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CONGRESSIONAL MAPS

State to foot special election cost

Official says California will pay counties in advance for potential redistricting vote

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California will foot the cost of redistricting upfront, an official with the state’s Department of Finance told lawmakers on Wednesday. Legislators are continuing to

fast-track a package of bills this week to convene a special election in November where voters will decide whether to implement new, partisan congressional maps for the 2026, 2028 and 2030 elections. The full Legislature is expected to vote today on the package, Democratic leadership has said. Led by Gov. Gavin Newsom

and California Democrats, the effort is meant to “neutralize” similar partisan redistricting moves in Republican-controlled states, including Texas. Local elections officials had expressed concerns about the cost of holding a last-minute statewide special election. The governor’s request had called for the state to “reimburse” counties for the cost of administering a special election,

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Gov. Gavin Newsom, left, arrives for a news conference on Aug. 14 in Los Angeles. **MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

REDLANDS UNIFIED

School board OKs explicit book policy



Redlands Unified School District board members Jeannette Wilson, left, Candy Olson and Superintendent Juan Cabral listen to speakers during a meeting in Redlands on Tuesday. **PHOTOS BY TERRY PIERSON — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Rules makes it easier to pull obscene content from library shelves, lessons

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The Redlands Unified School District Board of Education gave final approval Tuesday night to a policy making it easier to pull library books with explicit content off shelves in addition to passing rules to ban explicit material from curriculum. In another lengthy meeting, the Redlands school board voted 3-2 to pass both policies. As has been the case for several votes on divisive issues, board members Candy Olson, Jeannette Wilson and Michele Rendler voted in favor. Melissa Ayala-Quintero and Patty Holohan voted no. Olson said the curriculum rule is a preventative policy and that the library rules would protect students from sexually explicit books. Olson said she has read books in Redlands school libraries that she found disturbing. These should not be available to kids, she said. Olson said that normalizing incest and sexual abuse through books would make students “more accessible to predators who wish to abuse them.” Ayala-Quintero said the board was



Redlands East Valley High School student Braxton Foley, right, high-fives John Beerer after telling the Redlands Unified school board to ban pornography in books during a board meeting in Redlands on Tuesday.

taking rights away from well-informed parents to appease parents who agreed with the board’s conservative majority. Parents who give permission and understand what their child is reading should be able to make that decision, she said.

“Why is that not enough?” she asked. Ayala-Quintero also said the policy should set a limit on costs, noting that the district spent \$20,000 on nine book

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POLITICS

Schiff has legal fund for battle vs. Trump

Senator preparing his defense in mortgage fraud probe, says president ‘weaponizing’ justice

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U.S. Sen. Adam Schiff, the top prosecutor in President Donald Trump’s impeachment trial in 2019 and who has long been a prime target of the president, recently started a legal defense fund amid talks of an investigation by the Department of Justice into his finances. “It’s clear that Donald Trump and his MAGA allies will continue weaponizing the justice process to attack Senator Schiff for holding this corrupt administration accountable,” Marisol Samayoa, a spokesperson for the California Democrat, said in a statement. “This fund will ensure he can fight back against these baseless smears while continuing to do his job,” Samayoa said. Trump last month accused Schiff of possible

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SPORTS



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Students in Riverside protest at Poly High

Students rallied on Wednesday outside their Riverside campus to protest the Riverside Unified School District’s decision to forfeit a game last Friday against Jurupa Valley High School, which has a transgender player on its team. **redlandsdailyfacts.com**

INVESTIGATION

Lawyer: Baby’s parents are cooperating

Authorities still seeking child last seen in Yucaipa

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Despite statements from law enforcement, the parents of a missing 7-month-old boy last seen in Yucaipa are cooperating with the investigation, an attorney for the baby’s father said Tuesday.

But on Wednesday, the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department appeared to suggest that there was more room for cooperation. Emmanuel Haro vanished from a parking lot after his mother, Rebecca Haro, reported she was attacked while changing her son’s diaper by her vehicle on Aug. 14. She told investigators she was knocked unconscious, and when she awoke, Emmanuel was gone. The Sheriff’s Department previously said that after being confronted

with inconsistencies in her statements, Rebecca Haro stopped cooperating with investigators. Vincent Hughes, an attorney representing Emmanuel’s father, Jake Haro, in a separate case, disputed that claim. “Mom and Dad have made themselves available to law enforcement throughout the investigation,” Hughes said. “The one thing Mom did not do was submit to a lie detector test. There

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A sign asks for justice for Emmanuel as it hangs on a fence Monday by the Cabazon home of Rebecca Haro, the mother of 7-month-old boy she said was taken in an attack in Yucaipa last week. **TERRY PIERSON — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

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