

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu '75 SM '76 slams alma mater in congressional speech as Washington erupts in protest

About a dozen MIT-based protestors attended the D.C. rally alongside thousands from across the nation.



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MIT students (pictured right) alongside the labor contingent of the rally march along Pennsylvania Ave.

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By Ellie Montemayor
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WASHINGTON — On Wednesday, July 24, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu '75 SM '76 gave a defiant address in the House Chamber during a joint meeting of Congress, urging continued support for the war in Gaza and offering strong criticisms of the anti-war protest movement.

Netanyahu's delegation flew into the city on Monday earlier that week; the entirety of his stay was marred with protest action, such as noise demonstrations at the Watergate Hotel, where he was staying, and a sit-in on Capitol Hill the day before the address, where 200 demonstrators were arrested.

In one scene from the hour-long speech that began at 2 p.m. that day, Netanyahu condemned administrators at MIT, Harvard, and Penn for an alleged outbreak of antisemitism on their campuses, reiterating earlier talking points by congressional leaders and major Jewish groups that eventually led to the resignations of Harvard University president Claudine Gay and University of Pennsylvania president Elizabeth Magill.

"It's not only the campus protesters who get it wrong. It's also the people who run those campuses," Netanyahu said, about halfway through his speech. "Eighty years after the Holocaust, the presidents of Harvard, Penn, and I'm ashamed to say my alma mater MIT couldn't bring themselves to condemn the calls for the genocide of Jews."

Netanyahu called back to a December House committee hearing on antisemitism, in which MIT president Sally Kornbluth, Gay, Magill, and American University professor Pamela Nadell—who later gave a talk on antisemitism at the Institute as the first in that spring's "Dialogues Across

Difference" lecture series, which explored themes of antisemitism and Islamophobia in the context of the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict—were brought in to testify on the presence of antisemitic actions relating to the various pro-Palestinian movements at their respective campuses.

In the mentioned hearing, the three presidents were not explicitly asked by the attending congressional panel members to condemn calls for genocide on their campuses. Kornbluth, on her part, had said after questioning by Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) during the hearing that she had "heard chants, which can be antisemitic depending on the context when calling for the elimination of the Jewish people," adding at the time that she had not "heard calling for the genocide for Jews on our campus."

Kornbluth has since received numerous public calls for her resignation, both from congressional leaders and other public figures with ties to the Institute. Netanyahu's comments in his congressional address echo long-voiced concerns by Jewish campus leaders on what they perceived as an unfettered culture of antisemitism from the campus pro-Palestinian movement.

That same day, tens of thousands of protestors from across the U.S. congregated opposite the Capitol Building in protest. The action, part of the national pro-Palestinian movement's ongoing efforts to "uphold the red line"—a term used by leaders of the movement to refer to President Joe Biden's since-abandoned warnings against Israel's eventual May assault on the Palestinian city of Rafah—was the fourth major national mobilization effort organized in D.C. for the Palestinian cause since the Hamas-led October 7th attacks on Israel.

Protestors who attended this event described it as different from

the other nationally-mobilized D.C. demonstrations as it was "the largest rejection of a foreign official coming to the United States," one MIT-based protestor said.

The 11 a.m. rally, which was chiefly held on the intersection of 3rd St and Pennsylvania Ave but which also saw several minor contingents littered across neighboring areas, was held just weeks after another "red line" protest held on June 8 in front of the White House. The July 24 action followed days of intensified protest that had taken place since Netanyahu's entry into the city that Monday. The rally took place as Netanyahu's address was also boycotted by over a hundred congressional Democrats.

About a dozen MIT students, alongside a hundred demonstrators from the greater Boston area, bussed in that day to attend the rally.

"We went to represent MIT workers," said Mohamed Mohamed G, an organizer with the MIT Coalition For Palestine (C4P), in a later interview with The Tech, also adding that the campus pro-Palestinian movement was made up of "workers... who reject MIT's ties to the Israeli Ministry of Defense."

Several major worker's union groups attended the rally, among them the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE), which represents the Graduate Student Union (GSU) as UE Local 256.

Most MIT-based protestors remained part of the so-called "labor contingent" of the rally, one of many group-based factions—from artists, to left-wing organization Code Pink, to pro-Palestinian Israelis and Haredi Jews—which comprised the rally's attendance.

Throughout the time of the main rally, several groups of protestors

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Future of Latino Cultural Center uncertain as Sin LiMiTe, Latino CPW events face low spring turnout

Cabrera: "We just weren't seeing as many students as we have in the past two years showing up to our events."

By Ellie Montemayor
& Vivian Hir
EDITORS

The information presented in the following article comes from an interview between The Tech and the current executive board of the Latino Cultural Center.

Enrollment numbers for the 2024 Sin LiMiTe cohort reportedly dropped by more than half of its previous-year enrollment statistic, according to student sources, undercutting a two-year period of growth for the program.

First implemented ahead of the 2018 Campus Preview Weekend, Sin LiMiTe—meaning "without limit"—is a three-day residential weekend program for newly-admitted students, traditionally those from a Latino background, to learn more about the Institute's Latino community. In its current form, Sin LiMiTe is organized as a collaborative effort between the MIT Admissions office and the student group Latino Cultural Center (LCC), which administers cultural programming, directs the functions of other Latino-centric student organizations, and oversees the LCC lounge in the Student Center basement.

The program, which has admitted students participating in numerous cultural events and being introduced to the LCC's many member organizations such as the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and Mujeres Latinas, was formerly implemented by MIT Admissions through an exclusive selection process.

As part of their collaboration on

the joint program, MIT Admissions is responsible for the selection of students being offered entry to the program and participating students' travel while the LCC handles event programming and logistics.

Prior to 2023, prospective Sin LiMiTe participants were chosen from the application cycle's Latino adMITs by an emailed invitation from MIT Admissions. Through this system, student enrollment for the 2021 and 2022 programs were around 45 and 50, respectively, according to executive members of the LCC.

"They had a selective system of inviting students that we don't exactly know what it was," LCC Vice President Giuliana Cabrera '25 said.

In the former system, the LCC executive board had no input nor insight on the Latino-exclusive selection process.

Prior to selection of the 2023 cohort, who were on campus for the program between April 7 through April 9 of that year, then-LCC President Isabella Salinas '23 reportedly persuaded the Admissions office to "increase the bandwidth of resources" for the program to invite all new Latino admits, according to Cabrera. Student enrollment for the program significantly increased to over 100 Latino-identifying students that year. The Tech was unable to reach Salinas for comment by the time of this article's publication.

"We were really growing as a community, and we were really thriving," Cabrera, who was the group's secretary for the 2023–2024 school year, said.

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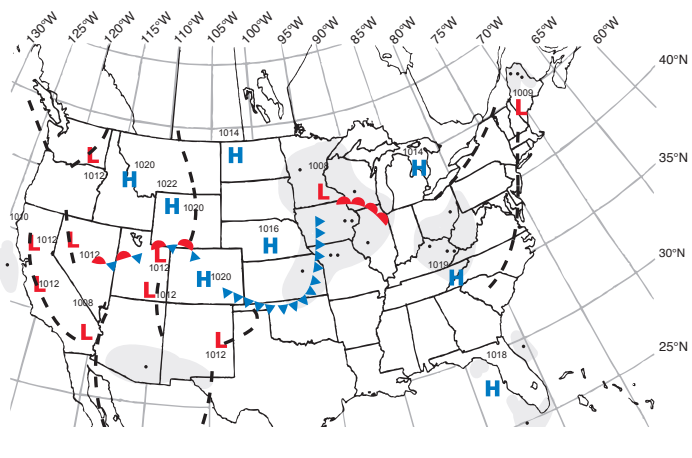
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End of Summer :(

By Adrienne Lai
CHIEF METEOROLOGIST



With one month left until the start of school, the ominous lull of schoolwork approaches Boston accompanied by an increasing chance of rain. Each warm day (higher 80s) ends with a chance of showers, a great metaphor for the upcoming end of summer.

The low temperature should be quite consistent, with 72 °F occurring each night. Enjoy the warm weather while it lasts - with the return of school comes the slow return to the cold.

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Structural changes for Sin LiMiTE followed as targeted admissions programs no longer permissible

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But this peak in the program's enrollment and the associated success the group enjoyed with its bolstered membership was short-lived.

Following the Supreme Court's June 2023 decision to strike down affirmative action from college admissions processes, targeted minority recruitment was no longer considered "race-neutral." Targeted admissions programs such as Sin LiMiTE and Ebony Affair, a similar program meant for Black-identifying admits, underwent pronounced structural changes to adhere to the new standard.

The Spring 2024 cohorts for Sin LiMiTE and Ebony Affair were both opened for all admitted students, regardless of cultural or ethnic identification. Sin LiMiTE's 2024 cohort dropped in enrollment to around 40 students, which also included some participants who did not identify as Latino—a first for the program.

Ahead of the 2024 program, MIT Admissions sent out a list of on-campus events—including Sin LiMiTE—for all new admits from the Class of 2028 and did not conduct targeted invitations for the cohort, according to Director of the Latino Leaders Assembly (LLA) Javier Garcia '25.

