

Maintenance money allocated for Kahle Community Center

Douglas County commissioners on March 1 approved \$407,000 to spent at Kahle Community Center for maintenance issues.

Scott Morgan, parks and recreation director, told *Lake Tahoe News* 90 percent of the expense is for the roof, the rest is for carpet.

Shaheen Beauchamp Builders is expected to begin work next week inside the Stateline facility.

“We’ve experienced some leaks. The dormers are over 20 years old and are causing problems,” Morgan said.

The membrane of the roof, which will be replaced, is 11 years old. It had a life expectancy of 10 years.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*

Snowboarder dies at Squaw Valley

By Benjamin Spillman, Reno Gazette-Journal

Searchers on Friday found the body of a missing snowboarder at Squaw Valley.

Officials from Squaw Valley said searchers from Placer County Sheriff’s Office, Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue, and Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows found the body of the 42-year-old man at 10:10am March 2.

Read the whole story

EDC dementia workshop postponed 1 week

Due to this weekend's expected stormy weather the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency is postponing the free community workshop about dementia.

The workshop entitled Diagnosis Dementia – Now What? was originally scheduled for March 3. It is now set for March 10 from 9am-2:30pm at the Placerville Senior Day Care, 935A Spring St. in Placerville.

Participants should arrive at 8:30am for sign-in.

The educational workshop is designed for family members and caregivers of those with dementia. The workshop will help equip loved ones and caregivers as they face the challenges of a dementia diagnosis, learn how the brain functions, what to do about new and difficult behaviors and the importance of taking care of oneself as a caregiver.

Class size is limited and registration is required; call 530.621.6180.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce is hosting a workshop for business owners and community members about tax preparation. This workshop will be facilitated by tax experts from H&R Block and M.U.N. CPAs. It will be March 21, noon-1:30pm at the chamber office in Stateline. Cost is \$10 for members, \$20 for others.
- The Douglas County Public Library is participating in the In-N-Out Burger Cover to Cover Club reading program from March 3-April 14. Children ages 4-12 are eligible to earn a certificate for a free cheeseburger or hamburger for every five books read. Each child may earn up to three certificates. Sign up for the program at the Minden or Zephyr Cove library to receive a reading log.
- Rubicon Pizza Company in Northstar Village recently gave \$15,000 to Truckee Bike Park project.
- Emmy-nominated comedian/actor and “Saturday Night Live” alum Rob Schneider will be at MontBleu in Stateline on March 10.
- Nevada’s law enforcement officers participating in the Joining Forces program will be working to keep the roads safe by watching for drivers exceeding the speed limit. This enforcement will take place from March 2-18.

Placerville teen wows stars

on 'The Voice'

By Benjy Egel, Sacramento Bee

Placerville resident Jaclyn Lovey is barely old enough to drive, but she's already wowing music legends and audiences in Season 14 of the hit NBC show "The Voice."

In her blind audition for "The Voice," which aired Tuesday, judges Blake Shelton and Alicia Keys hit buttons signifying they wanted Lovey on their teams a minute into her rendition of Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling In Love."

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3 feet of snow at resorts; schools closed in Tahoe



Snowcat drivers at Kirkwood are working to get the resort open. Photo/Provided

Updated 9:16am:

With more than a foot of snow being dumped at lake level overnight, it's a snow day for schools.

Closed on March 2 are: Lake Tahoe Unified School District, Douglas County School District, Lake Tahoe Community College, Incline Village Schools and Tahoe Truckee Unified School District.

UNR classes are going as scheduled.

Nevada state offices are closed. TRPA is closed.

Court is in session in El Dorado County.

For current road conditions, click on the state icons on the home page of *Lake Tahoe News*.

Highway 50 over Echo Summit on Friday morning was closed because a Caltrans plow went over an embankment. The driver suffered moderate injuries.

Truckee officers are reporting multiple accidents, with wait times for tow trucks increasing.

A winter storm warning remains in effect for the Tahoe basin through 10am March 2. Snow is in the forecast through Saturday. Expect to see the sun on Sunday.

South Lake Tahoe firefighters overnight responded to multiple locations with trees down at Paradise/Wildwood and Armstrong. Trees fell onto power lines and structures.

