**Nation**

EPA assess waste report rules — The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will no longer require manufacturers of hazardous wastes to write an annual report showing how the waste has been disposed. Instead, the EPA will take an annual survey of ten percent of the companies involved. According to one official of the EPA, “What this means is that the only mechanism giving the agency information to prevent midnight dumping of toxic wastes is now being abandoned.”

Engineer finds the “Masquerade” rabbit — After spending 18 months searching for the bejeweled rabbit worth over $6000, the finder located the treasure in Ampthill, a village 35 miles from London. When Kit Williams wrote “Masquerade,” a fable for children, three years ago, he included clues as to the location of the rabbit. Searching for the pendant had become something of a mania in England. Although the treasure could fetch as much as $50,000 at auction, the finder, who has chosen to remain anonymous has no plans for selling the rabbit.

Beatty wins best director award for “Reds” — The Directors Guild of America gave Warren Beatty the 1981 best director award for his work with “Reds,” which he also produced, starred in, and co-authored. Alan Alda won the best television directing award for an episode of “M*A*S*H,” called “The Life You Save.”

**Local**

MBTA applies for Federal government grant — The MBTA is seeking $100,000 in funds from the US government to upgrade its 16-month-old pass system. The money would be used to hire an electronics engineer to repair the pass-reading computerized machines and then design a preventive maintenance system for them. The MBTA is seeking $100,000 for each of 22 cars which the Washington D.C. Transit Authority wishes to purchase. Joseph Sheath, director of rail services at the Washington Metro noted, “We think they’re worth $15,000 each.”

Space Shuttle delay possible — More rain has fallen on the landing site of the Columbia. Although the launch crew took the weekend off, there is a possibility of a delay in the March 22 launch, the third flight of the ship.

**Weather**

Becoming mostly cloudy during the day with light rain beginning late in the afternoon or during the evening. Daytime highs will be near 40. Light rain will continue overnight with fog likely. Lows will be in the middle 30’s. For tomorrow, expect fog and drizzle or light rain, although inland sections may see some snow. Temperatures again only near 40. Clearing will be slow to occur and the dismal weather may continue through Thursday.

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**AWARDS NOMINATIONS**

**Stewart Awards**

The William L. Stewart Awards are given to students in recognition of a single, outstanding contribution to a particular activity or event.

**Compton Awards**

The Karl Taylor Compton Awards are the highest awards given to students by the Institute community and reflect the belief that real excellence and devotion to the welfare of the MIT community in any area, with emphasis on lasting or sustained contributions to the MIT community as a whole, should be recognized.

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