5 Arrested After Fight, Stabbing Near Lake Casitas --- 5/14/2024

In Ventura County --- five people, including three minors, have been arrested after a fight near Lake Casitas. Police say the fight happened at about 12:30 Sunday morning, along Highway 150. One person, a teen boy, was stabbed. He is hospitalized with a non-life-threatening wound. The five suspects are facing the charges of assault with a deadly weapon, robbery and conspiracy.

Men Face Death Penalty Cartel-Style Execution Of Six During Marijuana Deal --- 5/14/2024

In California --- the San Bernardino County District Attorney plans to seek the death penalty for two men accused of being part of the Cartel-style execution of six people. The killings occurred in January in a remote, desert location northwest of Victorville. Investigators say the victims were shot execution-style during a marijuana deal gone bad. The two men have pleaded not guilty to the charges against them. They are two of five men arrested in connection with the murders.

>>CA Gov Has New Plan To Expedite Insurance Reforms

(Sacramento, CA) -- There's a new plan to fix California's home insurance crisis. Governor Newsom wants to get an extra bill passed with the budget by next month. It would require the state to review insurance company rate approval requests within 60 days instead of months. The long process is one reason why some companies have paused writing policies. The insurance commissioner will give an update tomorrow on changing regulations.

>>CA Ranked As Ninth Most Dangerous State In America

(Sacramento, CA) -- California is being named the ninth most dangerous state in the nation. U.S. News and World Report says that's based on violent and property crime rates in 2022, when there were almost 22-hundred reported homicide cases. Some of the unsafe areas include Oakland, San Bernardino, Stockton, Compton, Richmond and Vallejo. On the flip side, the Golden State is ranked the 37th best overall, coming in sixth for health care.

>>CA Lake May Hit Capacity For First Time Since 2019

(Lake Tahoe, CA) -- Lake Tahoe is expected to be full for the first time in five years. That's thanks a wet winter here in California. The recent snowpack is still above normal despite it being dry last month. This new report the Department of Agriculture predicts the snowmelt will be enough to fill up the lake. Once at full capacity, it can supply water for three years if snowpacks drop below normal. The water year continues through September.

>>CA Almond Crop Could Rise 21% After Wet Winter

(Sacramento, CA) -- A wet winter is also helping California's almost crop. The forecast calls for it to be up 21-percent this year, totaling about three-billion pounds. The almond bloom began in February and was hit by a handful of storms. But the Department of Agriculture says overall mild temperatures into early March helped boost pollination. Some mature almond trees in the state can use as much as 54 inches of water in an average year.

>>CA Owner Of Tiny Town Now Selling It For \$6.6M

(Campo, CA) -- An historic town in California is up for sale. Campo is a mile from the border in San Diego County and now listed for six-point-six million dollars. That includes 16 acres of land and 92-thousand square feet of building property.

Hancock Honors recipients announced --- 5/14/2024

The Allan Hancock College Foundation announced the community leaders it will recognize at the college's second-annual Hancock Honors celebration. This year, the college will honor the Luis and Consuelo Chavez family, owners of L&G Farming, Inc.; Joyce Howerton, former Lompoc Mayor and community advocate; and Larry Lahr, former member and president of the AHC Board of Trustees. All of the 2024 honorees will be officially recognized at the college's second annual Hancock Honors celebration on Sept. 7th in the college's Fine Arts Complex's outdoor plaza and Boyd Concert Hall. The evening will feature unique culinary offerings, a full hosted bar, and live music. Proceeds from the celebration will benefit students through the Allan Hancock College Foundation. Tickets go on sale June 1st. To learn more visit https://www.hancockcollege.edu/honors.

California Unemployment Benefits Filings Are On Rise --- 5/14/2024

The U.S. Department of Labor says new filings for unemployment benefits in California rose last week as compared to the previous week. New jobless claims, increased to approximately 44-thousand for the week ending May 4th. This is up from the almost 40-thousand that were filed the week before. U.S. unemployment claims rose to 231-thousand last week, up 22-thousand claims from the 209-thousand claims last week based on a seasonally adjusted criteria.

CHP Hires Over 100 New Officers --- 5/14/2024

Over 100 new officers were sworn in at the California Highway Patrol Academy graduation in Sacramento over the weekend. The officers will report to one of the 103 area offices throughout the state. The hiring comes as part of the CHP's effort to fill one thousand open positions. The academy received over 76-hundred applications in the first four months of 2024, a 100% increase from the same period in 2022.