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Good People do Good Things

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead, Anthropologist



Some of the many volunteers that made the Oct 18th Community Dinner in Frazier Park happen

by Gunnar J Kuepper

On Saturday, October 18, 2014 more than thirty community volunteers, including Pastor Phil Wallace with the Frazier Mountain Community Church (FMCC)

hosted a free community dinner at the Frazier Park Community Center. About 350 people came and enjoyed

the delicious food prepared by a dozen or more women.



Everybody enjoyed the large variety of home-made food offered by these amazing volunteers

Many of those women had cooked fabulous chili and soups at home and brought those in large cookers. Others arranged trays with wonderful deserts such as decorated cupcakes. Another group had decorated the entire room and each table in a beautiful fall-themed fashion.



It became quickly clear that a great County Supervisor is not necessarily a great busboy; so some youngsters took over and got the job done –lol-

Seen in the group of volunteers that devoted their time and cooking talents were Lori and Rick Johnson, Prudy Benton, Kandi and D.J. Mills, Carole Berg, Misty, Samantha and Jeff Johnston, Sherri and Kevin Lundin, Nancy and Shawn Kleider, Sharon and Walter Virgini, Jill Curtis, Jennifer Edwards, Sabrina Rouser, Susie “Moxie” McMahon, Teri and Jace Mossett, Chrystel and Daniel Dunker, Arthur Smith, and numerous others. Among the many seen enjoying the meal and each other’s company were Bethel and Don Billesbach, Library Manager Marie Smith with her family, Audrey Weingarten, Chandra Mead, Barbara and Ron Edsall, Bill Hooper, Karen Maxwell, to name just a few. Distinguished guests with special assignments were Kern County Supervisor David Couch with his assistant Ryan

Shultz as well as Assemblywoman Shannon Grove. David Couch took on the task of cleaning tables, and Shannon Grove worked the food-line



a time and place to come together

Every community needs a time and place to come together. This Community Dinner was without any doubt a community building event. It crossed economic, cultural and other barriers, and presented, aside from good food, an opportunity to meet friends and become acquainted with others in the Frazier Mountain Communities.



The event created a time to relax, laugh, tell stories, and catch up on the town’s ups and downs, while developing a sense of who we are as a community. Hat off to all those who made this Community Dinner not only happen but a delightful experience.



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In dealing with your adversaries:

"Stand ye still, and watch the salvation of the LORD."

Exodus 14:13

Chronicles 20:17

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The electronic version of the GBU Mountain News will continue to be published at least once a week.

The printed version will focus on important local and regional developments. In the beginning the weekly printed GBU Mountain News will be a most interesting digest of significant topics.

All Things Local

Important Phone Numbers

Fire	911
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Frazier Park Sheriff Station	661-245-3440
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El Tejon Unified School District	661-248-6247
Frazier Park Library	661-245-1267
Fire Station 56 (Lebec)	661-248-6426
Fire Station 57 (Frazier Park)	661-245-3706
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Upcoming Events in the Frazier Mountain Communities

- November 16: Classical Piano with Andrew Wong in Gorman

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So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is...fear itself — nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.

Franklin D Roosevelt
Inaugural speech March 4, 1933

Four Excellent Candidates for Two Seats on the School District Board

The following four individuals are running for two seats on the El Tejon Unified School District (ETUSD) Board of Trustees:

- **Barbara Newbold**
- **Misty Johnston**
- **Sabrina Rouser**
- **Steve Berry**

First of all, all this candidates are great people, devoted and very dedicated to the betterment of the local School District. There is no bad choice.

Each of these candidates has a different work and life experience; some have extensive knowledge from working in a variety of school districts. Others have first-hand knowledge of the capabilities and challenges at the school district since their children attend(ed) any of the three schools.

The candidates introduced themselves, their goals and vision for the School District at two Candidate's Forums. One of those events was organized by the *GBU Mountain News* on October 17 at the Frazier Park Library, the other one was hosted by Chuck Mullen and the El Tejon Teacher's Association at the Frazier Mountain High School (FMHS) on Wednesday, October 22, 2014.

The upcoming issue of the *GBU Mountain News*, to be published before the general election on November 4, will take a closer look at the candidates and their statement. A few video clips from the ETTA Candidates Forum can be viewed on the GBU Mountain News Channel on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBuV6H3ftAU and
www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYfohkj4q4I

3rd Annual Zombie Fest in Frazier Park a Great Success



On Sunday, October 26, 2014, the 3rd Zombie Fest in Frazier Park was attended by more than 350 people. Children, teens and adults alike enjoyed the multitude of games provided by a variety of local organizations, including the Frazier Park Library. During the afternoon over 40 prizes provided by local businesses were raffled off. The main prize, a Lyons guitar with extra strings, capo, and case was donated by the local Freemasons.



As in the previous years the event was organized and hosted by Scott Parsons, owner of the Computer & Games store, and his team of more than 30 highly dedicated volunteers. Volunteers also provided zombie make-up and face painting for approximately 150 children, teens, and adults.

The afternoon concluded with a parade of more than 230 people dressed-up in creative and funny costumes. During the parade judges determined “the best” in a variety of categories, including most artistic costume, scariest appearance, etc. Each winner received a certificate and a little trophy.



The 2014 Zombie Fest was a very enjoyable community event, organized entirely by a group of individuals committed to our community. Many of Scott’s volunteers are Game Coordinators at the tournaments that take place nearly every evening at the Computer and Games store. The proceeds of about \$1,000 from the ticket sales were split between the local Boys & Girls Club, and another group that is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.



Scott Parsons would like to remind everyone that there are only a few T-shirts with the colorful Egyptian Pharaoh left, but he will sell those at reduced prices.



CHP pursuit led to Frazier Mountain High School (FMHS) Lockdown



A CHP Unit is watching the traffic at the northbound I-5 Lanes in Lebec

On Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 8:51 a.m. a CHP officer pulled over a maroon Honda Civic for speeding on the Northbound lanes (towards Bakersfield) of the Interstate 5 near the rest area between Frazier Park and Lebec exits. The CHP Officer made contact with the driver GC, born 1994, and even received his driver's license. When the CHP Officer returned to his patrol car, the the Honda sped away and a pursuit ensued. The car left the freeway at the Lebec exit, used the overpass and went back on the Southbound I-5 towards Frazier Park. The driver exited the I-5 at Frazier Park and drove westward on Frazier Mountain Park Road.

