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Loans up in April; biggest increase since September

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WASHINGTON — Despite
stubbornly high interest rates, Americans took out \$1.18 billion in new loans in April - the largest amount since the \$3 billion increase in borrowing last however September.

The strongest category was revolving credit, typical of credit card and department store accounts, up \$499 million, followed by automobile credit, up \$233 million, the Federal Reserve said Tuesday.

Many of these loans had interest rates of more than 17 percent, and analysts say rates won't come down until Congress pas-

ses a deficit-cutting budget.
On Capitol Hill Tuesday, Congress was still trying to reach

a spending plan.

House Republicans agreed on a package that would impose deeper cuts in food stamps and welfare and keep the deficit below \$100 billion.

House Democrats, meanwhile, put together a spending not included in the totals.

plan that would produce a slightly higher deficit, fully fund Medicare and bolster social

programs.

Neither side was confident enough to predict passage,

On Wall Street Tuesday, where anxiety mounted over Congress' inability thus far to pass a budget, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.80 points to 802.23 — the lowest level since it hit 795.85 on March

Private economist Lacy Hunt, however, drew encouragement

from the lending figures "I think this good gain in con-sumer credit is consistent with some other indicators that point to a consumer-led recovery that is now emerging," said Hunt, of Fidelity Bank in Philadelphia.

The consumer installment credit figures are watched by economists as much for what they say about trends of consumer confidence as for the dol-lar totals. Mortgage lending is

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Illinois Legislature hearings on ERA draw 1,000 people

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Lauderdale, Fla., studies near the

the state Capitol for a state chairs. House of Representatives hearing on the Equal Rights Amend-

anthropology

At the hearing, Phyllis Schlafly said the ERA would send the nation's "darling daughters" to

The House convened Tuesday as a Committee of the Whole to hear testimony on the ERA, advancing it to the voting stage. But no vote on the sensitive political issue was expected soon in Illinois — considered a key state for passage by the June 30 deadline. Approval by three more

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ERA backers charged the appearance of Gov. James R. Thompson before the special House session was nothing more than a "media show" as more than 1,000 people gathered at the Capitol to hear testimony. Thompson, accused of being only a rhetorical ERA supporter

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start of their fast. Two of the SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — More start of their fast. I wo of the fasters who collapsed Monday listened from reclining wheel-

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Two ERA supporters wrapped in chains were carried out of the Capitol by secretary of state police officers — one of them handcuffed and thrown out twice. Neither was arrested.

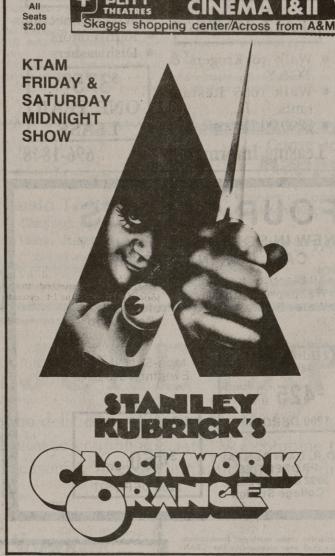
The women were among 15 ERA backers ousted from the Capitol Monday after spending four days chained in the Senate chamber.

Thompson told legislators Lincoln "would have not the slightest bit of trouble" approving the ERA. Illinois is known as the "Land of Lincoln.

"He (Lincoln) would, in fact, have wondered why we had not done it long ago and moved on,' said the Republican governor who is seeking reelection.

"We put so much pressure on Thompson he had to come here and do a media show of his own," Mary Jean Collins, execuby feminists, said Abraham Lin-tive director of the Chicago Nacoln would approve of the tional Organization for Women, amendment.

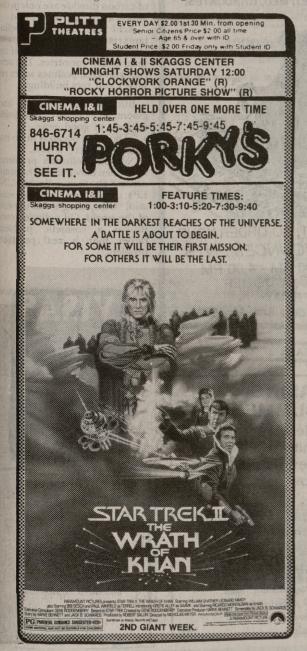
Schlafly, leader of StopERA, from the gallery were seven called the amendment a fraud women who have been on a hun- and "the greatest takeaway of ger strike since May 17 for the rights in history." She said the ERA and who have received ex- amendment could send 18-year-



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OH GOD! (1977, rated PG) supermarket manager through whom God addresses mankind. Carl Reiner directs the heartwarming comedy.



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