The number of registered students for the 2024 cohort was originally around 30 before spring break, said Director of Sin LiMiTE Janine Medrano '26, who added that not all students who applied for this year's program had their flight costs covered. The enrollment only increased to its eventual tally of around 40 after an anonymous donation was made in the last week of registration, according to members of the LCC executive board.

Cabrera claimed that the past two years' cohorts had fully-covered flight costs, which The Tech could not independently verify. This year's travel budget limitations occurred despite the reported implementation of an initiative to "[increase] the admissions budget to cover all travel costs" for Sin LiMiTE and other admitted student programs, according to a page on the Faculty Governance website published in April 2024.

Declined participation statistics for Sin LiMiTE's 2024 cohort also coincided with lower CPW turnout at LCC events, including events hosted by LCC's member organizations. "Even at CPW, we just weren't seeing as many students as we have in the past two years showing up to our events," Cabrera said.

LCC President Ernesto Gomez '26 noted a similar trend. "In previous Midways, we typically got sign-ups for nearly 100 students... It was [difficult] to get a dozen," Gomez said.

The observable drop in admitted student participation with the LCC across its various programming efforts in Spring 2024 elicited concerns among the group's executive board regarding the potential demographic make-up of the incoming Class of 2028, which has not yet been made available to the public, and any possible ramifications. It is not immediately clear that these circumstances are directly connected to the Supreme Court's June 2023 decision or are representative of a broader trend regarding the incoming class year.

The Tech was unable to reach the MIT Admissions office for comment by the time of this article's publication.

"This past year was a significant drop in whom we expect to be joining our community; that was pretty disheartening," Gomez said.

"Wow beautiful day their was an caterpillar sitting, under a tree try to climb up the bark. Unfortunately there was five clouds in the sky that starting to rain and the caterpillar couldnot find any food to eat"

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Secret Service hearing descends into shouting match over Trump rally shooting

At an hours-long US Senate hearing on Tuesday on security failures that led to Donald Trump's attempted assassination, Secret Service Acting Director Ronald Rowe and FBI Deputy Director Paul Abbate outlined the ongoing investigation into what led to the shooting, elements of what they had learned about the would-be assassin, and the security failures that allowed the gunman to fire at the former president.

Mr Rowe's testimony before a joint panel of the Senate Homeland Security and Judiciary committees comes a week after his predecessor, Kim Cheatle, was forced to resign.

— Bernd Debusmann Jr, FROM BBC
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Project 2025 to end policy work after Democratic attacks angered Trump

The right-wing policy operation that became a rallying cry for Democrats and a nuisance for Republican nominee Donald Trump is trying to escape the public spotlight and repair relations with Trump's campaign.

Project 2025, a collaboration led by the Heritage Foundation among more than 110 conservative groups to develop a movement consensus blueprint for the next Republican administration, is winding down its policy operations, and its director, former Trump administration personnel official Paul Dans, is departing. The Heritage Foundation also recently distributed new talking points encouraging participants to emphasize that the project does not speak for Trump.

— Isaac Arnsdorf & Josh Dawsey, FROM THE WASHINGTON POST
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U.S. national debt tops \$35 trillion

America's gross national debt topped \$35 trillion for the first time on Monday, a reminder of the nation's grim fiscal predicament as legislative fights over taxes and spending initiatives loom in Washington.

The Treasury Department noted the milestone in its daily report detailing the nation's balance sheet. The red ink is mounting in the United States more quickly than many economists had predicted as the costs of federal programs enacted in recent years have exceeded initial projections.

The leading presidential candidates, Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald J. Trump, have said little about the nation's deficits on the campaign trail, suggesting that the economic problem will only worsen in the coming years.

— Alan Rappeport, FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES
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Police union will not fight the firing of sheriff's deputy who fatally shot Sonya Massey

The sheriff's deputy facing a murder charge for gunning down Sonya Massey won't be defended by the local police union, and his boss is under fire from the slain woman's family who wants him to resign. Those were two of the more notable developments in another whirlwind day of briefings and community reaction to Massey's shocking case, which has spurred national outrage across the nation and calls for better police training.

The family and civil rights icons attorney Ben Crump and Rev. Al Sharpton held a rally in Chicago shortly after the union's announcement, where they called on Sheriff Jack Campbell to step down and for a reform law to be passed in Massey's name.

— Michael Loria, FROM USA TODAY
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Vance goes West as his VP campaign looks to find its footing

Donald Trump's big bet on Sen. JD Vance faces a big test in the West this week, beginning Tuesday afternoon nearly 15 miles from the Las Vegas Strip. Vance, the Ohio Republican who has endured a bumpy rollout as Trump's running mate, will start the campaign swing with a speech at a high school in Henderson.

From there, Vance will head to an event in Reno and then on to California on Wednesday for a fundraising luncheon near Fresno. Later that day, Vance will rally at Arizona Christian University near Phoenix. On Thursday morning, he is scheduled to visit the U.S.-Mexico border in Cochise County, Arizona, where he is likely to attack Vice President Kamala Harris' record on immigration issues.

— Henry Gomez & Alec Hernández, FROM NBC NEWS
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Biden details plan for term limits, ethics code for justices

Aamer Madhani & Colleen Long

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS
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President Joe Biden said Monday that "extremism" on the U.S. Supreme Court is undermining public confidence in the institution and called on Congress to quickly establish term limits and an enforceable ethics code for the court's nine justices. He also called on lawmakers to ratify a constitutional amendment limiting presidential immunity.

Biden, who has less than six months left in his presidency, detailed the contours of his court proposal in an address at the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin, Texas, where he was marking the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. His calls for dramatic changes in the court have little chance of being approved by a closely divided Congress with 99 days to go before Election Day.

Still, Democrats hope it'll help focus voters as they consider their choices in a tight election. The likely Democratic nominee, Vice President Kamala Harris, who has sought to frame her race against Republican ex-President Donald Trump as "a choice between freedom and chaos," quickly endorsed the Biden proposal.

"Extremism is undermining the public confidence in the court's decisions," Biden said. He added, "We can and must prevent abuse of presidential power and restore faith in the Supreme Court."

The White House is looking to tap into the growing outrage among Democrats about the court, which has a 6-3 conservative majority, issuing opinions that overturned landmark decisions on abortion rights and federal regulatory powers that stood for decades.

Liberals also have expressed dismay over revelations about what they say are questionable relationships and decisions by some

members of the conservative wing of the court that suggest their impartiality is compromised.

Biden pointed to the 2013 high court decision that gutted the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the 2022 decision overturning Roe v. Wade and rolling back abortion rights, and a 2023 decision "eviscerating" affirmative action in college admission programs as three prime examples of what he saw as "outrageous" decisions that have shaken Americans' faith in the high court.

Harris, in a statement, said the reforms being proposed are needed because "there is a clear crisis of confidence facing the Supreme Court."

Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson called the proposal a "dangerous gambit" that would be "dead on arrival in the House." Trump dismissed the effort on Monday as "a typical Biden con."

"It's going nowhere," Trump said in a Fox News interview. "He knows that too."

Harris coalition takes new shape from fraying Biden alliance

Jeff Zeleny & Eric Bradner

FROM CNN
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For Charity Dean, the weight of the presidential race is suddenly a bit heavier as she moves beyond the exhaustion of a rematch between Joe Biden and Donald Trump to a fresh start with Vice President Kamala Harris as the presumptive Democratic nominee.

"It's refreshing. There's a new energy that we didn't have previously," said Dean, who owns a coffee shop in northwest Detroit.

"Folks that were not interested in a Biden-Trump race are definitely interested now that we have the vice president on the top of the ticket."

A week after Harris secured enough delegate support to effectively lock down the Democratic nomination, the whirlwind of excitement coursing through the party is giving way to the urgent work of building a Harris coalition

— after spending a year trying to shore up Biden's fraying one.

"It's not just we have an opportunity to make history," said Dean, who also leads the Michigan Black Business Alliance. "It's also, 'Oh my gosh, what happens if we don't?'"

Michigan will be a critical laboratory for how the Harris campaign builds and sustains its coalition and the degree to which it will look different from Biden's winning 2020 alliance that he struggled to keep together this year, particularly with younger voters and voters of color.

Conversations with more than two dozen voters, party activists and Democratic officials in Detroit and the surrounding communities underscored a surge in interest toward Harris among women, voters of color and younger voters. It's an open question how her support holds among independent voters and rank-and-file labor union members, particularly as Trump and

Republican groups race to define her.

"Instead of having something to vote against, now we have something to vote for," said Rev. Charles Williams, pastor of Historic King Solomon Baptist Church, who sounded the alarm months ago about a lack of enthusiasm among many voters for Biden, despite the achievements of his first term.

"Pre-Joe Biden's announcement, we were stirring molasses," Williams said in an interview outside his church this week. "Post-Joe Biden's announcement, we're on a rocket ship."

