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Families file objection to illegal school fees settlement

MADELEINE PAUKER
 SMDP Staff Writer

More than 250 Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District families have filed an objection to a settlement that will award an attorney who sued the district half a million dollars in public money.

Attorney Kevin Shenkman initiated the class action lawsuit in 2017 on behalf of parents Vivian Mahl and Gina de Baca, who claim that SMMUSD had required students to pay for expensive calculators, field trips and athletic uniforms and therefore violated the constitutional guarantee to a free education. The district settled the lawsuit last August, agreeing to reimburse families for supplies and cover the plaintiffs' attorneys' fees.

Local attorneys Joel Koury and Joseph Pertel, who also have children in SMMUSD schools, filed the objection Monday on behalf of 261 district parents, students and community members.

The objection asks the court to reject families' claims for reimbursements unless they can show receipts for the educational materials they purchased. SMMUSD spokesperson Gail Pinsker said more than 300 families filed claims

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Samohi soccer kicks off CIF Thursday against Thousand Oaks



Courtesy photo

11 WINS: The Samohi Girls are preparing to extend their successful run into the playoff season.

BRENNON DIXSON
 SMDP Staff Writer

With an Ocean League title and home-field secured, Santa Monica High School's girls soccer team is preparing to kick off the upcoming CIF Southern Section Division 3 playoffs this Thursday against Thousand Oaks — and the Vikings

are confident they have what it takes to make a run at the championship this year.

Samohi currently sits undefeated in its last 11 matchups as it has claimed recent victories against Culver City, Beverly Hills and Palisades Charter High School.

"We're already a step further than we were last year," Coach Jimmy

Chapman said as he described last season's campaign, which ended in heartbreak after an overtime loss in the wildcard round of the CIF championships. "We built on that and adopted the motto: 'Embrace the struggle. Focus on the goal,'" which is derived from a military

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Lyft annual loss more than doubles, but revenue keeps rising

TOM KRISHER
 AP Auto Writer

Ride-hailing service Lyft's annual loss more than doubled last year to over \$2.6 billion, but the company claimed progress as revenue jumped 68% and ridership grew.

The San Francisco company is predicting another big revenue gain for this year, with a narrower pretax loss of \$450 million to \$490 million.

But in results released after the markets closed Tuesday, Lyft isn't predicting a fourth-quarter profit this year like Uber, its main rival.

"We significantly improved our path to profitability while simultaneously reaching critical milestones toward our long-term strategy," CEO Logan Green said in a statement.

Annual revenue was \$3.62 billion, up from 2.16 billion in 2018, the company said.

The annual net loss included \$1.6 billion in stock-based compensation and payroll tax expenses, plus \$270.3 million in charges for insurance liabilities, Lyft said.

For the fourth quarter, Lyft lost \$356 million compared with a

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Wednesday, February 12

Montana Mystery Book Group: The Paragon Hotel

It's 1921, and Alice James, known as Nobody, arrives in Portland after fleeing the New York mob. There, a young boy goes missing. Nobody poses as a journalist and investigates. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation

Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Read & Play

Help your child cultivate key developmental skills through books and play activities. Ages 0-5. Main Library, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Thursday, February 13

What College-Bound Student Athletes Need to Know

Get familiar with the different options for playing sports in college, what steps to take to prepare, and when to start the process. Presented by college counselor Diana Hanson of Magellan Counseling and College Mentors. Main Library, 7 - 8 p.m.

Just For Seniors: 'Appy Hour' Device Workshop

Bring your smartphone or tablet and get help with learning how to use your device. Ocean Park Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

Book Talk: Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Suffragist

Author Angelica Shirley Carpenter discusses Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Suffragist, in conversation with Councilmember Greg Morena, a direct descendant of this key player in the first fifty years of the wom-

en's rights movement. A book sale follows the program. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Santa Monica. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

LEGO Challenge

Create a LEGO maze that another person must solve blindfolded! Are you up for the challenge? Ages 3 & Up. Main Library, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Cursive Kids: Invisible Ink

Practice cursive with a secret message Valentine using invisible ink. For all levels in cursive. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Rent Control Board Meeting

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. 7 p.m.

