

KVCR FM News

Issues and Programs from November 16 2017 to December 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.*

11/16/17 LOCAL MILITARY HISTORY “Inland Empire Veterans Remember The Music That Helped Get Them Through The Vietnam War” In conjunction with KVCR-TV's broadcast of Ken Burns' documentary series, “The Vietnam War,” we continue our 8-part series, “The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War,” in which KVCR's Lillian Vasquez interviews Inland Empire veterans about how music on the radio was a big part of their Vietnam experience.

11/16/17 STATE GOVERNMENT “Texas v. California? Lone Star State Has A Big Budget Deficit; Golden State Has A Budget Surplus” Public officials in Texas like to brag that their belief in limited government and low taxes is a better way to run a state than high-tax, big-spending California. Turns out that California is expecting an \$8-billion surplus in state budget revenue next fiscal year, while Texas is looking at an \$8-billion dollar budget deficit.

11/17/17 ARTS “From KVCaRts: Singer/Songwriter Paul Anka” In this excerpt from KVCaRts, KVCR's Lillian Vasquez interviews singer Paul Anka, previewing an upcoming local performance.

11/17/17 LOCAL BUSINESS AND COMMERCE “Edison Warns Of Widespread Phone Scam Defrauding Customers” This week is National Utility Scam Awareness Week. Southern California Edison shared some information with media outlets about efforts by scammer to collect money from innocent customers, many who have fallen prey to these criminals.

11/20/17 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY “Fontana Police Checkpoint Nets 47” 47 individuals were arrested or cited Saturday night into Sunday morning during a Fontana sobriety checkpoint.

11/21/17 IMMIGRATION “CA Business Leaders Gather for R.E.A.L. DREAM Act Press Call” Members of California's business community held a press conference to express their grave concern about the negative consequences of ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). They say they risk losing hard-working, dedicated employees and will be impacted by related financial impacts.

11/22/17 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION “Riverside County Transportation - A New Tax?” Worries about long term transportation needs have spurred rumblings of a ballot measure for another sales tax to fund projects in Riverside County.

11/28/17 SEXUAL HARASSMENT; CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE “Calif. Assemblyman Resigns, Senator Stripped Of Chairships In Sexual Harassment Aftermath” California Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra has resigned, effective immediately, after multiple women alleged he groped them or made unwanted sexual advances.

11/29/17 SEXUAL HARASSMENT; CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE “Sexual Misconduct Hearings Open At California Capitol” Outrage over pervasive sexual misconduct at the California state Capitol is culminating in hearings to change rules that women say have allowed abuses. Capital Public Radios' Ben Bradford reports the Assembly is undertaking a tricky, public self-reform that began with a hearing yesterday (Tuesday).

11/30/17 LOCAL HOUSING “Riverside County Home Prices Are Rising Faster Than Elsewhere In SoCal” The median price of a home in Riverside County has risen significantly in the past year, outpacing rising home prices in other housing markets in Southern California.

11/30/17 WILDFIRES “Oak Fire In Oak Glen Held At 50 Acres; No Damage Or Injuries” A brush fire that started in the community of Oak Glen near Riley's Farm on Wednesday is being held to 50 acres, with no injuries or structures damaged.

12/4/17 LOCAL CIVIC AFFAIRS “Makeshift Memorial Marks 2nd Anniversary Of Dec. 2 San Bernardino Terror Attack” Two years after it happened, several local residents paid respects to the 14 people killed in the December 2, 2015 San Bernardino terror attack.

12/4/17 WILDFIRES “Wildfire Danger Increases As IE Prepares For Santa Ana Winds And Rising Temperatures” The National Weather Service has put out red flag warnings for a high risk of wildfire danger in the Inland Empire and elsewhere across the region.

12/5/17 WILDFIRES “Firefighters Battle 3 SoCal Wildfires - Including One In The IE” As of Tuesday morning, firefighters were battling 3 wildfires in Southern California. The biggest regional blaze is the Thomas Fire in Ventura County. In Los Angeles County, the Creek Fire started last night and quickly ripped through acreage in the San Fernando Valley. And in the inland Empire, a smaller fire being called the Riverdale Fire is being fought in the Santa Ana riverbed in Riverside.

12/6/17 WILDFIRES “IE Wildfire Is So Far The Smallest Of 5 Major Blazes Being Fought In Southern California” As of this morning (Wednesday), firefighters are battling five major wildfires in Southern California. One of them is in the Inland Empire.

12/11/17 WILDFIRES; STATE GOVERNMENT “3 Of 6 SoCal Wildfires Near Complete Containment As CalFire Burns Through Yearly Budget In 6 Months” Of the 6 major wildfires that have been burning in Southern California over the past week, 1 is completely contained, 2 are nearing complete containment, and another is nearly 90 percent contained. That remarkable feat has come because of the non-stop effort of thousands of firefighters and the deployment of hundreds of ground and air units, which has nearly depleted Cal Fire's annual firefighting budget.