

# Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

"I don't take the movies seriously, and anyone who does is in for a headache."

--Screen legend Bette Davis  
It was out there. The challenge was made. SOMEONE had to do it...I was in for a headache.

But I was well prepared: light sweater, hidden water bottle, glasses, headache tablets, eye drops, hidden candy and gum, muted cell phone.

I had considered an umbrella since the early Saturday morning skies produced a steady drizzle, but decided since I wouldn't be seeing daylight (or any other weather) for a good twelve hours I could safely exclude it.

With all these necessary pre-

planned items in hand, I walked up the concrete mountain to conquer the formidable challenge, just as any seasoned climber would in facing his own Mt. Everist.

Or maybe the comparison should be more in tune with a certain west coast hill that displays the giant letters spelling out H-O-L-L-Y-W-O-O-D, for the letters at the top of the incline I had just scaled spelled "AMC Theatre," and I was there this past Saturday for the "12-Hour Best Picture Showcase."

All five movies Oscar-nominated for 2007 Best Picture would be shown within a 12-hour period. At a minimal charge for five movies and a promise of all the soda and

popcorn one could eat, I figured, for this movie buff, it was an offer that couldn't be ignored. Plus, I had wanted to see at least three out of the five nominees anyway. Just not necessarily all in one sitting. The question was: could I hang in for all five movies - for all 12 hours?

As a good contestant in any marathon can attest, preparation is the key. I had prepared mentally and physically by hugging the couch in front of my TV for several hours Friday night and then walking two miles around the neighboring mall Saturday morning, just one hour prior to show time.

...I was ready.

As I entered the theatre, I attempted to pick out my fellow sojourners in this endeavor. One couple looked to be arriving with full preparations - not just coming to see a measly, lone two-hour movie - so I figured I'd be seeing them inside. One guy was carrying a blanket pack - and was that a small pillow I spied folded in? Oh, yeah, he was committed for the duration.

One screen was set aside for the marathon event. About 50 people of various ages were present as I entered, all well-armed with large sodas and overflowing popcorn cartons. We were told by kind management that we would have a 15-20 minute break between each movie (bathroom, of course, and more soda and popcorn, of course).

There would also be some trivia games, with prizes of movie-themed t-shirts, movie books and free movie passes. I soon realized at game times between movies that I was but an amateur.

There were some real honest-to-goodness movie enthusiasts present. Questions, for example: Who has the most Oscar nominations and wins in movie history?

(Answer at end of article - more of a thought question than my butter-soaked, caffeine-fried brain could produce.)

First movie: "Babel" - good, intriguing, I cried through parts.

Popcorn, Coke

Second movie: "The Queen"

- good, great portrayal of Queen Elizabeth, entertaining.

Popcorn, dig out water and candy from hidden recesses of large purse

Third movie: "The Departed" - good, but too much blood and too many certain words that could never be printed in this column, good storyline

We got a 45-minute break after the third movie. I think it had something to do with the fact that most movie watchers were turning yellow from popcorn consumption and hyperventilating from caffeine excess. Time for real food.

I had considered in advance that I might have to let one movie slide past me - "Letters from Iwo Jima", in subtitles. I'm not a real history buff or into war movies, though director Clint Eastwood is a favorite of mine.

Besides, weighing the options, I couldn't possibly have eliminated any of the movies portraying the likes of Brad Pitt, Leonardo DiCaprio or Jack Nicholson. So...I relaxed for a while at a restaurant and got a little walking in prior to "Little Miss Sunshine", another good movie, beginning at 9:45 PM to end the day at 11:15 PM.

What was truly most interesting and refreshing in this experience was the group input between movies. The furthest traveled group of viewers came from near the Louisiana border.

I could find no repeat offenders in our group of fifty - everyone at the marathon was experiencing this, along with me, for the first time. Another lady, who saw me making notes between films, was writing an essay on the marathon for her humanities class. And the consensus on "The Oscar goes to..."

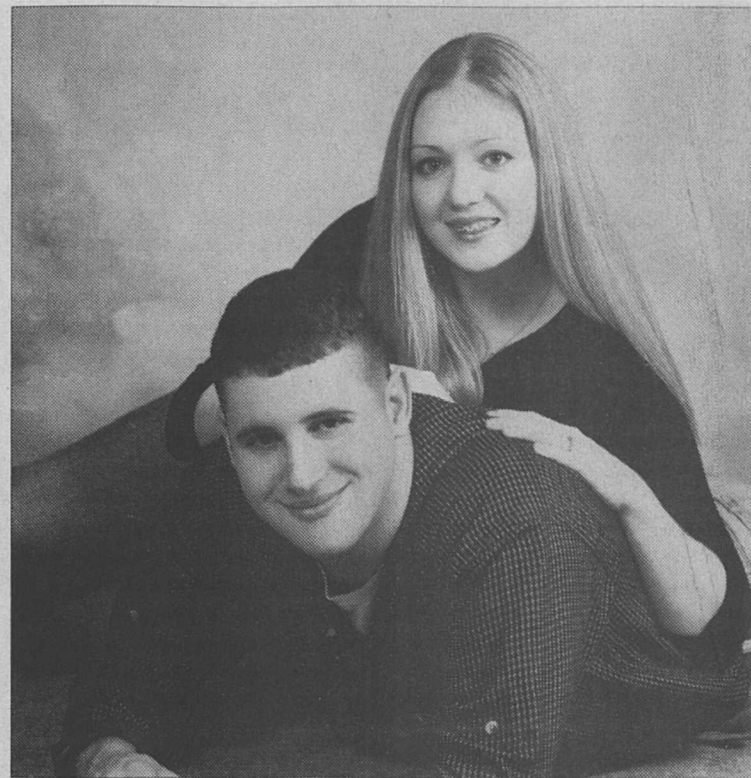
Well, there was no consensus - most people I talked with had, like the differences seen in the movies themselves, varying opinions on which movie was the best and should receive the honor.

