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Ask Us

Suspensions will stand, trustees rule

Calling it "the saddest day or night in my experience," Snyder public schools board of trustees president Billy Bob McMullan informed a tearful audience that the board would not act on the 60-day extra-curricular suspensions imposed on 12 high school students for recent school infractions.

The board also approved the resignation of two teachers, including head girl's basketball coach Ken Housden, during the Thursday evening meeting.

The decision not to reverse the school rule means the students will be suspended from University Scholastic League (UIL) activities until approximately May 5. The students include six members of the varsity baseball team and six forensic students.

The infractions allegedly in-

involved the use of alcohol during an out of town trip in Abilene on March 3. According to the Discipline Management Handbook of school rules, the use, possession or transmission of alcohol and drugs by students is forbidden. The first-offense penalty calls for three days suspension from school and 60 days suspension from extra-curricular activities.

The students have already served their three-day suspensions from school.

Parents asked for the meeting, stating that the students were first told they would only be suspended from school for three days, then received notice of the 60-day suspensions by mail.

"It's not fair. They were sentenced twice," commented (see SUSPENSIONS, page 14)

\$1.2 billion cost...

Committee okays school finance bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A school finance bill approved by a Senate education subcommittee was called a "giant step forward in equalization" among rich and poor school districts, but key lawmakers and Gov. Bill Clements say its \$1.2 billion price tag may keep it from being adopted by the state.

The cost of the legislation was raised Thursday from \$817 million for the 1990-91 school year by an amendment requiring the state to give extra funding to school districts for students who need special education, including bilingual, vocational and remedial programs.

Without the amendment, the bill would have considered only

the basic allotment given to school districts based on the size of their populations of students with special needs. As amended, the bill also would consider the guaranteed yield, or "second tier," funds allotted to school districts by the state based on the rate of their property tax.

The full Senate will vote Monday on the bill.

The amendment, which was sponsored by Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, was approved by the subcommittee 9-7. Truan said the measure is necessary because poor districts often have more students with special needs.

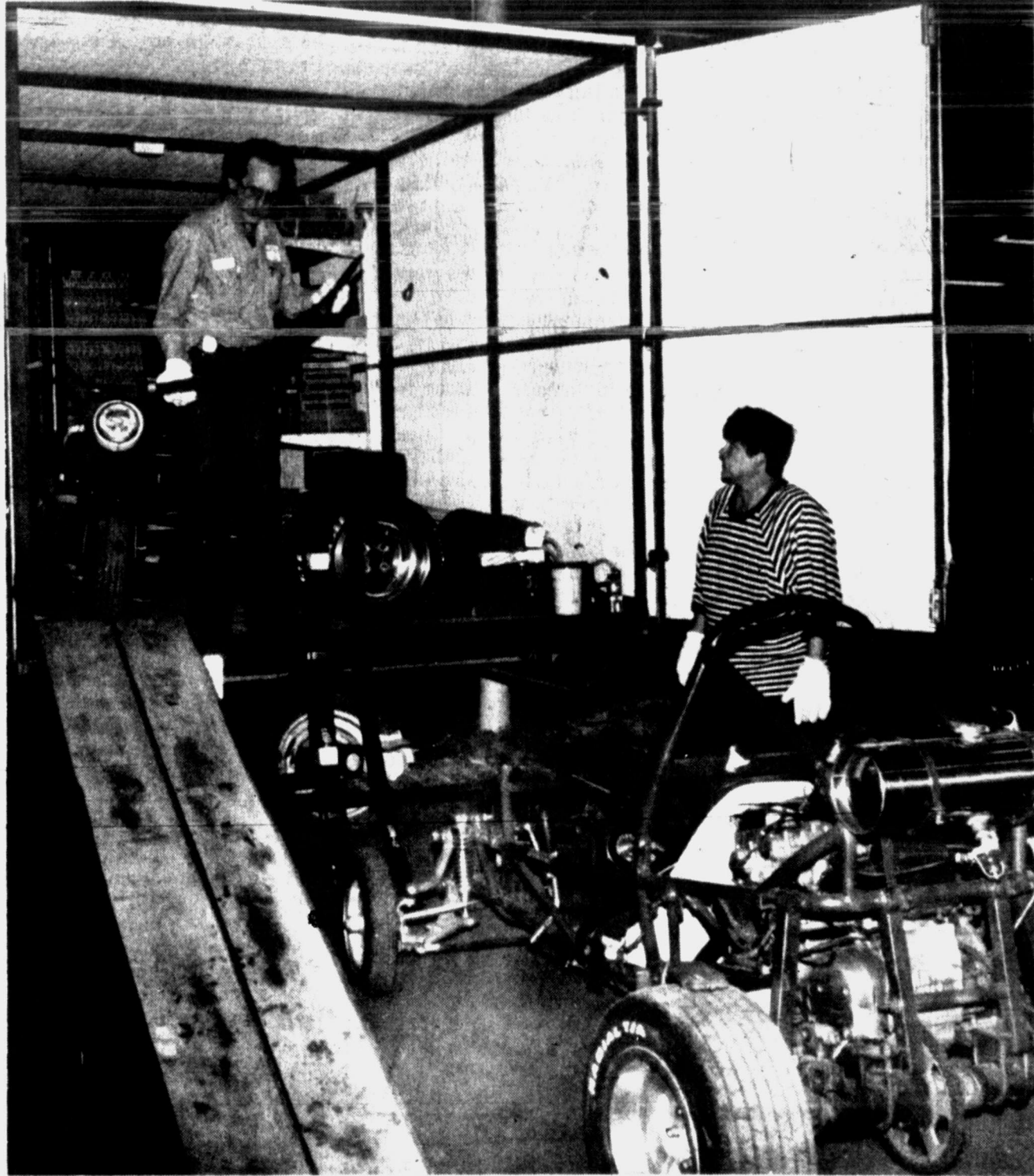
"As a result of the passage of this amendment, we are seriously considering equalizing education in the state of Texas," said Truan. "If we want to have a school system that meets the constitutional test, we must talk about dollars."

The chair of the subcommittee, Sen. Carl Parker, said he is not hopeful about the chances the more expensive bill will have when the Senate begins negotiations with the House, which is considering a \$450 million measure.

"I'm still somewhat pessimistic that the House will jump up and do this much for us," said Parker, D-Port Arthur.

He said the bill could allow lawmakers "to do right by Texas" and lower property taxes. But he said if it is not fully funded, it could lessen the amount of money the state guarantees to each school district.

"My greatest fear and concern about this bill is that if the House fails to fund it at the \$1.2 billion or thereabouts, then what we will end up with is having to reduce the basic allotment ... which delivers more money to fewer districts," he said.



