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State social media bill receives expected legal challenge

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An unsurprising legal challenge to a state bill attacking social media feeds will make its way into a federal courtroom next year.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit granted advocacy group NetChoice's request for a full stay, halting SB 976 from going into effect while its case, NetChoice v. Bonta, proceeds. The Ninth Circuit will hear the case in April 2025.

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed SB 976, also known as the Protecting Our Kids from Social Media Addiction Act, in Sept. 2024. The bill, authored by State Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkley), prohibits online platforms from knowingly providing an "addictive feed" to a minor without parental consent. The phrase "addictive feed" is defined by the bill as an online service generating a feed of content based on information provided by the user, known commonly as an algorithm.

SB 976 would require platforms to have parental consent for minors to access these generated feeds, and furthermore would make notifications from services unlawful between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. as well as school hours during the school year.

The regulations were not scheduled to go into effect until Jan. 1, 2027, as legal opposition (such as the NetChoice case) was seen as inevitable from lawmakers. NetChoice members represent social media powerhouses like Google (which owns the YouTube platform), Meta, Pinterest and X.



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SOCIAL MEDIA: SB 976, attempting to curb addictive social media feeds, has received its first court challenge.

In its dissent against California Attorney General Rob Bonta, NetChoice claims that SB 976 "disregards the First Amendment" by conditioning rights to access protected speech online, and is governmental oversight by mandating companies verify identities to access an online service.

The group also stated that the bill "will create a honeypot of sensitive information that will be a prime target for cybercriminals and predators to attack and exploit," with proponents of the bill also using predatory tactics as a reason minors should be protected.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP # 435 JOINT CREST ENRICHMENT, COMUNITY CLASSES & CAMPS, AQUATICS AND BEACH RECREATION**
- **Submission Deadline Is February, 27, 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Development Review Permit (23ENT-0216)
1673 9th Street
APPLICANT: Jared Dudley, Saunders + Wiant Architects
PROPERTY OWNER: 1673 9th Street, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Development Review Permit (DRP) to allow a new Tier 2, three-story, 45'-high, 15,750 SF commercial building in the Industrial Conservation (IC) zoning district. 52 vehicular parking spaces with mechanical lifts and 8 bicycle parking spaces are proposed on the ground floor. A veterinary services use is proposed on the second floor, and a creative office use is proposed on the third floor. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.40.020, a DRP is required for new construction that exceeds Tier 1 maximum limits.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025, AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: Becky Jones, Associate Planner
Re: 23ENT-0216

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project, wish to review the project file, or provide comments, please contact Becky Jones at becky.jones@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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Southern California wildfires could be a double whammy for the state's shaky budget



Photo by Rich Pedroncelli, AP Photo

BUDGET: Gov. Gavin Newsom delivers a briefing of his proposed 2025-26 state budget at Stanislaus State in Turlock on Jan. 6, 2025.

BY DAN WALTERS

Three weeks ago, Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed a $322 billion state budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, emphasizing that it would be balanced without new taxes and have a "modest" $363 million surplus.

The latter number is scarcely one-tenth of 1% of the overall budget, which makes one wonder how Newsom's budget writers could calculate it so precisely. It may have been plucked from thin air so the first draft of the budget could be portrayed as balanced.

In fact, its purported balance assumes that at least $11 billion in drawdowns from emergency reserves, bookkeeping gimmicks and off-the-books loans can be counted as revenues. So by its own numbers, the proposed budget is actually leaking red ink.

Furthermore, the budget is already scrap paper because the deadly wildfires that were scorching Southern California as it was being released will clobber tax revenues while imposing massive new financial burdens. The $2.5 billion hastily appropriated by the Legislature is only a down payment on what the state may have to spend on fire suppression and recovery.

That would be true even if President Donald Trump supplied billions of dollars in federal disaster aid that Newsom and other officials are seeking. During his visit to the fire scene last week, Trump both promised to help the region recover and suggested that the state should change some of its environmental and immigration policies in return.

If federal aid is not forthcoming, or is markedly less than being sought, the impact on state finances — both in loss of revenue and new spending — could be immense, potentially encompassing all of the state's emergency reserves and then some.

A hint of that potential impact is contained in a memo that Joe Stephenshaw, California's finance director, sent to heads of state agencies last week, basically telling them to stifle any hopes for new or expanded programs.

Stephenshaw told the officials that "the recent devastating fires in southern California have resulted in the federal government delayed tax filings for Los Angeles and Ventura counties until November 15, introducing a level of uncertainty to the revenue forecast."

Citing the "projected structural deficits in future years and fiscal uncertainty the state continues to face," he said that the state will stay within a "workload budget," defined as the current level of authorized spending, adjusted only for such inescapable factors as inflation, caseloads

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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AI is already harming our children. Are California lawmakers going to do something?



Photo by Kristian Carreon for CalMatters

AI: Seventh grade students prepare to take a test on laptops at the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District at Winterhaven in Imperial County on Dec. 12, 2023.

Parents beware. The money-lusting billionaires in Silicon Valley who, through social media, have already caused unprecedented child suffering — including depression, eating disorders, suicide, drug-related deaths, invasions of privacy and sex trafficking — they have unleashed a new horror.

They are called artificial intelligence companions, led by a service called Character.ai, an AI-driven platform that permits the creation of fictitious character chatbots. These companion chatbots engage in personal and evolving conversations like real people. The chatbots even have profile pictures and bios and can be custom-tailored for their user.

