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Phishing emails mimic Bank of America

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

Many online scammers are phishing for Baylor students.

Phishing is the practice of luring unsuspecting Internet users to a fake Web site by using authentic-looking e-mail with the real organization's logo, in an attempt to steal passwords, financial or personal information, or introduce a virus attack.

Baylor Police Lt. and criminal investigations officer Kevin Helpert reported cases of fraudulent e-mails

being sent to Baylor e-mail addresses. Baylor e-mail users are seeing a number of fraudulent alerts mimicking Bank of America.

Scammers access legitimate Web sites, such as Bank of America, and copy their logos and format to replicate this information in e-mails. This easily tricks trusting Internet users.

Mineral Wells junior Ashtyn Adkins received such an e-mail claiming to be from Bank of America. She clicked on a link in the e-mail, bringing her to a Web site resembling Bank

of America's. As prompted, she provided her full name, address, phone number, social security number, mother's maiden name, debit card number and three-digit security code.

"When I first responded to the e-mail, I thought 'maybe I shouldn't have done that,'" she said. She wrote off her concern until Wednesday when she routinely checked her account balance online.

Western Union had wired out \$309.40 from Adkins and personnel at Bank of America do not know where the money was wired or who

requested the wire. According to Adkins, the withdrawal had not yet been posted to the account and she will not be responsible for the withdrawal.

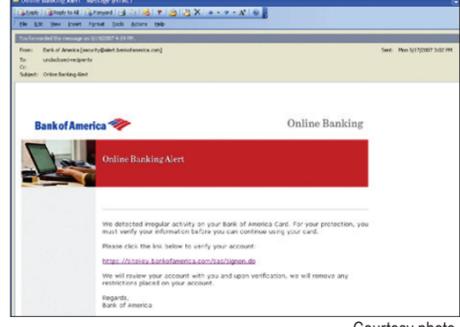
Helpert said he thinks phishers are getting better at deception. E-mail could be identified as suspicious if riddled with grammatical errors, but Helpert said scammers are improving to better fool potential victims.

He said e-mail addresses are often purchased from information clearinghouses. The clearinghouses gather information from their cli-

ents, who collect information when Internet users sign up for e-mail lists and prizes. Helpert said before giving out an e-mail address online, users should check the site's privacy policy to ensure a lack of participation in processes like this.

Some personnel at Bank of America gave other tips for protecting yourself online.

"Fraudulent e-mail usually has an urgent appeal (...) Bank of America and most banks won't ask you to verify information this way," said



Courtesy photo

Phishing e-mails replicate a legitimate banking company's e-mail format to trick users into revealing personal information.

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David Poe/Lariat staff

Anita Benedict, collections manager for the Mayborn Museum, stands at the dig site where currently 25 mammoths have been identified. According to Benedict, the site was first discovered in 1978 by Waco residents Paul Barron and Eddie Bufkin.

Mammoth dig raises funds to go public

By Star De La Cruz
Staff writer

Mammoths once walked where Baylor students do, and fundraisers for a geological site in Cameron Park are working to make fossils of the animals available for public viewing.

"It's a wonderful site to work with. You just don't see places like this," said Anita Benedict, collections manager for the Mayborn Museum, during an exclusive media tour of the site Wednesday afternoon.

Benedict said in 1978, Waco residents Paul Barron and Eddie Bufkin discovered a bone sticking out of the ground. Seeing that it wasn't a cow bone, they contacted Baylor's

now-closed Strecker Museum. Since then, there have been ongoing studies at the location, and 25 mammoths have been identified.

Benedict said individual mammoths found in other places were killed by humans, but this site is important because what has been found is a family group of mammoths.

Gloria Young is the advisory board and fundraising chairwoman for the Waco Mammoth Foundation, which supports the Waco Mammoth Site along with the city of Waco and Baylor.

Young said they have received a number of donations. Congressman Chet Edwards helped get the federal grant of \$200,000, Baylor

donated \$100,000, the city of Waco and McLennan County each gave \$100,000 and The Baylor-Waco Foundation gave \$125,000.

A climate-controlled building is expensive, Young said, but necessary for making the site available for viewing and scientific display. The money would also fund a visitor's center, which will have information, parking, restrooms, security and all the other facilities needed to open the site to the public.

Young said the construction of the site cannot begin until another \$2 million is raised.

"We're applying for grants for foundations and individuals. Our next fundraising is a general public drive," she said.

Young added that it's crucial for the money to be raised as soon as possible because "the elements are working against us and we have got to get this done."

The site is covered with a tent to prevent it from water damage, but it cannot be prevented from insects, heat, cold or human destruction until a climate-controlled and secure environment is built.

Waco City Manager Larry Groth said the fundraising should be complete in six months, and after that the construction of the site will take eight to 10 months. The Waco Mammoth Site may be open within 18 months, he said.

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Web site promotes safe surfing

Business Software Alliance informs of downloading risks

By Kimi Willingham
Reporter

It's easy. Just a little click of the computer mouse and any student is able to download movies, music and the newest software. However, downloading this "free" material comes with repercussions.

According to research conducted by the Business Software Alliance, an organization dedicated to promoting a safe and legal digital world, more than half of the students who have downloaded illegal software off the Internet have experienced computer problems and viruses.

Adam Brock, assistant coordinator of residential technology, said that oftentimes students will come in with viruses or pop-up ad problems because of programs advertised as free on the Internet.

"A lot of viruses will download other viruses," Brock said. He also said eventually the student's computer will host 10-12 infections, which causes the computer to function extremely slowly.

Brock said the viruses and pop-up ads are money markets for the originators, who may receive up to 5 cents each time an ad appears on an individual's computer screen.

As an aid to college students, the alliance has created a Web site geared toward educating and informing students of the risk involved in attaining unprotected material off the Internet.

The Web site, www.B4UCopy.com, provides ample resources such as videos, in-depth research and online quizzes to prepare students for making the proper decisions when faced with downloading harmful material.

According to the alliance's Web site, the U.S. software industry loses billions of dollars every year because of online software pirates. However, instead of highlighting the effect piracy has on the industry, the alliance draws attention to the risk of participating in this illegal action.

One of the many resources on the B4UCopy Web site is a cyber safety video geared toward college students. It emphasizes the dangers and consequences of software piracy and software

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Measure to regulate length of combat tours in Iraq fails

By Anne Flaherty
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Democrats' efforts to challenge President Bush's Iraq policies were dealt a demoralizing blow Wednesday in the Senate after they failed to scrape together enough support for legislation that would have guaranteed troops more time at home.

The 56-44 vote — four votes short of reaching the 60 needed to advance — all but guaranteed that Democrats would be unable to muster the votes to pass tough anti-war legislation by year's end. The legislation, sponsored

by Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., was seen as the Democrats' best shot because of its pro-military premise.

