

KVCR FM News

Issues and Programs from May 16 2017 through June 15 2017

In addition to our regular weekly segments with Inland Empire Economist John Husing, longtime Inland Empire journalist Cassie MacDuff, and contributions from Capital Public Radio, The California Report, KVCR TV and FNX, following are some of the local segments produced and aired over the past month on KVCR FM News: (*most of the following segments can be heard on demand at kvcrnews.org*).

5/16/17 LOCAL EMPLOYMENT “Employment Opportunities In Grocery, Aviation, Will Be Highlighted At IE Events This Weekend” This weekend, there will be two opportunities for people looking for work in the Inland Empire to explore careers in the grocery industry, and in the aviation industry. Ralph's Supermarkets will be interviewing, and several local aviation-related businesses and institutions will be at Riverside Municipal Airport Saturday offering information on careers in aviation-related fields.

5/17/17 LOCAL EDUCATION “As Local After-School Programs Suffer, Advocates Demand More State Funding” Inland Empire newspapers report that some school districts in Riverside County are having to cut back or charge parents for after-school programs, because of rising costs and funding from the state that has been stagnant at best. Capital Public Radio reports that, in Sacramento, backers of California after-school programs are pushing hard for their first state funding increase in a decade, even as the Trump administration has called for cutting federal funding.

5/17/17 ENVIRONMENT “Study: Salmon Could Be Extinct In California In 50 Years” A new report that gauges the health of California salmon, steelhead, and trout paints an alarming picture. The report shows nearly half are likely to be extinct in 50 years if conditions don't change.

5/18/17 TRANSPORTATION; ENVIRONMENT “VW Will Pay Calif. \$Millions To Help Reduce Air Pollution And Expand Electric Vehicle Market” California will receive \$66 million from Volkswagen to help reduce air pollution.

5/18/17 HIGHER EDUCATION “UC Regents To Discuss Scathing State Audit Of Napolitano's Office Budget” The spending practices of University of California President Janet Napolitano's office will face new scrutiny as the U-C Board of Regents is scheduled to publicly discuss for the first time last month's scathing state audit.

5/18/17 EDUCATION; CALIFORNIA HISTORY “Why Some Parents Object To Having Schoolkids Build Replicas Of Historic Spanish Missions” Some Native American parents are urging California school teachers to stop assigning the mission project. That's where kids in the fourth grade build replicas of historic Spanish mission.

5/18/17 AGRICULTURE; ENVIRONMENT “Officials Investigate What Might Be Killing Bees In California's Farm Country” Thousands of bee colonies died this winter during almond pollination in Fresno. The County AG commissioner is leading an investigation to find out what happened.

5/19/17 WILDFIRES "Riverside/Jurupa Valley Wildfire Burns 30 Acres Of Santa Ana Riverbed, Nearby Golf Course" A fire erupted yesterday (Thursday) in the Santa Ana River bottom in Riverside, scorching 30 acres and spreading into a Jurupa Valley golf course by the time crews began attempting to encircle it.

5/19/17 RETIREMENT BENEFITS "California Will Defy Trump And Move Ahead With State-Managed Retirement Accounts For Private Sector" California's Democratic leaders are moving forward with a retirement program for private sector workers in spite of a resolution signed yesterday (Thursday) by President Trump. Secure Choice will offer I-R-A's to workers whose employers don't provide them.

5/19/17 DROUGHT & WATER ISSUES "Massive Amount Of Groundwater Used By Farmers During California Drought" Scientists for the first time have quantified how much groundwater was lost in California's Central Valley in the most recent drought.

5/23/17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT "New Riverside County Supervisor Manny Perez Attends First Meeting Today" The newest member of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors officially begins his first day at work today. Former state assemblyman V. Manuel Perez was appointed by Gov. Brown to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Supervisor John Benoit last December.

5/23/17 LOCAL POLITICS "PolitiFact Check: Lake Elsinore GOP Melissa Melendez Is Mostly Wrong About Gas Tax Diversion" California State Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez of Lake Elsinore recently claimed Governor Jerry Brown's budget is diverting 30 percent of the state's new gas tax money for non-road projects, such as building state parks and job training for felons. Capital Public Radio's PolitiFact reporter fact-checked the comments.

5/24/17 WILDFIRES "Brush Fire Started By Kids In Moreno Valley Takes Hours To Contain; Parents Will Pay Costs" A group of juveniles playing with fire torched a blaze that scorched 10 acres of brush in Moreno Valley yesterday.