This new technology is already hurting our kids. According to numerous reports, Character.ai's chatbots sometimes try to persuade children to kill themselves, to avoid consulting doctors, to engage in sexualized conversations, and to embrace anorexia and eating disorders.

In one widely reported instance, a Character.ai chatbot suggested a child should murder his parents because they tried to limit screen time.

Some of the people putting this invention before children in California and beyond are already so rich that their grandchildren's grandchildren won't be able to spend it all. I think I speak on behalf of angry and frustrated parents everywhere when I ask the titans of Big Tech, what the hell is wrong with you?

Is money that, at this point, amounts to bragging rights in a parked account so important that you trot out technologies to children without first making sure they are 100% safe to use?

Have you learned nothing from the social media catastrophe?

This is more dangerous than social media's AI custom-delivering generally available videos to teens that exploit their anxieties to keep them online. These are one-on-one, private conversations that evolve just like real conversations. It is AI direct-to-child.

Making this available to children without first ensuring it is safe is not just grossly negligent — it is sociopathic.

Companion chatbots are the satire-shattering example of Mark Zuckerberg's infamous quote that tech companies should "move fast and break things."

But our children are not "things" for tech to "break." Children are our love, our future, our responsibility. We measure our humanity by how we treat them.

If a human engaged in private conversations with scores of children and urged them to hurt themselves, kill their parents, not eat or avoid doctors, we would lock them up.

Where is Washington, D.C.? Sacramento? Are our lawmakers again going to permit an addictive technology that children can access and stand by as another generation gets hurt?

Technology products that children use must be safe before children use them. This could not be more obvious.

This is also obvious: Every elected official has a choice. Stand with Big Tech, or stand with parents and children.

Standing with parents and kids means, first, not being influenced by Character.ai's promises of self-reform. We have been down this road before with social media. Second, standing with parents and children means saying, "never again."

It means a rejection of moving fast and breaking children and cutting off their access until they can either prove they are safe, or until laws hold them financially responsible when they cause harm. There is no "other side" that warrants kids being used in Big Tech's experiments again.

And, there is nothing more urgent on any lawmaker's to-do list than protecting our children from technologies that have the power to hurt them.

Robert Fellmeth is the Price Professor of Public Interest Law and executive director of the Children's Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego School of Law. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **57.6**

MONDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT

Small WNW pulse may continue. Enough to push the small wave gear and wind looks light in the AM. Expecting fun zone WNW swell mix to hold steady. Think size in the waist high range for average spots as the winter magnets likely push slightly larger. Local wind looks light so any swell that does make it to the region should be clean/rideable.

TUESDAY
FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Small WNW pulse may nudge up. Another morning of clean conditions possible. Potential for modest WNW swell mix to continue, up a peg from Monday. Local wind still looks light so any swell that does make it to the region should be clean/rideable.

Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 64.
Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.
Tuesday: A chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 60.
Tuesday Night: Rain likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
2025/02/03	Mon	12:28 AM	4.96	H
2025/02/03	Mon	06:48 AM	1.14	L
2025/02/03	Mon	12:32 PM	3.59	H
2025/02/03	Mon	6:23 PM	0.97	L
2025/02/04	Tue	01:15 AM	5.08	H
2025/02/04	Tue	08:22 AM	0.99	L
2025/02/04	Tue	2:09 PM	2.78	H
2025/02/04	Tue	6:58 PM	1.68	L
2025/02/05	Wed	02:15 AM	5.17	H
2025/02/05	Wed	10:12 AM	0.55	L
2025/02/05	Wed	4:46 PM	2.54	H
2025/02/05	Wed	7:55 PM	2.30	L
2025/02/06	Thu	03:27 AM	5.27	H
2025/02/06	Thu	11:37 AM	-0.07	L
2025/02/06	Thu	6:54 PM	2.90	H
2025/02/06	Thu	9:53 PM	2.66	L
2025/02/07	Fri	04:40 AM	5.47	H
2025/02/07	Fri	12:38 PM	-0.64	L
2025/02/07	Fri	7:41 PM	3.31	H
2025/02/07	Fri	11:26 PM	2.62	L

Daily Lottery

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/29
8 12 31 33 38
Power#: 18
Jackpot: 89 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/28
10 19 31 47 56
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 59 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 1/29
6 21 24 33 37
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 21 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/30
12 16 18 25 33

Daily 3
Draw Date: 1/30
EVENING: 5 1 8
Draw Date: 1/30
MIDDAY: 1 6 7

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 1/30
1st: 01 - Gold Rush
2nd: 02 - Lucky Star
3rd: 05 - California Classic
Race Time: 1:46.76

