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2014 Midterm Elections

“If voting made any difference they wouldn't let us do it.”

Mark Twain

by *Gunnar J Kuepper*

Some of the results from the 2014 Midterm Elections on November 4, 2014 are as follows:

- Frazier Park Public Utility District (FPPUD):
  Frank Durso – 69%
- El Tejon Unified School District (ETUSD):
  Barbara Newbold – 37%
  Misty Johnston – 31%

Misty Johnston Barbara Newbold

- Kern County Assessor – Recorder:
  John Lifquist – 63%
- California Assembly 32nd District:
  Rudi Salas, DEM – 67%
- California Assembly 34th District:
  Shannon Grove, REP – 74%

- CA State Senator 14th District:
  Luis Chavez – 58%
- CA State Senator 16th District:
  Jean Fuller, REP – 75%
- Governor of California:
  Edmund G "Jerry" Brown, DEM – 59%

"Jerry" Brown, already California's longest-serving governor. won a record fourth term. He was in office from 1975 to 1983 and was again elected in 2010. He has also served as state general, secretary of state, and mayor of Oakland.

- Lieutenant Governor of California:
  Gavin Newsom, DEM – 54%
- CA Secretary of State:
  Alex Padilla, DEM – 52%
- CA Controller:
  Betty T. Yee, DEM – 53%
- CA Treasurer**:**
  John Chiang, DEM – 57%
- CA Attorney General:
  Kamala D. Harris, DEM – 55%
- Insurance Commissioner:
  Dave Jones, DEM – 56%

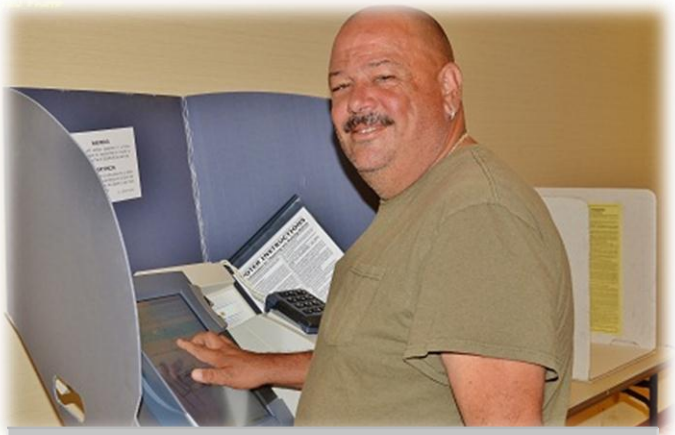
53 Districts / Members for the U.S. House of Representatives come from California

- U.S. House of Representatives 21st District:
  David Valadao, REP – 59%
- U.S. House of Representatives 23rd District:
  Kevin McCarthy, REP – 76%

Congressman McCarthy released the following statement late in the night of November 4:

""I want to thank the voters of our district for allowing me to continue to serve and represent our community in Congress. Our community embodies the values that make our nation great - hard work, personal initiative, and creative ingenuity. I will continue to bring these qualities to the job everyday as we work to achieve solutions that bring water to our communities, greater job growth, and a reduced burden from the growing hand of the federal government."

Congratulations to all those Elected !!



Brahma Neyman, casting his vote at the polling station in Frazier Park. Brahma was running for four-year-term on the Frazier Park Public Utility District's Board but did not win the seat .

California Propositions:

Prop 1 – passes: 67% of the voters approved spending of $7.5 billion to improve the California's water storage and delivery system which includes building two new reservoirs north of Sacramento and northeast of Fresno, as well as investing in conservation measures, water recycling, and cleanup of contaminated groundwater.
Prop 2 – passes: a large majority of the voters (70+%) approved the state's overhaul of its rainy day fund to pay down more debt and provide a bigger buffer against future state budget shortfalls. It requires the state to save 1.5 percent of its annual revenue, and create a reserve fund that could grow to as much as 10 percent of the state's general fund.
Prop 45 -- Healthcare Insurance Rate Changes: rejected by 60% of the voters
Prop 46 -- Doctor Drug Testing, Medical Negligence: rejected by 67% of the voters
Prop 47 – passes: about 59% of the voters approved the measure that will reduce certain penalties for drug possession and petty theft; penalties for common drug and theft crimes that involve less than $950 in shoplifting, check and credit fraud, forgery, theft and possession of stolen goods cases, will be reduced from potential felonies to misdemeanors. As with other misdemeanors, the new sentence will be maximum one year in jail, down from a maximum of three years. However, those with histories of violence or sex offenses will not become eligible for the lighter sentences.
Prop 48, Indian Gaming Compacts Referendum – rejected by 60% of the voters
Turnout on Tuesday's election day is projected to be just around 46 percent, which would make it the lowest on record for a California general election.

