

KVCR FM News

Issues and Programs from January 16 2018 to February 14 2018

**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](http://kvcrnews.org)*).**

1/16/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "Perris Home Was a Prison for 13 Siblings" More details are emerging about a disturbing story about 13 siblings held hostage by their own parents in Perris.

1/16/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "Transient Arrested After Several Small Fires Start in North San Bernardino" Firefighters from multiple agencies doused nearly a dozen fires in the northwest corner of San Bernardino on Monday.

1/17/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "'Tightly-Knit' Perris Neighborhood Had No Clue Of The Evil Inside The Turpin Home" Residents of a normally quiet neighborhood in Perris were shocked to hear that their neighbors - David and Louise Turpin - were holding their 13 children hostage inside their home.

1/17/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "Perris Parents Ran A Home School With No Regulatory Oversight" The Turpin parents arrested on suspicion of child abuse were running a home school that authorities seem to know nothing about. Now, the California Legislature is looking into changing rules for home schooling.

1/18/18 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "College Students Who Are In DACA Urged To Renew Status Now" California's community colleges and universities are urging their students who are DACA recipients to take advantage of what may only be a temporary window to renew their temporary status.

1/18/18 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Report: ICE Is Planning A Massive Immigration Sweep In California" In spite of California's new law declaring itself a "sanctuary state," there are reports that federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are planning a massive immigration "sweep" in parts of the state.

1/18/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "IE Lawmaker Proposes More Oversight Over Private Home Schools In California" In the wake of a Perris couple being held in jail for holding their children captive in their home - which was also registered as a "home school" - an Inland Empire lawmaker is proposing legislation to give the state some oversight over home schools.

1/18/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "Perris Couple Could Face Life In Prison; District Attorney Details Turpin Family Torture" The Perris couple charged with imprisoning and torturing their 13 children in their home could face life in prison.

1/19/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "More Details Emerge About Perris Couple's Torture Of

Their 13 Children” We are learning new details about the case of 13 siblings held captive by their parents in the Inland Empire community of Perris.

1/22/18 REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT “California's Jobless Rate Is At Record Low; Inland Empire Unemployment Is Also Low” California is experiencing a statewide record low unemployment rate. And the Inland Empire also has one of the lowest jobless rates in recent memory.

1/22/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “Riverside County's Cal Fire Chief Is Demoted By Sacramento “ Riverside County's fire department is operating under an interim fire chief, after the current chief was dismissed by the powers that be in Sacramento.

1/23/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “Perris Couple Charged With Torture Of Their Children Lived In Texas Before IE” Officials in Texas say they recall no interaction with the family of David and Louise Turpin, who are charged in Riverside County with torture, child abuse, and false imprisonment of 12 of their 13 children in their current home in Perris.

1/23/18 LOCAL WOMEN'S ISSUES ““Decidedly Political" Riverside Women's March Draws Thousands From Around IE” The Inland Empire saw its second annual Women's March on Saturday, where roughly 3,000 people marched through Downtown Riverside chanting and carrying signs.

1/23/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “Driver Steals Truck, Drives Wrong Way On 210 Fwy, Causing Chaos, Collisions, And Death” A horrific criminal incident took place yesterday (Monday) on an Inland Empire freeway. A woman drove a stolen truck through miles of wrong-way traffic on the 210 freeway between San Bernardino and Claremont, resulting in several injury collisions and a death.

1/24/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “San Bernardino County Supervisors Approve Delay Of Report On 2015 Terror Attack” An after-action report on San Bernardino County's response to the 2015 terrorist attack at the Inland Regional Center will be delayed by at least six months.

1/24/18 HIGHER EDUCATION “Defying Governor Brown, Univ. Of California Regents Will Vote On Tuition Increase Today” Against the expressed wishes of Governor Jerry Brown, University of California regents will today (Wednesday) vote on a proposed tuition increase for UC students.

1/24/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “Prosecutors Will Seek Order To Keep Perris Couple From Seeing Their Children” Riverside County prosecutors today will ask a judge to issue an order preventing a Perris couple from seeing or otherwise communicating with their children. The couple is charged with torturing, abusing, and holding their 13 children captive at home for years.

1/25/18 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION “Public Hearing In Banning Today On Proposed I-10 “Escape Route”” In Banning, a public hearing will be held at Banning High School starting at 5 this afternoon on the proposed construction of a long-awaited frontage road from Banning to Cabazon. The road was conceived in part to provide motorists with an escape route in the event of a closure of the I-10.

