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June 5, 2002

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Inside today...

A special tribute to the Region I, Class 2A champion Coahoma Bulldogettes

Vendors needed during Air Fair

The arts and crafts show and sale scheduled during the Air Fair fundraiser at the Hangar 25 Air Museum on June 15 has room for additional vendors.

Ken and Sue Slattery, chairpersons for the show and sale, are requesting handmade items only.

Hours will be from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m.

For more information on obtaining a booth and participating as an arts and crafts vendor call 264-6035.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

↳ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- ↳ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060, Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.
- ↳ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- ↳ Walk About Town with Tammy Burrow of the Heritage Museum, 10 a.m. museum tour, followed by a tour of the Potton House, lunch and walk about Old Town Big Spring, RSVP by calling 264-6035.
- ↳ Coffee Club, 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- ↳ Kiwanis Club, noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- ↳ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library.
- ↳ Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

↳ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

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Sexual assault trial

Juvenile testifies she was forced into vehicle

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Forcible rape or consensual sex?

That's the question being argued in the trial of 20-year-old Josue Johnathan Pena of Big Spring. Pena's trial started Tuesday in Judge Robert Moore III's 118th District Court.

Pena is charged with abducting a 16-year-old girl from Big Spring High School on Dec. 6 and raping

her in his car.

The juvenile, a transfer student from Lamesa High School, had been attending Big Spring High School only three days.

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said the evidence and testimony presented Tuesday went a long way towards proving the state's case.

"We established that there was in fact bodily fluid from the defendant found with

the victim," Wilkerson said. "The victim testified to the events that transpired on Dec. 6, and the follow-up of what happened after that assault as far as the medical examination, and those witnesses testified as well."

Witnesses testifying Tuesday included the alleged victim as well as Big Spring Police Detective Milton Horton, lead investigator on the case; Detective Jim Rider, who also worked

on the case; Lynn Glascock, a nurse that examined the girl after the incident; Big Spring police crime scene technician Bob Moore; Kathy McCord, a Lubbock criminologist; the victim's sister-in-law, who dropped her off at Big Spring High School the day of the incident; the victim's brother, who notified the police of the rape; and Officer Chris Mahurin of the Big Spring PD, who was

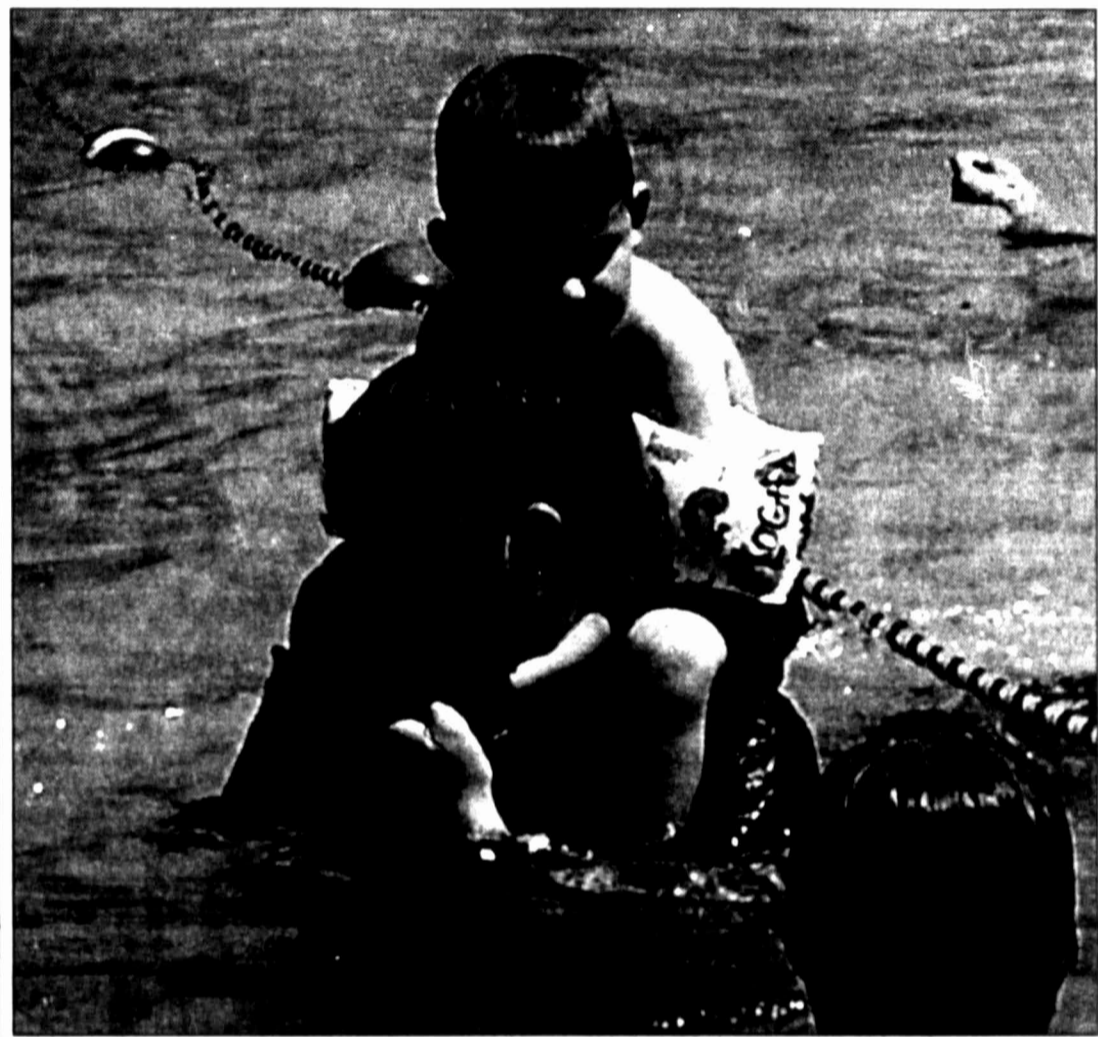
the first officer to speak with the victim after the incident.

The girl was often emotional as she testified, telling Wilkerson that Pena pulled up near her in the rear high school parking lot before exiting his car, exposing his genitals to her, and forcing her into the vehicle.

She testified that she did-

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STAYING COOL IN THE POOL



Three-year-old Noble Logan enjoys the sun and water as he sits perched on the shoulders of his uncle, Joseph Noble, at the municipal pool in Comanche Trail Park.

Texas Country Cleanup is opportunity to get rid of batteries, containers

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, even lawn mowers and pumps. They run fine with a little upkeep, a power source and some lubricant. But what do you do with the empty containers and dead batteries?



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Here's the answer: Take them to the Howard County Fair Grounds between 8 a.m. and noon on Thursday. Under a program sponsored by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) called Texas Country Cleanup, the batteries and containers will be hauled off and recycled.

"They are looking for pesticides and herbicide containers, motor oil, battery acid, lead, anything that

can be harmful to the environment," said David Kight, Howard County Extension agent. "Containers need to be triple rinsed before they are brought to the fair grounds. Any type of oil will be accepted in any container that does not leak."

Most items will be accepted.

"Tires will not be accepted. But most other items you can think of will be," said Kight.

Those taking advantage of the program will need to come to the west gate entrance of the fair grounds. Other gates will not be open.

Kight said that the cleanup effort doesn't come around often, nor usually is it near Big Spring.

"They don't select very many communities around the state to do this. The NRCS only selects a handful of sites across the state," said Kight. "We are fortunate."

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State park plans annual star gazing party June 15

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Texans already know that the stars at night are bigger and brighter here than anywhere else.

June 15, a major astronomy event from Big Spring, Midland and San Angelo will gather atop Scenic Mountain to point out the wonders of the universe to anyone who cares to look up.

"We have amateur astronomy clubs from both



ALTON

Midland and San Angelo coming." Big Spring State Park Ranger Ron Alton said, adding that, weather permitting, the telescopes being brought by the astronomers, some with 15-inch lenses, should provide quite a show.

"It's such a hobby for these astronomers. They really like passing this information on to both the young and old with questions. That's the thing that they like to do is answer questions."