"The idea of winning the war in Iraq is beginning to get a second look," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who led opposition to the bill alongside Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Webb's legislation would have required that troops spend as much time at home training with their units as they spend deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan. Members of the National Guard or Reserve would be guaranteed three years at home before being sent back.

Most Army soldiers now spend about 15 months in combat with 12 months home.

"In blocking this bipartisan bill, Republicans have once again demonstrated that they are more committed to protecting the president than protecting our troops," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Wednesday's vote was the second time in as many months that Webb's bill was sidetracked. In July, a similar measure also fell four votes short of advancing.

Democrats said they were hopeful additional Republicans, wary of the politically unpopu-

lar war, would agree this time around to break party ranks. It had already attracted three dozen co-sponsors including Republicans Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, Olympia Snowe of Maine and Gordon Smith of Oregon.

But momentum behind the bill stalled Wednesday after Sen. John Warner, R-Va., announced he decided the consequences would be disastrous. Warner, a former longtime chairman of the Armed Services Committee, had voted in favor of the measure in July but said he changed



The Associated Press

U.S. soldiers from Bravo 6-9 Cavalry Troop leave their temporary base during operation Saber Hammer 3 Tuesday on the outskirts of Muqadiyah, Iraq.

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Students need all the facts when making choices about sex

Returning from my last summer before graduation, most friends expected to hear about a crazy time I had throwing my last bits of freedom away in the mountains or foreign countries.

Although that's what I dreamed about at night, in the morning I woke up, put on my business attire and rode the subway with thousands of other business persons.

Every morning, work began with reading through media and doing research on a subject I feel more educated about now than when I took a one-hour sex education class in high school.

That's right. I studied sex this summer.

I worked on behalf of a non-profit organization called the Medical Institute for Sexual Health, and although the top-

ics they studied felt awkward at first, I now realize how much my generation is lacking in knowledge about their own sexual health.

Did you know that this year more than two-thirds of college students will have one or more sexual partners?

This places many of my fellow students at risk for STDs and unintended pregnancies. I've seen this happen several times in my three years at school.

According to a 2006 report by the American College Health Association, only 35 percent of college students report receiving any STD information from their school. Even fewer report receiving information on HIV/AIDS (27 percent) or on pregnancy prevention (22 percent). Dr. Gary Rose, president of

point of view

BY DONELLE SAUER



the institute, taught me that when it comes to sexual health, neither my friends nor I should take chances.

He reminded me that this is supposed to be the "time of our lives" as we are making life-changing, independent decisions.

He couldn't be more right. And when it comes to our sexual health, our independence in college can seriously be life-changing.

For the new freshmen this fall, don't think peer pressure

ended when you received a high school diploma.

Decisions about your sexual health are personal and have lifelong consequences.

Therefore, don't let a new boyfriend or girlfriend change your mind on decisions you have made to maintain your sexual health. Respect others' decisions as well.

Another easy step to take is recognizing that alcohol, no matter the amount consumed, impairs judgment and can critically affect decision making.

Many nights in college have been spent comforting a girlfriend for a regrettable decision due to affected judgment from alcohol at a party or date.

Friends are vital. Use them to keep you accountable when drinking. Let them help by

monitoring your intake and the decisions you make.

If you are or decide to be sexually active, get the facts on contraceptives and STDs. Roughly 9 million adults our age contract an STD every year. Most STDs don't have symptoms. Therefore, it's important to get screened regularly by your doctor or the university's medical center.

When it comes to contraceptives, correct and constant use can reduce STDs and the risk of pregnancy. Studies say that condoms reduce the risk of HIV by 85 percent, but only reduce the risk of gonorrhea, chlamydia, herpes or syphilis by roughly 50 percent. They also do not protect from HPV. Birth control only prevents pregnancy, not STDs — a common misunderstanding among young adults.

As for the most effective and medically healthy decision — abstinence is the answer. Although Baylor teaches abstinence as a moral and ethical choice, it's important for students to understand the medical perspective.

Abstinence does not only reduce risk — it is risk avoidance. It's possible to wait for that one person. Trust me. And studies show that more college-age students are making this decision.

With independence comes more responsibility. So, for students returning to campus this fall, now is the time to think about some of the decisions you will make that will impact not only your college experience but also your future.

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Editorial

Lilley's two cents are missing

Being Baylor's president is not an easy job. Between managing a staff of professors and administrators and fundraising enough to finance Baylor 2012, President John Lilley has a lot on his plate.

But one of the most crucial roles a university president must play, especially during times of dispute, is to act as the face of the university. By virtue of his job description, Lilley is the voice of Baylor. Lately it seems he has laryngitis.

When Baylor was thrust into the national spotlight for shutting down distinguished professor Dr. Robert Marks' intelligent design Web site, representatives from media relations answered questions, not Lilley.

Of course, the public could hardly expect anything less, considering Lilley's absence from the initial meeting between Marks and a handful of Baylor administrators.

It's understandable that the president is a busy man and can't attend every single meeting with a faculty member, but certainly one with a distinguished professor and his legal counsel could merit his coveted attention.

This is not the first time Lilley has been missing in action for a crucial meeting. Let's not forget the controversy surrounding the book *Baylor Beyond the Crossroads*, now known as *The Baylor Project* — it was another national stage for Baylor and another silent moment in Lilley's presidency.

Not only was Lilley notably absent from meetings with the book's editors, director of media relations Lori Fogleman said he was unable to comment at all because he had never seen any version of the book, even though manuscripts and galley copies are



available. There really is no excuse for this type of detachment from issues so close to the heart of Baylor.

Even former president Robert B. Sloan Jr. is easier to get ahold of than Lilley. When *The Lariat* called the office of the Houston Baptist University president, we were patched right through.

However, when trying to reach our own president, we run into a string of red tape that media relations proudly declares is "the same treatment we give the *New York Times*." This is nothing to brag about.

By making itself unavailable to the press, the Lilley administration has forfeited its voice in major conversa-

tions. Even though representatives from media relations eagerly give statements to newspapers across the country, nothing has the same effect as a word from the president.

While the weight of his speech may be the very thing that's causing Lilley to hold his tongue, few statements could be as damaging as this current silence.

Often, people refuse to speak out of guilt. By choosing silence, Lilley has unwittingly thrown himself under these suspicions, even though this may not be the case.

In an article by the *Baptist Press*, former Baylor professor William Dembski infers that Lilley is the culprit behind the changes to Marks' Web

site due to his absence at the August meeting. If Lilley had only been there, Dembski couldn't make such an argument.

Now the Lilley administration is declining to meet with the producers of *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*, a documentary following intelligent design issues in higher education.

By hiding out, it's beginning to look like Lilley's got something worth hiding.

