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New single by Spears an early hit

Britney Spears' new single, 'Hold It Against Me' was released a day ahead of schedule on Monday, getting extensive radio play and an early thumbs up from fans and critics. An early version of the dance club track was leaked online last week, and Spears told her fans via Twitter to wait for the final cut, which made its way onto...

Owen Wilson set to become father

There has recently been a surge of announcements by celebrities about them becoming either fathers or mothers, and now the list just got longer. Marion Cotillard announced that she is pregnant and separately Owen Wilson's girlfriend was said to be expecting. "Wilson and girlfriend Jade Duell, are having a baby," a representative for...



Want to be Lady Gaga's relative?

Lady Gaga, who is always in news for her eccentric dressing style, is one celebrity Brits would hate to have as their family member, according to a new poll. The 24-year-old star was joined by socialite Paris Hilton. The poll was conducted by Genes Reunited, reported the *Daily Star*. However, Johnny Depp is the celeb...



Can Beckham make us go green?

David Beckham is more likely to inspire us to save the Earth than 'green' stars such as actor Leonardo DiCaprio. The footballer, not known as a green campaigner, was the fifth most influential celeb, while Leo — who pledged a million dollars to save tigers — was only 14th. Al Gore, a global warming activist, topped the *Climate Week*...



Hope to get berth on European Tour: Bhullar

On first trip to city, 22-year-old who is India's third ranked player in world rankings says, 'Kensville is fantastic'

Gaganjeet Bhullar from Kapurthala, Punjab is only 22 but he is India's third ranked player in the official world golf rankings list, behind Arjun Atwal and Jeev Milkha Singh. He finished 206th in 2010, but could have been further up the ladder if he had better finishes in Singapore, Scotland and Portugal. In an exclusive interaction with DNA's Moulin Parikh Bhullar talks about the season that went by and the upcoming year.

Indian to bag a title on the Asian Tour by winning the Indonesia President Invitational and finished runner-up at the Brunei Open. He also won 5 PGTI events. It gave me a lot of confidence and changed the way I approached the game. 2010 was a mixed bag. It could have been better in the end. (He won the season opening Asian Tour but suffered a narrow loss representing Asia in the Royal Trophy). But I will keep on playing as many PGTI events as possible and work harder.

Hopefully it will be the Bangladesh Open in two weeks from now, but it is not confirmed. I am working hard to get on the European Tour card. I have been very focused over the last two years, but circumstances have prevented from getting a berth. After being in the final stages, I have been missing out, so I will be giving it my best this time around. The experience has taught me to keep calm and control those anxious nerves.

course looks beautiful. I am sure this will inspire many youngsters and corporates from the states and Gujarat too will produce better golfers.

Is this the right time to schedule the event considering it is the first European Challenge tour of the year?

Yes, I feel this is the right time if you look at it from the perspective of the European Tour. They generally start from the Middle East and then move on to European nations between March and September. So I think having this early on will benefit. Also, the weather is amazing. I come from Chandigarh and we have been deprived of sunshine, this is a wel-



Gaganjeet Bhullar

How do you look at the season that went by?
The year 2009 was a breakthrough year for me. (He became the youngest...

Which will be your next event and your specific target for the coming season?



The 'Grand Daddy' of Gujarat golf, Col KD Bagga (2R), who designed the Kensville Golf and Country Club course, in conversation with former champion Indian athlete Milkha Singh (3R) and father of golfer Jeev Milkha Singh, and Syed Kirmani former Indian stumper (L) —AFP

Big B to tee off European Challenge golf at Kensville

Bollywood mega star to add glamour to city's biggest golf tourney

DNA Correspondent AHMEDABAD

Bollywood's biggest star Amitabh Bachchan will add glamour to a red-letter day in Gujarat's golf history as he will inaugurate the first ever European Challenge Tour 2011 event in India at the Kensville Golf and Country Club here on Wednesday. A star-studded pro-am will act as the curtain raiser for the main event which begins on Thursday.

India's leading professional Jeev Milkha Singh will be India's flag-bearer and for him this is likely to be an emotional week as this is his signature golf course.

A treat is in store for 72 members of the local golfing fraternity when they will rub shoulders with names they have only read about and

seen in the media. They can expect to have a ringside view of some world-class play as players treat the pro-ams as a serious familiarizing exercise ahead of the four-day battle.

Some of the marquee players on view other than Jeev will be Ashok Kumar, Gaganjeet Bhullar, Mohd Siddikur Rahman and former 6-time India No.1 Mukesh Kumar amongst others in the professional category.

