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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

The following people accidentally shot themselves recently: Joey Lujan, 22, shot himself in the head trying to show that his gun wasn't loaded (Rialto, Calif., December). Abran Godoy, 20, shot himself while tucking his gun into his waistband after a robbery (King City, Calif., November). A 20-year-old man shot himself in a femoral artery while showing off for friends (Salt Lake City, November). Latie Whitley, 34, shot himself in the face while allegedly robbing a delicatessen (New York City, December). Jeffrey Wagner, 22, shot himself while tucking his gun into his waistband after showing it to a friend (Dayton, Ohio, January). Lance Cole, 24, won \$2,500 in damages from the police after an officer kicked him in the groin two days after he had shot himself in the genitals (St. Louis, Mo., January).

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1964, Cassius Clay (later Muhammad Ali) became world heavy-weight boxing champion by defeating Sonny Liston in Miami Beach, Fla. In 1973, the Stephen Sondheim musical "A Little Night Music" opened at Broadway's Shubert Theater. In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

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City Hall plunks down \$75K for punk rocker's lawsuit

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Guitarist John Feldman from the punk band "Goldfinger" will be paid \$75,000 to drop his federal lawsuit against a Santa Monica police detective who might have illegally searched his home, elected leaders decided



JOHN FELDMAN

this week.

United States District Court Judge Stephen V. Wilson last fall ruled SMPD Det. Richard Nickel might have acted recklessly and made significant omissions in convincing a Superior Court judge to grant a search warrant against Feldman.

Nickel tied Feldman, a vocal animal-rights activist, to an Oct. 3, 2003 vandalization of the Sunset Park home of Jerry Greenwalt, then the general manager of the Los Angeles Animal Services Department. Greenwalt's home and automobile were splattered with red paint, and the words "Dog Killer" were spray-painted on his garage.

Feldman and his wife were detained by police and questioned for three hours shortly after the incident. No arrests were made.

Also written on Greenwalt's front gate were the letters "ALF," the acronym for the animal-rights group Animal Liberation Front. Another animal-rights group known as the Animal Defense



File photo

Jerry Greenwalt, former general manager of the Los Angeles Animal Services Department, stands in front of his Santa Monica home in October of 2003 after animal-rights activists vandalized his property. The incident prompted a civil-rights lawsuit against City Hall by a man who was a suspect in the vandalism.

League had directions to Greenwalt's home posted on its Web site and pictures of the vandalization. Feldman was affiliated with both groups, according to court documents.

Feldman later admitted on the Internet to protesting against Greenwalt more than a month before the vandalization, but denied any role in the vandalism. He and his wife filed a federal suit against the cities of Santa Monica

and Los Angeles, as well as Greenwalt, several unnamed police officers and Nickel for allegedly distorting or omitting facts in an effort to obtain a search warrant.

Judge Wilson last fall tossed out all of Feldman's claims except those against Nickel, and ruled the other parties were not responsible for the alleged mistakes.

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Citibank robbed by senior citizen

By Daily Press staff

MONTANA AVE. — An elderly man robbed Citibank on Thursday and escaped with an unknown amount of money, authorities said.

At about 1:45 p.m., the suspect, described by witnesses as between 70 and 80 years old, entered the bank, located at 1505 Montana Ave., walked up to a teller and verbally demanded money. No weapon was seen by witnesses, said FBI spokeswoman Cathy Viray.

He was seen running from the bank by a valet working across the street. The suspect wasn't found by police.

The suspect is described as a white male, between 5 feet, 10 inches and 6 feet tall, with a thin build and a slight tan. He was wearing gold-framed, tinted glasses, a denim jacket and tan pants.



Ryan Hyatt/Daily Press

Santa Monica resident Max Borhan, 72, attempts to enter Citibank on Montana Avenue on Thursday, but it was closed after it was robbed by an elderly man.

Stay out of the water

By Daily Press staff

SM BEACH — Local environmentalists on Thursday issued this warning: Stay out of the water.

Jumping into the Pacific might be tempting in the coming days as a sizable northwest swell is expected to approach the coast on Monday, but doing so could keep you out of commission for weeks with a host of illnesses.

After days of torrential rains in Southern California, Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving water quality for people and marine life, is

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Jacquie Banks

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Ohio singers head West

By Daily Press staff

A free concert by the Ohio Northern University Choir will be the lead-off program in an eclectic concert lineup for March presented by the Santa Monica College Music Department. All concerts, many of them free, will be held in the SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd.

- The lineup is:
- Tuesday, March 1, at 11:15 a.m.: Ohio Northern University Choir, under the direction of Dennis Kratzer. The event is free.
 - Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m.: Jazz: Gilbert Castellanos Quintet. Tickets are \$10.
 - Saturday, March 12, at 8 p.m.: SMC Opera Theatre's First Annual Spring Film Festival. The benefit features a special screening of Patti Gallagher & Donald Fredrickson in Concert and a collage of highlights from award-winning SMC Opera Theatre videos. Tickets are \$16.
 - Sunday, March 20, at 4 p.m.: SMC Symphony Orchestra Concert Honoring SMC's 75th Anniversary. Features SMC alumnus Matthew Elgart, now an adjunct professor of guitar at SMC, playing the Concierto de Aranjuez by Joaquin Rodrigo. Tickets are \$10.
 - Tuesday, March 29, at 11:15 a.m.: Pianist Liuba Sorochkina. The event is free.
- For tickets and information, call (310) 434-3000 or (310) 434-4323.

Public invited to comment on forensic funding

By Daily Press staff

The public will have the opportunity to comment on the city of Santa Monica's grant application for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The public comment period will be from Feb. 24 through noon on March 1, with the purpose to get the public's opinion on the city's request of \$72,362 for 2005. The money would be used to fund the Santa Monica Police Department's DNA and Advanced Forensic Evidence Testing program.

Since 2000, allocations from the former Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program have covered costs to submit evidence from major crime scenes for advanced forensic testing at certified crime labs. In 2005, the federal government replaced the LLEBG program with the JAG program and the DNA and Advanced Forensic Evidence Testing program remains an eligible use of the grant funds.

