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Economy Inflation remains in check

WASHINGTON (AP) — Falling prices for vegetables, heating oil and new cars in February helped produce the sharpest decline in more than a year in prices charged by factories, refineries and food processing plants.

The Labor Department's Producer Price Index for finished goods fell a seasonally adjusted 0.4 percent last month, the most in 13 months, mostly reversing an unusually large 0.5 percent increase the month before, the department said Friday.

Analysts had attributed the January gain, and a 0.4 percent increase in December, to a variety of special factors and February's bigger-than-expected drop reinforced their view that inflation pressures in the production process can scarcely be found.

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February's producer price decline reflected drops of 1.4 percent for

food — the most since July 1982 — and 1 percent for energy. Prices excluding the volatile food and energy components were unchanged after edging down 0.1 percent in January.

Vegetable prices, down 23.5 percent, led the food decrease. That included drops of 54 percent in prices paid by wholesalers for tomatoes, 47 percent for broccoli, 40 percent for corn and 39 percent for radishes.

Pork prices also fell, 6.3 percent, as did beef and veal, 2.4 percent. Fruit rose 2.6 percent, including a 19.5 percent jump for Granny Smith apples and 13 percent for strawberries.

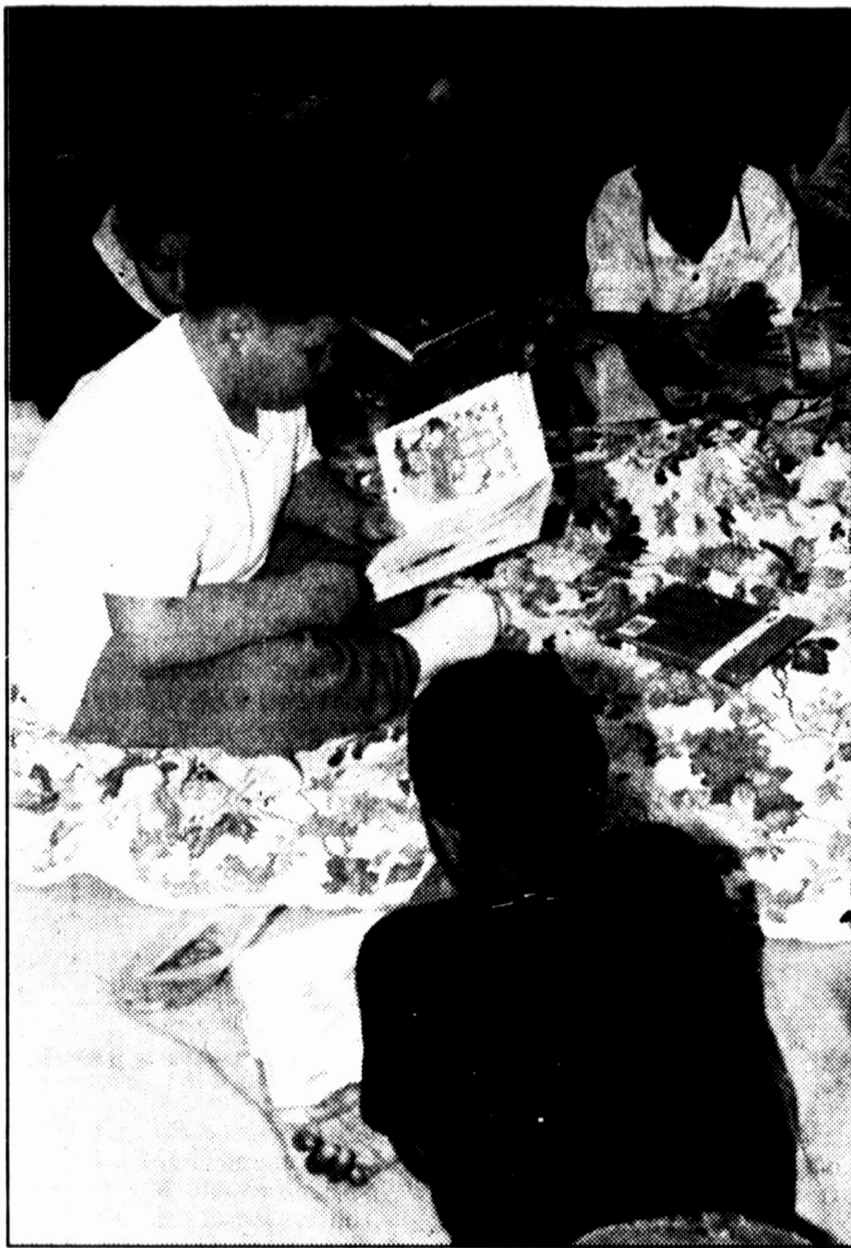
The overall decline in energy prices came despite a small 0.2 percent gain for gasoline. Heating oil fell 4.1 percent; residential electric power, 0.6 percent, and residential natural gas, 0.5 percent.

Outside food and energy, car prices fell 0.3 percent, though light trucks rose 0.4 percent. Clothing prices fell overall, too. And computers fell 1.4 percent.

