

KVCR FM News

Issues and Programs from April 28 2015 through May 27 2015

In addition to our regular weekly segments with Inland Empire Economist John Husing, Press Enterprise Columnist Cassie MacDuff, and Jeff Baker exploring IE food culture with Savory Road, 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.*

4/28/15 LOCAL LOGISTICS ECONOMY; LOCAL BUSINESS AND LABOR ISSUES KVCR FM News reported the beginning of a labor strike by truck drivers who deliver goods to and from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and Inland Empire warehouses and freight logistics centers.

4/29/15 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT KVCR FM News excerpted a "KVCaRts" interview with author Piper Kerman, whose book "Orange Is The New Black" inspired the popular cable TV series depicting life inside a women's correctional facility.

4/29/15 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT KVCR FM News excerpted a "KVCaRts" interview with musician and producer Alan Hewitt about his work with popular musical groups ranging from Earth Wind and Fire to The Moody Blues.

4/29/15 LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS; CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS KVCR FM News reported on details of proposed state legislation that would provide for automatic voter registration and vote-by-mail ballots when citizens renew their driver licenses.

4/29/15 LOCAL ECONOMY; LOCAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY; LOCAL BUSINESS AND LABOR ISSUES KVCR FM News produced a report on a study from an online financial monitoring firm that found the Inland Empire a "mediocre" place to start a business.

4/30/15 LOCAL ENERGY ISSUES; RENEWABLE & ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT KVCR FM News aired a report on a \$75 million federal grant to a consortium of California energy research institutions to continue researching potential liquid fuels produced with sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide.

4/30/15 LOCAL EDUCATION KVCR FM News reported on the latest graduation and dropout rates in San Bernardino County schools.

5/1/15 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; MOBILE COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY KVCR FM News reported on a new smartphone application developed for the American Civil Liberties Union that allows smartphone users to instantly submit videos of police encounters directly to the ACLU.

5/1/15 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT; LOCAL AIR QUALITY KVCR FM News produced a report on a study from the American Lung Association identifying the Inland Empire as having some of the worst air quality in the nation.

5/4/15 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES KVCR FM News aired a report on the introduction of state legislation to allow students of financially-failed for-profit colleges to recover their tuition.

5/4/15 LOCAL ECONOMY; LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION KVCR FM News aired a report on state statistics showing annual growth in population and housing construction.

5/4/15 LOCAL HEALTH CARE; IE HOSPITALS KVCR FM News reported on a national health care watchdog group's patient safety grades for more than a dozen Riverside County hospitals.

5/4/15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & POLITICS; LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS; MUNICIPAL CORRUPTION; LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT KVCR FM News reported on questions remaining among residents of the IE City of Beaumont after a surprise FBI raid on offices in Beaumont City Hall and elsewhere related to a multi-jurisdiction, tight-lipped investigation into Beaumont city finances.

5/5/15 LOCAL HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES; LOCAL IMMIGRANT ISSUES KVCR FM News aired a report on state officials concerns about the potential price tag of allowing undocumented immigrants in California to enroll in subsidized health insurance programs.

5/5/15 LOCAL LOGISTICS ECONOMY; LOCAL BUSINESS AND LABOR ISSUES KVCR FM News reported on a newly-formed short-haul trucking company serving the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach agreeing to hire its drivers as full employees, rather than as contract workers.

5/6/15 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; IMMIGRANT ISSUES KVCR FM News reported on an Inland Empire state legislator's bill targeting the buyers and sellers of sex trafficking in the region.

5/6/15 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT KVCR FM News previewed a Riverside County "summit" meeting of county officials, community leaders, and residents of the San Geronio Pass to discuss the future of the Pass communities.

5/6/15 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT KVCR FM News excerpted a "KVCaRts" interview with organizers of the Cal State San Bernardino Arts & Music Festival.

5/6/15 INLAND EMPIRE LEGISLATORS; LAW ENFORCEMENT KVCR FM News reported on legislation sponsored by State Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff – GOP from Diamond Bar – targeting the buyers and sellers of sex trafficking in the region.

5/6/15 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES KVCR FM News aired Capital Public Radio's coverage of California water regulators adopting some of the strictest water conservation rules in the state's history.

5/7/15 VETERANS' ISSUES; LOCAL AGRICULTURE KVCR FM News featured a Capital Public Radio report on California veterans turning to farming to help heal the trauma of war, and to make a living.

5/7/15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & POLITICS; LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS; MUNICIPAL CORRUPTION; LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT KVCR FM News continued reporting on the civic aftermath of an FBI raid and ongoing investigation into the IE City of Beaumont's finances.

5/8/15 LOCAL CHARITIES; HUNGER IN CALIFORNIA KVCR FM News previewed the National Association of Letter Carriers' 23rd annual "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive.

