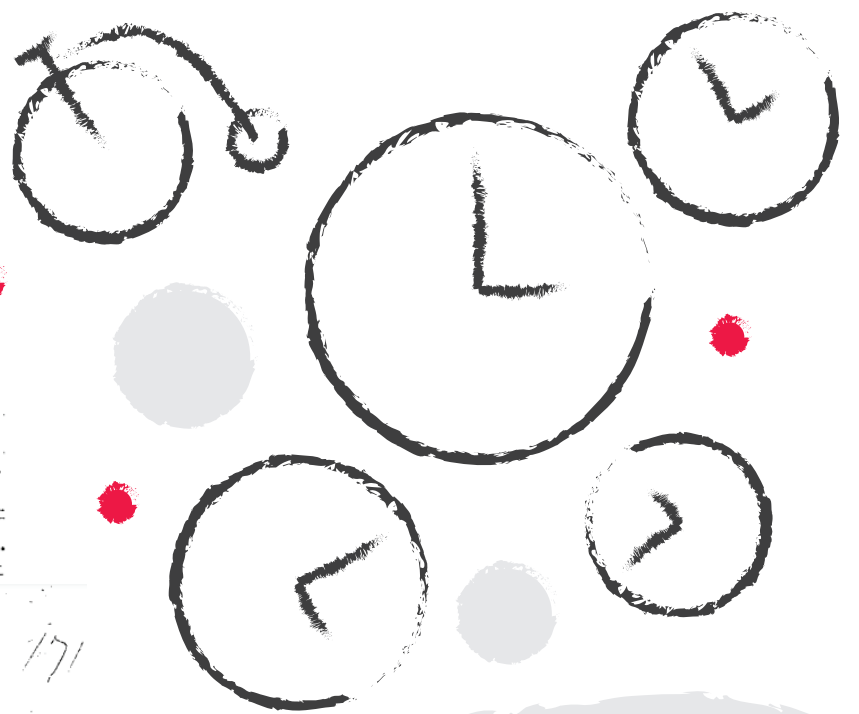
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The film reflects on Miyazaki's childhood in classic Studio Ghibli fashion while also featuring birds — a lot of birds.

THEATER REVIEW

*"Stupid f*cking play made me stupid f*cking cry <3"*





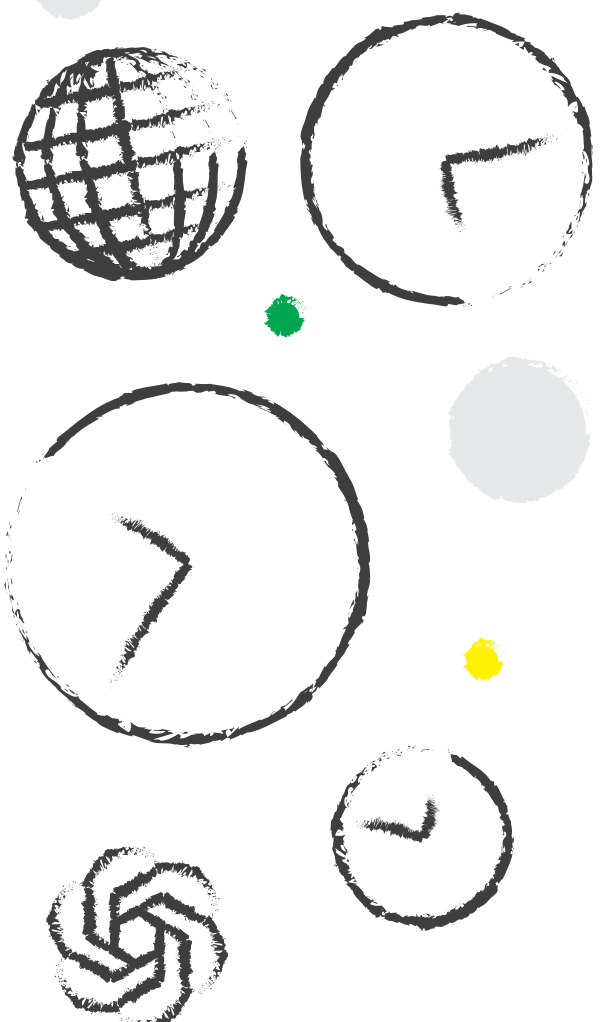
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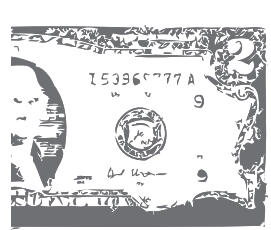


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Hand turkey!

