

Inflation takes its toll on housing, retail sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Americans on an economic treadmill and purchasing power at a virtual standstill, rising interest rates and persistent double-digit inflation are taking a new toll on sales of houses and retail goods.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that new-home sales fell 14 percent in September, while October retail sales edged down for the first time in five months.

This overall downturn was attributed heavily to the recent upsurge in interest rates, a trend that was underlined Monday when 13-week Treasury bill rates rose to 13.514 percent, the highest level since early April.

Six-month Treasury bills dipped slightly, but they still stood at 13.231 percent. As a result, starting Thursday, banks will pay savers as much as 13.481 percent on popular six-month money market certificates.

That rate forces banks and thrifts to charge steeper interest rates for consumer loans.

"Rising interest rates are hurting retail sales," said Robert Gough, vice president of Data Resources Inc., the Massachusetts economic forecasting firm. "If rates continue to go up, we can expect further softening in sales...during the pre-Christmas season."

William Cox, the Commerce Department's deputy chief economist, made the same point about mortgage rates, which now exceed 15 percent in many markets.

His department said new-home sales during September stood at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 554,000, compared with a 643,000 pace in August. The drop was most pronounced in the South and Midwest.

Sandra Shaber, a senior economist at Chase Econometrics Associates in suburban Philadelphia, said retail sales will continue to be sluggish because people's incomes, particularly their wages and salaries, are not keeping up with inflation.

Government figures released over the weekend showed total personal income from April through June rising an average of 1.1 percent. At the same

time, inflation rose 2.6 percent.

Consumer prices are rising at a 12.7 percent annual rate. Moreover, food prices are moving up with particular force, and this is one family expense that cannot easily be avoided.

"Real income has grown imperceptibly, and credit or not, consumers don't have purchasing power," Ms. Shaber said.

Cox said, "We've had, at best, marginal income growth since July. Judging from employment and earnings numbers, this is not likely to change" soon.

He described the current economy as a "neck-and-neck race between people's pay gains and inflation." This has brought purchasing power to a "virtual standstill," he added.

The retail sales performance in October broke a four-month improvement that paralleled the nation's climb from recession.

That positive trend occurred as interest rates were working their way down from levels that reached 20 percent last spring.

In recent weeks, however, these rates have begun climbing again, and the prime rate banks charge now stands at 15.5 percent. Car loans — if they are even available — will carry even higher interest.

Hardest hit right now are retailers who sell durable, big-ticket items such as automobiles.

All durable goods sales fell 1.1 percent in October, after rising 3.9 percent the month before. Auto dealers reported a 2.1 percent falloff last month, following a 5.2 percent increase in September.

"Durables are being hurt most because they are typically financed," Gough said. "October's figures show just how quickly the economy can be moved around by movements in interest rates."

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DALLAS (AP) — A former assistant district attorney for Dallas County, Charles H. "Buddy" Erwin, was hospitalized today after suffering a single gunshot wound to the chest in a shooting at his office, police said.

He was listed in critical condition at Parkland Hospital's emergency room. Erwin, 39, was working in his Dallas law office about 2:30 a.m.

when two men entered the office, said police investigator J.W. Johnson.

"He tried to get them to leave," Johnson said, "but they wouldn't so he pulled his pistol and tried to force them out. A fight ensued and he was shot."

Johnson said Erwin apparently was wounded with his own weapon. He said the two men who entered the office have not been arrested or identified.

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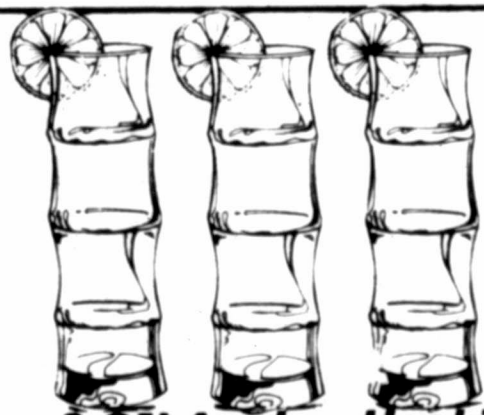
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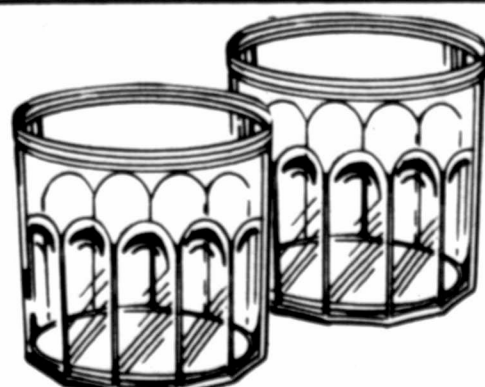
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Two Alvarado firemen battle a three-alarm blaze at the Alvarado Middle School that caused more than \$2 million damage. (AP Laserphoto)

300 firefighters battle school fire in Alvarado

ALVARADO, Texas (AP) — More than 300 firefighters had to stand by and watch as flames roared out of control when a water main broke as they battled a night-time blaze at the Alvarado Middle School.

"It's still burning, but it's pretty well under control," Fire Chief C.T. Richardson said late Monday.

Early estimates placed damages between \$1.5 and \$2 million.

No one was injured in the fire, which broke out about 7 p.m. Firefighters from about a dozen communities watched the flames blaze out of control after a water main broke about 8 p.m.

Pressure was restored in about 20 minutes, but Richardson said the temporary lack of water "made a big difference" in firefighting efforts.

The destroyed building contained all 6th- through 8th-grade classrooms, administrative offices, the library and cafeteria.

Firefighters had not determined the blaze's cause by late Monday.

