

'Sex & The City' Star Enters Race For New York Governor

NEW YORK: Best known for her role as Miranda in the hit TV series "Sex and the City", actress and activist Cynthia Nixon has officially entered the race for the governor of New York, challenging incumbent Andrew M. Cuomo who is seeking his third term, the media reported.

"I love New York, and today I'm announcing my candidacy for governor," the 51-year-old tweeted on Monday, along with a video. "I've never lived anywhere else... But something has to change. We want our government to work again, on health care, ending mass incarceration, fixing our broken subway. We are sick of politicians who care more about headlines and power than they do about us. It can't just be business as usual anymore."

Nixon will challenge Cuomo in the state's Democratic primary in September, reports CNN.

Nixon is forming a team of



alumni of the New York political sphere, including Rebecca Katz and Bill Hyers -- who worked on New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's first campaign -- to help her ahead of the primary.

Katz will work on the campaign as a senior strategist. Nicole Aro, who recently worked as the American Federation of Labour and Congress of Industrial Organizations' director of digital

strategies, will serve as campaign manager.

The Tony, Grammy and Emmy Award-winner was among the star-studded cast of actors, entertainers and activists who came together for "the People's State of the Union" in January, an alternative event to President Donald Trump's first State of the Union speech. "Our democracy is under attack, and we Americans need to cherish and to fight for it," Nixon had said.

The mother of three, who is married to activist Christine Marinoni, has also been vocal about education issues, and she served on de Blasio's advisory board for the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, reports CNN.

She was recently honoured by the Human Rights Campaign with its Visibility Award for her work advocating for marriage equality and fighting stigma and prejudice.



Focus On Ingmar Bergman At Habitat Film Festival

NEW DELHI: The second edition of the Habitat International Film Festival (HIFF), to be held here from March 23rd to April 1, will have its focus on the 61-year cinematic journey of acclaimed and influential Swedish director Ingmar Bergman (1918-2007), among other highlights.

HIFF will join the worldwide celebrations that are seeing a year-long celebration with a hundred events to celebrate the Bergman's 100th birth anniversary. The Bergman films being screened in this segment include "Wild Strawberries", "Persona", "Autumn Sonata", "The Seventh

Seal" and "Bergman Island", a documentary on the filmmaker.

The Retrospective this year brings a body of work of celebrated German director Christian Schwochow, who representing a young and contemporary face of German cinema. This section will begin on March 25 with "Paula", Schwochow's 2016 film on German artist Paula Modersohn-Becker. Other movies in the retrospective include "In the Middle", "West", "Cracks in the Shell" and "BornholmerStraBe".

A special screening of children's movies from across the globe will also be screened.

I'm Single, Not Lonely: Kylie

CANBERRA: Singer Kylie Minogue, who split from fiancé and British actor Joshua Sasse last year, says she is still single but doesn't feel lonely.

"I'm not sitting at home crying. I'm single but not lonely. I never thought I would get married. Then I did a swerve," Minogue said in an interview.

The 49-year-old said that fol-

lowing the split she wrote songs that helped her heal from her relationship but didn't feature the majority of them on her album.

"It was too much and they weren't very good songs. I don't mind that because it's out of my system. Once it was done, things got easier. I don't want an album full of songs about my last relationship. I just don't," she said.

Kyle Schmid's Home Burgled

LOS ANGELES: 'SIX' actor Kyle Schmid has had jewellery worth \$30,000 stolen in a burglary in his home.

Law enforcement sources told TMZ.com that Schmid came home to his apartment in the Los Angeles area and noticed the sliding door to his balcony was open,

leading police to believe that was the point of entry.

The sliding door didn't trigger an alarm, which allowed the perpetrator to search the house and get away with around \$30,000 worth of jewellery. Several other units in the same complex were hit that night.

Pioneering Canadian Comedian Mike MacDonald Passes Away At 52

Mike MacDonald, a pioneer of the Canadian standup comedy scene, has died.

The longtime comedian died on Saturday afternoon from heart complications at the Ottawa Heart Institute, his brother J.P. MacDonald said Sunday. He was 62.

MacDonald was a regular on the *Just for Laughs* stage and also appeared on the "Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Arsenio Hall Show", and starred in multiple CBC and Showtime specials. His brother said MacDonald loved nothing more than to make people laugh -- something he discovered in high school.

"Obviously it's easier in high school to make friends if you can



make people laugh. But there was more to it than that. He was just really good at it, he was brilliant at it," said J.P. MacDonald, who is also known by his stage name Johnny Vegas. "It always just stuck with him and that's what he wanted to do."

MacDonald, who was also a

gifted drummer, got his comedy start at an Ottawa punk rock club called the Rotters Club in the 1970s. He prepared a mountain of material: Three 45-minute comedy sets, which J.P. MacDonald noted may be standard for a music gig, but not a comedy one.

Mike MacDonald kicked a drug-use problem in the late '80s or '90s and had been clean ever since, his brother said.

In a post on Facebook in 2012, MacDonald announced he had been diagnosed with hepatitis C in 2011. The post stated how the disease led to his kidneys shutting down. He received a liver transplant about five years ago and became an advocate for organ donations.

Jim Carrey Paints Caricature Of Trump's Press Secretary Sanders



LOS ANGELES: Actor Jim Carrey has painted an unflattering picture of US President Donald Trump's Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

Carrey painted a caricature of 35-year-old Sanders depicting her as an angry-looking woman complete with a ruddy complexion and furrowed brow.

The actor shared the painting online this weekend. It is clear that he is not a fan of her or her boss.

Carrey tweeted and captioned his artwork: "This is the portrait of a so-called

Christian whose only purpose in life is to lie for the wicked. Monstrous!"

Carrey has been outspoken in his dislike for the Trump administration over the past year. The "Ace Ventura" star has been taking a break from films to devote more time to painting. He told a magazine last year that creating political art isn't a new concept for him. He has painted a number of other famous figures in recent months including the late Stephen Hawking whom Carrey referred to as the "greatest mental athlete of our time".

McGowan Says Weinstein Would Prefer That She Was Dead

LOS ANGELES: Actress Rose McGowan, who alleged that Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein had raped her, says she is sure that the "sociopath" would prefer if she was dead.

"I'm sure he would prefer it if I were dead. He's a sociopath. I am not afraid - but I should be. The people I find worse than him are his lawyers. The way they are act-

ing has been disgusting," the actress told mirror.co.uk.

"The people around him, that have supported him in his attempt to dominate and abuse women, are monsters, just as much as he is.

"There is no rehabilitation for that type of soul. They just need to fall off the planet. He doesn't believe he has done anything wrong."

In October last year, the "Charmed" star claimed Weinstein had stripped off her clothes, forced her into a Jacuzzi and sexually assaulted her.

McGowan said she will be taking further action against the disgraced producer whom she believes has employed an Israeli spy company to intimidate her.

"What they did by hiring a spy company to come after me, it was incredibly violating," she said.

"It was violation on top of violation. I believe they hacked my computer, released photos -- they have done everything they can to ruin my life."



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