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DEADLY: The handgun appeared to have at least two rounds left.

17-year-old arrested for possession of a loaded handgun after traffic stop

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A 17-year-old was arrested late on Saturday night following a traffic stop by officers from the Santa Monica Police Department after a passenger in the rear of the car was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun.

On February 22, 2025, at approximately 11 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop for expired vehicle registration. A backseat passenger was found to be in possession of a loaded .38 caliber handgun with a defaced serial number.

The 17-year-old suspect, with no prior criminal record, was placed under arrest. The police department have not yet released information on the where the traffic stop was or what kind of vehicle was pulled over.

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Mariners soccer set for title game, Vikings eye regional bracket

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One local boys soccer unit is one game away from a CIF Southern Section Division tournament crown, while another has eyes set on the regional bracket.

On Saturday, the Saint Monica Mariners boys soccer squad will be facing off with Chadwick for the CIF-SS Division 8 championship, a title game berth earned by going through four worthy opponents. The game will be held at Santa Monica College beginning at 5 p.m.

After beating Calvary Chapel 2-1 and beating Vasquez 2-0 off a

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Photo by Thomas Leffler

SPORTS: Samohi's Nathan Schlepp readies for a header during a home playoff game against JSerra Catholic.

IKEA opens eagerly-awaited Santa Monica 'pick-up point'

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SMDP Staff Writer

Swedish flat-packed furniture pioneer IKEA opened its first outlet-of-sorts on Wilshire Blvd on Monday morning in an attempt to make the brand more convenient and accessible for folk in Santa Monica. Prior to this, customers have either had to pay for delivery to their door or make a pilgrimage down to Carson, or over to Burbank.

"We're so glad to finally put a footprint here. The Santa Monica pick-up point provides a seamless integration of online and offline shopping, allowing our customers to place any order online at ikea.com and pick it up for free the next day here in this location – this location also offers the full range of IKEA services, including delivery, assembly and financing," Briana Lehman, Market Manager at IKEA North America said.

Even as the crowd gathered for the official ribbon cutting ceremony with the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, customers were nipping into the outlet to pick up items they'd ordered a day or so ago, pausing only momentarily to enjoy the impressive spread of specialty Swedish cakes and confectionery that were on offer.

"I think shopping has changed. We moved to online a long time

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'Limited to no impact': Why a pro-housing group says California's pro-housing laws aren't producing more

One California law was supposed to flip defunct strip malls across California into apartment-lined corridors.

Another was designed to turn under-used church parking lots into fonts of new affordable housing.

A third would, according to supporters and opponents alike, "end single-family zoning as we know it."

Fast-forward to 2025 and this spate of recent California laws, and others like it intended to supercharge the construction of desperately needed housing, have had "limited to no impact on the state's housing supply."

That damning conclusion comes from a surprising source: A new report by YIMBY Law, a pro-development nonprofit that would very much like to see these laws work.



Photo by Kristian Carreon for CalMatters
HOUSING: An apartment complex under construction in Temecula on Oct. 11, 2024.

The analysis, released today, studied five state laws passed since 2021 that have swept away regulatory barriers to building apartment buildings and other dense residential developments in places where such housing has been historically barred.

The laws under review include:

SB 9 from 2021, which allows people to split their single-family homes into duplexes, thus ending single-family-home-only zoning across California. In practice, according to the report, building permits for only 140 units were issued under the law in 2023.

AB 2011 from 2022 was designed to make it easier for developers to convert office parks, strip malls and parking lots into apartment buildings. In 2023, developers on just two projects were given local regulatory approval to start work under the law. In 2024, the total was eight. The report found no projects that have made use of SB 6, a similar bill passed that same year but with stricter labor requirements.

SB 4 from 2024, the so-called Yes In God's Backyard law, which lets churches, other houses of worship and some schools to repurpose their land for affordable housing. The report found no takers on that bill too.

"It's grim," said Sonja Trauss, executive director of YIMBY Law. Though she acknowledged some of the laws are still new, she blamed their early ineffectiveness on the legislative process which saddled these bills with unworkable requirements and glaring loopholes.

"Everybody wants a piece," she said. "The pieces taken out during the process wind up derailing the initial concept."

What are these requirements and loopholes that have prevented these laws from succeeding? Maybe not surprisingly, they are the frequent objects of critique by YIMBY Law and the Yes In My Backyard movement more generally.

One is the inclusion of requirements that developers only hire union-affiliated workers or pay their workers higher wages.

Another are affordability mandates which force developers to sell or rent the units they build at below-market prices.

A third is the strenuous opposition by local governments and the failure of these state laws to override it. In the two years following the passage of SB 9, for example, YIMBY Law tracked 140 local ordinances that, in the view of the report, were "designed to reduce or prevent" the bill from working on the ground. They included tight limits on the size of buildings, affordability requirements, or restrictions on which types of owners can make use of the law.

