

SGA passes two bills, discusses student organizations

By JETT THOMPSON STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association hosted its first meeting of the school year Tuesday night in the Student Union Building during which three senate bills were discussed

Among these bills was Senate Bill 45.03, which seeks to replace the now defunct Student Organization Advisory Congress, or SOAC, with a new Student Organization Representative Council, or SORC, in its place.

According to the bill, authored by Senator Trey Horkey and Brandon Taylor, president pro-tem of the senate, the new SORC seeks to increase student organization involvement and communication in the monthly meetings

"It's going to create an avenue for senators to meet with organizations on a one-on-one basis," said Sarah Saunders, president of the Student Senate.

article that stipulates a 10-percent cut in student organization funding for each SORC meeting that a student organization misses. Several senators questioned the effectiveness of the bill, saving it could be beyond an organization's means to attend the council meetings when on official out-of-town events.

BAILEY In response to the concern,

introducing a system of excuse slips for organizations on official business to miss council meetings was suggested. The bill will be read and considered again at the Sept. 17 meeting.

Tech President Guy Bailey was among the speakers at the meeting and addressed the senate at the beginning, offering words of encouragement to the students.

"This university has a lot of great assets, but our best asset is our students," he said. "If you're a freshman, I think One of the more controversial parts of the bill is an you're at one of the best schools in the United States."

Another issue discussed was the pep rally the SGA is organizing at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Jones AT&T Stadium. Suzanne Williams, the SGA president, said instead of giving away free T-shirts at the event, the SGA will be giving away Masked Rider masks. The pep rally marks the reviv-

ing of a lost tradition on campus

and will be covered by three TV stations and several radio stations.

"We have not had a pep rally here in over 10 years," Williams said. "This is part of leaving your legacy."

Dee Jay Wilde, the SGA external vice president, said several changes have been made to university transportation this year. The SGA created a new Tech Terrace bus route and a new airport shuttle that stops at most of the residence halls and makes trips to the airport several times per day. The senate also passed senate SB 45.01 and SB 45.02,

unanimously. SB 45.01, authored by Senator Drew Graham, creates certain criteria freshman council candidates must meet to receive eight business days to campaign before an election.

SB 45.02 created a new framework within which election candidates must have campaign posters approved.

Michael Shonrock, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, promoted the Tech culture and spirit students are building on campus and encouraged students to attend the pep rally the SGA is organizing for Thursday afternoon.

Shonrock also said students should look out for one another through their college experiences.

"We want students here in the fall to also be here in the spring," Shonrock said.

During the meeting, second-year management information systems graduate student Sankett Deshpande and senior petroleum engineering major Jeff Ingram were officially sworn in as new senators.

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ASECOND CHANCE

After being away from football, Torres climbs depth chart at Tech

By ALEX YBARRA MANAGING EDITOR

Nearly two years ago, Alexander Torres couldn't help but wonder if for good." he'd ever catch another football. He wasn't supposed to be back it's clear lorres' career was far unknown before the spring, has catches everything and runs home in El Paso taking commu- from over. nity college courses and working a regular job.

Good thing he didn't, because

wanted to be," he said. "I don't bottom up, watching former re- a lethal combination of speed think I'd ever been able to accom- ceiver and two-time Biletnikoff and physicality, creating difplish anything. I didn't know what winner Michael Crabtree every ferent options for quarterback to do. I almost hung up my cleats practice — which isn't a bad learn- Taylor Potts and mismatches for ing tool.

Now Torres, who was relatively

"He's kind of a throwback foot-

defenses.

"Toro is a big physical dude,

Lubbock unemployment rates continue to increase

Lubbock and

we are able to

money.

By KELSEY HECKEL STAFF WRITER

SAUNDERS

Unemployment rates in Lubbock inched up for the fourth month in a row in July, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, to the highest percentage since June 2003.

According to the bureau Web site, the 6.1 percent unemployment rate is the highest number Lubbock has ever had, but still is one of the lowest percentages in Texas metro-

politan areas, beat We try to take only by Amarillo at 5.8 percent. companies here in McAllen remains the highest on the unemployment chart with expand them, and

to expand, or cash money."

Lawrence said the organization brings in almost 1,000 new jobs every year, excluding this year.

"We're expecting only about 600 to700 this year because of the slump in the economy," he said.

The EDA also has a Web site, Lubbocktx.jobs, that helps match up employers and those looking for work, Lawrence said.

"Some years the Web site helps a lot,

and sometimes it doesn't," he said. "But we still want to be able to present the whole package."

The United States as a whole

It just didn't feel right.

In August 2007, with one week spring of 2008. left of basic training before playing hand for the second time since his arrival.

"I was real bummed out with that," said Torres, who was sent home soon after, relegated to the couch where he'd watch his former teammates play on television.

"The way I saw it was if I sat out of football that long, I didn't think I'd be at where I

his family, he got in touch with the two-deep roster. Texas Tech and walked on in the Dennis Simmons, Torres' style

"My mom told me, 'Everything conjures up images of old-school improved on his overall consisfootball at Air Force, he broke his happens for a reason," he said. receivers snagging tough passes and "'Everyone has to finding the first-down marker.

face adversity. What's gonna ball player in my opinion, or as most build your people like to use the terminology

Tor - may not always look pretty. I think

worked speed a little bit." Backing up Torres, or Toro his way from the as some teammates call him, is Torres said was never a strength,

> by Franks. Franks

and Tor-

used his sure hands and work ethic sharp routes," Franks said. "I After listening to support from to earn the starting flanker role on learn a lot of things from Toro, honestly. I think we're a real For Tech wide receivers coach good one-two punch."

Simmons said Torres has tency since he walked on three semesters ago; giving quarterbacks another level of familiarity with him.

"You can count on him runcharac - now, a cold-weather receiver," Sim- ning his routes, whether it's a mons said. "He's gonna get open, vertical or post or curls," he said. "You know at the time he's supe s he's gonna surprise people with his posed to curl it up and be at his spots, he's gonna be there."

The vertical route, which sophomore Jaco- has become one under coach Mike Leach.

> It's a testament to Torres' said he discipline.

"He's maybe one of the top res make guys as far as being coachable in our room," inside receivers coach Lincoln Riley said. "He does everything you ask him and really busts his tail every day. If somebody wants to beat him out, they're really gonna have to bring something."

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11.6 percent of its population out of work.

> The unemsometimes give ployment rate in Texas for July them incentives 2008 was 4.9 percent, and has to expand or cash consistently risen to 7.9 percent, the highest among the southwest **GARY LAWRENCE** states. The Lub-CEO OF THE LUBBOCK EDA bock Economic Development Al-

liance and other organizations in Lubbock attempt to keep unemployment numbers low by bringing new businesses into Lubbock or enabling smaller businesses to expand and create more job opportunities.

"The three things we deal with is workforce, attention and retention," said Gary Lawrence, CEO of the Lubbock EDA. "We try to take companies here in Lubbock and expand them and we are able to sometimes give them incentives shoulders a 9.4 percent unemployment rate, a number which has been rising over the past three years.

These statistics are made available by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program which produces monthly and annual employment, unemployment

and labor force data for census regions, divisions, states, counties, metropolitan areas and many cities.

Every month since 1940, the government has been conducting the Current Population Survey to find those who qualify for unemployment benefits. Those who are jobless, looking for jobs or are available for work but still not working are the ones counted as the unemployed workforce.

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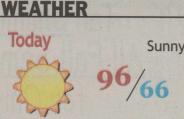
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February - 4.5	2006 - 4.8
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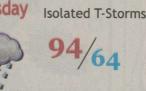
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Dallas had the highest repeat percentage

San Antonio had a repeat teen birth

rate of 26 percent. Fort Worth's was at 25

percent and Houston and Austin each

had a repeat teen birth rate of 24 percent.

El Paso was at 21 percent and Arlington

U.S. sales of cars and light trucks

rose to 1.3 million in August, a

roughly 30 percent increase from

July. It also was the first monthly

year-over-year gain since October

was at 19 percent.

of repeat teen births at 28 percent.

CAMPUS NEWS FLASH

Border office chief to speak in diveristy lecture

Maria Cerqueira will be the guest speaker for a diversity lecture series hosted by the Center for International and Multicultural Affairs. Cerqueira is the chief of the US/Mexico Border Office, a section of the Pan-American Health Organization/World Health Organization. The event will be hosted at noon Tuesday in Room 4AB100 of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences-Center. Free lunch will be provided to the first 35 attendees, and everyone is invited to attend.

Poolside service celebrates opening

Sam's Place Poolside is continuing to celebrate its opening this week with free samples and giveaways at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center leisure pool. The event will continue from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday.

Engineering college hosts solar energy lectures

The Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering will host a lecture series, titled The Maddox Solar Energy Series, Sept. 9. The series is in celebration of the announcement of the Donovan Maddox Distinguished Engineering Chair in Solar Energy and the Jack Maddox Distinguished Engineering Chair in Sustainable Energy. Guest speakers include Lawrence Kazmerski, the director of the National Center for Photovoltaics at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. The event will take place at 3 p.m. at the Lankford Lab.

