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A BORDER PATROL agent photographs women at a makeshift camp near Interstate 8 in Jacumba Hot Springs, Calif., on Sunday.

Migrants from around world favor this California crossing into U.S.

San Diego County has become the busiest region for those entering illegally. In recent months, most arrive from faraway lands rather than Central America and Mexico.

By PATRICK J. McDONNELL

DULZURA, Calif. — At dawn came a dozen men, women and children from Nepal. Following in the twilight was a cluster of families from Peru, Ecuador and Colombia, along with half a dozen Chinese men.

Behind them were men from India and couples from Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan carrying infants.

Scattered migrants kept arriving at the top of a steep dirt road to surrender to U.S. border agents in order to claim asylum.

“I am finally here, in America,” Justin Agbobli, 30, who had traveled from Togo in West Africa, said in French. “Today is a dream come true!”

San Diego County has become the most popular spot

for migrants illegally entering the United States, according to the latest government figures. With 37,370 arrests last month, it was the busiest of the Border Patrol’s nine sectors along the southern border for the first time since the 1990s.

Driving the numbers is a massive increase in people from countries that usually don’t account for much illegal immigration.

It has long been the case that the majority of migrants arriving along the 2,000-mile border come from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. But a dramatic shift has been underway along the 60-mile stretch that makes up the San Diego sector.

Between Oct. 1 and March 31, those four countries accounted for just 20% of the 185,469 apprehensions [See Border, A4]



MIGRANTS CLIMB OVER boulders on a mountainous trail that leads from the U.S.-Mexico border to an encampment.

FBI files allege Feuer lied to the feds

Former city attorney, not charged with any crimes, denies claims in agent’s affidavit.

By DAKOTA SMITH AND MATT HAMILTON

Then-Los Angeles City Atty. Mike Feuer lied to government investigators and probably obstructed justice during a massive federal inquiry into a fraudulent lawsuit orchestrated by his office, according to an affidavit by an FBI agent that was made public this week.

Feuer, who has not been charged with any crimes, maintained his innocence in a statement issued after the confidential records’ release.

He has long denied knowing about the fraud behind the lawsuit involving exorbitant Department of Water and Power bills and has similarly denied knowledge of a hush money payment to a Beverly Hills legal assistant who threatened to expose the scheme.

Not only did Feuer know about the legal assistant’s threats, but he “impliedly directed” one of his top deputies to handle her demands, FBI Special Agent Andrew Civetti wrote in the Jan. 31, 2020, affidavit in support of a warrant to search Feuer’s Apple iCloud account.

As federal agents investigated the city attorney’s office and its role in the fraudulent lawsuit, Feuer misled the FBI about the timeline of events and the extent of his office’s role in the scheme, Civetti said in the affidavit.

“Multiple sources of [See Feuer, A10]

A tense climate over L.A. weather station

Relocating official site from USC will cause discontinuity in the local record, some say.

By HAYLEY SMITH

A nasty storm is brewing over the meteorological heart of Los Angeles.

A decision by government forecasters to relocate downtown L.A.’s official weather observation station from USC to Dodger Stadium is generating extreme heat and wind gusts from some local climate experts. They insist the move will cast fog on local efforts to document the effects of climate change.

“It contaminates the record,” said Jan Null, a veteran California meteorologist who runs the Golden Gate Weather Service. “It changes the ballgame.”

The station — a curious array of poles, metal boxes and shiny cylinders that weather wonks know affectionately as KCQT — is slated to move from USC to [See Station, A8]

Despite bird flu outbreaks among dairy cattle, lovers of raw milk are uncowed



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FOOD SAFETY experts say drinking raw milk is dangerous, especially when investigators are scrambling to understand the extent of dairy herd outbreaks.

By SUSANNE RUST

Government scientists are warning consumers to stay away from raw milk, citing research showing “high viral load” of avian influenza in samples collected from infected cows — as well as a disturbing cluster of dead barn cats who’d consumed contaminated raw milk.

“We continue to strongly advise against the consumption of raw milk,” said Donald Prater, acting director of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at the Food and Drug Administration.

But raw milk enthusiasts are doubling down on the claimed benefits and safety of their favorite elixir, and say the government warnings are nothing more than “fearmongering.” [See Milk, A6]

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