

# KVCR & FNX

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### KVCR Plans to Launch New On-Demand Streaming Video

*Empire PBS Passport provides extended access to a rich library of on-demand public television programming across genres, including drama, science, history, the arts and more*

KVCR will soon introduce **Empire PBS Passport** – a new member benefit offering extended on-demand access to a rich library of public television programming. **Empire PBS Passport** provides donors access to current and archival programs from both PBS and KVCR and is available via the KVCR website, PBS.org and other digital platforms.

There are several hundred hours of content available to donors through Empire PBS Passport and the library will continue to grow over time. Current titles include **Downton Abbey**, **Wolf Hall** and other dramas from **MASTERPIECE**, as well as favorites such as **Nature**, **Great Performances**, **The News Hour**, **The Great British Baking Show**, local programs from KVCR and many more.

“KVCR is proud to offer **Empire PBS Passport** as a new member benefit – one of many available to our generous donors – providing them on-demand access to even more of the public television programming they love,” said Keith Birkfeld, Interim General Manager. “We think our donors will enjoy extended access to great programming through KVCR Passport. It’s just one more way we can say thank you to our community of donors – whether they’ve been with us for years or becoming members for the first time.”

In addition to the KVCR website, **Empire PBS Passport** will also be available to members when they identify KVCR as their local PBS member station on PBS.org and the PBS Video apps for iOS and Android smartphones and tablets, as well as the PBS app on AppleTV. **Empire PBS Passport** will be available on more platforms in the future. Station members must activate their account before they can access content from **Empire PBS Passport**.

**Empire PBS Passport** is the newest member benefit available from KVCR for donors with a yearly contribution of at least \$60 or an ongoing monthly contribution of \$5 or more. It cannot be purchased separately. PBS and KVCR content will continue to be available for free after its broadcast premiere on PBS.org, KVCR’s website, and other digital platforms.

For more information on **Empire PBS Passport** and the other benefits of becoming a KVCR member, please visit: [EmpirePBS.org](http://EmpirePBS.org).



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February 14, 2019



## LOCAL RADIO REPORTS

### FM News Issues and Programs from Jan 11 - Feb 1, 2019

Segment with IE Journalist

Cassie MacDuff is part of our weekly news.

- **GROWTH IN BEAUMONT** – KVCRCR produced a 2-part story about how a city emerged from municipal scandal is meeting the challenges of growth.
- **UNION ISSUES** – The Riverside County Board of Supervisors voted to impose a labor contract on union employees.
- **INLAND EMPIRE SCHOLARS** – A handful of academic researchers from the IE were awarded prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities grants.
- **EVERYTHING LOST** – Thousands of people who escaped the Camp Fire that destroyed Paradise. Many lost their homes, but also lost their vehicles, their jobs, and so much more.
- **91 FREEWAY** – The Riverside County Transportation Commission voted to add a lane to the westbound 91 freeway from Corona to Orange County. The 42 million dollar project is scheduled to begin early 2020.
- **AM-TRAK** – Amtrak is closing a call center in Riverside and laid off more than 550 workers.
- **PG&E** – Pacific Gas & Electric customers in northern and central California could see their bills go up substantially if state regulators approve the utility's proposed rate hike.
- **STANDOFF** – Riverside County Sheriff's deputies were engaged in a standoff that resulted in evacuation of a Wil-domar-area neighborhood.
- **NEW LAW** – Next year, law enforcement agencies will be required to release video of incidents within 45 days of when someone is injured or killed.
- **HOLY FIRE** – Trial has been ordered for the man suspected of starting the Holy Fire.
- **KTLA TV 5** – A well-known news reporter and anchor for KTLA TV 5 in Los Angeles, Chris Burrous, was found unresponsive in a Glendale motel room and later died at a hospital.
- **ADDITIONAL STAFF** – New San Bernardino Mayor John Valdivia wants the city to pay for additional staff positions in the Mayor's office.
- **SHUT-DOWN** – The government shutdown has taken a toll on the U.S. immigration system—most courts are closed, backlogging more than 800,000 asylum cases.
- **HOUSING** – Southern California is experiencing a housing crisis. Many communities are looking to building more shelters and affordable housing.
- **IGNORED REQUEST** – Some residents of Bloomington say they are devastated after the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors ignored their concerns about health and safety, and used a "greatly flawed" developer's impact report to approve a warehouse in a residential area near a high school.
- **IMMIGRATION** – Governor Gavin Newsom wants to end the California National Guard deployment that former Governor Jerry Brown negotiated with the Trump Administration last year.
- **RACIST REMARK** – A San Bernardino County gang prosecutor has resigned after backlash to his racist rants on social media.
- **JOSHUA TREE** – Joshua Tree National Park will not be closed to the public in spite of the parital federal government shutdown. Park officials have found some money that will allow them to keep some of the park open for the time being.

