

KVCR FM News

Issues and Programs from December 16 2017 to January 15 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.*

12/18/17 WILDFIRES “NASA Measures Fire Impacts” Fires in Southern California this year have charred hundreds of thousands of acres. Now NASA is testing instruments intended for space by measuring environmental impacts in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

12/18/17 LOCAL ECONOMY “California's Minimum Wage Is on the Rise” The minimum wage in California goes up 50 cents in January on the way to an eventual minimum of \$15 an hour.

12/18/17 PERSONAL FINANCE “KVCR Series: Financial Literacy - Part 1” Financial literacy is more than just saving money, but how well do people know how to handle their finances? And how does the IE fare in financial literacy. In the first of a three part series on this topic, KVCR intern and UCR student, Arnisha Johnson introduces Professor Greg Richey and dives into the topic.

12/19/17 PERSONAL FINANCE “KVCR Series: Financial Literacy - Part 2” In Part 2 of our series on financial literacy, UCR student and KVCR intern reporter, Arnisha Johnson asks professor Greg Richey about two major financial concerns in the IE and elsewhere; credit card utilization and retirement planning.

12/19/17 LOCAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS “Boys & Girls Club Holiday Extravaganza” With the holiday season upon us, there are many holiday events and activities throughout the IE. Lillian Vasquez was in Redlands to experience first-hand the joy of children laughing and excited to fill their bag with a toy.

12/20/17 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT “Report: Endangered Species Suffer When Feds Put Politics Before Science” A new report from the Endangered Species Coalition finds that the Trump Administration is putting endangered species further at risk by putting political needs above science.

12/20/17 PERSONAL FINANCE “KVCR Series: Financial Literacy - Part 3” In the final installment of our financial literacy series, KVCR intern Arnisha Johnson chats with UC Riverside Professor Greg Richey about how schools can implement finance classes into the curriculum, and how people can jumpstart a financial plan.

12/21/17 LOCAL RECREATION “Time Is Running Out To Comment On Proposed Hike In National Park Fees” You have two more days - today and tomorrow (Thursday and Friday) - to comment on the Trump administration's desire to raise fees at 17 national parks.

12/21/17 POLITICS AND ELECTIONS "Poll: Californians Don't Know That Much About Most Candidates Running For U.S. Senate, Governor" Most of the candidates at the top of next year's California ballot still have to introduce themselves to voters, according to a new Berkeley Institute of Government Studies poll.

12/21/17 LOCAL CIVIC AND CULTURAL EVENTS "Fontana's Auto Club Speedway Introduces Drive-Thru Holiday Lights Experience" David Telley, the Director of Communications at the Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, talks about the Magic of Lights display at the Speedway, open to the public.

12/22/17 WILDFIRES "River Bottom Fire In Riverside Is 70% Contained At 50 Acres; Evacuations Lifted" The River Bottom fire that started late yesterday (Thursday) morning in the Santa Ana Riverbed west of downtown Riverside is 70% contained at 50 acres.

12/26/17 LOCAL AIR QUALITY "New Funding to Eliminate Deisel Emissions" California wants more environmentally friendly vehicles on the road. New state funding may help even low income residents to reduce emissions.

12/26/17 LOCAL HISTORY "Barstow Resident Talks About the First Kwanzaa in 1966" Kwanzaa 2017 began today and continues through January 1st. We feature an interview with an Inland Empire resident who remembers the origins of the Kwanzaa celebration here in the U.S.

12/27/17 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT "San Bernardino Seeks Developers for 5th Street Gateway" New developments in business and housing are on the horizon for the city of San Bernardino.

12/28/17 LOCAL AND STATE POLITICS "Mayes, Newsom Made PolitiFact California's Top PolitiFact Checks Of 2017" Claims about California's record poverty, a controversial statement by Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, and the political fortunes of Inland Empire Assemblyman Chad Mayes made PolitiFact California's most popular fact checks of 2017.

12/28/17 HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES "California Restores State-Subsidized Dental Care For Low-Income Patients" Low-income dental patients in California will have new access to important procedures, such as crowns and root canals, starting January 1.

12/28/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "As Pot Becomes Legal In California, Law Enforcement Will Be Looking For High Drivers" Law enforcement in California is gearing up for a spike in people driving under the influence of marijuana.

12/28/17 LOCAL CIVIC AND CULTURAL EVENTS "Temecula Will Bring In New Year With Midnight "Grape Drop"" Temecula - the epicenter of Southern California's wine country - will bring in the new year with a replica of a giant bunch of grapes descending down the City Hall clock tower during the New Year countdown.

12/28/17 LOCAL BUSINESS "So Who Makes The All-Weather Furniture At Inland Empire Bus Stops?" We explore an Inland Empire company that manufactures all kinds of all-weather furniture, including benches and other structures at local bus stops.

12/29/17 LOCAL RECREATION "Following Deaths, California Tightens Rules On Skydiving Centers" The death of a young man and his unlicensed skydiving instructor in Lodi last year has led to changes in the rules for California skydiving centers.

12/29/17 CIVIC INVOLVEMENT "Riverside's Float In Rose Parade Is A Community Effort" For the first time in years, the city of Riverside will have a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade. Residents ranging from Riverside city employees to local schoolkids have been helping with the float.

