

KVCR FM News

Issues and Programs from February 15 2018 to March 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.*

2/15/18 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Latinos Push Back Against Trump-Proposed Citizenship Question On 2020 Census" Leaders in the Latino community are expressing concerns about a Trump Administration move to put a citizenship question on the 2020 census.

2/15/18 STATE GOVERNMENT "Another Calif. Legislator Under Investigation For Sex Harassment Still Working At Capitol"

2/16/18 LOCAL HEALTH CARE "Report: California's Shortage Of Mental Health Care Providers Is Getting Worse" There's a lack of mental health providers across California, and new research shows that it's only getting worse.

2/16/18 LOCAL POLITICS; LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT "Election Race for Riverside County Sheriff Is Getting Nasty" The political rivalries among the candidates running for Riverside County Sheriff are heating up.

2/19/18 LOCAL EXTREME WEATHER "Showers In The Valleys, Mountain Snow, Stong Winds, and Freezing Temps Forecast For IE" Some daytime showers and overnight temperatures at or just below freezing are in the forecast for the Inland Valleys for the next couple of days. In the mountains, blowing snow, strong winds, and overnight lows in the teens are in the forecast for at least the first part of this week.

2/21/18 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "California Immigrant Advocates Warn Of Urgency As DACA Deadline Nears" Congress is still nowhere near reaching an agreement on DACA just weeks before President Donald Trump's deadline to find a solution.

2/21/18 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES "Previous California Drought Water Restrictions Could Be Returning Permanently" Temporary water restrictions imposed upon California communities during the drought could become permanent.

2/21/18 SEXUAL HARASSMENT "Investigation Suggests Calif. State Senator Tony Mendoza May Have Harassed Multiple Women" An outside investigation finds it "more likely than not" that California state Senator Tony Mendoza engaged in inappropriate behavior with six different women.

2/22/18 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES "Hate Your Driver's License Photo? You May Soon Be Able To Select A Better Photo...For An Extra Fee." Don't like your driver's license photo? You may soon have the ability to request that other photos be taken until you get one that you'll allow on your license. For a fee, of course.

2/22/18 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "Inspired By The Film, "Get Out," UC Riverside Prof Offers Courses On Afrofuturism" A professor at the University of California, Riverside has launched two courses inspired by Jordan Peele's film, "Get Out."

2/23/18 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT "Poll: Californians Oppose Trump Adm. Plans To Shrink National Monuments" More than three-quarters of Californians oppose the Trump administration's plan to shrink two national monuments in Utah, and want to see California's national monuments protected. That's according to a new poll from the non-profit Hispanic Access Foundation.

2/23/18 STATE POLITICS "California Democratic Party Prepares For An Energized - And Tense - State Party Convention" An energized yet fractured California Democratic party meets this weekend in San Diego for its annual convention. Tensions between the party's establishment and progressive wings could shape fights for governor and Senate ... and congressional races critical to recapturing the U.S. House.

2/23/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT "Perris Couple Charged With Torturing Their Children Are Due In Court In Riverside Today" The Inland Empire couple charged with abusing and torturing their children for years in their home in Perris is due in court today in Riverside.

2/23/18 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Frustrated With Sanctuary Policies, Trump Threatens To Pull ICE Officers Out Of California" President Donald Trump said yesterday (Thursday) he is considering pulling U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers from California, warning that the nation's most populous state would turn into a "crime next" without the federal agents.

2/26/18 LOCAL WEATHER & STORMS "Expect Snow In The Mountains, Rain In The Inland Valleys For Much Of This Week Into Next Weekend" Back-to-back storms will bring precipitation to the Inland Empire for most of this week and into next weekend, including accumulations of Inland mountain snow that could make driving on mountain roads hazardous.

2/26/18 STATE POLITICS "At The California Democratic Convention, 4 Candidates For Governor Test Their Campaign Messages" The California Democratic Party Convention wrapped up yesterday (Sunday) - exactly 100 days before the June 5th Primary. The candidates for governor tested their messages and jockeyed for position as they vie for a top-two primary finish to advance to the November general election.

2/27/18 STATE POLITICS "GOP Doug Ose Drops Out Of California Governor's Race; 2 GOP Candidates Remain Before June Primary" There's now one fewer Republican in the California governor's race. Former Sacramento area Congressman Dough Ose dropped out yesterday.

2/27/18 JUVENILE JUSTICE; CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT "California Supreme Court Says Sending Juveniles To Prison For 50 Years Is Unconstitutional" California's top court has ruled that sentencing juveniles to 50 years or more in prison violates the 8th Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment. But a divided state Supreme Court did not decide in yesterday's (Monday) ruling what sentence would be constitutional.

2/27/18 SEXUAL HARASSMENT "California Capitol Staffer Says She Was Raped By Another Staffer, Then Fired From Her Job" A woman who worked in the California state Senate says she was raped in December, 2016, and fired from her job last year as she struggled with the psychological effects of the attack.

2/28/18 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT "Judge Blocks Decision On Herbicide In Roundup" A decision to require cancer warnings on products containing the herbicide in Roundup was temporarily blocked by a federal judge Monday.

2/28/18 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH "Nationwide Shortage of Mental Health Professionals Especially Severe in the IE" A new report from the University of California, San Francisco says California is experiencing a statewide shortage of mental health professionals -- and the problem is especially bad in the Inland Empire.