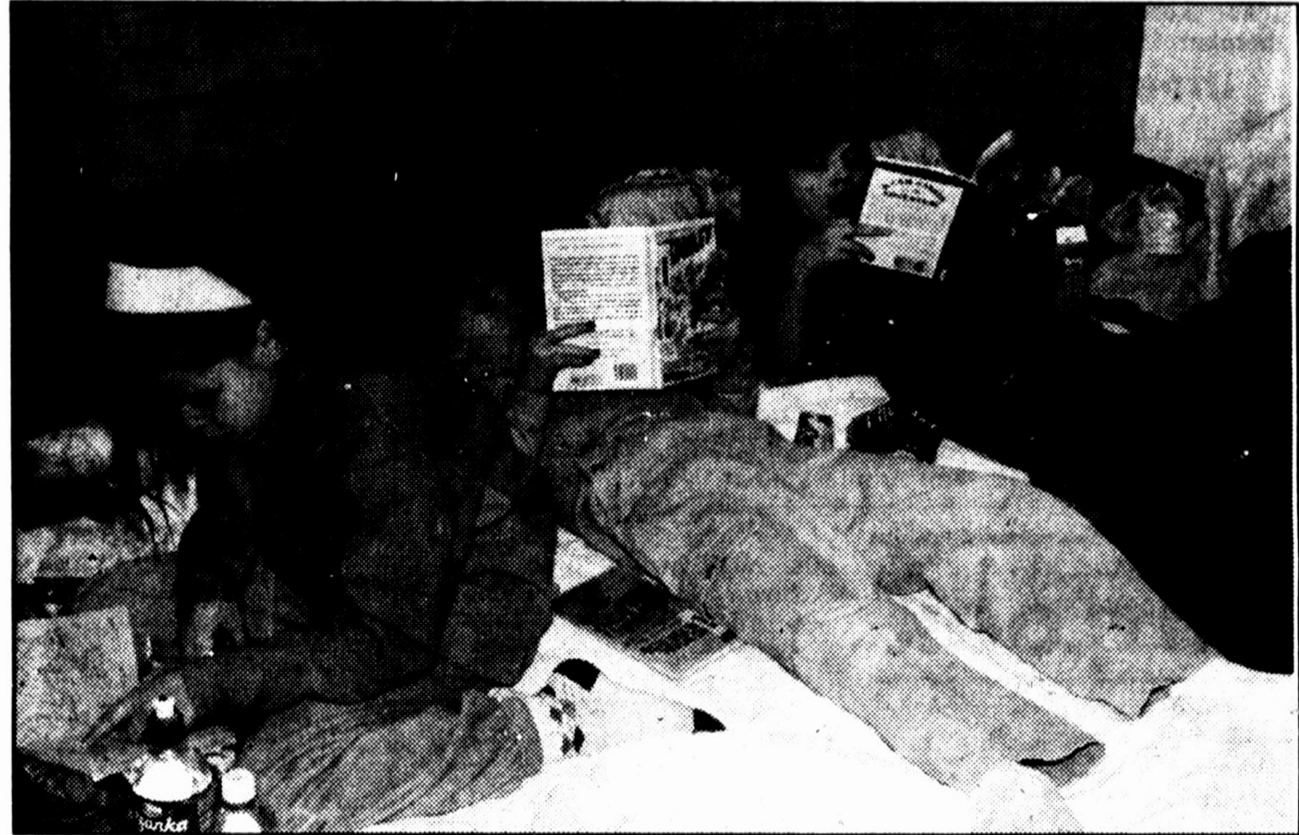
Prescription drug prices jumped 0.8 percent and have risen 20.6 percent over the past year.

Prices earlier in the production process also were well behaved. They fell 0.5 percent for intermediate goods and 3.4 percent for crude goods. An example of the three processing stages if cotton for crude, cloth for intermediate and clothing for finished.

The Commerce Department said businesses' inventories rose a slight 0.1 percent in January at the same time that sales dropped 0.3 percent, the first decline since August.



DEAR break



Students across Hereford Independent School District are being rewarded with DEAR breaks. DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) breaks are designed to reward students and to encourage them to read. At Bluebonnet Intermediate, most of the girls in one fourth-grade class (above) seem to prefer reading mysteries and historical material, while the boys (left) seem more likely to choose books on science or animals.

BRAND/Dianna F. Dandridge

Breaks from regular routine promote reading

By Dianna F. Dandridge
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Rewarding a child for a job well done is a common practice and the rewards take a number of shapes and forms, including special treats, small gifts, and even an afternoon snuggled down reading a good book.

That's right, students across Hereford Independent School District are often rewarded by what they call a "DEAR" break.

"Drop Everything And Read" means exactly that. Students put away the math and the history, Crayolas and musical instruments and read from their current library book.

"This is a big encouragement for the students," said Cookie Tarr, a fourth-grade teacher at Bluebonnet Intermediate School. "It helps them add to their AR (accelerated reader) points, it gives them a break from the usual classwork and teaches them reading is more than just part of school."

When students are rewarded with a DEAR break, they get to bring pillow and blankets and snacks to class and they spend time just enjoying the pleasure of reading a book.

Students have their choice of books, and just like adults, children have their preference of styles.

Most of the girls in one particular class seem to like mysteries and historical material, while the boys chose books on science or animals.

"We want the kids to understand that books can take them to places unknown or not even imagined," Tarr said. "During DEAR breaks, we encourage them to develop a lifelong love of books."

DEAR breaks aren't just for the students. It also gives the teachers a chance to do just what they encourage the students to do — sit down and enjoy reading a book.

Before their most recent DEAR session, Tarr told her class she had bought a new

book and was planning to save it for spring break, but she had cheated just a little bit because she had read a chapter. But then she made herself put it away for spring break.

Tarr said using DEAR breaks also helps students who read just slightly below their level to catch up with their classmates.

"A lot of kids come from homes where reading is not strongly encouraged," Tarr said. "The students who read on their own and enjoy reading are huge encouragement to those who don't get reading encouragement elsewhere." Ask students in this class

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what they're going to do on a boring rainy afternoon and most will hold up a book and say they're never bored as long as they have books to read.

Storms move across Texas after governor declares disaster

Bush confirms what farmers, ranchers have been saying for several months

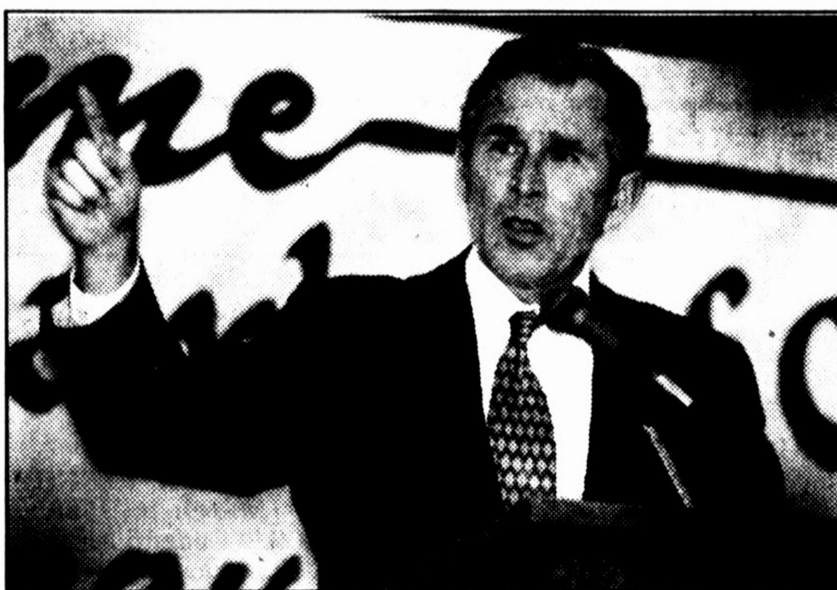
LUBBOCK (AP) — The day after Gov. George W. Bush confirmed the state could be headed for a drought disaster worse than 1998, showers and thunderstorms moved across hard-hit West Texas.

Storms greeted the dawn today at Amarillo and Lubbock, with drizzle and fog reported in the Midland-Odessa area, San Angelo and Wink. Freezing rain fell at Borger, with light snow at Dalhart.

Bush on Thursday declared 167 of the state's 254 counties Texas emergency areas, making them eligible for federal aid, which Bush said is needed to pay for the movement of firefighting equipment to areas that may need it soon.

