Issues and programs from May 29 through June 24 2014

KVCR FM NEWS 5/29/14 through 6/24/14

KVCR FM News had a busy June. In addition to a short but successful summer pledge drive, we debuted our new local feature "Savory Road," which can be heard every Sunday morning "Weekend Edition Sunday." Also, we launched Matt Guilhem's four-part series, "Redlands: Waiting For Change." More information about "Savory Road" and "Redlands: Waiting For Change" is available in the "Issues and Programs" narrative below.

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)

5/29/14 LOCAL FOOD & CULINARY CULTURE KVCR FM News interviewed Jeff Baker, the longtime host of KVCR TV's "Man In The Kitchen," and now the host and producer of KVCR FM's new local culture segment on the weekend. "Savory Road" will document the Inland Empire's emerging food culture, as well as the unique "culinary personality" of the region. "Savory Road" will air in "Weekend Edition" Sunday, right before the Will Shortz puzzle.

5/30/14 LOCAL BUSINESS; EDUCATION; REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT KVCR FM News examined a report from a national business organization -- commissioned by local business leaders and educators -- explaining how the region can close the gap between the jobs of the future and the skills needed by potential employees to do those jobs.

6/1/14 LOCAL FOOD & CULINARY CULTURE KVCR FM debuted our new Sunday morning local food & culinary feature called, "Savory Road," hosted by Jeff Baker. This week, "Savory Road" headed to Corona to sample the tastes of the annual Koronenburg Renaissance Festival.

6/2/14 LOCAL EDUCATION; BUSINESS Our weekly "State of the Cities" segment profiled growing interest in San Bernardino County schools in a new educational style called learning," which combines academics, work-based learning, and real-world professional skills.

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6/6/14 LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT KVCR FM News featured a local interview with comedian and TV actor Kathy Griffin, who previewed her stage show in Palm Springs this month.

6/9/14 LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS; MUNICIPAL ISSUES In our weekly "State of the Cities" segment, KVCR FM News featured an interview with the Mayor of the City of Rialto, Deborah Robertson, about how Rialto fared through the recession, and future plans for the city.

6/11-12/14 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION KVCR FM News aired an extensive two-part interview with Kim Wilcox, the new Chancellor of the University of California Riverside, about

his plans to grow UCR's faculty, expand the campus physically, boost research programs, and make UC Riverside an "international university."

6/13/14 LOCAL VETERANS AFFAIRS KVCR FM News reported on a local congressman's inquiries into performance issues at the Inland Empire's Veterans Administration Hospital in Loma Linda, in light of national revelations of falsified records regarding the timely care of veterans seeking VA medical services.

6/13/14 LOCAL ARTS AND LITERATURE KVCR FM News excerpted a local interview segment with Inland Empire writer Jeri Westerson, author of an internationally-popular series of novels set in Medieval times featuring a disgraced knight-turned-detective.

6/16/14 LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS; MUNICIPAL ISSUES KVCR FM News began a monthlong series of reports called, "Redlands: Waiting For Change," documenting how Redlands residents and merchants feel about how the city is – and is not – changing. In Part 1, KVCR's Matt Guilhem profiles Redlands' effort to establish a light rail line through the city within the next five years.

6/17-20/14 KVCR SUMMER PLEDGE DRIVE

6/22/14 LOCAL FOOD & CULINARY CULTURE This week's "Savory Road" led to Chino, where Jeff Baker introduced us to a family that has brought the culinary traditions of the Mexican state of Oaxaca to the Inland Empire.

6/23/14 STATE OF THE CITIES; LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS; MUNICIPAL ISSUES KVCR FM News continued our special series, "Redlands: Waiting For Change." KVCR's Matt Guilhem profiled Downtown Redlands and talked with merchants about how well the city accommodates businesses old and new.