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KVCR PBS KIDS CAMP Making Learning Fun

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CIVIL CONVERSATION – Public radio, like no other source in our country, provides civil conversation, unbiased reporting and fact based journalism which we believe is vital in a democratic society. At the writing of this report, news continues to unfold about the May 22nd suicide bombing in Manchester, England. NPR, through 91.9 KVCR, is keeping listeners up to date on every substantiated fact.

RADIO EVENTS – KVCR radio welcomed listeners at two important events this past month:



NPR's 2016 *Tiny Desk Contest* awarded *Tank and the Bangas* top honors through a series of nationwide events. At the local celebration on Thursday, May 11, KVCR staff members Rick Dulock, Lillian Vasquez and Gene Felix were in attendance along with Frank Blanquet and Sahar Khadjenoury from FNX. Around 200 excited public radio listeners were also at the event held at Lagunitas Brewery in Azusa. Lillian Vasquez and Rick Dulock introduced three of the invited 'local' acts. NPR's Bob Boilen hosted all of the events of the national Tiny Desk Tour.

American Parlor Songbook recorded an episode of their weekly radio program in the KVCR TV Studio on May 19. A small but boisterous group of 91.9 KVCR listeners was on hand to enjoy the antics of the husband and wife team, JP Houston and Julie Van Dusen, and to provide cheers and applause throughout the evening. A fun time was had by all. Thanks to Kate Salvesen, Darian Manuz, Lindsey Boyd, Lillian Vasquez, Tim Style and Gene Felix for making the event a fun experience for our supporting members.



STUDENT TOUR – A KVCR station tour was conducted on Friday, May 5. The WORC students' who visited that day are regular visitors to KVCR. Every Tuesday morning during the school term, they provide assistance with mailings and other clerical work around the station. The program is a cooperative effort between SBVC and the San Bernardino City Unified School District. We are grateful for their important contributions during their volunteer hours at the stations AND welcome them on their annual Spring Station Tour!

WELL WISHES – We are hoping KVCR Producer, David Fleming will be able to return to work early in June. He is out with a severe case of pneumonia with complications and spent 17 days in the hospital. He continues to recover at home and is working on weight gain and building his strength for his eventual return to work. This photo was taken in support of David Fleming and Well Wishes at the American Parlor Songbook event.



In addition to our regular weekly segments with Inland Empire Economist John Husing, longtime Inland Empire journalist Cassie MacDuff, and contributions from 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.)*

- **NORTH PARK** – School officials are beginning to heal following the shooting deaths of a teacher and student at San Bernardino’s North Park Elementary School. **FUNERAL** – Family, friends and the public, packed an Inland Empire church for the funeral of the teacher.
- **BUDGET CUTS** – At their regular meeting, Riverside County Supervisors were under deadline pressure to finally make decisions on whether and how to cut the county’s fire department budget.
- **OC SCHOOL THREATS** – An Orange County high school student has been arrested for threatening violence against his high school on social media.
- **ABORTION PILL** – Inland Empire state legislator has introduced a bill to require all UC and CSU student health centers to have abortion pills available. The bill is moving through the legislature.
- **COACHELLA** – The 2017 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival increased traffic volumes on Inland Empire freeways. The crowds were 25 percent bigger than in years past.
- **HOUSING CRISIS** – The first in a series of stories from the *California Report* examined the housing crisis that began 10 years ago and was particularly severe in the Inland Empire – is still affecting people and communities. **HOUSING RECOVERY** – The series continued—with a focus on the region’s recovery from the housing mortgage meltdown a decade ago.
- **FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS** – Three scholars at UC Riverside have been awarded prestigious Fulbright Scholarships.
- **MUSLIM CULTURE** – The San Diego Unified School District will soon offer curricula and other educational resources to students and teachers designed to promote a deeper, more positive understanding of Muslim culture.
- **HOMELESS** – The number of homeless in San Bernardino County dropped slightly, while Riverside County’s homeless population has increased.
- **STATE AUDIT** – As the University of California raises student tuition and limits in-state enrollment, a new audit says President Janet Napolitano’s office has an undisclosed budget reserve. The UC is blasting some of the audit’s findings.
- **PROTESTORS** – A panel of high-profile conservatives is slated to talk about the Trump presidency at a downtown Riverside venue where anti-Trump protests gathered.
- **HEALTH INSURANCE** – The California State Legislature is considering a proposal to substantially remake the state’s health care system by eliminating insurance companies and guarantee coverage for everyone.
- **WILDFIRE THREAT** – A report in the San Bernardino Sun focused on how the heavy rains this past winter have helped end the California drought but could now increase the risk of wildfires.
- **GOVERNOR’S RACE** – The Inland Empire Economic Partnership will host a speakers’ series for candidates who have declared for the 2018 California governor’s race.
- **DOCTOR SHORTAGE** – California’s shortage of primary care doctors will likely get worse, particularly in the Central Valley and the Inland Empire. \$55 million worth of federal and private grants for medical residencies in underserved areas is expiring.
- **CHEECH MARIN** – Officials from the City of Riverside and the Riverside Art Museum were scheduled to hold a news conference with activist, philanthropist, actor and comedian Cheech Marin to outline plans to allow the RAM to permanently house Marin’s large collection of Chicano art in Riverside.



