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The Seventy-Seventh Academy Awards Telecast

... set for the February 27th will be hosted by

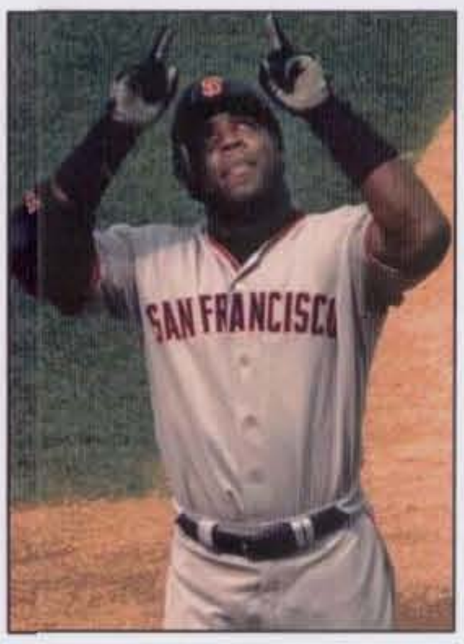
Chris Rock

Chris Rock, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced. Jay Leno, the host of the Tonight Show for 17 years will be

Jay Leno

retiring in 2009. Conan O'Brien has been tapped by NBC to take over at that time. The Sopranos is in lock-up for the next two years and will start production of its sixth and final season early next year. A premier has been set for the following January. There will be 10 shows for the final year for HBO. Giants' baseball celebrity Barry Bonds has hit the 700 cub and is now closer to Babe Ruth at 714 homeruns and Hank Aaron at 755 homeruns.

Forbes Magazine's list of the 400 richest Americans will be



Barry Bonds

minus one famous Disney Chief Executive Officer, namely, Michael Eisner. Microsoft Corp. founder Bill Gates is again number one with an estimated 48 billion which up two billion from last year. Warren Buffett is second place still with 41 billion and had a five billion dollar increase. Number three was Microsoft co-founder

Bill Gates

Paul Allen, even though his net worth fell from 22 billion to 20 billion. Members of the Walton family owners of the Walmart stores occupy slots 4-8, each having an estimated wealth of 18 billion each. Dell Computers, Michael Dell, is now number nine and Oracle Corp. Lawrence Ellison is in tenth place.

The Hollywood TV film writers overwhelmingly elected Daniel Petrie, Jr. as president of their union.

Three time Academy Award nominated Tom Cruise has films that have now earned over 2.2 billion dollars at the domestic box office.

The movie industry's most lucrative four month period of the year is from May 1st through Labor Day, and revenue was over 2% higher over last years figures, with 11 films grossing at least 100 million or more each, including Shrek II by Dreamworks, Spiderman II by Sony, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by Warner Bros., The Day After Tomorrow by Fox, The Bourne Supremacy by Universal, I Robot by Fox, Troy by Warner Bros., Van Helsing by Universal, Fahrenheit 9/11 by Lionsgate. Although the summer admissions did not quite total last years, the biggest attendance record was set in summer of 2002 when the original Spiderman and Star Wars Episode II, Attack of the Clones ruled the charts.

Hal Berry who is currently divorcing Eric Benet with Barber Shop's star Michael Ealy. They met on the set of ABC film "Their Eyes Were Watching God". Denmark's queen Margrethe will design customs and scenery for the play based on the fairy tale written by Hans Christian Andersen, Thumblelina.

Racing, Mystery writer Dick Francis has announced that he will not be writing any more novels because of the death of his wife. He has won two Edgars and there are millions of readers who follow his books.

Warner Bros. TV is still doing great with Smallville, Seventh Heaven and the new Jack and Bobby, not to mention Blue Collar TV.

Are you ready for this? Rocker Tommy Lee is going to be staring in an NBC Reality Show filmed at University of Nebraska.

Veteran Producer John Faade, author of the new reality TV handbook says that if people are interested in auditioning for reality television, they need to be themselves and make sure that their tapes and cd's are cleanly and professionally done.

Harry Potter author J.K.Rowling said that she is going to kill off one of her characters in her next book, but she refuses to tell who it is. The sixth book in the series, the next one, will be called "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince." It will be out next year.