Friday, February 14

Fireside at the Miles - A Valentines Evening where Dance meets Music

45 minutes of dance choreographed by Angela Todaro and an hour of music presented by Petty Chavez will provide a beautiful evening by the fire. 8 - 10 p.m. Tickets available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/santa-monica-cultural-affairs-28633534451>

Music and Movement at the Library

A musical story time that will have little ones singing and dancing along as they learn important early literacy concepts. Fairview Branch Library, 3:30 - 4 p.m.

LA Law Library QuickLook Legal Research Class

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Evacuee group cleared to leave coronavirus quarantine in US

AMY TAXIN AND JOHN ANTCZAK

Associated Press

A group of 195 evacuees was cleared Tuesday to end a two-week quarantine at a Southern California military base after flying out of China during a deadly viral outbreak, officials said.

After everyone at March Air Reserve Base passed their final health screenings, they threw their face masks into the air and hugged, said Dr. Nancy Knight of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"These individuals have completed their quarantine. They pose no health risk to themselves, to their families, to their places of work, to schools or their communities," she told reporters. "There should be no concern about novel coronavirus from these 195 individuals. They have been watched more closely than anyone else in the United States."

The group, which includes U.S. consular officials and children, arrived Jan. 29 on a U.S.-chartered flight that whisked them out of the heart of the viral outbreak in the Chinese city of Wuhan. The locked-down city of 11 million is the epicenter of the virus that has claimed more than 1,000 lives worldwide.

It was the first group of evacuees to arrive in the United States and none of them tested positive for the illness. Most of the group cleared Tuesday was planning to leave immediately, though some will remain one more day because of travel arrangements. They are headed to see family across the United States and health officials urged the public to welcome them. Public health officials denounced incidents of discrimination reported in the Riverside, California, area against military personnel who work at the base.

Knight said the daughter of a woman who works at the base was called names at school. Another base employee was denied housing because she worked there.

"They don't need additional testing. They don't need to be shunned," Dr. Cameron Kaiser, public health officer for Riverside County, told reporters. "Our work here is done and these people are going home and I expect every single one of us to let them."

The FBI and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are investigating the online posting of a fake document last month asserting the novel coronavirus was detected in the city of Carson, California. The realistic-looking document had the official logos of Los Angeles County Public Health, the CDC and the World Health Organization, and has been strongly denounced by local officials.

In the United States, there have been only 13 confirmed cases.

Hundreds of evacuees in the past two weeks were flown to military bases in California, Texas and Nebraska and remain under quarantine.

One person is in isolation at a hospital near San Diego after testing positive. That person and three other evacuees had been in hospital isolation after showing symptoms of the virus but on Sunday, federal health officials said they had tested negative and they were sent back to the base, where they joined more than 200 people.

On Monday, however, the CDC informed county health officials that further testing revealed that one of the four patients tested positive and was sent back to the hospital.

Among those leaving the base Tuesday in Riverside County was Consul General Jamie Fouss. He described how they had to check passengers against the manifest on the chartered plane in China, check bags and conduct health screenings before taking off for Alaska and later California.

The quarantine, he said, wasn't as challenging as he thought it could be, adding the group stayed busy with evacuees running Zumba and art classes and activities for the children.

"Everybody felt like the quarantine was their civic duty to do what they needed to do to keep themselves and their communities safe," he told reporters. "Today as we took off our masks and were given the clean bill of health, we all realized we had gone through this experience together, and we made good friends."

Associated Press writers Elliot Spagat in San Diego and Robert Jablon in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

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Southern California winds topple trucks, bring down trees

Strong winds swept Southern California again early Tuesday, toppling big rigs onto their sides and downing trees.

At least six semis overturned on highways in the inland region, Caltrans District 8 tweeted.

The blustery weather also impacted flights at Ontario International Airport, about 40 miles east of Los Angeles.

"Due to high winds, you may experience delays or diversions today," the airport tweeted.

Cal Fire San Bernardino posted photos of a car crushed by a massive tree in Yucaipa, one of multiple wind-related calls the agency said it handled.

