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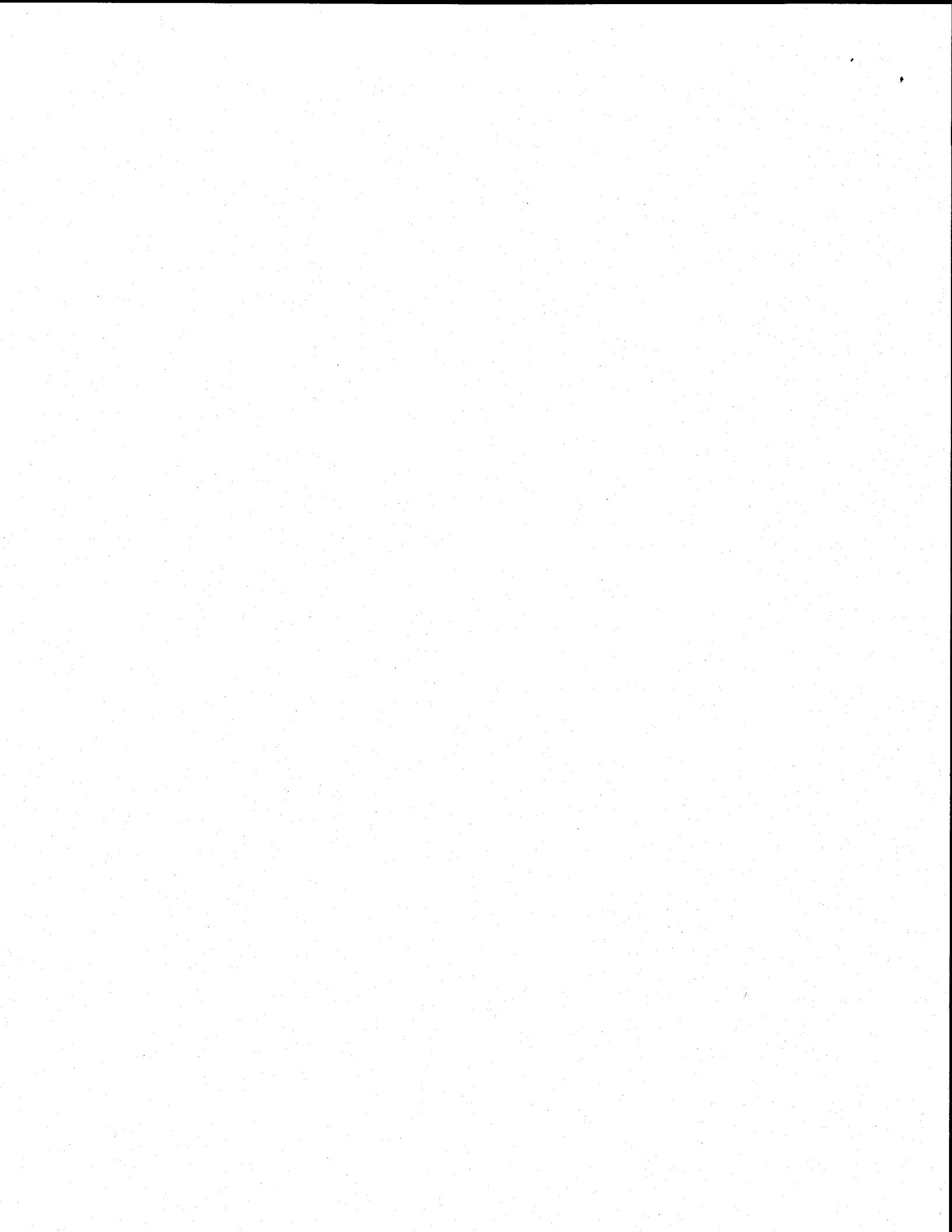


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During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, June 26, 2012, Shirley Ferrante spoke regarding commodities program for seniors.

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Bullying, racism alleged

Two Riverside County grand jury reports detail workplace problems in waste management and a Human Resources program

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At least two supervisors in Riverside County's Waste Management Department used racial slurs against black workers, and employees in another county department were regularly bullied by superiors, according to two grand jury reports that found a pattern of hostile work conditions.

The reports released Monday, June 18, detail workplace problems in waste management and a Human Resources program responsible for temp workers. A former waste management worker who is black told the grand jury that he was called the N word and ordered

to eat in a trailer infested with rats and insects.

The report does not specify the race of the person who allegedly made those statements.

