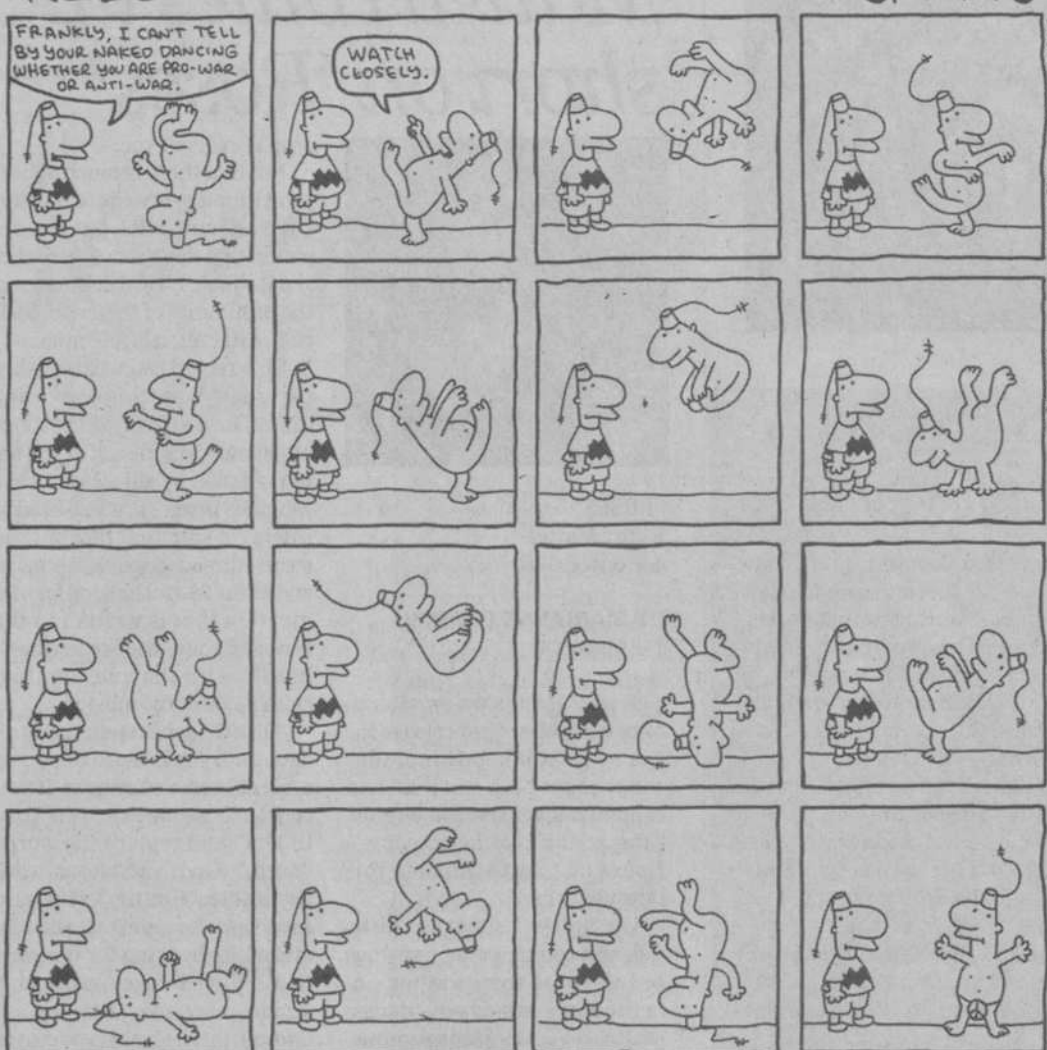


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CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Viva La France! by Sprengelmeyer & Davis



Oscars

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on author Susan Orlean's "The Orchid Thief."

"In light of all the troubles in this world, I wish us all peace," Cooper said as he received his award.

Cooper thanked his "Adaptation" collaborators, especially Meryl Streep. "Working with this woman was like making great

jazz," he said.

The Oscar for foreign-language film went to the German drama "Nowhere in Africa," about a family of Jews who leave Germany before World War II and settle on a farm in Kenya.

The Japanese fantasy "Spirited Away" won the award for animated feature film. The movie, which had a limited U.S. release last fall and grossed a modest \$5.5 million, was a surprise winner against a field of nominees that included \$100 mil-

lion Hollywood hits "Ice Age" and "Lilo & Stitch."

