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New managers for Santa Monica Place, Prism Places, hopes to shine a positive light on troubled property

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Daily Press Editor

Prism Places, a commercial real estate management firm with $2.8 billion in assets under management, has been appointed to manage the struggling Santa Monica Place shopping center, the company announced Thursday.

Santa Monica Place was once the home-town hub for the locally based Macerich Co. but after years of declining revenues the 527,000-square-foot outdoor retail center, is now under the control of Trigild, a court-appointed receiver that assumed control of the property last month after Macerich defaulted on its loans.

"After the devastating fires, the westside of Los Angeles is in need of community and places to gather," said Stenn Parton, Founder and CEO of Prism Places. "Santa Monica has had its challenges even before the fires and the neighborhood of Pacific Palisades has endured so much loss—my home included. We're motivated and inspired to restore Santa Monica Place to the heart and soul of this community."

Prism Places brings significant experience in repositioning distressed assets, particularly in Southern California. The firm previously revitalized RUNWAY Playa Vista and currently manages other regional shopping centers including Pasadena Commons, Paseo Nuevo in Santa Barbara, and properties on Rodeo Drive.



Courtesy photo

MALL: There's a new company in charge of Santa Monica Place.

The company's general strategy is to balance global with local brands for both retail and dining options, optimize internal design of properties and utilize locally produced events to draw visitors into their shopping centers.

Trigild's appointment as receiver

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Council approves measures to boost Downtown businesses

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved zoning amendments at their last meeting aimed at revitalizing the city's downtown business district by easing restrictions on community spaces and standardizing digital signage rules.

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Pepperdine study claims fast-food minimum wage prompted job losses

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

California's controversial $20 minimum wage for fast-food workers has resulted in significant job losses according to newly revised employment data, contradicting earlier studies that claimed minimal impact from the wage increase.

A March 2025 analysis by economist Christopher Thornberg reveals that California's fast-food

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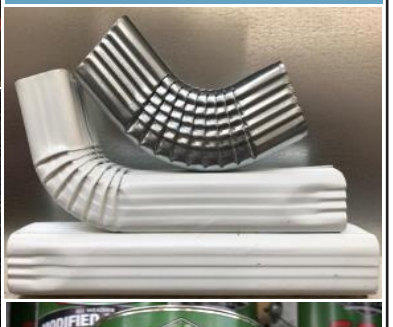








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Trump's tariff push is a race against time, and potential voter backlash

President Donald Trump's expansive new tariffs flips on its head a decades-long global trend of lower trade barriers and is likely, economists say, to raise prices for Americans by thousands of dollars each year while sharply slowing the U.S. economy.

The White House is gambling that other countries will also suffer enough pain that they will open up their economies to more American exports, leading to negotiations that would reduce the tariffs imposed Wednesday. Or, the White House hopes, more companies — both American and foreign — will reverse their moves toward global supply chains and bring more production to the United States to avoid higher import taxes.

But a key question for the Trump administration will be how Americans react to the tariffs. If prices rise noticeably and jobs are lost, voters could turn against the duties and make it harder to keep them in place for the length of time needed to encourage companies to return to the U.S.

The Yale Budget Lab estimates that all the Trump administration's tariffs would cost the average household $3,800 in higher prices this year. The figure includes the impact of the 10% universal tariff announced Wednesday, plus much higher tariffs on about 60 countries, as well as previous import taxes on steel, aluminum, and cars. Inflation could top 4% this year, from 2.8% currently, while the economy may barely grow, according to estimates by Nationwide Financial.

And investors turned thumbs down on the new duties Thursday, with the broad S&P 500 index dropping 4% in mid-day trading. The Dow Jones plunged more than 1,300 points. The only sector not selling off was consumer staples, which consists of companies that sell basic food stocks.

The average U.S. tariff could rise to nearly 25% when the tariffs are fully implemented April 9, economists estimate, higher than it has been in more than a century and higher than the 1930 Smoot-Hawley tariffs that are widely blamed for worsening the Great Recession.

"The president just announced the de facto separation of the U.S. economy from the global economy," Mary Lovely, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Relations, said. "The stage is set for higher prices and slower growth over the long term."

Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, in an interview on CNBC Thursday, said the policies will help open markets overseas for U.S. exports.

"I expect most countries to start to really examine their trade policy towards the United States of America, and stop picking on us," he said. "This is the reordering of fair trade."

Americans, so far, appear to have mixed feelings.

Bob Lehmann, 73, stopped by a Best Buy in Portland, Oregon to buy a keyboard Wednesday. He opposed the tariffs. "They're going to raise prices and cause people to pay more for daily living," he said.

Mathew Hall, a 64-year-old paint contractor, said he thought the tariffs were a "great idea" and that potential price increases in the short term were worth it.

"I believe in the long term, it's going to be good," he said, adding that he felt the U.S. had been taken advantage of.

But a former trade official from Trump's first term, speaking to reporters on condition of anonymity Thursday, suggested that Americans, including those who voted for Trump, may have difficulty accepting the stiff duties.

Americans "have never faced tariffs like this," the former official said. "The downstream impact on clothing and shoe stores, it's going to be pretty significant. So we'll have to see how the Trump voters view this ... and how long their support for these policies goes."

Outside a Tractor Supply store in Castle Rock, a town south of Denver, two family members on opposite sides of the political spectrum debated the tariffs. Chris Theisen, 62 and a Republican, was enthused about the tariffs, arguing the measures could bring jobs to America. "I feel a good change coming on, I feel it's going to be hard, but you don't go to the gym and walk away and say, 'God, I feel great," he said.

Nayen Shakya, a Democrat and Theisen's great nephew, said higher prices are already a hardship. At the restaurant where he works, menu prices have been raised to account for higher cost of ingredients, specifically rice, in recent weeks.

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> - Nayen Shakya

"It's really easy sometimes to say some things in a vague way that everyone can agree with that is definitely more complex under the surface," said Shakya. "The burden of the increased prices is already going to the consumer."

Listening to his nephew, Theisen added, "I understand this side of it, too," he said, motioning to Shakya. "I ain't got no crystal ball. I hope it works out good."

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AP Economics Writer. AP Writers Paul Wiseman, Jesse Bedayn, and Claire Rush contributed to this report. Rush reported from Portland and Bedayn from Colorado.

County votes to break with longtime homelessness agency and form new department

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has voted to establish a new consolidated department dedicated to homeless services, marking a significant overhaul of the county's approach to addressing its homelessness crisis. The measure, which passed in a 4-0-1 vote on Tuesday, will centralize the work currently spread across 14 county departments and bring functions performed by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) under direct Board of Supervisors oversight.

The decision represents one of the most substantial restructurings of the county's homeless services system in years, with proponents arguing it will create greater accountability and efficiency in tackling what has become one of the region's most pressing challenges.