At this time other CHP units (seven in total) joined the pursuit. Near the intersection of Frazier Mountain Park Road and Lebec Road the Honda Civic went on the Flying J property and came to a stop in front of the business.

The two occupants jumped out of the vehicle and started running. The passenger, RS, born in 1993, was immediately caught. GC, the driver, tried to hide inside a nearby motel. Law Enforcement officers surrounded the area and GC run out of the Motel 6. After a short foot pursuit he gave up. At 9:18 a.m. both occupants of the fleeing vehicle were in law enforcement custody. A unit from the Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) had assisted the CHP.

A staff member (allegedly the Superintendent) of the El Tejon School District (ETUSD) became aware of the situation at the Flying J and informed the Frazier Mountain High School (FMHS) which, obviously as a precaution, went into lockdown mode for 10 minutes from 9:10 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

It appears that both occupants from Arizona were not under the influence of any drugs. Apparently the passenger had a warrant out of Arizona which caused the driver to speed away and with that become charge with felony evading. Both individuals have been book in Kern County jail

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Traffic Accidents continue in Pine Mountain Club (PMC)

On Sunday, October 26, 2014 two accidents occurred nearly at the same time in Pine Mountain Club (PMC). According to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Tiffany Riley, born in 1993 and a resident of Northridge was at 9:35 a.m. making a U turn and inadvertently backed into a tree.

At 09:35 a.m., James Young born in 1989 and from PMC, was coming around a corner and lost control of his vehicle. He was injured and transported to a hospital.

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ELECT:

**MISTY
JOHNSTON**

**ETUSD
Board of Trustees**

A New Voice, A New Vision

Four large Semi-Trailer Trucks involved in a Major Accident on the northbound Interstate 5 near the Grapevine

On Tuesday, October 28, at 11:05 p.m. a 1999 Kenworth tractor with a semi box trailer was driven by a 38-year-old man from Glendale AZ on the northbound lanes (towards Bakersfield) of the Interstate 5. As the truck traveled down the steep grade between Fort Tejon and Grapevine Loop Road it reached a reported speed of approximately 100 mph. After passing by both of the runaway ramps, the Kenworth truck collided with the rear of a 2014 Freightliner tractor with two trailers. Subsequently the Freightliner's fuel tank ruptured causing a spill. The Kenworth continued traveling down the grade colliding with the rear of a 2013 Kenworth tractor trailer and a 2012 International tractor trailer. The trailer of the Kenworth became separated from the tractor and came to rest blocking the #1 and #2 lanes. The Kenworth came to rest on the right shoulder where it started a brush fire. Debris and wreckage was scattered for about 1/4 mile and blocked all northbound lanes. A 5 acre grass fire started subsequently on the east side of the Freeway.

The Kern County Fire Department initiated a massive response with 4 engines (55-Laval Road; 56-Lebec, 57-Frazier Park, 58-PMC), 5 patrols (51, 54, 57, 58, 66), 1 Truck (55 - Laval Road), Water Tender 67, Battalion 5 and USAR (Search & Rescue) Team 52, in case extrication would be needed.

Fortunately, after being checked by the crews from engine and truck 55, all four drivers turned out to be o.k. and the Heavy Search and Rescue Unit 52 and the Medevac Helicopter were cancelled en route.

Kern County Environmental Health was notified due to the load of produce and fuel spill. The grass fire was handled by the crews from Engine 56 together with Patrols 51, 54, 57, 58, and 66. Water Tender 67 and Engine 58 were used as water supply and the brush fire was contained at approximately 5 acres. A little Haz Mat leak on a Bleach drum was contained by Truck 55 using Duct Seal. The crews from Engine and Truck 55 remained on scene until the #1 and #2 lanes were cleared of wreckage. After that the accident scene was left in care of CHP, Caltrans, and Environmental Health.

All northbound lanes of the I-5 were closed for 4 hours. Around 3:00 a.m. the #1 and #2 lanes were reopened to traffic.

Working Together WORKED!



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- *Stabilizing enrollment
- *Constructive leadership
- *Positive school climate

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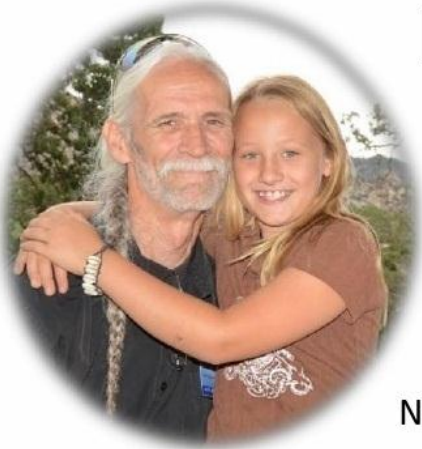
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Business Directory

Animal Shelter & Adoption

- Shelter on the Hill (SOTH), Animal Care Center, 879 Lebec Road, Lebec, CA 93243; Tel (661) 248-5018; Visiting Hours Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m – 5 p.m. www.shelteronthehill.org

Automobile Repair & Service

- DunnRight, 3811 Mount Pinos Way, Frazier Park, Tel 661-245-3866
- Martin's Garage Auto Repair, 1441 Frazier Mountain Road, Lebec, Tel 661-248-6000

Computer Repairs

- Computer & Games, 633 San Gabriel Trail, Frazier Park, Tel 661-242-1214, www.parsonsweb.net

Construction

- R.M. Stowell Construction, Bob Stowell, Frazier Park, CA 93225, Tel 661-245-4714, www.stowellconstruction.com

Insurance

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

Pet Adoption

- Shelter on the Hill (SOTH), 879 Lebec Road, Lebec, CA 93243 – open to the public Tuesdays & Thursdays (10am – 5pm) and by appointment, Tel. 661-248-5018, www.shelteronthehill.org