Deaf Smith County was included in the disaster designation. Other Panhandle counties on the list included Castro, Dallam, Gray, Hale, Hutchison, Moore, Oldham, Parmer, Potter and Randall.

The governor confirmed what farmers and ranchers across Texas have said for months about the dry spell,



BRAND Photo

Gov. George W. Bush declared 167 counties in Texas to be drought emergency areas.

for which the latest rainfall totals came too late for some.

"I think we ought to pray for rain," Bush said Thursday as state officials reported that farmers and ranchers already are suffering and reservoir levels are dropping.

In 1998, drought robbed hundreds of cotton farmers of their entire crops and turned the Texas landscape into a tinderbox, sparking more than 10,000 wildfires.

More than a fourth of the corn crop was lost, hay was scarce and close to half of the sorghum — used primarily as animal feed — died.

But those figures may seem unimpressive compared to the devastation that could occur this summer.

Many regions across the

state — including areas near Wichita Falls, Abilene, Big Spring, San Angelo and Midland — received below average rain this winter, leaving the ground hard and dry.

"All that area failed to get adequate rain through the winter and that's where we've got several million acres of dry land cotton to be planted," said Carl Anderson, agricultural extension economist at Texas A&M University.

"That's the same area that we planted 2.3 million acres last year that never sprouted, never came up, never was harvested."

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said drastic measures may be needed to help farmers survive the third drought in four years.

"If you don't like the weather, just wait 30 minutes and it will change."
Panhandle axiom

Weather plays havoc with local sports activities

Staff and wire reports

The old axiom that says if you don't like the Panhandle weather then just wait 30 minutes and it will change has been proven once more after winter weather, including snow and freezing rain predictions, returned to the previously balmy area and forced cancellation of many sports activities planned for today and Saturday.

Much of the Deaf Smith Invitational sports weekend events have been canceled or postponed.

Cancellations announced before press time today included: Deaf Smith Invitation Relays, which were to be today and Saturday;

- Deaf Smith Invitational Tennis Tournament;
- Junior high track meet at Borger;
- Junior high baseball game at Valley View;
- Junior varsity boys' baseball at West Texas High;
- Girl's junior varsity softball at Randall; and
- Girl's varsity golf tournament at Dumas.

The Hereford girl's varsity softball team will make up two games next week. This past Tuesday's game against Borger here was postponed due to wet field conditions. It has been rescheduled for 4:30 p.m. Monday here. Also, Saturday's game against Canyon has been rescheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday here.

A late winter storm is dumping snow and freezing rain in the Panhandle and rains, some heavy, are falling in other regions after a front stalled out across the state.

Severe thunderstorm warnings were issued this morning for parts of Northwest Texas. Freezing rain, ice and snow were reported at Amarillo, Dalhart and Borger. Fog and drizzle formed at Wink, San Angelo and Midland-Odessa.

A tornado warning was issued for Sutton County near Ozona, but no damage or injuries were reported.

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Local roundup

City commission takes up traffic signals

Hereford city commissioners have a light agenda ahead of them when they meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the commissioner chamber at City Hall, 224 N. Lee.

The commissioners are expected to consider a proposal to remove traffic signals from the downtown area and hear a report from the Hereford Economic Development Corp.

Tornado siren to be tested

The Hereford Police Department will test the city's tornado warning system at 9:30 a.m. March 17, weather permitting.

Easter illy sale

Local Girl Scout troop 283 will be taking orders for Easter lilies through March 16, with delivery on March 28.

For more information or to place an order, contact any troop member or call 364-2248, 364-1857, 364-6772, or 364-3613.

UTPB accepting scholarship applications

High school seniors are encouraged to apply for freshman scholarships at The University of the Permian Basin. Approximately 100 academic scholarships are offered to high school seniors each year, with many of them being renewable beyond the freshman year.

Scholarships to be awarded include the \$6,000 Partners Presidential Scholarship and the \$13,200 Partners Plus Scholarship. Students must be in the top 10 percent of their graduating class and be nominated by a counselor, teacher or administrator. Nominations need to be received by April 1, 1999.

To apply for this or any other scholarship, students should contact the UTPB Office of Admissions at 915-552-2605.

Today's Weather

OUTLOOK

Storm watch

Tonight, snow, heavy at times with some blowing snow, low in the lower 20s, additional significant snowfall accumulation possible, north wind 10-20 mph.

Saturday, an 80 percent chance of snow, continued cloudy with a high in the mid-

30s, north wind 10-20 mph. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a low around 20.

Extended forecast

Sunday, partly cloudy with a high in the mid-50s.

Monday, mostly clear with a low in the upper 30s, high in the lower 70s.

Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a low in the upper 30s, high around 70.

Thursday recap

High, 36; low, 31; precipitation, 0.27 inches and light hail.

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News in brief

Bush signs emergency oil bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Small Texas oil and gas producers are now eligible for \$45 million in tax relief.

Gov. George W. Bush signed emergency legislation Thursday that oil producers say is essential to saving jobs that otherwise would be lost because of low oil prices.

"I sign this hoping it will help many Texas families who depend on the oil business to put food on their tables," Bush said.

"These are tough times for the oil and gas industry and this legislation says our state is committed to helping this vital industry."

Bush signed the bill — the first major piece of legislation of the year — within hours of the House giving it final approval on a 128-8 vote.

Motorola claims key chip designs at risk

AUSTIN (AP) — Motorola's trade secrets could be in danger if Intel Corp. and a top manager continue targeting former Motorola workers for employment, attorneys have told a state district court.

The computer-chip manufacturer claims employees targeted by Intel for a new chip design center in Austin have sensitive information about Motorola's chip technology.

The company on Thursday sought an injunction to prevent Intel, based in Santa Clara, Calif., from placing such workers in jobs where they could reveal that information, according to the Austin American-Statesman in today's editions.

"It became obvious that our intellectual property and knowledge was significantly at risk here," said Billy Edwards, Motorola corporate vice president and director of strategic management and planning. "We don't want them to place these former employees in a position where they will disclose our trade secrets."

The lawsuit also names Mark McDermott, who left Motorola in September for Intel to head its Austin center.

Judge rules professors can testify

AUSTIN (AP) — State schools cannot keep their professors from giving advice or testifying as experts in lawsuits against the state, a judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge James Nowlin said universities cannot enforce a 1997 law designed to stop faculty from giving testimony. He also said he expects schools with such restrictive policies to revise them — or he would be forced to do it for them by court order.

"It's wonderful," said Michael A. Olivas, a University of Houston law professor and former counsel to the American Association of University Professors. "It means Texas residents, like residents in other states, will now be free to pick this expertise ... rather than having someone restrict the pool from which they can choose."

