By Katherine Hammes

“...The odds are good, but the goods are way. To me, that phrase alludes to an ideal as a joke, as a ruse, as a tease, and when I found freedom.”

By Shea Lemley

ON Monday, September 12, Israeli Defense Forces completed their withdrawal from the Gaza Strip after an end to military rule was declared on Sunday. They left behind bulldozed Jewish settlements and desecrated synagogues, testaments to the Jewish lives that have been uprooted. As they departed, the Palestinians raised their flag, a mark of their newly found freedom.

The Gaza Strip, a 25-mile long territory on the Mediterranean Sea, had been occupied by Israel since June 1967 when they captured the area from Egypt. The Israeli pullout marked the end of 38 years of military rule in Gaza, where Palestinians and Israelis had been in near constant conflict. The US has been harping the withdrawal as a “milestone in the peace process.”

Palestinians, free for the first time in nearly four decades, revealed in their ability to enter previously off-limits Jewish areas. Several found relief in desecrating the hallowed symbols of Jewish occupation. Last Tuesday, Hamas gunmen celebrated and rang the Shofar, the Jewish holy horn, which has been banned by Israel.

RUSH: a student’s view on Play for Peace

By Sachin Jain

Last Saturday, a group of students, faculty, and alumni from IIT participated in RUSH: The Ultimate Urban Team Adventure. The RUSH course featured rappelling, canoeing, pole-jumping and much more. It was designed to promote team building as support from team members was critical to success throughout the day. The actual event was held throughout downtown Chicago particularly near Lincoln Park, Navy Pier, and the lakeshore. The RUSH 2005 event was designed to benefit Play for Peace, a non-profit organization whose primary goal is to build peaceful communities throughout the world.

During the day different teams cycled from event to event enjoying sights around the city. Members particularly enjoyed rappelling of Navy Pier as they could behold tremendous views of the lake in the background. Some of the team members were quite frightened when they reached the top and looked down. However upon reaching the ground most everyone who participated seemed to enjoy the experience.

Part of the team also participated in a six-person kayak race in which the team member’s kayaks were tied together with string. IIT’s team was successfully able to make it down three miles of the Chicago River to Ping Tom Park thanks to synchro-nization in their strokes and steering. One of the team members had never been kayaking before, but was still able to successfully help the team.

The team was also not only challenged physically but mentally as well. The team was successfully able to use its engineering prowess to solve a puzzle of wooden planks in the fastest time of all the teams participating. The team also flexed its engineering muscle in being able to successfully hold up a five pound weight for over a minute with only two pounds of spaghetti and a slight amount of tape. Some members of the team felt that there needed to be a handicap for the IIT team due to its exceptional creativity, which arose in large part due to the multitude of engineers on the team.
What do you think of the services offered by the library/ARC? What improvements would you like to see?

Editor’s Question of the Week
By: Shravani Pasupneti

I don’t really know too much about the library because I haven’t really been there yet since I haven’t needed to go. I do like e-reserves, and I use those almost every week for my genetics class."
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On the Excessive Reliance Upon PowerPoint in the Classroom

By Leland Barnard

TECHNEWS WRITER

A classmate of mine mentioned to me recently that sums up nicely my sentiment toward what is, in my estimation at least, a serious short-coming in the teaching practices at this school. We were talking about teachers using PowerPoint presentations and overhead transparencies to give lectures, and he told me about an exchange on the subject that had occurred in one of his engineering courses. The professor had informed the students that the professor reading information off of a slide that I am perfectly capable of reading myself, and I found it difficult to follow the lecture notes from the slides because the lecture notes themselves are entirely lacking in heavy reliance on multimedia.
Milestone on the Gaza Strip: Israel Defenses pull out

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Ex-Microsoft executive now working for Google

By V. Muthabathula

KIA-Fa Lee, ex-Microsoft executive, was jubilant after the Israeli Supreme Court ruled that he was free to work as an employee of Google, the internet search and technology giant. The ruling will be a significant step for the development of the internet and technology sector in India.

India is one among the fastest developing nations in the world, and is one of leading countries on the Asian continent.

Development: India has been developing at a faster pace when compared to a decade ago, due to the government ensuring policy changes in the development sector. India: known for its rich heritage, culture, and traditions, for its unity and diversity, people with different cultures and religions, yet all living together in harmony.