Successful grantees will have four years from the date of the award to expend the funds for the approved uses. The draft grant application is available for public review at the following locations:

- City of Santa Monica records and elections office
1685 Main St.
- City of Santa Monica Police Department
333 Olympic Dr.
www.santamonicapd.org
- Written comments regarding the proposed JAG grant application must be received by mail, fax or e-mail no later than 5 p.m. on March 1.
- Mail to: Santa Monica Police Department
Planning & Research Unit, room 354
333 Olympic Dr., Santa Monica, CA 90401

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SURF REPORT

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So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Would you support closing a lane on each

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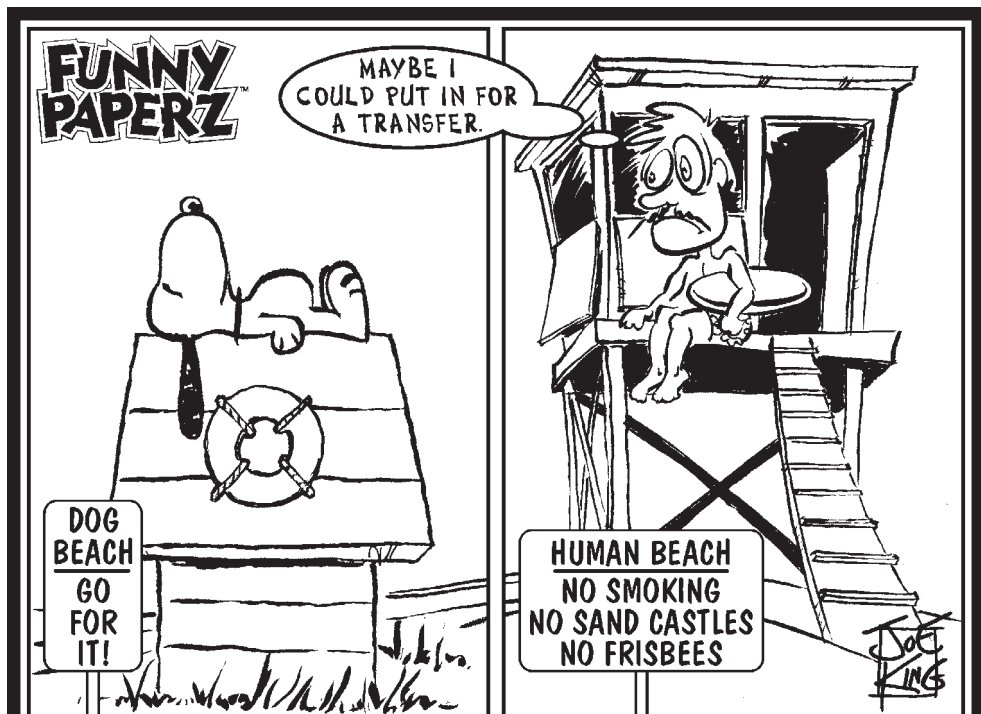
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OPINION



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City a good steward of Fisher

Editor:

Michael Jondreau has, or gives, the impression that the city of Santa Monica is somehow behind the closure of Fisher Lumber SMDP, Feb. 23, page 4). That isn't the case at all. Fisher's parent company, Weyerhaeuser Co. (a multi-national corporation) decided to close the store and sell the underlying property. Although there were several bids by other lumber companies, the winning bid was by a real estate development firm. What would have been a huge complex of traffic-producing offices, condos or market-rate (i.e., very expensive) apartments will now become a much larger Memorial Park. Santa Monica, although bordered by one of the planet's great open spaces, is a city that is woefully short on park space. The city's purchase of the land allowed some more breathing room within our borders and will no doubt be a place for great outdoor family and community experiences in just a few years. That kind of urban progress is usually heralded as a good thing.

This doesn't really address Mr. Jondreau's lamentation about the demise of another wonderful and unique business in Santa Monica. I share that feeling of loss, and I dread the need to go to Home Depot, or the like, for my household repair needs. But let's be clear, the sting from the inevitable closing of Fisher Lumber was made far more bearable by the city's purchase of the land to create a bigger park.

Alan Toy
Santa Monica

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HERE'S THE THING

BY LARA M. BROWN, Ph.D.

President Bush last Friday signed into law legislation requiring that new class-action lawsuits be filed in federal courts. No longer are plaintiffs allowed to seek remedies through their state court, unless two-thirds of the plaintiffs, as well as the company being sued, are in that state. This law effectually means that fewer class-action lawsuits are likely to be filed, and fewer are likely to be won by plaintiffs.

Although the Republicans hailed the bill, called the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, as the first of many steps in their agenda for sweeping "legal reform," the Democrats were silent. Not incidentally, 18 senators and 50 representatives crossed the partisan aisle to vote for the legislation.

Although some moderate and conservative Democrats might believe they're helping the economy by supporting this legislation, they are, in fact, promoting corporate protectionism. They're not bolstering a hands-off, laissez-faire approach of government toward the business community and the private sector. Instead, they're supporting policies that will eventually make more government regulation and a larger bureaucracy necessary.

It wasn't until I spent time on the campaign trail with the "FOJ," or friends of John Edwards, who happen to be mostly trial attorneys, that I began to fully appreciate their role in our complex capitalist system. Simply put, trial attorneys check business so the government doesn't have to.

In a capitalist system, every business will desire to create as many market advantages as they can, working to both maximize profits and create a monopoly. The government seeks to check monopolies because they are not a "public good." Government has many tools (carrots and sticks) at its disposal to either help or hinder various markets — everything from tariffs and subsidies to entry barriers, including certifications, inspection procedures and environmental regulations.

Where trial attorneys come into the process is that they act as one "stick" on business. Should a business be operating in a way that is unsafe, unethical or unfair to its competition, a trial attorney — representing an individual or a group harmed by a corporation's business practice — sues the company and helps to eventually

bring it back in line.

The word "attorney" comes from the phrase "at tournament," meaning that their job is to take a side and fight. Our courts then determine which adversary deserves to win. Granted not every case leads to justice, but if you recall, she is blind, and over time, like the scales she holds, the system balances itself. Or as James Madison wrote in Federalist 51, "Ambition must be made to counteract ambition." This is part of the genius of our system: Checks and balances.