The new department will be modeled after Housing for Health, a program within the Department of Health Services that has demonstrated a 37% success rate in transitioning people from interim housing to permanent housing. Officials cite this as the most successful model in the current system.

"With the support of my colleagues, Los Angeles County is leaving the status quo behind, and is embracing a model for homeless services that centers accountability and results," said Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, who co-authored the motion with Board Chair Kathryn Barger. "This isn't making the system bigger; it's making it work better, which our communities have been demanding for years."

The consolidation will begin immediately with the creation of an administrative team drawing from the existing Homeless Initiative and Housing for Health programs. The transition of staff and funding from LAHSA is scheduled to be completed by July 1, 2026.

Board Chair Kathryn Barger emphasized that the crisis requires a comprehensive approach beyond housing alone. "Let me be clear: we cannot simply build our way out of homelessness," Barger said. "Real solutions require sustained investments in treatment beds and supportive services."

The third phase of the transition will integrate functions from other county departments that address homelessness, including the Departments of Mental Health, Public Health, and Public Social Services, with a report on this phase due this month.

The vote follows a series of audits revealing significant accountability issues within LAHSA and builds on recommendations made three years ago by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness, which called for establishing a dedicated county entity for homeless service delivery and streamlining LAHSA.

The County provides about 40% of LAHSA's overall funding with the City of Los Angeles coming in second at about 35%. Several Los Angeles officials opposed the County's move and LAHSA leadership,defended the agency's recent progress. CEO Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum said many of the accusations against the agency predate her tenure and don't acknowledge improvements that have been made.

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> - Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, CEO

"One would be a reduction in unsheltered homelessness, which we've seen now two years in a row, enhanced transparency, promised that we would improve our operations, and we have, we've implemented two new data dashboards that provide unprecedented insight into how our system functions," she said.

LAHSA Chief of Staff Rachel Johnson emphasized that organizational improvements should be measured by their ability to get people off the streets. "And I think something that we've missed in this conversation, as we focus on the system performance, we also have a focus on client level performance that drills down to the person, so we can see a client's housing journey and the impact our decisions and policies have on that."

Despite these defenses, Supervisor Janice Hahn, who supported the measure, cited ongoing problems with LAHSA as a key factor in her decision. "We need to treat homelessness like the crisis it is—but problems with LAHSA, like contract delays and unaccounted funds, have been roadblocks," Hahn said in a statement. "It's time to make a change."

As part of the restructuring, an Office of Unincorporated Services will be established as a stand-alone division of the new department to coordinate homeless services

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Weather

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 64. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 69. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

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2025/04/04	Fri	6:24 PM	3.16		H
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2025/04/05	Sat	03:40 AM	4.59		H
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, April 7, 2025, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

PUBLIC HEARING:

1640 5th Street: Multi-Unit Residential (25ARB-0046)
To review the design, colors, materials, and landscape for an eight-story, 87' tall, 112,128 square feet residential housing development project consisting of 132 units (117 market-rate units; 15 affordable units) above three levels of subterranean parking in the Transit Adjacent Zoning District of the Downtown Community Plan (DCP-TA).

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ (en espanol tambien at (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431#).

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@santamonica.gov. Comments received **prior to 12 p.m.** on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Architectural Review Board prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia pública para revisar aplicaciones 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

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2806 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN EMERGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA EXTENDING INTERIM ZONING REGULATIONS EXEMPTING CITY PROJECTS ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AND THAT USE CITY FUNDS FROM TEMPORARY USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS DURING A DECLARED LOCAL OR STATE OF EMERGENCY

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2806 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2806 (CCS) (the "Ordinance") is an emergency interim zoning ordinance that, during a declared local or state of emergency, exempts temporary uses located on City property or utilizing City funds that are reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by the declared emergency from the City's Temporary Use Permit requirements. The Ordinance extends interim zoning regulations that were previously adopted by the City Council through Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2796 (CCS) on December 17, 2024.

The ordinance was adopted on March 25, 2025, and became effective immediately upon its adoption. The Ordinance will be of no further force and effect as of June 30, 2028, unless extended by the City Council in accordance with SMMC Section 9.46.090(C).

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Making a more accountable homeless services system

This week marks a significant milestone in our fight to end homelessness in Los Angeles County. With the approval of a motion I introduced alongside Chair Kathryn Barger, the Board of Supervisors has approved a consolidated County department to streamline and centralize our approach to homeless services.

For too long, our homeless services have been fragmented, with multiple departments and organizations working in silos, often creating confusion and inefficiencies. This new department will consolidate the work of 14 different County departments and bring certain operations of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) under direct County oversight. This will increase accountability, improve coordination, and ultimately help us deliver more effective services to those who need them most.

This is a pivotal moment. We must acknowledge what hasn't worked and commit ourselves to building something that will. The creation of this department is an opportunity to rethink how we provide services and ensure that we are delivering real, measurable results. While LAHSA was born from a court decision over 30 years ago, if we were to create a system today, it would look very different. This new department will allow us to build a system that is more responsive, scalable, and impactful.

This action builds on the work I've been leading over the past two years to address homelessness in our County. With the passage of Measure A and the opportunities it brings, we now have the chance to eliminate unnecessary layers of bureaucracy and directly link our investments to tangible outcomes. This is not about creating more government; it's about creating better government—government that works for all of us.

The new department will be established by July 1, 2025, and will combine two key elements: the Housing for Health program in the Department of Health Services and the Homeless Initiative in the Chief Executive Office. These two entities will serve as the foundation of the new department. By July 1, 2026, we will transition the funding and staff of LAHSA into the new structure, while LAHSA will continue to lead certain efforts, such as the federally required Homeless Count.

We are committed to designing this department with best practices in mind and will include extensive outreach to ensure that its design and contracting protocols reflect the needs and priorities of the community, as highlighted in the Auditor-Controller's recent audit.

While this is a significant step forward, I want to be clear that the work to address homelessness is ongoing. We are committed to continuing our efforts to provide meaningful solutions, and I am confident that this new approach will allow us to scale the successes we've seen in recent years and, most importantly, bring real change to the lives of those experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County.

Thank you for your continued support as we move forward with this crucial work. Together, we can make Los Angeles a place where everyone has a home, and no one is left behind.

Lindsey P. Horvath Supervisor, Los Angeles County's Third District



GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Destructive Pests Are Killing America's Forests

The invasion of destructive pests is wreaking havoc on America's forests. Researchers at Colorado State University have uncovered a startling reality: Colorado's forests are now emitting more carbon than they absorb. This is a dire warning.

Forests, our most reliable allies in capturing carbon dioxide and fighting climate change, are now becoming carbon emitters. One of the leading culprits behind this shift? Beetles. These small, seemingly unnoticeable insects are killing trees at an alarming rate. As trees die and decay, they release the carbon they once stored, accelerating global warming and altering ecosystems. This problem is not theoretical—it is unfolding right before our eyes.