Nothing would silence the conspiracy theorists like undeniable physical presence. Show up to meetings, make public statements, maybe even hit up the Bear Trail while you're at it.

As your student body, we'd like to hear from you once in a while.

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Correction

Wednesday's editorial incorrectly referenced two events. The paragraph should have read: "There have been issues on campus regarding homosexuality in the recent past, including the revocation of a George W. Truett Theological Seminary student's scholarship in 2004, the dismissal of a member of the advisory board with the Hankamer School of Business and also last year with the arrival of Soulforce, a gay and lesbian rights activist group."

Clarification

A quote by Sam Chen in Wednesday's article "ID debate to continue in new film," incorrectly stated that Dr. Robert Marks' lab was shut down. Only the Web site has been moved.

Letters to the editor

Baylor right in Marks debacle

In response to Walt Ruloff's aptly placed "point of view" column: The very sight of the piece invokes the image of a sojourner of truth, if not Sojourner Truth herself. The similarity is uncanny, as is the mission Walt and his likeness set upon. Seriously and appearances aside, there is something else wrong.

The mission itself — that could not be wrong. Ruloff gives us the story of an underrepresented minority, oppressed by the arro-

gance and greater power of their colleagues. My heart bleeds for creationists daily.

The method must not be it either. Finally, a fair and balanced documentary about ID. One can only hope for the journalistic integrity of a religious Michael Moore. I'd see that movie.

Well then, what is wrong? The problem arises from a few key assumptions on Ruloff's part. For one, firing people or not publishing their research for bad science is not protected under

any constitutional amendment I can think of. His claim that censoring ID scientists limits free speech is misleading. Also, ironically, he characterizes the "Darwinian Machine" as a fundamentalist sect, bent on establishing the "inviolable truth" of natural selection.

Having read a few of those sectarians, Walt seems to have glanced over Dr. Richard Dawkins' devotion to the concept of theory. No one knows more than an evolutionary biologist that it works in theory and not law.

It is theory that the earth goes around the sun — a good theory. It is a theory that various species have evolved through a process of natural selection, now using the gene as the unit of selection rather than the organism. It is a fairly good theory, one that has been expanded by neo-Darwinists such as Dawkins, and a theory that many scientists are trying to make into a great theory.

From Ruloff's description, Dr. Robert Marks does not seem like one of those scientists. In fact, rather than attempting to garner

new information, he sounds like his purpose is to debunk.

It is important that scientists remain critical of theories and debunk ones without ground. I'm still waiting for a convincing blow to evolutionary theory as a whole.

Marks may make a dent, but it will take more than a mathematical theory to erase evidence from analogous structures, fossils, genetic similarity and laboratory experiments showing evolution on a small scale.

If Marks' work is important

enough, I have faith that the scientific community will find a place for him to publish. Until then, I encourage Baylor to keep choosing science over sectarian beliefs.

With that attitude, Baylor will be able to have a more honest conversation between science and religion, and no matter how many times critics invoke the "Christian university" title as a basis for supporting ID, Baylor will have a legitimate answer.

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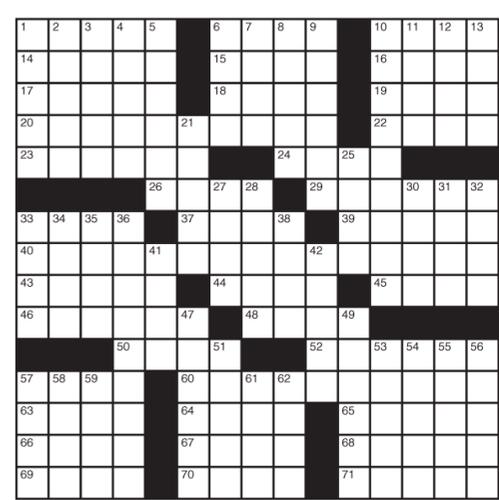
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Professor to speak on NASA, space missions

By Katherine Farlow
Reporter

The Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics and Engineering Research is sponsoring a lecture, "A New Era of Astronomical Exploration and Discovery," at 2 p.m. Friday.

Dr. Pamela Marcum, associate professor of physics and astronomy at Texas Christian University, will speak about the capabilities and goals of NASA astrophysics missions.

Marcum is taking a leave of absence from TCU to work as a program and discipline sci-

entist at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., where she will manage the grant program.

The lecture is focused on astrophysics missions' development and production and the opportunities the missions will provide.

In a press release, Marcum said future missions will offer new revelation about the universe and address questions about how unique it is.

"Space physics is an interest of CASPER," said Dr. Truell Hyde, professor, vice provost for research and director of

CASPER.

CASPER is an official Baylor University center formed in partnership with Texas State Technical College-Waco that conducts research in physics and engineering.

Marcum will give an overview of astrophysics missions and explain what types of missions get funded.

Each mission has to have specific goals in order to get funded, Hyde said.

Marcum will also talk about her own research, mostly astronomy and astrophysics, he said.

The lecture is not just for science students but for those interested in astronomy as well, Hyde said.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to hear someone speak on the cutting edge of astrophysics and how the government funds these missions," Hyde said.

The missions will use current technology to answer questions, assistant professor of physics Lorin Matthews said.

Marcum is speaking about new developments of two missions, WISE and Kepler, Matthews said.

According to the NASA Web site, WISE, the Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, will provide knowledge about the solar system, the Milky Way galaxy and the universe.

The Kepler mission is searching for Earth-like planets beyond our solar system with a telescope.

"She's going to address new instruments for continuing to observe detail in this universe," said physics department chair and professor Greg Benesh.

Benesh said this is something that will stimulate student interests.

BEAR BRIEFS

Career Services will host a resume writing workshop by John Cunningham, a professor with the communication studies department, at 4 p.m. today in Kayser Auditorium. There will be tips and techniques for perfecting your resume, as well as pizza and door prizes. For more information, go to www.myintefase.com/baylor/student.

"What Are You: Red or Blue?" will be hosted by Omega Delta Phi at 7 p.m. today on the 5th floor of Cashon Academic Center. Baylor Democrats, Baylor College Republicans and members of the local community will participate, with a question-and-answer session following. For additional information, contact Andrew.Ortiz@baylor.edu or visit www.baylorknights.com.

Baylor Leadership Council is accepting applications until Friday. All sophomores, juniors and seniors with a passion for leadership and desire to make a difference are encouraged to apply. Applications are available online at www.baylor.edu/leadership/blc. For additional information, contact Kristie.Newton@baylor.edu.

Vietnamese Student Association will present the 15th Annual Moon Festival at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29 in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Tickets are \$10 presale or \$15 at the door. For tickets or additional information, contact Quyen.Dau@baylor.edu.

The Alumni Association is accepting nominations for **Alumnus By Choice** until Sept. 30. Applications are online at www.baylor.edu/buaa. For more information, contact Jan_Dodd@baylor.edu.

