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Planning Commission backs new housing by the beach

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A five-story building that has been controversial with some nearby residents will replace a parking lot near Santa Monica Beach.

The building will rise 47 feet on the corner of Ocean Avenue and Pico Boulevard. The concern among neighbors along Vicente Terrace, which also flanks the site, is that the height of the building will dwarf the older single-family homes that line the narrow street. After the Planning Commission first considered the project on Oct. 3, the developer moved the building back from the sidewalk to make it appear shorter.

Some residents weren't satisfied with that concession, however. At the Commission's Wednesday meeting, several neighbors asked that the building's height along Vicente Terrace be reduced to 36 feet by shrinking its square footage about seven percent.

The Commission added a few conditions to its approval of the project, but reducing the size of the building wasn't one of them. Commissioners agreed that the production of new, high-quality housing – the development will provide 83 new apartments, including 16 affordable ones – took priority over shrinking the building to fit in with surrounding residences.

The Commission included a condition preventing the apartments from being occupied by individuals who will reside on the property for

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SMC students set to shine at SMFF

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica has long been a creative hub for the film industry and students at Santa Monica College are doing their part to uphold the tradition.

Three Santa Monica College students will be presenting their films at the Santa Monica Film

Festival this Saturday. The stories of their films, with genres ranging from thriller to western to documentary, are just as varied as the lives of the filmmakers themselves.

“What ‘Hinge’, ‘Once Upon a Woman’, and ‘Undocumented’ all have in common is that these are films that have something meaningful to say about the world we live in,” Salvador Carrasco,

SMC film professor said, “Which tends to happen because our SMC filmmakers bring their rich life experiences and perspectives to the screen with a high level of artistry and uncompromising honesty.”

“Hinge”, directed by Lisa Mayo, is a story of a lesbian couple whose lives become challenged by their mentally unstable neighbor. The story was loosely inspired by real-

life events, according to Mayo.

The 37-year old Mayo, who was a year into nursing before pivoting full-time to film, says a friend of hers was once attacked by an unstable neighbor. Additionally, she experienced similar situations as a nurse.

“It’ll beg the question of what

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FLOOD

The storm brought rain and cold to Santa Monica yesterday. While pedestrians had a hard time with the wind and wet, the seagulls were happy with the temporary conditions.

Matthew Hall



Floods, mudslides as storm wallops Southern California

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

The second round of a fall storm dumped snow and rain that jammed traffic on Southern California highways and loosened hillsides in wildfire burn areas on Thursday.

At least one vehicle got stuck in a mudslide that shut down Pacific

Coast Highway and surrounding roads in and around Malibu neighborhoods charred by last month's destructive fire.

Nobody was hurt when a Southwest Airlines plane from Oakland skidded off a wet runway as it landed during downpours at Hollywood Burbank Airport north of Los Angeles. The plane came to

a stop in a graded area designed to slow aircraft that overshoot the runway, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

“As we landed you could feel the brakes,” passenger Grant Palmer told KABC-TV. “Then I started noticed the plane going sideways.”

Palmer said he was prepared to tuck into an emergency posture,

but his unflappable co-worker continued writing emails during the rough landing.

Cars and trucks slid in lanes amid heavy snow that forced the closure of Interstate 5 in the Grapevine area between Los Angeles and the San Joaquin

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Dec. 7

Pottery Sale

The Clayhouse Pottery Studio is having their annual pottery sale in December. December 7, 4 - 9 p.m. and December 8, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 2909 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica CA 90404. 310-828-7071 www.theclayhousesantamonica.com

Holiday Sing-Along

Celebrate the holidays by singing along to your favorite tunes! Santa Monica Youth Choir will perform, accompanied by a small orchestral ensemble. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. Ages 4-10. Fairview Branch Library 4:00pm-4:30 pm.

Story Time in Wonderland at the Santa Monica Pier

Enjoy at themed story time at the historic merry-go-round at the Santa Monica Pier and take a picture with mermaids and King Triton! For families. Santa Monica Pier 4:00 pm-4:30pm.

Classics Book Group at Fairview

This long-running book discussion group discusses literary classics from around the world. December 2018's book: The Wrong Box by Robert Louis Stevenson. Fairview Branch Library 11:00 am-12:30pm.

Cyanotype Workshop with Echo Park Film Center

Celebrate the 17th anniversary of Echo Park Film Center with members by learning the lovely art of cyanotype printmaking. Use sun and shadow to watch your images bloom before your very eyes! Cyanotype is a monochromatic contact process that produces beautiful blue and white images. We'll learn how to make our own simple cyanotype solution and apply it to fabric and paper before adding found objects and sunlight to create unique pieces of art. Workshop Facilitators: Dicky Bahto, Chloe Reyes and Penelope Uribe-Abee. Palisades Park 11:00 am-1:00pm.

Frau Fiber's Sewing Rebellion + Craft Lounge

Frau Fiber brings her nationwide project, Sewing Rebellion, to the Camera on the second Saturday of the month concurrent to our monthly Craft Lounge. Catch Frau Fiber's regiment of Faux Fraus leading sewing, altering and repurposing projects each month. Sewing machines and sewing tips included. December's Sewing Rebellion project is addressing the "problem of the t-shirt." The US sells so many t-shirts, many of them made in unethical conditions. Most of us have more t-shirts than we know what to do with. This month the project is creating wrap dresses from discarded t-shirts - bring your unneeded tops to remake. Palisades Park 11:00 am-2:00pm.

Connected Families: Robot Fun

Bring your family to play with robots and coding toys at the library. Work together to complete challenges or see what sparks your imagination. Ages 4-12. Montana Avenue Branch Library 2:00pm-4:00 pm.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Santa Monica Pub Crawl

Raising money for the Westside Food Bank. Tickets are \$20 and give attendees access to food and drink specials at all participating bars. Four routes available (Wilshire route expected to have shortest lines). Tickets online at http://santamonicapubcrawl.com/tickets/

Starting a Business: What You Need to Know @ Main

Thinking about starting a new business, or recently started one? This workshop will give you a clear understanding of the legal requirements for starting a business, and the steps you can take to succeed. Key topics covered include: naming your business, licenses and taxes, insurance, financing sources, elements of a business plan and marketing considerations. You'll also hear how SCORE can help you succeed in your new venture. Main Library Community Meeting Room, 2nd Floor 10:30 am-12:00pm.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Gets A Ride From Fire And Police

Santa Claus is coming to town with Santa Monica's police officers & firefighters leading the way as he makes his way around town. Santa and his public safety helpers will be distributing good cheer and thousands of candy canes as part of the 26th Annual "Candy Cane Drive."

