

City Council Votes For CASPAR Plan

By Brian Rosenberg
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The Cambridge City Council approved an agreement late last night under which MIT will build a shelter for homeless alcoholics and drug addicts on Albany Street in exchange for effective control over four city streets.

The agreement's passage marks the end of the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcohol Rehabilitation's 19-year search for a more permanent facility than the two trailers it currently occupies at 240 Albany St.

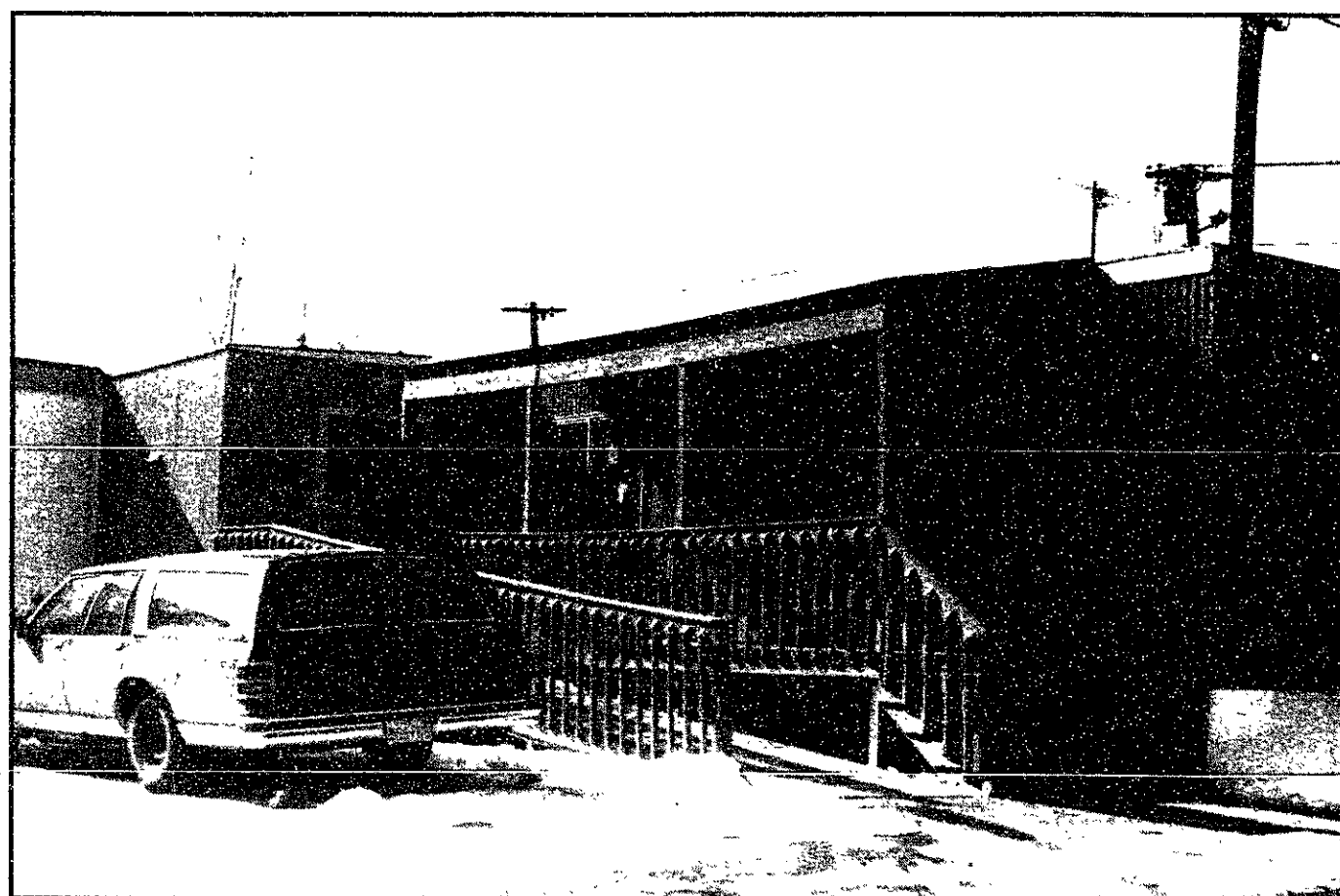
"A home at last," said CASPAR President Richard M. Brescia after the agreement was approved. "I'm absolutely grateful — to President [Charles M.] Vest for his gracious offer, to Mayor [Kenneth E.]

Reeves for appointing such a dedicated commission, and to the council for offering us the chance for a new day in Cambridge."

Under the agreement, which passed 8-1, CASPAR will receive a 20-year lease on an expanded shelter facility built by MIT. At the end of the lease, CASPAR will have the option of renewing the lease for an additional 20 years.

The city of Cambridge will lease Carleton and Hayward Streets and some of the sidewalks on Vassar Street to MIT on a similar basis. In addition, MIT will gain permanent control of the portion of Amherst Street west of Massachusetts Avenue.

CASPAR will pay MIT rent of



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The CASPAR shelter will have a new home now that Cambridge and MIT have reached an agreement.

Baker, MacGregor Residents Approve of New Meal Plan

By Sarah Y. Keightley
NEWS EDITOR

Residents of Baker House and MacGregor House support the latest dining hall proposal from the Office of Housing and Food Services, while students in Next House are lobbying for changes in the current plan, which would close all dormitory dining halls except Baker's.

Yesterday afternoon, housemasters from McCormick Hall, Baker, MacGregor and Next House met with Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '96 to discuss changes in the proposal. Baker Housemaster William B. Watson said recommendations were made to Dickson, who will announce a final plan soon.

Almost two weeks ago, Lawrence E. Maguire, director of housing and food services, proposed a plan to close the dining halls in McCormick Hall, MacGregor House, and Next House and eliminate mandatory meal plans for all students.

This proposal replaced an earlier plan that sparked outrage among residents of Baker, McCormick, MacGregor, and Next. That proposal would have required them to purchase a \$1,150-a-year meal plan for five commons-style meals per week, at an approximate cost of \$8.21 each, according to John T. McNeill, associate director of food services.

Currently, the residents in these dormitories are required to purchase a \$1,066-a-year meal plan that can be used as a declining balance at any of the Insti-

tute cafeterias. But MIT has lost money by subsidizing ARA for the losses incurred by operating the four house dining halls, including \$500,000 last year alone.

Students mobilize against plan

Next House President Walter E. Babiec '94 said he held a meeting last Monday night addressing the situation for residents. About 80 to 90 students attended, he said. They discussed recommendations for changing the current proposal and improvements for Next's snack bar facilities if the current plan were to pass.

Shraddha V. Dalal '95, who attended the meeting, said, "Everybody basically felt that Next House should remain open instead of Baker." She said that residents' arguments included Baker's close proximity to the Student Center, the inconvenience of having to wait on campus until dinner time, and the need for a dining hall that serves residents of Next, New House, and MacGregor.

Expressing a common sentiment, Kathleen A. Bergeron '93 said, "Next House feels just like everybody else — we want to keep our [dining hall] open."

According to Bergeron, most Next residents come back to the dormitory between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. People at the meeting said that they did not go by Baker during dinner hours, she added.

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Life Fee, Free Speech Referenda on Ballot

By Jeremy Hylton
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A referendum soliciting support for a student life fee to fund student activities was placed on next week's Undergraduate Association election ballot by the UA Council last night.

The council also discussed a free speech referendum placed on the ballot by a group of students. Lars E. Bader G described the referendum's three questions, which concern free speech and the Institute harassment policy.

If students vote in favor of the fee, the UA plans to establish the new program this fall. A student life fee has been in the works for over a year, but plans were derailed last spring when only 15 percent of the student body cast ballots in a similar referendum.

A student life fee would provide more money for student activities, according to David J. Kessler '94, UA vice president. "I think it's the only way we could increase the amount of money we give student activities," he said.

The referendum is needed to convince Dean for Undergraduate Education and Students Affairs Arthur C. Smith and other administrators that students support an activities fee, said Shally Bansal '93, UA president.

Student activities are currently funded by the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs, which provided \$76,000 last year, Kessler said. Activities regularly request five to six times more money than they receive, Bansal explained.

Fee could be \$35 per student

Though no concrete proposal exists, UA officials discussed setting the fee at \$30 to \$35 per student last night. "We're not exactly sure how much the fee will be," Bansal said. "Thirty-five dollars per student would probably be enough."

The Dean's Office currently allocates roughly \$17 per student, Bansal said. The new fee would be

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MIT Alum to Command Shuttle Flight in April

By Eva Moy
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The Space Shuttle Endeavour will carry a memento belonging to Yngve K. Raustein '94 into space on its next mission, which is scheduled for April 3.

The memento, a small Norwegian flag that Raustein kept in his room, will be carried by Col. Kenneth D. Cameron '78, a Marine, the commander of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shuttle mission STS-56, according to Loretta A. Hernandez, an administrative secretary in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics who follows the careers of astronauts from MIT.

Raustein, who was murdered on Memorial Drive in September, was an aeronautics and astronautics student and an avid fan of space flight. The flag will be presented to his family, who live in Norway, when it returns from space.

"We think that's just an out-

standing gesture [Cameron's] making to help the Rausteins," said Prof. Earl M. Murman, who heads Course XVI.

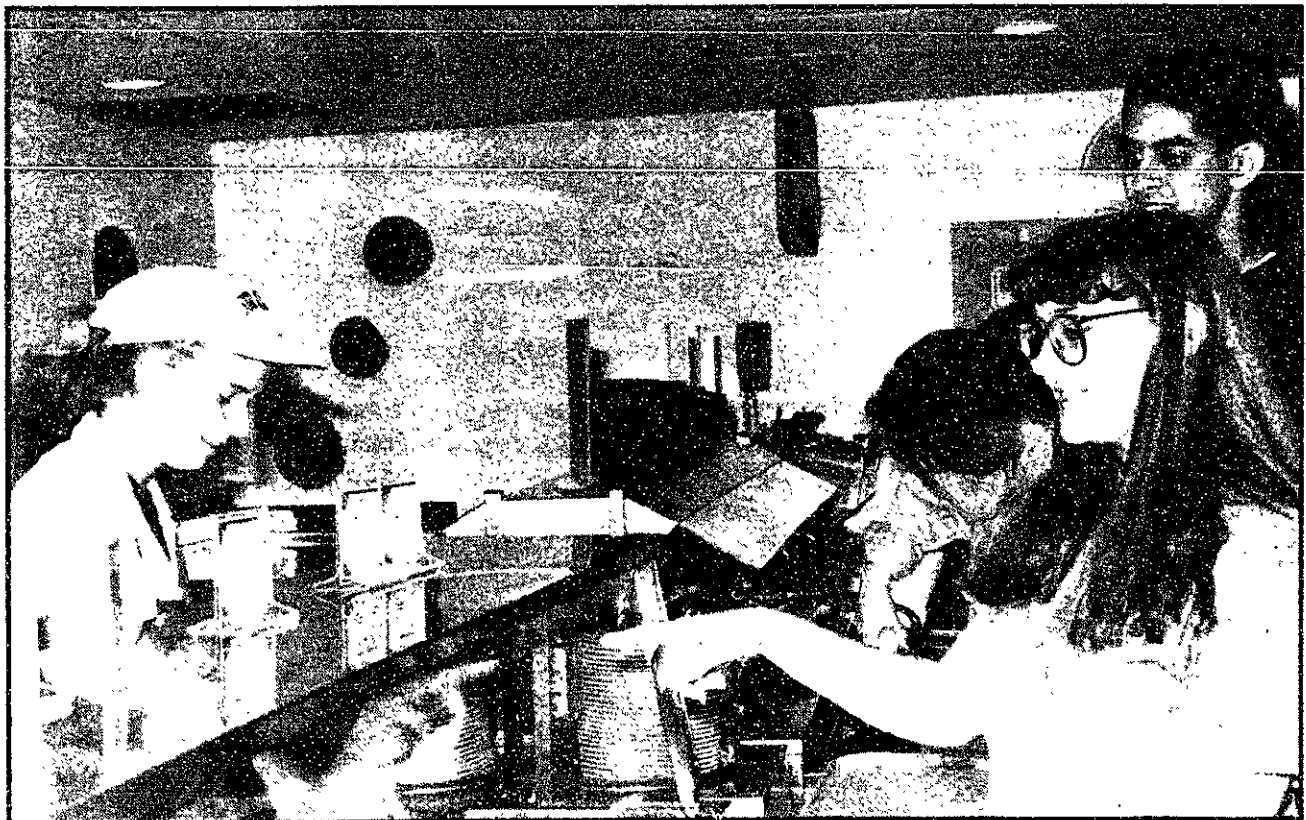
In addition, Cameron is bringing the James Means Memorial Award into space for the department. The medal is presented to two seniors each year for excellence in space vehicle engineering, said Murman. The award will be displayed in the department upon its return.

