



John Legend performed his Grammy-winning song "Ordinary People," then teamed up with Sir Elton for "Rocket Man."



Salad and risotto were followed by beef or salmon, then a bitter-chocolate mousse.

EVERYONE INTO THE POOL!

As the 520 dinner guests arrived at the 14th annual Oscar party hosted by **Sir Elton John** and **David Furnish** to raise money for the singer's AIDS foundation, they were handed ballots to select their picks for the evening's winners. After cocktails, a five-course meal and the telecast, Sir Elton announced the name of the Oscar-pool winner once, twice, then a third time before *Will & Grace* star **Eric McCormack** finally heard his wife Janet's name being called. When he shouted, "Yes! Here!" and came rushing from another room, the host then named a second winner: McCormack. Beaming like shocked lottery winners, the couple, who had filled out their ballots independently of each other, made off with prize watches furnished by Chopard, the jeweler that cosponsored the fund-raiser with Audi and VH1.

Governors Ball

PARTIES

2006 OSCARS

Nine thousand fluorescent tubes hanging from the ceiling kept things light for Governors Ball-goers.



GOVERNORS BALL
FORMAL/DANCING
\$750.00 PER PERSON
CASH PAYMENTS & BAR TAB

HOLLYWOOD & HIGHLAND
GRAND BALLROOM
MARCH 5, 2006
AT 8:30 P.M.

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As the gasps finally died down after *Crash*'s surprise Best Picture win, Oscargoers got down to business: party time! The first stop, as always, was the Governors Ball, thrown by the Academy directly above the Kodak Theatre. Some 1,500 guests mingled, noshed and applauded the arrival of winners like **Reese Witherspoon** and **George Clooney**. Other stars had more personal admirers: **Marc Anthony** gazed adoringly at wife **Jennifer Lopez**, whom he called "a perfect 20," while **Heath Ledger** jokingly hugged and kissed the space vacated by **Michelle Williams**, who briefly left to chat with **Paul Giamatti**.

Reese Witherspoon shared her new Oscar with mom Betty, who cradled it and joked, "My baby!"

