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843-7688) will re-open Monday, Dec. 14. rate fell fr tember to 6. The Lariata Branch (354-3001 or 570-5520) close Dec. 14 and re-open Monday, Dec. 28. Customers are still being asked to return all In Southern counties' unc IIDrary materials to their branch before or dur-ing the time the branch is closed so that all ing the time haronded dropped. However, al. During branch closings, the other two branches will be open normal Friday noon to some branches will be a normal friday noon to some branches will be open normal friday normal friday normal friday noon to some branches will be open normal friday normal f Maryland counti er unemployment branches will be open normal hours: Monday noon to 5

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ment Development said in a prepared statement.

"This is the first report to indicate a meaningful rise in the number of people employed," said Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.), chairman of the Joint Economic Committee.

Sarbanes, a frequent and vocal critic of President Bush's attempts to deal with the recession, is still skeptical the recovery has begun.

"The job market has not yet started to show the kind of improvement normally associated with an economic recovery," Sarhanes said. "We have a growing pulation, an expanding labor ice, and unemployment that reins too high."

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Wasserman said the holiday season should provide the state

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