Everyone is invited to join in the annual Candy Cane Drive.

SANTA'S SCHEDULED STOPS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Saturday, December 8, 2018:

10 - 10:30 a.m. Virginia Avenue Park - 2200 Virginia Avenue

10:45 - 11:15 a.m. Douglas Park - 2400 California Avenue

11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Christine Reed Park - California Avenue & 7th Street

12:15 - 12:45 p.m. Marine Park - Marine Street & 17th Street

1 - 1:30 p.m. Clover Park - Ocean Park Blvd & 25th Street

Santa Monica children are encouraged to look and listen for the lights and sirens of the public safety vehicles, while parents are encouraged to bring their cameras.

For more information, call the Santa Monica Police Department, Community Affairs Unit at (310) 458-8474.

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Citywide

Los Angeles County Ordinance Protects Consumers from Price Gouging Following Woolsey Fire

Price gouging is against the law! The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs encourages residents affected by the recent Woolsey Fire to notify the department if they encounter dramatically inflated prices following the disaster.

Examples of price gouging include large increases in the cost of food, lodging, gasoline, repair services and more, which some residents have reported to DCBA during and after the Woolsey Fire and other emergencies.

If you suspect price gouging, call DCBA at (800) 593-8222 or file a report online at dcba.lacounty.gov.

Businesses cannot increase the price of vital and necessary goods and services more than 10 percent within 30 days of a declared emergency, including hotels and rental units, and within 180 days for any contractor-related services, such as repair and reconstruction services.

Los Angeles County residents are protected by the County's price gouging ordinance and the California Penal Code following an emergency declaration. The Board of Supervisors enacted the County's ordinance in 2016 to strengthen consumer protections against business owners and service providers who exploit emergencies by unreasonably hiking the cost of basic necessities.

Violation of the County ordinance is a misdemeanor. Conviction will result in a fine up to \$1,000, and/or imprisonment for up to six months in the county jail.

For more information about avoiding price gouging and how to avoid scams after a disaster, visit dcba.lacounty.gov/DisasterReady.

For all updates from the County of Los Angeles for those affected by the Woolsey Fire, visit <https://www.lacounty.gov/lacountyrecovers/>

The County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) has served Los Angeles County since 1976. We serve consumers, businesses, and communities through education, advocacy, and complaint resolution. We work every day to educate consumers and small business owners about their rights and responsibilities, mediate disputes, and investigate consumer fraud complaints. We enforce the minimum wage in unincorporated Los Angeles County. For more information, visit dcba.lacounty.gov.

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ORANGE

Advocates say 72 priests in Orange County abused kids

Advocates for survivors of child sex abuse say they have compiled a list of 72 priests who served in the Southern California Diocese of Orange and who are accused of abusing kids.

Lawyer Mike Reck on Thursday said that's many more than those reported by the Diocese and demanded greater transparency.

He says the list was compiled with publicly available information including criminal cases, lawsuits and press statements.

Advocates have issued similar reports in other jurisdictions in a push to hold church officials accountable for child sex abuse cases.

The Diocese of Orange says the lawyers are trying to re-litigate old claims and that the church takes any accusations of abuse "extraordinarily seriously."

Diocese officials issued a report in 2016 saying 14 clergy accused of abuse were removed from ministry.

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LOS ANGELES

California first state to mandate solar power for new homes

California became the first state in the nation to require homes built in 2020 and later be solar powered, following a vote by the Building Standards Commission.

The unanimous action on Wednesday finalizes a previous vote by the Energy Commission and fulfills a decade-old goal to make the state reliant on cleaner energy.

"These provisions really are historic and will be a beacon of light for the rest of the country," said Kent Sasaki, a structural engineer and one of six building standards commissioners. "(It's) the beginning of substantial improvement in how we produce energy and reduce the consumption of fossil fuels."

While nobody spoke Wednesday in opposition, the commission received about 300 letters opposing the mandate because of the added cost, the Orange County Register reported.

Energy officials estimated the provisions will add \$10,000 to the cost of building a sin-

gle-family home – about \$8,400 from adding solar and about \$1,500 for making homes more energy-efficient. But those costs would be offset by lower utility bills over the 30-year lifespan of the solar panels, officials said.

One commission member worried the mandate would make it harder for California wild-fire victims to rebuild. But supporters assured him that won't be a problem, according to the newspaper.

Homeowners will have two options that eliminate upfront costs of adding solar: leasing the solar panels or signing a power purchase agreement that pays for the electricity without buying the panels, said Drew Bohan, executive director of the energy commission.

One solar-industry representative said the net savings from adding solar power will be around \$40 a month or nearly \$500 a year.

"These standards won't necessarily make homes more expensive to buy. What they will do is save money on utility costs," said Pierre Delforge, a senior scientist with the Natural Resources Defense Council. "This is not only the right thing to do for the climate, it is financially smart."

Homebuilders have been preparing for years to meet a proposed requirement that all new homes be "net-zero," meaning they would produce enough solar power to offset all electricity and natural gas consumed over the course of a year.

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SACRAMENTO

Capitol insider, civil rights lawyer get top Newsom jobs

California's incoming governor, Gavin Newsom, announced Thursday he has selected a top civil rights expert and a longtime Capitol insider to fill two senior roles in his administration as he prepares to take office next month.

Newsom hired Catherine Lhamon to be his top lawyer and Anthony Williams to be his chief lobbyist.

Lhamon is the chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and was assistant secretary of civil rights at the U.S. Department of Education during President Barack Obama's administration. She also works on civil rights cases at the National Center for Youth Law and previously worked for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

Lhamon gained a national reputation as an education litigator fighting for equity in schools, said Hernan Vera, who was president and CEO of Public Counsel when Lhamon headed the pro bono law firm's impact litigation unit.

"She's a fearless litigator that doesn't mind taking on the biggest institutions to get justice for her clients," Vera said.

Newsom will benefit from her advice on solving intractable problems in ways that can survive a legal challenge, he said.

Williams was a senior adviser for former state Senate leaders John Burton and Darrell Steinberg, both Democrats, and lobbied for the Judicial Counsel of California and the State Bar. He most recently worked for Boeing Co., as a government relations director.

When California was facing a court order to reduce overcrowding in prisons, Williams helped negotiate a plan that didn't just increase prison beds but included "real money" for efforts to fight recidivism and improve mental health and substance abuse treatment.

