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Lubbock Hotline

Questionnaires sent to the 19th District by Congressman Larry Combest indicate West Texans rank the ailing oil industry as the district's biggest problem. Combest sent the results to President Bush and encouraged him to seek the opinions of West Texans. See story, page 4



Money for AIDS' Studies unclaimed by researchers

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — Medical researchers in Texas have neglected AIDS studies despite readily available funds and the state's ranking of fourth in the nation for reported cases of the fatal disease, health experts said.

"It's quite sad about Texas," said Dr. Mathilde Krim, co-founder of the American Foundation for AIDS Research. "There are hundreds of people with AIDS in Texas who are waiting for the drugs."

Studies released at a recent gathering of AIDS researchers and government officials at Columbia University in New York showed a lack of acquired immune deficiency syndrome drug research in Texas.

In the past three years, 7,316 Americans have been involved in major drug studies at the 45 federally funded AIDS research centers. Only 40 participants were Texans.

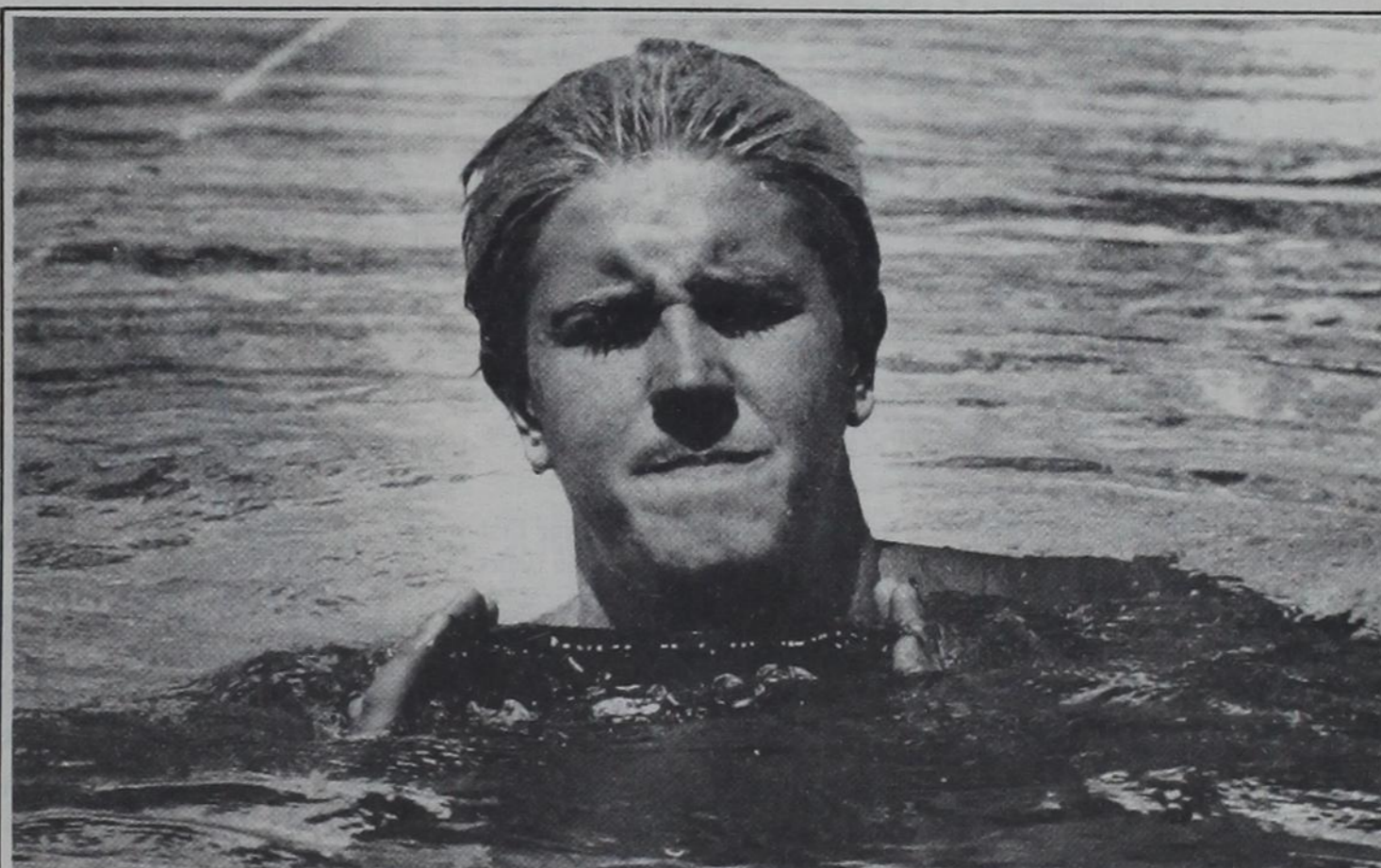
"Clinical investigators in Texas will have to get their act together, and you can quote me on that," Dr. Daniel Hoth, director of AIDS research programs for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md., told The Dallas Morning News.

Texas, which has had 6,714 diagnosed cases of AIDS since 1981, ranks fourth nationally in the number of cases, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Only New York, California and Florida have more cases.

In the last two years, the federal government has pumped more than \$50 million into AIDS clinical studies — none of them in Dallas. But federal officials say they cannot be blamed.

"We can't go into a community and tell them what to do," said Hoth. "We've been scratching our heads over the problem in Texas for two years. If Texans can come up with

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Greg Humphries/The University Daily

Treadin' water

As part of his training for the Texas Open Lifeguard Championship, Marc Dunham carries a brick while treading water. Dunham, a

sophomore business administration major from Houston, is a lifeguard at the Student Recreation Center.

Proposed pain act could stop suffering

By BETH GEORGE
The University Daily

The Texas House approved the third reading of a bill Monday that may soon bring relief to Texans in agony.

The Intractable Pain Treatment Act, a bill that will make it easier for doctors to prescribe drugs to patients suffering from hard to treat pain, is scheduled for a final vote today.

The bill, which was introduced into the Special Session of the Texas Legislature called by Gov. Bill Clements, passed the Senate last week after receiving approval from the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. The House voted on the third reading of the bill Monday. The House must approve the bill on a fourth reading before the bill passes.