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00009 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Erika Ono for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: TErika Ono with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Erika Ono to Erika Ono Sanders . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 02/21/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 25SMCP0012 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Mickie Alisa Scholes for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Mickie Alisa Scholes with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Mickie Alisa Scholes to Mickie Alisa Arias . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 02/21/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 25NNCP0039 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Lyric Audrey Woo for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Lyric Audrey Woo with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Lyric Audrey Woo to Audrey Lyric Woo . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 03/19/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: 3 Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Alhambra Courthouse 150 W Commonwealth Ave Alhambra, CA 91801 . A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 1/06/25 2025002893The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Mar Vista Cheap Mobile Notary 3175 Federal Ave Los Angeles, CA 90066. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Josh's Mobile Notary LLC 3175 Federal Ave Los Angeles, CA 90066 . If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Limited Liability Company . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Registrant /Corp/LLC Name Josh's Mobile Notary LLC Title: CEO Josh Lipman . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 08/15/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 1/06/25 2025002002The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Edward Avedis 101 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica, CA 90401. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. 4158617The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Edward Avedis Limited 101 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica, CA 90401 . If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Corporation . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Registrant / Corp/LLC Name Edward Avedis Limited Title: CEO Avedis Guerboian . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/06/2024NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

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transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2025. Registrant /Corp/LLC Name Culver Crescent Media, LLC Title: CEO Christian May-Suzuki . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/15/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 1/10/25 2025005950 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Lucina Biotherapeutics 3460 Barry Ave Los Angeles, CA 90066. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Lucina Nutraceuticals, Inc 3460 Barry Ave Los Angeles, CA 90066. If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Corporation . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2025. Registrant /Corp/LLC Name Lucina Nutraceuticals, Inc Title: Vice President Jeanette Grant Chavez . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/10/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit electronic bids for the:

SMDOT Facilities HVAC Replacement Project SP2750

Bids will only be accepted through the CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, OpenGov Procurement or https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. They must be received by the specified date and time. Late bids will not be accepted. Please allow sufficient time for uploading of documents. The bid opening will be electronic, all submitted bids will be viewable by the public via OpenGov Procurement immediately after bid close time.

NON - MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:

Thursday, February 6th, 2024 - 09:00AM 1620
6th St, Santa Monica, CA 90401 Metered
parking on 6th Street

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $1,900,000.00
CONTRACT DAYS: 210 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $700.00 Per Calendar Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. The Contractor is required to have an Class A or B license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

Dated: 1/24/2025

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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By:_____

DOUGLAS SLOAN
City Attorney

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David White
City Manager

LIONS ROAR

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Lions offer aid



Courtesy Graphic

WILDFIRE: The Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club is working on recovery efforts after the Palisades Fire.

The Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club extends our sincere sympathy to all those affected by the wildfires that popped up across Los Angeles County. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, today, and in the future as lives and communities are rebuilt.

Because of the recent fires, the SMPP Lions decided to cancel our Community Recognition Luncheon that was to be held in February and focus our efforts on raising funds to directly help the Pacific Palisades and the communities devastated by the Palisades Fire.

The Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club created a special fund for the Palisades Fire victims through the California Lions Foundation (CLF). All donations are tax-deductible, with 100% of the money going towards emergency efforts. We will be working directly with the Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) on determining the most immediate needs for Pacific Palisades and the surrounding affected areas.

Due to the extreme devastation of the area, the necessary needs assessment and details of the relief efforts are a work in progress. However, it is our goal to make sure that funds are readily available when the action can be taken. We will be updating donors on the process being made.

Donate now by check, made payable to the California Lions Foundation with the designation: SM-PP Lions Club - Palisades Fire Relief. Mail checks to:

California Lions Foundation
Attn: David Hedebrand, Treasurer
20231 Valley Boulevard
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For online donations, there is no direct way to donate to the SM-PP Lions Club - Palisades Fire Relief fund. You can donate on the California Lions Foundation website - https://californialionsfoundation.org/donate, but then you need to specify support for the Palisades Fire relief through the SM-PP Lions Club - Palisades Fire Relief through one of the following options -

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Your extra time and effort will be greatly appreciated.

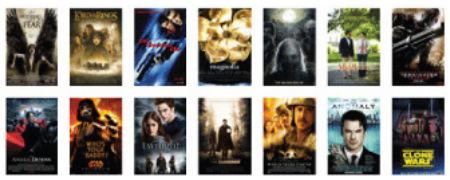
We will be holding our Annual Student Speaker Contest on Wednesday, February 5th, at 5:45 pm at the SM Elks Lodge, 1040 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica. The topic this year is “Artificial Intelligence; friend or foe?” This promises to be a lively evening as we hear from five students from Santa Monica and Palisades high schools. Dinner will be served following their speeches.

If you want to learn more about Lions Club activities, the SM-PP Lions Club - Palisades Fire Relief fund, or would like to be our guest to hear Matt Hall, Editor in Chief, Santa Monica Daily Press speak at our meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at the Elks Lodge, please contact Kingsley Fife at 310-454-2960 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com. We would enjoy meeting you.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit (24ENT-0184)
3009 Lincoln Boulevard
APPLICANT: Luai Adamo, Lou's Fine Spirits & Crafts
PROPERTY OWNER: Luai Adamo, 3009 Lincoln Blvd LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for off-site consumption (Type 21 ABC license) in conjunction with the operation of a liquor store use within the General Commercial (GC) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.11.020, a CUP is required for a liquor store use in the GC zoning district, and pursuant to SMMC Section 9.31.040(B), a CUP is required for the dispensation of alcoholic beverages for on and off-site consumption.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025, AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: Becky Jones, Associate Planner
Re: 24ENT-0184

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project, wish to review the project file, or provide comments, please contact Becky Jones at becky.jones@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov.

