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Paul Espinoza and Allison Khoury enjoy a sunny February day at Holly Park in San Francisco's Bernal Heights. It's a destination for picnics, dog walks and impromptu games on the baseball field.

Under-the-radar gems of S.F. parks

Views, beachfront and solitude in spots you may not know exist

Golden Gate Park is wonderful, but it has all the publicity it needs.

The centerpiece green space in San Francisco, opened in 1870, was just the beginning of the city's open landscape. Parks Superintendent John McLaren made it his mantra to have a thriving park within walking distance of every resident in the city.

He was aided by a diverse crew of benefactors: protesters who fought City Hall for open spaces and landowners who swept up property in places like the Sunset District and Bernal Heights — then willed

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Gabrielle Lurie/S.F. Chronicle

Samantha Georgopoulos and brother Oliver play on a hot September day in 2021 at Crane Cove Park in S.F. It's part of the larger Pier 70 project that brings open spaces, retail and more to the Dogpatch neighborhood.

State, 4 others probe home underinsurance

By Susie Neilson and Megan Fan Munce

A coalition of five states is investigating underinsurance among wildfire survivors after years of costly megablazes across the West, most recently in Los Angeles, and in the wake of a San Francisco Chronicle

investigation that laid bare the depth of the issue.

The states' goals are to share data and explore the possibility of either a national law or state-based regulatory reforms to address underinsurance, California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara told the state Assembly Insur-

ance Committee at a Wednesday hearing. The group includes representatives from New Mexico, Colorado, Oregon and Washington state.

It will also explore what types of information regulators could collect from insurance companies to determine how many people

might be underinsured.

"We are gathering data and building our understanding of insurance gaps and how to reduce the prevalence of policyholders being underinsured after severe fire, something that all these states and their consumers have experienced

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House approves Trump's big tax bill

Measure that includes Medicaid, SNAP cuts now heads to his desk

By Lisa Mascaro, Mary Clare Jalonick, Leah Askarinam and Matt Brown

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WASHINGTON — House Republicans propelled President Donald Trump's big multitrillion-dollar tax breaks and spending cuts bill to final passage Thursday in Congress, overcoming multiple setbacks to approve his signature second-term policy package before a Fourth of July deadline.

The tight roll call, 218-214, came at a potentially high political cost, with two Republicans joining all Democrats opposed. GOP leaders worked overnight and the president himself leaned on a handful of skeptics to drop their opposition. Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York delayed voting for more than eight hours by seizing control of the floor with a record-breaking speech against the bill.

"You get tired of winning yet?" said House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., invoking Trump as he called the vote.

"With one big beautiful bill we are going to make this country stronger, safer and more prosperous than ever before," he said. Republicans celebrated with a rendition of the Village People's "Y.M.C.A.," a song the president often plays at his rallies, during a ceremony afterward.

The outcome delivers a milestone for the president

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At least 1 killed, several missing in fireworks blast

By Jerry Wu

Seven people remained missing Thursday after a fireworks facility in Northern California exploded two days earlier and triggered a 78-acre fire, Cal Fire said.

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Nevada stores are major sources of fireworks that are not allowed in California. **A11**

At least one person was killed by the massive blast Tuesday, according to a law enforcement source familiar with the situation, though it was not clear whether that person was among the missing.

On Wednesday evening, firefighters and first responders were finally able to enter the site, which continued burning with explosives going off — and they were working to "mitigate hazards with the use of firefighting equipment" so they could conduct recovery operations, Cal Fire said.

Devastating Pyrotechnics, which operated the fireworks facility in the rural Yolo County town of Esparto, issued a statement Wednesday evening suggesting that more than one person had been killed in the explosion, although authorities had not publicly announced that anyone had died.

"Our hearts and thoughts are with those we lost, their families, and everyone impacted in our com-

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Justices to review trans athletes' cases

Ruling could permit banning participation in girls' and women's sports in California, other states

By Bob Egelko

After allowing states to ban transgender medical care for minors, the Supreme Court agreed Thursday to decide whether states can exclude transgender females from girls' and women's sports teams. The ruling, due by next summer, could clear the way for President Donald Trump to require the sports bans in California and other states that oppose them.

The justices granted review of appeals by Idaho and West Virginia of lower-court rulings that concluded the states were discriminating on the basis of sex and gender identity by excluding transgender girls and wom-

en from athletic competition in schools.

In an August 2023 ruling against Idaho's law, the first of its kind in the nation, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said the state was "subjecting only women and girls ... to the risk and humiliation of having their sex 'disputed' and then suffering intrusive medical testing as a prerequisite for participation on school sports teams."

But Idaho's lawyers told the Supreme Court that the purpose of the state's law was "protecting fairness."

"At the same moment that national and international authorities are calling attention to the

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Transgender teen AB Hernandez, second from right, won two events at the May state high school track meet. Newly approved regulations awarded duplicate medals to second-place finishers.

