

## KVCR FM News

Issues and Programs from September 26 2015 through October 23 2015

KVCR FM's local news effort shared some airtime with our fall membership campaign, but even as the pledge drive was going on, the news department had a busy month.

KVCR's Ken Vincent did a multi-part, wide-ranging interview with the president of Cal State San Bernardino, discussing CSUSB's past, present, and future as the university celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding.

Also, thanks to social media promotion and international interest in Palm Springs Modernism Week, KVCR's Matt Guilhem's report on this month's annual tourism industry preview weekend of next year's Palm Springs Modernism Week scored thousands of website hits to kvcrnews.org.

**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.*)**

9/28/15 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; CRIMINAL JUSTICE KVCR FM News provided updated reports with the latest information on the conclusion of a weekend-long manhunt for an at-large shooter suspected of a string of shooting deaths in the communities of Banning and Beaumont.

9/28/15 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; PRISON REALGNMENT KVCR FM News aired a Capital Public Radio report on an independent study finding California prison realignment reduced the state's inmate population without increasing violent crime.

9/29/15 LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS; LOCAL ECONOMY; LOCAL EDUCATION KVCR FM News weekly news contributor John Husing, Chief Economist for the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, began a series of commentaries on what professional economists do, how they do it, and why it's important to local business & industry to have the information and forecasts economists generate.

9/30/15 LOCAL MUNICIPAL ISSUES; INLAND EMPIRE CITIES KVCR FM News reported on the Governor finally signing a long-sought bill giving the Inland Empire's four newest-incorporated cities – Jurupa Valley, Menifee, Wildomar, and Eastvale - the same financial relief that other newly-incorporated cities in California had traditionally received before Great Recession-era state budget cuts.

9/30/15 LOCAL TECHNOLOGY JOBS; COMPUTER CAREERS; COMPUTER CODING KVCR FM News reported on a Southern California-based non profit organization offering grant-supported free computer coding "boot camps" to eligible lower-income students.

9/30/15 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES; LOCAL WATER POLICY KVCR FM News

aired a Capital Public Radio report on poll results finding most Californians are willing to sacrifice - and to get tough on water wasters - to address the drought.

10/1/15 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT KVCR FM News excerpted a "KVCaRts" Oktoberfest-oriented interview with the author of a book documenting the history of beer.

10/1/15 LOCAL AIR QUALITY; LOCAL BUSINESS & INDUSTRY; CALIFORNIA AIR QUALITY REGULATIONS KVCR FM News aired a Capital Public Radio report on the State of California expanding air quality regulations to a number of non-vehicle-produced emissions.

10/1/15 LOCAL EDUCATION; STATE EDUCATION TESTING; TEACHERS ISSUES KVCR FM News aired a Capital Public Radio report on a survey of teachers finding a variety of problems with the effectiveness of existing state standardized testing procedures to gauge students' grasp of material now being taught in the new "Common Core" curriculums being implemented across the state.

10/5/15 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES; LOCAL WATER CONSERVATION KVCR FM News reported on a handful of Inland Empire communities possibly at risk of state sanctions and perhaps fines for repeatedly failing to achieve state-mandated water conservation goals.

10/5/15 LOCAL DISABILITY ISSUES KVCR FM News reported on how Inland Empire cities ranked in a national list of the most and least disability-accessible cities.

10/6/15 MEDICAL ISSUES; MEDICAL ETHICS KVCR FM News aired a Capital Public Radio report on the Governor's signing of the bill allowing physicians in California to prescribe life-ending medications to qualified terminally-ill patients.

10/7/15 LOCAL ENERGY ISSUES; CALIFORNIA ELECTRICITY UTILITIES; RENEWABLE ENERGY; SOLAR POWER; ELECTRICITY RATES; CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION KVCR FM News reported on state regulatory hearings examining whether power companies can charge people with rooftop solar panels more and compensate them less for electricity put back into the grid, in order to spread the cost of improving and expanding the electrical grid.

10/7/15 LOCAL HOUSING ISSUES; INLAND EMPIRE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY KVCR FM News produced a report on a study from a national housing affordability ranking service showing California has some of the highest housing costs in the country and that Inland Empire rents are rising.

10/8/15 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH; OBESITY AND DIABETES; FOOD AND NUTRITION KVCR FM News reported on a study showing childhood obesity rates going down in Southern California, with local wellness programs taking credit.

10/8/15 LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS; MUNICIPAL CORRUPTION; CITY OF BEAUMONT CIVIC INVESTIGATIONS KVCR FM News reported on the City of Beaumont and the city's former city manager coming to terms on the manager's departure without litigation, amid criminal investigations into the city's past financial difficulties.