The Indian government has been pouring a lot of money into the agricultural sector because farming is the most common form of employment in rural India. The government is targeting rural India and the same policies are being used for urban people.

Education: Education in India is becoming more popularly because the rural population has understood the value of education. Previously, most of the rural people thought that what he would pass the tenth grade, or matriculation, it would be sufficient for life. There have been drastic changes since the 1970s and 80s, where stress on education has been made by the government by encouraging students to take up higher education, thereby increasing the development of the nation.

Coupled with higher education, and the increasing need for jobs, the government has forced private companies to take up initiatives in promoting job opportunities. The population in India is the second largest in the world after China, therefore it has become imperative to help the government to provide jobs for the unemployed youth with master’s degrees.

The recent trend has been

Employment opportunities in India increase

By V. Muthabathula

International News Briefs

By Sherine George

England

The romantic side of German-born scientist Albert Einstein, who was declared the man of the century by Time magazine, is explained in a new exhibition to mark Einstein’s 130th birth anniversary. For his intellectual skills and quick wit, Einstein was also a keen Bavarian. “He was a passionate and very complex man, fascinating full of contradictions,” said Hansch Guttridge, Einstein biographer. Source – CNN

Germany

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder’s party is putting up campaign posters with images of flag-draped coffins of dead American soldiers to express their opposition to the war in Iraq. The posters contain an image of five coffins covered by the flag stars and stripes being loaded into a transport aircraft, flanked by a U.S. military honor guard. Source – Reuters

Lithuania

On September 16th, the Lithuanian government denied Moscow’s requests to hand over a Russian pilot whose fighter jet crashed in the NATO member’s territory after violating its airspace, stating that it must first complete an investigation. Defense Minister Gediminas Kirkilas said NATO investigations would also study the SU-27 fighter-bomber’s flight black box, to determine the cause of the crash. The plane, on route from St. Petersburg to Kaliningrad, crashed near the village of Ploksciunas, 190 kilometers (120 miles) northwest of Vilnius, Lithuania’s capital, on Thursday, September 15th. Source – Associated Press

Indonesia

The Indonesian Ministry of Research and Technology announced on Thursday, September 15th that it will implement a Java Standard Development Specification (JSDS) on Linux as a national standard desktop, while custom-designing it for its own culture. The agreement with Sun – for an unspecified number of years - has the goal of installing copies of the open source desktop across Indonesia, beginning with its government-affiliated offices. Source: www.desktoplinux.com

U.S. News Briefs

By John Purpura

U.S. to Clear Tons of Radioactive Waste

Almost 12 million tons of radioactive waste will be moved from the banks of the Colorado River, the source of drinking water for more than 25 million people in the West, the government said last week. Energy Department officials unveiled the plan for a plan that was announced this year. The 94-foot high pile of uranium mining waste is near Moab, Utah, and 790 feet from the river. The department will now work on the specifics of moving the waste.

‘Under God’ in Pledge Ruled Unconstitutional

Last Wednesday, a federal judge declared the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools unconstitutional, which means this issue could be argued (again) in the Supreme Court. The same atheist who had his case rejected by the court last year, saying Al Qaeda operatives out of Egypt.

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wowed to create an armed camp in Gaza to attack Israel; this followed the burning of a synagogue as thousands of Palestinians entered abandoned Jewish settlements when Israeli security chief Mahmoud Abbas stated that he hopes to establish order in Gaza by year’s end. However, Palestinian communities lack such resources, and many fear peace in Gaza may not be established for some time. For the near future, Israel will maintain control of Gaza’s air and sea space, as well as its borders. Some Palestinian feel that the occupation will not truly end until there is total freedom of movement between Egypt and Gaza. Among a beginning for Middle East peace, some fear that future free movement between Egypt and Gaza will not be movement of Al Qaeda operatives out of Egypt. Others worry that Israel may expand into the West Bank, creating further stripe with its neighbors by hampering the peace process.


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I don’t really know if it was called, and I’m not sure what it was about, I only knew it was amazing. I laugh just thinking about it, and I want another one.

So if you too want to laugh until you are forced to urinate over all your good pants, I highly recommend you go check out some of the main shows right now...