County spokesman Ray Smith declined to comment on the reports pending written responses by county officials. Human Resources Director Barbara Olivier said she was looking into some of the points raised by the grand jury. She declined further comment.

The grand jury investigated waste management and the Temporary Assignment Program Medical Assignment Program, which is part of the county Human Resources Department. Human Resources has 337 employees while waste management employs about 20 staff members.

Waste management operates seven landfills countywide. The jury's report included testimony

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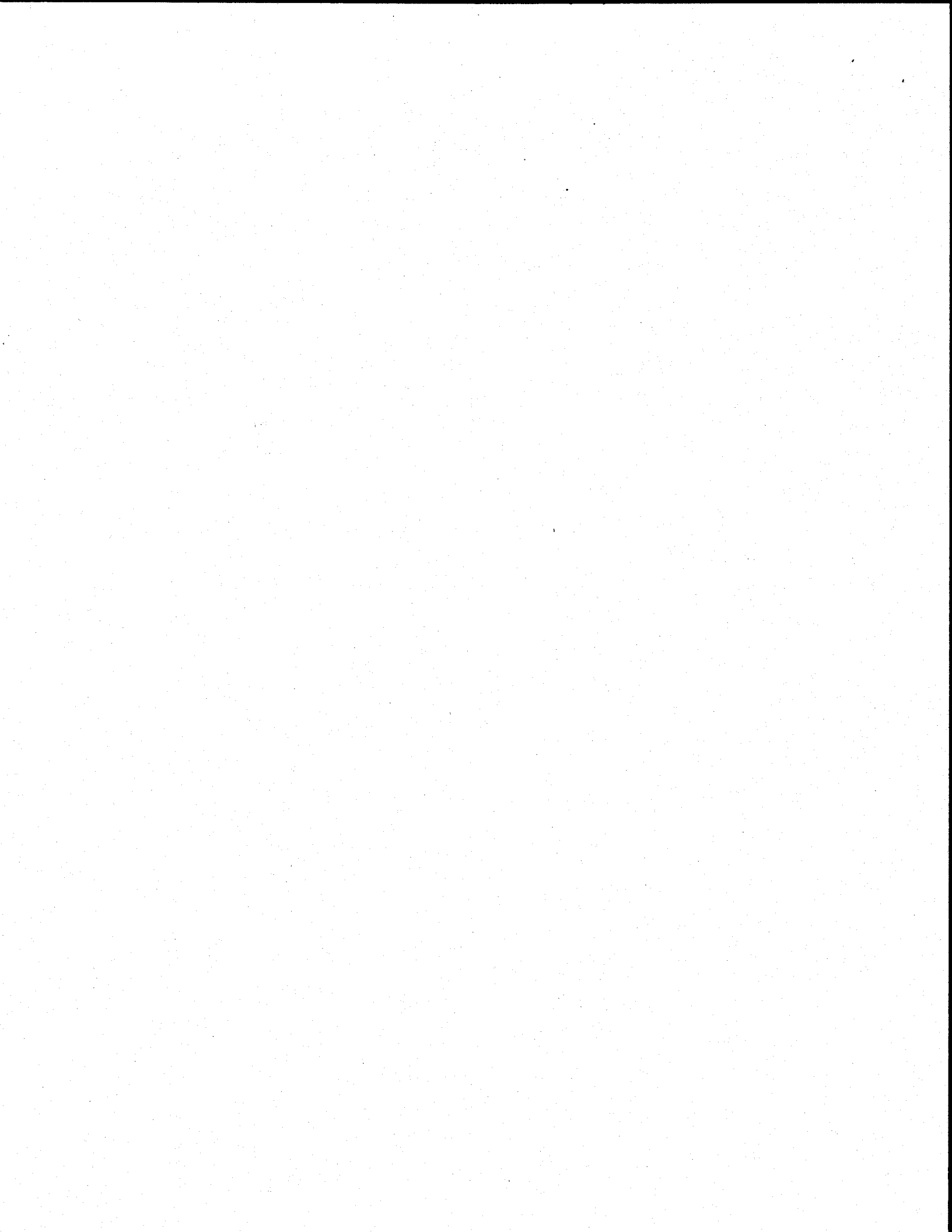
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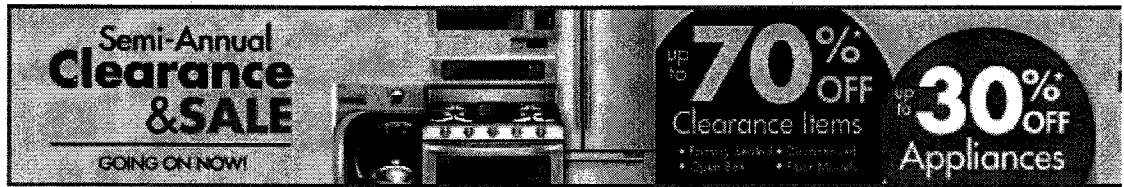
A group of Roman Catholic nuns began a nine-state bus tour protesting proposed federal budget cuts Monday, saying they weren't afraid to tout their Vatican credentials as socially active activists but they called for tougher accountability policies are offering low-income families.