And Colorado is not alone. California is currently battling a similar crisis as the goldspotted oak borer beetle spreads across the state, devastating oak populations. This invasive species, which likely hitchhiked from Arizona in transported firewood, has already decimated more than 80,000 trees in San Diego County alone. Currently, it is making it through the Santa Monica Mountains on its way to Oregon, threatening yet another 600,000 oak trees.

The consequences of these destructive pests are extensive: fewer trees lead to less shade, higher temperatures, and increased fire hazards. A once-thriving landscape could soon become a barren, fire-prone wasteland.

This issue goes far beyond trees. The loss of forests disrupts entire ecosystems, leading to habitat destruction for countless wildlife species and putting human communities at risk. Dead and decaying trees contribute to fuel for wildfires, which have already been intensifying in recent years.

More frequent and severe wildfires lead to lost homes and lives, along with more dangerous air quality for millions. When we let pests spread unchecked, we are not only jeopardizing our environment but also public health.

So what can we do? First, we need to prioritize proactive pest management. This involves providing state and local agencies and pest control operators with the necessary tools to combat these invaders before they inflict irreparable damage.

In 2024, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors began exploring a state of emergency for the Santa Monica Mountains and seeking additional funding to tackle the goldspotted oak borer crisis. However, this must be a much larger effort. Federal and state governments must collaborate to establish stronger pest control measures, enforce stricter regulations on transporting firewood, and invest in research to develop more effective mitigation strategies.

Second, we must adopt responsible forestry practices. Sustainable logging, controlled burns, and targeted pesticide use can help manage pest populations while maintaining forest health. However, some activists have expressed concerns about pesticides, fearing their potential environmental impact. The truth is that inaction is far worse. Thoughtful, science-based solutions must be enacted to ensure that forests survive for future generations.

Next, we need public engagement. Individuals can help by being mindful of firewood transportation, reporting signs of infestation, and supporting local reforestation efforts. Raising awareness about the dangers of invasive pests can drive collective action and pressure policymakers to take the necessary steps to protect our forests.

The stakes couldn't be higher. We are witnessing a slow-moving environmental disaster, one that will only worsen if left unaddressed.

Uncontrolled pests represent more than just an inconvenience—they pose a significant threat to our environment and communities. If we do not take action now, we risk witnessing the disappearance of our forests, a decline in air quality, and an escalation of the climate crisis. The time for action is now.

Renee Pinel is President and CEO of the Western Plant Health Association. The Association supports the safe use of pesticides that protect the environment and human health.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

RFP: # 444 On-Call Technical Support for Water Resources Division

- **Submission Deadline is May 1, 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

RFP: # 445 On-Call Remediation Technical Support Services for Water Resources Division

- **Submission Deadline is May 1, 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://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca) There is no charge for the RFP package.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2805 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.61: SIGNS, TO MAKE MINOR CHANGES FOR SIGNAGE IN THE BAYSIDE CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THIRD STREET PROMENADE AREA TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2805 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

The Ordinance amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.61 to make a minor change to simplify the allowable sign area for animated and digital signs to apply a consistent standard for any building (one story or two-stories or greater) resulting in greater consistency in animated/digital signs throughout the Promenade. As amended, the maximum allowable sign area is the area above the storefront up to 5'0" in height for the width of the tenant space. The sign may be placed anywhere on the building façade so long as the sign does not project above the roofline and the maximum allowable sign area is not exceeded. The Ordinance will take effect immediately.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.





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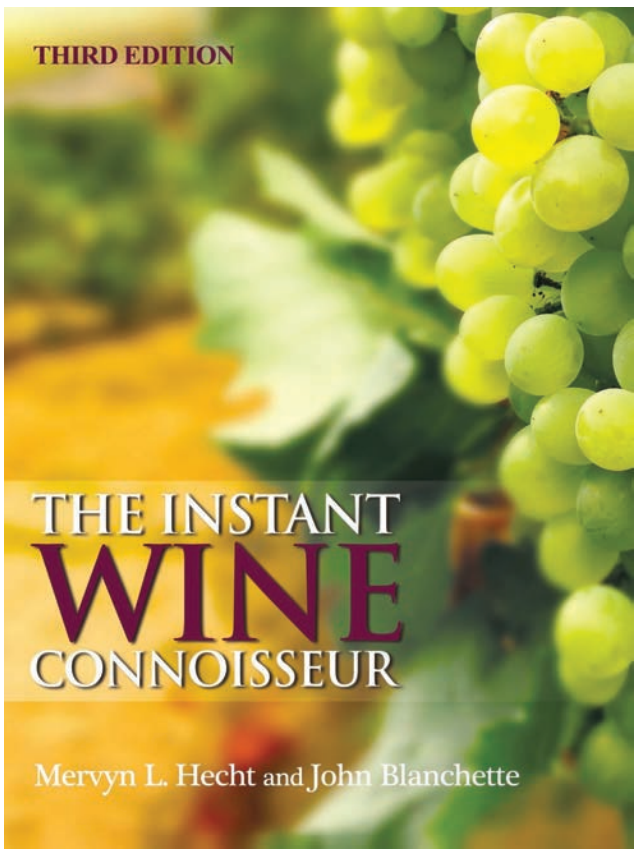
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LAHSA

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for the approximately one million residents in unincorporated areas of the county.

The Housing for Health model, which will form the foundation of the new department, focuses on people experiencing homelessness who are high utilizers of emergency room visits and healthcare services. Its people-centered approach includes homelessness prevention, street-based outreach, and benefits advocacy programs.

According to 2024 data, Housing for Health served nearly 7,000 people through interim housing programs, with 37% moving to permanent housing. Additionally, 25,000 people received intensive case management services in permanent supportive housing, with 94% retaining housing after one year.

The formation of the new department comes as the county prepares to receive Measure A investments this month, providing what officials describe as "a moment of opportunity to eliminate layers of bureaucracy and tie investments to outcomes."

The motion directs the Chief Executive Officer to work with various county departments to implement the transition, including establishing a collaborative process to determine what funding will be shifted from other departments to the new entity. The CEO and Auditor-Controller are also instructed to embed contract, finance, and budget staff at LAHSA to manage the complex process of reclaiming county investments.

The details of the impact on LAHSA are still influx but the County said there would be opportunities to absorb some of the LAHSA staff whose funding may be shifted to the new department.

A national search for the department's director will begin within 30 days, with stakeholder feedback incorporated into the job qualifications. If a permanent director is not in place by July 1, 2025, the Board will appoint an interim director to oversee implementation.

The restructuring process will include significant stakeholder engagement, with Housing for Health and the CEO-Homeless Initiative directed to conduct meaningful outreach to service providers, jurisdictions, people with lived experience of homelessness, and grassroots organizations.