Most people, though, are upset about the amount of money trial attorneys make in the process. Ridiculous. When I look at the compensation packages of top business executives at major corporations, the very people who have committed the abuses for which the company is being sued, there isn't a day that goes by that I'm not made happy thinking that trial attorneys make as much money as they do. These are people who put everything on the line and work for years to bring a claim to court for an individual (and whole classes of people) who often would not have had the resources (monetary or time), or the capacity (physical or mental) to seek compensation for their injuries. Why should they be paid less?

Besides, we live in a capitalist society; making money is not evil. Who says that just because you're doing good work, you should make little or no money? In my ideal world, a lot of people who aren't paid what they deserve get higher wages.

Here's The Thing:

Legal reform is not an issue. I'm proud that in our capitalist system of limited Republican government, we have, historically, decided to outsource business regulation to trial attorneys. If trial attorneys weren't checking businesses, then either the government would be ignoring corporate abuses, or the government would be hiring more regulators to investigate the private sector.

Limiting the ability of trial attorneys to perform their function is akin to corporate protectionism, and those who support it are obfuscating the truth when they say that are for an unfettered-market economy. Should we continue down this path of regulating trial attorneys, we'll end up looking like the crony capitalists who rule in Russia and Japan.

But maybe that's the kind of power and dominance that the Republicans are after.

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COMMENTARY



Strut your snort and laugh at yourself for doing it

PISTACHIO PERSPECTIVE

BY SUSAN ANN CONNOR



This is very difficult for me, but I have a confession to make. Please bear with me.

OK ... all right ... here goes. I tried not to. It just happened. I didn't plan it. I wish I could take it back. And I know this goes down as an extremely regretful event. But I must tell you before someone else does ... I snorted while laughing.

Actually, it's not all my fault. I was sitting in the theater minding my own business, chuckling along most appropriately with some friends and the rest of the audience. Suddenly the man behind me let out a little snort. It was barely audible, but enough to detect he'd slipped a snortle into his laughter.

I don't know what it is, but I find this form of chortle to be competitively contagious. For years, even though I was just an occasional snorter, I have been practicing restraint. I had really honed some silent snorting skills. But there was something about his particular snort sound that made me want to let it rip. And as soon as I released that initial snortle, it was all over. I'd lost control and was doomed to an evening of varying degrees of snout vocals.

Though I was embarrassed by my snickering style at that moment, the people nearby didn't really seem to mind. In fact, I think his and my guffawing rather encouraged them to be a bit less tepid in their titter.

Unfortunately, this episode reveals that my hearty hee-haw days are not over. In some ways it's very upsetting. But the

more I think about it, perhaps it's not so bad. I mean, everyone has a family member prone to it. We all know a friend who's predisposed. Even Nicole does it. With her admission to this affliction, snorting might soon garner sex appeal, generate popularity and cause crowds to shimmy.

As far as I'm concerned, snorting while laughing soothes the soul. There's nothing like it. It's in a world all its own. Every time I've allowed myself to fully laugh in this fashion, I've felt a sense of liberation ... almost like a spiritual experience. Maybe we could coin it "holy" laughing. Then instead of being so darn unattractive, it would become more acceptable and take on a worthy, heavenly chime.

Studies have shown in multiple research projects that laughter lowers blood pressure, decreases stress hormones and boosts immune function. It also helps emancipate those endorphins we love to talk about. Imagine the additional fruits harvested when one incorporates snorting into their laughing process. There's no telling how healthy we could get.

And according to the Discovery Health Web site, "By the time a child reaches nursery school, he or she will laugh about 300 times a day. Adults laugh an average of 17 times a day ... (with women laughing 126 percent more than men)." Yet another thing we can learn from our children.

So, whether you're a silent, a single or a multiple snorter, be not afraid to strut your snort. And if you can't muster up a snort, then just laugh. Yuck it up! It's refreshing. It's anxiety reducing. And the world needs more of it. Hahahaha ... lalalala ...

(Susan Ann Connor can be reached at pistachiocolumn@aol.com.)

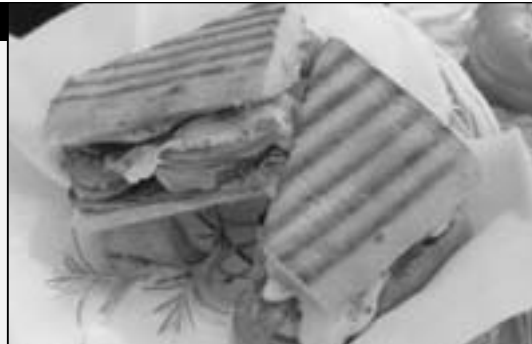
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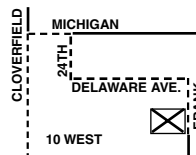
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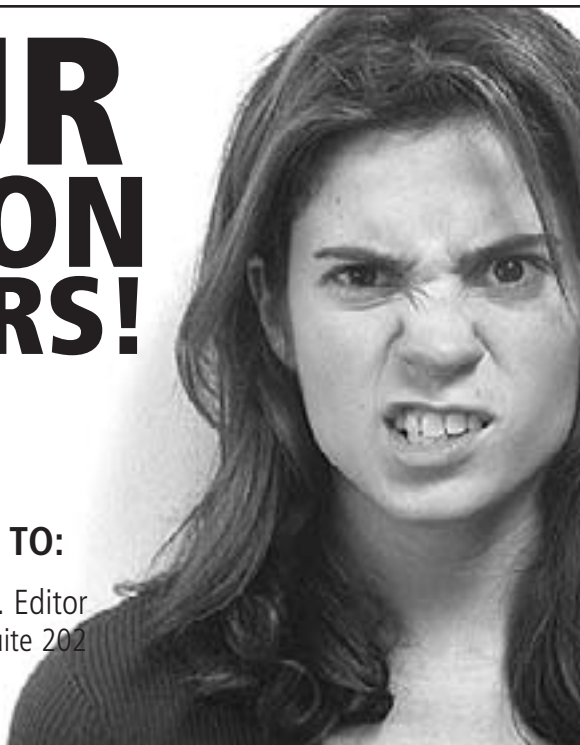


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Punk guitarist denies he vandalized Santa Monica man's home

SETTLEMENT, from page 1

Among the allegations Nickel still faced were that he might have violated Feldman's civil rights and intentionally inflicted emotional distress on him by apparently including "intentional or reckless false statements or omissions that were material to the magistrate's finding of probable cause," Judge Wilson wrote on Oct. 13, 2004.

