

BOARD REPORT FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH 2017

KVCR FM News

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KVCR News welcomes the return of longtime KVCR FM weekly contributor Cassie MacDuff to KVCR's "Morning Edition" and kvcrnews.org. For decades, Cassie was a well-respected reporter for the San Bernardino Sun, and then staff columnist for the Press-Enterprise. Also for many years, Cassie was a weekly feature on KVCR's "Morning Edition," reviewing the IE's top news stories of the week every Friday morning. Last year, Cassie accepted a position with a local government agency and suspended her journalism career. After less than a year, she left the agency and returned to journalism. There are few journalists in our region who are as experienced, knowledgeable, and trusted by her readers – and KVCR FM listeners – as Cassie. Now an independent voice, we are grateful to Cassie MacDuff for agreeing to resume her contribution as a weekly on-air and online news feature.

In addition to our regular weekly segments with Inland Empire Economist John Husing, longtime Inland Empire journalist Cassie MacDuff, and contributions from 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).*

2/16/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; EARTHQUAKE SAFETY “Earthquake Safety Part 1: What Might Actually Happen If - When - A Big One Hits” California is one of the most geologically-active places in North America. KVCR begins a series of reports on earthquake safety and disaster preparedness.

2/16/17 LOCAL EXTREME WEATHER “Inland Empire Braces For Big Storm On Friday” After unusually warm conditions recently, weather forecasters say the storm that will barrel through the IE tomorrow (Friday) could provide some of the wettest, windiest, and potentially more dangerous weather conditions that we've experienced in this part of Southern California in years.

2/17/17 LOCAL EXTREME WEATHER “Big Storm Arrives In IE Today, Bringing Heavy Rain, High Wind, Flash Floods, And A Mountain Blizzard” Rain heavy at times, foothill flooding, and veritable blizzard conditions in the mountains will all be part of today's storm as it passes through the Inland Empire.

2/17/17 LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS; MUNICIPAL CORRUPTION “Former Palm Springs Mayor, Two Developers, Charged With Bribery And Corruption” Riverside County prosecutors yesterday (Thursday) filed numerous felony bribery, corruption, and conflict of interest charges against Steve Pougnet, the recent former mayor of Palm Springs and two Palm Springs developers, John Wessman and Richard Meany. The charges come following a nearly year-and-a-half-long investigation.

2/20/17 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION “Report: L.A. Metro-Area Traffic Congestion - Including The IE - Rated Worst In The World” A new survey by the traffic analytics firm Inrix finds that traffic in the metro Los Angeles area -- including the Inland Empire -- is rated the worst in the nation... and other nations.

2/20/17 LOCAL EDUCATION “Calif. Lawmaker Proposes Later Middle And High

School Start Times” Bleary-eyed teenagers shuffling to school barely after daybreak could become a thing of the past, if a state lawmaker has his way.

2/21/17 LOCAL EDUCATION; LABOR ISSUES “Clerical Error May Mean Adelanto School District Owes Union Employees Back Pay” The Adelanto Elementary School District has identified more than 170 of its employees as possible victims of a clerical error, meaning the district could owe millions of dollars to its classified employees.

2/22/17 LOCAL AGRICULTURE; LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION “Citrus-Killing Disease Spreading In SoCal; UC Riverside Gets Big Federal Grant To Fight It” A citrus disease that has spread from other countries into the U.S. has led to the decline of three-quarters of Florida's citrus industry. As the disease now appears to be spreading in Southern California, the federal government has given a multi-million dollar grant to UC Riverside to help fight it.

2/23/17 LOCAL POLITICS “Protestors Demand Town Hall Meeting From IE GOP Congressman Ken Calvert” A group of protestors demanding Inland Empire Congressman Ken Calvert hold a town hall meeting rallied outside a Calvert fundraiser in Riverside yesterday.

2/23/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “Anaheim Unrest After Teen-Officer Confrontation” Residents protested in the streets Wednesday evening following a confrontation between an off-duty police officer and a group of teenagers in an Anaheim neighborhood. The interaction ended with physical conflict and the officer firing his gun into the ground with kids around him.

