

BOARD REPORT FOR MARCH-APRIL 2017

KVCR FM News

Issues and Programs from March 16 2017 through April 15 2017

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.*

3/16/17 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS “Just A Few More Days Of Delay On The 91 Fwy Thru Corona Before All Lanes Open Monday” Several lanes of the 91 Freeway through Corona will be shut down intermittently from today through Sunday as crews make preparations for the opening of the newly-expanded corridor next week.

3/17/17 LOCAL WEATHER & STORMS “Trump Approves Federal Assistance For California Storm Recovery” President Trump has approved federal disaster assistance for California. The move will help communities around the state – including in the Inland Empire - recover from major storms that hit the state in January.

3/17/17 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT “Calif. Gov Brown Proposes \$400-Million Fix For Evaporating Salton Sea” California officials have proposed spending more than \$400 million over ten years to slow the shrinkage of the state's largest lake, the Salton Sea, southeast of the Coachella Valley. As the lake dries up, the sea bed's toxic sediment can turn into a fine dust that can be windblown across populations throughout the region.

3/17/17 LOCAL CRIME; LAW ENFORCEMENT “Suspect In San Bernardino County Shooting Spree Arrested; Held On \$25-Million Bail” San Bernardino County authorities have captured a suspect in a rash of shootings - including one murder - around the IE this week. Because of the severity of the danger he posed to the community, the suspect is being held on \$25 million bail.

3/20/17 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS “Newly-Reconstructed 91 Fwy Thru Corona Opened For Traffic This Morning” After 3 years of reconstruction and a lot of last-minute preparation over the past weekend, the 91 Freeway between Riverside and Orange County through Corona opened all lanes to traffic today.

3/20/17 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT; LOCAL BUSINESS & INDUSTRY “Renewal Of Calif. Cap-And-Trade Emissions Program Brings Up Issues For Debate” Governor Jerry Brown and the oil industry are both pushing to preserve California's struggling cap-and-trade program. But that will require support from Democratic lawmakers who have doubts about the program.

3/21/17 PARKS & PUBLIC RECREATION “IE-Area Legislator Authors \$3 Billion Parks Bond Measure” A \$3-billion proposal making its way through the California Legislature would go toward improving local and state parks and coastal protection. The proposed bond issue – written by an Inland Empire-area legislator - would give special attention to constructing and improving local parks in the IE and other underserved areas of the state. If it makes it out of the Legislature, the giant parks bond would have to be approved by voters.

3/21/17 JUVENILE JUSTICE "Calif. Bill Would Prohibit Incarceration Of Children Under 12" Two Democratic lawmakers say it's time to change how California's criminal justice system handles children. They've co-authored a bill that would keep children under 12 from prosecution in juvenile court.

3/21/17 CRIMINAL JUSTICE; CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT "Riverside Woman Charged With Child Abandonment May Be Released To Family" A woman accused of abandoning her 2-year-old daughter at a Riverside supermarket may be released from jail on her own recognizance if her family agrees to let her stay with them.

3/21/17 LOCAL CRIME; CRIMINAL JUSTICE "San Bernardino County Murder/Shooter Suspect Pleads Not Guilty" A Redlands man accused of shooting a San Bernardino sheriff's deputy and of murdering a motorist in Highland pleaded not guilty in court yesterday (Monday).

3/22/17 LOCAL EDUCATION "IE Kindergarten Teacher Uses Bilingual Singing To Teach Language And Culture" At the Jurupa Valley Unified School District's Stone Elementary School in Riverside, teacher Ron Morris leads his kindergarten students in bilingual song to help teach language, culture, and diversity.

3/22/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; SCHOOL SAFETY "Banning High School Students Charged With Plotting Campus Shooting" Police confirmed yesterday (Tuesday) that two 15-year-old Banning High School students were taken into custody for allegedly plotting a campus shooting.

3/22/17 CHILDREN & FAMILIES; CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT "Riverside Mom Charged With Abandoning Daughter Still In Custody" A woman accused of abandoning her 2-year-old daughter at a Riverside supermarket pleaded not guilty yesterday (Tuesday) to felony and misdemeanor charges, but was not released from custody as she had anticipated.

3/23/17 LOCAL ARTS "The Lunafest One-day Film Festival Celebrates Women" On a recent visit to the KVCR Studios, three ladies from the Baldy View Soroptimist Club explained the reason for and details about the film festival they will host in Rancho Cucamonga on April 2.