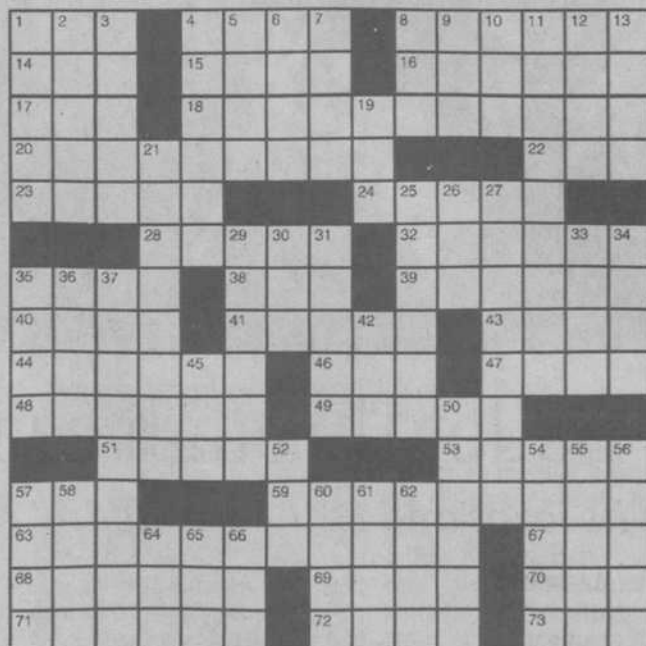
"Chicago" won the film editing, sound, art-direction and costume-design prizes. "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" won the sound-editing and visual-effects awards, while "Frida" took the statuettes for makeup and original score.

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Elijah Wood and Sean Astin star in "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," which garnered awards for sound editing and visual effects at the Academy Awards ceremony on Sunday night.

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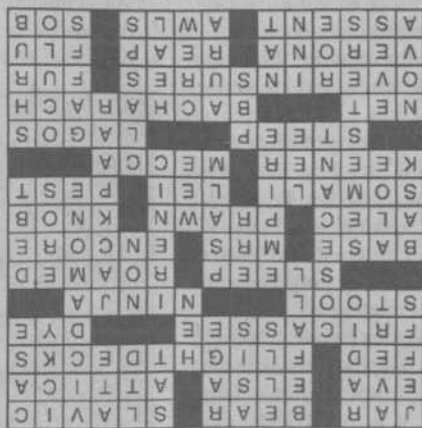
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 15 Actress - Lanchester
 16 New York prison
 17 G-man
 18 Aircraft carriers' runways
 20 Stew
 22 Use indigo
 23 Lunch-counter perch
 24 Japanese mercenary
 28 Slumber
 32 Rambled
 35 Army post
 38 "Doubtfire"
 39 Play some more!
 40 Actor Baldwin
 41 Large shrimp
 43 Door feature
 44 Language of Mogadishu
 46 Ring of flowers
 47 Nuisance
 48 More incisive
 49 Central city of Islam
 51 Pricey
 53 Nigerian city
 57 Butterfly snare
 59 "Magic Moments" composer
 63 Makes secure beyond need
 67 Animal coat
 68 Italian city
 69 Harvest
 70 Viral infection
 71 Agreement
 72 Pointed tools
 73 Weep

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 1 Gordon and Goldblum
 2 Prevent
 3 Part of RCA
 4 Come to pass
 5 Pipe bends
 6 Fire-sale phrase
 7 Current fashion

- 8 Fri. follower
 9 Inc. in the U.K.
 10 Had lunch
 11 Vito Rocco Farinola's stage name
 12 Goopy
 13 Instance
 19 Barnyard layer
 21 Trigonometric function
 25 Promoting peace
 26 Negative prefix
 27 Carson's predecessor
 29 Dominion
 30 Make a blunder
 31 Biblical song
 33 Love god
 34 Obligation
 35 Soak up rays
 36 Burn balm
 37 Academic divisions
 42 Itty-bitty
 45 Director Spike
 50 Holds tightly

Solutions



- 52 Network of "Nature"
 54 Fishing poles
 55 Eye: pref.
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 58 Nights before
 60 Saintly glow
 61 Driver's team
 62 Get better
 64 Agile deer
 65 Lodging house
 66 Rebellion leader Turner

