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Dockery recalls camping with friends

■ **MIRACLE:** After waking from a seven-and-a-half year coma, former policeman survives surgery on lungs

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — When Gary Dockery suddenly awoke from 7 1/2 years of unconsciousness, some of his first words focused on his passion: annual winter camping trips he helped organize with his buddies.

"Yep, missed it this year," Dockery said from his hospital bed to his son Shane. "But I'm going next year."

The former policeman was the nucleus of the mix of friends who gathered twice a winter for all-male escapes into the Cherokee National Forest.

"He was one of the moving influences to make sure we got there," Edgerton said.

Dockery, 42, has not participated since he was shot in the head by a drunken man in 1988. Shane has gone in his father's

place for the past six years.

Dockery lingered in a coma-like state until a week ago.

On Feb. 11, he was taken from a nursing home to a Chattanooga hospital with life-threatening pneumonia. His family had to choose between letting the illness kill him or risk surgery. His family, hoping to give him a fighting chance, opted for surgery that drained infectious fluid from his lungs.

Since surgery on Thursday, he had responded only by moving his eyes and squeezing hands. He was moving his arms and legs on command and breathing on his own.

His former partner, Ken Cox, said he anguished for years over whether he did the right thing by resuscitating Dockery the night of the shooting.

"I knew he wouldn't want to live on machines," Cox said. "It was a terrible thing I had to live with, but now, maybe I did the right thing."

Dockery was often the catalyst for bringing people together.

"If he met somebody he liked, he introduced them to all his other friends," said Marilyn McDaniel, who has known Dockery since they were 14 years old. "Ninety percent of our friends are because of Gary."

"He held all of us together," said another friend, Regina Burks.

"It might sound kind of hokey, but we'd build a big fire, Gary would play the guitar, some others would play too. We'd sing familiar songs, tell big lies, guy kind of stuff," Edgerton said.

His friends said they visited a lot in the first two years. He communicated occasionally with blinks and nods then, but he grew unresponsive. After that, his friends limited their visits to his birthday or holidays.

"It was really difficult to see him," McDaniel said. "At first, you're still hopeful and then when nothing happens, you wonder if he knows you're there."

Russian wins chess series against computer

■ **TOURNAMENT:** Chess grandmasters look at the system for losing to the top chess contestant

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Moments after his victory over supercomputer Deep Blue, chess great Garry Kasparov predicted that their match would be more than just one for the record books.

"Fighting this computer has changed the way I — and I imagine most others — will approach the game in the future," the happy but visibly wrung-out Russian said Saturday after battling nearly four hours to win the final game and the series, 4-2.

"I believe there are very few chess players in the world that can take this heat and play this machine," he said.

Few had believed the IBM sys-

tem capable of seriously challenging the game's top player. But Deep Blue jolted the chess world by trouncing Kasparov in their first game Feb. 10.

It was the first time in the nearly 1,500 years that people have been pushing pawns that a machine had won a game from an international grandmaster under tournament rules.

Chess, the game of war strategy, is believed to have originated among Persian horsemen sometime before 500 A.D. Russians have held the world chess title since 1936, with the exception of American Bobby Fischer's reign from 1975-1978. Kasparov, who became world champion at 22, has for more than a decade been considered the greatest ever to play the game.

In 1989, he trounced Deep Blue's prototype, Deep Thought.

Since then, he has played regularly on the formidable commercial chess program "Fritz."

Deep Blue, however, is an altogether different system. With 32 separate computers operating in sync, it is the "Terminator" of chess computers. It can analyze more than 200 million moves per second and has "studied" thousands of the game's most challenging matches, including hundreds involving Kasparov.

After the first loss, Kasparov was forced to overhaul his attack. The strategy he devised, Kasparov said, should rewrite the textbook for all upper level players.

"Garry realized he would have to play many moves in advance, always with an eye on position," said Kasparov adviser Frederic Friedel.

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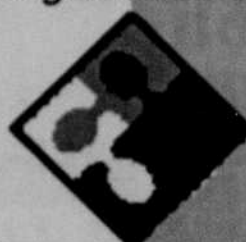
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