Red Scare
Red Scare explores the country’s different political, economical, and cultural situations and stuff. It also apparently has something to do with, “republican robots, disgruntled leprechauns, and situations and stuff. It also successfully being altered and tampered his sound, even if he isn’t doing any drastic or unimaginable things. This time, however, things have changed. In- stead of the guitar (plus the odd instrument every once in a while), Banhart actually has fully backed songs this time. Furthermore, the sense of dread and creepiness has gone, replaced by a more traditional 60s’ odd’ folk sound; the results are not perfect, but they are mostly successful. On any song, Banhart’s banjo player stands among his best, such as “I Feel Like A Child,” “Long Haired Child,” and “Little Boys,” are some of Banhart’s most upbeat material. The reason this work is because there is still some of the quirkiness of his old material amid the more conventional band background. This is not always the case, however. Songs like “Heard Somebody Say” and “Lucky Butterfly” are fairly conventional, and it’s about the instrumentation, the second one possessing a Medium Eastern motif. These stand among the Banhart’s more bizarre tunes fruitfully being cleverly as “normal.” The songs that tend to grab the album down are the short ones. While most of Banhart’s recorded output has consisted of short soundbytes, this time they don’t compare to the more developed songs, and as such they make the album feel like a mini album (it has 22 tracks), making the whole affair seem a bit excessive. While Banhart’s more bizarre leanings are sorely missed, he is an artist worthy of respect. Rather than remaining fixated on some of his wackier idiosyncrasies, he moves on and try different things, while most people would be content with getting Oh Me Oh My Pt. 2. While not as immediately striking as Rejoicing or Oh Me Oh My, Cripple Crow is another worthy addition to Banhart’s catalog of freak folk.
Looking into the minds of the guys from 112

By Rohit Loomba

T he music industry is a huge dream for a lot of aspiring artists. For Rohit Loomba, the Guy from 112, pursuing a career in music was a dream come true. He shares: “When I was 15, I got a recording contract and since then I have been pursuing it. I have been on tour and in recording studios. I have been working with some of the biggest artists in the industry.”

Rohit: What are your interests outside the music world? You hear you’re quite the actor.

Mike (of 112): Well basically, I am a shy guy and I don’t talk to many people but I am a fan of acting and how people transform into different characters. I would love to do acting. I am open to it and I would love to try and act before I started singing. I am a big fan of acting and how people transform into different characters. I would love to do acting. I am open to it and I would love to try and act before I started singing. I am a big fan of acting and how people transform into different characters. I would love to do acting. I am open to it and I would love to try and act before I started singing.

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Marcus Aurelius at the Art Institute

By Alice Wong

I t may surprise viewers to learn that the body of the statue of Marcus Aurelius on display at the Art Institute of Chicago was carved during the second half of the first century A.D. - years before the birth of Marcus Aurelius - and the head was sculpted around the middle of the next century - when he was in his mid-twenties. It was a familiar practice in Roman times to replace the portrait head of a person who had died or fallen out of favor with the image of someone else; this was far easier and more economical than carving an entirely new statue.

In cities and towns across the empire, Romans honored their gods, emperors, and heroes with statues; many, like the one in the picture, presented them with the guise of a general one.

This sculpture is an example of a cuirass sculpture, type that takes its name from the body armor worn by the emperor. Marcus Aurelius ruled Rome from A.D. 161-180, when the empire was at its greatest size and enjoying a period of relative prosperity. He was a thoughtful and intelligent ruler who cared deeply for his people and detested all forms of violence. A devotee of Stoicism, a philosophy that encouraged individuals to think and act responsi-

Orpheus Descending, an overlooked masterpiece by Tennessee Williams

By Alice Wong

Orpheus Descending is a Tennessee Williams’ American adaptation of the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, put on this season by the American Theater Company until November 6th. In this astounding theatrical production, Tennessee Williams takes us into the world of Lady Torrance, a re-

The Marcus Aurelius statue at the Art Institute.