"I voted today. Even after all the years I have voted, I still get a thrill to go in and cast my vote! I am an American and am privileged that I can still add my one little vote into the mix..."

From A.H. a very nice Frazier Park Resident

U.S. Midterm Elections 2014

The U.S. Senate goes to the Republicans with at least 52 out of 100 seats. Republicans take Senate seats in Iowa, North Carolina, Colorado, Arkansas, South Dakota, Montana and West Virginia.
In the House of Representatives, the GOP (Grand Old Party) won 246 seats, its largest majority since World War II.
In the 2014 Midterm elections the US electorate voted

- 36 of the 100 U.S. senators into office for a six-year-term
- all 435 Members of the House of Representatives for a two-year-term.
- 38 state and territorial governorships for (in most cases) four-year-terms; so far 15 democrats and 31 republicans have been confirmed for those offices
- 46 state (except Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey and Virginia) and four territorial legislatures
- thousands of positions in state, regional, and local governments and special districts such as school, water, and utility districts
- Mayors,

So far this midterm election was the costliest ever, with $3.7 billion, or $3,700 million.
Some of the most expensive state contests include the seat for North Carolina Senate with a total cost of $113 million. Outside groups have spent more than $81 million and the candidates themselves have spent in excess of $32.39 million through November 1. This includes more than 96,000 television ads aired since January 2013 at a cost of more than $64 million.
For the Colorado Senate seat $96 million has been spent. Colorado's Senate race is considered close and outside groups poured in more than $68.9 million through Nov. 1 in an attempt to capture the seat held by incumbent Democrat Mark Udall.
In a bid for the Iowa Senate seat and to replace retiring, longtime Democratic Senator Tom Harkin, Democrats and Republicans have spent more than $85 million to prop up their candidates.
In many of the key Senate races, nearly a third of ads are paid for with "dark money," funding from so-called non-profits where donors stay unknown.
The amount and the way of these huge spending is a direct result of court rulings, which now allow individuals and corporations to spend as much as they want through independent committees; even as candidates themselves have to follow federal election rule limits.

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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 News will be a most interesting digest of significant topics.

All Things Local

Important Phone Numbers

Fire	**911**
Ambulance	**911**
Sheriff or CHP	**911**
Frazier Park Sheriff Station	661-245-3440
Southern California Edison	800-655-4555
Southern California Gas	800-427-2200
Pacific Gas & Electric (PGE)	800-743-5000
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
Dentist Porazik, Lebec	661-245-1434
The Photographer (fires, accidents, weddings, & all other disasters)	661-487-1655

Upcoming Events in the Frazier Mountain Communities

- **November 12 – 15: used Book Sale at the Frazier Park Library**
- **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

School Board Meeting postponed to Thursday, November 24, 2014

The next meeting of the El Tejon Unified School District (ETUSD) Board of Trustees will be on Thursday, November 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frazier Mountain High School. This will be the last meeting of the current board.

The two newly elected board members *Barbara Newbold* and *Misty Johnston* will be sworn in and take office at the December 11 meeting.

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New General Manager at the Frazier Park Public Utility District (FPPUD)

Effective November 1, 2014 Jonnie Allison has been appointed as the new General Manager for the FPPUD. Jonnie Allison has been with the "water district" for over five years. He started as a field worker, promoted to lead person a year and half later, and became Operations Manager two years ago. Alice Garcia, the Office Manager for the FPPUD, resigned from her position most recently.