2/24/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “What Are The Most Important Steps To Take To Prepare For An Earthquake?” Earthquakes are common occurrences in Southern California, but have the potential to cause serious destruction and injury. In the second of our series on earthquake safety and disaster preparedness, we explore various facets of preparing for an earthquake, ranging from home safety to insurance issues.

2/24/17 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT “Investigations Continue Into Anaheim Teen/Cop Scuffle That Prompted Street Protests” Anaheim's mayor and police chief spoke to reporters yesterday (Thursday) with more information on a violent confrontation this week between an off-duty cop and a bunch of teenagers that resulted in the officer firing his weapon with the teens nearby. The incident sparked protests in the streets of Anaheim Wednesday night.

2/24/17 STATE POLITICS “OC GOP Legislator Silenced, Escorted Out Of California Senate Chamber” In what was called an extraordinary moment of incivility in the California Legislature, a Democratic state Senator ordered security to remove his Republican colleague from the floor of the Senate chamber yesterday (Thursday).

2/27/17 LOCAL MEDIA; LOCAL EDUCATION “Explainer: San Bernardino Community College District's \$Windfall For Moving KVCR TV Channels” The San Bernardino Community College District is announcing today (Monday) that it expects to receive \$157 million for moving KVCR Television's four digital channels from their present position on the UHF channel band to new channel positions on the VHF band. This is the result of the Community College District's participation in the Federal Communications Commission "Broadcast Incentive Auction."

2/28/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “Small Plane Crashes Into Riverside

Neighborhood; 3 On Plane Die, 2 Homes Destroyed” Federal Aviation Administration investigators have arrived in Riverside to investigate the crash of a small plane into a Riverside neighborhood shortly after it took off from Riverside Municipal Airport Monday afternoon.

3/1/17 LOCAL EDUCATION “Hundreds Of Students Will Compete In Annual IE Science Olympiad” The 20th Annual Inland Empire Regional Science Olympiad will take place on Saturday at Ramona High School in Riverside. More than a thousand students will compete in various disciplines of science during this no-cost public event.

3/1/17 LOCAL EDUCATION “RivCo High School Students Go To Next Round Of Mock Trial Competition” Several Riverside County high schools will be competing in the next round of the High School Mock Trial Competition.

3/1/17 ARTS “From KVCaRts: Legendary Singer Graham Nash” In this excerpt from KVCaRts, KVCR's David Fleming interviews legendary musical artist Graham Nash about his latest projects, prior to an upcoming local appearance.

3/2/17 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION “Crafton Hills College Students Will Get Opportunity To Get B.A. From Univ. Of Redlands” The University of Redlands and Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa will soon sign an agreement that will guarantee Crafton students an opportunity to earn a Bachelor's degree from The University of Redlands.

3/2/17 CALIFORNIA DROUGHT “Winter Storms Boost California Snowpack To Near-Record Levels” The Sierra Nevada snowpack is at near-record levels, according to the latest statewide survey taken yesterday (Wednesday). But that doesn't mean the state's drought issues are fully erased.

3/2/17 LOCAL CIVIC AND CULTURAL EVENTS “Annual Hays P-E Lecture At UCR Will Feature Former New York Times Executive Editor” The former executive editor of the New York Times, Bill Keller, will be the featured speaker at next Monday's 48th annual Hays/Press-Enterprise Lecture at the University of California, Riverside.

3/2/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “Earthquake Safety Part 3: An Emergency Kit Is An Easy Way To Be More Prepared” California is a state of many climates, and many potential disasters. Are you prepared for when disaster strikes? We examine what things a person should have in an emergency kit, in this third and final segment of our series on earthquake safety and disaster preparedness.

3/2/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “Riverside Plane Crash Victims Identified; Investigation Continues” The three people who perished in the crash of a small plane into a Riverside neighborhood this week were identified by friends and family yesterday.