Ski resorts are having to dig out, plus wind continues to be factor. Check with the individual resorts before making the trek to know what is open. As of 7am March 2 the 24-hour storm totals are: 36 inches at Kirkwood, 22 inches at Sierra-at-Tahoe, and 32 inches at Squaw Valley.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*

Nave: It may be year of the women for Oscars

By Howie Nave

On the surface the timing couldn't be more perfect. When you look at the change, or movement if you will, that's been happening in the country on attitudes toward sexual harassment, more women being empowered and the treatment of minorities in the bigger cities it just seems more than just a coincidence that many of the major motion pictures in Oscar contention this year mirror what's been going on. However, when you factor in the time it takes to make a movie it's almost like the trends caught up just about the time the movies were having their premiere in theaters across the country (and the world). Add to that the beating Oscar took for it's "whiteout" with the bulk of most of the nominations eliminating movies of color in 2016 well, this year's 90th Academy Awards ceremony is trying to correct itself.

And Oscar isn't just nominating actors just because of color, but actors that really shined this past year. Some movies were made close to home such as Sacramento's Greta Gerwig who directed "Lady Bird" and actor turned director Jordan Peele climbed to the top in the dark comedy/horror flick "Get Out," which to me is the best, overt movie on the whole black/white debate where Peele not only sneaks in a covert (albeit satirical) message but turns out a very entertaining piece of work that stands on its own.

And, yes, I'm miffed that "Wonder Woman" wasn't recognized at this year's Academy Awards. Gee, what a shock. The movie was the No. 1 summer film of 2017, grossing \$412.5 million in the

States and making over \$822 million worldwide making its director, Patty Jenkins, the biggest opening ever for a female director. Oh, and who played the dynamic lead character in this flick? Israeli actress Gal Gadot!.Add to that the critics overall loved the movie, but an Oscar? I guess the members of the Academy were predominately Palestinian this past year. OK, no whining let's get to it.



“Three Billboards” may take home Best Picture on Sunday.

In the category for Best Picture the nominees are:

“The Shape of Water”

“Dunkirk”

“Darkest Hour”

“Get Out”

“Lady Bird”

“Phantom Thread”

"Call Me By Your Name"

"The Post"

"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

I believe this is a two way battle between the beautiful fantasy flick "The Shape of Water" and the powerful drama, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri." Sorry "Lady Bird" and "Dunkirk" (not to mention the gay romance, "Call Me by Your Name") not this time. Progressive and very original movies, sure and no way "Get Out" could get in on this running. I'm a huge fan of history and loved "Darkest Hour" but again, not to be. While "The Shape of Water" received an impressive 13 nominations, my money is on "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" just on the strength of the amazing Frances McDormand playing determined mother seeking justice for her murdered child.

•Winner for Best Picture: "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

Let's move on now to the category of Best Actor where the nominees are:

Daniel Day-Lewis, "Phantom Thread"

Timothée Chalamet, "Call Me By Your Name"

Gary Oldman, "Darkest Hour"

Daniel Kaluuya, "Get Out"

Denzel Washington, "Roman J. Israel, Esq."

OK, sorry Denzel. As good an actor as you are nobody saw your movie, so that's out. Coming in second for movies not seen: "Call Me By Your Name" (but gotta say this young man Chalamet was very moving). I think Daniel Day-Lewis is a brilliant actor but his announcement late last year that he was going to retire from acting was a nice way of planning in advance that "Phantom Thread" would win an Oscar for its leading man but nah, not gonna happen. Daniel Kaluuya was OK, but not outstanding. However, the movie he was in, "Get Out" was great. All of this leaves veteran actor Gary Oldman the guy to

get the prize. He was not only amazing as British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour" but his entire being was miraculously transformed into the man. Yes, I understand he's had some controversy in his past regarding an ex-spouse, but I'm going with Oldman the actor in the now and his performance was undeniably brilliant.

•Winner for Best Actor: Gary Oldman

Let's move on now to the category of Best Actress or where the nominees are:

Sally Hawkins, "The Shape of Water"

Margot Robbie, "I, Tonya"

Meryl Streep, "The Post"

Frances McDormand, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

Saoirse Ronan, "Lady Bird"

This is one of the toughest categories to choose from. Streep has been nominated an amazing 21 times and has taken home three Oscars, so don't rule her out. She gave a stellar performance as Katharine Graham, the publisher of the *Washington Post* during the 1971 publication of the Pentagon Papers. Sally Hawkins, who it seemed virtually came out of nowhere and gave an incredible performance playing a mute janitor in "The Shape of Water" could be the spoiler, but my money's on one of the best: Frances McDormand who played a determined, fiercely angry mom (and rightfully so) with pure, unbridled emotion who's had it with the bumbling small town cops doing nothing regarding the unsolved brutal death of her daughter who takes matters into her own hands. I'm getting chills just remembering her performance.

•Winner for Best Actress: Frances McDormand.