Pet Services

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

Photographer

- GBU Photography, Frazier Park, Tel 661-4487-1655, see https://www.facebook.com/pages/GBU-Photography/109453262410990?sk=photos_albums

Realtors

- The Gorman Real Estate Co., Ron & Karen Blevins, Gorman, Tel 661-248-6196 - www.gormanrealestate.com/

Spa's

- Sage Mtn. Health Spa, 16218 Mil Potrero Hwy Suite 204, Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222, Tel. 661-242-2413, www.sagemtnhealthspa.massagetherapy.com

T-Shirts

- Your T-Shirt Man, Jerold Parker, 3441 Mt Pinos Way, Frazier Park, Tel 661-245-2350, www.yourtshirtman.com

Toys & Games

- Computer & Games, Scott Parson, 633 San Gabriel Trail, Frazier Park, Tel 661-242-1214, www.computerandgame.com

Job Openings



- PMCPOA, Inc. is currently accepting applications for

- Buserperson/Dishwasher and
- Server
- Stable Hand

position. A pre-employment drug screening, DMV and background check are required for all positions. For more information visit the PMCPOA website at www.pinemountainclub.net or call the Business Office at 661-242-3788.

The El Tejon Unified School District is accepting applications for a Health Aide at Frazier Mtn. High School.

Please call the District Office at 661-248-6247 for information and an application or visit www.el-tejon.k12.ca.us



Gorman Joint School District

**Apply at Gorman Joint School District Office
49847 Gorman School Road
Gorman, CA 93243
661-248-6441**

Office Assistant/Food Services Manager

Temporary Employment Opportunity

Under direct supervision of the Superintendent/Principal and staff, this person will assist administrative staff of the school with clerical duties.

Responsibilities will include conducting correspondence, preparing reports, pick up and distribute mail, serves as receptionist by answering the telephone in a pleasant, friendly manner, signs in and out students, receives and logs phone call and visitor's information.

This person, under direction, will maintain the school district's food service program.

The person will supervise accounting and financial record keeping activities relating to the cafeteria account.

This person will prepare financial statements and required State and Federal reports.

This person will prepare and distribute meals with proper attention to record keeping and maintain the school kitchen in a safe, sanitary, and clean condition.

Maintenance/Custodian/Grounds

Employment Opportunity

Maintenance/Custodian/Grounds performs work in structural, mechanical and plumbing repairs, grounds, landscaping, gardening, maintenance and operation of the school plant, cleaning of school buildings, and related construction work as required.

Person must be able to lift, unload, load, and carry as necessary for hauling, moving and delivery work.

Person must exercise judicious care in intercepting unidentified or questionable individuals on the school grounds during school and after hours, in giving information, and in reporting their presence to administration and office staff.

Please Help

Others during Hard & Cold Times!



Winter Coat Drive

From Oct 1 to Nov 11, 2014

(gently-used & clean coats, hats, blankets, gloves, sweaters needed)

Drop-Off Locations

Frazier Park

Mitch Wood

State Farm Insurance Office

3015 Mt. Pinos Way, Suite 202

Tel. 661-245-3728

Pine Mountain Club

Pam McCain

Pine Mountain Realty

16206 Pine Valley Lane

Tel. 661-242-4663

Law Enforcement Corner



Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) – Frazier Park Substation

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 October 18 - 24, 2014: *

- 1) On October 18, 2014, at about 8:15 AM, a deputy was dispatched to a house on the 900 block of Lancer Way in Lebec to investigate a suspicious circumstance. Janae Gonce was arrested on two warrants, one issued for occupying a condemned structure and the other for resisting arrest and public intoxication.
- 2) On October 18, 2014, at about 2:30 PM, a deputy was dispatched to call a Frazier Park resident to investigate a stolen cell phone. Unknown person(s) stole the white I-Phone 5C from a back pack during a gym class at the high school.
- 3) On October 19, 2014, at about 5:30 PM, deputies conducted a Sheriff's Parole search at a house on the 1800 block of Pine Ridge Road in the Cuddy Valley. Desiree Ruggieri was arrested for suspicion of possessing methamphetamine and being under the influence of a controlled substance.
- 4) On October 20, 2014, at about 4:40 PM, deputies conducted a Sheriff's Parole search at a house on the 1000 block of Rudnick Court in Lebec. SA was cited for suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance.
- 5) On October 23, 2014, at about 6:35 PM, a deputy was dispatched to a house on the 600 block of Grove Trail in Frazier Park to investigate a burglary. Unknown person(s) stole a black safe containing a black High Point 9mm handgun and five boxes of ammunition, a black I-Pad, a pink Samsung tablet, a black Ellipsis tablet, and four bottles of prescription medication.
- 6) On October 24, 2014, at about 12:20 PM, a deputy was dispatched to a business on the 16200 block of Askin Drive in PMC to investigate a theft. Unknown person(s) stole a three foot tall black wooden bear from the front of the business.

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.



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Medication & Drug Collection Box in Frazier Park

Sergeant Mark Brown with the Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) introduces the Medication & Drug Collection Box recently installed in the lobby of the Frazier Park Sheriff's Station.

He explained that access is open to the public ("we do not ask any questions who you are or where the drugs and pills are coming from - we just want those out of reach from children and teens") and described some procedures ("no liquids please, and please have pills out of the package"); for question or further information contact the Frazier Park Sheriff's Substation at 661-245-3440. See the video at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=eabhOpU0hQ4

Be Safe on Halloween

Info compiled with the help of Kern County Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, and Animal Services

Halloween is a fun tradition, but often times the excitement of the evening can cause children and adults to forget about being safe. There is no real trick to making Halloween a treat for the whole family, but following safety tips and using common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween season. The major dangers are not from witches or goblins, but rather from falls and vehicle/pedestrian collisions. Another major concern is what your children are given and how to identify candy that has possibly been tampered with. Follow these simple tips to make Halloween safe and fun:

Parents:

- Know the route your children will be taking if you aren't going with them.
- Make sure you set a time for them to be home. Have your children eat a good dinner before going out.
- Make sure your children are properly supervised while out.
- Make sure they trick or treat in a group if you are not with them.
- Children 12 years and younger should be accompanied by an adult.
- Tell your children to never go into a stranger's house.
- Tell your children to stay out of the street while walking.
- Choose a costume that is brightly colored and easy to see in the dark.
- Carefully inspect all food and candy before letting your child eat it (when in doubt, throw it out).

