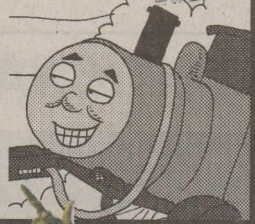
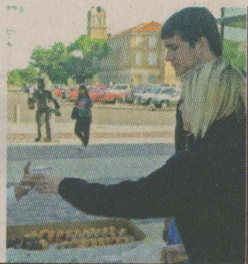


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STATE

U.S. sues County sheriff over jail conditions

DALLAS (AP) — Federal prosecutors allege in a lawsuit against Dallas County and Sheriff Lupe Valdez that inmates at the Dallas County Jail are at risk of harm because of unsafe jail conditions and a lack of proper health care.

The U.S. Attorney's Office asked the court to require Dallas County to take actions to correct deficiencies at the jail, among the largest complexes in the country. In a lawsuit filed Wednesday, the federal government contends Dallas County and its sheriff have known about problems at the jail for some time but have failed to address them adequately.

NATION

Thompson gives no opinion on Schiavo

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Fred Thompson gave no opinion Thursday when asked about efforts by President Bush and Congress to keep Terri Schiavo alive, saying he does not remember details of the right-to-die case that stirred national debate.

Thompson was asked in an interview for Bay News 9's "Political Connections" program whether he thought Congress' intervention to save the life of the brain-dead woman two years ago was appropriate.

WORLD

Anti al-Qaida sheik slain in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — The assassination Thursday of the leader of the Sunni Arab revolt against al-Qaida militants dealt a setback to one of the few success stories in U.S. efforts to stabilize Iraq, but tribesmen in Anbar province vowed not to be deterred in fighting the terror movement. American and Iraqi officials hoped the death of Abdul-Sattar Abu Risha would not stall the campaign to drive al-Qaida in Iraq from the vast province spreading west of Baghdad and reconcile Sunnis with the Shiites.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Whitmore delivers State of University Address

By MAGGIE KIELY STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech President Jon Whitmore gave his State of the University Address at a faculty meeting Thursday afternoon in the Human Sciences building.

During the address, Whitmore outlined the major issues on his agenda for Tech.

Whitmore said the biggest priority on the agenda is improving campus safety.

"Tech purchased an emergency-notification system for the campus," he said, "that allows us to contact six different phone numbers and e-mails for each student, faculty and staff member in less than five minutes in case of a major emergency."

Whitmore said the system will be

tested Oct. 10.

Margaret Lutherer, executive director of communication and marketing, said along with e-mail, postcards, posters on buses and advertisements will be used to encourage students to sign up for the emergency-notification system.

"It's really simple: Just go online and give us your cell phone," she said, "and then you answer, 'Do you

want to be text messaged or not?' and we make a promise that we will never, ever use this for anything but an emergency."

In addition to the notification system, Whitmore urged all faculty and staff members to pick up a brochure titled "Managing the Stress of Students."

"There were faculty at Virginia Tech who understood that this

student was disturbed in some kind of way," he said, "and this program can help you so you can know who to contact if you are in that situation, and then we have professionals who can help deal with the situation."

Challenges Whitmore said he expects Tech and other universities

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PHOTOS BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

CHRIS DANIELS, A stuntman who's appeared in all three Spider-Man films, demonstrates a fall Thursday night in the Student Union building's Allen Theatre. Nick Collins, a junior English major from Lake Jackson, and Jordan Husmann, a freshman music education major from Aledo, helped Daniels set up boxes to cushion his fall.

Spider-Man stuntman visits Tech campus, performs for students

By ANN LUU STAFF WRITER

Jumping off roofs, flying through walls and running through fire might sound like an interesting day, but for stuntman Chris Daniels, it is all in a day's work.

Daniels, a Hollywood stuntman best known for his work in the "Spider-Man" movies, visited the Student Union Building's Allen Theatre Thursday night for a presentation.

