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Car sales crash in market

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Registering its worst year since 1961, U.S. automakers sold just 6.2 million cars last year, 5.4 percent below 1980. But there was a flicker of good news on the home mortgage front, where interest rates dropped significantly.

General Motors, Volkswagen of America, Ford Motor Co. and American Motors Corp. suffered declines — with only Chrysler Corp. enjoying an increase.

The automotive gloom was just a part of life in these days of a nagging recession and uncertain economy. But in the home mortgage area, hard-hit during the past one-and-a-half years, there was a ray of hope.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board said interest rates offered for new house mortgages fell by more than half a point in December, the first significant drop in rates since the summer of 1980.

It said the latest figures, for the month ending the first week in December, showed major mortgage lenders offered an average rate of 17.54 percent, down from 18.16 percent the previous month.

This positive housing development, however, was little solace to the slumping auto industry, whose 1981 sales figures were the lowest since 1961, when 5.6 million U.S. cars were sold.

Foreign car popularity and the shock of seeing price increases of up to \$1,000 over the previous year were seen, along with the economy, as reasons for the failure of domestic automakers to

rebound from a 1980 slump.

Ford, which reported figures Wednesday, said it sold 1,380,600 cars, a 6.1 percent drop from the 1,475,232 sold in 1980.

In the wake of the poor automobile sales, a presidential advisory group began a yearlong study on how to cure lagging U.S. productivity. "We cannot have economic prosperity — sustained growth without inflation — unless we have better productivity growth," President Reagan told the 33-member National Productivity Advisory Committee at the White House.

Productivity is measured several ways. It is the nation's output per hour of labor, output per employee, or, the output from a combination of labor and capital.

By almost any measure, the growth of U.S. productivity slowed in the 1970s and in 1980 showed an actual decline.

On Wall Street Wednesday, stock prices, pummeled by investor fears of high interest rates and large federal deficits, fell to their lowest level in six weeks.

But the selling eased a bit after Robert Ortner, chief Commerce Department economist, said Wall Street was overreacting to deficit projections and ignoring what he said was progress in the fight against inflation.

As a result, the Dow Jones industrial average, which had been down nearly nine points at midday after Tuesday's 17.22 point drubbing, finished with a loss of 4.28 points to 861.02.

Birthing doll educates

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — It was inevitable that the anatomically correct doll would be followed by the functionally correct doll — a rag doll that gives birth to a tiny baby doll.

They come in two styles — one that gives birth naturally and another that delivers by Caesarean section.

Jan Alovus says she designed the first of her dolls in 1977 for a friend's young son, who was having problems figuring out how his impending sibling would arrive.

The idea was so well-received that other friends requested a human doll. From that small beginning came Natalie, the rag doll with a tiny baby inside, attached to a detachable umbilical cord, that can be delivered in exactly the way a real baby comes into the world.

Natalie is bought mostly by educators, hospital auxiliaries and health-related groups for fundraising purposes.

Alovus, 35, a free-lance art con-

sultant and art teacher, does not recommend the 22-inch fabric doll for public school classrooms. But she would like to see a doll library established where people could check educational-type dolls in and out like books.

Kids that benefit most, she said, are those who don't know how to interpret a picture and are about to have a sister or brother.

Alovus, the mother of two small boys, is working on a guide to help parents decide how best to introduce the pregnant doll to children.

"I don't expect to make a lot of money and this is not my principal business," she said. "I'm not trying to prove anything, but to make something available to people who want it."

"Adults can take the doll to groups who need it to help children deal with a subject that is often difficult for parents to explain and children to understand."

She sells the dolls or do-it-yourself kits at wholesale prices,

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Protests held to oppose jailing

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CARROLLTON, Ala. — Civil rights activists called for an economic boycott and daily picketing to protest the jailing of two black women who illegally marked absentee ballots for 39 elderly and illiterate blacks.

Julia Wilder, 69, and Maggie Bozeman, 51, both active in the movement to get blacks to vote, were taken Monday to Tutwiler Prison for Women after a tense two-hour hearing in which they were refused probation by Circuit Judge Clatus Junkin.

Wilder faces a five-year term and Bozeman four years for vote fraud. They were convicted in 1979 by all-white juries in rural west Alabama for illegally forging signatures on ballots for elderly and infirm blacks without their knowledge.

The women claimed they were merely helping the voters cast their ballots and did nothing

illegal. Junkin did not give a reason for rejecting probation.

The judge angered black spectators, who let out a roar of disapproval when the decision was announced, by not letting them leave the courtroom until he had made his exit. Deputies escorted the two women away.

"Either arrest us or let us out," demanded the Rev. Joseph Lowery of Atlanta, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

After the hearing, more than 200 blacks met at the Salem Baptist Church and vowed to conduct an economic boycott until the women were freed.

"We must not reward Pickens County with our economic support for putting our mothers in jail," said Lowery. "We don't want to be violent. He whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad. We've got to get creatively

angry."

About 100 pickets braved freezing temperatures to begin what Lowery said would be a daily demonstration in front of the county courthouse. He said he was asking all blacks to keep their children out of school Friday in protest, and also to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

"If the children stay out of school, it will cost the county some money," he said. "We're going to make it very expensive to put black women in jail."

Lowery said a delegation of civil rights leaders would meet with Gov. Fob James this week to ask him to pardon or commute the women's sentences.

The case, which has drawn national attention from civil rights leaders, was appealed to the Supreme Court, which refused to hear it.

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