32. Take a stroll through Little Italy in the North End

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(And get reimbursed for your meal!)

Solution, page 8

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01 Newspaper essays
06 Fully determine
15 Jug-band instrument
16 Origin of a defect
17 Aircraft carrier decelerators
19 Affirmative vote
20 Pack animal
21__~ Moines
22 Kitchen spice
24 Verbal dig
28 Accelerating
34 Touches lightly
35 Be like
36 GI morale booster
37 Actor Danson
38 Guillaume's "good"
39 When fire was harnessed
43 Space sellers
46 Dealing calmly with
48 Beginning
49 100 centavos
50 36 Across client
53 Hugs, in a letter
54 Pine product
57 Attracting attention
64 Reminiscence intro

- 01 "Got it"
- 02 Scale down
- 03 Old Testament prophet
- 04 Forest female
- 05 Symbolic "help"
- 06 Stood up
- 07 Male deliveries
- 08 Machine part
- 09 End of some lists
- 10 Color TV pioneer
- 11 Something owed
- 12 Word sung every 1/1
- 13 "Got it"
- 14 Suffix meaning "quality"
- 18 Unspoken
- 22 Toastmasters, for short
- 23 Alias preceder
- 24 Took to court
- 25 Collectible vinyl
- 26 Profit by
- 27 Dashboard letters
- 28 Carb source
- 29 Former Apple

laptop
30 Enviro-friendly
31 Slacked off
32 Marry in haste
33 Hidden shelters
34 Check for
fingerprints
37 Week-ending cry
40 Actress Vardalos
41 36 Across client
42 Before today
43 Drew upon for
dinnerware
44 AMA members
45 2016 Olympics city
47 Thread holders
50 University sports
org.
51 Wholesale quantity
52 Singer Redding
53 Make eyes at
54 Send a quick
message
55 Affirmative votes
56 Bank (on)
58 Flat-screen
ancestor
59 Snickering sound
60 Bar supply
61 DC baseballer
62 MPG rater
63 Moral misdeed

Solution, page 8

01 Junk pile
10 Muslim woman's robe,
sometimes
15 Completely accessible
16 Tree members
17 In a sunny manner
18 Beach swipers
19 Hype (up)
20 Meh
21 Hopeless
22 Out
24 Yankees, to Red Sox
26 Big ____
27 Checkout options
29 [inshallah they find him]
30 "____ This A Lovely Day"
(Fred Astaire hit)
31 Selection
32 Aired out again?
34 Stock(ing) exchange?
38 Egyptian god of
wisdom
39 A relation to 18-across
41 Steals
44 Vampire Weekend

01 Light brown color
02 Bean counter licensior
03 Twizzlers competitor
04 Singer DiFranco

05 School bake sale hosts
06 "Your ____"
07 Cooks dinner at home,
say
08 Scattered
09 It might be double or
triple
10 Premium meat
11 Spell
12 Improv'd lines
13 Former Federal Reserve
chair Janet
14 Yes vote
21 Native plants
23 Stances
25 Iowa State city
28 "____ is life"
30 Plan (to)
33 Against
35 Valentine's Day buys
36 "I'd Rather Go Blind"
singer James
37 Tree-focused gardens
40 Aztec language
41 Scamp
42 Music stretch

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43	"Get lost"	53	Lady's address
45	Aggregated	55	Societal issues
47	"The Count of Monte	58	In
	Cristo" protagonist	59	Yoga rollout
49	British load		
50	Carpentry, for one		

TECH'S PICKS: ENTERTAINMENT THIS ISSUE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