The senate version of the bill, sponsored by Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, would remove legal barriers allowing physicians to prescribe drugs for the treatment of intractable pain more easily.

Under provision of the Texas Medical Practices Act, drug prescriptions for chronic pain are closely monitored. According to testimony heard before the senate committee, many patients suffer needlessly because doctors are afraid to dispense medication.

Dr. Gabor Racz, chairman of the department of anesthesiology and director of the Pain Center at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said intractable pain is pain that does not respond to simple methods of treatment. Intractable pain also includes chronic pain — pain that lasts more than six months.

Nerve injury, cluster headaches, post-surgical conditions and phantom pain — pain that patients think they feel in a limb after it has been amputated — are causes of intractable pain, Racz said. Pain from cancer and cancer treatment is the most common type of intractable pain.

"Often these are conditions where the patients commit suicide because they can't get any relief,"

Racz said.

In 97 percent of cases, pain can be cured, Racz said, but intractable pain is fairly common throughout the nation.

"Only 3 percent suffer from intractable pain, but when you multiply that by the population, there are an awful lot of people in pain," Racz said.

Racz said he agreed with the Intractable Pain Act because the bill will benefit individual practitioners who will not prescribe drugs to patients for fear of violating the Medical Practices Act.

"Prescribing drugs is very controlled, and some doctors fear the consequences of prescribing drugs even to those who need them," Racz said. "This bill will make it easier."

The Intractable Pain Act would prohibit hospitals or other medical care facilities from forbidding or restricting doctors from prescribing pain medication for patients diagnosed as suffering from intractable pain.

Legislators give tentative approval of narcotics bill

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — The House tentatively approved a bill Monday to make it clear doctors can prescribe appropriate amounts of narcotics to relieve pain people suffer from untreatable illnesses, such as terminal cancer.

"The truth is, you ought to be able to give them as many narcotics as you want to give them. They've got nothing to lose, and there's no awards for hurting," said Rep. Mike McKinney, a physician.

"There's no reason to make people hurt, but there's no reason for the doctors to have their license threatened just because they're taking care of a patient," said McKinney, D-Centerville.

Doctors at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center suggested the measure, said McKinney.

Current law, which threatens doctors with the loss of their licenses for prescribing drugs to a known narcotics user, is ambiguous on the point of terminally ill patients who use large quantities of drugs, say bill backers.

Before giving preliminary approval

to the Senate bill, the House amended it to remove several provisions. McKinney said that without the amendment, the bill would prevent hospitals from getting certain information about complaints filed against doctors.

In other action, the House tentatively approved bills that would:

- Require child-care facilities to post signs describing the duty to report child abuse or neglect and listing the penalties for violating reporting provisions. The bill already has passed the Senate.

- Allow the Bahia Grande in Cameron County to be flooded with tidewater, creating a fish and marine habitat, with the consent of area landowners. The area, which is south of Port Isabel and near the Brownsville ship channel, once was under water but now is dry marshland. The measure already has passed the Senate.

- Allow a county jail to be built anywhere in the county, at the discretion of the commissioners court. The Local Government Code currently requires that such jails be located in the county seat, with some exceptions. The bill goes to the Senate after another House vote.

Supreme Court stains country's human rights image



Tom Wicker
Columnist

NEW YORK — What a mockery these latest Supreme Court decisions make of this nation's pretensions to be the leading proponent of human rights!

Executing teen-agers and individuals with the mental capacity of children, putting the indigent to death without exhaustive attention to their appeals, speeding state killings by short-cutting long-established rules — these are procedures rightly to be condemned when they occur in the Soviet Union, China, South Africa, or anywhere.

Yet the Supreme Court tells us that they are sanctioned by the Constitution of the United States.

Almost lost in the sound and the fury resulting from the Supreme Court's flag-burning decision, for example, was another 5-4 holding of greater practical impact.

States are not constitutionally required, the Court said, to provide counsel for penniless death-row inmates who continue their appeals in state courts.

Now the justices follow that ruling with further 5-4 decisions that youths who were only 16 and 17 years old when they committed crimes, as well as the mentally retarded, may be executed.

In their reach and effect, all these decisions dwarf the flag case, the primary impact of which is only on people's emotion, and which will have little effect on the course of actual events.

The flag, after all, is only a symbol — cherished, of course, but a symbol nevertheless and one desecrated and

cheapened far more often by sleazy commercial and political exploitation than by some impassioned person burning it in protest.

A majority, unfortunately, does not exist among this Court's nine members that is equally farsighted and courageous on the very real question of the state's power to take the lives of its own citizens.

Instead, in several decisions, the Court has narrowed the ground on which defendants condemned to death can appeal and limited the means by which such appeals may be pursued.

A wiser Court found in 1972 that the death penalty was unconstitutional because of the arbitrary and capricious manner in which it was then administered.