Library to host Study Abroad Fair

Students interested in studying abroad will have the chance to attend the Study Abroad Fair Sept. 9 in which study abroad representatives, as well as students who have studied overseas, will be able to answer any questions about studying around the world. The fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the University Library Croslin Room.

WISE opens new wind energy courses

The Wind Science and Engineering Research Center is opening new wind energy courses for this fall. The courses include introduction to wind energy (1200), impacts of wind energy (2300), advanced technical wind energy I (5300) and advanced managerial wind energy I (5310). Students interested in signing up for the courses can call Carol Ann Stanley at 806-742-3479 or e-mail outreach.ode@ttu.edu.

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Years wasted in Afghan effort, UN official says

Tuesday on the eve of a meeting closely by July with 44. by U.S. and European envoys to and deteriorating security.

tries — including special U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke --- were officials were expected to urge Afghans to take more responsibility in the almost eight-year international effort to rebuild the country.

Kai Eide, the top U.N. official in Afghanistan, said the international community needs to embrace well-coordinated, big-picture goals that will help Afghanistan in the long term.

"The piecemeal approach is not going to get results," Eide said. "Enough is enough with the piecemeal approach."

and other critics have complained that some districts that had no that foreign governments tend to voting stations still somehow sent favor funding small, relatively easy thousands of ballots to Kabul to be projects without a national impact counted. rather than major missions country.

country faces mounting security is primarily seen as the northern,

KABUL (AP) — The interna- and political challenges. Fighting is tional community has wasted years increasing; August was the deadliest in Afghanistan by not coordinating month of the war for U.S. forces its efforts, a top U.N. official said with at least 49 deaths, followed

Uncertainty over the outcome discuss the country's recent election of last month's presidential election hang over the political front follow-Senior officials from 27 coun- ing delays in the vote count and allegations of widespread fraud.

Vote tallies released Monday to meet Wednesday in Paris, where from the Aug. 20 balloting showed President Hamid Karzai leading with 45.8 percent. Challenger Abdullah Abdullah trailed with 33.2 percent. Ballots have been counted from almost half of the country's voting stations. Karzai needs 50 percent of the votes to avoid a runoff.

Hundreds of Afghans from the country's ethnic Pashtun south ----Karzai's stronghold - met with Abdullah in Kabul on Tuesday to show their support. The tribal leaders alleged that massive fraud Eide did not elaborate, but he had taken place in the south, and

The support from the Pashtun such as overhauling the transport tribesman is significant in a counnetwork - which would serve as try where tribal allegiances trump an economic engine for the whole almost everything. Karzai is an ethnic Pashtun, while Abdullah The Paris meeting comes as the is half Tajik and half Pashtun, but

BRIEF

STATE

Report: Texas highest rate of repeat teen births

DALLAS (AP) — Texas has the highest rate of repeat teen births of any state at 23 percent, according to a new report from a research group.

Child Trends, the Washington D.C.based group, said in its report that among 73 major U.S. cities in 2006, the latest year for which city-level data are available,

NATION

Auto sales post best month of year but could slow

DETROIT (AP) — The nation's automakers are bracing for quieter showrooms and slower sales this autumn after the Cash for Clunkers program offered a big but unsustainable boost in August.

WORLD

Nuclear negotiator: Iran ready for talks with West

2007.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's top nuclear negotiator offered an opening Tuesday for possible compromise with the West, saying the Islamic regime is ready to hold talks with world powers over its nuclear program.

But Iranian lawmakers also sent a

message of defiance to the world community - displaying strong support for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's nominee for defense minister even though he is wanted by Argentina for the bombing of a Jewish community center in 1994 that killed 85 people.

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Newspaper publisher Freedom files for Chapter 11

company that owns The Orange County company. The rest of the stock would go Freedom for the past 74 years. Register in California and dozens of other to a group of 27 newspapers on Tuesday became the latest lenders owed publisher to seek bankruptcy protection, nearly \$771 driven into financial despair by a staggering million. The drop in advertising revenue.

The filing by Freedom Communications Holdings Inc. was part of a prepackaged plan approved by a majority of the would forgive company's lenders.

The consensus on the proposed re- debt in return structuring should minimize the haggling for control of that can bog down bankruptcy proceed- the company. ings, although the plan is still expected to take at least four months to gain court be no immediapproval.

"Reaching this agreement with our management, lenders provides us with an orderly pro- although a new cess to realign our balance sheet with the CEO and board could be put realities of today's media environment," in place after said Burl Osborne, a newspaper industry the company veteran who became Freedom's chief executive two months ago. emerges from Under the proposed restructuring, bankruptcy Osborne said the family and two investprotection. ment firms that own Freedom would be left Freedom,

lenders, led

by JP Morgan

Chase & Co.,

most of that

There will

ate changes in

Reaching this agreement with our lenders provides us with an orderly process to realign our balance sheet with the realities of today's media

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The with no more than a 2 percent stake in the bitter pill for the clan that has controlled

Freedom founder R.C.

52 percent stake spread

family members and

Blackstone Group LP

and Providence Equity

ily members in 2004.

Although the company expects to lose more than \$80 million this year The descendants of because of various one-time accounting costs, Freedom is still generating positive cash-flow from its ongoing operations, Hoiles launched the Osborne said. bankruptcy case with a

Freedom has been struggling to bring across more than 60 in enough money to repay its debt for the past year, triggering cost-cutting measures trusts. The remaining that required workers to take unpaid leave 48 percent is held by and swallow an across-the-board 5 percent cut in wages.

The Irvine, Calif.-based company Partners, which paid employs 8,200 people in 15 states, includabout \$450 million to ing about 3,200 contractors. No layoffs buy out some of the fam- are envisioned as part of the bankruptcy reorganization, although that could change Freedom's existing if the economy remains in a deep funk, shareholders also will Osborne said.

get warrants that can be In an attempt to avoid a bankruptcy

environment. **BURL OSBORNE** FREEDOM'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE

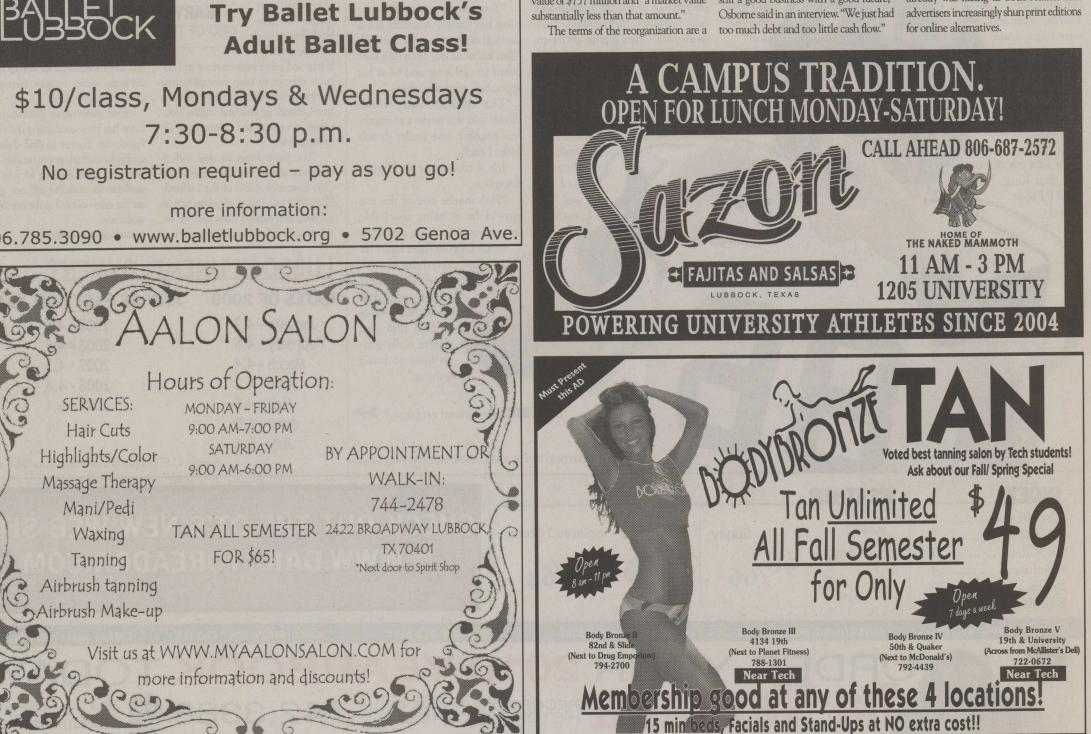
in a Chapter 11 filing made in U.S. Bank- five years.

ruptcy Court in Wilmington, Del., listed value of \$757 million and "a market value substantially less than that amount."