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"Frazier Park is not exempt from the No Burn days, however..." a Message from Seyed Sadredin. Executive Director San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Frazier Park is not (or has ever been) exempt from the rule. The District, however, a few years ago at the request of Frazier Park residents established a special burn region for Frazier Park. Until then Frazier Park's burn status was based on the particulate readings on Kern County floor. Since air quality in Frazier Park is much better, the District separated them from Kern for burn status designation. If you go to our website at http://www.valleyair.org/aqinfo/cbyb.htm you will see the special designation for Frazier Park apart from Kern county. Given that Frazier Park's air is much cleaner, they will see few No Burn days, if any.

Homecoming at Frazier Mountain High School (FMHS)

On October 10, 2014, the Frazier Mountain High School celebrated its Homecoming with a parade and a Football Game.

The parade consisted of a variety of floats based on the Hunger Games story**.
The floats included

- Robotics Club representing Technology and District 3 (from the Hunger Games story); with *Ida Coover, Tommy Panigua* on the float as well as *Christian* and *Ben* on the truck
- Junior Class of 2016 representing Fishing and District 4 with *Lily Hallmark, Katie Barnes, Roby Worster, Hunter Lanrom, Erika Steere* on the float and *Nalani Edgar, Delaney Bever, Mercy Kowalski, Haylee Shanklin* on the truck

- Sophomore Class of 2017 representing Lumber and District 7 with *Dallin Neeley, Brianna Edwards, Madalyn Hon, Grace Gilani, Becca Crowe and Cambree Rincon* on the float as well as *Sarah Houghton* and *Elliana Shillig* on the truck
- Art Club representing Textiles and District 8 with *Emily Parker, Janice Winter, Kailee Maikai* on the trailer
- Freshman Class of 2018 representing Livestock and District 10 with *Michael Stegeman, Rachel Hallmark, Charles Robertson, Regan Thompson, Kelly Stegeman, Jackie Kelly, Levi Ellis* and *Kayla Perry* on the float

- FFA (Future Farmers of America) - Representing Agriculture and District 11 with *Maggie Gonzalez, Madison Stephenson, Morgan Giancanelli, Taylor Mason, Sarah Bedard, Taylor Fisher, Brittany Wolfe, Charlton Olson, and Dawson Ford* on the float and *Dustin Polhert, Trenton Gohn, Joey Bizzini* and *Drew Luckett* on the truck
- Executive Board of ASB (Associated Srtudent Body) representing Luxury and district 1 with *Ryan Raymond, Nick Egertson, Taco St. Jeor*, and *Lea Graham* on the float

- Senior Class of 2015 representing nuclear weapons and District 13 were *Mickaela Brown, Jillian*

Carlson, Laura Jennings, Monick Ya Powers, Genesis Arteaga and *Jamie Bizzini*.

In the three convertible cars were

- Freshmen Prince and Princess: *Bryce Gros* and *Cami Beurer*
- Sophomore Prince and Princess*: Jorge Esparza* and *Carissa Rivette*
- Junior Prince and Princess: *Zack Reece* (with stand-in Joshua Ausherman) and *Abigail Steiger*

Nominees for Senior King and Queen were *Matt Reagan, Antonio Ryan Jr., Geno Zarcone, Tristen Gros and Ryan Raymond. Laura Jennings, Olivia Kelly, Hunter Torpin, Jillian Carlson* and *Genesis Arteaga.*
Tristen Gros and *Jillian Carlson* were crowned King and Queen.
Seen in attendance of the event were Board Members John Fleming and Lark Shillig as well as Superintendent Rodney Wallace. Freddy the Falcon was present during the parade and the games. His role is performed by a variety of unknown people. The FMHS has been known as The Falcons since the school opened in 1995.

Unfortunately none of the numerous coaches and athletic staff at the FMHS was available to provide any report or info about the Homecoming game against the team from CalCity.

Therefore it can only be reported that the Cal City Ravens finished the game against the Falcons with a lead of 16 – 8.

A few video clips from the parade and the game can be viewed on the GBU Mountain News Channel on www.youtube.com.