Information provided by Alton says that the night sky June 15 will feature a slim crescent moon allowing good contrast, highlight-

ing the shadows of craters and mountains. Venus and Jupiter, as well as the four largest moons of the latter planet, should be visible.

A blue and gold double star called Alberio should be visible, as should the Ring Nebula and the constellations Cygnus, the Swan, Scorpius, the Scorpion, Hercules and the Big Dipper. "Globular clusters" and spiral galaxies will round out the features visible in the sky that night.

Alton said that Gene and Connie Hardy, directors of the Blakemore Planetarium in Midland, plan to bring their portable planetarium to present a program prior

to the stargazing party at 9 p.m.

The sky won't be dark enough to see many of the deep space objects until around 10 p.m.

Before the stargazing gets underway, Alton will lead anyone interested in a mile-long nature walk along the trails of Scenic Mountain.

"It does have some steepness to it, so it could be limiting to those who are not able to do it, but it won't be too tough since it's only a mile," he said. "We point out some of the plants that are used for medicine and things. Three ecological regions meet here in Howard County, the south-

ern high plains, the Edwards Plateau and the Rolling Plains, so you have a good variety of plants to look at on that trail. It's one of the better spots in the county."

Also on the nature walk, Alton will point out some century-old carvings left by early pioneers.

"We have some dating back to 1896," he said. "We even know the family that left them. They emigrated from Germany to Stanton. 'Scholz' is the last name. That one does have a date of 1896 on it."

Those interested in partic-

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Texas A&M Club looking for scholarship recipients, items to be used in auction

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Howard County Aggies are gearing up to give out money and make some more all with the intent to help local students achieve a Texas A&M degree.

"We anticipate giving out up to \$7,000 in scholarships to nine eligible recipients this year," said Neil Tindol, a member of the Howard County A&M Club.

Eligible applicants are students who have been accepted to Texas A&M for the 2002-2003 school year and are residents of Howard County.

Anyone interested in applying can contact Tindol at the Sierra Animal Clinic

at 263-1198 and make arrangements to pick up an application. The deadline for submitting the application is June 25.

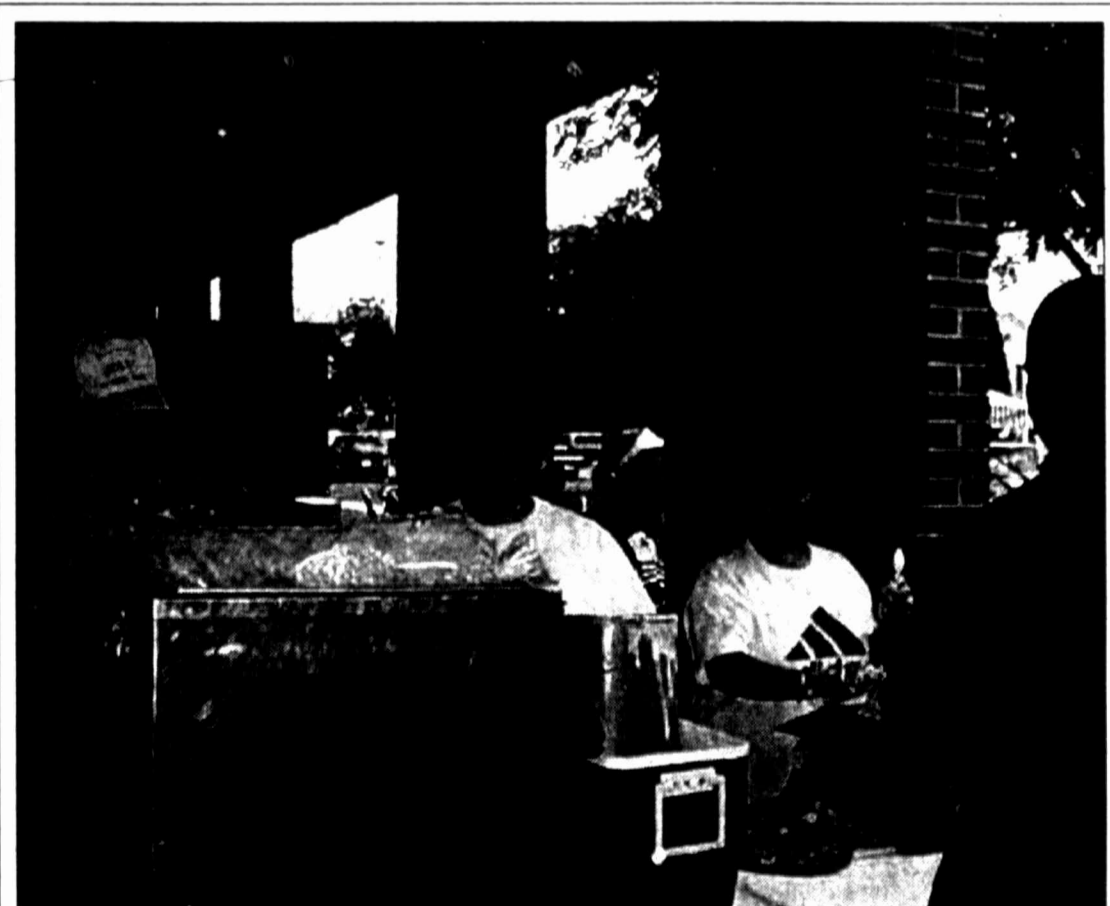
According to Jeanne Niklasch, a member of the Howard County A&M Club, the club may be awarding the largest amount of scholarship money in the last few years.

"We are really excited about this and are looking forward to this year's auction to see what we will be able to award for the next fall semester (2003)," she said.

Last year's scholarship auction by the club raised approximately \$32,000. Much of the money was used to endow a second scholarship at the university.

"It takes \$25,000 to endow a scholarship but once it is endowed it will be there for-

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Big Spring State Hospital volunteers Eva Gomez, Cyneather Woodruff and Elmira Froman dish out Coke floats to patients during patient Summer Fun Day. More than 200 volunteers work year-round to raise money for activities such as Fun Day. Volunteers handed out caps, visors, sunglasses and T-shirts with a patient-designed logo to all of the patients. State hospital employees participated by hosting a picnic.

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Panel on terrorist attacks overwhelmed by information

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with tens of thousands of documents and more coming in every day, leaders of a congressional inquiry into the Sept. 11 attacks say they are dealing with much more information than they anticipated. They said they didn't want that to delay their inquiry. "We're going to get to the bottom of what happened on Sept. 11, but what we're dealing with right now is still the threat of future terrorist acts," Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., chairman of the Senate intelligence

committee said Wednesday on NBC's "Today." Graham proposed on "The Early Show" on CBS that "we should consider a new system in which we would have one group of people who would be analyzing the information from all the possible sources." "We can do this (inquiry) while the war on terrorism is going on because if we don't, we think the mistakes of the past will be revisited," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., a strong CIA critic and vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence

Committee. Shelby spoke Tuesday after the House and Senate intelligence committees began an extraordinary joint inquiry into the intelligence lapses that preceded Sept. 11 and how future terrorist attacks can be prevented. "I think we're going to find that a lot of things were not done right by the CIA, the FBI, INS" and perhaps other agencies, Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said. "Some of this is pretty serious" and "it will suggest ways we need to change."

Kyl said the joint committee already has interviewed Minnesota FBI agent Coleen Rowley, who says FBI headquarters ignored her office's pleas in the weeks before Sept. 11 to aggressively investigate Zacarias Moussaoui, now charged as an accomplice in the suicide hijackings that killed more than 3,000 people. Rowley is to testify publicly on Thursday before the Senate Judiciary Committee. No witnesses appeared at Tuesday's closed-door hearing in a tightly guarded

room of the Capitol, where lawmakers agreed on a series of goals and how they would conduct the investigation. At a news conference afterward, leaders of the intelligence panels stressed bipartisan cooperation and promised to look for facts, not scapegoats. Graham said there were three basic goals: "One, to lay out for the American people what happened prior to and on Sept. 11. Two, what does it mean? And three, then advocate to the American people and our

colleagues the necessary reforms." The House intelligence chairman, Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., said the joint committee's staff was sifting through millions of words from documents and had interviewed about 200 witnesses. The good news, Goss said, "is we're getting great cooperation, great access. The bad news is there's lots more information to deal with than we thought when we started." "But we'll get through that."