SWAP-READY — Larry Derington of Hobbs, N.M., and Gail Livingston of Phoenix, Ariz., were unloading merchandise this morning in the county coliseum annex for the Snyder Wheels' "Early Bird Swap Meet," which runs through Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sales tax rebates rise over 15 percent for city, county

Snyder witnessed a 15 percent increase and Scurry County a 20 percent increase in sales tax rebates for January as compared to a year ago, according to infor-

Construction for February notes \$40,150

The City of Snyder issued six building permits representing \$40,150 during February, the building inspector's office reported.

Permits included one for a mobile home located at 2011 Merrill Ave. and owned by Martha Freeman. Others were for an addition at 4301 El Paso, owner Perry Westmoreland; an addition at 2810 Ave. J., owner Juan M. Rivera; a carport at 410 33rd St., owner Lester Bruns; and an addition at 1205 21st St., owner Anita Martinez.

Construction for the fiscal year-to-date represents \$453,678 as compared to \$845,610 through the same period a year ago.

The building inspector's office handled 73 inspections for the month of February, including 29 plumbing permits, 20 electrical and 18 miscellaneous.

mation from the State Comptroller's office.

The city received \$53,651.46 in rebates for January, compared to \$46,438.92 for the same month in 1989 — an increase of 15.53 percent.

The county received \$34,199.15 for the first month of 1990 on its 1/2-cent sales tax, up 20.52 percent from the \$28,377 a year ago.

Both the city and county are also showing increases in monies received from the first of the fiscal year. The county has received \$128,061.81 for the current fiscal year, which is a 20.22 percent increase over the \$106,521.39 received during the same time a year ago. Rebates issued to the city have increased 71 percent, or up from \$203,313.86 to \$204,752.29.

The latest figures reflect taxes collected on January sales and reported in February by businesses filing monthly tax returns. Merchants collect the

sales tax and send them to the comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 percent share and each month sends cities and counties their portion of the sales tax.

According to the comptroller's office, sales tax rebates statewide were up almost 5 percent this fiscal year compared to last year. Rebate checks to cities totaled \$69 million for January, an increase of nearly 13 percent over last January. Payments to counties totaled \$7.3 million, compared to \$5.9 million a year ago.

Sales tax rebates for surrounding communities included the following:

Andrews — Received \$40,604.55, down 3.05 percent from a year ago. The year-to-date total of \$170,373.88 is up 9.80 percent.

Lamesa — Received \$27,954.29, down 14.15 percent from a year (see REBATES, page 14)

Census workers needed in Fisher, & Borden counties

Census forms will be mailed out to all known mailing addresses beginning March 23, according to Don McInnis, district office manager with the Bureau of the Census in Abilene, who says the bureau is still looking for temporary employees.

Census enumerators are particularly needed in Fisher and Borden counties.

On March 26, census workers will begin collecting the forms and checking household locations to update census maps. This will continue through April.

McInnis said the census bureau will need to hire large numbers of employees to work in each of the 29 counties in the Abilene District, including Fisher and Borden counties.

Most of the jobs available will be field work, in an area close to

worker's homes, checking mailing addresses, picking up questionnaires or visiting addresses to assist people in the completion of forms.

Training for field work enumerators will begin on March 19 and extend through March 22. Training rates will be \$3.80 per hour. After training, enumerators will receive \$5 an hour.

All census employees must take an oath to protect the confidential information on the forms. Only lump-sum data is made public.

Anyone seeking employment as a temporary enumerator should contact the local Texas Employment Office or the Abilene district office at (915) 674-8600.

Swap meet underway in Snyder

Snyder Wheels antique car club's "Early Bird Swap Meet" opened this morning at the county coliseum annex.

The annual event continues through Sunday.

Over 100 booths will be manned during the meet, which will include regular garage sale-type items in addition to automotive parts. The sale of clothing is not permitted.

A food concession stand will be available for shoppers. The swap meet will open at 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and will remain open this evening and Saturday as long as it is warranted. The meet will close at noon Sunday.

Snyder Wheels holds monthly meetings and has 32 memberships, many including a husband and wife.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Automation is the process of turning a clerical error into a computer error."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

It is said that busy Americans really don't stop long enough to appreciate the really good things in life. Even when the economy is soft, there are still roses to smell. Gene Dow was reminded of this recently.

"Young people will not remember, but when radio ruled the airways, there was a popular program called The Goldbergs.

"In one episode, Jack Goldberg came home for supper and excitedly told his wife, Molly, about a great idea he had. He wanted to go into business. Molly had some money put away, anticipating just such a thing, and she gave it to him.

"As they sat at the dinner table, enthusiastic-

ly discussing the future, Jack said, 'Molly, some day we'll be eating off golden plates.'

"Molly looked at him and replied, 'Jack, darling, will it taste any better?'

"Young people don't have to remember The Goldbergs, but they should remember that last line."

The late George Dolan, long-time page one columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, once told a story about a luncheon speaker who said he had pretty strong evidence that Adam and Eve were Russians.

Said the speaker, "Adam and Eve had no shoes for their feet, no clothes for their bodies, had to steal apples to eat—and they still thought they were in Paradise."

There might be a message in that for Americans.

Q—How much will the 1990 Census cost?

A—The 1990 Census is expected to cost taxpayers \$2.6 billion, including planning, the actual taking of the census and providing the results.

In Brief

Stormie fine

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Stormie Jones' mother said the world's first recipient of a combined heart-liver transplant was doing fine on the eve of her leaving the city where she received both her donor livers.

The 12-year-old girl from the Fort Worth, Texas, suburb of White Settlement was scheduled to go home tonight after nearly a month of hospital care, her mother, Susie Purcell, said today.

First meeting

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The government said today it would begin talks with Nelson Mandela and exiled African National Congress leaders on April 11 to clear the way for formal black-white negotiations on a new constitution.

President F. W. de Klerk's office said in a statement that the president and his Cabinet would meet ANC leaders to deal with "obstacles perceived to obstruct the process toward negotiations."

Libya warned

BONN, West Germany (AP) — The government said today it would not tolerate threats against Germans living in Libya following a blaze at a suspected chemical weapons plant there.

The Libyan leader, Col. Moammar Gadhafi, said an investigation was under way to determine whether West German intelligence agents had anything to do with Wednesday's fire at the Rabta plant, which suffered extensive damage.

West Germany denied responsibility. Juergen Chrobog, chief spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, said he knew of no specific threats against West Germany or its citizens, but an angry crowd gathered in front of the West Germany Embassy in Tripoli on Thursday.