Cameron's second trip in space

Cameron's ties to the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics stem from his years spent as an undergraduate and graduate student here. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from MIT.

Cameron joined NASA in 1984 and became an astronaut in 1985. He was the pilot on the crew of STS-37, his first mission, in April 1991. On that flight, Cameron

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Karl D. Stevens '96 serves dinner in the Next House dining hall. The dining hall would be closed under the current house dining proposal.

WORLD & NATION

Gaza Strip Closed After Palestinian Kills Two Israelis

LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM

A Palestinian youth, a butcher knife in each hand, fatally stabbed two Israelis and wounded nine others Monday in a rampage through crowded Tel Aviv streets before he was caught by passers-by and beaten.

Ziyad Salim Hussein Silmi, 19, an unemployed car painter from Gaza City, reportedly told police that he had been unable to find work for more than four months and in his frustration decided to kill Israelis.

One of Silmi's brothers was imprisoned for 15 months as a member of the militant Muslim movement Islamic Jihad, and the group issued a statement from Damascus also claiming him as a member and calling upon other Palestinians to spread their jihad, or holy war, and to kill Israelis.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, under mounting pressure to prevent such attacks, on Monday evening ordered the indefinite closure of the Gaza Strip, barring any of its 750,000 residents from leaving.

"The closure will be in effect starting (Tuesday) at 3 a.m.," a military spokesman said. "The decision on the closure was intended, among other things, to check the validity of work permits (of Palestinians for jobs in Israel) and their conforming with exit permits from the Gaza Strip, and also to prevent violent encounters between residents of the Strip and of Israel."

But Rabin warned that neither the Gaza Strip nor the West Bank could be closed indefinitely and that the 150,000 Palestinians who work in Israel were an important part of its economic fabric.

Supreme Court Takes On Sexual Harassment Case

THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court, taking on a sexual harassment case likely to have everyday impact in America's factories and offices, agreed Monday to spell out when it is against the law to use smutty language or tell dirty jokes on the job.

The answer will come in the case of a 41-year-old Nashville, Tenn., woman, who quit her job nearly six years ago after what she says was "constant" use of offensive sexual talk by the company president. He insists he was just joking when he said such things as, "Let's go to the Holiday Inn to negotiate your raise."

Teresa Harris, shouting with delight when she learned from a reporter that the Supreme Court had voted to hear her appeal, said she had "given up hope."

The lawyers for Forklift Systems, Inc., her former employer in Nashville, unsuccessfully urged the Supreme Court to turn down her appeal, denouncing her as "a four-time married, white female" who had voluntarily joined in after-hour "bull sessions" with fellow workers and had "swapped" dirty jokes and "utilized language, herself, that sank below the generally accepted norm."

Ms. Harris' appeal asks the court to define the rights of workers to use federal civil rights law against sexual harassment when they are the targets of off-color remarks or sexual innuendo from their bosses or from other workers.

In Ms. Harris' case, the lower courts ruled that she could not pursue her claim because she did not prove she personally suffered "serious psychological injury" by the company's president.

She asked the Supreme Court to rule that if on-the-job comments would be considered "offensive" by any reasonable person and would make a woman feel she was working in "hostile" conditions, she is protected by the law against sexual harassment — whether or not she suffers any psychological harm.

Terrain Impedes Bosnians From Locating Airdropped U.S. Aid

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Pentagon said Monday that its first humanitarian airdrop into eastern Bosnia was a success but that the mountainous, tree-covered terrain apparently made many of the crates difficult to locate, and they had to be pinpointed by U.S. spy satellites.

Officials said that three unarmed C-130 cargo planes, flying from the U.S. Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany, dropped 21 tons of food and medical supplies over the eastern village of Cerska early Monday morning, but the Bosnians were unable to find them for several hours.

U.S. and Bosnian accounts differed widely on the accuracy of the drops, conducted at night from an altitude of 15,000 feet — far above the 10,000-foot ceiling usually considered the maximum necessary to ensure reasonable accuracy in such operations.

Secretary of Defense Les Aspin issued a statement saying that pictures taken by U.S. spy satellites had pinpointed most of the crates "within the identified drop zone" and said that U.S. officials "believe that" the remaining bundles landed nearby.

But the Bosnians, hampered by snow, trees and sharp ridges in the Cerska area, insisted for several hours that the parachute-borne pallets had missed their mark. Eventually, U.S. officials provided the precise map coordinates to help local authorities find the supplies.

WEATHER

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Today: Partly sunny with increasing clouds with a chance of flurries late in the day. High 40-45°F (4-7°C). Mostly west wind around 10 mph (16 kph).

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low around 30°F (-1°C).

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. High near 45°F (7°C).

Thursday: Fair. High 40-45°F (4-7°C).

Officials Uncover New Clues Relating to NYC Bomb Blast

By Malcolm Gladwell and Jim McGee

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Law enforcement officials in New York City have uncovered several promising new clues relating to the cause of Friday's bomb blast in the basement of the World Trade Center.

James M. Fox, an assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said Monday that the task force investigating the attack has found one, and possibly two, videotapes showing vehicles and people entering and leaving the parking garage where the blast occurred, as well as eye witness accounts of unusual behavior in the garage just before the bomb went off.

One of the tapes came from a camera mounted near one of the garage entrances. The other, which Fox would not confirm actually exists, may have been made by a tourist.

"We have heard some reports about vehicles (entering the garage) that we found quite interesting, and we're following up on that," he said.

Fox also said that the parking attendants in the lot routinely wrote down the license plate numbers of vehicles entering the garage, meaning that investigators may have a means of identifying the vehicles that were there at the time of the attack.

The task force investigating the bombing, which killed five and injured more than 1,000, includes the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), the New York Police Department and several other agencies. The FBI transferred equipment from its Washington laboratory to New

York, to test and analyze debris from the blast site.

The CIA's Counter-Terrorism Center in Langley, Va., is on full alert, conveying to the FBI information about possible suspects gathered from a myriad of domestic and foreign agencies.

Speaking at a New York news conference Monday, both Fox and New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly stressed that their investigation was only in its beginning stages. Investigators still are days from being able to examine the actual bomb site, as construction workers continue working to stabilize the underground structure. Until then, they said, they still are not entirely sure what kind of explosive was used to make the bomb or how the explosives were brought into the garage.

John O'Brien, a BATF spokesman in New York, cautioned in an interview that "we don't know what the explosive material was at this point." Only at the "seat" of the blast, he said, would investigators "be able to find the residue to allow them to say definitively the type of explosive that was used." O'Brien compared the investigation to an "archeological dig."

Fox and Kelly said, however, that after preliminary analysis, investigators had reached several tentative conclusions.

Based on chemical analysis of debris from the perimeter of the blast site, Fox said that the FBI feels fairly confident that the bomb was not made from plastique — the most sophisticated and powerful of modern explosive material.

If that is the case, then the bomb is likely from the class of older, less

powerful explosives like dynamite and TNT. If so, so much explosive material would have been needed to create the enormous 60 foot deep and in some cases 200 foot wide crater that it would have had to have been brought in to the garage in something like a small truck or van. It could not, for instance, have been placed in box or briefcase and left in a corner.

The weight of the explosive necessary for such a blast, Fox said, "would have tested the springs of any vehicle." He said the videotapes would be examined to see if any vehicles coming into the garage appeared heavily laden.

At the same time, he said, the logistics involved in such a quantity of explosives and placing it in a vehicle made it unlikely that one person could have handled the operation alone.

"We've pretty much put the lone bomber idea, the lone zealot, on the back burner," Fox said. "Because of the likely size and amount of the bomb, we could be looking at a terrorist group or a drug cartel angry with the United States."

He also cautioned against attributing too much significance to the fact that no organization claimed responsibility for the blast before it occurred, and none of the 40 calls claiming responsibility afterward was deemed credible. In nearly half of all terrorist acts, he said, the perpetrators do not claim responsibility.

Commissioner Kelly said investigators had not discarded the theory that disgruntled employees of the Port Authority — which owns and operates the World Trade Center — were responsible.

Standoff and Negotiations With Howell Continue in Texas

By Mary Jordan and Sue Anne Pressley

THE WASHINGTON POST

WACO, TEXAS

On the second day of his deadly standoff with police, Vernon Howell, a man who claims he is Christ, turned this town into a war zone.

Armored vehicles waited at the edge of his cult's fortress-like compound. Hundreds of federal agents, some in camouflage and full military gear, flooded the area. Funerals were being planned for the first casualties — four federal agents and two cult members who died in fighting Sunday.

As in war, nobody knew how long the 33-year-old religious leader would continue his seemingly suicidal crusade and who among Howell's followers would survive in the aftermath of one of the deadliest days in U.S. law enforcement history.

Monday night, federal officials said they believed about 70 men, women and children remained inside Howell's 77-acre fortress 10 miles northeast of here.

"I don't believe we were outmaneuvered or outplanned. The problem is we were outgunned," said Sharon Wheeler, a special agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), describing the Sunday assault that also left 16 federal agents wounded. Howell told CNN that he and several other members of the sect, known as the Branch Davidians, were wounded and a 2-year-old child was killed in the shootout.

The morning assault, involving 100 agents by land and air, came after a months-long investigation into Howell's alleged stockpiling of arms and abuse of women and children.

"From the holes in our vehicles and some of the helicopters and, unfortunately, the wounds suffered by our agents," authorities know the group had high-powered weapons, Wheeler said. They had "guns that could shoot through doors."

Police talked to Howell, who calls himself David Koresh, by phone throughout the day. His former attorney, Gary Coker, also managed to telephone a member of the cult, Wayne Martin, whom Coker decried as a Harvard-educated lawyer.