10 percent of the privately held company's stock, Osborne said, depending on how well the business bounces revenue. back during the next

exchanged for another filing, Freedom negotiated a reprieve from the restrictions governing its loans four months ago. But it still couldn't find relief from a recession that continued to dry the ad sales that generates most of its

It's a story that has become all too familiar for newspapers as the worst With most of its debt off the books, economic downturn since World War II debts of \$1.08 billion and assets with a book Freedom believes it can still thrive. "It is exacerbates the trouble that the industry still a good business with a good future," already was facing as both readers and Osborne said in an interview. "We just had advertisers increasingly shun print editions



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Spirit of The King captured by Tech alumnus

By CARRIE THORNTON STAFF WRITER

One Texas Tech alumnus brought "The King" back to life through his documentary of an Elvis impersonator who performs across the Texas Panhandle.

Scott Thurman's observational documentary "Smokey" follows Smokey Binion Jr.'s performances and the reactions people have to him and his act.

"I liked just the overall experience of getting to know him and seeing how other people to reacted to him initially," said Thurman, who graduated with a bachelor's in photography in 2004. "It was interesting every time to see someone see him for the first time and react to him for the first time."

His interest in documentary filmmaking sparked after his enrollment in two classes at Tech, Thurman said, multi-media imaging and documentary photography.

"(They) definitely influenced me and were the building blocks for my future," he said.

"Smokey" screened during the June 18 to 28 Los Angeles Film Festival as one of seven short films selected by the Houston Film Commission as a part of the Texas Filmmakers' Showcase.

The 15-minute film also screened at the Austin Film Festival, AFI Dallas International Film Festival, and took first place at the Reality Bytes Independent Student Film Festival sponsored by Northern Illinois University's Department of Communication.

Being Thurman's first documentary, he said he knew he wanted to present it in an observational style, which does not include interviews or interaction with the videographer.

"I wanted to have Smokey tell the story instead of doing inter-

divorce on her Web site

views," Thurman said.

"(Observational filming) requires more editing work because you don't necessarily film what you need, you just film and film until something happens, and that's what I really love — finding the story."

The documentary was a required production for a class Thurman is taking at North Texas University where he plans on graduating with a master's of fine arts specializing in documentary film making.

"I want to continue making documentaries as well as teaching," Thurman said. "Ideally I am getting the degree to have the ability to teach on a university level, but I still want to work on documentaries."

The university covered the equipment costs, he said, but the film's budget was about \$3,000.

A major factor that went into Thurman's decision to create a documentary about Smokey was about 15 hours of footage he already had access to through a friend who had filmed seven of Smokey's performances.

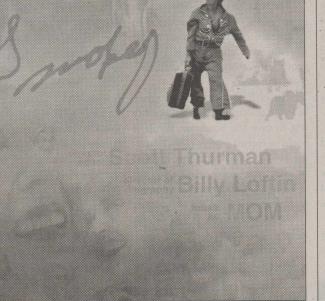
Smokey was also easily accessible, he said, he was the type of guy who wanted to be filmed.

"At first I was afraid he was going to mainly be a performer and wouldn't really be himself," Thurman said. "But he loosened up quickly, if not right away.

"That's the biggest obstacle: How much is the person going to let be? This dude was very open."

The subject of Thurman's film, Smokey Binion Jr, said he had a great experience with Thurman, and believes "he is a great and fantastic guy.'

"It was cool, I felt a little nervous at first while I was at work,"



COURTESY OF SCOTT THURMAN you in? How real are they going to "SMOKEY" IS A documentary about Smokey Binion Jr.'s performances as Elvis Presley across the Texas Panhandle.

good job."

Thurman filmed Smokey in several different environments, at his home, interacting with his audience, and performing.

"He went to quite a few of my said Smokey, who shares the same performances, and I was always birthday as Elvis Presley. "He filmed glad to see him show up," he said. while I was performing, and that "I thought it was so neat that somegave me an incentive to do a really one took interest in what I do and

wanted to put it on film and make a documentary out of it; I am deeply appreciative of that."

Being filmed was a different but good experience, Smokey said.

"I never thought in a million years doing what I do that anyone would take interest in filming me," he said. "It was a neat feeling." » carrie.thornton@ttu.edu

Bill Cosby lends support to struggling Detroit schools

had heard about the tough-as-nails and uncompromising man tackling fraud and improving education throughout the Detroit's public schools, and wanted to help.

and activist decided to loan the district his celebrity as Detroit tries to hold off plummeting enrollment amid a fiscal crisis that a few weeks ago spurred suggestions of a possible bankruptcy.

"All around the United States is suffering and has been suffering. Cuts, cuts, cuts," Cosby told reporters Tuesday as he began a day that would take him from shooting commercials to visiting homes in a far northwest Detroit neighborhood.

He has joined "I'm In," emerof students leaving the district — and are not as bad as everyone thinks."

DETROIT (AP) - Bill Cosby maybe persuade parents who have sent their children elsewhere to give Detroit another shot.

The district begins classes Tuesday. Last month, Bobb began visiting city neighborhoods, meeting with parents So the 72-year-old actor, comedian who have opted to send their children to either private and charter schools or schools outside Detroit.

He took Cosby late Tuesday afternoon to a lower middle-class neighborhood of brick and wood-frame bungalows.

Dozens of residents swarmed Cosby of America - in the cities and the as he and Bobb visited homes there. counties - our public education Several parents approached them and said they want to enroll their children in public schools.

Sarvita Jones, 41, said she would send her 4-year-old to a district prekindergarten class.

"It's good that Cosby came to Detroit. We need the recognition and help," she gency financial manager Robert Bobb's said. "So many people are going away \$500,000 campaign to stop the flow from Detroit schools, and Detroit schools

Duggars' 19th child on the way

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — another one."" No. 19 caught Michelle Duggar by surprise.

noticed that she wasn't losing weight - even though she and husband Jim Bob were on Weight gars' 19th child comes as their Watchers — and her youngest oldest, 21-year-old Josh, is about to child, 8-month-old Jordyn-Grace, become a father himself. Married was fussing while nursing. In the last year, Josh and Anna Duggar are past, she found a fussy infant expecting their first child, a girl, on meant a change in breast milk Oct. 18. that came with pregnancy.

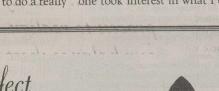
positive," Duggar said Tuesday. March 18. "I was just jumping up and down over — and you've blessed us with decent bout of morning sickness.

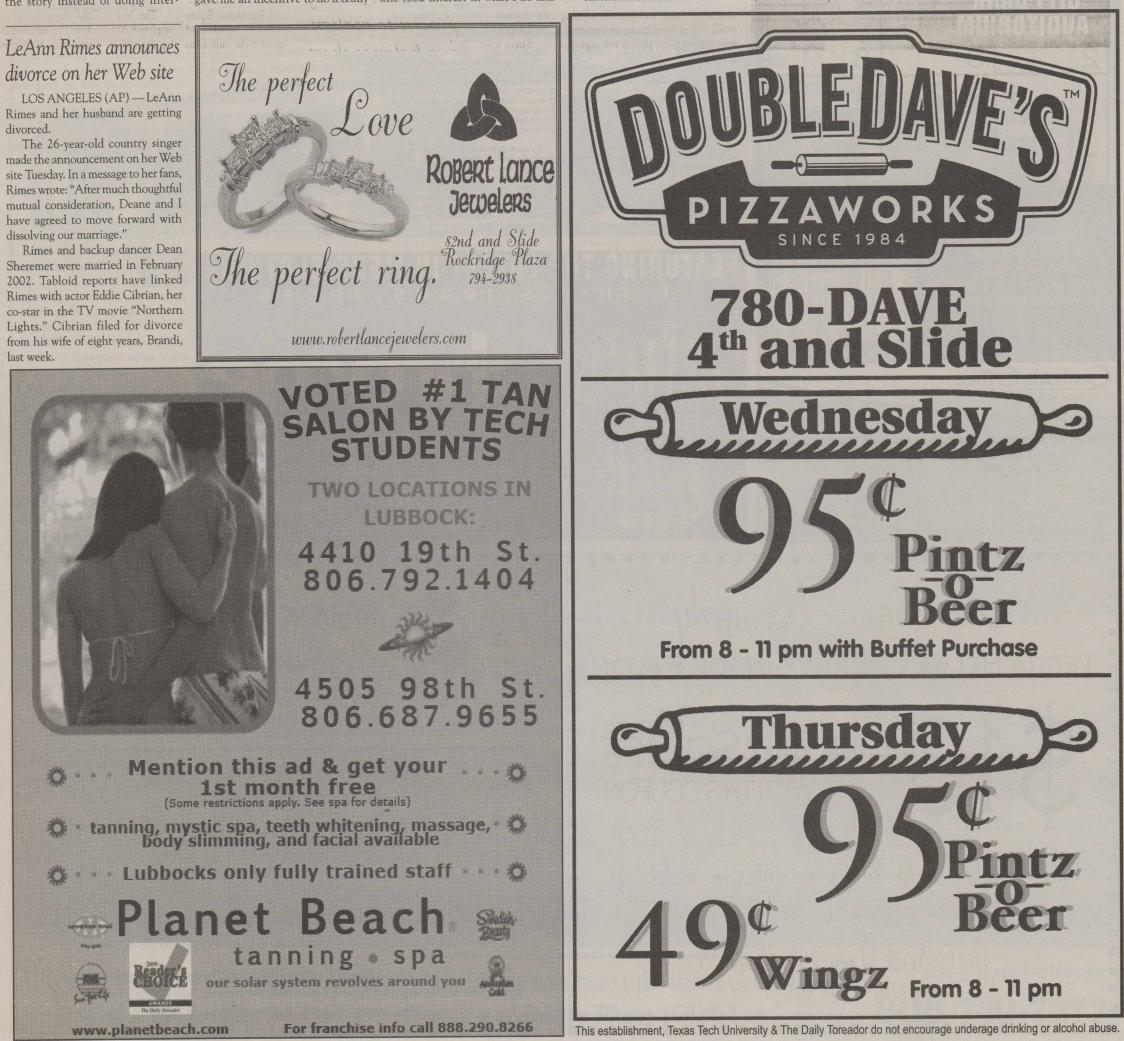
Michelle and Jim Bob Duggar live in Tontitown, Ark., and are The 42-year-old mom of 18 featured with their family on TLC's "18 Kids and Counting."

