KVCR FM News Issues and Programs from March 27 2015 through April 27 2015

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 kvcrnews.org.

3/30/15 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES KVCR FM News reported on community scrutiny of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Taser policies, after several deaths linked to Tasers fired by County deputies prompted a lawsuit filed by the ACLU.

3/31/15 REGIONAL ECONOMY; TRAVEL & TOURISM; ARTS & CULTURE; ARCHITECTURE; HISTORIC PRESERVATION KVCR-FM News' Matt Guilhem produced a national story for NPR evaluating the economic impact to the region provided by national attention and the rapid growth in visitors to the Palm Springs Modernism Week architecture, art, fashion, and culture festival.

3/31/15 LOCAL ECONOMY; LOCAL RECREATION; LOCAL WEATHER; DROUGHT & WATER ISSUES KVCR FM News reported on the earlier-than-usual season closure of the local mountain ski areas due to a lack of adequate winter snowfall.

4/1/15 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT KVCR FM News excerpted a "KVCaRts" interview with author and Louie Armstrong aficionado Stephen Maitland Lewis.

4/3/15 LOCAL CRIME AND FRAUD; CONSUMER PROTECTION KVCR FM News aired a report about a proliferation of tax-season scams around the Inland Empire, aimed particularly at area seniors.

4/3/15 DROUGHT & WATER ISSUES; WATER CONSERVATION; REGIONAL BUSINESS KVCR FM News aired a Capital Public Radio report about the growth in landscaping businesses in Southern California that replace water-intensive landscaping with drought-resistant landscaping.

4/6/15 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION KVCR FM News reported that local, regional, and state officials are considering using new tolls on area freeways to help finance needed road and transportation improvement projects.

4/7/15 LOCAL ARTS & CULTURE KVCR FM News excerpted a "KVCaRts" interview with actress Lee Meriwether about performing her one-woman theatre show in San Bernardino.

- 4/8/15 REGIONAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT KVCR FM News excerpted a "KVCaRts" interview with the Renaissance Faire-style singing group The Poxy Boggards.
- 4/8/15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT; SAN BERNARDINO BANKRUPTCY KVCR FM News reported on San Bernardino city officials adopting an "interim charter agreement" temporarily reorganizing city governance pending possible ballot measures that may be needed to address final terms of the city's pending bankruptcy.
- 4/13/15 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH KVCR FM News produced a report examining a variety of proposed legislation aimed at significantly curbing the use of tobacco and nicotine vapor products.
- 4/15/15 REGIONAL TOURISM; ARTS & CULTURE KVCR FM News recapped the operational, attendance, and arrest statistics following the first weekend of the two-weekend Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival.
- 4/15/15 LOCAL FOOD AND CULINARY CULTURE; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT KVCR FM News aired a report on potential changes to law that would allow the establishment of local public fish markets, in a similar manner as local public produce markets are established now.
- 4/16/15 LOCAL MILITARY & DEFENSE PROGRAMS; MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE KVCR FM News reported on criticism directed at the U.S. Air force from local leaders after the Air Force decided not to consider March Air Reserve Base in Moreno Valley as a finalist to host a new military air tanker program.
- 4/16/15 LOCAL LATINO CULTURE; LOCAL FOOD & CULINARY CULTURE KVCR FM News produced a feature report previewing the history and culture surrounding the annual Riverside Tamale Festival, proceeds from which benefit the restoration of an old, historically-Latino residential and cultural center in Riverside.
- 4/20/15 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT KVCR FM News aired a report how Beekeepers and environmental groups are fighting regulators over the use of pesticides they contend harm bees and crops.
- 4/20 21/15 LOCAL POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT; LOCAL CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION KVCR FM News aired a two-part feature interview with freshman Inland Empire member of Congress Pete Aguilar (D-Redlands) about how he's fared in his first year in the minority party in Congress, his committee assignments and district priorities, and about the transition from being a resident Mayor of Redlands to a air-commuting Member of Congress.
- 4/22/15 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT KVCR FM News excerpted a "KVCaRts" interview with musician and record producer Rick Hall, about his career and his book, "The Man From Muscle Shoals."

4/22/15 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL ENVIRONMENT. LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH; CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES KVCR FM News produced a feature report surveying Earth Day activities at UC Riverside, Cal State San Bernardino, and San Bernardino Valley College, and how each of the three events illustrated the evolution of campus Earth Day events through the decades.

4/23/15 LOCAL POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT; LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT KVCR FM News reported that FBI agents served search warrants at Beaumont City Hall and other locations associated with local city government officials.

4/24/15 ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT KVCR FM News reported that a civil trial to determine who should control Ontario International Airport will go ahead as planned after a Riverside judge rejected a motion by the city of Los Angeles to have the case dismissed.

4/27/15 LOCAL BUSINESS & INDUSTRY; LOCAL ECONOMY KVCR FM News attended and reported on a regional summit of local public and private leaders focusing on the future of the Inland Empire's growing logistics, warehouse, fulfillment, and shipping industries.