Trick or Treater's:

- Carry a flashlight.
- Stay on sidewalks.
- Cross the street at intersections, never run out from behind a parked car.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Make sure your costume fits you well.
- Only approach houses that are well lit.
- Walk from house to house, don't run.

- Never take shortcuts, such as alleyways or empty fields.
- Don't eat anything until your parents have had a chance to inspect it.

Costumes

- Purchase costumes made of flame resistant or flame retardant material. Fire resistant does not mean fireproof!
- Apply reflective tape to Halloween costumes
- Masks can obstruct vision – consider using make-ups instead
- Avoid loose, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts
- Keep hemlines short enough to prevent tripping

Children should also know the basics, such as their phone number and address in case of an emergency, and how to react if a stranger tries to approach them. If your child is late returning home or you cannot locate your child, immediately call 9-1-1 and report it to local law enforcement.

If you are planning on attending a Halloween party, consider the following:

Decorations

- Keep decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters
- Light jack-'o-lanterns with battery powered light – never use candles!
- Keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes
- Remove objects from the yard that could present a tripping hazard (garden tools, hoses, etc.)

In 2012, 23% of pedestrian fatalities on Halloween involved a drunk driver.

In 2012, 48% of all traffic fatalities on Halloween resulted from a drunk driving related accident.

Children are 2 times as likely to be hit and killed by a vehicle while walking on Halloween.

Drinking violations for criminal offenders increase by about 25% when Halloween is on a Friday. If you would like further information about Halloween safety or other crime prevention topics, please contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit at 661-391-7559 or by email at

crimeprevention@kernsheriff.com

Pet Safety

- Keep pets at home when trick-or-treating.
- Keep pets safely inside, away from trick-or-treaters and other Halloween activities as all of the activity can frighten pets and they can run off into the night.
- Keep pets safe in an enclosed area with a toy and some soothing music.
- Always make sure your pet has proper identification. If they become lost, a collar and tags and/or microchip increase the chances that they will be found and returned to you.
- Do not let your pet eat candy. Candy can be harmful to pets, and chocolate can be fatal to cats and dogs.
- Keep foil and candy wrappers away from pets as these can cause vomiting and could even produce intestinal blockage.
- Don't put your dog or cat in a costume UNLESS you know he or she loves it. For pets that are dressed up, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict the animal's movement, vision or hearing, or impede the ability to breathe or bark. Look out for small, dangling, or easily chewed-off pieces on the costume that a pet can choke on.
- Never offer or allow your pets to consume alcoholic beverages. Keep drinks out of a pet's reach. If ingested, the animal could become very ill and weak and may go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.
- Keep pets away from decorations such as pumpkins and decorative corn. Although considered relatively non-toxic, these items can cause gastrointestinal upset and may even result in intestinal blockage as well if large pieces are ingested.
- Jack-o-lanterns and candles can quickly singe, burn or set fire to a pet's fur. Pets can easily knock a lit pumpkin over and cause a fire.
- Keep wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations out of reach of pets. If chewed, pets can experience damage to their mouth from shards of glass or plastic, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.

Animals Matter

If you are interested to adopt a beautiful dog or cat please visit the Shelter on the Hill (SOTH) in Lebec, contact:

Animal Care Center
Shelter on the Hill - A Humane Society
879 Lebec Rd

Open Tuesday and Thursday from 10am – 5pm
(661) 248-5018

-Our mission is to find safe, happy, forever homes for the pets-

Meet Thor

Shelter on the Hill has a beautiful 2-year-old Husky named Thor, with a brown and a blue eye, available for adoption at SOTH Animal Care Center in Lebec, please call 661-248-5018. See the GBU News video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECsVtuaQvZE&feature=youtu.be

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Meet Enzo

Shelter on the Hill (SOTH) introduces Enzo, available for adoption at SOTH Animal Care Center in Lebec, please call 661-248-5018. See the GBU News video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L20hiUflsN8&list=UUil4As6nE2XF2uWei3WI5w>

Distances from Frazier Park

Pine Mountain Club	14 miles
Outlets at Tejon	18 miles
Castaic	32 miles
Santa Clarita, Shopping Center	41 miles
Bakersfield, Panama Lane	41 miles
Bakersfield, Truxtun Avenue	46 miles
Taft	54 miles
Lancaster	54 miles
Ojai	70 miles
Tehachapi	70 miles
Los Angeles, Downtown	75 miles
LAX	78 miles
Santa Maria	120 miles
Las Vegas, NV	298 miles
Sacramento, CA	320 miles
Washington, D.C.	2,700 miles
Kiev, Ukraine	6,300 miles
Kabul, Afghanistan	7,700 miles
Earth to Moon	239,000 miles
Earth to Sun	93 million miles

Frazier Park Library (ספרייה)

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Hours & Calendar

Sunday: closed
Monday: closed
Tuesday: 11am – 7pm
Wednesday: 11am – 7pm
Thursday: 11am – 7pm
Friday: 9am – 5pm
Saturday: 9am – 5pm

Tuesdays: 11:30 a.m. Family Storytime
5:00 p.m. Lego Club

Wednesdays: 3:30 p.m. Chess Everyone is welcome.

