

## **BOARD REPORT FOR MARCH-APRIL 2016**

KVCR FM News

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**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](http://kvcrnews.org)*).**

3/16/16 LOCAL MEDIA "U.S. Justice Dept. Says It Will Scrutinize Proposed Sale Of P-E For Antitrust Violations" The federal Department of Justice says it will examine the potential that anti-trust laws might come to play in the proposed sale of The Press-Enterprise and The Orange County Register to the company that also owns the major daily newspapers in Los Angeles and San Diego.

3/16/16 POLITICS AND ELECTIONS "IE Congressman Wants Presidential Candidates Debate In San Bernardino" As the political stakes continue to rise in the wake of yesterday's "Mega Tuesday" primaries, one Inland Empire member of Congress thinks presidential candidates should make a stop in San Bernardino, where the fight against terrorism and national security issues hit home on December 2. KVCR News interviewed Congressman Pete Aguilar about his proposal to bring a Democratic debate to the IE.

3/16/16 ARTS "From KVCaRts: Crooner Johnny Tillotson Previews '50s & 60's Music Concert In Ontario Next Month" KVCR interviewed Johnny Tillotson, formerly with the classic singing group, The Platters, prior to his participation in a multi-group performance in Ontario.

3/17/16 LOCAL MEDIA "Owners Of L.A. Times Offer \$56 Million For Press-Enterprise, OC Register" The parent company of the Los Angeles Times and the San Diego Union Tribune has apparently won a bankruptcy auction bid to acquire the Orange County Register, the Press-Enterprise, and associated assets of each of the two newspapers, for a reported \$56 million. However, the acquisition could be complicated by a possible anti-trust investigation threatened by the U.S. Justice Department.

3/17/16 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT; HOUSING CONSTRUCTION "Officials Promise Toxics Near Planned Riverside Housing Development Will Be Cleaned Up" State officials insist that toxic substances detected in the soil on land slated for a new housing development in Riverside will be cleaned up, and that the property will be safe for construction of homes in the area, in spite of lingering problems following previous cleanup efforts.

3/17/15 PUBLIC HEALTH; HEALTH CARE ACCESS "Report: Community Health Centers Serving More Patients With Fewer Staff" A new report released this week by the National Association of Community Health Centers shows that health care for 24 million, mostly lower-income Americans is affected by job vacancies in the nation's local health centers. KVCR News reports California is no exception.

3/17/16 LOCAL BUSINESS AND COMMERCE "UCR Study Finds Women-Owned Businesses Are Growing, Particularly In IE" A University of California Riverside research study of recent figures from the U.S. Census Bureau finds that there has been substantial growth in the number and size of women-owned businesses across the nation, state of California, and in the Inland Empire.

3/18/16 LOCAL MEDIA "U.S. Justice Dept. Sues To Stop Sale Of Press Enterprise" After issuing a warning earlier this week that it would intervene, the U.S. Justice Department has filed an anti-trust lawsuit seeking to prevent the \$56 million sale of the Press-Enterprise and the Orange County Register to the company that already operates the Los Angeles Times and the San Diego Union-Tribune.

3/18/16 PUBLIC HEALTH; UCR RESEARCH "UCR Study Shows Health Hazards in 'Third-Hand Smoke'" The health risks associated with smoking and second-hand smoke have been known for some time. Now, a study from UC Riverside describes new findings about the potential hazards of what is called "third-hand smoke."

3/21/16 LOCAL MEDIA "Court Order Delays Sale Of Press-Enterprise" The proposed bankruptcy sale of the Press-Enterprise and its sister newspaper the Orange County Register has been put on hold by a federal judge, even as the machinations behind a potential sale of the papers continue.

3/21/16 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT; LOCAL BUSINESS AND COMMERCE "Forest Service Is Friendly To Nestle's Plans To Continue Bottling Mountain Water" In spite of concerns by environmentalists, the U.S. Forest Service is moving ahead with the process of permitting the Nestle company to continue extracting, bottling, and selling water from the San Bernardino National Forest.

3/21/16 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; SAN BERNARDINO MASS SHOOTINGS "Calif. Legislative Committee Reviews Local Response To San Bernardino Terrorist Shootings" Emergency first responders and medical professionals reflected on the December 2nd terror attack at a state legislative hearing held in San Bernardino. KVCR News attended the forum and reported that while much praise was offered, strategies for improvement were also highlighted.

