

BEST PICTURE

THE CRYING GAME
A FEW GOOD MEN
HOWARDS END
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UNFORGIVEN

BEST DIRECTOR

Robert Altman: THE PLAYER
Martin Brest: SCENT OF A WOMAN
Clint Eastwood: UNFORGIVEN
James Ivory: HOWARDS END
Neil Jordan: THE CRYING GAME

BEST ACTOR

Robert Downey Jr.: CHAPLIN
Clint Eastwood: UNFORGIVEN
Al Pacino: SCENT OF A WOMAN
Stephen Rea: THE CRYING GAME
Denzel Washington: MALCOLM X

BEST ACTRESS

Catherine Deneuve: INDOCHINE
Mary McDonnell: PASSION FISH
Michelle Pfeiffer: LOVE FIELD
Susan Sarandon: LORENZO'S OIL
Emma Thompson: HOWARDS END



AND THE NOMINEES ARE: A few of Oscar's chosen ones

INDEPENDENTS' DAY There were the richly deserving, such as Clint Eastwood's three Oscar nominations for *Unforgiven* and Michelle Pfeiffer's one for *Love Field*. But if there was a message in the 65th annual Academy Awards nominations, it was that bigger movies aren't always better. Two low-budget independent films were among the top nomination grabbers: nine to the Merchant-Ivory drama *Howards End* and six to maverick Miramax Films' mystery *The Crying Game*, including Best Picture chances for each. In the crucial Best Director category, indies snagged two nominations, including one to Robert Altman for his savage dissection of Hollywood duplicity in *The Player*. Hollywood studios spent mightily to push a few big-budget pictures with Oscar apparently written all over them: Warner's *Malcolm X*, Fox's *Hoffa* and TriStar's *Chaplin*. But those movies got only seven nominations. Tiny Miramax's total haul of 12 nominations easily trumped studio giants TriStar, Universal and Fox, which had seven each.

Colson's Triumph

A notorious Watergate figure wins \$1 million for his religious work

THE OBJECT OF HIS FAITH USED TO BE RICHARD NIXON. But prison, where he was sent for his role in the Watergate scandal, triggered a religious conversion in former White House aide Charles Colson. "Born again," Colson transformed his zeal for Republican politics (he once said he would walk over his own grandmother for Nixon) into a devotion to Jesus. He founded the Prison Fellowship, an organization designed to change the lives of convicts through a combination of practical assistance and relentless evangelism. Colson's two decades of commitment have worn down most of the skeptics who questioned the sincerity of his conversion, and last week he was awarded the most lucrative religious prize on the face of the earth: the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion, which carries a \$1 million-plus award, previously granted to Mother Teresa and Billy Graham. "Twenty years later," says Colson, "I see how God has used my life. Sometimes the greatest adversities turn out to be the greatest blessings."

Shannon Faulkner is a she. The Citadel retracted its offer. Faulkner, who legally requested that her high school delete references to her sex on her application, is suing, challenging the school's sexual segregation of the student body.

Last year female Navy veterans sought admission to the Citadel's day program for veterans. The Citadel responded by killing the program.

END OF THE LINE For only the second time since it was enacted in 1988, a federal statute has been invoked to permit capital punishment for violent drug traffickers. In this case, the sentencing came against a trio of brutal Richmond, Virginia, cocaine dealers who murdered 11 people over a two-month period while running a lucrative crack gang called the New York Boyz. In one instance the gang burst into the house of a woman who owed them a few hundred dollars and shot her dead.



WHAT'S IN A NAME: The pride of Powdersville storms the Citadel

About-Face

A plucky female challenges the all-male Citadel

THE CITADEL, SOUTH CAROLINA'S VENERABLE ALL-male military college, was more than happy to accept Shannon Faulkner among its latest recruits—and why not? Faulkner had a 3.7 grade-point average and actively participated in sports. Then, after sending the 18-year-old from Powdersville a letter of acceptance, the school discovered another detail:

HEALTH & SCIENCE

AIDS Triple Play

Researchers hit on a new chemical combination to combat the virus

IT IS NOT A CURE. IT IS NOT EVEN A TREATMENT YET. But preliminary research, revealed in *Nature*, points to a new way to attack the AIDS virus. By targeting a single phase in the virus' life cycle with three drugs, Yung-Kang Chow and his colleagues at Massachusetts General Hospital found that they could stop the infection cold—in the test tube anyway.

Operating alone, each of the three drugs—AZT, ddI and pyridinone—merely slows down the virus'