Daniels said this was his first time to visit Lubbock, and it was enjoyable. Before the show began, a high, yellow scaffold surrounded by six large boxes set the stage for Daniels to share who was behind the mask.

"I really liked the 'Spider-Man' movies, so I thought it would be interesting to see behind the scenes and what a stuntman is like," said Brittany Chan, a senior psychology major from Houston.

After a brief introduction by a Tech Activities Board member, the lights dimmed, and loud music was heard from above.

On a large screen in the theater, clips from the popular TV shows "Angel," "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer," "Roswell" and "Martial Law" were projected to highlight Daniels work — as he jumped over cars, slammed into cement walls and was thrown through windows.

"I thought it was cool to see how they did stunts," said Sarah Stricklin, a freshman sociology major from Southlake. "I learned a lot of stuff I didn't know about stuntmen."

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Tech receives \$4.1 million grant from U.S. Department of Defense

By ADAM YOUNG STAFF WRITER

The United States Department of Defense has awarded Texas Tech's efforts in counterterrorism research with a \$4.1 million grant.

Tech received the Counterterrorism Research Award for its research and development, which has assisted the United States' global war on terror, said Ron Kendall, director of The Institute of Environmental and Human Health.

Kendall unveiled the award with Congressman Randy Neugebauer Wednesday at TIEHH.

"We're under a constant terrorism threat in this nation and globally, and it's going to last for decades," Kendall said. "This award will expand our work in the arena of chemical and biological terrorism countermeasures."

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said research is a top priority at the university because it has the capability to save lives.

"For us to be able to combat what is happening by terrorists, we have to have the best technology," he said, "and I think we have that with the research that's taking place."

The grant will give Tech researchers more opportunities to contribute to U.S. efforts in the war on terror, Hance said.

"It also gives us more national standing with the Department of Defense and Congress," he said, "and it shows that they have confidence in us and our capabilities in research."

Kendall said the grant will be implemented through TIEHH's Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr. National Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats, which was created in 1998.

He said research in the program has escalated since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

"Subsequently, we've developed a very robust research program looking at all kinds of issues tied to chemical and biological terrorism countermeasures," he said. "We've become a major university research focus for the Department of Defense

and through the United States Army."

He said a top priority of the Department of Defense that Tech has led the way in has been the development of a personal decontamination system.

"We've hit that target for them, and that's one of the reasons we're getting more money, more support and more interest," Kendall said.

Seshadri Ramkumar, an assistant professor and researcher at TIEHH, said he has worked on the development of a nonwoven fabric that absorbs toxins and can help prevent contact with toxic chemicals used in chemical warfare and terrorism.

Ramkumar said the material is a blend of cotton or polyester and carbon and "has been rated as the best dry-state wipe."

"Texas Tech is the only academic facility in the U.S. and perhaps in the world that uses textile nonwoven technology

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ODDBALL DAILY

Worker caught stomping garlic in work boots

NANUET, N.Y. (AP) — Stomping on garlic with your shoes on is apparently not the correct way to prepare food.

The Rockland County health department hit the Great China Buffet restaurant with two violations after someone took pictures of an employee stomping on a bowl of garlic with his boots in an alley. The man alerted health inspectors.

sanitarian John Stoughton said Tuesday. "It was a novel way to prepare food," he acknowledged.

Burglar stuck in chimney sentenced to 2 years

WEST COVINA, Calif. (AP) — A man who got stuck in a chimney while trying to burglarize a Los Angeles County home was sentenced to two years in prison.

burglary charge. Espinoza also was ordered to pay more than \$10,000 in restitution to the homeowners for damage to the West Covina residence, Deputy District Attorney Linda Chilstrom said.

after the homeowners found him stuck in their chimney. He allegedly told police he was doing construction on the house and claimed other people were with him.

Bald man accused of stealing hair-loss product

OSSINING, N.Y. (AP) — A bald man went into a pharmacy and stole five bottles of a hair loss treatment but was caught while running away, police said.