Coker said Martin told him that a nurse was inside the compound attending to Howell's wounds, and that the other members of the group were "not particularly" tense. "These guys are real low-key," Coker said.

But Howell, his former lawyer said, is different from the rest. "He's hyperkinetic and real sure of himself. ... He never meets a person he doesn't want to convert."

As the negotiations continued, local residents and reporters from around the world were questioning ATF's method of attack.

Bob Ratley, pastor of the Grace Gospel Church about five miles from the sect's headquarters, said it was common knowledge that Howell routinely left the compound to jog and do errands. "Why didn't they get him when he was out alone?" asked Ratley. "Personally, I think they wanted a show of force. They underestimated a religious leader and that others would be willing to die for their leader."

As hours passed and nothing changed, this economically depressed town of 104,000 alongside the Brazos River was unnerved by rumors.

At Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, where most of the wounded were taken on Sunday, Waco police officers Monday were frisking every visitor, as rumors flew that members of the cult would sneak in to kill those who had survived the attack. The Branch Davidians have more than 2,000 adherents worldwide.

Many residents feared that the worst was yet to come, predicting that a massacre similar to that in Jonestown 15 years ago was unavoidable. In 1978 900 followers of Rev. Jim Jones perished in a mass murder-suicide in the jungles of Guyana. Federal officials said worries that a smaller-scale murder-suicide would occur here prompted them to try Sunday's assault.

Preparing for more bloodshed, the Red Cross hastily posted signs around town, urging people to donate blood immediately.

"What I think's going to happen — the guy don't see no way out," said Ricky Payton, 27. "He's going to kill everybody, like a Jim Jones thing."

Even Howell's parents held out little hope that their son would come out alive.

"Please, son, if you're listening, please give up. No more bloodshed," his father pleaded on a Texas television station. Asked if she thought she would see her son again, his mother cried and said, "I don't think so."

Howell did not offer any public messages Monday, unlike Sunday when he gave a bizarre address laced with visions of doom and passages of Scripture. "I ain't budging and I ain't scared of these people," he told a Dallas radio station. "What if I am the Messiah?"

Peacekeeping in Bosnia Could Require 75,000 U.S. Troops

By Richard H.P. Sia
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON

A U.S. military role enforcing a peace settlement in Bosnia-Herzegovina — as suggested by the Clinton administration — would commit up to 75,000 U.S. soldiers for as long as 10 years, according to U.S. and NATO military planners.

President Clinton has declared his willingness to commit military forces to a multinational peacekeeping effort once the warring parties in the former Yugoslavian republic reach a peace accord, although he has stopped short of making an explicit offer of ground forces.

Other administration officials said that the White House is prepared to dispatch troops if necessary. Plans requiring the stationing of thousands of U.S. soldiers for a prolonged period have been drawn for such a contingency.

Mobilizing a force of 75,000 troops for up to a decade could require Clinton to shelve plans to reduce the U.S. military presence in

Europe by 1997 and frustrate his efforts to cut deeper into military operations and maintenance budgets, Army officials said last week.

Moreover, the Army would have to dispatch troops from bases in the United States to reinforce or replace the first waves of U.S. troops that would be sent from Germany to Bosnia, officials said. Some U.S.-based special forces, such as psychological operations and civil affairs units, would probably be included in the initial deployment, they added.

These projections, as outlined by senior officials at the Pentagon, happen to enhance the military's argument against deeper cuts in U.S. forces in Europe and its reluctance to introduce troops into the Bosnian civil war. But officials denied they had tailored the plan to frustrate Clinton's aims.

The current planning calls for 20,000 U.S. troops — a division of about 17,000 plus necessary support personnel — to be sent to Bosnia as part of a multinational peacekeeping

force. Because tours of duty would be limited to the customary six months, the equivalent of two more divisions or an Army corps would be needed as a base for rotations.

That means a total of 60,000 to 75,000 U.S. troops would be tapped for the operation, according to current planning figures.

A senior Army war planner warned Friday that these numbers "will be substantially larger" if the actual mission assigned to U.S. peacekeepers "is more rigorous" than expected. If the "operational environment" is as risky as it has been for British troops in Northern Ireland or Israeli forces battling the Palestinian *intifada*, then "you'll use larger numbers," he said.

At NATO's southern command headquarters in Naples, Italy, planners assume the Western alliance will act as a "subcontractor" to the United Nations, which is sponsoring peace talks involving three groups involved in the Bosnian fighting — Serbs, Muslims and Croats.

Clinton Unveils National Service Program to Foster Civic Spirit

By Paul Richter
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.

Recalling the memory of the Peace Corps on its 32nd birthday, President Clinton Monday unveiled a national service program he said would foster a new civic spirit while helping finance the education of a generation.

Clinton, speaking to college students at Rutgers University, invited young people to give one or two years of their lives to work as tutors, health-care aides, police cadets or anti-pollution workers in exchange for help with college costs.

"I came here to ask all of you to join me in a great national adventure," Clinton told the audience, describing the plan as "something I believe in the next few years will change America forever — and for the better."

If Congress approves the program, the national service effort would begin this summer with a small, \$15 million pilot demonstration, and, according to plans, grow each year until the price tag for its first four years totals \$7.4 billion.

As in the campaign, the blueprint includes two elements: The service program, and a new college aid loan

program that would allow students to borrow their college costs, then repay them over time as a small percentage of their income.

The second element is intended to allow young people to take low-paying but socially beneficial jobs without worrying about bearing the burden of their loan costs. Its advocates argue that by replacing government-guaranteed loans with direct government loans, the program would eliminate lender costs and save some money.

The national service plan has been widely viewed as one of the most appealing parts of the Clinton program, and was mentioned, often to loud applause, in his campaign speeches. The plan appeals to young people and parents worried about college costs, and to a broader group of Americans who like the idea of harnessing the energies of young Americans to improve the country.

The administration predicts 25,000 young people would participate in the service program in its first full year, which begins Oct. 1. About 100,000 would be participating by 1997, officials predict.

This summer's pilot program is intended to put 1,000 young people

to work in from four to 10 communities around the country. This program would focus on the needs of disadvantaged children. Participants would spend time tutoring, organizing recreation, working in anti-gang programs and drug clinics and tutoring in literacy programs.

Clinton urged those who wish to join this summer's pilot program should waste no time: "Drop me a card at the White House."

Legislation to enact the national service and loan proposals won't be introduced in Congress for several weeks, and many key questions remain unanswered — including how much in educational costs the government would be willing to cover.

The government obviously could not pick up the \$100,000-plus cost of a four-year Ivy League education, he said. But he suggested government aid could cover most students' financial needs, noting that the average four-year public education costs \$24,000, and that the average student loans is \$6,300.

Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., said Clinton's effort marked the first time since 1961 that such a service program has had presidential support.

17,000 Civilian Army and Air Force Workers Will Be Offered Buyouts

By Mike Causey
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Nearly 17,000 Army and Air Force civilians will be offered cash buyouts within the next 60 days. The lump-sum payments, which the Pentagon hopes will induce the workers to retire early or quit, will be worth up to \$25,000. Similar cash-to-quit offers will be made to Navy civilians during the next few years.

The Defense Department has about 45 percent of the total federal work force and is the only agency now authorized to buy out employees.

Defense officials said the first big batch of buyouts was approved Friday. Many more are coming.

The largest batch of early-out and buyout offers so far is 9,385 authorized for civilians in the Air Force Materiel Command. Offers will also go to 6,531 civilians in the Army Materiel Command, 353 in the Defense Intelligence Agency, 180 with the U.S. Army Europe, 100 in the Office of Dependable Schools

and 22 civilian technicians with the Connecticut National Guard.

To get immediate, unreduced benefits under regular civil service rules, retirees must be age 55 with 30 years of service; 60 with 20 years of service or 62 with 5 years. Pensions are based on length of service and the employees' high-three-year average salary.

During early-outs, employees may retire at any age if they have 25 or more years service, or at age 50, with 20 years of service. Pensions are reduced 2 percent for each year the employee is under 55.

Officials hope the cash payments — equal to the employees' severance or \$25,000, whichever is less — will induce many to leave. Payments could also go to selected workers who quit.

Every employee who quits or retires voluntarily is one less worker who Defense will have to fire as it cuts employment during the next several years. Employees with the least amount of service and non-yet-ers are the first fired during reduc-

tions in force (RIFs).

Buyout offers are coming for thousands of civilians in Navy aviation depots and shipyards. And there will be more for Army, Air Force and other Defense units.

In a major policy reversal, Defense is prepared to offer a limited number of buyouts to selected employees at bases that are being closed. Originally, the department said only employees at bases that were being kept open would get buyouts, which could open up some jobs for displaced civilians.

Officials now say they will consider buyouts for some employees in bases that are about to close to help thin the ranks.

Workers may decline offers of buyout or early retirement, and employees cannot take them unless they are offered. Those who reject buyouts run the risk of being fired or demoted during RIFs. They would still be eligible for severance pay, but would get the payments on a biweekly, or monthly basis, instead of in a lump sum.

Clinton Backs Gun-Control Efforts

THE WASHINGTON POST

PISCATAWAY, N.J.

President Clinton Monday chided the National Rifle Association for opposing gun-control efforts in Virginia and New Jersey and he pledged to work for "sensible" controls at the national level.

Clinton, in New Jersey to promote his national service program, made the comments, his most extensive on the subject of gun control, in an exchange with local reporters. New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio, a Democrat who is up for re-election this year, is locked in a battle with the Republican legislature over his efforts to preserve the toughest controls in the nation on assault weapons.

Clinton said the country "can't be so fixated on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans to legitimately own handguns and rifles ... that we are unable to think about the reality" of unsafe streets and violence throughout the country. "I hope the leadership of the National Rifle Association will go back to doing what it did when I was a boy" — providing information about hunting and safety rather than fighting gun-control proposals like those here and in Virginia, he said.

He said it was "an error" for the NRA to "oppose every attempt to bring some safety and some rationality into the way we handle some of the serious criminal problems we have" and said efforts in Virginia and New Jersey "do not unduly affect the right to keep and bear arms. It's not going to kill anybody to wait a couple of days to get a handgun while we do a background check," he said.

Clinton recounted a case of an acquaintance in Arkansas who sold a gun to a man who used it to kill several people and said the man regretted his action when it was discovered the gun-buyer was mentally ill. Waiting to check on the backgrounds of gun purchasers, he said, would prevent such tragedies.

Employers' Health Cost Rise Slows

THE WASHINGTON POST

The cost to employers of providing health care increased in 1992 at the slowest rate in five years as companies restricted access to doctors and spread more of the cost to employees, according to a study released Monday.

The annual Foster Higgins survey of employer health care costs shows employer costs rose 10.1 percent last year to an average \$3,968 per employee, nearly double the level five years ago. The survey is the largest in the nation, covering 2,448 companies and 13 million workers.

Since 1987, employer health care costs have been rising at an average annual rate of 14.9 percent among companies included in the survey.

The moderating rise in health care costs nationwide reflected a significant shift in the types of health insurance programs offered to employees, and continuing cost sharing as companies scrambled to reduce costs.

For the first time since Foster Higgins began conducting its survey in 1987, the majority of employees surveyed are no longer covered by the traditional health insurance arrangements — "indemnity plans" that guarantee to cover treatment regardless of cost.