Photo by Alice Wong

A Kiss From Alexander Location: Baliwick Repertory All My Sons Location: Actors Workshop Theatre

And Some Can Remember Something of Some Such Thing Location: Live Bait Theater At Last: A Tribute to Eliza James Location: Black Ensemble Theatre Aztec Hotel Location: Chopin Theatre Bad Seed: The Musical Location: Baliwick Repertory

Big Bad Wolf (vs. Lord Underwearface) Location: North Lakeside Cultural Center

Blue Man Group Location: Briar Street Theatre Butterflies Are Free Location: North Lakeside Cultural Center Crazy Locomotive Location: Trap Door Theatre Cryptogram Location: Stage Left Theatre

Flies! Location: Conservatory Giving sorrow Words Location: Loyola University Chicago, Merz Hall

Hephaestus: A Greek Mythology Circus Tale Location: Lookingglass Theatre Company, Water Tower Water Works

I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change Location: Royal George Theatre Center

Jacques Brel Revue: Songs of Love and War Location: No Exit Cafe

Late Nite Catechetism Location: Royal George Theatre Center

La Luna Location: Chopin Theatre

The Mikado Location: Pheasant Run Resort and Spa

Psycho Beach Party Location: Baliwick Repertory

Put the Nuns in Charge Location: Royal George Theatre Center

The Second City’s Romeo and Juliet Musical: The People vs. Friar Laurence, the Man Who Killed Romeo and Juliet Location: Chicago Shakespeare Theater

That’s Weird, Grandma Location: Neo-Futurarium Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind Location: Neo-Futurarium

The Virginia Monologues Location: Metropolitan Performing Arts center Waiting for Godot Location: Chopin Theatre

Wicked Location: Ford Center for Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre

TOO MUCH LIGHT MAKES THE BABY GO BLIND — a play by Eve Ensler — runs through Saturday at the Neo-Futurarium, 3116 N. Clark St. In this adaptation of a one-woman play that began in the late 1990s, Ensler combines monologues with freewriting and theater games on the theme of women’s bodies, their value and their power. WOMEN’S CAFES AT THE CHICAGO ART MUSEUM. Many of the sculptures that were once on display at the Art Institute as part of the Biennial or other shows have been moved to various cafés in the museum. Among the items on view at the Savage Cafe, in the Renwick Building, is a 1936 sculpture of a modern dancer by Olga Mangold of Paris. Aries at the Art Institute is a group show of ancient and modern sculpture, including some excellent pieces by the Italian sculptor Giacomo Manzù. The show runs through October 29 at the Art Institute, 111 S. Michigan Ave.

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Plato about 500 years earlier. The book of Marcus Aurelius is born into a socially prominent family. Davis, who cared deeply for his people and detested all forms of violence, was a devout student of Stoicism, a philosophy that encouraged individuals to think and act responsi-

OCTOBER 19-31: A Kiss From Alexander Location: Baliwick Repertory

OCTOBER 26-November 6, 2005: Orpheus Descending by Tennessee Williams

OCTOBER 29: Blue Man Group Location: North Lakeside Cultural Center

OCTOBER 30: Wicked Location: Neo-Futurarium

ARTS EDITOR

Photo by Alice Wong
By Mindy Sherman

Two art exhibits have been presented on Main Campus since summer, alongside the largest showing of sculptor Terrence Karpowicz. All of the exhibitions bring a diverse and large breadth of work to IIT’s community. From the lush, onsite photographs from world traveler and IIT research professor, Larry Broutman, to the newest show from art @ IIT, An Earthly Canvas, which showcases images from 438 miles (705 km) above the earth.

While there are currently three exhibits being shown, the third of art @ IIT’s galleries is still anticipating an opening in the MTCC, which will include additional faculty, staff, and alumni art. Broutman’s photographs are beautifying the Hermann Hall Gallery Lounge, and the new satellite image show will open next week Thursday in Galvin Library Kemper Room, alongside Karpowicz’s work.

The first show opening this semester, An Earthly Canvas, will feature two distinct artists that both use digital data from Landsat satellites, which measure surface radiation across seven bands of the electromagnetic spectrum—three visible and four in the infrared region. Colors are assigned to this data using complex algorithms that are designed to highlight the variety of topographic features observed. Larry Ammann, who will be present at Thursday’s artist reception, reveals the unique compositions, shapes, and colors of the Earth that are hidden in the data, while still retaining recognizable topographic features. Smart Black, using similar data, creates images that are more in an abstract or impressionist style. Many of his images obscure the actual topography to highlight prominent features. All of the images from satellite feature worldly destinations that many IIT students call home, in addition to some familiar sites. Overall, a diverse selection of the earth is covered, from urban areas, to deserts and rainforests, along with mountains, rivers, and oceans. Only latitude and longitude labels will reveal locations, alongside a world map and descriptive gallery handout. Many have found Chicago, San Francisco, and Israel, but the remaining thirty prints may be quite a challenge to identify.

