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Much about nothing or ...?

Last week I received some vague information about “sludge dumping” in Lebec, probably, but not confirmed, somewhere along Frazier Mountain Park Road. But the info was very unclear, nothing about any Where, Who, Why, When, etc.

Subsequently I contacted on Tuesday (Dec 31) the Kern County Sheriff’s Office, asking: *“I heard statements that a company in Frazier Park (between Frazier Park & Lebec) is under investigation for dumping / storing environmental hazardous materials in the Cuddy Creek area and the Kern County Sheriff’s Office is one of the investigating agencies. Any truth to that, and / or anything you can add?”* Within an hour I received an answer from Sergeant Brown stating *“The KCSO is not investigating the matter, Kern County Environmental Health is.”*

At the same time (Dec 31, at 2pm) I had sent an RFI (Request For Information) to Kern County Environmental Health saying *“I heard unconfirmed reports that a company in Frazier Park (between Frazier Park & Lebec) is under investigation for dumping / storing environmental hazardous materials in the Cuddy Creek area and Kern County Health is one of the investigating agencies. Any truth to that, and / or anything you can add?”*

The response from the department’s Public Information Officer after three days, on Friday (Jan 3) -after 3 reminders and a follow-up call- was: *“All I was given is that we are looking into it.”* (remember it took the Sheriff’s office less than 60 minutes to respond!).

In the meantime I had visited and photographed the area around Frazier Mountain Park Road and Cuddy Canyon Road. I did not see anything out of the ordinary, no suspicious looking piles (except for “normal” gravel and sand), no strangely colored soils or fluids and I didn’t smell any odors that may have indicated the presence of chemicals. I had also talked to people in Lebec and Frazier Park that usually hear all the local gossip first. Nothing there either. On Saturday morning I received a press release from Supervisor Couch’s office. It stated under the title *Dumping of Material in Kern County by City of Los Angeles Sanitation Department:*

The County of Kern is currently investigating possible land-use violations in the Frazier Park area. Public Health personnel have observed trucks, bearing the City of Los Angeles seal, depositing what appears to be a composted material at a business just north of Lebec, CA. Supervisor David Couch has also personally witnessed the activity. This last week, staff observed that the material is being delivered and it appears that it is being staged at the business site for an unknown period of time then trucked elsewhere later.

County staff is in contact with various involved parties, including the property owner and a trucking firm, among others, to determine the source, composition, and the destination of the material, which is unknown at this time.

This Tuesday, Supervisor Couch will ask County Code Compliance, Planning Department, and Public Health Department staff to provide a full report to the Board of Supervisors later this month on their findings and any recommended enforcement actions which should be considered if land-use or other violations are confirmed.

Supervisor Couch is very concerned that the City of Los Angeles apparently did not review regulations and requirements with local officials prior to commencing this activity. Couch stated, “In light of ongoing litigation with the City of Los Angeles regarding Measure E, a more open and cooperative approach would be far better.” Instead the activity was reported to Mr. Couch’s staff by concerned Mountain Communities citizens. Mr. Couch added: “This questionable activity leads to more questions. What is this material? Why is it being handled so secretly? How long has this been occurring? I don’t have answers to these questions yet, but I intend to find out.”

So what do we know by now? Still Nothing!

We don't know where this activity occurred. We do not know who was involved, except allegedly for the City of Los Angeles Department of Sanitation. And, most important, we do not know what materials were dumped or stored, and whether any of those transportation or storage activities violated any regulations or environmental laws.

As the Supervisor stated *"I don't have answers to these questions yet, but I intend to find out."*

So until some detailed and verified information is provided –hopefully in a timely manner– by the Kern County Administration we do not know anything. We cannot even assume that any illegal activity took place by either the property owner (wherever that property is located) or the transportation company.

From my own experience I have seen a few times very large dump trucks driving into Cuddy Canyon Road very late in the evening, which I did find somewhat strange. The *MountainEnterprise* is reporting on their Website since last Friday (Jan 3): *"...Mountain Community residents have been monitoring gold-painted trucks bearing the logo of the Los Angeles Department of Sanitation coming just across the county line and dumping solid waste substances in Lebec. Brown hills of the material have been hidden behind the berms of a former gravel and cement operation for about 6 months. The substance is deposited, then picked up by another set of trucks and transferred to a processing plant 15 miles west of Arvin. Meanwhile more is trucked in, dumped, and the cycle continues—an estimated 12 truck-loads daily. Residents say it varies, but that some loads have "a horrendous odor."*

Names of the witnesses have not been given, no location either, and no source that verifies the alleged materials. If the materials that were transported and stored were indeed *solid waste substances*, I would expect the Kern County Environmental Health to provide a more sufficient statement than the one that was given: *"All I was given is that we are looking into it."* I am not an expert on solid waste but I know that we have sometimes strong winds along the Mountain Valleys, Canyons, and Ridges. And I know that strong winds usually pick up dust, soil and other particles and those particles become airborne. And I have the feeling that it cannot be too healthy to breathe in *solid waste substance particles* that have been stored (legally or illegally) exposed to those winds. But, I may be wrong, and, again, at this time we do not know anything!

Measure E and ongoing Litigation

However, there may, or may not be more to the story, but, as stated before, we don't know yet. Supervisor *Couch* mentioned in his message Measure E, which may or may not be related to the issue at hand. What is Measure E, and what is the status of the ongoing litigation between Kern County and the City of Los Angeles.