Just 10 days into her presidential candidacy, Harris' campaign is still ramping up — conducting a vice presidential vetting process on a short deadline, rewriting plans for next month's Democratic National Convention in Chicago and beefing up advertising and fundraising teams after she raised \$200 million in her first week.

Hamas' top political leader is killed in Iran, risking wider war

Abby Sewell

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Hamas' top political leader was killed Wednesday by a pre-dawn airstrike in the Iranian capital, Iran and the militant group said, blaming Israel for a shock assassination that risked escalating into an all-out regional war. Iran's supreme leader vowed revenge against Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel "will exact a very heavy price from any aggression against us on any front" but did not mention the killing. "There are challenging days ahead," he added.

Israel had pledged to kill Ismail Haniyeh and other Hamas leaders over the group's Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel that sparked the war in Gaza. The strike came just after Haniyeh had attended the inauguration of Iran's new president in Tehran — and hours after Israel targeted a top commander

in Iran's ally Hezbollah in the Lebanese capital, Beirut.

The assassination was potentially explosive amid the region's volatile, intertwined conflicts because of its target, its timing and the decision to carry it out in Tehran. Most dangerous was the potential to push Iran and Israel into direct confrontation if Iran retaliates. The U.S. and other nations scrambled to prevent a wider, deadlier conflict.

In a statement on his official website, Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said revenge was "our duty" and that Israel had "prepared a harsh punishment for itself" by killing "a dear guest in our home."

Bitter regional rivals, Israel and Iran risked plunging into war earlier this year when Israel hit Iran's embassy in Damascus in April. Iran retaliated, and Israel countered in an unprecedented exchange of strikes on each other's soil, but international efforts succeeded in containing that

cycle before it spun out of control.

Haniyeh's killing also could prompt Hamas to pull out of negotiations for a cease-fire and hostage release deal in the 10-month-old war in Gaza, which U.S. mediators had said were making progress.

And it could inflame already rising tensions between Israel and Hezbollah, which international diplomats were trying to contain after a weekend rocket attack that killed 12 young people in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights.

Israel carried out a rare strike Tuesday evening in the Lebanese capital that it said killed a top Hezbollah commander allegedly behind the rocket strike. Hezbollah, which denied any role in the Golan strike, confirmed the death of Fouad Shukur on Wednesday, saying he was in the building that was hit. The strike also killed three women and two children, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry.

Venezuela's Maduro moves to silence opposition after election

Kejal Vyas & Ryan Dubé

FROM WALL STREET JOURNAL
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Strongman Nicolás Maduro's regime vowed to crush a burgeoning protest movement against election results that cement his grip on power, amid growing evidence he lost by a wide margin and violent clashes between demonstrators and security forces.

White House officials said Tuesday they were "deeply concerned" about the situation unfolding in Venezuela and questioned the election results, but Washington has few points of leverage to dislodge Maduro. He has consolidated military, police, judiciary and media power since the death of his socialist mentor Hugo Chávez in 2013 and given Russia, China and other American rivals a foothold in the Western Hemisphere, strengthening his regime.

Restoring sanctions on Venezuelan oil—which the Biden administration lifted to coax Maduro to hold fair elections—has the potential to raise gasoline prices

in the middle of the presidential election. But doing nothing could have consequences too: Nearly eight million Venezuelans have fled the country in recent years, exacerbating a migrant crisis on America's southern border, and another six years of Maduro in power could expand the exodus, regional analysts said.

"They are in a pickle," said Christopher Hernandez-Roy, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a think tank in Washington.

President Biden held a 30-minute phone call with one of Maduro's top foreign allies, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva on Tuesday about Venezuela, a call that was requested by the U.S., said people close to the Brazilian government. "We agree on the need for an immediate release of full, transparent, and detailed voting data at the polling station level by the Venezuelan electoral authorities," Biden said later Tuesday.

The latest medal results from the 2024 Paris Olympics

Doha Madani

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As the world's greatest athletes compete for both individual glory and national pride at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, spectators at home will also wonder which country will have the honor of raking in the most medals.

The U.S., Japan and China and the host country, France, were leading the medal count by Tuesday as the Paris Games were only just beginning.

Team France and Team USA started this year's competition in a neck-and-neck battle for most medals overall, the country putting on the Games vs. the 2028 host. The U.S. edged ahead to lead the pack Monday after a strong showing in skateboarding, swimming and men's gymnastics.

Simone Biles became the most decorated Olympic gymnast as she earned a gold medal with the women's gymnastics team. The women's rugby sevens

team also made Team USA history Tuesday by earning its first-ever medal in the bronze medal game against Australia. It's the first rugby medal for the U.S. since the men won gold at the 1924 Olympics, which were also hosted in Paris.

Both countries also have slight advantages by just the sheer volume of athletes who are representing them.

The U.S. has the largest delegation, with 594 athletes. France closely follows, with 571.

Japan led in gold medals — but not overall medals — by the end of Tuesday in Paris, with seven gold medals. Japan was helped by the men's gymnastics team and a last-minute upset by skateboarder Yoto Horigome.

China, in second place in gold medals at the end of day Tuesday with six, has the distinction of winning the competition's first gold in the 10-meter air rifle mixed team event Saturday morning. French Olympians have

shown their range in a variety of sports already by medaling in eight athletic genres as of the end of day Tuesday. Meanwhile, the U.S. started strong in the water, with 11 of its early medals coming from swimming competitions.

The U.S. is most likely looking for a repeat of its formidable presence at the 2020 Tokyo Games, where it won 113 medals. That's the most of any country by a significant amount, with China's 89 medals next.

Russia, whose presence also dominated in past games, is not allowed to compete this year. The International Olympic Committee banned Russia, along with Belarus, as part of sanctions following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Competitors from those countries may participate only as "Individual Neutral Athletes," and their medals will not be counted for the nations. No one who has actively supported the war for either Belarus or Russia is eligible to compete.

UNreport says Palestinians detained by Israeli authorities since Oct. 7 faced torture, mistreatment

The U.N. human rights office issued a report Wednesday saying Palestinians detained by Israeli authorities since the Oct. 7 attacks faced waterboarding, sleep deprivation, electric shocks, dogs set on them, and other forms of torture and mistreatment. The report said Israel's prison service held more than 9,400 "security detainees" as of the end of June, and some have been held in secret without access to lawyers or respect for their legal rights.

A summary of the report, based on interviews with former detainees and other sources, decried a "staggering" number of detainees — including men, women, children, journalists and human rights defenders — and said such practices raise concerns about arbitrary detention.

— Jamey Keaten, FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS
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After protest crackdown, Bangladesh accuses tens of thousands of crimes

The authorities in Bangladesh have opened investigations into tens of thousands of people in recent weeks as security forces combed through neighborhoods as part of their deadly crackdown on a student protest that had spiraled into violence.

The widening legal net, confirmed in interviews with police officials and a review of records, comes as arrests surpassed 10,000 since the crackdown on protesters began two weeks ago. Charges range from vandalism and arson to theft, trespassing and damage of state property. In many of the cases, sections of the law that allow long-term detention were invoked.

— Mujib Mashal & Saif Hasnat, FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES
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Pushing quick end to Ukraine war, Orban plays Trump's messenger to E.U.

After meeting with Donald J. Trump at his Mar-a-Lago home on Thursday, Prime Minister Viktor Orban of Hungary wrote to a top E.U. official to say that Mr. Trump had told him he was planning a swift push for a peace deal between Russia and Ukraine. Mr. Trump's view, the letter explained, was that the war had to end, and that he had specific plans to broker this outcome quickly, even before being inaugurated, if he were elected.

While it was not possible to independently verify Mr. Orban's account, the positions laid out in the letter, obtained by The New York Times, largely track with Mr. Trump's long-held views on Ukraine. It did not offer details about how Mr. Trump would end the intractable war other than to indicate that he would reduce American financial support for Ukraine.

— Matina Stevis-Gridneff, FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES
ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED JULY 16, 2024

Myanmar's military regime extends state of emergency by 6 months as civil war rages

The military regime that seized power in Myanmar 3 1/2 years ago on Wednesday extended a state of emergency in the civil war-racked country for another six months, saying it needs time to prepare for long-promised elections. The state of emergency was initially declared when troops ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi on Feb. 1, 2021, arresting her and members of her National League for Democracy party. The emergency decree empowers the military to assume all government functions, giving the head of the ruling military council, Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, legislative, judicial and executive powers.

— FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS
ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED MONTH DAY, YEAR

Evan Gershkovich sentenced to 16 years in Russian prison after wrongful conviction

Evan Gershkovich, the Wall Street Journal reporter falsely accused by Russian authorities of spying, was sentenced to 16 years in a high-security penal colony, after being wrongfully convicted in a hurried, secret trial that the U.S. government has condemned as a sham.

The court's Friday verdict — after three days of hearings — was widely viewed as a foregone conclusion, since acquittals in Russian espionage trials are exceedingly rare. Gershkovich was afforded few of the protections normally accorded to defendants in the U.S. and other Western countries.

