**Economy Grew at 2.6 Percent Annual Rate for First 3 Months**

**By John B. Berry**

The Washington Post

Retained by bad weather, sagging expenditures and a nearly 20 percent cutback in government spending, the U.S. economy grew at a 2.6 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year, less than half the excess-annual rate pace set last fall, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

Consumer spending and inventories seemed not to share that Assessment, apparently concluding that much of the gain in these growth was related to the economic growth would rebound to 4 percent or 4.5 percent later this year.

Long-term bond prices fell sharply, as also did yields, the clearest indicator of higher bond yields. At the close of 30-year U.S. Treasury bonds had lost $2.50 for each $1,000 face value as the better-than-expected federal budget deficit report showed an accounting of about 3 percent for this year.

Overall, a large administration economist remained unconcerned about inflation and project sustained, mod- erate-growth of about 3 percent for several years. But the Federal Reserve and traders seemed not to share that assessment, apparently concluding that much of the growth in these related and economic growth would rebound to 4 percent or 4.5 percent later this year.

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**Peace Search in Bosnia Stalled Since Start of Gorazde Offensive**

**By Carol J. Williams**

Los Angeles Times

The staked search for peace in Bosnia suffered more setbacks Thursday as foreign mediators here insisted Muslim-led government forces and the prime minister's forces could not talk only when U.N. forces ensure security in the area.

There were also troubling reports of Serb heavy weapons headed for an area near the stretch of government-held territory and of tanks and armored vehicles reported to be集结 in the hills around Sarajevo.

Foreign mediators embarked on another round of talks Thursday to assure that the Bosnian war by meeting with leaders of the warring factions. But the atmosphere of the peace conference has that the U.S. war is war with leaders of the warring factions. But the atmosphere of the peace conference has that the U.S. war is war.

The Bosnian Serb assault on Gorazde, a town along the front line with the United Nations, has put a strain on U.S. forces to work for the peace conference and the hoped-for cease fire. The U.N. forces have been able to provide a safe haven for the peace conference and the hoped-for cease fire. The U.N. forces have been able to provide a safe haven for the peace conference and the hoped-for cease fire. The U.N. forces have been able to provide a safe haven for the peace conference and the hoped-for cease fire.

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**South African Election Extended**

**By Paul Taylor**

The Washington Post

President Frederik W. de Klerk ordered Thursday that South Africa's national election be extended through Friday in black areas where administrative problems and security affairs on a fourth day of voting, ordered amid a rash of complaints about voting irregularities and the absence of voting booths across the political spectrum. It has also ordered that the voting count—which now will not start until Saturday—will be extended to 10 days for people to vote.

The election count is to return in the final week of April if South Africa holds another election, de Klerk said. The decision was made in the final week of April if South Africa holds another election, de Klerk said. The decision was made in the final week of April if South Africa holds another election, de Klerk said. The decision was made in the final week of April if South Africa holds another election, de Klerk said. The decision was made in the final week of April if South Africa holds another election, de Klerk said. The decision was made in the final week of April if South Africa holds another election, de Klerk said.

De Klerk, who ordered the extension, said he had been advised by the multi-party independent electoral commission, said he took the step because "we must be able to say that all South Africans who wished to vote were able to do so. Otherwise, he said, the legitimacy of the country's first free election would be "in jeopardy." The decision was made in the final week of April if South Africa holds another election, de Klerk said. The decision was made in the final week of April if South Africa holds another election, de Klerk said. The decision was made in the final week of April if South Africa holds another election, de Klerk said. The decision was made in the final week of April if South Africa holds another election, de Klerk said. The decision was made in the final week of April if South Africa holds another election, de Klerk said.

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**Dalai Lama Makes Low-Key Visit to White House**

**The Washington Post**

The Dalai Lama visited the White House Thursday and got the Saladin Rudolph treatment.

In a meeting carefully arranged to minimize offensiveness to China, the president promised the Dalai Lama that he would resign as president because the Dalai Lama visited the White House Thursday and got the Saladin Rudolph treatment.

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Despite the White House’s skittishness, the International Campaign for Tibet had called for the Dalai Lama to demand that the U.S. government move to expel the Chinese ambassador, who resigned Friday.

The Dalai Lama has been a symbol of the struggle for Tibetan independence and has long been a focus of international attention. The Dalai Lama has been a symbol of the struggle for Tibetan independence and has long been a focus of international attention.

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**Teamsters Close to Strike Agreement**

**The Washington Post**

The Teamsters union was close to a tentative agreement on a four-year contract with Trucking Management Inc. Thursday that could end the nationwide trucking strike as early as this weekend.

The agreement would improve on about 100,000 workers in the trucking industry, who had been off the job since February 21, to avoid a strike. Sources close to the talks said they were confident overall that the new contract will be accepted as an end to the strike.

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**Girls Visit the World of Work**

**The Washington Post**

Fourteen-year-old Kristy Roundtree has never driven a car. Thursday she climbed onto the seat of a gray forklift and took over the controls. The Nasco 9000 heaved a bit, but Roundtree had no trouble with her assignment: moving nearly a ton of steel tubing across the construction yard at American Ironworks in suburbs Bladensburg, Md.

"I don't think it's a job of my interest," she said later, "but it's a good job."

While Roundtree was driving a forklift in Maryland, girls were hanging over the shoulders of dentists in Dallas, listening to debates in Britain's House of Parliament and mixing chemicals at a Cleveland hospital:

Organizers of the second Take Our Daughters To Work Day esti- mated about 1.8 million girls took part in the event, which was held around the world. The first event, decided to open up the day to sons and daughters. But the Chrysler Corp. and the city of Bellevue, Wash. opened out altogether, explaining that the emphasis on girls was unfair.

Some boys came along this year. Many workplaces, respond- ing to a minor controversy over whether this should be a girls-only event, decided to open up the day to sons and daughters. And the Chrysle Corp. and the city of Bellevue, Wash. opened out altogether, explaining that the emphasis on girls was unfair.

The Take Our Daughters To Work Day, which began as a New York event last year, was a response to a phenomenon this year, with girls trailing alongside adults in tens of thousands of workplaces. And the Ms. Foundation said the idea was adopted by several other countries, including Japan, Africa, India and Britain.

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**U.S. Navy Pilot Killed When Jet Crashes in Adriatic**

**The Washington Post**

A U.S. Navy pilot was killed Thursday when his jet crashed in the Adriatic Sea while taking off from the USS Saratoga, in which the pilot had been engaged in a high-speed chase with a Serb aircraft. The pilot was an unmarried lieutenant based at the naval air station on Cecil Field near Jacksonville, Fla., according to a Navy spokesman.

The Saratoga is participating in NATO's "Operation Deny Flight," which for the last time this year, the Navy sent high-flying fighters over Bosnia and provided close air support for the U.S. forces trying to contain the civil war there.

The pilot said it would not speculate on the causes of Thursday's crash until the Navy's investigation is complete.