Issues and programs from April 29 through May 28 2014

KVCR FM NEWS 4/29/14 through 5/28/14

As 91.9 KVCR-FM News continues to expand a local presence across our air schedule, we're introducing a new local culture segment to the weekend. KVCR TV's "Man in the Kitchen" Jeff Baker will produce a weekly radio segment for 91.9 KVCR FM. "Savory Road," will air Sunday mornings on "Weekend Edition." Jeff and his microphone will roam the region in search of the Inland Empire's unique culinary personality. Upcoming segments include a taste of Oaxacan cuisine in Chino Hills, a unique craft brewery in Pomona, a world-famous goat cheese farm in Ontario, and a peek into Inland Empire coffee culture. "Savory Road" debuts June 1 with a profile of treats at the Koronenburg Old World Festival in Corona, and a week later we preview the cuisine at the Highland Springs Lavender Festival in Cherry Valley.

Also, the 91.9 KVCR FM News staff took a day trip to visit KCRW, our colleague public radio station in Santa Monica. KCRW produces one of KVCR's most popular programs, "To The Point" with Warren Olney. KVCR and KCRW are exploring ways our news and programming efforts can collaborate to the benefit of each of our audiences.

In addition to our regular weekly conversations with Inland Empire Economist John Husing and Press Enterprise Columnist Cassie MacDuff, below are some of the stories and issues we reported on 91.9 KVCR FM News over the past month:

(most of the following segments are available to hear on demand at kvcr.org/news)

4/29/14 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION KVCR-FM News profiled the hurdles facing a plan by a Pomona legislator to extend L.A. County's Gold Line light rail route from the San Gabriel Valley to Ontario International Airport.

4/29/14 LOCAL POLITICS; LAW ENFORCEMENT KVCR-FM News talked with law enforcement leaders about the prospect of felony charges being filed against the Riverside County District Attorney for campaign sign tampering.

4/30/14 SOCIAL SERVICES; CIVIC INVOLVEMENT KVCR FM News previewed "Give Big San Bernardino County," a one-day, online fundraiser encouraging citizens to go on the internet and pledge financial support to any of hundreds of participating non-profit charities and social service agencies.

4/30/14 LOCAL ARTS; LOCAL MILITARY HISTORY KVCR FM News aired part one of a two-part interview with UCR Creative Writing Professor -- and National Book Award Nominee -- Susan Straight about her collaboration with photographer Douglas McCulloh to put together an exhibition of photos and short stories about how the people who served at local military bases influenced the character of the Inland Empire.

5/1/14 LOCAL ARTS; HIGHER EDUCATION In the second part of our interview, novelist Susan Straight -- a Riverside native -- talks about setting her stories in the Inland Empire, and about the quality of students she teaches in her long-time post as a Professor of Creative Writing at UC Riverside.

- 5/2/14 LOCAL ACTIVISM; IMMIGRATION; LABOR; SOCIAL SERVICES KVCR FM News reported on Labor, immigrant, and social service groups from around the Inland Empire participating in a big May Day march and rally in downtown San Bernardino.
- 5/2/14 LOCAL ARTS; HIGHER EDUCATION; LATINO CULTURE KVCR TV's Jhoann Acosta produced a feature for KVCR FM News previewing the Festival of Latin Jazz at Cal State San Bernardino.
- 5/12/14 LOCAL EMPLOYMENT; BUSINESS KVCR FM News looked into a study by a national business-monitoring website saying that the Inland Empire is among the worst places in the country for young people looking to start their careers.
- 5/16/14 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT KVCR FM News featured a segment profiling a Yucaipa community effort to assist a local woman as she fights cancer.
- 5/19/14 LOCAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT; ENVIRONMENT; LOCAL POLITICS KVCR FM News investigated concerns among residents in the Pass Communities about a large logisitics and warehouse complex proposed for the Beaumont area.
- 5/21/14 STATE OF THE CITIES KVCR FM News profiled proposed changes to San Bernardino's city charter in an effort to reduce the city government dysfunction that led to municipal bankruptcy.
- 5/21/14 LOCAL EDUCATION KVCR FM News interviewed a Perris teacher after he was awarded \$25,000 by a national foundation for success in teaching.
- 5/27/14 LOCAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT; ENVIRONMENT; LOCAL POLITICS KVCR FM News continued its reporting on community concerns about a mega-warehouse complex proposed for the Beaumont area, with a look into Riverside County's policies allowing some development projects to be "fast-tracked," reducing developers' costs but allowing less public scrutiny of the development.
- 5/28/14 LOCAL TRIBES; LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION KVCR FM News previewed the impending announcement of a gift of \$4 million by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians to Claremont Graduate University to expand a unique graduate program in Tribal Management.