The tour was organized by Network, a Washington-based Catholic group that recently criticized in a recent Vatican report that said some organizations led by nuns have funded too much economic stimulus while failing to promote the church's teachings on abortion and same-sex marriage.

The Vatican asked U.S. bishops to look at Network ties to another group of nuns is reorganizing because of what the church calls "serious doctrinal problems."

Submitted by Shirley Ferrante
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REGION: Seniors' commodities program pinched

Hundreds of elderly clients who receive groceries through the program will have to find alternatives. Officials say home deliveries and hot lunches take priority



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Gola Golalong, at right, carries out a bag of food from the Perris Senior Center while volunteer Marylou Martinez, left, helps Jessie Ellis, second from left, with her food. Riverside County's Office on Aging must slash its food distribution program budget by half, affecting 12 pick-up sites.

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Seventy-six-year-old retiree Elaine Seastrong emerged from the Perris

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Senior Center this week clutching a plastic grocery bag filled with crackers, canned vegetables and tortillas.

The commodities came with some bad news for Seastrong and the other 80 to 85 low-income seniors who streamed into the center: a flier announced that the monthly Food Share program would be cancelled on June 30 — a victim of Riverside County trying to do more with less.

"This will be hard on some seniors," she said as she loaded her provisions into her vehicle, along with bags she picks up for homebound friends.

No one knows that better than Ed Walsh, director of Riverside County's Office on Aging, which receives federal dollars for the Food Share program.

Food Share provides commodities and fresh fruit and vegetables when available, to low-income senior citizens.

"You wouldn't believe what has happened to senior services over the past several years," Walsh said this week. "When money is scarce, the first to get hit is senior services."

On a state level, there have been debilitating cuts to adult protective services, in-home support services and delivered meals for homebound seniors.

Riverside County's Office on Aging isn't the only agency feeling the pinch during these challenging economic times.

G.G. Crawley, deputy director of the San Bernardino County Department of Aging and Adult Services, said that agency has had

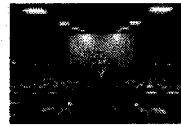
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to cut \$59,759 from its senior nutrition program for fiscal 2012-13 because less money is coming from Washington, D.C.

"That makes a difference in our ability to deliver meals to seniors," Crawley said.

The San Bernardino agency provides meals to homebound seniors and congregate meals at senior and community centers.

Hilary Clarke, deputy director for administrative services at the Riverside County Office on Aging said the increasing demand for home-delivered meals and hot lunches at senior and community centers left little money for Food Share.

"Food Share was the loser," Clarke said.

Budget sliced

The Food Share program budget has been slashed from \$54,000 in fiscal 2011-12 to \$27,000 for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

As a result, 12 of 22 senior and community centers that provide Food Share to hundreds of elderly clients have been cut from the program.

They are: Banning, Calimesa, Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center in Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Perris, Temecula and Sun City. In the city of Riverside: Janet Goeske Senior Center, Ruth Lewis Community Center at Reid Park, Stratton Community Center at Bordwell Park and Ysmael Villegas Community Center at Villegas Park.

Facilities where the monthly distribution will continue include senior and community centers in Beaumont, Corona, Hemet, Homeland, Idyllwild, Mead Valley, San Jacinto, the Creekside Apartments in Riverside and the Whispering Fountains complex in Riverside.

Walsh said the Office on Aging sought to cushion the loss by cutting the program at senior centers that also serve a daily cooked meal.

Walsh said he hopes people who would have picked up the monthly commodities, instead will take advantage of the hot lunch program.

"It's an added benefit when they sit and engage with others" he said.

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Not enough food

But senior center directors respond that the daily hot programs, which serve a limited number of seniors, cannot adequately fill the void.

"We're allotted 64 lunches per day and we max it out every day," said Lynne Craig, co-director of Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center in Jurupa Valley.