The National Weather Service issued a high wind warning for gusts up to 70 mph but said it would expire in the afternoon.

The windy weather set in on Monday, causing similar damage.

Light winds and comfortable temperatures are expected Wednesday and Thursday, forecasters said.

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HOUSTON

Texas asks Supreme Court to repeal a California travel ban

The Texas attorney general has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a California law prohibiting state employees from using taxpayer-funded business trips to expos or conferences in Texas.

Attorney General Ken Paxton asked the high court to reverse the ban on Monday, the Houston Chronicle reported. The Supreme Court has exclusive jurisdiction over civil disputes between states.

California adopted the ban following a 2017 Texas law that allows foster care and adoption agencies to deny services for religious beliefs. Supporters say the law does not discriminate because it requires the agencies to make referrals to other organizations.

But opponents argue the law gives child-placement offices legal authority to discriminate against the LGBT community and others.

Paxton called California's ban "economic warfare" and an attempt "to punish Texans for respecting the right of conscience for foster care and adoption providers."

"The law California opposes does not prevent anyone from contributing to child welfare," Paxton said. "Boycotting states based on nothing more than political disagreement breaks down the ability of states to serve as laboratories of democracy while still working together as one nation – the very thing our Constitution intended to prevent."

In a statement issued Tuesday, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said his state has "chosen not to use taxpayer money to support laws discriminating against the LGBTQ community."

The ban by California affects 11 states, including Alabama, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky and South Carolina.

"Discriminatory laws in any part of our country send all of us several steps back," Becerra said in 2017. "That's why when California said we would not tolerate discrimination against LGBTQ members of our community, we meant it."

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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles Fire Department to purchase electric fire engine

The Los Angeles Fire Department has signed an agreement to purchase an electric fire engine.

The apparatus will be based on a conceptual vehicle that Austria-based manufacturer Rosenbauer demonstrated in Los Angeles last fall, the department announced Monday.

The fire engine will be customized for the specific needs of the LAFD and is expected to be delivered in early 2021.

The Fire Department said the vehicle will have two batteries that will enable fully electric operation for about two hours and an on-board diesel generator for extended operations.

Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas said the electric fire engine will help reduce noise and diesel pollution.

The chief said he drove the demonstration vehicle during its visit and praised its acceleration, braking and tight turning radius.

"I was doing doughnuts in the parking lot at Dodger Stadium," he said.

It will likely be assigned to a fire station in Hollywood that will be equipped with rapid-charging technology.

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 Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 1500blk 16th St 1:57 a.m.
 Death Investigation 800blk 6th St 2:09 a.m.
 Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk 17th St 2:45 a.m.
 Petty Theft Just Occurred 800blk Broadway 6:08 a.m.
 Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 7:11 a.m.
 Petty Theft Just Occurred 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 7:30 a.m.
 Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 7:59 a.m.
 Exhibition Of Speed 19th St / San Vicente Blvd 8:09 a.m.
 Theft Of Recyclables 3000blk Delaware Ave 8:22 a.m.
 Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1600blk Pearl St 8:49 a.m.
 Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1100blk 7th St 8:49 a.m.
 Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1000blk Maple St 9:05 a.m.
 Vehicle Parked In Alley 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 9:05 a.m.
 Burglary Report 200blk Marine St 9:21 a.m.
 72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 200blk Montana Ave 9:26 a.m.
 Burglary Report 500blk Broadway 9:31 a.m.
 Burglary Report 200blk San Vicente Blvd 10:16 a.m.
 Burglary Report 500blk Broadway 10:19 a.m.
 Threats Report/Investigations 1400blk 15th St 10:51 a.m.
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 Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 12:13 p.m.
 Grand Theft Just Occurred 1100blk 2nd St 12:16 p.m.
 Encampment Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 12:26 p.m.
 Vehicle Blocking Driveway 200blk Bicknell Ave 12:55 p.m.
 Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk 19th St 1:23 p.m.
 Vehicle Parked In Alley 200blk 15th St 1:30 p.m.
 Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2600blk Kansas Ave 1:50 p.m.
 Threats Report/Investigations 400blk San Vicente Blvd 2:11 p.m.
 Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Pico Blvd 2:16 p.m.
 Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Pico