James Todd, an assistant attorney general representing the state and the universities, said changing the policies might not be necessary. He told Nowlin that before the 1997 law, none of the schools had stopped faculty from doing consulting or testifying in lawsuits against the state.

"I know these universities want to be in compliance with the law as it has emerged in this case," he said. "It's the mechanics that need to be worked out."

Choir students compete at state



Choir qualifiers — Nine Hereford High School Choir students — Joshua Rowe, Emily Curtis, Emily Fry, Toby Meeks, John Paul Gutierrez, Carolyn Pinales, Flint Dollar, Monica Brown and Lisa Coneway — qualified for state competition when they earned first division, superior ratings at the annual area and ensemble contests recently conducted in Canyon. Five others won superior ratings and 17 were rated at the recent contest. Pictured are back row, (l-r): J.J. Quinoz, Joshua Rowe, Dwayne Dotson, Seth Laing, Tina Chavez, Toby Meeks, Torrac Hayes, Lisa Coneway, Flint Dollar; middle row, Rosemary Andrade, Corino Perez, Carolyn Pinales, L. Aulinoz, Emily Fry, Robin Wyman, Jenny Artho, Hannah Williams, Kathy Kilpatrick; front; John Rodriguez, John Paul Gutierrez, Emily Curtis, Essie Thomas, Monica Brown, Rebecca Artho, Sabra Brownlow, April Carasco, Christina Hagameier, Sadie Myers; not shown was Jennifer Lago. State competition will be held May 29-31 in Austin.

Lawmakers examine minimum wage bills

By MICHELLE KOIDIN

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Alicia Mallory graduated from the University of Texas and works for the state full time. But she says she doesn't earn enough to afford her own apartment.

State Rep. Lon Burnam says Ms. Mallory is an example of why the minimum wage in Texas should be raised to a "living wage" and correlate with housing prices.

On Thursday, a House committee considered a bill sponsored by Burnam, D-Fort Worth, to tie the minimum wage to fair market rents determined by the federal government.

The bill would ensure that no 40-hour-a-week worker has to spend more than a third of his or her earnings on the minimum level of housing.

In Dallas, for example, the fair market rent for a one-bedroom apartment is \$560 a month, so the minimum wage would be \$9.77 an hour. The current federal minimum wage is \$5.15 an hour.

Supporters testified before the House Economic Development Committee that many full-time workers spend so much on housing they are not able to meet other basic needs.

Opponents of the bill argued that raising the mini-

mum wage would result in layoffs and fewer work hours for some employees.

To Ms. Mallory, it's all about making ends meet.

"I cannot be self-sufficient. I can't live on my own," said the University of Texas library assistant, who earns \$7.61 an hour.

Under Burnam's bill, the minimum wage in Austin would be \$9.16 an hour. The city's fair market rent for a one-bedroom apartment as determined by the U.S. Depart-

ment of Housing and Urban Development is \$525 a month.

Burnam said Ms. Mallory's situation serves as a wake up call.

"A lot of people do not realize the crisis we're facing in low-income housing," the lawmaker said.

But representatives from restaurant and nursing home associations spoke out against the bill, saying businesses would be forced to cut jobs and raise prices.

"When the minimum wage

goes up, everyone wants an increase," said Hans Nadler, owner of Nadler's Bakery & Delicatessen in San Antonio.

The House committee also considered a bill to raise the wages of agriculture and domestic service workers, who are not covered by the federal minimum wage but only by the state minimum wage of \$3.35. That bill would increase the state minimum wage to the federal level of \$5.15.

The committee took no action on either bill.

PUC urges 911 competition

AUSTIN (AP) — The state Public Utility Commission is urging Southwestern Bell to let a competitor test a new 911 emergency phone system without fear of litigation.

"Competition for 911 is a good idea," PUC Commissioner Brett Perlman told the Austin American-Statesman for today's editions.

The three-member PUC hopes the move will bring a quick resolution to a dispute between the state and Southwestern Bell, which has been accused of delaying lifesaving improvements to its 911 system.

In January, state 911 officials came to the PUC with complaints that Bell was de-

laying the improvements. Bell denied the accusation.

As a result, state officials asked bidders to propose a new database. After bids were submitted, the state chose SCC Communications, a national manager of emergency databases, over Southwestern Bell.

The American-Statesman reported that SCC was to test its system in Houston, but Southwestern Bell refused to hook up SCC's database to Bell equipment. Bell claimed technical, legal and safety problems could ensue from connecting the two systems.

The state and SCC are to meet with Bell for mediation, then report results to the PUC

later this month.

The PUC also said Thursday that Bell should reveal to state 911 officials how much it is charging them to maintain the current database of phone customers. The database is used to tell 911 operators where to dispatch emergency crews.

The newspaper reported that the charges for maintaining that database now are included in Bell's one price to the state — about \$12 million a year — for routing emergency phone calls.

A mediator later this month will decide whether the phone company will have to divulge the information.

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Obituaries



HAROLD G. ARNOLD
March 11, 1999

Funeral services for Harold G. Arnold, 85, of Hereford, are pending with Gililand-Watson Funeral Home. Local arrangements are under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Arnold died Thursday at his home.

He was born April 17, 1913, in Norwalk, Iowa, to Ray Arnold and Anna Barbra Smith. He married Bertha Vannoy on April 16, 1958, at Laredo Air Force Base.

He was a career military personnel serving in the Air Force during World War II and Korea. He was a member of

the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife Bertha Arnold of Hereford; one sister, Mildred Bock of Auburn, Ind.; one step-son and; one grandson.

GEORGE A. PASCHEL
March 10, 1999

VEGA — Funeral services for George A. Paschel, 93, of Vega were today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Pat Carathers, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Vega Funeral Home.

Mr. Paschel died Wednesday. He was born in Johnson County, Kan., and had lived in Vega for 18 years. He was a farmer and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He married Dora White in 1932, at Lenaxa, Kan.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Paschel and Michael Paschel, both of Hereford; one sister, Martha Rohrbach of Kansas City; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one daughter.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society.

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for March 11, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

— Theft of gasoline was reported in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

— An assault was reported in the 400 block of Star Street. Class "A" assault charges were filed.

— An elementary student was taken into custody after assaulting another student and threatening the principal.

— A woman was assaulted by an ex-boyfriend in the 400 block of Avenue H. A criminal trespass warning was issued to the suspect, but no charges have been filed at this time.

— A 15-year-old boy was reported as a runaway from a residence in the 100 block of Catalpa.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

— A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a burglary of a motor vehicle conviction.

— A 21-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a theft of service over \$50, under \$500, conviction.

— A 54-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft of service.

