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A. JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR
A1. JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR — Print
* Kyle Buchanan, *The New York Times*
* Makeda Easter, *Los Angeles Times*
* Amy Kaufman, *Los Angeles Times*
* Benjamin Mullin, *The Wall Street Journal*
* Chris Willman, *Variety*

A2. JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR — Online
* Jem Aswad, *Variety*
* Scott Feinberg, *The Hollywood Reporter*
* Tim Teeman, *The Daily Beast*
* Elizabeth Wagmeister, *Variety*
* Sharon Waxman, *TheWrap*

A3. JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR — Broadcast
* Giselle Fernandez, *Spectrum News 1*
* Zulekha Nathoo, *CBC News*
* Melvin Robert, *Spectrum News 1*
* Rollo Ross, *Reuters*
* Ari Saperstein, *KPCC*

A4. PHOTOJOURNALIST OF THE YEAR
* Jay L. Clendenin, *Los Angeles Times*
* Penni Gladstone, *Alta Journal*
* Christie Hemm Klok, *Alta Journal*
* Phil Ige, *KTLA*
* Osceola Refetoff, *Freelance*

B. CRITIC – Any media platform (print, broadcast or online)
B1. Film
* Angie Han, *Mashable*, “‘Cliff Booth,’ ‘Saint Frances,’ ‘Irresistible Jon Stewart,’ ‘Joker’”

B2. TV
* Daniel D'Addario, *Variety*, "'Mr. Robot,' 'The Morning Show,' 'The Goop Lab,' 'Lenox Hill'"
* Caroline Framke, *Variety*, "'Little America,' 'Dare Me' and Netflix’s ‘Spinning Out,' 'Aziz Ansari: Right Now,' 'The Good Place'"
* Inkoo Kang, *The Hollywood Reporter*, "'The Goop Lab,' 'High Fidelity,' 'Mrs. America,' 'P-Valley'"
* Ben Travers, *IndieWire*, "'Mindhunter,' 'City So Real,' 'Snowpiercer,' 'At Home With Amy Sedaris'"

**B3. Theater/Performing Arts**
* Peter Debruge, *Variety*, "'Isabelle Huppert and Dimitris Papaioannou in Paris,' 'A Play Is a Poem,' 'The Night Before Broadway Went Dark,' 'The Present'"
* Daryl Miller, *Los Angeles Times*, "'Ragtime' at the Chance and 'The Producers' at Celebration,' 'Deadly,' 'Red Ink,' 'The Book of Mormon'"
* Tim Teeman, *The Daily Beast*, "'West Side Story', Revived on Broadway and Lost in Time"
* Cate Young, *Ampersand*, "'Sell Buy Date Sells Sex Workers Down the River'"

**B4. Art/Design**
* Shana Nys Dambrot, *LA Weekly*, "'Shirin Neshat in the Land of Enchantment'"
* Joseph Giovannini, *Alta Journal*, "'The Old Man and the River; The Olympic Gold Won't Go To LA'"
* Christopher Knight, *Los Angeles Times*, "'Mind of the Master,' 'Bubonic plague in Europe changed art history. Why coronavirus could do the same,' 'U.S. should build a memorial ‘plague column’ for COVID-19, but where?' 'Confederate monuments institutionalize racism'"
* Carolina Miranda, *Los Angeles Times*, "'Project to honor artist Felix Gonzalez-Torres devolved into an Instagram stunt,' 'Two artists present their visions of the border at MASS MoCA,' 'What would the real ‘Brady Bunch’ house architect make of HGTV’s ‘Very Brady Renovation’?' 'Targeted in El Paso, vilified by Trump'"

**B5. Books**
* Shawna Kenney, *Rock the Bells*, "'Best Hip Hop Memoirs'"
* David L. Ulin, *Alta Journal*, "'Joy Harjo’s Trail of Tears,' 'California Dreaming,' 'Blade Runner,' 'Torchbearer'"

**B6. Food/Culture**
* Brian Addison, *Long Beach Post*, "'Best restaurants in Long Beach,' 'Coronavirus will change how we eat,' 'Ode to Nashville hot chicken sits, 'Long Beach’s most underrated restaurants'"


* Todd Martens, *Los Angeles Times*, “Game Critiques by Todd Martens”


**B7. Music**

* A.D. Amorosi, *Variety*, "Tool’s ‘Fear Inoculum’"

* Jem Aswad, *Variety*, "Phoebe Bridgers' ‘Punisher,’ ‘Grammy Salute to Prince’"

* Mark Swed, *Los Angeles Times*, "Classical music critiques by Mark Swed"