Blvd 2:17 p.m.
 Battery Just Occurred 20th St / Pico Blvd 2:33 p.m.
 Silent Robbery Alarm 2300blk 2nd St 2:38 p.m.
 Traffic Collision With Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 2:52 p.m.
 Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1200blk 22nd St 3:22 p.m.
 Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 2600blk 33rd St 3:30 p.m.
 Petty Theft Just Occurred 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:33 p.m.
 Theft Suspect In Custody 700blk Broadway 3:46 p.m.
 Grand Theft Auto Report 200blk San Vicente Blvd 3:47 p.m.
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 72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk Ocean Ave 3:59 p.m.
 Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1200blk 20th St 4:06 p.m.
 Vehicle Parked In Alley 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 4:07 p.m.
 Person Down Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 4:14 p.m.
 Threats Report/Investigations 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 4:24 p.m.
 Burglary Report 2000blk Olympic Blvd 4:47 p.m.
 Encampment 800blk Hill St 4:56 p.m.
 Threats Report/Investigations 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:08 p.m.
 Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200blk 14th St 5:15 p.m.
 Battery Just Occurred 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 5:36 p.m.
 Petty Theft Report 00blk Village Pkwy 6:23 p.m.
 Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 8:04 p.m.
 Critical Missing Person 1200blk 2nd St 8:32 p.m.
 Battery Just Occurred 1700blk Ocean Ave 8:46 p.m.
 Theft Suspect In Custody 700blk Broadway 8:54 p.m.
 Petty Theft Now 700blk Broadway 8:54 p.m.
 Petty Theft Just Occurred 1900blk Broadway 10:01 p.m.
 Bike Theft Report 200blk Broadway 11:00 p.m.
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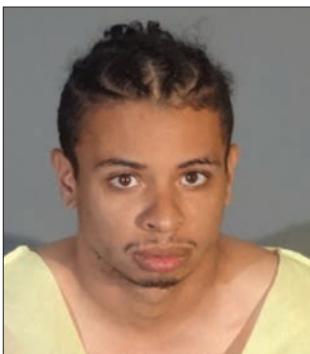
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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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Officers responded to 1315 3rd Street (Sloane's Ice Cream) to investigate a fraud. Investigation revealed an employee acquired a customer's credit card and attempted to purchase approximately \$1,500 worth of merchandise with it. Upon contact with the employee, he ran away but was quickly detained by officers. Nathaniel Walker, 27, was arrested for ID theft and resisting arrest. Bail was set at \$50,000.



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Legislative analyst criticizes California's homeless plan

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Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom's budget proposal likely won't have a meaningful impact on the nation's largest homeless population, according to a new analysis from the state's nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office.

Newsom's proposal "falls short of articulating a clear strategy for curbing homelessness in California" by shifting decision-making authority away from local governments that have historically handled the bulk of homeless services in the state, the LAO wrote in a report released Tuesday.

State officials have taken a more active role in funding homeless service programs, sending \$1.2 billion to local governments over the past two years to bolster their efforts.

This year, Newsom wants to spend another \$750 million. But instead of giving it to local governments, the money would flow to regional administrators who would decide how to spend it. Those administrators would be chosen by the state Department of Social Services.

"Local governments are most knowledgeable about the specific homelessness-related challenges facing their communities and are well positioned to implement the combination of strategies that will work best for them," the LAO wrote in a report prepared by analyst Lourdes Morales and others.

While homelessness in most states declined between 2018 and 2019, California's homeless population increased 16% to about 151,000 people as of January 2019. That increase is responsible for the jump in homeless populations nationwide, prompting a feud between the Newsom and Trump administrations about who is responsible.

"As the Governor said when he unveiled this proposal, if you keep doing what you've done, you'll get the same result," Newsom press secretary Jesse Melgar said. "We strongly disagree with the assertion that emergency funding to fight homelessness should be spread thinly, with less accountability and in

keeping with business as usual."

Under Newsom's proposal, state taxpayers would put \$750 million into a fund to pay for homeless services. Others, including local governments, charities and companies, could also contribute to the fund.