5/8/15 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; JUSTICE AND CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES KVCR FM News produced a report examining a bill approved by the California State Senate that would eliminate the use of the Grand Jury in cases pertaining to officer-involved shootings, or cases where excessive force used by an officer results in the death of a suspect.

5/11/15 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE; PRIVACY ISSUES; MOBILE TECHNOLOGY KVCR FM News produced a report on proposed state legislation addressing privacy concerns raised by the proliferation of unmanned, remote-controlled aerial vehicles, commonly called drones.

5/12/15 LOCAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT; LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH KVCR FM News reported on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors' decision to renege on a 10-year commitment of funds to help establish the new University of California Riverside School of Medicine.

5/13/15 POLITICS AND ELECTIONS KVCR FM News aired a report on the growing number of established California political figures officially declining to run for a coveted open U.S. Senate seat now held by retiring Senator Barbara Boxer, due to the perceived dominance of the confirmed leading candidate in the race, California Attorney General Kamala Harris.

5/13/15 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT KVCR FM News excerpted a "KVCaRts" interview with Daniel Hinds, playing the lead role of Huey Calhoun in the production of "Memphis" in Riverside.

5/14/15 CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET KVCR FM News featured Capital Public Radio's preview of Governor Jerry Brown's proposed state budget update, and its

potential implications to state-supported programs and initiatives up and down the state of California.

5/14/15 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES; LOCAL BUSINESS & INDUSTRY KVCR FM News featured and promoted NPR's Steve Inskeep interview with Ian James, a reporter for Palm Springs' daily newspaper the Desert Sun, on increasing scrutiny being given to a number of facilities around the state that draw water from wells and bottle it for sale around the nation. One of those facilities is the Nestle Arrowhead water facility near the eastern Inland Empire city of Banning.

5/14/15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT; SAN BERNARDINO BANKRUPTCY KVCR FM News produced a report previewing the release of the City of San Bernardino's "Plan of Adjustment" -- the official document that will specify how the city intends to emerge from bankruptcy.

5/15/15 POLITICS AND ELECTIONS KVCR FM News aired coverage of the announcement by Orange County Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez that she enter the race for the U.S. Senate seat now held by retiring Senator Barbara Boxer.

5/15/15 CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET KVCR FM News assembled coverage from multiple public radio partners to provide comprehensive coverage and reaction to Governor Jerry Brown's revised state budget proposal.

5/18/15 CALIFORNIA DROUGHT; WILDFIRE SAFETY; WILDERNESS PROTECTION; U.S. FOREST SERVICE KVCR FM News featured Capital Public Radio's reporting on a warning from a top U.S Department of Agriculture official that forestry and resource agencies at all levels need to increase thinning of forests to help prevent the spread of wildfires.

5/18/15 POLITICS AND ELECTIONS; WOMEN IN ELECTED OFFICE; WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT KVCR FM News featured a Capital Public Radio report on an increase in the number of women interested in serving on appointed, non-elected government boards and commissions.

5/18/15 LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES; LOCAL ACTIVISM AND ADVOCACY; CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET KVCR FM News attended a rally and demonstration in downtown Riverside organized by a coalition of social services advocacy groups and others critical of Gov. Brown's budget proposal.

5/18/15 LOCAL ECONOMY; LOCAL LOGISTICS INDUSTRY; LOCAL ENVIRONMENT; LOCAL LABOR ISSUES; LOCAL TRANSPORTATION KVCR FM News attended a regional forum on the future of the Inland Empire freight logistics industry and produced a multi-part series of reports on the issues addressed by speakers and debated by panels representing business and industry, development, environmental, labor, and transportation interests.

5/20/15 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT KVCR FM News excerpted a "KVCaRts" interview with organizers of the annual Lake Arrowhead Village Summer Concert Series.

5/20/15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & POLITICS; LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS; MUNICIPAL CORRUPTION; LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT KVCR FM News reported details of and reaction to the announcement that the California Office of the Controller would conduct a forensic audit of the finances of the Inland Empire city of Beaumont, after discovering major discrepancies in reported and actual revenue collected.

5/20 – 27/15 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENT; COASTAL OIL SPILLS KVCR FM News assembled, edited, and packaged a series of reports and updates on the aftermath and cleanup of damage to the coastal environment, wildlife, and marine life following an oil pipeline rupture and spill on the central California coast near Santa Barbara.

5/26/15 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS KVCR FM News reported on the completion of new HOV/Carpool lanes on the heavily-traveled I-215 corridor between San Bernardino and Riverside.

5/27/15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT; SAN BERNARDINO BANKRUPTCY KVCR FM News aired part 1 of a 2-part interview with San Bernardino City Councilman John Valdivia about his perspective, rationale, and concerns leading him to consistently vote against the Mayor and Council majority's initiatives to reform city government and get out of bankruptcy.