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NDON (AP) — With a knack enting himself to suit the David Bowie topped the Bea-

the most tant music of the past rs in a poll British con-London ne Time

veyed pop nusicians, and indus res. Among them: Culture

0s funk.

Boy George and Mick Huck-Simply Red. magazine did not say how

people were polled. vie, 51, released his first al-81 years ago and has been at front of glam rock, '70s soul

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

The Boss fights releases in UK

LONDON (AP) - Bruce Springsteen took on a British music company in court Tuesday, seeking to prevent the release of songs from

he recorded in SPRINGSTEEN

Masquerade said it has rights to last week came afthe songs through an agreement ter a man claiming with a New York company with to represent Flynt whom Springsteen previously had a allegedly tried to relationship. It wants to release the bribe the boy. collection on a CD titled Before the Fame say the boy bought

The rocker's lawyer, Nigel Davis, told the court that Springsteen left

DVD most of the songs behind because

they did not meet his standards.

"This was a matter of tremen-

dous importance to Mr. Spring-

steen, and it matters enormously

to him that he should retain control

from bribing witness

are seeking a judge's order to pre-

vent Larry Flynt from intimidating a

pornography at Flynt's Hustler store.

The boy is expected to testify.

FLYNT

CINCINNATI (AP) - Prosecutors

of his artistic output," he said.

Order keeps Flynt

key 14-year-old

witness in his ob-

Prosecutors

The request

scenity case.

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In September, Circuit City and Los Angeles law firm announced the release of their Divx format, Digital Video Express, which requires connection to a phone line to play the disc.

Divx is based on a pay-perview idea. Viewers who purchase the disk have a 48-hour unlimited viewing period.

But according to Wired magazine, the disc is useless after the 48-hours expires unless a smaller fee is paid for each additional viewing.

In Wired, it is suggested that the format, a 'disposable DVD,' will result in piles of unwanted, unusable disks.

DVD drives are appearing in personal computers as often as they do in entertainment centers. The option of watching highquality video on a shiny new 21"

monitor is an option that many

computer shoppers are taking advantage of according to Mark Hannah, a sophomore general studies major.

Hannah has worked in PC sales, including models featuring DVD-ROM drives, which also read CD-ROMs.

"It's a good selling point for high-end computers," Hannah said. "Instead of animation in games, they're using real movie clips. It's a lot easier with DVD." Full-screen video is nothing

new to personal computer users, but DVD offers higher quality in a smaller package. The compatibility with com-

puters and the superior features offered by DVD may be the end for VHS.

"I think [VHS] is great, but technology has to change. Everything is going digital," Hannah said.

DVDs made a widespread appearance in Aggieland this semester as Hastings and other chain stores began to carry the discs for rental and sale.

Hastings manager Harry Golden said sales are going well, but are not affecting VHS sales.

"They are doing quite well, but they haven't put a dent in it yet," Golden said.

"It's because of the players, because they're so expensive.

You used to be able to buy a VCR for \$500, and now you can get one for \$130. I'm sure that's how DVDs will go," he said. DVD gives an affordable option

to VHS for those hoping to bring home a slightly larger piece of the theater experience.

Throughout all the talk of encoding methods, compression techniques and competing formats, Pickard has clarified what may be the biggest question in the minds of anyone who owns or has considered buying a DVD player of any kind.

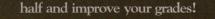
"I'm patiently awaiting the DVD release of the Star Wars trilogy," she said

"If DVD has a reason to exist, it's to play this movie.

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