

Show sets length record

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treat the mentally ill." Another tale of mental impairment, "Iris," earned the supporting-actor Oscar for Jim Broadbent, who played John Bayley, the befuddled but dotting husband of Alzheimer's-afflicted writer Iris Murdoch. Broadbent thanked Bayley for allowing "us to plunder and I'm sure misrepresent his life with Iris." At four hours, 23 minutes, it was the longest Oscar show ever, topping the previous record-holder two years ago by 14 minutes. "Shrek," the hip twist on cartoon fairy tales that featured the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz, won the first-ever Oscar for animated feature film.

After 15 Oscar losses over the years for song or score, Randy Newman finally won for best song, "If I Didn't Have You," from "Monsters, Inc." "I don't want your pity," Newman wisecracked, adding that he was thankful for having "so many chances to be humiliated over the years." The surprise foreign film award winner was Bosnia's "No Man's Land," writer-director Danis Tanovic's satirical story of a Bosnian soldier and a Serbian soldier stuck together in a trench. France's "Amelie," which had five nominations, had been expected to win. Viewers were treated to a standup routine by past Oscar winner Woody Allen, who introduced a tribute to films shot in New York City as a way to mark the attack on the World Trade Center.

When the academy called to invite him, Allen joked that he thought officials wanted his Oscars back. "I panicked because the pawnshop has been out of business for ages," Allen said. "I had no way of retrieving anything." The tribute, by filmmaker Nora Ephron, began with the opening of Allen's "Manhattan" and included clips from "Taxi Driver," "Working Girl," "Tootsie," "The French Connection," "The Apartment," "On the Waterfront" and other great films. Later, introducing the annual retrospective of the Hollywood notables who died in the past year, Kevin Spacey asked everyone to rise for a moment of silence "for every single American hero who gave his or her life on Sept. 11."



A pickup was towed out of a ditch this morning about two miles west of town on I-70. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Snow decreases severity of wrecks

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ice allowed a less-traumatic impact. Roll-over accidents on dry pavement are usually worse, Krall said, because there is more resistance, but vehicles just slide across the ice. "It makes a big difference," he said. Greg Wicker, district superintendent for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Norton, said the department closed the westbound lanes of I-70 from Colby to the Kansas-Colorado state line at 3:25 p.m. He said the highway was closed in Colorado from Burlington to Limon. Wicker said the department closed the westbound lanes to WaKeeney at 4:15 p.m. and then to Hays at 4:30 p.m. to keep people from being stranded at Colby. He said the eastbound lanes remained open all night. The westbound lanes were reopened at 2:05 a.m. this morning. Hundreds of westbound travelers were forced to spend the night in Goodland, anywhere they could find room. Judy Siruta, general manager of the Comfort Inn just north of the K-27-I-70 intersection, said after the hotels filled up, clerks started sending people to the National Guard Armory. After that was filled, she said, the United Methodist Church opened its doors and then the First Christian Church. She said she allowed families with young children to sleep on the couches in the hotel's lobby and some staff members let people stay at their homes overnight. Siruta said the hotel was jammed with stranded motorists. "You have no idea," she said. "I don't think I've seen that many people." The hotel had to turn away over 100 people, she said, adding that motorists kept coming in even after employees hung up signs saying the hotel was full. It had calmed down this morning, though. "Everyone is setting out," she said. Brad Koza, manager of Wal-Mart on K-27, said the parking lot was filled with trucks for much of the night, but they'd all cleared out this morning. He said most of the store's employees made it to work today, but some couldn't come in. Lt. Kally McGuire, highway patrol commander in Hays, had limited information on five accidents between noon and 2:15 p.m. Sunday.

At noon, he said, there was a two-vehicle accident on westbound I-70 at milepost 8 involving Antonio Medina, from Kansas, and Berlyn Reed of Missouri; at 1 p.m. a one-vehicle accident at milepost 25 involving Rebecca Neighbors, Kansas; at 12:18 p.m. a one-vehicle wreck at milepost 25.3 involving Merri Tilson, from Colorado; at 12:30 p.m. a one-vehicle roll-over on a county road in Sherman County; and at 2:15 a one-vehicle accident at milepost 25.5 involving Lisa Bryant, Colorado. Reports from sheriff's deputies said Jack Malone, 18, Shawnee, was westbound on I-70 at 1:10 p.m. when his 1993 Mazda slid on the ice into the median and rolled 1 1/2 times, coming to rest on its left side. There were three passengers in the vehicle, Riley Hill, 17, and Kyle Krenzer, 18, both of Shawnee, and Benjamin Seferovich, 19, Roeland Park. At 10:30 p.m. on Old U.S. 24 in Edison, Travis Sinclair, 17, Broomfield, Colo., was driving west in a 1991 Ford Probe when he lost control of the vehicle and it slid into the south ditch. There was one passenger, George Matthew, 18, Lincoln, Ill.

