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The Cambridge Police is "taking this Cops in Shops program to the fullest. We know we are not going to stop the problem, but we want to put a serious dent in it," Pasqurelo said.

"There is a possibility this will save someone's life," he said. "This is a great program that the Cambridge Licensing Board as well as the colleges and police departments hope to continue on."

When asked about the effectiveness of the program thus far, Pasqurelo was quick to point out that "we have six people who believe it is effective."
One Agent Dies in Gang Battle With Customs Officials for Cash

By Josh Biltker

The Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Housing and Urban Development are off a joint campaign to refund $70 million to FHA-insured mortgage holders to warn scam artists against using the Internet to fraudulently claim refunds, FTC officials said Monday.

One agent — identified as Jose Tololedo Guadarrama, 31 — was killed and another wounded, said a statement from Mexico’s tax administration. The government said two Americans were wounded in the firefight, but had not yet returned to Mexico, waiting to receive medical care in the United States, when the clash occurred, the statement said. They suffered minor injuries and were treated at a hospital in Nogales, Mexico, said, providing no additional details.

U.S. authorities have sharply stepped up seizures of cash on the border this year — a sign, they say, that drug traffickers are increasingly selling their profits in bulk, to avoid money-laundering controls.

Ford Motor Co. Reaches Agreement To Consolidate Dealerships

By John Bisker

After two failed attempts elsewhere, Ford Motor Co. said Monday that it had reached agreements to consolidate some of its dealerships in San Diego and Tulsa, Okla., and replace them with auto superstores and satellite service centers.

Ford accepted stores in Lincoln-Mercury stores in San Diego over the last year and a half, and has since closed three of those locations. It recently acquired four more dealerships in San Diego to operate the fourth and largest, Lincoln-Mercury of Mission Valley.

In Tulsa, the company is creating a partnership with dealers to own auto superstores and take over some of their service centers. Some of the existing facilities will be replaced with two or three stores, superstores, and satellite service centers.

The moves are part of a broader effort by Ford to upgrade its retailing operations in the face of competition from publicly owned dealer chains and superstore operators, such as Republic Industries.

Ford hopes to trim its dealer ranks, cut distribution costs and adopt new consumer-friendly sales techniques, such as fixed-price selling and salaried salespeople, who also want to build up service centers to provide routine maintenance closer to customers’ homes and offices.

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Cold Turkey

By Evelyn Irigian

Key Asia-Pacific leaders are expected to launch a so-called "Manila plan" for a regional monetary stabilization package during this week’s Asia-Pacific Leaders’ Summit in Manila, Philippines.

Critics questioned whether the Manila proposal is strong enough to protect Asia-Pacific economies from speculative capital flight and a possible contagion to Asian economies in trouble.

"While President Clinton and other leaders are well aware of the pressure to bolster confidence and avert a sense of urgency to give global investors confidence to return to Asia and disburse speculators from attacking the region’s currencies and markets," a U.S. government official said.

"If any region is the program is the right direction," said the official.

But Chile also believe there is a need for a global system of currency controls to discourage short-term speculation. Chile’s Foreign Minister, Jose Miquel Insulza, said Chile has made "abundant declarations" to protect their people from the effects of massive movements of capital by failing to establish a system of currency controls.

According to the official, Chile and China believe that they too need to protect their people from the effects of massive movements of capital by failing to establish a system of currency controls.

Other Asia-Pacific leaders, however, do not agree. "It is not possible, or desirable, to impose currency controls," the official said.

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FDA Approves Obesity Drug, Noting Possible Side Effects

By Marlene Conins

LOS ANGELES TIMES

A scant two months after removing two popular diet drugs from the market, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced Monday that it has approved the first in a new generation of anti-obesity drugs that attack fat in a whole new way — but not without risk.

The new compound, sibutramine, which will be marketed under the name Meridia, works by enhancing the brain's natural appetite-regulating chemicals, allowing them to act longer. But the new drug is not without side effects. Meridia can cause increased heart rate and, because it is believed to be psychologically and physically addictive, it is expected to be more tightly controlled and subject to regulation by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

It is not expected to be available for several months because of its pending scrutiny by the DEA. In September, the FDA removed fenfluramine, sold as Pondimin, and a closely related drug, sold as Redux, after its use was linked to potentially life-threatening heart valve problems. Fenfluramine was part of a widely used, although unapproved, drug combination known as fen-phen. The other drug, phentermine, is still on the market.

The new drug, known as a neurotransmitter reuptake inhibitor, works outside the brain cells to prevent naturally produced serotonin from being re-absorbed, essentially making the feeling of fullness last longer.

