Run DMC walks this way to Hall of Fame

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Hip-hop pioneers Run-DMC lead the class of this year’s Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees, announced yesterday at the headquarters of Fuse, which will air the ceremony for the first time this year.

Darryl McDaniels, aka DMC, was humbled by the honor. “I’m a rap dude,” he said. “I’m an MC from Hollis just rockin’ the mic, and to be in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, with the Beatles, and (Bob) Dylan, and the rock ‘n’ roll gods?”

McDaniels gave a nod to the predecessors who paved the way: “I share this nomination and the induction and the whole award with those cats, everyone from the Bronx and Harlem who started this.”

Metallica was another heavy hitter on the list of inductees. “(It shows) we are part of that lineage of everyone that’s come before and everyone that’s come after you.”

The rock class of 2009 is a diverse mix. Here are the others:

- Doo-wop group Little Anthony and The Imperials
- Guitar wiz Jeff Beck
- 50s soul singer Bobby Womack
- Wanda Jackson
- Bill Black
- DJ Fontana
- Spooner Oldham

“Virging’ on improper morality

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In any case, the Californian woman — who goes by the pseudonym Natalie Dylan — has created an online sensation. She is the latest in a line of shocking offerings and responses to her offer.

“It’s going too far, and it’ll go beyond that,” said Katherine Ramos, 25, of Harlem. “It all has to do with morality.”

Whether it’s the kidney or baby that went up for sale on eBay or the man who sold everything he owns for nearly $400,000, the online auction craze has produced some startling offers and responses.

Kevin M. Duggan, a Manhattan psychologist, said he has seen the Web used for a variety of dubious transactions.

“It is a hoax? A public relations stunt? Or just what it looks like: A 22-year-old woman auctioning off her virginity online.”

While the ethics of selling things like organs online can be debated, legally, there are clear rules: If a person sells or buys anything on the Internet that is illegal in the jurisdiction they’re doing it in, they will be charged, Saland explained.

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In 1999, bids for a “fully functional” kidney on eBay reached $5.7 million before the site pulled the plug.

Also in 1999, a U.S. fashion photographer launched a Web site purported to sell the eggs of models. The site claims to have raked up $39.2 million in sales from 1999 to 2004.

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