FILM

WONKA
(FRI, DEC 15)



**ANYONE BUT YOU
(FRI, DEC 22)**



FILM

THE COLOR PURPLE (MON, DEC 25)



**WHITE BIRD
(TBD)**



TV

PERCY JACKSON AND THE OLYMPIANS (WED, DEC 20)



ECHO
(WED, JAN 10)



VIDEO GAMES

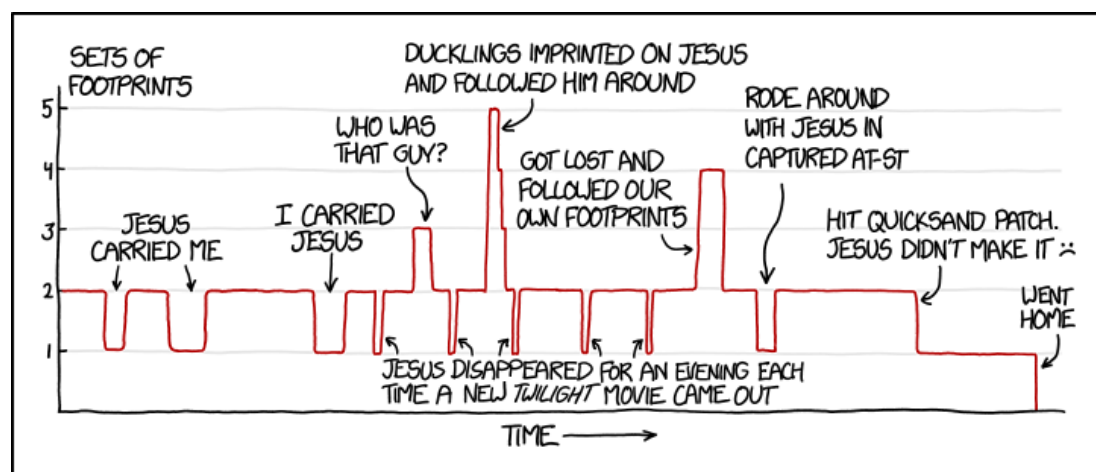
**HOUSE FLIPPER 2
(THU, DEC 14)**



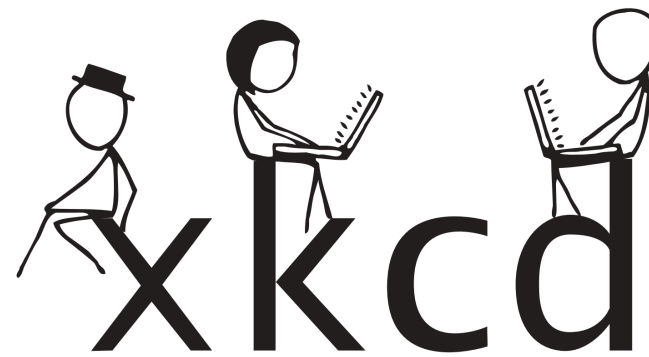
MIND OVER MAGIC
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[1575] Footprints