The plan is based on a similar fund in Los Angeles County, which began with an initial contribution of \$14 million from taxpayers and \$4 million from donations. Newsom has suggested the money could help people on the verge of homelessness pay their rent. And it could also pay for improvements to private homes that serve adults and seniors — homes the governor's office says have been closing recently because they can't afford to stay open.

"The Governor's proposal aims to use the new fund as a catalyst for wraparound services to get people off the street and calls on locals to do the same," Melgar said. "It's in keeping with the Governor's aggressive and far-reaching approach to homelessness and housing since taking office — deploying more state resources to cities and counties than ever before and enacting new laws to speed housing construction."

But the money Newsom is putting in the fund is "one-time money," meaning it won't be available again next year after it's been spent. That's why the LAO says it is not a good idea to use it to pay for recurring expenses, like rent subsidies.

"As a result, whether the Governor's proposal would have an enduring effect on preventing homelessness among at-risk individuals is much less clear," the LAO wrote.

California lawmakers are scheduled to hold their first in-depth hearing on Newsom's homelessness proposal on Thursday in San Francisco. The mayors of San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose are scheduled to testify.

Assembly Budget chairman Phil Ting, a Democrat from San Francisco, said the hearing will "allow us to develop a strategy and determine how additional monies should be spent in the future."

"Unfortunately, there isn't one solution that can solve homelessness," Ting said. "It's a complex issue, requiring multiple approaches."



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LYFT

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\$248.9 million loss a year earlier. Excluding one-time items, the company lost 41 cents per share. That beat Wall Street estimates of a 53-cent per-share loss, according to FactSet.

Revenue for the quarter was just over \$1 billion, up 52% from \$669.5 billion a year ago. That also beat estimates of \$984.1 million.

Active riders, those who took at least one ride during a fourth quarter, grew 23% for the period, to 22.9 million, Lyft said. Revenue per rider rose by the same percentage, to \$44.40, Lyft said.

Shares of Lyft fell 4.3% to \$51.64 in after-hours trading.

Uber, Lyft's main ride-hailing rival, also

continues to lose money, but Uber is now predicting a profit in the fourth quarter of this year, CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said earlier this month on a conference call.

That's sooner than the projection during the previous earnings call when he said the company would turn a full-year profit in 2021 as the company grows ride-hailing revenue, expands its food delivery business and develops autonomous vehicle technology.

Uber lost \$1.1 billion in the fourth quarter of 2019, about 24% worse than the same time last year. But revenue for its rides business nearly tripled in the final three months of last year as the company picked up more passengers around the world.

Khosrowshahi said the era of growth at all costs is over for Uber.

SOCCER

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expression.

"When everything is going great, then everybody is happy but it's those moments of struggle when you see the character of the team," Chapman said. "We didn't want to run from those moments this season. Instead, we were able to own them and say, 'This is the grind. This is what we need to do to get better and improve,' and I think we're seeing the results of that now."

Samohi quickly tallied four losses early in the season but a mid-December win against Palos Verdes was lauded by the team as the game that turned the season around.

"It was a rough start, said Samalah Seldon, a senior on the team, "but after practicing and practicing we glued closer together and the chemistry clicked."

Seldon's fellow teammates agreed as they discussed how the team has grown closer throughout the year and the impact the added chemistry has had on their overall record.

"I remember there was a scrimmage in the beginning of the season and we just played so

bad that game. It was really disappointing and I remember coach gave us an 'I'm not mad. I'm disappointed' speech," said sophomore Jasmin Aldana. "I think that really affected all of us because we were really disappointed in ourselves but, at the same time, I think that's when you saw a little bit more spark come into our game."

"We really pulled it together as teammates and with our hard work," defender Bria Stocker added. "And I think that teamwork really helped us connect more on the field in terms of when to pass when to keep pushing and things like that."

Having won four league championships in a row from 2014-2017, Samohi hopes to add another banner to its tally this year but it must first beat Thousand Oaks in Thursday's contest, which begins at 3:30 p.m. at Samohi.

"We're paying attention to details — to the small things. And that makes a big difference in the long-run," Chapman said.