'Warthogs' sent to Bagram

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The U.S. military has brought a small number of A-10 "Thunderbolt" attack jets to this air base to bolster U.S. capability to provide close air support for combat operations against al-Qaida and the Taliban, a spokesman said. The A-10s, armed with 30 millimeter Gatling guns as well as AGM-65 Maverick and AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles, have been used in operations in Afghanistan, including the just-concluded Operation Anaconda. However, the aircraft had been stationed outside Afghanistan. At least four of the jets, known among pilots as "Warthogs," could be seen at Bagram air base, located north of Kabul. Maj. Bryan Hilferty, spokesman for the 10th Mountain Division, said the planes will be based at Bagram in order to deploy them closer to the targets. A-10s are specially designed to provide air support of ground forces and can survive direct hits from armor-piercing and high-explosive projectiles. The twin-engine jet aircraft can be used against ground targets like tanks and other armored vehicles, as well as caves and fortified positions.

ap news capsules

Rafah refugee camp in Gaza, Palestinian security officials said. **NATIONAL** BOSTON — As Catholics gathered yesterday for the beginning of Holy Week, priests across the country addressed a sexual abuse scandal that has shaken the church and tainted some of its top leaders. "Not much can shock us in today's world, but in the past weeks we've seen things, heard things, and read things that we never would have dreamed of," Father Raymond Mann told parishioners at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston, the city where the scandal erupted earlier this year. In Denver, priests read aloud messages of apology and compassion from their archbishop. In Chicago, Houston, and Palm Beach, Fla., parishioners were met by leaflets discussing the allegations. During his homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York Cardinal Edward Egan called for a "purification of our church." Egan, while serving as bishop of the Bridgeport, Conn., diocese, failed to notify authorities of abusive priests and allowed them to continue working within the church for years, according to recently released documents. In Hartford, Conn., Archbishop Daniel Cronin said a small number of priests throughout the United States had caused "immense harm and scandal." ALTO, N.M. — Fireplace ashes dumped in a back yard sparked a grass and timber wildfire that burned 28 homes in an affluent neighborhood in the mountains of southern New Mexico, authorities said yesterday. Firefighters said winds died down Sunday and that the fire was 60 percent contained. The fire destroyed a barn as well as the homes. "Sometime tomorrow, we will allow people back into their homes," said fire information officer James Mason. At least five fires were still burning in the area yesterday. One fire spread from an Indian reservation and burned one home, and authorities were asking residents near the town of Hondo to evacuate as a precaution. Earlier, state police had said 200 people were told to leave. No one has been injured in the fires. Wind gusts of up to 50 mph had pushed

the flames, but the winds died down yesterday. Gov. Gary Johnson, speaking in Ruidoso, declared a state disaster yesterday. He said the 800-acre fire that had burned homes near Alto was caused by a resident who dumped the ashes Saturday because he thought they were cold. CAMARILLO, Calif. — Gas prices surged a record 14 cents over the last two weeks as several factors cramped supply and raised demand. Friday's weighted price per gallon for all grades and taxes was nearly \$1.38, up more than 14.3 cents per gallon from March 8, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 gas stations nationwide. It was the largest cents-per-gallon increase since the survey began a half-century ago, and followed a nearly 9-cent-per-gallon increase over the two previous weeks, analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday. The next-largest two-week jump was a 12.69-cent rise in April 2001. BOSTON — More college students are living in substance-free residence halls, and fewer recall drinking to excess while in high school. Yet binge drinking on college campuses is still as common as it was in the early 1990s, a new Harvard study shows. The survey by the Harvard School of Public Health found 44 percent of college students admitted binge drinking within the previous two weeks — the same percentage found in a 1993 study. However, the survey also found that universities had made efforts over the past decade to change that culture. About 65 percent more college students said they were living in substance-free residence halls and being exposed to alcohol awareness education. Also, fewer students said they were members of fraternities and sororities, where reported binge drinking rates have been the highest. A growing number of students said they abstain from drinking altogether — 19.3 percent, up from 16.4 percent eight years ago. The Harvard survey questioned 10,000 students at 119 four-year colleges, and defined binge drinking as four or more drinks in a row for women, or five or more for men.

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian teen was killed during an Israeli incursion in new violence today as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon pondered whether to allow Yasser Arafat to attend a crucial Arab summit. The Palestinian leader's trip looked in doubt with another round of Mideast truce talks ending inconclusively. At the summit, which begins Wednesday in Beirut, Lebanon, Arab leaders will discuss a Saudi plan that offers an end to the Israeli-Arab conflict in exchange for Israel's withdrawal from the territories it occupied in the 1967 Mideast war. The United States wants Arafat to be able to attend the summit, but Sharon has said he would only lift a four-month travel ban on the Palestinian leader if a truce was reached first. U.S.-sponsored cease-fire talks, meanwhile, ended without agreement late yesterday. U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni presented compromise proposals to which Israelis and Palestinians were to respond in another session today. In new violence today, a 19-year-old Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire during an Israeli incursion into the

Will Tuttle Creek withstand quake?

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Homeowners and business leaders whose lakefront views and livelihood depend on the Tuttle Creek dam are divided about what, if anything, should be done to make it able to withstand a high magnitude earthquake. The Tuttle Creek dam near Manhattan, built 40 years ago, is just 12 miles from the Humboldt fault, which produces major quakes once every 2,000 years. And the Army Corps of Engineers has become concerned that a quake could destroy the dam and flood much of Manhattan, endangering 14,000 people. Solutions to fix the problem range from replacing or enlarging the dam at a cost of \$250 million, or doing nothing. Dam construction would take five to 12 years and could require that the lake be lowered, leaving hundreds of lakeside homes far from the water and costing the area about \$22 million a year in tourism. The corps could minimize the risks of the dam — but not completely fix the problem — by restricting lake levels, improving seepage control, improving emergency planning, improving the ability to drain the lake, or better man-

aging the flood plain downstream, officials said. The corps is expected to announce its proposed plan for addressing the risk on April 16. The state Department of Wildlife and Parks fears that construction equipment and the lack of water would shut down the popular Tuttle Creek

park for close to a decade and destroy the only year-round trout fishing stream in the state. And drawn-out work could cost the state \$4 million in park fees from the 500,000 annual visitors, Mike Hayden, secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Parks, said in a letter to the corps earlier this month.

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