Because Meridia can cause increases in blood pressure, the FDA recommended that individuals with uncontrolled high blood pressure, heart disease or an irregular heartbeat not take the drug.

South Korea Seeks Strong Leader
In Wake of Recent IMF Bailout

By David Holley

WASHINGTON POST

For advertising executive Lee Cho Keun, financially troubled South Korea's decision last week to seek an International Monetary Fund bail-out of tens of billions of dollars was a humiliating blow.

"Korea's pride is hurt," said Lee, 44. "We've been saying that Korea is the world's 11th largest economy and now this. We are angry that the politicians couldn't save it."

President Kim Young Sam's popularity sank to a low of 10 percent — compared with more than 90 percent support early in his term — in South Korea and the region, longing for a strong leader they can trust. Lee and many others here say.

In a hard-fought campaign for the Dec. 18 election to choose Kim's successor, three major candidates are vying to become that man.

But perhaps because all three candidates are flawed, the ghost of a former president is hovering over the race: the late Park Chung Hee, a man. South Korea's economic growth in his 1961-1979 rule recently have been more widely praised than they had been for years.

"Everybody, especially people in business, is still complaiasing that the economy is terrible. They want to see a strong leader," said Shun Man Hyang, 39, a restaurant manager who said his sales are down 50 percent.

Park's high-growth miracle was built around a few dozen huge family-owned conglomerates that were fueled with immense government-directed bank loans, targeted to prop up key industries regardless of profitability.

December Calendar

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4 The Nutcracker, register now.
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Institutional Wisdom Watch

by The Tech editorial board

Aramark: Dining contract splits leaving Aramark scrambling for either half. Will either half go to Hooters?

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Winter has come early this year. We haven't even carved the Thanksgiving turkey, and I'm already bored. I've already offered us an ammisl of sleed, snow and freezing rain. And all signs point to a moody winter.

There will always be people who will gripe about New England winters. It's too cold," the Scrooges tell us, "I hate the snow." And there will be thousands who flee to Miami or Colorado to escape the frigid climes. But there are millions more who wish they could.

Let them go to the Sun Belt — don't let them take winter's most wonderful season for the rest of us. The New England winter is a season of snow, ice, frigid blasts, ski trips and snowmobiling. This year it has been especially enjoyable. Special sights and experiences available at no other time of the year include the classic New England tradition of lighting up the Christmas tree. This year, we are graced with two trees and two luminous displays.

The other special features of the event were the incredibly tasty food. Different food stations were set up around the table, each offering a different type of food. The stands were staffed by volunteers who were all very enthusiastic and welcoming. The food was served in elegant silver bowls and was served on elegant china. The atmosphere was warm and inviting, infused by the spirit of the holiday. At twilight the sounds of Christmas music filled the air. At the end of the night, I went home with a full stomach and a heart full of joy.

Winter is a time of season. It is the time when we can enjoy the pleasures of winter. The New England winter is a season for activities. It is an opportunity to enjoy the excitement and festivity of the season. Keep your spirits high and your heart happy, and you will be enlivened by the spirit of New England. The season is yours to find and enjoy; I wish you a happy and successful year.

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Alien: Resurrection

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By Vladimir V. Zelevinsky

Out of the Alien trilogy (ex-trilogy now), I always preferred James Cameron's Alien, the adrenaline-pumping action-adventure saga with a layer of subtext and the true feeling of wonder in the end. Compared to it, the original Alien was a visually impressive but otherwise mediocre horror movie, and the only good thing about the dreadfully confusing and confusing Alien² was its fiery conclusion. Now we have a new installment, Alien: Resurrection, written by Joss Whedon, the co-writer of Toy Story, and directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet (Delicatessen and The City of Lost Children). The result is a curious mixed bag, less enjoyable than Alien but a hit more so than the first movie.

If you were unlucky enough to see Alien², you know that Ellen Ripley died in the end (by the way, if you haven't seen Alien and Alien², there will be a lot you won't understand, so beware). But now the government needs some of Ripley's DNA to breed aliens for use in biowarfare programs, so they bring her back using a sample of blood taken shortly before she died. However, there's a catch. When the blood sample was taken, Ripley was already impregnated with an alien queen embryo, and the alien blood cells were mixed with her blood. After the doctors remove the also-cloned alien embryo, they leave Ripley on her own, but since the process is imperfect, Ripley now has some alien DNA mixed with her own.

