

Golden Globes ready for their close-up

With new categories, voters, broadcast home, even a new trophy, Hollywood welcomes them back.

By JOSH ROTTENBERG AND STEPHEN BATTAGLIO

There are few things Hollywood loves more than an awards-season comeback narrative — think of Ke Huy Quan and Brendan Fraser at last year’s Oscars completing zero-to-hero career resurrections to cheers and tears.

Sunday’s Golden Globe Awards will offer a novel twist on this age-old story: This time, it’s the show itself that’s looking for a second chance.

Two years ago, the Globes — a buzzy precursor on the road to the Academy Awards — was mired in a potentially fatal public-relations crisis. After a 2021 Times investigation exposed a lack of diversity in the Hollywood Foreign Press Assn., which had long put on the awards, and raised concerns about its ethics and financial practices, Hollywood collectively shunned the Globes. Tom Cruise returned his trophies and NBC yanked the show off the air for a year. Many believed it was time to roll up the red carpet on what had been billed for decades as “Hollywood’s party of the year.”

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Denied a green card over tattoos

Civil rights attorney and husband sue U.S. after it rejected his visa bid in part over his body markings.

By ANDREA CASTILLO

WASHINGTON — Prominent Los Angeles civil rights attorney Sandra Muñoz spent her eighth Christmas countries apart from her husband, Luis Acensio Cordero, after the federal government denied him a visa, in part, over his tattoos.

The black ink images of La Virgen de Guadalupe, theater masks, a pair of dice and Ace playing cards were throwbacks to his high school days.

But to government officials conducting a body search, the tattoos showed he was an MS-13 gang member.

The couple sued, securing a victory in California’s 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, only to have that decision challenged by the Biden administration. Now the case is headed to the Supreme Court.

On Friday, justices are [See Green card, A6]



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ACTIVISTS, students and residents demonstrate as UC Berkeley officials and other authorities clear People’s Park on Thursday.

UC Berkeley makes midnight push to wall off legendary People’s Park

Officials hope containers keep protesters out as site is converted to housing

By HANNAH WILEY, JESSICA GARRISON AND JAMES RAINEY

BERKELEY — A massive contingent of law enforcement officers converged on People’s Park in the wee hours of Thursday morning, clearing the way for crews to wall off the storied green space near the UC Berkeley campus in preparation for construction of a much-contested student housing complex.

The university launched the extraordinary operation just after midnight, deploying construction crews to erect a 17-foot-high fortification by double-stacking heavy metal cargo containers around the entire park perimeter. UC police, aided by hundreds of officers from other agencies, met only mild resistance from several

dozen protesters who stood watch in the park much of the night, shouting “Long live People’s Park!” and “Fight back!”

Nicholas Alexander and a few other final holdouts climbed down from a makeshift treehouse at 3:50 a.m., marking the apparent end of resistance from inside the park. At least for now.

By starting the exercise under the cover of darkness and while most students were away on winter break, university leaders minimized the raucous and sometimes violent protests that for over half a century have bedeviled attempts by campus officials to take full control of the 2.8-acre green space. By sundown Thursday, there had been no breach of the steel fortification, which one skeptic dubbed “the New Stone-

[See People’s Park, A12]



AN ACTIVIST refuses to come down from a treehouse near People’s Park. The university said it would keep streets around the park closed for up to four days.

Killers at large in community: Dogs

They are the No. 2 predator of livestock in the U.S., and packs have terrorized a remote part of Riverside County and even killed a human



IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

ANIMAL CONTROL officer Harvey Beck, with pepper spray, confronts a man while investigating a report of unleashed dogs mauling dogs in Riverside County.

By SUSANNE RUST

Drive down any of the long, rutted back roads of Anza, a dusty Riverside County community, and it won’t take long before you feel like you’ve fallen off the grid.

Telephone poles disappear. Street signs and lights are nowhere to be seen. And ramshackle houses and fences hide behind thickets of weather-beaten manzanita and chaparral.

If you’re quiet, you’ll hear the wind roll across the valley, or maybe the bell-like clink of a sage sparrow in a nearby bush. But if you make a sound, one, two, three or more barking, growling dogs clamber down toward you — dogs that Riverside County animal control officer Harvey Beck says are no joke.

This spring, a pack of free-roaming hounds — [See Dogs, A7]

Shooter kills 1, injures 5 at Iowa school

The slain victim in a small town is a sixth-grader. The 17-year-old attacker is also dead, police say. **NATION, A4**

A revival for the Queen Mary in Long Beach?

Visitors are returning to the historic ship, which is now turning a profit for the city. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Calling out the hype around AI, self-driving cars

A roboticist gives a realistic take on tech advances, columnist Michael Hiltzik writes. **BUSINESS, A8**

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