Local

Lions help

Snyder Lions Club members are to meet at 8 a.m. Saturday to continue the fence work being done at the Noah Project office, 2707 College Ave.

All members are urged to attend.

'Jump-Heart'

American Heart Association's "Jump Rope For Heart" has been rescheduled for Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m. at the junior high gym.

For more information, call Shawn Ragland or Mark Estes at 573-5441.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 62 degrees; low, 33 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 38 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 5.98 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 30s. Light north wind. Saturday, fair. High in the lower 70s. Northwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

Inmate wants to be executed April 21

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas death row inmate says he wants so badly to be executed April 21

that he plans to "sabotage" any efforts to appeal his conviction and death sentence.

"They could take these cuffs off me and walk me back to (death row) and I still won't resist," Jerome Butler said Thursday after he was given an execution date by District Judge Ted Poe. "I just want to get it over with."

Butler said his reasoning is simple.

If he won a new trial for the 1986 robbery-killing of Houston cab driver Nathan Oakley and escaped with a life sentence, he

would still have to serve at least 15 years.

"I'm 57 now and I'd be in my 70s when I got out," Butler said. "What am I supposed to do then? Go live under a bridge?"

Butler has been examined by a psychiatrist and a psychologist since he has insisted on being executed by lethal injection. Both found him competent.

Judge Poe followed the wishes of prosecutor Caprice Cosper in telling Butler that he can change his mind and launch an appeal at any time.

"All you need to do is advise the court," the judge told Butler.

But after the sentencing, Butler said he will stand by his decision.

"There won't be no appeals," he stressed.

Defense attorney Vic Pecorino said this has been Butler's position since the trial in 1986.

Butler told the jurors he was satisfied with his death sentence, that he wasn't angry at any of them for "doing what they had to do" and, furthermore, that he believes in the death penalty.

Butler told the Houston Chronicle he believes in the concept of law and order because without law enforcement, people would "do anything they wanted to do."

Butler, who has spent a total of 27 years in prison, said a robbery-assault conviction in New York landed him in prison at Attica, which he said makes Texas prisons "look like a cake-walk."

He served 10 years of a 30-year sentence for murdering A.C. Johnson, 69, in Houston in 1973, and has been on death row since 1986 for killing Oakley.

"I've been out there doing wrong since I was 14," he said. "Then I was a (gang) warlord. I'm another one of the fools who came up and got rang out."

"I'm not going down humble," he said. "I'm not on my knees. I'm on my feet."

Farm Bureau slates tour

The Scurry County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a tour for members and spouses to the denim mill at Littlefield and the Tech Research Center at Lubbock on April 12.

The tour will leave Snyder at 7 a.m. from the Farm Bureau office and travel to Littlefield for the tour which begins at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at noon.

Lunch will be catered by Fins and Hens of Lubbock at the PCCA meeting room on East 50th.

At 1:30 p.m. the tour group will arrive at the Tech Research Center. Departure time is expected to be around 4 p.m. with arrival back in Snyder around 5:30 p.m.

Reservations must be made by March 30. Members will pay \$5 each to cover the cost of the meal and transportation. Non members are welcome and may join for a cost of a \$25 membership.

In the days of Ivan the Great and afterward, a whole medieval city existed within the walls of the Kremlin — workshops and barracks, great houses for noblemen, a monastery and dozens of churches.

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SCOUT-O-RAMA—One of the features of the upcoming Scout-O-Rama will be the USS Cub Scout which is shown in this photo along with Cub Scouts Seth Crawford, TyWayne Rivers, Bryan Monroe (all inside the ship) and Williams Clayton II, Corey McDorman and Zeb Alexander. The Scout-O-Rama starts at 1 p.m. on April 21. (Cub Scout Photo)

Senators condemn opposition to aid

AUSTIN (AP) — State senators condemned Bush administration opposition to legislation before Congress that could help poor residents in unincorporated "colonias" along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"We ought to, as a body, express our extreme displeasure with the Bush administration," Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said Thursday.

The federal Office of Management and Budget said the \$30 million measure sets a bad precedent. The proposal would offer loans to individuals as well as public institutions in areas where limited access to water and sewage poses a health threat.

The loans and grants could be used in Texas' colonias to help residents hook up to water and sewer lines when they are built.

The measure, sponsored by

U.S. Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Mission, is pending in the House as part of a wide-ranging rural development bill.

Truan denounced the Bush administration's requests for aid to the contras of Nicaragua and communist countries in Eastern Europe while opposing the colonias measure.

"Here in our own back yard we have hundreds of thousands of residents, not only in Texas but along the border in other states, that need our help," Truan said. "It seems to me that our priorities are out of whack when we can't even help people living in unsanitary conditions."

Sen. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville, and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby also spoke in support of Truan's protest.

Truan said he will draft a resolution on the issue to be considered by the Senate.

Last November, Texas voters approved a bond package that included \$100 million for bringing basic water and sewer systems to the border subdivisions, where an estimated 200,000 people live.

About 200 people died in a 1940 dance hall fire in Natchez, Miss.

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Grandmother tries to hold family together

BOSTON (AP) — When Willie Mae Newberry moved to Boston's inner city in 1968 after a lifetime spent in a small Georgia town, she was hoping for a better life. Instead, she's seen her family devastated by violent crime. Since 1987, two of her daughters and a son-in-law have been gunned down. Another son died mysteriously in Boston in 1974.

The day after her daughter, Delores, 33, was shot to death this week, Newberry, 65, sat in a corner of her living room, staring at a flickering TV screen. She was surrounded by the grandchildren she must now raise on her own. "It's something you can't describe," she said about the violence that has caused Boston's murder rate to soar. "Some of them can cope with it and some of

them can't." Newberry showed no emotion as she gazed out her apartment window. Her grandson Shariff, 15, sat to one side; her granddaughter Shahera, 10, on the other. The children's mother, Delores Newberry Gandy, was fatally shot Tuesday night while wielding a pitchfork trying to protect her children from suspected gang members who were trying to set fire to her apartment. Their father, Percy Gandy, was shot to death in a Roxbury housing project last summer.

She slumped in an armchair, playing with an infant toy. But Willie Mae Newberry said she's become almost hardened to the violence. She didn't even flinch, she said, when a nurse from the hospital called the other night and said her daughter was dead. She didn't crack when she had to go down to the hospital to identify her body. "It don't make me angry, I have to accept it," said Newberry. "Any mother misses her child but she's gone and she ain't going to come back and I don't let it get next to me. But I don't know what we're going to do about that violence out there."