"This is our year," junior London Wilkes added. "There's no doubt in our minds."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS**LONDON****Virus fears play out ahead of shrinking global tech event**

The impact on travel and commerce from the viral outbreak in China is playing out ahead of one of the world's biggest technology fairs.

Facebook, U.S. tech giants Cisco Systems and Intel, the U.S. wireless companies AT&T and Sprint and the Chinese smartphone maker Vivo said Tuesday that they have pulled out of the Mobile World Congress, which is to take place Feb. 24-27 in Barcelona, Spain. They join a host of other major communications and tech companies that have withdrawn.

This year's event was expected to host the largest contingent on record from China.

"Out of an abundance of caution, Facebook employees won't be attending this year's Mobile World Congress due to the evolving public health risks related to coronavirus," Facebook said in a statement.

AT&T cited the safety of its employees and customers in pulling out.

Already, Ericsson, Amazon, Sony and LG have scrapped plans to attend what has become the world's biggest mobile industry trade show. It was expected to attract more than 100,000 visitors, including 5,000 to 6,000 from China, the source of the viral outbreak that has infected tens of thousands of people and killed more than 1,000.

Event organizers for the Mobile World Congress have prohibited anyone traveling from the Hubei province, home to the virus epicenter of Wuhan. Attendees who have traveled in China must prove that they have not been there in the two weeks prior to the event.

Officials will be doing temperature screenings at the event, as well as increasing its efforts to disinfect high traffic areas and surfaces, like touch screens and handrails.

The cancellations will have an economic impact on Barcelona, the host city, though the extent is not known. The show was expected to generate 492 million euros (\$538 million) this year, according to organizer GSMA, an industry trade group, and create more than 14,000 part-time jobs.

"While further planning is underway, we will continue to monitor the situation and will adapt our plans according to developments and advice we receive," the GSMA said in a prepared statement. "We are contending with a constantly evolving situation, that will require fast adaptability."

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 72.7°

WEDNESDAY - FAIR - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
New SW swell shows. Small NW swell.

THURSDAY - FAIR - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
SW swell trends up. Lingering NW swell. Conditions looking dicey with onshore flow.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 63. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable in the evening.

Thursday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 64. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 63.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 66.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2020/02/13	Thu	06:13 AM	1.01	L
2020/02/13	Thu	12:06 PM	4.34	H
2020/02/13	Thu	6:20 PM	0.44	L
2020/02/14	Fri	01:00 AM	4.90	H
2020/02/14	Fri	07:31 AM	1.02	L
2020/02/14	Fri	1:20 PM	3.47	H
2020/02/14	Fri	7:02 PM	1.18	L
2020/02/15	Sat	01:58 AM	4.92	H
2020/02/15	Sat	09:13 AM	0.85	L
2020/02/15	Sat	3:12 PM	2.89	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 02/08
35 49 50 59 66
Power#: 67
Jackpot: 70 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 02/10
2 6 11 28 34

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 02/07
9 14 27 36 52
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 202 M

Daily 3
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Evening: 0 9 4
Draw Date: 02/10
Midday: 6 9 7

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 02/08
6 24 26 28 32
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 7 M

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 02/09
1st: 04 - BIG BEN
2nd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
3rd: 12 - LUCKY CHARMS
RACE TIME: 1:45.83

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 12)

In one Robert Frost poem, he asks a star to say something to us we can learn. The star replies, "I burn." If there is a lesson on this your solar return, it is that you also burn with the heat of purpose, desire and love, with the energy of devotion to work and family, and with small but growing flames of a new ambition. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 10, 2, 7 and 50.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are questions worth answering every day, and every day they will be answered in a new way, mostly with slight differences. Though you're coming into a cycle in which differences will be more pronounced.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're going to have to wake yourself in the name of motivation. The truth provides just the nudge. It's time to lead yourself away from the things you're doing that run counter to your own best interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are different theories about forgiveness. Some shun the idea completely. Some insist it's the answer. Either way, most would agree it's a lighter way to go than carrying a grudge.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To find out what your love

