#### Massachusetts university suffers damage after 3-day crime spree

United Press International AMHERST, Mass. — Police were still compiling reports Tuesday on a three-day Halloween crime spree at the University of Massachusetts that included rape, theft,

Public Safety Philip J. Cavanaugh said between 12:01 a.m. Thursday

He said the majority of the and midnight Saturday, police responded to 253 calls, 197 of which tion with the university.

were considered emergencies. He said there were 56 criminal

vandalism and assault, and caused thousands of dollars of damage.

University Associate Director of firearms to larcenies. There's a sub-

He said the majority of those arrested were persons with no affilia-

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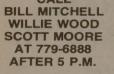
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# New service may cut phone bills

WASHINGTON — If you are a heavy long-distance telephone user, there is a new service available for your home phone which proponents claim can cut your toll charges from 25 to 50 percent.

One company has just started marketing the service and a second is considering it.

The service is a residential version of a commercial system which is being used by thousands of businesses across the country. The one now being offered to residential users comes from SP Communications, a division of Southern Pacific

For in-home use, it is available only during non-business hours from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. local time each day, and all day on Saturday and Sunday.

It works like this: SPC will allow residential telephone customers to use its private microwave system for a charge of \$10 per month.

The consumer in turn is billed by the company for each call. The company owns 8,000 miles of microwave systems — the equivalent of 14 million circuit miles - with more under construction.

The company says, for instance, that a 4½-minute call from Los Angeles to New York during the evening hours costs 64 cents compared to \$1.37 over regular telephone company lines. Part of the savings comes from the fact that the bills are calculated by six-second intervals instead of by the minute as

regular telephone charges are.

To use the system the consumer must first dial into the company's network, using a code provided by the firm. Only a push-button tele-phone will work, because the signal sent out by a rotary dial will not gain access to the company's computer. The service is available only in

towns where the network runs. But, according to Bill Green, manager of advertising and public relations for the company, it covers 80 met-ropolitan areas and the bulk of the country's population.

The service, however, will not pay for itself unless you have a habit of making a lot of long distance calls from home.

'It's not for the \$10 a month long-distance caller, obviously,' Green said in an interview. "We estimate that at about 90 minutes of useage per month the consumer

could start saving dollars."

That's the equivalent of one
3-minute call per day, every day, or
six 15-minute calls per month.

While there has been an increase in commercial versions of SPC's operation, thanks to changes in government regulatory policies, Green said his company is the first to market the system to the residential



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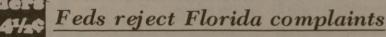
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# Mexican vegetable prices OWa

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WASHINGTON — In a longawaited decision, the government Tuesday tentatively rejected complaints by Florida winter vegetable farmers that imports of vegetables grown in Mexico are sold in the United States at unfair prices.

If the decision had gone the other way, supermarket prices of winter vegetables across the country would

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be rendered by early next year, fol-lowing appeal meetings between Miller approved the decision, but President Carter was not consulted,

Florida and Mexican growers. The meetings are expected to be held under Treasury Department auspices within 45 days, officials said.

The case was a tough one for the administration, because relations between the neighboring countries have been touchy in recent months during discussions on U.S. pur-chases of Mexican oil and the status of Mexican aliens in the United

Treasury Secretary G. William Miller approved the decision, but

The Florida vegetable case up vegetables: cucumbers, eggpla

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Canada was used as a "fair value people wh comparison country because winter vegetables are sold Mexico, officials said.

## Percentage of fro elected black tur up slightly

WASHINGTON — The nur of black elected officials in United States rose by 2 percent year, the smallest increase decade, the Joint Center for Pol

cal Studies said Tuesday.
The increase, recorded between July 1978 and July 1979, include the election of 23 officials in Virgin Islands, which had p viously been excluded from the

Not counting the Virgin Islands the gain would have been \$1-0 only 1.9 percent.

The survey showed that there

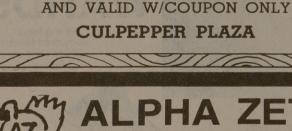
4,607 black elected officials in states, the District of Columbia the Virgin Islands.

Louisiana leads all states with 33

blacks holding elected of Mississippi is second with 327 at Illinois third with 276.

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