3/1/18 LOCAL EDUCATION "Can You Spell 'Threeppeat?' Corona Student Heads To National Spelling Bee For Her Third Time" Once again - for the third time - the same student from Corona has won the annual Riverside County Spelling Bee, and is again on her way to the Scripps National Spelling Bee back east.

3/1/18 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT; LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "UC Riverside Researcher Warns That Halting Pest Spraying Could Harm California Citrus" A judge ordered the California Department of Agriculture to stop spraying dozens of pesticides. Some environmental groups count this as a win. However, a UC Riverside researcher warns the move to stop the spraying will hurt efforts to fight a damaging citrus disease.

3/2/18 STATE GOVERNMENT; ENVIRONMENT "Calif. Bill Would Restrict Plastic Straws At Sit-Down Restaurants" You would not be able to drink out of a straw at a sit-down restaurant unless you request one under a new bill inching through the California legislature.

3/2/18 FAMILY & CHILDREN'S ISSUES "Medi-Cal Is Once Again Covering Basic Dental Services" For the first time in nearly a decade, Medi-Cal recipients are covered for most basic dental services.

3/2/18 LOCAL & COUNTY GOVERNMENT "Bill In Calif. Senate Would Replace County Coroners With Medical Examiners" A bill has been introduced in the California state Senate to eliminate coroner's offices in counties around the state, and replace them with county medical examiners.

3/2/18 LOCAL WEATHER AND STORMS "Second Storm Of The Week Will Bring More Rain, Mt. Snow To Inland Empire" A second offshore storm this week will bring more rain to the Inland valleys and more blowing snow to the mountains.

3/5/18 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT "Areas Of Inland Empire May Get Federal 'Opportunity Zone' Designation" The Brown administration is looking for impoverished communities in California - including here in the Inland Empire - to designate as "Opportunity Zones," under a program created by the new federal tax plan.

3/5/18 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY; FAMILY & CHILDREN'S ISSUES "Joshua

Tree Parents Charged With Felony Child Abuse For Living Homeless In Makeshift Shelter” A couple in Joshua Tree has been charged with three counts of felony child abuse after their three teenage children were found living in a makeshift shelter in the desert.

2/5/18 LOCAL COMMUNITY “Lake Elsinore Man Gets Surprise Role On Oscars Telecast” Did you see the Inland Empire community of Lake Elsinore get a shout-out at last night's (Sunday) Academy Awards telecast?

2/6/18 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES “California Mountain Snowpack Looking Okay, But A Little More Winter Would Be Good” The third snow survey of the year yesterday (Monday) revealed promising results for the state's water supply.

2/6/18 IMMIGRATION ISSUES “Both Pro And Anti-DACA Demonstrators March In Irvine” A demonstration in Irvine yesterday (Monday) drew both supporters and opponents of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program - DACA - on the day that the DACA program was supposed to be terminated.

2/7/18 PUBLIC SAFETY; LOCAL COMMUNITIES “S.B. County Sheriff's Dept. Will Hold Missing Persons Day Event” The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is holding a missing persons day this Saturday in Rancho Cucamonga, where they will try to help families locate missing loved ones.

2/8/18 VETERANS ISSUES “Veterans Want Opportunity To Access California's End-Of-Life Law” California veterans are pushing back against a state VA policy that blocks some terminally ill patients from taking prescription drugs to end their lives.

2/8/18 IMMIGRATION ISSUES “California Officials Vow To Fight Back Against U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' Lawsuit” Protests blocked the street as U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions spoke in Sacramento to announce a federal lawsuit against the state's sanctuary policies for immigrants. State leaders are promising a robust defense of their new laws.

2/8/18 LOCAL INTERNATIONAL POLITICS “Former Ambassador To Pakistan Returns To IE To Talk Diplomacy” Former Ambassador to Pakistan - and Southern California native - Cameron Munter visited Riverside last week for an event hosted by the World Affairs Council.

2/9/18 PUBLIC HEALTH “California's Flu Season Continues, With More Than One Strain Being Spread” Flu season is on its way out, but a new strain at the 11th hour could leave unvaccinated children particularly at risk.

2/9/18 LOCAL IMMIGRATION ISSUES “Civil Rights Activist Dolores Huerta Speaks In IE For Women's History Month” To kick off Women's History Month, civil rights icon Dolores Huerta came to speak at San Bernardino Valley College.

2/12/18 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT “Slain Pomona Police Officer Remembered” AA Pomona police officer killed in a standoff with an armed suspect Friday night is being remembered by his law enforcement colleagues and the community.

2/13/18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT; YOUTH RECREATION “Redlands Skate Park

Delayed...Again" After more than a decade of planning and indecision, the Redlands City Council last week rejected bids to build a new skate park in the city.

2/12/18 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "Anti-Border Wall Activists Protest Trump's Visit To Southern California" San Diego residents who oppose President Trump's border wall organized a protest this (Monday) afternoon ahead of his visit to see the wall prototypes. A few dozen immigrant rights activists and environmental leaders gathered in Chicano Park.

2/13/18 LOCAL AND NATIONAL POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT "Supporters And Protestors Will Greet Trump In San Diego Today" Supporters and protestors are making very different plans to greet President Trump today (Tuesday) when he visits San Diego to inspect border wall prototypes.

2/13/18 LOCAL EDUCATION Project Moving Forward is a language program designed to help English second language learners and students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds to succeed in the core curriculum. Project founder Dr. Linda Navarrette launched the program in 2012 in Sacramento schools, and now in Moreno Valley schools.