

Harris surges in state survey

Democrats' new ticket appeals to more Black, Latino and young voters, poll indicates.

By JAMES RAINEY

Vice President Kamala Harris' entry into the presidential race has galvanized traditional Democratic voting groups and those not aligned with a political party, helping extend the Democrats' already large advantage over former President Trump in California, a new poll shows.

Harris leads Trump 59% to 34% in the electoral-vote-rich Golden State, a margin 7 points larger than President Biden held earlier this year, before he gave up his bid for reelection late last month, according to the survey by Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies, co-sponsored by The Times.

Fueling the surge by the vice president are much higher levels of support that Harris receives from younger voters, ages 18 to 29, whose backing of the Democrats grew by 23 percentage points; and Black voters, whose backing jumped by 16 percentage points.

Other California voting [See Poll, A6]

Walz woos labor; Trump takes to X

Minnesota governor speaks to union workers in L.A. at his first solo campaign stop a day after Donald Trump's glitchy live chat with Elon Musk. **NATION, A5**

Melting glaciers yield the bodies of long-lost climbers

By JACK DOLAN

In late June, as a group of mountaineers descended a treacherous glacier high in the Peruvian Andes, they spotted a dark, out-of-place lump resting on the blinding white snow.

When they approached, they realized it wasn't a rock, as they had initially assumed.

It was a corpse. When they got a little closer, they could tell from the out-of-date clothes and the condition of the skin that the dead man had been there for a very long time. A



LAGUNA BEACH on a crowded Fourth of July weekend, when lifeguards pulled 2,200 people from the water. The number of ocean rescues since Memorial Day is up 400% compared with last year, officials said.

Trash, traffic, tidepool abuse: Laguna Beach tires of tourists

The summer sun was just beginning to peek over the stately bluff-top homes that overlook Aliso Beach, but Greg Viviani had already embarked on a most unpleasant scavenger hunt.

He moved quickly, scanning the white sandy shore — a terrain he's known since childhood. "A straw," he called out, snapping up the tiny yellow plastic piece with his trash picker. "Look at this."

Viviani identified the debris scattered along the shore as he found it: a new pair of Crocs, cigarette butts, edges of chip bags, shoe laces, tissues buried in the sand, bottle caps, an empty glass bottle of green apple flavored Smirnoff Ice. And so much plastic.

His most unusual find? A sex toy abandoned in the sand, he said.

Residents push city officials to get a handle on 'destructive' visitors

By Hannah Fry



SEAGULLS take advantage of overflowing trash cans at Treasure Island beach near a pricey resort.

Each item he grabbed was met with an exasperated sigh as he shoved it into a reusable bag to haul to the trash. After an hour, the bag was full. But his work wasn't done.

Just steps from the exclusive Montage Resort, where an ocean view room costs upwards of \$1,000 per night during the summer, waste was overflowing from trash cans on Treasure Island beach. A colony of seagulls battled over a Costco rotisserie chicken carcass. Resort employees continued past the mess to set up white beach chairs and umbrellas on the sand for guests.

"It never ends," Viviani lamented. "You can clean it all up in one day and it'll be covered with trash tomorrow."

Laguna Beach residents [See Laguna Beach, A9]



A FORCE

Then-Councilman Richard Alatorre, center, is honored for public service in Boyle Heights in 1999. The politician said he sought "change from the inside."

RICHARD ALATORRE, 1943 - 2024

Eastside political pioneer lifted up Latinos in state

By GUSTAVO ARELLANO

It was a meeting of two of the most powerful men in Los Angeles — and there was no way Richard Alatorre would lose.

Police Chief Darryl Gates and his command staff had stopped by Alatorre's office to introduce themselves. Alatorre, newly elected to the City Council, stayed

seated, feet on his desk, a friend looking on. Gates offered some pleasantries before Alatorre cut him off — and down — with a question: "Where are the greasers?"

The police chief was flummoxed. Alatorre, already a political force in Eastside and California politics, asked the same question again, letting the last word — an antiquated slur against Mexican Ameri-

[See Alatorre, A8]

Recent quake hit on perilous fault

System associated with Monday's 4.4 temblor is capable of far greater strength.

By RONG-GONG LIN II

Monday's magnitude 4.4 earthquake centered four miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles was modest but packed quite a jolt.

Although no major damage was reported, experts say the temblor was in the general area of a dangerous fault system — one they have long feared is capable of producing a catastrophic earthquake in the heart of the city.

The quake ruptured on a small section of a fault associated with the Puente Hills thrust fault system, which has long been cited as a major seismic hazard for Southern California because it runs through heavily populated areas and is capable of a huge quake.

"It's a reminder that this is actually our most dangerous fault," earthquake expert Lucy Jones said, surpassing the San Andreas.

The length of the fault strand that ruptured and caused Monday's quake was relatively tiny, perhaps only a few hundred feet across. Small earthquakes happen all the time on relatively tiny fault strands and most of the time are not followed by anything larger.

Still, Angelenos have been feeling rumbling since June from earthquakes centered in the Eastside neighborhood of El Sereno. And it's a reminder of the seismic threats that are too often ignored in Southern California.

Monday's earthquake, centered about 1,100 feet southwest of Huntington Drive and Eastern Avenue, occurred in the same general area as a pair of quakes in early June — a magnitude 3.4 on June 2 and a magnitude 2.8 on June 4 — also associated with the Puente Hills thrust fault system. There also was a magnitude 2.9 [See Quake, A11]

Assassinations could backfire

Targeted killings of Hezbollah leaders may prove counterproductive for Israel in the long term. **WORLD, A4**

Crime bills pass in Legislature

Democrats divided over potential effects of package focused on fentanyl and retail theft. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Paramount cuts include studio

About 2,000 layoffs expected among major cost-cutting moves ahead of Skydance merger. **BUSINESS, A10**

Weather

Mostly sunny. L.A. Basin: 89/64. **B6**

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