

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



9.14

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, March 22, 2011, Shirley Ferrante spoke regarding commending her Psychologist and Psychiatrist.

**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**AGENDA NO.
9.14**

**Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Request to Speak**

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium),
Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject
Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Shirley Ferrante

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(only if follow-up mail response requested)

City: Riverside **Zip:** 92504

Phone #: 500-7713 Public Comment.

Date: 3/22/2011 **Agenda #** _____

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I give my 3 minutes to: _____

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For the Record*

March 21, 2011

County of Riverside Board of Supervisors
4080 Lemon St.
Riverside, CA 92051

Re: Drs. Reh and Chang:

This is a formal request for Dr. Reh and Dr. Chang to receive awards for their excellent services to patients in need.

They work at the County of Riverside – Tyler Village Wellness and Recovery Clinic for Mature Adults, 10182 Indiana Ave., Riverside, CA.

Dr. Kurt Reh, Senior Psychologist:

Dr. Reh saved my life, made me believe in myself and wrote affirmations for me to review daily that built my self-esteem. He gave me the stepping stones to help rebuild my life. I would not have been able to live independently without his support.

Dr. Ellison Chang, Psychiatrist:

Dr. Chang taught me to watch for medication side effects. I always had his full attention. He taught me to stand up for myself and be a good advocate for myself when necessary.

Both doctors are very excellent and give their profession a good name. They have good bedside manners.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your assistance in giving these good doctors an award.

Sincerely,

Shirley Ferrante
4291 Monroe St. #81
Riverside, CA 92504

cc: file

Shirley Ferrante
Submitted by Shirley Ferrante
03/22/2011 Item Oral
(date)



FRANK BELLINO/THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

Shawna Verdugo is charged with elder abuse and numerous other felonies amid accusations that after marrying an elderly Temecula man, she drained his finances.

Widow of Inland 74-year-old facing charges of elder abuse

BY SARAH BURKE
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

A 43-year-old woman who married a much older Temecula man has been charged with 17 felonies, including grand theft and elder abuse, after investigators say she drained her husband's bank accounts, took out a fraudulent life insurance policy on him and tormented him till his death last summer at the age of 74.

Authorities estimate that Shawna Verdugo stole and was given \$500,000 belonging

to her husband, Johannes "John" Holzel, court records say. Verdugo, of Oceanside, has pleaded not guilty. A hearing to determine whether there is enough evidence for her to stand trial was scheduled for April during a

Friday hearing at the Southwest Justice Center in French Valley.

Defense attorney Dario Bejarano said that because Holzel is dead, prosecutors cannot back up their claims

SEE WIDOW/10

PG&E: Pipe monitoring within norms

SAN BRUNO: The utility says that even with complete records it wouldn't have done anything differently.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE — The utility for pipes with or without responsible for a natural gas seam, PG&E spokesman Bruno last fall said it wouldn't have monitored the pipeline differently, even if its maintenance records had been more complete.

Records from the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. indicated

establish the same guidelines for pipes with or without seams, PG&E spokesman Joe Molica told the San Jose Mercury News that even if the utility was aware of a welded seam in the pipeline, no changes would have been made on how the utility kept track of it.

"Federal regulations do the pipe did not have a not differentiate between welded seam, even though certain seam types and federal investigators have determined that was the point of origin of the blast that killed eight people and left dozens of homes uninhabitable. The cause of the explosion remained under investigation.

According to utility officials, federal regulations es-



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A massive fire roars through a neighborhood in San Bruno after a pipeline explosion in September.

questioned why the utility the stretch of pipe in question was unable to identify and repair shoddy welds along the stretch of pipe in question. Experts also took issue

with the utility's record-keeping of its pipeline system, suggesting that it was indicative of major problems at the utility.

"There appears to be a consistent pattern of claiming lost records, poor decisions, inadequate evaluation, choosing the wrong assessment methods and analysis that quite frankly suggests there are major problems with this operation on more than one front," pipeline safety expert Richard Kuprewicz told the newspaper.