RE-VIEW

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Fitoor

Yes, the times, they are a-changing. Some of my favorite restaurants in Pacific Palisades are gone, likely forever. The Draycott closed even before the devastating fire, but that was no surprise. Although it was one of the most beautiful restaurants in the area, with a great patio shielded from the ocean breeze, they never hired a truly exceptional chef. Once, I was served what can only be described as the worst dish imaginable, a mushroom stroganoff. Thankfully, the Caruso Center was saved, and I hope the Caruso team will find a truly top-tier restaurant for that space, complete with an excellent chef.

Many restaurants have vanished, but surprisingly, many new ones have opened in Santa Monica. The Muse in Santa Monica Canyon is a small, beautiful restaurant with a great bar, a top-notch sommelier, and an authentic French menu. I'll review it soon once I've had the chance to taste more of their dishes. So far, it seems to answer my dreams of a French restaurant in the Canyon. I still miss Les Ange, with its memorable Pernod-infused lobster.

One of the best new restaurants in Santa Monica is Fitoor, located on Ocean near Olympic. Parking is an issue, but there's a parking lot nearby for those willing to walk a block or so. In all other respects, the restaurant is superb. However, I wouldn't categorize it strictly as Indian; its food has a fleeting connection to traditional Indian cuisine and an equal affinity for top French cooking. An example is their "gulab jamun crème brûlée," which is like a standard French crème brûlée but vastly improved with small Indian fruits and an Indian-flavored sauce, perhaps rose water?

The pizza and risotto at Fitoor are excellent, though the pizza is only Indian if you order one with Indian toppings. The risotto rivals that of most Italian restaurants. The lamb shank is one of the best dishes, its sauce incredibly delicious yet only slightly reminiscent of Indian flavors. The chicken tikka doesn't come with chunks of chicken but some modification I can't describe; however, like all the sauces I tried, it was spectacular in texture and flavor. The Maryland soft-shell fried crab is nothing special but delicious, served with a dollop of spicy red sauce on the side. I didn't like the bok choy with coconut on the side, though. We loved the scallops with peanut butter salad.

It's tough to write a comprehensive review of the food because the menu is too extensive to try out with just our group of four over three visits. There's so much we haven't tried that sounds wonderful.

This is a beautiful restaurant with an elegant bar full of exotic drinks and spacious rooms with high ceilings, making it quieter than most restaurants. We expect to visit at least once a month.

Merv Hecht, like many Harvard Law School graduates, went into the wine business after law. In 1988, he began writing restaurant reviews and books. His latest book "The Instant Wine Connoisseur, 3rd edition" is available on Amazon. He currently works for several companies that source and distribute food and wine products internationally. Please send your comments to: mervynhecht@yahoo.com

Correction

"In a story published last week SMDP incorrectly identified the first Black mayor of Santa Monica. The first Black mayor was Nat Trives.

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**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be opened and posted for:

BID #4496 Granular Activated Carbon

Submission Deadline is February 27, 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

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Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: OpenGov (https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

Samohi soccer squads spectacular as postseason nears



Photo Courtesy @samohigirlssoccer

SPORTS: The Samohi Lady Vikings soccer unit has impressed all season long.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Despite a break in the action from the devastating wildfires, high school sports has come back in a big way for some units as the postseason nears.

On the hardwood and soccer field alike, both Samohi and Saint Monica squads were forced to take a weeklong break as the Palisades Fire raged to the north. The delay in game action almost immediately followed winter break, causing some teams to go nearly a month with only a couple of games under their belts.

Samohi soccer squads impressed in the regular season, as the boys and girls teams kept up Ocean League dominance on Jan. 29 with a 5-0 boys win over Hawthorne and a girls 8-0 win against Centennial.

The Vikings boys outfit is 18-2-1 on the season, including an undefeated 9-0 Ocean League run. An experienced squad, the Vikings are led by four stud seniors: Leon Ivanov, Miguel Cano, Gabriel Sherman and Felipe Martini.

Ivanov leads the squad with 12 goals in 8 games tracked by MaxPreps, while Cano (11) and Sherman (10) follow right behind. Martini has blessed the team with a multi-

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MONDAY | FEBRUARY 3

PAWSOME MONDAYS
2:30 - 6 p.m. Marina del Rey Hotel, 13534 Bali Way, Marina del Rey. Bring your furry friends for Doggie Happy Hour at Del Rey Lounge. Enjoy an afternoon of fun, relaxation and special treats for you and your pups. Sip on discounted drinks while your pups mingle in the outdoor bar area.

ARBOR VENICE POOL TOURNAMENT
5:30 p.m. Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St. Join in the fun as Arbor Venice takes over Tavern on Main, showing skateboard and snowboarding footage on the screens and hosting a pool tourney with prizes for the winner each week. Come and play, hang or whatever suits your mood.

DISABILITIES COMMISSION
6:30 p.m. SMI Room, Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr. The Disabilities Commission helps improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and City Staff on those issues. The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community.

THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY
7 - 10 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater, 1323-A 3rd St. Get ready for a night filled with laugher, spontaneity and hilarious moments, an evening of unscripted comedy where every joke is made up on the spot. Improv performers will create scenes, characters and stories based on your suggestions. Tickets $10, to purchase visit: https://ci.ovationtix.com/34923/production/1126449?performanceId=11576550.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "'to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality.'"

