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by Scott McCullar

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| <p>"RISK? RISK IS OUR BUSINESS! THAT'S WHAT THIS STARSHIP IS ALL ABOUT. THAT'S WHY WE'RE ABOARD HER..."</p> <p>KIRK - RETURN TO TOMORROW</p> <p>A STARSHIP ALSO RUNS ON LOYALTY, TO ONE MAN... AND NOTHING CAN REPLACE IT... OR HIM."</p> <p>SPOCK - THE ULTIMATE COMPUTER</p> | <p>DESPITE ALL THE FINE ACTORS, STAR TREK ALWAYS STARRED GENE RODDENBERRY.</p> <p>IT WAS REALLY HE WHO TOOK US ON ALL THOSE VOYAGES, IN THAT MAJESTIC CRUISER, ENTERPRISE.</p> <p>PARAMOUNT PRETTY MUCH OWNS HER NOW, AND DECIDES WHERE SHE WILL GO, BUT IT WAS RODDENBERRY THAT PUT THE STARSHIP IN THE SKY, AND THE REASON SOME OF US STARTED LOOKING HEAVENWARD.</p> | <p>WORDS CANNOT CARRY THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE EMOTIONS... THE FEELINGS OF RESPECT, GRATITUDE, JOY AND AFFECTION PEOPLE HAVE FOR HIM AND HIS CREATION.</p> <p>MERELY A DREAM? A SIMPLE FANTASY? PERHAPS. UNLESS YOU'VE BEEN ON THAT SHIP AND SHARED DIFFICULTIES WITH THOSE PEOPLE.</p> | <p>MR. GENE RODDENBERRY</p>  <p>THE LEGEND, WHO, THANKFULLY, TOOK US ALL ON BOARD HIS VISION.</p> <p>..AND WE HAVE PROSPERED...</p> <p>WARPED SPEED, SIR</p> |
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Upturn

New housing starts leading economic upswing

United Press International
 WASHINGTON — Optimistic builders set a five-year high for new housing construction last month, starting 15 percent more projects than they did in December despite hefty mortgage interest rates, the government said Thursday.

Considering the housing industry's appetite for steel, textiles, appliances and labor, the improvement was the best proof yet of a resurging economy in a week filled with good economic news.

The Commerce Department said the industry's benchmark, the pace of production in houses per year, reached 1.9 million in January, the best month since December 1978. It was a surprisingly large jump from December's 1.67 million-unit level.

In a separate report Thursday the department said personal income climbed a healthy 1.1 percent in January. Americans, on average, added \$104 to their annual after-tax income.

Spending on both goods and services grew slightly more than income, 1.2 percent, forcing the savings rate down by 0.1 percentage point to 5.2 percent of disposable income.

At the same time, Federal Reserve economists said American industry worked at 79.9 percent of its capacity in January, the busiest pace in slightly more than two years and a 0.7 percentage point jump from December.

On Wall Street, the week's better-than-expected economic performances sparked fears of higher interest rates. Analysts said more investors became convinced interest rates are not going to ease any time soon.

They apparently recalled Fed chairman Paul Volcker's warning a week earlier that in a few months many more businesses will be straining to meet demand, a circumstance that historically has pushed up prices and interest rates.

Already the paper industry, the nation's textile mills and manufacturers of electrical machinery are using 90 percent or more of their capacity, the latest figures showed. Yet high interest rates are holding down the business borrowing necessary to expand capacity, Volcker warned.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan appeared before White House reporters Thursday to take credit on behalf of the administration for the week's strong economic figures.

Tuesday the government reported a 2.2 percent increase in January's retail sales, 22 times the December increase.

'Jerry Lee' charged with tax evasion

United Press International
 MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Piano-playing entertainer Jerry Lee Lewis pleaded innocent Thursday to charges of evading nearly \$1 million in income taxes and said it was "just a breeze."

Lewis surrendered at the federal courthouse in Memphis, was arraigned and then posted \$100,000 bond.

Lewis' manager, Al Embry, told reporters, "It's time for Jerry to go back to work. We're ready to go to work. This shouldn't cause any delays in our shows."

The indictment charges Lewis hid ownership of his home, car and other possessions by placing them in the names of other people or companies to evade paying taxes on the property. The IRS claims he owes nearly \$1 million.

Salky said, "Jerry Lee wants to emphasize he is not guilty of the charges."

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JUDGES: Dr. Christensen, Dr. M'Cann, Dr. M'Dermott, and Dr. Stanford.

AWARD: Winners will be announced April 16th in the Battalion and posted at the English Department. The top 10 poems will be read at Rumors on April 18th and on display in the MSC starting on April 18th. The top ten poems will be printed and distributed with special consideration given to the top three.

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