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Getting engaged on Valentine's Day may be a bad idea.
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A man was arrested for stealing a phone.
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Surcharges could take diners by surprise under proposed minimum wage ordinance change



File photo

SERVICE: Council will consider changes to rules about surcharges in its minimum wage ordinance.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Restaurants might not have to inform customers about service charges before money changes hands under a set of changes to Santa Monica's minimum wage law that City Council will vote on Tuesday.

The city's minimum wage ordinance guarantees workers a $15 hourly wage by July 2021, with workers at large businesses currently earning $14.25 and their counterparts at small businesses earning $13.25. The ordinance also requires that businesses distribute service charges, such as healthcare surcharges, to employees, and mandates that businesses explain any service charges to customers before a transaction.

But businesses and employees have been confused as to what constitutes a service charge and how to handle surcharges that don't fall into the "service charge" category. Customers have also been unsure of whether the service charges or surcharges on their bills comply

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Three injured in Santa Monica car crash

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Three people were injured after a driver crashed into a building on 12th Street early Sunday morning, officials said.

A driver was speeding east on Pico Boulevard at about 2:45 a.m. Sunday and collided with a building on 12th Street, as well as three parking meters, two trees, a streetlight and a fire hydrant, according to the Santa Monica Fire Department. Firefighters recovered three people from the wrecked car and transported them to a nearby hospital.

SMFD Capt. Eric Himler said one individual was in critical condition and the other two are in stable condition.

Santa Monica Police Department Lieutenant Joseph Cortez said officers on scene cited the driver, Jeremiah Hewitt, 22, of Los Angeles, for misdemeanor driving under the influence, but did not arrest him because he was being treated at the hospital. Cortez said SMPD is continuing to investigate the collision.

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Brief SMMUSD meeting covers murals and memoriams

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The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education gathered last week for what might have been the shortest board meeting in SMMUSD history.

Though it was short in duration, Thursday's meeting, which lasted a mere 48 minutes and was the first in Malibu since November, featured discussions related to SMMUSD's recent mural meetings, a pair of resolutions and the death of two former principals each had a tremendous impact on the district and its students.

After student representatives spoke on the happenings at local high schools, Superintendent Ben Drati took a moment to inform attendees on the recent mural meetings that were led by Jane Golden.

"Last week for three days, we hosted muralist Jane Golden and two members of her team from Mural Arts in Philadelphia," Drati said, mentioning the process included a presentation, small group meetings with members of the community and a group discussion that allowed

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What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, February 11

The Regrowth of a Kelp Forest: Palos Verdes Restoration Project
First United Methodist Church, Fireside Room, 1008 11th St. Presenter: Heather Burdick, Director of Marine Operations, Bay Foundation Marine Team. The program will outline the six-year project restoring & studying kelp forest in the ocean along the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Church parking is available in the underground lot across the street or on the street. Program with refreshments is free to the public. A no-host dinner precedes the meeting at 6 p.m. at El Cholo Mexican Restaurant, 1025 Wilshire Blvd. For more info go to www.LACNPS.org. For more info contact Snowdy.dodson@csun.edu or email or call 818-782-9346.

Mini Masters of Library Science
It's Library Lovers Month! Kids can become a librarian for the night with a variety of library challenges such as sorting and checking out books to earn your very own Mini Master of Library Science degree. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Council meetings will be held at the Santa Monica Civic Center - East Wing until April 10, 2020. 5:30 p.m.

Walk-In Tutoring
Tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online forms, using email, resume writing, and job searches. Main Library, 5 - 7 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. Bilingual volunteers available. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 6 p.m.

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.

Santa Monica Rent Control Board Meeting
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. 7 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.

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Oscars viewership plunges to record low

DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

Without a host or a great deal of pizzazz, ABC's telecast of the Academy Awards reached its smallest audience ever of 23.6 million viewers.

The Nielsen company said Sunday night's audience was down 20 percent from a year ago. The previous low-water mark for the Oscars was the 26.5 million people who watched in 2018.

The Academy Awards honored "Parasite" as best picture. While that made history as the first-ever foreign language film to win the top award, it was clearly not an audience-grabber. The Oscars were held sooner in the year than usual, and that may have prevented the show from building buzz.

"It was too predictable, too white and too boring," said Tom O'Neil, founder of Goldderby.com, a website devoted to awards show news.

The actors who took the four biggest prizes — Joaquin Phoenix, Renée Zellweger, Brad Pitt and Laura Dern — had also swept previous awards, so there were few surprises and few indelible moments, he said on Monday.

"The only suspense of the evening was for best picture, and the average viewer hadn't seen 'Parasite' or '1917,' so they weren't emotionally invested," O'Neil said.

For the second straight year, the Oscars went hostless, opening with a rousing production number from Janelle Monae and a crisp comic monologue with Steve Martin and Chris Rock. But a handful of critics felt the lack of host was a handicap this year.

Dominic Patten of Deadline said the show "bellowed out for a ringmaster to harness what soon became a lackluster circus."

"One thing a host can do is give the broadcast a shape and a voice when nothing else provides them," wrote James Poniewozik of The New York Times. "And this year's show seemed to feel the vacuum more, turning out a grab bag of emotional high points and perplexing uses of time."

Hank Stuever, critic for the Washington Post, said the show was too predictable. He called it "Oscar autopilot — three and a half hours of Hollywood cruising along at 35,000 feet. Viewers could be forgiven for nodding off for most of the flight."

"I missed having a host," Joy Behar said on "The View."

For much of the 2000s, the Oscars hovered between 35 and 45 million viewers, often the second most-watched television program of the year after the Super Bowl. As recently as 2015, the show reached 37.3 million viewers.

In defense of the motion picture academy, live television viewing in general has dropped significantly over the past few years with the explosion in streaming services. Still, the numbers have to be concerning.