- **LOCAL ACTIVISM** – A crowd reported to be between 300 and 400 people took part in a May Day march in Riverside yesterday, in part to oppose the Trump administration’s crackdown on illegal immigrants.
- **ALL IN STRIDE** – Orange County Republican State Senator Janet Nguyen was forcibly removed from the Senate floor earlier this year for criticizing the late State Senator Tom Hayden. In an interview, Nguyen says she takes it all in stride.
- **DRUNK DRIVER** – A drunk-driving suspect charged with killing a 3-year-old boy in San Bernardino as the child was crossing the street was arrested and released for another alcohol-related incident the day before she struck the child.
- **ADELANTO** – The high desert town of Adelanto owes much of its survival to the money it gets from detaining immigrants.
- **INCOME** – The Orange County Register looked into newly-released U.S. government statistics that show Orange County has one of the highest low-income thresholds in the nation.
- **POLICE INVESTIGATION** – A police investigation in San Bernardino prompted a possible criminal suspect to flee into traffic on the 210 fwy, resulting in his death after being hit by a vehicle.
- **CSUSB PRESIDENT** – Former Cal State San Bernardino President, Al Karnig, died at home. **MEMORIAL SERVICE** – CSUSB hosted a memorial service and celebration of the life and career of former CSUSB President Al Karnig at the University’s Coussoulis Arena, followed by a community reception.
- **GAS TAX** – A Southern California Republican assembly man is trying to get voters to overturn California’s new gas tax and transportation funding package.
- **SPRING RAIN** – A spring rainstorm put a crimp in outdoor activities around the Inland Empire.
- **MARIJUANA** – A Southern California university is considering creating a special center to study marijuana.
- **SUCCESSOR APPOINTED** – Governor Brown made an appointment to the seat on the Riverside County Board of Supervisor left vacant by the death of John Benoit last December. He appointed former California Democratic Assemblyman V. Manuel Perez.
- **BUDGET PROBLEMS** – The Riverside County Board of Supervisors prepared for what was expected to be a busy weekly meeting with public safety and budget issues on the agenda.
- **REVENUE SURPLUS** – The City of San Bernardino is hoping to use a projected revenue surplus to restore some budget cuts and shore up the city’s public safety.
- **DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES** – A new report finds some California families are losing their homes and being driven into bankruptcy by the fees counties charge when kids get arrested—with little to no profit to taxpayers.
- **HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE** – Public tours of historic, architecturally-significant buildings in downtown Riverside took place.
- **FUNDS RESTORED** – Governor Brown was in the Inland Empire to hold a bill-signing ceremony that will restore funds to four Inland Empire cities.
- **INCREASED FUNDING** – Cal State San Bernardino officials joined Congressman Pete Aguilar at a news conference to announce increased federal funding for Pell Grants, and federal grants to CSUSB’s Cybersecurity Studies program.
- **OLDCHELLA** – Desert Trip -- last fall's big classic rock festival organized by the folks who bring us the annual Coachella festival -- will not be returning to the Indio polo grounds in 2017. However, festival organizer Goldenvoice says they'll continue working toward a possible 2018 repeat of the festival fondly nicknamed "Oldchella."