Bush administration wants to fingerprint, photograph thousands more foreign visitors

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration wants to photograph, fingerprint and get detailed information from thousands more foreign visitors to the United States, according to law enforcement officials. Officials who described the plan Tuesday on condition of not being identified by name said the Justice Department would expand the reach of an already existing law to keep better track of tourists, business travelers, students and temporary workers considered possible security threats. Justice Department officials declined to comment on the plan, details of which are expected to be announced this week. Attorney General John Ashcroft

would not respond to a reporter's questions about the plan as he made his way to a meeting with House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. Sensenbrenner has been a leading critic of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, an agency within the Justice Department that since Sept. 11 has acknowledged gaps in tracking foreigners in the country. Sensenbrenner's aides declined to comment on whether the proposal was discussed during the meeting with Ashcroft. Ashcroft has undertaken a number of initiatives since the Sept. 11 attacks to better track foreign visitors. Foreigners seeking to live in the

United States are photographed and fingerprinted and must provide detailed background information to the government. But the same is not required of most visitors. Ashcroft is seeking to expand a 1998 rule that requires visitors from Libya, Iraq, Sudan and Iran to register with the government and be fingerprinted and photographed. The rule could be applied to people from as many as 35 countries under the proposal, a law enforcement source said, speaking on condition of anonymity. However, people from any country could be required to register if something in their background brings them to the attention of U.S. officials, the official said.

Study finds students keep school computers running

WASHINGTON (AP) — Students might be able to teach their teachers a thing or two about technology. When it comes to keeping computers running, many school districts rely on students, according to a study by the National School Boards Foundation. The group said the survey it commissioned of 90 of the nation's largest school districts also showed that teachers often aren't well trained to use technology in the classroom. "With increasing pressures to improve student achievement and bridge the digital divide, school leaders need to better integrate technology into the curriculum as a major learning tool," Robin Thurman, director of the NSBF, said in remarks prepared for Tuesday's release of the survey. Most Internet instruction is done in subject areas such as history, social studies and science, according to the survey. Eighty percent of school leaders say the primary instructional use of the Internet is for research that helps teachers shape lesson plans. The foundation said new teachers are "unevenly prepared for using technology as a tool for teaching and learning." Students seem to be putting their computer expertise to good use at their schools, which may not have the resources for technical support, the group said. Some tutors, others run help desks, and still others have earned network and software certifications.

Storms lash West Texas with damaging winds

STAMFORD (AP) — Severe storms overnight unleashed heavy rain, hail and high winds in West Texas, including at least one tornado, officials said. Spotters reported a tornado Wednesday night about 40 miles north of Abilene near the West Texas town of Stamford. No injuries were reported, but witnesses reported trees uprooted and dead birds littering the ground. Reports of as much as four inches of rain came from scattered areas of the Stamford area. About 4.5 inches of rain briefly closed

Interstate 27 in Abernathy, 17 miles north of Lubbock. There were other scattered reports of flash flooding on South Plains roads, but no injuries were reported. Storms lashed the Lubbock area with winds gusting to 80 mph, knocking out electric power to scattered areas of the South Plains. A powerful gust lifted a travel trailer from the airfield tarmac at Reese Technology Center and tossed it at least 50 feet, damaging two cars parked at the Lubbock Police Academy, the Lubbock

Avalanche-Journal reported in its Wednesday editions. Hail the size of golf balls was reported across the South Plains. Hail shattered windows in houses throughout the town of Matador, about 65 miles northeast of Lubbock. Matador landfill operator Lupe Reyes told the Avalanche-Journal. Winds estimated at near 70 mph downed power lines and toppled a tractor-trailer rig on Interstate 40 Tuesday near Bushland, 13 miles west of Amarillo, the Amarillo Globe-News reported in its Wednesday editions. No injuries were

reported. Strong winds also downed trees around Montague, about 50 miles southwest of Wichita Falls.

McDonald's apologizes for mislabeling french fries

CHICAGO (AP) — McDonald's Corp. has agreed to donate \$10 million to Hindu and other groups to settle lawsuits filed against the chain for mislabeling french fries and hash browns as vegetarian. McDonald's also posted an apology on its Web site, acknowledging that mistakes were made in communicating to customers about the ingredients in the fries and hash browns. The vegetable oil used to prepare the fries and hash browns was not pure, but contained essence of beef for flavoring purposes. "We sincerely apologize for any hardship that these miscommunications have caused among Hindus, vegetarians and others," the company said in an apology posted on the Web site. Seattle attorney Harish Bharti said Tuesday that a judge gave his tentative approval of the deal last month. McDonald's spokeswoman Anna Rozenich said the money the company will be paying out will go to organizations that deal with issues linked to concerns raised by the consumers. McDonald's was first sued over the fries in Seattle last year by three vegetarians, including two Hindus, who don't eat meat for religious reasons. Lawsuits were subsequently filed in Illinois, California, New Jersey and Texas. The lawsuits were filed on behalf of any vegetarian who ate McDonald's fries after 1990. That was the year the company announced its restaurants would no longer use beef fat to cook fries and that only pure vegetable oil would be used.

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Two books on Sept. 11 terror attacks among new offerings at county library

On May 30, a ceremony was held at Ground Zero as the last steel beam was removed. The library has received two books that speak of the horrors that befell the United States on that day. The first is "September 11: A Testimony" a collection of photographs with a brief descriptive paragraph. As I look at those photos, a chill overtakes my heart. The second book is "September 11, 2001: A Collection of Newspaper Front Pages." The Poynter Institute gathered newspapers from across the United States and foreign countries and compiled them into a very interesting collection.



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Do you like Italian food with a new twist? The Library has received Lidia Bastianich's new cookbook "Lidia's Italian-American Kitchen." In it she focuses the cooking that first confronted her on her arrival in America. Recipes are adapted to American tastes and for ingredients that are readily available.

All right, after you have enjoyed the Italian cooking of Lidia's, now you will have to manage your weight! Dr. Fred A. Stutman in "Diet-Step 20/20" describes a quick weight loss program for women that follow an easy to follow healthy diet. The 20/20 is based on 20 grams of fat and 20 grams of fiber. There are no calories to count, no special menus to follow. See if this will be the "keeper" diet change in your life.

Have you ever thought about living in an RV full-time? "Steeles on Wheels: A Year on the Road" by Mark and Donia Steele will walk you through their decision to do just that. You will

learn about managing your money while on the road, getting along in close quarters, establishing legal residency, big-rig driving skills, living without a phone, and getting your mail. It is a very interesting book.

How many of you watch the "crime" shows on cable TV, read Patricia Cornwell or Kathy Reichs? Jessica Snyder Sachs has written "Corpse," a book that details the struggle to pinpoint the time of death in a homicide or unexplained death of a person. Armed with an array of high-tech devices, forensic pathologist do their best to determine the time of death. However, Mother Nature may still be the fiercest opponent of all. This is the story of what happens to our bodies when we die.

Additional non-fiction books that we have received are "Warrior Queens: the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth in WWII" by Daniel Allen Butler; "The Wrong Man" (about the Dr. Sam Sheppard murder case) by James Neff; and "Carry Me Home: The Climactic Battle of the Civil Rights Revolution" by Diane McWhorter.

New mysteries on the shelves include David Baldacci's "The Simple Truth," "Absolute Power" was made into a film starring Clint Eastwood. Baldacci is an excellent writer. Stephen Cannelli is another writer who is known for his television shows; the Rockford Files, the A-Team, the Commish and was lead writer for Adam-12. His newest book is "The Viking Funeral;" both Karen and I have read it and it is a page-turner. Donald Harsfield has written "Code Sixty-One," a rather dark and somber book about modern-day vampires. A new "character" mystery sleuth is Dr. Fenimore. "The Doctor and the Dead Man's Chest" by Robin Hathaway appears to be more lighthearted than

the previous books, so this may be a new character to latch onto.

I enjoy Earlene Fowler's Benni Harper character and we have two new ones "Mariner's Compass" wherein Benni discovers more about her own past; and "Dove in the Window" where at the family ranch in San Celina someone is murdered and members of Benni's family develop into prime suspects in the case.