Other developments in campus art include a new workshop space in Hermann Hall, where monthly workshops will be held for members of the IIT community. The first workshop has been planned, and with the help of artist Terrence Karpowicz, all will have an opportunity to create their own “cacoons.” See them in the data, designed to include their work. Larry Broutman discusses his artwork with interviewers.

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Facilitated By Kevin Carroll

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IIT responds to Hurricane Katrina

By Alice Jacob
TECHNEWS WRITER

Hurricane Katrina, which struck on August 29th, 2005, was among the worst cyclones in the history of the United States. With over a million people displaced, Hurricane Katrina has caused a humanitarian crisis, a type that has been unseen in the US since the Great Depression.

The McCormick Tribune Hurricane Katrina Relief Campaign was established to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Through this, $2 million has already been raised, earning the full McCormick Tribune Foundation match. All of the funds that were raised, and the matching dollars, will be distributed to local agencies to help hurricane victims with food, shelter, and clothing. For all IIT students coping with losing their family or loved ones in the affected area, IIT’s counseling center is also offering help.

For the past week, both students and faculty at IIT have played an active role in brainstorming and bringing into action ideas to help victims in the affected area. As part of bringing the ideas into action, a resolution passed at the Student Government Association’s meeting on Tuesday, September 6th called for the creation of a temporary hurricane support and relief committee. Second year undergraduate Alex Beckwith will chair this committee.

One of the events held to raise money to help with the relief effort was the Recycled Percussion concert, sponsored by Union Board and the SAF, on Tuesday, September 13th. Since the show only went till 7:00PM the turnout was under 40 people, but those who went agreed unanimously that Recycled Percussion was definitely good. The proceeds from Recycled Percussion came to just under $120, and all of this will go to the Hurricane Relief fund.

The IIT administration is also encouraging the development of an IPRO to help rebuild the homes of the victims, though there are still many details that have to be worked before this IPRO be comes a reality. Whether or not this IPRO is offered will be determined by this November.

There are a number of things that students can do to help out. Mary Taylor Blasi is planning to establish a committee that will work with Unity, thus integrating relief efforts into the monthly community service programs at IIT for everyone interested in volunteering. The Hurricane Support and Relief Committee, with the help of Mary Taylor Blasi is also planning on creating a website - relief.iit.edu. Once this website is created, it will have information about the ways that students can help. All students are encouraged to take an active role in the efforts going on at IIT Updates regarding the relief efforts will be reported on in both TechNews and mass emails.

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Faculty of the Week: Ms. Rebecca Chung

By Julianne Shapiola

This summer, Rebecca Chung will step aside from her position as a lecturer at IIT to embark on a trip to Los Angeles that will mark a new chapter in her life.

Chung is a native of Chicago's South Side and a graduate of IIT. She studied English Literature and History at the University of Michigan, followed by an MA in History and a PhD in American Studies at the University of Ottawa, Canada, and Chicago.

Chung has always been passionate about the arts and has been involved in theater projects throughout her academic career. She has been a member of the faculty at IIT for 14 years and has taught a variety of courses in English, History, and American Studies.

In her role at IIT, Chung has taught courses such as “Life Stories,” where students are encouraged to read and write about their personal experiences. She has also been involved in the development of the “TechNews” student magazine, which is published weekly and features articles on technology, science, and culture.

Chung is currently working on a book about her travels to Los Angeles, where she plans to visit her family and explore the city's rich artistic and cultural heritage. She hopes to use this experience to inspire her students back at IIT, and to continue her work as a teacher and scholar.

Chung is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that the future brings, and she is grateful for the opportunities she has had at IIT to pursue her passion for teaching and learning.

An awesome IIT team experience with Chicago as the field-of-Play

By Tom Jacobius

A team of 19 IIT students, including faculty and staff, are currently participating in the “TechNews Submission” challenge. The team, led by Professor Ping Tom Park, is working together to create high-quality content for the “TechNews Submission” blog.

The goal of the challenge is to produce a series of blog posts that are both informative and engaging, covering a wide range of topics related to technology, science, and culture. The team is made up of students from different majors, including computer science, electrical engineering, and mathematics, among others.

