

'American Sniper' a compelling tale

By George Gust
It's officially awards season. It's that special time of year where the finest films from the previous year are acclaimed and some of the more underexposed films are given the lime-light and the praise the box office may have overlooked.



why this film has connected with audiences across America. While some may be consumed with the controversies and the merits of the war in Iraq and war in general, Kyle's story is one that highlights the patriotism, courage and sacrifice that American servicemen have exemplified and continue to embody to this day. It is one of those films that will have you thinking about it days after viewing it, and I would highly recommend it.

Bradley Cooper turns in an outstanding performance as Kyle. Coming into the film, seeing the advertisements, I thought that Cooper's Texan accent might have come off as cheesy and over the top. However through the two-hour running time, I felt Cooper really lost himself in this role. He was successful in showing Kyle's inner

struggles, whether it be on the battlefield making life-and-death decisions or coping with the scars of war at home with his wife and children.

Awards season is the time for important films to be recognized as such, and I believe that "American Sniper" is one of those important films that tells an vital story. I think that is

"American Sniper" is rated R for strong and disturbing war violence, and language throughout including some sexual references.
4.5 out of 5 Stars

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"This program provides Air Force families with up to 12 hours per month of respite care," said Carrie Bullard, executive director of Rainbow Fleet, a nonprofit childcare resource and referral agency that administers the program in Oklahoma.

Pay ranges from \$14 per hour for limited experience to up to \$37 per hour for a registered nurse. Providers are subject to an extensive screening process before being admitted to the program.

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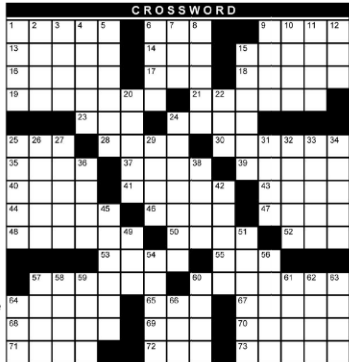
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ACROSS
1. Cookie amount
6. "You bitch!"
9. Bartenders typically split these
13. Ancient Greeks' assembly area
14. Snake-like reef dweller
15. Gent or guy
16. Sailed dressing vessel
17. African grazer
18. "Truman's State of the ___" was first one on TV
19. "Return to Normalcy" President
21. "Uniform ___ Holiday Act"
23. A Beetle bride
24. Cowboy's prod
25. Egg cells
28. Wirecrack
30. Old fashioned expression of disapproval
35. Bruce Wayne in "The Dark Knight"
37. Chinese dynasty from 960 to 1279
39. High-strung
40. Jessica ___ of "Dark Angel"
41. Kind of test
43. Stake driver
44. "The nation did this in Nov. '63 with Jackie ___"
46. Sainly glow
47. Stack
48. Bracket for the arm
50. "Scene one, ___ one"
52. Feather glue?
53. Cleanse
55. Bird-to-be
57. "He Kept Us Out of War" was his slogan
60. He hailed from Hope
64. BBO spot
65. Building addition
67. Dry white Italian wine from Verona
68. Tim or Woody
69. "George H. W. Bush led

it in the '70s
70. "The Lego Movie" hero
71. Join together by heating
72. Barbie's beau
73. Neostadum and Tiresias, e.g.
DOWN
1. "Cello Suite No. 1" composer
2. Site of Taj Mahal
3. ___ of duty
4. Belief
5. Detesting
6. Safecracker
7. Even, to a poet
8. Like Raphael's cherubs
9. Be inclined
10. Hipbones
11. Clever tactic
12. ___ Gabriel
15. Non-competitive race
20. White
22. Not safe in baseball
24. Having physical sensation
25. "Change We Can Believe In" President
26. Courage in the face of danger
27. Vinyl collectible
29. "No Child Left Be-

hind" President
31. Impermanent employee
32. Characteristic
33. Throat dangler
34. "Tippecanoe and ___ Top"
36. Anglo-Saxon nobility title
38. Apple variety
42. Bumpkin
45. "President Ford's VP
49. Chinese "way"
51. Knights' breakfasts
54. T-shirt style
56. Fairytale garden dweller
57. Whip lash mark
58. It shall, for short
59. Behaved like Pinocchio
60. Family or kin
61. Like a broken horse
62. Last word in radio transmission
63. They now play in Brooklyn
64. "Hand" with claws
66. "George Washington couldn't tell one?"

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