* Cary Wong, *Film Score Monthly Online*, "Best of 2019 and Reviews"

**C. ANY MEDIA PLATFORM (print, broadcast or online)**

**C1a. Business, TV/Video**


* Benjamin Mullin, *The Wall Street Journal*, “Jeffrey Katzenberg and Meg Whitman Struggle With Their Startup — and Each Other”

* Michael Schneider, *Variety*, “TV Star Salaries Revealed: Reese Witherspoon, Chris Evas, Cardi B and the $1 Million Club”

* Brian Steinberg, *Variety*, “Madison Avenue Pushes to Blur Lines Between TV Anchors, TV Ads”

* Brian Steinberg, *Variety*, “Rough Morning: How TV’s A.M. News Shows Are Grappling with Trump and Technology”

**C1b. Business, Film**

* Tim Gray, *Variety*, “Why Awards Aren't Always the Best Measure of Hollywood Progress”


* Gene Maddaus, Elizabeth Wagmeister and Brent Lang, *Variety*, “Harvey Weinstein Is Behind Bars, but Has the Culture in Hollywood Really Changed?”


**C1c. Business, Entertainment Industry**

* Kate Aurthur, *Variety*, "New Document Lays Out Plan to Resume Movie and TV Productions with Strict Quarantine Pods"
* Ryan Faughnder and Anousha Sakoui, *Los Angeles Times*, "Hollywood faces huge losses from coronavirus. Can the insurance industry bail it out?"
* Jazz Tangcay, *Variety*, "Costume Designers Discuss Pay Inequality: ‘This Is About Feeling Devalued’"
* Trey Williams, *TheWrap*, "Inside Endeavor’s Dire, Debt-Filled Fall From Hollywood’s Heights"

**C2. Business, Music/Theater/Performing Arts related**

* Jem Aswad, *Variety*, "Katy Perry’s ‘Dark Horse’ Case and Its Chilling Effect"
* Lisa Fung, *UCI Humanities*, “A revolution of words”
* Shirley Halperin and Jem Aswad, *Variety*, “Hiding in Plain Sight: Dr. Luke Is Back with Doja Cat’s Smash ‘Say So,’ But Did He Ever Really Go Away?”
* Dan Rys, *Billboard*, “In Jamaica with the Marleys: Behind a Booming Family Business as It Weathers A Global Crisis”
* Sharon Waxman and Beatrice Verhoeven, *TheWrap*, “Paradigm Revolt: CEO Sam Goes Backs Down After Music Agents Object to 50% Pay Cut”

**C3. Business, Tech/Arts related**

* Jem Aswad, *Variety*, "Recording Academy Paid Millions Annually to Outside Law Firms"
* Shirley Halperin and Leena Tailor, *Variety*, "Jason Derulo Sparks Outrage Down Under for Lifting Polynesian Teen’s TikTok Hit"
* Chris Palmeri, *Bloomberg News*, "A Playboy in Lockdown, Dan Bilzerian Pushes Party Brand from a Social Distance"
* Ariel Wesler, *Spectrum News 1*, "Kips Toyland"

**C4. Entertainment Industry/Arts Investigative**

* Katya Kazakina, Ellen Milligan and Deirdre Hipwell, *Bloomberg News*, "The Fraud Allegations Against Inigo Philbrick"
* Stacy Perman, *Los Angeles Times*, "Inside the Marciano Art Foundation’s spectacular shutdown"

**C5. Celebrity Investigative**

* Gary Baum, *The Hollywood Reporter*, “Meet the Controversial Doctor Behind the Dr. Phil Empire”
* Ashley Collman and Pamela Engel, *Insider*, “What really happens when Drake enters the club”
* Amy Kaufman, *Los Angeles Times*, “After Twitter outcry, five women detail Chris D’Elia’s alleged sexual improprieties”
* Kim Masters, *The Hollywood Reporter*, “Behind Steve Bing’s Sudden, Tragic End”
* Ryan Parry, Josh Boswell and Alan Butterfield, *DailyMail.com*, “Frank Biden’s unpaid $1m for car crash death”

**C6. Multimedia Package**
* Travis Hartman, *Reuters*, “Lightsaber Duels”
* Alex Stedman and Nicholas Stango, *Variety*, “Inside Joe Manganiello’s Epic Dungeons & Dragons Campaign”

**C7a. Diversity in the Entertainment Industry, Broadcast**
* Nic Cha Kim, *Spectrum News 1*, “How To Make An Indie Film”
* Zulekha Nathoo, *CBC News*, “Last of Us 2 Changes the Game for Accessibility”
* The SoCal Scene Team, *Spectrum News 1*, “Gay Men’s Chorus 40th Anniversary”