The latest survey comes as the Clinton administration is working to develop a national health care plan before the end of May. The administration has said it is looking at a "managed competition" approach that would begin to wean the nation away from the traditional plans that defined health insurance coverage during much of the post-World War II era.

Cost increases were significantly less under various "managed care" health plans such as health maintenance organizations (HMOs), where care is provided at a designated clinic, or preferred provider organizations (PPOs), where an employer contracts with doctors and hospitals to provide service at specific costs. The 1992 increases were 8.8 percent for HMOs and 10.5 percent for PPOs.

"More than three-fourths (77 percent) of employers offered at least one type of managed care to employees in 1992, vs. 73 percent in 1991," Foster Higgins reported. Perhaps more important for employees, the report showed that 30 percent of the companies surveyed did not offer employees an indemnity plan for health care.

Congress Offers Revisions Of Clinton's Economic Plan

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The White House Monday opened the door to congressional revisions of President Clinton's economic plan and budget. A senior official told reporters such changes "inevitably" would occur, but vowed that Clinton would oppose any rewriting that destroyed the fundamental character of his plan.

The official also told reporters that Clinton had not ruled out joining his planned health care reforms to the economic stimulus and deficit-cutting package he outlined last month, but the official said it was not certain the medical plan would be ready in time. Regardless of whether the two proposals are joined in a single massive package, the official said prospects are improving for enactment of major health reforms this year.

Also Monday, two economists who support Clinton's economic proposals testified that the administration may be overestimating by as much as \$75 billion over four years the plan's potential for reducing the deficit.

Allen Sinai, chief economist for Boston Company Economic Advisors, and Lawrence Chimerine, senior economic counselor with DRI/McGraw-Hill, said the administration's projections may not take into account such factors as changes in economic behavior brought on by a major tax increase.

"Tax receipts may be overestimated as the private sector scrambles to avoid paying the higher taxes, some spending reductions might be limited by Congress or not likely to be affected and the spending increases might run over estimates," Sinai told the House Budget Committee.

According to Sinai, Clinton's plan for net deficit reduction of \$325 billion over four years could fall short by \$50 billion to \$75 billion. Chimerine said the shortfall might be somewhat less.

Sinai also warned that Clinton's proposals for tax increases and spending cuts could in the "intermediate term" produce net losses in economic growth and jobs.

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Registrar Developing New Recording System

I am writing in response to the question raised by Ron Spangler G in his letter ["Why Is Registrar Slow?", Feb. 19]. He is absolutely right — it does take the Registrar's Office too long to provide a transcript at our peak times of the year. While transcripts are usually produced in three to five days, the wait can be around two weeks during parts of January, February, and June. Unfortunately we are severely limited by an out-of-date manual system that begins with a permanent record on paper for each student; each term a sticker containing subject registration and grades is applied by hand to the record. A transcript is then produced by photocopying the oversize record on special paper, signing, and affixing the MIT seal.

A significant number of the records and registration staff is involved in this extremely time-consuming process, especially at this time of year when we receive thousands of transcript requests for graduate school and employment, for which permanent records need to be updated with fall and IAP grades before the transcript can be produced. The transcript demand is also heavy as a result of increase orders from alumni.

The good news is that the Registrar's Office and the other student-related services at MIT are in the process of developing a new Student Information System, to become operational late this year, that will include an electronic method for producing transcripts online. This automated system will make it possible for us to fill transcript requests for current students in a fraction of the present time, as well as provide rush service, once we have completely converted the current records by Spring 1994. Also, the appearance of the

transcript will be greatly improved.

The beginnings of the new system are already visible via the Student Information Service on Athena — which provides students with electronic access to their academic record and other academic information: viewing grades, degree audit, and subject registration, as well as changing address and phone information. It also permits browsing of public academic information such as catalogue subject descriptions, class schedules, etc. These services will continue to expand after the new system is in place, and will include electronic preregistration during Fall 1994.

The new Student Information System will allow the Registrar's Office and other student-related offices to better serve students, faculty, and various administrative offices. A student advisory committee assisted with planning the new system, but we continue to welcome your suggestions as we finalize the specifications. In the meantime we sincerely acknowledge and appreciate students' patience as the old system is gracefully retired.

David S. Wiley
Registrar

Students Should Vote to Protect Free Speech

We are writing to announce the formation of the Student Alliance for Freedom of Expression. SAFE will work to protect freedom of speech and freedom of expression on campus, and will monitor Institute policies to ensure that they do not interfere with these rights. We invite interested students, as well as faculty and staff, to join with us in pursuit of this goal.

SAFE's first project is the passage of the Free Speech Initiative. On Wednesday, March

10, on the Undergraduate Association ballot, three referendum questions will appear:

1. Should MIT guarantee its students the same freedom of speech that students have at public universities?

2. Should students have the freedom to express unpopular or controversial views?

3. Should the MIT harassment policy, which currently restricts constitutionally protected speech, be revised to provide protection for freedom of speech?

We encourage students to go to the polls and vote yes on all three questions. We have put these questions on the UA ballot because the existing harassment policy violates freedom of speech. The policy punishes speech on the basis of its alleged offensiveness, with penalties up to and including expulsion. But many true ideas were considered offensive when they first emerged. At a university devoted to pursuit of the truth, speech should not be regulated simply because it is unpopular or controversial, even gravely so. Currently, the administration is not convinced that students value their freedom of speech. By voting for the initiative, you can send a message to the administration that you do value your freedom of speech, and that you want the policy to be improved to protect it.

We are concerned that the MIT policy may be illegal. Federal courts have found similar policies at the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin to be unconstitutional. While MIT is a private institution, unlike Michigan and Wisconsin, the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act extends freedom of speech protections to students at private colleges. Revising the policy might help MIT by saving it from being found guilty of violating students' civil rights.

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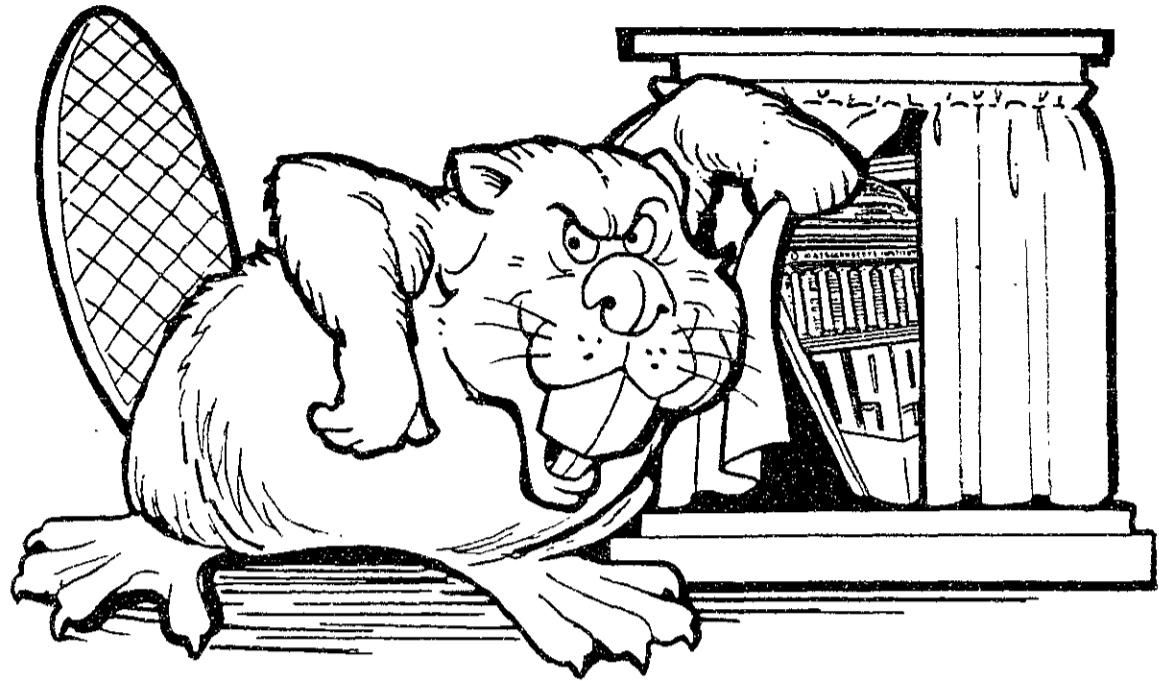
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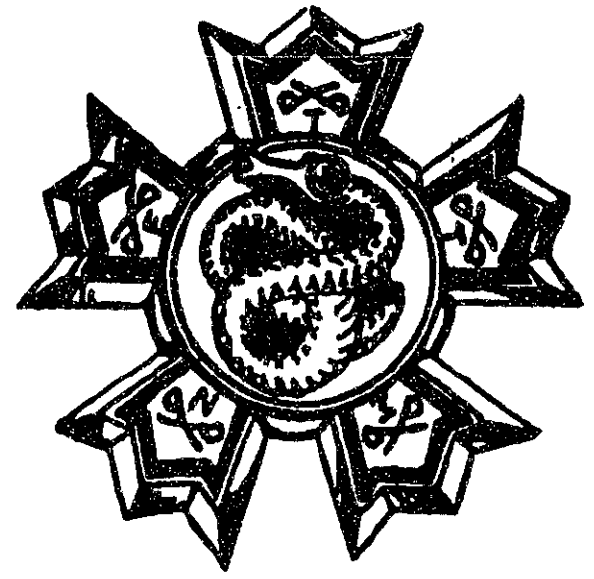
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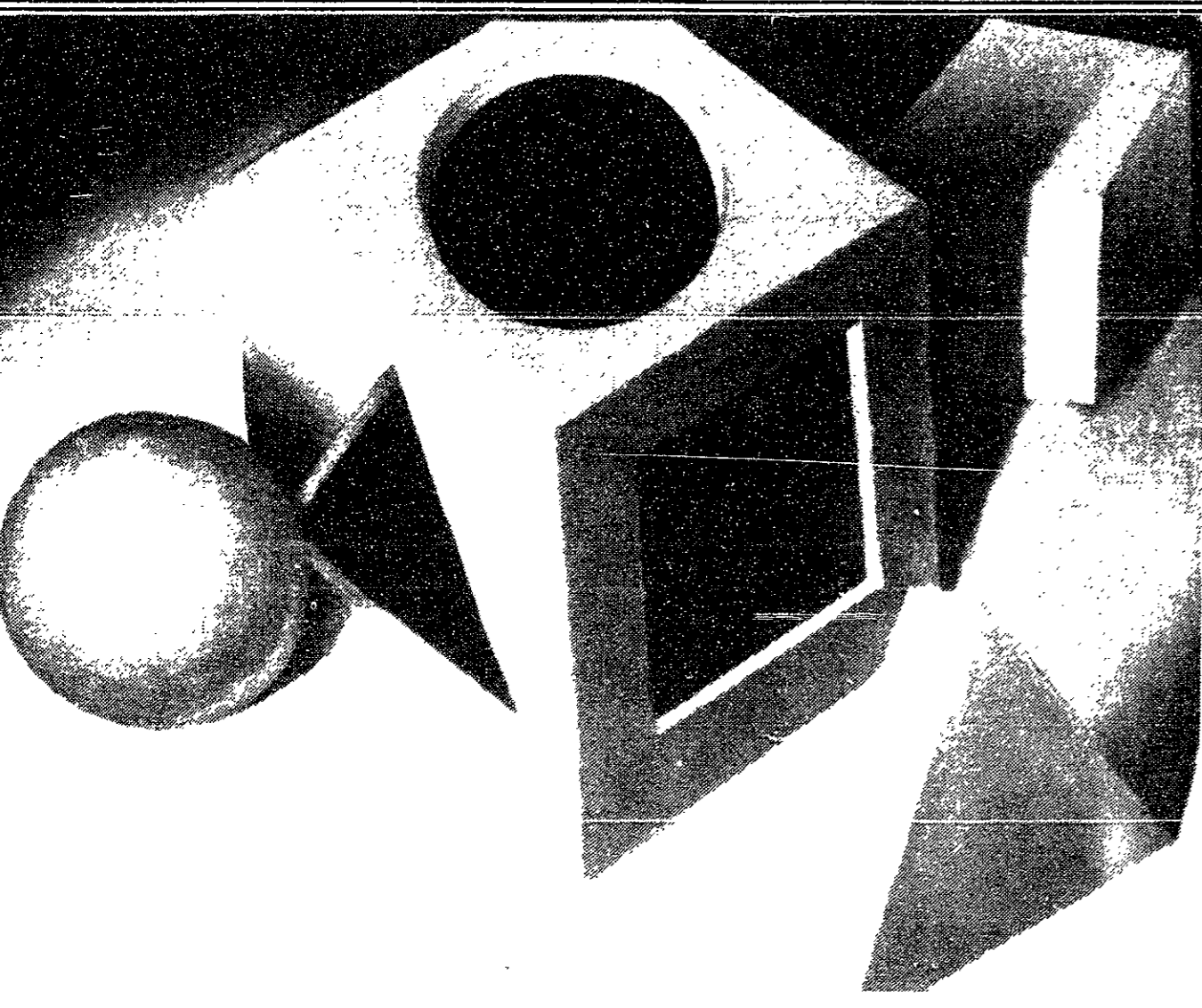
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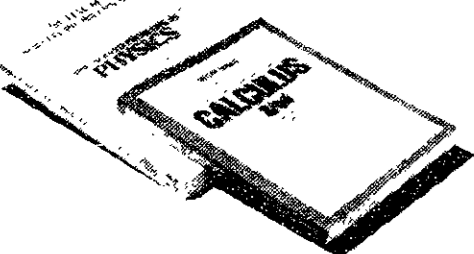