In August of 2000, the City of Los Angeles purchased a 4,688-acre farm named Green Acres in Kern County to have a place to manage the City's biosolids produced at the wastewater treatment plants.

Biosolids, also referred to as treated human sewage, is a term used by the waste water industry to denote the byproduct of domestic and commercial sewage and wastewater treatment. These residuals are further treated to reduce but not eliminate pathogens and vector attraction by any of a number of approved methods and then trucked and land applied to a farm field. Low levels of constituents such as PCBs, dioxin, and brominated flame retardants, may remain in treated sludge. A recent review of literature and 20-year field study of air, land, and water in Arizona concluded that biosolids use is sustainable and improves the soil and crops. However, other studies conclude that plants uptake large quantities of heavy metals and toxic pollutants that are retained by produce, which is then consumed by humans. In 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) commissioned a study from the U.S. National Research Council to determine the health risks of those biosolids/sludge. The 2011 EPA NRC Human Health Risk Study pointed out that many of the dangers of sludge are simply unknown and unassessed.

The Green Acres farm is located approximately 16- miles southwest of Bakersfield and one mile northeast of Lake Buena Vista. That Farm has been a reuse site for biosolids generated by the City of Los Angeles since 1994. The biosolids are used as a soil conditioner and fertilizer to help promote growth on sites where chemical fertilizers would otherwise have to be used to produce crops. Farm activities produce non-food chain crops such as wheat, corn, alfalfa, oats, Milo, and Sudan grass. After crops are harvested, they are sold as feedstock to local dairies.

In 2006 voters in Kern County approved a ban on the import of wastewater byproducts, a.k.a. biosolids. The City of Los Angeles, along with some other Southern California counties and agencies that were affected by the ban, filed a federal lawsuit. The lawsuit was dismissed in November of 2010.

In January of 2011, Kern County started enforcing the Measure E ordinance. Subsequently, the City of Los Angeles along with other plaintiffs filed a complaint against the Kern County biosolids initiative and filed a motion seeking a preliminary injunction to continue biosolids land application in Kern County pending the outcome of the case.

On June 9, 2011, the Tulare County Superior Court granted those Plaintiffs Southern California biosolids generators, contractors, haulers and farmers a preliminary injunction against enforcement of the ban while the case is heard.

In September of 2011, the Court rejected Kern's legal challenges to the sufficiency of the plaintiffs' allegations that Measure E violates the federal Commerce Clause. Subsequently Kern County filed a notice of appeal of the preliminary injunction ruling. On February 13, 2013, in a detailed 34-page opinion, the California Court of Appeal in Fresno upheld the preliminary injunction, thereby allowing biosolids land application to continue pending the outcome of the case. The Court held that the Measure E ban likely conflicted with state law recycling mandates. The Court also ruled that Measure E likely exceeded Kern County's authority because the ban on land application did not accommodate the needs of Southland communities to manage biosolids. The Court further observed that Kern County had presented no evidence of harm to the environment or public safety from continued land application of biosolids.

Kern County petitioned the California Supreme Court for review the matter. In June 2013 the California Supreme Court agreed to take up one of the issues in the litigation: the interpretation of the federal statute that tolls the statute of limitations for state claims while they are being litigated in federal court. The Supreme Court stated the issue to be addressed as follows: "Does 28 U.S.C. section 1367(d) require a party to re-file its state law claims within 30 days of their dismissal from a federal action in which they had been presented, or does it instead suspend the running of the limitations period during the pendency of the claims in federal court and for 30 days after their dismissal?" The court did not consider the more substantive issues worthy of review.

If you are interested to see the legal and other documents related to this lawsuit please send an e-mail to <GBUmountainNews@gmail.com>

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Frazier Mountain High School (FMHS)

News from the FMHS Robotics Team

Text & Photo by *Catherine Hallmark*, Robotics team

On January 4th, the Frazier Mountain High School (FMHS) Robotics team (nick-named Snobotics) kicked-off their 2014 FIRST® Robotics season and will participate in the 2014 challenge called Aerial AssistSM. We have about 12 teens on the team, and all but 1 (home schooled) are students at FMHS. The team usually meets weekly year-round. As we are now in our "competition season" and have only 6 weeks to build our robot to meet this year's design challenge, we will be meeting several times a week (in the evenings) and all day on Saturday. *Bill Shillig* is the faculty advisor for the team. We have several community members who are mentors/technical advisors including: *Rob Steele* (NASA/JPL), *Jeff Neeley* (Boston Scientific), *Brian Bierman*, *Tim Schantzen*, *Rory Worster*, *Carlos Robredo*.



Students and mentors participating in the 2014 FIRST Robotics kick-off on Jan 4, 2013

The goal of this year's game is for an alliance of three teams to work together to move a 2 foot diameter ball (see photo) through three assist/scoring zones on a 25' x 54' field, and earn additional points by scoring "goals". And of course, teams from the opposing alliance will be simultaneously moving in the opposite direction to earn their points and defend against our team.