AN EVENING WITH NAOMI WATTS
8 p.m. Moss Theatre, 3131 Olympic Blvd. Renowned actor and producer Naomi Watts talks about her informative guide to menopause and aging, "'Dare I Say It; Everything I Wish I'd Known About Menopause.'" Tickets $50-$75, signed book options available, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-naomi-watts-tickets-1112807630579.



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Menu

SANDWICH (choose one side)

Panino con polpette
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Focaccia con burrata e salumi
Prosciutto, salame, burrata, basil pesto, mixed greens, tomatoes, homemade focaccia **15**

Focaccia con peperonata
Peppers, olives, mozzarella, homemade focaccia **14**

SIDE

Rosemary truffle potatoes
Soup
Salad

PASTA

Pappardelle Bolognese
Wagyu beef ragout, homemade pappardelle **18**

Fettuccine Alfredo
The classic **15**
with chicken **19**

Penne Arrabbiata
San Marzano tomato puree, Thai chilis **14**
with chicken **18**

COMBO

Soup, salad, homemade focaccia **14**

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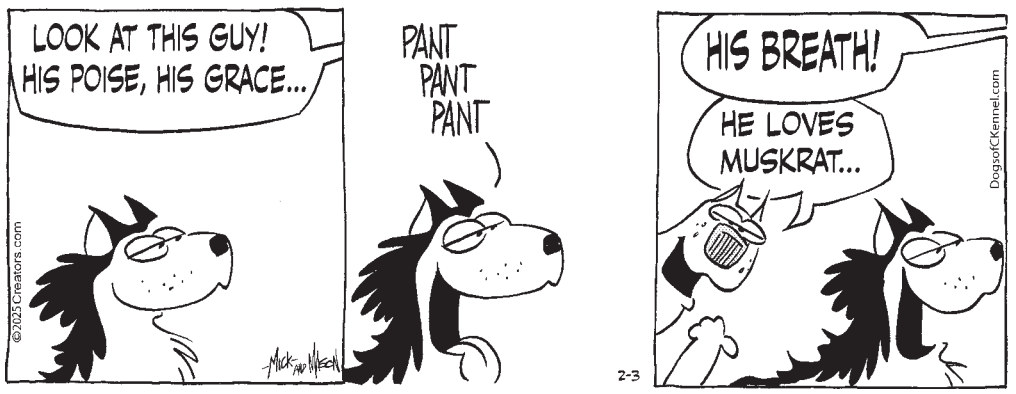
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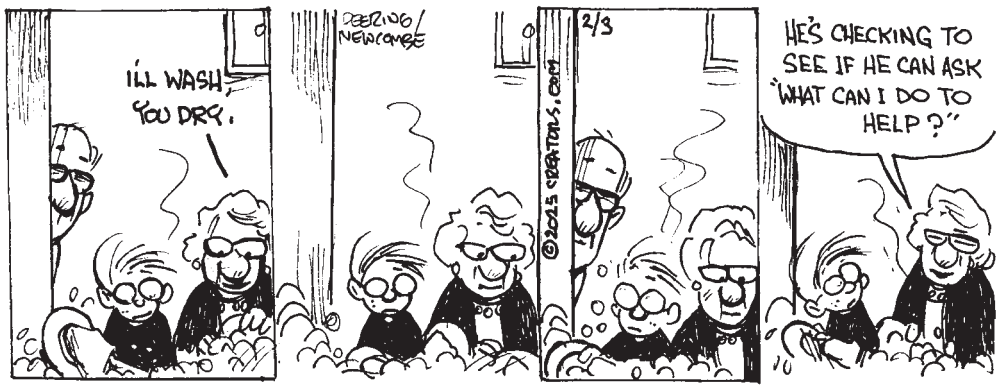
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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"HE'S GOT FLEAS."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6475

Gaelic names

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Alec	Campbell	Graham	Muir
Angus	Cinead	Hogg	Ness
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Begg	Deoiridh	Kerr	Paxton
Boyd	Diarmid	Kilt	Ross
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will be reminded as to how you are vulnerable to chance - an integral part of the human experience. Let this be a source of wonder rather than fear. Life's unpredictability often carries gifts you wouldn't have dared to imagine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You deserve a durable love, and you will have it. Love that stands the test of time begins with nurturing yourself. Let your inventiveness spill into every corner of life, where creativity and joy will open doors you didn't expect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll alternate between taking the lead and stepping back to follow. Both roles will challenge and refine you, offering lessons that enrich your life and perspective. You're growing in surprising ways.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Flow isn't just a state of mind you achieve at times. It can also be a lifestyle. We make our lives and our lives make us. Most of the time, we won't know if we're the shaper or the shaped. It's better this way. Go unselfconsciously forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The things that make you happy should be put in regular rotation, not kept as treats you only get a few times a month. Make joy the sort of life staple that everything else must bend around to accommodate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll channel a style wildness or heart-tugging absurdity. Like "Alice in Wonderland," the day holds potential for you to feel small and big all at once, silly and serious, held and free.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Interacting is always a kind of presentation that encompasses how you dress, what you say and how you honor others with your presence. Have fun with this. When selling yourself, you're both the creative team and the product.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you feel good about your decisions, you'll find it unnecessary to compare and contrast with what others are up to. Today's golden good feelings generate on a closed circuit, created through the subtle art of minding your own business.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Self-expression can be accomplished in a wide variety of volumes and tones. You'll be keen to match and mirror your way into establishing rapport with others, meeting them where they are most comfortable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The plot thickens. Don't worry about who the hero is or identifying the villain either. This is a complex story, and everyone has, to some degree, a good point to make. There are advantages that only go to those who lean into listening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Acknowledging your nerves and potential obstacles shows emotional intelligence. You're strategizing to mitigate whatever might get in the way of your success, which is key to making sure it doesn't.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The reward is the achievement. Any additional accolades are the cherry on top, if such a thing is even interesting to you now. Awards can also be a little embarrassing, or more pressure than they are worth.