Last year, the state Legislature passed a

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Should fossil fuel companies be forced to pay for Los Angeles wildfire losses?



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FIRE: Two people survey the damage of their home that was burned to the ground in an Altadena neighborhood affected by the Eaton Fire on Jan. 8, 2025.

As wildfires swept through Los Angeles County last month, the New York Times published a commentary by former insurance commissioner Dave Jones, who suggested that oil companies should pay for the disaster's immense losses of human life and property, not insurance companies.

"Major oil and gas companies have known for decades that burning their products could lead to potentially catastrophic events like the higher temperatures and abnormally dry conditions that fed the fires still being battled in Los Angeles," Jones, now director of the Climate Risk Initiative at UC Berkeley, wrote, adding, "We should require these highly profitable companies to compensate communities, homeowners, businesses and even insurers for the losses."

Jones cited what happened after the Camp Fire destroyed the rural community of Paradise in 2018 as a model for going after the oil industry. After paying the claims of Paradise property owners, insurers recovered $11 billion from PG&E because the failure of a single metal hook on a transmission tower was deemed to have ignited the fire.

Dinging oil companies for the damages in Los Angeles would dissuade insurers from exiting the California market or cutting back on coverage, Jones said, which they were doing prior to the firestorm in LA.

Five days after the essay was published, state Sen. Scott Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat, introduced Senate Bill 222, which would authorize exactly what Jones suggested if it becomes law.

"Californians are paying a devastating price for the climate crisis, as escalating disasters destroy entire communities and drive insurance costs through the roof," Wiener said in a statement. "Containing these costs is critical to our recovery and to the future of our state. By forcing the fossil fuel companies driving the climate crisis to pay their fair share, we can help stabilize our insurance market and make the victims of climate disasters whole."

SB 222 is a new wrinkle in four interrelated California issues: climate change, the future of California's once-large petroleum industry, the scourge of wildfires and the reluctance of many insurers to write fire policies in the state.

Almost immediately, California business leaders declared war on the legislation, contending that it would have an immense and negative effect on the state's economy and lead to major increases in Californians' cost of living.

The California Center for Jobs and the Economy, an arm of the influential California Business Roundtable advocacy group, issued an analysis of the measure, alleging that "SB 222 could lead to damage claims totaling up to $1.1 trillion by 2030 and an additional $10.8 trillion in retroactive liability for past emissions. These claims, if pursued, could function as an unchecked carbon fee, drastically increasing costs for households, businesses, and state agencies."

The report projected that "gasoline could jump 63% to $7.38 per gallon, diesel 69% to $8.23, and electricity rates could rise up to 55% for industrial users. Natural gas prices would spike 76% for residential customers, increasing

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58.6**

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Shaping up to be a decent day with mid-sized surf on tap. AM winds look nice. Confidence increases in a round of mid-sized WNW-NW swell in the water, similar in size to the pulse we had early last week. That swell took a little longer than expect to get to Hawaii (hence the pushed back timing) but has absolutely pumped, bolstering expectations for sizing around here. The pattern looks favorable for local winds at this point - clean morning and manageable afternoon

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Easing surf, still plenty of size on tap to start. Winds look decent, deep AM high tide. Size should be pretty similar to where it leaves off on Wednesday, likely still kinda solid and spreading around the region a bit better than it did on Wednesday - there should even be some fresh SSW swell in the mix, helping shape at the beachbreaks.
Morning winds look light at this point but you'll want to work around the mid-morning high tide - don't hit the snooze button.

Weather

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 72. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming northeast in the evening.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