Thursdays: 11:30 a.m. Personal Computer Coach
5:00 p.m. Lego Club

Fridays: 3:30 p.m. Chess by the Fireplace

Saturdays: 9-9:30 a.m. Free Beginning Piano
3:30 -5:00 p.m. Reading of the Classics by local actors and community; all are welcome

Nancy Kerr, the New Director for the Kern County Libraries

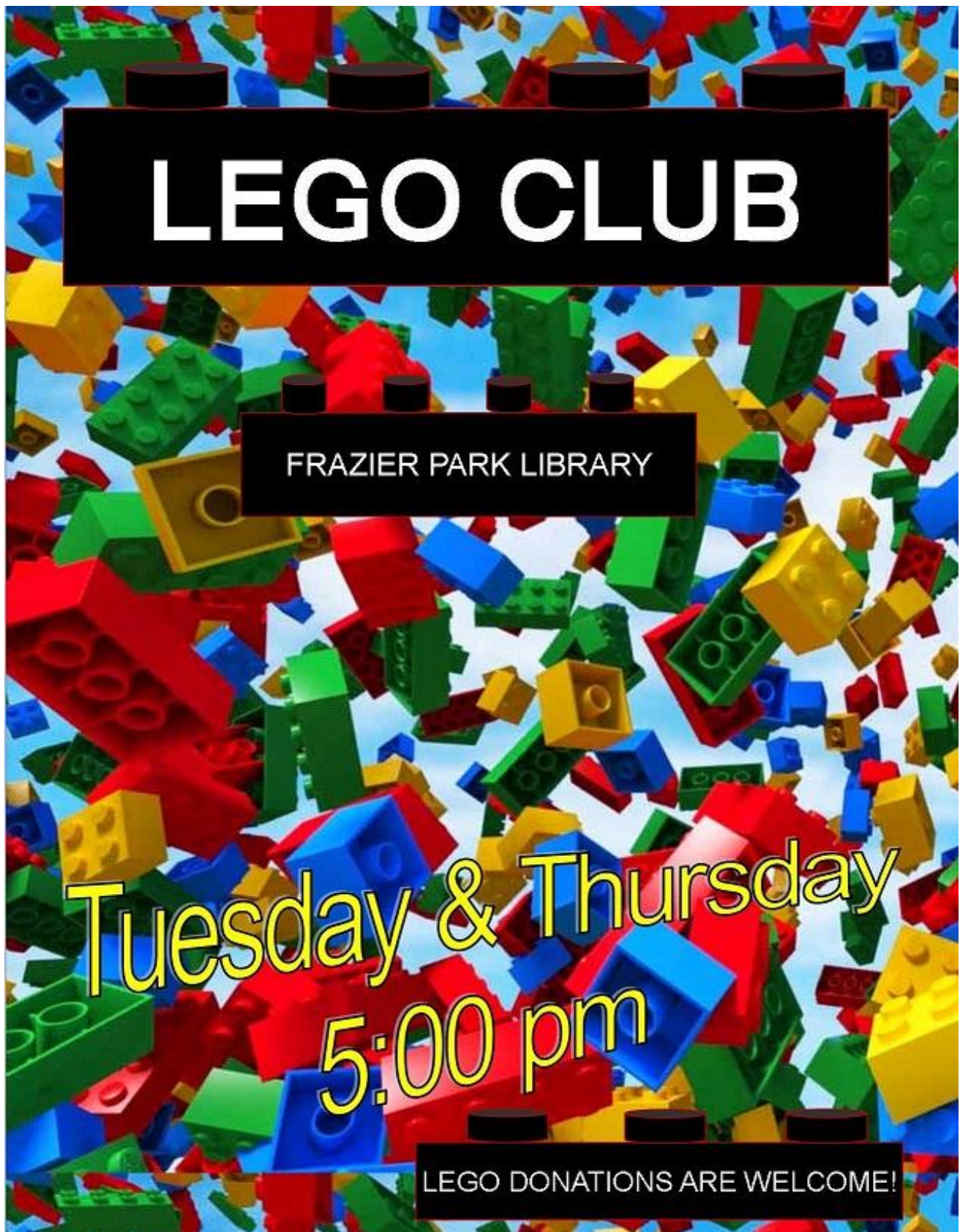
On Tuesday, October 28, 2014 the Board of Supervisors appointed Nancy Kerr, as Kern County Director of Libraries effective December 1.

She serves currently manager of the Valencia Branch in the Santa Clarita public library system. Kerr helped the City of Santa Clarita to re-open former County of Los Angeles library branches in Santa Clarita, including training and organizing the mostly new branch staff members, putting new operating procedures in place, and working closely with library volunteer groups.

Before coming to Santa Clarita in 2011, Kerr was Library Director for the Banning and Cabazon libraries in San Bernardino County. She began her library career in 2004

in Illinois, serving in administrative positions of increasing responsibility in the communities of Elmhurst, Forest Park, River Forest, and La Grange, specializing in children's library services and programs. Kerr earned a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois in 2004.

"The Library has been a beacon for communities throughout Kern County, and it will continue to expand its role as a critical information resource under Nancy Kerr's leadership," Board of Supervisors Chairman Leticia Perez said. "Ms. Kerr has broad library and administrative experience, and she has great ideas for carrying out the Library's mission of culture and lifelong learning, and for putting an increasing array of useful information into people's hands to support those goals."



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Incidents & Accidents

Throughout Kern County

Kern Valley Area - Explosive Device

On Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at about 11:30 a.m. Kern County Sheriff's deputies from the Kern Valley Substation responded to a report of a possible explosive device in the area just south of the intersection of Kelso Valley Road and Kelso Creek Road.

When deputies arrived they located the device and secured the area. The Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad responded to the scene and Bomb Squad technicians determined the device was explosive and possibly unstable. Bomb Squad technicians were able to render the device safe at the scene.

Deputies from the Kern Valley Substation are investigating the incident to attempt to determine where the device came from and who placed it at the location it was found. There is no indication the device was placed in the area as part of a terrorist act.

The investigation is ongoing. If anyone has information on this case they are asked to call the Sheriff's Office at [661-861-3110](tel:661-861-3110) or Secret Witness at [661-322-4040](tel:661-322-4040). Anonymous text tips can be sent to TIP411 (847411). Just type the keyword "KCSO" prior to the message.

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Delano – Triple Murder Shooting

On Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 7:20 p.m. 19-year-old Alberto Juan Gonzalez, 19-year-old Shawn Michael Pantoja, and 19-year-old Ricardo Valenzuela Arredondo, all of Delano, were shot multiple times inside a vehicle at the intersection of Freement Street and 7th. Avenue in Delano. All three were declared dead at the scene.

