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Unemployment slows growth of economy

WASHINGTON — The sobering 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 tempering," said economist Herman Liebling, formerly chief forecas-

ter for the Treasury Department.

"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 recovery."

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 unemployed, got 0.3 of a percentage 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 robust.

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 accounts.

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.

INTRAMURAL-RECREATIONAL SPORTS: A Sports 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.

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 Lounge.

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 AGRICULTURE": 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 Scoates Hall.

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

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 scheduled for 8 p.m. in 109 MLS (Trigon).

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

PREMEDICAL-PREEDENTAL SOCIETY: Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine — an alternative to medical school — will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. in 110 HECC. Scrub shirts are for \$9.75.

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

RHO PHI ALPHA (PARKS & RECREATION): Work Opportunity Night — representatives from several organizations will discuss available positions from 7:10 p.m. in 202 Francis Hall.

AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS CLUB: All students on the California Agri-Business Tour will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 104 Agriculture Building.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (ASME): Dennis McClintock from Intermedics will speak "Bio-Engineering" at 7 p.m. in 203 Zachry.

WATERSKI CLUB: Plans for Texas A&M Polar Bear Tournament will be discussed at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder. Entry welcome.

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

MSC POLITICAL FORUM: A general meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. in 501 Rudder. All new members are welcome.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM: Development projects in Mexico will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry. Pomology (across the tracks).

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: Information on Careers in Data Processing will meet with Chris Schaeffer and Co. at 7 p.m. in 203 Zachry. Business attire is requested. Refreshments will be served.

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Artificial heart recipient hospitalized with pneumonia

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SALT LAKE CITY — Artificial heart recipient Barney Clark

was in "fair" condition Saturday, battling aspiration pneumonia he developed from breathing

and stomach problems.

"We're in a wait-and-see period," said Anne Brinkley, University of Utah Medical Center spokeswoman. "We'll get him back on the respirator as we are giving him antibiotics. We'll see how he responds to treatment."

The aspiration pneumonia when Clark became hospitalized Thursday.

Before this setback, Clark already had to struggle with breath — he has a serious emphysema.

Brinkley said doctors are investigating the cause of the upset stomach and are monitoring him constantly.

Saturday was Clark's third day with the first permanent artificial heart.

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