KVCR FM News

Issues and Programs from October 29 through November 21 2014

October/November was a very busy time for 91.9 KVCR. The station's staff and volunteers undertook another successful on-air fundraiser, once again exceeding our goal. And our news staff was busy focusing on local and regional election campaigns before, during, and after the November 4th election.

Also in November, we welcomed a new intern into the KVCR News team. Amalya Estrada is an Inland Empire native who pursued radio journalism while studying at Humboldt State University. Amalya is back home in the IE, gaining experience in the KVCR newsroom before she pursues a graduate degree.

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 by KVCR FM News: (most of the following segments can be heard on demand at kvcr.org/news)

10/28/14 LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS KVCR FM News continued our coverage of select candidates and ballot issues leading up to the 2014 election with a Capitol Public Radio Network team profile of the different political styes of the two candidates for Governor of California, incumbent Democrat Jerry Brown and Republican challenger Neel Kashlari.

10/29/14 LOCAL ECONOMY; STUDENT/COMMUNITY ORGANIZING KVCR FM News interviewed organizers at San Bernardino-based Time For Change Foundation, a on-profit social services agency, about its get-out-the-vote effort among the area's lower-income, minority, and disadvantaged populations.

10/30/14 LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS; WOMEN'S ISSUES KVCR FM News aired Capital Public Radio's Katie Orr with the second part of CPRN's women in California Politics series exploring the challenges female candidates face and the groups trying to help them.

10/30/14 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH KVCR FM News aired an interview with Dean G. Richard Olds, head of UC Riverside School of Medicine, who is also a tropical disease specialist. Dean Olds talked about dealing with Ebola on a global scale and precautions we should take locally.

10/31/14 LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS; WOMEN'S ISSUES Capitol Public Radio Correspondent Katie Orr concludes her 3-part series on the relative

- short supply of women pursuing public office in California. In Part 3, we hear about efforts to increase the number of women serving in the California Legislature.
- 11/3/14 LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS KVCR FM News presented a 2-part series of feature reports on attending Vice President Joe Biden's appearance at Colton High School in a campaign appearance for Inland Empire candidates for Congress.
- 11/4/14 KVCR FM News spoke with a San Bernardino civic activist gathering signatures to put an initiative on the 2015 ballot that would ask voters if they want a certain number of legal medical marijuana dispensaries within city limits.
- 11/4/14 POLITICS & ELECTIONS; LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION KVCR FM News rebroadcast a nationally-broadcast interview featured on NPR's "Here & Now with UC Riverside Political Science Professor Karthic Ramakrishnan -- an expert on civic participation -- about the dynamics of voter turnout.
- 11/5/14 LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE ELECTION COVERAGE KVCR FM News combined the resources of our own news team, Capitol Public Radio Network, and KQED's California Report to bring results, reports, and analysis from the field on election night, and then with comprehensive morning-after election results and analysis, including local feature reports and interviews on a handful of closely-contested Congressional and State Legislative races.
- 11/10/14 LOCAL HOUSING; VETERANS AFFAIRS KVCR News aired an interview with one of the coordinating partners of a project to renovate a historic building on a local military base into housing for lower-income veterans and their families.
- 11/11/14 LOCAL POLITICS AND ELECTIONS; LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS KVCR FM News examined the aftereffect of the recent election in the City of Beaumont, after Beaumont voters replaced several incumbent city officials with newly-elected challengers.
- 11/12/14 LOCAL ECONOMY; LOCAL POLITICS & GOVERNMENT; SAN BERNARDINO BANKRUPTCY KVCR FM News aired interviews with several San Bernardino city officials about the progress of the city's case in federal bankruptcy court, including the city's complicated bankruptcy-related negotiations with its public safety unions.
- 11/17/14 LOCAL ECONOMY; LOCAL POLITICS & GOVERNMENT; SAN BERNARDINO BANKRUPTCY KVCR FM News aired interviews with representatives of the City of San Bernardino's public safety unions, to respond to our earlier interviews with city officials regarding the unions' role in the city's bankruptcy court case.
- 11/19/14 LOCAL VETERANS ISSUES; LITERATURE KVCR FM News spoke with author and Vietnam veteran Karl Marlantes prior to his appearance in Riverside to speak about his bestselling book on the difficulties veterans face when they return home from combat overseas.

11/20/14 KVCR FM News reported on a Pew Charitable Trusts study examining how the 30 largest metropolitan areas in the US -- including the Inland Empire -- fared economically during the Great Recession.