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Bakersfield – Fatal Traffic Accident

On Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 7:50 p.m. 61-year-old Patrick Allan Gilmore collided on his motorcycle with another vehicle at the intersection of South Union Avenue and Garden Drive in Bakersfield. The resident of Bakersfield was transported to Kern Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 8:30 p.m.

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Randsburg area – Fatal Plane Crash

On Friday, October 24, 2014 around 10:13 a.m. a single engine plane crashed in the remote mountaineous area near Redrock Randsburg Road and Garlock Road, in rural Randsburg. Emergency Services responded and located two deceased at the scene. 68-year-old Michael Hill from San Diego and 27-year-old Ilam Zigante of

Lancaster were identified as the occupants of the plane. National Transportation Safety Board and the FAA are conducting the investigation.

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Bakersfield – In Custody Suicide

On Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 9:01 p.m. 34-year-old Sarah Lynn Martin of Bakersfield was found unresponsive in her cell at the Kern County Sheriff's Office Lerdo Pre-trial Facility. The coroner determined , her cause of death be Hanging and the manner being a Suicide.

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Oildale – Sexual Assault

A 50 year- old Oildale woman was sexually assaulted after an unknown assailant forced entry to her residence in the 200 block of Decatur Ave. Metro patrol deputies responded to the incident at about 1:25 P.M. on Wednesday, October 22 after the victim called 911 and reported the assault. The victim was transported by ambulance to a local hospital and treated for non life threatening injuries. The victim said the suspect, who is described as a white male in his 20s, clean shaven, about 6 feet tall and 180 lbs, with brown hair and wearing a light colored shirt, blue jeans, and white sneakers, forced entry through a window of her residence, brandished a knife, and sexually assaulted her when she confronted him. The suspect produced a bottle containing an unknown type liquid and sprayed it on the victim after the assault. Detectives from the Sheriff's Sexual Assault and Abuse Investigations Unit responded and conducted an investigation that is ongoing.

Anonymous "text" tips can be sent to TIP411 (847411). Just type the key word "KCSO" prior to the message. Anyone having information on this incident is asked to contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office at (661) 861-3110 or contact Secret Witness at (661) 322-4040.

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Kern County - 12th annual National Family Violence Apprehension Detail Day

On Wednesday, October 22, 2014, the Kern County Sheriff's Office participated in the 12th annual National Family Violence Apprehension Detail Day. This annual nationwide event encourages law enforcement agencies from throughout the United States to spend one day every October enforcing outstanding domestic violence related warrants. The event is sponsored by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in Oregon. During today's operation, 36 deputies served domestic violence warrants in six Kern County communities,

including the metro Bakersfield area, Kern Valley, Ridgecrest, Taft, Lamont, and Wasco.

As a result of the operation, the following suspects were arrested for their listed charges:

- Jake Conredsen, 20 years, misdemeanor domestic violence warrant
- Rebecca Starr, 45 years, misdemeanor post release supervision warrant
- Ruth Kendrick, 59 years, 4 misdemeanor warrants
- Marissa Tibbles, 26 years, 1 misdemeanor and 1 felony domestic violence warrant
- Malynda McNease, 45 years, misdemeanor warrant for possession of paraphernalia
- Marsha Highfill, 22 years, misdemeanor health and safety code warrant
- David Navarro, 28 years, felony domestic violence warrant
- Suzanne Jacobs, 58 years, misdemeanor domestic violence warrant
- Kristopher Lawson, 29 years, possession of paraphernalia
- Gaspar Valencia, 23 years, misdemeanor domestic violence warrant
- Alfonso Alvarez, 21 years, felony domestic violence warrant
- Joe Martin, 36 years, misdemeanor domestic violence warrant
- Felipa Garcia Velasco, 24 years, child endangerment
- Mario Garcia, 21 years, misdemeanor domestic violence warrant
- Janna Bratton, 33 years, felony domestic violence warrant

In addition, one firearm was seized and four children were taken into protective custody. By participating in this annual event, the Sheriff's Office hopes to send a message to our community that domestic violence cases are taken very seriously, and we will work diligently to ensure suspects in these cases are held accountable for their charges.

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Bakersfield – In custody Death

On October 19, 2014, 50-year-old Reginald Glenn Hill of Bakersfield was transported from the Kern County Sheriff's Office Lerdo Pretrial Facility to San Joaquin Community Hospital where he expired at 6:44 p.m.

Teens

Youth Essay Contest Promotes Heritage and Hunting Ethics

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and California Wildlife Officer Foundation are again co-sponsoring the annual "Passing on the Tradition" essay contest for young hunters.

"Passing on the tradition of sportsmanship and ethical behavior is a vital part of our hunter education program," said CDFW Hunter Education Program Administrator Capt. Roy Griffith. "The California Wildlife Officer Foundation wanted to recognize one of the 21,000 students who pass through our program each year with a lifetime California hunting license, valued at more than \$600."

Junior hunting license holders or youths under 16 who earned a hunter education certificate in 2014 are eligible. Contestants need to submit an essay, 500 words or less, on what "Passing on the Tradition" of hunting means to them. Applicants are encouraged to write about conservation, sportsmanship, ethics and the challenge of being a hunter in modern times.

Entries must include the applicant's name, date of birth, a contact telephone number and should be submitted via email to Lt. John Nores at john.nores@wildlife.ca.gov. All entries must be received on or before Friday, Dec. 19, 2014.

Essays will be reviewed and scored by CDFW Wildlife Officers and other CDFW representatives. The winner will be notified by phone.

For additional information, please contact Lt. John Nores at (408) 591-5174.

AWARD CEREMONY: The grand prize will be awarded during a special ceremony at the International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE) show in Sacramento on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. The contest winner must be present with a parent or guardian.

To find information on becoming a Hunter Education Instructor to help "Pass on the Tradition," please visit www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered.

Weather



Frazier Park Weather Forecast:

Thursday, Oct 30:	high 81°F	low 48°F
Friday, Oct 31:	high 68°F	low 43°F
	40% chance of rain	
Saturday, Nov 1:	high 57°F	low 36°F
	40% chance of rain	
Sunday, Nov 2:	high 50°F	low 32°F
Monday, Nov 3:	high 70°F	low 32°F
Tuesday, Nov 4:	high 68°F	low 43°F
Wednesday, Nov 5:	high 75°F	low 48°F

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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. Board members 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

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Information Service for Veterans at the Beale Library Veterans Resource Center

The Beale Memorial Library Veterans Resource Center now offers information service to veterans 4-6 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Trained volunteers are on hand to help veterans and their families find information on veteran benefits, programs and services, or assist veterans in filling out online forms.