Specifically, Judge Wilson said a trial was merited to review the evidence and determine if Nickel acted improperly in the way he dealt with the statements of eyewitness Marcela Saunders, Greenwalt's neighbor who said she saw Feldman's wife, Amy, handing out leaflets against Greenwalt weeks before the vandalism.

Though Saunders said Amy Feldman "looked like" a woman pictured on the ADL Web site, Nickel first wrote in his warrant petition that Saunders "picked out" Amy Feldman from the picture on the Web site, and later explained exactly what Saunders had said.

Judge Wilson wrote, "it could be inferred that Nickel buried the statement (by Saunders) ... and that this was an intentional false statement, since Nickel may have been hoping the magistrate would not notice the difference and simply rely on Nickel's written affidavit ..."

What's more, Judge Wilson ruled Nickel might have intentionally or recklessly failed to include Amy Feldman's driver's license photograph in the petition for a warrant, even though he included John Feldman's driver's license photo, because the photo clearly showed that Amy Feldman "looked completely different than the woman on the ADL Web site."

Finally, Judge Wilson noted that Nickel in his petition for a warrant failed to mention four earlier Santa Monica and Los Angeles police reports concerning a possible threat to Greenwalt. Those reports indicated other suspects and could have caused the judge to reconsider the search warrant, Judge Wilson ruled.

"Nickel's declaration states that he was unaware of these documents, and that he provided the magistrate with all the information of which he was aware," Judge Wilson wrote. "However, viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the plaintiffs, it could be said that Nickel was at least reckless in failing to discover and include these reports, each of which was connected to suspicious behavior reported by the same person, Greenwalt."

The Santa Monica City Council this week voted 5 to 1, with one member absent, to settle the case for \$75,000. Deputy City Attorney Jeanette Schachtner said it was prudent to settle the case rather

than let it go to trial, even though a Superior Court judge had agreed to issue the warrant against the Feldmans.

"The Federal Court held that the Superior Court judge's issuance of the search warrant did not preclude plaintiffs from pursuing their lawsuit," Schachtner said. "We respectfully disagree with the federal ruling. The evidence establishes that the officer acted in good faith and that there were sufficient facts to support the warrant."

"Being that we just moved to the neighborhood, they chose the perfect time to make our new neighbors think we are major drug dealers or some major porn people."

- JOHN FELDMAN
Punk guitarist

"The Federal Court's ruling, however, poses a risk of a jury finding adverse to the city," she added. "Unfortunately, under federal law, if plaintiffs prevail and are awarded even a small sum of money, the city would be required to pay the plaintiffs' attorneys' fees in an amount far greater than the settlement. The settlement eliminates this risk."

Santa Monica Police Department Lt. Frank Fabrega, a spokesman, declined to comment. It is SMPD policy not to comment on lawsuits.

Attorney Ellen Ellison, who represented the Feldmans, didn't return calls seeking comment. The Feldmans also couldn't be reached.

In a guest column for the Web site punkvoter.com, John Feldman wrote about the events preceding the October 2003 search. He described it as "gnarly."

"I was pulled over by a cop right in front of my house," wrote Feldman, who lives in Los Angeles. "I was then frisked (they thought my cell phone was a weapon) and asked to sit on the curb."

"By this point there were 13 government cars, 20 cops (guns drawn), six FBI agents and two helicopters," he continued. "Being that we just moved to the neighborhood, they chose the perfect time to make our new neighbors think we are major drug dealers or some major porn people."

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Governor's popularity suffers steep drop in polls

BY BETH FOUHY

AP Political Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's once stratospheric popularity has shown a steep drop in recent months, with Democrats and many independents souring on his job performance, a new statewide poll found.

A Field Poll released Wednesday found that a majority of Californians — 54 percent of state residents and 55 percent of registered voters — approve of the job Schwarzenegger is doing as governor. In September, 65 percent of registered voters said they approved of his job performance.

"It's certainly significant, and it's not just a statistical aberration," Field Poll

Director Mark DiCamillo said.

Schwarzenegger, a moderate Republican who has carefully cultivated a bipartisan image in heavily Democrat-leaning California, has seen his job ratings sag largely because of disaffected Democratic voters.

An overwhelming majority of Republicans — 84 percent — approve of the job he is doing as governor. But 54 percent of Democrats now say they disapprove of his job performance, while 34 percent approve. That's a 20-point change from September, when only 34 percent of Democrats said they disapproved of Schwarzenegger's job performance.

Independents, who make up the fastest-growing part of the state's electorate, have also begun to view Schwarzenegger in a

less favorable light, with 48 percent saying they approve of the job he is doing, down from 64 percent in September.

DiCamillo said that Schwarzenegger's approval ratings, while down from last year's record-high levels, had come in line with those of other California governors early in their terms. Gov. Gray Davis, the Democrat ousted by Schwarzenegger in a historic 2003 recall election, was viewed favorably by 56 percent of voters near the end of his first year.

And while Schwarzenegger has lost the support of many Democrats, DiCamillo said he still had a higher favorable rating among Democrats than past governors had been able to generate among voters of the opposing party.

"His numbers still haven't declined to where the public is divided or cynical," DiCamillo said. "It's just that Democrats are starting to take a wary eye at this governor."

A potential danger sign for Schwarzenegger, DiCamillo said, is a newfound pessimism among voters about the direction of the state. A majority of respondents, 51 percent, now believe the state is headed in the wrong direction, compared to just 38 percent in September.

And Schwarzenegger, who campaigned for governor vowing to eradicate the influence of "special interests" in Sacramento, is viewed by 38 percent of voters — and 59 percent of Democrats — as favoring special interests over the broader public interest.

Heal the Bay issues water-quality warning

WATER, from page 1

warning beach goes to stay out of the ocean for at least one week.