5/24/17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT "Manuel Perez Gets Ceremonial Welcome To Riverside County Board Of Supervisors" Riverside County's newest supervisor, Manuel Perez, was welcomed onto the Board of Supervisors with a ceremonial swearing-in ceremony before yesterday's regular meeting.

5/24/17 HOUSING PRICES "Riverside County Home Prices Rose Significantly Over The Past Year" The median price of a home in Riverside County shot up nearly 8 percent over the past year.

5/25/17 MUNICIPAL CORRUPTION "Beaumont City Councilman Scheduled To Be Arraigned On Corruption Charges" Beaumont City Councilman Mark Orozco was slated to be arraigned today at the Riverside Hall of Justice on 10 felony charges involving alleged falsification of campaign funds on government documents and soliciting a bribe.

5/25/17 LOCAL POLITICS "Calif. Dems Rally Around OC Senator Facing Recall Because Of Gas Tax Vote" Democratic leaders in California are trying to defend Orange County freshman state Senator Josh Newman from a recall effort. That's after Newman provided a

key vote to pass Governor Jerry Brown's gas tax increase.

5/25/17 LOCAL POLITICS "2 IE Elected Officials Get Into Twitter Tiff Over T-Shirt" An Inland Empire Republican assemblywoman is calling out an IE Democratic congressman for a photo of him wearing a t-shirt that uses an obscenity to criticize the GOP health care bill.

5/25/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Cathedral City Moves Closer Toward Officially Declaring Itself A Sanctuary City" The Coachella Valley community of Cathedral City -- the second-largest of the 8 desert cities behind Indio -- has approved a proposal to make it the first city in Inland Southern California to declare itself a "sanctuary city."

5/25/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES; HEALTH CARE "Calif. Moving Toward Expanding Medi-Cal to Young Adult Undocumented Immigrants" A bill making it's way through the California Legislature would expand Medi-Cal coverage to undocumented adults between the ages of 19 and 26.

5/29/17 HIGHER EDUCATION "Philanthropist Donates \$1Million In Scholarships To Cal State San Bernardino" Bob Carr, founder and chairman of "Give Something Back" - an organization that provides scholarships and mentoring to low-income students in five states -- presented Cal State San Bernardino with a check for \$1 million to establish a statewide, million-dollar college scholarship program for the California's most at-risk students.

5/30/17 HOLIDAY TRAVEL & TRAFFIC "Deadly Crashes, Giant Potholes, And Traffic Backups Mar The IE's Holiday Weekend" Fatal crashes, highway infrastructure failures, and the crush of thousands of drivers returning from points east back toward the Los Angeles basin made for slow traffic in parts of the Inland Empire yesterday (Monday), the final day of the 3-day weekend.

5/31/17 LOCAL EDUCATION "Chino Hills' Ayala High School Mourns The Deaths Of Two School Coaches In Highway Crash" Students and staff at Ayala High School in Chino Hills are mourning the loss of two Ayala High School coaches who were among four people killed in a head-on highway crash on Memorial Day.

5/31/17 LOCAL EDUCATION "Calif. Lawmakers Debate Later Start Times For Middle And High Schools" California middle and high school students would not have to start daily classes until at least 8:30am, under a bill making its way through the California Legislature. However, many teachers may not like the proposed later school start times.

5/31/17 BUSINESS AND LABOR ISSUES "Calif. Legislature Pushes Bill To Expand Family Leave Requirement To Smaller Employers" A new bill to expand job-protected family leave to Californians who work at small businesses has cleared the state Senate.

5/31/17 EXTREME WEATHER "After Wet Winter, California's Mammoth Ski Resort Will Be Open In August" The Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Central California has announced it will extend it's ski and snowboard season into August.

6/1/17 HOUSING "Housing And Building Industry Conference Set To Convene In Ontario Friday" The Building Industry Association, National Association of Home Builders, and the California

Building Industry Association are hosting their annual Housing Policy Conference in Ontario tomorrow (Friday).

6/1/17 LOCAL POLITICS & GOVERNMENT "Why IE GOP Assembly Leader Chad Mayes Wants Higher Welfare Payments" The California Assembly has approved a bill that would offer grant increases to welfare recipients - and it's authored by a Republican from the Inland Empire.