PROGRAMMING

TOP 10 Prime Time Shows in MAY

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| 1. <i>Antiques Roadshow</i> | 6. <i>Coexist</i> |
| 2. <i>Civil War</i> | 7. <i>Last Days in Vietnam</i> |
| 3. <i>This Old House</i> | 8. <i>California's Gold</i> |
| 4. <i>Ask This Old House</i> | 9. <i>Inland Empire Explorer</i> |
| 5. <i>Nova</i> | 10. <i>History Detectives</i> |

April's viewership was 492,914 (monthly) and 227,000 (weekly)

Programs Coming in June/July

American Epic – Jack White and T Bone Burnett lead an epic recording session using the only working 1920s recording device in existence. The recording device is timed by a weight-driven system of clockwork gears. Stripped of the comforts and security of modern technology, the artists have three minutes and one chance to get their music etched into the surface of a revolving wax disc before the weight hits the floor.



Saturday, June 17 at 8:00 pm

Hava Nagila: The Movie – Follow the infectious party song on its fascinating journey from Ukraine to YouTube. Featuring Harry Belafonte, Glen Campbell, Leonard Nimoy and more, the program celebrates the power of music, the importance of joy and the resilient spirit of a people.



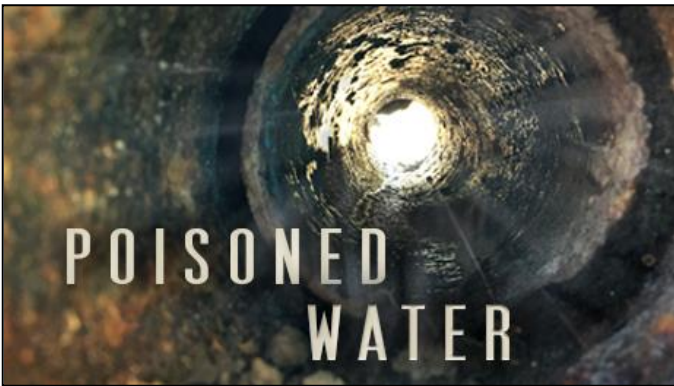
Monday, June 19 at 10:00 pm

Free to Rock – Ten years in the making, this program explores how American rock and roll contributed to the end of the Cold War. In the eyes of the Soviet Ministry of Culture, western rock music combined the twin evils of spreading the English language and encouraging illicit free enterprise. It was prohibited by the Soviet and Eastern Block authorities and deemed as propaganda.



However, the "soft power" of American rock music was pumped into Eastern Europe and the USSR by Voice of America and Radio Free Europe.

Saturday, June 24 at 8:00 pm



Nova: Poisoned Water – The water contamination crisis in Flint, MI, has revealed a disturbing truth about the vulnerabilities of our aging drinking water infrastructure. Discover the chemistry, biology and engineering that led to this disaster.

Thursday, June 29 at 7:00 pm

Denial: The Dad who Wanted to Save the World – Starting out as an important exploration of energy use, this documentary film soon takes a sharp turn into the politics of gender identity. The energy debate and transgender issues, two thorny topics that at first glance seem miles apart, are ultimately united by the struggles of one man trying to confront issues that most people would prefer to ignore.