Viewership for the Golden Globes (18.3 million) and Grammy Awards (18.7 million) were also off from 2019, but the drop was not as steep.

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California lawyer indicted on firearms, meth charges

A Southern California attorney was arrested Monday on a grand jury indictment alleging she conspired to sell firearms without a license and distributed methamphetamine, federal prosecutors said.

Melinda Romines, 41, of Anaheim was expected to make an initial appearance later in the day in Los Angeles federal court, the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a statement.

The indictment alleges Romines found firearms available for purchase from black market dealers and then acted as a broker, ultimately buying the firearms and reselling them to customers, sometimes in Los Angeles parking lots.

One sale involved a .40-caliber pistol and a .45-caliber rifle, neither with serial numbers, as well as a silencer, a high-capacity magazine and 20 rounds of ammunition that netted her $2,600, prosecutors said.

In addition to the conspiracy charge, she was accused of one count of possessing an unregistered firearm.

Two meth distribution charges involve alleged sales totaling nearly a quarter pound (0.11 kilogram) in 2018.

The indictment also charges a co-defendant, who remained at large, with distributing methamphetamine.

A voicemail seeking comment was left at her Orange County law firm.

Its website describes a boutique law firm with areas of practice including criminal defense, child custody, child support, divorce, civil litigation and business and entertainment law.

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Not all born in American Samoa want US citizenship

JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER
Associated Press

Growing up in American Samoa, Filipo Ilaoa's neighbors were his cousins on a plot of land full of banana and breadfruit trees shared by his extended family and overseen by a chief elected by his relatives.

He worries a federal judge's recent ruling in Utah saying those born in the U.S. territory should be recognized as U.S. citizens could threaten "fa'a Samoa," the Samoan way of life, which includes cultural traditions like prayer curfews, communal living and a belief that the islands' lands should stay in Samoan family hands.

"Basically, what it comes down to is freedom — the freedom to own communal land," said Ilaoa, 66, a retired Marine Corps sergeant major who works at the American Samoa government's office in Hawaii.

In December, U.S. District Judge Clark Waddoups sided with three people from American Samoa who live in Utah and sued to be recognized as citizens. The judge ruled the Utah residents are entitled to birthright citizenship under the 14th Amendment. He then put his ruling on hold pending appeal.

The U.S. government, which argues automatic citizenship should be a decision for Congress, filed an appeal Friday. The American Samoa government is also expected to appeal and has until Monday to do so.

American Samoa is the only U.S. territory where residents have no birthright claim to citizenship. Instead, those born in the cluster of islands some 2,600 miles (4,184 kilometers) southwest of Hawaii are granted "U.S. national" status, meaning they can't vote for U.S. president, run for office outside American Samoa or apply for certain jobs. The only federal election they can cast a vote in is the race for American Samoa's nonvoting U.S. House seat.

Supporters of automatic citizenship say it would particularly benefit the estimated 150,000 to 160,000 nationals who live in the states, largely concentrated in California, Hawaii, Washington, Utah and Alaska.

The territory's population is only about 55,000. Yet many there say they're happy being nationals and worry birthright citizenship would influence customs, like their unique land ownership system.

"Right now the government of the United States doesn't own a square inch of land in American Samoa," said Ilaoa, who left his village of Leone at 18 to join the Marine Corps and later became a citizen to qualify for military jobs that require top-secret clearance. "We build what we want. Any time we want."

Most property in American Samoa is owned communally among families. Within villages, there are communal lands where extended families live together. Family members select chiefs, or matai, to regulate village life and oversee the land.

Samoan law restricts the sale of most property to anyone with less than 50% Samoan ancestry.

"There are still blood quantum racial restrictions on the ownership and alienation of land," said Michael Williams, a Washington, D.C., lawyer representing the American Samoa government in challenging the lawsuit. "And to say that U.S. citizens can't own land because of racial restrictions, that's the sort of thing that one would expect would come under scrutiny from the courts."

Some are uncomfortable with a faraway judge making decisions about their relationship with the United States, Williams said.

"Everybody else will come and impose their right in the village that is perfectly designed to fit every family's need that occupies that land," said Tisa Fa'amuli, who owns Tisa's Barefoot Bar in the village of Alega on Tutuila, the largest island in the American Samoa archipelago.

"At the end of the day, we are so proud of who we are," she said. "We love who we are, and we don't want to change that."

There also are concerns that automatic citizenship would disrupt religious norms such as prayer curfews that are enforced by local leaders in a territory where 100% of Samoans report being Christian, according to the American Samoa government.

Bonnelley Pa'uulu, acting director of the American Samoa government's office in Hawaii, remembers how village police would ring a 6 p.m. bell that signaled it was time to go indoors for family prayer.

Imposing "blanket adult curfews to United States citizens could be unconstitutional under existing case law," the American Samoa government said in a court filing opposing the lawsuit.

A path toward U.S. citizenship exists for those who want it. But some say it's costly and cumbersome.

Roy J.D. Hall Jr., who lives in the village of Viatogi, says he became a citizen more than 50 years ago, when it was easier. As an attorney, he helps others obtain citizenship, which he said now requires more documents and a $750 fee.

Such roadblocks are unfair, he said: "Why should those that live in the United States be denied citizenship and all the benefits that come with it?"

Sailau Timoteo was running for Hawaii's state House in 2018 when she learned she wasn't eligible for the race because she wasn't a U.S. citizen.

She said at the time she didn't realize being born in American Samoa gave her "second-class status."

Pa'uulu opted to remain a national, even though her Army soldier husband became a citizen.

She doesn't feel like she's missing out any anything as a national — she's able to travel freely.

Maintaining the land ownership structure is important to Pa'uulu, in part because she plans to return someday. The land "ties you back to your family name, and it's like where you belong," she said.