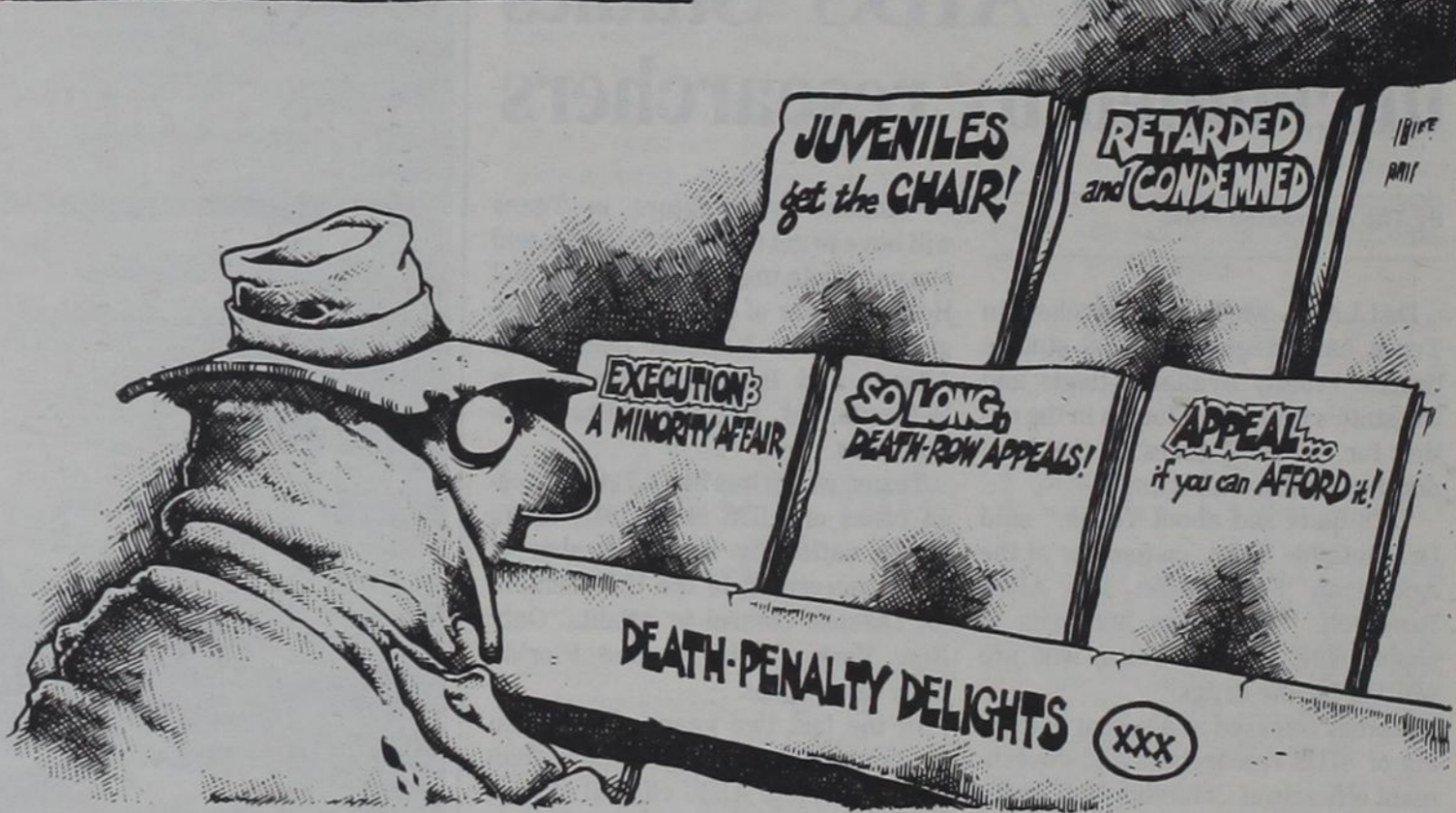
There's no evidence whatever that the new state laws that led the Court to reinstate capital punishment in 1976 have removed or even limited the caprice and arbitrariness; indeed, last week's ruling on appeals upheld one of these random inequities.

Yet, the Court goes on devising or approving new procedures by which more people may be executed.

Even those who were legally children when the crime for which they were convicted were committed now may be put to death constitutionally, along with the most hardened and irredeemable criminals.

In the Court's view, a sufficient "national consensus" that "such young people should be spared does not exist because only 12 of the 37 states that sanction the death penalty bar it for those who were under 18 when they committed a capital crime, and 3 bar it for those under 17. Nor is there "yet" such a consensus, in the Court's opinion, for sparing the mentally retarded.

ONCE AGAIN, THE SUPREME COURT RELAXES ITS DEFINITION OF OBSCENITY...



BEN SARGENT
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If 19 states, just over half of the 37, banned the execution of under-age criminals, would that constitute a consensus?

Would what is constitutional today become unconstitutional tomorrow, in that case?

Is the Supreme Court of the United States a poll-taker or a head-counter rather than a judicial body solemnly charged with the power to interpret the Constitution?

What a cruel document that Constitution must be, in the stony eyes of the Court majority — the same five justices in all these cases.

Last week, they said nothing in it required any state to provide counsel for indigent death-row inmates appealing beyond a first direct appeal in state court.

Yet, more than 60 percent of later appeals from capital sentences in Federal courts have been successful. Last year, the Supreme Court itself heard 10 such cases and ruled seven times in favor of the appellant.

From so many successful appeals, the Court might logically have drawn the inference that death sentences in trial court often are improper.

Instead, it chooses to make it harder for the courts to hear, and in

many cases to accept, the last desperate appeals of condemned persons — at least some of whom will have been wrongly convicted or sentenced.

Now the Court finds nothing in the Constitution, not even its prohibition of crule and unusual punishment, to prevent the execution of teen-agers, or of adults with the mentality of children. What a harsh and merciless reading of a document written primarily to protect citizens against the powers of the state!

Tom Wicker is a syndicated columnist for The New York Times News Service.

Gun club prefers bullets over ballots



Guy Lawrence
Editor

"A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." Second Amendment, U.S. Constitution.

This is the second amendment to the Constitution that has for more than two hundred years preserved American citizen's right to own arms and has kept an industry thriving. The gun industry has probably gained more from this ammendment than any citizen.

In the midst of new regulations proposed by President George Bush to eliminate the importation of certain weapons, the National Rifle Association of America has released new advertisements with bold headlines "...The Right of the People to Keep And Bear Arms..." (a clever use of the amendment), above the picture of a beat up Chinese citizen surrounded by armed troops.

The advertisement is simply exploitation of a serious situation. The NRA is playing upon the fears of American citizens for support of the weapons industry. The message balances on the line of promoting the armed overthrow of the U.S. government.

The American system is ideally developed to accommodate the political participation of its individuals. And even is prepared to meet threat of force with superior force.

The advertisement also says that "America's founding fathers understood that an armed people are a free people." It comes as a surprise that the right to bear arms is not the first amendment.

From the looks of the first amendment it would imply that America's founding fathers felt that an informed people are free people.

Finally the ad admits that defense of firearms isn't just about hunting or competitive shooting or even personal protection. Of course. It's about profits. Profits that are gained from over the counter sale of weapons and profits that would be lost due to black market sales of weapons.

There is a saying that the pen is mightier than the sword. Now there is a new saying being disseminated by the NRA, Bullets beat Ballots everytime.

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Eurocommunism fades away from West



Flora Lewis
Columnist

ROME — With a turnout of 81.5 percent, Italy was dramatically ahead of its Common Market partners in elections for the European Parliament. But, as everywhere else, the voters' message was aimed at national politicians, not at the Community.