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2025/02/26	Wed	07:41 AM	6.14	H
2025/02/26	Wed	2:39 PM	-1.26	L
2025/02/26	Wed	8:55 PM	4.32	H
2025/02/27	Thu	02:13 AM	1.06	L
2025/02/27	Thu	08:21 AM	6.18	H
2025/02/27	Thu	3:08 PM	-1.18	L
2025/02/27	Thu	9:21 PM	4.70	H
2025/02/28	Fri	02:57 AM	0.62	L
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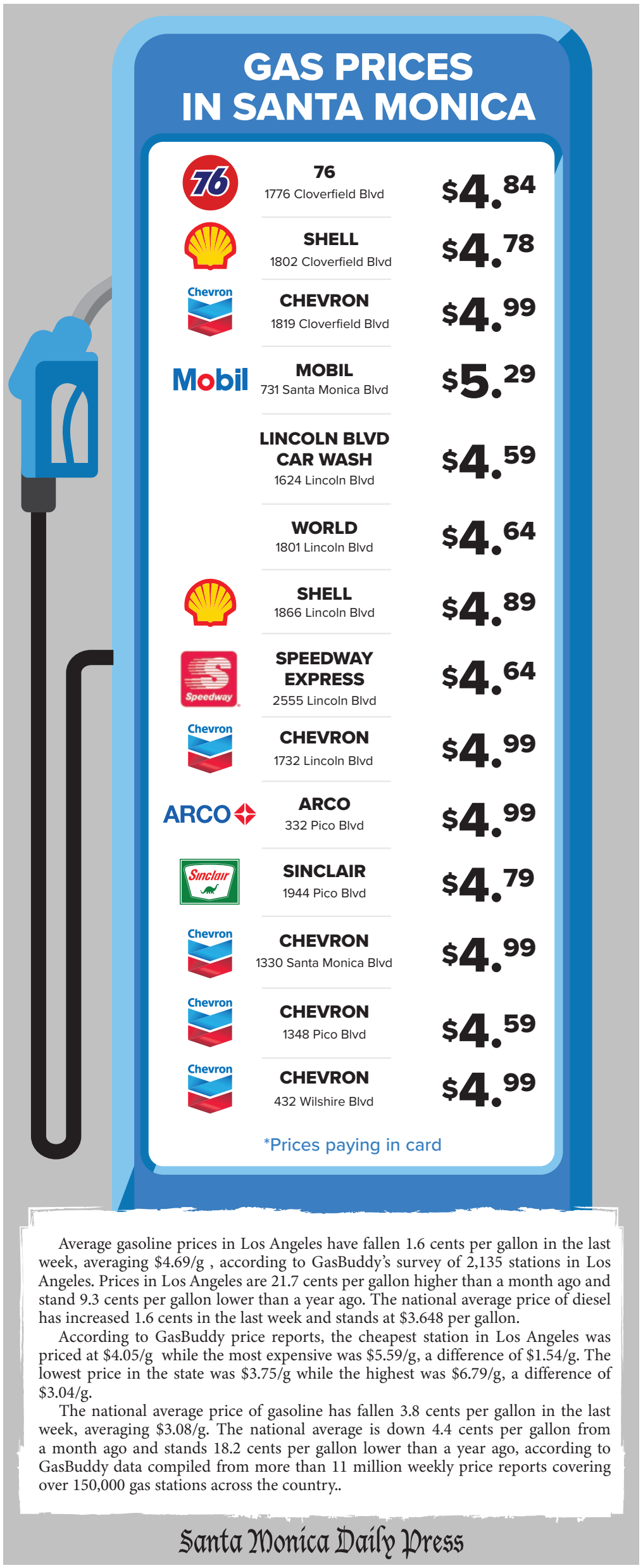
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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 1.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.69/g , according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 21.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 9.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 1.6 cents in the last week and stands at $3.648 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $4.05/g while the most expensive was $5.59/g, a difference of $1.54/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.75/g while the highest was $6.79/g, a difference of $3.04/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.08/g. The national average is down 4.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 18.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country..

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"clean up" bill meant to void some of these local add-ons.

There are plenty of other possible impediments to construction in California, which may explain why these bills have seen such tepid uptake. Sky high interest rates, chronic shortages of construction workers and high material costs (all of which could be exacerbated by current or expected changes to federal tariff, immigration and fiscal policy) all work to make residential housing development a less appealing financial proposition. Insufficient public funds and expected cuts to federal housing programs may weigh down on the affordable housing sector too.

But the report is not the first to point to the preconditions and omissions included in so many of the state's legislative efforts to goose housing development as the reason for their lack of impact.

In a recent law paper, UC Davis law professor Chris Elmendorf and UC Santa Barbara political scientist Clayton Nall wrote that the relative success of California's efforts to boost the construction of accessory dwelling units is the exception that proves the rule. Over the last decade, a cavalcade of state laws have stripped local governments of their ability to subject backyard cottage projects with environmental review mandates, significant fees, affordability mandates, union-hire rules, confining size or aesthetic limitations or added parking requirements.

"The ADU boom stands alone. No other form of housing production took off in California during this period," the authors wrote. A likely reason why, they argue, is that ADU projects don't come with nearly as many strings attached as other forms of dense development permitted by various California laws.

In 2023, the state permitted more than 28,000 ADUs, according to state data.

The history of ADU legislation in California is instructive, said Trauss. "It took about like five years of revisions before they were really getting going."

The YIMBY Law report is based on self-reported permitting data submitted by cities and counties to the California Housing and Community Development department. The nonprofit complemented that messy database with its own internal collection harvested from its own litigation and activism. That means the data on what is actually getting built — and therefore how effective any of these laws really are — is imperfect.

That fact isn't lost on many legislators.

The Assembly housing committee's first hearing of the year was dedicated not to new legislation, but to evaluating the state's existing "pro-production" laws.

"We shouldn't just keep passing more and more bills just because we can," Chair Matt Haney, a San Francisco Democrat, said. "We should actually look at what is working, why it's working, how we can do more of what's working and if it's not working, we should do more to fix it or change it."

by Ben Christopher. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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ago and we talk a lot about how the big brick and mortars aren't a thing. However, in some ways, we have a lot of cool shops, but we're sort of on an island … and I know maybe Santa Monica has not seen itself as hosting a giant store warehouse store, but if you're shopping online, this like fills the gap, at least you can drive right down the street and pick it up in Santa Monica," Mayor Lana Negrete told the Daily Press.

