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## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

A prelude to the Academy Awards, the new two-hour episode "Oscar" is a history of the much-coveted statue annually presented to those who have excelled in the previous year's motion pictures. Past winners including Mel Gibson ("Braveheart"), Nicole Kidman ("The Hours") and Ron Howard ("A Beautiful Mind") discuss the special allure and symbolism of the Oscar and its impact on a career on **Biography**, 7 p.m. A&E.

Just as motion pictures often are bigger than life, "At the Movies" - a new two-hour edition of this series - puts movie technicians to the test of creating the most inventive robot possible. Teams from Jim Henson's Creature Shop, the George Lucas-owned Industrial Light and Magic, and the special-effects firm KNB must come up with creations that breathe fire and shoot bullets. Rossi Morreale and Bobbi Sue Luther are the hosts on **Junkyard Mega-Wars**, 7 p.m. TLC.

ABC was criticized for its alleged overuse of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," but the network clearly believes the time has come to revive the game show - with significantly bigger stakes for the contestants. Host Regis Philbin is back as players pursue a top prize of \$10 million by answering multiple-choice ques-



The week before the Academy Awards, actors honor their own in this ceremony from the Shrine Exposition Center in Los Angeles. Performers in movies and television are saluted for individual and ensemble efforts, with nominees ranging from the cast of "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" to the stars who comprise the soon-to-depart "Friends." Oscar winner Karl Malden receives the Life Achievement Award on **The 10th Annual Screen Actors Guild**, 7 p.m. TNT. However, they still can use "lifelines." The program airs nightly through Tuesday, then resumes Thursday on **Super Millionaire**, 8 p.m. KSTP, Ch. 5.

The comedy series hits a milestone by airing its 100th episode, "Lois Sister." Indeed, Lois (Jane Kaczmarek) long-estranged sibling (guest star Laurie Metcalf, "Roseanne") figures into the plot - which isn't completely humorous, since their reconciliation is necessitated by a medical emergency that one of the women is facing on **Malcolm in the Middle**, 8 p.m. KMSP, Ch. 9.

Where do Carrie, Samantha, Miranda and Charlotte (Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Cynthia Nixon, Kristin Davis) go from here? At least some of the answers are bound to be provided by the episode that wraps up the award-winning sitcom's six-season run. Plot details were being kept secret at press time. However, some sequences were filmed on location in France on **Sex and the City**, 8 p.m. HBO.

Sports enthusiasts' chance of a lifetime begins in the premiere of this unscripted series. Twelve finalists, chosen from a group of more than 10,000 hopefuls, compete for a one-year contract to be an anchor on "SportsCenter." The winner, to be named in the finale March 28, will be judged the best in a variety of "on-air" tasks, including sideline reporting and play by play. The hour-long program is hosted by Stuart Scott on **Dream Job**, 9 p.m. ESPN.