**According to Wikipedia, The Hunger Games is a multimedia franchise created by Suzanne Collins. The novels in the trilogy are a series of young adult science fiction titled The Hunger Games, Catching Fire and Mockingjay. The first two novels have been developed into films, while the third novel is currently being developed into two films. Soundtracks have also been released.
The Hunger Games universe is a dystopia set in "Panem", a country consisting of the wealthy Capitol and twelve districts in varying states of poverty. Every year, children are chosen to participate in a compulsory annual televised death match called The Hunger Games. As of 2014, the trilogy has sold more than 65 million copies in the U.S. alone.

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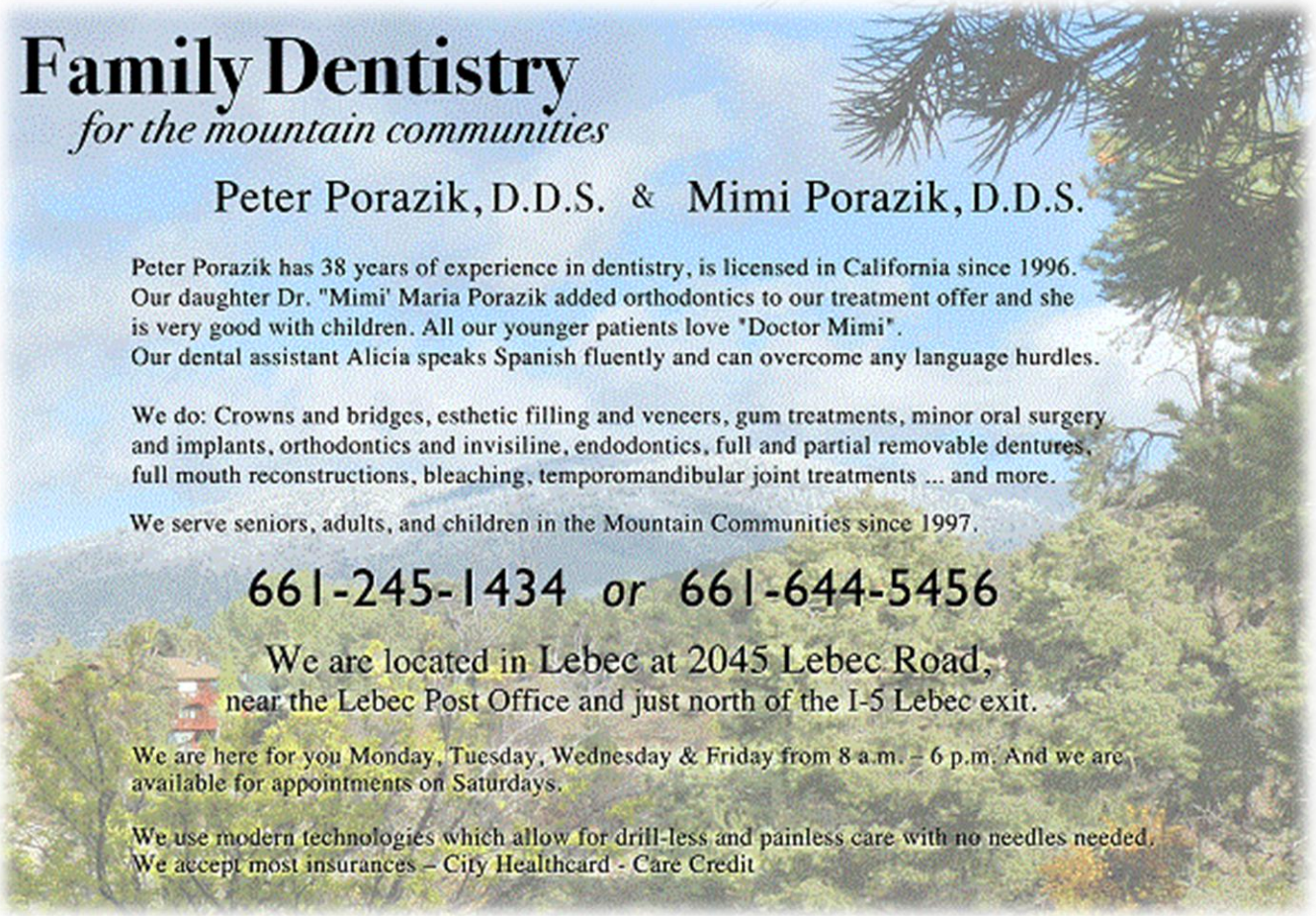
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Business Directory

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- 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
  - **Busperson/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 Mountain 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.

