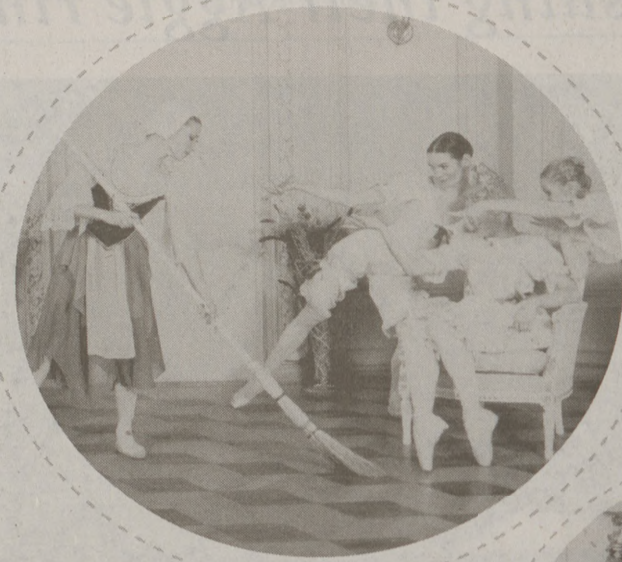


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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Lord of the Rings director Peter Jackson wins Modern Master Award

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Peter Jackson, director of the award-winning "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, can add another prize to his collection.

The New Zealand native picked up the Modern Master Award — along with a stuffed kiwi — at the Santa Barbara Film Festival on Saturday.

Jackson's most recent film, "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," won Golden Globes for best picture and director, and is nominated for 11 Oscars this year, including best picture, director and adapted screenplay.

Sean Astin, who plays the heroic hobbit Samwise Gamgee in the films, introduced Jackson to a sold-out audience at the Arlington Theatre.

Jackson, 42, told stories about making the trilogy adapted from J.R.R. Tolkien's epic Middle-earth adventure.

He specifically recalled contending with the formidable Ian McKellan, who plays the wizard Gandalf. At one point, McKellan wanted to know why, in "Return of the King," he was doing hand-to-hand combat with orcs.

"He said, 'Why am I hitting these people, and not just blasting them with my staff?'" Jackson said. "I told him 'The batteries have run out.' He just looked at me and said 'Right, then.'"



JACKSON

The message, left under the name Jim Knight, expressed the caller's support for Snoop Dogg's rivalry with rap music producer Marion Knight, the lawsuit said.

The plaintiff sought a monetary award from Snoop Dogg, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, and other defendants, including Capitol Records.

Superior Court Judge Lawrence W. Crispino, ever, first ruled in November that the plaintiff had a reasonable expectation of privacy when he left the message. Crispino upheld the ruling Jan. 8 after the man filed a motion for the judge to reconsider.

Authorities search home of former Michael Jackson music producer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Authorities searched the home of one of Michael Jackson's former music producers for an hour Saturday but refused to disclose how or even if the search was connected to the sex abuse charges the entertainer is facing.

Sheriff's investigators from Santa Barbara County, where Jackson's case is unfolding, searched the Calabasas residence of Marc Schaffel between 3 and 4 in the afternoon, said John Caffrey, a deputy with the Los Angeles County sheriff's department. The home is in Los Angeles County.

Schaffel, who produced Jackson's song "What More Can I Give" two years ago, was not at home during the search, "Entertainment Tonight" reported on its Web site.

The producer has an unlisted telephone number and could not be reached immediately for comment.

Santa Barbara County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Chris Pappas declined to say whether a search warrant was executed, citing a gag order issued in the case.

Jackson has pleaded not guilty to seven counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14 and counts of giving the child an "intoxicating substance," reportedly wine. He is free on \$3 million bail.



JACKSON

Ray Charles: "Music is my life"

LOS ANGELES (AP) — At 73, Grammy-winning singer Ray Charles is still humbled by the praise he has received throughout his career, especially from fellow artists.

Charles recently was presented with the President's Merit Award from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

"Music is my life, professionally, for nearly 60 years. To be recognized by the academy is still the highest honor," Charles said.

This month, Los Angeles Mayor Jim Hahn is expected to declare Charles the city's "cultural treasure" as part of African-American heritage month.

Charles, an original inductee into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, won his first Grammy in 1960 for "Let the Good Times Roll." In 1987, he received the academy's award for lifetime achievement. In all, Charles has won 13 Grammys.

He had hip surgery late last year and plans to begin touring again in March.



CHARLES

Martha Stewart's fortune linked to lesser-known co-defendant

NEW YORK (AP) — Moments before selection for the trial of Martha Stewart, her richly handsome stockbroker paused at the table, leaned in and exchanged kisses with her co-defendant.

The greeting seemed affirmation that Stewart's bond with her co-defendant, Peter Bacanovic, still strong despite government accusations of lying about a well-timed stock trade.

But the case took an unexpected turn last week that could strain their unified defense.

The twist involved the government's star witness, former Bacanovic assistant Douglas Faneuil. He was expected to testify that Bacanovic instructed him to give Stewart a secret tip that she to sell nearly 4,000 shares of ImClone Systems stock in 2001, just before it plummeted on bad news.

Stewart and Bacanovic say they had to be beforehand to sell ImClone if the stock fell below a certain price.

However, Bacanovic's attorney also has argued Faneuil, star-struck by the domestic settler, decided on his own to tip Stewart about the stock's impending drop.

In a blow to prosecutors, transcripts of an interview suggest ImClone founder Sam W. Waksman himself — not Bacanovic — might have tipped Faneuil to tip Stewart.

Bacanovic's lawyers could use the documents to subtly distance their client from Stewart and bolstering his defense, said Dan Small, a federal prosecutor in Boston.

The stakes are high: Stewart is charged with obstruction of justice, securities fraud and counts that carry a total of 30 years of prison. Bacanovic faces up to 25 years if convicted on charges of jury tampering and other charges.

Bacanovic "has always been very socially tireless worker with the rare ability to get friends into clients," said his brother, Paul, an investment banker at Lehman Brothers.

America's favorite talk show host turns 50 at birthday blowout

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Oprah Winfrey's 50th birthday bash attracted a star-studded crowd to a San Ysidro ranch owned by one of the talk show host's friends.

Marlene Veloz hosted the gala Saturday which attracted Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, and his wife, Maria Shriver, John Travolta, Kelly Preston and Carol Burnett.

Winfrey even made a brief appearance at the ranch's main gate to tell fans she loved being 50.

In January, Winfrey was named America's favorite talk show host at the 30th People's Choice Awards.



WINFREY

Snoop Dogg's lawsuit dismissed by Los Angeles judge

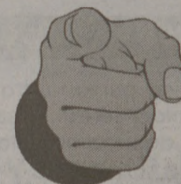
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge has dismissed a lawsuit accusing rap star Snoop Dogg of including a message left on his answering machine in a song without permission.

The lawsuit was filed last March in Los Angeles Superior Court on behalf of a man who kept his name secret because of safety concerns.

The man claimed his one-minute message appeared in a song released as part of the 2002 album "Paid the Cost to be Tha Boss."

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