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★★★★: Excellent
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★★★★ Aladdin
Never less than enormously entertaining, Disney's latest animated delight is a hilarious musical adventure based loosely on the Arabian Nights tale of a peasant boy and a magical lamp. Thanks to the vocal talents of comedians Robin Williams and Gilbert Gottfried and clever animation by Disney artists, this is probably the funniest animated film ever, but it never loses sight of the exuberant sense of wonder that permeates all of Disney's best works. And with a breakneck pace and an abundance of wonderful images, only a second viewing reveals most of the background gags and beautiful artistry that went into producing this absolute pleasure. —Chris Roberge. *Loews Copley Place*

★★★ Bad Lieutenant
Not a movie for the squeamish, writer/director Abel Ferrara's story about the self-destruction of a once proud and successful New York City homicide Lieutenant is a fiery and poignant character study exploring the landscapes of the human soul. Keitel does a magnificent job with his portrayal of the reprehensible man, who is being corrupted by alcoholism, cocaine addiction, gambling, infidelity, extortion, and theft. At no point can we sympathize with the Lieutenant's plight, but on some level we can all identify with his pain and desperation. —Douglas D. Keller. *Loews Nickelodeon*

★★★★ The Crying Game
Neil Jordan's story of an IRA terrorist (Stephen Rea) is a remarkably well-written piece of work that at first seems to follow its protagonist in aimless yet intriguing directions, but eventually reveals itself to be a perfectly structured look at violence, race, love, and sexuality. Rea is ordered to guard a kidnapped British officer (Forest Whitaker), but he begins to care for the hostage and later flees to London, where he meets the officer's girlfriend (Jaye Davidson). The two halves of the film, which contain some completely unpredictable plot twists, become mirrors of one another, reflecting how understanding and compassion may be a means of salvation. —CR. *Loews Harvard Square*

★★★★ Death Becomes Her
Robert Zemeckis' horror/comedy about the violent quest of two women for immortal beauty is cut from the same cloth as his cable program *Tales From the Crypt*. Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn purchase undead bodies only to discover that being able to take a lickin' and keep on tickin' may not be such a great thing after all. Don't expect much by way of satirical slants on society's obsession with appearance, though. This type of movie exists solely for the cheap thrill and sick joke, but the cast which also includes Bruce Willis, director Zemeckis, and a great effects team prove themselves masters of these concepts. —CR. *LSC Friday*

★ Falling Down
When Michael Douglas cracks under the pressures of society and lashes out with violence and rage, his actions should provide the basis for an intense and important movie, but this is an inane attempt to comment on the problems of America today, a thriller that is laughable at best, and a film that deserves to

be deplored for the enjoyment it derives from the violence it claims to be critical of. Rather than strive for scathing realism, the story floats into a ludicrous cartoon by portraying all of Douglas' victims as caricatures that offer mostly comic relief. And Douglas is really nothing more than a psychotic control freak, not a normal person the audience can feel empathy towards. —CR. *Loews Cheri*

★★½ A Few Good Men
Nearly every element of director Rob Reiner's adaptation of the military murder/courtroom drama clicks into place with the efficiency of a finely tuned machine designed to churn out entertainment. Sure it's unoriginal, but it's also extremely effective. The performances by Tom Cruise and Jack Nicholson are stirring, and the photography, with crystal clarity and frequent symmetry in its images, is polished until it shines. For the officers in the story, precision leads to tragedy, but for the film it leads to a triumph of sorts. —CR. *Loews Harvard Square*

★★½ Groundhog Day
Phil Connors (Bill Murray) is an arrogant, self-centered weatherman for a Pittsburgh television station who is sent to Punxsutawney, Pa. to cover the annual Groundhog Day festival. All is well until Phil wakes up the next morning to find that first, it is Groundhog Day all over again, and second, he is the only one who realizes it. Phil soon recognizes that no matter what he does there are no consequences for his actions, and he therefore aims to try anything he can think of. Credit is due to director Harold Ramis who manages to keep the premise fresh through hundreds of repeated Groundhog Days. This is one of the freshest comedies to come out in recent memory. —DDK. *Loews Cheri*

★★½ Homeward Bound
Despite being aimed at a juvenile audience, the latest Disney release about two dogs and a cat traveling cross country to find their family is sophisticated enough to appeal to even a college audience. Michael J. Fox and Don Ameche provide the voices of the two dogs and Sally Field provides the voice of the cat as all three pets think aloud while making their perilous journey. The script is well written and is quite funny overall, despite the corny morals that are presented. The hilarious and amazing footage of the animals in action truly makes this film, though. —Joshua Andresen. *Loews Copley Place*

★★★★ Howards End
The filmmaking trio of James Ivory, Ismail Merchant, and Ruth Praver Jhabvala have translated E. M. Forster's novel of class struggles in 20th-century England into a brilliant film that is an astonishing achievement. The screen is filled with contrasting elements such as the rich and the poor, the romantic and the pragmatic, and the urban and the pastoral. The alternately funny and moving story considers which group will ultimately inherit the nation. Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter, and Samuel West are excellent, and Vanessa Redgrave and Emma Thompson are outstanding. —CR. *Loews Copley Place*

★★ Love Field
Michelle Pfeiffer plays Lurene, a Dallas beautician whose obsession with the current president, John Kennedy, and his wife leads to a cross-country adventure and an interracial romance in this technically well-made and



Lurene (Michelle Pfeiffer) questions Jonell (Stephanie McFadden) about Paul (Dennis Haysbert) in *Love Field*.

well-meaning drama that nonetheless fails to rise above mediocrity. After Kennedy's assassination, Lurene leaves her husband to travel to the funeral by bus, but after a series of mishaps she is driving east on the run from the FBI in a stolen car with a soft-spoken black man (Dennis Haysbert) and his daughter (Stephanie McFadden). The three grow close in a number of predictable ways as the movie treats racism and bigotry in an unimaginative and simplified manner. This dated and trite film is for Pfeiffer fanatics only. —CR. *Loews Copley Place*

★★½ Malcolm X
Spike Lee has translated the complex life of Malcolm X into a fascinating and involving epic which, like most of Lee's work, raises more questions than it does answers. Despite occasional lapses into excess and the omission of some of Malcolm's more incendiary remarks, the film is a well-balanced portrayal of a man who went through many different phases, each flawlessly acted out by Denzel Washington, in an attempt to right the injustices done to blacks. Although the film, like Malcolm, never comes to a truly workable solution, it expresses the racist problems at the roots of society more powerfully than any other recent movie. —CR. *Loews Charles*

★★½ The Temp
Though entertaining, this psychological thriller set in the business world is not very

cohesive. Peter Derns (Timothy Hutton) is a low-level manager who hires a temporary secretary (Lara Flynn Boyle) who rises quite far in the corporate ladder after a series of convenient accidents. Before long Peter suspects foul play and sets out to find the truth. The concept is wonderful and the suspense scenes are very well done, thanks especially to refreshingly original cinematography. The biggest problem of this film though, is that at the end nothing is explained. Instead, the film offers a culprit whose involvement is merely implied, rather than revealed. Go to be thrilled but do not expect to be challenged intellectually. —JA. *Loews Charles*

★★★★ Unforgiven
One of the better westerns ever made. David Webb People's story about a retired gunslinger (Clint Eastwood) who agrees to hunt down two men for reward money is a richly written deconstructionist work that relishes its elliptical morality. In this version of the west, "sheriffs" beat men to keep violence out of their towns, "villains" are remorseful for what they've done, "heroes" only feel alive when killing, and no one can be forgiven when no one can really define a sin. Eastwood, Gene Hackman, Morgan Freeman, and Richard Harris are all excellent, and Eastwood's direction has a slowly building pace that allows even the most minor characters and events to be embellished with fine detail. —CR. *Loews Charles*

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Life Fee Referendum Approved for Ballot

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set by the UA Council, based on a recommendation from the UA Finance Board.

If the student life fee passes, the Dean's Office would not appropriate funds for student activities, so tuition would rise by \$18 — the difference between \$17 and the \$35 fee.

The lengthy referendum question outlined last night focuses on the process that will set the fee. In part the question reads: "The fee would be set by the UA Council in February every other year. ... After setting the fee, it would be automatically placed on the ballot for the regular March elections. If two-thirds of at least 30 percent of the student body reject the fee, the level will remain unchanged."

The plan specifically details the process for setting the life fee, so that the referendum result will show the response of informed voters, according to Bansal. "It depends on what the plan is to determine whether people like it," she said.

The plan, as specified in the referendum, would not allow the fee to change by more than 10 percent per year.

The details of changing the fee were debated at length last night. Sophia Yen '93 was concerned that a two-thirds majority was required to reject a change in the fee. She argued for a simple majority, because the current process does not adequately represent all students.