Some members of the team attended the official kick-off at USC on Jan. 4th at 7AM, and the full team met at FMHS that afternoon to finalize their game strategy and

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News from our El Tejon Unified School District

- The August 22, 2013 School Board meeting can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zgfk4tRnn64>
The September 12, 2013 School Board meeting can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCsl0WICv7Q>
The September 26, 2013 School Board meeting can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErTw1mBqsT4>
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Photos from the 2013 FMHS Homecoming can be seen on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.635176606505317.1073741838.109453262410990&type=3>

review the components received in their Kit of Parts. We will be moving full steam ahead, meeting multiple times a week, for the next several weeks. The FIRST schedule calls for robots to be completed by February 18th, and our first competition will be March 20-22 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

FIRST® stands for Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology and is an international non-profit organization which creates and conducts sports-like contests competed with robots built by students under guidance of mentoring engineers (see usfirst.org). The objective is to make science and engineering fun and meaningful for the students and encourage them to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM).

FIRST® is a fantastic program and I encourage you to check out their website for more information www.usfirst.org. We are participating in their FRC (FIRST Robotics Competition) program ... they have other programs as well.

The Robotics team is part of FMHS/ETUSD (El Tejon Unified School District). As a club at the high school, we are almost fully funded by corporate sponsorships, fundraising and other donations. The only financial support we get from ETUSD is the stipend for the faculty advisor. The financial contributions go to the club and all expenditures are approved by the team members and FMHS ASB (Associated Student Body ... class and school officers), which administers the funds. We use funds for the entry fees into our competitions (the FIRST competition has a \$5000 entry fee) for tools and robot parts and other equipment and travel expenses to our competition.

The team would like to thank their sponsors for fully funding our participation in this program. Corporate sponsors are NASA/JPL, Exxon-Mobil, Boston Scientific, and International Society of Automation. Local support has been received from Your T-Shirt Man, Inc., and others.

We welcome new mentors who can volunteer time and bring any type of technical expertise to assist with our team and teach students appropriate skills (i.e. mechanical engineering, welding, construction, software, machining, electrical engineering, etc.). We are grateful for any support of other community members – if you are interested in volunteering your time or making a financial contribution to the team, please contact *Rob Steele* at 818-396-6277.

Sports

Girl's Soccer Take 2nd Place in the Garces Holiday Tournament

By *Sharon Lemberg*, Coach

The girl's soccer team worked hard before enjoying the Christmas Holidays, in order to take home a huge trophy for the "Gold B" bracket of the Garces Holiday Tournament. In their first game, the girls played Morro Bay, which has always been a tough game, however, this time the girls won 1-0. This was a very competitive game and the girls worked hard to hang onto the win. In the first half of the game the Falcons took nine shots on goal but it wasn't until the middle of the first half that the Falcons were able to find the back of the net. The goal started with the backfield when *Jillian Carlson* sent a nice pass to the mid-field finding *McKay Leos* open, *McKay* then sent a pass to *Genesis Arteaga* on the outside wing, who was able to cross the ball into the middle of the field, right in front of the goal to find *Sarah Ryan* for the first and only goal of the game. The second half, the defense and midfield had to step up their game in order to hold Morro Bay off. Morro Bay was not able to penetrate the Falcon defense with a pass, but they were consistent about sending shots at the goal. *Savannah Hawes* was able to stop 11 shots on goal for the Falcon win. Great defense came from *Lea Graham*, *Lily Hallmark*, *Laura Jennings* and *Jillian Carlson*. The midfield was terrific with *McKay Leos*, *Monick Powers*, *Genesis Arteaga*, and *Saryn Neely* marking, defending, and controlling the game. It was a great team effort.

The second game was against Mammoth, and the Falcons were able to easily win 4-0, scoring one goal in the first half and three goals in the second half. *Genesis Arteaga* was taken down in the box for a penalty kick in the first half. *McKay Leos* took the shot, scoring the first goal. The second goal came from a nice cross by *Genesis* to *Rachel Rivette*. The third goal came from a cross by *Carissa Rivette* to her sister, *Rachel Rivette*. And the fourth goal came from a pass from *Saryn Neely* to *Rachel*. Definitely a lot of team work going on in this game. Everyone saw some action and the new freshmen were able to show their stuff. Defense again was tight and were able to keep Mammoth out of range for a goal. Defenders were *Lea Graham*, *Jillian Carlson*, *Alexa Fausto*, and *Sarah Ryan*.

The third game was against East Bakersfield High. We saw East twice last year and were never successful at defeating them, however, the girls played hard. East

scored three goals in the first half and, with a few changes, the Falcons were able to hold them to only one goal in the second half for a 0-4 defeat. The Falcons were able to learn a lot from East, as they are a much bigger school and have great ball control. This defeat however, gave the Falcons the second place trophy to bring home. It was an exciting weekend for the girls and we were able to learn a lot.

Thank you to all the parents that helped with the driving and cheered us on. Our next home game is on January 14 and 17 against Kern Valley and Desert. Game time is 3:00 for the girls and the boys play at 5:00. Come on out and support your Falcons, bring your blankets and enjoy the free admission to all games.



Falcons take 2nd place in Garces Holiday Soccer Classic:
Back row: Coach *Lemburg*, *Genesis Arteaga*, *Grace Gilani*, *Brianna Edwards*, *Alexa Fausto*, *Savannah Hawes*, *Haylee Shanklin*, *Monick Powers*, *Laura Jennings*, *Jillian Carlson*, Coach *Karson*, Coach *Graham*
Front row: *Carissa Rivette*, *Celine Skibicki*, *McKay Leos*, *Rachel Rivette*, *Sarah Ryan*, *Lea Graham*, *Saryn Neely*

El Tejon Middle School



Frazier Park School

Frazier Park's Finest for Dec 20, 2013

Info & photo provided by *Michelle Penner*



L to R: *Emilyna Villarreal*, *Monica Baldovines*

All Things Local

Alzheimer's & Dementia Educational Seminar!

