



Coming and going

Two runners in the second annual Texas A&M Marathon, held last Saturday, head for the finish line as they cross the pedestrian bridge over Wellborn Road. As they come in, another participant starts the last quarter of the 26-mile race. Over 1,000 runners entered the marathon and traversed all or part of the course which wound through the campus and out to the Swine Center.

Battalion photo by Larry Chandler

Boy serving life

TV nets sued

MIAMI — Claiming television programmed their son to kill, the parents of a teen-ager convicted of murder have sued the three major television networks for damages totaling \$25 million.

The suit filed Monday in federal court said that 15-year-old Ronny Zamora had "from the age of five years . . . been involuntarily addicted to and has been completely subliminally intoxicated by the prolonged intense viewing of television programs distributed and televised by all three defendants . . ."

Miami attorney Ellis Rubin, who had defended Zamora, filed the suit in behalf of Frank and Yolanda Zamora, Ronny's parents.

The suit asks for \$5 million in compensatory damages and \$10 million in punitive damages for Ronny, and for each of his parents, \$2 million in compensatory damages and \$3 million punitive damages.

Zamora, serving a life sentence since his Oct. 6 conviction, was found guilty by a Dade County circuit court jury of fatally shooting Elinor Haggart, his 82-year-old next door neighbor, when she surprised him and a companion during a robbery.

Rubin has argued that Zamora was insane at the time because had become addicted to television violence and had been acting out the robbery as if it was a television show.

The suit said that in 10 years Zamora "witnessed from 40,000 to 50,000 violent destructions of fellow humans on programs televised by

defendants . . . The defendants showed the impressionable teenager . . . how to kill."

Rubin promised to show "that the defendants negligently and recklessly, wantonly, willful and intentionally polluted and corrupted Ronny Zamora's mind and incited the lawless conduct . . ."

A second defendant in the slaying of Haggart pleaded guilty last month to second-degree murder. He is awaiting sentence.

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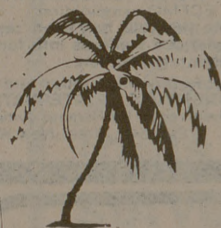
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It was a dramatic end Sunday for the ice classic, an annual fund-raiser that has attracted thousands of folks who purchased tickets betting on the day, hour and second the ice will go out on this interior Alaska river.

"We had nine winning tickets this year," Jack Coghill, chairman of the ice classic board, said. "And it was a good breakup. The whole mass of ice just started moving down the river at once at 3:18 p.m."

Holders of the winning tickets shared a \$117,000 pot. Some 58,500 tickets were sold.

It was actually 4:18 Alaska time when the ice broke, and one winner

who watched it all happen, didn't know he'd won. "I forgot they did it on standard time," said Sam Demientieff of Fairbanks.

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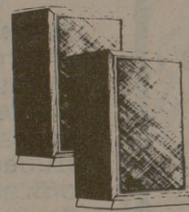
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