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Unemployment slows growth of economy

United Press International WASHINGTON — The so-

bering news that unemployment is not getting better, despite many other signs of recovery, is casting a long shadow over the nation's otherwise bright economic picture.

The Labor Department Friday said the jobless rate stayed at 10.4 percent of the nation's work force in February as the number of unemployed grew by 44,000 to a total of 11,490,000.

Since fear of unemployment is often identified as a key reason consumers are reluctant to increase their spending enough to reinforce recovery, analysts are concerned the grim unemployment news will feed back into the economy to slow down improvement.

'The latest unemployment figures indicate the euphoria of a sharply improved economic outlook. It seems to need tempersaid economist Herman Liebling, formerly chief forecas-

ter for the Treasury Depart-

While the economy is improving, it is doing so at a very modest rate," Liebling said, now a professor of economics at Florida International University.

Another leading analyst, economist Lawrence Chimerine of Chase Econometrics, agreed overall economic performance

is misleadingly vigorous.

Referring to increases reported in housing sales and production and higher levels of auto sales and production, Chimerine concluded, "These data exaggerate the pace of re-

The overall unemployment figure of about 11.5 million does not include 1.8 million people considered too discouraged to keep looking for work or millions more who can find only

part-time jobs. The average length of time people had been unsuccessfully looking for work by February

edged down to 19 weeks, a small improvement from January's peak of 19.4 weeks.

The jobless rate for adult men, comprising half of the un-employed, got 0.3 of a percen-tage point worse — 9.9 percent in February. But the rate for black workers went down from 20.8 percent to 19.7 percent.

The unemployment report was among the very first indirect measures of the economy during February. The statistics for January, from factory orders to the leading economic indicators to house sales, were surprisingly

But analysts say uncommonly good weather, in sharp contrast to the patterns of past years that formed the basis for important seasonal adjustment factors, tended to exaggerate nearly every statistic.

And the strong 3.6 percent gain in the January leading indicators, the biggest jump in more than three decades, was heavily influenced by growth in the money supply which was entirely unrelated to the economy. Instead, it mirrored the effects of recent deregulation of bank

What's Up

Monday

THEATER ARTS PROGRAM: Auditions for the musical 'Transit" are scheduled for 7 p.m. in Rudder Forum.

SWAMP: Candidates for the new head basketball coach will be discussed at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

Club Association Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 167 E. Kyle. Entries are open for the Penberthy Tournament. Come by 159 E. Kyle or call, 846-7826 for more information. INTRAMURAL-RECREATIONAL SPORTS:A

SPRING STUDENT ELECTIONS: Filing for elections will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Main Hall MSC.

UCM:A Bible study is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. in the MSC

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL: A Bible study on the book of Ephesians is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel, 315 N. College Main, College Station.

MSC AGGIE CINEMA: A general meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. New members are welcome ALPHA ZETA "HONOR STUDENTS SERVING AGRI-

 $CULTURE\mbox{``:}Formal spring initiation of all new members is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.$

LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT: A meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 140 MSC

CEC — COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN-:Students concerned for the Handicapped (SCH of A&M) will speak at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: Classes will dance from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the club will dance from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in 263 G. Rollie White Coliseum.

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING CHRISTIAN: "Fear/ Anxiety: How to Cope" will be discussed at 6:30 p.m. in 214

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: Events of the State Convention will be discussed at 7 p.m. in 104-B

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: A Ladies Bible study from Proverbs 31, "The Virtuous Woman" is scheduled for noon at the All Faiths Chapel library. WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION: A book sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the MSC.

Tuesday

TAMU SAILING TEAM: A regular meeting is schedul p.m. in 109 MLS (Trigon).

MSC HOSPITALITY: A fashion show is scheduled for the MSC Lounge. Spring into fashion with the lates

PREMEDICAL-PREDENTAL SOCIETY: Texas Col be discussed at 7:30 p.m. in 110 HECC. Scrub shirts are

MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY: Officer elections will be sed at 7:30 p.m. in 113 BSBE.

RHO PHI ALPHA (PARKS & RECREATION)S Work Opportunity Night — representatives from see and organizations will discuss available positions from 10 p.m. in 202 Francis Hall.

AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS CLUB: All stude on the California Agri-Business Tour will meet at 7:30

104 Agriculture Building AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGIN (ASME):Dennis McClintock from Intermedics will sp "Bio-Engineering" at 7 p.m. in 203 Zachry.

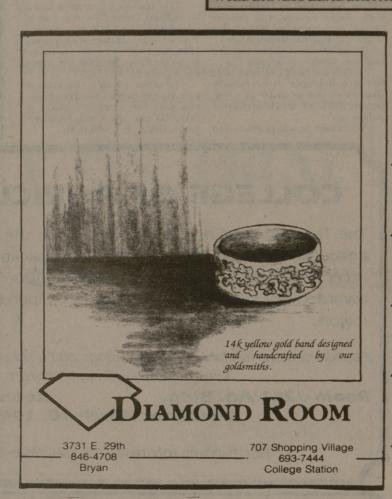
WATERSKI CLUB: Plans for Texas A&M Polar Bear] ment will be discussed at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder Eve

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION: Dr. L. sell, professor of Veterinary Public Health, will sp "Rabies Control in Animals" at 7:30 p.m. in 200 VMS. ments will be served.

MSC POLITICAL FORUM: A general meeting is st for 8 p.m. in 501 Rudder. All new members are well INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM ment projects in Mexico will be discussed at 7:30 pm

PROCESSING MANAGEMENT CIATION: Information on Careers in Data Processin will meet with Chris Schaeffer and Co. at 7 p.m. in 203 Inn. Business attire is requested. Refreshments will be

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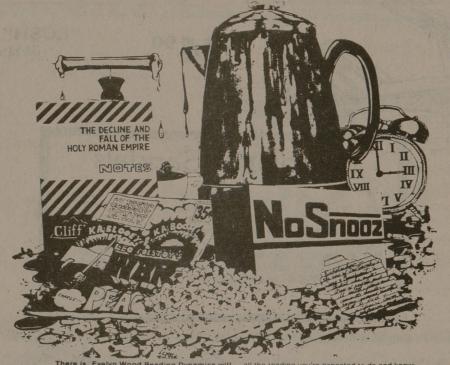
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