— Georgi Kantchev, FROM WALL STREET JOURNAL
ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED JULY 19, 2024

El Chapo's son denies making deal with US, pleads not guilty in court

In a case crammed with intrigue, Joaquín Guzmán López, the son of the former Sinaloa cartel boss Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, pleaded not guilty Tuesday to narcotics, money laundering and firearms charges, with his attorney saying his client has made no deal with US officials. Guzmán López made a brief appearance in federal court in Chicago. Afterward, attorney Jeffrey Lichtman told reporters, "There is no agreement between Joaquín Guzmán and the government. Period."

Ever since the stunning news that a plane carrying Guzmán López and Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, the cartel's alleged co-founder, flew last Thursday from Mexico to El Paso, Texas, there's been rampant speculation about what happened — and why.

— Eric Levenson, Bill Kirkos, Polo Sandoval, Holmes Lybrand & Evan Perez, FROM CNN
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Wed, July 26: D.C. erupts in protest during Netanyahu’s congressional speech

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MIT students march alongside the labor contingent to the rally from across Pennsylvania Ave.



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The National Mall, with a pro-Palestinian Israeli protest contingent set up opposite the Washington Monument.



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The Columbus Circle-side entrance of Union Station, swarming with pro-Palestinian protesters.



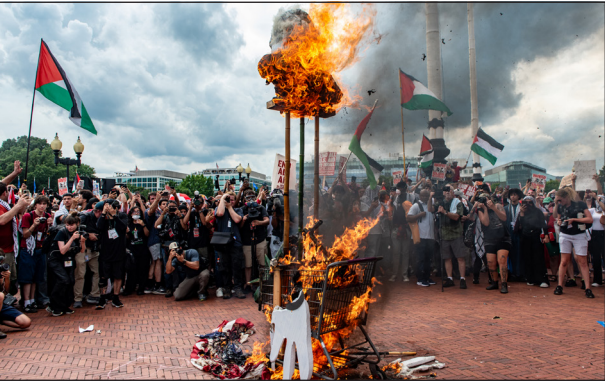
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An individual dances as protesters appear to cheer on the burning of Netanyahu’s effigy (not pictured).



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A protestor spray-paints a statement that reads “Free Gaza” on the grounds of Columbus Circle as protesters surround a burning effigy of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (pictured left). The American and Israeli flags were also burned alongside it.



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An effigy of Netanyahu burns on the grounds of Columbus Circle as protesters cheer on and wave flags.



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A man drags away a burning American flag, which was set on fire by protesters just minutes prior.



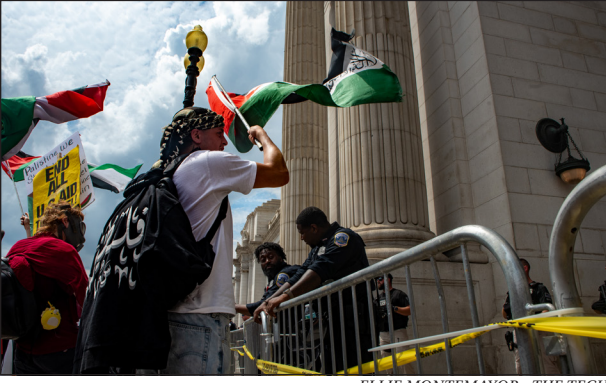
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A masked protestor assists a man with putting on a Palestinian keffiyeh as rally-goers swarm Pennsylvania Ave.



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A police officer stands beside a pro-Israeli counter-protestor holding the American and Israeli flags.



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Protestors wave Palestinian flags and protest signs at police officers by the entrance of Union Station.



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Protestors attempt to take down the American flag from the center flagpole at Columbus Circle.



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Protestors at a rally held on the intersection of 3rd St and Pennsylvania Ave, opposite the Capitol Building. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s motorcade was approaching the Capitol Complex at this time for his upcoming congressional address.



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Two men sit atop the Freedom Bell and let off smoke canisters in the colors of the Palestinian flag.



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Police officers at the Columbus Circle-side entrance of Union Station deny entry to passersby and protesters.



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A No Parking sign posted up on a street adjacent to the Capitol Complex.



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Police officers backed up against the center flagpole as protesters appear to resist detainment, Union Station.



ELLIE MONTEMAYOR - THE TECH

Police officers detain a protestor who helped take down the American flag from the center flagpole, Union Station.



ELLIE MONTEMAYOR - THE TECH

A violent clash between protestors and U.S. Park Police officers dressed in riot gear at the front line of a riot at Union Station, as the protestors appear to disrupt the detainment of other protestors behind the police blockade.



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A protestor in handcuffs, wearing a shirt denoting the Handala, being dragged away by arresting police officers.



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A U.S. Park Police officer dressed in riot gear stands by at the front line of a riot at Union Station.



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Protestors turn away as police officers deploy pepper spray to quell ongoing violent confrontations.



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Protestors hit with pepper spray move away from the site of confrontation.

AN ELLIE FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

Voices, Voices

I find it hard to face my demons when the worst ones are the voices in my head.

By Ellie Montemayor
PUBLISHER

Content Warning: *This piece contains mentions of substance use, violence and self-harm, and suicidal ideation, as well as explicit descriptions of mental illness.*

I'm sitting against a concrete pillar, camera in hand, thoughts and plans rushing through my mind as the hour ticks by. I'm in the middle of coverage for a protest at Stata, and I'm eyeing the two police officers monitoring the event.

I just came back from a six-hour shift at work, 6 a.m. through noon, and I'm exhausted as all hell—but I feel great; exhilarated even. I'm running on about three hours of sleep, and damn am I running fast. For now, I'm an observer: a fly on the wall. Flies don't have feelings; the only thing that can be on my mind right now is the story. I'm piecing together threads, I'm drafting up the article in my head, and I'm preparing outreach for about fifteen other articles-in-progress. Today has felt really, really good. I want to keep it that way.

My mind is racing, but for a second, a very very terrifying second, I freeze up. Does what I'm doing actually matter?

(What do you mean?)

Well I don't—you know, what am I even doing here? Life is going to go on whether or not I write about it. Am I just wasting my time sitting here capturing every single thing?

(People care. You know they do.) But that makes me feel worse. What if I let them down? What if I'm just lying to myself that what I'm doing is actually good?

(How would you let anybody down?) Well, it's just—there's just too much I need to do. I'm falling behind, and there's just too much to do.

(Okay, I want you to repeat after me.) Okay.

("I'm in control.") I'm in control. (Say it again.) I—I am in control. I am, right? (Yes, you are.)

Are you lying to me? (Yes, I am.) My mind is racing, and for a second it stumbles, but it catches itself and keeps on racing. Why face my demons when I could just keep running away from them? If I tell myself that I'm "good enough" enough times, doesn't that make it true? (I'm not sure that's how it works.)

I think that maybe what I'm doing is okay. I think that it's good. I really do. But am I actually doing good if I have to convince myself of that every single day?

A single crack begins to form—my pillar of self-identity wasn't designed with stability in mind, was it?

I try to shake it off. The only thing on my mind right now—that can be on my mind right now—is the story.

Butterflies in my stomach. Or was the expression about a "pit"? (Pit in your stomach?) Was it even about a stomach or another organ? Am I misremembering the idiom completely? (Did you just fully make this all up?)

Ecstasy, frenzy, excitement—fear, anxiety, fright—delirium, zeal, dread. They all head the same way. One second I feel absolutely fantastic, and the next I feel sick to my core.

Oh lord, if I can't even remember this one little thing right, how should I be expected to do everything else? How can I trust myself to do anything else? (You can't.)

I am filled, then, with the uncontrollable urge to lie down on the floor and curl in my legs and just sit there, breath-

ing rapidly, and painfully, and fearfully. My veins feel like they're on fire, and the world is spinning, and—

—wait, focus back to the story, the officers are talking with the protestors and they—

—and I find the word: panic. I'm having a panic attack; I'm having a panic attack; I'm. Having. A. Panic. Attack. Someone help me, please help me, I'm having a panic attack.

I can feel my heart uncomfortably sitting in my chest, and I want to tear it out. It's beating hard, and it's beating fast. My chest hurts.

The voice in my head snarls: "You think you deserve help?" Her first sentence is barely a whisper.

"No, pity is all you can get." Her second is ignored.

"Pity from me, pity from the people walking past you, pity from yourself." Her third echoes in my head long after it's uttered.

Some small and shrinking part of me is asking, begging to try and keep going with the story. *It will all be okay*, she says, *if you just don't think about it. Don't think about it; just think about the story. This is more important than you. Focus on what actually matters.* (Don't listen to her.)

But I can't help but listen to the first voice in my head; she's louder than the others, scarier than the others, and she's saying "jump." (Don't listen to her either.) The other one, the smaller one, tells me, *worry about it later. Pay attention to what people will actually care about.* (I don't know that "Nobody would bat an eye if I lived or died" is much better than what the other one is saying.)

And I feel terrified; I feel alone. I'm sitting against a column set in the middle of a very wide hallway, on that bench right in-between 32-124 and 32-141, and I feel f*cking terrified. I'm on an island in the midst of an invisible sea, impassably separating me from any remote chance of help. The people walking past me are just a few feet away, and somehow we're leagues apart.