1/2/18 LOCAL BUSINESS AND COMMERCE "Recreational Marijuana Is Legal In California... If You Can Find It" New Year's Day marked a seismic shift for California's culture, economy, and law enforcement. It is now legal for adults 21 and over to walk into a licensed retailer and buy cannabis for recreational use. Voters set this change in motion when the approved Proposition 64 in November of 2016. However as Capital Public Radio's Julia Mitric reports, the rollout of commercial marijuana sales is moving slowly.

1/2/18 LOCAL BUSINESS AND COMMERCE "In The Inland Empire, Outlets For Legal Pot Are Few And Far Between" People in the Inland Empire who wanted to take advantage of California's new law legalizing recreational marijuana had to search for the few, sometimes far-flung outlets in our region that were open and selling product to the public.

1/4/17 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES "California's Mountain Snowpack Is Low Now, But Officials Say Winter Weather May Yet Come" The latest state survey of the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada Mountains shows snow levels well below normal for this time of the year. However, officials say it's no cause for alarm yet.

1/4/18 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT "IE Congressman's Bill Helping Vets Become Truck Drivers Awaiting Trump's Signature" A bill introduced by Inland Empire Democratic Member of Congress Pete Aguilar has passed both houses of Congress and is awaiting President Trump's signature. The bill would facilitate military veterans who gained experience as drivers while deployed in getting jobs as commercial truck drivers here at home.

1/4/18 LAW ENFORCEMENT "Murder Charge For Man Who Punched San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy" A man caught on video delivering a brutal roadside punch to an off-duty San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputy who later died has been charged with murder.

1/5/18 NEWS "NPR's Robert Siegel Tells Inland Empire Listeners, "So Long" On His Last Day As ATC Co-Host" Robert Siegel, the long-time host of NPR's "All Things Considered," is retiring after 30 years as co-host of the program. KVCR had the opportunity to talk with Robert as part of his swan song.

1/8/18 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY "Legal Recreational Marijuana In California Still Has Restrictions" The sale of recreational marijuana became legal on January 1. But California's pot rules don't offer the complete freedom to smoke, buy, and transport cannabis anywhere you please.

1/8/18 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT "Conservation Groups Slam Trump Plan To Drill Off California Coast" Conservation groups are vowing to fight President Donald Trump's

decision to open up almost all federal waters to oil and gas drilling, including all of California's coast.

1/8/18 LOCAL WEATHER AND STORMS "Coming Storm Could Cause IE Flooding, Mudslides, And Snow In The Mts." After a hot, dry 2017, the Inland Empire is finally going to get some significant rain this week - and our local mountains will get some snow.

1/9/18 LAW ENFORCEMENT "Remembering Deceased San Bernardino Sheriff's Deputy Larry Falce" Today we're remembering Larry Falce, who was the oldest deputy sheriff in the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department before his death last week.

1/9/18 LOCAL WEATHER AND STORMS "Voluntary Evacuations Urged For Corona Residents In Canyon Fire Burn Area" Voluntary evacuation orders were issued yesterday for residents of south Corona who's homes are in the Canyon Fire burn area.

1/10/18 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH "Current California Flu Season Is Exponentially Worse Than Years Past" So how bad is this flu season? It's so bad that California health officials are urging people with flu symptoms to stay away from the hospital... unless you're already ill and checking yourself in.

1/10/18 LOCAL POLITICS "IE Lawmaker Forms Group To Try To Tone Down GOP's 'Angry Screaming And Yelling'" GOP Assemblyman Chad Mayes of Yucca Valley was not only the head of Assembly Republicans, but also the only Inland Empire lawmaker in a legislative leadership position. Then, Mayes decided to cooperate with Democrats, and voted for Governor Brown's cap-and-trade bill, which infuriated Mayes' fellow GOPs. Now, Mayes is doubling down on the strategy that got him deposed from his leadership position last year.

1/10/18 IMMIGRATION "Inland Empire Immigrant Rights Group Praises Judge's Ruling On DACA" An Inland Empire immigrants advocacy group is praising a California federal judge's ruling that puts President's Trump's cancellation of DACA on hold, at least temporarily.

1/10/18 LOCAL WEATHER AND STORMS "Heavy Rain Prompts Mandatory Evacuations For Corona Homes Below Last Fall's Canyon Fire" Some 150 homes that were in last fall's Canyon Fire burn area in southwest Corona are under mandatory evacuation orders because of the risk of damaging mudflows and debris from the hills above those homes.

1/11/18 STATE "Jerry Brown's Final California Budget Proposal Looks A Lot Like His Past Budgets" Governor Jerry Brown's final California budget proposal looks a lot like his previous ones: fiscally cautious with targeted spending increases aligned with his priorities.

1/11/18 CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY "Cal State San Bernardino Locked Down For Hours After Bullet Hits Building On Campus" Cal State San Bernardino was locked down for hours last night (Wednesday) after a bullet hit a building on campus.

1/12/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "How Police And Students Responded To This Week's CSUSB Lockdown" Cal State San Bernardino was put on lockdown Wednesday after a bullet shattered one of the windows on campus. While no one was injured, the shot prompted a large police response and kept students in darkened classrooms for hours.

1/12/18 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY "San Bernardino Terror Attack Survivors Say They're Still Waiting For Help From County, State" The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved a \$175,000 contract to develop a memorial to the victims of the December 2, 2015 terrorist attack. But not everybody is happy where the money is going.