Thursday, June 29 at 9:00 pm

DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to Report at this time

PRODUCTION

KVCR NOW SERIES All completed stories are on our website www.kvcr.org/now

Inland Empire and China Collaboration Declaration was signed on Thursday, April 27 at the San Bernardino International Airport, and KVCR was there to record the events. We interviewed Mayor Davis, Chancellor Baron and Ms. Zhang from Creative Young Community. Highlighted will be how China corporations and San Bernardino can collaborate and share information to increase jobs and the use of local talent and skills available in the Inland Empire.

Speaker Series – California Gubernatorial Candidates have been invited to the Inland Empire for an on-stage interview where members of the community can listen and ask questions. Former Los

Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa was the first of three speakers in the series. The other two candidates in the series, Gavin Newsom and John Chiang will have their opportunity to speak to the community in June and July. A story for each candidate will be featured to not show favoritism to any of the candidates.

Metta for Mental Health – An event covered, in observance of Mental Health Month, professional basketball player and keynote speaker, Metta World Peace, discussed his journey and his efforts to reduce stigma surrounding the topic of mental health

Fast Freddie Rode to Big Bear – Hear motivational and safety tips with students as presented by Four-time national road race champion Fred Rodriguez. Held at Big Bear Elementary School and our camera crew was there to capture images and interviews for a KVCR NOW segment.

First Tee of Inland Empire – A youth development organization that introduces the game of golf and its inherent values to young people. During their after-school and in-school programs, they reinforce values like integrity, respect and perseverance through the game of golf.

NEW PRODUCTIONS COMING SOON – **The**

Other Side of Coachella is a grant funded production project that is geared to share stories of the Building Healthy Communities organization serving the Coachella Valley. Two crewmembers spent four days in the community to capture interviews and footage pertaining to the challenges locals face in connection to health, transportation and education, and how BHC is helping their community. The footage will be edited into three segments, as part of a five-segment project. Ultimately a 30-minute show combining five stories will make up the 30 minute program. The project is working in conjunction with students from Coachella involved with the Coachella Unincorporated.

Project Fighting Chance is a docu-series that follows the experience of local young men as they take their IE-learned skills in boxing to the Olympics. The participants come from the San Bernardino program *Project Fighting Chance*, which helps kids in San Bernardino stay off the streets and on the ring, as they learn the challenging sport of boxing. Organizers invite famous boxers to talk with the students. Our cameras will follow them as they make it to the junior Olympics.

Self-Made. This is a studio show hosted by two Chamber of Commerce members. The hosts will welcome guests that will be entertaining and informative. The Inland Empire community will benefit from stories and tips they present during the show. We will capture the a pilot show that will be used for evaluation and promotional purposes.

Off the Air Spot was created to inform our audience that KVCR would be off the air on May 17 while maintenance was performed on our new transmitter.

American Parlor Songbook one of KVCR radio's weekly shows was recorded in the TV studio. The weekly radio show features hosts JP Houston and his wife, Julie Van Dusen. This was recorded with a Live audience and had special musical guests. The recording will be used for radio and online podcast.

Joe Bonamassa Pledge Breaks were recorded in the TV studio to promote a ticket offer for his upcoming concert. A new set of breaks will be recorded in late May with Joe's newest PBS show



filmed at Carnegie Hall in New York. We will connect these short inserts with the Joe Bonamassa production/concert in order to gain more financial support from our viewers.

IN THE COMMUNITY

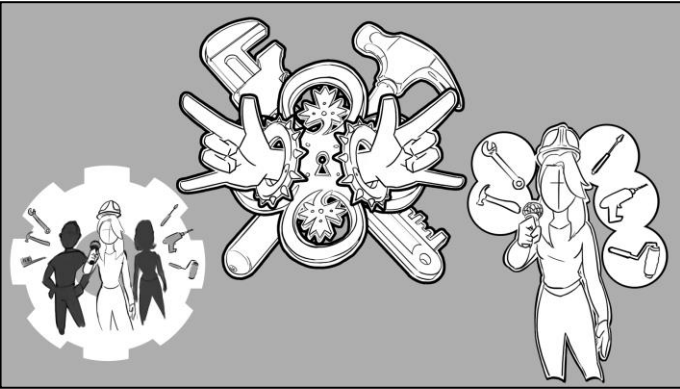
Riverside National Cemetery on Memorial Day was filmed with the intention of archiving footage and producing future Memorial spots.

