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A worker looks over grapes during harvest early on Oct. 15 at a vineyard owned by Beckstoffer Vineyards in Napa. Effects of a potential mass deportation would vary throughout California's wine regions.

Man who killed girl in '79 gets freedom

Now terminally ill, he strangled her, burned body in Hayward

By David Hernandez

A man convicted of murdering a 13-year-old girl in Hayward in 1979 will be released from prison because he suffers from a terminal illness, despite pleas from the girl's family for him to stay in custody.

Donald Jones, 69, will be freed from prison after Alameda County Superior Court Judge Thomas Stevens granted a motion Tuesday to release him.

Jones pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison in 1980 after prosecutors alleged he strangled Kimberly White and set fire to her body at a Hayward home on June 30, 1979, according to court records. In exchange for his guilty plea, prosecutors dropped an arson charge, court records showed.

It was not clear what motivated Jones to kill the girl. Kimberly, other teenagers and Jones gathered at the home the day of the murder, court documents showed. The other teens left the house before the murder occurred.

Jones was denied parole at least twice in the years since his sentencing — in 2014 and last month, according to the California Department

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Trump could roil wine industry

Promise of mass deportation of undocumented immigrants could devastate labor force in Napa and Sonoma counties

By Jess Lander and Molly Burke

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Anabel Garcia, a Sonoma County farmworker who has worked in vineyards for over 15 years, said her husband, also a farmworker, was battling cancer. But because he was considered "essential," he continued to show up to work every day in the vineyards. He couldn't afford not to.

Now, Garcia, who moved to California from the Mexican state of Michoacan in 2002, fears that she — alongside many of her fellow undocumented farmworkers — could soon face another life-altering event: deportation.

Immigrants "are already suffering a lot of discrimination as is," said Garcia. "And all those immigrants who were essential workers during the



Premium producers believe hand labor, rather than mechanization, leads to higher-quality wines.

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Harris, Trump taking wildly different strategies to energize groups they need to win election. A11

pandemic, (Trump) is saying he wants to deport them."

If elected in November, former President Donald Trump said he plans to implement a mass deportation of the country's

more than 11 million undocumented immigrants. At an Atlanta rally this month, Trump said that "immediately upon taking the oath of office," he will "launch the largest deportation program in Ameri-

can history."

Since the Republican National Convention in July, in which convention-goers held signs and chanted demands of "Mass deportation now!" Trump's running mate, J.D. Vance, has repeatedly suggested immigrants are the root cause of the nation's housing crisis, and continued to spread falsehoods about immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, even after officials there debunked the claims. Vance has said deportation would bring relief to communities "overrun" with immigrants.

The Chronicle spoke with lawmakers, farmworker experts and wine growers about the plausibility of Trump's plan and its potential impacts on the wine labor force. While some experts believe implementing such a

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Candidates vie to shine light on 'forgotten' area

By Aldo Toledo

For Supervisor Ahsha Safai, District 11 has always been a "forgotten" section of San Francisco.

The outgoing supervisor and mayoral candidate said he's spent the last eight years bringing this diverse district — which includes the Excelsior, Outer Mission, Crocker-Amazon and Ingleside — into focus at City Hall.

Safai, who is termed out, said whoever takes his place at City Hall must be able to hit the ground running.

Out of a field of six candidates, three are the top contenders: Democratic County Central Committee member Michael Lai, former Safai aide Ernest "E.J." Jones and community organizer Chyanne Chen.

The top three candidates agreed that the biggest issues in District 11 are housing, public safety, and support for seniors and families.

Residents, they say, want more officers on the

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Ranked-choice voting may dim Breed's chances

By J.D. Morris

San Francisco Mayor London Breed has faced lackluster approval ratings in each of the Chronicle's three mayoral polls this year, a major obstacle as she fights for reelection against four prominent rivals.

Breed can still win the race, but with two weeks to go until Election Day, her apparent unpopularity has provided an opening for one of her challengers — nonprofit founder Daniel Lurie — to defeat her in the final round of ranked-choice voting. To pull ahead, Breed would likely need to pick up more second- and third-choice votes from people supporting her competitors, which polling indicates will be a challenge, given how many voters view her negatively.



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A Chronicle poll found the favorability rating for Mayor London Breed, shown before a debate in June, has fallen to 35%.

While Breed's job approval numbers shot up between the Chronicle's first and second

polls this year, the third and final poll last week found that her favorability had declined again.

About 35% of likely voters now say they approve of Breed's performance, a six-point drop from August. It's still better than her standing in February, when only 28% of voters said they approved of her.

Breed has been campaigning on an optimistic message, pointing to San Francisco's declining crime reports, a reduction in homeless encampments, arrests of drug dealers and users, and an influx of downtown events as proof that her efforts to address the city's most serious problems are delivering results. She said at her official campaign launch event that while her opponents were trashing the city, she was "lifting San Francisco up." A flyer being distributed by her campaign in recent days describes her as "San Francisco's biggest

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