

Songstress goes gospel at Dove Awards on Nashville Network

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Whitney Houston will get back to her gospel music roots this month with a performance at the Dove Awards ceremony.



Houston

Houston said she will sing "I Go to the Rock" — a Dove nominee — during the April 23 show, to be broadcast live on The Nashville Network.

The Dove Awards represent the Christian music industry's version of the

Grammy Awards.

Houston boycotted this year's Grammy Awards because her movie soundtrack album "The Preacher's Wife" was nominated in the rhythm and blues category instead of gospel.

On Wednesday, she said she was honored to receive a nomination from the gospel community. "I Go to the Rock," which is from "The Preacher's Wife," is nominated for a Dove Award for best traditional gospel recorded song.

John Tesh and Naomi Judd will be the hosts of the Dove Awards ceremony.

Academy Awards receive stable home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After 70 years of wandering between hotels, theaters and auditoriums, the Oscars are finally getting a permanent home.

The Motion Picture Academy and the city announced plans Thursday for a \$350 million complex in Hollywood. It will include a 3,300-seat theater that will be the site of the annual Academy Awards show starting in 2001.

"This is a historic day, the beginning of a new era in Hollywood history," proclaimed Robert Rehme, president of the academy.

The project will be on Hollywood Boulevard next to Mann's Chinese Theatre — formerly known as Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the place where stars have put their hands and feet in the wet concrete outside. Besides the theater, the project will include a ballroom, multiplex cinemas, restaurants and stores.

The academy invested no money in the new theater. The complex will be owned by the city, and the theater will be leased to the academy. A parking garage now stands on the site.

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By JED



Shakespeare performance turns bloody

NEW YORK (AP) — Swordplay in movie star Alec Baldwin's stage performance of "Macbeth" turned into a bloodletting.

Baldwin nearly sliced off one of Jeff Nordling's fingers in the play's climactic duel at Greenwich Village's Public

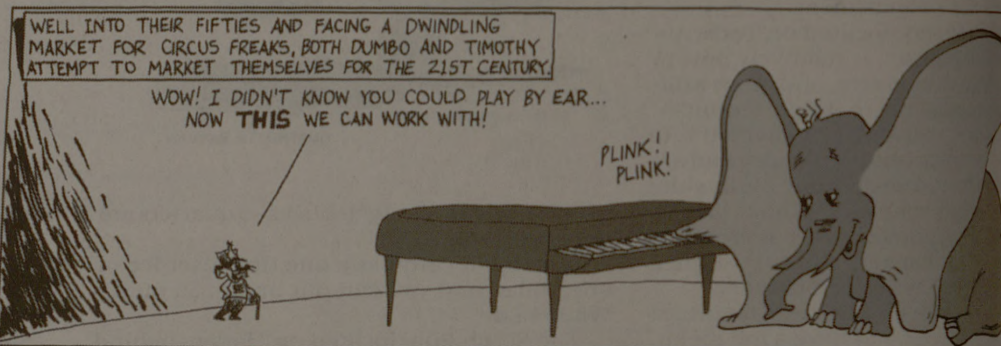
Theater on March 27.

Baldwin's rapier ripped through Nordling's thick glove and sent the thespian backstage.

The theater said Nordling got six stitches and was back on stage the next day. The production's six-week run is over.

Sketch

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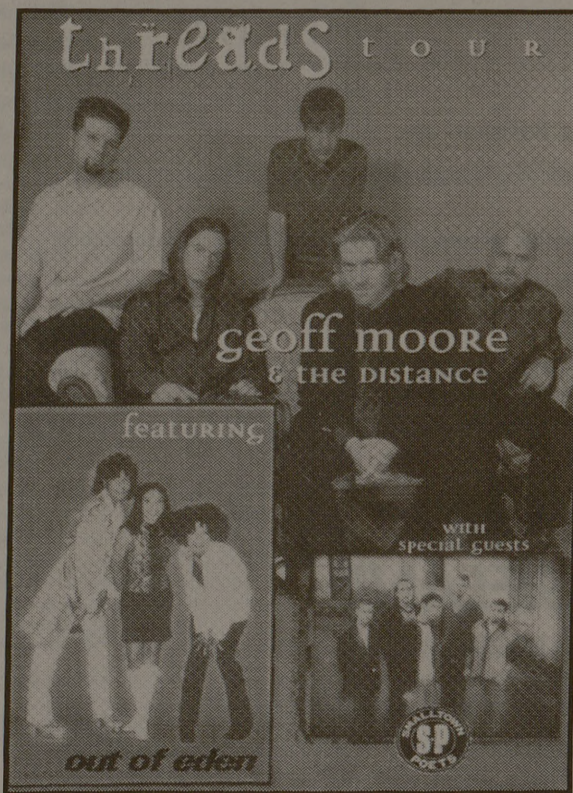
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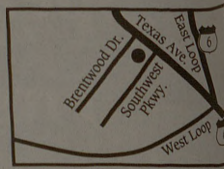
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