"When heavy rains begin to saturate the ground, extreme amounts of runoff flow directly into the ocean, greatly increasing the public's risk of infection," said Dr. Mark Gold, executive director of Heal the Bay. "There's also a good chance of sewage leaking into storm drains and into the ocean. We encourage people to stay out of the water for one week after the rainstorms stop to avoid coming down with the stomach flu, respiratory infections and skin rashes."

Heal the Bay provides an online Beach Report Card with weekly water quality grades for more than 430 California beaches. For more information on beach

conditions and closures, visit healthebay.org.

For 20 years, Heal the Bay has been dedicated to making Southern California waters safer and healthier for people and marine life. As one of the largest nonprofit environmental organizations in Los Angeles County, with more than 10,000 members, Heal the Bay reaches many area neighborhoods through volunteer programs, the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium and events such as Coastal Cleanup Day. The organization, funded by government grants, corporate sponsorships and member donations, promotes environmental stewardship by educating communities and individuals about ways to transform their neighborhoods and improve their local water quality.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

Piano songs for a song at Malibu High

By Daily Press staff

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission recently donated pianos to a school in Malibu.

Forte Marketing Group, a national piano marketing company based in Portland, Ore., managed the liquidation of several hundred pianos surrendered in a foreclosure in Los Angeles. Most were sold, but 28 were offered to local schools. Forte contacted the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, which paid all delivery and handling charges.

The pianos were sent to schools by the County Arts Commission as part of its Arts for All initiative, a 10-year effort to help all 80 Los Angeles County school districts plan for district-wide, sequential arts education. The Commission made the pianos available to school districts currently receiving technical assistance to implement sequential arts education district-wide.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Malibu High received one piano. "We are grateful for the piano donation from the LA County Arts Commission," said Mark Kelly, principal of Malibu High School. "My music teachers report that the piano is used throughout the day in vocal and instrumental music classes. The donation was particularly helpful in the last few weeks as our students prepared for a piano recital. We have a growing music program and the Commission's donation is a wonderful addition to our school."

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. The Arts Commission provides leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, Arts for All; administers a grants program that funds more than 250 nonprofit arts organizations annually; funds the largest arts internship program in the country in conjunction with the Getty Foundation, programs the John Anson Ford Theatres and supports the Los Angeles County Cultural Calendar on ExperienceLA.com. The Commission also produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration broadcast nationally, and a year-round music program that funds more than 60 free concerts each year in public sites.



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Entertainment

And the Oscar goes to ...

What's playing ...

By Dan Dunn
Special to the Daily Press

CONSTANTINE

A visually spectacular yet emotionally barren, at times gratingly inconsistent comic book adaptation.
Starring: Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz

BECAUSE OF WINN DIXIE

Some might be put off by the film's anachronistic unreality and manifest righteousness, while others will no doubt revel in the quixotic Bushiness of it all.
Starring: AnnaSophia Robb, Jeff Daniels

IMAGINARY HEROES

What starts out as a kind of poor man's "Ordinary People" quickly deteriorates into an unintentional comedy of errors filled with virtually every staple of the after-school special genre.
Starring: Sigourney Weaver, Emile Hirsch

HITCH

Smith and James make a good team and hit all the right comedic notes working with very funny material.
Starring: Will Smith, Kevin James, Eva Mendez

BRIDE & PREJUDICE

American audiences will be captivated by Aishwarya Rai, Bollywood's most popular female star.
Starring: Aishwarya Rai, Martin Henderson

INSIDE DEEP THROAT

A provocative, highly entertaining look inside the "Deep Throat" phenomenon and the indelible impression it made on the cultural landscape.

THE WEDDING DATE

Why do fools fall in love? Maybe for the same reason they make half-baked chick flicks ... cuz some people never learn.
Starring: Debra Messing, Dermot Mulroney

RORY O'SHEA WAS HERE

Dramatically charged, funny, and most of all uplifting, This is the first best movie of 2005.
Starring: Steven Robertson, James McAvoy

HIDE AND SEEK

What is, for a solid 80 minutes or so, a pretty hair-raising and suspenseful thriller, falls apart more quickly and embarrassingly than a drunken "Real World" cast member.
Starring: Robert DeNiro, Dakota Fanning

ALONE IN THE DARK

A deliriously edited special-effects cannonade featuring a once-semi-respectable movie star slogging through a morass of detritus left over from seemingly every bad sci-fi flick ever committed to celluloid.
Starring: Christian Slater

ARE WE THERE YET?

Ten minutes into this hapless family comedy, you'll be wishing you were anywhere but there.
Starring: Ice Cube, Nia Long

COACH CARTER

Succeeds thanks to an inspirational story, some highly realistic and exciting basketball action, and a winning performance from Samuel L. Jackson.
Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Rob Brown, Ashanti

THE AVIATOR

The second-best biopic Scorsese has helmed, behind the exalted "Raging Bull." DiCaprio's portrayal of Hughes stands out as the finest work of his career.
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett

LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS

Inspired adaptation of the wildly popular kids' book series that 'tis a hell of a lot more naughty than nice.
Starring: Jim Carrey, Meryl Streep

SPANGLISH

James Brooks is one of the best in the business at harvesting fresh perspectives on the human condition.
Starring: Adam Sandler, Tea Leoni

MILLION DOLLAR BABY

At its core, this is a heart-wrenching story about overcoming impossible odds and realizing dreams.
Starring: Hilary Swank, Clint Eastwood, Morgan Freeman

(Editor's note: Santa Monica Daily Press critic Dan Dunn offers his opinion on this year's Oscar race.)

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

BEST PICTURE

The nominees: "The Aviator," "Million Dollar Baby," "Ray," "Sideways" and "Finding Neverland."

Should win: As is the case in virtually every major category this year, there is no 800-pound gorilla like "The Return of the King" was in 2004. Yes, "The Aviator" leads all contenders with 11 nominations, but don't be fooled by the numbers: It says here that most Oscar office pool winners will need to be as lucky as they are intuitive. A case can be made for each of these worthy entrants, but on my ballot, I'm lightly penciling in "Million Dollar Baby."

Could win: "Sideways" and "The Aviator" probably have the best shot at knocking out Eastwood's heavyweight boxing drama, but only a fool would count out sentimental favorite Ray Charles. Remember what happened at the Grammys?