Incidents

— Vandalism was reported.
FIRE DEPARTMENT
— 1:42 p.m. Firefighters responded to the San Jose Community Center on a smoke scare.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
11-15-23-31-38

Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-8-8

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LIFESTYLES

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Gallegos volunteers to serve on mission team

Veronica Gallegos has always been interested in the ministry and felt like the Lord has been calling her full-time. An opportunity has opened up for her that she hopes will lead to this goal.

She will work as a volunteer with the Division of Foreign Missions of the Assemblies of God.

"We will work with the Book of Life, which is the Gospel translated into several languages and what we do is try to do world-wide distribution," Gallegos said.

She will live in Florida, but will travel to other countries, working as a translator between her mission team and the church group. Plans include trips to Peru and Ecuador this summer.

The mission team does dra-



Veronica Gallegos

mas and skits, according to Gallegos, then passes out literature which is the Book of Life.

Gallegos will go into the program as an assistant to the missionary and as a volunteer will have to raise her own support.

She is studying to be licensed as a minister which requires 24 credit hours.

"This is paving the way for me to be able to do full-time ministry," she said.

Since Gallegos will not be a missionary, she is not allowed to go from church to church and raise funds, but she can write letters and make individual contacts to raise support.

Gallegos is the daughter of Robert and Olivia Gallegos. She graduated from Hereford High School in 1993 and West Texas A&M University in 1997 with a BA degree in English and a minor in Spanish.

"I was told numerous times that the Lord had a special place for me in the ministry, but it took me some time to realize the Lord can use you wherever you are," she said.

She has been teaching in El Paso since shortly after her graduation from WTAMU, but will give up her job and security to pursue her ministry. She goes to Springfield for orientation in June, then leaves shortly afterwards on the mission trip to Peru and Ecuador.

Anyone wishing to help Gallegos with her ministry can contact Pastor Mike Sullivan at the First Assembly of God, Box 112, Hereford.



Contest preparation—Deaf Smith County 4-Her's will compete in the District I Consumer Decision Contest on Saturday. The day long event will feature judging for junior, intermediate, and senior contestants as they use decision making skills in determining the best use of the consumer dollar. Shown are Vincent Urbanczyk and Preston Ward as they study the items needed to meet a given consumer purchasing situation.

Knight gives program for Hereford Study Club

Hereford Study Club met recently at the Deaf Smith County Museum with Joan Yarbro and Mary Stoy as hostesses.

President Stoy conducted the business meeting.

Emily Knight, museum board member, presented the Pioneer Trunk program displaying and

explaining many turn-of-the-century and early day artifacts.

Members present were Barbara Allen, Jean Ballard, Morgan Cain, Addie Cunningham, Hazel Ford, Mildred Garrison, Betty Gilbert, Elizabeth Hellman, Betty Martin, Nedra Robinson, Virginia Winget, Gladys Setliff, Stoy and Yarbro.

Relay for Life packets ready for team captains

Relay for Life team captain packets are ready for delivery. Any one who has signed up as a team captain or is interested in being a team captain, call Adam Treff at 364-2536 to have a packet delivered.

The third annual Hereford Relay for Life will be held June 4-5 in Whiteface Stadium.

The Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's community-oriented team event where participants walk or run around a track relay style for 24 hours. When they aren't taking their turn on the track, team members camp out around the track and take part in a variety of fun activities.

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Thank You

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the prayers, calls and food, not only at the loss of our beloved Cindy, but also during the long time of her illness. A special thanks goes to the Hereford EMS, HRMC, Dr. Lawlis and Brady Brookhart. We appreciate so much all you did for Cindy, and us, during our difficult time. May God bless you all.

The family of Joyce "Cindy" Thomas

Ed Thomas, Larry & Angela Beames, James & Loveta McNeill, Kenneth & Ruby Lee, Jose & Brandi Martinez, Jr.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing about Bruce Conway, a strong, effective leader who steered the Living Bank

through its third decade as the nation's only free organ donor registry.

Last October, Bruce died unexpectedly after complications from kidney disease. Bruce was a big fan of the essay "To Remember Me," which appeared several times in your column. Please print that piece again in memory of Bruce and remind your readers to become organ donors and give the gift of life by registering with The Living Bank, P.O. Box 6725, Houston, Texas 77265. Thank you for your continued support, Ann. — Jon Eiche, executive director, The Living Bank

Dear Jon: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to honor the memory of Bruce Conway, who graciously handled all our questions on organ donation for many years. His input was invaluable. Here is the essay you requested: To Remember Me by Robert N. Test

The day will come when my body will lie upon a white

sheet neatly tucked under four corners of a mattress located in a hospital busily occupied with the living and the dying. At a certain moment, a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my deathbed. Let it be called the Bed of Life, and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

Give my sight to the man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman.

Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.

Give my blood to the teenager who was pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play.

Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body, and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that, some day, a speechless boy will shout at the crack of

a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her window.

Burn what is left of me, and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses and all prejudice against my fellow man.

Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God.

If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs it. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

Dear Ann Landers: I need your advice. I have been friends with "Walt" for seven years. About two years ago, I started to have feelings for

him that were definitely more than friendship. Needless to say, he was surprised when I told him.

Walt made it clear that he thinks of me only as a friend. I see him every weekend, and it hurts knowing he will never care for me the way I want him to. What should I do, Ann? — Mary in Canada

Dear Mary: If you are willing to settle for a brother-sister relationship forever, Walt's your man. If you want a romance that leads to marriage, disconnect from Walt, and start dating.

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Girl Scout News

By Lorna Haws
World of Out-of-Doors

This is the last of the worlds of interest. It covers the many experiences possible in an outdoor setting -- everything from recreation to nature and ecological studies, as well as camping in tune with today's concern for the natural environment.

These activities help Girl

Scouts understand, enjoy and appreciate the outdoors.

Today the girls will plant seeds or plants, take a nature walk or visit a nature center, provide birds or other wildlife with food, learn about different types of wood and how to build a fire, and learn about types of knots and what they are used for.

HEREFORD AQUATIC CENTER'S

Spring BREAK

March 15th thru March 19th
AFTERNOON OPEN SWIM
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
St. Patrick's Day Special
1/2 PRICE!

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First round victims:

North Carolina, UCLA upset early in NCAA tournament

By The Associated Press
UCLA and North Carolina have won a total of 14 NCAA tournament titles. Between them, they have no more games to play in this year's basketball extravaganza.

With Harold Arceneaux scoring 36 points Thursday night, Weber State stunned North Carolina 76-74, the Tar Heels' first opening-game NCAA tournament loss in 19 years.

"This is definitely not the way that I expected to go out," dejected North Carolina senior forward Ademola Okulaja said.

Detroit also was a surprising winner, downing UCLA 56-53 and holding the Bruins to their lowest point total of the season.