"I'm hoping that, since this site is right on the edge of West LA, we'll bring people into Santa Monica, because after talking to this landlord, there's a lot of businesses just in the shopping mall that hopefully people will frequent. So I think it's going to bring business into Santa Monica from the neighboring cities. But more importantly, I'm super glad it's servicing us, because we don't have this stuff," Negrete said.

As of the third quarter of 2024, there were 473 IKEA stores operating in 63 countries – including 51 retail locations in the US – and in the fiscal year 2024, US $47.2 billion worth of IKEA goods were sold. Moreover, the IKEA website contains about 12,000 products and there were over 4.6 billion visitors to IKEA's websites in FY 2024.

"IKEA is very close to the heart … So I just want to say it makes me really proud when these things are happening … Thank you and I can't wait to order stuff and have all my friends order stuff and come and pick them up in five minutes," said Honorary Consul of Sweden, Gudrun Giddings.

Gus Tinajero, Los Angeles Area Manager spoke of how this outlet will always be staffed by IKEA personnel so if there's ever a problem with the order it can be dealt with in-person without having to spend hours on hold on the phone.

Talking in regards to the vast amounts of displaced Palisades Fire victims who are renting apartments in Santa Monica, Tinajero said, "We see that the consumers are looking to us for temporary needs, and there will be more long term needs in the future. So from a timing perspective, you never want to celebrate when something bad happens, but I think if we look at the brighter side of things, at least we're here for people that have been affected."

When asked if this small outlet would be able to handle the amount of traffic needed to bring ordered furniture deliveries here, Tinajero said, "We're extremely confident about that as we always plan ahead based on volume and amount of orders that are expected," he said, adding, "And we have a delivery that happens every morning, before business is open. So the beauty is that there's no interference with the traffic coming into the center of town … and with really great access off of Wilshire, it makes it a really great location."

Another similar outlet has opened in Ontario and a third is planned to open in Thousand Oaks in Spring 2025. These new locations, in addition to the two recent openings in Laguna Hills and Arcadia are part of a plan to make purchasing products from IKEA significantly easier for everyone in Southern California

The IKEA Santa Monica pick-up point is at Stanford Court strip mall at 3017 Wilshire Blvd. Check out ikea.com for details on delivery and everything else related to your domestic furniture requirements.

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A SNIP AT IKEA: Opened with the swish of a giant pair of scissors.

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heating and cooking costs.

"Housing costs will also climb sharply, with homeowners paying $1,161 more per year and renters facing an extra $1,692 annually due to rising utility costs. Food, transportation, and consumer goods will become more expensive as businesses struggle with higher fuel and operating costs. Air travel could see dramatic price hikes, potentially making flights to and from California unaffordable."

Despite the Legislature's tilt to the political left, getting SB 222 passed would be a steep uphill climb. At the very least, it gives a new flavor to some thorny, perhaps existential, issues that face the state and its political leaders.

by Dan Walters. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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PLAYOFFS

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big performance from junior Alex Jurado, the Mariners were faced off in an intracity matchup with New Roads. The fight for a final four berth became a runaway by the Mariners, with sophomore Giovanni Sotomayor knocking in two goals on the day.

Juniors Ben Elmaleh and Jack Milligan also scored against New Roads, sending the squad into the semifinals against Magnolia Science Academy. There, the Mariners shut out an opponent for the 14th time this season, winning 2-0 off of two goals from sophomore Matthew Martinez.

After a crushing 6-0 loss to Windward on Dec. 19, the Mariners have embarked on a remarkable 14-game win streak, only letting three opponents score during that timeframe. The goaltending duo of sophomore Evan Fores and freshman Christian Zamora have allowed only three goals in total since the calendar flipped to 2025; helped out by the balanced offensive attack. A total of 15 players have recorded at least one St. Monica goal this season, according to MaxPreps.

Now 14-3-2 on the year, the Mariners will face Palos Verdes Peninsula's Chadwick Dolphins (11-5-3), another team which has shown strong defensive effort down the stretch. The Dolphins have outscored opponents 7-0 in the last three playoff contests, including a 2-0 semifinals win over Desert Christian.

The Samohi Vikings boys soccer squad was knocked out of CIF-SS contention in the Open bracket this past Saturday, dropping a double overtime heartbreaker to JSerra Catholic, 3-2. However, due to the Vikings' semifinal victory over Crossroads on Feb. 15, the team has earned an automatic spot in the CIF State Regional tournament quarterfinals.

Now at 22-3-2 on the year, the Vikings are about to play its final minutes with its talented senior class. Graduating after this year are offensive leaders Miguel Cano, Leon Ivanov, Gabriel Sherman and Felipe Martini.