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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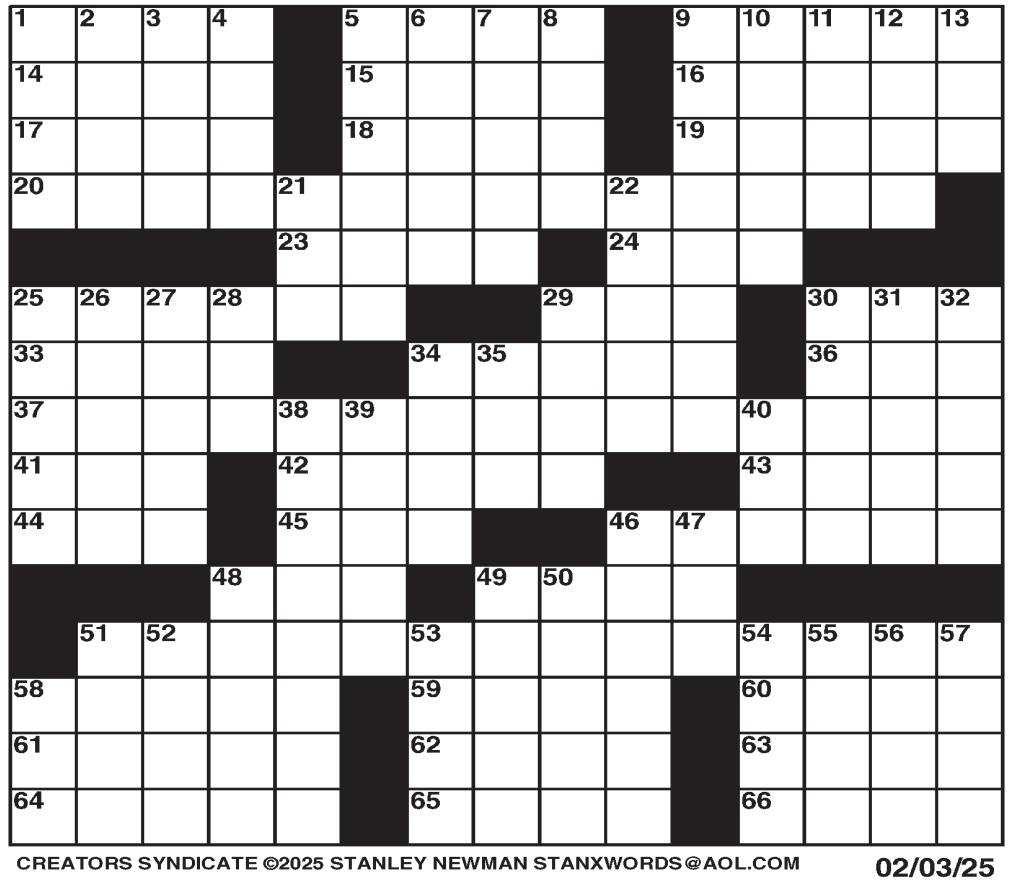
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5 Actors who overdo it
9 Former global airline, for short
14 Give a darn
15 On the summit of
16 Gives off, as heat
17 Diabolical
18 Tug-of-war cord
19 1, 5, or 9
20 View differently
23 Pre-owned
24 Self-image
25 Flying-saucer crew
29 Peanut butter container
30 Airline watchdog agency: Abbr.
33 Lounge around
34 The ones here
36 Recede gradually
37 Ignore wrongdoing
41 Letter before tee
42 Steps of a ladder
43 Wagers
44 So far
45 Call a halt to
46 Church towers
48 Abbreviation with many a business name
49 Back of the neck
51 Guard very attentively
58 Swampy land
59 Land measure
60 Get the creases out of
61 Any illegal activity
62 Not barefoot
63 Flooring square
64 Hands over legally
65 Group in a coop
66 In no danger

DOWN

1 Highest cards in poker
2 Donated
3 One of the Great Lakes
4 Local food shop
5 Bother repeatedly
6 Make amends
7 Sulked
8 Gush forth
9 Dog's family tree
10 Male friend, in Spanish
11 Close by, in poems
12 Keep __ (persist)
13 Denver winter clock setting: Abbr.
21 Convent resident
22 Dog's restraint
25 Back street
26 Not very tight
27 "You defeated me"
28 Antlered animal
29 Fast planes
30 Not as many
31 Taper off
32 Bottomless pit
34 __ bar (serve drinks)
35 Large pig
38 Battlefield ditches
39 Gut feeling
40 Batter's stat, for short
46 Velocities
47 Split __ soup
48 "Who's there?" response
49 Cozy corner
50 Ohio tire city
51 "Product" suffix for silver or soft
52 Dry as a desert
53 Eyelid hair
54 Box office successes
55 Opera solo
56 Three Little Pigs' foe
57 Joint above the shin
58 1200, in Roman numerals



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SB 976

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"We are grateful that the Ninth Circuit agreed to halt SB 976 in its entirety while our case proceeds," NetChoice Associate Director of Litigation Paul Taske said. "This law has serious implications for Californians' First Amendment and digital privacy rights. NetChoice looks forward to stopping yet another online censorship regime from California's government."