**C7b. Diversity in the Entertainment Industry, Print/Online**
* Daniel Hernandez, *Los Angeles Times*, “‘American Dirt’ was supposed to be a publishing triumph. What went wrong?”
* Tim Teeman, *Daily Beast*, “See Us, Trust Us, Employ Us: Broadway Women of Color on Confronting Racism -- and Reshaping Theater”
* Reggie Ugwu, *The New York Times*, “They Set Us Up to Fail’: Black Directors of the ’90s Speak Out”
* Joshua Yehl, *IGN*, “How I Learned to Grieve and Heal Through Star Wars”

**C8. Obituary/In appreciation, Film and TV Personalities**
* George Pennacchio and Cheryl Diano, *ABC7*, “Remember Valerie Harper”
* Nardine Saad, *Los Angeles Times*, “Diahann Carroll, groundbreaking star of TV’s ‘Julia’ and ‘Dynasty,’ dies at 84”

**C9. Obituary/In appreciation, Music and Other Arts Personalities**
* Jim Farmer, *ArtsATL*, “Appreciation: Atlanta colleagues remember puppeteer Bobby Box for his laugh, zest”
* Lynell George, *Alta Journal*, “Clora Bryant Blew Doors Open”
* Shirley Halperin, *Variety*, “Eddie Money, ‘Two Tickets to Paradise’ Singer, Dies at 70”
* Tim Teeman, *The Daily Beast*, “'Larry Kramer Changed My Life,' featuring Ellen Barkin, Joel Grey, Anthony Rapp and Others”

**C10. Humor Writing** Arts or entertainment related.
* Caroline Framke, *Variety*, “Why Baby Yoda Unfortunately, Unequivocally Rules”
* Tim Teeman, *The Daily Beast*, “How 'Couple Spreading' Made Lockdown Walking a Nightmare”

* Chris Willman, *Variety*, “Justin Bieber’s ‘Yummy’ vs. the Ohio Express’s ‘Yummy Yummy Yummy’: Whose Is Yummiest?”
* Chris Willman, *Variety*, “Woodstock 50, the Obituary: RIP After a Fyre-y Death”

**D. BOOK**

**D1. NON-FICTION BOOK**
* Blake Gopnik, *Ecco*, “Warhol”

**E. PHOTOGRAPHY/ART, online or print**

**E1. News Photo**
* Emma McIntyre, *Getty Images*, “Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt Reunite”

**E2. Portrait Photo**
* Jay L. Clendenin, *Los Angeles Times*, “Elle Lorraine Has Great Hair”
* Emma McIntyre, *Getty Images*, “Sarah Paulson”
**E3. Feature Photo**
* Donna Balancia, *Freelance*, “Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones Rocks the Rose Bowl”
* Osceola Refetoff, *KCETLink*, “Jim, Windle and Maddie standing behind Elks Lodge – Trona, California”

**E4. Action Photo**
* Donna Balancia, *California Rocker*, “Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones Rocks the Rose Bowl”
* Gino Terrell, *Idol Features*, “Lauren Jauregui Delivers “Expectations” at Mall of America”

**E5. Photo Essay**
* Scott Baxter, *Alta Journal*, "Cowboy Poets of the New West"
* Jay Clendenin, *Los Angeles Times*, “Messages of Hope”
* Christina Gandolfo, *Alta Journal*, "Time Turns Around at Musso & Frank"
* Osceola Refetoff, *KCET*, "Trona’s Boom, Bust and Uncertain Future"

**E6. Illustration**
* Haley Kluge, Raul Aguila and Mercedes DeBellard, *Variety*, “Jennifer Aniston”
* Haley Kluge, Raul Aguila and Jen Mann, *Variety*, “Sandra Oh”
* John Mavroudis, *Alta Journal*, “Joan Didion”

**E7. Graphic**
* Swetha Kannan, Andrea Roberson, Sean Greene and Tracy Brown, *Los Angeles Times*, “There are more women than ever in ‘Star Wars.’ Men still do most of the talking”

**E8. Animation/Moving Graphic**
* Rick Adams, *Spectrum News 1*, “The History Of Toilet Paper (Thanks to Hoarding in a Pandemic)”
* HollenderX2 and Ada Guerin, TheWrap, “Trevor Noah”

**E9. Page Layout**
* Beatrice Alcala, Los Angeles Collegian, “Campus Revisits Watergate”

**E10. Cover Art**
* Alexis Cook and Mike McQuade, Billboard, “When the Show Won’t Go On”
* John Mavroudis, Alta Journal, “Joan Didion”

