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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gasoline prices dropped more than a penny a gallon at the pump as retailers passed on the benefits of lower crude oil costs, an analyst said

costs lowers gas prices

The average price, including all grades and taxes, was slightly over \$1.29 per gallon on Friday, down 1.12 cents over two weeks, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide.

An exception to the price drop was in the West, where many cities saw a slight increase. A price war in the region late last year made gasoline cheaper there than in the nation overall, cutting profit margins and making retailers slower to pass on new wholesale cuts, Trilby Lundberg said.

The average price of gasoline nationwide was \$1.2930 per gallon. At self-serve stations, prices were \$1.2404 for regular unleaded, \$1.3386 for mid-grade and \$1.4210 for premium.

Clinic sells marijuana illegally to patients

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An illegal clinic in downtown Portland is dispensing marijuana to sick and dying people, The Sunday Oregonian

More than 120 patients have found the Alternative Health Center through word of mouth since it opened six weeks ago, the newspaper

Patients who suffer from arthritis, multiple sclerosis, AIDS and other chronic diseases say they can buy an eighth of an ounce of marijuana for \$20 to \$50, depending on their income.

Marijuana cookies are sold in \$2 packs. A pot-

The clinic opened after California and Arizona voters in November approved the medical use of marijuana. Oregon's lawmakers are considering bills to legalize marijuana for medical use.

The federal government still considers the drug illegal, and scientists said further study is needed to assess its potential medical benefits. Patients allowed the newspaper to visit the Portland clinic on the condition that the location not be disclosed.

They also have other reasons for secrecy. "We are concerned about vandalism, about our safety when it comes to people thinking that there are a lot of drugs here and a lot of money. And we are afraid of being accosted outside on the street," said Diane Densmore, once convicted of possessing the drug that she said helps her fight chronic back pain, irritable bowel disease, scoliosis, arthritis and depression.

Secretary of State fires

Taiwan representative

missed James Wood, an Arkansas Democrat,

stood before reporters and pronounced his ca-

reer in ruins, partly the result of what he said

were false accusations that he used his posi-

months after he took office

ton's re-election campaign.

were changed immediately afterward.

The *Empire* strikes top ticket sales with oper

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Empir Back hit gold at the box office with mated \$22.35 million in ticket sales

as chief U.S. representative for Taiwan just 13 its ticket sales drop 49 percent rossed \$11 million, for a total of Wood said he was given 90 minutes to draft \$116 million in only four weeks of re-Star Wars had grossed \$35.9 milk a resignation letter and, to emphasize the depth of his fall from favor, locks to his office opening weekend.

Together, the first two insta On Sunday, an embittered, indignant Wood George Lucas' space trilogy have pu nearly \$684 million domestically enough to pay for a Death Star-in leases and re-releases, according mates from Exhibitor Relations Co.

The films were released in 197 1980, respectively. Like Star Wars, released Empire was buffed with special effects and a sprinkling

biggest February opening ever, according to the state of WASHINGTON (AP) - On his last day in office, Secretary of State Warren Christopher dis-The sequel's big brother, Star Was

tion to solicit contributions for President Clin-Expanding on a statement he faxed to news organizations Saturday, Wood said he was victimized by efforts to detail corruption and fraud that occurred at the office before he was

Signing Day

► This day in history

Today is Monday, Feb. 24th, the 55th day of 1997. There are 310 days left in the year.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued a papal bull, or edict, outlining his calendar reforms. The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.

In 1803, in its "Marbury vs. Madison" decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it was the final interpreter of constitutional issues.

In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.

In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1903, the United States signed an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. In 1920, a fledgling German political party held its first meeting of importance in Munich; it became known as the Nazi Party and its chief spokesman was Adolf Hitler. In 1942, the Voice of America went on the air for the

In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese control during World

In 1946, Argentinians elected Juan D. Peron their president.

► Today's birthdays

Actor Abe Vigoda is 76. Actor Steven Hill ("Law and Order") is 75. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 65. Georgia Governor Zell Miller is 65. Opera singer Renata Scotto is 62. Actor James Farentino is 59. Actor Barry Bostwick is 52. Actor Edward James Olmos is 50. Actress Helen Shaver is 46.

► Weather

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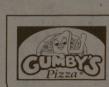
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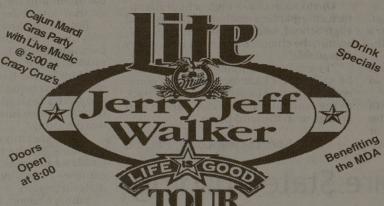
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