"The hard work to overhaul our current system begins now, guided by the success of Housing for Health, a proven model that serves the sickest of the sick," Horvath said. "I have never been more hopeful that we will create the change that is long overdue—change that I know we are capable of delivering for people experiencing homelessness and all 88 cities and unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County."

County officials acknowledge the transition will be challenging but emphasize the potential for improved outcomes. While centralizing county homeless services, they stress the importance of maintaining strong partnerships with the City of Los Angeles and the county's other 87 cities.

The motion also directs the Chief Information Officer to conduct an assessment of technology and data system requirements to accurately record service usage and enable data sharing across entities while reducing the burden of duplicate data entry on community providers.

A contingency plan will be developed to provide emergency funding or support for contracted providers in case of any delays that could disrupt services currently funded by the county.

The Board has also directed County Counsel to prepare any new ordinances or amend existing ones as needed to establish the new department and support its objectives as outlined in the CEO's February report.

After the meeting, Kellum said LAHSA would work with the County on the new system.

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>
> - Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, CEO

"LAHSA will work to ensure a smooth transition, allowing our clients to continue on their path to permanent housing as seamlessly as possible," she said. "We urge the County to hire as many of LAHSA's dedicated staff as possible while remaining committed to pursuing the coordination and alignment that have led to two consecutive years of decreases in unsheltered homelessness."

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LIONS ROAR

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At our March meeting, we welcomed two prospective new members, Kristina Kramarenko and Jon Rizkalla from the Enrichment Intervention Family Center. This organization provides vital early intervention services for families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder. Their programs, which include life skills, vocational and social skills training, and transition support, help young adults navigate the path to adulthood with both practical and emotional guidance. We're happy to learn about such important work for our community.

We also had the pleasure of hearing from our guest speaker, Matt Hall, Editor-in-Chief of the Santa Monica Daily Press. He shared his insights on the evolving world of print journalism, giving us a greater appreciation for having such a dynamic newspaper for Santa Monica. He also discussed several issues facing the City of Santa Monica including a new city council, financial challenges, the impact of the Palisades wildfire on it's economy along with the addition of Palisades students, and the ever-changing landscape of tourism in Santa Monica. The discussion was lively and informative for all our members and guests.

The Santa Monica Palisades Lions Club remains committed to assisting the Pacific Palisades community in its recovery efforts following the wildfire. We're working to help residents maintain their strong sense of community while they rebuild their homes and businesses. Our initial project is supporting the Pacific Palisades Fourth of July Parade, in collaboration with the Pacific Palisades Community Council. We are also working with our Lions District to distribute a variety of supplies in April at a location on the Westside. Details will be available on our website (https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/santamonica/index.php), Facebook and Instagram sites.

As spring arrives, the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club is gearing up for new activities. On April 2nd, we'll welcome Derrick Beerenstyn as our new Club President. Derrick's enthusiasm and passion for the Lions Club are evident from his roles as marketing/communications manager, student speaker chair, and co-chair of our benevolent committee. We're excited to see him take on this new leadership role.

On April 24th, we will be joining other volunteers for the Santa Monica tree planting, where we will plant three Italian stone pines (Pinus pinea) and three New Zealand Christmas trees (Metrosideros excelsus). The planting will take place in Palisades Park near Ocean and Marguerita Avenues and will be preceded by the official launch of Santa Monica's Heritage Tree Program.

The month concludes on Saturday, April 26th, with our participation in the Santa Monica Arts & Literacy Festival at Virginia Avenue Park from 10 am to 2 pm. The festival will feature a fun-filled day with a dinosaur theme, including food, crafts, giveaways, games, children's resources, and more. It's a fantastic family event!

If you're interested in learning more about the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club and our activities, we invite you to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. To RSVP, please contact Kingsley Fife at 310-367-2679 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com. Dinner will be provided by Teddy's at the Elks Lodge, 1040 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica.

PRISM PLACES

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represents a significant step in addressing the financial troubles that have plagued the shopping center. The receivership follows Macerich's default on a $300 million loan for the property, with the company indicating earlier this year that it would return ownership to the lender.

Court-appointed receivers typically oversee troubled properties during transition periods, working to stabilize operations while legal and financial matters are resolved. Trigild engaged Prism Places specifically to handle day-to-day operations and implement a turnaround strategy for the struggling center.

Santa Monica Place was once home to a host of luxury retailers, dining options, department stores and a movie theater. Today, the Mall's biggest draws are the Cayton Children's museum, Cheesecake Factory and the newly opened Din Tai Fung and the overall vacancy rate is almost 70%. While permanent tenants have been hard to find, the Mall has had success with rotating pop-up attractions on the lower levels.

Santa Monica Place, originally designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry, underwent a $265 million renovation in 2010 to transform it from an enclosed mall into an open-air center. Macerich, which has owned the property since 1999 announced last year the company identified Santa Monica Place as one of several properties it would like to sell.

The management change comes amid a broader economic crisis facing Santa Monica. The city continues to operate with a structural deficit despite the passage of new tax measures, requiring the allocation of an additional $33.2 million from General Fund reserves over the next five years to balance the budget, according to a recent staff report.

Santa Monica's recent sales receipts from July through September were 11.1% below the same period in 2023. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were down 6.8%, with significant declines in general consumer goods, auto sales, dining establishments, and business-industry categories.

The city's once robust tourism industry continues to suffer, and an exodus of corporate businesses has driven the daytime population to 60% of pre-pandemic levels. The lack of foot traffic has severely impacted local businesses and key revenue streams like sales tax, parking fees, and hotel taxes.

However, City Hall has long maintained that an economic turnaround is on the horizon pointing to plans for a new hotel and increased housing construction in the Downtown area.