The announcement of the Dug-

The grandchild — whom Josh So she took a pregnancy test. and Anna plan to name Mackynzie "And lo and behold, I was just - will be about five months older pleasantly surprised that this was than her future aunt or uncle, due

Michelle Duggar said her health going, 'Thank you, Lord. Here am is fine and the pregnancy is going I — 42, thinking my baby days are along just like the others — with a





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Bailouts judged too quickly

t's been almost a year since the federal government approved Lits bailout plan totaling more than \$700 billion, but how many people expected to see profits come from it?

In the past few weeks, the government has seen about \$4 billion the country's largest banks, including to repay their loans, with \$3.1 billion were too quick to judge the Troubled only will the government and once-Asset Relief Program?

one can forget about the billions of taxpayers will also. dollars yet to be repaid. The eight banks mentioned above only make returns from bailout profits. An government may have over-paid in up a small portion of the companies approximate 5 percent quarterly that received bailouts.

owed to the government. CitiGroup ments." and Bank of America also are among those still troubled. Although both it would take many years for taxpayhave seen increases in their stock ers to fund the bailouts, and now repaying the government. However, "returns" in less than a year after the when this happens, the profit is ex- program was implemented. pected to be close to \$18 billion.

will earn an additional \$6.2 billion loans, but as part of a mass govern-



in profit from the bailouts of eight of in interest payments from banks yet Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and coming from JP Morgan Chase and American Express. Is it possible we Capital One. Once this happens, not troubled companies benefit from esting question: Did the government see substantial profits. The bailout Regardless of these profits, no the bailout program, but American create the bailout program to make a program will prove beneficial to ev-

Eventually, taxpayers will see dividend is expected to be distributed The biggest names in bailout dis- to the people. Since the government cussions - AIG, Chrysler, General used taxpayers' money for the bail-Motors, Fannie Mae and Freddie outs, it is only right for Americans Mac - still have billions of dollars to receive returns on their "invest- at is the government's main priority

The biggest problem I see is many It is expected the government Americans saw the bailouts not as

ism through the Troubled Asset the government. Relief Program. However, as banks begin to repay what they owe, the problem is many people didn't see the government no longer holds a large bailouts as loans — loans that will be stake in the companies.

Should the graceful withdrawal of the faith of the American people?

All of this brings up another interprofit or to save the economy?

The New York Times reported the its investments. If this is true and the profit (an estimated \$12 billion), then why didn't it?

The only conclusion I can arrive institutions. was to save the economy. While it quick to judge the bailout program. Millions of Americans believed could've earned a larger profit by paying less for company shares, it chose to over-pay. Almost anyone will say prices, neither is anywhere close to we're hearing the words "profit" and in business, in order to make a larger profit from investing, the objective is to buy as much stock as you can for as little as you can.

> I can't help but wonder what situation we'd be in today if the govern-

ment takeover of our nation's largest ment hadn't stepped in. Billions of financial institutions. At first glance, dollars were saved because our largest it seemed like the government was banks didn't collapse. Maybe we were pushing us one step closer to social- too quick to judge the intentions of

PINIONS

As I mentioned above, the biggest repaid with interest.

If every company that received the government be enough to restore a portion of the bailout repays what it owes, then the government and American taxpayers are going to eryone if everything goes as intended. The government gets its money back, taxpayers will receive dividends on their investments, bailout recipients government could've made a larger will be out of the red, and the government will no longer hold a majority stake in our country's largest financial

> Only time will tell if we were too It may be several months or several years, but if things continue the way they are now, it's safe to say the program will be a success.

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Be more involved, spend time wisely

s students, we are faced with a plethora Lof events, activities and possibilities in which to engage. Every hour of the day there exists seemingly limitless ways with which to pass our time.

Certainly, we all have available to us the most traditional of oncampus time expenditures in the find anyone who has pled innocent form of class attendance (an option that has, if history is any indicator, already hit its peak in popularity, a mark not to be matched again until the days of final exams). Beyond class time and the necessary allocation of hours needed to fulfill the basic requirements of life, as we see fit.

Particularly for those who are just entering Texas Tech, a newfound freedom has emerged almost overnight. Whatever are we to do fill our own blank space?

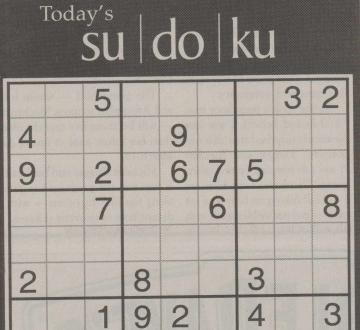
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to such a charge. If this in no way describes your past week, then I do heartily applaud you; if this completely describes your past week and you are entirely content with that fact, then I similarly commend you for your conviction.

However, if you find yourself to however, each of us are left with a be stuck awkwardly in the middle, blank space in our lives, to be filled if you know your weekends have transpired in such a manner yet do not wish to maintain this status quo, then allow me to suggest a remedy for this pesky ailment. This remedy can cost little or nothing at all, with all this time? How are we to requires no special tools, no visits to professionals and no long-term

The remedy is simply this: Seven



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Nonetheless, I have yet to

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days from now be able to list one thing you have done you had never done before; become involved, even if only briefly, with the Lubbock or Tech community; within the next entific personal testimony and my seven days do something that you have always talked about doing. Remarkably, during this week

alone, factoring in eight hours of sleep a night, a 15 credit-hour course load and five hours a day for eating, commuting and meetings each of us could still get in 15 episodes of "Grey's Anatomy" and 30 episodes of "Two and a Half Men." What else could we be doing with that time?

So in closing let me urge you not to "imagine what we could do (voice trailing off, eyes glazing over in wonder and possibility)." Instead, let me suggest we go find out. As for me, I'm off to Caprock Winery's Harvest Festival, although there is that "Law and Order" marathon.

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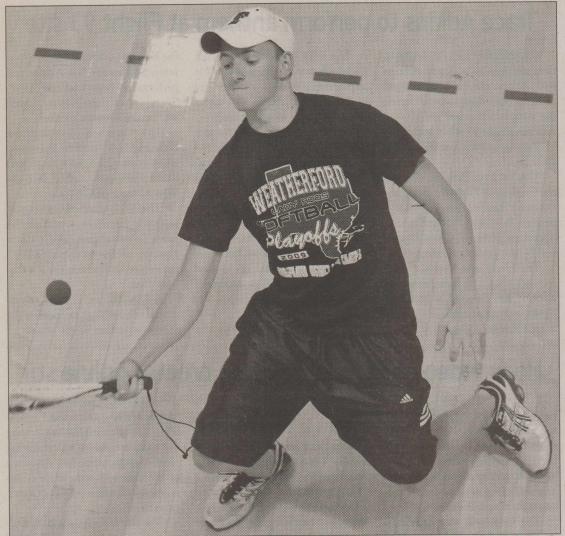


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NATHAN SKINNER, A freshman with no declared major from Weatherford, plays racquetball Monday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

At 10 months old, White House dog Bo busy

WASHINGTON (AP) - He president's gym shoes. Charm school lying around. taught him to sit, heel and shake a Vinevard.

That's just a scoop of the poop on Bo's first few months as First Dog of the United States.

Most of his dog days begin with early morning walks on the grounds with Michelle Obama, and end with a nighttime jaunt with President Barack Obama, the couple juggling their fourlegged family member in shifts the way the first lady says they once handled daughters Malia and Sasha.

Obama says walks with the family's paw on command. He spent his first Portuguese Water Dog are a highlight everywhere, wanted information summer vacation on breezy Martha's of his pressure-packed days. It's per- and had an opinion. What kind of haps a sign of just how high-stress dog? When would it arrive? Would they are that the president even gets it be a shelter dog or a purebred? sentimental about the less pleasant Would there be a message for society duties of dog ownership.

"I'm the guy with the night shift," he told one television interviewer. "We go out and we're walking and I'm picking up poop and in the background is the beautifully lit White House. It's quite a moment."

dog but were told to wait until after the in Strasbourg, France.