"This was not only a great game for our team, it was a great game for any so-called Cinderella team. We gave everything we had to produce results," said Detroit's Bacari Alexander,



AP Photo
Tar Heel Kris Lang goes up against Weber State's Harold Arceneaux.

who contributed three steals to an aggressive defense that troubled UCLA all night.

Arceneaux was too much for the perennial ACC powerhouse, hitting 14 of 26 shots, including five of seven 3-pointers. His 36 points tied the most points scored against North Carolina in a tournament game since Purdue's Rick Mount had 36 against the Tar Heels in 1969.

Arceneaux capped his performance by making two free throws with 13.3 seconds left, giving Weber State a 75-72 lead.

"This is just about as sweet as it gets," said Weber State coach Ron Abegglen, who has announced he will retire after the season.

A Final Four team last year, North Carolina was playing in its record 25th straight tournament.

"In the tournament, if you don't come out ready to play, anything can happen," said Ed Cota, who led North Carolina with 20 points. "We didn't have one of our better games."

At Indianapolis Detroit 56, No. 15 UCLA 53

Daniel Whye scored four points and grabbed a key rebound in the final minutes as 12th-seeded Detroit pulled off its

shocker.

Jermaine Jackson had 17 points and Rashad Phillips 16 for Detroit, which survived going seven minutes without a field goal in the first half and five minutes in the second half.

After Whye's two free throws gave Detroit a 49-48 lead with 1:53 to go, Baron Davis, who led UCLA with 16 points, gave the Bruins their final lead at 50-49 five seconds later.

Davis then fouled out with 1:19 to play as Detroit took over for good.

Oklahoma St. 69, Syracuse 61

Desmond Mason scored 28 points and Adrian Peterson added 21, including five 3-pointers, as Oklahoma State downed Syracuse.

After Syracuse (21-12) tied it at 57, Joe Adkins hit a 3-pointer to put Oklahoma State (23-10) ahead to stay. Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton tied Syracuse's Jim Boheim for 10th place on the NCAA's career list for tournament victories with 29.

Auburn 80, Winthrop 41

Scott Pohlman and Doc Robinson scored 14 points apiece as Auburn spoiled Winthrop's first NCAA tournament appearance.

Chris Porter, Auburn's leading scorer and a second-team All-American, was held to nine points. But his teammates produced several big runs to put the Tigers (28-3) safely in control against Winthrop (21-8).

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Letting go



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Passing the plate — Bryan Matthews releases the discus in track workouts earlier this past week. He, like many other Hereford and area athletes, received a reprieve from competition this weekend after winter weather forced many Panhandle sports event cancellations.

Dallas rips Magic, 93-76

DALLAS (AP) — Inconsistent backcourt play has hurt the Dallas Mavericks this season. Steve Nash and Robert Pack are trying to change that.

Nash had nine points and 11 assists and Pack added six points and five assists in 16 minutes as the Mavericks routed the Orlando Magic 93-76 Thursday night.

"They were both looking for the open guys," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "They were both solid. We got good play from our point guards."

Nelson wanted to get more

energy and passion from his struggling team, and the Mavericks delivered to snap a four-game losing streak.

Gary Trent had 21 points and 10 rebounds, Michael Finley scored 18 points and A.C. Green had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

"Each guy needed to look at themselves, and I think the fellas did," Nelson said. "When you're on a losing streak like we were, everybody has to do what they can to scratch out a victory."

Shawn Bradley had 10

points and 10 rebounds for Dallas, which held Magic guard Penny Hardaway to seven points, 8.5 under his season average.

"I'm just a guy who creates for everybody else," Hardaway said. "I only shot nine times so it wasn't like I had a really bad game."

Minnesota cuts its losses

Voluntarily declares four basketball players ineligible to play

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Writer

They were never exactly students.

They're no longer athletes. The worrisome thing is what they probably won't be next: Young men with enough of a future to throw to the cat.

Thursday morning, barely

five hours before their team met Gonzaga in the NCAA tournament, officials at the University of Minnesota voluntarily declared four members of their own basketball team ineligible to play.

The final score — Gonzaga 75, Minnesota 63 — speaks volumes about how much the Gophers missed the four, especially starters Kevin Clark and Miles Tarver. It also tells you how solid the evidence must have been, since the school's rush to judgment came before the NCAA even had a chance to offer use of its in-house guillotine.

But university vice presi-

dent McKinley Boston must have heard the blade being sharpened when he got up to speak at a news conference in Minneapolis. "We would rather not risk the reputation of the university by playing an ineligible player at this time," he said.

The allegations of academic fraud surfaced in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press, where a story quoted former university employee Jan Gangelhoff saying she did more than 400 pieces of course work for at least 20 players during a five-year period. Four former players confirmed her account.

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Clippers end 17-game losing streak with win over Sacramento

By The Associated Press
On a day of big changes in the NBA, the Los Angeles Clippers made the biggest one by winning.

With trades reshaping teams from east to west, the Clippers ended their 17-game losing streak to start the season when they beat Sacramento 106-92 Thursday night. Lorenzen Wright had a career-high 25 rebounds to go with 12 points, and Darrick Martin had 18 points and 11 assists.

"I'm very happy, we've been waiting for a win for so long," Wright said.

Another loss, and the Clippers' start to this season would have stood alone as the worst in NBA history. The Miami Heat began the 1988-89 season with 17 straight losses.

"It's very big. We're not an 0-17 team, period. I'll go on record saying that," Martin said.

He's right, of course. The Clippers are 1-17, still the league's worst record.

But the Kings were the most embarrassed team in the NBA after their seventh straight road loss to the Clippers.

"The good teams don't lose," Chris Webber said. "Utah wouldn't have come here and lost. The Lakers wouldn't have come here and lost. But good

old Sacramento, we come here and lose."

Elsewhere, it was Golden State 89, Minnesota 82; Utah 94, Denver 89; Miami 83, Toronto 73; Atlanta 99, Boston 85; New York 98, Washington 86; Seattle 92, Chicago 83; Houston 102, Vancouver 91; and Dallas 93, Orlando 76.

Warriors 89, Timberwolves 82

Donyell Marshall and Chris Mills had 14 points each for the Warriors in Minnesota's loss without Stephon Marbury at Golden State.

The 82 points tied for the second-lowest output of the season for the Timberwolves, who traded point guard Marbury to New Jersey in a nine-player, three-team deal hours before the game.

Bobby Jackson played most of the game at the point for the Wolves, who will get point guard Terrell Brandon from Milwaukee as part of the deal. Jackson had 15 points, eight assists and seven rebounds.

Kevin Garnett had 22 points to lead Minnesota.

"He was a major piece of the puzzle, so right now we need to regroup," Garnett said of Marbury. "We have to slow the ball down and find the chemistry out there."