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Winter Coat Drive

From Oct 1 to Nov 11, 2014

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Drop-Off Locations

Frazier Park	***Pine Mountain Club***
Mitch Wood	*Pam McCain*
State Farm Insurance Office	*Pine Mountain Realty*
3015 Mt. Pinos Way, Suite 202	*16206 Pine Valley Lane*
Tel. 661-245-3728	*Tel. 661-242-4663*

All Things Regional

Los Padres Signs Record of Decision for Land Management Plan Amendment

On Tuesday, November 4, 2014, Forest Service officials announced the signing of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Los Padres National Forest Land Management Plan Amendment.

The amendment to the Land Management Plan resolves the Settlement Agreement finalized on January 3, 2011, in the case of *California Resources Agency, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture*, and *Center for Biological Diversity, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture*, which challenged the Los Padres' 2006 plan.

The amendment re-zones 293,000 acres as Back Country Non-Motorized, a more restrictive designation than existed in the 2006 plan. The amendment protects the undeveloped character of the areas while maximizing the Forest's capacity to undertake pre-suppression fuel treatments in areas designed to protect communities near the wildland-urban interface.

"With my decision, about 85 percent of the Los Padres will be managed for non-motorized public access with limited potential for further development, including over 50 percent of the Forest's 1.8 million acres currently designated as wilderness," said Los Padres Forest Supervisor Robert Baird. "That's an area more than twice the size of Yosemite National Park. My decision maintains nearly 36,000 acres of recommended wilderness additions for the Dick Smith, Matilija, and Chumash Wilderness Areas designated in the 2006 plan."

The Back Country Non-Motorized designation will offer a high level of resource protection while still allowing activities like mountain biking to occur. Pre-supression fuel treatments will also be less expensive to plan, allowing more acres to be treated. The new designation provides beneficial effects to biological resources, such as the endangered steelhead trout and California condor, through a reduction in disturbance to critical habitat from future projects.

The amendment maintains existing public motorized access, and does not amend any permits or contracts.

SpaceShipTwo Rocket Plane crashed into the Mojave Desert

On Friday, October 31, 2014 around 10:12 a.m. the SpaceShipTwo rocket plane crashed in the greater Randsburg / Garlock Area in Eastern Kern County. At Koehn Dry Lake Bed, about 25 miles north of Mojave, pieces of fuselage and other debris were found. Kern County Sheriff's Deputies, CHP and other Emergency Services responded to the site.

The Virgin Galactic rocket plane was on a flight to test a new plastic based fuel rocket motor in flight. The SpaceShipTwo plane is usually flown with two pilots in the cockpit. Those test flights are conducted in preparation in preparation for suborbital trips to the edge of outer space, beyond 60 miles in altitude. According to the Federal Aviation Administration the crash occurred shortly after the rocket plane SpaceShipTwo separated from the Virgin's White Knight Two aircraft that carried the SpaceShipTwo aloft for its high-altitude launch.

Virgin Galactic is owned by Branson's Virgin Group and Aabar Investments PJS of Abu Dhabi sells seats on each prospective journey for $250,000, with full payment due at the time of booking. The SpaceShipTwo, also called VSS Enterprise with tail number: N339SS was the first of five commercial suborbital spacecraft being constructed for Virgin Galactic by Scaled Composites. It was rolled out on 7 December 2009, and made its first powered flight in April 2013.

Kern County Fire Department (KCFD) responded with at least three engine crews (E 73, E 75, E 14), Patrol 75, Battalion Chief 7, and 3 additional units (Safety 5, Prevention 11, Prevention 2) and secured the area for any hazards. KCFD Helicopter 408 landed and engaged in full patient care.

The co-pilot of the spaceship, 39-year-old Michael Tyner Alsbury, was killed in the crash. The pilot, identified as 43-year-old Peter Siebold, ejected and parachuted to the ground and survived with serious injuries. He was airlifted to Antelope Valley hospital in Lancaster.