School board members in Alvarado, about 40 miles southwest of Fort Worth, scheduled an emergency meeting for this evening.

School Superintendent Sid Pruitt said students in Grades 6 through 8 would not have to attend school until

Nov. 17. Administrators would try to work out arrangements with local churches for classrooms before then, he said.

A bond election in March 1979 earmarked \$475,000 for renovating the middle school, but the bonds have not been sold, Pruitt said.

The middle school was rebuilt in the mid-1950s after it was destroyed by lightning.

Soldier killed at Fort Bliss

EL PASO (AP) — A Fort Bliss soldier was killed Monday when the Soviet-made grenade launcher he was demonstrating exploded, officials said.

Pvt. Carl Roberts McCuan, 20, of Lavonia, Mich., died instantly when the launcher exploded as it was fired on Fort Bliss property near the White Sands Missile Range, according to military authorities.

McCuan had volunteered to fire the shoulder antitank weapon before about 60 soldiers of the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment, said Lt. Col. Edward McDonald.

Students mourn griddler's death

SMITHVILLE, Texas (AP) — Students at Smithville High School were excused from class today for the funeral of a football player electrocuted on a weekend job he took to help support his young family.

Bryan Campton, 17, worked at a dairy to bring home money for his wife and three-week-old son. He died Sunday while he, a brother, and a friend, tried to chase a skunk from an irrigation pipe.

"Bryan and Darrell (his 14-year-old brother) were both holding onto the pipe, lifting it," said Mrs. W.L. Dawson, an owner of the dairy. She said her 12-year-old son Steve was ready to shoot the skunk when it fell out.

When the brothers stood the pipe up it hit a powerline and, "Steve said he saw this big shower of sparks. The next thing he knew, Bryan was lying there on the ground and Darrell was saying, 'We've got to get him to the hospital quick.'"

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Former school official stands trial for theft in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — Former school district transportation supervisor Randy Ingle went on trial Monday, charged with stealing more than \$10,000 in goods and services.

Ingle was indicted following a lengthy grand jury investigation into the Fort Worth Independent School District's business practices. Ingle was accused of arranging deals for personal gain with companies that provided goods and services to the school district.

Among the witnesses prosecutors said they might call is Mrs. Otto Stepp, widow of a school employee

who worked with Ingle and committed suicide when allegations about the transportation department became public.

Former school superintendent Gerald Ward also will be called to the witness stand, prosecutors said.

The indictment says Ingle accepted merchandise from commercial suppliers in exchange for approving payments to those companies for supplies that were not delivered.

If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Attorneys said the trial could last three weeks.

Greenwood Optimists turkey shoot scheduled to be held November 22

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood Optimist Club will sponsor a Turkey Shoot from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 at a caliche pit off the Garden City Highway near County Road 120 East, according to Pat Anderson.

The Optimists will furnish the .410-gauge shotguns and 7½-shot shells to be used in the contest. Each shooter handing over \$3 will get three shots to win a turkey.

"You're going to have to be pretty good to hit the (clay) pigeons" in the match, he said, due to the small spread of the 7½-shot shells.

Safety was a factor in selecting the

caliche site for the Turkey Shoot.

"There won't be any stray shells going wild or hitting anybody," said Anderson.

Winners in the Turkey Shoot will be awarded 12-to-14-pound dressed turkeys, he said. Fee for entering the shoot is \$3 per shooter.

The Turkey Shoot site is eight miles east of Midland, and signs indicating location of the shoot will be posted along the Garden City Highway (Texas 158) for shooters and spectators alike, Anderson said. No admission will be charged to spectators at the shoot, he said.

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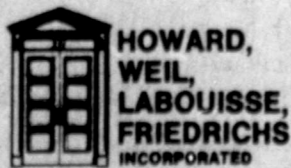
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Court ordered to restudy ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today told the highest court in Washington state to restudy that court's ruling giving persons stopped for suspected drunken driving a right to a lawyer's immediate help.

The Washington Supreme Court ruled last May 1 that such a right exists, and that drunken-driving charges must be dropped against persons whose demands for immediate legal help are ignored.

Today, the justices set aside that ruling and told the state court "to consider whether its judgment is based upon federal or state constitutional grounds, or both."

The state Supreme Court's ruling struck down the conviction of Edwin Fitzsimmons, who was stopped for suspected drunken driving near Blaine, Wash., the night of Sept. 27, 1977.

When state patrol trooper Ken Kneis stopped Fitzsimmons, the suspect immediately requested a lawyer's help but said he could not afford to pay for such assistance.

The state trooper told Fitzsimmons that a lawyer would be appointed for him at his first court appearance but that "you're not going to get anything for free tonight."

In overturning Fitzsimmons' subsequent drunken-driving conviction, the Washington Supreme Court said persons stopped on such charges have a right to immediate legal help — even if they cannot afford it.

"Nothing prevents the officer from carrying on and providing the defendant with a list of organizations or attorneys willing to be called after regular hours to assist individuals arrested and charged with driving while under the influence," the court said.

"Often telephone consultation alone at this stage in the proceedings ... will provide the defendant with adequate legal assistance to assure his basic rights to a fair trial. The state must merely insure that the defendant can immediately contact counsel who can help him make the decision as to how his defense will be structured, and whether that defense requires the attorney's physical presence at the scene of the charging," the court said.

DR. NEIL SOLOMON

Hyperactive child has much potential

Dear Dr. Solomon: My daughter has a hyperactive youngster who will soon be entering the first grade. Do you think he will be able to do the schoolwork? He is currently receiving medication, which seems to have helped him a great deal. — Mrs. E.L.