3/22/16 LOCAL MEDIA "P-E To Be Sold To Company That Owns San Bern. Sun, Redlands Daily Facts, And Inland Valley Bulletin" A federal bankruptcy judge ruled that Freedom Communications can sell the Press-Enterprise and its sister newspaper the Orange County Register to Digital First Media, the second largest newspaper publisher in the nation, and owner of the San Bernardino Sun, the Redlands Daily Facts, the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, and daily papers in Pasadena, Long Beach, and Los Angeles.

3/22/16 LOCAL ECONOMY "IE Economist John Husing: The 2016 "State Of The Region" Economic Forecast This Thursday In Ontario" KVCR News did a special interview with regional Economist and KVCR weekly contributor John Husing to preview the Inland Empire Economic Partnership's annual "State of the Region" Economic Forecast Conference.

3/23/16 ARTS "From KVCRts: Pat Boone" KVCR News excerpted an interview

with performer Pat Boone previewing his upcoming appearance in the local area.

3/23/16 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT; LOCAL BUSINESS AND COMMERCE "Forest Service Begins Process Of New Permit For Nestle Bottled Water In San Bern. Mts." The U.S. Forest Service is beginning to update a permit for Nestle, the world's biggest food and drink company, to continue its bottled water operation in the San Bernardino mountains.

3/23/16 HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL LATINO ISSUES "Latino Education And Advocacy Days - LEAD - Summit Is Next Week AT CSUSB" KVCR News interviewed Cal State San Bernardino Professor Enrique Murillo, Jr., founder and organizer of Cal State San Bernardino's annual Latino Education and Advocacy Days Summit.

3/25/16 LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES; SAN BERNARDINO BANKRUPTCY "San Bernardino Job Training Center Victim Of Bankruptcy Belt-Tightening" The San Bernardino Employment and Training Agency - SBETA - will be closing down next week. The agency was one of the few city-based job training centers left in California.

3/25/16 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL LATINO ISSUES "Access To College Is A Latino Issue; Will Be A Focus At LEAD Summit At CSUSB" KVCR News previewed one of the issues of focus at the CSUSB Latino Education and Advocacy Days summit: Latino students' access to California's two public university systems.

3/28/16 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT "Riverside Will Get High-Paying Jobs, Economic Investment From New Calif. Air Quality Lab At UCR" KVCR News interviewed Riverside City Manager John Russo about details of the announcement that the California Air Resources Board will relocate it's existing emissions and air quality research laboratory from El Monte in Los Angeles County to a new, expanded facility CARB will construct near UC Riverside.

3/29/16 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL LABOR ISSUES "Independent Fact-Finder Says CSU Faculty Should Get 5% Raise" The California State University system and its faculty remain unable to agree on pay raises. The latest step in the process is issuance of an opinion by an independent fact-finder. It supports the faculty's call for a five percent raise and it clears the way for a strike.

3/29/16 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL LATINO ISSUES "Local Catholic Schools Will Join Education Discussion At Cal State's LEAD Summit On Wednesday" Previewing the CSUSB Latino Education and Advocacy Days, KVCR News interviewed Delila Vasquez, President of the Catholic Elementary Schools of San Bernardino, who will speak at the LEAD conference about the option of educating children in private and religious schools.

3/30/16 ARTS "From KVCaRts: 'Mary Poppins' On Stage In San Bernardino" KVCR interviewed the director of the stage production of the musical "Mary Poppins" at San Bernardino's historic California Theatre.

3/30/16 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION "Audit Says UC Enrollment Policies Favor More Lucrative Out-Of-State Students" The California State Auditor released a report sharply critical of the University of California's recent enrollment policies.

3/30/16 LOCAL ECONOMY; ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT "UCR Hosts Public Meeting On Future of ONT Int'l Airport" With Ontario International Airport back under Inland Empire ownership, local officials believe the airport is primed for takeoff. The future of ONT will be the topic of a public discussion at UC Riverside's Center for Environmental Research and Technology.

3/31/16 LOCAL MEDIA "Press-Enterprise Sale Is Complete; What It Means For IE News Coverage" The deal cementing Digital First Media as the new owner of Riverside's Press-Enterprise and the Orange County Register newspapers closes today. Digital First already owns the San Bernardino Sun, the Redlands Daily Facts, and the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin. KVCR News interviewed a journalism professor and former Register employee about what the new ownership of the papers could mean for the news landscape in the Inland Empire and across Southern California.

