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AN AIR TANKER drops retardant Tuesday while battling the Toll fire near Calistoga in Napa Valley. An extended heat wave blanketing Northern California has resulted in red flag fire warnings and power shutoffs.

POLICE BLAST IN 2021 TO COST L.A. MILLIONS

City Council agrees to settle with residents displaced by botched fireworks disposal.

By BRITTNY MEJIA

Three years after Los Angeles police blew up a South L.A. neighborhood while detonating a cache of fireworks, the city will pay more than \$21 million to resolve the claims of many residents who were displaced and are still living in a hotel.

The City Council unanimously approved settlements with more than a dozen residents on Tuesday, days after the anniversary of the June 30, 2021, blast. The settlements will now go to Mayor Karen Bass for approval.

The city agreed to pay one resident, Lucia Gonzales, \$175,000. Rosalina Reyes will receive \$107 million, which the family's lawyer said is strictly for property damage and does not include personal injury.

But the largest settlement, to resolve property and personal injury claims of more than a dozen residents of the working-class neighborhood, is \$20 million. The awards range from \$100,000 to \$2.8 million for the 17 claimants.

City Councilman Curren Price, in whose district the explosion occurred, said in a statement Tuesday that the process over the last three years "has been agonizingly slow, and on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I regret that it took so long to reach this point."

"The victims of the 27th Street fireworks explosion have endured unimaginable pain and trauma that will last a lifetime," Price said. "Reaching these financial settlements were a crucial step toward their healing, rebuilding their lives, and finding [See Fireworks, A9]

Dangerous weather is adding fuel to fires

PG&E makes power cuts in Northern California

By GRACE TOOHEY

The start of an extended, life-threatening heat wave has coincided with elevated fire conditions across Northern California, prompting Pacific Gas & Electric Co. on Tuesday to initiate the year's first planned power shutoffs, expected to last at least through Wednesday.

The dangerous conditions were fueling several fires across the region, including one in Butte County that has prompted evacuations and another in Napa County.

The de-energized lines may prevent new fires from starting. Officials are taking any help they can get as winds, low humidity, dry vegetation and extreme heat were combining for a potentially treacherous few days. Even with the power shutoffs, several fires in Northern California started Tuesday, at least two of which prompted evacuations.

"It's a pretty bad combination, honestly, to have a potentially record-breaking heat wave that starts off with dry north winds," said Daniel Swain, a UCLA climate scientist, in a briefing Monday. "If that [See Weather, A6]



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NIGEL FARAGE is running for the British Parliament in Clacton-on-Sea. He is "a disrupter ... who wants to overthrow the established order," an observer says.

Shaking up the vote in U.K.

Return of far right's Nigel Farage raises possibility of a MAGA-like takeover of the Conservative Party

By LAURA KING

CLACTON-ON-SEA, Britain — In a sludgy, slow-motion trajectory, the pale yellow milkshake found its mark: far-right political candidate and Donald Trump acolyte Nigel Farage, on the inaugural day of his insurgent campaign for a seat in the British Parliament.

But no display of airborne voter displeasure was going to prevent one of the

country's most gleefully polarizing public figures from shaking up what had until then been considered a fairly sedate contest between Britain's two biggest parties. In a surprise announcement in early June, Farage inserted himself as the ruling Conservatives were already forecast to lose decisively to the left-leaning Labor Party.

Some observers believe the return of Farage, 60 — political flamethrower, a key architect of Brexit, leader of

a small, stridently anti-immigration party — could lead to a MAGA-like takeover of the Conservative Party, which has played a preeminent role in British politics for nearly 200 years.

And his high-profile presence reintroduces an insistently clamorous voice to what has lately been a nationalist-populist upswelling in Western Europe and beyond, one whose full import may soon become [See Britain, A4]

Federal, state officials address heat's rising toll

OSHA advances national worker safety rules as California pegs losses in billions.

By HAYLEY SMITH

As California heads into a dangerous holiday heat wave that will blanket millions of residents in triple-digit temperatures, state and federal officials are vowing to do more to address the worsening threat — and the rising costs — of extreme heat.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA, announced that it will advance a proposed rule to protect indoor and outdoor workers from high temperatures at the national level. If finalized, the regulations would establish temperature-based standards for an estimated 35 million workers in places such as warehouses, kitchens, farms and

construction sites.

The proposal, which has been in the works since 2021, would apply to workplaces where the heat index regularly rises above 80 degrees, according to senior administration officials. It would follow similar moves by California, which in 2006 became the first state in the nation to establish permanent heat protections for outdoor workers and just last month approved heat regulations for indoor workers.

Officials said such rules are needed as extreme heat claims more lives and as the nation grapples with more frequent and severe weather events fueled by climate change. Last year, the U.S. saw a record 28 disasters that exceeded \$1 billion in losses, which caused more than \$90 billion in aggregate damage.

At the same time, California's Department of Insurance this week released a first-of-its kind analysis revealing \$7.7 billion in insurance losses tied to extreme [See Heat, A6]



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ANALYSIS

Court pits Trump against rule of law

Experts warn he's now further emboldened to break democracy's norms if reelected.

By DAVID G. SAVAGE AND NOAH BIERMAN

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court chose an unusual time to declare for the first time that presidents — past and future — are immune from criminal law when it comes to their use of official or constitutional powers.

The decision comes just as former President Trump — who has promised to be "dictator for one day" — prepares to accept the Republican nomination to return to

the White House.

Trump was also the nation's first chief executive to refuse to accept his defeat in an election, insisting it was "stolen" and calling thousands of his supporters to come to Washington and to "fight like hell."

The mob riot at the Capitol prompted the House to impeach him, a majority of senators to vote to convict him, and the Justice Department [See Trump, A4]

Justices reject rifle ban case

The Supreme Court won't hear a challenge to laws that prohibit rapid-fire arms. **NATION, A5**

Hurricane races toward Jamaica

Beryl is forecast to bring life-threatening winds after killing six people elsewhere. **WORLD, A3**

Weather

Sunny and warm. L.A. Basin: 88/65. **B6**

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Contestants reflect on Fox's makeover competition 20 years later. **ENTERTAINMENT, E1**

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