Announcement by the Mountain Communities Family Resource Center

The Mountain Communities Family Resource Center (MCFRC) will be hosting Julie Womack from the Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County, Inc. on **January 13, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Frazier Park Library Community Room. Ms. Womack, along with two of her colleagues will discuss the following:

- Behaviors
- Stages
- Common Challenges
- Communication & More!

Whether you are an elderly individual, family member, or a caregiver you will want to know this valuable information for taking care of our beloved family or community members. This program is sponsored in part our local Southwest Health Care District.

All interested individuals please RSVP by Friday, January 10, 2014 at 661-245-4303. For reservations and questions you can contact Miki Knutson, Adult Advocate at MCFRC, located at 3015 Mount Pinos Way, Suite 201, Monday through Wednesday 8:30am – 3:15pm.

Bakersfield Vet Center brings services to Frazier Park!

Announcement by the Mountain Communities Family Resource Center

The Mountain Communities Family Resource Center (MCFRC) is excited to announce that we will have Joe Acosta, Team Leader/Counselor from the Bakersfield Vet Center in our office **every 4th Thursday** of the month from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **beginning January 23, 2014.**

Joe, who served with the 75th Ranger Regiment, is also available to present on Vet Center services and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to any forum in our community.

The Vet Center program was established in 1979 to assist veterans who were experiencing readjustment problems. Today, the goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible veterans and their families. The Vet Center provides counseling services for individuals, groups, family members, marital counseling, PTSD services, and bereavement counseling. The Vet Center also provides medical referrals, assistance in applying for VA benefits,

employment and career counseling, alcohol/drug assessments, community education, and other information and referral services. Eligible veterans include those who served in Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War, Somalia, Kosovo/Bosnia, WWII, Korean Combat Vets, Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraq Freedom (OIF), and Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). Vet Center services are extended to surviving parents, spouses, children, and siblings of service members who died of any cause while on active duty, to include federally activated Reserve and National Guard personnel. These services are provided at no cost to the veteran or family.

If you or anyone you know would like more information regarding the counseling services the Vet Center program provides or would like to make an appointment with Joe Acosta, please call (661) 323-8387 or 8388. Vet Center Brochures are also available at the MCFRC.

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People

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What is the difference between a *Newsletter* and a *Newspaper*?

A newspaper publishes stories and information for and about a city/region/state/country and covers a variety of topics, events, and developments.

A Newsletter is published by a specific organization (school, club, business) and informs mainly about the organization's activities.

Law Enforcement Corner



Kern County Sheriff's Office

Sergeant Mark Brown from the Kern County Sheriff's Substation in Frazier Park released the following information about law enforcement related incidents and activities between **Dec 21 and 28**: *

- 1) On December 21, 2013, at about 7:30 PM, a deputy was dispatched to a restaurant on the 100 block of Frazier Mountain Park Road in Lebec to investigate a burglary. Unknown person(s) shattered a side window on a locked vehicle parked in the parking lot, and stole a large amount of cash, a checkbook, four radio transmitters, several battery chargers, and miscellaneous tools. The victim had been in the restaurant for about 30 minutes when the theft occurred.
- 2) On December 21, 2013, at about 9:55 PM, a deputy was dispatched to a home on the 4200 block of Mt. Pinos Way in Frazier Park to investigate a theft. Unknown person(s) stole a brown and gold purse, containing a wallet, medications, and a Tennessee driver's license, from the back seat of an apparently unlocked car. The victim had been in her home for only a few minutes when the theft occurred.
- 3) On December 23, 2013, at about 7:00 AM, a deputy was dispatched to a business on the 39400 block of

Edmonston Pumping Plant Road, near Grapevine East Road, to investigate a theft. Unknown person(s) stole a Ford F-350 pickup, power and hand tools, about 250 linear feet of copper wire, welding leads, and a vehicle license plate from the business's yard the night before.

- 4) On December 24, 2013, at about 10:00 AM, deputies were dispatched to a store on the 200 block of Frazier Mountain Park Road in Lebec to assist a man who possibly had a seizure, and was having difficulty breathing. The man was transported to a hospital via ambulance.
- 5) On December 27, 2013, at about 2:25 AM, a deputy contacted TK, who was walking on Los Padres Drive, near Santa Cruz Trail, in Frazier Park. Kenton was arrested for suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance.
- 6) On December 27, 2013, at about noon, a deputy contacted SL, who was walking on Monterey Trail, near Mt. Pinos Way, in Frazier Park. L was arrested for suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance.
- 7) On December 28, 2013, at about 1:35 AM, a deputy was dispatched to the area of Irvon Trail and Mead Trail in Frazier Park to investigate a peace disturbance. 18 year old DG was arrested for suspicion of being publically intoxicated and suspicion of disturbing the peace.

Anyone having information about any of the above incidents is asked to contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office at (661) 861-3110, contact Secret Witness at (661) 322-4040 or send an anonymous text to TIP411 (847411). Type the key word, "KCSO," prior to the message.