With soccer still in the mix for postseason glory, Samohi eyes also turned to spring sports that kicked off last week. A highly anticipated season of Vikings baseball began with a 2-1 stretch, dropping the opener against South Torrance before rebounding for shutout wins over Highland and Windward.

After dropping the South opener 6-5, the home opening 4-0 win over Highland featured a sparkling 6-inning shutout by senior Gavin Kirtley, who only gave up one hit while striking out 13 batters. Junior Kaveh Naini helped Kirtley out on the plate with a huge triple for the Vikings, while sophomore Johnny Recendez knocked in two runs.

Naini took the mound against Windward in a 7-0 victory, anchored by an offensive barrage by senior Isaac Liberman. The Cal State Monterey Bay recruit went 3-3 on the day with four runs, a double, a walk and a run batted in. Fellow college recruit Blue Hunter (Rollins College) added in a run and RBI for the Vikings.

Mariners baseball also returned last week, with the squad losing its first two games at home to Oakwood (6-5 in eight innings) and Crossroads (8-5) before coming up with a big road victory over de Toledo.

The 13-3 win for the Mariners was sparked by Nick Berwin, going 2-3 with 3 runs, 3 RBI, a double, a walk and a hit by pitch. Luke Drucker and David Dyaz added in a duo of RBIs apiece, while Liam Bernheimer had a quality start of one hit and no runs over 3.1 innings.

Both Lady Vikings and Lady Mariners softball are now into 2025 action as well, with the Lady Vikings opening Feb. 19 with a 5-3 home loss against Palos Verdes. The Lady Mariners have yet to score a win, either, losing to Harvard-Westlake 13-3 and Saint Joseph 17-5 to start the softball campaign.

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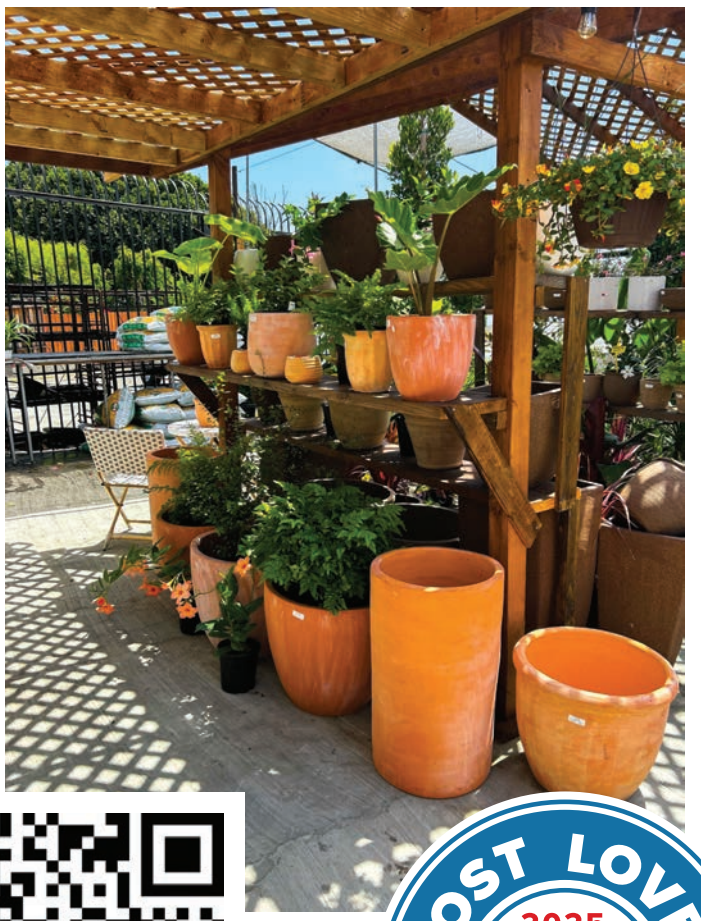
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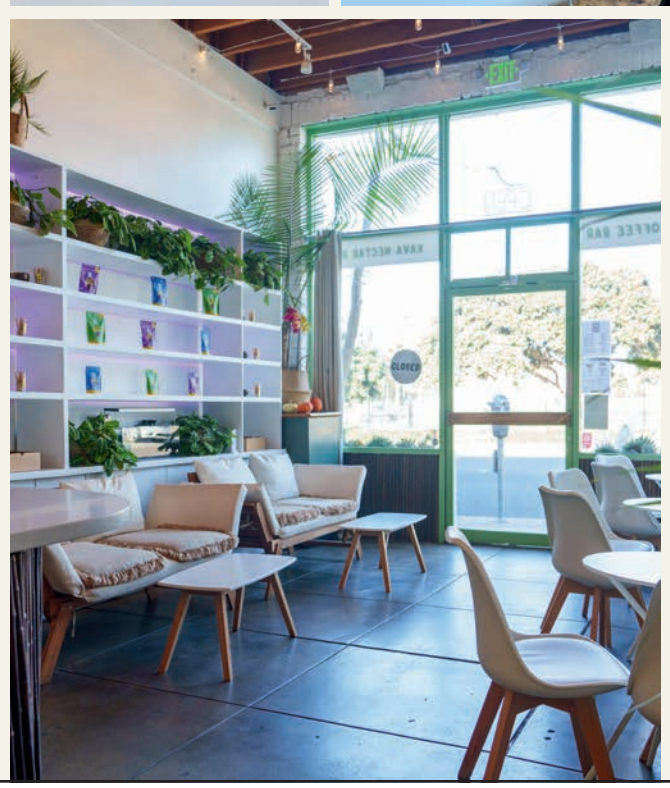
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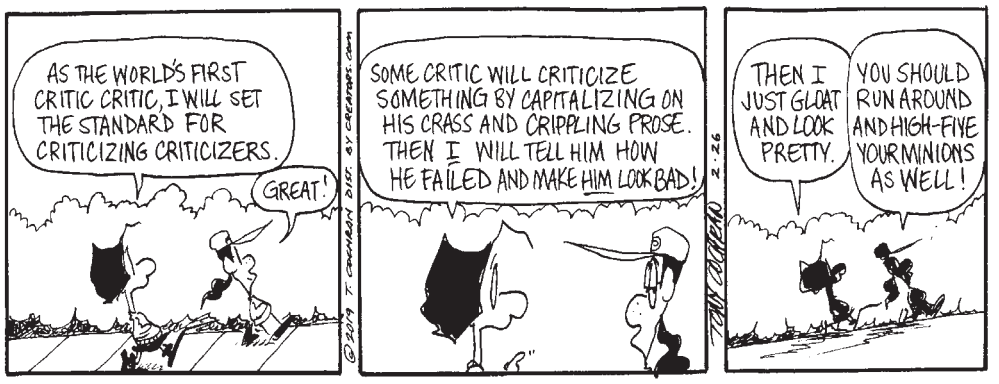