Will win: "The Aviator." The Academy voters are suckers for extravagant period pieces with A-list actors.



BEST ACTOR

The nominees: Don Cheadle in "Hotel Rwanda," Johnny Depp in "Finding Neverland," Leonardo DiCaprio in "The Aviator," Clint Eastwood in "Million Dollar Baby" and Jamie Foxx in "Ray."

Should win: Cheadle, Foxx and DiCaprio all delivered the finest performances of their careers. Only one will get a gold statue, though, and it ought to be Cheadle.

Could win: All but Eastwood who, with all due respect, shouldn't have even been nominated over Paul Giamatti of "Sideways."

Will win: Foxx. Two acting nominations in the same year will add up to one Oscar for the former "In Living Color" star.

BEST ACTRESS

The nominees: Annette Bening in "Being Julia," Catalina Sandino Moreno in "Maria Full of Grace," Imelda Staunton in "Vera Drake," Hilary Swank in "Million Dollar Baby" and Kate Winslet in "Eternal Sunshine



of the Spotless Mind."

Should win: Memorable performances by all the nominees in this category, but Swank — my favorite — and Bening are a bit more deserving this year than the other three nominees.

Could win: Winslet's a wild card who could turn up aces.

Will win: Swank beat out Bening a few years ago in this same category, and it's a good bet history will repeat itself in 2005.

DIRECTOR

The nominees: Martin Scorsese, "The Aviator," Clint Eastwood, "Million Dollar Baby," Taylor Hackford, "Ray," Alexander Payne, "Sideways," and Mike Leigh, "Vera Drake."

Should win: Scorsese because, incredibly, he's never won this award.

Could win: All but Leigh.

Will win: Scorsese. The drought ends here.

SUPPORTING ACTOR

The nominees: Alan Alda in "The Aviator," Thomas Haden Church in "Sideways," Jamie Foxx in "Collateral," Morgan Freeman in "Million Dollar Baby" and Clive Owen in "Closer."

Should win: Alda or Freeman.

Could win: Alda or Freeman.

Will win: Freeman.

SUPPORTING ACTRESS

The nominees: Cate Blanchett in "The Aviator," Laura Linney in "Kinsey," Virginia Madsen in "Sideways," Sophie Okonedo in "Hotel Rwanda" and Natalie Portman in "Closer."

Should win: All were excellent, but none better than Madsen.

Could win: Blanchett won best supporting actress at the SAG Awards for her portrayal of Catherine Hepburn. Portman took home the Golden Glode. Many industry types believe "Kinsey" was under-nominated and might try and remedy that with a vote for Linney.

Will win: Madsen. This town loves a Comeback Kid.

ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

The nominees: John Logan, "The Aviator," Charlie Kaufman, "Eternal Sunshine of the

Spotless Mind," Keir Pearson and Terry George, "Hotel Rwanda," Brad Bird, "The Incredibles," and Mike Leigh, "Vera Drake."

Should win: Kaufman's surrealist script was the year's most original.

Could win: Voters might give the nod to Logan as a safeguard in case Scorsese gets slighted again in the director's category.

Will win: Kaufman's a supreme talent, and Hollywood is ready to officially ordain him as such.



ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

The nominees: Richard Linklater, Julie Delpy and Ethan Hawke, "Before Sunset," David Magee, "Finding Neverland," Paul Haggis, "Million Dollar Baby," José Rivera, "The Motorcycle Diaries," Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor, "Sideways."

Should win: Payne and Taylor.

Could win: All but Rivera.

Will win: Payne and Taylor.



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Fare thee well, Dr. Thompson, our mad conductor



THE IMBIBER

BY DAN DUNN

"Every now and then you run up on one of those days when everything's in vain ... a stone bummer from start to finish; and if you know what's good for you, on days like these you sort of hunker down in a safe corner and watch. Maybe think a bit. Lay back on a cheap wooden chair, screened off from the traffic, and shrewdly rip the poptops out of five or eight Budweisers ..."

From "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas"
by Hunter S. Thompson

I first met Hunter S. Thompson 10 years ago at a tiny watering hole that no longer exists in Aspen called The Howling Wolf. At the time I was a cub columnist at the local paper who'd recently run for mayor in a hotly contested election. Truth be told, most of the heat was generated by the other two, more legitimate candidates ... I was in the mix, it seemed, primarily for comic relief. But Thompson, as he would later confess, saw something in me that I certainly didn't know existed at the time, and when he led the charge to defeat a controversial ballot initiative designed to subvert Aspen's long-standing growth-control measures, the Good Doctor enlisted my help, among others, to rally the youth vote.

We won the election, and in the course of doing so forged a tumultuous, intermittently interrupted friendship that I'm now remembering yielded numerous head-busting hangovers, a few knock-down drag-out brawls out at Owl Farm, his fortified compound in Woody Creek, and — on one particularly harrowing evening — a close encounter with the business end of one of Hunter's pistols.

Hunter was famously fond of his guns, and this past Sunday afternoon he used one of them to take his own life. What prompted him to pull the trigger is, at this writing, a mystery to me. As far as I can tell from the early reports he didn't leave a note, despite his oft-repeated

belief that confession is good for the soul. He'd had some health problems in recent years, and was as volatile a human being as they come. But suicide? Hunter? It's hard to believe all the fear and loathing in the world could ever break the spirit of Gonzo.

As I sit here now a day after hearing the awful news, I realize that this is the only time I've ever been able to write something about HST without worrying how he'd react to it. The man was fiercely protective of his image and privacy, and anybody fortunate enough to be invited into his circle of friends knew that whatever happened at Owl Farm, stayed at Owl Farm. But there's this one memory I have that I think is appropriate to recount here.

A few days prior to the aforementioned election, we hosted a voter registration rally at a nightclub followed by a wild party at the Wolf. Unbeknownst to me — until it was far too late — Hunter had designated me his designated driver. When I informed him that copious amounts of bourbon and assorted other chemicals had rendered me unable to fulfill that duty, he gave me an expletive-filled earful, then set out on his own into the night.

I arrived home at around 6 a.m. that morning, and there was a message left a half-hour earlier by Hunter on the answering machine. He'd been busted by the cops for driving under the influence, and was certain he and everyone associated with him was being targeted for political purposes. He wanted me to warn our crew to watch their asses. Again, it was 6 a.m.