Dear Mrs. L.: Intelligence generally is not impaired in hyperactive children; however, some are emotionally immature. If your grandson's behavior is under control as you suggest, there is no reason why he should not be able to work up to his potential in school.

Dear Dr. Solomon: For the past few months, I've been one of the statistics you hear about so much — one of the laid-off workers who help make up the unemployment rate. And the way the conditions are in my field, I'll probably be out of work for some time. Since losing my job, I've been having stomach pains and have not been able to sleep very well. I know the symptoms are related to losing my job, so I haven't bothered going to a doctor. What I'm wondering is whether others in my position are affected the same way. With several million people out of work, there must be an awful lot of sick people walking the streets. — John

Dear John: Unfortunately, a downturn in the economy often does make for an awful lot of sick people. Dr. M. Harvey Brenner, a professor of operational research and behavioral science at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, has spent several years studying the effect of the economy on people. And he has some pretty depressing predictions.

As a result of the economic recession in which we find ourselves, Dr. Brenner foresees an increase in the number of suicides, homicides and deaths from heart attacks, strokes and cirrhosis of the liver. In 1970, for example, when the rate of unemployment rose 1.4 percent, the number of people with mental disorders doubled; alcoholism increase by about a third; and the rate of suicides, heart attacks and strokes went up from 15 to 25 percent. Even these figures are considered to be on the conservative side since for every person who commits suicide, there undoubtedly are many more who are seriously depressed.

For many people, the stress of losing a job and the need to become re-established lead to increased drinking and smoking, forms of behavior that eventually further affect the mortality rate. Thus, the adverse effects attributable to an economic recession may continue even after the economy improves.

As for your symptoms, I suggest you arrange an appointment with your doctor. Even if, as you believe, they are related to your concern of loss of a job, they should not be ignored. After all, a psychosomatic illness is still an illness. On the other hand, there is always the possibility that the onset of symptoms and the loss of your job were only coincidental. In either case, a discussion with your physician would be very much in order.

(If you have a medical question, write to Neil Solomon, M.D., 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208. Dr. Solomon cannot give personal replies but will answer as many questions as possible in his column.)

LEE HIGH CHATTER

Rebels record various victories

By DEBRA FOSTER, JANET LANDENBERGER and MARTHA WENTWORTH

Friday night, football fans at Memorial Stadium saw the Rebel Express roll right over the Abilene Eagles. The Rebels took an early lead and won the game, 35-11.

The Rebel Stonewall Brigade traveled to Abilene last week to play the Abilene High junior varsity. It was another victory for the Brigade, 14-12.

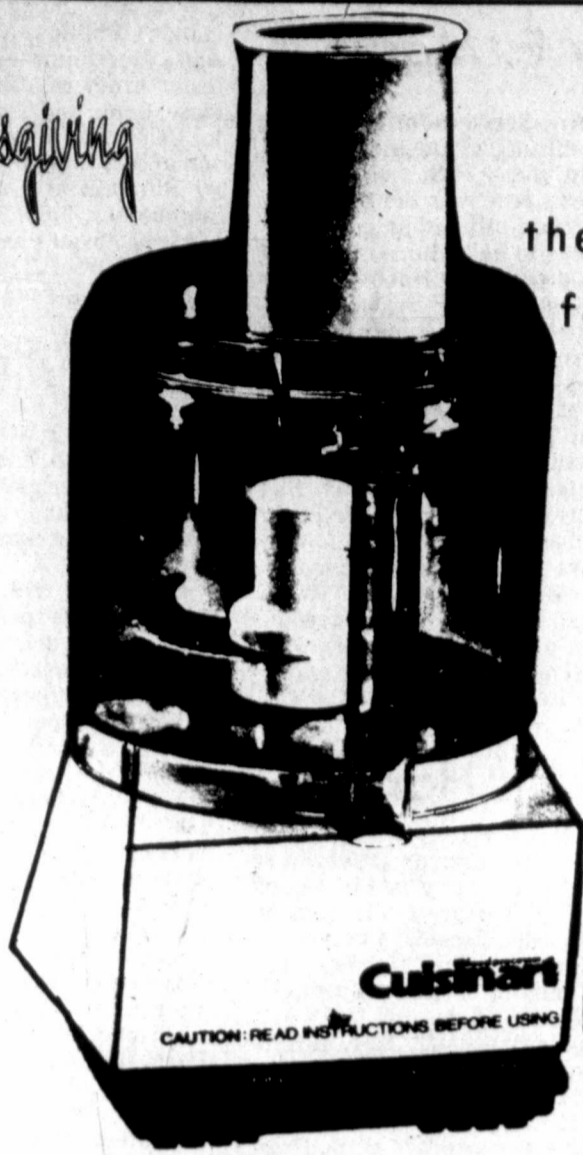
Keep it up, Rebels. Last week, Rebel twirlers Stacy Lewis, Melanie Finley, Suzanne Latch and Julie Gallagher traveled to Big Spring for the Southwest Auxiliary Championship competition — and won first place. Congratulations, girls.

The Midland Invitational Girls' Golf meet was held Friday. Lee's girl golfers played well, coming in second place. Keep up the good work.

Last weekend, Robert Schooler competed in another cross country track meet, taking first place. Congratulations, Robert.

On Friday, football fans are encouraged to come to Memorial Stadium and support the Rebels as they take on their cross-town rivals, the Midland High Bulldogs. It should be a great game with action starting at 8 p.m. See you there.