Thirty-two people have been murdered in Boston this year, up from 21 during the same period last year. On Thursday, city and state officials called for a crackdown on inner city drugs and violence. Newberry gave birth to 10 children but only six are alive. One daughter died of diphtheria at 9 months old when the family lived in Cordele, Ga. Newberry and her husband, James, moved to Boston in 1968 in the hope of finding more work and a better life. Six years later, Newberry discovered her son, James Jr., dead in his apartment. She said she does not know what killed him.

Ted Bigham
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Bridge by James Jacoby

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♥ A 6 4 3
♦ 10 2
♠ K Q 4 3

WEST
♦ 5
♥ J 9 8 7 2
♦ 8 7 6 5
♠ 8 7 2

EAST
♦ 4 3 2
♥ Q 10
♦ A K Q 9
♠ A J 10 9

SOUTH
♦ A 10 9 8 7 6
♥ K 5
♦ J 4 3
♠ 6 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

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|-------|----------|-------|------|
| South | West | North | East |
| 2♦ | Pass | 1♠ | 1NT |
| 4♦ | All pass | 3♠ | Pass |

Opening lead: ♦ 5

the club ace. But something could have been done about it. At the first trick, declarer can mark East with all the important high cards. If spades are 2-2, there is never a problem. But if East has three spades, a different approach may be effective. So declarer plays K-A and ruffs a heart, East discarding the nine of diamonds. Now a club is led to the king. If East takes the ace and plays back a spade, dummy wins and the last heart is ruffed. What can East discard? A diamond honor is no good — declarer will simply set up the diamond jack. And a club discard will allow South to play the queen and ruff a club, setting up the dummy's lowly four-spot. Suppose then that East ducks the first club led to the king. Declarer still ruffs the last heart, and East has the same type of discarding problem. Needless to say, if East hits upon the unusual play of ruffing a heart in front of declarer, South now makes 10 tricks by simply ruffing his third diamond.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1990, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Discard headaches

By James Jacoby


Because his no-trump openings showed 16-18, North bid one club. When East overcalled one no-trump, South should really have doubled. When his spade bid was raised, it was easy to bid game. Making 10 tricks was another matter. The trump lead by West was best. Declarer won and led a diamond. East won and led another trump. There was no time to ruff the third diamond, so South had to lose three diamonds and

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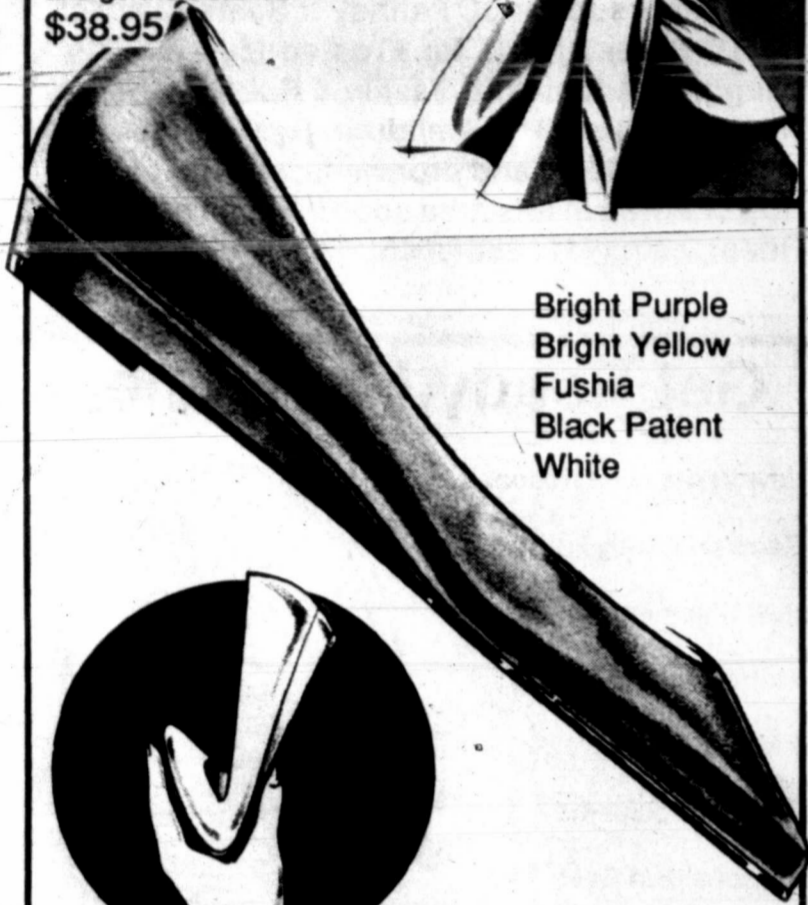
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Glitch fouls up El Paso vote

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Elections officials worked after hours holding a fake election ordered by a state district judge to determine which is more reliable, counting votes by hand or by machine.

The election rerun stems from a computer program that went awry on election day, preventing elections officials from tallying precinct-by-precinct results. Elections results can not be certified, or made official, until a precinct-by-precinct breakdown is given to the secretary of state.

The program is working again, but county judge candidate Alicia

Chacon contested elections officials plans to put the ballots through an electronic counter, saying the extra handling could distort the vote totals and force her into a runoff.

Ms. Chacon narrowly avoided a runoff in her race by 819 votes.

In a hearing Thursday, her attorney argued that recounting the ballots by computer could loosen punch holes in the computer card ballots and change the results.

"Everybody's vote is a treasured possession and should not be discarded or disregarded in any fashion," her attorney, Rudy Hernandez said.

He also said it did not make sense to use a computer system that broke down during elections.

Gayle Garner, first assistant county attorney, countered that the state elections code requires the elections staff to tabulate the results by the same method used the day of elections.

Helen Jamison, elections administrator, said she believes the unofficial results will stand, but she couldn't convince Ms. Chacon's attorneys and was ordered to conduct the fake primary.

Elections officials set up voting booths and punched 1,000 fake ballots Thursday afternoon. After about four hours of the mock voting, they began the

tedious task of hand counting the results.

"This is the first time we get to vote twice legally," Ms. Jamison said.

The workers will compare results of the hand count with results from the machine count. They will send the ballots through the computer twice to see whether the extra handling changed the tallies.

Hernandez said if the differences in tallies between the first and second computer count and the hand count are more than five, they will continue their attempt to force the elections staff to count the real ballots by hand.

Musician is honored by Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin unofficially kicked off its annual South by Southwest Music and Media Conference by naming blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan its musician of the decade.

The four-day conference is expected to draw 2,000 music industry representatives to Austin to listen to more than 400 bands.

Vaughan, who also was chosen as musician of the year, received his awards during Wednesday night's Austin Music Awards. Winners are chosen in an annual reader's poll conducted by the Austin Chronicle magazine.