3/23/17 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "CSU Trustees Vote for Tuition Increase" After a Wednesday gathering of CSU Trustees this week, it looks like tuition for Cal State students is on the rise.

3/24/17 LOCAL HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY; LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "Should Bars In California Be Allowed To Stay Open Until 4 A.M.?" A California lawmaker wants to let bars stay open two hours longer. The proposal would push back the closing time for bars from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m.

3/27/17 LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES; LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "IE Republican's Bill Would Increase Payments for Milestones" A bill that would increase welfare payments for Californians when they complete educational degrees, authored by Assembly Republican Leader Chad Mayes of Yucca Valley, was blocked by Assembly Democrats.

3/27/17 CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT "State Unemployment Numbers At 10 Year Low" The Golden State had another strong jobs report in February. New numbers show

unemployment numbers dropped to 5.0 percent. That's down from 5.2 percent in January.

3/30/17 LOCAL ARTS "Cheech Marin Visits Riverside Art Museum, Donates Art From His Personal Collection" Cheech Marin - who gained fame as half of the comedy duo Cheech & Chong - was in Riverside yesterday, to talk about his new memoir, and to present the Riverside Art Museum with the gift of artpieces from his extensive collection of Chicano art.

3/30/17 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING "Calif. Gov. Brown And Legislature Propose New Taxes And Fees For Big Transportation Fix" Governor Jerry Brown and Democratic legislative leaders have reached a transportation funding deal that includes five new taxes and fees.

3/31/17 LOCAL STORMS & EXTREME WEATHER "Wild Windy Weather Whips Through IE; Wreaks Havoc In Coachella Valley" It appears the windy weather yesterday and last night (Thursday) wreaked more havoc on the coastal and desert areas than in the Inland Empire itself.

3/31/17 CALIFORNIA DROUGHT "Calif. Snow Survey Shows 8 Feet Of Mountain Snowpack; 164% Of Normal" California has gone from drought to deluge in the past year. Snow now blankets the Sierra. Results of the manual snow survey yesterday (Thursday) have Californians wondering when the Governor declare the drought over.

4/3/17 LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE "Calif. Lawmaker Wants To Reform Court Bail System" Bail is supposed to ensure that defendants show up for their court hearings, but one lawmaker says the current system is unfair. Capital Public Radio's Sally Schilling reports one area Democratic State Senator wants to make bail a measure of last resort.

4/3/17 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "Report: UC Riverside Ranked #2 In The World For Bug Research" New academic rankings show that UC Riverside's Department of Entomology is the #2-ranked insect research program in the world.

4/4/17 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT "2 San Bernardino County Deputies Avoid Assault Convictions" Two former San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies who had been charged with beating a man who fled on a stolen horse have pleaded no contest to disturbing the peace.

4/4/17 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING "Jerry Brown In Inland Empire Today To Pitch Tax Hikes For Road Repairs" California Governor Jerry Brown will join state and local representatives in Riverside today to make his case for hiking gasoline taxes to pay for road repairs.

4/4/17 IMMIGRATION ISSUES "California Sanctuary State Bill Passes State Senate" Democratic state senators passed a bill that would make California a "sanctuary state" in spite of opposition from every Republican senator in the chamber. Republicans say the move hinders federal immigration enforcement and threatens public safety.

4/5/17 LOCAL JOBS & ECONOMY "PolitiFact Check: Is The IE Growing Jobs Faster Than California's Coastal Cities?" Many associate California's job growth with Silicon Valley and coastal cities like San Francisco, San Diego, and Los Angeles. But Governor Jerry Brown recently claimed inland areas - including the Central Valley and Inland Empire - are experiencing "tremendous job growth," too. Capital Public Radio's PolitiFact

reporter checked out the claim and found it to be true.

4/5/17 LOCAL ARTS; LOCAL CIVIC EVENTS "From KVCaRts: 56th Annual San Bernardino Headdress Ball" This excerpt from KVCaRts focuses on the San Bernardino Assistance League and previews its yearly fundraising event, the 56th Annual Headdress Ball.

4/5/17 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING "Gov. Brown Visits IE To Persuade Local Lawmakers To Support Hiking Transportation Taxes And Fees" Governor Jerry Brown was in the Inland Empire yesterday (Tuesday), hoping to get support from skeptical IE lawmakers for his big transportation funding proposal. Tomorrow, California lawmakers are scheduled to decide whether to raise fuel taxes and vehicle fees to pay for road repairs, but the Governor and legislative leaders are still looking for votes to pass the measure.