The Kicks for Kids tournament, presented by Tri Delta will be Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 in the Baylor Sciences Building Fields. This event will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Kidzville Wing at Hillcrest Hospital. T-shirts will be on sale this week and next week for \$9 in Collins and Penland Residence Halls. Teams of 10-20 people are due Friday. For additional information, contact Julia_Johnson@baylor.edu.

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Soldiers' cognitions assessed

New Army program tests brain function before deployment to Iraq

By Kristin M. Hall
The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Before they leave for Iraq, thousands of troops with the 101st Airborne Division line up at laptop computers to take a test: basic math, matching numbers and symbols, and identifying patterns. They press a button quickly to measure response time.

It's all part of a fledgling Army program that records how soldiers' brains work when healthy, giving doctors baseline data to help diagnose and treat them if they come back with a traumatic brain injury.

"This allows the Army to be much more proactive," said Lt. Col. Mark McGrail, division surgeon for the 101st. "We don't want to wait until the soldier is getting out of the Army to say, 'But I've had these symptoms.'"

The mandatory brain-function tests are starting with the 101st at Fort Campbell and are expected to spread to other military bases in the next couple of months. Commanders at each base will decide whether to adopt the program.

The tests provide a standard, objective measurement for each soldier's reaction time, their short-term memory and other cognitive skills.

That data would be used when the soldiers come home to identify mild brain trauma that can often go unnoticed and untreated.

One veterans group wants to ensure the Army doesn't use the results



Associated Press

Soldiers of the 101st Airborne take a cognitive skills test Sept. 7 in Fort Campbell, Ky., in preparation for deployment to Iraq.

to deny treatment by claiming that soldiers' problems came from pre-existing conditions.

"We certainly think these tests should not be used to reduce the responsibility that the Army has to treat the soldiers who have served," said Jason Forrester, director of policy for Veterans for America.

About 7,500 Fort Campbell soldiers have completed the tests, said Dr. Robert Schlegel, a University of Oklahoma researcher who administers the 10-minute exams to soldiers as they file quickly through a testing center.

One question asks soldiers to memorize patterns on the screen and then identify them later among several different patterns.

Other questions require soldiers to match numbers and symbols, or complete simple addition and subtraction problems.

"Everybody functions a bit differently in terms of how quickly they

react to things, how well they process things and remember things and so forth," Schlegel said.

Brain injuries caused by explosions have become some of the most common combat wounds suffered in Iraq.

Thirty percent of soldiers taken to Walter Reed Army Medical Center since 2003 suffered traumatic brain injuries, according to the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center.

The brain-injury center, which has seven facilities around the country, has seen 2,669 patients between 2003 and 2007.

But doctors believe many less obvious brain-injury cases go undetected.

Sgt. Adam Wyatt, 22, has been close to 20 to 30 blasts from homemade bombs, rocket-propelled grenades or mortar fire during his last two deployments.

But he's never been directly hit. "The initial shock is a little disorienting," Wyatt said. "Your first thought is seeing if anyone is wounded.

Kanye West scores sales contest victory over rival 50 cent

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just hours after he was officially crowned the victor in his much-hyped sales battle with 50 Cent, Kanye West turned up at GQ's 50th anniversary party as the featured performer.

But the evening was more like a coronation for West, whose "Graduation" widely outsold 50 Cent's "Curtis" in first week sales, according to Nielsen SoundScan: 957,000 copies to 691,000 copies.

"To be a champion, you've got to take out a champion," West declared Tuesday night, as an all-star crowd including Jay-Z, Beyonce and Diddy cheered him on.

Moments later, he called for his "theme music," then launched into a performance of his song "Good Life."

Things couldn't be much better for West, who gave the struggling music industry its best debut of the year with "Graduation," besting the year's previous first-week champ, Linkin Park, which sold 623,000 of "Minutes to

Midnight" when it debuted in May.

"It feels overwhelming," West told The Associated Press earlier in the day.

"Everyone is coming up to me and telling me how proud they are of me."

Though selling almost 700,000 copies in the first week is a sterling achievement, it was still a considerable letdown for 50 Cent. His last album, 2005's "The Massacre," sold 1.1 million in its first week.

In fact, West's "Graduation" is the only other album

to come close to that figure since.

Last month, 50 didn't think of West as much of a competitor: "It's great marketing on Def Jam's part, by putting us out there at the same time and make like we can actually be compared on some level," he told the AP.

In another interview, he said he would retire if West outsold him.

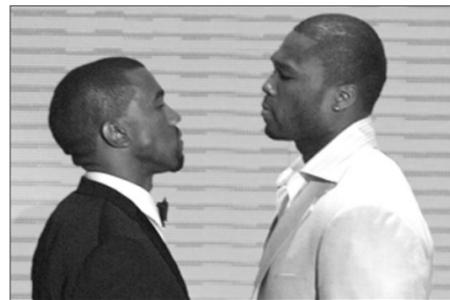
Fifty, who is planning a world tour for his album, was conciliatory in defeat.

In a statement to the AP, which didn't address wheth-

er he planned to make good on his vow to retire, he said: "I am very excited to have participated in one of the biggest album release weeks in the last two years. Collectively, we have sold hundreds of thousands of units in our debut week."

"This marks a great moment for hip-hop music, one that will go down in history."

While West is enjoying a No. 2 position on the charts with his hit "Stronger," 50 has struggled to connect with radio.



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50 Cent, right, and Kanye West face off Sept. 9 before they present an award at the MTV Video Music Awards at the Palms Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

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New tennis assistant blends experience, winning mindset

By Caroline Korsawe
Reporter

Anousjka van Exel graduated from the University of Tulsa in 1999, played on the Women's Tennis Association Tour from 2001 to 2004, and returned to the U.S. in 2005 to get her master's degree.

On Aug. 31 she was named the new Baylor women's tennis assistant coach.

Players and staff said they are confident van Exel's experience and unique personality will add a valuable component to the team.

"She has a unique blend of great playing background: college playing experience, great academic experience in sports nutrition and kinesiology and she has coaching experience," tennis head coach Joey Scrivano said. "That's a pretty awesome blend of experiences to help her student-athletes get better."

Van Exel played four years on the WTA Tour and participated in all four Grand Slams: the U.S. Open, Wimbledon, the Australian Open and the French Open. She was ranked as high as No. 200 in singles and No. 100 in doubles. In 2003, van Exel broke her ankle.

She said she realized that despite her passion for playing on the tour, because of her injury she eventually had to give up her career.

"My ankle is about 95 percent, but if you want to be good, it's going to be a hundred," van Exel said.

She added she could be on the court for two hours but then her ankle would swell. She was never able to play and practice the same day or participate in extra conditioning work because her ankle couldn't withstand the pressure.