6/1/17 ENERGY "Bill Would Require 100 Percent Renewable Energy In California Within The Next 30 Years" California would need to produce all of its energy from renewable sources such as wind and solar power by the year 2045 under a bill passed yesterday (Wednesday) in the state Senate.

6/2/17 LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS & GOVERNMENT "Jerry Brown Tells NPR "California Will Resist" Trump Administration Policies" California Governor Jerry Brown had a strong response to President Trump's announcement yesterday (Thursday) that the U.S. will withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord. The Democratic governor talked with NPR's David Greene this morning on Morning Edition, just before Brown was scheduled to leave for a week-long diplomatic trip to China.

6/2/17 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS "Jerry Brown Heads To China To Discuss Climate Change, Trade" California Governor Jerry Brown heads to China today for a week-long trip focused on climate change.

6/2/17 HOUSING "Calif. Lawmakers Advance Housing Affordability Legislation" California lawmakers have moved forward several bills designed to address the state's lack of affordable housing.

6/2/17 LOCAL CIVIC & CULTURAL EVENTS; LOCAL TOURISM ECONOMY "Busy IE Weekend: Temecula Wine & Balloon Fest, Beaumont Cherry Fest" There are a variety of activities going on over the weekend around the Inland Empire, including the annual Cherry Festival in Beaumont and the Balloon and Wine Festival in the Temecula Valley.

6/3/17 PUBLIC HEALTH "CSUSB Students, Staff Alerted About Case Of Active Tuberculosis" A Cal State San Bernardino student has active tuberculosis, leading county health officials to plan screenings for students, faculty, and staff who may have been exposed.

6/6/17 PUBLIC SAFETY "Colton Woman In Custody Following Stabbing Attack That Killed Infant, Wounded 2 Others" A Colton woman is in custody under suspicion she killed her infant granddaughter and wounded 2 other family members in a stabbing attack in the woman's Colton home yesterday (Monday).

6/7/17 PUBLIC SAFETY "Colton Grandmother Accused Of Murder Spent Time In Psych Facility"

Court documents show a Colton woman suspected of fatally-stabbing her 18-month-old granddaughter had spent nearly a decade in a state psychiatric hospital and outpatient treatment program before a jury ruled in 2015 that her sanity had been restored.

6/8/17 HIGHER EDUCATION "UCR Med School's First-Ever Class Of Doctors Graduates Tomorrow" The first-ever 4-year class of medical students to make their way through the UC Riverside School of Medicine graduates tomorrow.

6/8/17 PUBLIC SAFETY; IMMIGRATION ISSUES "3 Men Charged With Bilking \$Millions From Immigrants Seeking Legal Status" Three men have been arrested in San Diego, charged with carrying out a multi-million dollar scheme to bilk people seeking U.S. immigration status.

6/9/17 PUBLIC SAFETY "Colton Grandmother Pleads Not Guilty To Deadly Knife Attack" A Colton woman pleaded not guilty yesterday (Thursday) to the murder of her 18-month-old granddaughter and the attempted murder of her daughter and another granddaughter in a knife attack.

6/12/17 LOCAL NEWS "IE Convenience Store Sells Lottery Ticket Worth \$447.8 Million" Although the winner of the Powerball jackpot worth nearly half-a-billion dollars has not come forward yet, the immigrant family that runs the small convenience store in Menifee's Sun City area is celebrating the good timing of great fortune.

6/12/17 HIGHER EDUCATION; POLITICS "CNN Drops UCR Prof. Reza Aslan's TV Series Following Aslan Tweet About Trump" A famous UC Riverside professor is caught up in a national Twitter controversy. UCR Professor Reza Aslan has been dropped as a TV series producer and host by CNN after Aslan tweeted a crude message about President Trump.

6/14/17 HIGHER EDUCATION "UCR Fulbright Scholars Preview Their Research Projects Abroad, Part 1" The University of California Riverside announced it's Fulbright Scholars last month. Today, the first of two stories focused on the local winners and their plans for the year.

6/14/17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT "Expensive Consulting Firm Says It's Helping Riverside County Save Money" K-P-M-G, the consulting firm helping Riverside County implement public safety reforms, assured Supervisors yesterday (Tuesday) that the multi-million-dollar contract the county has with K-P-M-G is beginning to yield results.

6/14/17 TRANSPORTATION "New Express Bus Service Will Soon Cut Riders' Travel Time Between Riverside And Corona" New express bus service from Riverside to Corona is set to begin this summer, promising a faster ride than regular bus service between the two cities.