1/25/18 HIGHER EDUCATION "UC Regents Decide To Postpone Tuition Increase Vote Until May" The University of California Board of Regents has delayed a vote on a proposed tuition increase until May.

1/25/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "Centered West Of IE, 4.0 Quake Wakes And Shakes SoCal" A 4.0 earthquake - centered in the mountains between Riverside and Orange Counties - shook parts of Southern California early this morning.

1/25/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "Perris Couple Ordered By Court Not To Contact Or Communicate With Their Children" A Riverside County judge has granted a request by prosecutors to keep a Perris couple from having any contact or communication with the children they're charged with abusing, neglecting, and torturing for years.

1/25/18 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "IE-Area California Lawmaker Pushes Bill To Create Legal Work Permits For Undocumented Immigrants" Inland-area Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) is co-sponsoring a bill that would create legal work permits for undocumented immigrants in California.

1/26/18 STATE GOVERNMENT "Jerry Brown Lists His Decades Of Accomplishments - And Issues Warnings - In Final State Of The State" A one-of-a-kind politician has given his final State of the State address: Jerry Brown, California's longest-serving governor and a three-time Democratic presidential candidate. Brown told lawmakers in Sacramento yesterday (Thursday) that California is prospering... and laid out a path for the state to continue its progress. But he also issued dire warnings on a global scale.

1/29/18 TRANSPORTATION "Jerry Brown Wants More Than Ten Times As Many Electric Vehicles On Calif. Roads Within 12 Years" Governor Jerry Brown has issued an executive order to boost the number of zero-emission vehicles on California roads.

1/29/18 EXTREME WEATHER "Expect Hot Weather, High Winds, Extreme Wildfire Danger In IE Through Monday" With temperatures in the 80s and wind gusts expected to reach or exceed 60 mph in the inland valleys and local mountains, the National Weather Service has issued a High Wind Warning and a Red Flag Warning for increased wildfire danger throughout the region today (Monday).

1/30/18 ENVIRONMENT "Study: California Could Lose Half Of State's Vegetation To Climate Change" Half of California's vegetation is at risk of dying because of warming temperatures, according to new UC Davis research.

1/30/18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT " Report: Riverside County Faces Escalating Pension Liability Amid Budget Shortfall" Riverside County Supervisors are asking for more information following a report by a committee looking into the county's escalating pension liability for county employees.

1/31/18 TRANSPORTATION "Can California Get A Million More Electric Vehicles On Roads In The Next 7 Years?" California is on pace to surpass its target of 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles by 2025.

1/31/18 STATE GOVERNMENT "California Bill Would Circumvent New Federal Cap On Deducting State And Local Taxes" The California state Senate is attempting to circumvent a change in the federal tax overhaul they say targets blue states.

1/31/18 LAW ENFORCEMENT "Calif. Bill Would Send Criminals With Mental Disorders To Treatment Instead Of Trial" The California Senate has approved a bill that would allow judges to send criminal defendants suffering from mental disorders to treatment instead of trial.

2/1/18 LOCAL RECREATION "Several Riverside County Hiking Trails Will Reopen, Following Fire-Danger Closures" Several Riverside County hiking trails that have been closed because of wildfire danger will be reopening today {Thursday}.

2/1/18 HIGHER EDUCATION "Union Pickets Will Go Up Today At UC Riverside and UC Campuses Across The State" Pickets and protests will be evident at many University of California campuses today. The UC and one of it's biggest employee unions are still at a stalemate over contract talks that have been stalled for months.

2/1/18 STATE POLITICS "OC GOP Candidate For California Governor Wants Jerry Brown Jailed For Signing Sanctuary State Bill" The Trump administration has said it may try to prosecute elected officials in "sanctuary" states and cities who defy federal immigration law. Orange County Republican Assemblyman Travis Allen says that should include the man he hopes to replace as California governor.

2/2/18 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES "Report: 2 Out Of 3 California Children Are Born To Low-Income Families" A new report shows nearly two-thirds of California children are born to low-income families, and the state gets dismal grades on access to child care.

2/2/18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT "Report: California Local Governments' Pension Costs Will Double In Next 7 Years" A new report finds city employee pension costs will continue to rise in California, putting further stress on cash-strapped local governments.

2/2/18 LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS "San Bernardino City Council Again Defies Voters, Extends Ban On Legal Marijuana" The San Bernardino City Council continues to defy the will of the city's voters by once again extending a moratorium on the legal sale of recreational and medicinal marijuana within the city.