In between, 10-month-old Bo presidential campaign. Obama told the has torn through magazines and stray has playtime with the girls, meals, girls on election night that they had socks, even sunk his teeth into the puppy mischief — and lots of just "earned the new puppy that's coming with us to the White House.'

Immediately, it seemed everyone, in the pick?

White House aides reported that the press office phones yielded far more calls breathlessly asking dog questions than about any other, weightier topic of the new presidency. Visiting Europe in early April, Obama even got a ques-Obama's daughters had asked for a tion about the dog at a forum he held

Opera releases refined browser

For those of you out there that are oblivious to the world of Web browsers outside of Internet Explorer and Safari, Opera just released Opera 10. Personally, Opera has never been my or, according the latest surveys, much anyone else's browser of choice. It's nothing personal against

Opera as you'd be hard-pressed to find a more feature-packed piece of software, but it just had the least refined (though most innovative) browser availgestures, and someone gestured ness is the mother of invention. harder. They had Speed Dial, and, well, you get the idea.

However, it seems Opera final- page, refined ly joined the (largely Apple and spell checker (es-Google) bandwagon and is now focusing on speed and a refined UI dows users), and rather than packing their bucket resizable search to the brim with features.

The features Opera has had all along, though, are now better than ever.

The most notable revision in comparison to lies in the tab region of the Google Chrome's browser. In prior versions, users could hover over a tab and get a snapshot of its contents. Now and view full visual thumbnails of their current tabs that dyor laptop, all that superfluous space won't have to go to waste. I usually don't have a need to see can't get enough of this.

Next is something Opera calls "Web integration," but almost point. everyone else will call it a fantastic new way to be lazy.

This feature essentially boils down to being able to click e-mail your preferred Web mail page already populated.

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will help you subscribe to feeds with your favorite Web-based feed reader through the browser. So far I've found never clicked with me. Maybe both of these enhanced browsing acit's because as the pioneer, Opera tions to be incredibly helpful despite the fact I've never exactly described the act of opening a new tab and able. They did tabs, but someone putting in an address as particularly tabbed harder. They did mouse arduous. As we all know, though, lazi-

There are a few other nice touches such as a customizable Speed Dial

pecially for Winfield, though it still can't be combined with the address bar, paling "Awesomebar."

Something

Opera touted as a great boon to the milliseconds, proof you can't outusers can drag the tab bar down world of browsing innovation was cook a chef in his own kitchen. Opera Turbo, but it has so far been largely underwhelming. Granted, a nutshell. namically resize. Thankfully, this I wasn't on a very crowded Wi-Fi extends to the ability for the user network at the time, but the speed consider making the switch, but I to drag the tab bar to the side so boost garnered in exchange for data seriously wouldn't consider it unless if you have a super wide monitor fidelity wasn't enough to make me you were a Windows user. Safari has say this was what I'd been waiting too much of a native feel and unparfor my whole life. If you're always alleled performance on Mac OS X browsing from your phone while for Opera 10 to compete. what my tabs are hiding, but the sharing a Wi-Fi connection with 50 picture book-loving kid inside me other people, though, then I guess improved performance make an this might be worth it, but you've impressive stand in the crowded got about 50 other problems at that browser battleground and actually

Speaking of speed, Opera has also been bragging about Opera 10's "40 percent faster engine." This may or may not be true in all aspects, as I links on Web pages and having simply opted out of science and went for my gut feeling in regards to startopening up with the proper fields up and page loading times which did player. indeed feel faster, but after running a This integration also extends statistically insignificant amount of to RSS/atom links to where Opera trials with some JavaScript bench- >>>timothy.poon@ttu.edu

marks, it has become readily apparent that Opera wasn't lying. Well, I guess they fudged the 40 percent bit, but Opera 10 is, for the most part, faster than its predecessor.

In fact, in the Windows benchmarks, Opera 10 was only slower than Chrome 2.0, beating out Opera 9.64, Firefox 3.5, and Safari 4.0.3. Internet Explorer 8, as usual, came in a distant last.

I wasn't able to test Opera 10's speeds on Mac OS X since I don't have a Mac, but after looking at some online benchmark results, it appears that although Opera 10 is faster than the previous version, it still can't compete with Apple's own Safari browser, though neither can any other browser.

According to Ars Technica's

benchmarks, Safari 4.0.3 came in at The features Opera 187 milliseconds with has had all along, Celtic Kane's Web Browser though, are now JavaScript Benchmark better than ever. while Firefox 3.5, the next closest browser, came in at 349

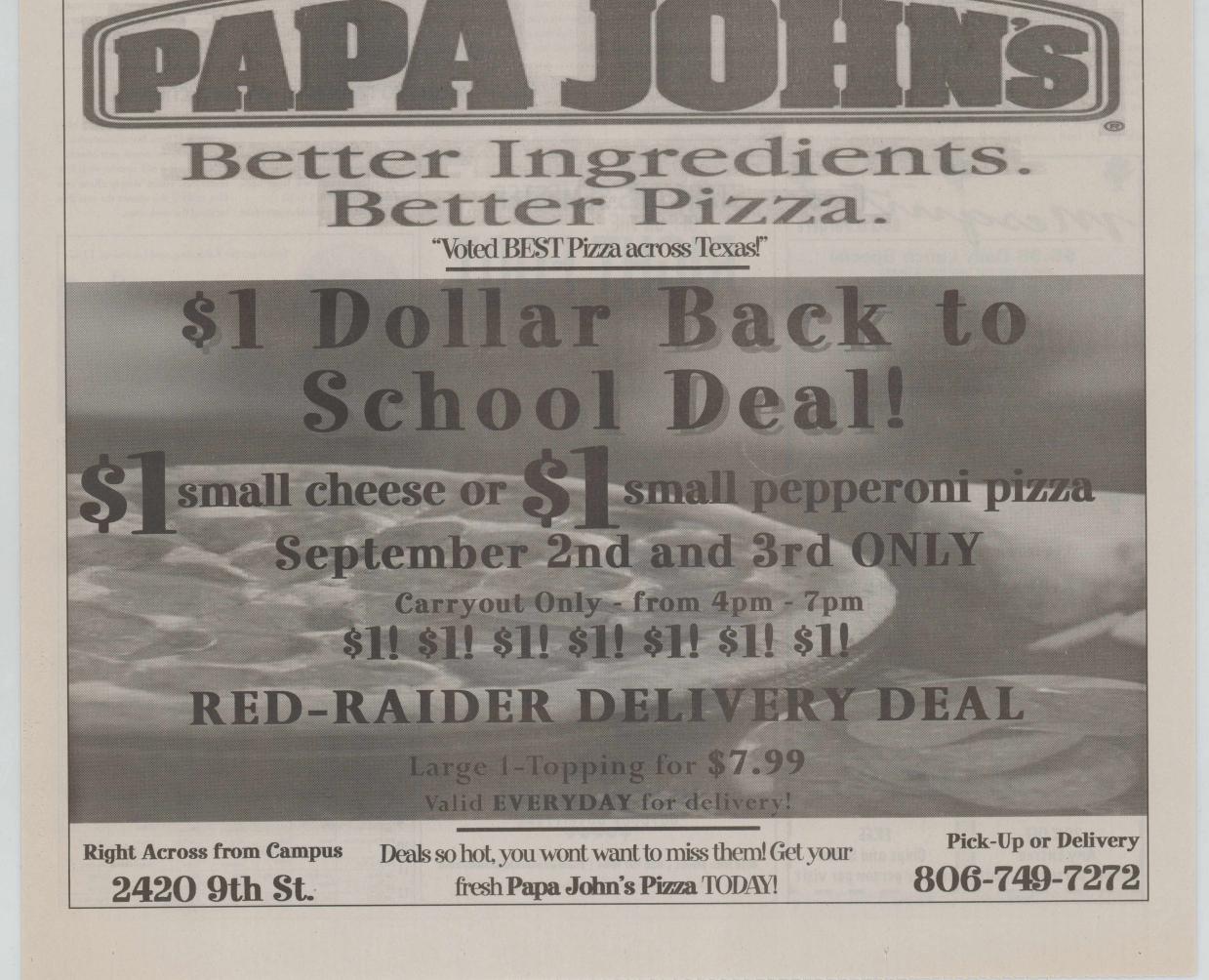
There you have it, Opera 10 in

Hopefully this will help you

All of its new features and makes me wonder why Opera keeps losing market share in each month's browser surveys.