Lt. William Sullivan said. The product was worth about \$50. Hoousendove, of Freeport, had just dropped off friends who were visiting an inmate at Sing Sing prison on Sunday when he went into the pharmacy, police said.

Hoousendove was jailed in lieu of \$3,000 bail and was due in court Thursday. There was no telephone listing for Hoousendove at the home address provided by police, and a call to the only listing for a Hoousendove in Freeport rang unanswered.

Woman drove stolen car to court to pay traffic ticket

MANNING, S.C. (AP) — A woman who went to court to pay a traffic ticket drove there in a stolen car and ended up behind bars, authorities said.

on Tuesday morning, authorities said. Helton, 21, and her passenger, 35-year-old Terry Lynn Alvery, were charged with possessing a stolen vehicle, Bradham said.

The vehicle had been reported stolen Aug. 28 in Tennessee, authorities said. Helton had been in court less than a week before and was acquitted of possessing a stolen tag but convicted of driving without a license, Bradham said.

Catfish bait plus vinegar equals jail for Ohio trio

LEBANON, Ohio (AP) — Three people who mixed vinegar with catfish bait and tried to sell it as heroin got hooked by undercover officers.

Authorities said the three also tried to sell fake LSD. John Burke, director of the Greater Warren County Drug Task Force, said he didn't know what might happen if someone actually injected a bait-

and Rosanne Wead, 20, of Piqua, each pleaded guilty Tuesday in Warren County Common Pleas Court to a count of trafficking in counterfeit controlled substances. A third person, Jerry Snowden, 27, of Piqua, pleaded guilty last month to a counterfeit substance charge. He was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

FRONT CRAWL



PHOTO BY CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Treador

JOHN FLOWERS, A senior public relations major from Dallas, swims laps in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center's Aquatic Center Wednesday afternoon.

Address

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to face in the future are changing student demographics, the rising cost of attendance and the increase in competition. Whitmore said he plans on overcoming these obstacles by using accountability, transparency and affordability in his favor.

gram up and running by the spring semester. One affordability strategy Whitmore said is being used is the "Graduate on Time" program, in which students are offered an incentive to graduate in four years.

He said the Tech budget increased this year, thanks to a successful legislative session. "If there is an area where we came out most ahead in the legislative session, it was funding tuition revenue bonds to the tune of \$57 million," he said.

He said he hopes to get the program up and running by the spring semester. One affordability strategy Whitmore said is being used is the "Graduate on Time" program, in which students are offered an incentive to graduate in four years.

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cost \$57 million." Twenty-five million dollars will go to the new Rawls College of Business building, and \$25 million will go toward renovating the old BA building.

Seven million dollars is being spent on the Tech School of Law additions. "The other piece of money we received was for the higher-education fund," Whitmore said.

"We do have 3.6 million new dollars." Chancellor Kent Hance said the goal is to raise \$100 million to fund research projects for the Health Sciences Center and Tech by 2020.

"Very little from private sector," Hance said, "most of that money will come from federal and state government."

As for the enrollment goal, Whitmore said Tech administrators will have to re-evaluate the existing master plan to prepare for the additional 12,000 students who are anticipated.

"How many residence halls, academic classroom buildings, offices, laboratory spaces, how much parking will we need?" he said. "How many new faculty and staff are needed? In what areas?"

In addition to revising the plan, Whitmore said scholarship money needs to be raised, something Hance said is high priority for him.

"We're going to be working with business, communities, foundations," Hance said, "and all kinds of groups and individuals to get money for scholarships."

Whitmore said for Tech to receive money from the state, university growth must be obvious. "I realize that some members of the Texas Tech family prefer our current size," he said.

"The funding of public colleges and universities in Texas is steeply tilted toward expansion and growth."

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SPORTS

Home away from home: Tech plays against 3rd consecutive C-USA team

By **BEN MAKI**
SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech may be in the Big 12, but the football team seems to have found a home in Conference USA.