Usually at 45,000 feet the rocket plane SpaceShipTwo separates from the Virgin's White Knight Two aircraft. SpaceShipTwo then fires its rocket motor to catapult it to about 62 miles above Earth, giving passengers a view of the planet set against the blackness of space and a few minutes of weightlessness. Virgin Galactic had reported taking deposits totaling more than $80 million from 700 people, including some Hollywood celebrities. A second

SpaceShipTwo, VSS Voyager, is currently under construction.

On Monday, November 3, 2014 the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) concluded its three-day on-site investigation at the crash area with a final media briefing at the Mojave Air and Space Port. The NTSB will analyze all the information gathered. A definitive report into what caused the mid-air break up and subsequent crash of SpaceShipTwo can take up to one year.

However, the NTSB outlined two findings involving the spacecraft's "feathering" -- a process used to slow the spacecraft down toward Earth.

During feathering, two pieces on the back of the vehicle -- the "feathers" -- lift up perpendicular to the spaceship, making the vehicle look like it's arching its back as it descends.

A SpaceShipTwo mockup, showing the aircraft in feathered re-entry configuration.

In order for feathering to start, two things have to happen: someone has to unlock the feathering system, and someone has to activate the system with a different handle.

According to the NTSB the unlocking device was moved too early by Co-pilot Alsbury. That pilot worked at Scaled Composites, the company that partnered with Virgin on the test flight program. He had logged more than 1,600 hours as a test pilot and test engineer in Scaled aircraft.

As to some eyewitness accounts of a "mid-air explosion," the NTSB stated that they had recovered SpaceShipTwo's fuel and oxidizer tanks, along with its rocket motor. None of these appliances showed any signs of burn-through or other evidence that an explosion had occurred.

Host a Holiday Card Making Party for the Military

The American Red Cross - Kern Chapter is inviting the community to sign or create holiday cards to be given to veterans or active duty military members. Schools, churches, businesses, and more are encouraged to host a card making party. All cards are due to the local Red Cross office by December 8, 2014. Once the cards are collected, they will be sorted and distributed by Red Cross volunteers.

With many service members and veterans separated from their families during the holidays due to deployments and hospital stays, the Holiday Mail for Heroes program empowers the community to send cards of thanks and support to the members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their families.

Organizations that are interested should contact Veronique Royer to sign up and get more details: veronique.royer@redcross.org.

If individuals would like to support the Holiday Mail for Heroes program outside of an organized card party, blank card donations are also being accepted by December 5, 2014 at the Bakersfield Red Cross office. The Red Cross will also be at the Outlets at Tejon on Sunday, December 7, inviting the community to sign or make a card.

The Red Cross has a long history of supporting service members and their families. The unwavering commitment to the Armed Forces continues to grow and develop more than a century after Clara Barton first recruited nurses to support the Army during the Spanish-American War. Last year in Kern County, 123 military families requested briefings, needed emergency communication, and were assisted by local Red Cross volunteers.

Kern County Library Creates Community Conversation about Veterans

Kern County Library and local veteran service organizations invite the community to create a conversation about issues facing veterans and their families, through the Cal Humanities grant funded state-wide community reading and discussion initiative, CA Reads: Our Veterans, Our Communities. Kern County Library, the coordinating agency for Kern County: Our Veterans, Our Communities, together with local veterans' agencies and support groups, have created a wide array of community programs, discussions, and events surrounding issues veterans face returning home from military service, past and present. These programs provide a springboard to think about and discuss ideas using thought-provoking books about issues that are important to our community.

Kern County community members from all walks of life are invited to participate in these activities, including book discussions, family storytimes, the 'Thank a Veteran Art Card Project,' and many more. Book discussions, held throughout the county, will center on the themes of the book What It Is Like To Go To War, by decorated Vietnam veteran and Rhodes Scholar, Karl Marlantes. On Tuesday, November 18th, at 4:30pm at the Beale Memorial Library on 701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, Karl Marlantes himself will open up discussion and community conversation about veterans issues, his combat experience, and critically examine how we might better support our soldiers. This November, the Kern County: Our Veterans, Our Communities initiative will focus on the veteran experience, aiming to increase public understanding and empathy for those who have served, as well as to spark a public conversation on how best we can support the process of reincorporating our veterans into the fabric of civilian life.