For more information or to make an appointment with a Veterans Benefit Coach, call the Beale Memorial Library at 661-868-0701.

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Democrats test Californians' tolerance for new taxes and fees

By Assemblywoman Shannon Grove



With its moderate climate, rich natural resources, and expansive coastline, the Golden State has its clear advantages. Yet elected state government leaders seem eager to see just how much Californians are willing to pay for these amenities.

Whether it be higher taxes and fees, or increased nanny-state policies, many Californians are too willing to write these off as simply the price you pay to live in such a beautiful locale, giving little to no thought to why everything from housing and transportation, to food and services cost more than in most other states.

Thanks to policies pushed by the overwhelming Democrat majorities in both houses of the legislature, Californians will soon experience even more burdensome costs and rules in their everyday lives.

For example, Californians should prepare for an immediate 15 cent per gallon increase in the price of gasoline, with that number likely to rise much higher. Beginning January 1, gasoline and diesel fuel are scheduled to be regulated under our (and still the nation's only) 'cap-and-trade' system. This scheme is part of the so-called 'Global Warming Solutions Act,' a law passed eight years ago to reduce greenhouse gas emissions under the pretense of an urgent crisis to save the planet from unsustainably warming temperatures. Californians already pay nearly 50 cents more per gallon of gas than the average American, and this will increase that disparity. And because this tax also applies to diesel fuel, we can expect to see an increased cost to all goods and services delivered by trucks throughout the state.

Additionally, years of mismanagement and misplaced priorities has resulted in a crisis over our state's water supply. Little recent rain and snowfall combined with our backward policy of placing the concerns of small fish above people has forced California farmers to lose hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile crops due to lack of adequate water allocation; meanwhile the

government flushes fresh water out to the ocean. As a result, Californians can expect to see prices at the grocery store continue to rise, especially for the fruits, nuts, and vegetables normally grown so abundantly in the Central Valley.

Furthermore, thanks to a recent bill signed by the Governor, Californians can say "goodbye" to plastic bags at grocery stores used to carry that more expensive food. Though most Californians reuse these bags for a variety of useful purposes, and studies show plastic bags account for a mere 0.5% of littered waste, this did not stop the majority party from imposing their agenda on everyone else by voting to ban these bags statewide. Even worse, the same bill also requires grocery stores to charge no less than 10 cents for each paper bag used in order to change consumer behavior in favor of reusable bags. Never mind that paper bags come from a renewable resource and are recyclable, those in charge seek to dictate your conduct how they see fit.

Decades of bad public policy, making California extremely expensive and unfriendly toward job growth, has driven employers, employees, and their families to more accommodating states like Texas, Nevada, and Arizona. If we wish to restore the shine to our Golden State, we must reverse hundreds of senseless policy decisions and place more trust and respect in the hardworking people of our state. I will continue to call on political leadership in Sacramento to reduce the tax and regulatory burdens on job creators, and to recognize the fallibility of an extremist environmental policy that is suffocating innovation and job growth.

I hope the overtaxed and underappreciated people of California will do their part and make their voices heard on Election Day.

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Shannon Grove represents the citizens of California's 34th Assembly District, covering a majority of Kern County.

Health & Fitness

California State Health Officer Issues Risk-Based Quarantine Order to Provide Consistent Guidelines for Counties

Health care providers and travelers returning from Ebola affected regions will be individually assessed for exposure risk

By California Department of Public Health

While there continue to be no reported or confirmed cases of Ebola in California, State Health Officer and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Director Dr. Ron Chapman took action on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 to help prevent any potential spread of the disease in the state by issuing a quarantine order and associated guidelines that require counties to individually assess persons at risk for Ebola and tailor an appropriate level of quarantine as needed. This flexible, case-by-case approach will ensure that local health officers throughout the state prevent spread of the disease, while ensuring that individuals at risk for Ebola are treated fairly and consistently.

Quarantine Order

“Today we’re establishing a statewide, standard protocol requiring some level of quarantine for those at highest risk of contracting and spreading Ebola,” said Dr. Chapman. “This order will protect the health and safety of Californians and support the state’s local health officers’ existing authority to develop protections against disease spread.”

[The order](#), which applies to anyone traveling to California who has 1) traveled to California from an Ebola affected area; and 2) has had contact with someone who has a confirmed case of Ebola, requires those travelers to be quarantined for 21 days. A person traveling to this region that has not come into contact with a person with Ebola will not be subject to quarantine. An Ebola affected area is one determined as an active area by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which currently includes Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

California Department of Public Health and Local Health Officers Partner

Local County health officers will issue quarantine orders for individuals and establish limitations of quarantine on a case-by-case basis. These limitations will be based on new guidance also released today by CDPH. This “[Guidance for the Evaluation and Management of Contacts to Ebola Virus Disease](#)” outlines quarantine limitations that local health officers should take based on

the level of Ebola risk to which individuals were exposed. Although quarantine can involve isolation at home, it may be tailored to allow for greater movement of individuals who are deemed to be at lower risk.

“Not everyone who has been to an Ebola affected area should be considered high risk,” Dr. Chapman said. “This order will allow local health officers to determine, for those coming into California, who is most at risk for developing this disease, and to contain any potential spread of infectious disease by responding to those risks appropriately.”

In California, local health officers currently have the authority to order quarantine of people who may have an infectious disease that threatens public health. This order will ensure consistent application across the state of quarantine for high risk individuals in order to control risks from Ebola.

California is home to many health care workers who have selflessly volunteered to help combat the current Ebola epidemic in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. These individuals are engaged in stemming this epidemic at its source through a range of activities, from direct care of confirmed Ebola patients to health education of the general population. California is also receiving residents returning from travel to these three countries as well as visitors from this region.