"The governor elect could not have made a better choice," Steinberg said. "He's a winner."

Newsom takes office Jan. 7. He announced last month that former Hillary Clinton staffer Ann O'Leary would be his chief of staff and former state finance director Ana Matosantos would be his cabinet secretary.

"I pledged that my Administration would reflect not only the best and brightest but the diverse talents of our state and a passion for public service and giving voice to the voiceless - and that's exactly what Catherine and Anthony represent," Newsom said in a statement.

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LOS ANGELES

Judge transfers Avenatti's assets to estranged wife

A Southern California judge has transferred assets including an airplane and a Ferrari from porn actress Stormy Daniels' lawyer Michael Avenatti as part of his divorce, according to court records obtained Thursday.

Orange County Judge Carol Henson on Tuesday ordered some of Avenatti's assets be liquidated and sold for back child and spousal support.

Although the total amount Avenatti owes is unclear, he was previously ordered to pay more than \$150,000 a month in child and spousal support.

In Tuesday's order, Henson said Avenatti must pay at least \$80,000 to Lisa Storie-Avenatti on top of the transferred assets by Jan. 2.

Among those assets are a 2017 Ferrari GT Spider, five watches including a Rolex that retails for \$12,000, a sculpture by famed architect Frank Gehry and a six-seat business jet worth millions.

Avenatti's attorney, Matt DeArme, said the asset transfer is a standard part of divorce cases.

The 47-year-old Avenatti announced Tuesday that he's not running for president following a couple tumultuous weeks for the attorney, who has been a scathing critic of President Donald Trump.

Avenatti was arrested on Nov. 14 on a felony domestic violence charge stemming from allegations he roughed up a girlfriend. Prosecutors declined to bring felony charges against him in the case, but they are still investigating whether he should face a misdemeanor charge. Avenatti has vehemently denied wrongdoing.

On Monday, Trump's attorneys asked a judge for nearly \$800,000 in attorneys' fees and penalties from Daniels for her failed defamation lawsuit, which was filed by Avenatti. Daniels has appealed the decision tossing the lawsuit, and Avenatti has said he expects to prevail at a higher court.

Avenatti tweeted that he made the decision not to run for president in 2020 at the urging of his family, and if not for their concerns, he would go for it.

Daniels has said she had an affair with President Donald Trump in 2006, a claim Trump denies.

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Lyft aims to beat Uber to US stock market with IPO

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

Lyft still hasn't caught up to Uber in the rapidly growing ride-hailing market, but it's ahead in the race to sell its stock on the public market where the two companies could potentially raise billions to help finance their expansion.

The San Francisco company has taken the first step toward listing its shares on the U.S. stock market by filing confidential documents for an initial public offering. The filing, announced by Lyft Thursday, is expected to become publicly available early next year, a few weeks before Lyft's investment banks price the shares after gauging investor demand.

Both the IPO price and the number of shares that will be sold will be revealed leading up to Lyft's stock market debut.

Lyft's IPO is expected to generate intense interest while helping to set the stage for Uber to go public. Uber has already disclosed it will go public next year, but hasn't indicated when.

The two IPOs will give investors their first chance to buy stakes in the ride-hailing phenomenon that has transformed the way people get around, particularly in big cities.

The trend has already turned Lyft and Uber into prized investments even though the two have yet to prove they can make money. They have created vast networks

of people using their own cars to give rides to passengers who summon them on smartphone apps. While the companies take in commissions from the ride fares, their spending has so far outpaced that revenue.

Lyft was valued at \$15 billion after raising money from investors in the private markets, a figure that it probably will seek to increase in its IPO. Uber was recently valued at \$76 billion, but may sell its shares at a price that would give it a \$120 billion valuation in its IPO, according to a recent media report.

Getting a head start with its IPO will allow give Lyft a "first-mover advantage" over Uber and help steer investor expectations about the growth and moneymaking potential of ride-hailing services, said Rohit Kulkarni, managing director of SharesPost, which focuses on privately held companies going public.

Although Lyft still ranks a distant second, it has been gaining market share during the past two years as Uber faced a backlash following revelations of rampant sexual harassment within its ranks, a cover-up of a major computer break-in, allegations of high-tech thievery and a fatal collision involving one of its robotic cars.

The IPO is likely to generate a buzz that could attract more attention to Lyft, and make more people aware that it's a viable alternative to Uber.

HOUSING

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at least 30 consecutive days, but who otherwise intend their occupancy to be temporary or maintain or obtain a permanent place of residence elsewhere.

The condition was added in response to concerns from residents that Edward Thomas Hospitality Companies, which owns the property, would rent out the apartments as short-term corporate housing.

Multiple commissioners said they think the changes the developer and architect made to the building after hearing feedback from residents improved its design and helped integrate it into the character of the neighborhood.

"Adversarial processes aren't necessarily unhealthy and this has led to a better project, even if it doesn't completely fit what either party would like," said Commissioner Shawn Landres. "It was (residents') pushback that made this a better project, and I want to commend applicant for being as responsive as you have been."

Several residents, including some who spoke in opposition to the project on Oct. 3, also said they were satisfied with the changes made to the project's design, particularly the new landscaping along the street.

"Our concerns about the line of sight from the street were addressed," said Cynthia Rose. "I'm in support of the project. I think it's beautiful and activates the street."

Rose added that she feels the project includes too much parking for cars, and not enough for bicycles or shared mobility vehicles. Other residents, however, still have larger concerns.

Sally Reinman, who has been a vocal opponent of the development, said she might appeal the Commission's approval to City Council.

She proposed making some units smaller to reduce the height or the building, which the Commission rejected on the basis that it would be difficult to find and retain tenants to fill small units. But the smaller unit sizes she proposed were the same size as about 1/3 of the building's units, she said, a point she believes Commissioners overlooked while considering the alternate proposal she put forth Wednesday.

"We put forward that proposal not to say they had to buy it, but to say it is possible to provide housing and also to protect the neighborhood," Reinman said.

The Architectural Review Board will be the next body to consider the project.

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Disputed House race puts spotlight on 'ballot harvesting'

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Associated Press

An investigation into whether political operatives in North Carolina illegally collected and possibly stole absentee ballots in a still-undecided congressional race has drawn attention to a widespread but little-known political tool called ballot harvesting.