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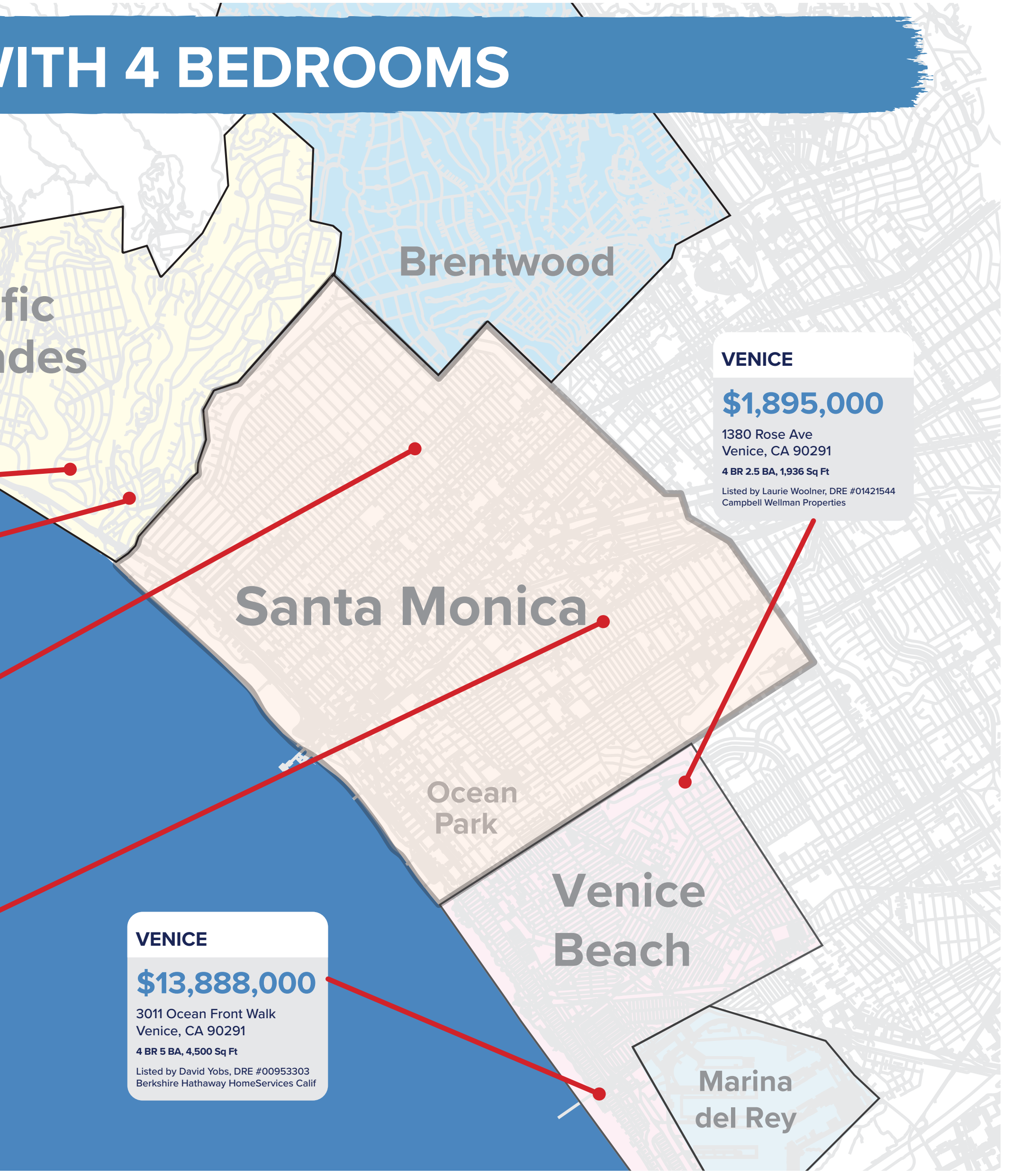
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FRIDAY | APRIL 4

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: PILATES - CORE WORK

9:45 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Develop strength, flexibility and balance through the fusion of Pilates mat movement. All levels welcome. Please be EARLY. Class starts on-time at 9:45am. No entry after the first ten minutes. No class the day before the Friends' Book Sales. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-pilates-core-work/14548475/2025-04-04T09

BRUNCH FRIDAYS WITH LIVE MUSIC IN OUR GARDEN PATIO!

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of Al fresco dining. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio-/14639006/2025-04-04T11

AUTHOR EVENT! TESS SANCHEZ X MAX GREENFIELD

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 1113 Montana Avenue. In person author event with Tess Sanchez and Max Greenfield at Zibby's Bookshop, 1113 Montana Ave, Santa Monica 90403! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/author-event-tess-sanchez-x-max-greenfield/15396378/2025-04-04T18

RIGHT IN THE EYE - LIVE MOVIE-CONCERT OF GEORGES MÉLIÈS' FILMS

7:00 p.m. Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. Right in the Eye invites audiences of all ages on an extraordinary multimedia journey through the imaginative world of Georges Méliès, the legendary filmmaker and cinematographer. Created by Jean François Alcoléa, this live production showcases twelve of Méliès' silent films, accompanied by a spellbinding live score performed by three virtuoso musicians. Using an eclectic array of instruments—ranging from piano, guitar, and percussion to the theremin, aquaphone, and even plastic take-out lids—the music captures the technical brilliance and whimsical creativity that define Méliès' cinematic legacy. $14.00 to $19.00. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/right-in-the-eye-live-movie-concert-of-georges-m-li-s-films/15339535/2025-04-04T19

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd. The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-night-sky-show/14165546/2025-04-04T19

ST. MATTHEW'S MUSIC GUILD: STILE ANTIC

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. St. Augustine's by-the-Sea 1227 4th St. $45.00 —$45/Ticket; Under 16 free. ONE OF BRITAIN'S PREMIERE VOCAL ENSEMBLES, STILE ANTICO IN "THE GOLDEN RENAISSANCE" APRIL 4 St. Matthew's Music Guild continues its fortieth anniversary season on Friday, April 4 at 8:00 pm with Stile Antico, one of the world's most accomplished and innovative vocal ensembles. Due to January's devastating fires in Pacific Palisades, this concert will take place at St. Augustine by-the-Sea Church in Santa Monica. The Music Guild will return to its regular home, St. Matthew's Church in Pacific Palisades, when it is deemed safe to do so. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/st-matthew-s-music-guild-stile-antico/15317617/2025-04-04T20

SATURDAY | APRIL 5

BEACH PILATES & JOURNALING

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Lifeguard Tower 28 Lifeguard. Flow into Spring with a 45 min Pilates workout and wellness journaling experience on the beach led by Flow Pilates Club. Grab your comfiest workout set or sweats and be ready to work your core and connect with an amazing community. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/beach-pilates-journaling/15396382/2025-04-05T09

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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. City Yards 2500 Michigan Ave. Join us for the City of Santa Monica's Oil Recycling & Filter Exchange Event Saturday, April 5th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at: O'Reilly Auto Parts 2018 Lincoln Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405. Santa Monica residents may bring their used oil and oil filter & exchange it for a new filter for free (exclusions apply). Used oil filters are hazardous waste that cannot be thrown into the trash. Both the oil and steel are valuable nonrenewable resources that can be recycled. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/compost/14712444/2025-04-05T09

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11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School

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12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Heal the Bay Aquarium 1600 Ocean Front Walk Santa Monica. Description. Celebrate Plastic Free July with a self-guided clean-up of Santa Monica Beach! Every Saturday from 12pm-3pm, you can stop by Heal the Bay Aquarium to grab your free clean-up supplies and help rid the sands of harmful plastic pollution before it reaches the ocean. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/-plasticfreejuly-trash-bowl/13838549/2025-04-05T12

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SUNDAY | APRIL 6

ARTS MONTH CELEBRATION

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. April is Arts, Culture, & Creativity Month in California! Through free events, resources, and advocacy opportunities across the state, the goal is to engage arts advocates and raise awareness of the impact of the arts within communities across the state throughout the month. Join the City of Santa Monica's Cultural Affairs Division for the local launch of Arts, Culture, & Creativity Month with a celebration in partnership with Arts for LA. The event will include a reception, and arts making and arts advocacy workshops for community members. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-month-celebration/15369354/2025-04-06T14

VENICE ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE - SUNDAYS AT SUNSET

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MINIMUM WAGE

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industry lost over 23,100 jobs in the past year following implementation of the state's Fast Act, which raised the minimum wage for chain restaurants to $20 per hour in April 2024.