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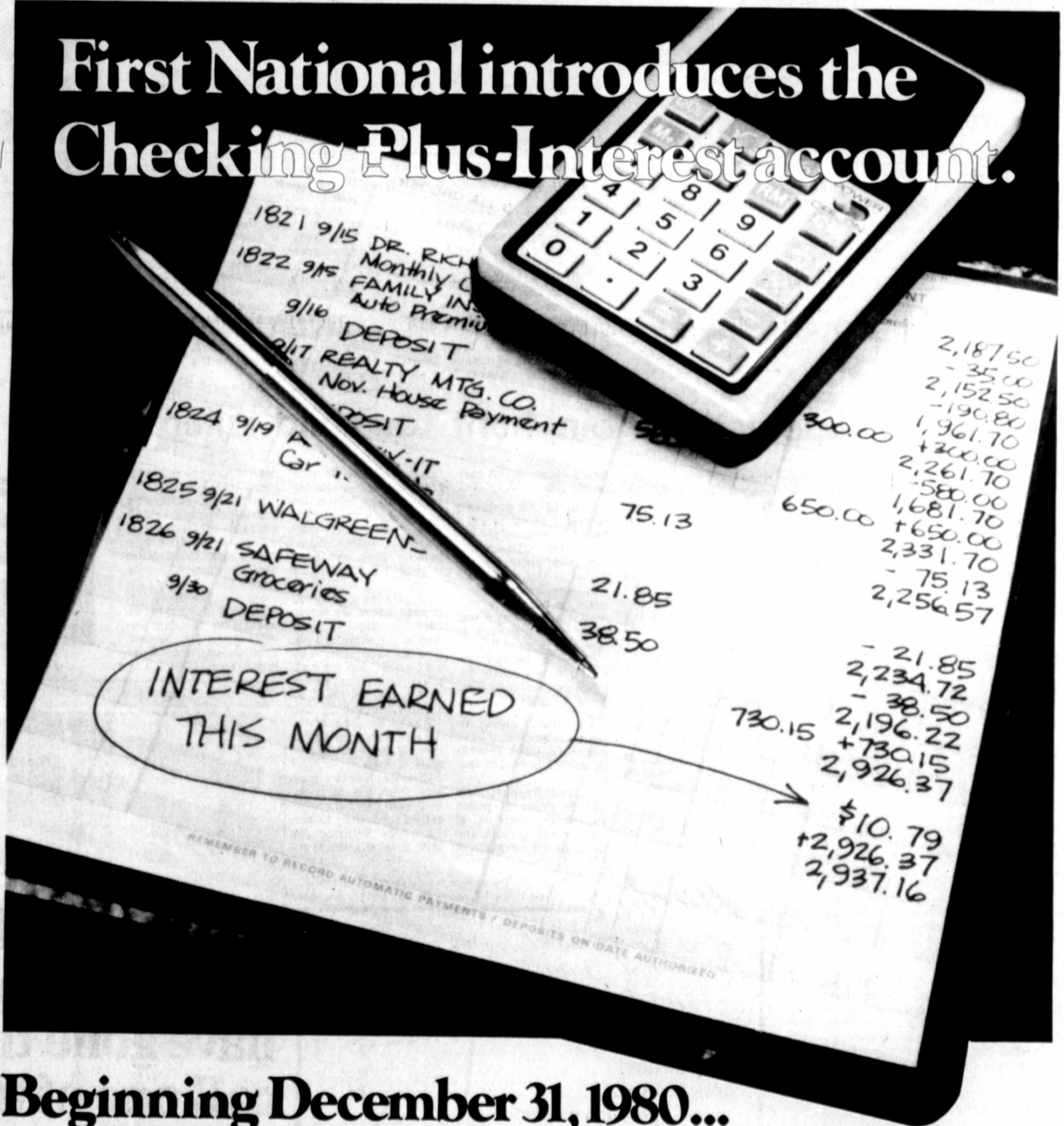
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...La Leche League of Midland, group II, will meet from 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday at 2814 Northtown Place. For information please call 694-0735, 694-7644 or 697-7772...

...HOLIDAY FASHIONS FROM Swartz of Big Spring will be featured by Midland Woman's Club Thursday. Seating will be limited and no tickets will be sold at the door. For information call 694-2941 or 683-3486...

...KAPPA ALPHA THETA Alumnae Club will hold its annual Shopper's and Businessmens Lasagna Luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois. Proceeds will benefit the Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center. The public is invited. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at the door...

...MIDLAND COUNTRY CLUB Ladies Association has had a change in the program for the Nov. 28 meeting. Valerie Althouse of Dallas will be speaking on ESP, astrology and psychic phenomena...

...LEE HIGH SCHOOL Choral students are conducting their annual cheese and sausage sale through Nov. 18. Items for sale are Wisconsin Pioneer 18 oz. cheddar cheese in a crock or 18 oz. containers of sharp cheddar cheese, wine cheddar cheese and a 14 oz. cheddar cheese ball rolled in almonds. Also, a 12 oz. size of summer sausage.

The sale is a fund raising project toward their attending the International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna, Austria, next summer. If you haven't been contacted, please call 694-5865. All items will be delivered to your home around Dec. 13...

...WEST TEXAS EPILEPSY Association is sponsoring a parent group meeting at 7 tonight at Midland Cerebral Palsy Center, 802 Ventura Dr. The meeting is designed to help parents with questions such as what causes epilepsy, how seizures can be controlled or eliminated, which day care center accept epileptic children and how seizure disorders affect a child in school, at work or in society...

...ALESA McWRIGHT, Rt. 5, 4400 Tanforan, has been named to the Dean's Distinguished Academic Honor List at Baylor University for the summer semester. Ms. McWright is a junior at BU...