language is, look at the last time you were hurt in love and by what. Then look at how you expressed love to another person. These indicators point to the style you'd be most receptive to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Children go to school and, hopefully, learn how to learn. (SET ITAL)What(END ITAL) to learn — that's a different story, and subject to much debate. You're still convinced you don't know the right things, but you're equally convinced you know how to figure them out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you believe you don't know what you're doing and then get evidence that supports that belief, frustration sets in. This is the point when many would give up. Not you. All of this can be figured out, if only you don't quit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are those you admire and doing so seems to feed you on some level, give you ideas, make you feel energized. Then there are others you give a kind of tense admiration that verges on upset. Don't focus there. It helps nothing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's not that you want to move faster, it's just that you need to get more done and that seems like the obvious way. Then again, you could add more people to the mix. That would be the fun way!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be caught between wanting to give and realizing the cost, which even the smallest interaction will have. Most of the expense will be so worthwhile. Still, you can't spend quality time with everyone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some topics go very obviously with you. Anyone getting to know you will be moved to ask about them. Your discussion on these topics will be important to your business and to the way you think about yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Perhaps there is a part of you who is afraid of another more aggressive part of you, and there's been some you-on-you bullying. The good news is there's also a mediator in there somewhere to work things out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes people get to the top and forget the thousands of small steps it took to get there, encouraging with unhelpful platitudes. You'll provide more useful help by imparting smaller and more specific instruction.

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-WORDS "START" by Mark McClain

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ACROSS

- 1 Brooks of country music
- 6 Prescription oversight org.
- 9 Magic charm
- 13 Oahu greeting
- 14 World Series lead-in: Abbr.
- 15 "Terrible" Russian czar
- 16 Make contact [first word of "start"]
- 18 Daily delivery
- 19 Signify
- 20 Parton of country music
- 21 Dress of India
- 22 Iowa campus city
- 24 Make a travel reservation
- 27 Teetering, perhaps [second word of "start"]
- 32 Footnote abbr.
- 34 Lyft competitor
- 35 Historical period
- 36 Maine campus town
- 37 In ___ case (nevertheless)
- 38 More frosty
- 40 America's uncle
- 41 Brussels' land: Abbr.
- 43 Church instrument
- 44 Gary Larson cartoon [third word of "start"]
- 48 Circuit resistance measures
- 49 Of farming: Prefix
- 50 Shade trees
- 52 Small lizard
- 55 Certain woodwind players
- 58 High point
- 59 Hamburger meat [fourth word of "start"]

DOWN

- 1 One-liner
- 2 Actor Sir ___ Guinness
- 3 Prefix for tiller or Rooter
- 4 Oversensitive nature
- 5 Barbera's cartoon partner
- 6 Chimney duct
- 7 End of the 7th century
- 8 Fireplace residue
- 9 Brunch cocktail
- 10 Racetrack shape
- 11 Penal institution
- 12 Merely
- 14 "___ I can help it!"
- 17 Barcelona bull
- 20 "Of the river" Texas city
- 22 "Dear" advice columnist
- 23 Mortgage agency
- 24 Helpful upward push
- 25 Winfrey of TV
- 26 "___, All Ye Faithful"
- 28 Mushrooms' botanical category
- 29 Horse's sound
- 30 Addition to coffee
- 31 Qualifies for
- 33 Trinidad and ___ (Caribbean nation)
- 37 In addition
- 39 Goalpost's horizontal part
- 42 Make a blunder
- 45 Impostors
- 46 First public appearance
- 47 Musk of Tesla and SpaceX
- 51 In the ___ of (among)
- 52 Airport boarding area
- 53 Audible bounce-back
- 54 "Hurry it up!"
- 55 Remark after a spill
- 56 Trillion: Prefix
- 57 Shut securely
- 59 Guard dog's warning
- 60 Competed in a dash
- 61 Government mortgage agcy.