The team has been working hard to produce content that is of interest to their audience, and they are excited about the opportunity to collaborate with each other and share their ideas and insights.

The team is looking forward to completing the challenge and sharing their work with the IIT community and beyond.

I-Tech

An IIT student balances on the end of a pole at Play for Peace.

By Ivan Radev

Any IIT student who is interested in collaborative play activities is invited to participate in the “I-Tech” challenge. This challenge is designed to encourage students to work together to create innovative and engaging content for the “TechNews Submission” blog.

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Formula 1 racing, the technology series

By Srinivas Gundugurti
TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

It’s not hard to disagree with the statement that automobiles are one of the fastest growing fields in terms of technology and innovation.

Just 50 years ago, if you had a car, you were a rich man; nowadays if you own just any car, you are a poor man. The Mercedes and Bentleys are the rich class cars. Anyone can afford a ‘car’, but not all people can afford to buy the best in the class. How was there a rapid growth in automotive technology? How are we able to manufacture long lasting cars with remarkable engines? How are companies able to come out with faster cars? The answer lies in the incentive of racing.

A lot of people might know about the Formula 1 racing series, but then again many people might not. Formula 1 is a complex yet simple car racing series which is made up of lots of interesting technologies which makes it a highly expensive yet happens to involve many big car companies of the modern world. Also if you research for a fact on how much the manufacturers spend on racing, you will be surprised at the figures. This series is about Formula 1 and how it involves technology to the highest extent (almost!). First off, the basic Formula 1 machine is an open wheel car, which means its wheels are open and uncovered. The reason for this is the design of the car evolved from a design in the 1950s and during that time only a few cars had a design that resembled the present day car. Thus, the series comes under the category of open wheeled racing. Formula 1, Formula 3, Indy Racing Leaguer, CART, Nissan World series, go-karting, Formula Asia, Formula BMW are some of the many open wheeled racing series. Formula 1 originated in Europe, specifically in Britain, and spread over the waters to France, Italy and Germany. The majority of the races happen in Europe. Races also happen in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Japan, Malaysia, Australia and China.

That’s about 18 races. That’s a total of 180 points which can be earned by one single driver. The points system has 10 points for the first driver, 8 for the second, 6 points for the third finishing driver and every driver after that gets one point less till the eighth driver. The championship which is called the FIA Formula 1 Drivers Championship is won by the driver with the most points. This is a simple, yet very challenging system because each race brings its own technical challenge driving technique.

For example; the famous Monaco Grand Prix is a highly challenging street because it is made in the narrow city streets of the Principality. Unlike the Monaco GP, the United States GP is a mixture of infeld track and the only oval banked turn in the Formula 1 calendar, which means the cars have to be specially fine-tuned to have good handling and a good pace. The Malaysian, Turkish and the Bahrain GPs are relatively new tracks and yet they have made their mark in the Grand Prix map. The Formula 1 car is made of different mainfraine components. This means to design a car you need a team of engineers. Formula 1 involves all different aspects of engineering, Mechanical, Electrical, Computer Sciences, Aerospace, Physics, etc. It is made up of so many departments that one article would not cover all of the details about the technology in Formula 1. Thus, there will be an upcoming series about Formula 1 in the technology involved in Formula 1. Keep reading and send your feedback to the Motor Sports Fan Club (msfciit@gmail.com). If you are interested in Motor Sports also contact the MSFC and visit www.msfciit.com.

Technology in the United States news

By Srinivas Gundugurti
TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

U.S. to Clear Tons of Radioactive Waste

Almost 12 million tons of radioactive waste will be moved from the banks of the Colorado River, the source of drinking water for more than 25 million people across the West, the government said last week. Energy Department officials cleared the way for a plan that was announced this year. The 94-foot high pile of uranium mining waste is near Moab, Utah, and 750 feet from the river. The department now will work on the specifics of moving the waste.

‘Under God’ in Pledge Ruled Unconstitutional

Last Wednesday, a federal judge declared the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools unconstitutional, which means this issue could be argued (again) in the Supreme Court. The same atheist whom had their case rejected could be argued (again) in the Supreme Court.

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Feel safer on your bike

Honda recently released the Honda 1800 Gold Wing motorcycle, which among the new features is a first for motorcycles. A “fully integrated” airbag for the rider. Although it is unknown how well it will work, it could still save lives.