...MIDLAND STUDENTS receiving degrees at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin were Judia Lane Foreman, Stephen J. Croy, Brenda Jane Ouzts, Curtis Randall Prince, Ted Shane Hannon, James Charles Kruse, Margarieta Lara, David Leeves Legg, Scott Murry McWilliams, James Vernon Williams and Pamela Sue Casey.

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Winners of the Goddard Junior High PTA Membership Drive are, second from left, T. V. Dwyer, eighth grade representative and, far right, Julie Pardue, seventh grade representative. Presenting checks to the students are, far left, Linda Isom, Goddard PTA membership chairman and, second from right, Carol Slyker, Goddard PTA co-chairman. (Staff Photo)

Whoosh-whoosh is from roller skates

PARIS (AP) — The soft whoosh of wheels over pavement being heard in Paris these days isn't coming from bicycles. More likely than not, it's coming from le patin a roulettes. Roller skates.

The roller-skating renaissance has hit Paris. But it bears little resemblance to its precursor — which appeared in the late 1800s and inspired relatively placid rolling along the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne by the chic-est of the chic.

The new renaissance is of a livelier sort. Disco skating is definitely in, as the more agile of the population perform leaps of terrifying velocity. And, defying past traditions of haute couture, the skaters tend toward flashing satins, winged caps and glittering metallics.

Out on the streets, however, one is more likely to see Paris skaters wearing the garb of Anytown, U.S.A. — just plain jeans. But it is somehow inevitable that in this most elegant of the world's cities, roller-skating has risen to new heights.

Take the case of Florian Pinter, for instance. A bellboy of utmost decorum at the ornate, old-world Paris Inter-Continental Hotel, the 19-year-old youth has a passion for le patin a roulettes. Not content only to practice his skills after working hours, he brought in roller skates (the kind that attach to your shoes, a conservative gesture) to speed him on his appointed delivery rounds.

On young Pinter's days on duty, one is likely to see him rolling out of the hotel, bag in hand, pulling it all off with graceful aplomb. As he disappears around the corner, there is a silent pause from guests, delighted smiles all around, and a lot of people left wondering if it is possible to try a spin around Paris on skates.

Mais oui — but of course. With the dedication only an intrepid skater could provide, Pinter has supplied the hotel staff with a list of skate rental stores and has personally tested out several routes around the city. His helpful pointers and map of recommended routes have even been printed up in English and French by the hotel and are distributed to every room.

The routes take those who dare down the Champs-Elysees and Rue St. Honore for a little window shopping — but, "try not to be too distracted as Hermes, St. Laurent and Gucci slide by," the guide cautions, "particularly on the Champs-Elysees, where the slope is deceptive and can leave one gathering unexpected speed."

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SORORITY NEWS

Woodwork program given

XI ALPHA MU CHAPTER, BETA SIGMA PHI

Xi Alpha Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Cheryl Stover for a regular meeting with Daria Pepper, president, presiding. Ms. Stover presented a program on woodwork hobbies.

Peggy Brown, City Council representative, urged members to attend the Fall Dance. She also announced that Midland City Council is planning to bid for the 1981 Area Convention and that members will sell poppies for Veterans Day.

Linda Moffatt, service chairman, reported about helping a needy family in Midland. Judy Jehring, ways and means chairman, said that the club has made its budget for the year and will not need to have any more projects until later.

THETA DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER, ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

Theta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha met in the home of Billie Mayfield, Odessa, to finalize plans for its annual Beaux Arts Ball to be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the Inn of the Golden West, 4th and Lincoln in Odessa.

There will be a \$5 donation and the attire is western.

DEAR ABBY

In this case, charity began at home

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: Please continue to emphasize the fact that charities should not waste money. When I give blood to the Red Cross, I don't want a thank-you letter. When I walk door-to-door collecting for another charity, I don't need to be invited to a formal ball for dinner and dancing to be officially thanked for my help. If the public knew of this kind of waste they would be up in arms.

Those of us who work hard for charities want ALL the money to go where it can help the cause.—HELEN IN SAN PEDRO

DEAR HELEN: Right on! The best example of using every cent to "help the cause" reminds me of a wonderful fund-raising idea used by Goodwill Industries of South Florida a few years ago. They sent invitations that read:

"The annual Goodwill Industries dinner will NOT be held this year at the Americana Hotel. NO cocktails will be served at 7 p.m. NO dinner will be served at 8 p.m. The master of ceremonies will NOT be Jackie Gleason. The invocation will NOT be read by the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale, and the guest speaker will NOT be Dear Abby. "Stay home and have a restful eve-

ning, but please send \$50 per person or \$100 per couple."

Needless to say, it was hugely successful.

P.S. The moral to that story is: Many people are so bored with fancy fund-raising bashes, they'd cheerfully pay to stay home!

DEAR ABBY: My problem is my husband's family. We get along for the most part, but when it comes to politics and related social issues, we disagree violently. In order to keep every family get-together from erupting into a noisy battle, I just keep my mouth shut.

However, my children are now old enough to understand the talk, and I don't want some of the erroneous, bigoted statements made by my husband's family to go unchallenged. (They are the kind of people with whom one cannot have an intelligent, quiet discussion; they just yell a lot.)

My husband's family always initiates these political discussions. How in the world can I remain silent with-

out destroying my children's belief in my ideals?—KEEPING THE PEACE

DEAR KEEPING: A noisy battle involving politics and related social issues is much healthier for children than the choked-off silence you're maintaining in the interest of peace and quiet. Speak up. Silence implies agreement.

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old daughter wants to wear a chain around her ankle. We decided to go with whatever you said.