People do care. Some 70 percent of the Italian electorate said yes to a referendum on whether they want a stronger, more politically united Europe. But they take it as an abstract question with an obvious answer, not yet as a matter of delegating responsibility for function of government.

The third direct European Parliament election still served as a life-size straw poll, except in Britain. There, Margaret Thatcher made Brussels-bashing nationalism a major issue and her Tory party was sharply rebuffed. Voters weren't scared by

her warning that the left could return via a supranational Community's "backdoor."

Otherwise, there wasn't much of a pattern. In some countries the left gained and in others the right moved ahead. Regardless of left or right, the ins were punished in some countries, reinforced in others.

In the words of Giorgio Napolitano, head of the International Department of the Italian Communist Party, it was a "free vote." People could express their impatience or grievance without risking actual change. The Italian Communists were elated with their strong result. They won 27.6 percent, second only to the Christian

age only serves to emphasize the demise of the old Marxist-Lennist appeal.

The Communists would like to join the Socialist International but they haven't a chance beyond being accepted now as observers. They are determined at least to distance themselves further from the hard-line parties of France, Portugal and Greece by refusing to remain with them in the Communist fraction of the European Parliament. Eurocommunism, the movement of the 1970s away from Moscow's tutelage, has died.

Some middle-class, essentially conservative Italians were also pleased the Communists haven't dwindled away here because, as one said, "We need an opposition." They yearn for a break in the old balance that has assured Christian Democratic dominance of Italian Politics since the end of the war, without alternation of power "as befits a civilized country." That still isn't in sight. The next government will be just another version of the one that recently fell.

But it doesn't matter all that much. To many Europeans, government no longer seems as important as it once

was. Not only has ideology faded, so has the sense of the critical role of state power. As the East sidles toward a dose of pluralism here, a dribble of democracy there, the West moves on toward "civil society," a kind of spontaneous, self-organizing order that doesn't depend on central authority.

The prospect of more European integration enhances that trend, rather than evoking Mrs. Thatcher's nightmare of a giant superstate. She is likely to be more alone than ever at the Community's summit meeting in Madrid at the end of the month.

Instead she prefers to be an insular iron lady, peeved to find that her "special relationship" with America's president is being overshadowed by his West German "partner in leadership."

Cultural identity remains firm, even in Europe of instant communications. But partisan loyalties are dissolving as the issues change. Except for those who practice it for a living politics has become more a pastime than a passion.

Flora Lewis is a syndicated columnist for The New York Times News Service.

The only discernible Europe-wide tide was an ebb to the margins, especially to environmentalist groups who won a startling 15 percent in Britain, but also to the far right.

The only discernible Europe-wide tide was an ebb to the margins, especially to environmentalist groups who won a startling 15 percent in Britain, but also to the far right. Almost everywhere, the two ends were balanced, whether at the fairly high level of around 11 percent in France or much lower, some 6 percent in Italy.

It suggested not so much a polarization as a ho-hum response to the mainstream parties and the long-familiar faces of their leaders.

Democrats' 32.9 percent.

Nobody took it to mean the Communists have a chance of entering government. But it set back the ambition of the Socialist leader, Bettino Craxi, to copy President Mitterrand of France, who presided over a Socialist surge and the near-disappearance of the once powerful French Communists.

The Italian party is the only really significant one left in Western Europe. Its concern with maintaining a Western, essentially moderate im-

Our future needs human touch



Mike Thompson
Guest Columnist

State subsidized child care is in. During the Presidential election of last year, the candidates of both parties offered solutions for the child care "crisis." While the means of reaching state subsidized child care was debated during those campaigns, few considered the potentially dangerous consequences of such an enterprise. None considered how children are best cared for.

A very important article from Policy Review Magazine titled, "Brave New World — How Day Care Harms Children" carefully considers those consequences.

The article reviews evidence from recent psychological, behavioral and social science studies and concludes that there may be adverse effects of institutional child-rearing.

The reasons for this withdrawal are explained by Dr. Benjamin Spock, when he writes "Even at six months babies will become seriously depressed, losing their smile, their appetite, their interest in things and people, if the parent who cares for them disappears ... small children ... may lose some of their capacity to love or trust deeply, as if it's too painful to be disappointed again and again."

The article includes some compelling philosophical and anecdotal points attacking what the author calls

the "cult of child sacrifice" and urging traditional parental responsibility. One must remember ultimately that, a child and a paid caretaker don't really share very much. Their relationship is commercial, temporary and practical. A child and a parent are bound eternally by blood and destiny. A day care worker is doing a job.

The real problem is that today parents are more likely to be admired and appreciated for negotiating a contract than they are for nurturing and shaping an original personality.

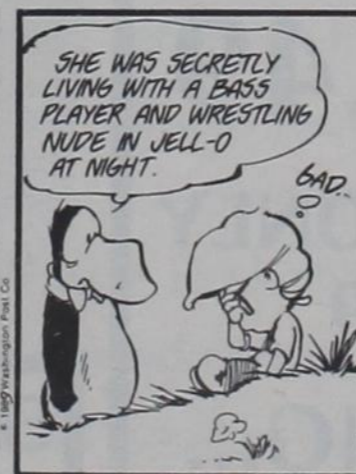
Society has told us that people of high achievement are too good to stay home with children. But then, what kind of people will care for the children?

Others have been disturbed by the concept of proxy child rearing by substitute parents. George Orwell's 1984 offers one such view. The book talks about a society where the state has taken over the child rearing functions of the traditional family. The book then focuses on the absence of close and intimate human bonds. Only among the tradition-bound underclass, the proles, are children still raised by their parents. This practice makes the proles hopelessly uncompetitive with the professional class that has come to rule the world. Only among the proles do inefficient human traits such as loyalty, altruism, humor and love continue to thrive.

Before we go any further into this brave new world of substitute parents we should carefully consider the consequences for children and society. In the end I pray we follow the proles.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Relocations of RR tracks halts east/west freeway construction

By CARY BURGESS
The University Daily

Controversy continues to hover over the construction of an East-West Freeway proposed to follow a 6 1/2 mile stretch beginning at the Intersection of Loop 289 and the Brownfield Highway.

The proposed freeway will follow the path of the present Tech Freeway and would continue to Fourth Street where the roadway would intersect with Interstate 27.

City officials believe that an east-west freeway would allow Lubbock's downtown sector, which has

been declining in recent years, to experience growth and rejuvenation.