"I think there's an inherent problem in FinBoard and I don't like this plan," Yen said. She also noted: "We aren't representative of people who live off campus."

Colin M. Page '95 was concerned because the referendum was so specific. "I'm concerned about why we're doing this in such detail," he said.

The council ultimately decided to endorse the original referendum, which was prepared by the UA executive committee.

Free speech questions criticized

The free speech questions outlined by Bader provoked strong criticism from several council members. The questions, which Bader hopes will spark a campus-wide discussion of freedom of speech, were described as "very slanted" by Kessler.

Two of the questions ask students whether they support certain limits on free speech. The third specifically asks if the Institute's harassment policy should be revised "to provide for protection for freedom of speech."

The questions were placed on

the ballot after Bader submitted a petition signed by more than 10 percent of undergraduate students, according to Raajish Chitaley '95, UA floor leader.

"We need a referendum to demonstrate that the policy should incorporate safeguards for freedom of speech," Bader said. "If people vote for it, it will encourage the development of a more precise policy that can provide specific assurance of relief to people who've been harassed while also providing specific assurance that well-intentioned speech will not be punished."

The Institute includes in its definition of harassment any conduct that creates "an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational, work, or living environment." Bader is concerned that legitimate free speech could be silenced to prevent an offensive environment.

Many UA councilors were frustrated by the referendum. The Institute has never limited free speech to prevent harassment, they said. "It's sort of like tilting at windmills," Page said.

Several council members were upset that students could place questions on the ballot, without any UA control. "I'm personally very concerned we have no ability to change this," Page said.

Kessler and several others were also concerned that the wording of the questions guaranteed that students would vote for them. "It's sort of like asking, 'Do you support education?'," one councilor said.

Bader admits that the harassment policy has not been abused yet, but the potential exists, he said.

Bader also questions the legality of the harassment policy. "Speech codes at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Michigan which used the 'offensive environment' test were struck down by federal courts," he said.

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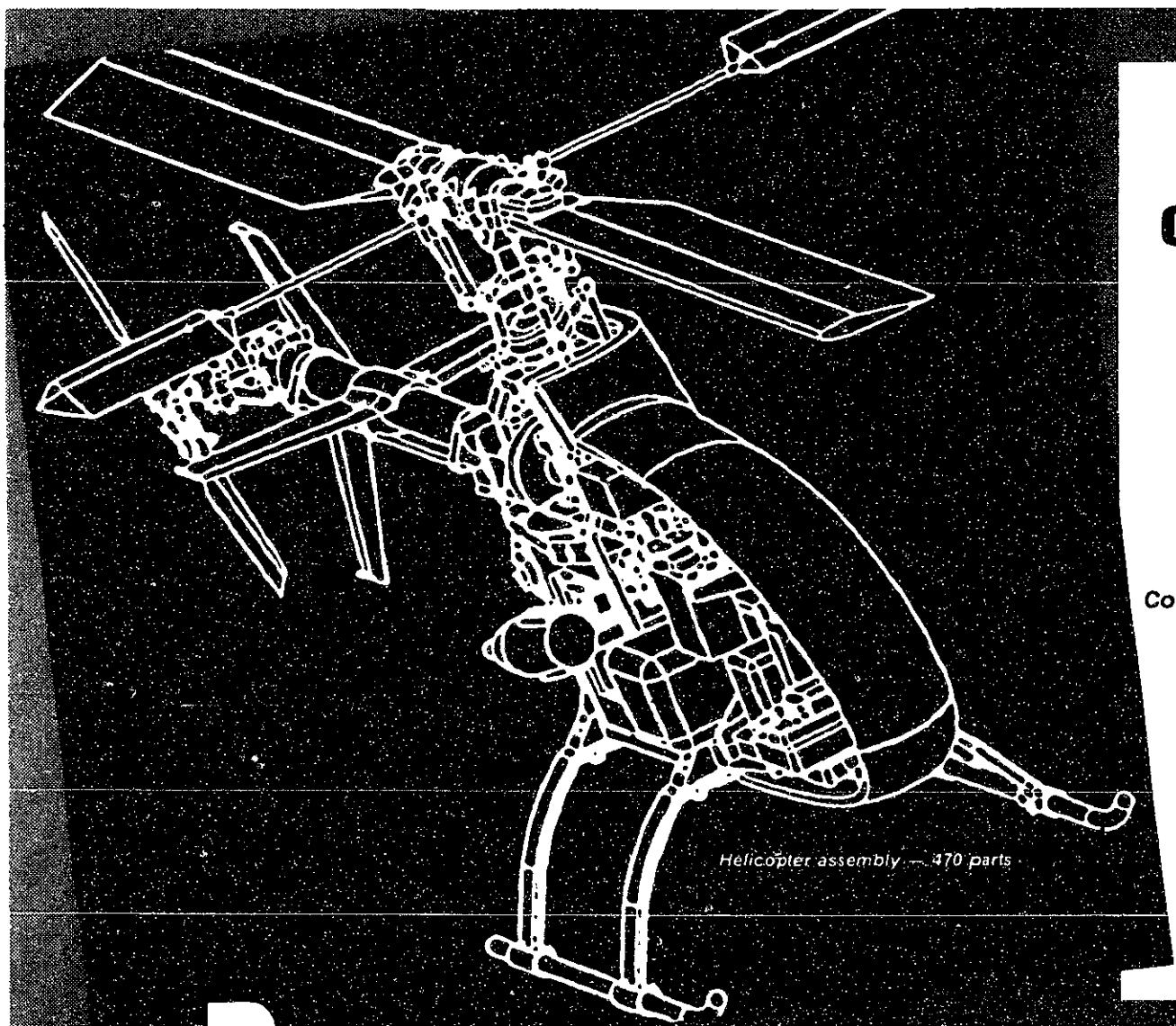
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Ann Stoler, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Michigan will give a lecture: "On Mother Care, Race, and the Colonial State in Indonesia" with discussant Uday Mehta, Associate Professor of Political Science at MIT as part of the "Peoples and States: Ethnic Identity and Conflict" series from 4:30-6:15 p.m. in E38-718. The lecture is open to the public. For further information, call 253-3065.

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Cameron Will Lead Next Shuttle Mission

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"Cameron is just a first-rate person," Murman said. He is "quite familiar to MIT and contributes a lot to us in a lot of ways."

"He is simply a marvelous fellow," said John J. Deyst '58, director of the Guidance Technology Center at Draper Laboratories. "If there is any difficulty [on the space shuttle], he is the person you want to be with."

Cameron completed his master's thesis on the problem of vertical take-off and landing of aircraft on decks of ships smaller than aircraft

carriers under Deyst.

On next month's nine-day mission, Cameron and his colleagues will "conduct atmospheric and solar studies in order to better understand the effect of solar activity on the Earth's climate and environment," according to a NASA memo. The flight has already been postponed three times, Hernandez said.

Another MIT graduate, Janice Voss PhD '87, will fly as a mission specialist on the crew of STS-57, scheduled for launch in mid-1993, according to a NASA document.

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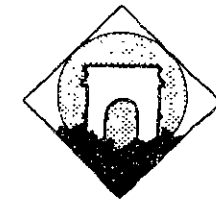
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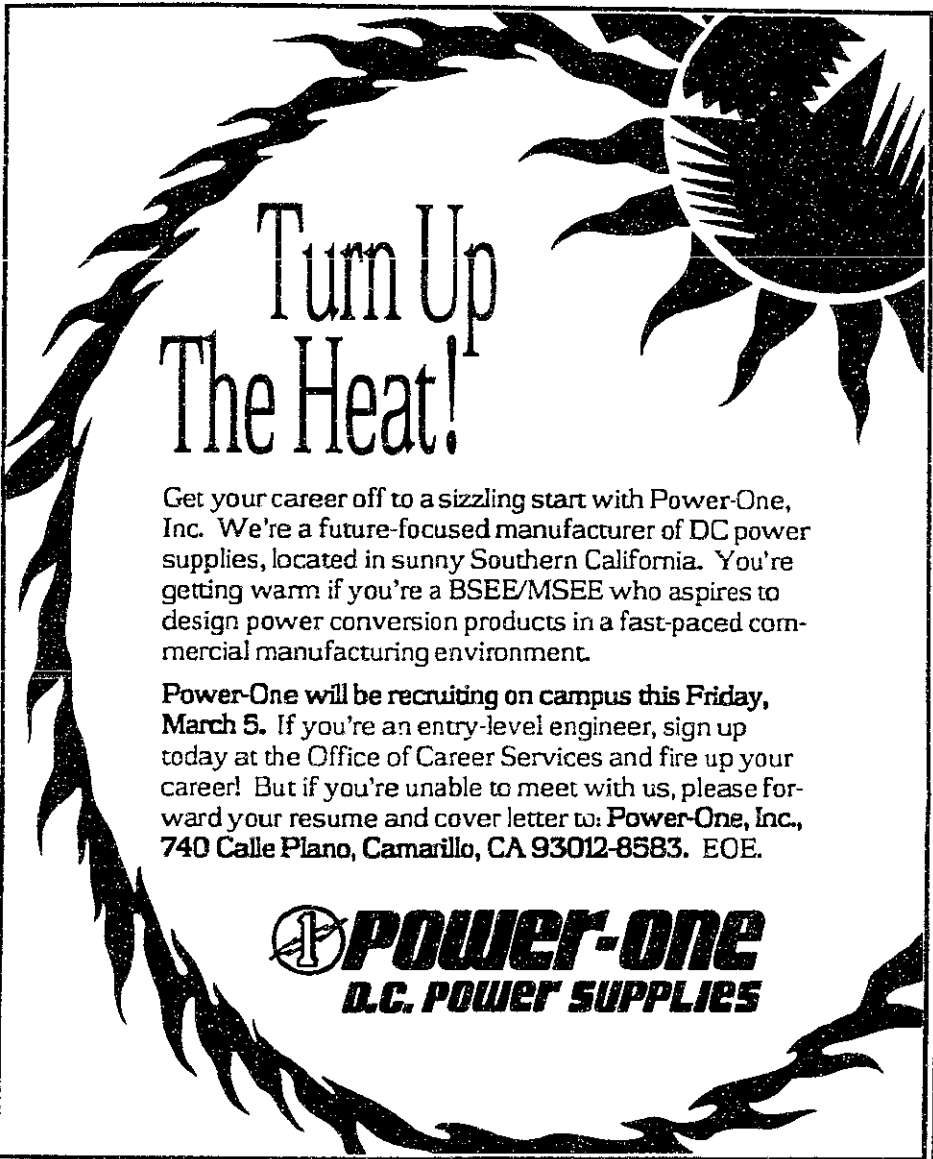
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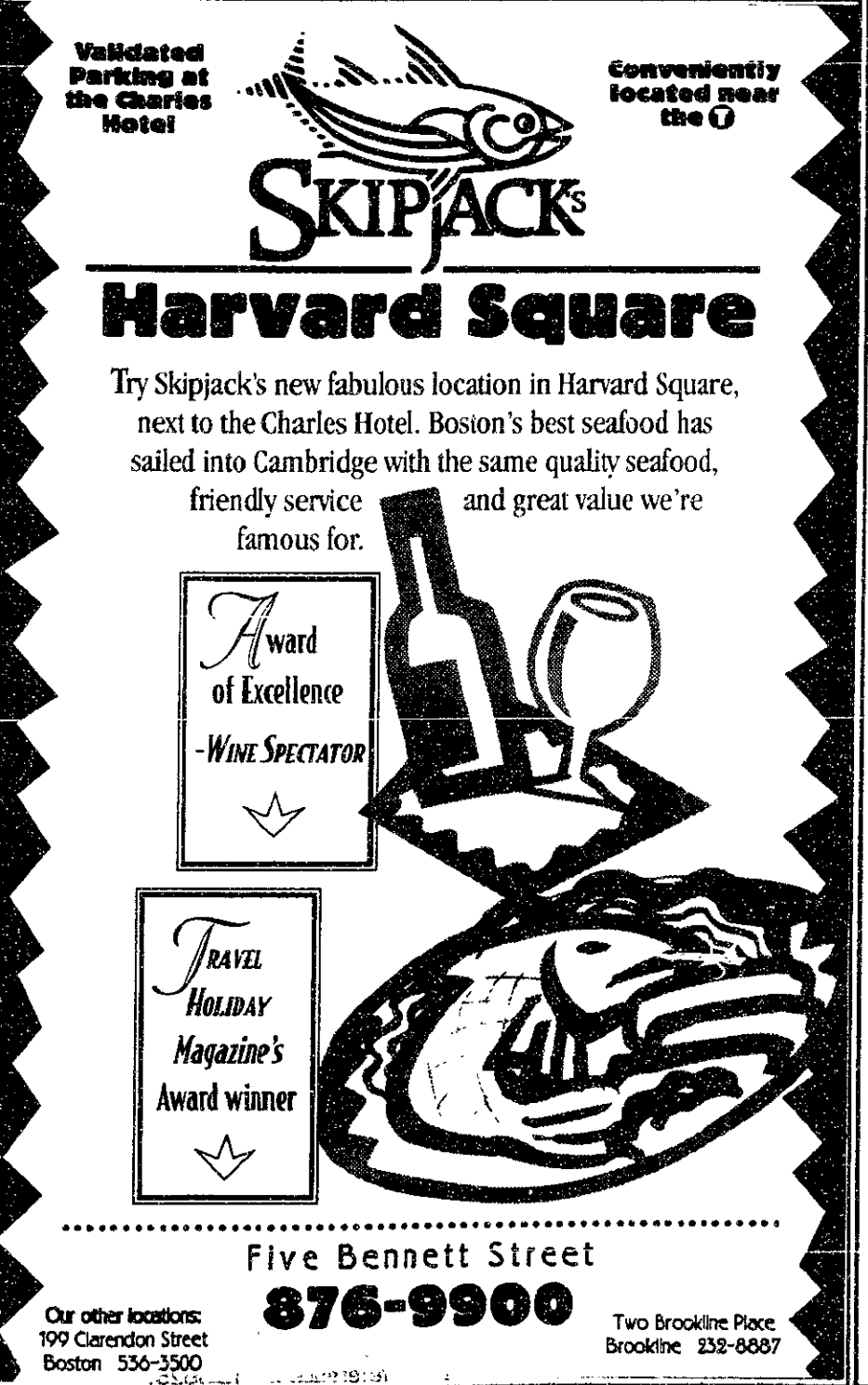