"These findings undercut much of the recent analysis released by pro-labor groups which has been claiming that the Fast Act has had little impact on limited-service restaurant industry in California," Thornberg wrote in his report.

The California Employment Development Department recently released its January 2025 employment report with revised estimates for the previous 18 months. These revisions lowered the state's overall job count by 92,100 positions (about 0.5%) for December 2024, with limited-service restaurants seeing a disproportionate reduction of 21,500 jobs, representing a 2.5% decrease in the sector.

While initial estimates had suggested little change in fast-food employment throughout 2024, the revised data shows the sector actually lost 3.2% of its workforce during the past 12 months. This stands in stark contrast to the national trend, where fast-food employment increased by 0.8% over the same period.

Overall employment in California grew by just 0.2% during this time, compared to 1.2% growth nationwide.

Thornberg, who works with Beacon Economics, argues the negative employment effects were predictable but took time to appear in official statistics. The revised figures incorporate data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, which is based on actual employer-reported payroll records rather than the surveys and estimates used for monthly employment reports.

"The fact that we had to wait for the revisions to actually see the fast-food job losses is part of the evidence for what is happening," Thornberg writes.

He contends that previous analyses declaring the Fast Act a success were premature because "the impact of this kind of policy change doesn't show up clearly in the data for many months, given that it takes time for the industry to adapt to the sharp increase in labor costs and also because much of the most relevant data is lagged in terms of collection and release."

Thornberg notes these numbers may actually understate the true impact since approximately half of limited-service restaurants included in the sector's overall figures are not part of chains and therefore not subject to the $20 minimum wage requirement.

The Fast Act (AB 1228) raised the minimum wage for franchised fast-food restaurants to $20 per hour beginning April 1, 2024—$4 higher than California's standard minimum wage. The law applies specifically to chain restaurants with 60 or more locations nationwide, creating what Thornberg describes as a "natural experiment" for studying minimum wage effects.

The legislation emerged from a contentious battle between labor unions and the fast-food industry. In 2022, the Legislature originally passed a union-backed bill that would have raised the minimum wage to $22 and declared fast-food franchises as subsidiaries of parent chains rather than independent businesses.

The industry responded with a referendum to overturn the law, but a potential ballot fight was averted in 2023 with compromise legislation that mandated a $20 minimum wage and set aside the franchise status issue while creating the Fast Food Council to oversee pay and working conditions.

The debate over minimum wage impacts has divided economists for decades. While Thornberg notes that "the median view among economists is that there is a clear, albeit proportionate, negative impact from wage floors," he acknowledges that "a vocal segment within the economics field claim the impacts are largely insignificant."

Prior to these employment revisions, several research groups had published analyses suggesting minimal negative effects from the Fast Act.

Harvard's Kennedy School and UC San Francisco researchers released a study in October 2024 that found "California fast food workers experienced substantial wage increases" with "no evidence that wage increases had unintended consequences on staffing, scheduling, or wage theft."

That study, based on survey data from over 3,400 fast-food workers, concluded that "hourly wages for California fast food workers increased by at least $2.50" after the law took effect, with the share of workers earning less than $20 per hour declining by about 60 percentage points.

The researchers found "no evidence that employers turned to understaffing or reduced scheduled work hours to offset the increased labor costs" and reported that "weekly work hours stayed about the same for California fast food workers."

Similarly, UC Berkeley's Institute for Research and Labor Employment concluded the policy "increased average hourly pay by a remarkable 18 percent, and yet it did not reduce employment," while increasing prices "about 3.7 percent, or about 15 cents on a $4 hamburger."

Gov. Gavin Newsom has cited these findings, declaring in October that "the data shows that investing in workers benefits everyone—workers, businesses, and our state as a whole."

However, Thornberg argues these conclusions were made "much too early" and calls on the Fast Food Council to "pause any further changes until more thorough, unbiased research is conducted" as the industry faces potential additional impacts beyond job losses.