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 EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 1:49 a.m.
 EMS 800blk 6th St 2:09 a.m.
 EMS 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:51 a.m.
 EMS 100blk Bay St 2:57 a.m.
 EMS 2600blk 31st St 3:12 a.m.
 EMS 3300blk Virginia Ave 5:19 a.m.
 EMS 1300blk 17th St 7:09 a.m.
 EMS 2000blk Ocean Ave 7:33 a.m.
 EMS 2400blk Oak St 8:14 a.m.
 Odor Of Natural Gas 14th St / Olympic Blvd 8:19 a.m.
 EMS 1500blk 5th St 8:20 a.m.
 EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:27 a.m.
 EMS 2600blk Kansas Ave 11:01 a.m.
 EMS 1500blk 5th St 11:46 a.m.
 EMS 300blk Alta Ave 12:19 p.m.
 EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:27 p.m.
 Automatic Alarm 600blk Bay St 12:30 p.m.
 EMS 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:01 p.m.
 EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:07 p.m.
 EMS 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:17 p.m.
 EMS 700blk 24th St 2:10 p.m.
 Traffic Collision With Physical Rescue 4th St /

Pico Blvd 2:16 p.m.
 Traffic Collision With Injury Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 2:56 p.m.
 EMS 1700blk 18th St 2:57 p.m.
 EMS 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 3:57 p.m.
 EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 4:14 p.m.
 EMS 900blk 3rd St 5:29 p.m.
 EMS 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 5:37 p.m.
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 EMS 1100blk 7th St 6:38 p.m.
 EMS 00blk Pico Blvd 6:51 p.m.
 EMS 1000blk 11th St 6:56 p.m.
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 Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:18 p.m.
 Automatic Alarm 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:35 p.m.
 EMS 2000blk 4th St 10:09 p.m.
 EMS 800blk 4th St 10:50 p.m.
 Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1300blk Ocean Ave 10:51 p.m.
 EMS 1300blk 17th St 11:12 p.m.
 EMS 700blk 9th St 11:21 p.m.

SETTLEMENT

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before the Monday deadline but was not able to provide an exact tally.

The objection also urges the court to audit Shenkman's stated billable hours and cap any attorney fees awarded at \$1 per hour. Shenkman is requesting \$560,000 from the district for 993.1 hours of work.

"If he really wants to help kids, the last thing he should be doing is extracting half a million from the school district," Koury said. "I don't believe he's in the interest of students. If he was, he'd waive his fee."

Shenkman, who also has children in district schools, said the fee reflects the time and energy that he put into the case and that he will donate a majority of the \$560,000 to a scholarship that will fund college tuition for SMMUSD students who have demonstrated a commitment to social and racial justice.

The fund will be named in honor of Antonio Gonzalez and Darren Parker, two district alumni who died within the last two years. Gonzalez was president of the William C. Velasquez Institute, a Latino public policy center, and Parker served as president of the California Democratic Party's African American Caucus.

"The people who are saying my fees are too much don't understand what work was required in this case," Shenkman said. "And they're criticizing me for donating a huge amount of money to a scholarship fund."

He previously proposed donating a majority of his fee to Advancement Via Individual Determination, a nonprofit that improves college readiness for underrepresented students, but the district Board of Education rejected the donation

because AVID employed Shenkman's mother.

Shenkman is also suing the city of Santa Monica for allegedly discriminating against Latino voters and asking that the city cover his \$13.4 million fee. Over the past decade, he amassed several million dollars by initiating similar cases against California cities such as Palmdale and Highland.

Lori Whitesell, whose children recently graduated from Santa Monica High School, said she signed onto the objection because she believes that Shenkman should not be awarded funds that could be used to support local schools.

"To see this money go disproportionately to a law firm that seems to make a business out of these kinds of lawsuits is very disturbing," she said.

Whitesell also said she thinks the plaintiffs should have gone through the district's complaint process rather than initiate an expensive lawsuit. The district created a process to remedy illegal educational fees after a 2010 American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit revealed that more than 50 school districts in the state required students to pay for textbooks, art supplies and physical education uniforms.

Koury said although the plaintiffs' claim that some teachers unlawfully require students to purchase materials might be true, he believes they should have worked with the district to resolve the problem.

"Are some teachers violating rules, and should we be more vigilant about that? Absolutely," Koury said. "But is bringing out a lawyer who wants half a million dollars to enforce our rules the solution? That cost outweighs any benefit we're going to get."

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