It's a practice long used by special-interest groups and both major political parties that is viewed either as a voter service that boosts turnout or a nefarious activity that subjects voters to intimidation and makes elections vulnerable to fraud.

The groups rely on data showing which voters requested absentee ballots but have not turned them in. They then go door-to-door and offer to collect and turn in those ballots for the voters — often dozens or hundreds at a time. Some place ballot-collection boxes in high-concentration voter areas, such as college campuses, and take the ballots to election offices when the boxes are full.

In North Carolina, election officials are investigating whether Republican political operatives in parts of the 9th Congressional District harvested ballots from minority voters and didn't deliver them to the election offices. In some cases they are accused of harvesting ballots that were not sealed and only partially filled out. Ballot harvesting is illegal under state law, which allows only a family member or legal guardian to drop off absentee ballots for a voter.

Investigators are focusing on areas in the district where an unusually high number of absentee ballots were not returned. They want to know whether some ballots were not turned in as promised to the local elections office, were unsealed or only partially filled out.

Republican Mark Harris leads Democrat Dan McCready by 905 votes, but the state elections board has refused to certify the results. The head of the state Republican Party said Thursday that he would be open to holding a new election if there is evidence of fraud.

Supporters of ballot harvesting say they worry the North Carolina election may give an important campaign tool an unnecessary black eye. These groups see their mission as helping voters who are busy with work or caring for children, and empowering those who are sick, elderly and poor. Collecting ballots to turn in at a centralized voting hub also has been an important tool for decades on expansive and remote Native American reservations.

"Sometimes we think of voting as this really straightforward process and we often forget that all voters, but for new voters in particular, there's a lot of confusion when voting about when they actually have to vote by, where they have to take their ballot to," said Rachel Huff-Doria, executive director of the voter advocacy group Forward Montana.

Several states have tried to limit ballot harvesting by restricting who can turn in another person's ballot. In Arizona, a video that showed a volunteer dropping off hundreds of ballots at a polling place prompted a debate that led to an anti-ballot harvesting law in 2016.

"I think at any level, Republican, Democrat or anything, it's wrong. It's a terrible practice," said former Arizona Republican Party chairman Robert Graham, who backed the law. "People should be responsible for their own votes."

The Arizona law making it a felony in most cases to collect an early ballot was challenged in federal court before the 2016 election, and blocked by an appeals court. The U.S. Supreme Court stepped in and

allowed the law to be enforced.

Further challenges have so far been unsuccessful, most recently just before the midterm election.

Montana was the latest state to pass an anti-ballot harvesting law when voters approved a referendum last month. Al Olszewski, a Republican state senator, said he proposed the ban after two of his constituents in northwestern Montana complained of pushy ballot collectors coming to their homes.

"For a woman in her 70s that's maybe frail and lives alone and feels intimidated, at least now they can say please leave" and have confidence that the law is behind them, he said.

Voting-rights advocates are dismayed that such laws are being passed without evidence of actual ballot fraud happening, at least before questions were raised about the activities in the North Carolina congressional race. They say restricting who can collect ballots punishes certain voters without doing anything to actually detect, deter or punish fraud.

"If you have an honest person who is trying to help voters, then who they are doesn't matter as long as they return (the ballot)," said Myrna Perez, the deputy director of the Brennan Center for Justice's democracy program.

California went in the opposite direction when it passed a law in 2016 to allow ballot harvesting.

Republicans felt the new law's effects during this year's midterm elections after congressional districts that GOP candidates were leading on Election Day flipped to the Democrats when a flood of provisional ballots were counted.

The rout included several seats that had been held by Republicans in the former GOP stronghold of Orange County. And in the agriculture-dominant Central Valley, Republican incumbents Jeff Denham and David Valadao saw their leads disappear after a tally of late-arriving ballots.

Valadao, for example, had an initial lead of more than 7 percentage points, but Democrat T.J. Cox pulled ahead after winning 56 percent of the votes counted after Election Day.

Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan described California's election system as "bizarre" in an interview with The Washington Post.

California's situation underscored that ballot harvesting is an important tool for political parties. Orange County Republican Party Chairman Fred Whitaker wrote in a newsletter last month that Republicans must "develop a response to this new law that allows us to remain competitive."

Even Olszewski, the sponsor of Montana's anti-ballot harvesting measure, acknowledges that laws such as his are unlikely to eliminate ballot harvesting completely. Such "micro-targeting" of voters when used with technology to identify individuals' political leanings has become too important and effective in get-out-the-vote efforts, he said.

"I think the Democrats, they're the ones that figured it out and were far more successful in '18, in this election, than the Republicans ever were," he said. "The Republicans, what I'm hearing right now early on is, holy cow, we need to learn how to do this as good or better than the Democrats at harvesting ballots. We have the data."

Associated Press writers Michael R. Blood in Los Angeles and Bob Christie in Phoenix contributed to this report.

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STORM

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Valley. The shutdown along the key north-south route was expected to cause backups for miles, transportation officials warned.

Motorists were urged to use caution on mountain passes, where up to 6 feet (1.8 meters) of snow was predicted at higher elevations.

Closer to sea level, the system dumped rain that flooded highways and caused nightmare traffic conditions for commuters. A portion of southbound State Route 170 in Los Angeles was shut down after mud flowed onto the roadway.

Rocks and debris flowed through a Malibu canyon community that saw homes burned in November and mudslides during

thunderstorms last week. City officials reported no injuries and no major property damage. No evacuation orders were issued.

The National Weather Service extended flood warnings and advisories into late morning as the storm intensified, dropping up to 1/3 of an inch (.85 centimeters) of rain in a half-hour in some areas. Meteorologist Keily Delerme said shifting winds allowed more rain to fall.

"We're seeing some pretty strong showers coming in from offshore, especially compared to Wednesday," Delerme said.

Voluntary evacuations were in place Trabuco Canyon in the Santa Ana Mountains south of Los Angeles, where a wildfire burned earlier this year.

The system was expected to linger for much of the day before dissipating early Friday.

CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON NOVEMBER 29, AT ABOUT 1 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service regarding a disturbance at the Loews Hotel - 1700 Ocean Avenue. As officers arrived, a male subject was being detained by hotel security. Officers determined guests of the hotel were in their room asleep. One of the guest awoke to use the restroom. As the guest entered the restroom, he saw a male subject in the restroom. A struggle ensued and the victim was able to grab a hold of the subject until hotel security arrived. The subject was detained for police arrival. Carlos Omar Burgos, 24, homeless, was arrested for burglary and providing false identification. Bail was set at \$20,000.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 23 Calls For Service On Dec. 5.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

- Emergency 1500 block 5th 12:54 a.m.
- Carbon monoxide alarm 2200 block Navy 1:05 a.m.
- Odor natural gas 1900 block 22nd 2:09 a.m.
- Emergency 1100 block 7th 4:19 a.m.
- Emergency 1400 block 11th 6:37 a.m.
- Emergency 1900 block 22nd 8:38 a.m.
- Automatic alarm 1100 block 9th 8:56 a.m.
- Emergency 3300 block Exposition 9:57 a.m.
- Emergency 1700 block Pearl 11:37 a.m.
- Emergency 1900 block Pico 11:46 a.m.
- Emergency 20th / Wilshire 1:57 p.m.
- Emergency 300 block Marine 3:09 p.m.
- Emergency 2000 block Ocean 6:03 p.m.
- Carbon monoxide alarm 800 block 3rd 7:05 p.m.
- Emergency 2400 block Wilshire 7:06 p.m.
- Emergency Barnard / Ocean Park 7:07 p.m.
- Emergency 1400 block 26th 7:24 p.m.
- Automatic alarm 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 7:34 p.m.
- Emergency 1600 block Arizona 7:57 p.m.
- Emergency 1300 block Euclid 8:33 p.m.
- Emergency 1900 block Pico 9:01 p.m.
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.3°

FRIDAY - FAIR - SURF: 2-3 ft waist to stomach high
Mid-period WNW swell fades. New long-period WNW swell on the rise for focal points.

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SMFF

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do you do when you have people that have mental health issues living in your neighborhood,” she said. “I hope people walk away with a different perspective, understanding that mentally ill people are not bad people. What, as humans, can we do to figure out how to engage and handle these situations?”

From a claustrophobic neighborhood thrill to the wide open west, “Once Upon a Woman” looks to bring an old-school flavor to SMFF.

“It’s revisionist and a throwback,” director Wayne Hodges said. “Westerns are to movies as jazz is to music. It’s a genre that takes it’s time. This one feels like a throwback to early Clint when he was doing the spaghetti westerns, a nod to yesteryear.”

The 43-year old former-Marine-turned-Lee-Strasburg-Student / Staff-Member-Turned-Bouncer-Turned-Director’s film is described in it’s synopsis as a Western set after the Civil War.

Hodges says familiar genre trappings such as Cowboys and Indians will be included and will dive into personal struggles of the two, all while framed against the approach of life-altering industrialization and the railroad ... and doom.

Rounding out the student’s films is the topical documentary “Undocumented.”

The film is well-regarded already, having been an official selection at the 38th International Festival of Film Schools in Munich and a cadre of other film festivals as well as winning awards for Best Director at the Silicon Beach Film Festival, winning Best Audio Visual Film at the Los Angeles CineFest, and becoming a semi-finalist at the Hollywood International Independent Documentary Awards.

Directed by Bishal Dutta and co-produced by Lindsay Eberts, Oscar Huezo, and Dennis Sandoval, Eberts says the documentary focuses on a Dreamer figuring out a way to live his American Dream.

“It’s a great starting point for human immigration policy,” Eberts said. “A lot of people are talking about immigration like it’s a black and white issue and we would love to use this film as a jumping off point for a more nuanced discussion.”

Eberts helped edit the documentary as well as of now, trying to find it a home after festivals.

Formerly in holistic medicine, the 39-year old Eberts changed her life to focus on film after stints in London, Canada and France. She says she did so to focus on what matters most in her life, creativity, following in the footsteps of her father, Dances with Wolves producer the late Jake Eberts.

“I felt I could go to school and learn from what he did and learn, get my feet back from under me,” she said. “My first day of class at SMC was an epiphany.”

SMC and changing careers — and arguably, their lives — is the common thread tying these up-and-coming, age-is-just-a-number film mavericks together.

“I’ve always wanted to write and direct but never admitted to myself or knew there was a place for me as a brown female in this industry,” Mayo said. “Never saw myself in that role. But Sal (Carrasco) made me think it was possible.”

“It’s the best collaborative experience in film I’ve ever had. They let artists be artists and at the same time, there was always a respect there,” Hodges said.

“The program is so diverse,” Eberts said. “Age, race, religion, it’s unbelievable. You’ve got underserved populations who are able to come to SMC, tell their stories and get them made. It’s unlike any other film program out there.”

The Santa Monica Film Festival takes place at the Laemmle Monica Film Center, 1332 2nd Street in downtown Santa Monica 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Ticket information and access codes are available on the festival’s website, www.smff.org/tickets while supplies last. Q and A sessions will follow each block of screenings.

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CITY OF Santa Monica
Ordinance Numbers 2593-2594 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinances 2593 (CCS) and 2594 (CCS), prepared by the Office of the City Attorney.

Ordinance Number 2593 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”)
Ordinance Number 2593 amends the terms and conditions of the taxicab franchise granted to TMAT Corporation, doing business as Taxi! Taxi! The current term of Taxi! Taxi!’s franchise expires on December 31, 2018. This ordinance extends the term of Taxi! Taxi!’s franchise for an additional five years, until December 31, 2023. Additionally, the ordinance removes fleet size provisions, updates vehicle inspection and driver training requirements consistent with State law, modifies the applicable monetary penalties that may be imposed for violations, and makes other minor changes to operational requirements. The ordinance was adopted on November 27, 2018, and will become effective 30 days after adoption.

Ordinance Number 2594 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”)
The Ordinance is an urgency Interim Zoning Ordinance that creates use classifications for Restaurant, Fast Food and Restaurant, Limited-Service and Take-Out for the BC (Third Street Promenade) District and prohibits Restaurant, Fast Food in establishments with frontage on the Third Street Promenade. The Ordinance applies to applications filed on or after November 28, 2018. Ordinance Number 2594 (CCS) was adopted on November 27, 2018, and became effective immediately upon its adoption. The ordinance will expire on January 11, 2019, unless extended by the City Council in accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.46.090(C) and Government Code Section 65858.

The full text of the ordinances is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.

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 2nd: 01 Gold Rush
 3rd: 05 California Classic
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1. a library or reading room.
2. an institution for the promotion of literary or scientific learning.
3. [initial capital letter] a sanctuary of Athena at Athens, built by the Roman emperor Hadrian, and frequented by poets and scholars.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Doc Talk

■ **DOE:** A medical abbreviation for dyspnea on exertion, dyspnea meaning shortness of breath. It can be a symptom of a wide variety of conditions or ailments, including asthma, pneumonia, heart disease or panic disorder.