A Penelope Scott song comes on, and I panic: no, no, no, I can't do this right now, I can't think about—oh, how easy it would be to—no, I can't—but this is a campus, surely there are scissors somewhere—but I don't want to—but you do—but I don't—why not?—because I—I—it's what you deserve, isn't it?—no it isn't, no it isn't, I—what value do you have to anyone here?—I—who would miss you when you're gone?

(See: Music Listening, another column from "An Ellie For Your Thoughts.")

This is a textbook spiral. And I just can't take it anymore, and I run.

I escape out to the edges of campus and I frantically search my backpack for—aha! I snag a cigarette and light it and huff—once, twice, thrice—and close my eyes and collapse against a tree.

For a second, I dangle the cigarette an inch from my skin. I want to stub it out on my wrist so I don't feel anything else but the pain.

My mind is racing, but not in the good way. I'm not good enough. (Is there anything you could ever do that would convince yourself of your worth?) I'm not worth caring about. "What is there for anybody to care about?" I'm crumbling under the weight of it all. *One must imagine Sisyphus happy.*

I'm sitting against a shady tree, cigarette in hand, sheer panic rushing through my mind as the seconds tick by. I'm in the middle of Hockfield Court, and I'm look-

ing out into the farthest depths of space.

I clutch my stomach and I just stop thinking. For a brief second, all the voices in my head stop.

And I finally have a moment to breathe. The voices in my head, at times, feel like some of my worst demons made manifest. They puppet my every move, feed me the thoughts I am supposed to have.

They are my pride. [Damn, I am gorgeous.]

[If I make enough money, I can pay for anything I want.] My greed.

My lust. [Is she free tonight?]

[Why can't I be as good as—] My envy.

My gluttony. [Wine and lobster for dinner!]

[I really, *really* want to punch a wall right now.] My wrath.

And my sloth. [I can't even bring myself to get out of bed.]

And when they say "Jump," I don't even bother anymore to ask how high—I just resign myself to it with a "Yes, ma'am."

About an hour and a half later, I find myself at therapy. How fortunate that my next session with my therapist just happened to be today. The office is sanitized, clean, pure; it is plastic yet polite, and I welcome the controlled, quasi-ordinary environment the therapist's office creates. We talk about mood swings, substance use, and panic attacks. We talk about what I need to do to finally be happy.

At therapy, I felt alright, and I felt regulated. It was nice to have someone to talk to. My comings and goings of ecstasy, fear, and delirium felt, for a passing moment, actually okay: they felt manageable.

What we didn't talk about was how the voices in my head made what should be day-by-day—and hell, hour-by-hour—segments I could quickly move on from become immovable weights I'm perpetually burdened with.

I remember when I sat in the back corner of the Banana Lounge with a spreadsheet of my major plan open, frozen in fear for hours. I watched the rays of sun that eked past the buildings behind me creep across the room and eventually dwindle away. The voices in my head were in council, with no one to leave until the matter was debated and done with. The last item on their agenda was to vote on the current iteration of my to-be-curriculum. Arrogance was heading a bill to scrap it all and start from scratch; anxiety feared the consequences of changing course this late into my college years. Only when it was dark and cold outside did the meeting finally adjourn.

I remember when a walk along the esplanade brought me to tears. One second I felt all fired up as the voices in my head told me of all that I had in my power to do, of all the ways I could finally be good enough. It only took one voice to comment on the dream's impossibility, and the faint gust of wind it made was enough to knock me off my perch and bring me back down to my own personal hell.

And I remember when, on one unassuming Wednesday evening, an unexpected internal feedback loop and one too many shots supercharged a normally brief wave of self-hate into a dissociative typhoon of warring voices that ran well into the night. The pressure and stress broke me into a spiral of deep depression, abject horror, and self-persecution as I lost touch with "Ellie." March 13th was the night that my demons came to face me. And I did not win.

And so the day after, and after, and after, it is the exact same story: the voices in my head have total control over me. They

always choose the path of destruction, the winding road to self-loathing. Each day, I reprimand myself for just existing; and every day, I am made to build myself back up in preparation for another self-inflicted assault on what life I have left.

This is endemic to the story of Ellie Montemayor. What more glorious purpose is there to behold than the all-consuming act of eternal war with oneself?

Exhaustedly, I thrust the immense boulder of a life's worth of agony up a terrible mountain. Relief and optimism take over as I reach the crest, hoping against fate for an end to the cruelty. It's only momentary, and once again the boulder careens back down to rock bottom. Then anger, depression, and finally acceptance.

The eyes of all the world pound at my dwindling will as I undertake my senseless, ceaseless task. Sometimes, I fear that in my efforts the mountain itself may crumble from the endless battering. Up on this ephemeral mountain, my mind is entombed in the walls of a great and crumbling castle. Within it, the voices in my head take the form of my worst enemies, my lost loved ones, my greatest fears. They are the evils that keep me up at night.

Worst of all, they take the form of the one demon I've never had the guts to face: me.

As I write the final paragraphs of this piece, I feel a sense of pride with what I've accomplished. These 2000-something words took weeks to hack together, a process made all the more burdensome as I doggedly traverse through the crevices of my mind palace in search of the demons that haunt me.

(What voices?) Their mocking jeers, their piercing cackling, their many attempts at bringing me to my knees echo off the empty halls of my mind palace.

As I invoke their names, the voices multiply. One—two—three-five-ten.

"You think we're voices?"

I whip around at the sound of it and hold up a torch to the enveloping darkness. I am journeying through the forgotten passageways that lead into my darkest secrets and the nightmares left behind, all restrained in boarded-up chambers that I'm deathly afraid to reopen.

They come from the cracks when I least expect them, when I am most vulnerable to their ambush. The easiest thing to do is to ignore them.

/We don't "come" from anywhere, my dear./

[We've been here the whole time.]

Ignoring them doesn't usually work, and after the first half-hour or so I would start to break and give in. I'm not doing that now.

(We've been watching you.)

Laughing at you.

I clench my fist as they try to overpower me.

[Every single mistake—] /—that you've ever made.../

I venture deeper through dust and debris, pushing away cobwebs as I brace myself.

We remember it all.

"And we can't wait to see your next one."

(Tick, tick.)

My mind is racing, but I don't let it get to me. I close my eyes, and I take a deep breath.

The voices in my head are here to stay, but so am I.

I suppose we'll just have to learn to live with each other.

One must imagine Sisyphus happy.

VIVIAN'S REFLECTIONS

Career Dilemma

happiness or money

By Vivian Hir
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

"The best measure of your success is your happiness, not how much money you make."

What the executive leader at my internship said made me think a lot about how many people pursue jobs for money instead of personal fulfillment. His career advice struck me as being spot on. On the surface, what he said sounded like common sense, something that many professionals have told college students like me. Of course you should do what makes you happy! Despite this, I have trouble following this piece of advice, which has resulted in a lot of cognitive dissonance this past month.

A month ago, I received an email from a campus recruiter saying that I got accepted into their company's Boston office summer series program. The program consisted of five Zoom events to learn more about the company, which specialized in management consulting, and the recruiting process. My reaction was mixed: I was happy that I got selected, but I also felt hesitant about applying. But if I didn't feel strongly about applying for a full-time job there, then why did I even apply for the company's insights program?

I applied because all I had to do was submit a resume and take their problem solving game; I didn't expect anything out of it. When I first got into the program, I thought that I could just attend the events, and decide on whether to apply near the deadline. After attending the online events and talking to my consultant mentor, however, I had a hunch that the program wanted students like me to have a leg up in the recruiting process. As a result, I decided to apply for

the company and other consulting firms, adding their deadlines onto my calendar.

A year ago, I told myself that I wouldn't go into consulting. My prediction was wrong. What changed my mind was coming to the realization that consulting might be one of my few options if I want a high-paying job. I still feel reluctant at times about my decision, but I don't think I can go back.

I have asked myself many times why I am doing this when it feels like I am selling out. My underlying motivations come from the fact that deep down, I want a comfortable life of living in a nice apartment and having financial security. I know that money can't make up for stress and burnout, common problems in the consulting industry. But it's so hard to break away from this desire. My mind is simply stubborn.

Sometimes, I think about whether life would turn out fine if I pursued a job based on what I cared about despite the lower pay, like journalism. But after I did some research on how much it costs to live in cities like Boston or New York after graduation, I stopped considering journalism as a career path.

While I may not need a high-paying job to enjoy life, I find it so easy and tempting to use money as a metric for success. If I don't get a job that pays well, did I make the most out of my MIT education? Sometimes, I wonder if this belief is narrow-minded and judgmental, but I can't shake off this way of thinking. Perhaps this outlook comes from the pressure of wanting to prove to my parents that my MIT education was a good investment, considering that they are paying for my entire tuition. My parents never explicitly told me that I need to secure a high-paying job after graduation, but I don't want to disappoint them. Or myself.

