

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



**9.15**

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, April 24, 2012, Shirley Ferrante requested Self Defense classes for seniors.

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**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH  
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**AGENDA NO.  
9.15**

**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 Flvarty

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 4-24-12 **Agenda #** One Comm.

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**Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Support**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Oppose**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Neutral**

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the appeal below:

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Submitted by FERRA  
4/24/12 Item ORCA  
(date)

**MONDAY APRIL 23, 2012**  
**TODAY'S OUTLOOK: INLAND: 74/52 MOUNTAINS: 63/45 DESERT: 92/68 COMPLETE LOCAL FORECAST: B8**

# THE PRESS-ENTERTAINER

INLAND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S NEWSPAPER **PE.com**

## NE COUNTRY PLAN



servitor Jeff Stone urges the county to invest \$5 million to bring a sewer system to Temecula Valley. The County to eliminate septic tank discharge salting Temecula groundwater. **STORY/A3**

The money from Indian casinos, which has been a boon to Riverside County, is shrinking and the future looks grim

BY JIM MILLER  
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**SACRAMENTO** — Throughout much of the past decade, California's Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund has been a rare revenue bright spot for Riverside County. Created by the agreements that legalized gambling on tribal lands,

the fund has fostered grants to pay for police officers, medical services and other expenses to offset traffic and other consequences of having casinos nearby.

No county has benefited from the tribe-supported fund as much as Riverside, which has received \$77 million since 2003, almost one-half of the mitigation money allocated statewide. San Bernardino County has received \$11 million, about 6 percent of the total.

Now the account is sliding toward insolvency. Revised gaming agreements have redirected some

tribes' payments, shrinking the fund's balance to \$5 million in June 2012, down from \$115 million in 2010 and nearly \$200 million in the middle of the past decade.

"It's certainly on a downward trend," said Riverside County Supervisor John Benoit, who leads the local committee that reviews proposals to spend the money. Its demise, he said, is among the contributors to local agencies' budget problems.

Last fall, \$9 million in fund money was appropriated to local communities, with \$2.5 million going to

agencies in Riverside and San Bernardino counties

Gov. Jerry Brown, though, has ruled out any future appropriations until a "frank discussion" about the fund's future, he said in a statement when he signed the bill.

The state fund's main purposes are to pay for gambling regulators, assist tribes that have small casinos or no gaming, and to help local governments deal with casino impacts.

A recent casino agreement with a Santa Rosa-area tribe signaled **SEE GAMING/A7**

## Gaming impact fund nearly tapped out

# CALIFORNIA

## PG&E noted

### After the probe of a deadly gas explosion ends, the company discloses a document raising new questions

**SAN FRANCISCO** — An old memo just revealed by Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to California pipeline regulators indicates the company had noted weld defects on the same line that exploded in San Bruno in 2010 years before the fatal blast occurred.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported Sunday that a March 1989 memo summarized an investigation into a leak about nine miles south of where the 2010 explosion occurred, killing eight people and destroying 38 homes.

The memo, said an X-ray of

the excavated segment of pipe where a leak was thought to be "showed the weld to be of low quality." That segment was located near the Crystal Springs Reservoir, just off Interstate 280.

Federal investigators have determined that the segment of the line that exploded in 2010 had a defective weld that dated back to 1956, when it was installed. If the company had done pipeline-wide testing after the 1988 leak, it may have discovered this defect.

PG&E said the findings of the 1989 leak investigation were not definitive, and therefore did not require it to test the entire pipeline. Company spokesman Da-

## weld defects on pipeline

quired the company to do full pipeline-wide testing.

Pipeline safety experts said the fact that the company just turned over this document to the state raises questions about PG&E's record keeping and safety practice.

"If you have seam weld risk of this magnitude, you have to assess it — that means a hydro test," said Richard Kuprewicz, a pipeline safety consultant.

"But to me, this illustrates they were not following federal regulations that are very clear, that if you don't have certain records, you have to assume you have them (seam weld failure) there and assess for it."



**2010/AP**  
The 2010 natural gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno left eight people dead and destroyed 38 homes.

vid Eisenhauer told the newspaper that PG&E's investigators never found the actual leak in 1988, leading to a conclusion that a pinhole leak had occurred on a so-called "girth weld." This finding would not have re-



## MEXICO

### Probe of Wal-Mart alleged bribes urged

Mexico's federal government should investigate allegations of a bribery campaign by executives of Wal-Mart's Mexican subsidiary to build stores across the country, the head of a watchdog group said Sunday.