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State reviews LA police use of California gang database

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Associated Press

The California Department of Justice is reviewing the Los Angeles Police Department's records and policies regarding use of the state's gang member database after allegations emerged that officers in an elite crime suppression team falsified records and listed innocent people as gang members, Attorney General Xavier Becerra said Monday.

The attorney general could revoke or suspend the department's access to the database, called CalGang. It is a statewide criminal intelligence compilation of 80,000 gang members and associates statewide used by local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement agencies to share information.

It is used by the Los Angeles Police Department more than any other agency and at least 20 members of the department's Metropolitan Division are under investigation after authorities found inaccuracies on field interview cards that police officers fill out after stopping and questioning people.

The department has presented the case to Los Angeles County prosecutors for possible criminal charges.

Becerra said authorities still do not know how many innocent people were erroneously listed as gang members in the database and declined comment when asked if other agencies are also being investigated.

False or inaccurate data contaminates a system that is reliant on the integrity of its data, he said.

While Becerra said the database is used as an intelligence-gathering tool, gang sentencing enhancements increase penalties in criminal cases.

A critical state audit in 2016 found that the long-troubled database lacked oversight and that some agencies could not substantiate some of the listings. Becerra, whose office was granted oversight of the database the following year, said officials are working on additional reforms to the system.

The attorney general's office plans to audit the police department's CalGang entries beyond those entered by Metropolitan Division members.

Authorities will also review body camera video, including footage of police interactions with people who were characterized as gang members in the database. And officials will review the department's accountability policies and observe the re-training of officers who use the database.

Police Chief Michel Moore has recommended that one Metropolitan Division officer, whose name has not been made public, be fired. The officer will face an internal administrative tribunal and two others are suspended.

Becerra said the police department did not inform the attorney general's office of its probe until after media reports surfaced. The department has promised to investigate the alleged misuse and institute reforms.

"The California Gang Database is a critical tool for law enforcement in its efforts to solve violent crime and any information entered must be accurate," Moore said in a statement after Becerra spoke with reporters. "We are committed to holding anyone who falsified information accountable and will also fully cooperate with the State Attorney General office."

The Los Angeles Police Protective League's board of directors, the union that represents the department's rank-and-file officers, said in a statement that it supports increased transparency for the database and praised the additional training.

NBC Los Angeles first reported the investigation.

The months-long probe began in early 2019 when a mother from the San Fernando Valley in the metro Los Angeles area reported that her son had been inaccurately identified as a gang member. Officials then discovered inaccuracies in documents about her son.

The Metropolitan Division fields special suppression units in high-crime areas. Among other things, officers stop some drivers to search for guns and drugs.

A Los Angeles Times analysis published last January concluded that from 2015 to 2018, 65% of drivers stopped by Metropolitan Division officers were African American.

The Times said African American drivers were stopped at a rate more than five times their share of the city's population.

Associated Press Writer Don Thompson in Sacramento contributed.

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California mountain lion killed after state issues permit

A Southern California mountain lion tracked by scientists as part of a federal study was killed after state wildlife officials issued a permit to a rural property owner whose livestock was repeatedly attacked, officials said Monday.

The male cougar dubbed P-56 was suspected of feasting on animals at a property in Camarillo, within the Santa Monica Mountains northwest of Los Angeles. The owner reported nine depredation incidents resulting in the loss of 12 animals over a two-year period.

National Park Service biologists said they were informed that P-56 was killed on Jan. 27.

It's the first time the Department of Fish and Wildlife granted permission to kill a big cat in the Santa Monica Mountains under California's depredation law, officials said.

Hunting mountain lions is illegal in California, but the state may issue property owners permits to kill any big cats that have killed or injured domestic animals or damaged property.

P-56, estimated to be about 5 years old, had been tracked via radio collar since 2017 by researchers studying how the animals survive as urban areas encroach into wildland.

As required, the property owner first tried nonlethal methods to keep the mountain lion away – including keeping as many livestock as possible in an enclosed structure at night, penning any remaining livestock close to the barn and houses, and using trained guard dogs.

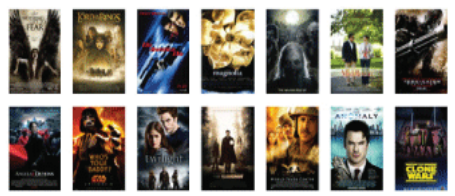
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What's the Point?

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This Valentine's Day, Focus On Experiences for Long Term Happiness

Friday is the annual day of chocolate sales, flowers, lingerie and proposals to marry. It's a day devoted to romance and idealistic views of relationships that were created by Disney, Hallmark and jewelry stores. It's a lovely idea to have a day to focus on a relationship's meaning and value.

But let's be honest, this Valentine's Day thing is really all about marketing. It's about selling products and dreams, so we can sell even more products like engagement rings and wedding dresses.

How many women are dreaming that this Friday night their boyfriend will "pop the question" with an engagement ring that is equivalent to at least two months of his gross salary? Because they're told that unless he does so, he doesn't value you enough.

How many men are mustering up the courage to ask what is probably the most vulnerable question they'll ever ask in their life, "Am I good enough for you?"

This Friday there will be loads of happy tears as anxious women get their fondest wish - to have a man drop to one knee, present a gorgeous ring and ask them to be their bride. Across the country men will be relieved when she says, "YES!" and for a few unlucky souls the croaked out no, will be ego and soul crushing.

For those poor souls who have to face the NOs I say, Thank Your Lucky Stars that your girlfriend had the emotional strength and wisdom to not give in to the pressure of looking good. She did you the biggest favor ever by not taking you both through a bad marriage that was based on false assumptions. You assumed she loved you as much as you loved her, be glad she was strong enough to know what is best for you both and act on it.

