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### CLOSING ARGUMENTS IN TRUMP CASE

Former President Trump speaks to the media after closing arguments in his New York fraud trial. Trump delivered a six-minute diatribe in court before the judge cut him off. **NATION, A4**

## Fight at bowling alley exposes another alleged deputy gang

Four L.A. County sheriff's employees were fired after altercation with teens. Two admitted to having tattoos linked to the Industry Indians.

By Keri Blakinger and Alene Tchekmedyian

On a cool February night two years ago, a group of Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies met up at a Montclair bowling alley, drinking to celebrate the promotion of a new sergeant in their ranks.

At the end of the evening, the party took a turn. The off-duty deputies picked a fight with a group of teenagers in the parking lot of a Bowling Lanes, according to two law enforcement sources and a police report reviewed by The Times. A sergeant started it when he pushed open a car door as he walked past, the report says.

Shouting erupted, and one of the deputies allegedly flashed a handgun, according to the report. Some of the others started mocking the teens and shouting obscenities. And before they dispersed, police records show, one deputy punched a 19-year-old in the face.

But once the Sheriff's Department got wind of what happened and started investigating, other troubling details emerged. Two of the men in the group — one deputy and one sergeant — admitted to investigators that they had tattoos officials linked to a deputy gang: the Industry Indians, based out of the City of Industry sheriff's station, according to a law enforcement source.

"We were shocked by the alleged behavior by our employees involved in that incident," Sheriff Robert Luna told The Times in a recent interview. "Our investigators did a pretty decent job of at least identifying not only the misconduct that occurred — that in my opinion was outrageous — but then getting to a point where some of these individuals were identified to have like tattoos."

The existence of the Industry Indians has not previously been made public, and it's unclear how long the group has existed. Luna said the Bowling investigation was the first he'd heard of it. A law enforcement source with knowledge of the case said investigators believe there are dozens of mem-

[See Deputies, A10]



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**AFTER** a celebration at Bowlmum Lanes in Montclair in 2022, off-duty sheriff's deputies started a fight with teenagers in the parking lot, according to authorities.

## Blame Mother Nature for California's budget woes

Extreme weather is unlikely to abate, and the costs are going to change the Golden State's fiscal realities

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California has officially entered the era of climate-driven economic insecurity.

On Wednesday, Gov. Gavin Newsom laid out his new budget, facing a nearly \$38-billion shortfall.

That missing money is mostly due to lower-than-expected tax revenue on capital gains — the stock and investment earnings of the Golden State's wealthiest folks weren't quite what were expected.

But, unlike most years when state offi-



cial have a grasp by April, when taxes are usually filed, of how much money California can responsibly spend, last year was different.

Mother Nature slammed the state in winter and spring with record snow and storms that flooded entire towns such as Planada and Pajaro. Capitola was hit with a bomb cyclone that all but destroyed the pier. Tulare Lake reappeared in the Central Valley, submerging homes and crops and revealing the fragility of an expensive levee. The damage of that extreme weather cost \$4.6 billion and took 22 lives, according to the National Centers for Environmental Information.

[See Chabria, A10]

## Schiff takes a narrow lead in U.S. Senate race

Rep. Porter, former Dodger Garvey are in a tight contest to also advance to general election, poll shows.

By Benjamin Oreskes

The fight for second place in California's U.S. Senate race between Rep. Katie Porter and former Dodgers star Steve Garvey appears volatile as the March 5 primary approaches, according to the latest UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies poll co-sponsored by The Times.

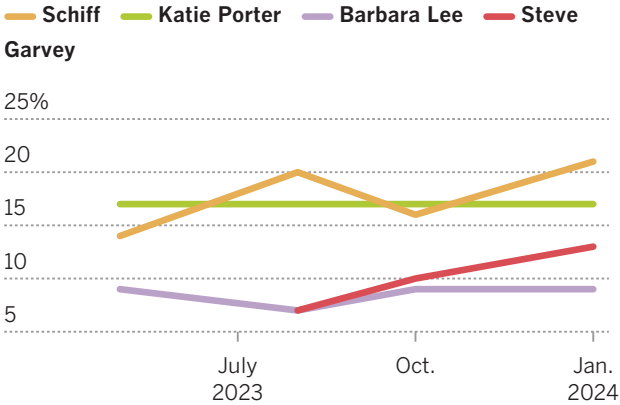
Democratic Rep. Adam B. Schiff of Burbank leads the field by 4 percentage points in a race that thus far has lacked much sizzle, though that could change now that the candidates have launched political ad campaigns and are set to clash in a trio of televised debates over the next two months.

According to the survey, Porter (D-Irvine) trails slightly behind Schiff and holds a narrow lead for second place over Garvey, the top Republican in the race.

Schiff is backed by 21% of likely voters, compared with 17% supporting Porter and 13% for Garvey. Schiff and Porter were essentially tied [See Schiff, A7]

### Top four Senate candidates

Rep. Adam B. Schiff's support among likely voters has risen from 16% in October to 21% now. The race for the second spot in the November election has tightened.



Survey of 4,470 likely voters conducted Jan. 4-8, online in English and Spanish. Estimated margin of error, +/- 2 percentage points.

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## The case against 8 pro-vendor activists

Allegations of violent conspiracy emerge before San Bernardino County trial of Edin Enamorado and allies.

By Nathan Solis and Gustavo Arellano

In early September, Edin Enamorado took to social media to ask his hundreds of thousands of followers to help find a security guard who had attacked a group of street vendors in Pomona.

"We'll be holding him accountable," Enamorado said in a livestream video

from outside the Pomona police station, chastising police for not investigating the attack.

Several hours later, the security guard was lying on the floor of an El Super Market, battered and blasted with pepper spray by a group of activists led by Enamorado, according to the San Bernardino County district attorney's office.

Now Enamorado, who has portrayed himself on social media as a voice for underserved communities, and who is the loudest critic among an army of allied activists who have publicly shamed law enforcement officials and racists, is behind

[See Activists, A7]



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**EDIN ENAMORADO**, right, and six fellow activists critical of police and racists are in jail awaiting trial.

### Fatal avalanche was a rarity

Most such events occur in backcountry, unlike Tahoe tragedy. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Detroit still loves Stafford

Rams' quarterback returns to face his old team in playoff game Sunday. **SPORTS, B10**

### Inflation rises in December

Price growth is especially painful in high-cost California. **BUSINESS, A6**

### U.S., U.K. hit sites in Yemen

Allies strike Houthi targets in a massive retaliation for attacks in Red Sea. **WORLD, A3**

**Weather:** Sunny, cool. L.A. Basin: 63/43. **B6**



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