As part of what she termed a "broader search to verify all its pipeline records," PG&E spokeswoman Katie Romans told The Associated Press on Saturday that the utility has sent letters to 42,000 current and former employees, retirees and contractors seeking any records regarding the pipeline. More details about the accident and PG&E's role are expected when the National Transportation Safety Board begins a three-day hearing on the topic March 1. Ahead of the hearing, the safety board has said the ruptured gas line had 150 welding defects, with the break apparently starting in a flawed weld along one segment's seam.

The board said that PG&E's "survey sheets and charts" had mistakenly described the pipe as not having a welded seam.

PG&E hasn't commented on its pipe's welds since it was installed in 1966, calling that a confidential part of the safety board's inquiry.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

nearly 42 percent in the rollercoaster 2000s, outpacing every other California county, according to U.S. Census Bureau figures released Tuesday as part of the 2010 national count. San Bernardino County grew by more than 19 percent. Combined, the two-county area's population surpassed 4.2 million.

The new figures will be used to recalibrate the amount of federal funding the region gets for schools, workforce development and transportation projects.

S.B. COUNTY

7 in sheriff's office accused of theft

Seven current and former San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department employees accused of faking training documents to boost their pay have been indicted by a special grand jury on charges of perjury, grand theft and conspiracy.

All are accused of falsifying training documents, which made them eligible for increased pay and retirement benefits, District Attorney Mike Ramos and Sheriff Rod Hoops said at a

news conference Tuesday.

All of the current employees in that group were placed on administrative leave Monday, Hoops said.

All the charges are felonies and carry penalties of between three years and eight months to five years and eight months in prison.

HEMET

"Watchgator" seized protecting pot stash

Department of Justice agents raided an East Hemet house Monday night and seized almost 2,300 marijuana plants valued at least \$1.5 million — and a four-foot alligator being used to help guard the stash.

One man was arrested, and the gator was taken to a sanctuary in San Bernardino County's High Desert.

The suburban house on Sunset Lane, in an unincorporated area outside Hemet, was a front for an unlicensed, home-operated medicinal marijuana dispensary, ABCNET Cmdr. Brian Link said.

A resident of the home, John Nathan Donna, 29, was arrested on suspicion of possession of concentrated cannabis and cultivation of marijuana for sale, both felonies.

E-mail reignites campus racial tensions

UC SAN DIEGO: Black students say the school hasn't addressed diversity and intolerance issues.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Racial tensions are up at the University of California, San Diego again after someone sent a campus-wide e-mail that contained the N-word.

Someone hit "reply all" to an e-mail about a student survey on Feb. 9 and only wrote the epithet in the message. Campus administrators condemned the e-mail as "hurtful and offensive" this week, but they declined to identify the student or say whether any disciplinary action was taken.

University spokeswoman Judy Piercey said student personnel matters can't be discussed. She downplayed the incident as minor.

"It was one student being a jerk," Piercey said.

Black students say the response shows the university hasn't done enough to address racial problems on campus.

"The university is just doing the small stuff," said Victor Brown, vice chair of the

university's Black Student Union.

Last year, a series of racially charged pranks ignited controversy on the normally tranquil campus. It started with an off-campus party mocking Black History Month. Organizers of the party billed as "Compton Cook-out," encouraged guests to dress as ghetto stereotypes and promised there would be chicken, watermelon and malt liquor.

Several days later, a noose was found in the university

library, sparking a protest with students taking over the chancellor's office for several hours. Then, a KKK-style hood was found draped over a campus statue.

The incidents led black students, who only make up 2 percent of the student population, to make several demands to diversify the student body, faculty and staff. Administrators agreed to do so through targeted recruitment, and to provide more classes and instructors dedicated to diversity.

The university contends it has done much over the past year to address problems, including stepping up the recruitment of black students and trying to create a mandatory class that will teach students about intolerance.

LaWana Richmond, chair of the university's Black Staff Association, acknowledged the university has made strides toward making meaningful change.

"Unfortunately, change doesn't happen overnight," she said.