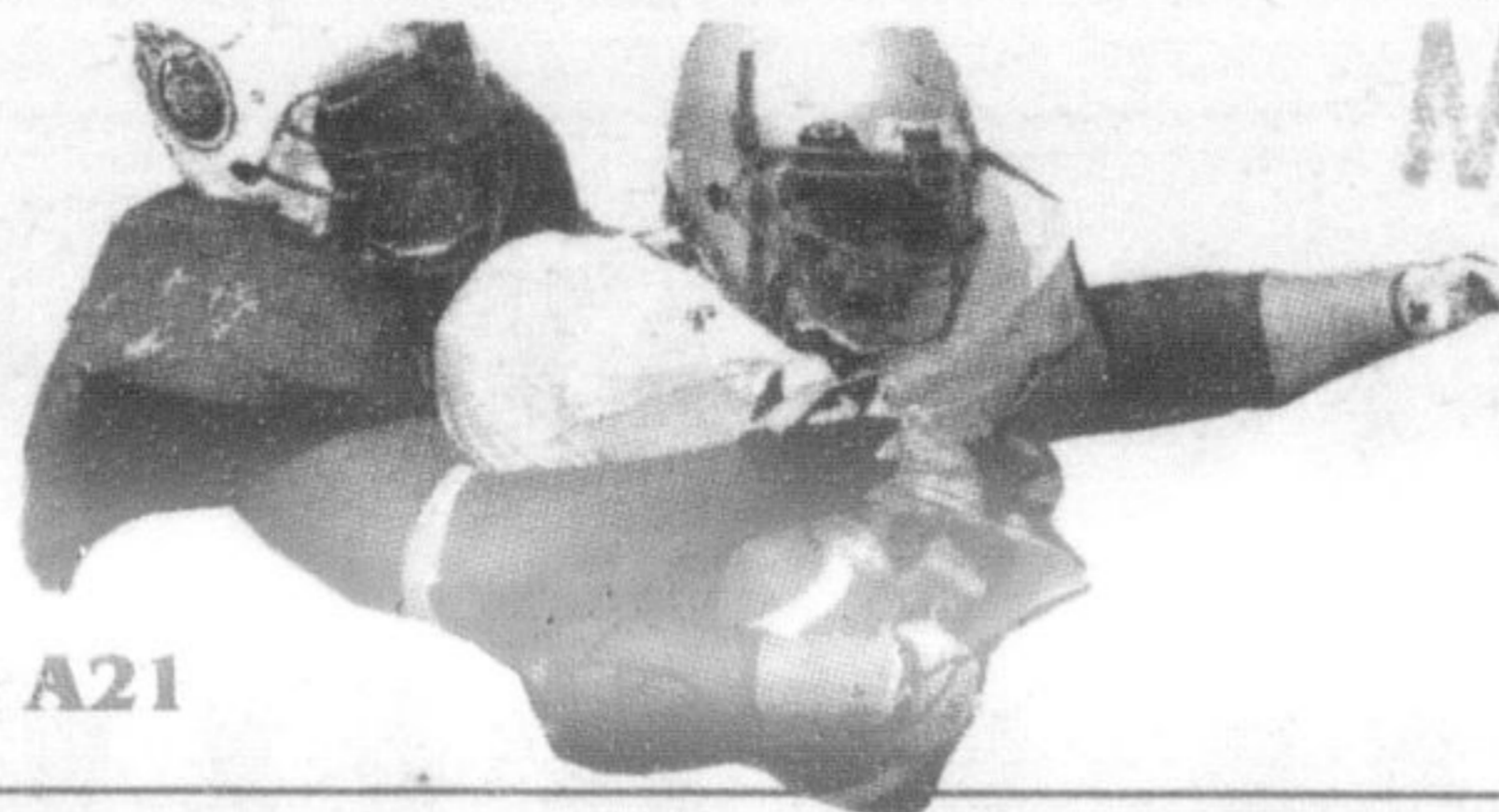


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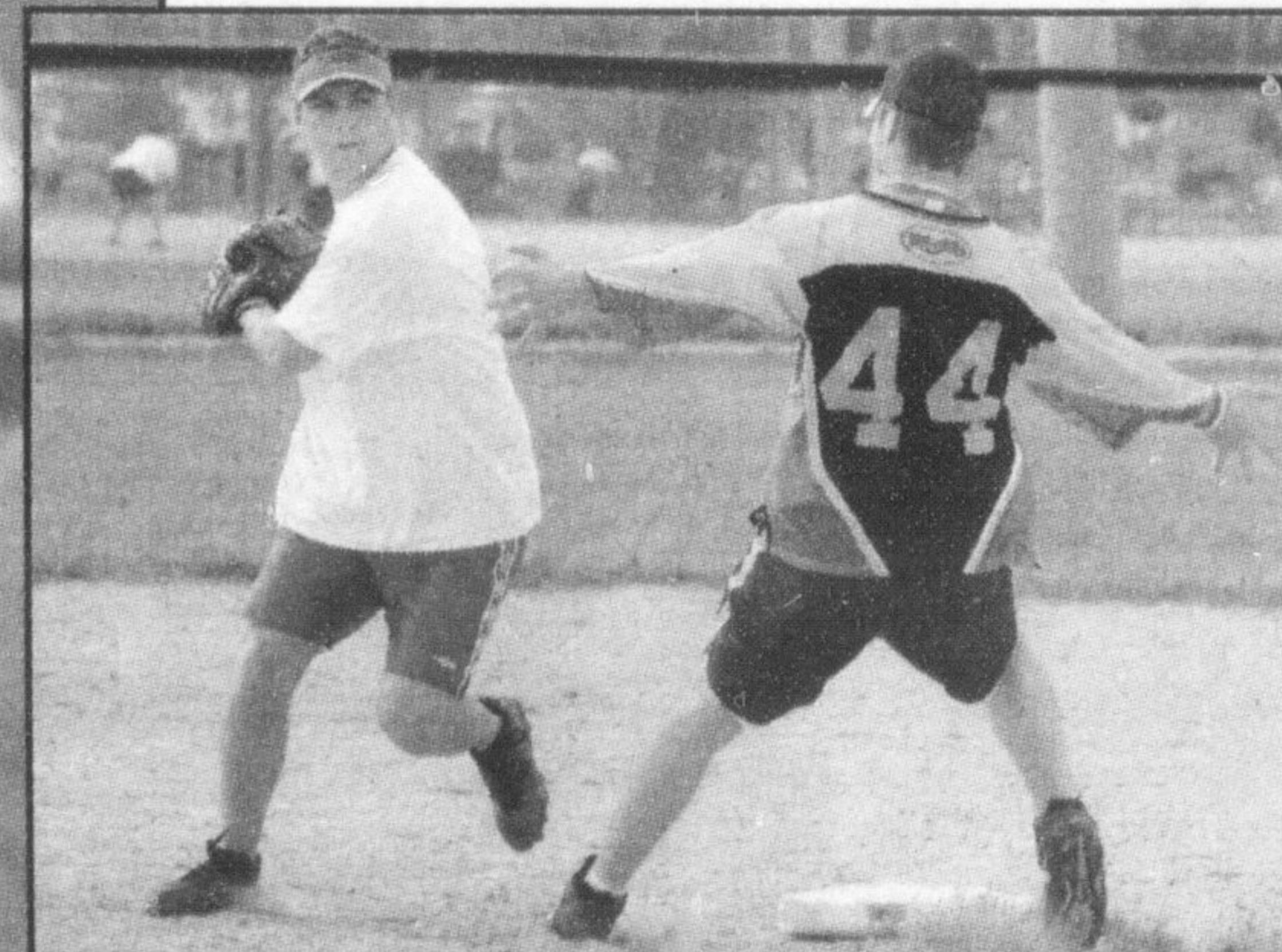
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A big hit for charity

The A-Team's Ashley Elliott pounds out a hit against the Young Guns during this past weekend's 10th annual Leslie Wells Softball Tournament. Above inset, The A-Team's Matt Townsend gets the out at second base but can't quite make the double play. A total of 44 teams participated in the annual charity event, and proceeds — going to various local organizations — are expected to significantly exceed last year's tally of \$20,000.