**F. PRINT—Newspapers or Magazines**

**F1. General News**
* Angelique Jackson, Elaine Low, Audrey Yap and Jazz Tangcay, Variety, “Reporting While Black: The Complexity of Covering Racial Inequality as a Black Journalist”
* Benjamin Mullin and Joe Flint, The Wall Street Journal, “Viacom-CBS Deal Drama Was Worthy of the Fall Lineup”
* Vernon Silver, Bloomberg Businessweek, “Life in Italian Lockdown After a Tragic Coronavirus Denial”
* Brian Steinberg, Variety, “Coronavirus Knocks Out Live Sports: How Quickly Can Industry Rebound?”

**F2. Celebrity News**
* Janet Nepales, Manila Bulletin, “On the set of ‘Insatiable 2’ where Gloria Diaz is a special guest”
* Ruben V. Nepales, Philippine Daily Inquirer, “‘Parasite’ scores historic wins at Oscars”

**F3. Personality Profile, Film Industry, Under 2,500 Words**
* Thomas Floyd, The Washington Post, “Edward Norton’s ‘Motherless Brooklyn’ is a passion project both personal and professional”
4th - Ruben V. Nepales, Philippine Daily, “Film Talk with Quentin Tarantino: From Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt to Cirio Santiago”
F4. Personality Profile, TV and Other Arts, Under 2,500 Words
* Daniel Holloway, Variety, “‘Star Trek: Picard’: Patrick Stewart on Why He Returned to the Final Frontier”
* Jenelle Riley, Variety, “Maude Apatow Has Comedy in Her DNA, but Says She’ll Never Stop Fighting to Prove Herself”
* Ramin Setoodeh, Variety, “Cole Sprouse on How 'Riverdale' Transformed Him from a Disney Star to a Leading Man”
* Deborah Vankin, Los Angeles Times, “This 81-year-old was L.A.’s most devoted museum-goer until COVID-19 shuttered cultural institutions”

F5a. Personality Profile, Film/TV Industry, Over 2,500 Words
* Kate Aurthur, Variety, “Taika Waititi on Oscars, His ‘Jojo Rabbit’ Journey and Those ‘Star Wars’ Rumors”
* Taffy Brodesser-Akner, The New York Times, “This Tom Hanks Story Will Make You Feel Less Bad”
* Chrissy Illey, Sunday Times Magazine, “The Handmaid's Tale star Elizabeth Moss on Scientology, feminism and falling in love”
* Amy Kaufman, Los Angeles Times, “How befriending Mister Rogers' widow allowed me to learn the true meaning of his legacy”
* Marc Malkin, Variety, “Jamie Lee Curtis Opens up About Being 20 Years Sober, Going Public With Her Addiction”

F5b. Personality Profile, Music/Arts, Over 2,500 Words
* Jem Aswad, Variety, “How Billie Eilish Took Control of Her Career”
* Jem Aswad, Variety, “The Weeknd Opens Up About His Past, Turning 30”
* Marc Malkin, Variety, “Liza Minnelli on Oscars, Mom Judy Garland, Working With Fosse and Going to Rehab”
* Chris Willman, Variety, “Taylor Swift: No Longer ‘Polite at All Costs’”

F6. Movie Industry Feature – Over 1,000 Words
* Kate Aurthur and Adam B. Vary, Variety, "Extras on Set: Inside Hollywood's Pricey Plans to Restart Production"
* Kyle Buchanan, The New York Times, "'Mad Max: Fury Road': The Oral History of a Modern Action Classic"
* Brent Lang and Gene Maddaus, Variety, "Hollywood’s Great Depression: Meet the Entertainment Workers Left Jobless by the Coronavirus Pandemic"
* John Penner, Los Angeles Times, "Milos Forman, Ivan Passer and their 73-Year Friendship"
* Josh Rottenberg, Los Angeles Times, "From 'Knives Out' to ‘Parasite’: Why movies are tackling income inequality and class warfare"

F7. TV Industry Feature – Over 1,000 Words
* Meg James, *Los Angeles Times*, “Troubles at CBS Ran Deep”  
* Benjamin Mullin, *The Wall Street Journal*, “Jeffrey Katzenberg and Meg Whitman Struggle with Their Startup—and Each Other”  
* Michael Schneider, *Variety*, “As TV Consumption Shifts, Streamers Struggle With How to Apply Programming Standards”  

