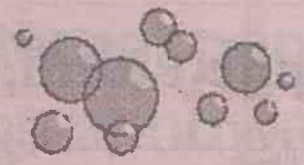


Breaking through the bubble



Clap on, clap off: New 'smart sofa' a dream for couch potatoes

In a world of widening waistlines due more and more to improving technology, the smart sofa is perhaps as innovative (in a sedentary sort of way) as the Clapper. According to CNN.com, the headsy couch is being developed by scientists at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

It contains sensors in each leg to who's sitting down based on that person's weight. As of now, the sofa will only personally greet the person who sits down, but Mads Haahr, a researcher working on the couch envisions more for his project.

In the future, the couch may turn on appliances, set the room temperature to a person's comfort, or even play the stereo.

"The greater context is that you can build functionality into computers that allow them to be part of everyday objects and help us in ways that we won't even notice," Haahr said.

In Amish country, feds uncover illegal immigrant smuggling ring

CLEVELAND, Ohio – According to a report from CNN.com, federal investigators found a smuggling ring that transported hundreds of illegal immigrants from Guatemala and Mexico in Ohio's largest Amish community that had been operating for months.

Abel Garcia-Mendez, Gustavo Sandoval and Abel Ramirez-Vasquez admitted in federal court to hauling undocumented people in vans to Ohio's Amish community to seek work.

Garcia-Mendez and Sandoval pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the transportation of illegal aliens. Ramirez-Vasquez pleaded guilty to transportation of illegal aliens, according to U.S. Attorney Phillip Tripi. The three do face prison terms.

Holmes County, the location of the Amish community, is believed to house the world's largest constituency of Amish.

Suspended Buckeye Clarett sues NFL over draft entry rule

NEW YORK – In a report from SI.com, suspended Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett sued the NFL Tuesday in an attempt to force the league to throw out its rule requiring players to have been out of high school at least three years before entering the NFL draft.

"The rule is a restraint of amateur athletes who were strangers to the collective bargaining process," the suit says.

Clarett would not be eligible for the draft until 2005. He was suspended this year following a successful 2002 season, when he rushed for 1,237 yards and led the Buckeyes to a national championship.

"My feeling as commissioner is that we have a very strong case and that we'll win it," said NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

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