"Stay off the streets, for chrissakes," he said in that distinctive mumble of his. "If we're not careful they'll kill us all." They didn't — kill us, that is — and after a highly publicized trial months later, Hunter beat the DUI wrap. At a post-courthouse victory celebration, I apologized yet again for my role in the whole ordeal and told Hunter I was glad he'd avoided a jail term that might have derailed our righteous movement.

"Nonsense, bubba," he said, or something to that effect. "Nothing can stop this train."

I believed him with all my heart. Still do. I'm just sad as all hell that our brilliant, mad conductor decided it was time for him to get off.

Mahalo, Doc. We're all going to miss you.

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Northwest more vulnerable to energy disruption

BY WILLIAM MCCALL

Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Northwest is especially vulnerable to disruption of its energy supply because so much of its electric transmission grid and oil and natural gas pipelines are concentrated in areas nearly impossible to defend against attack, according to a new report.

“All of North America has the same kind of vulnerabilities, but the Northwest is a little worse,” said Alan Durning, executive director of Northwest Environment Watch, a research center based in Seattle.

In its annual report, the center notes the region’s hydroelectric dams generate an abundant supply of cheap energy, “but that power is transmitted across mountains and deserts on power lines that are impossible to defend against hikers with backpacks of explosives.”

Oil and gas run through a handful of pipelines that are just as difficult to defend, said the report, released Thursday.

“The larger reason for fewer pipelines is that most of the population of the Northwest is concentrated in a straight line running from Eugene to Vancouver, British Columbia,” Durning said, “so it’s relatively easy to serve it with a single natural gas or oil pipeline.”

Government and utility officials were reluctant to dis-

cuss details of potential vulnerabilities, citing security concerns.

But they said many steps have been taken since September 2001 to prevent or prepare for possible attacks.

“The FBI has great relationships with the private and public managers of the regional power supply, and we work with those industry leaders daily to protect what is here,” said Beth Anne Steele, spokeswoman for the FBI office in Portland.

The Bonneville Power Administration, based in Portland, has always planned for emergencies caused by disruption of the power grid, including vandalism, mechanical failures or natural events, such as earthquakes, said Mike Hansen, a spokesman at the federal power marketing agency’s headquarters.

“As with any vandalism or natural event, we have the ability to respond very quickly,” Hansen said.

He noted that a massive outage that stretched from the Northwest to Los Angeles in 1996 triggered by power lines sagging into a hazelnut orchard in suburban Portland has been studied extensively and many changes have been made.

“Over the past 10 years in particular, we’ve been making improvements in the system,” Hansen said.

Security is a serious concern but remains only part of

overall disaster planning in the Northwest, added John Harrison, spokesman for the Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council, the federal agency established in 1980 to balance regional energy needs with environmental protection in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

“We deal with a lot of issues beside security,” Harrison said.

“The good news in terms of the vulnerability of the power supply is that it’s made and operated with the understanding there will be occasional failures, so it’s built to adapt and meet those failures,” he said.

The Northwest Environment Watch report, called “Cascadia Scorecard 2005,” graded the Northwest on seven indicators of environmental health, including the ways terrorists could exploit the weaknesses in the region’s energy system.

But Durning, the lead author, emphasized the study is not trying to peddle fear. They want people and policymakers to make energy conservation a higher priority to reduce dependence on oil and natural gas and boost the economy.

The report noted that, despite emerging energy-saving technology and rising fuel prices, overall energy consumption in the Northwest rose slightly last year. It also noted that residents of the Northwest states used 45 percent more energy per capita than their Canadian neighbors to the north in British Columbia.

“Energy efficiency saves money over the long term,” Durning said.

Harrison, who contributed to the report, agreed.

“Rather than build new generating capacity, the idea is the value of conservation,” Harrison said. “The fewer power plants built the less vulnerable the Northwest is to terrorist attack.”

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Bush, Putin have sometimes-prickly exchange

BY TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed Thursday on new efforts to keep nuclear arms out of dangerous hands, but their sharp differences over Russian backsliding on democracy spilled into an open and sometimes-prickly exchange.

Seeking common ground with a former Cold War rival that is now a key anti-terror partner, Bush said the two leaders stressed agreements over differences.

U.S. concerns about a series of actions by Putin that are seen as solidifying central power and quashing dissent dominated the leaders' side-by-side appearance.

Bush said he talked with Putin at length of his "concerns about Russia's commitment in fulfilling these universal principles" common to all democracies.

"All I can tell you is he said, 'Yes meant yes,' when we talked about values that we share," Bush said.

Putin said, "Russia has made its choice in favor of democracy."

"This is our final choice and we have no way back. There can be no return to what we used to have," Putin said. He added: "We are not going to make up, to invent any kind of special Russian democracy."

Putin compared his move to end direct popular election of regional governors to the American Electoral College process of electing presidents. "It's not considered undemocratic, is it?" Putin said.

And he suggested that Russians who oppose his actions, such as a campaign against the Yukos oil company and shut down of independent media outlets, can sway public opinion because they "are richer than those who are in favor." "We often do not pay the attention to that," he said.

Bush was challenged as well, fielding questions from Russian journalists doubting American democracy.

"I'm perfectly comfortable in telling you, our country is one that safeguards human rights and human dignity, and we resolve our disputes in a peaceful way," Bush said sharply.

Russian officials dislike what they see as U.S. meddling in their internal affairs and in former Soviet republics where Moscow's influence is waning as some new leaders look westward.

Just as Bush wants to protect a vital partnership on security issues, Putin walks a careful line because of his desire not to harm Russia's chances of membership in the World Trade Organization.

Turning to global concerns, Bush and Putin said they were in unison on the importance of stopping suspected nuclear weapons programs in North Korea and Iran.

"We agreed that Iran should not have a nuclear weapon. I appreciate Vladimir's understanding on that," Bush said. "We agreed that North Korea should not have a nuclear weapon."

Said Putin, "We share a common opinion in this regard and we are taking a similar approach: We should put an end to the proliferation of missile and missile technology. The proliferation of such weapons is not in the interest specific of countries or in the international community in general."