"The Shape of Water" has the opportunity to win multiple awards.

The nominees for Best Supporting Actor are:

Willem Dafoe, "The Florida Project"

Sam Rockwell, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

Woody Harrelson, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

Richard Jenkins, "The Shape of Water"

Christopher Plummer, "All the Money in the World"

Plummer should win just for coming in during the eleventh-hour to reshoot all the scenes that were originally shot with disgraced and fallen actor Kevin Spacey in the role that Plummer took over for. And the mere fact that two guys, Woody Harrelson and Sam Rockwell, were nominated from the movie, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" speaks volumes how good that film was. Many expect Sam Rockwell to take home the statue but man, if you haven't seen "The Florida Project" well all I can say is Willem Dafoe brought everything out in his soul for this movie and honestly, had Dafoe not been nominated (the only one for this movie) I don't think this movie would have remained on the screens for as long as it did. The movie stars a relatively bunch of unknowns with Dafoe playing the manager of a cheap Florida occupied mainly by homeless

families struggling to make ends meet. It's an over simplification, but trust me, well worth a looksy. So, my pick?

•Winner for Best Supporting Actor: Willem Dafoe

The nominees for Best Supporting Actress are:

Mary J. Blige, "Mudbound"

Lesley Manville, "Phantom Thread"

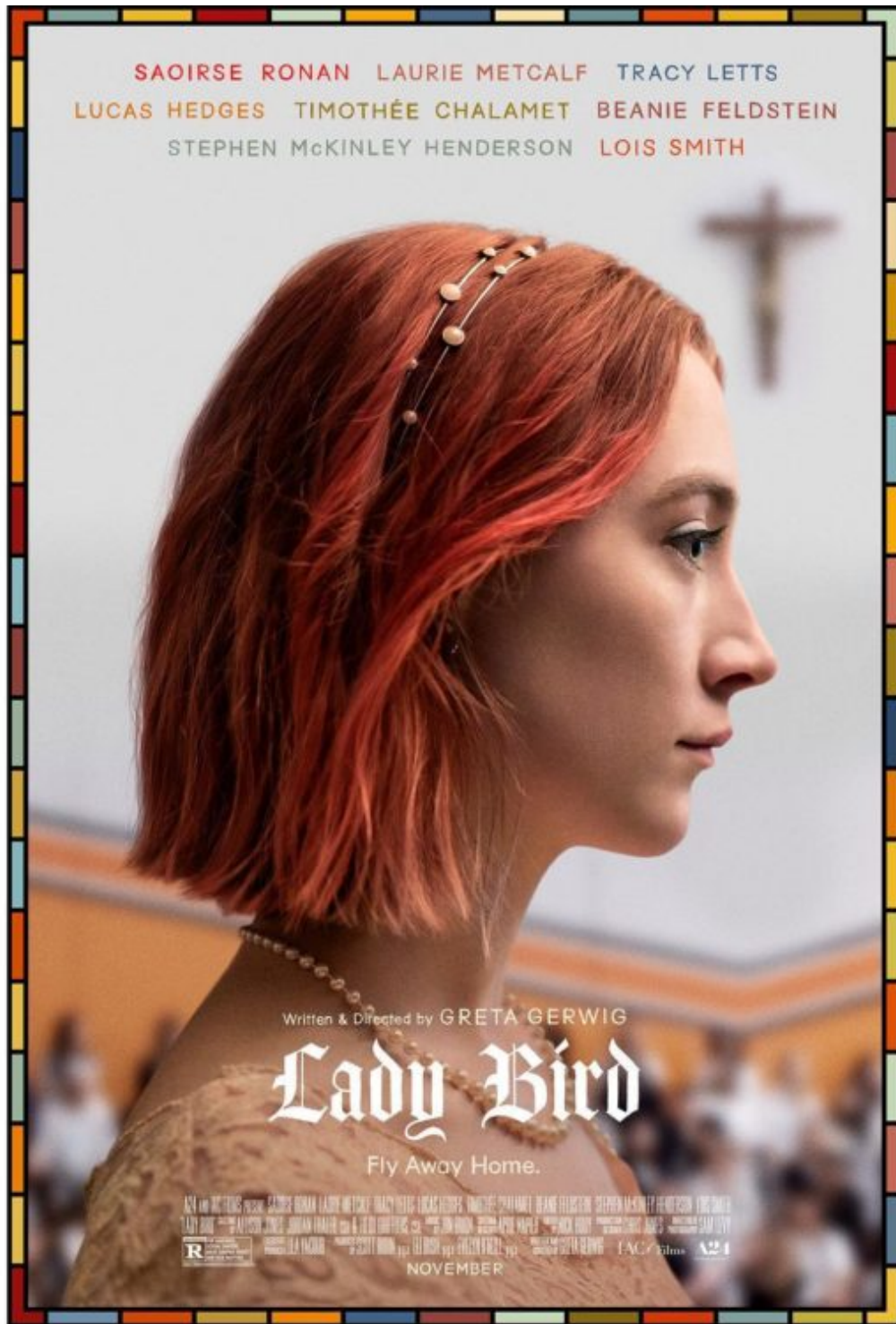
Laurie Metcalf, "Lady Bird"

