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Visitors to Cityside Park on Treasure Island take in the view of the San Francisco skyline Sunday.

Island’s new park looks like a treasure

Cityside’s grand opening boasts views of bridges, boats, skyline

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For months, Rachel Machta and Vrad Levering have been trying to get their 4-year-old daughters, Rory and Mayla, together for a playdate somewhere between Machta’s home in San Francisco and Levering’s in Oakland. On Sunday, they finally figured it out: They met in the middle, at Cityside Park on Treasure Island.

“I’m really into it,” said Machta, who also brought her husband, James Polans, and their son, Gus, 2, to meet Levering and his wife, Carol Mei. “It’s foggy where we live in the Excelsior and sunny here.”

The new city park and promenade opened Saturday with a ribbon-cutting attended by San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie, in his business suit, and other dignitaries. The event was attended by a crowd estimated at 2,500 to 3,000 people, with 15 food trucks to serve them and a performance by the San Fran-



Brett Abril fishes at Cityside Park, the first major public park on Treasure Island.

cisco Symphony Quintet.

On Sunday, there was no hoopla and there were no crowds. It was just a regular park for a crowd of about a dozen visitors at any one time who came by car, bicycle or the new designated ferry service. After an eight-minute, \$5 ride, it deposits passengers at the end of a promenade connecting to the grassy new park, in the

same fashion that the Panhandle connects to Golden Gate Park.

“This is perfect,” said Alex Mendez of Union City, who walked the path while his daughter, Haley, 8, circled up and back on a scooter as her little brother, Henry, 3, went slower on a bike. “I was here 10 years ago, and it looks totally different.”

The main difference is

in the housing towers that now overlook the park and will supply the majority of its day-to-day usage. The 22-story Isle House and the six-story Hawkins have both recently opened to populate the island with 2,500 new residents in a major new city neighborhood that will eventually house 18,000.

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Tariffs could belt the city’s economy

Study estimates 18,000 jobs lost, average income slashed by \$5,600

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President Donald Trump’s sweeping tariffs could pummel San Francisco’s economy, leading to a loss of 18,000 jobs, or 1.8%, and reducing the average resident’s income by \$5,600 per year between 2025 and 2045, according to a new city study.

Every major job sector aside from manufacturing would suffer job losses. The forecast finds that the number of workers in the construction sector would plunge 8.4% in the next 20 years. The tech-heavy business and professional services and information sectors would also see over 8,000 lost jobs combined, according to a San Francisco Controller’s Office study reviewed by the Chronicle.

“This is a massive shift in the economy,” said Ted Egan, the city’s chief economist. “This is one more thing we don’t need.” Egan called it the biggest trade policy change in over 30 years, with a bigger impact than the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement, known as NAFTA.

The study also concluded that the tariffs would lead to 4% higher prices than would be expected without them, and the country would be at risk of a recession in 2026 without more government spending or an interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve. A broader downturn that leads to less consumer spending and a worsening national job market could hurt San Francisco’s economy further, coming on top of ongoing tech downsizing and a record-high city budget deficit.

“Absent Fed action, you’re going to be looking at a

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S.F. supervisor trying to keep housing promise

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At the height of his campaign for San Francisco supervisor, Bilal Mahmood’s name appeared on a billboard above the shuttered car wash at the corner of Oak and Divisadero streets.

The billboard, paid for by the Moderate group GrowSF, which was backing Mahmood against progressive incumbent Dean Preston, stated “That Car Wash Should Be Affordable Housing. Bilal Mahmood will fix it.”

Now, in office, Mahmood is trying to fix it.

After taking office, he began conversations with developer 4Terra Investments about what it might take to get construction started on the 203-unit project, which was first approved in 2017 and would include about 20 low-income units.

“We wanted to see if we could solve the housing death spiral in which each delay results in other delays, compounding the problem,” Mahmood said.

He started studying the city’s building code and sat down with 4Terra partner Amir Massih to see if

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British politicians condemn Musk’s words

Tesla owner told anti-migrant rally violence is coming

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LONDON — Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Monday condemned “dangerous” comments by Elon Musk after the X and Tesla owner told an anti-immigration rally that violence is coming to Britain and they must fight or die. But the U.K. government resisted opposition calls to sanction Musk for the remarks.

Starmer denounced violence on the fringes of Saturday’s 100,000 or

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more-strong “Unite the Kingdom” demonstration in London organized by far-right campaigner Tommy Robinson.

Police said 26 officers were injured, four seriously, as a minority among the protesters tried to breach lines separating them from a smaller anti-racist counter-demonstration. There were 25 people arrested at the event and the Metropolitan Police said more arrests would follow.

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A demonstrator stands on the head of the South Lion on the side of the Westminster Bridge during a rally Saturday in London. X and Tesla owner Elon Musk said violence was near and “you either fight back or you die.”