EVENT REVIEW

Joyce Carol Oates presents Butcher at the Cambridge Public Library

A thrilling novel about a 19th century women's asylum

Joyce Carol Oates

Butcher

Cambridge Public Library

July 18, 2024

By Vivian Hir
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

On Thursday July 18, 2024, acclaimed novelist Joyce Carol Oates gave a book talk about her new novel, Butcher, at the Cambridge Public Library. Harvard Book Store hosted the event, and author Daphne Kalotay was the moderator for the discussion. Oates is a prolific author, and her most famous works include We Were the Mulvaneys and Blonde. A professor emerita at Princeton University, Oates has received numerous awards for her literary work, notably the National Humanities Medal in 2010.

Based on the dark history of gynecology and mental asylums in the 19th century, Butcher is a novel about Dr. Silas Weir, a doctor who performs gruesome surgeries on women in the New Jersey Asylum for Female Lunatics. Told by Dr. Weir's eldest son, Jonathan, the story centers on Weir and Brigit, a young Irish indentured servant who is Weir's main experimental subject but then becomes his assistant due to the close relationship that forms between them.

Oates started the event by reading an excerpt from Butcher that focuses on an escalating conflict between Dr. Weir and Brigit, as Dr. Weir wants Brigit to be physically punished for defying his orders. Dr. Weir believes that his cruel experimentation on a patient called Lucy is justified, but Brigit is deeply upset by his decision.

Oates read the passage in a relatively calm manner, but the intense dialogue and tension drew in the audience. The

audience was engaged with her reading; there were some chuckles for the humorous parts and gasps at the end when Oates left readers on a cliffhanger.

Although Dr. Weir is a fictional character, Oates described him as "a composite portrait" of the following medical figures: J. Marion Sims, Silas Weir Mitchell, and Henry Cotton. Oates purposefully chose Dr. Weir's name to mirror Silas Weir Mitchell because of their overlapping vile personalities and immoral consciences.

These doctors not only had pseudo-scientific theories about the causes and treatments for illnesses in women, but also performed horrific experiments on female patients. Oates considers Butcher "a historical novel" because she did extensive research during the COVID quarantine to develop the characters and setting for the novel.

While Butcher focuses on medicine's misogynistic past, the novel also explores other complex themes, especially the love triangle that forms among Dr. Weir, Brigit, and Jonathan. Oates acknowledged that these relationships can go wrong, but made the audience laugh when she added that "it goes interestingly wrong." What she said regarding the interesting aspect of these failed relationships was eloquent and moving.

"It could be very, very devastating and hurtful and moving, but also it expands you," Oates said. "There's almost a romance of melancholy, say a broken heart: something that's better than having never experienced loss."

The book discussion touched upon many topics, from the parallels between slavery and indentured servitude to "The Yellow Wallpaper," a short story about mental illness in women. Afterwards, the talk transitioned from Butcher to Oates' approach to writing.

When asked about how she writes and thinks about her stories, Oates said that going out for a walk or run helps her a lot. On these runs, Oates likes to pic-

I know that this realization sounds depressing, as if I don't have a lot of career choices. But the concern feels real. I can work in the biotech industry given that I am a Course 6-7, but I would need a PhD to make six figures in biotech. Six years of additional schooling is long, and I honestly don't know whether I love research enough to do a PhD. Software engineering sounds cool, but 6.101 was a nightmare for me, so I don't know if that is a viable option. I don't have the technical skills for quant. I am open to data science because it is more feasible for me, but I haven't taken enough math and computer science classes. Also, I need more experience.

On the other hand, consulting companies recruit across all majors, regardless of their experience with finance. Case interviews are business problems, but these skills can be developed over time through intensive practice. Not only that, but talking to my consultant mentor who also graduated from MIT and transitioned from research to consulting convinced me to consider consulting as a potential career path.

I still believe that the executive leader's advice holds, but I have a hard time convincing myself to choose happiness over money as a measure of career satisfaction and success. I see pursuing a high-paying job as a practical and common choice. On the other hand, doing something that I really like requires some idealism and willingness to take risks, traits that I lack.

This is a cynical view to have, as if I have accepted the path of entering the corporate world. Maybe I will finally follow his advice when I enter my quarter-life crisis five to ten years later. But for now, I will continue reading case books and learning business concepts to prepare for the interviews.

ture various elements of her story coming together. "It's like there's a little video or scene in my head," she said. When Oates is stuck on a problem, she runs to the top of a local hill and back. From this exercise, she said that she would have the answer to writing tricky passages in Butcher.

Besides sharing her writing philosophy, Oates also addressed an audience member's question about how to maintain the fine balance of creativity and accuracy in historical fiction. She said that "there's really no answer," as some authors choose to closely stick to the facts, while others choose to employ more creative liberties. Oates used her novel Blonde as an example, saying that she put historical events on a chart as a reference. The creative part, Oates explained, comes from imagining certain aspects, such as the conversation between Joe DiMaggio and Marilyn Monroe.

Given that the audience had a lot of aspiring writers, Oates wrapped up her talk by giving advice on how to introduce structure. Her main recommendation was to start a story with a scene consisting of characters interacting with each other. While a story could begin with a single character, Oates suggested that a focus on a scene creates drama, which comes from the interaction of people at a certain space and time. "My novels are all sorts of scenes with some exposition bringing them together," Oates said. Despite this style, she finds value in exposition. "But I like description. I mean, that kind of writing we call expository can also be exciting."

A combination of gothic and historical fiction, Butcher is definitely worth reading. The event ended with a warm round of applause from the packed audience, and a long line formed for a personalized signing of Butcher. Overall, the book event was interesting because of the many topics that Butcher investigates and great insight into Oates' unique writing style.

EVENT REVIEW

An Evening with David Sedaris

By Helen Hu & Manaal Mohammed

On April 12, the Celebrity Series of Boston presented An Evening with David Sedaris, a two-hour show featuring the humorist's essays and other writings, both published and unpublished. Known for his caustic and sharp humor, Sedaris' visit is part of a seven-month international tour this year to promote his new children's book, Pretty Ugly.

Cindy House, close friend of Sedaris and author of Mother Noise, performed the opener. She shared an essay about her relationship with her teenage son that touches on the generational gap between them. Most of the jokes seemed limited to being relatable to other parents her age, and her descriptions of her son seemed somewhat callous; however, it was a well-written short essay with a punchline in seemingly every sentence.

After House's performance, Sedaris came onto the stage in an eccentric ensemble, which he noted before starting—plaid cuculottes and a torn, oversized jacket he described as giving off the impression that he "lost a fight with a bear."

He started off with a piece about his hatred of dogs. This controversial take immediately drew laughs and loosened up the audience. But as he went on to list reasons, it seemed that he hated dog owners more so than dogs themselves. While this was a light opener, it also had a slightly whiny and judgmental tone, which may very well be characteristic of Sedaris' humor.

He told two stories about international travel, starting with a safari trip to Kenya and Tanzania and then to Pakistan with his partner, Hugh. Perhaps due to the generational gap, some of his takes leaned conservative, which may have put off some of his younger listeners. He scoffed at the concept of "cultural appropriation" and how he was shocked by the lack of women in the streets in Pakistan, joking that he thought it was "man day." Discovering the low prices in Pakistan, he went on to pitch that Pakistan be advertised as a vacation spot for "thrifty misogynists." The remark seemed off-color, but still landed well for most of the audience.

Next, he performed a piece about his language learning experiences, particularly the choice of sentences that different mediums deem the most necessary to learn. Duolingo's odd choice of sentences is a worn-out joke, but he amusingly discovered a good icebreaker from one of these sentences: "How long have you known your dentist?" He then extended the bit to Pimsleur's focus on alcohol consumption, and more peculiarly, to an old book called Teach Yourself Japanese, which covered particularly depressing and bleak scenarios. The essay wasn't too long, and was mostly well received. The essay, however, didn't feel very fresh and novel, and felt more like padding for the rest of the show.

He continued with an essay published in the New Yorker about his long-term close friendship with Dawn, a woman as odd as Sedaris. This was the most charming part of the performance: Sedaris' wry and sharp observations softened somewhat by his clear affection and fondness for Dawn. He talked about their love of long walks and their logistic approach to eating a tire in a year if forced to. Sedaris' essays about his family and friends always seem to carry his sense of humor best; this one was no exception.

He wrapped up the performance with excerpts from his diary, which were sharp and compelling. I liked this part of the performance the most; a key aspect of Sedaris' work is the discomfort and secondhand awkwardness it evokes by carrying on one note for much longer than seems necessary. By doing so, this style seemed to overpower his spoken performance in a way that seemed more forgivable in a written essay. As he jumped from college essay advice suggestions to attempts to make ChatGPT produce quality content, the jokes landed more easily and did not have tension.

All in all, Sedaris' sharp humor was evident in his readings of essays and short stories from his many books. To some extent, his live performance was awkward, though this somewhat judgmental personality added to the humor, even if some of the jokes suffered from generational differences or stale punchlines.