*** You will notice that the names of arrestees and suspects are not always published here. The presumption of innocence means that one is to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a fair and open court of law. Individuals that have been arrested, but not convicted and that do not pose a risk for others should not be subject to public humiliation.**

Change of GBU Mountain News Policy:

I decided to change my policy: If you are arrested and you have no criminal record, your name will not be released by the GBU Mountain News. However, if you have been arrested and convicted before, and you have a considerable criminal record, your full name AND your criminal record will be published. If you are a repeated offender I consider you a threat to our Youth and risk for the community.

Los Angeles County Sheriff



California Highway Patrol (CHP)

New Laws Affecting Motorists

by *John Price*, CHP Office of Community Outreach & Media Relations

The California Highway Patrol is reminding motorists of several new laws or changes to existing law that went into effect in 2014. The following are summaries of some transportation-related laws that, unless otherwise stated, went into effect on January 1, 2014.

AMBER Alert: Expansion (AB 535, Quirk):

This law requires law enforcement to request activation of the AMBER Alerts after receiving a report that a child has been taken abducted by anyone, including a custodial parent or guardian, who may cause serious bodily injury or death to the child.

Bicycles: Passing Distance (AB 1371, Bradford):

This law prohibits motorists from passing a bicycle with less than three feet between any part of the vehicle and any part of the bicycle or driver. When three feet is not possible, the motor vehicle must slow to a reasonable and prudent

speed and only pass when no danger is present to the bicyclist. Failing to do so can incur a fine, regardless of a collision or not. This law will go into effect September 16, 2014.

Charter Bus Carriers: Limousines: Emergency Exits (SB 109, Corbett):

By January 1st, 2016, every limousine that has been modified or extended to accommodate additional passengers shall have two rear doors and one or two internally removable rear emergency windows. If such modifications occurred on or after July of 2015, these requirements apply immediately after July 1st, 2015. All new limousines manufactured after January 1st, 2015 must meet these requirements as well.

High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (AB 266 / SB 286, Yee / Blumenfield):

Together these laws extend sunset dates for low emission, zero emission vehicles to operate in high occupancy vehicle lanes (HOV) without meeting occupancy requirements to January 1, 2019.

Hit and Run: Statute of Limitations (AB 184, Gatto):

This law extends the statute of limitations for hit-and-run collisions in which death or permanent, serious injury was a result. A criminal complaint may be filed within three years of the offense, or one year after the person was initially identified by law enforcement as a suspect in the commission of the offense, which ever comes later, but in no case more than six years after the offense.

Registration Fees: Vehicle Theft (AB 767, Levine):

This law authorizes counties to increase registration fees by \$1 for passenger vehicles and \$2 for commercial vehicles to fund programs related to vehicle theft crimes in those counties.

Search Warrants: Chemical Tests (SB 717, DeSaulnier):

This amendment to current law authorizes the issuance of a search warrant to draw blood from a person in a reasonable, medically approved manner, to show that the person violated misdemeanor DUI provisions when that person has refused an officer's request to submit to, or has failed to complete, a blood test. This law has been operative since September 20, 2013.

Teen Drivers (SB 194, Galgiani):

This law prohibits a person who is under 18 years of age from using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication while driving, even if it is equipped with a hands-free device.

For complete information on chaptered bills enacted in 2013, please refer to the Legislative Counsel website at www.LegInfo.ca.gov.

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 - Friday: 9am – 5pm
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- Tuesday: 11:30 am **Family Storytime** with *Christine Kearns-Brown*
- Wednesday: 3:30 pm **Chess** Everyone is welcome. Chess Coach, *Bill Hopper* available to teach beginners.
- Thursday: 11:30 am **Personal Computer Coach**. Call to make an appointment: 661-245-1267
- 3:30 pm **Barks & Books** with *Donna Marie Kuehn*; children build their reading skills by sharing stories with therapy dog *Ginger Snap*. Call to make an appointment: 661-245-1267
- Jan 16** at 3:30 pm **Crochet** with *Christine Kearns-Brown*
- Friday: **Jan 10** at 3:30 pm **Foreign Intrigue Book Discussion**-Bangkok 8 by John Burdett; Everyone is invited to eat a cookie and solve whodunit!



- Jan 17** at 3:30 pm Learn the basics of **American Sign Language**; all ages are welcome.
- Saturday: 9-9:30 am **Free Beginning Piano** by *Karen Anthony*. Call to sign up 661-245-1267
- 3:30 -5:00 pm **Reading of the Classics** by local actors and community; all are welcome.

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Library employee *David Yonaki* returns to Bakersfield

After three years serving our community in the Frazier Park Library *David Yonaki* is transferred back to a library in Bakersfield. David has been with the Kern County Library for nearly thirty years and will continue working at the Southwest Bakersfield Branch, which is only three blocks from his house. He very much enjoyed working with and serving the people in the Mountain Communities, but he looks forward being back at a workplace less than 10 minutes from his home.

Many thanks for your always friendly, kind and reliable assistance and all the best for your future endeavors.



Frazier Park Library Staff L-R: *Christine Brown, Steve Berry, Branch Manager Marie Smith, David Yonaki, Bethel Billesbach*

Incidents & Accidents

Arts – Music – Theatre

"Abandon all hope, ye who enter here" – Reading of Dante's Inferno

On Saturday (Jan 4) the "Readings of the Classics" group recited excerpts from Dante's masterpiece "Inferno."