SBCCD Job Fair was filmed with the intention of archiving footage and producing spots to promote future Job Fairs in the district.

GRAPHICS

COACHELLA – The graphics department is working to complete a graphics package for one of the stations newer projects, *The Other Side of Coachella*.

LOGOS – Other graphics projects include creating ideas and images to be used as logos and show intros for various new shows. Designs and creativity continues.



Famed Disney Musician and Composer RICHARD SHERMAN INTERVIEW – The graphics department is working diligently on the audio interview with Richard Sherman and Lillian Vasquez and is eager to see the asset creation phase nearing completion. Significant progress was made on this project this month with the completion of illustrating a few more scenes, with many more to come. Below is the is a sketch from Mary Poppins and the Disneyland icon, It's A Small World.



OUTREACH

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The **Reading Center** had SBVC students reading a story to the children, after the story each child was allowed to choose a book to take home. Books were donated by Kiwanis Club of Redlands.



The **Math and Science booths** included math games making numbers fun and science and bubbles.



The **Bingo Table** featured PBS Kids characters on their bingo card testing the children and parents knowledge of the many PBS kids programs and characters seen on KVCR and PBS KIDS.

The other popular booth was the **FNX booth** (First Nations Experience) where children were encouraged to make their own dream catcher an indigenous craft. Each child received a poem that described the meaning of a dream catcher per native's beliefs.



The **Technology booth** was actually the KVCR studio. While in the studio kids were seated on carpet squares on the floor as they watched a 4 minute video which included a singing interactive video and then a profile of becoming an Engineer and an Astronomer as career choices. The video ended with a lesson in reduce, reuse, and recycle. All clips have been seen on PBS Kids television.



At the end of the video all children were invited to record a TV spot by



reading a teleprompter before the camera. This was fun and exciting for the children and their parents. The spots will be edited and will appear on KVCR TV in the coming weeks.

The **SBVC booth** was extremely popular where kids were encouraged to make a mask using Zoo Pal

plates, glue, glitter, paints and pipe cleaners to decorate their mask. And when they were finished with their mask they needed to use their imagination by writing a fill in the blank essay, writing about the animal character they created, by naming it and creating its origin and eating habits.



The other booths included the **Photo Op Area** with the visiting PBS character Peg + Cat, and Splash, from Splash & Bubbles. Also on hand to take photos was the FNX Cub.



Face Painting and Water Tattoos were very popular with the kids. **The Ice Cream and Water Booth** were not as busy as anticipated but the weather was a bit chilly.



PROGRAMMING

Programs Coming in June

The Hazda: Last of the First (documentary) – The Hadza’s foraging lifestyle is much like that of our earliest ancestors, and many consider the group to be the oldest population in East Africa. Their way of life, which characterizes most of human existence, is currently under attack -- this ancient culture and vital tie to our evolutionary roots may be lost forever.



Thursday, June 1 at 6:00 pm



Indigenous Focus: Ollie & Emma (short series) – Ollie meets Emma, the girl of his dreams, but fails to get her name during their first encounter thanks to his culturally tone-deaf friend, James. Is Ollie ready for the moment when James meets Mandy, Emma’s live-wire sister?

Wednesdays at 8:30 pm beginning June 7

The Price of Peace (documentary) – Accused of terrorism, running a private militia and jailed on gun charges, political activist Tame Iti fights for his tribe Ngai Tuhoe to be a sovereign nation within New Zealand. How high is the price of peace?



Thursday, June 8 at 6:00 pm



Into The Shadows – Each day thousands of forced migrants flood into Johannesburg in search of a better life. Many have risked their lives to cross South Africa’s borders, and in their desperation resort to the only accommodation they can afford: the slum buildings of the inner city of Johannesburg.