Phobia of the Week

■ **Automatonophobia:** Fear of ventriloquist dummies or wax statues

Life in Big Macs

■ One hour of punching a boxing bag burns 408 calories (based on a 150-pound person), the equivalent of 0.6 Big Macs.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

FIRST-WORD ADVICE by Mark McClain
 Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

- 1 Unkind words
- 6 Spanish version of Ralph
- 10 Certain flame holder
- 14 Release from a band
- 15 Concession ender
- 16 Verse's "in no time"
- 17 Port near Nazareth
- 18 "I haven't a clue!"
- 20 Far from sturdy
- 22 Visionary project
- 23 Exercise attire
- 27 Mythical gold-finger
- 28 0-and-something
- 29 Strong affirmation
- 31 Choral group
- 32 Machete cousin
- 33 Grease-trap stuff
- 37 *Jamaïque*, for one
- 38 Capitol's place
- 42 Londoner's lav
- 43 DEA agent
- 45 Sch. founded by Jefferson
- 46 In first
- 48 Pub garnish
- 50 Measure of heat
- 52 "Finally . . ."
- 55 Idle chatter
- 57 Seven-time Stallone role
- 59 Meat garnish
- 60 Dunk in basketball
- 62 Verses
- 66 Infinitive form of *suis*
- 67 Homogeneous
- 68 Extra effort
- 69 11 Wall St. institution

DOWN

- 1 Cynic's retort
- 2 Just like
- 3 MLB stat
- 4 Beef source
- 5 Maximally stylish
- 6 Circle stat
- 7 Garlicky sauce
- 8 Mess-hall vessel
- 9 "I think we should"
- 10 Household chore
- 11 Ready for stamping
- 12 M's keyboard neighbor
- 13 Where a lap ends

- 19 Utmost height
- 21 Beast of burden
- 23 Young suitor
- 24 Name on the cover of *O Pioneers!*
- 25 Hospitable interjection
- 26 Street-corner shout
- 30 Voice of Daffy and Porky
- 32 Insightful interjection
- 34 It means "beyond"
- 35 Salad dressing restriction
- 36 Ruble fraction
- 39 Use kazoos
- 40 *Diary* (Twain Biblical tale)
- 41 Stick-y candy

- 44 Dues
- 47 Rather inappropriate
- 49 "___ several minds about it"
- 50 One of a dolly foursome
- 51 Sight from Turin
- 52 Strindberg contemporary
- 53 Stylish
- 54 Unkind words
- 56 Language related to Hawaiian
- 58 Pharaohs' sacred symbols
- 61 Humble house
- 63 70-pound bird
- 64 Base enforcers
- 65 Restraining order

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 7)

You've wanted to give your complete trust to someone who knows you inside and out and loves every bit of you. That is part of the package this year because you're willing to do the work to reciprocate. Other highlights include a formal educational experience, a mysterious message and an inheritance. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 28, 1, 16 and 36.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

There was a time when even your very favorite people were complete strangers to you. Actually, this is such a time as well. You'll soon meet someone who will be very important to your future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

What unfolds will confirm it for you; there's room in your head for many different kinds of ideas and affinities, beliefs and preferences, systems and skills. You can trust in all that's been established and still learn more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You know that you own a lot more than you care to think about. That's why you need to, every once in a while, physically lay your hands on what you own. It helps you remember and keeps you from buying things you don't need.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

The best way to keep yourself motivated is to choose a task you know you can successfully finish over the course of this day. A win such as this will keep you sailing far into next week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

When you're around people who appreciate you and see you for who you are, you don't have to actively seek reasons to feel good about yourself. But you're not always around such people. So do what you can to support yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Peace within brings peace without. But how do you find peace for something you're not OK with? It's a little like reconciling the books. Look inside, figure out what's not adding up, and do what you can to make it work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

There are many factors to consider before you embark on an endeavor, but your age should not be one of them. You will be the same age whether you do it or not. Take a risk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You're a person who must walk your talk. It's one of the basic rules you have for yourself. Today, as you walk your talk, you may wonder why you talked so much! It's tricky now, but you're better off for the ambition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Seek delight. Because if you know how to move yourself from one state to a higher one, you know how to lift others, too. And one of the best things you can do for the world today is raise the mood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Dreams of hope aren't just for the exiled and obviously oppressed. Everyone needs the power of hope. But the better off a person is, the more specific that hope must be to maintain a charge. So what's your hope?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Books can be wonderful friends. They can be counted on for constancy, are completely non-judgmental, and usually bring forth a deeper and brighter mindset than you'd run across on a typical day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Start a project. It doesn't have to be a big, important deal. Anything halfway interesting to you will do; it's just something to help you through a transition, out of your head and onto a new way of thinking about life.

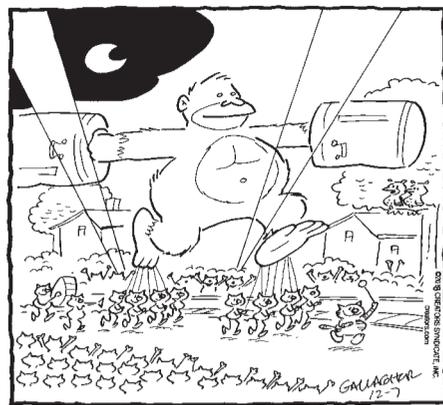
New Moon Plus Mars and Neptune Conjunction

Between the new moon in Sagittarius and the conjunction of Mars and Neptune in Pisces, there's a dream of other worlds hovering on the horizon – worlds with different rules, worlds built for specifically with people like us in mind, worlds where we can finally be fully ourselves. And though, alas, it's but a dream, so was this world at one time.