Allison Janney, "I, Tonya"

Octavia Spencer, "The Shape of Water"

Wow, this category definitely belongs to the moms with an edge. I was literally blown away with not just singer Mary J. Blige's first dramatic role in "Mudbound," but she was unrecognizable playing it plain. I hope there are more movies in her talented future. In a movie shot close to home just down the mountain in Sacramento, Laurie Metcalf nails it in the very timely movie given today's environment, "Lady Bird" and she could bring it home but man, to see Allison Janney, who won a Golden Globe in the same category as disgraced ice skater Tonya Harding's mom is a game changer for Janney. And dare I say, whatever you felt (or didn't) about Tonya this flick could very well challenge your thought process on the topic. And don't rule out Octavia Spencer from "The Shape of Water." But my decision is final.

•The winner for Best Supporting Actress goes to Allison Janney.



The director of "Lady Bird" could join a handful of women to be named the best in her field.

The nominees for Best Director are:

Jordan Peele, "Get Out"

Paul Thomas Anderson, "Phantom Thread"

Guillermo del Toro, "The Shape of Water"

Greta Gerwig, "Lady Bird"

Christopher Nolan, "Dunkirk"

Although the consensus seems to be that both Guillermo del Toro and Christopher Nolan are long overdue this being the year of powerful women you have to go with Sacramento's Greta Gerwig for her magnificent "Lady Bird." Gerwig is just the fifth woman nominated in this category in the 90 years the Oscars have been in existence. She's also on the cover of the latest edition of *Time* magazine showcasing women's new emergence in Hollywood in a very male dominated field so c'mon Academy members, don't be a bunch of tools and give it to Gerwig. Oh, I do find it odd that considering that "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" garnered seven Oscar nominations (including Best Picture) there was nothing for its director, Martin McDonagh. Actor turned director Jordan Peele's "Get Out" rocked it, but I'm still going with Gerwig. I'll be voted out but I'm sticking to my guns.

•**The winner for Best Director is Greta Gerwig.**

The nominees for Best Original Screenplay are:

"Lady Bird"

"Get Out"

"The Shape of Water"

"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

"The Big Sick"

Because the average age of the Academy members is close to death and the majority are white guys it's a long shot that Jordan Peele's "Get Out" has a chance, but damn, that was one great satirical horror flick wasn't it? "Lady Bird" has a great shot at it too and Paul Thomas Anderson's screenplay for "Phantom Thread" is also good. But, I'm still going (with some trepidation not picking "Get Out") with "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" even though "The Shape of Water" was something Hollywood needs to do more of.

•The Winner for Best Original Screenplay goes to “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri”

The nominees for Best Adapted Screenplay are:

“Mudbound”

“Call Me By Your Name”

“The Disaster Artist”

“Molly’s Game”

“Logan”

OK, I’m still reeling from the shock of seeing an “X-Men” movie, “Logan” even being considered! Was that a typo? There’s hope! Seriously though this category is finally going to acknowledge “Call Me By Your Name” hands down. “Mudbound” maybe, but it’s on Netflix and some elitists at the Academy probably look down on their movies streaming online.

•The winner for Best Adapted Screenplay goes to “Call Me By Your Name”

The nominees for Best Cinematography are:

“Blade Runner 2049”

“Dunkirk”

“Darkest Hour”

“Mudbound”

“The Shape of Water”

Like “Logan” I was mildly surprised to see “Blade Runner 2049” make the cut. Being a student of history seeing “Darkest Hours” spend a lot of attention to detail I was also jazzed it too was nominated. Still, seeing a fantasy/fairytale movie that just took me to another place in the way of “The Shape of

Water” sealed it for me.