However, her professional career brought about valuable experiences and memories.

Her most fun on-court moment was playing mixed doubles at Wimbledon. She played together with Jordan

Kerr against Martina Navratilova and Todd Woodbridge, both of whom are well-known names in the world of tennis. Van Exel said that even though they lost, it was still a valuable learning experience.

"We were playing out of our mind," van Exel said. "In the beginning they (crowd) yell out their names. But the match was so good that they started yelling out our names, too. After an awesome point they would just stand up. It was sold out. Center court. And they would stand up and give us a minute-long standing ovation. The whole match was amazing."

In 2005, van Exel returned to the U.S. to get her master's degree. In 2006, she went to the NCAA Championship in Georgia and tried to make connections with head coaches to break into a new market — the coaching business.

"I've always loved coaching. I love teaching. I have a passion for the sport," van Exel said.

Van Exel valued the coaching education she received in the Netherlands. It took her three years to complete, but it distinguishes her from other college coaches who entered the coaching business without prior education.

Van Exel decided to enter the coaching business in the U.S. because it offers a combination she couldn't experience in the Netherlands. At home, she spent seven to nine hours a day on the court.

In the U.S., "You are not only on the court. There are other things you have to do," van Exel said. "You are traveling and you get eight girls for four years and you can just work with them. You can make them as good as they can be."

Van Exel chose Baylor because said the university breeds success. "It has a great tennis program, guys and girls," van Exel said.

The first time she came to Baylor, van Exel said, she realized that everyone was success-

oriented.

"They really want success," van Exel said. "A lot of other people say they want it too, but they don't really do the things to accomplish that."

Scrivano emphasized that it was an easy transition and van Exel's openness helped the players adjust quickly.

Van Exel emphasized her ability to lead by example. She said her playing experience increased her credibility and the trust the team has in her.

"I think the girls instantly listen to Anousjka because of her background and experience," Scrivano said. "There are a lot of coaches with that background and experience, but what makes her special is that she can communicate her experiences really well."

Prievdza junior Jana Bielikova said that the change did not cause any problems for her and the adaptation was fast.

"I appreciate that my coach is better than me and can better understand my mistakes because of her experience," Bielikova said.

The tremendous amount of experience equipped van Exel to put herself in her student-athlete's shoes.

"I know what it feels like to be in a big match. I played in front of thousands of people. I know how to react, or know that you are so nervous that you can hardly breathe," van Exel said.

For many players, including Kosice senior Zuzana Zemenova, van Exel serves as a role model. Zemenova said she has a lot of trust in her assistant coach because of her knowledge and experience.

Beside van Exel's function as the new assistant coach, she assumed the responsibilities of a student as well. Van Exel is expected to graduate from Texas Woman's University in December with a degree in exercise and sport nutrition.

She said she spends every free minute on her online class and thesis.



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Sophomore quarterback Blake Szymanski scrambles to his left Saturday during Baylor's 34-27 win over Texas State University. The Baylor offense has scored 79 points over its last two games.

BU offense hitting its stride

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

At the beginning of last season, the implementation of Baylor's new spread offensive attack seemed to be a daunting task.

Offensive coordinator Lee Hays was brought on staff to help coordinate and usher in the pass-heavy offense which Guy Morriss had coached at several of his NCAA stops.

As with any switch in a base scheme, the personnel wasn't ideal and the learning curve was steep.

Now the Bears are 15 games into Hays and Morriss' offensive experiment, and the product is beginning to take an encouraging form.

After being shut out in a disappointing 27-0 loss to Texas Christian University two weeks ago, the offense has caught fire. The team has scored 79 points in its last two games, one of which was the team's highest scoring output against a Division One opponent in 11 years. The last time Baylor scored that

many points over a two-game span was in 1994, the Bears' last bowl season.

Blake Szymanski, the second quarterback to play in the system in two years, is largely responsible for the offense's success this year. Szymanski is No. 6 in the nation and No. 2 in the Big 12 in passing yards. He also shares the No. 4 ranking nationally for touchdown passes with 11, which is also the country's highest two-game total this season.

Despite the big numbers, Szymanski was not impressed by his five-touchdown, 411-yard performance in a 34-27 win over Texas State University last Saturday.

"I didn't think I had a great game; I know I didn't have a great game, especially after the first drive, and the third quarter too," said Szymanski, who has thrown for 1,039 yards and a 136.77 passer rating this year. "We came out a little dead. I don't know the reason for that. Other things need to happen better for us to execute more."

More offensive execution almost doesn't seem possible at this point, but judging by his comments this week, Morriss doesn't ascribe to that theory.

"The perception is never as good as you think it is and imagine it is," Morriss said. "There is a lot of room for improvement; we have to get better. Overall, it wasn't near as bad as I first thought standing on the sidelines."

Hays said one thing this offense doesn't have to worry about is getting ahead of themselves. The coaching staff is making sure of that, he said.

"You score 34 points, and you're upset," Hays said. "That's a positive for me because I know the kids are feeling like their expectations are a little bit higher, and they are. They should be."

Last Saturday Szymanski threw a touchdown to five different receivers for the second straight week.

The Baylor offense's encore performance is this Saturday at the University of Buffalo.

Displaced Baylor Crew looks for new source of funding



David Poe/Lariat staff

Baylor Crew members strain to transport a boat Tuesday during afternoon practice. Crew recently lost its primary source of funding and opens its new dock this Sunday.

By Susanne Gilkey
Reporter

Crew is a pricey club sport. Baylor Crew is no exception.

Crew members said the required expenses make it challenging to keep the boats in the water. To complicate matters, Baylor Crew recently lost its major source of funding.

To stay afloat, Crew needs \$34,000 a year to cover the cost of boat repairs and regatta competitions.

Crew was previously funded by a 3:1 matching program between a private donor family and the Exxon Mobil Corp. The family gave \$10,000 a year to the Crew program, and because a family member was an employ-

ee of the corporation, Exxon-Mobil in turn sent \$30,000 to Baylor Crew. With the family no longer in the picture, ExxonMobil no longer has a money figure to match, costing Crew \$40,000 a year.

With this loss of sponsorship, crew will now be relying on fundraisers and are currently looking for new donors, Camarillo, Calif., sophomore Alison MacFarlane said.

Baylor gives \$2,500 annually to the club and dues for members are \$250 per semester.

Baylor has 9 boats, including four, six and eight passenger shells. These boats range in price from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Adding to the tangled situation, Crew's dock washed away

July 8 in heavy flooding. The cost of the dock was \$20,400 and was covered by Baylor's insurance.

A new dock will be opened for use Sunday afternoon.

Although Crew is an expensive sport, members contend the cost is well worth the final product.