As the leaders met for two hours at a medieval castle overlooking the snow-covered capital and the Danube River, aides inked agreements designed to counter the spread of both conventional and nuclear weapons.

Bush and Putin agreed to upgrade security at Russia's nuclear plants and weapons stockpiles; provide new procedures for responding to possible terrorist attacks; and set up a program to keep nuclear fuel from being diverted to use in nuclear weapons.

"We agreed to accelerate our work to protect nuclear weapons and materials both in our two nations and around the world," Bush said.

Another agreement, signed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov, calls for controlling shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles that, in the hands of criminals or terrorists, pose a threat to both passenger and military aviation.

The Soviet Union and now Russia have widely sold

shoulder-fired missiles to customers around the world, including a more potent version that can't be diverted by decoys. Approximately 1 million of these weapons have been produced worldwide, a White House statement said.

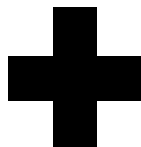
Bush prefaced his meeting with the Russian leader with a speech in a crowded town square hailing the spread of democracy to a former Soviet satellite like Slovakia. Bush thanked Slovaks for their deployment of non-combat troops to Iraq and celebrated the example their 1989 triumph over communism provides there.

"For the Iraqi people, this is their 1989 and they will always remember who stood with them in their quest for freedom," the president said.

The two leaders arrived to a red carpet ceremony in the courtyard of the red-roofed Bratislava Castle, exchanging handshakes and smiles. About a dozen troops, clad in fur-trimmed red and blue uniforms, stood at attention and elsewhere in the capital security was tight.

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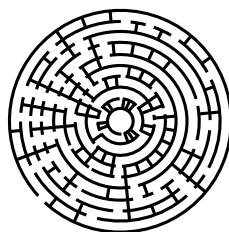
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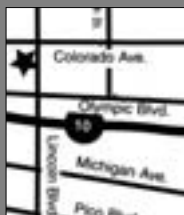
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Lopez confirms what 'everyone knows' already

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jennifer Lopez has confirmed that she and Marc Anthony are husband and wife.

"Yes, we're married," Lopez tells People magazine, on newsstands Friday. "I mean, come on, everyone knows. It's not a secret."

It was the first public acknowledgment of her union with the salsa singer.

The couple performed a duet at the Feb. 13 Grammy Awards show. Lopez says she was ailing from swollen glands and a sore throat during the performance, which caused her to cancel a London trip to promote the British release of her film "Shall We Dance?"

Though the trip cancellation prompted some speculation of pregnancy, Lopez says she's "not on a timetable" to have a baby.

Now, the 34-year-old says, she's entered "phase two": a less public, a "little bit suburban" life with Anthony — and a far cry from her "Bennifer" days with former fiance Ben Affleck. Lopez counts the high-profile romance as a learning experience.

"I take responsibility for the fact that I didn't make adjustments," she says. "Now I'm a little more careful. I travel in a certain way. I leave at a certain time. I learned."

Lopez's new album, "Rebirth," will be released Tuesday.

LONDON — "Friends" star David Schwimmer is to make his debut on the London stage with the lead role in "Some Girls," a new play set to run in the West End.

Unlike unlucky-in-love Ross Geller, Schwimmer's character on the hit NBC sitcom, the 38-year-old actor plays a womanizer with a string of conquests.

Schwimmer will arrive in London in April to prepare for May's opening of Neil LaBute's play at the Gielgud Theatre. The play will open May 12 and is scheduled to

run for 13 weeks.

In an interview published in London's Evening Standard newspaper Thursday, Schwimmer said: "I've always dreamed of doing a play in London."

The play, he said, is "about relationships and the choices people make, learning to live with those choices, and recovering from the damage done when those choices go wrong."

Other Hollywood stars to have embraced the London stage recently include Kevin Spacey, Holly Hunter, Christian Slater and Kim Cattrall of HBO's "Sex and the City."

Nicole Kidman, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kathleen Turner, Matt Damon, "Friends" star Matthew Perry and Madonna also have appeared in West End productions in recent years.

NEW YORK — Bruce Springsteen is returning the favor to Bono.

U2's talkative frontman, who gave memorable stream-of-consciousness speeches inducting Bob Marley and Springsteen into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, will be saluted by Springsteen when the Boss inducts U2 next month.

Springsteen's no slouch in the induction speech department: He slyly noted last year how inductee Jackson Browne's audience always seemed to be filled with women.

Justin Timberlake will board the "Love Train" to pay tribute to the O'Jays in next month's ceremony. B.B. King and Eric Clapton will team to induct bluesman Buddy Guy, Rod Stewart will speak about "When a Man Loves a Woman" singer Percy Sledge and Neil Young will honor the Pretenders.

The 20th annual ceremony will be held March 14 at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York City. Highlights will be televised March 19 on VH1.

NEW YORK — Oscar and Grammy winner Prince will be among the presenters Sunday at the 77th Academy Awards, to air live on ABC from the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif.

It will be his first time as a presenter on the telecast, Oscar ceremony producer Gil Cates said Wednesday.

Prince won an Oscar for original song score in 1985 for "Purple Rain."

Earlier this month, he won two Grammy Awards.

Presenters also will include Sean Penn, John Travolta, Gwyneth Paltrow, Natalie Portman and Tim Robbins.

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Former Pittsburgh Steelers star Lynn Swann has filed papers forming a campaign committee for governor, his first official step toward a possible campaign for the 2006 election.

Swann's filing allows him to begin raising money for a campaign. He filed the papers Wednesday, on the eve of his first public speech as a potential candidate — at a Westmoreland County Republican dinner.

He promised to begin "a conversation with the people of Pennsylvania."

"I will spend time introducing myself to communities across the commonwealth," he said in a statement. "As I consider my personal decision regarding the upcoming gubernatorial race, we will also explore the potential political and financial support for my candidacy."

Swann named his committee Team 88, the number he wore during a career as a wide receiver that won him a spot in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

He faces at least two prospective opponents for the GOP nomination next year — state Sen. Jeffrey Piccola of Harrisburg and former Lt. Gov. William Scranton III. The nominee is expected to take on Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell in his bid for a second term.



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