The monthly Food Share distribution draws between 300 and 400 seniors, Craig said.

"Last month we had 410," she said. "That's a big difference."

Craig noted that low-income seniors at Smith Senior Center will still be eligible to receive a food box handed out at the senior center by the Orange County Community Action Partnership. The Food Share package coupled with Orange County food box helps retirement dollars go further.

"Right now, seniors are really worried," Craig said. "Health care costs are going up, prescriptions are going up, everything is going up."

Jessica Crawford, senior services coordinator at Janet Goeske Senior Center in Riverside, said Food Share draws upwards of 200 seniors every month.

The hot lunch program serves between 50 and 60 people.

"I understand that the Office on Aging is being as fair as they could be," Crawford said. "But I still feel bad because so many people need it."

Retirees Yvonne Cheaney and Larry Wilson sat outside Goeske Senior Center on Thursday, May 24, chatting while the Food Share program set up inside.

Cheaney, 77, a retired Corona-Norco Unified School District employee, said she was concerned but not surprised when she heard Food Share was being cut.

"I was wondering how they kept it so long in this economy," she said.

Cheaney said her monthly allotment helped her retirement income go further.

"Well, at least I'll lose some weight," she said, half in jest.

Wilson wasn't nearly as philosophical.

"It's ridiculous," he said. "There are people, especially seniors, who need help in this economy."

"Everything is going up and Social Security doesn't compensate for that," he said.

On a recent Tuesday morning, friends Gola Long and Jessie Ellis hurried into the Perris Senior Center to get out of the blistering heat.

Minutes later, they were loading their bags into the car and talking about the impact the loss of Food Share will have on seniors.

"There are so many of us who need this," said Ellis, a retired elementary school teacher. "We hope they rethink what they are doing."

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I manage the kitchen at the Calimesa Senior Center. I cook and serve hot meals Monday through Friday. It is a great opportunity for anyone 60 or over to receive a complete nutritious meal and have daily contact with other seniors for a suggested donation of only \$3.00. The monthly commodity was only a ONCE A MONTH pickup of typically a couple bags of produce, a loaf of bread and various donated items such as crackers, hot sauce, canned milk etc. Not much compared to a

DAILY hot meal along with daily social interaction. The meals delivered to homebound seniors has the added benefit of daily contact with the outside world. For some . . . it is their only meal of the day. I believe the Office on Aging made a wise choice to keep the commodities program only for locations that do not have daily hot meals and home delivery for the homebound.



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Not understanding how the housebound will be able to chat with others like Walsh said is an added benefit. And with the price of gas the seniors probably can not afford to drive to the centers everyday for a meal.



