



**JOVETTE CUTAIAR**, homeless for five years, eats marshmallows last week under the 101 Freeway on Cahuenga Boulevard in Hollywood.

# Homeless encampments fuel frustration with Bass, Raman

The fire that broke out on Franklin Avenue last month was, by some measures, a modest one.

But with winds blowing in the Cahuenga Pass that night, it had the potential to be destructive. Embers from the fire, which started at a homeless encampment, landed on a nearby apartment building, Fire Department officials said. By the time the blaze was out, it had scorched a nearby tree, destroyed two cars and sent smoke into nearby homes.

"It smelled like burning fuel, burning plastic," said one Hollywood resident who lives nearby.

The fire that burned on Jan. 7 broke out in the first neighborhood targeted by Inside Safe, the initiative created by Mayor

## Neighbors on edge after fires break out in part of Hollywood where L.A. mayor conducted her first Inside Safe operation

BY DAVID ZAHNISER

Karen Bass to move homeless people off sidewalks and into housing. The area is also one of the few in Los Angeles to receive a second visit from the mayor's program.

Yet after each of those encampment operations, streets first targeted by Inside Safe in 2022 — parts of Cahuenga Boulevard, Wilcox Avenue and Franklin — have repopulated. Unhoused residents have set up tents, tarps and other structures next to apartment buildings, along median strips and on the sidewalks of Cahuenga where it passes under the 101 Freeway.

In that area, at least four fires have broken out at homeless encampments over

## Inland Empire's logistics industry in slump

The area's storage and warehousing jobs shrank in 2023, the first time in 20 years. Workers are worried.

BY DON LEE AND SAMANTHA MASUNAGA

For years the growth of warehousing in the Inland Empire was relentless. At the confluence of port-bound freeways and rail spurs along the eastern edge of Los Angeles' sprawl, box-like fulfillment centers popped up in business parks by the millions of square feet. They were an economic engine, a bringer of jobs, a shortener of commutes and a workhorse during the pandemic.

But now that's come to a halt — bringing uncertainty for thousands of workers and an industry that has been an economic bellwether for the region.

After the COVID-19 pandemic slammed the nation in spring 2020, the Inland Empire recovered all of the jobs it lost by the summer of 2021 — more than a year ahead of Orange County and almost two years earlier than Los Angeles County. Despite pandemic restrictions, the area's machinery

## In S.C., another Trump victory

An easy win over Nikki Haley puts him closer to clinching the GOP nomination.

BY MEG KINNARD AND WILL WEISSERT

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Former President Trump won South Carolina's Republican primary on Saturday, beating former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley in her home state and consolidating his path to a third-straight GOP nomination.

Trump has swept every contest that counted for Republican delegates, with previous wins in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and the U.S. Virgin Islands. His latest victory is likely to increase pressure on Haley — who was Trump's representative to the U.N. and governor of South Carolina from 2011 to 2017 — to leave the race.

A rematch between Trump and President Biden is becoming increasingly likely. Still, Haley has vowed to stay in the campaign "until the last person votes," arguing that those whose contests come after the early primaries and caucuses deserve the right to have a

## The new beauty routine: Lighten up, tighten up

### Patients using Ozempic and other injectables go under the knife to fix the effects of rapid weight loss

BY ANDREA CHANG

Jeniffer Brown wanted the Ozempic body. She just didn't want "Ozempic face."

She got both, dropping 20 pounds in the first four months after she started taking the blockbuster injectable drug, which is intended to treat diabetes but has become better known for triggering dramatic weight loss fast.

By last May, Brown was down 40 pounds in a year without changing her diet or exercise routine. She had reached her goal weight of 125 pounds and was no longer prediabetic, but the swift and substantial reduction in fat left her with looser skin, more pronounced wrinkles and sunken cheeks — side effects that have been dubbed Ozempic face, although other parts of the body are also susceptible.

"My breasts definitely got saggy, but it was more the pockets for my implants got too big at that point and my implant was flipping. That breast fat was gone," said Brown, 47. "My face has been what I've spent the most time on. It's like a melted candle."

To restore volume and soften facial creases, she began getting dermal fillers in her cheeks, jowls and jawline. In September, she returned to her plastic surgeon for an arm lift to reshape her upper arms and a breast lift that also secured the shifting implants.



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### SAG AWARDS NIGHT

Cillian Murphy, left, Emily Blunt and Robert Downey Jr., stars of the film "Oppenheimer," which won in three categories, at the Shrine Auditorium. **A18**

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