Jazz 94, Nuggets 89

Karl Malone stole the ball from Antonio McDyess on Denver's final attempt to tie the game and John Stockton clinched it with two free throws.

Malone led the Jazz with 28 points and 10 rebounds, despite having to leave briefly in the first half with a strained quadriceps muscle.

McDyess scored 39 points, 15 in the fourth quarter, to key Denver's comeback from 11 points down at the start of the final period. He also grabbed 11 rebounds as the Nuggets fell to 0-11 on the road and lost their sixth straight game.

Sonics 92, Bulls 83

Seattle, behind 25 points from Gary Payton, broke a five-game losing streak by winning at Chicago. With the Sonics suffering through their longest win drought since the 1990-91 season, Payton hit a key jumper with 2:13 left to give the Sonics a three-point lead.

The Bulls, as they have throughout this lockout-shortened season, couldn't connect down the stretch.

Toni Kukoc scored 28 points for the Bulls, but only seven in the second half.

Rockets 102, Grizzlies 91

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 31 points, including nine in the closing minutes. The Rockets extended the Grizzlies' losing streak to 10 games, but they almost blew it in the fourth quarter.

The Grizzlies, who have lost all seven games they've played in Houston, went on a 12-4 roll that spilled into the fourth quarter. But the Rockets never lost the lead. Olajuwon had nine points in the final 4:15 and finished with 11 rebounds.

Rookie Mike Bibby had 10 of his career-high 26 points in the fourth quarter for the Grizzlies.

Before the game, Vancouver traded guard Sam Mack back to the Rockets for guard Rodrick Rhodes.

Heat 83, Raptors 73

Tim Hardaway scored eight of his 10 points in the third quarter, sparking a 15-0 run in Miami's ninth straight win at home and 14th victory in its last 16 games.

Alonzo Mourning scored 20 of his 23 points in the first half and also pulled down 16 rebounds.

Clarence Weatherspoon added a season-high 22 points for Miami.

John Wallace scored 20 points to pace the Raptors, who have dropped their last seven games with the Heat.

Hawks 99, Celtics 85

Dikembe Mutombo scored 18 points and pulled down a season-high 15 rebounds as the Hawks broke a four-game losing streak at their sometime home at Georgia Tech. All five Atlanta starters scored in double figures for the first time this season.

The Celtics, playing the third of a five-game road trip, got 19 points from Antoine Walker. They also traded center Andrew DeClerq to Cleveland for center Vitaly Potapenko.

Victims

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Ohio St. 72, Murray St. 58
Michael Redd scored 27 points and Ohio State got 13 of its final 17 points from the free-throw line.

The Buckeyes (24-8) took a 32-21 lead at the break and quickly built their lead to 17 points in the first minute of the second half. But the Racers (27-6) used a full-court press, closed within 10 points midway through the period and kept the pressure on Ohio State the rest of the game.

SOUTH

At Orlando, Fla.
Maryland 82, Valparaiso 60

Laron Profit and Terence Morris each scored 18 points, and Steve Francis had 15 points and seven assists as Maryland beat Valparaiso.

Last year, Valpo stunned Mississippi 70-69 in the first round on Bryce Drew's buzzer-beating 3-pointer, then upset Florida State to make it to the round of 16. But the Crusaders (23-9) trailed Maryland (27-5) by 12 points at half-time and never seriously threatened in the second half.

Creighton 62, Louisville 58

Rodney Buford led a big second-half rally and Ben Walker saved his best for the end as Creighton defeated Louisville.

Walker, playing with four fouls, scored seven points in the final three minutes, including four free throws in the last 90 seconds. Walker finished with 16 points and Buford had 13 for Creighton (22-8), which was making its first NCAA appearance since 1991.

St. John's 69, Samford 43

Ron Artest had 17 points and 10 rebounds as St. John's advanced to the second round for the first time in six years.

St. John's (26-8) scored the first 13 points of the game, and the closest Samford got after that was nine late in the first half. Samford, playing in the tournament for the first time, finished with a 24-6 record.

Indiana 108, George Washington 88

Freshman Kirk Haston, playing with a broken left hand, scored 27 points to lead Indiana to the most points it has scored in its storied postseason history.

But the Hoosiers (23-10) also sparkled on defense. A.J. Guyton slowed down 5-foot-4 Shawnta Rogers, George Washington's Atlantic 10 player of the year. Rogers scored 28 points, but shot only 10-for-31.

Indiana broke the school tournament scoring record set in a 107-90 victory over Auburn on its way to the 1987 title.

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At Denver
Iowa 77, Alabama-Birmingham 64

The Hawkeyes (19-9) hit 10 of their first 12 3-point shots and extended Tom Davis' coaching career at Iowa for at least one more game.

Davis, who has led the Hawkeyes to nine NCAA tournaments in 13 seasons and will leave as the school's winningest coach, was told last year his contract would not be renewed after this season.

Arkansas 94, Siena 80
Kareem Reid set the Ar-

kansas career assist record, and the Razorbacks hit 15 shots from 3-point range.

Chris Jefferies scored 16 points for the Razorbacks (23-10), and Reid finished with 10 of Arkansas' 28 assists to pass Lee Mayberry for the school record. Siena, a small Franciscan school in Loudonville, N.Y., finished with a 25-6 record.

New Mexico 61, Missouri 59

Lamont Long scored 17 points, including a jumper in the lane with 5.5 seconds left that gave New Mexico a victory over Missouri.

After Long scored, Missouri (20-9) got the ball upcourt and Brian Graver put up an off-balance 3-pointer that came up short. Kenny Thomas scored 20 points for the Lobos (25-8), who moved into the second round for the fourth straight year.

At Seattle

Gonzaga 75, Minnesota 63
Richie Frahm scored 26 points, including five 3-pointers, as Gonzaga beat a depleted Minnesota team.

The Gophers (17-11) were missing four players who were ruled ineligible because of allegations of academic fraud. And two of the remaining eight players — Joel Przybilla and Kevin Nathiel — fouled out. It was the first NCAA tournament victory for Gonzaga (26-6), the school that John Stockton played for and Bing Crosby attended.

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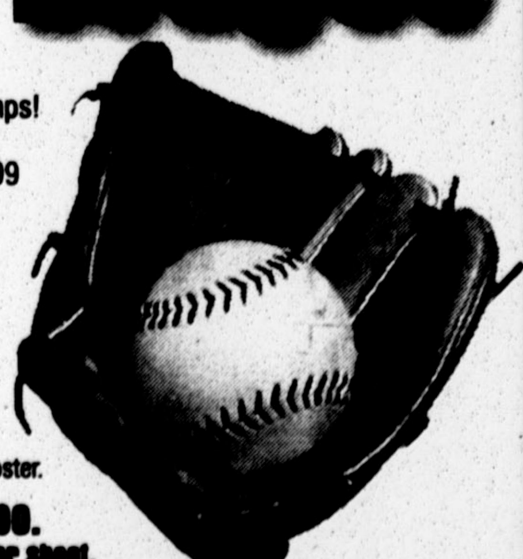
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Kosovo violence flares anew amid hints accord to be OK'd

Rebels' reluctance to approve peace agreement frustrates Western diplomats

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) - Kosovo Albanian rebels hinted once again today that they would accept a U.S.-sponsored peace plan, while the province saw a new upsurge in violence.