More gossip. Actress Andie McDowell and hubby Rhett Hartzog have decided to divorce after nearly three years of marriage.

Singer-songwriter Billy Joel, known as Piano Man, finally wed his 23-year-old fiancé. Joel, who was previously married twice, including supermodel Christi Brinkley has had more than two dozen top ten hits.

Guess who Pierce Brosnan's new stand-in is? His son, 21 year-old Sean Brosnan, who hopes to follow in his dad's footsteps.

Alicia Silverstone, who's television show Miss Match, is going to go back to movies.

Britney Spears has just bought a Malibu home for just under 7 million dollars. It's a traditional style house with 8 bedrooms.

Heiress Paris Hilton has plans to open a club names "Club Paris" in Orlando, Fl. Plans are being made to open up other "Club Paris" nightclubs in London, Paris, Miami Beach, New York and Vegas. She will earn a seven figure signing bonus for giving her name to the club, and in return, has to appear at said club at least twice monthly.

Jane Seymor is not only a great actress,

Jane Seymor

but is now an artist. Her paintings actually cost over $25,000 and up.

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Former Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash and former Stone Temple Pilot's singer, Scott Weiland, will be touring in their band Velvet Revolver, starting this fall.

Oscar winning actress Sally Fields, has sold her Brentwood home and has moved to the mountains near Malibu.

Ricky Martin has just bought a twelve-million-dollar six-bedroom home.

Album sales in the United States rose 6% this year, reflecting a turn-around in music sales that started a year ago, because of hit releases and a new growing market for digital tracks.

Lou Rawls is one of the animated voices on Nick at Nights sitcom Fatherhood, and still performs 150 live dates a year.

The X-Prize Foundation has paid off a ten-million dollar prize as the world's first privately built spacecraft was launched into space.

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The number of children living in poverty rose in our city of Los Angeles more than 10% last year, up to nearly 1 in three children. LA's overall poverty rate is higher than that for the nation, which now boasts a 20% or 1 out of 5 families of four living below the poverty level.

Unfortunately, poor people are also the prey of many television evangelists who keep beseeching people to send in their hard earned money to spread Christianity. Most of the money ends of in the evangelist's pockets and in their mansions, Leer jets and other habits I won't mention.

The American Journal of Physiology has found that reading poetry and praying and yoga mantras have helped people's heart.

Pot bellies are not only dangerous for heart disease and diabetes, but have been strongly linked to liver damage.

Let's play Jeopardy. Here are two history questions for you. The answers are: 50,000,000 and two-thirds. What are the questions? How many Africans were kidnapped by slavers after Columbus landed in the Americas? How many died on the way over?

Did you know that White women earn 78 cents for every one dollar that White men earn? African American women earn 66 cents and Hispanic women earn 54 cents for every dollar that White men earn, and as women age, the wage-gap widens.

Along the nearly 4 million elderly poor in the United States, 71% are women. Girls under the age of 21 who are interested in breast implants need to find out the down side. Log onto "breastimplantinfo.org" and find how radically ill the silicon surrounding the breast implants have made some teens. Some girls are unable to even feed themselves, and require over 50 surgeries to remove the implants and the side effects.

The national center on addiction and substance abuse at Columbia University have found that the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to drink, smoke or use illegal drugs.

The most popular dogs and cats on the latest list, compiled by the American Kennel Club and Cat Fanciers Association, starts with Labrador Retriever in the

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number one spot. The Golden Retriever at number two. Beagle is third. German Shepard is fourth. Dachshund is number five. Among the cats, the most popular cat at number one is Persian. Number two is Maine Coon. Third place is held by exotic shorthairs. Number four is held by Siamese. Five is held by Abyssinian.

Scientists have now discovered that feeding DHA to puppies make them more trainable and smarter than those not given the DHA.

Don't you love it when scientists slug it out? Archeologists are still fighting over when man came to the new world. There have been actual finds of 250,000 year old stone tools, obviously made by man, and famous Frederico Solorzano has found a mineral darkened piece of brow-ridge and a bit of jaw that looks to be well over 100,000 years old. Found here, near Mexico city.