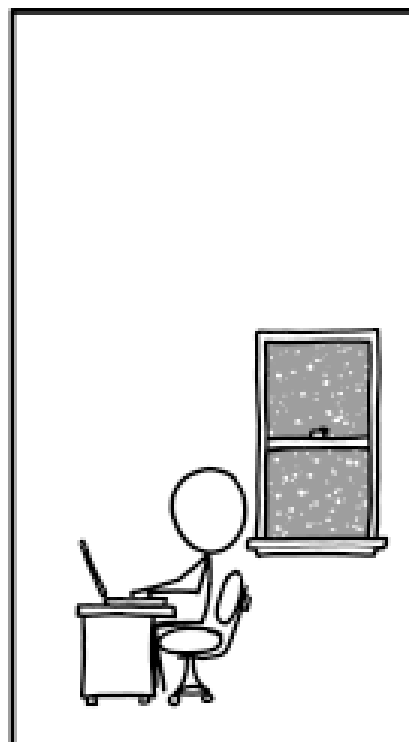
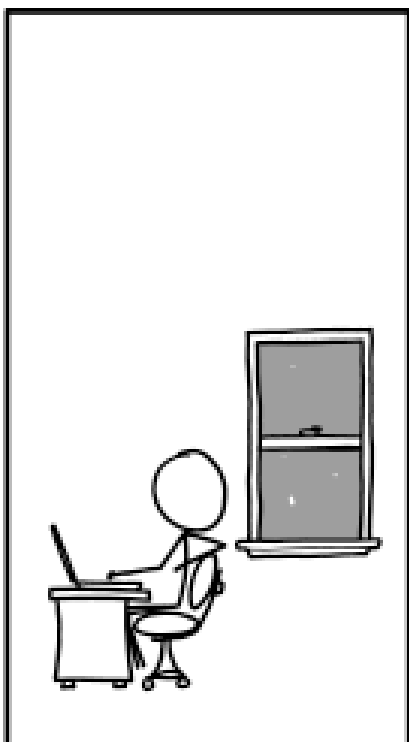
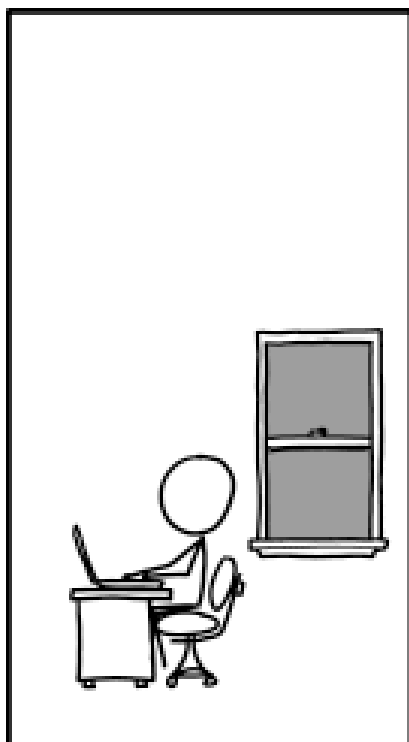
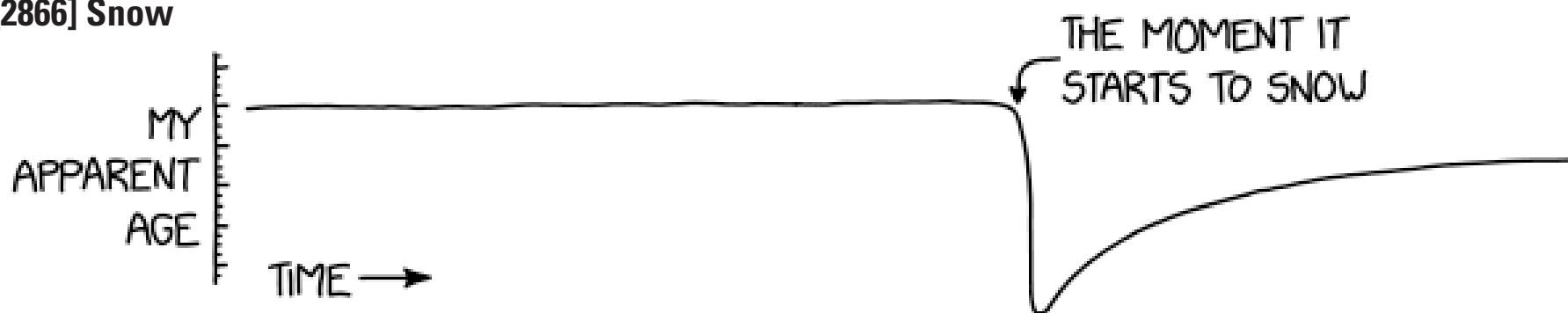


"There's one set of foot-p's cause I was totes carrying you, bro!" said Jesus seconds before I punched him.



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SARCASM. MATH. AND LANGUAGE**
by Randall Munroe

[2866] Snow



-For someone who has ostensibly outgrown staying up late waiting for Santa, I do spend an awful lot of time refreshing websites to see if packages are here yet.