The team's day begins with team practices in the mornings or the afternoons. Scottsdale, Ariz., junior J.T. Holmes said practices on the water are "very peaceful."

Houston senior Megan Beireis said Crew requires a measure of concentration and teamwork unique to the sport.

"You have to be in sync. You're all listening to one voice

in the boat," Beireis said.

Regattas, invitational events for colleges across the country, are scheduled throughout the season.

Fifty or more schools compete in these engagements and there can be 1,250 boats in the event.

At regattas, schools race distances ranging from one to five kilometers.

"The regattas are a lot of fun," Beireis said. "(The University of Texas) is triple our size, but we beat them last year in the individual races."

The regattas this semester are Pumpkin Head, held in Austin on Oct. 27, and Head of Hooch, in Chattanooga, Tenn. on Nov. 3.

Cowboys' Johnson ready for his second chance

By Jaime Aron
The Associated Press

IRVING — There was no vow to become "Man of the Year" this time. Tank Johnson simply said Wednesday he is looking forward to resuming his career with the Dallas Cowboys without the pressure of proving anything to anyone.

"I know I'm not a risk," Johnson said. "I'm a highly intelligent person and I take pride in a lot of things I do in life. Like any other person, I'm going to make mistakes and I've made mistakes. I'm coming to Dallas to be a productive defensive lineman and really solidify what (team owner) Jerry Jones thinks of me."

Since December, Johnson has gone from star tackle on the NFL's best defense to being unemployed and suspended.

He's also spent two months in jail because of new and old weapons charges and seen a friend get shot and killed.

When NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said Johnson had to sit out eight games, he said he'd consider cutting the penalty by two games if Johnson stayed on his best behavior — in

other words, proved he was living up to his post-incarceration promise of trying to become the "Man of the Year."

A few weeks later, though, he was pulled over for speeding at 3:30 a.m. and the Chicago Bears released him soon after.

Although no charges were filed from that incident, he remained unemployed until Jones gave him a two-year contract Tuesday.

If his punishment holds, he couldn't join the club until Nov. 5 and wouldn't play until Nov. 11 against the New York Giants.

"I think it's a great opportunity," Johnson said in a conference call from his home in Arizona.

"As far as a last chance and all that stuff, I'm so focused on making this a great experience and being a Dallas Cowboy, I'm not really too wrapped up in what chance this is."

"They didn't talk about my background much," he said. "They talked about moving forward as a Cowboy."

Johnson signed a minimum contract and will earn a prorated amount; that's \$255,000 if he plays eight games. He'll make a base salary of \$605,000 next season.

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Student spins the 'Wheel of Fortune'

By Christine Bolanos
Reporter

Wheel...of...Fortune!
People have been chanting this for 25 years now. Sound familiar?

That's because it's from the longest-running syndicated game show in American television history, *Wheel of Fortune*.

On Oct. 18, Austin sophomore Nick Herring will play *Wheel of Fortune* in front of millions of viewers.

"I signed up online and went to a tryout held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Austin, where I was competing against 200 other people," Herring said. "We got called out one at a time. They went pretty fast and we were asked to solve puzzles and were also given a written portion. After that, they cut it down to 30 people per session."

There were two sessions of people at the try-out. About two weeks after tryouts, Herring received a letter notifying him that he was a contestant. He received the good news last May, but there was also some

"It's so much harder than playing from the couch."

Nick Herring
Austin sophomore

discouraging news in the letter, Herring said.

The letter said he would get a call sometime within the next 18 months about when he was to play the game. Luckily for Herring, the wait was not 18 months. He got the call about four weeks ago.

"We had a three-day stay at the Marriott Hotel in L.A. and got to watch the show for free," said Austin sophomore Allyson Riley.

Herring had invited Riley, along with Austin sophomore Lacey Mott and two of his other close friends, to go with him to Los Angeles and watch him compete on the show.

"It was really cool to be right there before anyone has seen it on TV," Riley said.

Herring's practice for the game seems to have paid off.

"We actually watched *Wheel of Fortune* here at home, and he would try to solve puzzles, and we would cheer him on," Mott said. "When he was able to solve the puzzles before the actual contestant on TV, I thought, 'He might actually do well.'"

Mott said Herring deserved the opportunity because he is typically "so selfless."

"If I had to pick someone for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, I would have picked him," she said. "He's always there for you."

Herring actually taped the show Sept. 7, but it will not air until Oct. 18.

Neither the contestant nor the contestant's guests are allowed to leak information about the pre-taped episode.

"Nick really enjoyed having his friends there with him as a supporting backbone," Mott said.

Many students might have felt nervous or distracted with family and friends watching their every move and knowing

the game would air on national television a few weeks later in front of millions of viewers.

"I'm not very good at puzzles, and some of the puzzles at the game were really hard, but that's just how the game goes I guess," Mott said.

What makes Herring's experience with *Wheel of Fortune* unique is that he will be playing during College Week and representing Baylor.

"I got to play with two other college kids," Herring said. "The overall experience was really cool, but it was also nerve-racking. I wanted to do really well and it was a lot of fun, but it's so much harder than playing from the couch."

Herring is not allowed to reveal how much money he won before his show airs.

"Contestants automatically get one grand for being on the show, and we are not allowed to get more than \$200,000," he said.

He did give one big hint though, saying it was definitely worth his money to travel to L.A. and stay at the hotel.



Courtesy photo

Austin sophomore Nick Herring poses next to Vanna White's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame while in California for the taping of *Wheel of Fortune*.

Tunstall's 'Drastic Fantastic' fails to live up to its name

By Clarissa Nash
Contributor

KT Tunstall gained popularity in the United States in 2006 after former *American Idol* contestant Katherine McPhee performed Tunstall's song, "Black Horse and Cherry Tree," on the show.



ALBUMREVIEW

On the heels of her debut album's success, Tunstall released her second album, *Drastic Fantastic*, Tuesday.

In a time when pop charts seem to be dominated by singers who lip synch or can't even hold a guitar, let alone play one, KT Tunstall's talent stands out.

Drastic Fantastic includes her catchy new single "Hold On" and 10 other songs.

It is difficult to compare this album to her first, *Eye to the Telescope*, which included my personal favorites, "Other Side of the World" and "Stoppin' the Love."

It did, however, remind me of something you might hear on a Lilith Fair compilation CD (which could be a good or bad thing depending on musical taste).

Tunstall could be compared with Sheryl Crow on some of the tracks. Her voice is strong — there's no denying that — and her guitar skills are amazing.

But it didn't seem like Tunstall moved forward with this album.

Instead, it sounds more like a bonus CD or B sides for *Eye to the Telescope*.

If anything, this album should have been her first, and *Eye to the Telescope* her follow-up, but maybe she wouldn't have achieved the success as with her first CD.