According to Mel Pope, District 5 engineer for the highway department, the Santa Fe Railroad has already agreed to relocate railroad tracks that presently lie adjacent to the Tech freeway and Brownfield Highway.

The only stopping block right now, Pope said, is a decision determining the relocation of the tracks.

He said construction on the freeway will begin as soon as railroad tracks are relocated.

According to Pope, construction

will begin along a stretch of the Tech freeway and the Brownfield Highway that is bounded by University Avenue and Quaker Avenue.

"We hope to begin on the project by early next year," Pope said.

An alternative plan submitted last week by Masters & Associates Land Planners of Lubbock proposes that the freeway run to the north of the present location of Town and Country Shopping Center, he said.

The proposal would allow the freeway to run along Santa Fe Railroad tracks currently located north of the shopping center. From there, Pope said the freeway would

curve to southeast until it merged with Fourth Street just east of Avenue Q.

While the proposal would save businesses along Fourth Street, Pope said the alternative route would relocate tracks through a residential area before the road merged with Fourth Street.

Santa Fe Railroad officials have not decided whether to accept the alternate proposal.

The city of Lubbock has already approved an \$11.25 million certificate of obligation for the original proposal that would support freeway right-of-way and sewer

system relocations as well as traffic light installations and preparations.

"Everything is going as scheduled," said Wayne Drummond, Dean of the College of Architecture, who has helped structure the freeway plan.

Drummond said the details that need to be worked out are not unusual for a project like this.

He also said the highway department is already in the process of drawing up plans for the freeway and that construction could begin as early as next year.

Voters say oil problem 'black' mark on 19th district



By BETH GEORGE
The University Daily

Voters in West Texas consider the status and development of the oil and gas industry the most pressing problem facing the 19th Congressional District according to a survey conducted by Congressman Larry Combest, R-Lubbock.

According to the survey, which Combest conducts annually, 30 percent of voters responding to the congressman's questionnaire said the oil and gas industry is the most critical

problem facing the 19th District.

Crime was identified by 25.4 percent of the respondents as the second most important issue. Drug abuse, agriculture and health care rounded out the top five concerns.

"We did not find the figures too surprising," Combest said. "Oil and gas have always been big concerns in the district but this is the first time it has topped the list."

To answer oil and gas industry problems, 41 percent of the respondents suggested tax incentives to stimulate exploration, and 33.8 percent said an

oil tax import fee would be beneficial.

The federal budget deficit is the most urgent problem facing the nation, according to 57.4 percent of the voters responding to the survey. The trade deficit ranked second with 20 percent.

More than 89 percent of the respondents said the U.S. Constitution should be amended to require the federal government to balance the budget. A reduction in spending across the board was recommended by 50.6 percent as the most effective way to reduce federal spending, and

42 percent recommended reduced spending in all areas except social programs.

"We have found that the figures are a re-affirmation of the things we feel are important through conversations and information from the district," Combest said.

Combest said results of the questionnaire, which were sent to every home in the 19th district, are important because they serve as a reference when legislative decisions are made.

In addition to using survey results to aid him in voting on legislation, Combest sent the results to President George Bush in hopes that the president will refer to the concerns of the 19th district.

President Bush indicated in a March speech that he would use Lubbockites as the new measure of mid-American consensus.

"We wanted to give the President a copy as a courtesy and also because we like the idea of him using Lubbock as a barometer of public opinion," Combest said.

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Religious architecture meeting planned

The religious architecture of Mexico and the Southwest United States will be the focus of a two-day symposium, "Icons of Faith: Preservation of Religious Architecture in Mexico and the Southwest," scheduled Nov. 2-3 at Texas Tech.

The symposium will highlight the preservation of religious buildings in Mexico and the American Southwest dating from colonial times to the present.

Among the nationally and regionally known speakers are: Arturo Parra, professor and director of graduate studies in restoration of sites and monuments at the Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico; Alfonso Alocer, also a professor at the Universidad de Guanajuato and director of the Alhondiga Museum in Mexico; and A. Robert Jaeger, vice president of the Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation.

Tech, Smithsonian to host symposium

Texas Tech and the Smithsonian Institute will co-host a symposium, "New Concepts in Global Tectonics," July 20-21 in Washington, D.C. where experts from around the world will discuss different theories of Earth's ever-changing land formations.

Tech Geosciences Professor Sankar Chatterjee will discuss plate tectonics of India since the Late Cretaceous period at the symposium.

Chatterjee, who has been called a leader in paleontology by his peers, recently discovered the remains of what may prove to be the earliest known bird in prehistory. The bits of hollow, white bone he found in the West Texas Area are estimated to be 225 million years old.

Outstanding home ec senior announced

Diana Neal from Pearsall recently was named the outstanding senior in the Texas Tech College of Home Economics.

The award — given to a graduating senior in interior design, is based on overall grade-point-average, student activities, portfolio, work ethics and personal attributes — was established by Sue Wade, owner of Sue Wade and Associates of Dallas. Neal, who also was named to the 1988 Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges, received \$250 and the Tech interior design program received matching funds.