Don’t worry, the screen is there

Although it may not look like it at first glance, Sony’s new MP3 players do have a screen. Using an invisible OLED screen in both their larger hard drive and smaller flash versions, the seamles display is crisp and clear. The players will come in four colors: silver, violet, pink and blue.

Troubles falling asleep? Stressed out?

Yanko Design has developed a special pillow to help people relax or fall asleep. The MPillow uses light and sound to gently relax a person into a peaceful sleep.

Turn your computer into a TV

The TerraTech USB TV Tuner is a USB-key sized attachment that allows you to watch TV on your computer. It is a self-contained tuner, and includes software that allows for not only watching TV, but also recording TV through the tuner, and can pick up digital signals.
Participate in Stairway to Health: Chicago and Help Fight Cardiovascular Disease

Chicagoans of all ages are invited to participate in the “Stairway to Health: Chicago” stair climb, climbing the 48 flights of Chicago’s newest skyscraper, the Hyatt Center. The purpose of the event is to highlight the fact that exercise is a key factor in preventing cardiovascular disease, the nation’s number one killer. The Boomer Coalition, a national organization working to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease and how it can be prevented, is organizing the event. In addition to the climb, a gospel breakfast will be available to participants at the House of Blues, along with an after-party that evening, featuring the band Blues Traveler.

Sunday, October 23
House of Blues
329 N. Dearborn St.
Chicago

Hyatt Center
71 S. Wacker
Chicago

Schedule of Events
Registration: 8:00 a.m. (House of Blues)
Stair climb: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Hyatt Center)—free transportation will be provided between the House of Blues and Hyatt Center
Gospel Brunch: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (House of Blues)
After-party with Blues Traveler: 6:00 p.m. (House of Blues)

For more information, visit www.boomercoalition.org

There is a $40 entry fee. Participants will be given a free ticket to the after-party and Blues Traveler concert for every additional $48 in funds raised for CVD prevention. Limit 5 tickets per participant. Since registration for stair climbs fills up quickly, participants are encouraged to register for the event soon at www.boomercoalition.org.

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What to watch for: NFL week 3

By Matt Helland
TECHNEWS WRITER

Cincinnati 24 Chicago 14
The Bears offense looked awful in week 1 and the defensive line needs to step up and open bigger holes if the Bears want to keep up with the balanced Bengal offense. The Bears defense will once again be called upon to keep this game close, but CI and Palmer will be too much to handle.

Atlanta 20 Buffalo 13
This will be a great test for the Buffalo defense. They are one of the best defensive units in the league, but I don’t think they have the speed needed to stop Vick and Dunn.

Tampa Bay 20 Green Bay 21
The Packers have always dominated the Bucs at Lambeau Field, especially when they were healthy T.O. the eagles will win. Down Moss and coast to victory. And with a healthy T.O. the eagles will win.

What to watch for: NFL week 3

- Cleveland 17 Indianapolis 45
  Peyton Manning and the Colts offense should have fun in this game. I’m saying the Colts put up at least 40.

- Tennessee 21 St. Louis 31
  A rematch of one of the best Super Bowls played in the last 15 years, as the Titans will try to beat the Rams this time around. The Rams offense isn’t the ‘Greatest Show on Turf’ any more, but they can and will score big against the Titan secondary.

- Carolina 24 Miami 10
  The Panthers have to get a win in Miami if they want a chance at home field advantage in the playoffs. Many expected the Carolina defense to be unstoppable this year, making them an NFC contender. Look for the D to finally step up and key a victory in Miami.

- New Orleans 14 Minnesota 27
  If the Vikings can stop Deuce, they should be able to handle the Saints. New acquisition Pat Williams, along with all-pro Kevin Williams, should be up to the task of stopping the Saints running game; and will lead the Vikings to a must-win game.

- Jacksonville 17 N.Y. Jets 13
  I’m just not convinced that Chad Pennington is 100% healthy; and without a potent passing game, the Jaguar defense will be able to key on Curtis Martin and shut down the Jets running game.

- Oakland 14 Philadelphia 27
  The two best receivers in the game should put on quite a show. When they met in the playoffs last year the Eagles defense was able to slow down Moss and coast to victory. And with a healthy T.O. the eagles will win.