This makes for a very rich subtext; the idea of Ripley and the alien physically becoming one is extremely interesting, and the ways the movie reveals many aspects of this interbreeding provides a lot of unforgettable moments (there's more than a passing similarity with the nightriau Toy Story sequence set at Sid's house, with the misshapen toys crawling around). Unfortunately, the plot is uniformly dull, being pretty much a rehash of the plot of Alien (people flying through space trying to avoid getting eaten by aliens.)

Visually, Alien: Resurrection is a marvel, easily the best of the series. However, the pacing is erratic (it's unclear how much time passes in the first 15 minutes of the movie: a week or a year?), and the action scenes are overall unimpressive. The acting is good, with the sole exception of Winona Ryder, who doesn't make a very good action heroine.

Two scenes in the movie feel really wrong: in the end, when Ripley finally meets the alien queen, we get some obvious exposition and ridiculous commentary on the action from the uncommon people in the background; and, finally, the last monster she has to defeat is, actually, not monstrous at all (many human characters in this movie are scarier).

It's also worth mentioning that the trailer is misleading. This isn't an action movie, but more of a psychological horror. It also features gallons of bodily fluids (although not much of it human), and is, frankly, very disturbing. Alien: Resurrection deserves credit for being disturbing and thought provoking, even though one of these thoughts is that the plot and subtext don't really fit together.

Opening tomorrow.

Directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet.

Written by Joss Whedon.

Starring Sigourney Weaver, Winona Ryder, Ron Perlman, Dominique Pinon, Michael Wincott, Dan Hedaya, J. E. Freeman, Brad Dourif, Raymond Cruz, Kim Flowers, Gary Dourdan, and Leland Orser.

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Thanksgiving, from Page 1

This year, Williams will spend Thanksgiving at her home in Newton, with her husband and three children. "Most of our time is spent just being together and getting caught up with each other," she said. "For dessert, we have the usual assortment of pies, but we also usually serve something special - the only legitimate form of dessert, in my opinion," Williams said.

Merritt reveals tea-pot craving

Professor of Literature Travis R. Merritt, former dean of undergrad- uate academic affairs, has always cel- ebrated Thanksgiving with his fami- ly. "We've almost always included MIT students whom I know. That's been important in our family, even now," he said.

"I look forward to the stillness and quiet, to spending the day alone, without the usual noise of the city," he said.

"The sounds of Thanksgiving are wonderful," he said. "The noise of the city is replaced by the sounds of a peaceful Thanksgiving Day. It's usually a good day to get away from the city and enjoy the quiet."
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Application Deadline: Monday, December 1, 1997

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Asian Stereotypes Examined at Forum

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statements about major events affecting people in America of Asian descent, such as "1854: People vs. Hall rules that Chinese cannot give testimony in court," or "1965: Immigration Law abolishes 'national origin' as basis of forming immigration quotas."

Panelists explore MIT stereotypes

J. Emma Teng, instructor in foreign languages and literature, moderated the next 45 minutes, during which she asked an eight-person panel questions about race at MIT. The first question asked the panelists for their opinions on the perception of "Asians as a model minority."

"Categorizing all Asians in one culture is a gross simplification" and one-dimensional, said Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science James E. Ching, also a co-chair of the Committee on Campus Race Relations. Psychiatrist in the Medical Department Kristine Cha said the "model minority" concept "places additional emphasis on Asians to be perfect and makes it hard for Asians to come for help or admit weaknesses and vulnerabilities."

Anant Sahai G of Sangam said Asian Americans make an average of $58,000 per year but that "just because you make money doesn't mean there are no race issues."

The next question explored Pan-Asian unity and the common experiences shared by all Asians. Anthony Ng G of the Asian Pacific American Caucus said, "I personally feel our commonality is the search for identity."

Somak Chattopadhyay of the South Asian American Students Association emphasized the need for unity for media leverage, and former Associate Dean Mary Ni, now assistant professor of development studies and counseling at Boston University, said, "Something that bonds all Asians, whether we like it or not, is racism."

Faculty race issue explored

David F. McGill '99 opened up the question and answer period by asking, "What are the relations between Asians and international students?" Chattopadhyay pointed out the existence of a slight polarization in terms of poverty and arranged marriage. Sahai, however, said, "The media will try to force the issue up."

Racism among faculty and in deciding promotions was also discussed. Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Chuang C. Mei said that while there has been a significant increase in the last 30 years in Asian students at MIT, there has not been a proportional increase in Asian faculty.

"I have been invited to be a minority for outside purposes," Mei said, but when applying for grants, Asians are treated as "overrepresented minorities." He said, "I hope in our discussion of race relations, larger conditions of workers will be considered."

Teng corroborated Mei's statement by stating that 8.5 percent of faculty are Asians compared to 30 percent of the student population.