\$3 million for AIDS' research unspent

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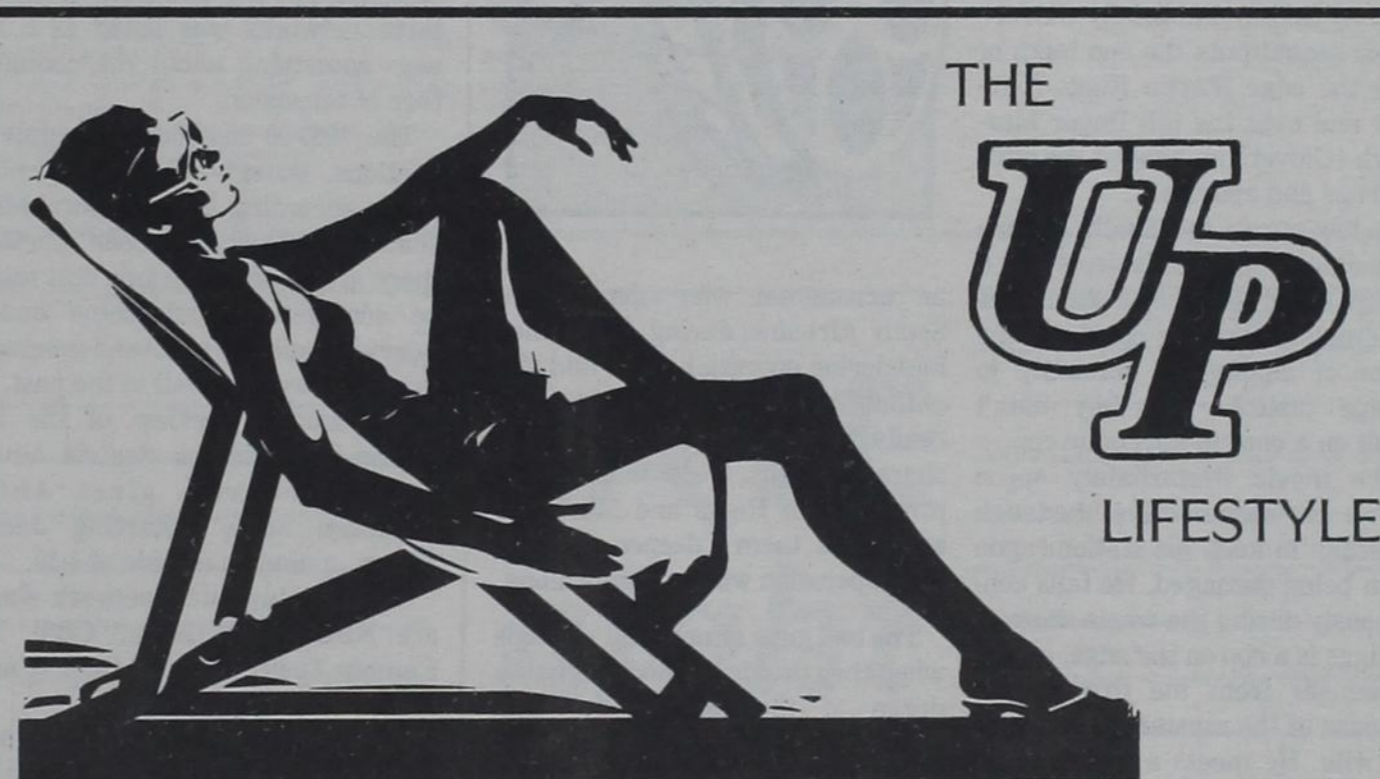
something good, then we'll fund it, because we want to put something in Texas."

The Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic for AIDS Research has been set up by the AIDS Resource Center in

Dallas with a \$100,000 grant from Ms. Krim's organization. It has yet to attract a drug study, though.

"It will require a lot of work, and there's only a few people available to do it," said Dr. Daniel Barbaro, a Fort Worth physician who will be the principal investigator at the new clinic.

Of 45 AIDS Clinical Trial Units set up by the federal government since 1986, Texas has one — a small pediatric unit at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.



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TTU museum purchases new Sub-Saharan exhibit

By C. LOUIS BISCHOFF
The University Daily

A private collection of Sub-Saharan tribal artifacts, currently on exhibit at The Museum of Texas Tech, has been added to the museum's permanent collection.

The preliminary exhibit of 31 Sub-Saharan pieces are part of a larger collection being purchased by the museum from a private collector in Texas. Assistant Director of Operations, David Dean, said the fact that this collection is owned by the museum makes it an important exhibit.

The museum generally acquires museum pieces through donations, he said, even with the reallocation of state funds this year the museum would not have purchased such a collection.

The museum has been gaining momentum in the last few years, he said. Supporters of the museum donated funds to see the museum through the temporary setback caused by budget cuts. The donations made the acquisition possible, he said.

Sub-Saharan areas contains many arid and semi-arid lands like those in the American Southwest. The

similar geography and the availability of a large representative collection were reasons for the acquisition, said Dean.

"We were able to purchase, in a short period of time, something which may have otherwise taken a life-time to collect," said Dean.

Dean said, the current exhibit is a preliminary showing of the 31 pieces obtained thus far. A permanent gallery setting is being planned to display a portion of the collection at all times, Dean said.

The complete collection, which has more than 250 pieces, will not arrive for three to four months because of the paperwork involved, he said.

Dean said the current exhibit, which contains mostly ceremonial pieces, represents complex ideas and beliefs interpreted in a wide range of artistic styles from primitive to complex. He said the current trend is to view African pieces on their own terms, and not against the usual western standards of art.

Dean said, he hopes the preliminary exhibit gives museum patrons a chance to become better acquainted with and to develop a greater appreciation of the works.

Gibson, Glover deliver 'Lethal' entertainment

By GUY LAWRENCE
The University Daily

It's probably the most nonstop action/comedy for the summer — it is of course "Lethal Weapon 2" starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover.

The sequel puts the cop team of over the edge Martin Riggs (Gibson) and over the hill Roger Murtaugh (Glover) up against the evils of drugs and apartheid.

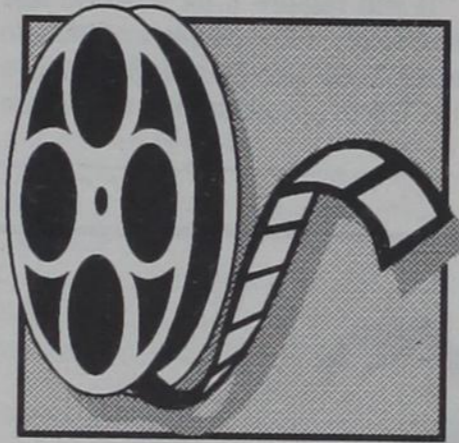
In the movie the South African consulate is used as a front for a billion dollar drug operation. The diplomats think they could use the cover of diplomatic immunity to escape justice. But they didn't count on a certain psychotic cop.

The movie immediately opens with a car chase where Murtaugh attempts to keep his stationwagon form being damaged. He fails continuously during the whole show.

Riggs is a cop on the edge, as you remember from the first movie, because of the mysterious death of his wife. He meets a lovely South African consulate worker and just when you thought he was getting over the trauma, the demons from the past return to haunt him and push him over the edge.

Murtaugh, on the other hand, continues to play up his family man image though only lightly. He concentrates more on his close relationship with Riggs which results in a solid exchange of lines.