Western diplomats have worked for the past week to get the Kosovo Liberation Army to accept the plan, but holdouts among the rebel leaders have stymied several promised breakthroughs.

The rebels' reluctance has frustrated Western powers, which need their acceptance in order to turn up the heat on Serbia to sign or face NATO airstrikes.

Today's KLA statement raised hopes for a signature at peace talks due to resume Monday in France. In the statement, the KLA said the agreement "was not the solution that we would want the most ... But it does not close all doors to future roads."

In a further hint at possible acceptance, the statement added that "the future of



Map shows location of Kosovo

Kosovo depends mostly on the Albanians themselves and their cooperation with the international community."

The statement was issued on the KLA's Kosova Press Agency after a reported meeting of top guerrilla leaders in the hills of the Drenica region west of Pristina. State radio in neighboring Albania quoted unidentified sources saying that KLA commander

Hashim Thaci, the chief Albanian delegate to peace talks scheduled for Monday, had urged other KLA leaders to accept the plan.

Thaci has come under fire from other members of his delegation for failing to approve the deal.

Pacifist Kosovo Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova also suggested the plan would be signed when talks resume, al-

though he did not specifically say the KLA had agreed to get on board.

"The negotiations are over. The document is final, and we'll go to Paris to sign because there is no more time to negotiate," he said.

If Kosovo Albanians accept the agreement, pressure will focus on the Serbs to sign. Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and other Serbian leaders have rejected the plan because it foresees NATO-led troops to implement it. NATO has warned that unilateral rejection by the Yugoslav and Serb side will unleash airstrikes.

More than 2,000 people have been killed in the war in the southern province of Serbia, the main republic in Yugoslavia, and over 300,000 have been driven from their homes. More than 90 percent of the people in Kosovo are ethnic Albanians.

Fighting today centered around Vucitrn, about 12 miles northwest of the provincial capital, Pristina. Police and army troops pushed down from the north in an attempt to dislodge guerrillas from the area of three villages. Associated Press Television News crews on the scene reported heavy mortar, artillery and small-arms fire.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News roundup

House OK's Clinton Kosovo policy - with strings WASHINGTON - The Republican led-House is supporting President Clinton's plan to send U.S. troops to Kosovo if a peace agreement is reached, with some strings attached.

But prospects for that peace looked bleak in advance of a resumption of talks on Monday in Paris, with neither side in the dispute indicating any readiness to sign onto an agreement.

The House voted 219-191 late Thursday for a resolution expressing general support for the administration's proposal to use 4,000 U.S. troops, if necessary, as part of a NATO peacekeeping operation.

Clinton, whose administration had begged the Hkuse not to take up the issue until after the next round of peace talks, declared himself pleased.

He said in a statement the "broad bipartisan support" for U.S. efforts in Kosovo "sends a clear message to both parties that it's time now to sign an agreement that stops the fighting in Kosovo and creates real self government for the Kosovar people."

Forty-four Republicans - including Speaker Dennis Hastert - joined Democrats in support.

But the House attached some strings - urging Clinton to report to Congress on how long such a deployment would last, how much it would cost and whether it would affect overall military readiness.

Flexibility measures fire special-ed funding debate

WASHINGTON - The House and Senate passed bills that would give states more flexibility in spending federal aid. But the first education votes of the year set in motion a possible showdown with President Clinton over his plan to provide money for hiring new teachers.

The so-called ed-flex bills, which passed 98-1 in the Senate and 330-90 in the House on Thursday, are designed to free states from some strings attached to federal aid. Yet the Senate version of the bill would shift to special education programs money that was supposed to help pay for Clinton's new-teachers plan this year.

The House bill did not include money for special education, so House and Senate negotiators will have to work out differences between the two measures.

Educators and Democratic lawmakers who helped pass the bill said Congress should wait for the upcoming appropriations to increase special education financing.

"There is still time to improve the bill before it goes to the president," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who voted for the Senate bill despite his opposition to the special-ed funding "amendment."

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge said he was pleased with the votes, the first in this Congress on education issues. The special-ed provision, he said, could help Pennsylvania achieve the \$600 million it needs to meet federal demands to educate those children.

"Then there would be a huge amount to hire teachers, for after-school programs and for dropout programs," Ridge said.

Prosecutor, Clinton backers: Going at it to end

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Juggling a criminal case and damaging revelations about his own office, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is fighting an uphill battle: The prosecutor has put President Clinton's former business partner on trial, but it is Starr's own office that is getting much of the scrutiny.

On the second day of Whitewater figure Susan McDougal's trial here, Charles Bakaly, who became Starr's spokesman last spring after the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke, abruptly resigned Thursday. His resignation came after Starr asked the Justice Department to investigate Bakaly in connection with a news leak - a front-page story in The New York Times that said Starr had concluded the president could legally be indicted while still in office.

The Jan. 31 article came amid a federal judge's probe - pushed along by Clinton's legal team - into possible leaks by Starr's office and a separate Justice Department inquiry into Starr's handling of the Lewinsky investigation.

Bakaly had gone on TV the day after the Times story appeared, declaring the "information did not come from our office. ... We did not leak this information. ... We do not leak grand jury information."

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Republicans pound Gore over claim he invented Internet



Vice President Gore

"Vice President Gore taking credit for creating the Internet certainly gives new meaning to the term 'March madness.'" Rep. Sensenbrenner

highway system." He wasn't alone in tweaking Gore.

House Science Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., issued a statement headlined, "I had no idea!"

"Vice President Gore taking credit for creating the Internet certainly gives new meaning to the term 'March madness,'" Sensenbrenner said in a jab at his one-time Science Committee colleague.

The vice president's spokesman, Chris Lehane, defended his boss's claim, saying Gore "was the leader in Congress on the connections between data transmission and computing power, what we today call information technology. And those efforts helped to create the Internet that we know today."

Seizing on Arney's reference to the interstate highway system, Lehane noted that Al Gore Sr. shepherded passage of legislation creating a national highway network while he served in the House and Senate in the 1950s.

"In fact, his father's leadership on the interstate highway system served as the model for the vice president's vision for a network of data highways," Lehane said. "As for congressman Arney, in his time in Congress what he has created is division, divisiveness and partisan rancor, but seemingly little else."

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