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Napa State to remain under federal oversight

Monitor says facility still not in compliance on use of restraints

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A federal judge ruled last week that Napa State Hospital should remain under federal oversight after a patient died in May while he was being restrained in a prone position, according to court records.

United States District Judge Audrey B. Collins in

Los Angeles said, according to court records, she based her decision on the federal monitor's finding that Napa State was not in compliance with the use of restraints.

Federal monitoring began in 2006 under a consent decree in order to improve patient conditions at four state psychiatric hospitals, including Napa.

Last week, Collins agreed to remove Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk from federal oversight, leaving Napa the only one left under federal monitoring. Two

other facilities, Patton and Atascadero state hospitals, have not been under federal oversight since last November.

The federal monitor, Mohamed El-Sabaawi, said in a court document dated Sept. 16 that "Napa State Hospital is currently not in compliance with the Amended Consent Judgment's provision regarding restraints. If Defendants do not come into compliance with this provision, people at Napa will remain at an unreasonable risk of serious harm, including death."

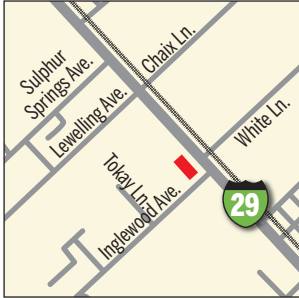
He found the May 2012

death was not an "isolated" incident and that the death was due to staff's failure to follow policy, according to court records.

"The (federal) monitor concluded that the May 2012 incident was part of a 'problematic pattern rather than an isolated incident,' but that Napa's post-mortem corrective actions 'were initiated in a timely and thoughtful manner under the leadership of the new medical director,'" Collins said in her order signed Tuesday,

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Farmworker housing sites



Kelly Doren/Register

County weighs potential farmworker housing sites

Two wineries offering to donate land

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In an attempt to meet a growing need for single-family homes for farmworkers, Napa County is considering developing two sites in the unincorporated area to build up to 12 homes on each.

The sites — one located on Highway 29 south of St. Helena and the other on Silverado Trail north of Napa — would be donated to the county by the Hall and Shafer winemaking families, respectively.

The Napa County Board of Supervisors heard a pitch for the development plans last week, and directed staff to put together a budget for how much they would cost.

A preliminary cost estimate was prepared for each property, and includes costs for site work such as water and wastewater systems, and environmental remediation. The Hall site was estimated to cost about \$855,000, while the Shafer site could cost \$1.24 million.

After debating the merits of both sites, the supervisors felt the 1-acre Highway 29 site owned by Hall was superior because of its proximity to St. Helena, transit lines and services.

The 5-acre Shafer site, which is nestled on the west side of Silverado Trail north of Oak Knoll Avenue and beside the Napa River, is removed from services and has no access to transit, the supervisors noted.

They agreed that the need for family-style housing for farmworkers was pressing enough to move forward to the next stage of the development plan — estimating a cost.

"Family farmworker housing is really a critical need," Supervisor Mark Luce said.

Larry Florin, the director of the county's Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs Department, said surveys of Napa Valley farmworkers supported the need for family housing.

Florin said the Shafers and Halls came forward with their offers after reading news reports earlier this year of farmworkers needing that type of housing. Both sites sit in the Agricultural Preserve, but the donations would enable the county to build 12 housing units on each, per a state law, Florin said.

Doug Shafer, president of Shafer Vineyards, said the decision was an easy one.

"If we could donate it for farmworker housing it would go for a great use," Shafer said Friday. "It's near and dear to our hearts, that's for sure. The farmworkers are our guys. Without them, we're all out of business."

Shafer said the property was included in a larger purchase his family made in the 1980s, which includes land they've planted vineyards on east of Silverado Trail. The site west of Silverado is heavily wooded, however, and is unsuitable for grapevines, he said.

"It's land we've owned for a long time," Shafer said. "It's a nice little parcel. It's just been sitting there for years."

Impediments remain for both sites. Ryan Gregory,

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High temperatures were not enough to deter families from making their way to Stanly Lane Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, the day after it opened for the season. *Chantal M. Lovell/Register photos*

Heat doesn't keep families from autumn festivities

Local pumpkin patch packed for opening weekend

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High temperatures were not enough to keep families away from the Stanly Lane Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, a day after it opened for the season.

Many who made their way to the patch are regular patrons who come every year to take photos, pick pumpkins, and let their children climb the giant hay pyramid. Some who were out at the patch in the afternoon hours, when temperatures reached



Carlo De La Barcena, 2, plays on a pyramid of hay bales at Stanly Lane Pumpkin Patch on Sunday. A slide is hidden inside the pyramid.

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Loss of Caffino among Bel Aire Plaza changes

Center bringing in new tenants

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Change is afoot at Bel Aire Plaza, including the unexpected departure of a popular tenant at the north Napa shopping center.

The Caffino drive-through coffee bar closed on Sept. 20 and will not reopen, said Holland Tromblee, marketing director for shopping center manager Main Street Property Services, Inc.

The business was offi-

cially evicted for failure to meet lease requirements, Tromblee said. A sheriff's notice posted at the coffee kiosk formally notified the business owner of the action.

"After serving the community in Napa for 18 years, I was sad to make the final decision to close the store," wrote Caffino, Inc. owner Robert Grove. However, health issues reduced his ability to conduct store operations, and he could not negotiate an extension of the lease, he said.

Grove said Main Street Property Services refused to extend the lease "or provide us with an opportunity to have a franchisee purchase the location," which was

owned by Caffino, Inc.

The location of the drive-through kiosk near a busy entrance to the center had always been problematic, Tromblee noted.

"We're not sure if we will consider the kiosk for coffee use," she said. "We're thinking we need to either get rid of the kiosk or use it for a different use," possibly banking, she said.

Tromblee said that Chico's, a women's clothier, is on track to open at Bel Aire in the first quarter of 2013. The retailer will occupy the front of the former Umpqua bank space, with Umpqua consolidating its operation in a redesigned space at the back of the



The empty interior of the Caffino Express in the Bel Aire Plaza is shown on Tuesday morning. A sheriff's department eviction notice, dated Sept. 20, has been taped to a window. *J.L. Sousa/Register*

building, next to Villa Corona, facing Trancas Street. The Umpqua branch was redesigned to look more like a retail business than a tradition-

al bank.

Next to Chico's, the former Hallmark and Pure Beauty stores await

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