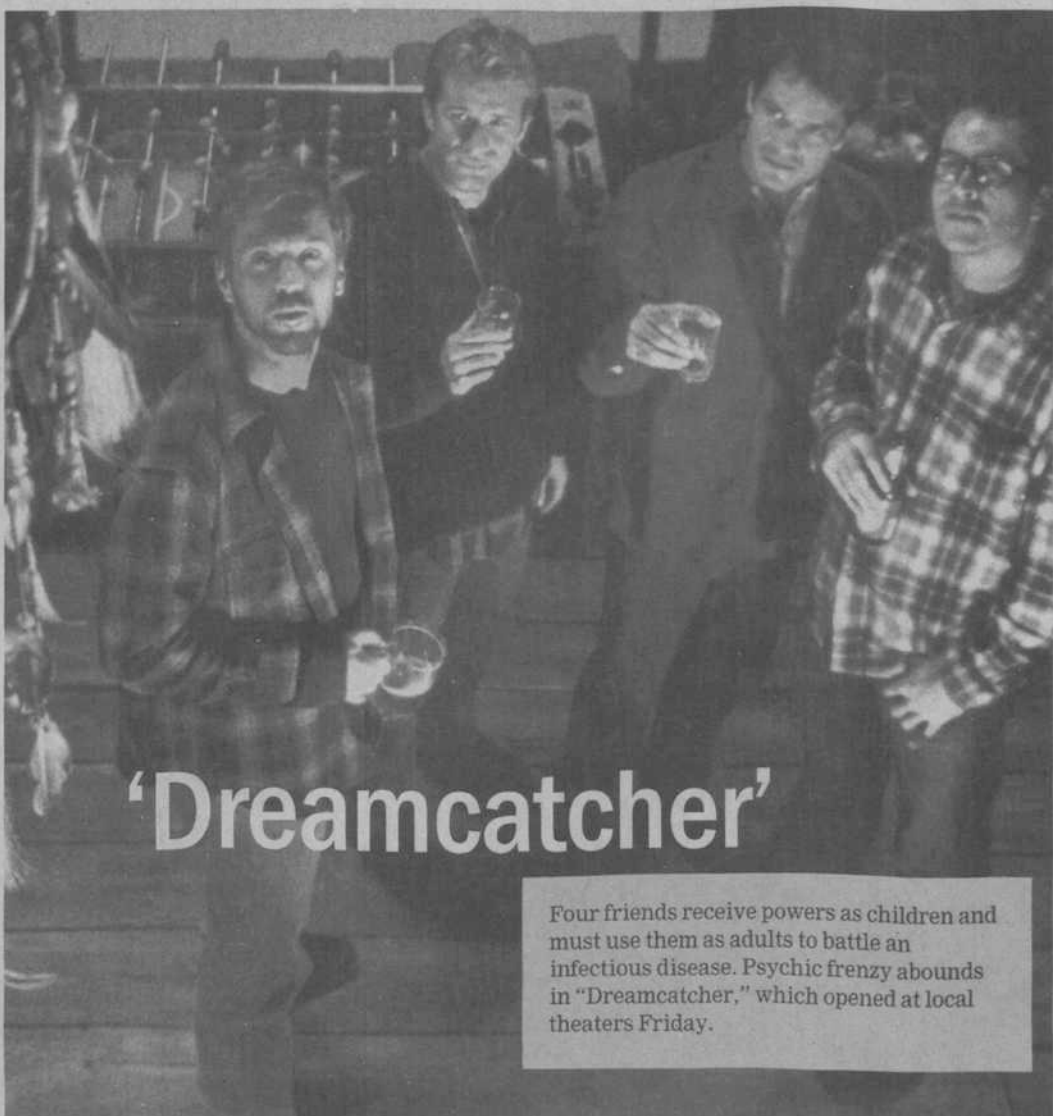
HOROSCOPES

ARIES You could impress an older person with your style and grace, and you may be asked to take on more responsibility. Look sharp! You're attracting attention.
TAURUS It's OK if you're feeling slow and deliberative. You're good at that. Let others race around and do whatever needs to be done. Hide out.
GEMINI Discuss your plans with your partner before making a big purchase. You may have to decide quickly in order to get the best deal, so decide what you want ahead of time.
CANCER Your workload is getting to the point where you should be thinking of specializing. Do what you do best, and let somebody else do

the rest.
LEO Work may place a few constraints on your time, but don't despair. There'll be plenty of energy left for fun when it's done.
VIRGO You may have to invest money, as well as time, in a complex household project. Be frugal, but do it right.
LIBRA You seem like an easygoing person, but you hate being ordered around. It's smarter to go along with things now rather than complain. You'll get your chance to be in control later.
SCORPIO Make calls and negotiate big deals early. Study up so that you can do a different kind of job. Practice is also required in order to achieve perfection.

SAGITTARIUS Your enthusiasm can easily lead to a new source of revenue. Put your imagination to work, too. Meanwhile, stick to your budget. You don't have to overspend.
CAPRICORN Go ahead and finish the job you've already begun. Completion is sometimes elusive, but getting there sure feels good.
AQUARIUS New developments give you lots of new things to think about. Make time for some contemplation before making a big decision.
PISCES Don't let somebody's brusque manner throw you for a loop. With a little help from your friends, you can adjust and do what's required.

CALENDAR



'Dreamcatcher'

Four friends receive powers as children and must use them as adults to battle an infectious disease. Psychic frenzy abounds in "Dreamcatcher," which opened at local theaters Friday.

Monday, March 24

"THREE BUSINESSMEN" 7 p.m., Russell House Theater.
 "SPIRITED AWAY": 7 and 9:30 p.m., Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.
WEEK 2 OF THE JAM ROOM STUDIO ACOUSTIC

SHOWDOWN: 9 p.m., New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St., \$2.

Tuesday, March 25

"SPIRITED AWAY": 7 and 9:30 p.m., Nickelodeon Theatre.
USC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

WITH STUDENT SOLOISTS AND GUEST CELLIST DANIEL LEE: 7:30 p.m., Koger Center.
CAROLINA HOMEGROWN SERIES FEATURING POP 39, DON'T TELL DICK AND MAGIC JOHNSON RIDE: 8 p.m., New Brookland Tavern, free.