Bonta, who sponsored the bill, argued that it would empower families "to create healthy boundaries around kids' social media use," and does not restrict content since minors can still seek it out, just not via an algorithmic feed associated with addiction and mental health harm.

"Kids use the internet to find community and learn about themselves and the world," Bonta said after the bill's passing. "We must protect their ability to do this safely. Social media companies have shown us time and time again that for profit, they are willing to use addictive design features, including algorithmic feeds and notifications at all hours of the day and night, to target children and teens. SB 976 changes this and puts families in control."

Advocating for the bill has been Parent Collective Inc., a group of parents whose children have been impacted by social media. CEO Sam Chapman has been fighting for SB 976 and similar addictive feed curbing legislation since the 2021 death of 16-year-old son Sammy Chapman in Santa Monica, with Sammy's death coming via solicitation by a drug dealer via Snapchat.

Chapman told the Daily Press when the bill was passed that opposition groups like NetChoice had been winning the legal battle until 2024, when parental groups like his became "a political force" and caught the attention of Bonta.

"These algorithms have intentionally addicted our children, so they're sent to school with an addiction in their pocket," Chapman told the Daily Press about the notification leg of the bill. "They're young, and they're expected to somehow avoid that addiction and it's not really fair or reasonable. The adults are sort of screwing them, and so we (have) to take control."

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BUDGET

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and federal or judicial requirements.

The phrase "projected structural deficits in future years" refers to calculations by both Stepenshaw's staff and the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, that no matter how the 2025-26 budget turns out, the state faces annual multibillion-dollar gaps between income and outgo after Newsom's governorship ends two years hence.

Petek sees annual deficits in the $25-30 billion range in the future, while the administration's projected shortfalls are in the $15-20 billion range. Neither includes the potentially massive revenue and spending impacts of wildfires.

Petek, in his initial analysis of the budget, also warns that recent spikes in income taxes Newsom cited in his budget "are on shaky ground."

"These gains are not tied to improvements in the state's broader economy, which has been lackluster, with elevated unemployment, a stagnant job market outside of government and healthcare, and sluggish consumer spending," Petek noted. "Instead, the gains appear largely tied to the booming stock market, a situation which can change rapidly and without warning."

The meltdown in artificial intelligence stock values this week punctuates Petek's admonition.

California has faced budget crises before, but this could be the perfect storm of a chronically unbalanced budget made infinitely worse by disaster.

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skilled offensive array, racking up 8 goals and 18 assists in 13 games. Juniors have joined in producing as well, with Nahom Kinfegbriel scoring 7 goals and Decon Miller scoring 5 and dishing out 13 assists.

The Lady Vikings record, while 9-8-1 overall, was boosted by going 7-1 in the Ocean League and will be headed to the postseason. A 5-game win streak earlier in January was bookended by two league routs, a 14-0 victory over Inglewood and a 12-0 win over Lawndale. In the Lawndale victory Jan. 22, junior Nyla Ryf led the way with 2 goals and 2 assists, while seniors Marisa Melendez and Ruby Winn joined Ryf in having multi-goal games.

Saint Monica's soccer squads have also performed well, with the Mariners boys team going 7-3-2 on the year so far and an undefeated 7-0 in Santa Fe league play heading into three final league matchups against St. Bernard, Bosco Tech and Mary Star of the Sea.

A duo of juniors, Ben Elmaleh and Nicholas Barillas, kept the Mariners offense in sync with 14 combined goals. The Lady Mariners unit stands at 6-5-2, 4-3-1 in league play, with the final regular season matchup played against Ramona Convent after press time.

In basketball action, the Samohi Vikings sit at 13-12 overall and 4-4 in Ocean League play, still fighting for playoff positioning in the final regular season week. The Lady Vikings are in the same boat, sitting at 10-13 overall and 5-3 in Ocean League play.

While both Mariners basketball squads have good records, 18-8 for the boys and 18-6 for the Lady Mariners, both have come down to Earth in Del Rey league play. The Mariners are 5-5 against Del Rey competition, while the Lady Mariners are 2-4.

The Lady Mariners have been carried by the dynamic trio of Kim Macias, Sydney Ghobrial and Bailey Prewitt. Macias, a senior guard, has scored the rock at a high clip, including a 20-point night in a Nov. 26 win against Highland, and 28 points in a Jan. 7 loss to Bishop Montgomery.

Ghobrial and Prewitt have filled in the blanks, with Ghobrial filling the stat sheet on both ends. The junior guard had 19 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 7 steals in a Nov. 18 win over Serra; followed by 8 steals in the Highland victory. Prewitt, a junior forward, had 22 points, 10 rebounds and 4 assists in a Dec. 5 victory over Burroughs.

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City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

Permeable Surface Alley Master Plan
Project No. SP2740

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing design, fabricate and installation services for the, Replica of the Historic Pier Sign Project.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to design and fabricate and install of the subject project.

