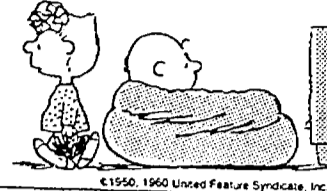


### News in Brief

EVERY YEAR YOU WATCH THAT SHOW ABOUT THE SCRAGGLY TREE...



20 shopping days to Christmas

Celebrate a German Christmas



The Mini Page

by Betty Debnam

Appearing in the Daily Register on Monday, Dec. 7.

### UNI recycling program recognized

CEDAR FALLS (AP) — A recycling program in Cedar Falls will be written about in a national publication because a state government organization admires its waste management.

### Gene for eye disease discovered

IOWA CITY (AP) — The location of the gene for a rare, inherited eye disease has been discovered by researchers from the University of Iowa and a Minneapolis doctor who helped with the project.

### Firefighter cannot have job back

DAVENPORT (AP) — A Scott County judge says Davenport does not have to give a firefighter his job back after he pleaded guilty to indecent contact with a 16-year-old boy.

### United Way drive

\$58,321 95%

### Community Plaza

\$323,621.00 97%

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## Somalis hope for American salvation

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — With 1,800 Marines ready to come ashore in this famine-stricken country, many Somalis appear to think the Americans can put their country back together.

Mogadishu's port and airport so food can move freely to the hungry. President Bush ordered the deployment on Friday, and it was expected to begin Monday.

somewhat cheered by the sight of a Navy ship cruising along the horizon. There were unconfirmed reports it was one of the three warships bringing the first 1,800 Marines.

organized, and the Americans must play a big role," said Mohamed Aden, a hydro-geologist.

living by looting or even working as armed guards for aid agencies.



### House fire

Hazleton and Oelwein firefighters were called to a house fire Friday, about 4:18 p.m., about a mile southwest of Oelwein on Highway 281, between the park entrance and golf course road.

Firefighters believed the fire was caused by a woodburning stove. The house is owned by Darwin Burco. Billy Baker rents the property and used the outbuildings for a shop and the house as an office.

shop, and discovered the fire when he returned for a coffee break. The firefighters said cold temperatures and strong winds made the fire especially hard to fight.

## Task force planned to fight extremists

BONN, Germany (AP) — The government will set up a special task force to crush neo-Nazi violence, and more undercover agents will try to infiltrate extremist groups, officials said Friday.

extremist groups and to raid rightists' meeting places, said Frieder Birzele, the interior minister of the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

his patrons so severely they had to be hospitalized. The newspaper said the attack happened on Nov. 7.

Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters said his counterparts from Germany's 16 states have endorsed his plan to create a nationwide task force to deal with neo-Nazis and other rightist extremists.

In yet another case of German troops participating in right-wing violence, a newspaper reported that soldiers beat up the owner and employees of a Yugoslav restaurant in the northern German city of Emmerrich.

The Defense Ministry said last month a handful of soldiers had taken part in at least two dozen acts of far-right violence, including three murders.

The task force's work will be coordinated by the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, the German equivalent of the FBI.

"Seven drunken soldiers walked into the restaurant and cursed foreign guests there by saying 'Germany for the Germans!' and 'Foreigners go home!'" the Bild newspaper said.

Criticized abroad and within his own country for doing too little to battle the neo-Nazi threat, Chancellor Helmut Kohl pledged Thursday to "use all possible legal measures to fight violence and political extremism."

## Terry Anderson notes first year of freedom

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former hostage Terry Anderson celebrated the first anniversary of his release from captivity Friday in a Roman Catholic Mass presided over by his fellow hostage, the Rev. Lawrence Jenco.

Westerner kidnapped by Shiite radicals in Lebanon. The former Associated Press chief Middle East correspondent was also the last Western hostage to be released.

Anderson is now working on a book on his experiences, due to be completed by April. "I try to put myself back," he said, to the years of being chained, blindfolded and kept in solitary confinement. "But sometimes it's pretty hard."

## Jobless rate sinks as recovery takes hold

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate dropped to 7.2 percent in November, the government said Friday, the fifth decrease in a row and strong evidence the recovery is taking hold where it counts — in the job market.

next year. That's because, as the economy improves, jobless people once too discouraged to even look for work will start hunting again.

The new rate, down from 7.4 percent in October, was the lowest since April. It was the largest decrease since February 1989.

William G. Barron Jr., deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, noted in testimony before Congress' Joint Economic Committee that 9.2 million Americans remained unemployed in November, 2.4 million more than at the recession's start.

An accompanying report showed a bigger-than-expected advance in employers' payrolls, which rose by 105,000 jobs to 108.6 million, the third consecutive monthly gain and the best since July.

