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STATE PANEL REJECTS SDG&E'S BID TO DROP 'HIGH USAGE CHARGE'

Utility's request was result of dramatic jumps in 2018 bills

BY ROB NIKOLEWSKI

After thousands of San Diego Gas & Electric customers saw their bills go through the roof during last year's sweltering summer, the utility asked the California Public Utilities Commission to suspend or eliminate a recently instituted "high

usage charge" as a way to offer some financial relief.

But the commission, known as the CPUC for short, has rejected the petition, saying getting rid of the fee rule would not solve the problem, and suggested SDG&E look at another option instead.

"Last summer was a challenge for our customers, particularly for people who experienced dramatic increases in their bills due, in part, to the high usage SEE SDG&E • A8

MEXICO, U.S. DISCUSS DEAL TO CUT FLOW OF MIGRANTS

But officials caution that progress on enforcement, asylum issues may not forestall tariffs

BY NICK MIROFF & DAVID J. LYNCH

WASHINGTON

U.S. and Mexican officials are discussing the outlines of a deal that would dramatically increase Mexico's immigration enforcement efforts and give the United States far more latitude to deport Central Americans seeking asylum, according to a U.S. official and a Mexican official who cautioned that the ac-

cord is not finalized and that President Donald Trump might not accept it.

Faced with Trump's threat to impose escalating tariffs on Mexican goods beginning Monday, Mexican officials have pledged to deploy up to 6,000 National Guard troops to the country's border region with Guatemala, a show of force they say will make immediate reductions in the number of Central Americans heading north

toward the U.S. border.

The Mexican official and the U.S. official said the countries are negotiating a sweeping plan to overhaul asylum rules across the region, a move that would require Central Americans to seek refuge in the first foreign country they enter after fleeing their homeland.

Under such a plan, the United States would swiftly deport to Mexico Guatemalan asylum seekers who

set foot on U.S. soil. And the United States would send Honduran and Salvadoran asylum applicants to Guatemala, whose government held talks with acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan last week. Central American migrants who express a fear of death or torture if sent back to their home countries would be interviewed by a U.S. asylum officer to determine whether SEE TARIFFS • A4

FORMER UCSD FUNDRAISER SUES KHOSLA, CLAIMS HE DISCRIMINATED

Woman, fired by chancellor, says he was abusive, a bully

BY GARY ROBBINS

A former fundraising executive at UC San Diego alleges in a lawsuit that Chancellor Pradeep Khosla sabotaged her career, wrongfully firing her after she said she had raised hundreds of millions of dollars for the fast-growing campus.



Pradeep Khosla

Jean E. Ford said in a suit filed Monday in San Diego County Superior Court that Khosla was verbally abusive to her and other female administrators at UC San Diego, and regularly treated women more harshly than men.

She included the University of California Board of Regents as a co-defendant in the lawsuit, claiming that the board was aware that Khosla had acted unprofessionally but had done little to rectify matters.

UC San Diego said in a statement Thursday that it has "only recently become aware of the complaint, which has not yet been served on the University. UC San Diego and Chancellor Khosla strongly condemn all forms of intimidation, harassment and discrimination and are committed to fostering a climate that is supportive SEE LAWSUIT • A6



DOUG MILLS NYT

President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump visit the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France, as world leaders on Thursday commemorated the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

D-DAY SACRIFICES HONORED

Trump recounts the heroism and suffering in Allied operation to liberate Europe

BY MARK LANDLER & MAGGIE HABERMAN

COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER, France

Standing on a sun-drenched bluff above the Normandy beaches, where 10,000 soldiers sacrificed themselves to a savage fusillade of gunfire and opened the way for Europe's liberation in 1944, President Donald Trump declared Thursday, "We are gathered here on freedom's altar."

Seventy-five years after the D-Day invasion, the president pledged fidelity to friendships "forged in the heat of battle, tested in the trials of war and proven in the blessings of peace."

It was Trump's only reference to the importance of the Atlantic alliance, in a speech that dwelled on the service of D-Day's American veterans. Dozens of them were seated behind him overlooking the white grave markers of fallen comrades, and Omaha Beach beyond.

