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## 3 killed as intense winds snap trees, cut power



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Members of a tree service crew attempt to remove branches from a crushed home on 5th Street in Sacramento's Southside Park neighborhood on Monday, the day after a windstorm caused power outages and tree damage throughout the region.

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The second of two powerful atmospheric storms walloped Northern California, killing three people and leaving a path of fallen trees, snapped power

lines and debris on roadways in the capital region and elsewhere before moving Monday over the south state. From Ventura to San Diego, torrential rain was expected to create flooding and mudslide conditions.

The Sacramento region was battered Sunday with gusts of nearly 70 mph for more than

eight hours that knocked down branches, power poles and fences. Meanwhile, rainfall averages were just about normal or a little above normal, according to Nathan Rick, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sacramento.

Still, the extreme gusts made travel difficult and led to the

deaths of three men from fallen trees, authorities confirmed Monday afternoon.

The first occurred about 2 p.m. Sunday in Carmichael, when a tree struck a 41-year-old man on Gibbons Drive, according to the Sacramento County Coroner's Office. Au-

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## Padilla, Republicans blast Senate border deal

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WASHINGTON

Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Calif., blasted the \$118.2 billion border and foreign aid deal that Senate negotiators, after months of prolonged efforts, released Sunday.

The sweeping package that would allow tighter restrictions on asylum-seeking at the U.S.-Mexico border faces tough opposition in the Senate. It also faces an even tougher chance of even getting a vote in the House of Representatives, leaders there said.



Alex Padilla

Sen. Laphonza Butler, D-Calif., has not commented on the deal, but Padilla was not pleased with the Senate compromise.

Immigration reform has been a top priority for Padilla, who after being sworn into the Senate in 2021 became the first Latino chair of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and Border Safety.

"After months of a negotiating process that lacked transparency or the involvement of a single border-state Democrat or member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, it is no surprise that this border deal misses the mark," Padilla said in a statement. "The deal includes a new version of a failed Trump-era immigration policy that will cause more chaos at the border,

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## Charles III diagnosed with cancer, receiving treatment

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LONDON

King Charles III has been diagnosed with cancer and will not be making public appearances, Buckingham Palace said Monday.

The palace did not provide details about the type of cancer or where it was found, other than to say that during the 75-year-old British king's recent procedure to treat a benign prostate enlargement, a "separate issue of concern was noted" and subsequently confirmed as cancerous.

"His Majesty has today commenced a schedule of regular treatments, during which time he has been advised by doctors to postpone public-facing duties," the palace said in a statement.

"He remains wholly positive about his treatment and looks forward to returning to full public duty as soon as possible," the

palace added.

The king is expected to continue to receive his "red boxes" containing documents from the government that the monarch must review. He is not expected to appoint a "counsellor of state," or another senior member of the royal family whom he can delegate his duties to. It was not clear whether he might continue his regular meetings with the prime minister via video call, as Queen Elizabeth II did during the pandemic.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak posted on X, formerly Twitter: "Wishing His Majesty a full and speedy recovery. I have no doubt he'll be back to full strength in no time and I know the whole country will be wishing him well."

The royal family was already shorthanded, with Catherine, Princess of Wales, recovering from abdominal surgery and Prince William, heir to the throne, taking a step back from royal duties to care for his wife and children. William is expected to make a public return later this week. A palace spokesperson said that Queen Camilla will continue with a "full program" of public duties.

Prince Harry spoke with the king about his cancer diagnosis and will be traveling to Britain to see his father in the coming days, according to a person in the office of the Duke and Du-

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Mike McGuire, D-Healdsburg, holds his son Connor as he is sworn in as Senate president pro tempore by state Supreme Court Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero on Monday.

## McGuire sworn in as state Senate leader

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Watch Sen. Mike McGuire on the California Senate floor, and two things are quickly obvious:

He's almost constantly in motion, and he is nearly always wearing a pair of white earbuds.

The Healdsburg Democrat on Monday became one of the state's highest-ranking, most

influential leaders when he was sworn in as Senate president pro tempore, taking over the job from termed-out Sen. Toni Atkins, D-San Diego.

There are few people who talk about McGuire, 44, without mentioning his unusually high level of energy.

"He's got, like, Red Bull running through his veins or something," said Sen. Angelique Ashby, D-Sacramento.

Everyone seems to have different theories about the earbuds, even those who have been in close proximity to McGuire. Some say he's calling his family, others say he's following proceedings in the Assembly or coordinating with staff.

"He always had his headphones on," said Sen. Brian Dahle, R-Bieber, who was once McGuire's seatmate. "I don't know who he's talking to."

McGuire's "Energizer bunny" work ethic and ability to multitask have helped him as Atkins' majority leader. He's spent the past two years counting and cajoling votes and mediating legislative disputes.

McGuire's new role will bring unique challenges. He must work with Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, D-Hollister, and Gov. Gavin Newsom to address a large budget gap. Many senators will be moving on from the Legislature during

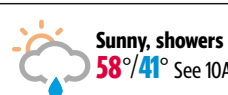
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