Diamonds always lend a romantic air to life, but are they worth someone's life? In "The Ice Curtain" by Robin White, a half billions dollars worth of rough diamonds have disappeared from a Russian diamond mine to their way to market. Gregori Nowek's best friend is murdered, are the two linked? In the chaos of modern Russia Nowek must find the diamonds before the world know they are gone, add some political intrigue, and there you have it, a thriller.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Summer Reading Program is going on! Signup started June 3 and will go on until June 14. Activities are from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Library is located at 500 Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; our email address is howardcounty@hotmail.com.

Your health: Help's on the Web

TURLOCK, Calif. (AP) — Your child has an allergy, asthma or diabetes, or maybe is autistic. You do worry when you send him off to school by himself.

KidSmart is MedAlert's new program for youngsters with special problems, and your child can wear his own sportsband emblem that will alert school, medical or police personnel to check MedAlert for vital information if he has an emergency. Identification on the emblem is by number, not name, so privacy of the child and family is protected.

"In one instance, all that may be needed is identification," says MedAlert President and CEO Tanya Glazebrook. "In another, emergency access to a child's medical information may mean the difference between life and death."

All people who wear MedAlert emblems can now update their medical information and membership online by subscribing to the MedAlert Advantage Service through the organization's Web site. The site also has options about enrollment and

health information. On the Web: <http://www.medicalert.org>. By phone: 1 (888) 525-5176.

Antihistamine Choices
DALLAS (AP) Several prominently marketed antihistamines, formerly available only by prescription, soon will be available over the counter.

But Dr. Bradley Marple, associate professor of otolaryngology at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, cautions they still should be used carefully.

For one thing, they're not for cold or flu sufferers. "Antihistamines won't give you any relief if you have a stuffy nose or cold," he says. "They're only effective for relieving allergies."

He advises patients, particularly those with chronic allergy or asthma, to check with their doctors about use of these or other medications.

Heart Info on the Web
DALLAS (AP) People who have had heart attacks, angina pectoris, or

both now can get personalized information about their condition through Heart Profilers, a new interactive Web-based feature recently launched by the American Heart Association.

The program takes about 20 minutes to sign into and generate a personalized profile and initial report. Patients can learn about side effects for particular drugs, compare treatments, and download questions for their doctors. Data are encrypted and will not be shared with anyone else without the patient's consent.

The Web address is <http://www.americanheart.org>; click on the Heart Profilers icon.

"The Heart Profilers are the first patient-specific, heart disease decision support tool on the Web," said Dr. Clyde Yancy, associate professor of medicine/cardiology at the University of Texas-Southwestern and an AHA volunteer. "They use the latest clinical research to help heart patients and caregivers make informed decisions relevant to their individual situations."

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Inmate invited to Bush fund-raiser

CLEVELAND (AP) The Republican Party mistakenly invited an Ohio prison inmate to a \$2,500-a-plate fund-raising dinner with President Bush.

The invitation, complete with a letter from Vice President Dick Cheney, was sent to Robert Kirkpatrick

at the Belmont Correctional Institution in eastern Ohio. The letter asked Kirkpatrick to "join the president and Mrs. Bush for a private dinner here in Washington, D.C." on June 19.

Kirkpatrick, 35, is serving nearly three years for drug possession and escape.



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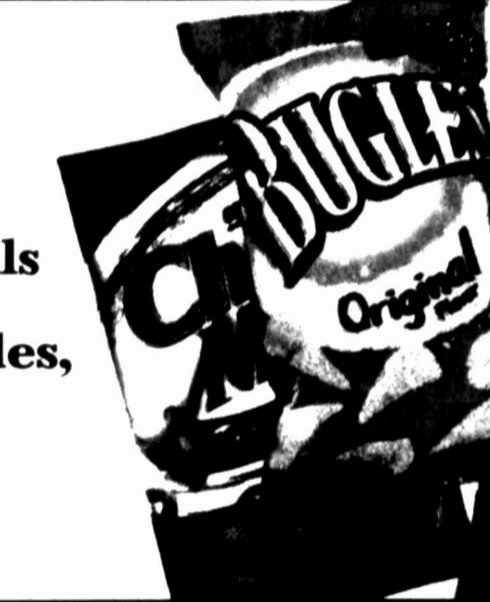
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The annual Golf Tournament scheduled to be held during the upcoming Big Spring Rodeo activities week. The event is for June 13 at Comanche Trail Course in City Park. The Big Spring tournament is scheduled to run June 12 through 14. The tournament man scramble is open to the general public, will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start. The entry fee is \$40 per person. The entry fee includes the cost of lunch. For more information contact Eddie Blasingame at 263-8421.

Tennis Clinic

for June 10-13
The Big Spring Spring tennis clinic will be held June 10-13 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. The clinic, designed for players 17 years in age, will run from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. each day. Registration for the event is set at \$20 per person. For more information, contact Sarah Smiley at 263-8421 or Sarah Corse at 263-8421.

Crisis Fund for

slated for June
The Cowboy Golf Tournament, benefiting the Justin Cowboy Fund and held in conjunction with the Spring Cowboy and Rodeo, is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Entry fees for the scramble event are \$20 per player. Play will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start. For more information, call Eddie Blasingame at 263-8421.

Country club

junior golf clinic
The Big Spring Country Club Summer Clinic has been scheduled for June 11-13 with lessons at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A tournament Aug. 6-8 will close the clinic. Fees are \$20 for youngsters and \$30 for range club members. For more information, call 267-5354.

Coahoma soft

camp set for June
The Coahoma All-Skills Camp is scheduled for June 11-13 p.m. through Thursday, June 10-13, at the Coahoma High School Field. The camp is for girls in grades 5-9. Fees are \$50 in advance by Thursday, June 10, and \$55 after that date. For more information, call Robby Dickson at 394-4924 or 270-7311.

Country Club

junior golf clinic
The Big Spring Country Club Junior Golf Clinic is scheduled for Friday, June 7. The clinic is for country club members while non-members pay a \$25 fee. Youngsters between the ages of 5 and 9 will attend sessions between 10 and 11 a.m., while 10 and older will attend sessions from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

See BRIEFS, Page 6

SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes East, Central, and West Divisions.

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Tuesday's Games: Boston 10, Detroit 5, Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 1, N.Y. Yankees 13, Baltimore 5, Minnesota 23, Cleveland 2, Kansas City 3, Chicago White Sox 2, Anaheim 3, Texas 0, Oakland 3, Seattle 2, 10 innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes East, Central, and West Divisions.

Tuesday's Games: Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 2, Florida 5, Philadelphia 0, St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 5, N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, postponed, Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 5, 11 innings, Los Angeles 10, Colorado 4, Houston 6, Arizona 4, San Francisco 3, San Diego 1.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—(Suzuki), Seattle, 378; M.Sweeney, Kansas City, 343; Damon, Boston, 341; Konerko, Chicago, 327; Hillenbrand, Boston, 326; Jaggi, Atlanta, New York, 320; Asoriano, New York, 319.

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Bonds, San Francisco, 342; Edmonds, St. Louis, 341; Helton, Colorado, 337; Vidro, Montreal, 332; Klesko, San Diego, 331; Lowell, Florida, 329; Spivey, Arizona, 327.

PRWilson, Florida, 16; D.Roberts, Los Angeles, 14; Owens, Florida, 14; Furcal, Atlanta, 13. PITCHING (7 Decisions)—Schilling, Arizona, 11.1, 9.7, 2.81; Ishii, Los Angeles, 9.1, 9.00, 2.91; RJohnson, Arizona, 9.1, 9.00, 2.48; Stechschulte, St. Louis, 6.1, 8.57, 3.91; Glavin, Atlanta, 9.2, 8.18, 1.57; Jennings, Colorado, 6.2, 7.50, 4.70; Astacio, New York, 6.2, 7.50, 2.71; Maddux, Atlanta, 6.2, 7.50, 2.98.

