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LOS ANGELES

Mayoral hopefuls clash in debate

Bass, Raman and Pratt exchange attacks over public safety, city spending, homelessness and Palisades fire

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Los Angeles mayoral candidates Karen Bass, Nithya Raman and Spencer Pratt clashed Wednesday evening over homelessness, public safety, wildfire preparedness and the direction of City Hall during a televised debate hosted by KNBC Channel 4 and Telemundo's KVEA Channel 52. Bass, seeking a second term, has centered her campaign on declining homelessness

counts, public safety investments and infrastructure improvements. Raman, a progressive City Council member, has argued the city lacks urgency and accountability in addressing homelessness, budgeting and basic services. Reality television personality Pratt has established himself as a political outsider focused on law enforcement, mandatory treatment for homeless people struggling

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Top 7 governor candidates take second shot this week to pull ahead as voters begin to receive their ballots

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Seven leading candidates for governor took to the debate stage again Wednesday night for part two of a two-night, back-to-back matchup this week as they sought to establish themselves as the person voters should elect as California's next chief executive. With ballots already starting to land in voters' mailboxes and early voting having

begun, it was clear those onstage recognized what was at stake with Wednesday's debate — arguably a make-or-break moment for at least some of the candidates. It featured the same seven candidates who squared off the night before, including Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco and political commentator Steve Hilton, both Republicans. The Democratic lineup included former U.S. Health and Human

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POMONA

L.A. County Fair lets you 'Play Your Way'



Los Angeles County Fair employees prepare their booth on Wednesday before opening day at the Fairplex in Pomona. Tickets for the fair start at \$18 online and \$32 at the gate. **PHOTOS BY ANJALI SHARIF-PAUL — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Event opens today with animals, food and more through May 31

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The Los Angeles County Fair is back, opening today for the 2026 season with more fun, animals, food and the theme "Play Your Way." Some new food items for the fair include a crispy shawarma wrap, kimchi quesadillas, Dubai funnel cake and other international and culturally inspired bites. The fair is open at the Fairplex in Pomona through May 31. It runs Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and is also open the same hours for Memorial Day. Tickets start at \$18 online and \$32 at the gate. The fair is cashless for both entry tickets and parking. Tickets for events like culinary classes, wine tasting and much-anticipated concerts featuring Brad Paisley and War are also available on the fair's website. For more information, visit lacountyfair.com.



Thummer the pig, the mascot of the Los Angeles County Fair, comes out to welcome guests on Wednesday as the fair prepares for its 2026 run.

OBITUARY

Ted Turner, media mogul and founder of CNN, dies

Outspoken TV pioneer who owned pro sports teams and donated \$1B to UN was 87

By **David Bauder**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Ted Turner, the brash and outspoken television pioneer who created a media empire and transformed the news business by creating CNN and introducing the 24-hour cable news cycle, died Wednesday. He was 87.



Turner died surrounded by his family, according to Turner Enterprises, the company that oversees his vast businesses and investments. Turner was the force behind Cartoon Network, TNT and Turner Classic Movies. But his interests expanded far beyond media: owning professional sports teams in Atlanta and huge chunks of the American West, fueling conservation efforts

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MIDDLE EAST

U.S. military says it fired on and hit Iranian oil tanker

Trump presses for a deal to end war that includes reopening strait

By **Joshua Boak, E. Eduardo Castillo and Russ Bynum**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military fired on an Iranian oil tanker Wednesday as the two countries appeared to be moving closer to an initial agreement to end the war, and President Donald Trump sought to pressure Tehran into reaching a deal. A fighter jet shot out the rudder of the tanker in the Gulf of Oman as it tried to breach the American blockade of Iran's ports, U.S. Central Command said

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