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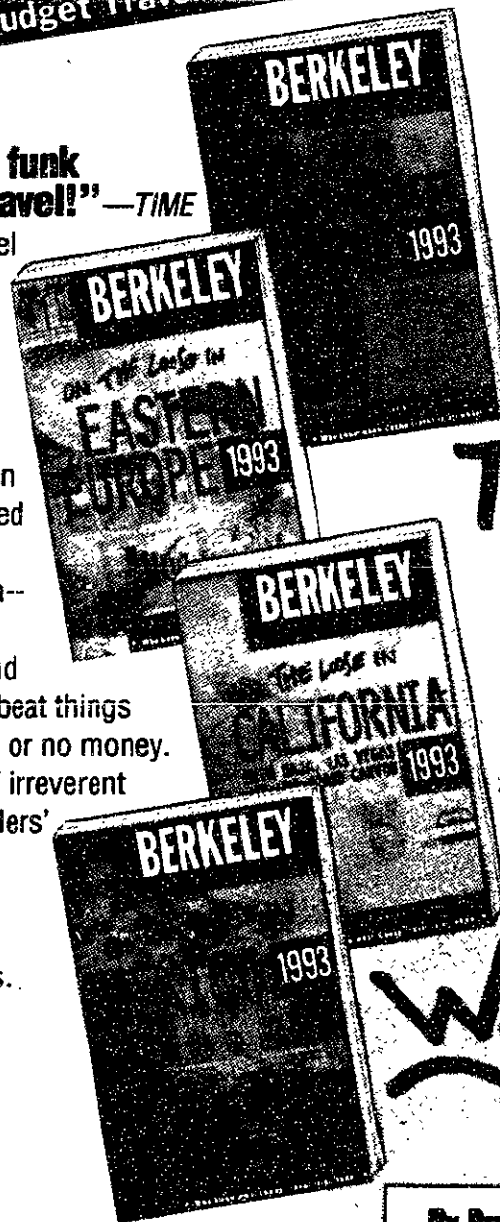
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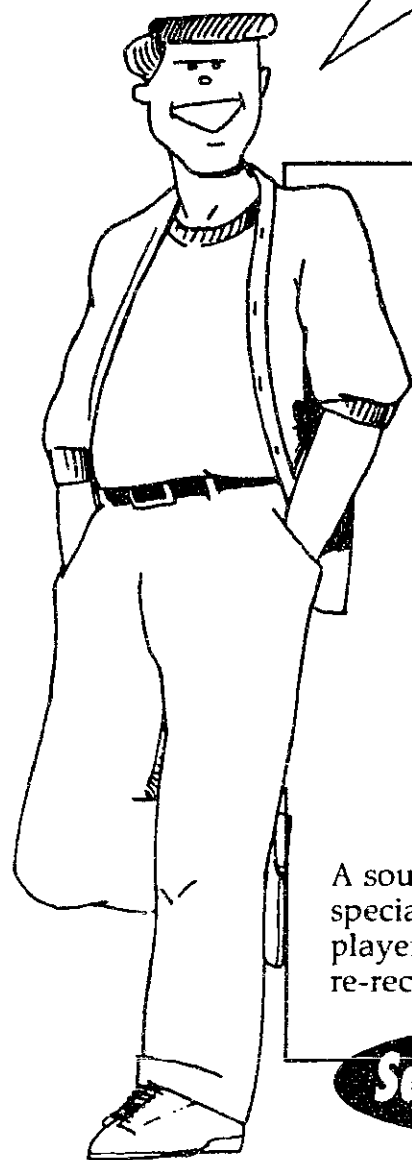
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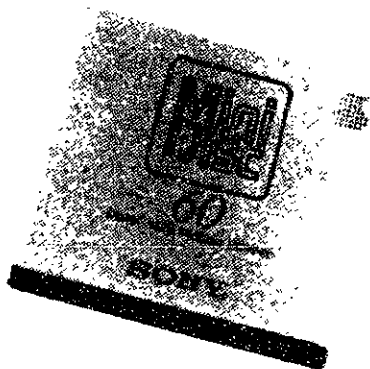
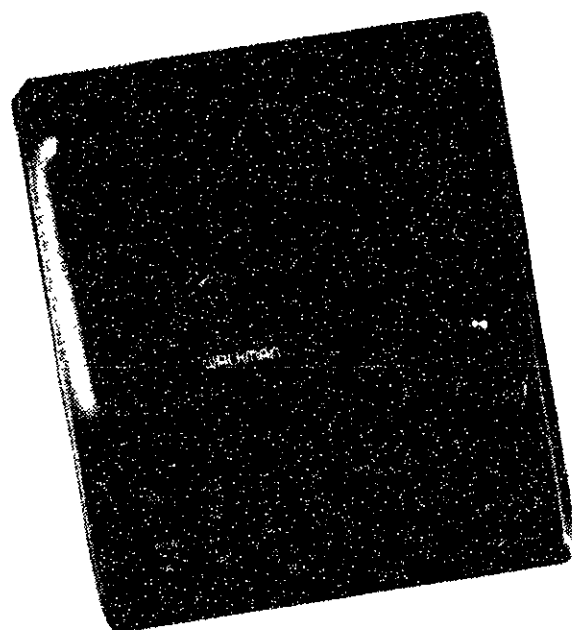
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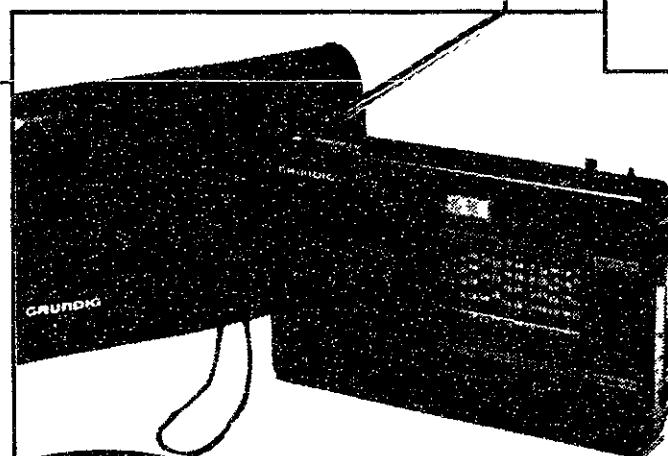
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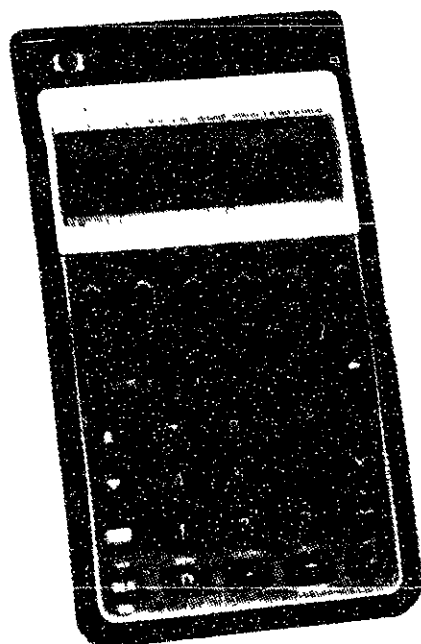
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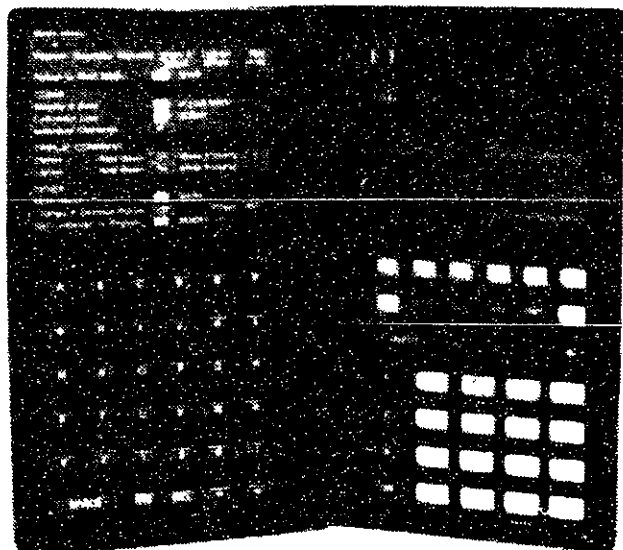
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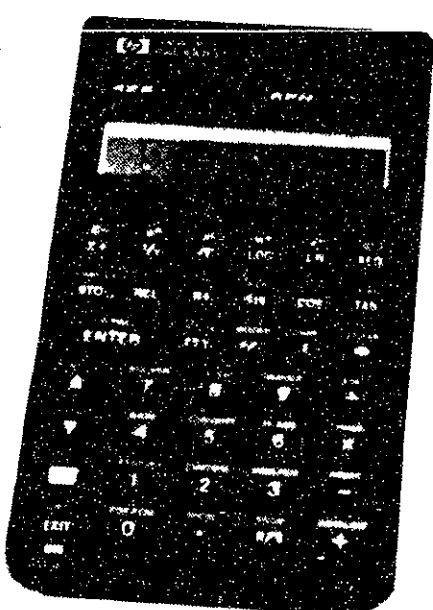
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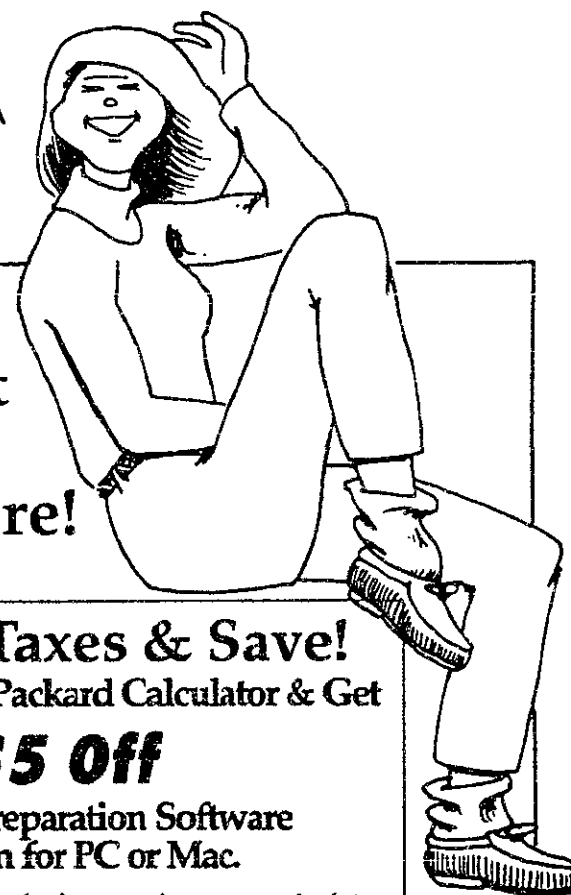
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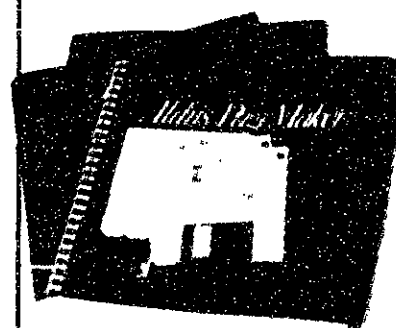
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MIT will also receive two easements to build bridges or tunnels across Carleton Street and a third easement for a bridge or tunnel across Hayward Street. MIT will retain possession of any street-spanning structure when the lease on the streets expires.