2/4/18 HEALTH CARE "California May Impose A State Requirement To Have Health Insurance" The federal Affordable Care Act's individual insurance mandate is on the way out, but California may be coming up with its own version.

2/5/18 SEXUAL HARASSMENT "4 California Lawmakers, Including Candidate For Gov. Travis Allen, Named In Sexual Harassment Claims" Four current California lawmakers, including a candidate for governor, are named in sexual harassment claims released today by the state Legislature.

2/6/18 WILDFIRE SAFETY "Report: Big Changes In California Forest Management Could Reduce Risk Of Wildfires" A call to change the mentality over the way forests are managed is the topic of the latest research by the Little Hoover Commission.

2/6/18 SEXUAL HARASSMENT "IE Lawmaker's Bill Protecting Capitol Sex Harrassment Whistleblowers Finally Passes Calif. Senate" Whistleblower protections for legislative staff who report harassment or abuse at the California Capitol - written by Lake Elsinore GOP Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez - have finally passed both houses of the Legislature and are on their way to Governor Jerry Brown's desk for his signature.

2/7/18 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES Is Another Drought on the Way? The lack of rainfall and snow pack has people wondering if the Golden State is on the verge of another drought.

2/7/18 RENEWABLE ENERGY "UCR Science Breakthrough Could Drastically Reduce the Costs of Fuel Cells" Fuel cells are "clean" replacement technology for combustion engines, but until now required extremely expensive materials to manufacture. Researchers at the University of California, Riverside say they've developed a new material that could drastically lower the price of fuel cells.

2/8/18 HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES "Hearing: Single-Payer Universal Health Care In California Would Be Expensive But Doable" Hearings on creating a single-payer health care system or universal coverage wrapped up last night (Wednesday) at the California state Capitol, for now. The meeting of a state Assembly committee was dominated by discussion of a single-payer bill passed by the state Senate last year.

2/9/18 SEXUAL HARASSMENT "Calif. Legislature's Women's Caucus Chair & #MeToo Leader Cristina Garcia Accused Of Sex Harassment" California Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia — the chair of the California Legislature's Women's Caucus and an original signer of the We Said Enough letter that sparked the #MeToo movement at the state Capitol — is now the subject of a sexual harassment investigation herself.

2/12/18 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT "'Eagle Cam" Showed 2 Baby Eagles Hatching In Real Time In Nest Near Big Bear; Watch Live Now" People who were lucky enough to be logged into an online camera positioned near an eagle's nest in the San Bernardino National Forest near Big Bear got to see 2 eggs hatch and 2 baby eagles slowly emerge from their shells, with their parent eagles hovering over the nest. One eaglet hatched yesterday, the other just past noon today (Monday).

2/12/18 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "'Writers Week" Kicks Off Across UC Riverside Campus " Writers, poets, and other speakers from across the nation will participate in the University of California, Riverside's annual Writers Week events.

2/12/18 HIGHWAY SAFETY "Calif. Bill Proposes Making Handling Devices While Driving A Moving Violation" Penalties for handling cell phones while driving would get tougher under a new bill proposed in the California Legislature.

2/12/18 BICYCLE SAFETY "Driver Rams Car Into Group Of Palm Springs Bicyclists, Killing One, Injuring Another" A driver plowed his car at a high speed into a group of bicyclists participating in the annual Tour de Palm Springs Bicycle Race, killing one cyclist and injuring another.

2/12/18 EARTHQUAKE SAFETY "Analysis: IE Negligent In Protecting Life And Property From Hundreds Of Quake-Prone Buildings" Hundreds of buildings across the Inland Empire are vulnerable to extreme damage and danger to occupants in the event of a major earthquake. The analysis by the Los Angeles Times finds IE officials have not responded to the vulnerability like officials in Coastal communities have.

2/13/18 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT "Proud Parents Show Off Inland Empire's New Baby Eagles To Worldwide 'Nest Cam' Audience" People around the world have been tuning in to the online "Eagle Cam" in the San Bernardino National Forest hoping to catch a glimpse of two new baby eagles that hatched this week in a nest near Big Bear.

2/13/18 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT "Trump Administration May Open Protected Desert Lands To Energy Development" Supporters of the three national monuments created by President Barack Obama in the Southern California desert are celebrating the monuments' second birthday, in spite of moves by the Trump administration to reconsider development in the area.