3/3/17 HIGH DESERT ISSUES; LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION “Adelanto Mayor Woos Victor Valley College's Possible Expansion Into Marijuana Research” In the High Desert last month, the Victor Valley College board discussed offering marijuana research as a subject for students. The Mayor of Adelanto attended the meeting to encourage the idea, even offering financial incentives.

3/6/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “Authorities Looking For Badlands Motorcyclist Who Jumped 60 Fwy” Caltrans and local law enforcement authorities are looking for the motorcyclist who was caught on video jumping his motorcycle between two cliffs over lanes of moving traffic on the 60 Freeway where it winds through the San Timoteo

Badlands east of Moreno Valley.

3/7/17 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE; LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "Calif. Dem & GOP Legislative Leaders Will Discuss Bipartisan Leadership At UCR" California legislative leaders from both parties will speak next week at UC Riverside on the subject of bipartisan leadership.

3/7/17 LOCAL EDUCATION "Calif. Lawmaker: Students Should Get School Lunch, Even If They Can't Pay" Students in California shouldn't have to go hungry if their parents haven't paid their school lunch bills. That's the idea behind a proposal in the state Legislature by Van Nuys Democratic state Senator Bob Hertzberg.

3/7/17 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT "Volunteers Needed To Help Count Bald Eagles In IE Forests" The last opportunity of the season to spend a day in the forest helping U.S. Forest Service rangers count bald eagles in Inland Empire forests is approaching.

3/8/17 ARTS "From KVCaRts: Meet Chase Bailey, A 15 Year Old With Autism, And Author Of A Cookbook" In this excerpt from KVCaRts, we meet Chase Bailey, a 15-year-old who -in his journey with autism - wrote a cookbook to help him and others enjoy recipes with foods that otherwise they might not eat.

3/8/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "New Research Shows SoCal Coastal Fault Could Produce 7.4 Quake" A new study says an earthquake fault running from San Diego to Los Angeles is capable of producing a magnitude 7.4 temblor that could affect some of the most densely-populated areas in California.

3/8/17 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES "Federal Court Rules IE-Area Tribe Has Groundwater Rights" In what could be a significant decision concerning groundwater rights in California, a federal court panel has affirmed that an Inland Empire-area Indian tribe does have rights to groundwater supplies below its lands.

3/9/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Report: ICE Has The Ability To Handle Thousands Of Detained Immigrants, Including In California" President Trump wants to detain more immigrants. He could — with California's help. The president has promised to deport 2 to 3 million people this year alone. This report investigates how an already straining immigration system could handle the surge.

3/9/17 WOMEN'S ISSUES "'Day Without A Woman' Rally At Calif. Capitol Draws Supporters And Critics" A rally at the California state Capitol on International Women's Day and the "Day Without A Woman" drew a couple-hundred people ... and more than a dozen Democratic elected officials.

3/10/17 LOCAL POLITICS "Activist Group Pressures IE GOP Congressman Paul Cook To Hold Town Hall Meetings" An activist group called "Indivisible" has been showing up at public appearances demanding town hall meetings from local members of Congress. Recently, the group plastered photos of 8th Congressional District GOP Representative Paul Cook - with the heading "Missing" above the photo - on milk cartons in local stores. This report examines the regional impact of this political trend.

3/13/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "ACLU Sues Immigration Authorities Over Lengthy Detention In San Diego" The American Civil Liberties Union has filed suit in San Diego demanding that the federal government limit the amount of time that people can be held before seeing an immigration judge.

3/13/17 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION "It's Almost Done... All Lanes Of 91 Fwy Through Corona Will Open Next Week" The years-long construction project on the 91 freeway in Corona is almost done.

3/14/17 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "Pitzer College Controversy Attracts Off-Campus Reaction" The president of Pitzer College in Claremont says a recent on-campus controversy has drawn a fiery reaction - including what the college president calls "hate speech" - from off-campus observers.

3/14/17 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS "San Diego And Tijuana Renew Cross-Border Partnership Agreement" The mayors of San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico signed an agreement yesterday (Monday) reaffirming the partnership between the two border cities.