Former India wicket-keeper Syed Kirmani will be among the esteemed group of amateurs who will vie for honours in the pro-am which is being played on the "Best Ball" format. Samarjit Singh Gaekwad along with Kensville regulars Siddharth Naik, Alpesh Parikh, Devang Shah and Manish Chokshi will also be in action on Wednesday.

QUICKSINGLES

Pathik, Nargis to lead Guj

Pathik Mehta and Nargis Malubhai will lead Gujarat's challenge at the 72nd Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships to be held in Kolkata from January 17. Harmeet Desai of Surat will be in Railways jersey. Pathik, who has just returned from his Spain stint, will try to repeat his 2008/09 performance where he finished runner-up to national champion Sharath Kamal. Jignesh Jaiswal, Hardik Bhatt, Dharamraj Rana and Sujay Chaturvedi are the other members of the men's team. A lot is expected from Malubhai after her top quality performances at state ranking tournaments. Divya Gohil, Sapna Sharma, Frenaz Chipia and Himani Bhatt are also in the women's squad.

Gujarat on top against Himachal

RB Kataria's double strike late on Tuesday gave Gujarat an upper hand in the U-19 Cooch Behar semifinal against Himachal Pradesh at Valsad. At the end of second day's play, Himachal in their first innings were 27/2 replying to Gujarat's 462. Resuming the day at 208/1, the home team strengthened its position. After captain Avi Baro's 123, Bhargav Merai (110) slammed a century. AB Singh (96) missed a well-deserved three-figure mark by four runs but it was enough to take Gujarat to 462. Himachal began their essay under pressure, and Kataria made full use of the conditions. He removed both the openers PS Chopra and RS Kolish to reduce them to 27/2.

Prince Charles to build model village in India

25 acres of wasteland near either Kolkata or Bangalore will be developed for the project

London: Britain's prince Charles is building an eco-friendly model village for around 15,000 people in India, after watching the depiction of slums in the Oscar-winning movie *Slumdog Millionaire*.

The multi-million-dollar venture — on a 25-acre wasteland on the outskirts of either Kolkata or Bangalore — will include schools, shops and 3,000 homes, the *Daily Mail* reported. The prince of Wales' village is modelled on Poundbury in Dorset county that has been Charles' 30-year-old pet project.

Construction for the Indian village — the first of a series of eco-developments in India by the Prince's Foundation For The Built -Environment charity — is set to begin in autumn, 2011. The new town, for mainly low-caste people, will have features that Charles has championed for decades. Large roofs overhung with palm



PRINCELY TOUCH

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- The project will develop schools, shops and 3,000 homes for the poor

trees will collect rainwater, which will be used for showering, washing and in toilets before being recycled to water plants. Shade and natural ventilation will combat temperatures that regularly top 38 degrees Celsius. Instead of open sewage, rubbish

heaps and shared sanitation blocks common in Indian slums, the residents will have individual toilets and waste facilities.

The project comes after Charles praised Mumbai's Dharavi slum, featured in Oscar-winning film *Slumdog*

Millionaire, despite it housing up to a million people in a place less than half the size of the prince's Highgrove Estate in Gloucestershire.

"When you enter what looks from the outside like an immense mound of plastic and rubbish, you immediately come upon an intricate network of streets with miniature shops, houses and workshops, each one made out of any material that comes to hand," he said. Unlike the "fragmented, deconstructed housing estates" built in the West, the slum has "order and harmony", Charles claimed, adding, "We have a great deal to learn about how complex systems can self-organise to create a harmonious whole".

Charles has been to India many times, most recently with his wife Camilla during the Commonwealth Games in Delhi. His charity will also open its first overseas office in Mumbai this year. —IANS

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Private teaching...

The school board will provide buildings, while the companies will hire teachers. "They will adopt the schools for five to seven years and take necessary action for improvement of education level in these schools," said a source. Sources said that the chief minister had recently shown his disappointment at the educational standard of children studying at municipal schools. Although the civic body has upgraded infrastructure facilities by repairing old structures and setting up new schools in Maninagar assembly constituency, it has not helped much. Deputy municipal commissioner (school board) SK Langa said that none of the schools will be transferred to the companies. There will be three level interventions such as improving the quality of education, teaching and learning methods, and running and managing schools.