The first two tracks, "Little Favours" and "If Only," sound similar to songs I would want to listen to while on a road trip. They both gave me the "roll the windows down and cruise watching the sunset" vibe.

The songs seem a little too

familiar, though.

"Little Favours" sounds oddly reminiscent of Sheryl Crow's "Soak Up the Sun."

And the scratchy, blues stomp "Hold On" could definitely be a relative of "Black Horse and The Cherry Tree."

"Beauty of the Uncertainty" is a guitar ballad that I might listen to on my iPod if I was feeling especially melancholy.

Another ballad, "Someday Soon," has a faster pace that's relaxing and shows a softer side to Tunstall's voice.

There are definitely songs that could follow the Hollywood commercial trend, much like "Suddenly I See" from *Eye to the Telescope*, which was featured in a few national commercial advertisements.

The track "If Only" would be perfect for a movie soundtrack about a small-town girl with big-city dreams. Insert a cute actress like Reese Witherspoon, and you could instantly have a fun summer hit.

Overall, the album is good, but didn't quite live up to my expectations.

Tunstall does deserve respect though, considering she wrote her own songs, which is a trait that seems to be lacking in pop stars these days.

Grade: B-



Courtesy of Picturehouse

Documentary delves into world of 'Donkey Kong' domination

By Donelle Sauer
Contributor

Have you tried to hit kill screen in the local arcade? Or do you even know what I'm talking about?

Whether you have loads or no knowledge on arcades, *King of Kong: A Fist Full of Quarters* is a documentary for everyone.

MOVIEREVIEW

Although my original impression from the trailer was *Napoleon Dynamite* meets sci-fi, I was proven wrong within minutes.

To my surprise, I left the theater cheering on an aspiring "Donkey Kong" champion the way I cheered for Baylor to beat Texas A&M in 2004.

The movie tells the story of a group of men from a 1982 *LIFE* magazine spread who portray their love of arcade games while setting world records through their addictions.

More than 20 years later, most of the men carry their same title, until an unemployed Steve Wiebe decides to go after Bill Mitchell's reigning "Donkey Kong" score.

Though it may sound a bit foolish, don't judge until you see it.

The director does an excellent job portraying how these men are stuck in the '80s with a VHS feel to the footage and retro font titles when introducing the cast.

The cast still even had their mustaches, long greasy hair and wore leather pants from the same *LIFE* spread two decades earlier.

Every plot shift and character development is filled with humor and strange passion.

Many times I caught myself laughing out loud as these people took on arcade games and rivalry as if it were a college bowl game.

But then I would have to pause as my gut reminded me that this was real footage and real stories of real people and their passion.

The scene is set by describing every member of this arcade cult and updating the audience on what has happened since 1982 — from the opening of Twin Galaxies arcade to it receiving the accreditation in the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

Then the gaming community gets its perfect world shattered as the new guy, Steve Wiebe, busts onto the scene to get his name in history books.

The humble family man,

Steve, takes on the world record-holder and evil-villain, Billy, in a war of "Donkey Kong" that almost appears rigged.

Steve's wife sheds a tear or two over how he has always been gifted with his hands but always comes in second place with every hobby and sport he's attempted.

Mrs. Wiebe puts up with her husband's hours spent on their very own home arcade in hopes that he can conquer his second-place curse.

While conquering his fear of public performance to play "Donkey Kong" at Twin Galaxies, Steve also faces several trials and second-place scores that leave you cheering for the underdog.

The characters in this movie are so outlandish and appear so overexaggerated that it's hard to believe you are watching a documentary instead of a home video.

At the same time, that's what gives this movie value, humor and worth.

Only an hour and 19 minutes long, it's a great, clean movie for a weekday study break.

In the world of documentaries, this movie will go down in history.

Grade: A

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Free advanced screening

The Baylor Activities Council will hold a free advanced screening of *The Kingdom*, starring Jamie Foxx and Jennifer Garner, at 7 p.m. Friday at the Waco Hippodrome. Dr. James Kendrick will lead a discussion on 'Violence in the Media and Cultural Stereotyping' immediately afterwards.

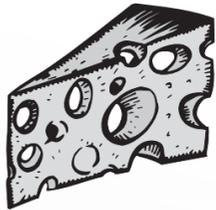
Common Grounds concert Friday

The "Feed Just One" tour will make a stop at Common Grounds Friday. Performances will begin at 8 p.m. and include Procella, Transistor Radio and a local band, House of Orange. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at Common Grounds. For more information, contact comongroundslive@gmail.com.

Play tickets still available

Tickets are still available for performances of the Baylor Theatre Department's *Spinning Into Butter*, directed by graduate student Whitney Smith, at 7 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday in Mabey Theatre. Tickets are \$15 or \$10 with a student ID and can be purchased at the theatre box office.

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Rather sues CBS for \$70 Million

By Samuel Maul
The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Dan Rather filed a \$70 million lawsuit Wednesday against CBS, alleging that the network made him a "scapegoat" for a discredited story about President Bush's National Guard service.

The 75-year-old Rather, whose final months were clouded by controversy over the report, says the complaint stems from "CBS' intentional mishandling" of the aftermath of the story.

The lawsuit, filed in State Supreme Court in Manhattan, also names CBS President and CEO Leslie Moonves, Viacom Inc., Viacom Chairman Sumner Redstone and former CBS News President Andrew Heyward. (At the time Viacom Inc. owned CBS. But Viacom and CBS Corp. split into two different companies in January 2006.)

Rather, the former anchorman of the *CBS Evening News*, is seeking \$20 million in compensatory damages and \$50 million in punitive damages.

CBS spokesman Dana McClintock said: "These complaints are old news, and this lawsuit is without merit."

Rather narrated the September 2004 report that claimed President Bush skirted some of his duties during his National Guard service and that a commander felt pressured to sugarcoat Bush's record. Rather maintains the story was true.

But an independent review for the network determined the story was neither fair nor accurate. CBS fired three news executives and a producer for airing it.

Richard Thornburgh — the former U.S. attorney general who made up the two-man investigative panel with Louis D. Boccardi, the retired chief executive of The Associated Press — said he was unaware of Rather's lawsuit.

Reached at his home in Washington, he said only: "Our report speaks for itself."

Boccardi was not immediately available for comment.

Issued in January 2005, the 224-page report portrayed Rather as "pushed to the limit" with other stories at the time of the "60 Minutes Wednesday" report.

He relied on a trusted producer, and didn't check the story for accuracy or, apparently, even see it before he introduced it on the program, the panel said.

CBS rushed the story on the air and then blindly defended it when holes became apparent, said the panel, which was unable to say conclusively whether memos allegedly disparaging Bush's service were real or fake.

Rather, who couldn't immediately be reached for comment Wednesday, worked at CBS News starting in 1962, then replaced Walter Cronkite in 1981 as *CBS Evening News* anchorman until signing off March 9, 2005.