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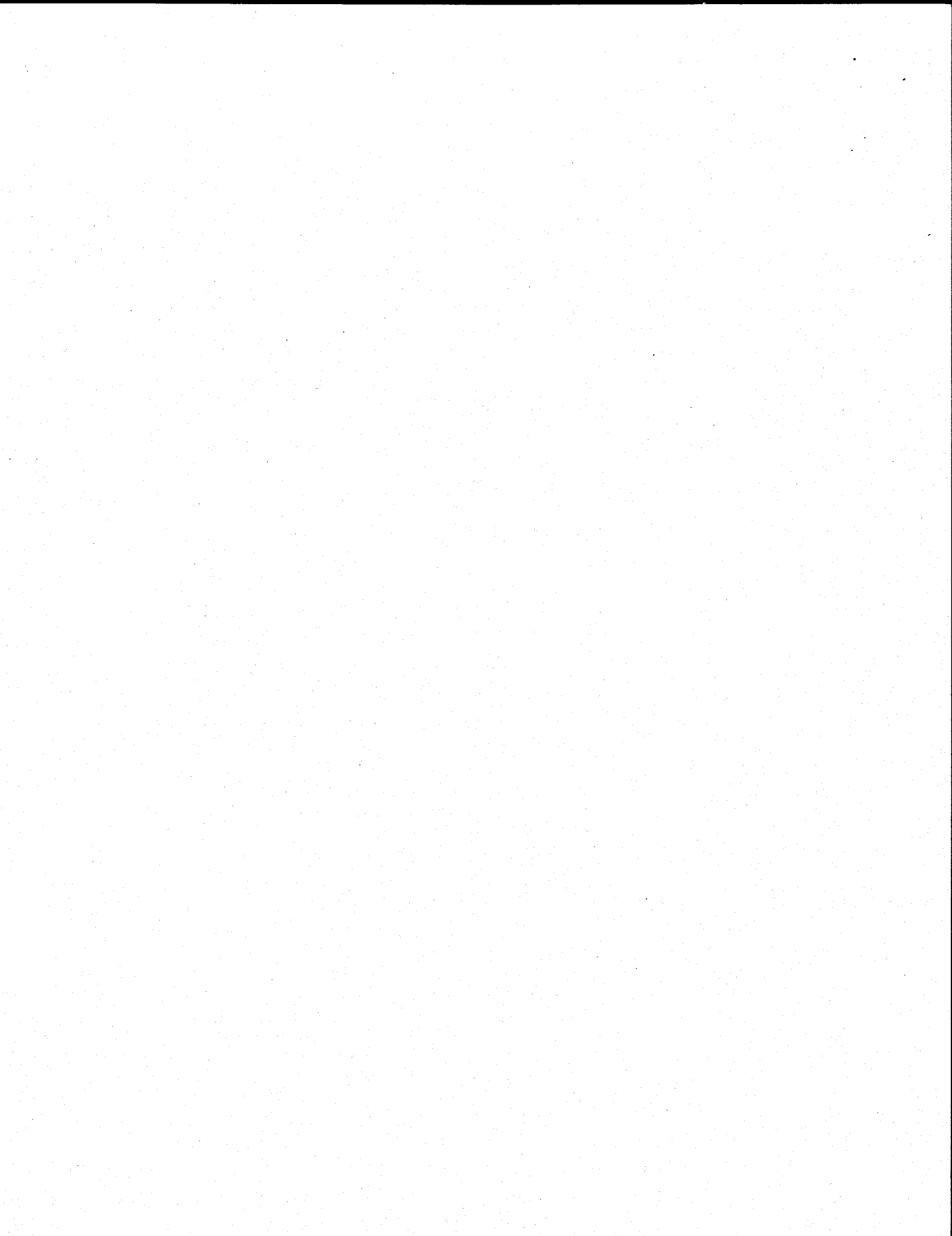
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I think it would be nice if the grocery stores, and other discount outlets that stock foods ...they do make

profits.....donated cans and such to stock their shelves. Restaurants could also do better with their pricing for seniors so they can enjoy going out and have a meal out from time to time.

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Pope calls cardinals to discuss scandal

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
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VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI convened a special meeting of cardinals Saturday for advice on how to deal with the Vatican's leaked documents scandal.

Benedict was already scheduled to attend a regular meeting of the heads of Vatican offices Saturday morning. The Vatican press office said he added a second meeting later in the day with other cardinals in a bid to try to "restore a climate of serenity and trust" in the church.

The Vatican said over the coming days he will meet with still more cardinals gathering in Rome for a church feast day on Friday to "continue the dialogue with the people who share the responsibility of the church's governance with him."

The Vatican has been scrambling to contain the



Pope Benedict XVI called a meeting of cardinals Saturday to discuss a growing documents scandal.

damage after the leak of hundreds of Vatican documents exposed corruption, political infighting and power struggles at the highest level of the Catholic Church. The pope's butler, Paolo Gabriele, is under arrest at the Vatican, accused of aggravated theft after the pope's own docu-

ments were found in his Vatican City apartment.

One Holy See investigation into the links is a criminal one headed by Vatican gendarmes; there is also an internal probe led by a commission of three cardinals tasked with getting to the bottom of the scandal.

Last weekend Benedict met with the cardinal's commission to learn details of some of the two dozen people they have questioned.

The meetings Saturday were another indication of the seriousness with which he has taken the scandal and the damage it has done to the trust that is supposed to form the basis of the Vatican's governance.

In another sign the Vatican was taking the matter seriously, it confirmed Saturday that it was bringing in the Fox News correspondent in Rome, Greg Burke, as a senior communications adviser to help the Vatican craft its communications strategy.

Burke, 52 and a member of the conservative movement Opus Dei, said he would be helping to shape the Vatican's message and make sure all Vatican departments stick to it.

JURUPA VALLEY

Stuffed animals prompt investigation

Riverside County hazardous device experts responded to a call from Jurupa Valley on Friday, June 22, to investigate compressed gas canisters sewn into stuffed animals bought from an online auction company.

Sheriff's deputies were called to the 6000 block of Lopez Avenue at about 6 p.m. after the canisters were discovered.

They established a perimeter around the home and called in special investigators, who determined the canisters were incorrectly marked movie props and were filled with water, according to a report by Lt. Zachary Hall.

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