- Dallas 21 San Francisco 14
  Back in the 90’s, this was a must-see game. How times have changed. Both teams were awful last year, but have gotten off to a great start this year. I’ll take the team with the better defense in this one.

- Arizona 28 Seattle 21
  I see a big upset here, as Seattle will have trouble stopping two of the leagues best young WR’s. With Fitzgerald and Boldin catching passes, the Cardinals will score just enough points to win.

- New England 24 Pittsburgh 20
  This game has huge implications, as the winner will have a leg up on home field advantage throughout the playoffs. I just can’t pick against Brady and the Patriots, even though the games at Pitt.

- N.Y. Giants 14 San Diego 21
  The Chargers offense, led by Brees and Tomlinson, played well in Week 1, but in order to duplicate last year’s record, the defense will have to step up and play better. They should get it done this week.

- Kansas City 35 Denver 31
  A shootout should be in store on Monday night. Both offenses can be explosive, and if Plummer gets protection, he will keep this game close. However, the Bronco defense won’t have an answer for Priest Holmes and Larry Johnson.

Women’s volleyball continues to battle for wins

By Sarah Ociejea
TECHNEWS WRITER

The Scarlet Hawks lost an exciting match to St. Xavier University Cougars in the Hawks home opener. Losing in five games (30-22, 26-30, 30-25, 20-30 and 16-18) was a disappointing loss for the Hawks, who remained undefeated at Keating last season. Despite exceptional play at times, the Hawks lacked consistency to close out the match. Amanda Bierberich and Carrie Douglas led the team with 14 and 12 kills respectively. Lauren Joyce had a great night with 43 assists, 3 aces and 6 solo blocks. Despite the loss, the Hawks continued to prepare for a grueling tournament this past weekend.

Over the weekend, IIT traveled to Hastings College located in Hastings, Nebraska. Friday the team accumulated a 1-1 record after losing to Doane College in 3 games and winning against Dakota Wesleyan University in 3 games. On Saturday, the Hawks repeated their record as they lost to the host and #23 team in the nation, Hastings College, in 3 games. Despite the loss, the Hawks put up a tremendous fight in the third game. Later in the day, the Hawks pulled together and rallied back for a three-game sweep against Friends University from Wichita, Kansas. Friends University put up a fight in the second game, but IIT was able to hold Friends off and finish the match with impressive force (30-11, 34-32, 30-15). Although the team tied for the weekend, the Hawks managed to place one player on the All Tournament Team as well as receive many compliments about their fast offense from Hastings College. The Hawks’ season continues Tuesday with another conference game at Trinity Christian College at 7:00pm.

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Roger Federer and Kim Clijsters win 2005 U.S. Open

By Matt Helland

In one of the most amazing U.S. Open finals ever, the Swiss Roger Federer outplayed the American Andre Agassi to defeat him 6-3, 2-6, 7-6(1), 6-4. The outcome was as expected. Andre Agassi had been seeded 7th in the tourney, while Federer was playing for his 3rd U.S. Open men's title. Wimbledon and the US Open back-to-back in the same year, with scoring chances starting to come at both ends. Finally the deadlock was broken minutes before half time, as Agassi took a decisive 1-0 lead into the break.

However the Hawks did not start the second half in the same battle form. For a brief 15 minute period, IIT was caught napping, allowing Rio to punch two quick goals. Some dubious refereeing then hurt the Hawks and restricting their efforts to comeback when they were reduced to only 10 men on the field. Nevertheless, the Hawks started to press Rio Grande midway through the second half when a shot from junior Emilliano Gianola was handled by the opposition, giving the Hawks a much needed penalty. The penalty was converted by freshman Liam Geoghegan who hails from Manly, Australia. However, with fewer players on the field, the Hawks could not maintain the pace, conceding two late goals, leaving the final score at 5-1.

Despite the final result, the match proved that the Hawks can compete with the best in the nation this year and can go along way in the conference. However, head coach Lee Hitchen preached that "the team needs to be able to perform for a full 90 minutes."

He also observed that the "match provided much beneficial experience, especially for our young men."

The Hawks will be looking to bounce back and capture wins next weekend when they start conference play against Olivet Nazarene University, before meeting reigning conference champions, Judson, on September 21 at 7:00 pm.
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