Eduardo Bohorquez, director of Transparencia Mexicana, said international conventions obligate Mexico's government to get involved even though only local officials have been linked to the scandal.

Government officials declined Sunday to comment on the allegations contained in a New York Times report that said Wal-Mart Stores Inc. failed to notify law enforcement after its own investigators found evidence that millions of dollars in bribes had been paid in Mexico to spur the company's rapid expansion there.

## EGYPT

### Natural gas deal with Israel killed

The head of the Egyptian Natural Gas Holding Company said Sunday it has terminated its contract to ship gas to Israel because of violations of contractual obligations, a decision Israel said overshadows the peace agreement between the two countries.

The 2005 natural gas deal has become a symbol of tensions between Israel and Egypt since the uprising. For many Egyptians, it typifies the close relations the regime of deposed President Hosni Mubarak forged with Israel and how his associates benefited greatly from such business deals.

Critics charge that Israel got the gas at below-market prices and that Mubarak cronies skimmed millions of dollars off the proceeds.

Israeli officials insist that they are paying a fair price for the gas.

## SOUTH SUDAN

### Sudan launches attack on neighbor

Sudanese armed forces launched an attack more than six miles inside South Sudan's border, an official said Sunday, days after the south announced it was pulling its troops from a disputed border town.

Ground troops from Sudan launched three waves of attacks, Deputy Director of Military Intelligence for South Sudan Maj. Gen. Mac Paul said. Sudan and South Sudan have been drawing closer to war over the unresolved issues of sharing oil revenues and the disputed border.

## MYANMAR

### Activist's party will boycott parliament

Democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi and the rest of her party's newly elected lawmakers will not attend today's opening session of parliament because they object to wording in their oath of office, which says they must "safeguard" the constitution, party officials said Sunday.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party wants to see the constitution changed because it enshrines military power and came into force in 2008 during an era of army rule.

Suu Kyi's party wants phrasing in the lawmakers' oath changed from "safeguard the constitution" to "respect the constitution."

## NIGERIA

### Explosion kills five alleged terrorists

Nigeria's military said five suspected members of a radical Islamist sect were killed in an explosion that struck a small town in the country's restive northeast.

Col. Victor Ebhaleme said Sunday the blast struck the Bui in Borno state, where the Boko Haram sect has carried out a series of attacks.



Socialist Party candidate Francois Hollande has worried financial markets when he vowed Sunday night to cut France's huge debts, boost growth and unite

# French leader faces Sarkozy to battle Socialist challenger, who leads

BY ANGELA CHARLTON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Francois Hollande, a mild-mannered French Socialist who wants to take better care of the jobless and the poor, is heading to a presidential runoff election against tough-on-immigration Nicolas Sarkozy in a vote that could alter Europe's political and economic landscape.

Hollande heads into the May 6 second round with the upper hand after narrowly edging the conservative Sarkozy in the first round of France's voting Sunday, according to near-complete official results.

In the campaign's biggest surprise, nearly one in five voters chose far right candidate Marine Le Pen instead, handing her a solid third place and a chance to weigh in on French politics with her anti-immigration platform that targets France's millions of Muslims.

With 98 percent of the vote counted, Hollande had



French President Nicolas Sarkozy said he remains concerned about jobs and immigration, and urged his compatriots to preserve their way of life.

28.4 percent of the ballots cast and Sarkozy 27 percent, according to figures released by the Interior Ministry.

Le Pen was in third with 18.3 percent of the vote so far, the best showing ever by the far right National Front party founded by her father Jean-Marie Le Pen. In fourth place was leftist firebrand Jean-Luc Melancon with 11 percent,

followed by centrist Francois

Bayrou with five other minimal turnout, including 80 percent that a campaign of nostalgia for past voters.

Hollande, who has worried

## IN BRIEF

FROM NEWS SERVICES

### CAMARILLO

#### Gas prices down 5 cents in two weeks

The average U.S. price of a gallon of gasoline has dropped a nickel over the past two weeks.

