

Jobless rate may rise

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WASHINGTON — Americans get their first post-election indication today of whether the nation's 10.1 percent unemployment rate is still on the rise, a major factor in large Democratic House gains in Tuesday's races.

Data on unemployment insurance last week showed a record 4.6 million workers receiving benefit checks and a near-record 687,000 initial claims filed.

New information was to have been released Thursday by the Labor Department's Employment and Standards Administration, and today the Bureau of

Labor Statistics will release its October unemployment figure.

Most observers, relying heavily on recent unemployment insurance reports, expect it to jump above the 10.1 percent post-Depression high recorded in September.

"Without a doubt, unemployment was the principal issue that gave the Democrats a gain of 26 House seats in Tuesday's elections," said John Perkins, head of the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education.

"The AFL-CIO views the 1982 election results as a message to change the course of national economic policy and to re-

order national priorities to make unemployment the No. 1 concern."

The federation said victories by 24 COPE-endorsed candidates for governor exceeded all recent years, except the Watergate year of 1974. The federation also claimed victories by 20 of 31 COPE-endorsed Senate candidates, or 64.5 percent, the highest winning percentage since 1974. Labor's winning percentage for Senate races was 34.4 percent in 1980 and 40 percent in 1978.

Federation chief lobbyist Ray Denison said: "The election results tell the 98th Congress

Americans are concerned about the plight of the nation's 11.3 million unemployed."

A major aim that failed came in the re-election of Senate Labor Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.



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Man vowed revenge, court records say

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CHICAGO — An Illinois man wanted for questioning about the cyanide-Tylenol killings vowed "Son of Sam will pale" in comparison to revenge he planned against a grocery chain that reportedly mistreated his former wife, court documents said.

Kevin Masterson, 35, also said "many people will suffer," the Chicago Tribune reported in Thursday's editions.

The grocery chain was identified as Jewel Food Stores. Some bottles of poisoned capsules were purchased at Jewel and one of its subsidiaries — Osco Drugs.

Seven people died in the Chicago area after taking cyanide-laced Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules between Sept. 29 and Oct. 1.

The statements came from court records that included an affidavit filed by a state task force investigator seeking a search warrant for Masterson's room in a Lombard, Ill., boarding house.

An all-points bulletin was issued for Masterson earlier in the week and a search for him shifted in the past two days from Kentucky to Florida.

The grudge against Jewel apparently arose from an incident in which Masterson's former wife filed suit against Jewel after being mistreated by security guards. A settlement was

reached, but he was dissatisfied and vowed revenge, the newspaper said.

"Many people will suffer because of what was done to my wife by Jewel," the affidavit quoted Masterson as telling a psychiatrist. "Son of Sam will pale by comparison to my action."

The psychiatrist concluded Masterson suffered a personality disorder and was prone to violence. The police bulletin also described Masterson as having a history of mental disorders and violent tendencies.

Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner was expected to hold a news briefing Thursday to update developments in the case.

Masterson was wanted only for questioning, authorities say, and is not being charged with the killings or any other crime. No arrest warrant was issued.

A search of Masterson's room failed to turn up cyanide or other poisons.

Crossed communications were blamed Wednesday for reports that a suburban Detroit youth, 15, became violently ill after eating candy supposedly laced with cyanide.

Redford Township Sgt. John Creet said a message from a laboratory to a hospital that samples could be tested for cyanide was misunderstood as a report

that cyanide had actually been discovered.

He said test results were not expected until Thursday and should determine whether police investigate or drop the matter. The youth has already gone home after being hospitalized for treatment.

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Daley campaigns, challenges Byrne

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CHICAGO — Richard M. Daley, evoking memories of his late father, announced Thursday he will run for mayor against Jane M. Byrne in the February Democratic primary.

"On this day especially, I think of my father," Daley said. "He was never satisfied with the progress this city had made. He was always wanting to make it better because he loved the city."

Daley, who promised during his successful campaign for the Cook County State's Attorney office not to run for mayor in 1983, said he changed his mind

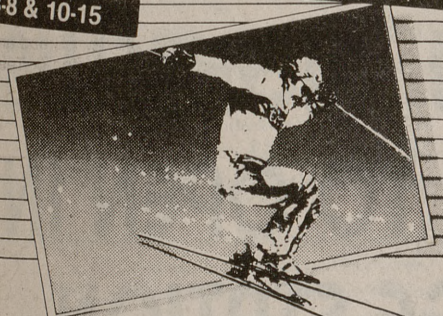
because of requests from the people.

"I have been urged by people from all walks of life, from every neighborhood, to give serious consideration to becoming a candidate," Daley told several hundred supporters packed into a downtown hotel ballroom.

He said leadership and the management of government will be the key issues of the campaign, and invited voters to compare his record as a state senator and prosecutor against that of the mayor during her one four-year term.

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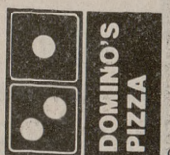
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