## This Month in Radio

### Western Municipal Water District Tour

On January 23, Lillian Vasquez and Benjamin Purper visited the Western Municipal Water District's Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. The purpose of the site visit was to gather content for radio programming as well to establish a relationship with the Water District. Benjamin gathered audio to use in a forthcoming news story to be aired during KVCRCR's Morning Edition and All Things Considered. Lillian made connections for an interview that will air



on Lifestyles with Lillian Vasquez. Benjamin and Lillian were given a tour by Craig Miller, General Manager, Tim Barr Western Deputy General Manager and Lynne Butler Communications Representative of Western Municipal Water District, and saw various projects including the Arlington Desalter.

In addition to the other news from 91.9 KVCRCR, we are pleased to report that the Spring Semester gets under way with three new college interns in radio:

- Joaquin Alva – Freshman at San Bernardino Valley College
- Dean Anagnostopoulos – Sophomore at Crafton Hills College
- Jonathan Linden – Senior at Biola University

Two KVCRCR station tours took place on Friday, January 25. In the morning Rick Dulock toured an enthusiastic group of Valley College WORC students through the station with their advisor, Jasmine Burns. That same evening, Dulock provided a station tour for SBVC students enrolled in the Academic Advancement course with adjunct instructor, Amy Ellison.

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## TV 24

### TV Production

### Programs In February

#### State of the Empire

This month empire PBS produced a *State of the Empire* story about the SBVC Student Equity Division's Valley 360 Resource Center and Food Pantry. The Center was established in November 2011. Since opening the doors they have given away over 800 bags of food and other necessities. The pantry is available to all students that attend San Bernardino Valley College. The center has helped homeless students and students who are not homeless, but are dealing with some form of food insecurity. The pantry is working in partnership with a local San Bernardino food bank.



The pantry will expand their services to provide clothing. Clothing has been donated by SBVC staff, faculty and students. The pantry is always looking for donation of items, funds, and volunteers.

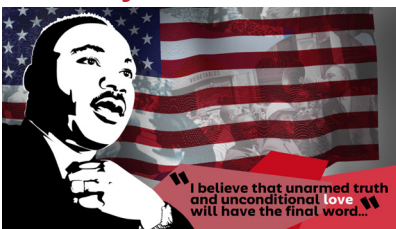
#### GRAPHIC DESIGNS

The next installment of the Drew Book series returns for KVCR to create animation from images on the page. This is the seventh



installment, *Drew and Boo Love Nature Too!* As with the other books, we will animate the existing art created by Brandon Chapell for broadcast and online sharing with musical accompaniment along with the text read aloud.

#### MLK Day



photos of King and one of our favorite quotes by him as well as a graphic illustration.

Remembering a historical and cultural leader. The graphics department has created another short animation to play on broadcast and social media platforms in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. It features

#### In Tune: The Ben Tucker Story

This is an hour long documentary about Ben Tucker who changed the face of Savannah. Arriving in 1971, this African-American bass player created Schoolhouse Rock, opened Hard Hearted Hannah's, and wrote Comin' Home Baby. His passion for music and love of Savannah bridged a very wide racial gap.



**February 13 at 8:00pm**

#### Richard M. Sherman: Songs of a Lifetime

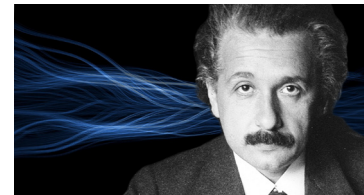


This show celebrates the legendary songwriter, who along with his brother, Bob, composed some of the most beloved Disney soundtracks of all time. Featuring classic songs from Mary Poppins, Jungle Book, Winnie the Pooh, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and more performed by Sherman, Broadway's

'Mary Poppins' Ashley Brown, Juliana Hansen, and Wesley Alvin. **February 13 at 9:00pm**

#### Nova: Einstein's Quantum Riddle

Quantum entanglement is poised to revolutionize technology from networks to code breaking, but first we need to know it's real. Join physicists as they capture light from across the universe in a bid to prove Einstein's "spooky action at a distance."



**February 14 at 7:00pm**

#### Independent Lens: The King



Climb into Elvis' 1963 Rolls-Royce for a musical road trip that traces the rise and fall of Elvis as a metaphor for the country he left behind. Featuring Alec Baldwin, Rosanne Cash, Ethan Hawke, Chuck D and many more.

**February 14 at 9:00pm**

**Ruth Bader Ginsberg in Conversation** – An interview with the Supreme Court justice. **February 20 at 6:00pm**



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Partners in the Community

KVCR has partnered with the San Bernardino County Museum for their 2019 Dome Talks series. The lineup of national authors and thought leaders address timely, serious, quirky, and critical issues. These evening discussions are scheduled monthly from January through June. As a part of our “member benefit” each month, KVCR members receive an offer to attend the event free. The first 5 members to reply to the email are provided tickets.