Speaking gravely, with few of the ad-libs that usually pepper his speeches, Trump recounted stories of heroism and suffering, often in graphic terms. The veterans not only had vanquished Nazi tyranny, he said, but built the American century.

"To the men who sit behind me and to the boys who rest in the field before me," Trump said, "your example will never, ever grow old, your legend will never tire, your spirit — brave, unyielding and true — will never die."

There was a lingering incongruity to SEE D-DAY • A9

FEDS ANNOUNCE STRIKE ON ARYAN BROTHERHOOD PRISON GANG

BY TARYN LUNA, ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE & JAMES QUEALLY

SACRAMENTO

Federal officials arrested more than a dozen members and affiliates of the Aryan Brotherhood prison gang on Thursday, alleging that top officials within the organization used smuggled phones to order murders and orchestrate a multistate drug-trafficking operation from their cells.

Sixteen defendants, including nine inmates, were named in a criminal complaint alleging federal racketeering, murder, drug trafficking and other charges stemming from a five-year investigation into extensive, organized criminal activity inside California's most secure prisons, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Authorities say that two of the inmates, Ronald Yandell, 56, and Daniel "Danny" Troxell, 66, are well-known members of the Aryan Brotherhood Commission, a three-man council that runs the white supremacist organization.

SEE GANG • A10

POWAY RABBI, OTHERS SAY THEY FOUND RESILIENCE AFTER ATTACKS

Leaders from across U.S. share lessons on confronting hate

BY KRISTINA DAVIS

Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein, having just faced down a gunman in the lobby of the Poway synagogue he founded, didn't realize his index finger had been shot off until he went to dial 911.

On the floor, his friend lay bleeding, fellow congregants tending to her mortal wounds.

As first responders began to swarm the scene, he found the rest of his congregation outside, huddled together in absolute terror.

"I saw the look on their faces, and I said I have to do something for them."

The rabbi stood on a chair, his mangled hand wrapped in a blood-soaked prayer shawl, and he began to speak: "We just read at the seder table, yes, in every generation they rise up against us. But God will spare us. God has spared us today. Stand tall and stand strong. SEE FORUM • A11



Chabad of Poway Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein reacts to applause after his remarks at Wednesday's forum that discussed how communities can marshal the strength to confront hate-fueled violence. HAYNE PALMOUR IV U-T



WEEKEND

'PHOENIX' GROUNDED

Latest X-Men movie, which may be the last one, displays a mystifying lack of energy. E1

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FORUM • Speakers from Charlottesville to Charleston share insights

FROM A1

We cannot let this destroy us. We cannot let this take away our freedom.”

He then shouted the Hebrew words: “Am Israel Chai.” *The nation of Israel lives on.* “What I did not know was the effect it had on my congregants,” Goldstein recalled of his rousing speech. While he was loaded into the back of an ambulance, the Chabad of Poway members went to a home next door and continued the prayer service that had been so horrifically interrupted.

“It showed them so much strength.”

The rabbi recounted the details from the April 27 attack to a packed auditorium at the University of San Diego on Wednesday night, touching on the moments of darkness but lingering on a message of hope and resilience.

“I chose to react in a very specific way,” said Goldstein, who has become a global figure in the battle against anti-Semitism, white supremacy and hate.

“It energized me in a way I never understood.”

But others understand. From the white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va., to massacres in houses of worship in Wisconsin, South Carolina and Pittsburgh, other communities that have suffered similar hate-fueled violence found the same fire within to combat bigotry.

Four leaders from those communities followed Goldstein onstage, sharing their experiences and advice for San Diegans hoping to turn tragedy into a catalyst for change.

The forum — presented by The San Diego Union-Tribune, the National Conflict Resolution Center and USD’s Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies — explored how other communities have come together to heal and move forward in a way that promotes social justice and tolerance.

The Rev. Kylon Middleton, pastor of Mount Zion AME Church in Charleston, S.C., recounted the day that his best friend, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, had been shot along with 10 other parishioners by a white supremacist at Em-



The Rev. Tracy Howe Wispelwey speaks while sitting on stage with fellow panelists Pardeep Singh Kaleka (left), the Rev. Kylon Middleton (second from left) and Joshua Sayles (right) at Wednesday’s forum.