Associated Press

Former CBS news anchor Dan Rather during an interview on the Fox News Channel in New York in this June 12, 2007, file photo. Rather filed a \$70 million lawsuit Wednesday against CBS, Viacom and three of his former bosses.

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piracy and software sharing.

San Antonio senior Alex Mormon said he has already looked into the issue of computer virus protection and prefers to use Windows Defender when challenged with computer troubles. However, he said the alliance's Web site is also informative.

"If you don't understand copyright laws, it tells you how to do things in a legal way,"

Mormon said.

Stuart, Fla. junior Meg Hayes is not a stranger to computer problems and viruses. She said she is surprised at how many sites offer illegal materials.

Hayes has recently deleted numerous free music software programs from her computer because they were making her computer run slowly.

"I know that there must be a problem with these computer programs, because my computer always seems to run slower," Hayes said.

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Baylor and the city of Waco together would be running the Waco Mammoth site—Baylor doing all the scientific aspects and Waco would be running the site as a tourist attraction, Groth said.

"We want to get the National Park (Service) involved, that would be a third partner to help us run this site," he said.

Groth said that without question, people, especially kids, are attracted to sites like this because mammoths aren't dinosaurs, but people sometime relate them to each other.

"I anticipate the attendance (of the mammoth site) would be between 50,000 and 100,000 a year," Groth said, adding that it would mean more money for the Waco economy.

Aside from mammoths, remains of a juvenile saber-toothed cat and a camel have also been discovered, and Benedict said there is potential

for more discoveries. Benedict said scientists working the site are not sure how the mammoths died or why they are all found in the same location, but the current hypothesis is that there was a flood, and as the mammoths tried to leave, they were stuck in the mud.

"We may honestly never know what happened," Benedict said, adding that no one knows what may be discovered in 20 years.

According to Benedict, the mammoths found in Waco are around 14 feet tall at the shoulders but are smaller than other mammoths found elsewhere. Benedict said it may have been because these mammoths were environmentally stressed.

Benedict said Baylor geology graduate student John Bongino based his thesis on the discoveries of the Waco Mammoth site, and there are future opportunities for students to work with the science at the site as well as involvement in the museum studies program.

Texas mom accused of burning her kids

By Angela K. Brown
The Associated Press

HALTOM CITY—A mother drowns her five children in the bathtub. A woman beats her sons to death with rocks. Now a suburban mom is accused of dousing her three daughters with gasoline and setting them on fire.

Some of the most horrific examples of mothers killing or injuring their children have happened in Texas, though experts suspect the nation's second-most populated state hasn't seen more than its share of such attacks.

"Some cases become high-profile because the public gets

more interested in dramatic cases," said Jill Korbin, an anthropology professor and director of the Schubert Center for Child Studies at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

In the latest case, neighbors said a 7-year-old pulled from a burning house Saturday with her two younger sisters screamed, "Why mommy? Why mommy? Why did you do this to me?"

Alysha Green, 29, accused of coaxing her children into a closet and burning them, had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder but stopped taking her medication, according to documents filed by Child Protective Services.

Adam Green also told investigators his wife's behavior worsened in the last three weeks and that she previously threatened to set him on fire, the agency said.

Three-year-old Ariana Green died Tuesday after being removed from life support. About 90 percent of the girl's body was burned, according to court documents. The older girls — Alexandria, 5, with burns covering about 40 percent of her body, and Adamiria, 7, with burns covering nearly 20 percent of her body — remain hospitalized, though their precise conditions have not been released.

"Whoever takes care of these children will have to under-

stand that they will need ongoing medical care," said Marissa Gonzales, a spokeswoman for Child Protective Services, which was granted temporary custody of the girls after the fire.

Police have said Alysha Green will be charged with capital murder. Prosecutors have not decided whether to seek the death penalty, assistant Tarrant County District Attorney Alana Minton said. Green also has been charged with serious bodily injury to a child, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

The mother, who is hospitalized with burns on her feet, does not yet have an attorney, Minton said.

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Betty Riess, media contact for Bank of America.

She also said not to click a link in an e-mail supposedly sent from a bank.

Cornelius Simons, an employee at the Bank of America online banking call center, offered advice as well.

"Any legitimate e-mail (from Bank of America) will have your first and last name and last four digits of your account number," he said.

Simons also said there has been an unusually high volume of fraudulent e-mail claiming to be sent from Bank of America.

Reiss said Bank of America is doing all it can to alleviate

the situation.

"Internally, we proactively monitor for fraudulent sites and we work to shut them down as quickly as possible," Riess said.

Helpert said the Federal Trade Commission allows people to check credit scores for free once a year from each of the three credit bureaus by logging-on to the FTC's Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov>.

From this site Internet users may also place a security freeze on their credit score. This would require the provision of a personal identification number for any credit check.

While the freeze is necessary for victims such as Adkins, non victims may want to set a freeze as a precaution.

Tennessee death procedure ruled cruel, unusual

By Erik Schelzig
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Tennessee's new lethal injection procedures are cruel and unusual punishment, interrupting plans to execute a killer next week.

The protocol "presents a substantial risk of unnecessary pain" and violates death row

inmate Edward Jerome Harbison's constitutional protections under the Eighth Amendment, U.S. District Judge Aleta Trauger said.

The new protocol, released in April, does not ensure that inmates are properly anesthetized before the lethal injection is administered, Trauger said, which could "result in a terrifying, excruciating death."

A spokeswoman for the state attorney general's office said

officials are reviewing the ruling and haven't decided whether to appeal. Gov. Phil Bredesen's office had no immediate comment.

Harbison was scheduled to be executed Sept. 26 for beating an elderly woman to death during a burglary in 1983.

Trauger did not issue a stay or throw out the death sentence for Harbison, who has lost all his appeals. He can be legally executed once the state adopts

a valid method of execution, she said.

Bredesen, a Democrat, in February placed a 90-day moratorium on executions because of several glaring problems with the state's execution guidelines, including conflicting instructions that mixed lethal injection instructions with those for the electric chair.

Lethal injection has been adopted by 37 states as a cheaper and more humane alternative.

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his mind after talking to senior military officials.

Webb later told reporters there was no doubt Warner's opposition threw cold water on the bill.

Hagel, R-Neb., said the White House also "has been very effective at making this a loyalty test for the Republican Party."

Of the 56 senators voting to advance the measure were 49

Democrats, six Republicans and Vermont Independent Bernard Sanders.

Voting against it were 43 Republicans and Connecticut Independent Joseph Lieberman. The vote "means Congress will not intervene in the foreseeable future" in the war's execution, Lieberman told reporters.

In coming days, the Senate plans to vote on legislation by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., that would order combat troops home in nine months.

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