Associate Dean Aydia Mbembo urged people to join her personal boycott of movies such as "Red Center," in which white males or women play Asian characters. She said that such movies gave Americans the license "to abuse tradition as if we don't exist."

Near the end of the meeting, one audience member asked why few whites were at the meeting and suggested that "in the future a meeting on race should incorporate all groups."

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Students gathered in huge numbers to gorge on a variety of exotic foods at the Infinite Buffet, held in the Infinite Corridor on Saturday.
Card discussed how the book has defined his career. He talked about the touching and disturbing responses that he has received from fans over the years. "When you get down to it, people will go without food for stories. I'm grateful that they find my stories worth it."

He mentioned his wish to do "more than Ender's Game. Do you think I haven't tried to duplicate Ender's Game? I think I have a few times. But I don't complain about its success."

Card discussed the ongoing movie adaptation of Ender's Game. He said that the effects that he needs to make the movie will "cost $60 or $70 million."

Card comments on Hollywood
Card described the cost of special effects as the most limiting aspect of film in science fiction. Studies will not pay for the effects for a movie that only appeals to a small segment of the population.

"When effects become cheaper, it will radically transform Hollywood. When they only cost $5 million, you can make the independent, quirky film that yields only $15 million."

Card gave his opinion on several science fiction television shows. He prefaced his opinions by saying "I come to TV with lowered expectations."

He approved of the concept of Quantum Leap and called Chris Carter and the X-Files "flat-out terrific."

Carter had harsh words for the original Star Trek, especially the acting. When the crowd began to hiss, he said, "I hear the sound of the wind passing through the heads of people who watched too much Star Trek."

The event was sponsored by MIT Communications Forum, Film and Media Studies Program, Department of Writing and Humanistic Studies, the Markle Foundation, and the Lecture Series Committee.

The first question posed to Card was about the event's sponsor, the Media in Transition project. Card answered in the sharp style that characterized the evening: "It all sounds like bullshit to me. The changes that are predicted by such programs never come."
Cato D. Wagner '99 of Phi Delta Theta works in the MIT Hobby Shop making wooden toys for kids during last Saturday's Toy Day.

Fredi Meili and Tien-Yi Lee G perform Bemsha Swing as a part of the MIT Festival Jazz Combo in Kresge Auditorium last Saturday.

The Campus Activities Complex will be accepting applications to reserve the following:

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- Lobby 7 Drop Posters, Lobby 10 Booths, Infinite Corridor Panels, Student Center Tables and Student Center Balcony Posters (For February Only).
Daniel J. Bush '01 prepares to pin his opponent at the Springfield College Open on Saturday morning.

Nora Szasz '99 lunges but her thrust is parried by her opponent in a match at Harvard. MIT lost the match.

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Heavyweight Crew Places 6th In Foot of the Charles Regatta

By Karl Richter

The top heavyweight four crew placed sixth out of 28 crews in the varsity race at the Foot of the Charles Regatta in rainy and cold conditions on the Charles River this past Saturday.

This best performance ever from the top four in the annual race from MIT's Pierce Boathouse to Harvard University's Weld Boathouse shows that MIT is competitive with the fastest crews in the country. The top heavyweight fours from Northeastern University (13:51) barely beat the MIT heavyweights (13:54) for fifth place.

MIT's top heavyweight four included Matt Coates '98 (bow), Mike Perry '99, Dan Parker '99, Karl Richter '99 (stroke), and Jen Lykens '99 (con). Parker and Coates sported bleached hair for the race.

Coach Gordon Hamilton was pleased with the result and said "This is a wonderful way to finish up a tough fall season."

The heavyweight Beavers have been plagued with injuries in the past two years, including first-year oarsman Robert Lents '98, who was unable to race. Hamilton said he was impressed that the squad was able to muster its best performance in his 10 years as head coach, despite not being at full strength.

The top MIT lightweight four (14:25) finished 15th and the heavyweight four (14:32) finished 30th (15:17) after getting involved in an accident with another MIT lightweight boat and a Harvard boat.

Other boats finish well

The MIT "D" four finished 33rd, beating Boston College's top boat in the race.

The freshmen got a second race under their belts, with the MIT first freshman eight finishing a very respectable ninth out of 38 (13:54). The freshman Beavers beat first boats from Boston College, Brandeis University, and Massachusetts Maritime College, but finished behind league-rivals Dartmouth University (13:23) and Harvard (12:45) who they will race against in the spring.

The Foot of the Charles marks the last race of the term for the heavyweight crew team. Their next race is against the University of Miami in Miami, Florida, during the squad's two-week training trip to the sunshine state in January.

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