NBA PLAYOFFS

NBA FINALS (Best-of-7) L.A. Lakers vs. New Jersey Wednesday, June 5 New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m. Friday, June 7 New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 9 L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 8 p.m. Friday, June 14 Lakers at New Jersey, 8 p.m., if necessary Monday, June 17 New Jersey at Lakers, 8 p.m., if necessary Wednesday, June 19 New Jersey at Lakers, 8 p.m., if necessary

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best-of-7) Detroit vs. Carolina Tuesday, June 4 Carolina 3, Detroit 2, OT, Carolina leads series 1-0 Thursday, June 6 Detroit at Detroit, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 8 Detroit at Carolina, 7 p.m. Monday, June 10 Detroit at Carolina, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13 Carolina at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary Saturday, June 15 Detroit at Carolina, 7 p.m., if necessary Monday, June 17 Carolina at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated CF Milton Bradley from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned OF Robert Cabrera to Buffalo of the International League. MINNESOTA TWINS—Activated 2B Luis Rivas from the 15-day disabled list. Designated INF Jay Canzler for release or assignment. OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Activated OF David Justice from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Jeff Tam to Sacramento of the PCL. TEXAS RANGERS—Placed RHP Rudy Seanez on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 30. Recalled RHP Joaquin Benoit from Oklahoma of the PCL. NATIONAL League CHICAGO CUBS—Activated RHP Kyle Farnsworth from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Courtney Duncan to Iowa of the PCL. HOUSTON ASTROS—Promoted Doug Swan to director of ballpark entertainment and Kirby Kander to assistant director of ballpark entertainment. Named Brock Jessel production coordinator. LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Activated LHP Terry Mulholland from the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Bryan Corey on the 15-day disabled list. NEW YORK METS—Purchased the contract of OF Tony Tarasco. Designated OF Mark Johnson for assignment. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Signed RHP Steve Woodard to a minor-league contract. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Placed RHP Garrett Stephenson on the 15-day disabled list. Called up LHP Bud Smith from Memphis of the PCL. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Signed RHP Jason Boyd to Portland of the PCL. Purchased the contract of LHP Jason Pearson from Portland. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Activated SS Rich Aurilia from the 15-day disabled list. Placed INF Ramon Martinez on the 15-day disabled list. FOOTBALL BUFFALO BILLS—Signed RB Richard Huntley. CHICAGO BEARS—Signed S Damon Moore to a two-year contract. DENVER BRONCOS—Named Mike Shanahan executive vice president of football operations coach. Joe Ellis executive vice president of business operations. Bill Saccocciano vice president of public relations. Bill Harpole vice president of operations. Rick Nichols vice president of ticket operations business development, and Greg Carney vice president of marketing. NEW YORK JETS—Promoted Jesse Kaye to director of college scouting and Joey Clinkscapes to national scout. Named Dick Haley senior personnel scout and Jeff Bauer as a talent scout. Signed G Faasesa Malo. Waived G Corey Hannan. NEW YORK GIANTS—Released G Glenn Parker. ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed G Heath Irwin to a one-year contract. WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed OT Santana Dotson. Agreed to terms with OL Kipp Vickers.

NCAA BASEBALL

SUPER REGIONALS At Doug Kingsmore Stadium Clemson, S.C. Friday, June 7 Arkansas (34-26) at Clemson (50-14), 6:15 p.m. Saturday, June 8 Arkansas at Clemson, 6:15 p.m. Sunday, June 9 Arkansas at Clemson, 1 p.m., if necessary. At Sarge Frye Field Columbia, S.C. Friday, June 7 Miami (33-27) at South Carolina (51-15), 6 p.m. Saturday, June 8 Miami at South Carolina, 6 p.m. Sunday, June 9 Miami at South Carolina, 12:30 p.m., if necessary. At Russ Chandler Stadium Atlanta Friday, June 7 Florida Atlantic (46-19) at Georgia Tech (49-14), 6 p.m. Saturday, June 8 Florida Atlantic at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m. Sunday, June 9 Florida Atlantic at Georgia Tech, Noon, if necessary. At Dick Howser Stadium Tallahassee, Fla. Friday, June 7 Notre Dame (47-15) at Florida State (59-12), 6 p.m. Saturday, June 8 Notre Dame at Florida State, 6 p.m. Sunday, June 9 Notre Dame at Florida State, 12:30 p.m., if necessary. At Haymarket Park Lincoln, Neb. Friday, June 7 Richmond (52-11) at Nebraska (45-18), 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8 Richmond at Nebraska, 1 p.m. Sunday, June 9 Richmond at Nebraska, 1 p.m., if necessary. At Reckling Park Houston, Texas Friday, June 7 LSU (44-20) at Rice (50-12), 7 p.m. Saturday, June 8 LSU at Rice, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 9 LSU at Rice, 1 p.m., if necessary. At Dish-Falk Field Austin, Texas Friday, June 7 Houston (47-15) at Texas (51-14), 7 p.m. Saturday, June 8 Houston at Texas, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 9 Houston at Texas, 1 p.m., if necessary. At Sonban Diamond Stanford, Calif. Friday, June 7 Southern California (37-22) at Stanford (43-16), 9 p.m. Saturday, June 8 Southern Cal at Stanford, 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9 Southern Cal at Stanford, 3 p.m., if necessary.

TEXAS LEAGUE

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Tuesday's Games: Round Rock 8, Arkansas 6, Shreveport 4, San Antonio 1, Tulsa 9, Midland 2, Wichita 8, El Paso 2.

Today's Games: Round Rock at Arkansas, San Antonio at Shreveport, Tulsa at Midland, Wichita at El Paso.

Thursday's Games: Round Rock at Arkansas, San Antonio at Shreveport, Tulsa at Midland, Wichita at El Paso.

WNBA

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Eastern and Western Conferences.

Tuesday's Games: Orlando 71, Miami 69, Washington 97, Utah 89, Seattle 78, Minnesota 68, OT, Detroit at New York, 6:30 p.m., Houston at Indiana, 7 p.m.

BRIEFS

Continued from Page 1B For more information, call 267-5354.

Lady Steers hoops camp scheduled

Big Spring Lady Steers head basketball coach Jimmy Avery will conduct the Lady Steers Fundamental Basketball Camp from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. June 10-13 in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

The camp is open to current first-through eighth-graders.

The camp will provide girls with an opportunity to develop individual basketball skills through one-on-one and group drills.

The camp fee is \$45 which covers all costs for instruction, as well as a T-shirt and camp picture.

Registration forms should be mailed to Avery at 1600 Thorpe, Big Spring, 79720.

In addition, girls interested in taking part can sign up on the first day of camp at 8 a.m.

For more information concerning the camp, call Avery at 264-3647 or 264-0403.

CGA scholarship tournament slated

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its annual Golf Scholarship Tournament Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees for the two-person scramble event are \$60 per player.

For more information, call 264-2366 or 263-4044.

Coahoma schedules Bulldog Tennis Camp

The 2002 Coahoma Bulldog Tennis Camp has been scheduled for Monday through Friday, June 24-28.

The camp is for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 16.

Fees for the camp are \$40 per player.

For more information, call 394-4355 or 395-4535 or 394-4615.

Parent-child tourney scheduled at BSCC

A Parent-Child Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Play will be conducted in a trophy division and an

open division with a two-person scramble format.

Shotgun starts are set for 9 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Entry fees are \$80 in the open division and \$30 in the trophy division. Parents may play with more than one child, the second team being allowed to enter at half price.

Fees do not include the cost of cart rental, but private carts are welcomed.

To register or for more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

Wynn benefit scramble set July 13

A four-man scramble with proceeds to benefit the Matt Wynn family of Coahoma will be held July 13 at Comanche Trails Golf Course.

Organizers hope to help defray the thousands of dollars the Wynn family needs to pay for cancer treatments.

Entry fees are set at \$200 per team.

A 2002 F-150 Ford supercab pickup will be presented for a hole-in-one.

Prizes will also be awarded for longest drive and closest drive to the pin on selected holes.

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Just before their bus headed for the state tournament in Austin, members of the Coahoma Bulldogettes softball team posed for a picture. Clockwise from left are, Kara Smith, Elisha Teeler, Andrea Amaro, Miranda Parsons, Karen Sterling, Erin Stovall, Tawna Jacobs, Megan Young, Kristi Hutchison, Ruby Garcia and Natalie Hilaro.

