

## **Alan Jackson, Reba McEntire, Dennis Hopper**

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**Alan Jackson** has won songwriter/artist of the year honors for his hits "A Woman's Love" and "Small Town Southern Man" during the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers country awards in Nashville, Tennessee. Other big winners were **Dave Berg**, songwriter of the year, and **Rachel Thibodeau**, for the country song of the year. **Reba McEntire** won Ascap's Golden Note Award, presented to songwriters, composers and artists who have achieved career milestones.

(AP)

**Dennis Hopper** has been named a commander in the French Legion of Honor. The 72-year-old actor was visibly moved as he received France's most prestigious prize at a ceremony in Paris. The Cinématique Française in Paris is opening an exhibit on Hopper this week that will run through Jan. 19. Hopper's screen credits include "Apocalypse Now," "Blue Velvet" and 1969's "Easy Rider," which he also directed.

(AP)

**Janet Jackson** has to reschedule another performance on her erratic "Rock Witchu" tour after canceling a concert that had been scheduled for Monday night at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona, New York. According to the resort's Web site, turningstone.com, the cancellation was based on doctors' orders, and tickets will be honored for a date not yet announced. This is the ninth show that Jackson has missed on the tour since Sept. 27, including a performance scheduled for Sept. 29 at the Bell Center in Montreal, which was canceled when she was briefly hospitalized hours before the show. According to Jackson's Web site, janetjackson.com, a concert planned for Madison Square Garden on Oct. 16 has also been postponed, until Nov. 1.

Doctor Who, the time-traveling, galaxy-hopping hero of British and American television, will miss out on what might have been the strangest encounter in his 45-year history: **Prince Charles** has turned down an invitation to be on the show, the BBC reported. Appearing over the weekend at a literature festival in Cheltenham, England, **Russell T Davies**, the executive producer of the revived "Doctor Who" franchise, told the BBC that the Prince of Wales had declined a request to be a guest-star on the series and was "a miserable swine" for doing so.

Voting machines used in Florida for the contentious 2000 presidential election have been transformed into art in an exhibition opening on Tuesday in New York. The machines in "The Voting Booth Project," at the David Zwirner Gallery in Chelsea, were restructured, embellished or defaced by five contemporary artists. "Against the common good," a booth modified by **Marcel Dzama**, is filled with papier-mâché and gauze puppets, while **Fred Tomaselli** created a 300-foot-, or 90-meter-long ballot marked with the names, images and ranks of casualties of the Iraq war. "We wanted artists who work well with props and no real prompts to highlight the consequences of political action," said **Quang Bao**, the executive director of the Rema Hort Mann Foundation, which commissioned the project.

Visitors to the Tate Modern gallery in London are about to face an apocalyptic vision of London partly inspired by the World War II Blitz and the July 7, 2005, transit bombings. The French artist **Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster** has transformed the gallery's vast Turbine Hall into a shelter for residents fleeing floods and endless rain in an imagined London 50 years from now. Her installation "Th.2058," unveiled to the media Monday, centers on 200 metal bunk bed frames. The

sound of rainfall can be heard while images from science-fiction films such as "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" play. Dystopian books by H.G. Wells, J.G. Ballard and Ray Bradbury lie atop the beds. Gonzalez-Foerster said she was interested in using science fiction "as a tool to see the present."

(AP)

Two former housekeepers of **David and Victoria Beckham** have reportedly been arrested on suspicion of theft from their mansion in Hertfordshire, England. A 56-year-old woman and a man, 55, both from Essex, were detained over a theft from a private house, the Hertfordshire police said. Reports in the media suggested that allegedly stolen items were placed for sale on eBay.

(BBC)

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