**F8. TV/Movie Industry Feature – Under 1,000 Words**  
* Zoe Hewitt, *Variety*, “Social Media Influencers Rankle Union Pros With On-Set Photos for Studios”  
* Brent Lang and Justin Kroll, *Variety*, “Post-Pandemic Hollywood: Inside Plans to Make Movie and TV Sets Safe Again”  
* Chris Palmeri, *Bloomberg*, “Bob Iger Tears Up Disney’s Playbook for High-Risk Bet on Streaming”  
* Rick Porter, *The Hollywood Reporter*, “Behind Reality Cop TV’s Fall: ‘It Was Like the Perfect Storm’”

**F9. Visual Arts/Architecture Feature – Over 1,000 Words**  
* Stacey Ravel Abarbanel, *Alta Journal*, “How a Masonic Center in Koreatown Became a Home for Modern Art”  
* Makeda Easter, *Los Angeles Times*, “Slavery documents from Southern salt makers bring light to dark history”  
* Sean P. Means, *The Salt Lake Tribune*, “Dozens of murals are making Salt Lake City ‘a free outdoor museum’”  
* Deborah Vankin, *Los Angeles Times*, “Holocaust survivor portraits at USC museum call on ‘profound’ beauty to fight hate”

**F10a. Theater Arts Feature – Over 1,000 Words**  
* Caroline Framke, *Variety*, “How Drag Went Digital After COVID-19 Shut Down Nightlife”  
* Lisa Fung, *Los Angeles Times*, “‘The Wrong Man’ musical’s epic journey to the stage, with help from Team ‘Hamilton’”  
* Jessica Gelt, *Los Angeles Times*, “The spreadsheet that shook the theater world: Marie Cisco’s ‘Not Speaking Out’ list”  
* Simi Horwitz, *American Theater*, “Theatre’s Front Lines: For house managers and theatre service directors, the work is invisible but rewarding”  
* Ashley Lee, *Los Angeles Times*, “Projection design is reinventing theater, and not just Broadway”

**F10b. Music/Performing Arts Feature – Over 1,000 Words**  
* Lynell George, *Alta Journal*, “Listen for the Word: Bird is Playing Tonight”
* Meredith Lawrence, *Alta Journal*, “The Herd Word”
* Chris Willman, *Variety*, “Max Steiner Biographer Breaks Down How the ‘King Kong’ Composer ‘Established the Grammar of Film Music’”

**F11. Arts Feature – Under 1,000 Words**
* Jem Aswad, *Variety*, ”What’s Next for Lockdown Live Music?”
* Shana Nys Dambrot, *LA Weekly*, ”Lorna Simpson Picks Up the Pieces”
* Shirley Halperin and Jem Aswad, *Variety*, ”Concert Industry Hits Peak Bleak”

**F12A. Celebrity Feature, TV/Film related – Over 1,000 Words**
* Brent Lang, *Variety*, “Robert De Niro and Al Pacino on Reuniting for Netflix’s Costly Oscar Hopeful ‘The Irishman’”
* Ruben V. Nepales, *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, “DiCaprio’s fading star character inspires his talk on how fickle fame is”
* Michael Schneider, *Variety*, “No One Was More Surprised by Joie Comer’s Emmy Win Than Jodie Comer”

**F12B. Celebrity Feature, Music/Other Arts related – Over 1,000 Words**
* Alex DiStefano, *Culture Magazine (LA Weekly, OC Weekly)*, “Packin’ A Punch”
* Lisa Fung, *San Francisco Chronicle*, “Sting’s ‘Last Ship’ musical floats on the anxieties of a worried society”
* Ramin Setoodeh, *Variety*, “How Jennifer Lopez Learned to Dance Again”

**F13. Celebrity Feature – Under 1,000 Words**
* Steven Gaydos, *Variety*, “Jackie DeShannon Remembers the 50s-60s LA Music scene”
* Steven Gaydos, *Variety*, “Russ Tamblyn’s Career Had Legs After Childhood”
* David Jerome, *Orange County Register*, “Moon Landing 50th Anniversary - Where Were You?”
* Gill Pringle, *The i Paper, UK*, “Daniel Craig and Jamie Lee Curtis on Knives Out: ‘Becoming famous is disturbing, a shock to the system’”
* Naman Ramachandran, *Variety*, “Actor Deepika Padukone on Making Her Producing Debut in Acid Attack Movie ‘Splash’”