That's according to the Camarillo-based Lundberg Survey of fuel prices, released Sunday, which puts the price of a gallon of regular at \$3.91. It's the first decline in the U.S. average since December.

Midgrade costs an average of \$4.06 a gallon, and premium is at \$4.18. Diesel dropped four cents to \$4.17 a gallon.

In California, the lowest average price was \$4.09 in Fresno. The highest was \$4.21 in San Francisco. The average statewide for regular was \$4.17, down about eight cents.

### VENTURA

#### Activists taking aim at wind energy

Environmentalists are hoping a court will curb the region's growing wind energy industry, which they believe poses a threat to the endangered condor.

Three environmental groups filed a federal lawsuit this month against the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to stop the proposed

### LOS ANGELES

#### Blaze hits 4 firms in fashion district

About 150 firefighters responded to a blaze that damaged four businesses Sunday at a commercial strip in the fashion district of downtown Los Angeles.

City Fire spokesman Brian Humphrey said crews were forced into a defensive posture when flames started shooting through the roof of a building early in the morning. After pouring water on the fire from outside, flames were knocked down in just over an hour and 40 minutes.

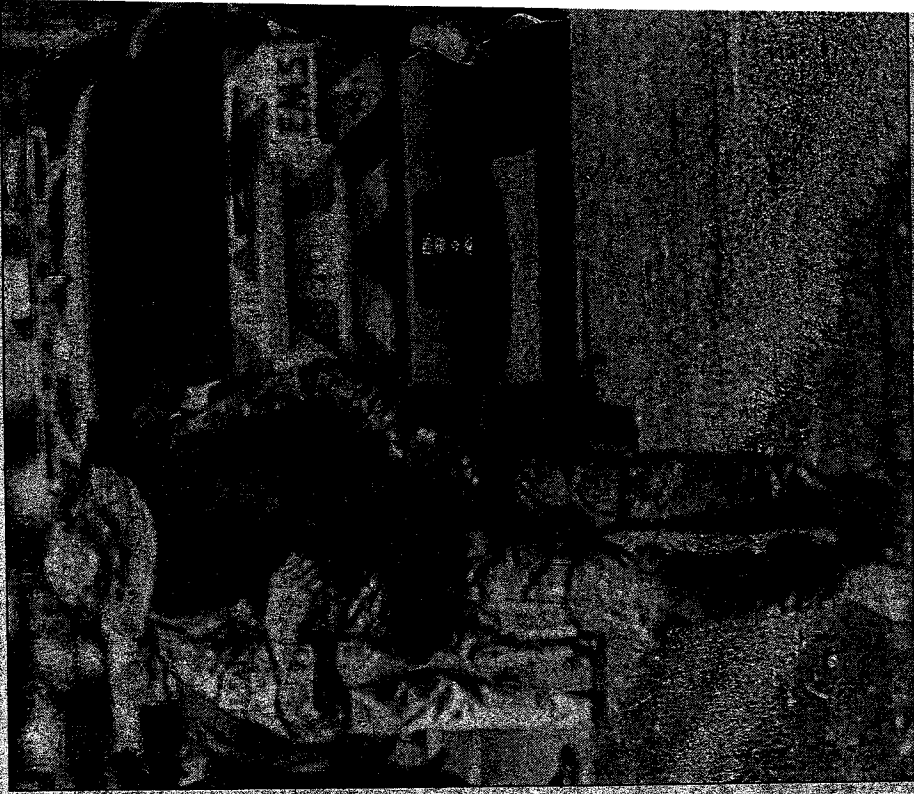
A fire captain was hospitalized in fair condition after suffering a severe laceration on his arm. No other injuries were reported. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

The block along Maple Ave. just south of Olympic Blvd. is filled with independent retailers and wholesalers. A damage estimate was being made.

### GLENDALE

#### Theft, chase end in two arrests

Two suspects were arrested after allegedly stealing riding gear from a high-end Glendale motorcycle shop and then leading police on a



An Oakland police officer shows the train April 2 as he walks outside Oil. When officers responded to the Christian college, they found many peop

# Counseling of po

## Officers encouraged to seek help in aft

BY TERRY COLLINS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Two mass killings just 10 days apart sent spasms of shock through the city's air. Officers near the city's air port, they found numerous people dead, dying or wounded in scattered locations.