When I was growing up (I'm 37), only females of ill-repute wore them. "Nice" girls didn't wear ankle bracelets—as we called them back in those days. Is this still true?—SEEKING INFORMATION

DEAR SEEKING: It wasn't true then, and it still isn't. (Getting married? Whether you want a formal church wedding or a simple "do-your-own thing" ceremony, get Abby's new booklet. Send \$1 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped (28 cents) envelope to: Abby's Wedding Booklet, 132 Lasky Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212.)

Dead bodies provide needed growth hormone

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — Eight-year-old Leslie Lynn Olsen is growing up — thanks to precious human growth hormone available only from dead bodies.

She needs hormone from 120 donors a year because her pituitary gland does not produce it. Although she was a normal 20½ inches at birth, and grew four inches in six months, she then stopped. At age 4, she was 30 inches tall — the height of an average 1-year-old.

Her parents, Tony and Sandi Olsen, took her to doctors and it was learned she lacked growth hormone and also had a rare, unrelated neurological disorder — caused by a minor stroke before birth — that hampered her motor skills and speech.

That was in Miami, where the couple lived at the time, and where Leslie began getting growth hormone. They later moved to this Washington community, and in 1975, Leslie was chosen as one of 15 children in a research program at Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle.

And here, Leslie became the patient of Dr. Nikom Wannarachue. She's grown 16½ inches, and is now only three inches shorter than the average child her age.

"WE NO LONGER go through life asking 'Why?' We're just thankful for all her progress," Mrs. Olsen said.

She gives her daughter hormone shots three times a week. Every six months, they go to Seattle for a checkup.

Wannarachue has spent 10 years trying to determine why there are "little people." Until two months ago, when he qualified to receive growth hormone from the National Pituitary Agency in Baltimore, he had to send patients with growth hormone deficiencies to Seattle for treatment.

But from now on, he can treat what he calls "children of short stature" in his office until they stop growing "or reach 5 feet, whichever comes first," the doctor said.

Wannarachue, a pediatrician, specializes in endocrinology — the science of the endocrine glands. Diabetes and thyroid disorders can also result from endocrine abnormalities.

"BECAUSE THE AMOUNT of human growth hormone is very

limited, patients must be screened carefully to determine that they will be helped by its use," Wannarachue said.

The hormone is free to those in the research project.

Growth hormone enters the blood and helps the body accumu-

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

Make Christmas tree stars

Dear Heloise: I wonder if you or some of your friends can help me. Each year has its memories and mine go far back to when I was a child of 8 or 10. I can recall my mother teaching me to make paper stars. We would buy rolls of paper of different widths and colors, cut the paper in lengths, then twist the paper and run the end through the plaited one-inch or more squares. When finished, we had four standing points on each side, or an eight-pointed star. Dad loved to help trim the tree and it was generously covered with these paper stars of different colors. I can see that tree now, touching the ceiling, with wooden birds hanging on different lengths of string nesting in among the stars. Such memories — and that was over 80 years ago. I know this letter is long, but perhaps someone will recall how to make them. Thanks anyway. — Catharine Wanner

She'd stir the flour, dump the eggs in, all while I was trying to clean the flour off the counter. I'd then remove the egg to re-measure the flour, only to have her stick her finger into the butter or frosting. Needless to say, we both made it through the holidays, but Santa brought her a set of cookie cutters, measuring spoons and spoons, rolling pin and plastic bowls. Her grandmother even made her a little cover-all apron so at least her clothes would stay clean. Now, when she wants to help, I just set everything up for her on the kitchen table and does she have a ball! We bake and decorate her creations. She's so proud, and I love it! She still makes a mess on the floor and counter, but cleaning it up is a little price to pay for such priceless memories. — Ann Dickinson

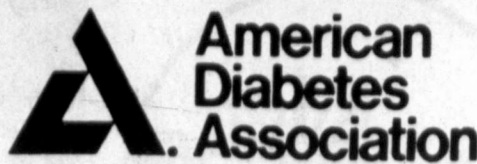
DEAR HELOISE: For a fast spool change on your sewing machine (sometimes you want to change a color or type of thread), break the thread close to the spool already on the machine, then tie on the new color with a square knot and change the spools. Gently pull the thread through all the tension stations and through the eye of your needle, and you're ready to continue sewing. — Mary.

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AT WIT'S END

How to look honest



By **ERMA BOMBECK**
I don't cheat on my income tax. I don't lie about my age on my driver's license. I don't tell my dentist I floss when I don't. So how come I have trouble looking honest? Ever see me going through customs? You can't miss me. I always look like a poodle who has just missed the paper. I contend you can always tell when a person is lying. He looks you directly in the eyes and with a sincerity that belongs in the pulpit says, "You can believe me." Maybe it's because people have more riding on a lie than they do on the truth. I try too hard with the truth... especially when I bear the burden of it. When my husband asks, "How did that dent get in the car door?" I approach the car like a bullfighter with irregularities... a little stiff-legged, a little hesitant. Don't be too quick to find the spot... nor too dumb to recognize it when you see it. Now, run fingers over it slowly, clear throat, and say in an even voice, "I don't know. This is the first time I've noticed it. Who could have done such a thing? I didn't do it! I certainly would

have remembered. Did someone say I did it? They lie!" Don't talk too much. Go for more indignation. "That's a terrible thing to do and then run." Look him in the eyes. He's getting suspicious. "I suppose I could have done it, but..." Ten minutes later, I am making a full confession for something I didn't do. I've seen honest people wrestle with the problem for years — people who feel like Jack the Ripper because they mistook a \$1 for a \$5 when they paid their bill, or who were stopped going through airport security for a piece of foil wrapped around their gum. My Armageddon occurs when my charge is called in for verification. It only takes three or four hours, but it seems longer. First, I try to look bored like it's just a formality. Then in a move of self-assuredness I begin arranging the package under my arm like it's only a matter of seconds. When the salesperson is not looking at me, I search her eyes for some sign of panic or mistrust. My eyes lack coordination (like Marty Feldman) and my throat becomes dry. Sometimes I hum. If I have to go to the credit office, will I make a joke out of it or pass out? Honestly... it's painful. Trust me. You have to believe that...