3/31/16 SAN BERNARDINO BANKRUPTCY "San Bernardino Reaches Bond Debt Settlement That's Key To Bankruptcy Moving Forward" A major development in San Bernardino's bankruptcy. The city has reached an agreement with bondholders to reduce the city's debt by around \$45 million.

4/1/16 LOCAL MEDIA "New Owner Takes Over P-E & OC Register; Scores Of Register Staffers Fired" The day that Digital First Media took over ownership of Riverside's Press-Enterprise and the Orange County Register from bankrupt Freedom Communications, more than 70 OC Register staff were laid off from the paper's editorial, circulation, advertising and marketing departments.

4/4/16 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL LATINO ISSUES "CSUSB's Latino Education And Advocacy Days Summit Drew More Than Latinos" KVCR News covered the Cal State San Bernardino LEAD Summit, which drew hundreds of observers and participants from all kinds of diverse communities from the Inland Empire and elsewhere around Southern California.

4/4/16 LOCAL RECREATION; LOCAL ECONOMY "'Quiet' Recreation - Camping, Hiking, Fishing - Contributes \$Millions To Calif. Economy" California gets more than \$300 million per year from recreational activities like fishing, camping, and hiking, according to a new study.

4/5/16 LOCAL CONSUMER ISSUES "It's Tax Time... And Time To Watch Out For Tax Scams" KVCR News spoke with an IRS official about how to avoid the many consumer scams that try to defraud taxpayers of their income tax refunds.

4/5/16 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH "Month-Long Push Begins To Get Californians To Become Organ Donors" KVCR News aired a report on efforts to get more Californians to fill out consent forms to donate their organs for transplant, in light of long waiting lists for donated organs.

4/5/16 LABOR ISSUES; UCR RESEARCH "UCR Study: Giving Employees Awards For Good Work May Hurt Productivity" "Employee of the Month," "Most Professional," and other such honors are common at many workplaces. They might add a few warm and fuzzy feelings at work, but a new UC Riverside study finds they could actually be

doing more harm than good.

4/6/16 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT; LOCAL ENERGY ISSUES "Expect Numerous Electricity "Blackout" Days This Summer, Thanks To Porter Ranch Gas Leak" Southern California could see as many as 14 blackout days this summer because of the faulty natural gas well at the Aliso Canyon storage field near the Porter Ranch community, northwest of Los Angeles. The leak left little cushion in the company's natural gas reserves, and natural gas powers electricity plants that supply millions of users throughout the Southland.

4/8/16 LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION; LOCAL LABOR ISSUES "CSU Faculty Tentatively Call Off Next Week's Strike, In Lieu Of Salary Agreement" California State University faculty will hold off on a strike scheduled to begin next week. The Chancellor's Office and faculty say they've tentatively agreed to a pay increase.

4/13/16 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; LOCAL SCHOOL SAFETY "Vigils Continue After Questionable Death Of Colton School Student; Little Info From Police or School" For the second time this week, hundreds of parents and other community members attended a public vigil last night (Wednesday) at an elementary School in Colton. Organizers say the vigils are to express grief and concern amid questions surrounding the death of a 12-year-old student who died Tuesday on school grounds during school hours.

4/14/16 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; LOCAL SCHOOL SAFETY "Autopsy Begins On Colton Student's Death; Colton District Says It's Communicating With Parents" The San Bernardino County Coroner's Office had scheduled an autopsy for noon to determine the cause of death of 12 year old Dominick Gallegos. Gallegos died on Tuesday at Grant Elementary School. His family and other parents of students at the school have questions surrounding the circumstances of the child's death at the school.

4/15/16 LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY; LOCAL SCHOOL SAFETY "Colton Student Died Of Enlarged Heart; No Sign Of Trauma From Bullying" KVCR News reported on The San Bernardino Coroner's Office statement about that cause of death of Dominick Gallegos. The autopsy showed Dominick died as the result of an enlarged heart, that he showed signs of early congestive heart failure, and that "no evidence of trauma was found," meaning no evidence of the physical trauma that would have been inflicted by a playground attack on Dominick.