For full programming information, visit kerncountylibrary.org.

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 24 - 29, 2014**:** *

1) On October 24, 2014, at about 12:25 PM, a deputy was dispatched to a field on the 9000 block of Country Side Court near Grapevine Road to investigate a theft. Unknown person(s) stole several thousands of dollars' worth of filming equipment from a film crew shooting a commercial in the area.
2) On October 25, 2014, at about 8:50 PM, a deputy was dispatched to a business on the 5900 block of Dennis McCarthy Drive near I-5 to investigate a theft. Unknown person(s) shattered the window on a vehicle parked in the parking lot and stole two purses and one suit case from a family traveling on I-5.
3) On October 26, 2014, at about 7:50 AM, a deputy contacted Robert Enciso on the 100 block of Frazier Mountain Park Road and cited him on two warrants, one issued for public intoxication and the other for indecent exposure.
4) On October 27, 2014, at about 8:25 PM, a deputy was dispatched to a house on the 900 block of Canyon Drive in Lebec to investigate a suspicious circumstance. An alert and responsive man who possibly overdosed on prescription medication was transported to a hospital via ambulance.
5) On October 28, 2014, at about 9:00 AM, a deputy was dispatched to a business on the 42800 block of Frazier Mountain Park Road in Los Angeles County to assist the California Highway Patrol, who arrested two subjects at the business.
6) On October 29, 2014, at about 8:00 AM, deputies were dispatched to a house on the 900 block of Louise Way in Lebec to investigate domestic violence. JM was arrested for suspicion of committing spousal abuse.

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=eebhOpU0hQ4

Animals Matter

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

Animal Care Center
Shelter on the Hill - A Humane Society
879 Lebec Rd
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(661) 248-5018

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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

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Distances from Frazier Park

Pine Mountain Club	14 miles
Outlets at Tejon	18 miles
Castaic	32 miles
Santa Clarita, Shopping Centr	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."