I know I would switch, but my love for Chrome's Awesomebar and Firefox's infinite extensibility keeps Opera's latest offering as a bench

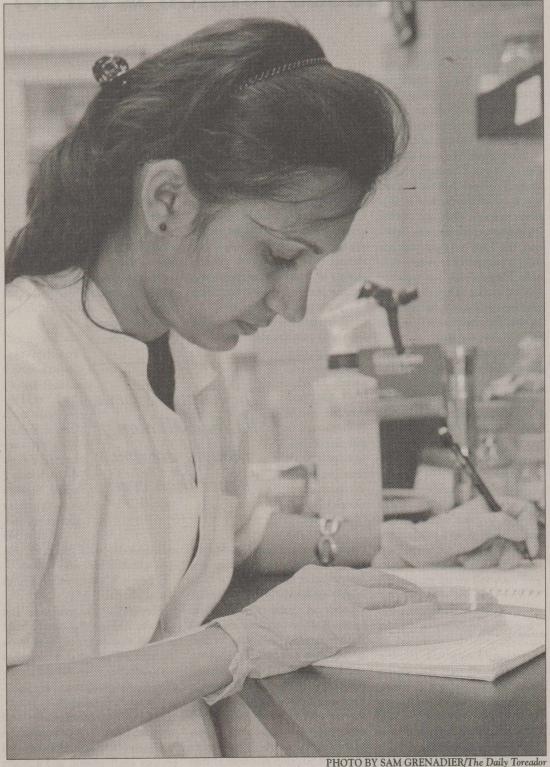
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RUCHI JOSHI, A graduate student majoring in biotechnology from India, does a root assay in which a she measures the lengths of roots to determine if the plants are transgenic.

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sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday on the west sidewalk by the Student Union Building.

The Dusty Trail Book Sale hosted by Texas Tech University Press will present students with the opportunity to purchase slightly damaged, gently used or overstocked books from all genres Brannon said. When the press a chance to raise awareness for the

Hundreds of books will be on for \$3, and a package of five books will cost \$10. A small collection of newer books will be on sale for \$5 each. The University Press has published all the books for sale.

The purpose of the book sale is to get rid of overstocked and "hurt" books, which are mildly damaged but completely readable, ships books out to retailers and office as well as provide an outlet "We literally have a little bit a corner gets bumped or a page of everything," Barbara Bran- rips, they cannot be resold as new non, marketing manager for the and begin to collect in the press warehouse.

"We are an arm of the university and publish books of scholarship, books around Texas and the South West. We publish books for authors all over, not just Tech authors, so this is a really wide variety of books."

The book sale is a University Press tradition, Brannon said, and for books that would otherwise be destroyed by other publishers. "We make special bargains for the community and would love for more people to know about the press," she said. "We encourage people to come out, browse and get some good bargains." » carrie.thornton@ttu.edu

BIZ WEEKLY

Trace Adkins to perform anthem at Flight 93 site

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. (AP) -Country musician Trace Adkins will perform the national anthem at this year's ceremony honoring the people who died on United Airlines Flight 93 when it crashed in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001

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Hoax video of Michael Jackson creates online stir

BERLIN (AP) - A hoax video purportedly showing Michael Jackson emerging from a coroner's van was an experiment aimed at showing how quickly misinformation and conspiracy theories can race across the Internet, German broadcaster RTL said Tuesday.

The video was posted by RTL on YouTube for a single day a week ago and received 880,000 hits. The broadcaster has since removed the video from YouTube, but it has been picked up by other Web sites around the world.

'We wanted to show how easily users can be manipulated on the Internet with hoax videos," spokeswoman Heike Schultz of Cologne-based RTL told The Associated Press. "Therefore, we created this video of Michael Jackson being alive, even though everybody knows by now that he is dead — and the response was breathtaking.' ******

Jackson died June 25 in Los Angeles.

The video - posted under an "anonymous source" - shows a coroner's van entering what seems like a parking garage and the King of Pop getting out of the back with another person. The lighting is bad, the sound muffled and the footage appears amateurish.

"Unfortunately, many people believed it was true," Schultz said. "Even though we tried to create the video in a way that every normal user can see right away that it is a fake."

She said the video was shot near Cologne — "definitely not in the U.S." The van in the video had the word "CORONER" printed in English, suggesting it had been recorded in America.

RTL admitted to the hoax in an Aug. 26 report on its daily news show Explosiv. Hoaxes and rumors commonly

spread like wildfire on the Internet. Videos of flying saucers and impossible stunts routinely are among the most-viewed on video-sharing sites, though purported evidence of the deceased being alive is less common than false rumors of someone's death.

The rise of Twitter and its realtime microblogging has quickened the pace. American actor Patrick Swayze, who is battling pancreatic cancer, had to declare that he is still alive this year after thousands of Twitter users spread news that he was dead. Actor Jeff Goldblum had to do the same.

The RTL spokeswoman said some Jackson fans were upset by the German broadcaster's actions.

"We didn't want to dishonor Michael Jackson, but we needed a strong name to get this experiment going," Schultz said. "Had we used Britney Spears, then the fans of Britney would have complained."

Madonna wrapping up world tour in Isreal

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - Madonna brought her mix of provocative music and spirituality to the Holy Land with a concert Tuesday in front of 50,000 fans who had endured a 16-year wait since the pop icon's last gig in Israel.

Madonna is wrapping up her worldwide "Sticky & Sweet" tour with two concerts this week in a country whose place at the heart of the Mideast conflict has made it more of a magnet for diplomats than big-name performers.

with her 2008 single, "Candy Shop" and moving through a tightly choreographed performance that included a series of colorful costumes — beginning with a skimpy, black body suit with fishnet stockings and knee-high boots and range of hits, new and old.

"I shouldn't have staved so long away," she told the adoring crowd midway through the show, as she broke away from the script to express her affection for the country.

center of the world. And I also believe that if we can all live together in harmony in this place, then we can live in peace all over the world."

The 51-year-old entertainer has long claimed a special bond with the Jewish state.

She's been dabbling in Kabbalah, a form of Jewish mysticism, for more than a decade and has taken on a Hebrew name, Esther. She's come on private pilgrimages in recent years. "Every time I come here, I get so She has visited the Jewish holy site at Madonna took the stage about a supercharged with energy," she said. "I the Western Wall in Jerusalem since half hour late Tuesday night, opening truly believe that Israel is the energy arriving in Israel on Sunday.

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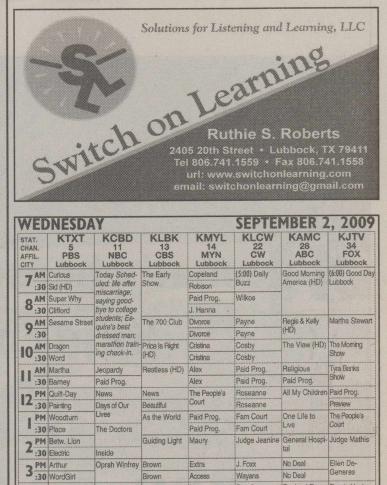
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Oscar voters to rank best-picture choices

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Academy extra effort into their choices for best academy's decision to expand the best-Awards voters are going to have to put picture.

picture field from five nominees to 10 Oscar overseers are adopting a starting with the awards next March.

preferential-voting system in which Under the old system with five academy members rank their best- nominees, voters simply chose one film, making the winner the one that The change was made because of the received the most votes.



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SPORTS

No reason non-BCS teams should complain this season

Thursday will be the first day of the college football season, and Boise State already is playing for a BCS appearance against Oregon on the blue turf.

While most teams have to go through conference gauntlets to be rewarded with BCS apdefeat a second-tier team from a BCS conference and dominate pearance.

The BCS was made for these feeds him. teams. But, what do they do to system?

doesn't give them a fair chance. under the BCS.

In the past Utah and Boise teams, but under the current BCS playoff system.



State and Utah simply have to nothing more than spoiled, pam- ence and appear in yet another in the Sugar Bowl while the Red at as one of the greatest upsets season. pered, ungrateful princesses.

During the offseason, Utah its inferior conferences in order Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. even took to be rewarded with a BCS ap- the BCS debate to Capitol Hill, continuing to bite the hand that homa and Texas in order to reap the Sugar Bowl as proof the Utes

Texas Tech coach Mike Leach show their appreciation for the also has spoken out against the different. current system, but unlike Utah against the system, claiming it actually at a huge disadvantage

I am not writing this to argue State were called Cinderella for or against a college football homa State by 36 points.

teams that complain about the Oklahoma, there is nobody with bowl game where the results are BCS are really benefitting from an ounce of common sense that virtually irrelevant. it the most.

Thursday — a team the Broncos Oklahoma State, Oklahoma and play for? are favored to beat — then they will most likely go undefeated in BCS game.

On the other hand, a team like Cotton Bowl. Tech has to run through the Big the same benefits.

They constantly speak out and Boise State, Leach's team is came against Michigan, a three- current system. win team from the Big 10 confer-Texas and destroyed No. 7 Okla- went through the Southeast-

can convince me that Utah

Texas last season.

12 South and defeat both Okla- Utah's victory against Alabama in than Y2K. Last season's Utah team is no but Utah's victory is just another in reality it defeated a two-loss

It is difficult for a team such ence. However, Tech upset No. 1 as last year's Crimson Tide, who previous season. ern Conference gauntlet, to get good team in 2006, but the Soon- journalism major from Southlake. Although the Red Raiders pumped-up to face the fresh ers were not a national champion- »landry.locker@ttu.edu

I am simply saying some of the were eventually humiliated by Mountain West champions in a ship contender that season.