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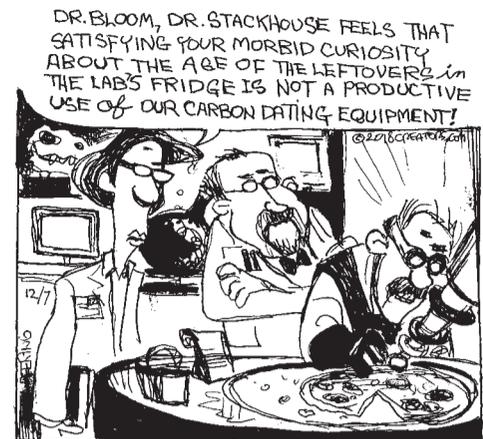
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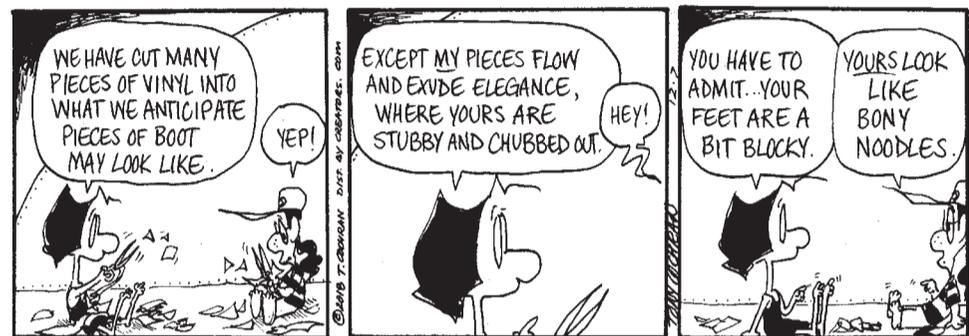
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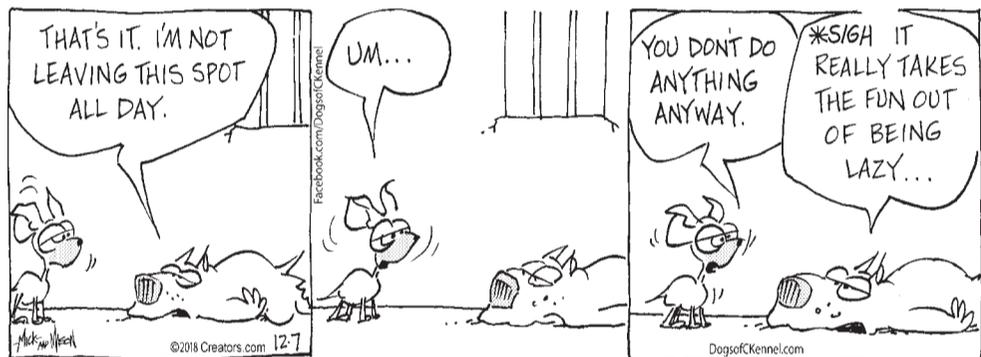
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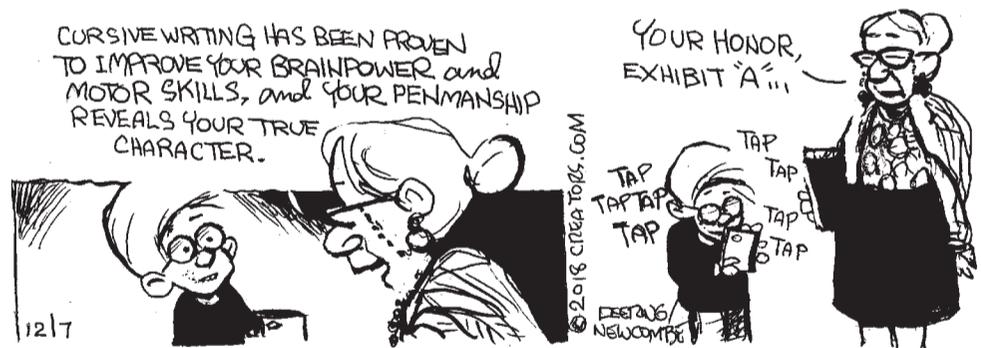
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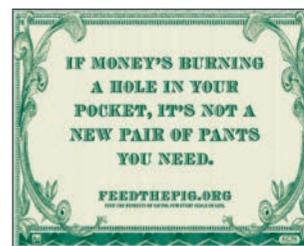
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Dick Cheney biopic 'Vice' tops Golden Globes nominations

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

Adam McKay's Dick Cheney biopic "Vice" staged an awards-season coup Thursday, landing a leading six nominations from the 76th annual Golden Globe Awards to narrowly edge more expected favorites like Bradley Cooper's tear-jerking revival "A Star Is Born," the interracial road-trip drama "Green Book" and the period romp "The Favourite."

"Vice" topped all contenders in the nominations that were announced at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California, including best picture, comedy and best actor nominations for Christian Bale's nearly unrecognizable performance as the former vice president. It also earned nominations for Amy Adams' Lynne Cheney, Sam Rockwell's George W. Bush and for the screenplay and direction by McKay, the veteran comedy filmmaker who once skewered politicians as a "Saturday Night Live" writer.

For even the often-quirky selections of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, a collection of 88 mostly lesser-known freelance film journalists, the strong support for "Vice" (which arrives in theaters on Dec. 25) was a surprise. Even its categorization of the film — a highly critical portrait of Cheney as a power-hungry, behind-the-scenes tyrant — as a comedy raised some eyebrows, as did Globes recent comedy selections "Get Out" and "The Martian."

"It's a movie that's a lot like the times we live in. There's part of it that's absurdist and comedic and then there's another part of it that's darkly tragic and dramatic," McKay said Thursday by phone from London. "But I do know I'm glad we're in that category because we will take 'Mary Poppins' out. I'm not competitive with the other movies but I am competitive with 'Mary Poppins.' Dick Cheney is going for her."

But it was far from a runaway win for "Vice" since the press association typically spreads its awards around. Oscar front-runners "A Star Is Born," "Green Book" and "The Favourite" trailed close behind with five nominations each.

On the television side, awards were even more widely dispersed among the likes of the spy thriller "The Americans," Bill Hader's hitman comedy "Barry," the Julia Roberts-led conspiracy thriller "Homecoming," Chuck Lorre's acting coach series "The Kominsky Method" and last year's champ, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel." Leading all small-screen nominees with four nods was "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story," the FX anthology series about the Italian fashion designer's murder.

For the first time, FX bested heavyweights

like HBO, Netflix and Amazon with a network-best 10 nods, even though the exalted second season of its "Atlanta" received only a single nod for Donald Glover's acting.

Curiously, the Hollywood Foreign Press doesn't consider foreign-language films for best film, so Alfonso Cuarón's acclaimed family drama "Roma" was left out of the Globes' top category. "Roma," which is expected to earn Netflix its first best picture nomination at the Oscars, was still nominated for best screenplay, best director and best foreign language film.

