

Caine, Jolie Nab Best Supporting Oscars

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LOS ANGELES — Michael Caine, the kindly orphanage headmaster in "The Cider House Rules," won his second best supporting actor Oscar on Sunday.

Angelina Jolie, the disruptive mental patient in "Girl, Interrupted," won for supporting actress — a generation after her father took home an Oscar.

"The Matrix," the story of a computer hacker who discovers life is a big illusion, won four Oscars — for film editing, sound, sound effects editing and visual effects.

Caine, 67, who previously won as supporting actor for "Hannah and Her Sisters" in 1986, seemed overwhelmed by the applause that greeted the

announcement by Judi Dench and he saluted his fellow nominees.

"I'm basically up here guys to represent you as what I hope you will all be — a survivor," Caine told the star-studded Shrine Auditorium audience.

The 24-year-old Jolie thanked her father, Jon Voight, a best actor winner for 1978's "Coming Home" and a nominee for 1969's "Midnight Cowboy," saying: "You're a great actor, but a better father."

Pop star Phil Collins scored the best original song award for his sentimental "You'll Be in My Heart" from the animated Disney film "Tarzan." It was his first win in three nominations.

Collins thanked his three children who, he said, "really wrote this song for me."

The award followed a rousing performance of the bawdy "Blame Canada" from "South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut." Robin Williams led the chorus in a production number, even though the show's producers swore there would be none.

Best original score went to John Corigliano for "The Red Violin."

The art direction trophy went to "Sleepy Hollow."

"Topsy-Turvy," a drama about the creation of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "The Mikado," won two awards — for makeup and costume design.

The live action short award went to "My Mother Dreams the Satan's Disciples in New York" and animated short Oscar went to "The Old Man and

the Sea."

Documentary honors went to the short "King Gimp" and the feature "One Day in September."

Spain's "All About My Mother" won best foreign film, prompting one of the night's humorous moments. Director Pedro Almodovar's acceptance speech began to run long and presenter Antonio Banderas pretended to pull him off the stage.

"American Beauty" topped most critic lists going into the ceremony, and it was named best picture in Friday's controversial Wall Street Journal poll of 356 of the 5,607 voting Academy members.

Scientific or not, the survey was "American Beauty's" clincher for best buzz going into the Oscar show, broadcast on ABC with Billy Crystal as host.

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herd who oversaw a flock of sheep that cared for landscaping needs.

Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson said he would draft the ideas into a proposal over the weekend and that the steering committee would review it at a meeting today.

"We're shooting for plans to be finalized by the end of June," he said.

After several hours of brainstorming, each group gave a brief presentation of their visions.

Alderman Diana McDuffee said she was impressed with the turnout.

"I'm really grateful that so many people are willing to give up a beautiful Saturday to come here," she said. "We really feed off community input."

Carrboro resident Jeff Ottman said his family was drawn to the town from Raleigh in part because of the close-knit community that Carrboro offered.

"That's why we moved here, and I'd like to keep it that way," he said.

Ottman said his vision for the town included plenty of trees and more places for pedestrians and bikers.

Sierra Club member and Carrboro resident Merrilee Brown said she hoped the town would exercise smart growth during the next two decades.

"I'd like to see more outdoor activities, buses to theaters in Raleigh, Greensboro and Winston-Salem and more mixed-use housing," she said.

Carrboro resident Giles Blunden said

more recreation spaces in the town would be an important addition.

"I'd also like a more friendly transit system," he said.

Other ideas included a community college, a cultural arts center, more job training for technical fields, mentoring programs and a community garden.

Steering committee member Stuart Brown said she was excited about resident input.

"I'm pleasantly surprised that so many people from the community came up with so many great ideas," she said. "Everyone is very passionate about Carrboro."

McDuffee, who worked with the steering committee to put together the forum, said the plan was simply a guide with broad as well as specific ideas.

"These ideas are a blueprint for the board," she said.

"These are directions we need to hear."

Nelson shared some personal visions for Carrboro.

"In 2020, I would like a diverse array of housing so that people with different income levels can afford to live here," he said.

McDuffee said the meeting's purpose was to generate as many ideas as possible and not to focus on the town's problems.

"Today we just want to know what the visions and dreams are and later we can start working on the obstacles."

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Credit Report Could Raise County Ratings

By ROBERT ALBRIGHT
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Already recognized at the national level for its successful economy, Orange County could receive an additional economic boost following a detailed report from county officials.

The report, presented to three national credit agencies last week, highlighted Orange County's economy and demographics.

Ken Chavious, finance director of Orange County, said the agencies would give Orange County a "letter grade" by next week based on the report. A high grade would improve the county's ability to borrow money through bonds.

"There is no guarantee that our credit rating will be enhanced," he said. "But our low unemployment rate and stable economy should make (Orange County)

an attractive place."

Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch's, the three credit agencies looking at the report, will notify Orange County of their "credit grade" by next week.

Since 1994, Orange County has had a credit rating of "AA+", which is one step below the highest credit rating of "AAA." Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill all have a AAA rating, but Chavious said not as many counties in the state benefited from this high mark.

Because smaller towns do not utilize bonds as often as larger towns and county governing bodies, Chavious said Carrboro and Hillsborough had not received a credit rating in many years.

He said cities and counties with a diverse population and commercial development had a good chance of getting a high grade.

Although the credit rating process

involves a complex array of economic data, Orange County Commissioner Chairman Moses Carey said the reason behind lobbying for a high grade was simple — to help the county's taxpayers.

"We hope to make a case to get a better bond rating," he said. "The better our bond rating, the better way to save taxpayers money."

Bonds serve as funding mechanisms for such public projects as school renovations and other building endeavors.

Chavious said the credit agencies needed to finalize Orange County's credit rating before bidding for local bonds began April 4.

Even if the county maintains its AA+ grade, Chavious said that anywhere from five to 10 banks and investors would make loan offers.

"It's going to be competitive between who wants to loan us money," he said.

Kai Nelson, author of the Orange County's report and vice president of Branch Bank and Trust's Capital Markets, said a high credit rating would motivate companies to offer the county low, competitive rates.

"The bids will be based on the county's credit and economic conditions," he said. "Orange County has a superior quality and a superior credit."

Chavious said the county's 1.05 percent unemployment rate, which is the lowest in the nation, was one impressive aspect of Orange County's economy.

In addition to a low unemployment rate, Nelson said Orange County would gain a lofty credit approval because of its location and its ability to effectively plan for the future.

"The county's proximity to (Research Triangle Park) and (Raleigh-Durham International Airport) is important," he said. "Also, Orange County's capital improvements plans are very manageable, and that speaks very highly of the county."

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