Others chosen as Austin's best of the '80s were the Fabulous Thunderbirds, voted band of the decade, and Timbuk 3. Their hit single "The Future's So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades" was picked as song of the decade.

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Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

March 17, 1990

There is likely to be noticeable improvements in many areas of your life in the year ahead. It's important for you to start elevating your goals so that you can take advantage of this new cycle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) People who are in positions to make decisions are the ones with whom you should deal today where your career is concerned. You'll accomplish things through them that couldn't be achieved otherwise. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Advantages could develop for you today through your involvements with clubs or cliques. Be a mixer and have a warm smile for everyone you encounter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your best possibilities for material gains today are likely to come from things you manage for others instead of just for yourself. Think in terms of "we," not "me."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In your decision making processes today, put the emphasis on the positive side when you weigh and balance the alternatives. Optimism will put you on the track for achieving desirable results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not accept the status quo today if you feel there is a way you can make some constructive changes to improve a particular situation. Your destiny is in your own hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The aspects indicate conditions could take a turn for the better beginning today where romance is concerned. Be sure you do all you can to give Cupid a hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your best attribute today is your ability to inspire co-workers to be more industrious and productive on assignments that are of mutual concern.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You shouldn't have any trouble getting others to do your bidding today if your approach is jovial, sincere and unselfish. Want for others that which you want for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Focus your energies and efforts on matters that are meaningful to you materially. There is no reason to put things off until tomorrow, because you're a dynamite closer today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your imagination is your key to success today. If you think positive and see yourself as lucky, what you envision should manifest itself in reality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A true friend who has your best interest at heart will be churning up the waters on your behalf behind the scenes today. The spill over should be advantageous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be enterprising and daring, and don't put any restrictions on your hopes today. Even if you fall short of your expectations, you'll still come out better.

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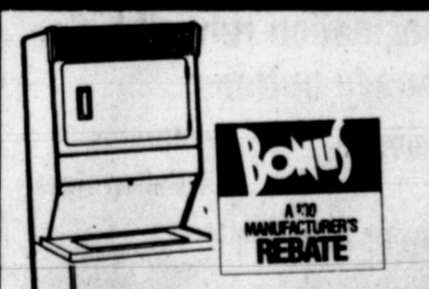


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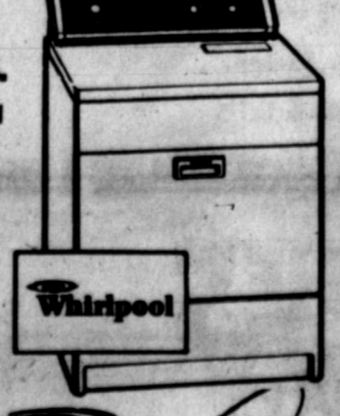


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DEAR DR. GOTT: What is multiple-sclerosis virus? What are the symptoms and treatment?

DEAR READER: Multiple sclerosis is a serious, progressive neurological disease of young adults, marked by weakness, stiffness, clumsiness, tingling and numbness, double vision, lightheadedness, nausea, incontinence and impotence. The symptoms typically occur in a cycle of attacks and remissions.

However, weakness eventually becomes permanent and inexorable, leading to a profound degree of handicap. Patients may need total nursing care. When the respiratory muscles are affected, breathing must be mechanically maintained. At present, there is no treatment for MS; symptoms are treated as they arise.

In the past few years, there has been considerable interest in whether a type of virus might cause MS. In animals, viral diseases resembling MS have been identified. The most exten-

sively studied animal viruses are the murine encephalomyelitis virus, visna provirus and the Johns Hopkins

strain of hepatitis virus. However, to date, no virus has been identified as a cause of human MS.

At present, MS is a baffling tragedy for its victims and an enormous challenge for the medical profession. Nonetheless, experts are continuing to study this disorder, and new reports indicate that hope may lie in future methods to stimulate the body's immune response by artificially activating antibody-producing cells.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Multiple Sclerosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain why I constantly get cracks on the sides of my thumbs and fingers. Is there a way to prevent this?

DEAR READER: When the skin of the fingers dries out, as is apt to happen in winter, painful cracks can appear. These cracks can be quite deep and difficult to treat. The problem is worsened by hand-washing, which further removes natural skin oils.

I suggest you use a hand cream. There are several effective brands that, when used regularly, will replenish the oils in your skin and prevent cracking. Choose a cream with lanolin; this natural lubricant seems superior to synthetic moisturizers.

Or, I am told, many men and women swear by an old country remedy called Bag Balm. By applying the product liberally and leaving it on for several hours (for example at bedtime) and covering the hands with gloves (fabric, not plastic) to protect bed linens, major improvement may occur. The product is available in most agricultural-supply stores, such as Agway.

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Rural development bill is sidetracked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reluctance by the House to change the distribution system for federal rural development money has temporarily sidetracked a bill designed to give new life to decaying villages and towns.

Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza said an amendment approved Thursday by the House killed "the heart of the bill as it exists now."

But he said, "We can regroup." "The debate was inaccurate in many instances," de la Garza said. "The inaccuracies have to be corrected."

He said the members of the House are "still committed to rural development." He said the bill's supporters would take some time to educate colleagues before seeking a final vote.

The House Agriculture subcommittee on rural development, led by chairman Glenn English, D-Okla., and ranking Republican Tom Coleman of Missouri, spent nearly two years working on the legislation.

Hearings were held throughout the country and in Washington to determine the needs of residents of areas where consolidation of farms has caused small businesses to suffer and population to decline.

However, the big problem lawmakers faced was a lack of money to infuse into these dying communities.

Their answer was to pool three existing funds: water and sewer, which contains about \$500 million to \$600 million this year; business and industry development; about \$100 million; and community facilities, about \$100 million.

The states could decide their own needs, spending all of their allocation from the three funds on one area if necessary.

But Rep. Charles Rose, D-N.C., contended the provision gave too much power to the agriculture secretary and offered an amendment that froze the three funds, prohibiting pooling.

Under the original legislation, state review panels would set

priorities on projects, but the Agriculture Department would have the final say on use of the money.

Rose said that if his amendment were not adopted, the agriculture secretary would have "unprecedented, uncontrollable authority to transfer money without input from Congress."

Rep. Jamie Whitten, D-Miss., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and well known for his power over agriculture programs, did not

speak during the floor debate but said earlier that pooling was "a serious step backward" that his panel would "write provisions to avoid" if necessary.

Rep. Robin Tallon, D-S.C., said the bill's provision constituted a "modified block grant proposal. This scares me because traditionally block grants have died a slow, withering death."

After an hour of debate, the House approved Rose's amendment, 204-193.

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Clements names board member

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements has appointed Noe Fernandez of McAllen to the Texas Water Development Board.