To those women who didn't get the ask they wanted, I say the same thing. Be happy he didn't give in to the pressure that is surely being put upon him to ask, by his mother who wants grandbabies, by the sister-in-law who wants to have a companion in the family, and the women in his life who wonder what it will take. He did you a favor if he's not ready, or is not willing, to really commit.

Take it from the divorce lawyer - I've seen the damage that is done by people doing 'what was expected' and the lives that they upend. People know, at a cellular level when they are in love and when they are ready, forcing them to act in opposition to that is a mistake. It's a costly mistake that ends up in my office with soul crushing misery, cheating spouses, betrayed loves and ego-destroying chaos.

I'm all in favor of those people who are certain, taking the opportunity of Valentine's Day's misty eyed, Cupid driven emotion to start the formation of their married life. It's actually very important in long term relationships to have the types of moments and traditions that this brings. For example, one couple I know of, has a tradition of box of See's Candies Dark Chocolate box on Valentine's day, and a date night dinner AFTER VDay to avoid all the fanfare and overly dramatic couples who are putting on a show. They've been married for over 25 years now, so it seems to be working...

The thing that is most important in relationships, and in life, is not what you think it is. It's not the giant diamond ring, it's not the Ferrari 488. It's the memories and the experiences that create long term happiness. Money, property and prestige are all wonderful, but they are just things. Things can go away. No matter who you are, if it's a material thing, it can be taken from you. But memories, those suckers last.

A wise man once told me that, "you can't make anyone else happy, you can only make them happier." So this Valentine's Day, do something special and unique for the one you love - give them an experience they won't forget. Whether it is booking a three day cruise out of Long Beach to Mexico to get away from the kids, (you can find great deals on the Cruise Deals App) or a month long tour of the South Pacific, keep your eye on the long term, and you'll be much more likely to stay in a happy and healthy relationship.

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MINIMUM WAGE

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with city law, according to the report.

The City Attorney's Office is proposing changing the ordinance to apply to all surcharges, including delivery, sustainability and catering fees, and remove the portion of the ordinance that requires businesses to disclose surcharges prior to purchase. City Council will vote on the proposed update to the ordinance Tuesday.

Staff said in a report on the update that they believe many businesses will elect to disclose surcharges to avoid the risk of violating the ordinance.

"The revised ordinance prohibits such a surcharge only if it is misleading or deceptive, that is a surcharge that is imposed in a way that a reasonable customer would believe it will be used for something other than its actual use," said city spokesperson Constance Farrell. "The ordinance also includes a surcharge disclosure provision that permits a business to comply with the revised ordinance by providing a clear and conspicuous statement that accurately discloses to the customer the purposes for which the surcharge will be used."

The changes to the ordinance attempt to avoid litigation from the California Restaurant Association, which sent the City Attorney's Office a letter alleging that the service charge provisions of the city's minimum wage ordinance amounted to an unconstitutional restraint on commercial speech, according to the staff report.

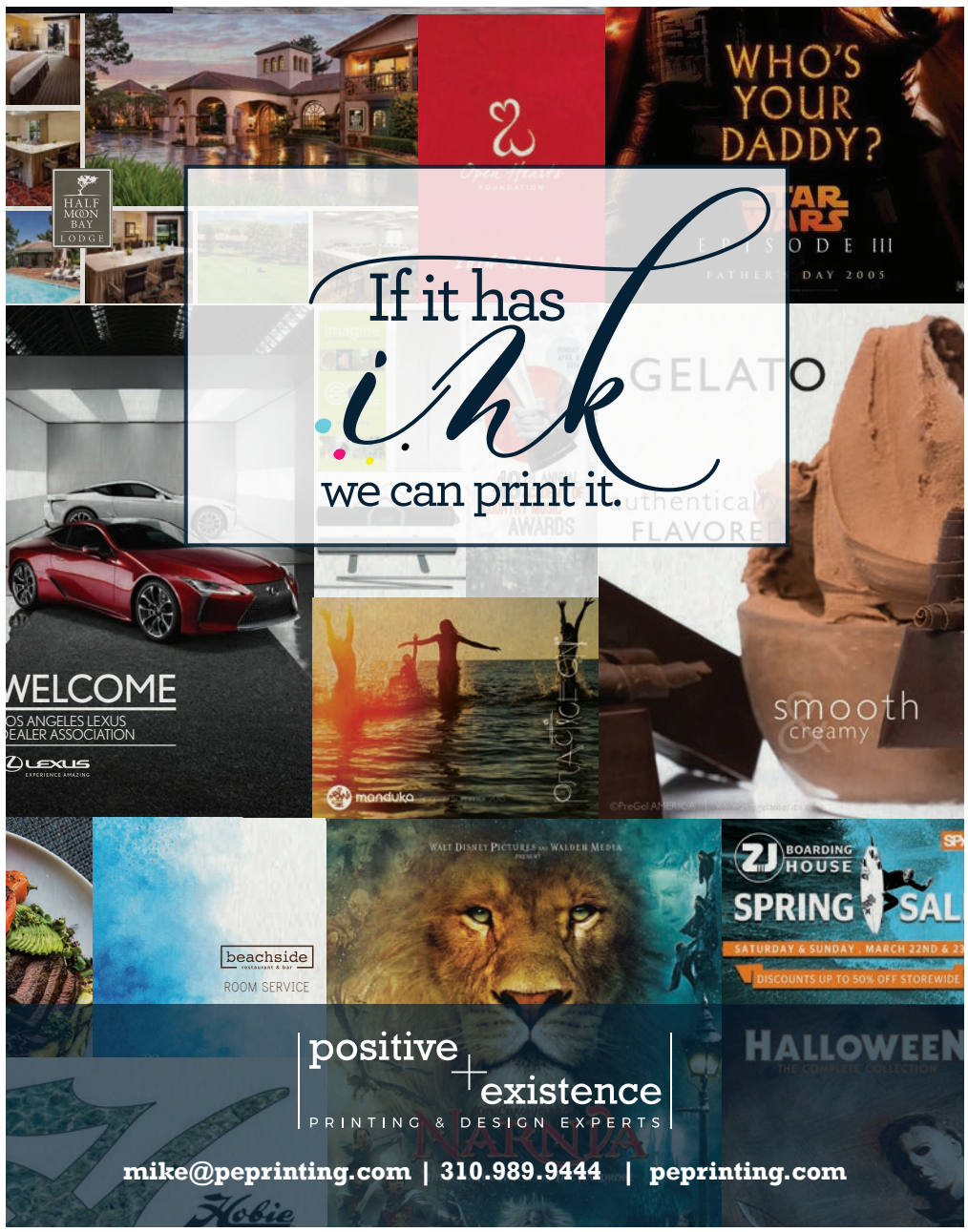
Additionally, staff said more workers will be covered by Santa Monica's minimum wage ordinance under AB 5, a state law that sets new standards for defining independent contractors and employees. AB 5 classifies all workers as employees unless they work independently of their employer, perform work that it outside the usual course of their employer's business or is engaged in an independent occupation of same nature as the work they perform.