**F14. Columnist**
* Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, *The Hollywood Reporter*, “Why the 'Joker' Gun Violence Protests Miss the Mark; Why 'Gone with the Wind' Needs a Warning Label, Not a Ban; Kobe Bryant, Gayle King and Why Black Words Matter”
* Caroline Framke, *Variety*, “‘Tiger King,’ ‘Michaela Coel’s ‘I May Destroy You’ Gives Drugging Victims Some Long Overdue Compassion,’ ‘Succession’”
* Mary McNamara, *Los Angeles Times*, “‘What’s wrong with the New York Times?’ ‘Trump is as craven as the mayor in ‘Jaws’’, ‘The coronavirus has already flattened one thing — the line between work and family’”

**F15. Commentary Analysis/Trend — Film**
* Justin Chang, *Los Angeles Times*, “‘Parasite’ was one of the best-acted movies of 2019. Why didn't the Oscars recognize that?”
* Owen Gleiberman, *Variety*, “Why Did ‘The Call of the Wild’ Cost $125 Million? It’s a Mid-Budget Film That Caught Budget-itis”
* Angie Han, *Mashable*, "How two films are changing the conversation around abortion”

**F16. Commentary Analysis/Trend — TV**
* Caroline Framke, *Variety*, “From ‘Bojack’ to ‘Euphoria,’ Shows Devote Time to Depicting Sobriety”
* Esther Kustanowitz, *The Jewish Weekly of Northern California*, “‘Our Boys’ will make you uncomfortable, which is exactly why you should watch it”
* Michael Schneider, *Variety*, “Politics Are Tearing Apart America, But Hollywood Execs Still Don’t Seem to Realize It”

**F17. Commentary Analysis/Trend — Other Arts**
* Heather John Fogarty, *Los Angeles Times*, “United We Read”
* Evelyn McDonnell, *Billboard Magazine*, “It’s Time for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame to Address its Racial and Gender Imbalances”
* Charles McNulty, *Los Angeles Times*, “As Center Theater Group sputters, L.A. struggles to realize its artistic potential”
* Christie D’Zurilla, *Los Angeles Times*, “Inquiring minds want to know: Who reads tabloids these days?”
F18. Commentary Diversity/Gender
* Michael Cooper, LA Weekly, “Time for Tea (LA Weekly’s LGBTQ column)"
* Randy Lewis, Los Angeles Times, “Taylor Swift, entitled millionaire, is the labor activist the music industry needs”
* Evelyn McDonnell, Billboard Magazine, “It’s Time for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to Address its Racial and Gender Imbalances”

F19. Headline
* Thomas Floyd, Washington Post Express, “A dungeon of dragging”
* Ryan Gajewski, Playboy, “Daveed Diggs Isn’t Throwing Away His Shots”
* Steven Gaydos, Variety, “In One Era and Out the Other/Score and song choices for films set in bygone days don’t always put a period on it”
* Blake Hennon, Los Angeles Times, “She Is 100% That Niche”
* Chris Willman, Variety, “Barbie Gets Ziggy with It as Mattel Introduces a David Bowie-Inspired Doll”

F20. Entertainment Publication – magazine or supplement.
* Rob Levine, Billboard, Africa Now
* The Hollywood Reporter, Women in Entertainment
* The Hollywood Reporter, Black Lives Matter
* Variety, The Great Depression

G. TV/ VIDEO/FILM
G1. Anchor/Host
* John Bathke, News 12 New Jersey, "ON THE SCENE with John Bathke: Creating in Quarantine"
* Jenn Harris, Los Angeles Times, "The Bucket List"
* Kelly Monteith, The Anglophile Channel, "Kelly Monteith's BBC Memories"
* Bianca Rae and Melvin Robert, Spectrum News 1, "The Hollywood Dream: Chasing Oscar"
* Amrit Singh, Spectrum News 1, "Music Diaries"

G2. News (N/A)

G3. Personality Profile
* Cher Calvin (reporter) and Kimberly Cornell (producer), KTLA 5 News, “Breaking Bias through History”
* Seth Katz, Giselle Fernandez, Tony Carrasco, Michelle Benoit and Stacy Strazis, Spectrum News 1, “Freedom Riders”
* L.A. Stories with Giselle Fernandez team, Spectrum News 1, “Vijay Gupta”
* Zeke Spector, Blake Horn, Daniel Ferry and Sally Burtnick, *VICE.com*, “I Made the Most Hated Music Video Ever: FRIDAY - Rebecca Black”

**G4. Hard News Feature — Under 5 Minutes**
* Itay Hod, *Spectrum News 1*, “Surviving #MeToo”
* George Pennacchio and Cheryl Diano, *ABC7*, “Kobe Bryant: Dream Big”