4/6/17 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING "As Gas Taxes Dwindle, Caltrans Explores Charging Drivers For Each Mile Driven" Every time you pump gas in California, a portion of that price per gallon goes to building and maintaining roads. But the state's transportation needs far outweigh the money generated. Caltrans is researching possible road-funding options for the future.

4/7/17 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING "Calif. Gov. Brown Gets His Gas-Tax-And-Car-Fee Hikes With Votes From IE Senators" Thanks to votes from Inland Empire legislators who remained undecided about how they would vote until the last minute, Governor Jerry Brown's package of gas tax hikes and higher vehicle license fees passed without a vote to spare last night.

4/7/17 LOCAL BUSINESS & INDUSTRY; ENVIRONMENT "Court Rules California's Emissions Cap-And-Trade Program Is Legal" California's signature program to fight climate change got a big win yesterday (Thursday). An appellate court ruled the state cap-and-trade system is legal and not a tax.

4/10/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; SCHOOL SAFETY "School Shooting At San Bernardino's North Park Elementary" Shots rang out around 10:30 on Monday morning at North Park Elementary School in San Bernardino. KVCR followed the story with frequent on-air updates on the incident and the public safety response.

4/11/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; SCHOOL SAFETY "More Details Emerge About Shooter, Victims In San Bernardino Grade School Shooting" More details are emerging about the perpetrator and victims of yesterday's fatal shooting that resulted in the deaths of 3 people - one a schoolkid - at an elementary school in San Bernardino.

4/11/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; SCHOOL SAFETY "Community Rallies To Comfort Those Affected By Deadly San Bernardino School Shooting" Members of the community joined law enforcement and school district officials to try to sooth tensions and calm frayed nerves following the shooting deaths of two adults and a child in front of a classroom full of children at North Park Elementary School in San Bernardino yesterday.

4/12/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; SCHOOL SAFETY "Investigation Into San Bernardino School Shootings Reveals More About The Shooter And His Victims" The ongoing investigation into the shooting deaths of a San Bernardino teacher and an 8-year-old student in her classroom - committed by the teacher's estranged husband before he turned the gun on himself - has revealed more details about the shooter and his

victims.

4/12/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; SCHOOL SAFETY "IE Communities Continue To Show Support For Survivors Of San Bernardino School Shootings" Inland Empire residents continue to show support for the students and staff traumatized by the murder-suicide shootings that resulted in the deaths of a San Bernardino teacher and a young student. Last night, there was another vigil to honor the victims, and Cal State San Bernardino is coordinating a local teddy bear drive for the North Park Elementary School kids who are trying to cope with the horrific incident.

4/12/17 LOCAL EDUCATION "California High School Graduation Rates Are Up, Including For At-Risk Student Groups" When it comes to high school graduation, California is narrowing the achievement gap for Latino and African-American students, and for English language learners, according to the latest data from the state.

4/13/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; SCHOOL SAFETY "9-Year-Old Survivor Of San Bernardino School Shooting Is Doing Well, In Good Spirits" The identity of the 9-year-old student who was shot but survived the murder-suicide shooting that left three people dead in a San Bernardino elementary school classroom this week has been released. He's reportedly doing well.

4/13/17 LOCAL ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, & TOURISM; LOCAL TRAFFIC CONGESTION "Biggest-Ever Coachella Will Mean Packed Traffic On Inland Empire Freeways" The 2017 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival - which opens it's first of two weekends tomorrow - has always provided increased traffic volumes on Inland Empire freeways. But this year, Coachella will accommodate crowds that are 25 percent bigger than in years past, and that could put extra pressure on Interstate 10 and other freeways that will carry traffic through the IE toward Indio.

4/14/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; SCHOOL SAFETY "San Bernardino School Officials And Community Prepare For Re-Opening Of School After Deadly Shooting" At a community meeting last night, San Bernardino City Unified School District officials told parents and others about the preparations being made for Monday's re-opening of North Park Elementary School in San Bernardino, following this week's murder-suicide in a North Park classroom that left a teacher and an 8-year-old student dead and another student wounded before the gunman turned the gun on himself.

4/14/17 LOCAL ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & TOURISM; LOCAL TRAFFIC CONGESTION "IE Freeway Commuters Will Compete With Coachella Goers For Lane Space Today" Inland Empire drivers are very likely to notice that certain freeways are slower and more crowded than usual today (Friday), as attendees of what's expected to be the biggest-ever Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival join the already-crowded Friday afternoon commute.