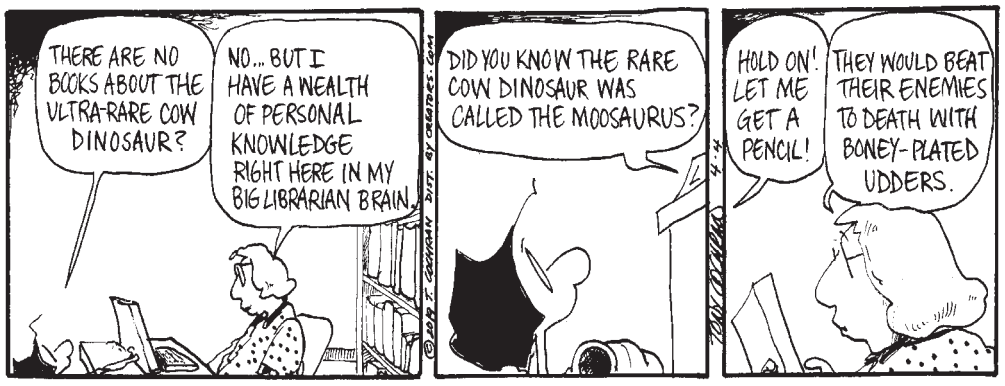
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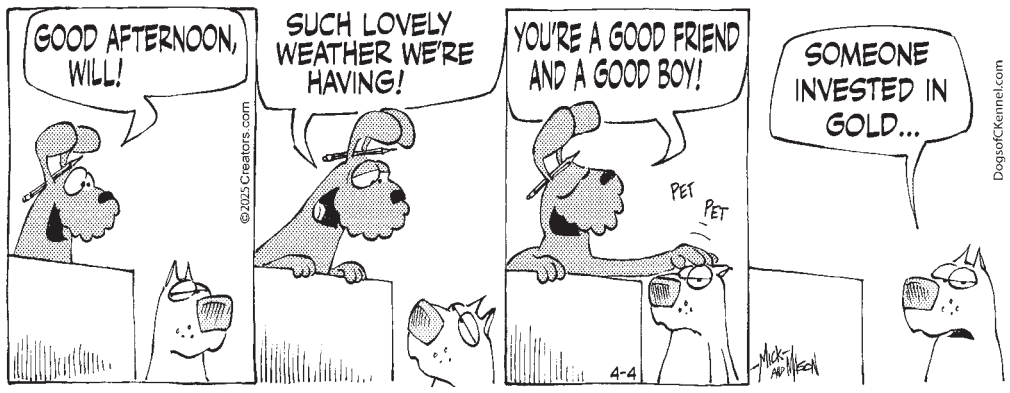
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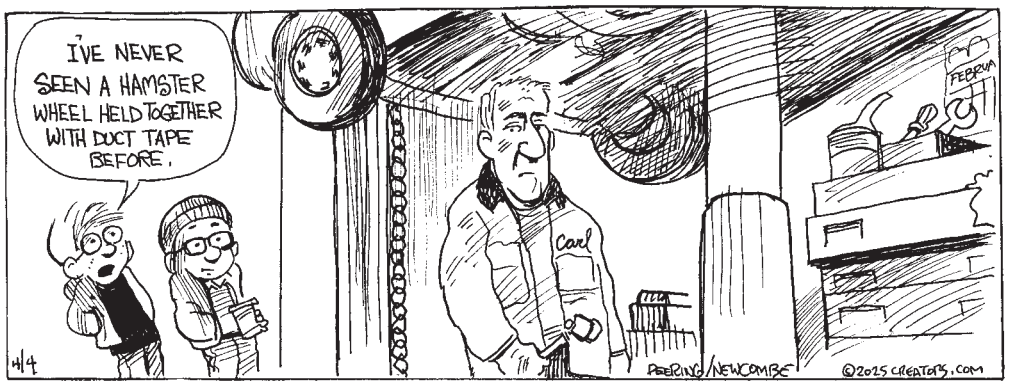
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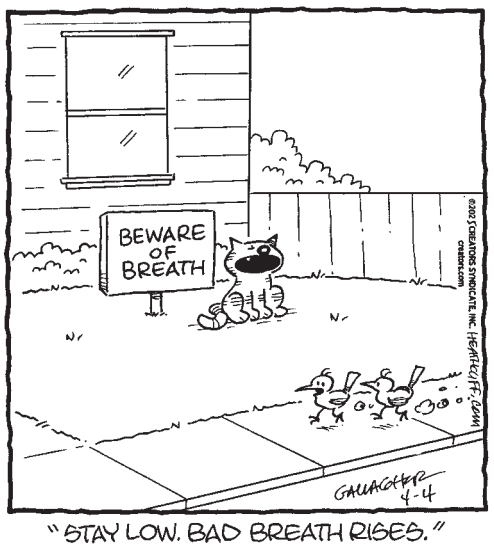
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Birth	Focus	Names	Swim
Breast	Fussy	Night light	Talk
Bunny rug	Gifts	Nurse	Tantrum
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). An immersive experience is coming; you'll be suddenly pulled to a new attraction. This luck is rare and not something one can demand on cue. It's good to know the world is still full of excitements that tug at your depths.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know what you want, but you don't know all there is to want. Research. Seek inspiration. Pursue broader knowledge. Because you're poised to get what you want, and it would be a shame if that were simply way too small for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're seeing the layers of relationships with clarity -- how they operate, how they make you feel, and what's missing. You may feel unseen. You don't want to be claimed or consumed. You want to be known.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will resist the urge to explain yourself and let them sit with their own understanding; you'll listen without planning your response, and hear more than the words. Let a silence stretch instead of filling it, and in that space, truth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Every step away from a toxic past dynamic is a gift to your future self. You know what's up. You're taking care of yourself, body and mind. So even when the uncomfortable feelings flare up, you feel them and move on through.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Attraction is tricky. When you're wired for an intense push-pull, the stable love of someone who doesn't need you to twist yourself into knots might feel too easy -- like it's missing the spark. That's just your nervous system confusing intensity with love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Success will be secured in the planning stages, and that's great news because planning is where you shine. You'll foresee and avoid pitfalls. You'll spot opportunities and be poised to maximize their potential.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Difficult people will test you, but you won't take the bait. Instead of fighting, you'll outmaneuver -- with patience, clarity and a refusal to be dragged into their chaos. The real win? Keeping your peace intact.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If something can be bought by anyone with enough money, it holds little appeal for you. What truly interests you is the story behind it -- the meaning, the significance and how it fits into the world, its place and purpose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Credentials show where someone has been, but they don't promise future results. When choosing who to trust with a task, focus more on the present interaction than on past achievements. The current moment holds more weight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Suspense is in the air as you plan your next move. No one knows what your next move will be, least of all you, and the suspense is palpable. Linger in it. Don't let anyone rush you. This is the good part!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The smarter you are, the more aware you become of how much there is still to learn. But you can't go down the rabbit holes forever. Gather insight to feel secure in your decision, knowing that no amount of information can guarantee perfect outcomes.

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.

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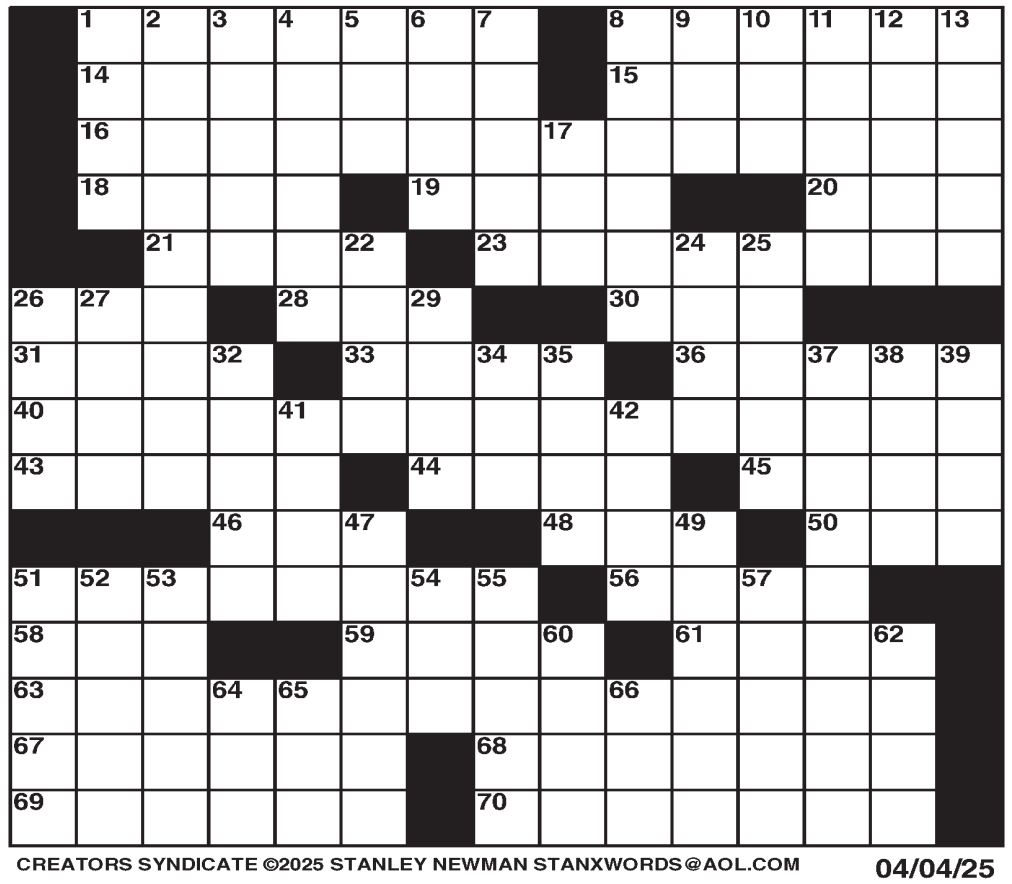
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8 Country folk
14 Store clerk's erstwhile device
15 "Grand old flag," per the song
16 Pair of instruments
18 Minestrone ___ Milanese
19 Mountain peaks
20 IM Pei's US alma mater
21 Measure for Dr. Tyson
23 Brass instrument
26 Health ratio stat.
28 Nonstarter
30 '70s day-care subject
31 Home services website
33 Easygoing
36 Be a slacker
40 He could play all the Across-answer instruments, at age six
43 Is ___ (likely will)
44 Break in the action
45 What commoners call queens
46 Impress mightily
48 Name on the cover of ...*Red October*
50 Bar bottle
51 Brass instrument
56 Cocoon contents
58 Extended "Anyway..."
59 Big East overseer
61 Declined slowly
63 Pair of instruments
67 "We can proceed"
68 Was of value to
69 Square, for one
70 Confounds