**G5. Hard News Feature — Over 5 Minutes**
* Kristin Fraser, Dexter Thomas, Sarah Svoboda, Jeff Mercado, Mark Apicella et. al., *VICE News Tonight*, “George Floyd’s Impact on Houston’s Hip-Hop Scene Is Still Being Felt”
* Inside the Issues With Alex Cohen Team, *Spectrum News 1*, “Scott Z. Burns”
* Elizabeth Wagmeister and Nicholas Stango, *Variety*, “Experts Weigh In On Harvey Weinstein’s Rape Trial”
* Eric Weinrib, Kelly Kendrick, Jared Perez, Lyle Kendrick, Alzo Slade et. al., *Investigations by VICE on Hulu*, “Russia’s War on Hip Hop”

**G6. Soft News Feature, TV/Film — Under 5 Minutes**
* Cami Buckman and Alejandro Tamayo, *Spectrum News 1*, “Costume Shop”
* Itay Hod, *Spectrum News 1*, “LA Street Artists Turn Boarded Up Windows Into George Floyd Tributes”
* George Pennacchio and Cheryl Diano, *ABC7*, “Kobe Bryant: Dream Big”
* The SoCal Scene Team, *Spectrum News 1*, “Green Book | Great Migration”
* Elizabeth Wagmeister, Nicholas Stango and Rebecca Rubin, *Variety*, “Is Disney’s Domination Good for the Box Office?”

**G7. Soft News Feature, Arts/Culture — Under 5 Minutes**
* Itay Hod, *Spectrum News 1*, "Above Board"
* Phil Ige, *KTLA 5*, "Oshogatsu Festival"
* George Pennacchio and Cheryl Diano, *ABC7*, "Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr."
* Jon San (producer) and Marcus Errico (editor in chief), *Yahoo Entertainment*, "How a retired New York City garbage man collected 45,000 ‘treasures in the trash’"
* Tom Walters and Liam Hyland, *CTV - Canadian Television*, "Mockingbird"

**G8. Soft News Feature — Over 5 Minutes**
* Angelique Jackson, Meredith Woerner and Preston Northrop, *Variety*, “Justin Simien, Kelly Rowland and the Cast of ‘Bad Hair’ on the Realities of Black Hair in Hollywood”
* Karen Lopez and Andy Schlachtenhaufen, *Spectrum News 1*, “Kobe Bryant Mural”
* Brady Welch, Elle Reeve and Dan Cain, VICE News, “Celebrities Will Say Almost Anything on Cameo For The Right Price”

G9. Documentary or Special Program, Short
* Stephanie Bell, StephB Productions, “Defending Our Crowns”
* Seth Katz, Giselle Fernandez, Tony Carrasco, Michelle Benoit and Omar Lugones, Spectrum News 1, “Beth Hart”
* Seth Katz, Giselle Fernandez, Tony Carrasco, Michelle Benoit and Stacy Strazis, Spectrum News 1, “Chaz Guest”
* Joe Skrebels and Dale Driver, IGN, “The Lie That Helped Build Nintendo”
* Nani Sahra Walker and Claire Hannah Collins, Los Angeles Times, “Game changers: Women in sports”

G10. Documentary or Special Program, Feature
* Tom Donahue, STARZ, “This Changes Everything”
* Brad Pomerance, CJ Eastman, and Glenn Grant, KVCR Television, “Uncovered in the Archives”

H. RADIO/PODCASTS

H1. Anchor/Host
* Gordon Cox, Variety, “Variety Stagecraft Hosted by Gordon Cox”
* Vic Gerami, KPFK 90.7 FM (Pacifica Network), “The Blunt Post with Vic”
* Fabiola Kramsky, La Vida Today, “La Vida Today”
* Marc Malkin, Variety, “The Big Ticket with Marc Malkin”
* Robert Scheer, KCRW, “Scheer Intelligence”

H2. News or Hard News Feature
* Ari Saperstein, KPCC, “The Frame: A Show That Demands ‘Close’ Listening”
* SoCal in 17 Team, Spectrum News 1, “Ava DuVernay”

H3. One-on-One Interview, Film Personalities
* Jessi Hempel, Hello Monday, LinkedIn News, “Laura Linney on What Makes Good Criticism”
* John Horn, LAist Studios, “Hollywood, The Sequel: “Big Checks and Bandaids Won’t Do It” with Ava DuVernay”
* Deborah Zara Kobylt, Deborah Kobylt LIVE, “Randy Gardner, Olympic skater with secrets”
* Robert Scheer, KCRW, “Interview with Janet Yang: The Power and Pain of Being Asian American During the Coronavirus Crisis”

