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NOAH JONES, a teenager who has autism, embraces his mother, Christine LyBurtus, inside their Fullerton home in October.

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Dilemma for autistic teen’s family

Mother struggles to find help for son, who had ‘psychotic episode,’ but she doesn’t want to send him away for care at state-run center

By Emily Alpert Reyes

Christine LyBurtus was aching and fearful of what might happen when her 13-year-old son returned home. Noah had been sent to Children’s Hospital of Orange County for a psychiatric hold lasting up to 72 hours after he punched at walls, flipped over a table, ripped out a chunk of his mother’s hair and tried to break a car window. “There’s nothing else to call it except a psychotic episode,” LyBurtus said. The clock was ticking on that August day in 2022. The single mother wanted help to prevent such an episode from happen-

ing again, maybe with a different medication. Hospital staff were waiting for a psychiatric bed, possibly at another hospital with a dedicated unit for patients with autism or other developmental disabilities. But as the hours ran out on the hold, it became clear that wasn’t happening. LyBurtus brought Noah home to their Fullerton apartment. “When he came back home, it kind of broke my heart,” said his sister, Karissa, who is two years older. “He looked like, ‘What the heck did you guys put me into?’” The next night, Noah was back in [See **Autism**, A7]

California-born man among six hostages slain by Hamas

By Laura King

TEL AVIV — A wave of grief and fury washed over Israel on Sunday, with tens of thousands of people taking to the streets to march and mourn after Israeli authorities said six hostages, including a 23-year-old California-born Israeli American, had been killed days

earlier by their captors after enduring nearly 11 months of Hamas captivity. Israeli forensic officials said autopsies showed that all six — four men and two women, most of them music festival-goers in their 20s — died Thursday or Friday from multiple gunshots fired at close range. The bodies were recovered Saturday from a dank tunnel beneath

the southern Gaza city of Rafah, and the army confirmed their identities on Sunday. The sole U.S. citizen among the six was Hersh Goldberg-Polin, a Berkeley native whose parents had mounted a fiercely determined international campaign for his release. The Israeli military said [See **Hostages**, A4]



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JON POLIN comforts Rachel Goldberg as she speaks about their son, Hersh Goldberg-Polin, last month.

Newsom calls a special session

Unusual move pushes the Legislature into overtime to address rules for oil refineries.

By Laurel Rosenhall and Taryn Luna

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gavin Newsom called California lawmakers into a special session Saturday after Assembly Democrats pushed back on his request to approve new requirements on oil refineries in the final days of the regular legislative session that ended Saturday night. The unusual maneuver in effect pushes the Legislature into overtime to address the complex and politically sensitive issue of energy affordability just as campaign season heats up in advance of the Nov. 5 election. Newsom’s order called for a special session to begin Saturday, but it’s unclear when lawmakers will hold hearings to consider the bills or whether they will pass. While the Assembly formally opened the special session Saturday night, the Senate defied Newsom and refused to. Lawmakers were scheduled to leave Sacramento this weekend for four months in their home dis- [See **Session**, A8]

Can rechristening help Kelseyville heal?

Though few dispute its namesake’s cruelty, not everyone is on board

By Tyrone Beason

The town of Kelseyville bills itself as one of Northern California’s best-kept secrets — an idyllic wine country community that overlooks the state’s largest freshwater lake, as well as a 4,305-foot volcano that is blanketed in greenery. But a dispute has erupted over a proposal to change the town’s name because of the history it evokes of violence against Indigenous people. It is said that the town takes its name from Andrew Kelsey, a notorious white settler who, with his business partner Charles Stone, brutalized Pomo villagers in the late 1840s — murdering men on a whim, raping women and youths, trafficking children and enslaving and [See **Kelseyville**, A6]



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KELSEYVILLE, Calif., is billed as an idyllic wine country community and is home to a 4,305-foot volcano blanketed in greenery, seen from Nice, across Clear Lake.

Far-right party wins in Germany

Alternative for Germany triumphs in state vote, with a weak showing by governing parties. **WORLD**, A3

Trump volleys in cemetery dispute

GOP nominee issues a statement from Gold Star families critical of Vice President Kamala Harris. **NATION**, A6

Athlete shot by would-be robber

San Francisco 49ers rookie Ricky Pearsall leaves hospital after attack in city’s Union Square. **CALIFORNIA**, B1

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