The agreement describes in broad terms the substance of the new facility. The new 12,000-square-foot one- to three-story shelter will include "sleeping capacity for 55 persons with separate areas

for men and women" and a "dining room for 50-75 persons," as well as areas for food preparation, administration, and many other activities.

Details of the agreement were still being ironed out by the Special Committee on the Siting of CASPAR as late as 7:30 p.m. last night. One of the final modifications was to a clause that places a time limit on MIT's construction of the shelter. MIT must complete construction within 15 months of being awarded a building permit, a change from the 18 months stipulated earlier.

Councilor Tim Toomey cast the sole vote against the agreement. He argued that the city would be better served by waiting to vote until its next meeting, on March 15. "I don't want my vote to be construed as a vote against CASPAR — far from

it. I just want to make sure that the city's interests are protected, that everybody knows exactly what everybody is getting," he said.

Most others involved with the agreement expressed a sense of relief. "I'm glad we put this issue behind us," said Councilor Jonathan S. Myers, who headed the committee that worked out the agreement. "It was very much a collective effort. We showed that people with many viewpoints can be brought together without having to conflict."

Ronald P. Suduiko, assistant to the president for government and community relations, said he was "proud of MIT and the community leaders for forging a solution to this difficult problem. ... I'm pleased to have worked with people to bring this to a successful conclusion."

Next Lobbies for New Proposal

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Dalal said another big concern was that if the dining hall were closed, many students would depend on the snack bar and delivery food for meals. "It's MIT's responsibility to provide convenient, healthy food," she said.

The suggestions for snack bar improvements were to offer healthier food, include better substitutes for a sit-down dinner, extend its hours, and offer residents access to self-service cooking appliances, Babiec said.

Dalal said that Next residents would probably support a minimum required dining plan in order to keep their dining hall open. But "if they start putting it up to \$2,000 or something, there might be some uproar," she said.

However, Watson did not agree with requiring a specific segment of the student population to purchase a meal plan because many other students use the dining services.

Cooking facilities sparse

Baker President Daniel G. Sabanosh '94 said, "All the floor tutors had meetings last night, and Bakerites want the dining hall open." He added, "The dining hall adds a good sense of cohesiveness to the dorm."

Watson said that as former chair of the house dining committee, he can see the situation from two perspectives. "It means abandoning an educational policy that has served a group at MIT very well ... [yet] MIT has to run itself in a financially responsible way," he said.

"I would say that Baker and Next House are the two most likely to be financially solvent in a year or two," he said. However, if only one dining hall could remain open, there would be legitimate arguments from both sides, he continued.

The lack of cooking facilities at Baker and Next are a concern for residents there. By contrast, each floor in McCormick and each suite in MacGregor is equipped with a kitchen.

Watson said that Baker has only one kitchen. Also, there is no ventilation in the dormitory to accommodate students who would start cooking in their rooms. "We are very vulnerable in that sense," he said.

For Next residents, "part of our concern is our lack of cooking facilities compared to MacGregor and McCormick — it's sort of hard to feed 380 students with three stoves," Bergeron said.

McCormick President Sonia Ensenat '94 said that if McCormick residents had a choice, they would rather not have their dining hall closed.

MacGregor holds referendum

Heather L. Klaubert '94, secretary of MacGregor House, said that according to a recent referendum, the majority of MacGregor residents want to close their dining hall, as opposed to buying a high-priced, inflexible meal plan. The two choices on the referendum were,

support closing the dining hall" in exchange for the Institute expanding MacGregor's convenience store, and "I support keeping the dining hall open, but realize I could have to pay a \$1,600 required declining balance," Klaubert said.

She said the \$1,600 amount was chosen because the house government wanted to see how much residents would be willing to pay to keep their dining hall. Of the 190

people that voted, 151 agreed they would like to close the dining hall, while 39 wanted to keep it open.

"The people I've talked to generally don't like the dining hall because it's inconvenient," Klaubert said. Many students are in lab, at sports practice, or somewhere else on campus, where they cannot come back to eat in MacGregor's dining hall between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., she said.

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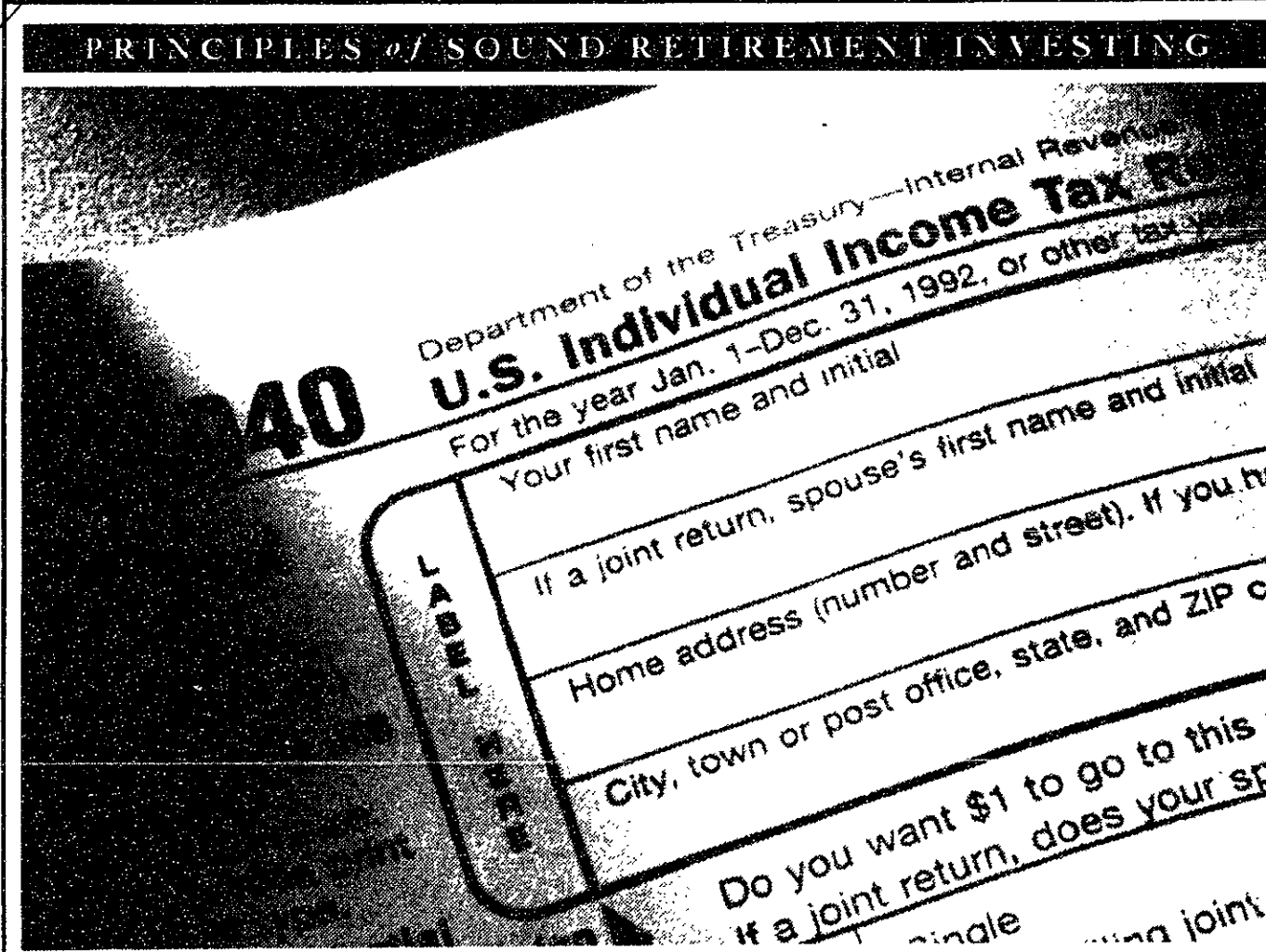
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