DOWN

1 Name on the annual National Inventors Day proclamation
2 Bumper neighbor
3 Hose-clamp fastener
4 Some swim races
5 Subject of Mailer's *The Fight*
6 What succeeded the pfennig
7 Genetic attribute
8 Ruth's rookie team
9 Decide what's fair
10 Driving-home reward
11 Famed Southwestern fortress
12 *Pravda* cofounder
13 Struck hard
17 Network that turned 100 in '24
22 High-priority
24 Scripts are written for them
25 Witch craft
26 Part of many a taqueria's name
27 Quartet in Monopoly
29 Bubble up
32 Bifurcated
34 What some 24-Down prevent
35 What the planet's axis does
37 Purchase incentive
38 Dr. Watson exclamation
39 Easy to manage
41 Golden bear of cartoons
42 Sit suddenly
47 Ravioli relative
49 5-Down, e.g.
51 PC data format
52 Burglarizes
53 Sort of sculpture
54 VCR pioneer
55 Fruits, cutely
57 Austrian Nobel physicist
60 Letters atop some newspaper pages
62 Taylor Swift wore them for a while
64 Be a pest
65 Compromise obstacle, often
66 British novelist Weldon



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ZONING

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The measures eliminate several requirements for community assembly spaces and create uniform standards for digital signs along the Third Street Promenade, and come as officials face a $33.2 million budget shortfall.

Mayor Lana Negrete did question why they were not making permanent changes to rules and staff said that any signage installed by businesses would be permanent, even if installed under a temporary rule, and that temporary modifications made the city better able to adapt.

"Council can definitely come back at any time to make those permanent," said Principal Planner Steve Mizokami. "There is some value to be able to quickly adjust and add things, as we are tonight, amending ICOs (Interim Community Ordinances) versus something that's more permanent."

The first amendment removes supplemental requirements for community assembly uses — including community centers, banquet centers and religious facilities — in the Bayside Conservation District encompassing Second Street, Third Street Promenade and Fourth Street between Wilshire Boulevard and Broadway.

Eliminated restrictions include minimum parcel size requirements, buffering distances from residential uses, landscaping mandates and operating hours previously limited to 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Mizokami these changes will "provide greater opportunities for organizations to find permanent meeting space within the centralized area of the downtown."

The second amendment standardizes

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digital signage requirements. Previously, different standards applied to one-story buildings versus multi-story structures.

All buildings can now have digital signs up to five feet in height and as wide as the tenant space. Signs can be placed anywhere on the building facade provided they don't project above the roofline.

The signs will operate from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m., matching alcohol service hours in the area, despite concerns raised about potential light disturbance to residents.

Councilmember Barry Snell questioned the maximum 5,000 candela brightness standard, calling it "incredibly bright." City staff noted the signs must be dimmable and follow lighting restrictions limiting impact on surrounding areas and that the signage rules matched neighboring communities.

"From a CEQA perspective, there is a limitation of 0.3 foot candles, which is not a whole lot above ambient at the property line," said Planning Manager Jing Yeo, referencing California Environmental Quality Act requirements.

These changes come as Santa Monica grapples with a dim financial reality creating significant budget challenges. The downtown area has struggled to recover from pandemic-era closures, with vacant storefronts along the once-bustling Third Street Promenade symbolizing these difficulties.

"We've implemented a lot of ICOs over the past few years, and they seem to be working, bringing back businesses to downtown slowly, but we're getting there," Councilmember Dan Hall said. He advocated making more temporary measures permanent to provide businesses with greater certainty.

The amendments represent the latest in a series of changes implemented since 2020. Previous modifications streamlined the review process for new businesses, eliminated conditional use permit requirements for Promenade establishments, simplified alcohol permits and relaxed sign code limitations.

Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Torosis noted that the digital sign standards align with other regional shopping districts including Century City, West Hollywood and downtown Los

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Angeles — direct competitors for retail customers.

"I think we have to balance multiple competing interests here," Torosis said before moving to approve the recommendation.

The interim zoning ordinance amendments expire November 22, 2028, unless made permanent earlier. The sign code amendment takes effect immediately.

City staff will return to the council April 22 with additional proposals for promenade entertainment zones aimed at streamlining events and making them "more accessible, more affordable," according to Yeo.

"I do think that this is our primary commercial district, and that it's important that we facilitate economic opportunity and growth in that specific district," Hall said.

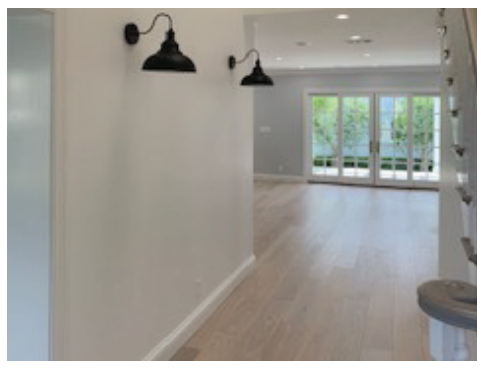
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SPRING & SUMMER



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Exciting events happening at SMC!

Santa Monica College has a lively lineup of events scheduled, so mark your calendar!

- **Dance Performances & Master Classes**
- **Intercollegiate Athletic Competitions**
- **Literary Talks & Readings**
- **Music Concerts**
- **Planetarium Shows**
- ***Santa Monica Review* Issue Launch Party**
- **Theatre Arts Performances**
- **And Much More!**

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