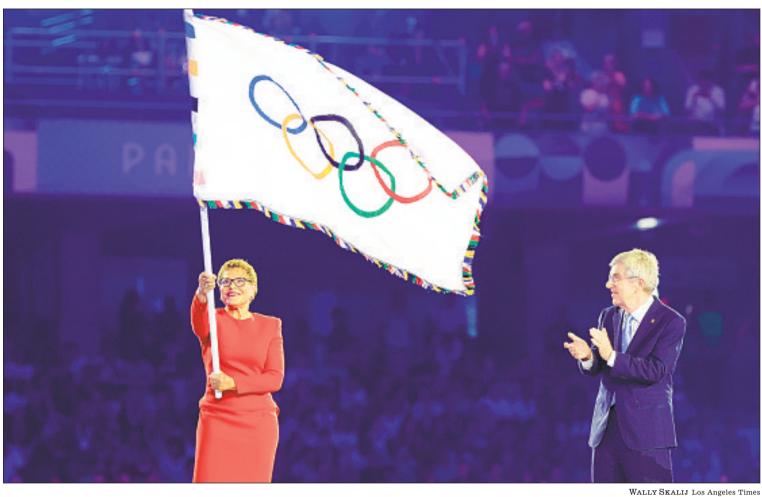


**OLYMPICS** 



L.A. MAYOR Karen Bass displays the Olympic flag during the closing ceremony of the Paris Games at Stade de France on Sunday.

# The flag's in Los Angeles' hands now

L.A. touts its musical culture and star power during showcase at closing ceremony

By David Wharton

PARIS — No other city in the world can do what Paris has done over the last three weeks, staging the drama of Olympic competition against the mise-en-scène of a glowing Eiffel Tower and the lush gardens of Versailles.

The 2024 Summer Games, with their classical trappings and sheer visual beauty, raised an important question.

How can Los Angeles possibly

The organizers who will bring the Olympics to Southern California in 2028 offered a sneak peek during Sunday night's closing ceremony at Stade de France. Instead of tradition, they leaned into production values and pop cul-

Like something out of "Mission: Impossible," Tom Cruise rappelled from the rim of the stadium to the field below, then roared off on a motorcycle. Snoop Dogg dropped a few bars. Billie Eilish performed,

albeit remotely, from Southern California beaches.

'We don't have an Eiffel Tower," said Casey Wasserman, chairman of the LA28 organizing committee.

"We've got a Hollywood sign." The next host city always gets 15 or so minutes near the end of each Olympic closing. These pre-

[See L.A. Olympics, A8]

# Even Disney superfans bemoan park prices

By Samantha Masunaga AND TODD MARTENS

Clad in a two-tiered ruffled dress, Minnie Mouse ears and a folding fan, all made of recycled Disney parks merch bags, Patt Haro reminisced about the days, decades ago, when Disneyland's annual pass was just \$99.

Haro, 65, and her similarly decked-out husband. Richard, 66, have been annual pass holders for more than 40 years. The Fontana couple used to buy passes for loved ones as Christmas

"Prices have definitely gone up," said Haro, who also works as a travel planner specializing in Disney

But that hasn't stopped the couple's tradition of visiting Disneyland every Sunday in coordinated. handmade outfits, similar to their get-up at the D23 Disney convention in Anaheim over the weekend. For their most recent annual passes, known as a "Magic Key," they paid about \$1,600 - which Richard Haro estimates works out to \$20 a

"It's really worth it to us,"

What keeps them coming

"The magic," Patt Haro aid, smiling.

At Disney's biennial fan event at the Anaheim Convention Center, even the biggest fans acknowledged the higher prices for theme park admission and grumbled about the move to paid lineskipping perks. But D23 attendees, a self-selecting group of superfans, were far

from willing to cut out trips. That is good news for the Burbank media and enter-[See Disney, A7]



RICHARD SHOTWELL Invision / Associated Press AT DISNEY'S biennial D23, even the biggest fans grumbled about the move to paid line-skipping.

**HARRIS BACK IN BAY AREA** TO RAISE **FUNDS** 

Vice president rakes in \$12 million, touts California roots in high-energy event.

Ву Ѕеема Мента

SAN FRANCISCO - In a boisterous homecoming after becoming the Democratic presidential nominee, Vice President Kamala Harris returned to California on Sunday and reveled in being surrounded by supporters she has known for decades, while also warning of a bleak future for the nation if Democrats do not win in November.

"It's good to be home," Harris told about 700 people who roared and leaped to their feet as she walked on stage in a hotel ballroom in San Francisco. "This is a room full of dear, dear friends and long-standing supporters — folks I have known for my entire career.

... We've been through a lot together. I want to thank everyone in here for your love and long-standing support and friendship and for your dedication to this country."

The mood at the fundraiser was warm and optimistic — one woman in the front row waved a sign that said "Make America Joyful Again." But Harris turned serious when she argued that fundamental rights such as healthcare, samesex marriage and abortion are at stake in the race against former President Trump.

"We know what we need to do — we need to knock on doors, we need to register folks to vote, we need to get people to the polls. And every day matters," she said "That's why we're going to win, but let's not take anything for granted.'

The event, which drew former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Gov. Gavin Newsom, San Francisco Mayor London Breed, Rep. Barbara Lee, San Francisco Giants Chief Executive Larry Baer and a slew of other elected officials and

donors, raised more than [See Fundraiser, A7]



## ANOTHER GOLDEN MOMENT

U.S. basketball team takes a selfie after defeating France. The gold medal is the U.S. women's unprecedented eighth consecutive. sports, D1

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## **COLUMN ONE**

## Mystery shrouded L.A. watchmaker

Charles Allison often kept secrets about the timepieces he crafted. Perhaps that is what compelled his grandson to dig beneath surface

By Noah Goldberg

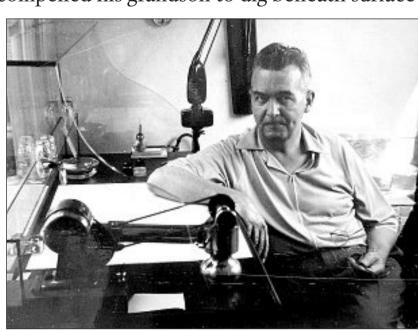
he miniature grandfather clock never ticked in Greg Allison's childhood.

The clock, just 7 inches high, sat under a glass dome on one of the highest shelves in the library of his family's house

in Rochester, N.Y. One night in 1981, when Greg was 15, his father, a World War II veteran of few words, opened up about the silent timepiece after a

It was a wedding gift, he said, from Greg's grandfather, a master watchmaker in Los Angeles with unmatched technical prowess. Greg's father told him that about a dozen watches made by his grandfather had been lost. Perhaps they were somewhere in Los Angeles.

When Greg's grandfather gifted the clock to his son and daughter-[See Clocks, A6]



**CHARLES ALLISON** built watches and clocks at his little storefront in Sherman Oaks for decades during the first half of the 20th century.



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