Bulldogettes made us proud with a run through playoffs

The 2002 high school softball season ended two days earlier than Coahoma's Bulldogettes and their fans had wanted when they suffered a 1-0 loss to Alto's Lady Yellowjackets in a Class 2A semifinal game at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) state championships.

While it marked the fifth time in six seasons Coahoma had reached the state tournament, only one — in 1998 — has the season ended the way the Bulldogettes wanted.

But the Bulldogettes' disappointment should be considered anything but a failure.

The Coahoma program has enjoyed nothing but phenomenal success, and that's something that not only the Crossroads Area, but all of West Texas can be proud of.

That trip to the state tournament was not only the Bulldogettes' fifth such trip in the past six years, but the semifinals loss in Austin was the only time this sea-

son Coahoma lost to a school its size.

In fact, Coahoma has clearly set the benchmark for small school softball throughout the region — having not only made five state tournament appearances, but literally dominating their district since first implementing the program in 1996.

While the Bulldogettes finished the season with an 18-13 record, it should be noted that their only loss to a Class 2A team came in the semifinal heartbreaker in Austin.

Save for Coahoma's two District 3-2A games against Colorado City, the Bulldogettes' entire regular season schedule had them going up against Class 5A, Class 4A and Class 3A competition.

Furthermore, the Bulldogettes broke even against that lofty competition, going 12-12 in those 24 games.

It should be noted, however, that the Bulldogettes' success has been

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 Coahoma 0, Buda Hayes 8
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 Coahoma 5, Medina Valley 7
 Coahoma 5, Midland Christian 1
 Coahoma 3, Abilene Cooper 2
 Coahoma 7, Breckenridge 2
 Coahoma 5, San Angelo Central 4
 Coahoma 0, Midland Greenwood 6
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more than just a run of superb talent.

The support Coahoma teams receive is literally storied, time and time again giving the Bulldogettes an advantage over the competition before the first pitch is delivered.

And as we have noted here before, Coahoma's summer league programs can take a heady share of the credit for the high school squad's success over the years, because that's the proving ground where the school's stars are developed.

We here at the Herald offer our congratulations to the Bulldogettes, their fans and the entire Coahoma community on what was truly another banner season.

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Inches made all the difference in semifinals loss to Alto

By BUTCH HART
Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Inches here or there. That proved to be all the difference.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes (18-13) had no quit but they failed to collect for the key hit and ended the 2002 softball season with a 1-0 Class 2A state semifinal loss in 11 innings to Alto's Lady Yellowjackets (29-4) at the University of Texas at Austin's McCombs Field.

The Bulldogettes got back-to-back hits by junior leadoff hitter Ashley Lang and freshman catcher Ruby Garcia with one out in the top of the 11th inning of the scoreless pitching duel between Alto's Alison Liles and Coahoma's Erin Stovall.

"We were so close but we just didn't get the right breaks" said Stovall, who pitched brilliantly with eight strikeouts and no walks while allowing only eight hits in 10-plus innings of work.

Facing potential disaster, Liles got Karen Sterling and Stovall to fly out, ending the Coahoma threat and opening the door for the Lady Yellowjackets.

Alto scored the only run of the game in the bottom of the inning to end Coahoma's hopes for a second state championship.

Alto's Brittany Thacker, a .580 hitter on the season and cleanup hitter for the Lady Yellowjackets, slammed a sinking line drive past Coahoma center fielder Andrea Amaro to bring home Lakeisha Bruton with the only run of the game. Bruton had reached first base with a single to left field.

"The girls played their hearts out and Alto was solid, we just didn't get anything going, it seemed like when we got a runner on base there were two outs," said Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson following the loss.

While the Bulldogettes had trouble mounting any offense, it was the Coahoma defense that kept them in

the game.

Lang, the Coahoma shortstop, had several key assists and Garcia made the defensive play of the game.

In fact, Garcia came up huge in a key fifth-inning, double play.

Playing in the scoreless game, Alto threatened in the bottom of the fifth when Stephanie Bailey led off with a double that rolled to the left field fence. Katy Pearman then bunted Bailey to third with one out.

Shekeyva Whitaker then hit a grounder that glanced off the glove of Coahoma pitcher Erin Stovall.

The ball was snagged by Coahoma third baseman Tara Dickerson who fired to Garcia at the plate.

Garcia blocked the plate, tagged out Bailey then jumped to her feet and caught Whitaker off first. Whitaker was tagged out in the ensuing rundown by Bulldogette first baseman Tawna Jacobs.

Garcia led the Coahoma offense, collecting three of the Bulldogettes' five hits. Megan Young and Lang had the other hits.

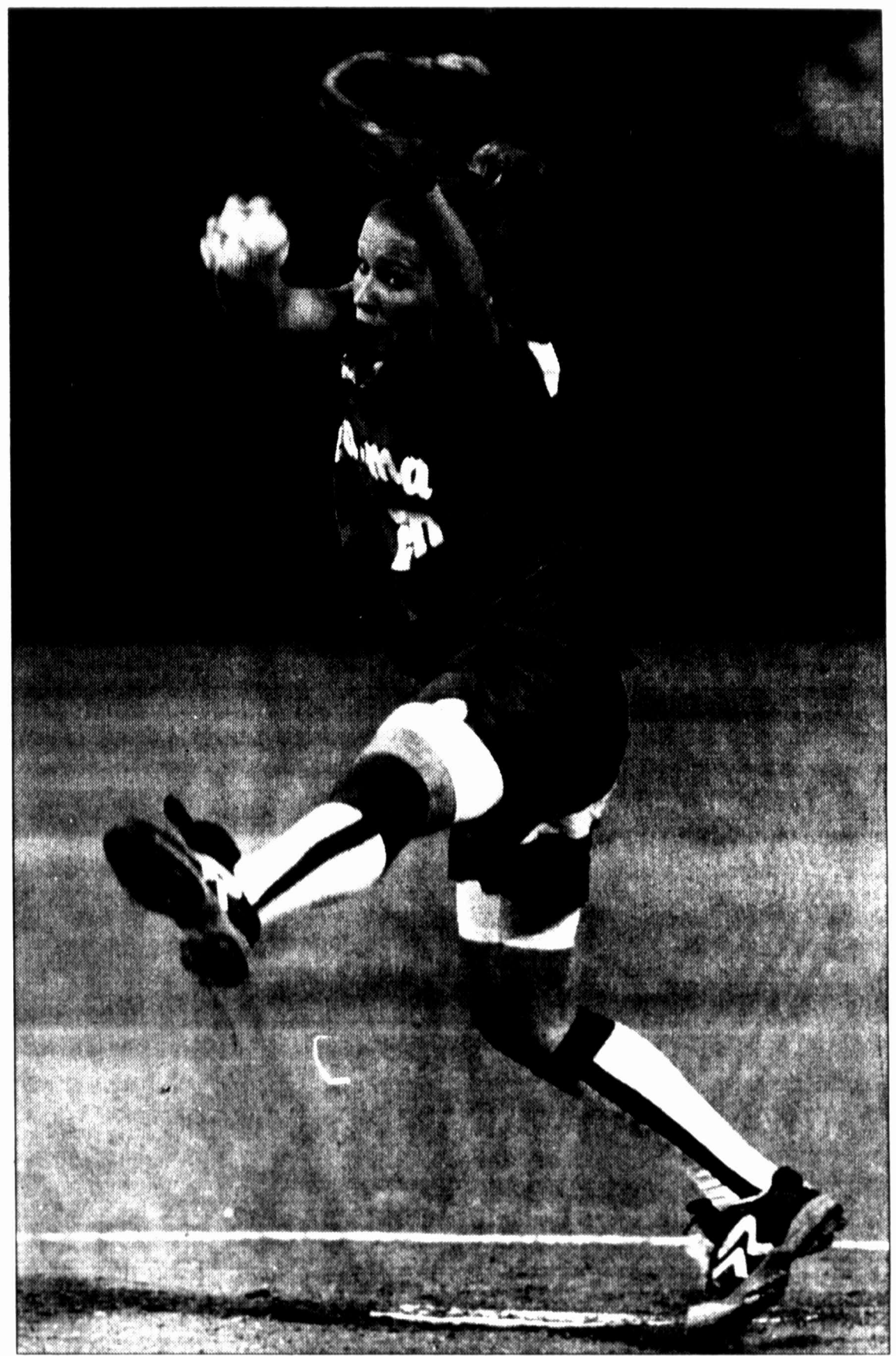
Coahoma managed only two walks, one by Young and another by Natalie Hilario, while the Lady Yellowjackets committed only a single error.