The 2004 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to three American scientists for finding the strong force that combines quarks inside the nucleus of atoms. David Politzer of Cal Tech. David Gross of UC Santa Barbara and Frank Wilczek of MIT share the prize equally.

A UC Irvine researcher Emeritus Professor Irwin Rolls and two Israeli scientists share the Nobel Prize in chemistry. Avram Hershko and Aaron Ciechamover are based at the Technion Israel Institute of Technology.

When you think of DNA discovery, you think of Watson and Prick, but more Maurice Wilkins who passed away recently at the age of 88, in a London hospital, was one of the first discoverers of the DNA molecule. His colleague Rosalind Franklin was also crucial to Watson and Prick's success, in discovering the double-helix structure.

Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, a psychiatrist who pioneered death theories, passed away this year. She was best known for her 1969 book on death and dying. She also pioneered hospice care after working with dying hospital patients who were in intolerable conditions near death.

Yummy!!! A mega-galaxy cluster named Abell-754 which is 800 million light years from Earth is in the process of eating approximately 1,300 hundred galaxies. Only the big bang will have released more energy.

Are you aware that countries with the highest average calcium intake have higher hip fracture rates. There are a lot of components in electrolytes of which calcium is just one. Eating a complex and varied diet of whole grains, fresh fruit, vegetables and little or no junk food or cola, helps osteoporosis more than just taking a mega-pill which may actually deleterious to your bone health.

26 billion dollars. Does that sound like a lot of money? Well, last year, drug makers earned that much on cholesterol lowering medicines. The top selling class of drugs.

Most of the heart disease experts who are pushing people to take cholesterol lowering drugs have made money from companies selling those drugs. "Da." What to do if you've had a heart attack? Be careful, research all you can, listen to your doctor, and if cholesterol is not the main reason for heart attacks, perhaps inflammation is. Make sure you avoid all products made from powdered eggs or milk, both of which contain the most toxic form of cholesterol there is. If you have milk or fresh eggs, or butter, that's fine, to a limited degree. Omega fish and flax oils are proven for their anti-inflammatory effects. Anti-oxidants help. Make sure you get your magnesium and potassium tested if you are on any diuretics to lower your blood pressure.

While that's it for this month. Hope you got a little knowledge mixed in with your celebrity gossip.

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THE GRUDGE

From producers Sam Raimi (the creator of such classics as The Evil Dead, Darkman and the blockbusters Spider-Man® and Spider-Man® 2), Rob Tapert (The Gift, The Evil Dead) and producer Taka Ichise (Ringu and Dark Water) comes a terrifyingly real horror thriller, The Grudge, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar and based on

the Japanese hit JU-ON: The Grudge.
The Grudge is the curse of one who dies in the grip of a powerful rage. Those who encounter this murderous supernatural curse die and a new grudge is born – passed like a virus from victim to victim in an endless, growing chain of horror.
This film is not yet rated by the MPAA. For future ratings information refer to

www.filmratings.com.
Directed by: Takashi Shimizu
Produced by: Sam Raimi
Cast: Sarah Michelle Gellar Jason Behr, KaDee Strickland with Clea DuVall and Bill Pullman

Spanglish

From acclaimed multiple Oscar®-winning writer/director/producer James L. Brooks comes the comedy/drama Spanglish – a look at cultures colliding as a beautiful native Mexican woman Flor (Paz Vega), the mother of an equally stunning 12-year-old girl, a golden child, becomes the housekeeper for an affluent Los Angeles family

(Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni and Cloris Leachman). Of all the horrifying pitfalls she worried about in this new cul-

ture, Flor had never fathomed the peril of being truly embraced by an upscale American family.
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Directed by/Written by: James L. Brooks
Produced by: James L. Brooks
Cast: Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni and Paz Vega

THE FORGOTTEN

What if you were told that every moment you experienced and every memory you held dear never happened?
Julianne Moore stars as Telly Paretta, a grieving mother struggling to cope with the loss of her 8-year-old son. She is stunned when her psy-

chiatrist (Gary Sinise) reveals that she has created eight years of memories about a son she never had. But when she meets a man (Dominic West) who has had a similar experience, Telly embarks on a search to prove her son's existence and her sanity.
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Directed by: Joseph Ruben