Almost everyone said they would be back next year.

The next evening as I watched the Oscars with friends and shared my movie experience and expertise, the evening on and off screen went well.

The only problem was my friend repeatedly asking, "Anyone for more popcorn?" Softly, with dramatic, theatrical flair even "The Queen" would have found inspiring, I groaned, "Nooooooo, thanks..."

Answer to trivia question: Walt Disney



## Capps, Jones To Marry

Lucy and the late Jerry Capps of Eagle Lake announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ann Kathryn Payne Capps to Morgan Richard Jones, son of Sue Vacca of Banbury, England and Terry Jones of Marthall, England.

Both Ann and Morgan are currently in the U.S. Navy and are stationed at the Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Ct.

Ann has been in the Navy for six years and is a Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Hospital Corpsman. Ann spent 3 years at the Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, IL., and three years on the USS McCampbell DDG 85 out of San Diego, Ca. with numerous deployments and recently transferred to the Naval Branch Health Clinic, Groton, Ct.

Morgan has also been in the Navy for six years and is a Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Hospital Corpsman. Morgan spent four years on the USS CURTS FFG 38 out of San Diego, Ca. with numerous deployments and has been stationed for the last two years at the Naval Reserve Center, New London, Ct.

The wedding will be September 15, 2007 at the Parish of the Nativity in Eagle Lake.

## Lady Raiders Softball

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of the 11 batters faced. Amber Huvar, Kayli Kallina, and Katlyn Thomas all had hits.

The varsity picked up their first win by a score of 6-5 in 8 innings. Chelsea Korenek and Kourtney Korenek combined to pitch for the Lady Raiders. Kim Varley, Carrie Gobert, Mallory Dumont, April Pagel, Jordan Hollmann, Kaci Kazmir, Violette Villafuerte, and Kayla Robertson all had hits for the Raiders.

The Rice Booster Club sponsored the annual Lady Raider Softball Tournament February 22, 23, and 24.

The Lady Raiders won their second game of the season and opening round win against Tidehaven. Kourtney Korenek got the win and Chelsea Korenek got the save with the final score 10-2.

The Raiders were led at the plate by Morgan Dumont 1-2, K. Korenek 3-3, Mallory Dumont 1-3, Gobert 1-3, Robertson 1-1, April Pagel 1-3, and Villafuerte 2-3.

The second round opponent was Boling. The Raiders jumped out to an early 3-0 lead before clinching the win in the final inning 6-5. This time it was Chelsea Korenek getting the win. Leadoff batter Morgan Dumont reached base 3 of 4 times and scored 3 runs. Villafuerte had a double and a triple, K. Korenek picked up one hit and Mallory Dumont had the game winning sacrifice fly.

Due to rain on Friday night, Saturday's games were moved to Shiner. Two consecutive tournament wins sent the Lady Raiders to the championship game of the tournament. Shiner was too tough on this

day and picked up a 7-0 win over the Raiders. Jordan Hollmann picked up the only hit.

The Lady Raiders Softball Team and coaches would like to thank the Booster Club for sponsoring this event for the third year.

The Lady Raiders open district at home against Weimar on February 27 and travel to Schulenburg for a tournament on March 2 and 3rd.

## JV Raiders Track Results

Rice JV Boys finished fifth with 45 points at the La Grange Leopards Relays on February 22.

In the 3200 Meter Run Dwight Dawson placed fourth and Gareth Caspar placed fifth.

In Discus Chris Dorsey placed first.

In Shot Put Chris Dorsey placed fifth.

In the 400 M Dash Sareal Valdez placed fourth and Cory Farrow placed sixth.

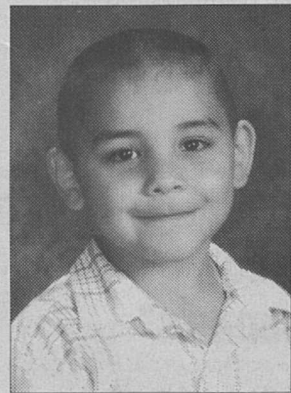
In the 100 M Dash Nick Jump placed fourth.

In the Pole Vault Nick Jump placed second.

In the 200 M Dash Nick Jump placed third.

In the 1600 M Run Gareth Caspar placed second.

1600 M. Relay: Sareal Valdez, Cory Farrow, Carlos Sosa, Fernando Cano, Nick Jump.



## Happy 7th Birthday!

Simon  
February 28

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Megan,  
Momo & Popo Gasca,  
Honey &  
Popo Gonzales



She's So Cute,  
She's So Fine!  
She's only 20?

We Love You!  
Happy Birthday!!

Belinda  
February 27

From Mom and Dad  
(sorry it's a little late, Bel)

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For Information or Questions Contact Betty Guthmann or Joe Lee at (979) 234-5571 or 733-4513

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Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handicap: _____	Please attach. (required)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phone: _____			Name: _____		
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Check Preferred Start Time:

- 8:00 a.m.  
 1:00 p.m.

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(Golf Cart needed  yes  no)

Golf Cart Fee 20.00/per cart for 2

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Multiple sclerosis occurs in different patterns. For persons with a relapsing form of this condition, treatment with disease-modifying medications may be prescribed. *Betaseron*, *Avonex*, and *Rebif* are injectable beta interferons. They are genetically engineered copies of proteins which naturally occur in the body. All reduce flare-ups of MS, however do not entirely eliminate symptoms. Physicians often recommend such drugs for persons who experience more than one attack of MS per year.

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