OK, OK, OK, let me tell you. The most surprising part came from actor Joe Pesci who plays Leo Getz,



an accountant who rips off the South Africans during his money laundering operation. His child like enthusiasm for camaraderie is really amusing and gets his fair share of laughs. Geotz is under the protection of Riggs and Murtaugh and leads them deeper into the drug operation while tagging along.

The bad guys almost pull all stops when they decide to knock off half a dozen of the local police and likewise Riggs returns the kindness.

Riggs continues to be his eccentric self. Remember his dive off the roof of a building in the first film. Well here is another dive off the seventh floor of a hotel.

There are some obvious flaws in the film. Why do bad guys prefer drowning when they could have easily filled Riggs with lead? But over all you will remember the action and the laughs and forget the details.

Agency predicts fall hit for Fox

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The only "hit" of the fall television season predicted by the nation's largest advertising agency is "Booker" on the Fox Broadcasting Co.

The fact that a Fox show was selected, but not one show from the three networks was listed as a hit, says something about the changing face of television.

The 1989-90 networks schedule is cautious, conservative and comfortable, according to the report. More shows than ever have been renewed, there are fewer programs that might be considered troublesome and a heavy reliance on stars and programs that have worked well in the past.

The annual preview of the fall season by Saatchi • Saatchi Advertising, however, gives ABC's "Chicken Soup," starring Jackie Mason, a nine on a scale of 1-10.

Other highly-rated network shows are: NBC's "Nutt House," CBS' "The Famous Teddy Z" and ABC's "Family Matters," all eights.

The Saatchi report cites "dramatic shifts in the business of television itself: competition from independents, cable and VCRs" and wonders if the "economics of television can continue to support big events — from miniseries to the Olympics."

Calling competition the major source of network pressures, it said that during the writers' strike last

year viewers did not turn away from television. "Instead they turned their dials to Fox broadcasting and ad-supported cable," the report said.

Fox improved its average ratings by almost 50 percent with "some of the most talked about shows on television" and is expanding its programming to Monday nights in September.

"Booker," a spinoff from Fox's "21 Jump Street," stars Richard Grieco as private investigator Dennis Booker. The character was noted for his renegade street tactics and unconventional style on "21 Jump Street," which has a large and loyal following of young people. "Booker" will open the Sunday night schedule and "21 Jump Street" will open Fox's new Monday night programming.

"Chicken Soup" stars comedian Jackie Mason as a man forced to retire at 52 from his job as a pajama salesman who finds satisfaction helping inner-city kids at a local community center. It takes on an "Abie's Irish Rose" aspect with the Jewish character's love affair with a gentile woman played by Lynn Redgrave.

The comedy follows "Roseanne" on Tuesday night, which is a big ratings night for ABC. "Roseanne" has consistently beaten NBC's "The Cosby Show" for first place in the Nielsen ratings in recent months.

"Chicken Soup" could find itself in the same situation that "A Different World" has enjoyed on NBC. Following "The Cosby Show" has placed "A Different World" near the top of the ratings, although the quality of the

show doesn't merit it. "Chicken Soup" lacks both humor and charm, and the relationship between Mason and Redgrave fails to light a spark.

CBS' "The Famous Teddy Z" stars Jon Cryer as a mailroom clerk in a talent agency who suddenly becomes a hot agent. The show was created by Hugh Wilson, who also created "WKRP in Cincinnati" and "Frank's Place."

NBC's "Nutt House" reunites stars Harvey Korman and Cloris Leachman and comic creator Mel Brooks ("High Anxiety") in a zany comedy about a New York hotel that's fallen on hard times. It follows "Night Court" on Wednesday night.

ABC's "Family Matters" following "Full House" on Fridays is a spinoff of "Perfect Strangers." Harriette Winslow, the elevator operator, gets her own show and family. Reginald Veljohnson, perhaps best known as the cop in "Die Hard," plays her police officer husband.

Other possible successes listed in the report are three NBC shows, "Hardball," "Mancuso, FBI," and "Sister Kate."

John Ashton plays a 45-year-old detective who pushes hard to stay ahead of his young partner in "Hardball" on Friday. Robert Loggia is crusty, cynical FBI agent Nick Mancuso in "Mancuso, FBI," a spinoff from the miniseries "Favorite Son." Stephanie Beacham, late of ABC's "Dynasty," plays a hard-nosed nun at a Catholic home for children in "Sister Kate."

French filmmaker looks for fresh views of life

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Agnes Varda compares filmmaking to cutting open an apple and seeing what's inside. She likes to find fresh ways to examine everyday life.

One of the most influential directors of the French New Wave, the 61-year-old Varda has depicted a young carpenter torn between two women

("Happiness"), a drifter amidst the peasants of South France ("Vagabond") and the friendship of two women over 15 years ("One Sings, the Other Doesn't").

Sometimes her films are broad in scope; "Salut les Cubains" ("Salute the Cubans") is a 1963 documentary of the Cuban Revolution, and "The Black Panthers" examines the radical 1960s organization.

In "Cleo From 5 to 7," a pseudo-

documentary of two hours in the life of a glamorous pop singer who may have cancer, she focuses on the tiniest details.

Her new film, "Kung Fu Master," is a different view altogether: a love triangle involving a 15-year-old boy, a 40-year-old woman and a brand new video game. The idea was suggested to Varda by her friend Jane Birkin, who stars as 40-year-old Mary Jane.

"Do you know how love begins between people, between human beings?" Varda asked. "Love is made up of a series of bad or good reasons which come to a point."

"Maybe she's lonely at the time. She's had two husbands. Maybe she likes the boy as a mother. Maybe nobody's looking at her and that little boy looks at her. Maybe she wants to go back to her own adolescence. There are many reasons at that moment of her life."

Birkin is married to the French director Jacques Demy, and their son, Mathieu, portrays the young boy whose interest in Mary Jane is balanced by his passion for the "Kung Fu Master" video game.

"It's the last days of a child," Varda said. "The last months of being not yet a man. The feeling that it's coming and it's not yet there. There's a real frustration at that age. They want so much to be men, and it's not yet here."

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Schmidt to bid final good-bye

By The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — A locker was provided for Mike Schmidt for Monday's All-Star workout. He didn't need it, though.