Histiocytosis gives victim hard time

By **KARREN MILLS**
Associated Press Writer
NEW HOPE, Minn. (AP)—When Ronya was 8 months old, her body was swollen like a balloon, she could hardly open her eyes and one of the glands in her neck was the size of an orange. She had a high fever, was vomiting and had diarrhea, when she was admitted to Minneapolis Children's Health Center April 22. Doctors were stymied. They tested her blood, urine and bone marrow, but the tests didn't show anything wrong. Finally they took tissue from Ronya's glands and ran further tests which showed she had histiocytosis, a fairly rare disease in which scavenger cells called histiocytes multiply rapidly in the body. Once the doctors knew what was wrong with Ronya, they began treatment immediately. "In one night the swelling went down. After two days she laughed and she started to play with me," said Ronya's mother, Zi Zi Nadquor, 31, New Hope. "Four days after the treatment began the kid was just super. That was amazing to everybody. Nobody thought she would live. She was in just terrible condition," Mrs. Nadquor said. Ronya spent three weeks in the hospital, her mother with her the entire time. And the time away from home was be-

ginning to wear on the family. "My 5-year-old son, Tamer, really suffered," Mrs. Nadquor said. "He came to the hospital to see us, and he'd cry and ask us to come home. He knows his sister's sick and Mommy's with her. But he also sees everyone giving attention to the baby." Ronya was able to leave the hospital much sooner than would have been possible otherwise through a program offered by Children's Health Center to families who are able to care for a sick child at home. Because Ronya's veins were very difficult to locate, doctors inserted a small tube in her right arm and ran it across her chest into a large vein near her heart. Now when Ronya goes in for her biweekly shot, her doctor just uncaps the tube in her arm and gives the medication, which must go directly into a vein. The line could also be used for a blood transfusion, if necessary. Mrs. Nadquor had to be taught how to keep the tube clean and free of bacteria before Ronya could be sent home. "We've never put such a contraption in an infant so small before," said Becky Bedore, a nurse who directs the hospital's home care program. Tamer is encouraged to help. He gathers supplies, holds his one-year-old sister during the pro-

cedure and cheers her up. Mrs. Nadquor and her husband, Mohamed, 43, meet with someone from the hospital every other week, and if they have questions in between they can confer by telephone with doctors or nurses. The Nadquors understand there are no promises, even though Ronya now is a chubby, smiling baby who appears normal.

Well, that was a little before my time but surely someone out there has seen and remembers how to make those stars.

Sounds intriguing to me, what with so many people wanting to enjoy nostalgic memories by dressing their trees with homemade decorations. So, dear readers, if you have any ideas or background on Mrs. Wanner's childhood memory, write me pronto in care of this newspaper. I'll love you for it, and so will she. — Heloise

FABULOUS FIFTIES
Dear Heloise: When using a ladder to paint outside, when spring finally gets here, set each leg of the ladder in an empty coffee can to prevent it from sinking into the soft ground. — Mrs. Wanda C. Beyer

KIDS COOKIN'
Dear Heloise: Doing my holiday baking last year I ran into a problem I never had before. My 2-year-old wanted to help and I became a nervous wreck.

LETTER OF THOUGHT

Dear Heloise: Need an answer to a problem you cannot tell anyone? Write it down in detail, describing your feelings and reaction to what happened as you saw and felt it. Put it away for three days, then read it as if you had received it from a friend. The advice you would give a friend may solve your problem. — Annette Schwartz

KILLING ODOR
Dear Heloise: When you empty your car ash-tray, pour a little baking soda in it to keep down the odor. — Rhonda

DEAR HELOISE: Cut an inch off the fat end of each pound of bacon you use. You'll have "free" seasoning for vegetables.

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Writer finds it's 'hard work,' completes his third novel

By PHIL THOMAS
AP Books Editor

NEW YORK (AP) — Daniel Keyes is a writer who tries not to write.

"Writing is hard work for me," says Keyes, "because I have to find a subject that interests me. And finding a subject that resonates with my personality is not easy."

"The subject has to seek me out and even then I try not to write it. But, if it's a good subject, if it keeps coming back to me, then I say, 'OK, I'll write you.'"

Nothing that he has published only three novels in 14 years, the 53-year-old Keyes adds with a smile that "obviously this doesn't happen frequently."

The idea for his latest novel, "The Fifth Sally," nagged at him for years and went through numerous changes, he says, before he finally sat down and wrote a book about a young woman with multiple personalities — five of them.

It came to him, he says, after his first and best-known novel, "Flowers for Algernon," was published in 1966. "That book, 'Flowers,'" Keyes says, "also took a long time to germinate. I got the idea for it when I was teaching retarded children and one day one of them came up to me and said, 'I want to get smart.'"

"That boy's words haunted me for years, and I kept thinking what would happen if it were possible to increase human intelligence artificially? I tried character after character,

maybe 50 of them, and then years later a magazine editor asked me to write a short story and I sat down and wrote it in three weeks.

"But even when it was finished I never stopped thinking about the character, Charlie Gordon, a retarded man made highly intelligent, and so I spent about three years turning the story into a novel."

Keyes says he wrote the novel while teaching at Wayne State University in Detroit. He did his second, "The Touch," a story about a couple contaminated by radiation, while teaching at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, a position he still holds.