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Bats found in row of 7 townhouses

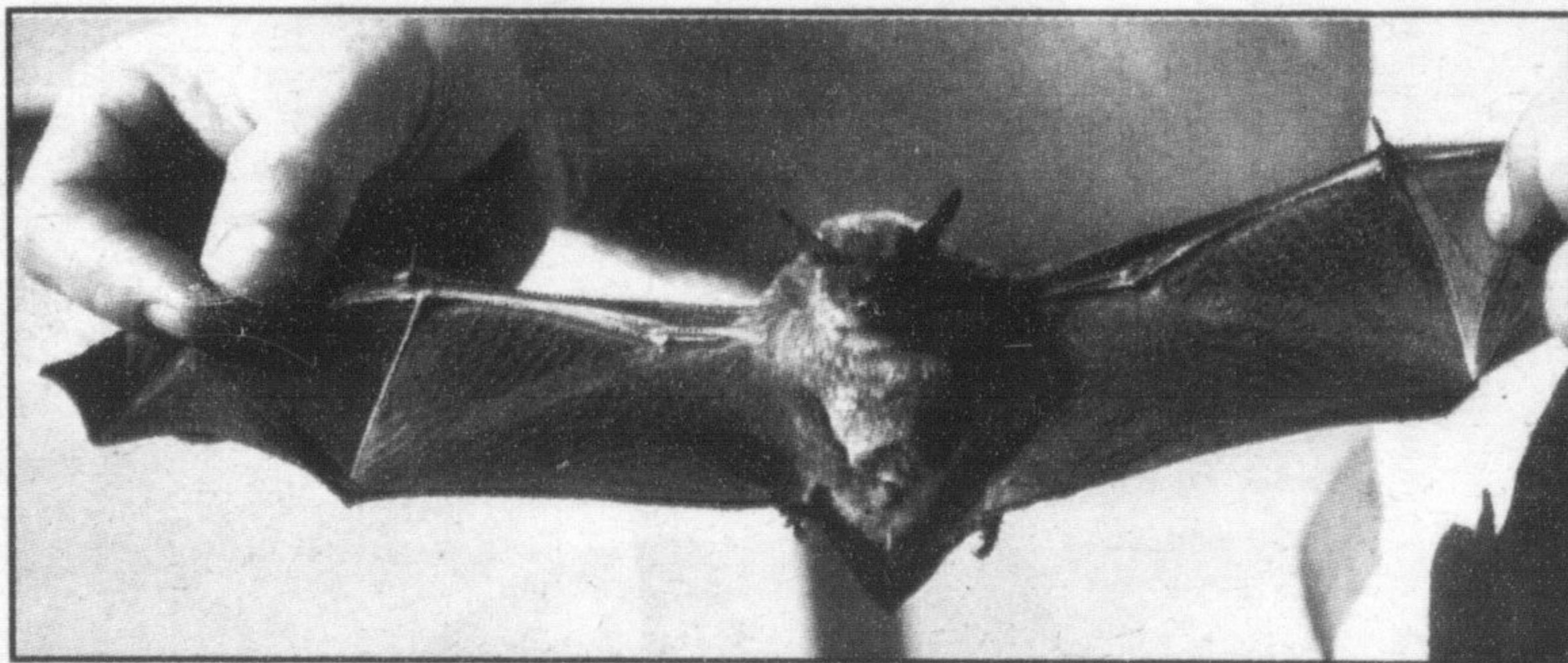
By **STEPHANIE THIESSEN**
The Champion

Most people wake up from nightmares. Dave Hillier woke up to one.

At 2 a.m. Friday while the rest of the world was snug in bed, Mr. Hillier was running frantically down the stairs after opening his eyes to find two bats flying about his bedroom while his wife, Karen, slept.

"I went downstairs and saw another circling," he said later that day.

Dashing for his cell phone, Mr. Hillier said he ran back to his room — the bats had flown out — and



Brown bats like this one were found in local townhouses.

slammed the door behind him.

The couple called 4-1-1 for the name of a local animal control service, he said, and stayed in their room

for the rest of the night along with their five-year-old daughter, Jennifer.

Hours later, in the light of day, the trio lingered outside their Ontario

Street townhome, allowing an animal control worker to do his job. All three were scheduled to receive precautionary rabies shots.

The couple said they were particularly concerned about their daughter, whose room is just below the attic where a lot of bat droppings were found.

"If she was asleep, how do we know she wasn't bitten?" her mom questioned.

As it turns out, the Hilliers weren't the only ones with problems. Far from it.

At 7:30 a.m., Ron Reest arrived • see **CREATURES** on page A2

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