10/8/15 LOCAL CIVIC AND CULTURAL EVENTS; ARTS EDUCATION; STEM EDUCATION; LOCAL EDUCATION; LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; KVCR FM News interviewed organizers of the annual "Long Night Of Arts & Innovation" event held in downtown Riverside, with local colleges and universities collaborating on an evening-long festival of entertaining arts and science presentations designed to interest local school children and their families in learning science, technology, engineering, and math.

10/8/15 LOCAL CIVIC AND CULTURAL EVENTS; ARTS & ARCHITECTURE KVCR FM News produced a report on the annual tourism industry preview weekend of next year's Palm Springs Modernism Week, examining why it has recently become one of Riverside County's top tourism events.

10/9/15 LOCAL AIR QUALITY; CALIFORNIA AIR QUALITY REGULATIONS KVCR FM News aired a Capital Public Radio report on the governor signing a bill giving the California Legislature the ability to appoint some members of the powerful California Air Resources Board.

10/9/15 LOCAL BUSINESS & INDUSTRY; LOCAL FOOD AND CULINARY CULTURE KVCR-FM's "Savory Road" host Jeff Baker produced a report for KVCR FM News on how the increasing popularity of local craft beer prompted an Inland Empire couple to cultivate and grow local hops to supply local craft brewers.

10/12/15 LOCAL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; INLAND EMPIRE QUALITY OF LIFE; CHILDREN'S ISSUES KVCR FM News reported on how Inland Empire cities ranked in a study rating California cities for raising kids and families.

10/ 12 – 13 /15 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION KVCR FM News aired a multi-part, wide-ranging interview with the president of Cal State San Bernardino, discussing CSUSB's past, present, and future as the university celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding.

10/12/15 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION; LOCAL MASS TRANSIT KVCR FM News produced a report on a UC Berkeley study rating rail transit systems in California.

10/13/15 LOCAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY; LOCAL AIR QUALITY KVCR FM News aired a report on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's expansion of a crackdown on local diesel pollution from commercial trucks and buses.

10/14/15 IMMIGRATION ISSUES; UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS; CRIMINAL JUSTICE KVCR FM News aired a Capital Public Radio report on the governor signing legislation easing the threat of deportation for illegal immigrants charged with minor drug offenses.

10/14/15 DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES; SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST; ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION; LOCAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION KVCR FM News reported on a lawsuit filed by a coalition of environmental and public interest organizations against the U.S Forest Service over permits for a large commercial bottled water operation, claiming the operation is endangering the drought-strained water supply for local wildlife.

10/15/15 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; STUDENT SUICIDE; SUICIDE ON CAMPUS KVCR FM News reported on the arrival in the Inland Empire of an exhibit traveling to

campuses across the country bringing attention to increasing incidents of student suicide and emphasizing a message of alternatives to suicide among college students.

10/15/15 LOCAL VETERANS ISSUES; HOMELESS VETERANS KVCR FM News aired a Capital Public Radio report from a special off-session gathering of state lawmakers in Sacramento to examine homelessness among veterans.

10/15/15 LOCAL LABOR ISSUES; HIGHER EDUCATION; CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERISTY KVCR FM News reported on the beginning of the voting period by employees at Cal State San Bernardino and other CSU campuses on whether to authorize their union to call a strike, as years-long negotiations with CSU administration over contract issues remain unresolved.

10/16/15 LOCAL STORMS AND WEATHER; DROUGHT AND WATER ISSUES; EL NINO KVCR FM News reported on the latest forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center predicts precipitation from the strong El Nino climate formation in the Pacific Ocean will help alleviate affects of the California drought, but that the drought is likely to continue after El Nino passes.

10/20/15 PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE; DEATH WITH DIGNITY LEGISLATION KVCR FM News reported on the California Secretary of State's office giving opponents of the state's new "Death with Dignity" physician-assisted suicide law the all-clear to begin gathering signatures to place a referendum of the law on the statewide ballot.

10/21/15 INLAND EMPIRE HOUSING; LOCAL HOME SALES AND PRICES KVCR FM News reported on new state statistics showing that home sales and prices in the Inland Empire are rising faster than in the state as a whole.

10/22/15 LOCAL MUNICIPAL AND CIVIC AFFAIRS; SAN BERNARDINO BANKRUPTCY KVCR FM News reported on the long-delayed completion of the audit of the City of San Bernardino's finances during the year it declared bankruptcy, with the successive three years' finances still waiting to be audited for presentation to the federal bankruptcy judge.