The law, which went into effect Jan. 1, was lobbied for by Uber and Lyft drivers who argued that they should be classified as employees to receive a minimum wage, overtime, sick leave and benefits. Many occupations are exempt from the law, including real estate agents, some health care workers and certain artists.

Staff said ensuring that workers previously classified as contractors are being paid Santa Monica's minimum wage may require additional spending on enforcement.

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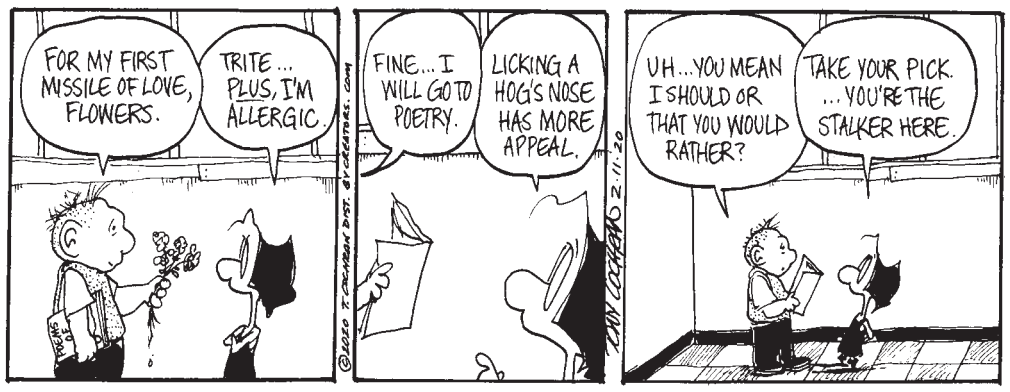
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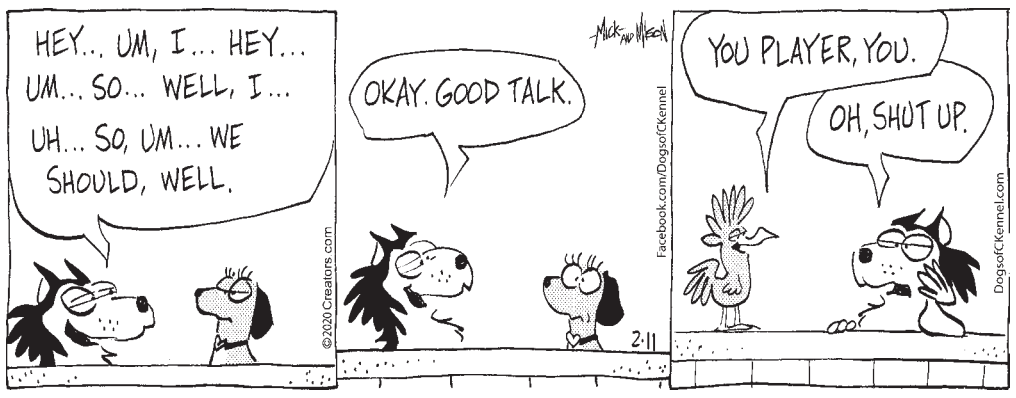
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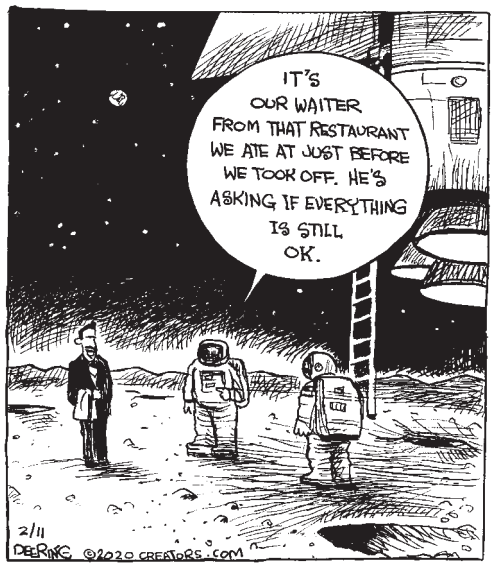
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.8°

Tuesday - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
NW swell-mix eases. Small SW swell. AM tide push and offshore flow.

Wednesday - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Fresh NW swell-mix moving in. SW trending SSW swell. Wind looking more favorable for east facing areas – PM may have a window before dark.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 70. North northeast wind around 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the evening.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 64. Northeast wind around 10 mph becoming southwest in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Friday: A slight chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 61.

