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Former softball coach gets 20 years for sex with teen

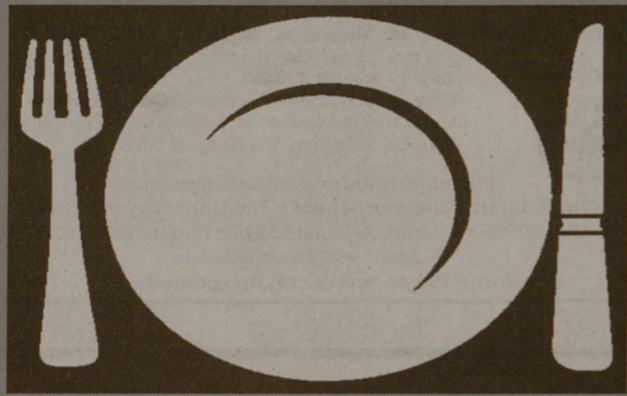
WACO, (AP) — A former Lake Air Little League softball coach who had sexual contact with a player has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. Carlos Cotto, 38, avoided trial Monday by pleading guilty to seven counts of sexual assault and two counts of indecency with a child. The victims were a 14-year-old girl and a

15-year-old girl, according to records. Judge George Allen sentenced Cotto, a former security guard at Waco Regional Airport, to nine concurrent 20-year prison terms. Cotto, who was fired from his city of Waco job after his April arrest, was accused of taking one teenager to the airport while he was on duty, giving her marijuana and alcohol and having sexual contact with her. The second indictment alleged that he had sex with another teenager at his home and in his vehicle.

Man found guilty in stabbing death of his grandmother

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man convicted of killing his grandmother by stabbing her 73 times was sentenced to 45 years in prison Tuesday. Michael Morris Jr. could have received five to 99 years in prison for the stabbing death, but jurors balanced the brutality of the crime with evidence of a difficult childhood and his lack of a prior record.

Jurors deliberated more than five hours Monday before finding Morris, 24, guilty of stabbing Mildred Morris, 73, in July in her modest Castle Hills home. Her nude body was discovered the next day underneath her mattress. "I can't explain why someone would kill their grandmother," prosecutor Jim Wheat said Monday. In one of many conflicting interviews, Morris told police that he stumbled across his grandmother's body during a visit to her home but did not report it because he was "freaked out."



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