The Red Raiders (2-0) will play their third consecutive C-USA opponent; all three opponents hail from the Lone Star State and were bowl-eligible in 2006.

The Red Raiders will get a final tune-up at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rice (0-2) before starting Big 12 Conference play Sept. 22 at Oklahoma State.

After 11 straight days of practice and games, Tech received a day off Sunday, a day usually reserved for evening practice.

"I think it was needed to make sure that we're all still healthy," Tech linebacker Ty Linder said. "We were able to go in, watch film and get a lot done, but at the same time we got the night off to get our legs back under us."

Rice's Jarrett Dillard, a preseason All-American, highlights the Owls' offense, despite having his 15-game touchdown streak broken earlier this season against Nicholls State. He also became the first All-American at Rice since 1997 after amassing 91 catches for nearly 1,247 yards and a Conference USA single-season-record 21 touchdowns in 2006.

Through two games this season, he has recorded 10 catches for 143 yards. Despite Dillard's All-America status, Tech senior defensive back Joe Garcia said at Monday's press conference he had heard of a talented receiver at Rice, but did not recognize who it was.

The Tech defense has shown a tendency to line its cornerbacks several yards off the ball, which has contributed to the defense giving up 371 yards passing, including a career-high 202 yards Saturday by UTEP freshman quarterback Trevor Vittatoe.

"Our offense scores a lot of points for us, and, as a defense, we know that," Linder said. "If we can get the

ball back to our offense, they're most likely going to go down and get points for us."

Tech committed seven penalties for 57 yards against UTEP, including four consecutive penalties in the second quarter, costing the Red Raiders 23 yards and ultimately forcing the team to punt. Leach said the rate of penalties by his team is lower than expected, but he has a solution to fix most of the infraction problem.

"What we need to do offensively and defensively is get on the ball, get to where we're supposed to be, and get

"You just try to keep everything in front of you and when you get the ball, you better not miss a (chance to score)."

— **DAVID BAILIFF**
RICE FOOTBALL COACH

ready to play the next play," he said.

The Red Raider offense averages more than 500 yards of offense and 47 points through two games this season.

"One of the things you look at when you watch a lot of tape, nobody shuts them down but they do a great job and have unbelievable talent," Rice coach David Bailiff said. "(The) offensive line is huge, the receivers and running backs are fast, and their quarterback is amazing, completing 75 percent of his passes."

Bailiff said Rice, who won six games in 2006 and qualified for its first bowl game since 1961, will have a hard time matching Tech score-

for-score.

"They're going to get their yards, going to get their points," Bailiff said. "You just try to keep everything in front of you and when you get the ball, you better not miss a (chance to score.)"

Despite receivers Danny Amendola and Michael Crabtree bringing in most of the receptions for Tech — 49 between them — Leach said he believes receiver L.A. Reed has a spotlight to himself, considering the plays he makes every week that end up on shows such as ESPN's SportsCenter.

"I don't really think he's in the shadow of anybody," Leach said. "L.A. Reed's arguably the best special teams player on the team. Every week there's a highlight somewhere of L.A. Reed. He's more versatile than Crabtree from a whole-team concept. There isn't anything on special teams he can't do. For all I know, he can punt and kick."

Bailiff said the Owls' non-conference schedule is preparing the team for Conference USA action, but the team cannot wait for Tech.

"We're trying to lay a foundation for this program, and they're working for us as long as we get better each week, we're going to be fine," he said. "We've got a Big 12 school coming into our house; the players will be excited and ready to go."

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TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Eric Morris attempts to break through two defenders Saturday in the Red Raiders' 45-31 victory over UTEP. Morris caught seven passes for 75 yards, including a 24-yard reception in the game. Tech averages 47 points and more than 500 yards of offense per game this season. Tech is scheduled to play Rice 2 p.m. Saturday in Houston.

The DT Staff College Football Pick 'Em

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