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staff photo by Octavio Garcia

Todd Melton, a sophomore finance major from Palestine strongly believes that two is better than one. He decided to give his golf style some variation and

executed a couple (literally) of what he calls "double chip shots" for the camera while humming the theme from the movie "Caddy Shack."

Tylenol suspect move delayed

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — The transfer of a former mental patient — who is wanted for questioning in the seven Tylenol killings — was mysteriously delayed, but officials said he was expected in Chicago Thursday.

The return to Illinois of Kevin Masterson, 35, who surrendered to the FBI Monday, had been ordered immediately but was delayed Wednesday for unexplained reasons.

Authorities in both Los Angeles and Chicago had little to say about why Masterson's return was delayed.

"We have no notion why he's still here or when he'll be leaving," a police spokesman said. "He's just kind of a guest of ours until those guys (from Illinois) come to get him."

Masterson is wanted for questioning concerning statements he made about the cyanide-laced Tylenol killings of seven people in the Chicago area two months ago.

Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner expressed doubt that the unemployed mechanic was responsible for the poisonings and urged him to take a lie detector test.

Masterson calmly walked into an FBI office Monday after four weeks on the run and was arrested for marijuana charges filed in DuPage County, Ill.

He was transferred to a padded cell Tuesday night after throwing a violent tantrum, smashing a toilet and smearing feces on the walls, police said.

A police spokesman said Masterson was enraged by other prisoners calling him "the Tylenol killer," but another officer

said the outbreak was caused by refusal of Masterson's request to make a phone call.

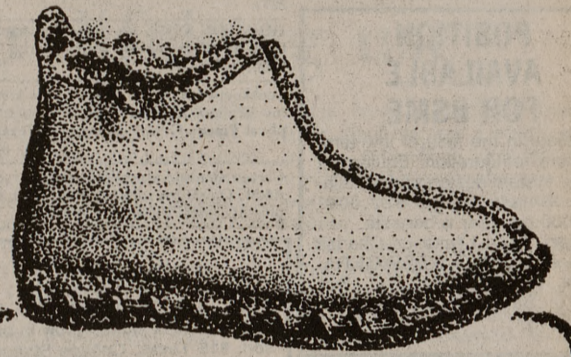
Masterson has a history of mental hospitalization in Oregon, authorities said.

A nationwide search continued for James W. Lewis and his wife, Leann, Lewis was named in a federal extortion warrant, accused of writing a letter to the makers of Tylenol demanding \$1 million "if you want to stop the killing."

Masterson told police he was so frightened by learning he was wanted by the FBI that he lived in a car in the desert.

Masterson was not a suspect, but he "made statements to various people that he had a role in the poisoning," Fahner said.

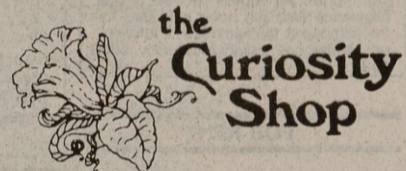
Friends told investigators Masterson held a grudge against Jewel Food Stores for filing shoplifting charges against his ex-wife in 1975. Masterson reportedly blamed the incident for the breakup of his marriage. Some of the cyanide victims purchased the poisoned Tylenol capsules at Jewel stores.



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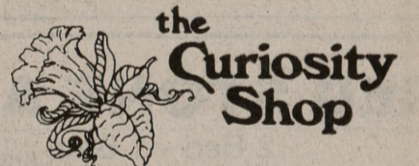
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More jobless claim benefits

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The number of people claiming jobless benefits for the first time increased by 56,000 to 654,000 during the week ending Nov. 20, the Labor Department said Thursday.

This increase was the first in five weeks and the largest surge in claims since the total hit a record 703,000 new claims 10 weeks earlier.

Before adjustment for routine seasonal hiring and layoff trends, the department said the number of actual new claims for benefits was up 103,100 from the previous week and totaled 649,800.

The seasonal adjustment compensated for the fact layoffs usually rise in November but showed they climbed past the number suggested as typical by past years' experience.

The number of people already receiving benefits also showed a sharp increase, climbing by 196,000 to a new total of 4,841,000, or a 5.5 percent of

the insured workforce, for the week ended Nov. 13, the department said.

The number of people getting extended benefits, indicating their unemployment has lasted longer than the usual 26-week maximum compensation period, rose to 364,800 during the week ended Nov. 13, up by 12,300 before adjustment.

Since the week of Sept. 18, when the total of new claims surged by 91,000, the volatile weekly figure has risen three times and declined six, leaving the total 49,000 below the record 703,000.

The Labor Department issues its monthly unemployment rate today, which reflects the overall jobless situation based on a survey taken during the week of Nov. 13. The rate is adjusted for routine seasonal patterns.

During that week in November new claims stood at 598,000, well below the rate during the survey week in October of 687,000.



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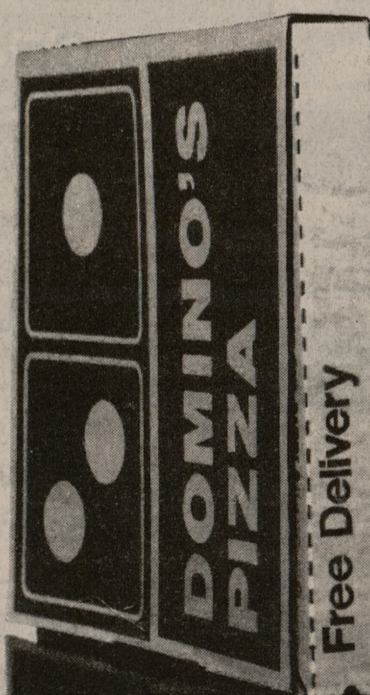
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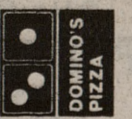
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