He said that the school board will keep an eye on the progress and the final decision regarding the curriculum will be taken by the civic body authorities only. The companies cannot keep any child out of these initiatives. "Our aim is to enable municipal schools to compete with private schools. There will be lot more activity other than teaching in municipal schools that will be adopted by the companies," said Langa. A few months back, AMC had taken a decision not to allow any NGO to carry out teaching activities in municipal schools.

Food inflation...

Besides Mukherjee, the meeting was attended by home minister P Chidambaram, agriculture minister Sharad Pawar, planning commission deputy chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia and the chairman of the prime minister's economic advisory council C Rangarajan. Meanwhile, the BJP targeted Manmohan Singh, saying the "inability" to control inflation was the "biggest failure" of the "economist prime minister".

The party also accused the government of not taking proactive steps to check rising prices and questioned Mukherjee's ability to do so. "The prices of onions and tomatoes are not coming down, interest rates have been increased six times, which is having a bad effect on the stock market... We have a

prime minister who is also an economist. But in the last three years, he did not have any solution to deal with it. It is his biggest failure," said senior BJP leader Arun Jaitley. —With PTI inputs

Now hospitals...

Moreover, the hospitals must give 30% concession in charges for poor patients," said Patel. Rajesh Sharma, group CEO of Sterling Hospitals, welcomed the decision as it will lead to increase capacity resulting in less cost per sq feet. "The state government should have been more liberal for plot admeasuring less than 5,000 sq mt as speciality and super speciality hospitals may not need 70 metre height," said Sharma. Sharma termed reservation and concession in charges as fare deal as "one also needs to give back to society". The government has allowed highest 4 FSI for building a hotel on plot area of 10,000 square mt or more. However, the hotelier must come up with a minimum capacity of 200 rooms. Similarly, 3.5 FSI will be permitted for setting up hotel project with minimum capacity of 150 rooms on plot admeasuring 8,000 sq mt to 10,000 sq mt and 3 FSI for 100 room hotel on 5,000 sq mt to 8000 sq mt plot. Moreover, there will not be any restriction of residential zones for setting up hotel projects in the state.

The hotelier must provide 50% of FSI area as parking space. The state government has excluded atrium, entrance porch, parking on any floor, refuse area, swimming pool from FSI. The hotel industry has welcomed the move of the state government. "The hoteliers had been demanding the same for a long time. Moreover, the construction norms have been relaxed to allow 20% of basement area of boiler, staff room and other facilities. It will increase viability of the hotel projects and will also boost hospitality tourism in the state," said Narendra Somani, president of Gujarat Hotel Owners Association.

Jaxay Shah, president of Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI) — Gujarat, said that the state government's initiative will boost hospitality industry and medical tourism. "The higher FSI will lead to reduction in proportionate land cost resulting into lower rate of properties," said Shah.

Swallowed nuts and bolts that went straight into history



CHEW YOUR MILK

Dr Jackson was a laryngologist who worked the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He preserved more than 2,000 objects that people had swallowed or inhaled: nails and bolt miniature binoculars, a radiator key, a child's perfect-attendance pin, a medallion that says "Carrie for good luck."

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From brain tissue to gallstones, doctors have long preserved specimens from their patients. But Dr Chevalier Jackson went much further than most.

A laryngologist who worked in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, he preserved more than 2,000 objects that people had swallowed or inhaled: nails and bolts, miniature binoculars, a radiator key, a child's perfect-attendance pin, a medallion that says "Carrie for good luck." Jackson retrieved these objects from people's upper torsos, generally with little or no anaesthesia. He was so intent on assembling his collection that he once refused to return a swallowed quarter, even when its owner threatened his life.

"He was a fetishist, no question," said Mary Cappello, the author of *Swallow*, a new book about Jackson and his bizarre collection. "But his obsession had the effect of saving lives.

That's kind of amazing, and lucky for us that his madness made possible forms of rescue." In those days surgery was associated with high mortality, and few were willing or able to peer into the air and food passages, let alone remove objects. Yet Cappello writes that the survival rate among patients from whom he removed objects was better than 95%.

He grew to be a pioneer of the upper body, developing new endoscopic techniques for peering into dark recesses. He attached a tiny light called a mignon lamp to the end of a rod that he inserted into his scopes. (Previously, physicians who used endoscopes had worked mainly with light held outside the body.)

If it had been up to him, Cappello said, "parents who fed peanuts to children without molars would be drawn and quartered." Chew everything thoroughly, he exhorted the public: "Chew your milk!" —NTR