For the first time, the Globes nominated three films directed by African-American filmmakers for best picture, drama: Ryan Coogler's superhero sensation "Black Panther," Spike Lee's urgent white nationalist drama "BlacKkKlansman" and Barry Jenkins' lyrical James Baldwin adaptation "If Beale Street Could Talk." The other nominees are "A Star Is Born" and "Bohemian Rhapsody," the Freddie Mercury biopic.

All earned nods in other categories, too, including Rami Malek's prosthetic tooth-aided performance as Mercury and the leading turn by John David Washington in "BlacKkKlansman," who said his father, Denzel, woke him up for the nominations announcement.

"I had flashbacks when I was watching the (NFL) draft when they never called my name," said Washington, a former football player. "When I heard them say my name, it happened in slow motion."

While Sam Elliott's supporting performance in "A Star Is Born" was unexpectedly overlooked, the Warner Bros. hit (which elected to compete on the more hefty drama side of the Globes despite its many songs) earned the expected nods for Lady Gaga, Bradley Cooper (as both actor and director) and the song "Shallow."

Up for best picture comedy alongside "Vice" are Yorgos Lanthimos' wild palace power struggle "The Favourite," Peter Farrelly's divisive crowd-pleaser "Green Book," the upcoming Disney sequel "Mary Poppins Returns" and the rom-com hit "Crazy Rich Asians."

The Oscar path for both "Green Book" and "The Favourite" appeared to be solidified, with nods for all of their leads, some of whom are running in supporting categories: Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali for "Green Book" and Olivia Colman, Rachel Weisz and Emma Stone for "The Favourite."

While some critics have taken issue with "Green Book" for relying on outdated racial tropes, the uplifting drama's once flagging Oscar campaign has lately received a boost with both better ticket sales and accruing awards-season accolades. Farrelly,

best known for broader comedies with his brother, Bobby, like "Dumb and Dumber," also received a best-director nod for his first dramatic film, edging out filmmakers like Lanthimos and Jenkins.

Nominees such as Constance Wu ("Crazy Rich Asians"), Regina King ("Beale Street"), Lin-Manuel Miranda ("Mary Poppins Returns"), Ali and Washington insured a diverse field of nominees. Three decades after last being included in the category for "Do the Right Thing," Spike Lee was nominated for directing "BlacKkKlansman." "The first word that came to mind was 'BOOM SHAKALAKA,'" Lee said in a statement.

But the Globes also failed to nominate any of the year's acclaimed female filmmakers (among them Chloe Zhao, Tamara Jenkins, Marielle Heller) for best director, and none of the 10 best-picture nominees were helmed by a woman. At the previous Globes, presenter Natalie Portman pointedly introduced the "all-male" directing nominees.

Damien Chazelle's Neil Armstrong biopic "First Man," which has seen its awards hopes wane in recent weeks, failed to lift off, scoring neither a best-film nod, nor one for Ryan Gosling's leading performance. (It did land nominations for Claire Foy and its score.) The morning was worse for Steve McQueen's heist thriller "Widows," which was shut out entirely.

Also left out was Ethan Hawke's performance as an anguished pastor in "First Reformed" and Pawel Pawlikowski's Polish stunner "Cold War," his follow-up to the Oscar-winning "Ida." (The nominees for best foreign language film alongside "Roma" were "Capernaum," "Girl," "Never Look Away" and "Shoplifters.") Some of the TV snubs — "Atlanta," "This Is Us," "Better Call Saul" — were even more surprising.

But the Globes also handed out nominations to some up-and-comers, including Lucas Hedges ("Boy Erased"), Timothee Chalamet ("Beautiful Boy") and Elsie Fisher, the 15-year-old star of the coming-of-age tale "Eighth Grade." "WHAT," said Fisher on Twitter. When reached by phone Thursday morning and told she was trending, Fisher — whose character is a little-liked YouTuber — replied "Hell yeah!"

The press association honored one old favorite: Robert Redford, who received his 10th Globe nomination for what he has said may (or may not) be his final acting performance in "The Old Man & the Gun." Redford was given the group's Cecil B. DeMille achievement award in 1994.

Glenn Close likewise notched her 14th Globe nomination for her leading performance as a celebrated author in "The Wife." Reached Thursday morning,

Close said her voice was "gone" after two performances of the off-Broadway play "Mother of the Maid" the day before. But she hoped to celebrate.

"Maybe today it'll be tequila," said Close before thinking better of it. "I have a show tonight. And I'll probably have to go back to sleep at some point today."

In film and television, the nominations guaranteed the Globes will boast what it most craves for its famously frothy broadcast: stars. Among them: Julia Roberts ("Homecoming"), Amy Adams ("Sharp Objects"), Nicole Kidman ("Destroyer"), Hugh Grant ("A Very English Scandal"), Melissa McCarthy ("Can You Ever Forgive Me?"), Benedict Cumberbatch ("Patrick Melrose"), Emily Blunt ("Mary Poppins Returns"), Jim Carrey ("Kidding") and Charlize Theron ("Tully").

Though the major studios like Disney ("Black Panther," "Mary Poppins Returns," "Incredibles 2"), Warner Bros. ("A Star Is Born") and Universal ("Green Book," "First Man") are more in the thick of this year's awards season than usual, indie outfits carried the day. Annapurna Pictures ("Vice," "Beale Street") and Fox Searchlight ("The Favourite," "Can You Ever Forgive Me?") led with 10 nods apiece — especially welcome news for billionaire heiress Megan Ellison's Annapurna, which struggled through upheaval and reported financial woes this fall.

Still, Disney could claim a kind of supremacy. Its soon-to-be-finalized acquisition of Fox would make its movie nominations tally 21 — a number that climbs higher still when you throw in Fox's FX. The nod for its "Black Panther" also marked Marvel Studios' first best-picture nomination at the Globes, a feat it's hoping to repeat at the Academy Awards.

The ratings for last January's broadcast, hosted by Seth Meyers and graced with an impassioned speech by Oprah Winfrey, dipped 5 percent with approximately 19 million viewers. As the first major awards show following the Harvey Weinstein revelations, the usually more frivolous ceremony had an atypical edge of seriousness. In a demonstration organized by the then-just-founded Time's Up, women wore black on the red carpet.

Whether this year will return the Globes to their more lighthearted celebrations will rest partly with its unexpected pairing of Andy Samberg and "Killing Eve" star Sandra Oh, who's also a nominee for best actress in a TV series drama. They were announced Wednesday as hosts of the Jan. 6 ceremony, to be broadcast live on NBC.

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