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2020/02/12	Wed	11:08 AM	5.22	H
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2020/02/13	Thu	12:11 AM	4.84	H
2020/02/13	Thu	06:13 AM	1.01	L
2020/02/13	Thu	12:06 PM	4.34	H
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Jackpot: 202 M

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Daily 3
Draw Date: 02/10
Midday: 6 9 7
Draw Date: 02/09
Evening: 6 4 4

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Draw Date: 02/09
1st: 10 - SOLID GOLD
2nd: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
3rd: 11 - MONEY BAGS
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 11)

You don't know how fresh sights will invigorate you, but you know they will. Your simple recipe for feeling alive: Decide where to go, and go there. Your agenda will include three places you've never seen before. Even passing relationships will delight you, though you'll put the most heart into one that lasts and lasts. Gemini and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 43, 10, 4, 26 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Let people tell you the things you want to hear, and then let them show you the things you want to see. If only one of these things happens, that's great — as long as it's the second one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may find yourself keeping an eye on things that don't even exist. If this is the case and you catch yourself in the act, you can count yourself among some of the best company that ever lived.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have a place for someone both in your heart and in your life, though the second one takes more intention to work out, as there are logistics involved. But because you care enough, you'll do it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The universe is expanding at a rate that few agree on. Maybe this is why the moon never hangs the same way twice, though things feel familiar and comfortably assuring between you and your guardian luminary today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may find yourself trying to fight the natural leanings of your thought process. As it goes with taming wild things, consistency matters quite a lot. Better to be low-key and uniform with follow-through than harsh and fickle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The first time a mistake happens, it's a learning moment. The second time, maybe it's the same. But with repetition, at some point it is no longer a mistake; it's a decision.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want to be acknowledged in a particular way because that way feels like love, and other ways don't. Your preference may not be so obvious to you. It's something to think over, though, because it's a key to your happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To use tools like social media for one's own pleasure and amusement is very different from using them for work. The handles and buttons may be the same, but different intentions change everything.

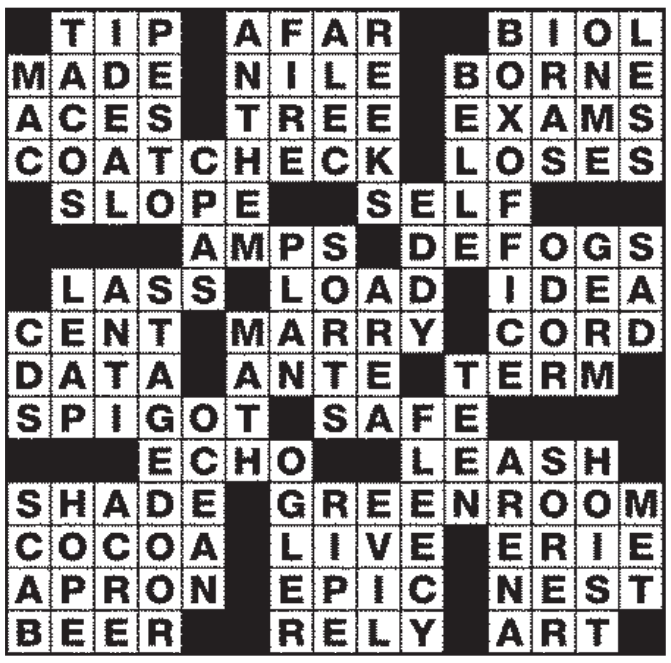
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Many claim to love unconditionally, but the test of this comes after conditions have changed. Those wary of making or issuing claims will concentrate fully on providing affection's proof.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The question that comes to mind, childlike in its reaching naivete yet also rooted in deep ancient mud, is "Why do they get to do that, and why can't I?" Or, you can try turning it around to "How can I?"

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). No one has time. Some people take time, and then things get done. Your challenge is to get the day organized enough to prioritize those things that matter most to you but that you still haven't found a way to make habits.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Most of good living centers around attitude. It's easy to conjure up an excellent vibe when the basics like enough sleep, water and exercise are covered. Doing better with just those three things will make you 25% happier.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD



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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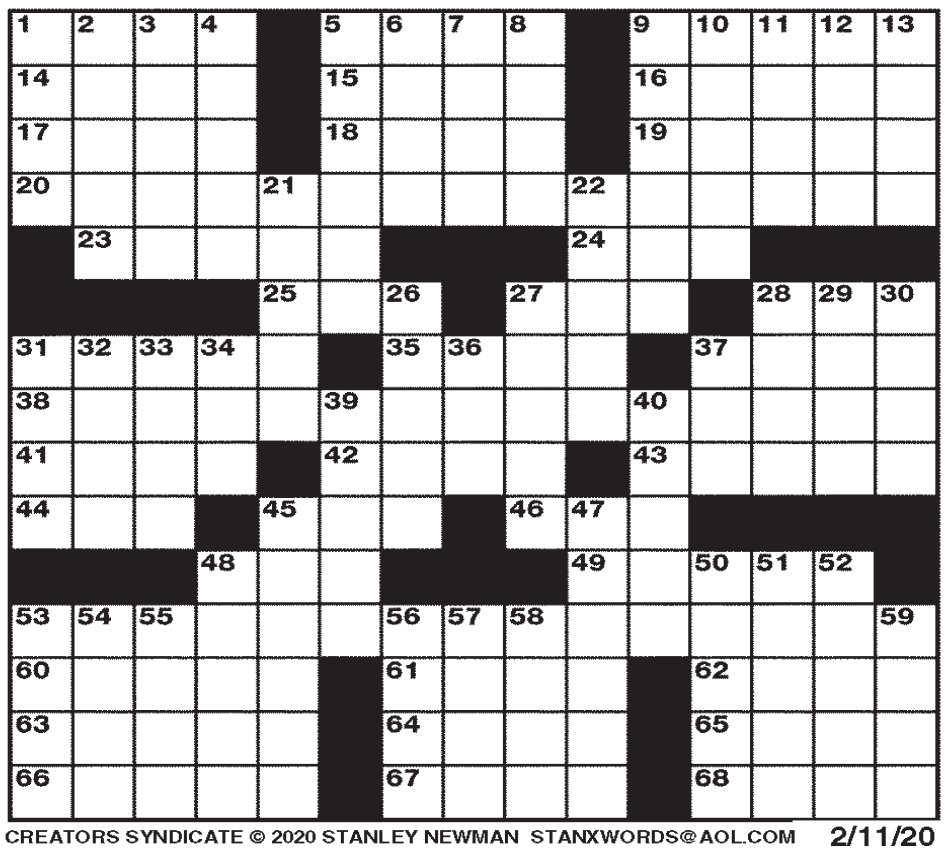
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ACROSS
1 Therefore
5 Earnest request
9 As perfect as possible
14 Twisted out of shape
15 Deserve to get
16 "I didn't do it!"
17 Small, medium, or large
18 Foul mood
19 Pampers, with "on"
20 People not working for a government
23 Compete in a bee
24 Horse's dinner
25 Prime-time hour
27 __ Antonio, TX
28 Enthusiast
31 Old saying
35 "What time __?"
37 Pleasant
38 Stoves, washing machines, etc.
41 Numerical fact, briefly
42 Iridescent gem
43 Absolute minimum
44 Tool for rowing
45 Weep
46 Slangy agreement
48 Lab rodent
49 Snapshot
53 Sports team executives
60 Stand up
61 Worry-free state
62 Bring in, as a harvest
63 Makes furious
64 Cereal "for kids"
65 Caesar's rebuke of Brutus
66 Red vegetables
67 Chair or sofa
68 Place to store tools

DOWN
1 Recipe meas.
2 Bequest recipients
3 Open, as a parka
4 Apple cofounder __ Jobs
5 Grinding tool used with a mortar
6 Country road
7 Guitarist Clapton
8 Prefix for freeze
9 New Delhi resident
10 Humdinger
11 Suffix for kitchen
12 Prayer-ending word
13 A smaller amount
21 Make a change to
22 "Not __ know of"
26 A little chilly
27 Frivolous
28 Pay stub abbr.
29 Top poker cards
30 Hatchling's home
31 Reply to "Are not!"
32 Disk-drive filler
33 Slightly open
34 Obtained
36 Masseuse's employer
37 Point opposite SSW
39 Major blood vessel
40 First Greek letter
45 Affectionate touch
47 About to face the pitcher
48 Turn back to zero
50 Brutes of folklore
51 Molars and incisors
52 Make a speech
53 Clothing
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EMS 900blk 3rd St 12:52 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 12:55 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 1:07 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 1:20 a.m.
Request Fire 500blk Colorado Ave 1:23 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400blk Ashland Ave 1:44 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 2:16 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 2:23 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 6:40 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2600blk 14th St 6:43 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 26th St 10:12 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 10th St 11:33 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Olympic Blvd 11:47 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 11:48 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Beverley Ave 11:52 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 12:15 p.m.
EMS 400blk 16th St 12:27 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 12:32 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 800blk San Vicente Blvd 1:53 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 800blk San Vicente Blvd 2:06 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 2:10 p.m.
EMS 600blk Marguerita Ave 2:58 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Franklin St 2:59 p.m.
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EMS 1100blk 6th St 7:50 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire Dorchester Ave / Pico Blvd 7:53 p.m.
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EMS 500blk Raymond Ave 9:05 p.m.
EMS 2000blk 14th St 9:15 p.m.
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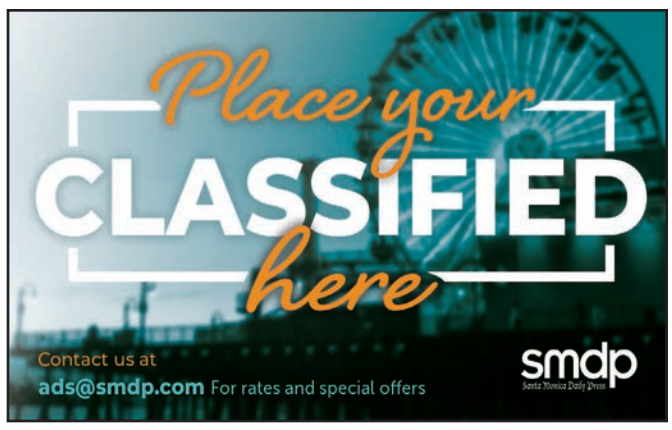
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CITIZENSHIP

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American Samoa's traditional leaders voluntarily ceded sovereignty to the United States government in 1900.

The territory's customs and cultures evolve, and there are laws protecting them, said Charles Ala'ilima, one of the attorneys representing the three who want citizenship.

"The custom and culture of Samoa 200 years ago did not include Christianity," he said. "But guess what? Nobody would say now that the custom and culture of Samoa does not include Christianity."

From a legal perspective, citizenship won't lead to the downfall of American Samoa's land ownership system, said Rose Cuison-Villazor, an expert in immigration, citizenship and property law at Rutgers Law School in New Jersey.

She is from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. territory that grants birthright citizenship, where U.S. courts have upheld a land ownership requirement of 25% Northern Marianas blood.

"Citizenship would not have the domino effect people are worried about," said Sean Morrison, a former American Samoa assistant attorney general now living in New Orleans. "I think the biggest worry is ... you don't know what a future judge might say."