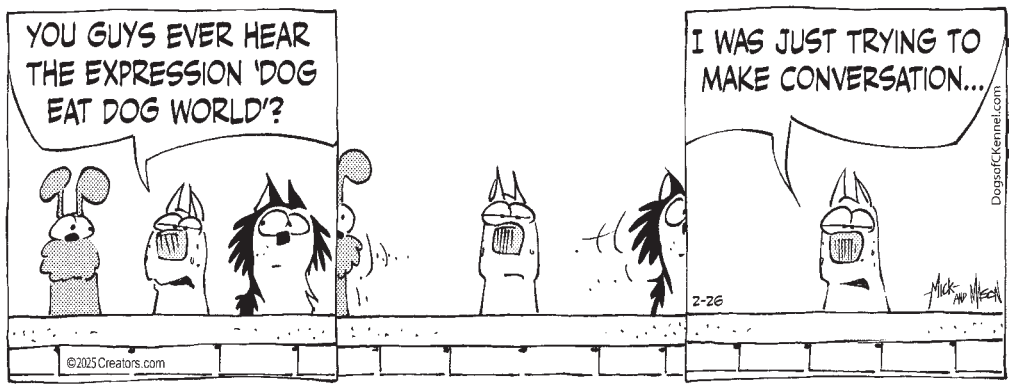
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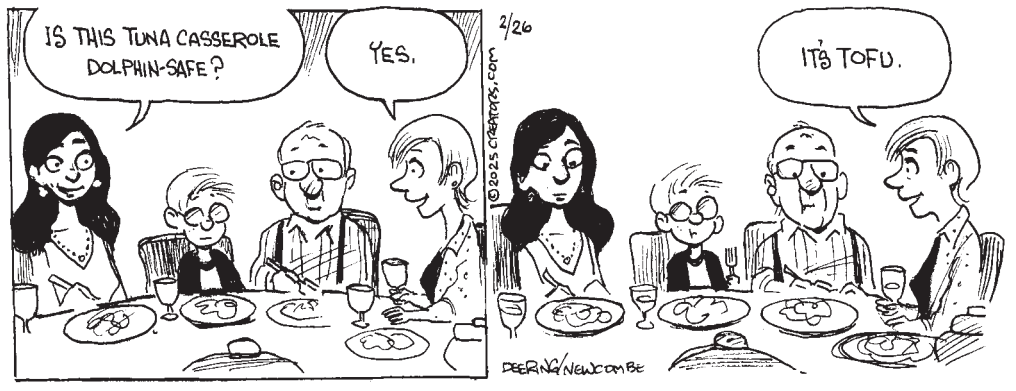
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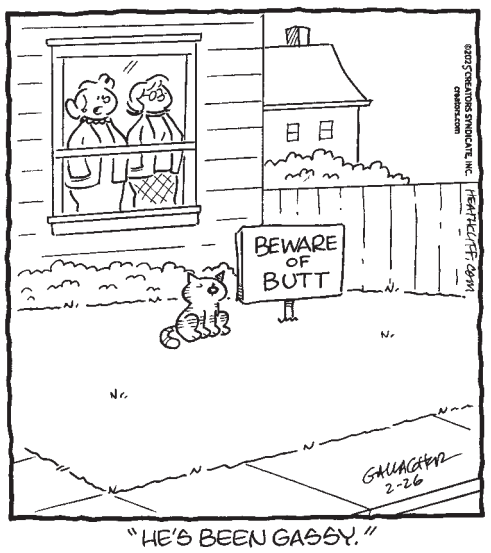
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6498