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OPEN LETTER

An Open Letter on Systemic Misgendering at MIT

By Joules Provenzano

Everyone should have the dignity of being respected and accurately represented in the workplace. MIT's outdated and unreasonable data practices force many transgender and nonbinary individuals to access health insurance at the cost of being misgendered throughout MIT systems.

An open letter to Denzil Streete, hearing officer to this grievance; and Ellen McClintock, manager of labor relations:

It should not be too much to ask for the agency to be accurately represented in MIT systems while having the right to medical care, but here I am writing this letter. These rights should be the bare minimum for all MIT community members, and they are protected for bargaining unit members of MIT GSU under the Collective Bargaining Agreement. I raised concerns about this matter informally in February of 2024. Without any movement through that route, MIT GSU filed a formal step 1 grievance on my behalf in March. Each step of the way, my union stewards and I have clearly demonstrated the contract

violations and have proposed possible solutions. Now in July, with the grievance at step 3 in the process, MIT has yet to commit to a timely solution that resolves the contract violations. I write this letter reaffirming the need for said solution, with support from other members of the trans and gender-expansive community.

Unknown to many, each student and employee has a "legal sex" listed in their personal information. This field currently serves two purposes at MIT: it is used to represent one's gender in MIT systems (such as in housing, in MIT recreation, and by academic departments) and it is used as the sex listed on a MIT health insurance plan. These fields do not align for many trans and gender-expansive folks; the sex listed for health insurance purposes is different from their gender. Therefore, many of us who need health insurance through MIT, as many students and employees do, are forced by MIT to have inaccurate personal information for gender across campus—systemically misgendering us. Why should we have to make the choice between a "legal sex" that gives us health insurance or one that more accurately represents our gender?

You might ask, "Why can't you change the 'legal sex' to be one that represents your gender? Is that not a solution?" For trans and gender-expansive folks, it's not that simple. Changing legal sex for health insurance has huge and complicated implications. If the sex listed on one's health insurance policy does not match the sex listed on one's medical record, claims cannot be processed properly. In other words, in order to functionally have health insurance, one's health insurance sex must match the sex listed on their medical records.

It can be difficult or impossible to change the sex listed on one's medical records, even in the Boston area, so many trans and gender-expansive individuals are stuck with the sex that they already have listed. In order to have functioning health insurance at MIT, the "legal sex" field in one's personal information must be the sex listed on their medical records. This means that we are stuck with "legal sex" as our gender marker in MIT's systems, viewable by other MIT employees, even though it is not representative of our gender, nor did we consent to that information being used as such.

I am not writing this letter because I want to. In fact, I would rather focus my energy on my research and communities I hold closely within MIT. But I feel the need to write this after months of working with MIT and their failure to come up with a clearly defined, timely solution to this urgent and important matter for the trans and gender-expansive community.

Since the onset of this grievance where we have been trying to remedy this very problem, we have emphasized the need to decouple the two purposes of "legal sex" as they currently stand. Namely, allowing the option for one's health insurance sex to be specified separately from one's "legal sex". We have also discussed and seen implemented much-needed improvements to sex and gender information at MIT.

In addition to the previous M and F options, an X option was added for the "legal sex" field as a result of this grievance. MIT Health now also has a process to update sex and gender identity fields in one's medical records. These changes are improvements.

However, they do not fix the issue at hand: I still have to select the "legal sex" option that gives me health insurance,

not the one that accurately reflects my gender.

In attempting to resolve this grievance, the work of the Gender Identity Initiative (GII) has been proposed as a solution. Specifically, phase 3 of the GII recently implemented gender identity and pronoun questions for students and employees in Atlas. This phase of their work also involves educating MIT employees about best practices on using sex- and gender-related data. Phase 4, as presented to us during the grievance procedure, "will address the use of gender-related information in downstream and local systems, including sharing pronouns more widely and clarifying the use of directory and legal names."

More importantly, Phase 4 does not have a clearly defined scope of "downstream and local systems" nor a timeline for implementation. It does not even have a stated intention of removing the propagation of the "legal sex" field as a "gender" data-field in downstream systems. This is, frankly, not a solution to the issue at hand. Even if it were a solution, an undefined timeline for implementation is unacceptable.

The current use of "legal sex" data fails all six guiding principles of the Gender Identity Initiative, reproduced below:

1. Inclusiveness: People deserve to

- count and be counted.
- Precision: Use precise terminology that reflects the constructs of interest.
- Autonomy: Respect identity and autonomy.
- Parsimony: Collect only necessary data.
- Privacy: Use data in a manner that benefits respondents and respects their privacy and confidentiality.
- Transparency: Share relevant information in a clear, accessible, and timely manner.

Trans and gender-expansive students and employees, at best, cannot have their identities be accurately reflected in MIT's systems of record. At worst, the current use and solutions proposed by MIT continue to forcibly out trans and gender-expansive folks to employees all across campus, from housing employees to PE instructors to academic administrators. I have been unknowingly and forcibly outed to fellow students and co-workers. Students in my residence have been unknowingly and forcibly outed as transgender to me in my role as a graduate resident advisor. We, trans and gender-expansive MIT community members, urge MIT to treat this matter with the urgency, care, and resources that it deserves.

We have proposed a solution for decoupling the two purposes of "legal sex"

by adding a new "health insurance sex" datafield to WebSIS for students and SAP for employees. This would simply provide the option for individuals to specify the sex listed on their health insurance policy separately from "legal sex", which gets propagated as "gender" to downstream systems.

Fortunately, we have technical precedence for this solution; the "directory name" is an optional field in the main systems of record, which if filled out, masks one's legal name in many instances downstream. In fact, the "health insurance sex" datafield would only have to mask "legal sex" in its propagation to MIT health insurance, making it a technically simpler solution than the "directory name" option that is already implemented.

Like "directory name" is an optional field, "health insurance sex" would be as well, defaulting to "legal sex" if left unfilled. This entirely optional field meets the GII guiding principles for all individuals, including trans and gender-expansive folks, while requiring no action to be taken by unaffected community members.

By meeting as a community during the grievance process, we have already communicated urgency around this issue and strong support for the above-mentioned solution. We are writing, now in the last stage of the union grievance

procedure, to reiterate our messages of urgency and broad support for an optional "health insurance sex" datafield to be added. We underscore that the work of the Gender Identity Initiative, while much-needed, does not provide a timely or clear path to resolving the forced misgendering that is currently required of trans and gender-expansive folks to access health insurance.

At the heart of this grievance, we need a solution where everyone at MIT is able to exercise their rights to health care coverage at no cost to their right to accurate gender representation. We, as members of and allies to trans and gender-expansive communities, must stand up together to let the Institute know that we will not settle for any less. The only way we can pressure the MIT administration to put forward a real resolution to this issue is through taking collective action together now. If you would like to help in demanding the Institute to resolve these issues with the timely and urgently needed solution we propose, we urge you to sign onto our open letter here.

Signed,

Joules Provenzano

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GUEST COLUMN

A Nation's Cry for Liberty: Venezuelan students at MIT speak out against election fraud

By Venezuelan Students at MIT

This Sunday, July 28th, the presidential elections were held in Venezuela. The results revealed that the Venezuelan opposition party led by Edmundo Gonzalez and Maria Corina Machado collected more than 70% of the votes in favor. At the same time, dictator Nicolas Maduro along with the electoral council (CNE) proclaimed himself president-elect, stealing the legitimate results. As a result, there was a massive reaction of the people defending their votes in the street. Meanwhile, the regime is sending the armed and collective forces to the streets to repress, harm, or murder anyone who defends their rights. After 25 years under a dictatorship, Venezuelans are fighting more than ever to get their freedom.

It is our job to say something. But in this moment of profound hopelessness, when hot tears blur our disbelieving eyes, the only words that seem appropriate should be directed to the evil author of this suffering.

Your blatant corruption, disregard for democracy, and authoritarian rule have plunged our beloved country into unprecedented despair. Monster! Killer! Beast! Isn't the suffering you've inflicted upon the Venezuelan people enough? How many more families will be torn apart until you stop your vile attacks on our dignity? How many more lives must be lost before you decide to relinquish your grip on power? What was it you wanted us to believe after you proclaimed yourself the winner of Sunday's election? Whatever it was, know that you failed.

Did you want to make us fear? We stand united and defiant, more determined than ever to fight for justice.

Did you really expect us to accept your fraudulent results? You just fueled our desire for change.

Do you feel strong in your ill-gotten power? You are about to learn.

Let me tell you about who we are. We are a group of students who left Venezuela in search of a future that was stolen from us. Our families were targeted by relentless oppression and persecution, forcing us to flee for our safety. We are also young and ambitious. Our small group is composed of future engineers, doctors, lawyers... We are lucky, too, spoiled by the fortune of having the resources to leave, a privilege not shared by many of our friends, who sadly remain trapped. And we all suffer from the injustices occurring in our homeland. We never truly left; we simply live farther away.

Some people—you, perhaps—think that all of this makes us weak. Know that

you are wrong. We are not weak. In fact, we are strong in ways that you could not imagine.