RFP questions to be submitted to via OpenGov, no later than **3:00pm on February 13th, 2024.**

Proposers shall upload RFP via OpenGov, no later than **3:00pm on February 28th, 2024.**

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

Classifieds

Statement of Damages

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death) Civ 050 Case No: 24PSCV00443 Attorney for Miao Young ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name and Address): Michael E. Israel, Esq. [SBN 263946] Tel Phone 626-317- 0033 Demidchik Law Firm, P.C. 17800 Castleton Street, Suite 605 CIty of Industry, CA 91748 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: 400 Civic Center Plaza CITY AND ZIP CODE: Pomona, 91766 BRANCH NAME: Pomona Courthouse South PLAINTIFF: Miao Young DEFENDANT: Lin MA and Sheng Guo STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death) To (name of one defendant only): Sheng Guo Plaintiff (name of one plaintiff only):Miao Young seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows: 1. General damages AMOUNT a. Pain, suffering, and inconvenience . $ 1,000,000.00 b. Emotional distress. $ 500,000.00 c. Loss of consortium .. $ d. Loss of society and companionship (wrongful death actions only) . $ e. Other (specify) $ f. Other (specify) $ g. Continued on Attachment 1.g. 2. Special damages a. Medical expenses (to date) . $ b. Future medical expenses (present value) . $ c. Loss of earnings (to date) . $ 200,000.00 d. Loss of future earning capacity (present value) .$ 1,000,000.00 e. Property damage . $ f. Funeral expenses (wrongful death actions only) . $ g. Future contributions (present value) (wrongful death actions only) . $ h. Value of personal service, advice, or training (wrongful death actions only) .$ i. Other (specify) $ j. Other (specify) $ k. Continued on Attachment 2.k. 3. Punitive damages: Plaintiff reserves the right to seek punitive damages in the amount of (specify).. $ 1,000,000.00 when pursuing a judgment in the suit filed against you. Date: 11/5/2024 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) MICHAEL E ISRAEL (SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF) MICHAEL E ISRAEL PROOF OF SERVICE (After having the other party served as described below, with any of the documents identified in item 1, have the person who served The documents complete this Proof of Service. Plaintiff cannot serve these papers.) 1. I served the a. Statement of Damages c. by serving OTHER SERVED BY PUBLICATION 2. Manner of service (check proper box): f. Other (specify code section): SERVED BY PUBLICATION

Statement of Damages

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SALE OF RECEIVERSHIP PROPERTY Case No. 2:21-cv-09306-MWC-SK UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA Hearing Date: February 21, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. Place: Judge Michelle Williams Court First Street Courthouse 350 W. 1st Street, Crtrm 6A, 6 th Fl. Los Angeles, California 90012 Complaint Filed: November 30, 2021 Receiver Appointed: March 31, 2022 Defendants' Default Entered: April 8, 2022 54 DYER LP, a Colorado Limited Partnership, Plaintiff, v. ADAM AMBRUSO, Individually; ADAM AMBRUSO, as Trustee of the ADAM AMBRUSO REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; ODIN GROUP, LLC; and DOES 1- 10, inclusive, Defendant., PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that J. Michael Issa, Receiver, and Plaintiff 54 Dyer, LP have jointly moved for approval of the sale of real property located at 2538 Carman Crest Drive, Los Angeles, California 90068 (the "Property") pursuant to the December 4, 2023 California Residential Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions ("Purchase Agreement") with Netta BenShabu ("Buyer") for $4 million. The Receiver and 54 Dyer request that the Court issue an order that, immediately upon the close of escrow, title be transferred from Defendant Odin Group, LLC to the Buyer (or assignee), and that the purchase be deemed complete upon transfer of title. The motion requests that the sale be ordered free and clear of the junior liens held by the Internal Revenue Service and Showroom Interiors, LLC dba Vesta Home. This Motion is made on the grounds that the Receiver has procured a sale that is both fair and reasonable under the circumstances and at fair market value pursuant to the most recent appraised value for the Property. The Receiver has diligently attempted to sell the Property for the highest possible value, and acceptance of the Buyer's offer is in the best interest of the Receivership, given the unpredictable future of the housing market. Any party interested in bidding for the Property must submit an unconditional offer of at least $4.4 million at or before the hearing on the Motion with an equivalent non-refundable deposit as that of the Buyer. This Motion is based on the Motion and Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declaration of J. Michael Issa filed therewith that are available here: https://bit.ly/3EenfDt or from the undersigned. The motion will be heard on February 21, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Honorable Michelle Williams Court, in the United States District Court, First Street Courthouse, Courtroom 6A, 6 th Floor, 350 W. 1 st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. J. MICHAEL ISSA, Receiver missa@brileyfin.com GLASSRATNER ADVISORY & CAPITAL GROUP, LLC d/b/a B. RILEY ADVISORY SERVICES 19800 MacArthur, Suite 820 Irvine, CA 92612 Telephone: +1 949 407 6620 Facsimile: +1 949 279 4244 Lewis R. Landau (SBN 143391) Attorney at Law 22287 Mulholland Hwy., # 318 Calabasas, CA 91302 Voice & Fax: (888)822-4340 Email: Lew@Landauent.com Attorneys for Plaintiff 54 DYER. Dated: January 24, 2025 LEWIS R. LANDAU ATTORNEY AT LAW By: /s/ Lewis R. Landau Lewis R Landau Attorneys for Plaintiff 54 DYER LP

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