He also noted that 45,000 of the 105,000 increase in payroll jobs can be attributed to temporary election workers hired by local governments.

Technically, the economy has been recovering from the recession for a year and a half, but growth has been so lackluster that consumers did not feel as if the economy was improving.

Also, hiring by department stores and other retailers for the holiday shopping season fell short of normal increases. That produced a decline of 46,000 jobs after seasonal adjustment.

For most of the so-called recovery period, unemployment continued to worsen, hitting an eight-year high of 7.8 percent in June before starting a slow decline.

On the bright side, overall service industry payrolls grew by 81,000 in November. Manufacturers added 35,000 of those jobs after cutting 205,000 over the previous three months.

Economists dismissed the first few rate drops as flukes. Now, with a wide range of statistics showing improvement, they believe the jobs market clearly is on the mend.

In a sign that further manufacturing job gains lie ahead, the workweek for factory workers matched a 26-year high reached in May. It was 41.3 hours in November, up from 41.1; manufacturing overtime was 3.9 hours, up from 3.8.

Some economists said President-elect Clinton should think twice before fulfilling a campaign pledge to push an economic-stimulus package of tax cuts and public works spending.

November's unemployment improvement was concentrated among adult men, whose jobless rate dropped to 6.8 percent from 7.2 percent in October. The rate for women held steady at 6.1 percent.

By the time such a package would be enacted, the economy probably would be well into recovery. They advised the new president to tackle long-term problems.

The rate for teen-agers jumped from 13.3 percent to 20.2 percent. The rate for whites edged down from 6.5 percent to 6.3 percent while the rate for blacks was 13.8 percent, down from 13.9 percent.

Others economists noted that the job market was far from robust. The unemployment rate still is substantially above the 5.2 percent level just before the recession began in July 1990 and analysts predicted it won't fall appreciably below 7 percent until late

Among 11 large industrial states, California had the greatest unemployment, 10.1 percent, up from 9.8 percent. The state has been hard hit by defense industry layoffs.

## Bremer County jury awards Oklahoma woman

WAVERLY (AP) — A Bremer County jury has awarded an Oklahoma woman more than \$400,000 for her claim that she was sexually abused by her step grandfather while visiting him in Iowa.

On Tuesday, an eight-member jury sided with Hinch on civil claims that battery, sex acts, and indecent contact occurred.

Angola K. Hinch, 20, of Midwest City, accused Dean Pattschull of molesting her as a child and through her mid-teens during her visits to his rural Nashua farm.

Hinch was awarded \$101,890 in compensatory damages and \$300,000 in punitive damages.

## Mrs. Gosch 'in shock' over possible calls from son

DES MOINES (AP) — Noreen Gosch, mother of the missing newspaper carrier Johnny Gosch, said she was in shock over calls made to her home that may have been her son.

passerby who identified himself as Kelly McFeddian picked up the phone. He said another man was nearby and when asked, said his name was Johnny Gosch and he had lived in Iowa.

"This could be a very substantial lead or just another long shot," she said Thursday.

Mrs. Gosch said the area but could find no trace of that man.

FBI agents closed in on the phone booth in San Francisco where the calls came from on Monday, but found no signs of Gosch, she said.

The calls followed a recent broadcast of "America's Most Wanted," a crime-stoppers show on the Fox network, which traced the possible abductions of Gosch, then 12, in 1982 and Des Moines newspaper carrier Eugene Martin, then 13, in 1984.

## Fires from tanker spill out

LA CORUNA, Spain (AP) — An oil fire from a grounded Greek tanker went out Friday as crews began scrubbing blackened shores and rescuing oil-covered animals from a spill that could rival the Exxon Valdez disaster.

mediately after the crash as the ship was battered by 12- to 15-foot waves.

Rafael Lobeto, a Merchant Marine official, said teams would have to clean "stone-by-stone" along the jagged coastline of northeastern Spain.

"He (the harbor pilot) wasn't aboard, but he was in radio contact with the captain," Greek consul Maria Jose Docampo told Spanish state television. "The captain always followed the instructions of the harbor pilot."

The captain of the tanker Aegean Sea told authorities weather conditions were "hellish" when he attempted to steer the vessel into port Thursday after being authorized to enter.

Asked if he believed the captain had acted irresponsibly by trying to enter the port under difficult weather conditions, Prosecutor Fernando Garcia Agudin said, "I think so."

The cause of the accident has not yet been determined, and Capt. Constantine Stavrides and other crewmembers were questioned Friday. Stavrides was in custody.

The 53,964-ton tanker's stern, which mostly contained the ship's own fuel supply, burned itself out, said Lourdes Garcia, a government spokeswoman in La Coruna.