Matinee show

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Adage	Epic	Jigs	Sound
Aisle	Exit	Levitate	Star
Arena	Film	Mask	Surprise
Aria	Front of house	Music	Trap
Award	Gags	Open	Tune
Bill	Hero	Props	Unit
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Cast	Horror	Reel	
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 26)

This is a year when your attitude and style will bring about happy outcomes. When you're intense, you'll see what others miss. When you're laid back, it leaves room for people to help you, and you'll get plenty of perfect help. More highlights: Someone wonderful will give you an abundance of what you need. Love grows increasingly honest and connected. You'll take on a mentor role that highlights your tenderness. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 10, 2, 22 and 13.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Something lovely will happen simply because you showed up. You don't even have to show up strong for this to be true. Showing up in any capacity - scaling down, simplifying or even just doing the bare minimum - is still showing up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Relationships that tend to destabilize you over and over signal something unhealthy. It's not about one person being "bad" or even entirely conscious of their behavior - it's just how the relationship is structured, and how it affects you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). All it takes is one good decision to move everything forward. Investigate the choices of those you admire. You will have the chance to make similar moves in the near future.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What happens when you don't get what you need or want? Should you demand it? Apply charm? Propose a way to win it? Or do you really need it at all? Today brings the kind of decisions with the potential to define you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You deserve emotional support and a comforting presence in your life. Being able to just lean on someone and feel held makes a difference. It's OK to want that, and it's OK to give that to yourself, too, even if it feels like a foreign concept.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're growing, even if it feels slow or painful at times. Sometimes it's the hardest stuff that shapes us the most. Express your feelings. It's part of the process. The work will get easier, the magic deeper.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've a yearning to be cast in a role or relationship that better reflects the person you know you are but perhaps have not yet become. You crave alignment between your inner self and the life you envision, a sense of belonging that resonates with your true potential.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some of the things that will make you wise - such as experiences, education, travel and even making your own costly mistakes - may set you back financially. However, never hesitate to invest in yourself, as the value far outweighs the cost.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). How appealing it would be to have everything just fall into place; to feel seen and appreciated the way you deserve. It's so easy to wish for that instant relief from stress, but even without a lucky break, you are cool, and your worth doesn't change based on who notices it right away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sustainable habits usually have a bit of flexibility built into them that allows for a feeling of accomplishment because you showed up in some way, instead of judgment that you didn't show up in only one particular way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Good mysteries have a fun feeling attached to seeking the answers. Bad mysteries are like stinking garbage bins. If there's anything worth knowing in there, it's probably not also worth going through the gross experience of finding out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're inspired! You're inspirational! You're both at once. A group will form around you. It doesn't mean you have to be the leader - you're lucky when you take as much or as little responsibility as you wish.

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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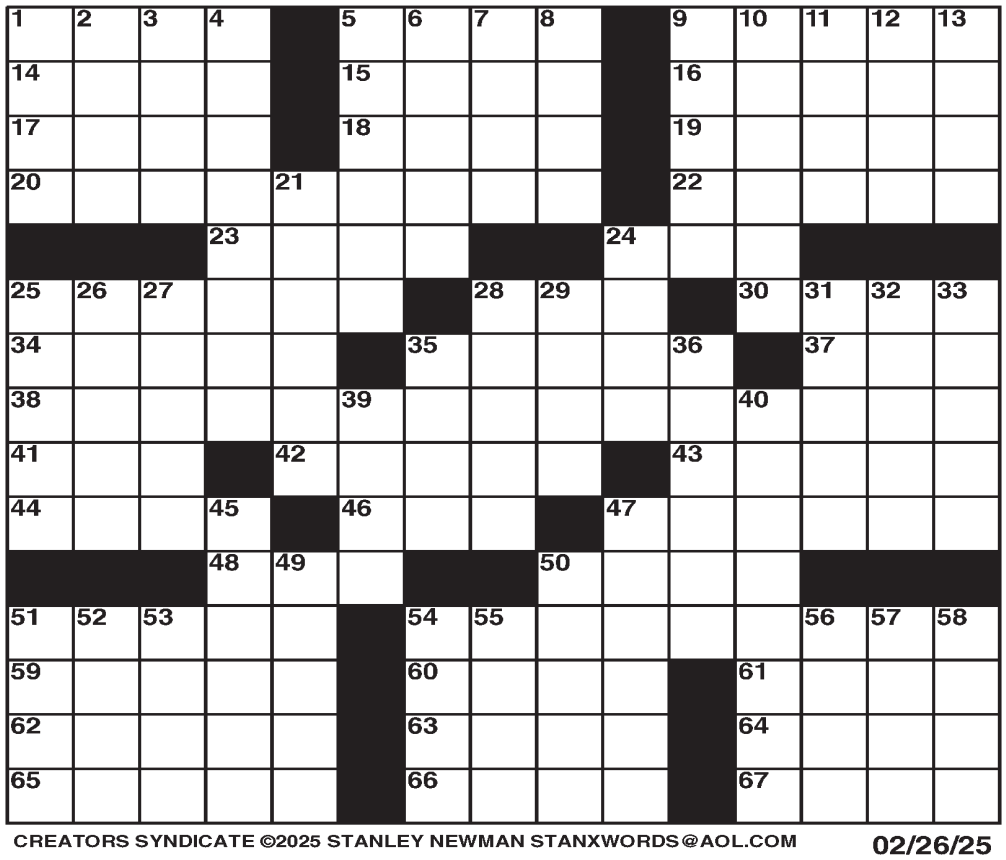
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ACROSS

