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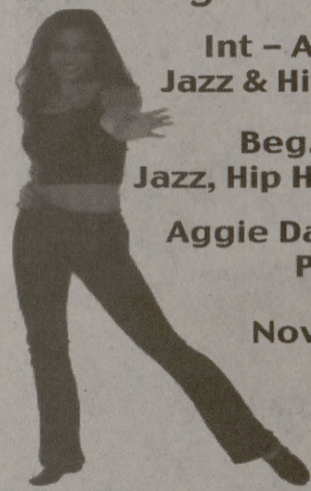
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CAMPUS Calendar

<p>Thursday</p> <p>Aggie Ring Day September 4, 2003 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Clayton Williams, Jr. Alumni Center</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>First Yell September 5, 2003 Reed Arena</p> <p>Midnight Yell September 5, 2003 Midnight Kyle Field</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>Cook Off Classic BBQ September 6, 2003 Rudder Plaza</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>MSC Open House September 7, 2003 MSC Hallway</p> <p>Welcome Back Bash September 7, 2003 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Hillel Building Rain or shine</p>	<p>1st Night with Charlie Hall September 7, 2003 6:35 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church Free for first 600 freshmen admission- \$6</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Women's Open House September 8, 2003 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. MSC Flagroom</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Silver Taps September 9, 2003 10:30 p.m. Academic Building</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>Co-Op Orientation September 10, 2003 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. 404 Rudder</p>
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Universal slashes CD prices Music giant hopes to revive faltering sales

By Alex Vega
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The world's largest recording company said Wednesday it would slash wholesale compact disc prices in hopes of reviving music sales, which have dropped 31 percent industrywide in the last three years.

The suggested retail price on a majority of its CDs will be cut by \$6 to \$12.98, said Universal Music Group representatives. Retailers have the final say on pricing, and UMG hopes the actual sales price will drop to about \$10 or less.

Consumers could begin seeing the price changes as early as Oct. 1.

"We expect (this) will invigorate the music market in North America," said Doug Morris, UMG Chairman and CEO.

UMG, the market leader among the world's five major recording companies, said some multiple disc packages or CD box sets would not be included in the pricing change.

Officials at EMI, BMG and Warner Music Group declined to comment. Sony Music Group officials could not be reached immediately.

UMG's current wholesale price for a CD album is \$12.02. Under the new pricing structure, the wholesale price would be \$9.09.

UMG's artists include U2, Sting and Jimi Hendrix. The wholesale price for CDs by a handful of performers, including Eminem and Shania Twain, will be about a dollar more, said Jim Urie, president of Universal Music & Video Distribution.

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Universal Music Chairman and CEO

The company also plans to cut wholesale prices on its cassettes and change the suggested retail price to \$8.98.

Josh Bernoff, an analyst with Forrester Research, said the decision to cut prices underscores how badly the industry has been hurting.

"That is very significant. That's basically saying, 'We give up,'" he said.

Revenue from album sales declined from \$14.6 billion in 1999 to \$12.6 billion in 2002, according to the Recording Industry Association of America, a trade group that represents the largest recording companies.

The recording industry blames the slump largely on illegal music swapping over peer-to-peer networks.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Source: Wedding bells for Ben and

LOS ANGELES (AP) — This isn't official. But it might as well be — one of the most high-profile couples in the world tied the knot on Sept. 14.

Affleck's publicist, Ken Sunshine, refused to comment Wednesday about any wedding plans. But very close "friends" and an incredibly intimate magazine, respectively, that the couple will exchange vows in Santa Barbara.

About 400 guests received invitations by phone, but final details will be hand-delivered four days before the grand event, the magazine said.

It remained a mystery as to the exact location of the biggest wedding since Lopez's last wedding.

The 33-year-old star of six screen and the block has been married twice: to waiter Ojani Noa in 1997 and to dancer Cris Judd in 2001. Noa lasted a little more than a year; Judd for nine months.

It's the first time down the aisle since Affleck, 31. Unless you count Damon.

Agassi beats

NEW YORK (AP) — In a thrilling match, Andre Agassi defeated American Taylor Dent, 7-5, at the U.S. Open on Wednesday. Agassi, the world number one, retired because of a foot injury in the fourth round.

With the men's singles final behind him, Open of the year. Agassi, 33, defeated Dent, 31, in the quarterfinal match on Wednesday.

Agassi, who has won 17 Grand Slam titles, is the first man to reach the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open since Andre Agassi in 2001.

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