Incidents & Accidents

Throughout Kern County

Bakersfield – Weapons & Narcotics Arrest
On Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at approximately 5:30 p.m., deputies from the Kern County Sheriff's Office Gang Suppression Section, Street Enforcement Unit executed a search warrant at 2330 Center Street in Bakersfield. At the residence deputies contacted 26 year old *Alexander Lopez* and 33 year old *Nelly Bayron*. During a search of the residence, deputies located a sawed off 22 caliber rifle, a 25 caliber semi-auto handgun, a 38 caliber semi-auto handgun and a second 9mm semi-auto handgun, along with over 200 rounds of ammunition. Deputies also located over 11 grams of methamphetamine and paraphernalia indicative of the sale of methamphetamine. *Lopez* was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of sale, possession of a short barreled rifle, and possession of a firearm and ammunition by a prohibited person. *Bayron* was arrested on charges of maintaining a residence for the purpose of the sale of controlled substances, possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of sale, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and resisting arrest. *Lopez* and *Bayron* were booked into the Central Receiving Facility.
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Lamont – Child Death
On Monday, November 3, 2014 4-months-old Jayden Dirden of Lamont was found unresponsive in the 8300 Block of Maxey Drive in Lamont. The child was transported to Kern Medical center in Bakersfield and pronounced dead in the hospital's Emergency Room at 5:44 a.m. A forensic examination will be performed on November 5, 2014 to determine the cause and manner of death.
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Bakersfield - Homicide
On Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 6:44 p.m. 31-years-old Rocia Gallegos was shot in the 1600 block of Virginia Street in Bakersfield. She was transported to Kern Medical Center where she died from her injuries at 7:15 p.m.
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Bakersfield – Shooting Homicide
On November 1, 2014, at about 1:00 AM deputies responded to Kern Medical Center regarding 18-year-old Eduardo Medina being the victim of a shooting. Medina was transported to the hospital by private party and was pronounced dead short time after arriving at 1:01 a.m. Investigators discovered the shooting may have occurred at a Halloween party at a vacant residence located in the 3200 block of Kentucky Street. Anyone with 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. Anonymous "text" tips can be sent to TIP411 (847411). Just type the key word "KCSO" prior to the message.
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Bakersfield – Arrest on Drug and Theft Charges
On ovember 1, 2014 Detectives from the Rural Crime Investigation Unit conducted an investigation at 1731 Rench Road in Bakersfield after learning of a ranching equipment theft. Detectives responded to the location and located the stolen equipment. During a probation search of the residence, Detectives also located a loaded, short barreled shotgun, suspect methamphetamine, and other items indicating narcotics were being sold at the residence. Detectives arrested (5) subjects at the residence and are identified as: David John Oropeza, age 28 of Shafter, Ca, Jason Allen Griffith, age 34 of Bakersfield, Ca, John David Vantassel, age 43 of Bakersfield, Ca, Michael Taylor Bronson, age 30 of Bakersfield, Ca, and Tabatha Leslie Niederberger, age 22 of Bakersfield, Ca. All subjects were arrested for various charges and booked into the Kern County Jail.
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Bakersfield – Fatal Traffic Accident
On October 26, 2014 at 11:26 a.m. 89-year-old Marcelina Weathers of Bakersfield was struck by a vehicle in the 2600 Block of Fashion Plaza in Bakersfield. She was transported to Kern Medical Center, admitted to ICU and died on November 1, 2014 at 4:55 p.m. from her injuries.
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Bakersfield - Arrests and seizure of narcotics, stolen property, and firearms.
On October 30, 2014 Deputies assigned to the California Multi-jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (Cal-Mmet), with assistance of the Sheriff's Office Major Violators Unit, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), and Rural Crimes Unit concluded a narcotics investigation by serving a search warrant at two residences.
The first residence was in the 600 block of Bohna Street, where Juan Zavala was located with one half an ounce of suspected heroin, about seven pounds of processed marijuana, and over three thousand dollars in U.S.

currency believed to be from the sales of illegal substances. Zavala was booked into Central Receiving Facility for violation of several Health and Safety Code Sections including Possession of a controlled substance, Possession of a controlled substance for sales, Possession of marijuana and Maintaining a residence for the purpose of sales.

The second residence was in the 4300 block of Mesa Drive, where Alfredo Perez was located with about 4 grams of suspected methamphetamine, about 2 grams of suspected cocaine, about 5 pounds of processed marijuana, 15 mature marijuana plants, one semi-automatic pistol, one SKS rifle, a stolen welder valued at approximately $5000.00, a stolen pressure washer, and aboat $3200.00 and U.S. currency believed to be from the sales of illegal substances. Deputies also located a butane honey oil lab in his garage, which was seized and processed by HIDTA. Deputies from the Sheriff's Office Rural Crime Unit were able to locate the victims of the stolen property.

Perez was booked into Central Receiving Facility for several violations of the California Health and Safety Code and California Penal Code including Possession of a controlled substance, Cultivation of marijuana, Possession for sales of marijuana, Manufacturing a controlled substance, Possession of stolen property, Being a felon in possession of firearms, and Child endangerment.

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Shafter – Child Molestation Arrest

On July 1, 2014 deputies from the Buttonwillow Substation began an investigation involving a Shafter man named Michael Dale Pierce (47 yrs.), molesting two female children. Upon completion of the investigation the case was forwarded to the Kern County District Attorney's Office. On October 24, 2014 a warrant was issued for Pierce charging him with seven various counts of child molestation with a bail amount of $1,000,000. On October 28, 2014 deputies located Pierce on Orange St. in Shafter. He was arrested on the warrant and booked at CRF.

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, December. 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:

Wednesday, Nov 5:	high 77°F	low 50°F
Thursday, Nov 6:	high 79°F	low 48°F
Friday, Nov 7:	high 75°F	low 48°F
Saturday, Nov 8:	high 79°F	low 50°F
Sunday, Nov 9:	high 79°F	low 48°F
Monday, Nov 10:	high 77°F	low 46°F
Tuesday, Nov 11:	high 72°F	low 37°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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