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Cast: Julianne Moore

Dominic West
Gary Sinise
Alfre Woodard
Linus Roache
and Anthony Edwards
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RESIDENT EVIL: **APOCALYPSE**

The sequel to the $100 million hit Resident Evil: Apocalypse is again based on the wildly popular video game series and picks up where the first film ended. Alice (Milla Jovovich) returns to Raccoon City and joins forces with Jill Valentine (Sienna Guillory) and Carlos Oliviera (Oded Fehr) to eliminate the deadly virus that threatens to make every human being undead... and to seek justice. Since being captured by the Umbrella Corporation, Alice has been subjected to biogenic experimentation and has become genetically altered, with superhuman strengths, senses and dexterity. These skills, and more, will be needed if anyone is to remain alive.

Resident Evil: Apocalypse has been rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for Non-Stop Violence, Language and Some Nudity.
Directed by: Alexander Witt
Cast: Milla Jovovich, Sienna Guillory, Oded Fehr and Thomas Kretschmannn
Jared Harris
and Mike Epps

Closer

Academy Award®-winnning director Mike Nichols follows his triumphant "Angels in America" with Closer.. An uncompromisingly honest look at modern relationships, Closer is the story of four strangers (Julia Roberts, Jude Law, Natalie Portman and Clive Owen) – their chance meetings, instant attractions and brutal betrayals.
Funny, shocking and powerful, Closer is reminiscent of such classic Nichols fare as Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf and Carnal Knowledge.

This film is not yet rated by the MPAA
Directed by: Mike Nichols
Cast: Julia Roberts, Jude Law
Natalie Portman and Clive Owen

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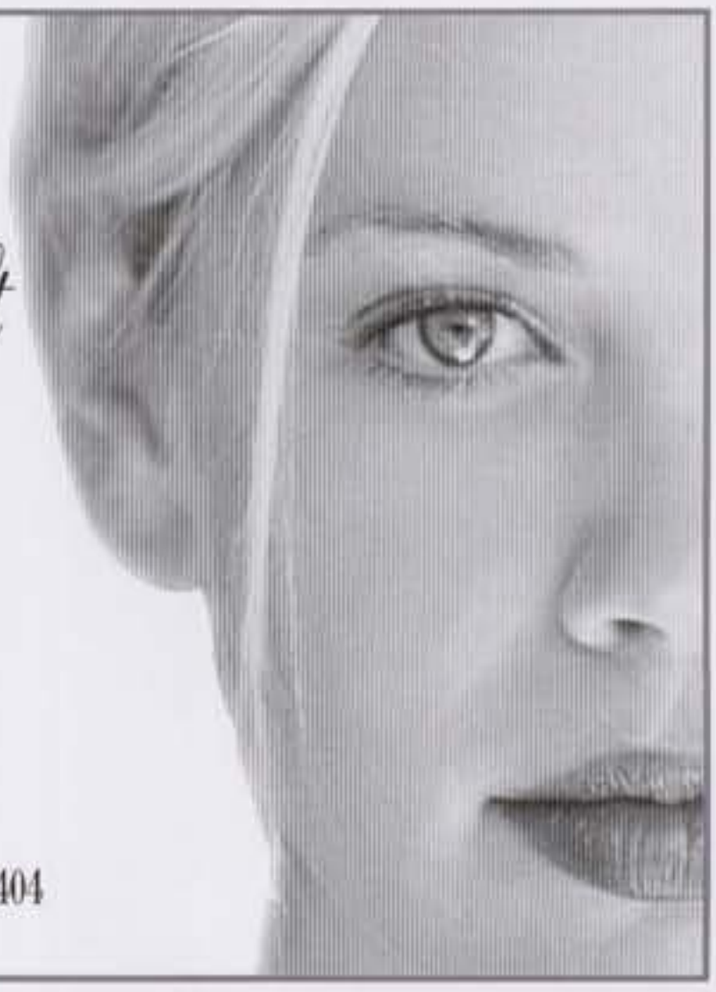

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