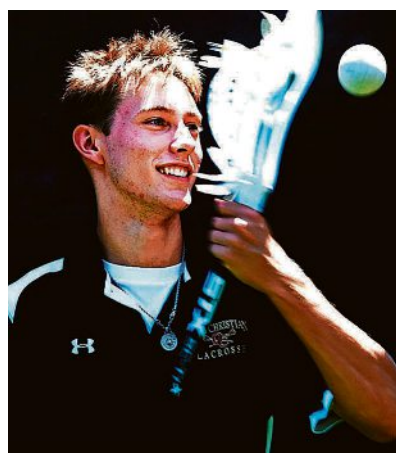


Macleod leads Oaks Christian to a CIF-SS championship

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Strait of Hormuz traffic rebounds

U.S. reassures Gulf allies on tenuous deal

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DUBAI – Oil prices fell to prewar levels on June 25 as the United States said flows through the Strait of Hormuz were nearing normal and its top diplomat wrapped up a Gulf tour aimed at winning support for a preliminary Iran deal. Energy Secretary Chris Wright said

shipments through the strait were approaching levels seen before the United States and Israel launched strikes on Iran on Feb. 28, with at least 20 million barrels exiting the strait in the previous 24 hours.

During the conflict, Iran took effective control of the vital choke point, disrupting oil flows and rattling global energy markets and the wider economy. Despite the recovery in traffic, Iran signaled it would continue to assert control. Its Revolutionary Guards on June 25 warned vessels to stick to routes through the strait designated by Teh-

ran, rejecting newly announced shipping routes not coordinated with Iran as unacceptable and dangerous.

The warning came after Oman announced temporary shipping lanes through the strait in coordination with the United Nations' shipping agency. Data from the United Nations' International Maritime Organization showed that 57 ships carrying about 1,100 seafarers have transited the strait since June 23 under the evacuation plan.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio

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Secretary of State Marco Rubio on June 25 reassured Gulf allies wary of Washington's preliminary accord with Tehran. ERIC LEE/REUTERS

Ventura County Fire unveils \$32.5M 'state-of-the-art' facility



A large group tours the Ventura County Fire Department's \$32.5 million live-fire training facility on June 24. In this demonstration, the scenario simulates a kitchen fire at a strip mall. PHOTOS BY JUAN CARLO/THE STAR

Glass House faces fine after state investigation

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California's Department of Cannabis Control has issued a \$21,000 fine for Glass House related to an investigation of complaints regarding underage workers at the local cannabis facility.

Based on available evidence, the department found the company lacked adequate procedures and documentation to verify and record worker ages on site, agency spokesperson Jordan Traverso said, in a June 24 email.

Glass House has appealed the violation, which company officials described as issued for an alleged failure to maintain records.

Last summer, federal agents descended on Glass House's cannabis operations just outside of Camarillo and another in Santa Barbara County on

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'You can never train too hard for a job that can kill you'

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The Ventura County Fire Department's "state-of-the-art" facility opened earlier this year and aims to train firefighters in an environment as close to real fire situations as possible.

County officials hosted a ribbon-cutting and open house with demonstrations June 24 of the \$32.5 million fire training complex at 102 Durley Ave.

"You can never train too hard for a job that can kill you," said fire Chief Dustin Gardner to a crowd of visitors hoping to see the fire department's training complex. He described it as "state of the art."

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ABOVE: The Ventura County Fire Department celebrated the opening of its \$32.5M facility on June 24. It has two live fire training buildings, a ladder-training prop, configurable training spaces and rescue-training features.

LEFT: Capt. Ryan Burkett, of the Ventura County Fire Department, demonstrates a room where ceiling tiles go up in flames in the agency's \$32.5 million live fire training facility on June 24.



A man and woman stand in an agricultural field and watch as vans exit the Glass House facility off Laguna Road near Camarillo during a federal immigration raid July 10, 2025. DOMINIC MASSIMINO/THE STAR

More than 160 killed in Venezuela earthquakes

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Acting Venezuelan President Delcy Rodríguez said an initial fund of \$200 million would be created using resources from the International Monetary Fund dedicated to rebuilding infrastructure, after back-to-back major earthquakes struck the country's northern coast on June 24, collapsing buildings and raising fears of widespread casualties.

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