Fernandez is replacing Stuart Coleman of Brownwood, whose term has expired. The new appointment will end Dec. 31, 1995.

Fernandez, 43, is president and owner of Dos Rios Textiles Corp., a dry goods wholesale company.

Clements announced the appointment Thursday.

Cancels show

STATELINE, Nev. (AP) — Sammy Davis Jr., who's recuperating from recurring throat cancer, canceled an engagement at a Lake Tahoe casino, a spokeswoman said.

Davis was scheduled to appear at Harrah's Tahoe April 4-8, but withdrew because of illness, the casino said Thursday.

The entertainer was released from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles on Tuesday, and his publicist, Susan Reynolds, said he went to his home there to recover.

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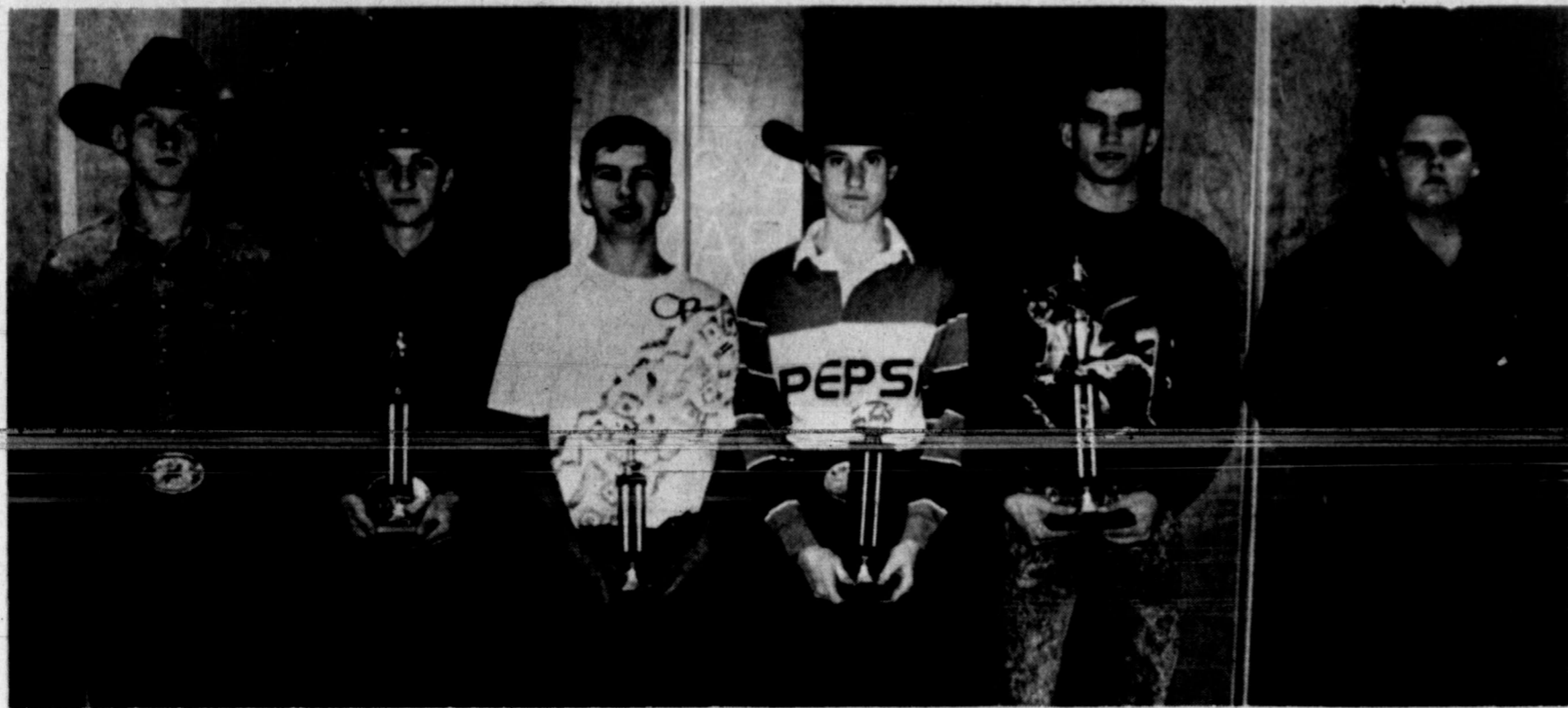
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IRA FFA WINS—Ira FFA opened its judging season at the Western Texas College Judging Contest held last week. Ira had the top two high individuals and placed two teams in the top 5. Results are as follows: Rodney White, first high individual, fifth high individual in cattle and fourth high individual in swine. Kory Clark, second high

individual in contest and fifth high individual in swine. Ira also had the third high team in swine as well as Team No. 1, third high team overall and Team No. 2, fifth high team overall. Those pictured are from left, David Holmes, Rodney White, Kory Clark, John Stewart, Jason Withers and Michael Lathem. (SDN Staff Photo)



STANFIELD AWARDS—Scurry County Masonic Lodge No. 706 presented awards to three Stanfield sixth graders last week. From left, in front, are Aaron McGuire, citizenship; Ana Hernandez,

citizenship; and Brooke Cozart, academic. Masons pictured in back are from left, Jack Gorman, Rick Hall, Ricky Daniell, Johnny Noble and Andy Deen. (SDN Staff Photo)

Man surrenders

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — An Amarillo man who exchanged gunfire with police here was hospitalized Friday after holding police at bay for about two hours, then demanding something to eat before he surrendered.

Police said the man, identified as Antonio Martin Tenorio, 20, underwent surgery for a bullet wound to the armpit Thursday. He surrendered Wednesday night.

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Letter sent to drug czar by chairman

AUSTIN (AP) — The chairman of the Texas Criminal Justice System has asked drug czar William Bennett if Texas will get any of 6,000 federal prison beds that may be built in the Southwest.

"We have 40 percent of the high intensity drug trafficking of the entire nation," Charles Terrell of Dallas said in a letter. "We understand there is a commitment for 6,000 beds in the Southwest border areas. When and where are they to be built?"

The letter is dated Tuesday, one day before Bennett addressed a joint session of the Legislature. It includes a summary of the state's efforts to control drugs and suggestions for the national program.

4 men indicted by jury

DALLAS (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted four men — the presidents and vice presidents of an American and a Canadian bus company — in connection with an alleged \$52,000 bribe designed to win a contract for buses.

A fifth man pleaded guilty to a one count information charging him with conspiracy to violate the federal Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

The Canadians — Donald Castle and Darrell Lowry — were president and vice president, respectively, of Saskatchewan Transportation Co., a government corporation for the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada.