Dante's Inferno reading cast with *Anna Krajewska Wieczorek* on the right and *Katherine King* behind the podium

Dante Alighieri, an Italian poet, wrote the Divine Comedy, a masterpiece of world literature between 1308 and 1321. The epic poem is composed of more than 14,000 lines which are divided into the three canticas Inferno (Hell), Purgatorio (Purgatory), and Paradiso (Paradise). The poem is written in the first person, and tells of Dante's journey first through Hell and Purgatory guided by the Roman poet Virgil, and through heaven, guided by Dante's ideal woman, Beatrice.

"Inferno" describes the recognition and rejection of sin and hell is depicted as nine circles of suffering located within the earth.

In the beginning Dante finds himself lost in a dark wood in front of a mountain, assailed by three beasts (a lion, a lonza, and a she-wolf) he cannot evade. Unable to find the "diritta via," also translatable as "right way," to salvation, he is falling into a "deep place" (basso loco) where the sun is silent (l sol tace). At last Dante is rescued by the Roman poet Virgil and the two of them begin their journey to the underworld.

In the first circle of hell, in Limbo, they find the unbaptized and virtuous pagans, basically those who were not sinful but did not accept Christ. Subsequently Dante meets the poets Homer, Horace, Ovid, and Lucan; the Amazon queen Penthesilea; the mathematician Euclid; the scientist Pedanius Dioscorides; the Roman statesman Cicero; the Greek physician Hippocrates; the philosophers Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and Averroes; the

historical figures Lucretia, Lucius Junius Brutus, and Julius Caesar in his role as Roman general; the mythological characters Hector, Electra, Camilla, Latinus, and Orpheus; and many others.

In the second circle (Lust) those overcome by lust are found, including Cleopatra, Helen of Troy, Achilles, Paris, and Tristan. Their souls are blown back and forth by a neverending violent storm.

The “Reading of the Classics” group was formed by *Katherine King* and *Anna Krajewska Wieczorek* in the fall of 2012 Both still lead and direct the group whose most permanent cast include *Bethel Billesbach*, *Nicole & Eric Rand*, *Christine Brown*, *George Garrigues*, *Steve Berry*, the *Bogdanoff Family*, *Kathy & John Babcock*, *Cliff Kelling*. Many others, including teens, have participated in some of the played readings. The readers meet every Saturday afternoon at 3:30pm in the Frazier Park Library.

Past readings included Homer’s epic poems *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*, *The Oresteia* by Aeschylus, *King Oedipus* and *Antigone* by Sophocles, *Iphigenia in Tauris* and *Hippolytus* by Euripides, the ancient Greek dramas *Lysistrata* and *The Frog* by Aristophanes, *Amphitrio* by Plautus, the Roman drama *Oedipus* by Seneca, followed by Roman poetry, oratory and philosophical works such as *The Aeneid* by Vergil, selected works of M.T. Cicero, the poetry by Lucretius, Catullus and Horace, and Ovid’s *The Art Of Love*.

Their recent work included *Gilgamesh* and *Beowulf* followed by various Christmas readings, and the two religious Medieval Dramas *Dulcitius* by the German Nuns Hrosvith of Gandersheim and *The Play of Virtues* by Hildegard of Bingen.

The next readings after Dante will cover two other Italian authors of the early Renaissance: Francesco Petrarch, Giovanni Boccaccio’s *Decameron*. This will be followed by *The Mandrake*, a comedy by N. Macchiavelli, *The Praise of Folly* by Erasmus of Rotterdam and *Gargantua And Pantagruel* by Francois Rabelais.



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Friday, Jan 10:	high 64°F	low 43°F
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Business Affairs

Ralphs Store in Castaic will close in March

The Ralphs supermarket on 31970 Castaic Road in Castaic (at the first exit when driving down the hill from Frazier Park) will close its doors in early March.

Another, much bigger and newer Ralphs store, also next to the I-5, located about two miles south at The Old Road and Hasley Canyon Road in Castaic will continue to operate.

Changes to California Law will affect Employers and Employees in 2014

The following laws affecting employers and employees in California will take effect in 2014:

AB 10 - Minimum Wage Increase

The California minimum wage will be increased in two one-dollar increments.

Effective July 1, 2014, the minimum wage will increase from the current \$8.00 per hour rate to \$9.00 per hour.

The rate will increase to \$10.00 per hour on January 1, 2016.

SB 666 - Prohibited Retaliation Based on Immigration/Citizenship Status

Employers are prohibited from preventing, or retaliating against, an employee based on the employee's citizenship or immigration status if that individual:

- Provides information to, or testifies before, any public body conducting a hearing, investigation, or inquiry, or
- Has engaged in protected conduct (including a written or oral complaint that the employee is owed unpaid wages).

Any violation by the employer could be fined up to \$10,000.

AB 241 - Domestic Worker Bill of Rights- AB 241

Until January 1, 2017, the Domestic Worker Bill of rights will regulate the hours of certain domestic work employees and provide an overtime compensation rate of 1.5 times the regular rate of pay to those employees who work more than 9 hours in a work day or 45 hours in any work week. The bill defines "domestic work employee" and its specific exclusions.

AB 442 - Liquidated Damages Liability for Unpaid Wages

Employers that fail to pay minimum wages become subjects to not only to criminal and civil penalties, and the payment of restitution to employees, but ABB 442 adds liquidated damages.

AB 465 - Criminal Background Checks for Youth Sports

Employers or Human Resource Agencies of Community youth athletic programs may now request state and federal level criminal history information from the Department of Justice when selecting a volunteer coach or hired coach.