Coahoma had runners as far as second base only twice in the game.

The Bulldogettes not only would have liked to have won and advanced to Saturday's championship final, but would have liked to have paid the Lady Yellowjackets back for a 1999 loss that dethroned them as state champions.

Alto beat Coahoma 5-3 in that 1999 state championship game, but then tasted the same fate the next season when they suffered a 2-1 loss to Troy's Lady Trojans in the finals.

The Bulldogettes have been to the state tournament five times with a state championship win in 1998 win over Blooming Grove. The Bulldogettes were second in 1996 and 1999 and semifinalists in 2000.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro
Coahoma's Erin Stovall displays the form that pitched Coahoma's Bulldogettes to a Region I, Class 2A championship for the fifth time in six years. Stovall won four straight Class 2A playoff games before suffering a 1-0 loss to Alto in 11 innings at the UIL State Softball Tournament in Austin.

It took two days, but Coahoma claimed fifth regional championship

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

ABILENE — Coahoma's Bulldogettes are headed to their fifth appearance in the UIL State Softball Tournament following a 5-2 regional championship win over Comanche's Maidens on Saturday.

Coahoma will join Weimer, Alto and Aubry in the state tournament's Class 2A field and will open the tournament on Thursday. The name of the Bulldogettes opponent and time for their state semifinal at the University of Texas' McCombs Field will not be determined until today.

The Bulldogettes claimed their fifth Region I, Class 2A championship despite a rocky start, nightmarish weather and a delay that forced them to wait until Saturday to finish a game they began at 7 p.m. Friday on the diamond of Abilene Christian University's Wells Field.

Comanche, which brought a 20-10 record into the regional title game,

seemed to have the upper hand when they turned three straight singles — two of them infield hits — and an uncommon Bulldogette error into a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning.

And with hard-throwing senior Shauna Bragg in the pitcher's circle, that seemed an almost insurmountable lead.

That, of course, was before a threatening thunderstorm that prompted a 15-minute delay due to lightning arrived.

Umpires put the two teams back on the field, but less than an inning was played before hail, heavy rains and a tornado warning prompted postponement until Saturday.

And Saturday was, as they say, another day.

Bulldogette pitcher Erin Stovall allowed just three more hits and her teammates played air-tight defense after the game resumed with two out in the bottom of the second inning.

More importantly, the Bulldogettes proved to be much more patient at the plate on Saturday than they had been

in the first two innings of play on Friday.

As a result, they were finally able to mount a rally in the fourth inning that rattled Bragg and yielded all five of Coahoma's runs.

"I felt that we'd have to score four or five runs if we were going to win," Bulldogettes head coach Robbie Dickenson said following the victory. "I figured they'd probably score a couple on us and that proved to be exactly the case."

Dickenson, who coached the Bulldogettes to the Class 2A state championship in 1997, said he is convinced having the weather delay might well have proved an advantage for his team.

"There's no question in my mind that the break last night helped us," Dickenson said. "We came back today more focused and responded to the challenge. These girls did what they had to do."

The Bulldogette boss said he wasn't surprised by his team's fourth-inning rally against Bragg, who finished the

game with 12 strikeouts but gave up four of Coahoma's six hits in that pivotal frame.

"We'd scouted her a bunch and the book on her was that she sometimes would get a little shaky when you had her in a jam," Dickenson explained. "We just went up there and were a little more patient. And when she gave us something to hit, we did a good job of driving the ball."

Conversely, Stovall just got stronger as the game progressed.

"Erin has done that all season," Dickenson said of his senior ace. "She tends to get stronger the longer she goes. She sure did today."

The Bulldogettes will take a 20-12 record into the state tournament, and Dickenson admitted that he believed all along that this Coahoma team had the ability to reach Austin.

"We didn't start of the season very well ... we struggled," he explained. "But I told these girls that I believed we had the talent to be a team that could go to Austin. They've proved me right."

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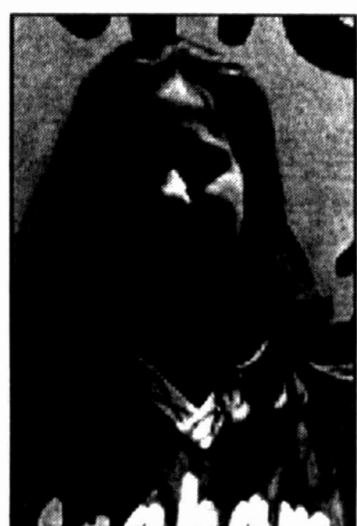
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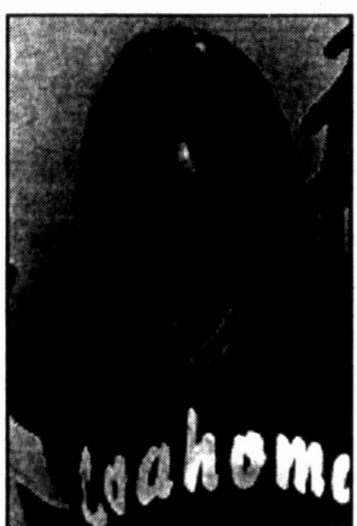
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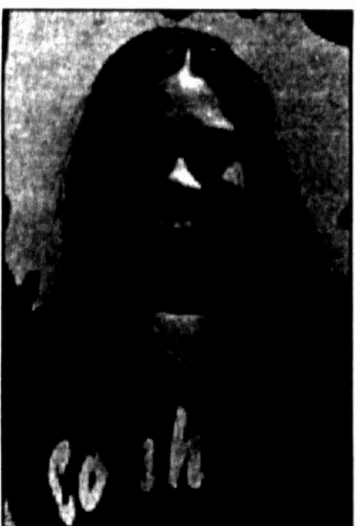
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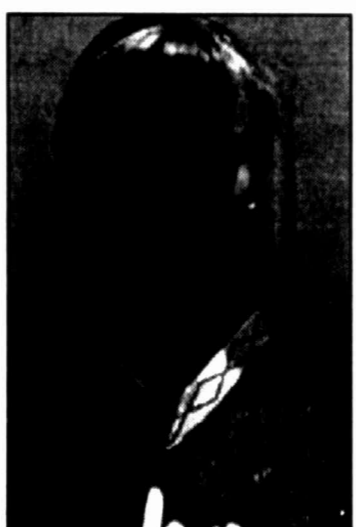
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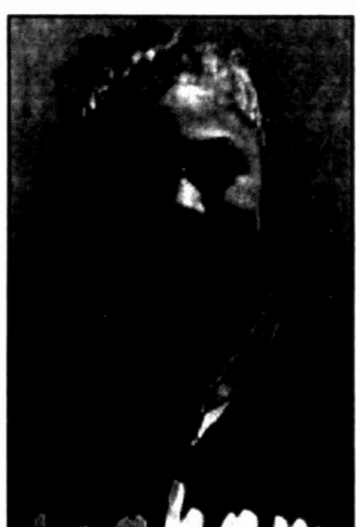
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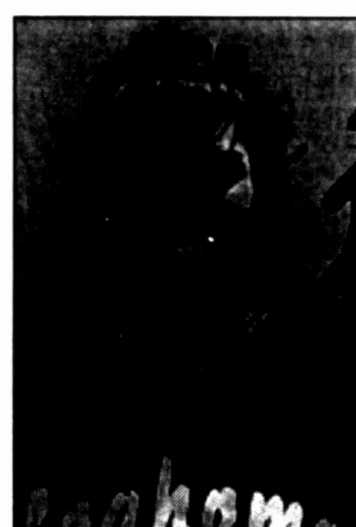
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Since opening in the early '90s, the Golf Trail in Alabama is touted as paradise on earth. A certain breed of person, however, has taken their doses of nature to the next level. Dave Pelz's Putting Edge, a show on the Golf Channel, which has become a surface as an opportunity to watch their swings.