The Americans — John Blondek and Vernon Tull — were president and vice president, respectively, of Eagle Bus Manufacturing Inc., of Brownsville. Eagle is a subsidiary of Dallas-based Greyhound Lines Inc.

George V. Morton, a Canadian national, who represented Eagle in connection with the sale of buses to Saskatchewan Transportation Co., pleaded guilty Thursday to the one count information.

Tull, Castle and Lowry were arrested in Dallas Feb. 14 and released on bail. An arrest warrant was issued for Blondek on Thursday.

The indictment alleges that in order to win a \$2.7 million contract, in U.S. currency, for 11 buses, that Blondek and Tull paid Castle and Lowry \$52,000 in Canadian currency.

The payment allegedly was concealed through a letter to the Canadian importer of the buses falsely stating that a "volume discount" was to be credited to the Saskatchewan Transportation Co.

It is unlawful under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 to make payments to foreign government officials to obtain or retain business.

If convicted, each man faces up to five years in prison a maximum fine of \$250,000.

The men face arraignment before U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders. An arraignment date has not been set.

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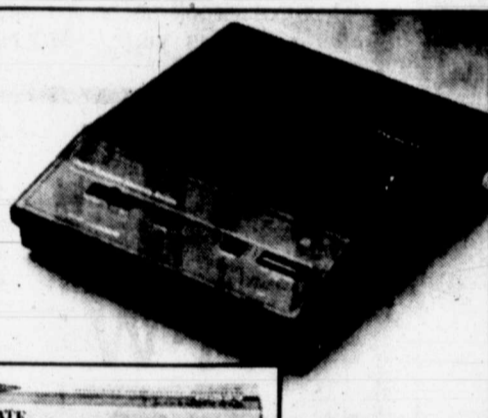
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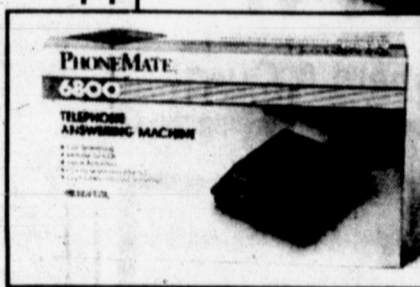
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day in the NCAA tournament: some upsets, some near misses, some overtime, a bunch of big plays and a little bit of Princeton.

The top four seeds — No. 1 Oklahoma, No. 2 UNLV, No. 3 Connecticut and No. 4 Michigan State — all survived, barely. Murray State and Towson State each lost, barely.

Princeton, meanwhile, put on another basketball clinic. Last year, the slowed-down Tigers lost to No. 2 Georgetown 50-49 in the first round. This time, using their own brand of bounce passes,

give-and-gos, shot-clock strategy and patience, the Tigers again threatened before losing to seventh-ranked Arkansas 68-64 in the Midwest Regional.

"We showed a lot of guts," Princeton coach Pete Carril said. "We almost pulled it off."

Quite a change for fast-paced Arkansas, which sprinted past Loyola Marymount 120-101 in the first round last year.

"I'm more tired than I was when we beat Loyola Marymount," Arkansas' Lee Mayberry said. "All we did was chase, chase, chase."

Towson State, though, tried to run with Oklahoma. It almost worked.

The unheralded Tigers nearly became the first 16th-seeded team to beat a No. 1 since the NCAA field expanded to 64 teams in 1985. Oklahoma led by 12 points at halftime, but Towson State got within two points in the final seven minutes.

"We were outmanned, out-coached... The only thing we did was outscore 'em," Oklahoma coach Billy Tubbs said. "The first game is scary. There's no electricity. It's just yuk, and that's kind of how we played."

Murray State played even with Michigan State for 40 minutes, tying the game on a 3-point shot as time expired. So the game went to overtime, and that's where the top-seeded Spartans prevailed.

"Our guys took us on a magic carpet ride this year," Murray

State coach Steve Newton said.

Ball State and Dayton, though, got what they wanted — upsets. Ball State beat Oregon State 54-53 on a stunning three-point play at the buzzer and Dayton surprised No. 18 Illinois 88-86.

The day began when Clemson beat Brigham Young 49-47 as BYU missed a well-designed but poorly executed last-second play. The night ended when Ohio State rallied from a dozen points down in the final seven minutes, tied the game on a 3-pointer in the closing seconds and beat Providence 84-83 in overtime.

"When we were down by 12, I told our guys we had to gut it out," Ohio State coach Randy Ayers said. "If we were going to go out, I said let's go out fighting."

In between, North Carolina downed Southwest Missouri State in the Midwest and UNLV routed Arkansas-Little Rock 102-72 and Louisville romped past Idaho 78-59 in the West.

In the East, La Salle defeated Southern Mississippi 79-63, Connecticut pulled past Boston University 76-52 and California stopped Indiana 65-63.

In the Southeast at Knoxville, Tenn., LSU defeated Villanova 70-63, Georgia Tech beat East Tennessee State 99-83 and UC Santa Barbara bounced Houston 70-66.

Midwest

Arkansas 68, Princeton 64. Princeton's patience almost paid off, but Arkansas was too much in the end, especially at the foul line.

In a game of streaks, Princeton led 20-9 before the Razorbacks later rallied with a 20-1 spurt. The Tigers came back, taking a 56-55 lead with 6:19 left.

Arkansas again rallied and Lenzie Howell and Arlyn Bowers each made two foul shots in the final 47 seconds. The Razorbacks (27-4) advanced to meet Dayton in the second round.

Kit Mueller scored 19 for Princeton (20-7). Matt Lapin, the nation's leading 3-point shooter at 55 percent, was just 1-for-5 from long range and scored only seven points before fouling out with 1:56 left.

Dayton 88, Illinois 86. Anthony Corbitt scored 23 points and made two free throws with nine seconds left, clinching Dayton's victory over No. 18 Illinois.

The Flyers (22-9), winners of the Midwest Collegiate Conference tournament, led by 11 points through the second half. The Illini (21-8) rallied, but missed a desperation shot at the buzzer.

Oklahoma 77, Towson State 68. For the second straight year, top-ranked Oklahoma got a scare

in the opening round. The Sooners (27-4) led by 12 at halftime but Towson State (18-13) rallied within 60-58 with 6:45 left.

Jackie Jones scored 19 points for Oklahoma, which advanced to play North Carolina. Last year, the Sooners overcame a 17-point deficit to beat East Tennessee State in the first round.

Kurk Lee, the East Coast Conference player of the year, scored 30 points for Towson State, making its first NCAA appearance.