In order to comply with the new laws, employers are required to update their minimum wage posters and to ensure that the changes have been made by their payroll department and/or vendor.

Existing contracts with employees and independent contractors should be reviewed before the end of the year, as should the Employee Handbook.

Kern County

Board of Supervisors Meetings

The Kern County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm in the County Administrative Building at 1115 Truxtun Ave. in Bakersfield.

At each meeting Members of the Public can address the Board on any matter even if it is not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed by the public. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Board at a later meeting. Also, the Board may take action to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. Speakers are limited to two minutes and asked to state and spell their names (for the record) before making a presentation.

If you are interested to receive the agenda(s) for upcoming or the minutes for previous Board meetings, please send an e-mail to GBUmountainNews@gmail.com

Teens

Free Games at Computers & Games, located at 633 San Gabriel Trail in Frazier Park (across the parking lot from the La Sierra Restaurant)

Everyone is welcome to play

- Sunday: Dungeons and Dragons (3pm-8pm)
- Monday: Warhammer Fantasy Roleplay (6pm-9pm)
- Tuesday: Outbreak:Undead Roleplay (5pm-9pm)
- Wednesday: Free Paint Day (5pm-9pm)
- Thursday: Star Wars and Star Trek Miniatures (5pm-9pm)
- Friday: Magic the Gathering (6pm-9pm)

- Saturday: Warhammer Fantasy and Warhammer 40k Play Day (11am-9pm)

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Castaic	32 miles
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Bakersfield, Truxtun Avenue	46 miles
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H1N1 - the current Flu in Kern County

According to the Kern County Health Department 18 people are currently hospitalized with severe Flu symptoms. Eight of those have been diagnosed with the H1N1 virus, also known as the swine flu.

Flu activity is increasing nationally and is high in some states. Additional increases are expected in the coming weeks.

If you have not gotten your flu vaccination yet this season, you should get one now. A flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and the people around you from influenza and its potentially serious complications.

Flu activity to date has been most intense in the south-central and southeast US, although now activity is increasing across the rest of the country as well.

Most of the viruses characterized so far this season have been 2009 H1N1 viruses. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports a small increase in the rate at which flu-related hospitalizations are occurring: 5.8 per 100,000 population, up from 4.9 per 100,000 in Week 51.

The severe flu outcomes are a reminder that flu can be a serious disease for anyone, including otherwise healthy people: CDC recommends yearly vaccination as the best protection. This season's flu vaccine is designed to protect against three to four influenza viruses, depending on which vaccine you get. All of the vaccine options this season include protection against H1N1.

Everyone aged 6 months and older should get a flu vaccination each year to protect themselves and their loved ones against the flu. Vaccination is especially important for people who are at high risk of serious flu-related complications, like young children and people 65 and older, pregnant women, and people with certain chronic medical conditions, like asthma, diabetes and heart disease.

Flu Vaccines Still Available

By Kim Rodriguez, PIO, Kern County Public Health

The Kern County Public Health Services Department would like to inform the public that there has been an increase of cases of influenza requiring hospitalization this past week. Several have been confirmed as Influenza A. More than half of these persons are requiring intensive care unit admission and ventilator support. Of the known cases, only one of the individuals is known to have

received a vaccine. The hospitalized cases that have been reported thus far have ranged in age from 30 – 68 years old.

We would like to remind the residents of Kern that it is not too late to get your flu vaccination. This year's vaccine protects against several strains of flu including the H1N1 virus. "I am strongly reminding Kern County residents to heed the recommendation for everyone six months of age and older to receive their vaccination for influenza," states Dr. *Claudia Jonah*, Kern County Health Officer. "If you received a flu vaccine in recent months you are protected for this season."

An annual influenza virus (flu) vaccination is the first and most important step in protection against the flu. In addition, the following simple measures can further prevent contracting or transmitting the flu.

- Avoid close face to face contact with persons who have respiratory illnesses
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or your elbow when you cough or sneeze
- Wash or sanitize your hands before and after touching your eyes, nose or mouth

Contact your regular medical provider if you are concerned about being ill with flu. In addition to your regular care provider, flu shots are also available at the Public Health Services Department and local pharmacies. Contact 661-321-3000 for further information.

Earthquake Preparedness

Why Drop, Cover, and Hold On?

Why is it important to do a Drop, Cover, and Hold On drill? To react quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake, before strong shaking knocks you down--or drops something on you. Practicing helps you be ready to respond.

If you are inside a building, move no more than a few steps, then Drop, Cover and Hold On:

- **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!),
- Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and
- **HOLD ON** to it until the shaking stops.

Stay indoors till the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. In most buildings you are safer if you stay where you are until the shaking stops.

If you are outdoors when the shaking starts, you should find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, streetlights, and power lines, then Drop, Cover and Hold On. Stay there until the shaking stops.



If you are driving, pull over to a clear location, stop and stay there with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Once the shaking stops, proceed with caution and avoid bridges or ramps that might have been damaged.

Ground shaking during an earthquake is seldom the cause of injury. Most earthquake-related injuries and deaths are caused by collapsing walls and roofs, flying glass and falling objects. It is extremely important for a person to move as little as possible to reach the place of safety he or she has identified because most injuries occur when people try to move more than a short distance during the shaking.