If Boise State defeats Oregon would have finished 2-1 against who do you think has more to conferences are arguing for would

Nevertheless, the Utes were against Oklahoma in the 2007 pearances, teams such as Boise system, Utah and Boise State are the Western Athletic Confer- rewarded with a BCS appearance Tostitos Fiesta Bowl is looked an elite team more than once a Raiders received an invite to the in college football history. However, this Broncos win against represent all of the second-tier A lot of people will point to the Sooners was more over-hyped

> deserved their BCS appearance, the best team in the country when under the BCS system. example of an advantage that Oklahoma team that was ranked another season of ungrateful com-Utah's key victory in 2008 non-BCS teams have with the No. 8 in the country with a plaining from non-BCS teams, I quarterback - Paul Thompson will be cheering for the Oregon - who was a wide receiver the Ducks.

> > Don't get me wrong, OU was a

I personally am not in favor of a college football playoff, but Under the current system, what the teams from non-BCS put these ungrateful beneficiaries Boise State's 43-42 victory of the current system in their places. They would have to face

On Thursday, Oregon should teams from large conferences that aren't given the same luxuries and Boise State acted as if it beat opportunities as a Boise State

In hopes I don't have to endure

Locker is a senior broadcast

Cowboys rookie KO specialist not a typical kicker

be returned.

Funny thing is, Buehler likes it when gets to run around and hit people.

Buehler is the rare kicker who seeks contact, making him more of a "special teams guy" than a "kickoff specialist." If you need proof, ask the defensive back believe what they saw. he beat in a 50-yard dash during training he outlifted at the scouting combine.

down the field on other coverage units. He's been working on them all and already has three tackles this preseason, one on a kickoff and two on punts.

"He's made more tackles than anybody we've had so far," coach Wade Phillips said Tuesday.

This 6-foot-2, 228-pound Buehler kick off while playing in junior college. according to STATS LLC. That versatility and athleticism earned him a scholarship to Southern Cale and were worse than the Cowboys' 0-for-75 to contribute primarily on special teams "That's what it's a league

a specialist.

He dabbled with covering kicks as a

bine that he really got to show off.

Lumped in with other kickers, punthis kicks are returned because it means he ers and deep snappers, he entered the weight room as the tight ends were finishing up. About 80 of the 100 scouts in the room walked out.

Those who remained could hardly

This kicker bench pressed 225 pounds camp or the beefy first-round draft picks 25 times, more than some offensive line- double duty, kicking off and working with starting safety like Darren Woodson men that were taken in the first round other coverage units. Or just look for No. 18 barreling and more than USC teammate Rey Maualuga, a linebacker. Buehler got more bragging rights when his time in the 40-yard dash was faster than USC linebackers Brian Cushing and Clay the season while Folk is coming back Matthews.

watching and loved every bit of it.

Dallas was in dire need of a kickoff breaks the mold of the typical kicker be- guy after going all of 2008 without a cause he started out as a position player. touchback. It was only the 10th time He was a goal-line tailback, safety and that's happened in the NFL since 1991, special teams guy who also happened to which is as far back as such records go, except for his own kickoffs. But it's not teammates.

Only the 2001 Colts and 1995 Oilers One look at his booming kickoffs mark. And the short kicks helped op- are already hurt. One is out for the year of respect. You want to be respected and Trojans coaches turned him into ponents have an average starting field position of the 29.3 yard line.

to boom kickoffs deep enough not to It wasn't until the pre-draft scouting com- the combine and it's no wonder the Cow- 53-man roster. boys made him the first kicker taken in the draft. The surprise is that they waited kick off should Buehler get banged until their third pick of the fifth round, up 172nd overall.

> Dallas took Buehler strictly for things," special teams coach Joe Dekickoffs, with reliable Nick Folk still Camillis said. "There's a risk-reward handling field goals. Buehler hopes to for everything. Putting Terence eventually have both jobs, but for now he's comfortable with a different kind of back as a punt returner, putting a

"I'm just coming in and going with the groove, whatever they want me to do," said Buehler, who may also be the long-distance kicker, especially early in ful, too. from hip surgery. "My main job is to be The Cowboys were among those a kickoff specialist. That's what got me here — but I can do other things."

> their coverage squads with guys who a little sore. It felt like high school make a living hitting and tackling and leave their specialist on the sideline, that simple.

Several rookies who were expected after making the tackles," he said. and two more are going to miss the by your opponents and by your teamfirst month. So the luxury of having a mates. The more I can show to help USC, meanwhile, got 48 touchbacks kicker who can tackle is suddenly close the team, that will gain respect."

IRVING (AP) — David Buehler is sophomore, then strictly kicked off and on Buehler's 88 kickoffs last season. Add to being a necessity. It also makes it on the Dallas Cowboys for one reason: kicked field goals as a junior and senior. in the strength and speed he showed at easier to justify Buehler's spot on the

Besides, they still have Folk to

"You have to really weigh those (Newman, a starting cornerback) for all those years on kickoff coverage - there's all those risks every time." Becoming an all-around player

again has been fun for Buehler. Pain-

then trying to get back into it, I'm trying to knock off the rust," he said. "My body's not used to hitting. After The Cowboys would prefer to pack the (preseason opener), my neck was again, the first day in pads.'

But it went a long way with his

"Various guys gave me high-fives

CHICAGO (AP) — Aaron Boone lineup against the Chicago Cubs, but will returned to the major leagues Tuesday, rejoining the Houston Astros just five months after having open-heart surgery.

The 36-year-old third baseman was activated off the disabled list.

"It's good to be in this position and back here after all that has gone through in my life this year. I'm excited about

play soon, manager Cecil Cooper said. "He can pinch-hit, play tomorrow, there are a lot of options. I want to do it

as soon as I can. I don't want to wait too long, cut the suspense. I know he's pretty anxious and everyone wants to see him out there," Cooper said.

Boone signed with the Astros in the offseason, then had an operation on March 26 because of a congenital defect

"Not playing it for two years and

it," he said.



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Safina avoids exit at US Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Dinara Safina's coach couldn't bear to watch.

as Safina's 11 double-faults and all manner of other mistakes mounted 6-2, 6-4 and reach the second round — or put another way, as she looked at Flushing Meadows. less and less like a woman who is ranked No. 1.

season about whether Safina de- stages of Grand Slam tournaments. serves that standing, one spot ahead Usually, it's later on that problems of Serena Williams. The Russian arise: She is 0-3 in major finals, all did not bolster her case Tuesday, lopsided losses, and managed to win narrowly avoiding becoming the only one game against Venus Wilfirst No. 1-seeded woman to lose in liams in the Wimbledon semifinals the first round of the Grand Slam in July.

Nearly undone by her own poor Sitting in the stands at the U.S. play, Safina was a point away from Open, he'd cover his eyes with his a 4-0 deficit in the third set before hands or turn his head with a wince coming back to beat 167th-ranked Olivia Rogowska of Australia 6-7 (5),

Safina, younger sister of 2000 U.S. Open champion Marat Safin, There's been some debate this is used to faring well in the early



since day one.

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"It was a tough task," he said. "I real fast. I learned from all the older receivers, and they didn't care that I

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chance

"Although it took longer than I was just thrown in here, walk on, no wanted," he said, "I'm here getting one really knew me or I really didn't ready to finally try and make an impact know anybody. They brought me in and help out some team one way or another.'

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US appeals court upholds Internet gambling ban

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A U.S. appeals court upheld an Internet gambling ban Tuesday, rejecting a challenge from an association of off-shore bookies that the federal prohibition was too vague and violated privacy rights.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia rejected arguments from Interactive Media Entertainment & Gaming Association in New Jersey, which had filed the lawsuit hoping to legalize online betting in that state.

Congress passed the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act in 2006 to ban online gambling that would be illegal in the state where the individual or gambling

business conducts the transaction. The law does not target the bet itself ments that the law invades a but criminalizes bank or credit card transactions linked to the bet.

The group, comprised of mostly offshore betting operators, had at- successfully defended the law, had tacked the law as unconstitutionally vague. Their lawyers questioned how the location of an online bet would be determined if the gambler is in sidering an appeal, Chairman Joe Delaware, for instance, and the operation is in Costa Rica.

At least one of the three judges states have not expressly addressed who heard arguments last month the legality of online betting. seemed to question that logic.

want to get, I'm not in Costa Rica, ban on Internet gambling in the I'm in Delaware," 3rd Circuit Judge U.S., but the panel said state law Kent Jordan said.

The court also rejected argugambler's right to privacy in the home.

The Justice Department, which no immediate comment, a spokesman said.

While the association is con-Brennan Jr. said he saw a potential victory in the ruling because most

"(The Justice Department) has "No matter how metaphysical you been insisting there is a blanket is the determinant," Brennan said.

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston quarterback Matt Schaub is not expected to play in Friday's preseason finale against Tampa Bay because of a sprained ankle, but he should be ready for the regular-season opener.

second quarter of Houston's loss to Minnesota on Monday night. He returned after the injury, but was limping and was replaced by Dan Orlovsky to start the third quarter.

Coach Gary Kubiak said Tuesday he is not concerned about the possibility that Schaub will miss Houston's opener against the Jets ing an interception in the red zone on Sept. 13.