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manuel AME Church in 2015. Nine died, including Pinckney. He said he could still feel to this day Pinckney’s wife and daughter, pressed into his chest cavity and ribcage, trembling.

“Many of us decided to become activists,” Middleton said, “as individuals who would decide that hate would not win.”

It’s a role Middleton hadn’t anticipated. “I didn’t wake up to be the poster person for any movement or any mission of this sort,” he said, “but I’m just determined we should live in a world of peace and justice.”

When Pardeep Singh Kaleka’s father was murdered in a massacre by a skinhead at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wis., in 2012, the former police officer turned to an unlikely source for support and understanding: a

former skinhead. Arno Michaelis actually helped found the same white power gang that the gunman belonged to.

“I wanted to know what drives this behavior,” Kaleka said. “It’s hatred, it’s suffering, it’s division — it’s a longing for division.”

The two went on to write a book, “The Gift of Our Wounds,” and start a non-profit, Serve 2 Unite, which brings together young people from different religious and cultural backgrounds to gain understanding and create a healthy sense of identity.

“The reaction has to be more overwhelming than the action,” Kaleka said.

But, change is a slow process, Middleton warned.

“We have to become vested for the long haul,” he encouraged. “This can’t be a

passing fad.”

The challenge: How do you get people to listen?

Joshua Sayles, who became an international liaison and spokesman for the Jewish community in Pittsburgh following the massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue in October, said it starts with finding commonalities among ourselves.

“And not just people who don’t look like us or pray like us, but also people who don’t think like us,” advised Sayles, the director of community relations for the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. He offered up the age-old gun debate as an example: Some people don’t think anyone should be armed, while the other end of the spectrum thinks every citizen should have a gun.

“No matter where you stand, nobody wants to see

what happened at the Chabad of Poway again,” Sayles said. “Whenever you are diving into those conversations, remember that.”

Middleton cautioned that bridge-building doesn’t happen quickly.

“We should be sensitive to the fact that we should take the time to sit and talk to one another, learn more about one another, and recognize ... we can empathize through sufferings in order to put ourselves in the shoes of someone else.

“We all share experiences that unite us and not divide us,” Middleton added.

Changemakers need to meet people where they are, the panelists advised — maybe even with food and child care — and to show up genuinely.

“And accept the fact that you’re not going to reach

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everybody,” Sayles said.

The work can be all-consuming, said the Rev. Tracy Howe Wispelwey, an artist and nonviolent direct action organizer combating white supremacy in Charlottesville.

“The reason I stay in it is you witness the community and the life borne of it,” she explained. “And having my consciousness raised and having witnessed that, I can’t settle for something less than life.”

The Union-Tribune and National Conflict Resolution Center are hosting four additional free community dialogues over the next six months to address solutions, the center’s president, Steven Dinkin announced, “so this never happens again in San Diego.”

The next event, titled “Be Curious,” will be held July 25 at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center in La Jolla. For further information on all four events and to register, visit NCRConline.com/communitycircles.

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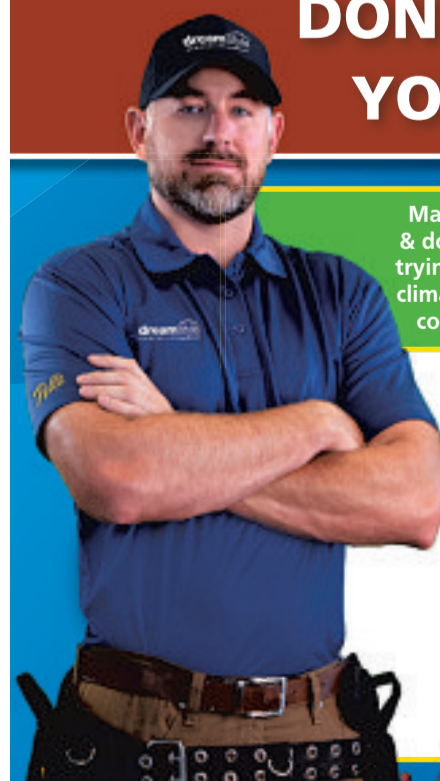
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