Downhearted

Yes, we are in despair. We are in mourning and reeling from the shock from the fraudulent election results. We are still grappling with the blatant insult of your so-called victory. Our hearts ache for the families who have lost loved ones to violence during peaceful protests. Our anger burns for the hundreds imprisoned and tortured for their political beliefs. Your legacy will be one of shame and failure. You have inflicted upon our nation suffering and bloodshed unlike any we have endured before.

But there is a stark difference between hurting us and making us surrender. We are tired. Our folks will not endure any more humiliation. The voices of millions demanding justice and transparency cannot be silenced. It occurs to us that you expected to maintain control without significant challenge. But we know our people, as I believe you do not. The Venezuelan people are resolute and will not relent until their voices are heard and their will is respected. Your attempts to subvert democracy will only fuel our determination to fight for justice and reclaim our rightful future.

To The Resilient People of Venezuela: Gloria al Bravo Pueblo!

Your courage and commitment to fighting for democracy amidst overwhelming adversity inspire us all. We, the Venezuelan students at MIT, stand with you in the struggle to reclaim our rights and restore justice to our homeland. Your bravery does not go unnoticed, and we are deeply moved by your determination.

To students and individuals across institutions everywhere

We call on you to join us in spreading awareness and shedding light on the dire situation unfolding in Venezuela. By amplifying our voices and bringing global attention to their plight, we can help support their fight for freedom and hold the regime accountable. It is a plea of humanity to the world. FUERZA VENEZUELA!

Signed,

Javier Gil Undergraduate Student 2026 | Chemical and Biological Engineering Javier arrived in the United States in 2018 in search of a better future after fleeing Venezuela due to the dictatorship. He is currently studying chemical-biological engineering, driven by a passion for scienc-

tific innovation. Despite the distance, Javier remains deeply moved by the situation in his homeland and has never stopped caring about the people and challenges he left behind. His experiences fuel his determination to succeed and make a positive impact in both his new community and his native country.

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lived in Panamá until 2020, when he moved to Florida. In addition to pursuing his major (2A-6) at MIT, Mauricio is passionate about the ethical implementation of robotics and about advocating to ensure that it benefits developing countries and addresses their unique challenges. Along with Javier, Mauricio has started a campaign to spread awareness about the situation in his homeland and draw support from the distance. In the future, he hopes to leverage his career to contribute to the Venezuela's recovery and development.

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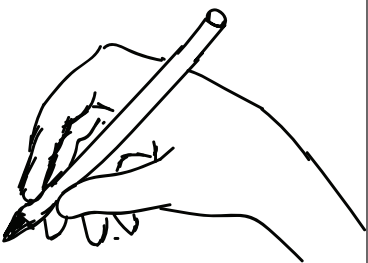
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Two Venezuelan MIT students holding up a sign calling against the recent presidential election in Venezuela which numerous experts and media outlets have decried as marred with fraud.

COURTESY OF JAVIER GIL

Tens of thousands swarm D.C. during Netanyahu’s congressional visit

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blocked access to and marched along the various streets and intersections surrounding the Capitol Complex. The various blockades were conducted in an attempt to disrupt Netanyahu’s motorcade route as he made his way around the city.

“I hate how the US continues to support Israel, even while the IDF continues to enact genocide on the citizens of Gaza,” an attending student from the Class of 2024, who requested anonymity out of fear of public backlash, said of their motivation to come to D.C. “And in the wake of this, seeing members of Congress invite Netanyahu, it’s disgusting, and it’s something I and tons of my friends felt we had to do something about.”

In the hour leading up to Netanyahu’s 2 p.m. address to Congress, the primary rally ended and many protestors began to disperse from the area. A large contingent remained by the Capitol Grounds, moving to a larger march in protest of Netanyahu’s upcoming address—at the time, his motorcade was en route to the Capitol—and attempting to push through police barricades to impede the Israeli head of government’s convoy. The march, which had a force of over a hundred, evaded police forces who were in close pursuit as the groups rounded the perimeter of the Capitol Complex; in some instances, altercations between the protestors and the police became violent as officers resorted to pepper-spraying and detaining.

“I think that tension, much like the BLM [Black Lives Matter] riots in 2020, is the inevitable result of a continued injustice,” said a rising sophomore from the Class of 2027, who attended the protest under the labor contingent alongside the other members of C4P. “We can be critical of it from any direction, but understanding why it happened is important in my mind.” The sophomore requested anonymity out of the perception that their name’s inclusion would compromise their full autonomy over their words.

As Netanyahu eventually made



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Hannah Didehbani ‘24 holds a banner with the ANSWER Coalition contingent at the front line of the Union Station rally.

his way to the House Chamber at 2 p.m., the protestors shifted away from the area to continue to evade police forces and soon descended upon Union Station forty minutes after the beginning of the Israeli prime minister’s address. Around a hundred protestors held the Columbus Circle plaza in front of Union Station for several more hours as continued clashes with law enforcement led to physical altercations and several arrests.

“They should be ashamed of themselves,” Netanyahu said of the pro-Palestinian protests that had erupted across the city during his visit.

Netanyahu also suggested during his speech that Iran may have played a role in the “anti-Israel protests that are going on right now outside this building,” he said, adding that “I have a message for these protestors: when the tyrants of Tehran—who hang gays from cranes and murder women for not covering their hair—are praising, promoting and funding you, you have officially become Iran’s useful idiots.”

Mohamed described Netanyahu’s speech as “horrific” and as dehumanizing to Palestinians and workers across the US, noting that, “What you had is a foreign official

come and call your constituents ‘terrorists’.. and even unsubstantiated [slander] against us that we were foreignly funded.”

That day, hundreds of police officers—including forces sworn in from D.C. Police (DCPD), U.S. Capitol Police (USPC), U.S. Park Police (USPP), the Department of Transportation (DOT), Homeland Security, and the New York City Police Department (NYPD)—patrolled the city and the Capitol Complex as protestors swarmed the area.

At Union Station, the marching protestors who arrived from Massachusetts Ave were met with a police blockade—with many police officers dressed in light riot gear—at the station’s Columbus Circle-side entrance, which shut off access to the building from nearby entryways. Not long after the protestors’ arrival, violent confrontations with law enforcement ensued as some demonstrators attempted to bring down American flags hung from three flagpoles facing the station. As the groups clashed and more protestors were detained, the three flagpoles’ standards were eventually brought down and replaced with Palestinian flags.

Police officers present at the scene made several efforts at crowd control as the protestors occupied

the lawn, with the protest eventually turning into riot as violent encounters and numerous acts of vandalism rocked the area. 23 protestors were ultimately arrested throughout the day’s events, according to initial reporting by the Washington Post; this tally was later corrected to 25 in later coverage as additional arrests were identified.

At Union Station, escalating actions at the protest included the burning of an effigy of Netanyahu and the Israeli and American flags; pro-Palestinian graffiti—with statements such as “Hamas is Coming” and “All Zionists are Bastards”—drawn on the Columbus Fountain and the adjacent Freedom Bell; and the “kettling” of police officers who attempted to detain protestors.

As the effigy of Netanyahu burned, a protestor spray-painted a slogan which read, “Free Gaza,” on the grounds of the Columbus Circle. A man who did not appear to be affiliated with the protest was also observed dragging away the burning American flag just minutes after it was set on fire, eliciting vocal disapproval from the protestors, some of whom appeared to chase down the individual. In another scene, two protestors climbed atop a graffitied Freedom Bell and set off smoke canisters in the colors of the Palestinian flag, which appeared to evoke a zealous and energized response

from other protestors who circled around the demonstration.

The riot eventually drew in several larger forces of law enforcement who made further arrests, including police officers armed with riot shields and other crowd-control munitions that were used to push back protestors. At least four USPP officers and one MPD officer were observed carrying weaponry that appeared to be riot control guns. The Tech was unable to verify whether these guns were fired during the course of the protest. Pepper spray was used at times to push back numerous individuals nearest to the front line of the riot, which also hit non-participating journalists and photographers, including one Tech reporter on-scene.

“The police there gave nowhere near that big a response to right-wing protestors storming the capitol on Jan. 6,” the Class of 2024 protestor said, referencing the Capitol attack in 2021. “They don’t care about actual threats—they just hate people that support Palestine. The violence the police enacted on us was completely disproportionate.”

“Though people did get pepper sprayed and detained, it was nothing compared to what the people of Palestine have been dealing with not just since October, but for the past 76 years under Israel’s violent apartheid rule,” the student added.



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Mohamed Mohamed G (center) marches with other MIT students alongside the labor contingent to Union Station.

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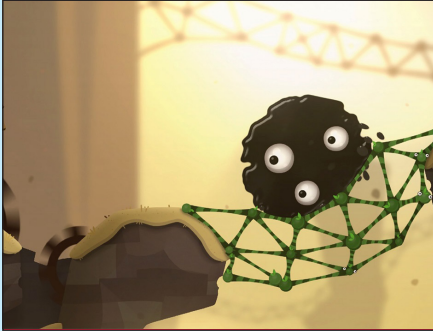


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