Before the ruling, Amata Coleman Radewagen, American Samoa's U.S. House delegate, introduced a bill to make citizenship for American Samoans easier. The bill would allow nationals to become citizens without having to leave American Samoa, as is currently required. American Samoans also would no longer have to take a citizenship test, and there would be a hardship waiver for application fees.

The bill is pending in the Natural Resources Committee with a likely hearing in the year ahead, said her spokesman, Joel Hannahs.

MEETING

FROM PAGE 1

residents a chance to discuss a few future ideas for the mural.

"Jane will be presenting us with a recap of her findings and recommendations (and) I can't stress enough how lucky we are as a district and community to have Jane playing a key role in these discussions," Drati added. The district is waiting for her report but Golden was 100 percent certain that the mural must come down and the walls must be properly prepared for whatever may come next.

Board president Jon Keane said a video and notes of the meeting will be posted online to the district's website soon.

Shortly after the conclusion of the superintendent's report, residents were then allowed to discuss issues related to Samohi's tennis team, vaccines and other issues of importance during the meeting's public comment section.

With no discussion items on the agenda, the board then moved to approve two resolutions — the first of which pertained to Black History Month.

Board member Maria Leon-Vazquez excitedly read the second resolution of the night, which sought to recognize the month of February as Career Technical Education Month.

"Now, therefore be it resolved, Leon-Vazquez said while she read the resolution, "that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education adopts this resolution to: recognize February as Career and Technical Education Month across the United States; support the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education Month; recognize the importance of career and technical education in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce; and encourage educators, counselors and administrators to promote career and technical education as an option for students."

A brief moment of silence was held to honor a pair of former local principals before the board adjourned and returned to closed session.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Latino group say Census must dispel doubts on citizenship

A prominent Latino organization said Monday the U.S. Census Bureau needs to explicitly communicate there will be no citizenship question ahead of the 2020 count or risk undercounting minority groups.

Arturo Vargas, CEO of the NALEO Education Fund, said the effort by the Trump administration to include the question sparked fear and mistrust among Latinos in the United States.

Vargas said the issue continues to pose a challenge for nonprofit organizations working to ensure an accurate census, but the Census Bureau did not incorporate any information on the citizenship question debacle as part of its publicity campaigns.

"The bureau cannot leave it upon us – the nonprofit sector – to clean up the mess created by the administration," Vargas said. "The Census Bureau needs to stand up at this point and head this challenge straight on."

The Census Bureau says its ads were based on research and recommendations on "positive messaging." One of the ads shows friends having dinner raising concerns of whether the responses will be shared with police or the "migra," as immigration authorities are known. One of the men in the commercial says he filled it out in ten years ago and was still around.

"The 2020 Census ads are focused on making sure people know that taking the Census is important, easy and safe," said the Census Bureau's spokesman Michael Cook, adding that they "address confidentiality concerns."

NALEO stands for National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials and it is an organization based in Los Angeles that groups the 6,100 Latino elected and appointed officials.

The once-a-decade head count determines how $1.5 trillion in federal spending is allocated among the 50 states and how many congressional seats each gets.

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Encampment 800blk Wilshire Blvd 1:27 a.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 600blk Lincoln Blvd 1:49 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1400blk 2nd St 2:00 a.m.
Loud Music 1300blk 2nd St 2:04 a.m.
Fight 700blk Pacific St 2:41 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 12th St / Pico Blvd 2:45 a.m.
Encampment 2900blk The Beach 6:41 a.m.
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Malicious Mischief Report 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 8:09 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1500blk 14th St 8:10 a.m.
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Construction Noise 1400blk 9th St 9:32 a.m.
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Grand Theft Auto Report 400blk Montana Ave 10:47 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2600blk Main St 10:59 a.m.
Valet Zone Violation 200blk Wilshire Blvd 11:09 a.m.
Construction Noise 900blk 6th St 11:23 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries City Prop Involved 20th St / Olympic Blvd 11:45 a.m.
Child Endangerment 400blk Broadway 11:50 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1400blk 6th St 11:52 a.m.
Battery Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:54 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1400blk 6th St 12:02 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 200blk 15th St 12:03 p.m.
Construction Noise 900blk 3rd St 12:09 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:37 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 12:42 p.m.
Public Intoxication 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:02 p.m.
Loud Music 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 1:07 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk 14th St 1:12 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk 15th St 1:16 p.m.
9-1-1 Open Line 2100blk Ocean Ave 1:34 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 800blk San Vicente Blvd 1:53 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 2:23 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 4th St 2:26 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 300blk Olympic Dr 2:33 p.m.
Stalking Report 400blk Raymond Ave 3:15 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:59 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 800blk Wilshire Blvd 4:01 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2000blk 20th St 4:19 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 900blk 16th St 4:35 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2300blk Virginia Ave 4:35 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1200blk Princeton St 4:41 p.m.
Valet Zone Violation 1200blk 2nd St 5:13 p.m.
Valet Zone Violation 1200blk 2nd St 5:14 p.m.
Burglary Report 3000blk Pico Blvd 5:56 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 4th St 6:01 p.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 6:09 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 6:54 p.m.
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Valet Zone Violation 2900blk Pico Blvd 7:05 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200blk California Ave 7:47 p.m.
Encampment 800blk Cedar St 8:34 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 9:38 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 1100blk 4th St 9:56 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 10:00 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 10:27 p.m.
Battery Now 1400blk 2nd St 11:21 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON JAN. 30 AT APPROXIMATELY 6 P.M.

Officers responded to a grand theft that just occurred. Officers met with the victim and learned that a subject grabbed a cellphone out of the victim's hand and walked away. Suspect was located nearby and taken into custody without incident. Bathololmew Able Tillman, 44, homeless, was arrested for grand theft. Bail was set at $25,000.

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