Look around you now, before an earthquake. Identify safe places such as under a sturdy piece of furniture or against an interior wall in your home, office or school so that when the shaking starts you can respond quickly. An immediate response to move to the safe place can save lives. And that safe place should be within a few steps to avoid injury from flying debris.

Where to Go – What to Do

The Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar

The Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar features more than 200 restored American and European automobiles dating from 1898 to 1982.



The Nethercutt Museum is one giant showroom of various cars from the uber rich of the olden days (i.e., Woolworth Family, Shieks of Adbullah, Sears family, etc). The collection includes a 1931 Bugatti, a 1932 Maybach, a 1933 Duesenberg, a 1937 Talbot-Lago, a 1951 Bentley, a variety of classic Mercedes Benz, Rolls Royce automobiles, and much more.

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1937 Rolls Royce Phantom 3

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The Nethercutt Museum is located at 15151 Bledsoe Street, in Sylmar, CA 91342 (51 miles south of Frazier Park and less than 1.5 miles from the Interstate 5 Exit 159-Roxford Street); Tel 818-364-6464

Open Editorial (Op Ed)

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Chamber lauds Board of Supervisors vote to develop local investment policy

By *Cynthia D. Pollard*, President/CEO, Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce

I am writing this op-ed in support of the recent action taken by the Kern County Board of Supervisors, urging the Kern County Employees Retirement Association (KCERA) to develop a local investment policy. The Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) represents 1,300 local businesses and tens of thousands of taxpayers, and is committed to improving the economic quality of life in the greater Bakersfield area. We at the Chamber believe that KCERA, like the County, has a role in supporting our local economy. A local investment policy will allow for safe investments, ensure a benchmark rate of return for KCERA's membership, and provide qualified investors and businesses access to much needed capital.

At a time when available investment capital is at a premium, the Chamber believes there must be increased conformity and coordination of local government entities, to help provide a better business climate and support Kern County's business strategy. New and streamlined sources of capital are critical for new business and continued business retention. Increased availability of capital not only benefits the investor, it also helps grow the economy. This principle is called the multiplier effect. For example, when a new restaurant opens, that business must buy bread, spirits, meat, produce, linens, decorations and so on. Not to mention new employee hires. Another example is an investor that purchases land and plants pistachio trees. To run and manage a pistachio orchard you need labor, heavy equipment, irrigation, supplies and so on. You get the picture. The Chamber looks for ways and new tools to help local business thrive. Like any good handyman you're only as good as the tools you have at your disposal. The local business community would certainly benefit from a tool like a local investment policy. So you ask, how might KCERA develop this policy?

In August of this year, Kern County Supervisor David Couch asked KCERA to form a committee to develop a

policy to allow for local investments. Unfortunately, the red tape and bureaucracy got in the way, and the KCERA board voted 6-2 in favor of rejecting the formation of a committee and the development of a local investment policy. The Chamber believes KCERA should rethink that decision. We understand KCERA has a fiduciary responsibility to its membership to provide safe investments that yield a 7.75% rate of return. I am not proposing an open check book for local business. Rather that we simply want KCERA to allow locals the same access it provides for Wall Street bankers.

The specific types of investments, who would make the decision, and how much, would all be discussed and debated at a public meeting allowing input from staff, the public, local organizations like chambers of commerce, and the local business community.

The necessary precautions must be in place to provide KCERA and its membership a high level of safety and low amount of risk. I want to reiterate that point, the safety of the investment is first and foremost. Remember, the deciding body can always say no. Developing a local investment policy cannot happen during one meeting. It is important to listen to all sides and that will take time. No door should be left unopened and the policy should be written in the light of day. This process would benefit all parties: KCERA's membership, the business community, and the taxpayers.

Local government and local agencies make the rules by which business plays. Here in Kern County, our local government officials and agencies stand on the side of business. The creation of a local investment policy offers the opportunity for government to add to its pro-business reputation. With the state legislature continuing to breathe down the necks of business and making it more difficult to do business, it is imperative that our local leaders think outside the box and come up with real solutions to get our local economy back on track. We need policies to help attract businesses, and not turn them away.

The Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce commends Supervisor Couch and the entire Board of Supervisors for continuing to support local business. We

ask the KCERA board do the same, and offer our local Main Street the same opportunities as Wall Street.

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Today, about 1,550 businesses and organizations belong to the GBCC. For more info see www.bakersfieldchamber.org

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Automobile Repair & Service

- DunnRight, 3811 Mount Pinos Way, Frazier Park, Tel 661-245-3866

Computer Repairs

- Computer & Games, 633 San Gabriel Trail, Frazier Park, Tel 661-242-1214

Grocery Stores

- Trader Joe's Bakersfield, 8200 Stockdale Highway, Tel 661-837-8863
- Trader Joe's Santa Clarita, 26517 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Tel 661-263-3796

Hair Salon

- Get a Haircut at Flying J, next to Denny's, Lebec, Tel 661-248-2888

Insurance

- State Farm, Mitch Wood, 3015 Mt Pinos Way, Frazier Park, Tel 661-245-3728

Landscape Services

- Antioch Nursery, Lake of the Woods, Tel 661-245-1147, www.antiochlandscape.com

Pet Food & Supplies

- Petco Animal Supplies, 26501 Bouquet Canyon Road, Saugus Tel 661-297-6936

Pet Services

- Blue Rose Pet Salon, 3429 Los Padres Drive, Frazier Park, for appointments call 661-245-3635

Pharmacy

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