

Eye On Entertainment

The 79th Annual Academy Awards Recap

The 79th Annual Academy Awards jammed packed the Kodak Theatre of Hollywood on Feb. 25, 2007 with hopefuls of taking home a tiny gold statue. Every nominee deserved their night in the spotlight, but unfortunately, only one could be chosen from each category – and the votes were in.

Ellen DeGeneres kept the mood of the night light, free-spirited, and fun to ease the nerves of the nominees. She was full of surprises, and did anything for laughs, even if it meant vacuuming the first row of the theatre and almost ruining Penelope Cruz's beautiful pink gown! DeGeneres was not the only one full of surprises, though – the results of some of the categories left a few nominees and viewers shocked!

“Best Supporting Actress” was taken home by Jennifer Hudson, who starred in “Dreamgirls.” Hudson also was a previous contestant on the ever popular television show, “American Idol” and was the sixth runner-up in the third season. To think that NOT winning the competition actually boosted her career! Take that, Simon Cowell!

Al Gore ended up receiving his dues about his concerns of global warming with his documentary, “An Inconvenient Truth.” The

Davis Guggenheim film received the Oscar for “Best Documentary Feature.” Maybe there is a possibility that people are starting to see the light about global warming. Gore's efforts in reaching people through film left most shocked at the “inconvenient truth” of what our future holds if we keep living the lifestyle we are accustoming ourselves to, currently.



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In the end, “The Departed” walked away with the award for “Best Motion Picture of the Year.” Per-

sonally, I believe that a really inspirational story such as, “The Pursuit of Happyness” should have claimed the title, but we'll let the Academy think that they chose the best candidate, for now.

The show was overall slow and dragged on, despite the goofy antics of DeGeneres. The highlight of the show was the Pilibolus dance company that performed at the show. The company managed to contort their bodies into unbelievable interpretations of movie titles behind a white lit sheet (they covered such titles as, “Snakes on a Plane,” and “Little Miss Sunshine”). DeGeneres could have done a lot more with the show, and should have done so.

- KAT SPECHT

Stop turning a blind eye, Hollywood!

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While flipping through the channels on a brisk February evening, I stopped on NBC to get a look at the chubby faced and crazy quaffed Donald Trump as he said those infamous words, “Rosie is a slob,” just kidding, “You're fired!” Suddenly a thought came to my mind. It was not, “Wow, Donald Trump's wife is six months younger than his daughter,” or even, “Why do I find this entertaining?” It was “Why doesn't he do more for people?” We all know Mr. Trump as the entertaining business mogul on The Apprentice, but why don't we know him as the billionaire philanthropist?

Last month's issue of Fortune reported some crazy statistics. They stated that there are 686 billionaires in the world. It is hard to comprehend how so many could

have so much and yet every day people die of starvation.

When I hear these facts it is hard not to be jealous. In America alone, 90% of the wealth is held by 1% of the population. This information is overwhelming. I believe that, as the leading exporter of charitable donations, we need to start setting the gold standard for people in need. Billionaires like Donald Trump need to comb the hair away from their eyes and take a good look at the world.

It makes me sick when I see Paris Hilton scoff at fifty thousand dollar shopping sprees. I am sure it breaks people's hearts when they see celebrities purchase automobiles that cost as much as a house, when they themselves don't have enough money to buy food for the week. Just last week, before her balding breakdown, Britany Spears dropped ten grand in fifteen minutes shopping on Rodeo Drive. This type of super-spending streak is fueled by

television shows that glorify this lifestyle.

We forget to realize that there is a child in public school who drops out to work to feed his family or a little girl in the ghetto that is gunned down because she had no where to go after school.

I am befuddled as I watch the inept celebrity spending, and I stop to think, “What could America be if we all chipped in?”

Whatever you think this world needs, it is obvious that money can either buy, or facilitate it.

With so much of America's wealth held by so little of the population, it leaves us with a bleak outlook for the future. All we can do is continue to give our support in hope for a better contribution from our rich and famous. I think that having money is a convenience, but sharing money is a blessing. In these earnest times we remember what is expected from those whom much is given.

with benefits’.

The show's supporting cast includes Candice Bergin, Mark Valley and Julie Bowen. Movie stars like Michael J. Fox, Tom Selleck and Freddie Prinze Jr. have recurring roles on the show.

Very seldom does the jury proclaim a defendant represented by the great “Crane, Poole and Schmidt” guilty mostly due to Shore's cynical closing arguments. It begs the question. Is the portrayal of lawyers on Boston Legal all that far from the truth?

Boston Legal doesn't top the Nielsen charts but it does make you laugh when it's at its best. A recent episode saw Shatner's character dress up

like Dick Cheney going hunting and Bowen's as Jennifer Aniston carrying a voodoo doll of Angelina Jolie.

‘Legal’ is without a doubt a satire of modern pop culture ranging from celebrity life to politics in Washington and overseas in Iraq. But while you're laughing try and see if you can spot the hidden commentary contained in the episodes. Issues like free speech, the war between conservatives and liberals and national security are often targeted by David E. Kelley's scripts that often make fun of politics and political issues because quite frankly they need it.

This is a show will satisfy your comedy delights leading up to the Daily Show with Jon Stewart but it also points out the absurdities of today's world while presenting it in a very entertaining manner. Boston Legal airs at 10/9c on ABC.

- JOHN MILLER



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TV Show Review - Boston Legal

Boston Legal stars Emmy award winners James Spader and William Shatner as sharp tongue attorneys Alan Shore and Denny Crane.

Crane fancies himself as a ‘mad cow’ infected male chauvinist Republican who ‘loves guns and wants to bomb North Korea’. Shore prefers to stick to his routine of get the client off by mocking the issues of our time like teaching creationism in public schools, suing the army for wrongful death, selling body parts and terms like ‘friends

Academy Award Winners

Best Motion Picture
“The Departed”

Best Original Screenplay
“Little Miss Sunshine”

Best Animated Feature Film
“Happy Feet”

Best Documentary Feature
“An Inconvenient Truth”

Actor in a Leading Role
Forest Whitaker
“The Last King of Scotland”

Actor in a Supporting Role
Alan Arkin
“Little Miss Sunshine”

Actress in a Leading Role
Helen Mirren
“The Queen”

Actress in a Supporting Role
Jennifer Hudson
“Dreamgirls”

Original Song for Motion Picture
“I Need to Wake Up”
“An Inconvenient Truth”
Melissa Etheridge

Original Score for Motion Picture
“Babel”
Gustavo Santaolalla