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France pays tribute. Pages 10-11

Tribute: Natasha Munteanu holds son Matteo, three, as he lights a candle for victims of the lorry attack in Nice.

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6,000 held over Turkish coup bid

'Gift from God': Mr Erdoğan said the coup gave him a chance to purge the Turkish state of a 'virus'



President seizes opportunity to arrest judges and 'cleanse' army

TURKISH president Recep Tayyip Erdoğan described a failed military coup as a 'gift from God' yesterday as he had 6,000 soldiers, prosecutors and judges arrested.

The leader, who claims his rival Fethullah Gülen

by **NICOLE LE MARIE**

led the bid to oust him, vowed to 'clean all state institutions of the virus' of the Muslim cleric's supporters.

He said he would be holding talks with opposition parties over bringing back the death penalty to punish the

plotters. 'They will pay a heavy price for this,' he said. 'This uprising is a gift from God to us because this will be a reason to cleanse our army.'

The military faction that began the coup said it wanted to protect democracy from Islamist Mr Erdoğan, who has cracked down on press freedom.

But he hit back by issuing a FaceTime appeal to his supporters to rise up and confront the troops.

As the rebellion crumbled, soldiers were arrested and beaten by the president's supporters, with watching police

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CALIFORNIA BEAMING

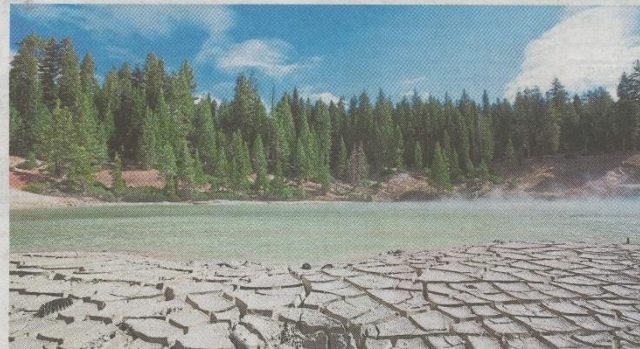
With new UK flight routes, America's Golden State offers a world of options, says **Nick Boulos**

Flight of fancy
NEARLY a million Brits choose California for their holiday each year and that number is set to soar with a wave of new flight options to America's Golden State. British Airways (ba.com) has started serving San José from Heathrow – a handy jumping-off point for northern California – while Norwegian Airlines (norwegian.com) offers a connection from Gatwick to the port of Oakland.

Even more tempting are the new low-cost options to San Francisco and Los Angeles with Icelandic no-frills carrier Wow Air (wowair.co.uk), which flies to both from Gatwick via Reykjavik from £139 one-way. And things are improving on ground level too. A city plagued with bad traffic and poor public transport, LA has always been a challenge to get around but this year's completion of the new Expo Line light rail will provide a hassle-free hop from Downtown to the beaches of Santa Monica.

Hotel California
ONCE you're there, why not check in to one of the many new places springing up? Music fans will enjoy Cal Neva (calnevaresort.com), Frank Sinatra's former Lake Tahoe retreat. It's due to reopen after an extensive restoration, with a new spa, Rat Pack-themed rooms and an infinity pool overlooking the famous lake. Elsewhere, Yosemite received its first new bolthole in 25 years when Rush Creek Lodge (doubles from £169, rushcreeklodge.com) opened last month.

Or head to Lassen Volcanic National Park and stay at the Highlands Ranch Resort (doubles



Got to lava hotspot: Lassen Volcanic National Park and, above, Pacific Beach in Santa Monica PIC: ALAMY

from £164, highlandranchresort.com). Until just a few weeks ago, when this collection of luxurious cottages surrounded by mountains and meadows welcomed its first guests, accommodation in this protected wilderness of volcanoes and rare flowers was limited to unheated cabins.



Art attacks
San Fran's MOMA

Art attack
FORGET Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge – San Fran and its surroundings have more cultured places to discover. The acclaimed San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (entry £18, sfmoma.org) reopened in May and now showcases the Fisher Collection, with works by Warhol and Lichtenstein, as well as the largest space devoted to photography in any museum in the country.

Beyond the city, 45 miles to the north, is Sonoma, a wine-producing region that rivals Napa. And Sonoma is slowly becoming known for its food as well. Already home to three



Cocktail time: Hang out at the hip Ysabel

Michelin-starred restaurants, the place creating the biggest buzz is Single Thread (11-course tasting menu from £169, singlethreadfarms.com). Part restaurant, part inn and part farm, it's set to open this summer and is run by chef Kyle Connaughton, who worked at Heston Blumenthal's Fat Duck restaurant. The cuisine promises to be contemporary with Eastern influences. Book early.

City of Angels
DON'T dismiss LA, there's more to it than celebs. 'The Arts District is full of art spaces and cutting-edge eateries,' says native guide Sally Tioncco (sixtaste.com). There's nature and adventure, with walking trails criss-crossing the Hollywood Hills. Who knows which movie star you'll see hiking in Runyon Canyon? Better yet, go horse riding under the Hollywood Sign with Sunset Ranch (rides from £30, sunsetranchhollywood.com). Prefer your panoramas with a cocktail in hand? Then head to the rooftop of the soon-to-open James Hotel (rates to be announced, jameshotels.com) on Sunset Strip in West Hollywood.

After dark
COME nightfall, make a beeline for West Hollywood. A city in its own right between Hollywood and Beverly Hills, gay-friendly WeHo – as it's known – has some of the best nightlife in California.

The new place to be seen is Ysabel,' says local social media star Victoria Fratz (@imvictoriafratz). 'Everyone from Harry Styles to the Kardashians have been.'

Try the signature Isabel cocktail with vodka, strawberries, honey and pepper.



Lap of luxury: Chill like a pro on top of the James Hotel, West Hollywood

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