"He's very upbeat about it," Kubiak said. "He called me on the way home last night as I was driving home and told me that he'll be fine and ready to go."

Schaub not expected to miss opener

The Texans are hoping to keep Schaub on the field more this sea-Schaub sprained his ankle in the son. He's missed five games in each of his first two seasons in Houston with injuries. They will probably use Friday's game as a chance to see more from Orlovsky, who played for Detroit last season. He's been somewhat inconsistent this preseason, but Kubiak said he is improving.

> He moved Houston's offense well on his first series before throw-Monday night.

"He's making progress, but he continues to make some of the mistakes that can get you hurt," Kubiak said. "I am impressed with him coming on the field last night to start the second half and taking us right down the field and making a couple of really nice plays. Then you're disappointed on that play he tries to make on the 13-yard line. You just can't do that."

Kubiak said playing with Houston's first team for a quarter on Monday should be beneficial for Orlovsky's comfort level if Schaub can't play. Kubiak and offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan will continue to work with him to cut down on his mistakes.



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Lineups shifting as Tech volleyball visits San Marcos

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By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech volleyball has a slew of opponents on the road leading up to the Big 12 Conference opener against No. 7 Nebraska — a match that seems conference play begins. like it could define the season.

Before that date with the Cornhuskers arrives, Trish Knight and the combination to put on the floor.

Tech will have another chance to test different lineups against Texas meshing well," State at 6:30 p.m. today in San Marcos she said. "Obvi-- the Bobcats' home opener.

After the Bluejay Invitational last lot to work with weekend, Knight said she wants to put and they're all Caroline Witte, whose natural position is setter, at outside hitter. Other more and we're things Knight plans on doing include using Caroline Courtney as a backup on the right side and freshman Tory more. That's Vaughan should play at libero.

"That's been hard for us to get get better as through practices because we're trying the season goes to get everybody through every posi- on.' tion," Knight said. "It takes us forever to do a drill. We're getting more to the point where we know what everybody's going to be doing."

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With seven new faces on the team, Tech also is working on chemistry during this seven-match road trip before

Even though she believes the team has a lot of weapons, Tech setter Karlyn Meyers said finding the right ones Red Raiders are trying to find the right to use is key when conference play Missouri and BYU in the Tiger Invicomes around.

> "We're really ously, we have a starting to talk getting the feel for each other just going to

> > No matter what the Red Raiders

ting wins is still the top priority.

toast of the Southland Conference, winning the conference in 2008. Texas State swept Tech last season — one of the Red Raiders' 16 3-set losses

with a handful of 3-set losses. Texas, win that one.' State took losses from Ole Miss,

tational in Co-

lumbia, Mo.,

last weekend.

Illinois.

We just have to get used to playing with each other. **BARBARA CONCEICAO TECH MIDDLE BLOCKER**

like an 0-3 team.

Even though Texas State is physi-(0-2) are working on internally, get- cally smaller than Tech, Knight said having a Big 12 team as a home opener Texas State (0-3) is known as the should motivate the Bobcats.

"They just play hard," she said. They're one of the best in their conference and they are used to winning. That's the one thing we're trying to get our kids to get. Get a little more used Texas State and Tech enter this to winning once in a while. They beat game with the same agenda, as us last year, so I know that it's one of both teams have started the season our goals to go down there and try to

Even though Texas State left the Tiger Invitational winless, outside hitter Jessica Weynand left with 34 kills and 22 digs - earning her all-tournament honors. Weynand is Tech dropped followed by AJ Watlington and Mo m a t c h e s Middleton, who have 16 kills apiece against Creigh- entering this match.

ton and No. 8 After the Texas State match. Tech heads to New Orleans for three Records matches and Tulsa, Okla., for another should not three matches. Tech will not play at matter much home until Sept. 19.

though, as So even one of the new faces on Knight said this the team, Barbara Conceicao, said Bobcat team Tech's success will depend on comwill not play munication — no matter what lineup is on the floor.

> "We just have to get used to playing with each other," she said. "Help each other out. Talk more." »»adam.coleman@ttu.edu



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S HAYLEY Ball spikes the ball past Texas' Michelle Kocher Oct. 22, 2008 at the United Spirit Arena. The Red Raiders are looking for their first win of the season against Texas State at 6:30 p.m. today in San Marcos.

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Miss. St. defense hopes to spread the fun, too

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — All ordinator, Carl Torbush, brings a dif- be in the NFL right now. But he broke offseason anticipation has built around ferent philosophy to Starkville. The his leg in last season's first game and Mississippi State's shiny new spread former North Carolina head coach decided to return for his senior year. offense.

Chaney admits he can't wait to see attack! the Bulldogs unleash Dan Mullen's attack.

"I'm excited to see how it's going like relentto look at game time, too," the senior less effort," said. "The fans aren't the only ones Chaney said. excited about it."

Don't forget the Bulldogs' defense, body runs to though. Ignored amid the ad cam- the ball. They paigns, debate over starting quarter- stress that evbacks and fretting about the number ery single play of wide receivers on the roster, the in practice. No group expects to build a little excite- matter where ment, too.

blitzes. "The defense is going to be a blitz- If you're on the

preaches a sermon similar to Mullen's Even middle linebacker Jamar approach on offense - attack, attack, and a resource can't be overstated.

> "Now think it's more "I mean everywe're going,

Think blitzes. Lots and lots of you're running, you're jogging.

Croom left behind quite the collec-

"The Freak" by his teammates because

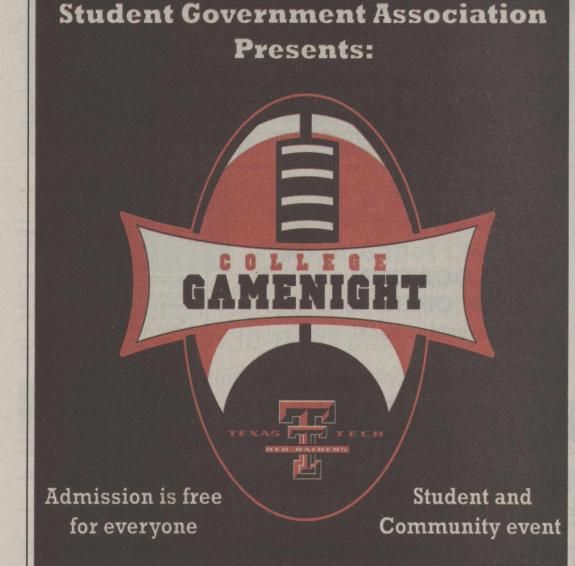
McPhee, a Croom recruit who decided

His importance as a leader, a tackler

McPhee has nick-

named Chaney "Football 101." "I don't think

anybody knows the defense like he does," McPhee said. "He's one of them guys that stays in the playbook and every time I walk in the field house he's in the film room and doing things going toward football. His mindset



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ing defense, playing with our hair on football field or fire," defensive tackle Pernell McPhee off the football field in the weightroom, said.

Mississippi State was known for its you've got left in the tank. That's the stout defenses under coach Sylvester difference.' Croom and former defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson. But Johnson moved tion of tinker toys for Torbush to build stay was difficult, but nine months to South Carolina before last season his defense with. There's hard-hitting after his defense helped push the strong safety Charles Mitchell and Bulldogs into a bowl and Mississippi outside linebacker K.J. Wright, called State was pretty vanilla last season, finishing 10th in the Southeastern of his unnatural athletic ability. There's Conference in total defense and 11th Marcus Washington at right corner and in scoring defense.

At their best, Croom's defenses to stick after the coach resigned. were stout, physical and hard to move.



is football."

Chaney was off to a fast start last you go 100 mph and give everything season with 12 of his 192 career tackles in the season opener but couldn't return the next week after X-rays showed a fracture. The decision to later, he believes it's the best one he's ever made.

"I think of it as a blessing in disguise," Chaney said. "At first when it happens you don't see it. You're kind of sad and down, but as of right now just going through he whole process

... I'm looking for big things, not only Most importantly, though, the individually but as a team. I'm really Bulldogs return Chaney. By rights, the excited to see what we do this year as a team."

Club says Rubio backed out of chance to play

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — After saying all summer long that his preference was to play in the NBA, Ricky Rubio apparently got a case of cold feet at the last minute.

Less than 48 hours after the Timberwolves, Rubio's agents and the Spanish team DKV Joventut agreed in principle on a deal to bring the 18-year-old point guard to Minnesota, Rubio changed his mind.

He told Timberwolves president David Kahn on Monday night that he wanted to stay in Spain for the next two years to better prepare for life in the NBA — a blow to a team that was hoping to have the popular passer on the court this fall.

"Of course there's disappointment, but I don't think that disappointment should overshadow the big picture, which is, he's still so young," Kahn said Tuesday during a call from Spain, where he spent the weekend negotiating the deal. "It appears now we will have a two-year wait. But if you frame it as he'll be 20 years old and he'll have two more years to develop, I can think of a lot worse things to happen to us as a franchise."

The Timberwolves drafted Rubio fifth overall in June, even though he was still under contract with DKV Joventut in a deal that included a \$8.1 million buyout clause.