•The winner for Best Cinematography goes to “The Shape of Water”

The nominees for Best Animated Film are:

“Coco”

“The Boss Baby”

“The Breadwinner”

“Ferdinand”

“Loving Vincent”

If you knew the work that went into making “Loving Vincent” you’d probably want it to win. This animated feature bypasses the usual computer generated techniques instead going old school, painting it all by hand. In fact, it took 65,000 oil-painted frames to make the film! It’s a mind trip. However, at times the interest wanes some and when you watch an animated story that looks more familiar sure enough, your attention stays more focused. That said (and since I didn’t see the other three) I gotta go with Lee Unkrich and Darla K. Anderson’s “Coco” not just for this category but also for Best Original Song too.

•The winner for Best Animated Feature goes to “CoCo”

The nominees for Best Original Score are:

“Star Wars: The Last Jedi”

“Dunkirk”

“Phantom Thread”

“The Shape of Water”

“Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri”

Finally! I’m glad the latest “Star Wars” flick got a nod. Unfortunately, the Academy will shy away from a sci-fi flick

yet will go with a fantasy world (hey, “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” could skate that category) feature film in the way of “The Shape of Water” instead. You know who should snag this category? Yes, “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri” but sliding toward the water flick.

•The winner for Best Original Score goes to “The Shape of Water.”

Howie Nave is host/emcee/manager of The Improv at Harveys. You can hear him Monday-Friday 6 to 10am on KRLT FM-93.9. He has been reviewing movies for years. They may be heard on four other stations each week where he does “A Jew Doing a Movie Review,” and he occasionally writes reviews for Lake Tahoe News.

EDC works to curtail Tahoe residential traffic jams

By Kathryn Reed

Starting Sunday El Dorado County will be implementing a traffic diversion strategy with the goal of keeping non-residents on main streets as they head home instead of clogging the side roads.

About 70 people turned out for the Feb. 28 meeting in Meyers hosted by various officials from the county. Transportation, law enforcement and legal staff, along with Supervisor Sue Novasel were on hand to listen to concerns and explain what the future holds.

“We are trying to influence driving patterns,” Rafael

Martinez, El Dorado County transportation director, told *Lake Tahoe News*.

Barriers will be placed on Lake Tahoe Boulevard at Sawmill Road with signs on them directing people to turn so they end up back on Highway 50. This is to keep them out of the North Upper Truckee neighborhood.

People like to take the route through the neighborhood because it comes out west of the chain inspection and can be faster.

The problem, though, is those without chains or four-wheel drive are spinning out. Accidents are the norm. Add the increase in vehicles and at times it's like a parking lot with locals unable to get to where they need to go in a reasonable amount of time.

Martinez says the situation has gotten worse because more people are coming to the Tahoe basin and the advent of phone apps directing motorists around the highway congestion.

He said the county has tried to work with the app developers, but have gotten nowhere. Their stance is that it's a public road so the public has a right to use it.

The barricade/sign approach is considered a pilot program. The plastic looking devices that are actually made out of wood and metal will be erected starting March 4 at 9am, and will remain up for about 24 hours. They will be out every Sunday for the rest of the winter season, and then on the Monday of Memorial Day weekend.

Between feedback from residents and staff that regularly works those hours (like snowplow drivers), the county will assess if the barricades are working, if something needs to be tweaked or if the program is scrapped.

Summer also brings the unwanted congestion to residential areas, so if this works, the county could continue it. There

is also the possibility of trying something similar on Pioneer Trail because visitors are taking side streets there as well with often unpleasant outcomes for all involved.

Martinez said in other places he's worked this method of influencing traffic has reduced the problem by 60 percent.

There isn't anything to stop people from going around the barricade. This is good for locals needing to come and go. But it also means other drivers could do the same. Still, Martinez is confident this will improve the current situation.

Just closing roads is not an option because they are public streets.

Opinion: Get more kids on bicycles

By Eben Weiss, Outside

Recently, as part of a series of lessons about "community helpers," in which parents talk about their vocations, my son's preschool teacher asked me to come in and tell the kids what I do.

"What do you do, anyway?" she asked, looking me up and down.

"I write about bicycles," I replied. No doubt relieved that my job was far less sordid than my slovenly appearance might suggest, she penciled me in for an appearance between the doctors and librarians and other upstanding members of society.

Read the whole story

Pediatricians call for universal depression screening for teens

By Allison Aubrey, NPR

Only about 50 percent of adolescents with depression get diagnosed before reaching adulthood. And as many as 2 in 3 depressed teens don't get the care that could help them.

"It's a huge problem," says Rachel Zuckerbrot, a board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist and associate professor at Columbia University.

To address this divide, the American Academy of Pediatrics has issued updated guidelines this week that call for universal screening for depression.

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