North Carolina 83, Southwestern Missouri State 70. Scott Williams scored 18 points and Rick Fox had 17 as North Carolina (20-12) reached the 20-victory mark for the 20th straight season.

The Tar Heels, who lost in the first round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, led 41-40 at halftime. Jeff Ford scored 25 for Southwest Missouri State (22-7).

Southeast

Michigan State 75, Murray State 71. Michigan State, stung by Murray State's tying 3-pointer at the buzzer in regulation, survived in overtime on Kirk Mann's reverse layup with 43 seconds left.

The No. 4 Spartans (27-6) got 22 points from Steve Smith. They will face UC Santa Barbara in the second round.

Popeye Jones led the Racers (21-9) with 37 points.

UC Santa Barbara 70, Houston 66.

Eric McArthur, playing with four fouls down the stretch, got 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Gauchos (21-9) advanced to the second round against Michigan State.

Paul Johnson's two free throws with two seconds remaining ended the hopes for Houston (25-7).

LSU 70, Villanova 63. LSU built a 25-8 lead and never trailed. Chris Jackson and Maurice Williamson each scored 16 points for the No. 19 Tigers (23-8). LSU will meet Georgia Tech in the second round.

Chris Jackson had 20 for Villanova (18-15).

West

Ball State 54, Oregon State 53. Paris McCurdy produced the play of the day, making a layup and foul shot with no time remaining as Ball State upset No. 22 Oregon State.

Ball State (25-6) will play Louisville in an all-Cardinals second-round meeting. Oregon State (22-8) got just 11 points from All-American Gary Payton, who fouled out with 2:18 left.

Louisville 78, Idaho 59. Jerome Harmon and Felton Spencer sparked a 26-2 run late in the first half as No. 16 Louisville routed Idaho.

Everick Sullivan scored 18 points for Louisville (27-7). Riley Smith led the Vandals (25-6) with 28 points.

UNLV 102,

Arkansas-Little Rock 72. Stacey Augmon scored 16 points and seven UNLV players reached double figures as the Runnin' Rebels advanced to meet Ohio State.

UNLV (30-5), the top seed in the West, broke the game open with a 15-0 run late in the first half for a 22-point lead. Little Rock ended the season 20-10.

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NCAA glance

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All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
At The Hartford Civic Center
Hartford, Conn.
Thursday, March 15
Clemson 49, Brigham Young 47
La Salle 79, Southern Mississippi 63
Connecticut 76, Boston University 52
California 65, Indiana 63
At The Omni
Atlanta
Friday, March 16
Duke (24-8) vs. Richmond (22-9), noon
St. John's (23-9) vs. Temple (20-10), 2:30 p.m.
UCLA (20-10) vs. Alabama-Birmingham (22-8), 7 p.m.
Kansas (29-4) vs. Robert Morris (22-7), 9:30 p.m.
Second Round
At The Hartford Civic Center
Hartford, Conn.
Saturday, March 17
Connecticut (29-5) vs. California (22-9), 12:17 p.m.
Clemson (25-8) vs. La Salle (30-1), 30 minutes after comp. of first game
At The Omni
Atlanta
Sunday, March 18
St. John's-Temple winner vs. Duke-Richmond winner, 12:15 p.m.
UCLA-UAB winner vs. Kansas-Robert Morris winner, 30 minutes after comp. of first game

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
First Round
At U. of Tennessee Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Thursday, March 15
UC Santa Barbara 70, Houston 66
Michigan State 75, Murray State 71, OT
Louisiana State 70, Villanova 63
Georgia Tech 99, East Tennessee State 83
At Richmond Coliseum
Richmond, Va.
Friday, March 16
Missouri (26-5) vs. Northern Iowa (22-8), noon
Minnesota (20-8) vs. Texas-El Paso (21-10), 2:30 p.m.
Syracuse (24-6) vs. Coppin State (26-6), 7 p.m.
Virginia (19-11) vs. Notre Dame (16-12), 9:30 p.m.
Second Round
At U. of Tennessee Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
At The Special Events Center
Salt Lake City
Thursday, March 15
Ball State 54, Oregon State 53
Louisville 78, Idaho 59
Nevada-Las Vegas 102, Arkansas-Little Rock 72
Ohio State 84, Providence 83, OT
At Long Beach Arena
Long Beach, Calif.
Friday, March 16
Arizona (24-6) vs. South Florida (20-10), 2:30 p.m.
Alabama (24-8) vs. Colorado State (21-8), 5 p.m.
Michigan (22-7) vs. Illinois State (18-12), 9 p.m.
New Mexico State (26-4) vs. Loyola Marymount (23-5), 11:30 p.m.
Second Round
At The Special Events Center
Salt Lake City
Saturday, March 17
Nevada-Las Vegas (30-5) vs. Ohio St. (17-12), 2:25 p.m.
Ball State (25-6) vs. Louisville (27-7), 30 minutes after comp. of first game
At Long Beach Arena
Sunday, March 18
New Mexico St.-Loyola winner vs. Michigan-Illinois St. winner, 4:35 p.m.
Alabama-Colorado St. winner vs. Arizona-South Florida winner, 30 minutes after comp. of first game

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DEAR ABBY: So "Indigestion in Anaheim" has had it with all those "cute" little toddlers in restaurants whose yelling and screaming make it impossible for other diners to carry on a conversation? Well, I have a message for her: Parents of toddlers like to eat out occasionally, too. It's nice when you can take the family out to eat and have someone else clean up the mess (and, toddlers do make a mess).
Don't criticize toddlers for whining and crying — that's what children that age do. You were no different when you were a toddler. (Ask your mother.) Adults can be loud and irritating, too, so please don't pick on toddlers.

take them out to eat once a week. They are not always angels, but whose kids are? We are tired of the long sighs and dirty looks we get from other diners if one of our kids acts up.
We purposely avoid the "family" restaurants because they're full of kids, and it just doesn't work out. Where we come from, sitters charge by the child, which is too expensive. So when you see families with small children eating out, give us a break and don't treat us like we have some kind of contagious disease.

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN

DEAR ABBY: You may have noticed that the parents of children who misbehave in restaurants are

the fastest eaters in the world. My wife and I enjoy eating out but we can't always find sitters; therefore, we have to take our children with us and hope they behave.

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- (1) The party at the next table does not want to say "hi" 20 times to your toddler.
- (2) If a baby needs a shopping bag of toys to keep him busy, he is too young to be eating out.
- (3) If your child acts up, don't wait until he starts screaming at the top of his lungs. Take him outside immediately. Your waitress will be happy to pack up your leftovers and get you out of the place.

You say the reason you take your child to restaurants is to teach him how to conduct himself in a public place. Fine. There is something else your child needs to learn at an early age — respect for other people.

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