But, he says, his first novel kept haunting him over the years.

"I thought of doing a sequel to 'Flowers,'" says Keyes, "but it wasn't working. However, it did give me the idea of writing about a dual personality, and that's the genesis of 'The Fifth Sally.' She started out as a man with a dual personality and ended up a woman with five personalities.

"I had a couple of rea-

sons for changing the character's sex. One was that I felt that if I was going to write seriously I would have to write about a believable woman because more women suffer from multiple personality than men.

"Another was my feeling that if I could write about a woman successfully — and I think I did this — then let's make it even harder and turn that woman into a metaphor of our time — the divided self. Whether I succeeded or not is up to the readers to decide."

Keyes is now working on a non-fiction book. He says he became so interested in the multiple personality that he decided to do a book about a real man who has "at least 10 personalities. It's difficult to write, but it's fascinating."

He says his teaching does not interfere with his writing.

"I'm very lucky. I have afternoon classes which leaves the morning for me. I'm usually at my desk at 6 a.m. and I stay there until 11, and then I go and teach — literature and creative writing.

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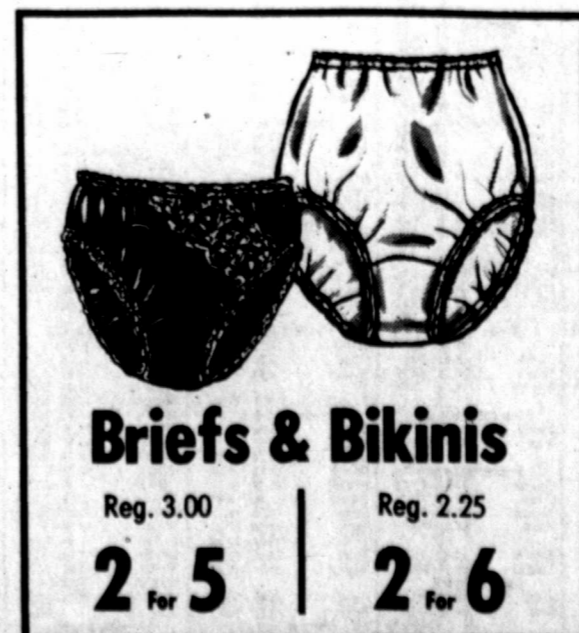
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Actor-singer Art Garfunkel and Theresa Russell are shown during filming of recently released film, "Bad Timing/A Sensual Obsession." While Garfunkel was in Austria last year making the movie about an obsessive relationship and an attempted suicide, his lover killed herself. After a year of mourning, Garfunkel says he's finally ready to work again. (AP Laserphoto)

Rookies will find the Golden Dome

By DICK BRAUDE
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The location is an old coal cellar in what was once a residential hotel where John F. Kennedy kept an apartment.

"The place still is fueled by hot air," says John Curran, who tends bar every night at the Golden Dome pub.

The Golden Dome is the political hotspot in Boston, a few yards from the Statehouse and named for the gold-leaf crown atop that building.

Statehouse newcomers elected last Tuesday will find the Dome a home away from home come January when they take office. Thousands of politicians and their cronies have spent many happy hours in the little bar-and-restaurant on Bowdoin Street.

"It's a good business, a very good business," says Leo Higgins who, with his brother Jim, bought the pub 4 1/2 years ago. "Jim says his grandchildren will have this place."

The Dome's managers may change but the clientele won't.

The Dome is a cozy den that serves food and drink, including cups of "coffee" when the Legislature works late. It's really a political clubhouse.

"It's a neighborhood bar that caters to politicians," says Curran. "It's no man's land, neutral territory, a political melting pot. It's where they can talk shop."

When Higgins bought the Dome from an absentee owner, he asked old high school chum Curran to come along and tend bar. Both men are 39. Unlike many of their politician customers, both men also have an aversion to being photographed.

"It's turned out to be easier to run this business than I thought it would be," says Higgins. "It's a pleasure."

The pals were surprised by the pols.

"These are good people, a beer crowd, nothing fancy," says Curran, "and very good tipplers. To be elected, a guy has to be decent. Then it's a question of how he handles power."

"This is their back yard; if they're going to foul up, they go out of their territory."

"Neither of us had done much work with political people," says Higgins. "We met these guys and said, 'Hey, he's not the bum I thought.' It was a shock."

"I expected a smoky back room," Higgins says. He found one in the Dome but removed a sliding screen that had given the pols special privacy.

"Guys with \$10 bills falling out of their pockets and women hanging around — that's part of Boston political history," he says. "It's a far cry from reality these days."

The reality is that the Dome is a political place. Curran is phoned by legislative clerks when a roll call is in progress. Tipplers need time to return to their legislative chambers.

Higgins concedes some of the politicians drink too much, but not at the Dome.

"If a guy has a problem, he's not going to throw his anchor out in one place. He'll have one here, another there, two more somewhere else."

"They're just representative of the people who vote for them. People hate that 'pack of legislators' but they like their own guy."

"We see them in human terms. Across the street, it's 'Mr. Chairman'. Here it's 'Hey you!'"

Curran says the Dome's customers include about half the 200 lawmakers, along with their aides and the horde of lobbyists. About 90 percent of the pols on Beacon Hill have made at least an occasional stop for a nip. Curran claims. Women are welcome and many are regulars, he says.

But there are "rules" for politicians who, effectively, can't come in — the big shots.

Gov. Edward King and his straight arrow predecessor, Michael Dukakis, are outsiders.

Former Gov. Francis Sargent did stop by — "to be a regular guy." But, Curran says, "It's hard. Once you're on top, you're not a pal anymore."

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