**H4. One-on-One Interview, TV Personalities**

* Lesley Goldberg and Dan Fienberg, The Hollywood Reporter, “‘TV’s Top 5’: A Conversation About Police and Hollywood with the 'Law & Order: SVU' Showrunner”
* Patt Morrison, Los Angeles Times, “Eric Idle: ‘Monty Python” at 50”

**H5. One-on-One Interview, Other Arts Personalities**

* Madeleine Brand (host) and Angie Perrin (producer), KCRW, “Yahoo! It's a Celebration - Celebration Turns 40”
* Maria Estevez and Fabiola Kramsky, La Vida Today, “Cómo ser una influencer y no morir en el intento”
* Andrea Gutierrez, The Frame, KPCC, “Dorian Wood Remembers Chavela Vargas”
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* Sharon Waxman and Trey Williams, *TheWrap*, “Indie STX Entertainment Seeks Cash or a Buyer After String of Box Office Flops (Exclusive)”

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* Terry Flores, *Variety*, "Brad Bird Shares His Classic Film Picks as Guest Curator on TCM’s ‘The Essentials’"
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* Josh Rottenberg, *Los Angeles Times*, "As celebs shelter at home, paparazzi hustle to find new angles"
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* Angelique Jackson, *Variety*, "Inside Tyler Perry Studios’ Grand Opening Gala with Oprah, Spike Lee, Tiffany Haddish, Beyoncé and More"
* Manori Ravindran, *Variety*, "U.K. Government Sidestepping Media Inquiry Around 'Love Island' Host Caroline Flack’s Suicide"
* Michael Schneider, *Variety*, "'American Gods' Star Orlando Jones on Getting 'Screwed Over' and Speaking Out (EXCLUSIVE)"

**I4a. Personality Profile, TV/Film Personalities**
* Alex Ben Block, *Los Angeles Magazine*, "Shari Redstone: Most Powerful Woman In Hollywood"
* John Penner, *Los Angeles Times*, “Milos Forman, Ivan Passer and their 73-Year Friendship”

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* Stephanie Mendez, *She Shreds Media*, “‘Punk Has Always Been Black’: Vishinna Turner Creates Through Trauma”
* Tim Teeman, *The Daily Beast*, “Patti LuPone on Leaving America, Drugs, Sex, Broadway's Return, and Her Basement”
* Chris Willman, *Variety*, “The Mom Also Rises: Phoebe Bridgers’ Mother, Jamie Bridgers, Finds Her Own Voice Doing Alternative Comedy”

**I5a. Film Feature**
* Brent Lang, *Variety*, “Could Michael B. Jordan and Jamie Foxx's 'Just Mercy' Set a New Standard for Inclusion?”
* Steve Pond, *The Wrap*, “How 'Parasite' Director Bong Joon Ho Created the Year's Most Dangerously Charming Film”
* Rebecca Rubin, *Variety*, “Two Weddings and a Premiere: 'Star Wars' Fans and Movie Theaters Prepare for 'Rise of Skywalker'”
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**I5b. TV Feature**
* Alex DiStefano, *LA Weekly*, “Little Billy is First Cartoon About Living with Neurodiversity”
* Alison Foreman, *Mashable*, “TV cops know their job is changing. Some are more ready than others”
* Patricia Puentes, *CNET*, “How TV and movies are seducing us to Mars”

**I5c. Theater/Performing Arts Feature**
* Simi Horwitz, *American Theater*, “Theatre's Front Lines, for house managers and theatre services directors, the work is invisible but rewarding”
* John Lavitt, *The Hollywood Times*, “Anne Frank Restored in Heartbreaking “Anne, A New Play” at the Simon Wiesenthal Center”
* Peter Lefevre, *Voice of OC*, “Does Opera Have a Future in Orange County?”
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* Carren Jao, *KCET*, “Riots, Love Fests, Buried Secrets: Griffith Park’s Hidden Histories”

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* Jase Peeples, *Healthline*, “Actor Mark Patton Living with HIV is About 'More Than Taking Medication'”
* Leena Tailor, *InStyle*, “‘It Was the Last Good Time’ Celebrity Photographer Randall Slavin Shares Candid Photos from ‘90s Hollywood Hangouts”
* Danielle Turchiano, *Variety*, “Pamela Adlon on Rooting ‘Better Things’ Season 4 in Reality But Leaving Room for ‘Magic’”

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* Swetha Kannan, Andrea Roberson, Sean Greene and Tracy Brown, *Los Angeles Times*, “There are more women than ever in ‘Star Wars.’ Men still do most of the talking”
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* Diana Campbell, Collegian Times, “Private Dancers”
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