His Phillies uniform hung neatly pressed on two hangers and his maroon cap was on the top shelf. In the locker to the left, San Diego's Tony Gwynn was putting his uniform on.

Mike Schmidt took his off forever in May.

Schmidt, who retired on May 29, was the leading vote-getter at third base by the fans for the National League All-Star team.

He finished his career with 548 homers, three MVP Awards, and 10 Gold Gloves.

On Tuesday night, he will be in-

duced to give the fans one more chance to say goodbye.

Why not play one more game?

"I'm not really part of this anymore," Schmidt said. "This was a great honor and I'm thankful to the fans, but it wouldn't be fair to the other players."

Schmidt made a tearful farewell to baseball on the day of his retirement in San Diego and said his farewell again a couple of days later in Philadelphia.

"It was a lot harder than I thought it would be," Schmidt said. "But every day it gets a little easier. There are other things I'm working on now."

"I think playing in this game would have been taking a step backwards. If I made an out it wouldn't have been fair to the others. If I get a hit, people would say I left too soon."

"I had lots of great honors in

baseball and I won a World Series," Schmidt said. "There was really nothing left for me to prove...it was just time to go."

Knowing that time — and acting on it — is one of the most difficult decisions a professional athlete must make.

Tommy John, 46, is still trying to catch on with another team after being released by the Yankees.

"If you think you can still do the job, fine. But I didn't think I could anymore," said Schmidt.

Taking Schmidt's place at third base is Howard Johnson of the New York Mets.

"I'm not thinking of myself as replacing Mike Schmidt," said Johnson. "No one can replace Mike Schmidt because he's going to the Hall of Fame some day."

Spurs' woes end with new weapons



Cary Burgess
Sports Writer

Well, after the disappointment of last season, many Spurs fans were ready to kiss their tickets goodbye and bid the only professional sports organization in San Antonio farewell.

Growing up in small-town Kerrville just to the north of San Antonio, I had the opportunity to watch them go from the excitement of George "The Iceman" Gervin in the early 80's to the sluggish, unexcitable Spurs of the late 1980's.

A steady decline in player organization and quality has plagued the franchise for the last several seasons which resulted in below .500 finishes and a steady decline in attendance.

The problem in 1986 reached the point where the Spurs were fixing to be sold off to another city.

In 1987, however, the Spurs had something to look forward to as they selected first in the NBA draft where they picked David Robinson, the superstar from Navy who would be

the resurrection to the team's demise.

But there were complications such as the realization that Robinson would not be available for play until he served a two-year duty for the Navy which left many Spurs fans unhappy, yet anxious.

The 1987-88 season rolled around and the Spurs suffered through their worst season since they were admitted into the NBA in the early 1970's.

Finally, the 1988-89 season rolled around and there was hope because the Spurs were under new leadership from Larry Brown, who led Kansas to the NCAA Division I championship in April of 1988.

Attendance increased for a short time, but the club continued to die and Hemisfair Arena became the only place where front-row seats were available anytime.

Through the season, the club became less and less organized and Brown began to doubt that his job would be safe as the Spurs sagged to an all-time low.

With the 1988-1989 season behind them, the road to success looks much brighter because the Spurs have taken on a completely new look which has the potential to provide San Antonio with their best team ever.

Robinson's services will finally be available this coming season and the timing was just right because the Spurs received two other major gifts which promise nothing but improvement for a declining organization.

Late in the spring, it was announced that the Spurs had acquired Terry Cummings from Milwaukee in exchange for Alvin Robertson and Greg "Cadillac" Anderson.

While many Spurs fans were skeptical about the trade because they lost hometown favorite Alvin Robertson, the whole affair should prove to be beneficial because Cummings is undoubtedly a powerful force at forward.

Much of the Spurs recent decline was due to the lack of a power forward and Alvin Robertson basically would have been eliminated anyway when David Robinson made his entrance.

Nonetheless, the Spurs have an excellent rebounder and the best power forward they have ever had.

One thing is for sure. They won't be taken for granted anymore and the darkhorse of the Texas NBA may outlast both the Dallas Mavericks and the Houston Rockets when the playoffs come around.

Sports Briefs

Tech rugby team wins 7s tournament

The Texas Tech Rugby Club took first place this weekend as they participated in the 1st Annual James Lewis 7s Memorial Tournament in Lubbock.

The team chalked up victories over San Angelo 24-4; Odessa Mad Dogs 18-10; South Plains All-Stars 24-0 and the Oklahoma Renegades 34-0 before Tech avenged an earlier loss to Santa Fe by defeating them 7-6 in the final round.

Tech was led in scoring by Dan Marshall who was credited with five tries.

Eric Darrow, Rodney Doyle, Jim Hourton and Bobby Medigovich added three tries while Andrew Bush and Scott Evans added two tries apiece. "Defeating Santa Fe was the most impressive win," team coach and player Bobby Medigovich said.

"We had to come from behind to beat them," Medigovich added.

Medigovich said that the tournament was held in honor of former team member James Lewis who died as a result of leukemia in February.

"The team showed a lot of heart for the memory of James Lewis," Medigovich said.

With the victories, Tech improves to 12-4 on the summer.

Tech's next scheduled tournament will be August 12th where they will participate in the Mudfish Tournament in Dallas.

Tech athletics names marketing director

The Texas Tech Athletics Department announced Friday that Dick Murray would serve as Tech's first director of marketing in the Athletics Department.

According to the Sports Information Department, Murray has occupied the position since July 1st and previously served as Associate Director of Relations for the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

Murray is a graduate of Fresno State where, after his graduation, he served as tennis, football and basketball coach.

In addition, Murray has served as a physical education professor at the University of California-Santa Cruz from 1970 until 1985.

Assistant Volleyball coach appointed

Texas Tech announced Monday that Lisa Seifert would assume the role of assistant volleyball coach at Tech.

Seifert comes to Tech after serving as head volleyball coach at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Seifert will fill the role left vacant by Lucy Courtney who resigned earlier in the year.

According to Kent Best of Tech Sports Information, Seifert will assume her role effective August 1.

Seifert will serve under Mike Jones who was named head volleyball coach earlier this summer.

Tech signs game contract with UTEP

The Texas Tech Athletics Department announced Monday that a two-year football contract between Texas Tech and the University of Texas-El Paso had been signed.

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