“Health care workers who go to Ebola affected countries to treat patients are great humanitarians. They will be treated with respect and dignity when they come home as these important public health actions are taken,” said Dr. Chapman. “We value those who volunteer to help those in need, and appreciate their willingness to serve.”

Today’s Order is available on the CDPH website, cdph.ca.gov, as is the Guidance to local health officers for implementing the order.

California Public Health Actions to Date

Since the Ebola outbreak began in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, CDPH has worked with state, federal and local health officials to prepare for potential cases of Ebola in California. In August, CDPH launched an [informational website](#) compiling information about the outbreak and preparing California health care providers with guidance and protocols from the CDC. CDPH has developed an [interim case report](#) form for reporting suspected cases of Ebola to CDPH and has distributed CDC guidance on [specimen collection, transport, testing and submission](#) for patients suspected of having Ebola. Last week, CDPH posted interim guidelines for [Ebola medical waste management](#) and recommended that all health care facility environmental

services personnel and infection control staff work together to develop facility-specific protocols for safe handling of Ebola related medical waste. CDPH has provided these and other documents to health care providers and partners via the California Health Alert Network (CAHAN).

In September, CDPH [convened more than 1,100 health care and public health workers](#) to urge them to assess their Ebola readiness and conduct drills in their facilities. Last week, CDPH officials held a [teleconference](#) with health care providers to discuss the latest news and guidance about handling suspected Ebola cases. CDPH is providing weekly updates to local health officials, first responders and health care providers as the Ebola outbreak continues in West Africa. CDPH launched a [telephone hotline call center](#) to respond to public inquiries related to Ebola. In October, Governor Brown joined officials from the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS), CDPH, Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and Cal/OSHA to [meet with California hospital leaders, nurses, emergency responders, local health directors and medical providers](#). Last week the University of California Medical Centers were [identified as priority hospitals](#) for the treatment of confirmed Ebola cases. CDPH is also available to provide consultation about suspect Ebola cases to local health departments and health care providers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. CDPH joins with a team of state departments and agencies including CHHS, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) and DIR, to address all aspects of preparedness for a potential Ebola case in California.

For more information about how the state is preparing for potential cases of Ebola, please read [CDPH's Ebola Virus Disease FAQs](#) and visit the [CDPH Ebola Virus Information Page](#) and the [Cal/OSHA Ebola Virus Information site](#).

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University of California Medical Centers Identified as Priority Hospitals to Treat Confirmed Ebola Cases

Though there are no confirmed or suspect cases of Ebola Virus Disease (Ebola) in California, on October 24, 2014 the University of California Office of the President informed the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) that all five UC Medical Centers are positioned to provide in-patient care for Californians who have

confirmed cases of Ebola if necessary. CDPH continues working with health officials to prepare for potential cases of Ebola in California and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) is providing updated, specific guidelines on the protective equipment, training and other measures that must be in place to protect workers' health and safety.

"All of the UC Medical Centers specialize in complex care and operate as or staff level one trauma centers. We appreciate their leadership role in willingness to treat Ebola patients," said Dr. Ron Chapman director of CDPH and state health officer. "The administration will support these hospitals in meeting this public health need in California. At the same time all hospitals and medical providers need to redouble preparedness efforts to ensure that they can effectively assess Ebola risk in their patients, while ensuring workplace safety."

"As part of a public university, UC's medical centers are far along in their preparation activities and are willing to care for confirmed Ebola patients," said Dr. John Stobo, UC senior vice president for health sciences and services. "Stepping up to a public health crisis is what these medical centers do, and in the past weeks we have been actively readying ourselves for any health eventuality related to Ebola. We are committed to addressing the health needs of this population and the public at large, as well as ensuring the safety of our health care workers. It is our intent that only health care workers who are members of a core designated group or who volunteer to do so will provide care to confirmed Ebola patients."

The UC Medical Centers identified today include the Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco facilities. These hospitals will closely coordinate with CDPH and local health officers as they consider taking on such patients. Today's announcement means that the UC Medical Centers are positioned to accept patients in California with confirmed cases of Ebola. They are not identified as treatment centers for patients being transported into the United States by the U.S. State Department. Four hospitals in other parts of the country are already established as treatment centers for these repatriated U.S. citizens.

CDPH has been reviewing Ebola preparedness, screening and treatment guidance from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and will ensure that the UC Medical Centers have the most up-to-date information on how to treat and care for Ebola patients, should confirmed Ebola cases appear in California.

The UC Medical Centers, like all health care facilities in California, are required to comply with standards set by

Cal/OSHA to ensure that appropriate protective equipment, training and other measures are in place to protect worker health and safety while caring for Ebola patients. Cal/OSHA is developing updated guidance and compliance requirements specifically identifying what measures are adequate—and inadequate—to comply with California's workplace health and safety legal requirement, based on CDC's recent strengthening of clinical guidance for Ebola treatment. Cal/OSHA will also provide on-site consultation for these medical centers to help them meet the established occupational health and safety standards.

CDPH has also committed to helping the five identified medical centers obtain the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), should the hospitals have sourcing challenges. CDC recently updated the PPE guidance, aligning them with California's stronger standards. State officials will also work with these medical centers to ensure that medical waste generated from the treatment of an Ebola patient will be properly handled and disposed.

All hospitals throughout the state are expected to screen, identify and isolate any patients with Ebola risk. Screening questions include: "Has the patient recently been in one of the three countries with Ebola outbreaks: Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea?"; and "Has the patient been in direct contact with someone known to have Ebola or someone exposed to Ebola?" If further testing of the patient is recommended, the hospital will contact the local health department, which will provide a more detailed epidemiological assessment. If necessary, the local health officer will then coordinate with CDPH and CDC to pursue testing at CDC-approved laboratories. During that time, the patient should remain in isolation until the test results are available. If test results are positive, CDPH will work with the hospital, local health officers and the CDC to transfer the patient as needed.

CDPH remains in contact with hospitals and health care professionals throughout the state to monitor and strengthen medical preparedness and Cal/OSHA will be working with hospitals to provide compliance assistance on required workplace safety standards. Other hospitals will likely be identified as additional priority hospitals for Ebola treatment.

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