Thursday, June 15 at 6:00 pm



The Process (documentary) – Joshua Baker takes the audience on an insightful and respectful journey, into the lives of those directly affected by the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the people on the ground. These are the voices of each type of the victim.

Thursday, June 22 at 6:00 pm



Peach Blossom Garden (documentary) – Qian has proposed a challenge to his employee. Train hard in order to participate as the only foreign “colla” (group) in the castells world most important competition, to be held in Tarragona in October 2014. If they succeed, they would make history.

Thursday, June 29 6:00 pm

PRODUCTION

STORY BOX – BICYCLE CLASSIC – FNX team members were present at the Redlands Bicycle Classic to capture footage of this year’s race. 2017 marks the 5th year that San Manuel has been a major sponsor of The Classic, which is the longest continuously running race in the U.S. Cycling history. This is a **Story Box** segment. <https://vimeo.com/216399882>



FNX attended the Class of 2017 Cultural Ceremony and Graduation for Sherman Indian High School. The team captured the senior class as they honored their mentors and loved ones through traditional celebrates including songs, dances and performances. Footage was used to complete a **Story Box** segment that premiered on FNX social media. <https://vimeo.com/217187149>



MUSICAL PERFORMANCES AT SHERMAN – Sherman Indian School in Riverside hosted musical



groups “Pretty Leaf and the Stardust,” “The Miracle Dolls,” “Raye Zaragoza,” 11th grader “Damien Van Fleet” and “Scatter their Own.” Footage from the performances premiered on FNX and KVCR Facebook and YouTube pages and has received several hundred views and shares.

Damien Van Fleet <https://vimeo.com/216726654>

Pretty Leaf and the Stardust

<https://vimeo.com/216747733>

FNX NOW – The new 2017-2018 Miss Indian World was crowned at the **Gathering of Nations Powwow**. During this year’s event, 18 of the Pueblos of New Mexico came together in a historic collaborative dance. Sahar was on location to interview the Acoma Pueblo Rain Dancers, Native artists, attendees and the former and current Miss Indian World. Coverage also included the music festivals surrounding the Powwow including the Pink Party and Resilience, the Indigenous Art Experience.



At the **Los Angeles Asian American and Pacific Island Film Festival**,

FNX caught up with two film directors from the LA AAPIFF to interview them about their documentaries that screened at the festival. Ashely Duong’s film, **A Time to Swim**, follows a family as the father returns to his Kelabit people in Malaysia to tackle issues like environmental devastation and preservation of his indigenous culture. Mele Murals, directed by Tadashi Nakamura, showcases the care and effort to reintroduce Hawaiian culture through mural and art to students.

FNX team member covered the **32nd Annual UCLA Powwow** with interviews with dancers, pageant contestants, music artists Kahara Hodges and Emcee One, and the 2017-18 UCLA American Indian Student Association President.



<https://vimeo.com/218041404/afc07a02c2>
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Studio 49 is an FNX production shot in our television studio, along with an interview shot in the radio studio for a **KVCaRts** segment. KVCR crew members helped with the setup/tear down of the studio, as well as camera operation and audio engineering.

OUTREACH

KVCR PBS KIDS CAMP – FNX team members Sahar and Julie worked the FNX activity center teaching children and their parents how to construct dream catchers and shared the story of dream catchers and their meaning. Other staff members Frank Blanquet and Gene Felix took photos and video.



NATIVE AMERICANS IN PHILANTHROPY – Attended the LA Native Americans in Philanthropy event to introduce the station to the National Director, Sarah Eagleheart. Images from this event were posted on social media.

MAY – May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The American Indian Counseling Center in conjunction with nine other minority mental health and chemical dependency organizations hosted an event to bring awareness to May as the Mental Health Month. This event was held at Southgate Park with booths, music, traditional dancing, a teepee, art booths, vendors, health screen booths, and counselors. FNX team member, Sahar interviewed the director and coordinators in addition to community organization outreach.