1 Bath powder
5 Dashboard gauge, for short
9 Post-office purchase
14 Creme-filled cookie
15 "Understood"
16 Mischievous sprite
17 Bambi, for one
18 Heap
19 __ of measure (hours and miles)
20 "Phooey!"
22 Bowling alley button
23 Get __ the ground floor
24 Inflight announcement, for short
25 Give consent (to)
28 In the style of
30 Lab-maze runners
34 Rental contract
35 Loud slap
37 "Steady as __ goes"
38 Moisten, as certain cutlets
41 Employ
42 Stingless bee
43 Bronze medalist's place
44 Meal at an army base
46 Peculiar
47 Pebbles and rocks
48 Pantry invader
50 Meal in a slow cooker
51 Sci-fi pioneer Jules
54 Be indecisive
59 Zinc __ ointment
60 Came in for a landing
61 "That hurts!"
62 Sealed, as a package
63 Ireland or Maui
64 "__ Off to See the Wizard"
65 Nail-smoothing material
66 Oboe accessory
67 Russian refusal

DOWN

1 Lincoln in-law
2 Vicinity
3 Rude glance
4 Most hokey
5 Walk very quietly
6 From China or India
7 Honeycomb section
8 Achilles' weak spot
9 Sudden gush
10 Musical inaptitude
11 Graph baseline
12 Tiny amount
13 Annoying person
21 "For sure!"
24 Apiece
25 Book of photos
26 Bring to a halt
27 Attorney's workload
28 Change, as a law
29 Frilly fabric
31 Invite to enter
32 Way over yonder
33 Transmits
35 Wearing footwear
36 Young tabby
39 Slow running pace
40 Have a meal, informally
45 Carpenter's smoothing tool
47 Declared
49 Deserving assistance
50 Happy look
51 Pick a candidate
52 Midterm, for instance
53 Ready to harvest
54 What mustaches are made of
55 Otherwise
56 Donald Duck nephew
57 Land measure
58 Make sharper



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WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 26

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

4:30 - 6 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Join the adventure for one-shot sessions with characters you have created or pick-up a readymade character for the day's journey. All materials provided. For ages 9-14.

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 27

LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS

2 - 6 p.m. Lobby, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. A LA Law Library legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions, learn about the law, or prepare to go to court. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law.

CANNABIS EQUITY WORKSHOP

6 - 8 p.m. Annex Room, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. Participate in the second community workshop on cannabis equity to hear a brief recap of the preliminary findings of the equity assessment and to hear a range of program development options designed to address inequities and foster inclusivity within the cannabis industry.

UPLIFTING BLACK LEGACY

7 - 10 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Join for an evening of performance and discussion celebrating the lineage of Black storytelling and labor. Los Angeles-based choreographer Marjani Forté-Saunders performs a rare work-in-progress rendition of "'Chicken Soup,"' a solo choreographed by Blondell Cummings in 1981 and designated an "'American Masterpiece"' by the National Endowment for the Arts in 2006. The performance will be followed by a conversation with Forté-Saunders and other panelists on what it means to inherit the blueprint of a work and more widely what it means to build upon the deep legacies of Black radical experimentation. To RSVP, visit: https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4s4sx1gxngxzyww0wr-fr4rx6c5/202502271900.

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GRILLED CHEESE & BEER NIGHT

7:30 - 10 p.m. Andrew's Cheese Shop, 728 Montana Ave. A dinner featuring a curated menu of decadent open face grilled cheese sandwiches expertly paired with artisanal beers from around the world. It starts with a starter salad, followed by four courses of sandwiches paired with four beers, and a dessert course of an imperial stout or sour beer float with French vanilla ice cream. Tickets $75, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/andrews-february-grilled-cheese-beer-night-tickets-1222918113999.





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