Of course, not everyone is a golfer. Many are welcome to enjoy the recently renovated Hotel at Point Clear in Mexico, has a terrific kids and a European-style men and women's course. Every golfer who visits the Trail was designed to accommodate golfers.

But at its essence, the Trail is a hardcore golf club. Its long layout of drama, Trail courses in all, are sited on tracts of land at intervals throughout the state. There's room for each facility for driving ranges, stores, houses and ambitious courses—don't get me wrong, settling wagers into overtime.

In Scotland, lush green coaches carrying golfers to the seaside links to luxury are a common sight. Four dudes in a 1960s stacked to the ceiling, competing flow during the spring when hardcore golfers are encrusted with a masse for their firm. The crowd "is from there're here to play pro at one Trail course.

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Not surprisingly, the Golf Trail sprang from a golfer, Dr. David Retirement Systems. Officially, Bronner money manager and other public entities, he's Alabama's self-interest, ambassador players in the state.

The idea of a world-class golf course to Bronner in the state are Big Thinker, on enlisting a commission and letters were most prominent. Most couldn't be being proposed.

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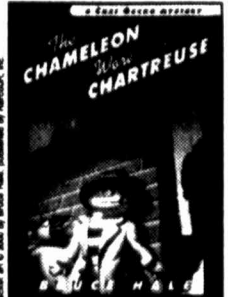
Read the Whole Series

The great thing about a series is that the adventure and fun don't end when you finish the first book.



Chet Gecko Mysteries

In these spoofs on famous detective stories, Bruce Hale's tough, wise-cracking private eye is also a gecko.



In "The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse," Chet helps a damsel in distress find her brother.

Junie B. Jones

In this series by Barbara Park, Junie B. is a funny kindergartner who keeps landing in trouble.



In "Junie B. Jones is a Graduation Girl," Junie B. graduates from kindergarten.

Freddy the Pig

The Freddy Collection by Walter R. Brooks has been popular for about 60 years.



In "Freddy and the Bean Home News," Freddy and his farm pals put out the first animal newspaper.

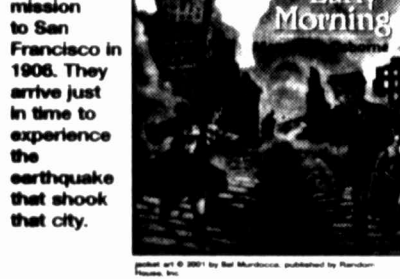
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In the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne, Jack and Annie are magically transported to different places.

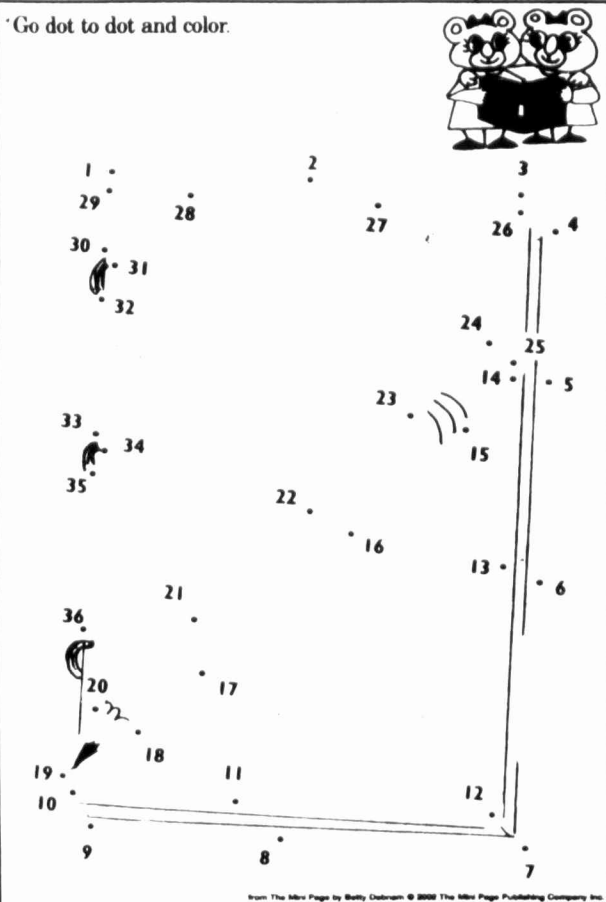
Their adventures take them to events such as the Revolutionary War, the sinking of the Titanic, a tornado on the prairie and a future moon landing.

Star Wars Jedi Apprentice

Several authors continue the saga of Star Wars, writing about the characters and their adventures when they were young.



In "Star Wars Jedi Apprentice: The Rising Force" by Dave Wolverton, 12-year-old Obi-Wan Kenobi must learn to control his own anger and fear.



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Meet Patty Loveless

For more than 10 years, Patty Loveless has been a top country singer. She was born in Elkhorn City, Ky.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All of the following jokes have something in common. Can you find the common theme or category? Mary: How did the police know the parrot was telling the truth? Charlotte: They gave him a polygraph test!

More Fun Series Books

Here are some more exciting series to read this summer.

Captain Underpants

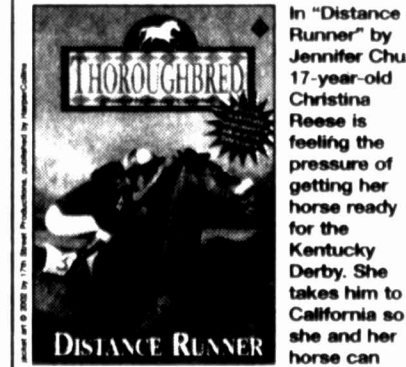
In this strange, funny series by Dav Pilkey, two fourth-graders hypnotize their horrible principal into thinking he is the superhero Captain Underpants.



In "Captain Underpants and the Wrath of the Wicked Wedgie Woman," the boys create a comic book where their mean teacher is an evil monster.

Thoroughbred

The Thoroughbred series features the adventures of several young people as they ride their special horses.



Next week, The Mini Page is about orphan trains of the 1800s.

Deltora Quest

This series by Emily Rodda centers on the magic land of Deltora, a land full of monsters and heroes.



In "The Forests of Silence," two young men begin searching for the missing stones to help their friend, the new king.

The Amazing Days of Abby Hayes

In this series by Anne Mazer, fifth-grader Abby writes in her journal about her adventures and longings.



In "Have Wheels, Will Travel," Abby longs for new in-line skates. She has to wear her older sister's castoffs, and they don't fit right.

The Mini Page thanks Jewell Stoddard, Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington, D.C., for help with this issue.

Look through your newspaper for several days to find a "series" of stories about one subject.

Animal Ark

These adventures, created by Ben M. Baglio and written by different authors, feature different animals in need at the Animal Ark Veterinary Clinic.



In "Dog at the Door," Mandy finds a pregnant golden retriever abandoned at the clinic.

Dragon Slayers' Academy

This series by K.H. McMullan pokes fun at tales of knights and ladies.

In "A Wedding for Wigler?" Princess Belcheena is looking for a husband who has red hair, a name beginning with W and victories over two dragons.

A Series of Unfortunate Events

In this series by Lemony Snicket, three orphans endure "terrible" things that are a lot of fun for readers.



In "The Miserable Mill," Violet, Klaus and Sunny are sent to work in a lumbermill.

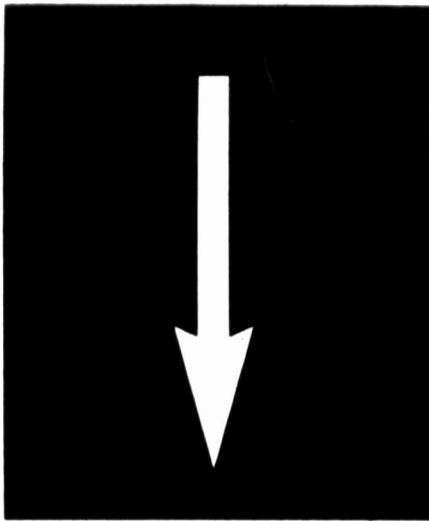
Mini Spy ...

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