Museum Director Melissa Russo remarked “Dome Talks has been a tremendous success bringing notable speakers to the San Bernardino County Museum. This season promises discussions that will be stimulating, entertaining, and hopefully deeply thought provoking.”

On Feb. 28, Richard Rothstein discusses his book, **The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of how Our Government Segregated America**. Rothstein, a former New York Times columnist, is a research associate at the Economic Policy Institute and Haas Institute at the University of California–Berkeley.

The San Bernardino County Museum is at 2024 Orange Tree Lane, in Redlands.

### Community Matters



As part of our Community Matters campaign, on January 30, the Purple Hearts organization visited our station. We provided a tour for all the ladies in attendance. Following the tour, President Gail Guge shared the

mission of Purple Hearts. Since its founding in 2000, the Purple Hearts program has provided assistance to thousands of women and children throughout Southern California rebuilding their lives from domestic violence.

They partner with domestic violence shelters throughout the region to provide programming focused on self-sufficiency skills and access to resources their clients need to successfully and sustainably rebuild their lives.

Through this new approach, they have seen a drastic reduction in the recidivism rate as women are now empowered to move forward on their journey and establish safe and productive lives for themselves and their children.

They named their program Purple Hearts after the medal given for bravery to the wounded in battle. These women have survived a terrorizing war and shown enormous courage to rescue themselves and their children from life-threatening abuse.



### Community Reporting

**The Inland** is a new community-driven reporting project, where the audience asks their questions about the Inland Empire, the public votes on a question they want to know more about,

and we turn them into stories that matter to you.

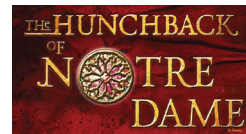
In January the question answered was, “Is That An Elephant On The Hill Above The 60 Fwy? No, It’s An Ancient Mammoth... And A Fun Discovery. In January, listeners voted on a question from UCR Grad student Cami Wendlandt. She was interested in the story behind the mammoth off the side of the 60 freeway in Jurupa Valley. The large, steel sculpture has become somewhat of an icon for the Inland Empire. KVCR reporter Shareen Awad visited the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center, which owns the sculpture, to find out why the mammoth is hanging out above the 60 fwy.

The excavation of two Columbian mammoth tusks in Mira Loma inspired the building of the mammoth in 2003. Constructing the mammoth took seven months and the blacksmith who built it studied fossils at the La Brea Tar Pits to get the anatomy correct. When construction of the mammoth finished, traffic on the 60 freeway stopped, with onlookers trying to figure out exactly what was being dragged up the hill.

Next Month’s question is regarding – The History of the LDS Church in the San Bernardino Valley.

### KVCR Has Tickets to the Following Performances

Enjoy any of these performances and support KVCR at the same time. When you pledge for tickets you automatically become a KVCR Member. When you become a member you will receive other “member benefits” such as free give-a-way offers.



**Hunchback of Notre Dame**

February 15 or February 22 - 7:30 PM

Lewis Family Playhouse, Rancho Cucamonga



**Sarah Brightman: Hymn**

March 2 - 8:00 PM

Honda Center, Anaheim

**Ruben Studdard March 3 - 7:00 PM**

FOX Performing Arts Center, Riverside  
(the music of Luther Vandross)



Visit our website at [kvcnews.org/events](http://kvcnews.org/events) for tickets

## ON FNX IN FEBRUARY

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**Lost Bones:** In Search of Sitting Bull's Grave – *Lost Bones* details the life and death of Lakota leader, Sitting Bull and the stories that surround his burial, and final resting place. Some say he is still buried at an old US army fort in North Dakota, the site of his first official burial.



Others are adamant his Earthly remains were moved by Ghouls to Moberge, South Dakota in April of 1953. Now another theory has surfaced. Through interviews with Elders, Experts, Historians, and dramatic reenactments *Lost Bones* attempts to solve the mystery of where Sitting Bull's bones lie today.

**February 15 at 5:00pm**

**The Sun at Midnight** – In this wilderness adventure, Lia, a 16 year-old urban princess, is sent to spend the summer with her Gwich'in grandmother in a small Arctic Circle community. Desperate to return to city life she steals a boat and sets out into the vast Northern wilderness hoping to reach the nearest town. Totally lost, she is discovered by Alfred, a Gwich'in hunter who reluctantly takes her under his wing as he navigates the massive landscape in search of caribou.



**February 17 at 3:00pm**

**Secret Uprising** – In Saudi Arabia's oil-rich Eastern province a 3-year, uprising has been raging, hidden from the world. This report offers an unfiltered look into the biggest protest movement in Saudi history.

**February 22 at 9:00pm**

**Namatjira Project** – In the rugged heart of Australia, Aboriginal painter Albert Namatjira carved out his place in art history with his captivating landscapes. The first Aboriginal person to be granted citizenship, he pioneered both art and Aboriginal rights. The Namatjira Project aims to restore those rights to his impoverished family.

**February 24 at 3:30pm**



**Mary's Village** – FNX Team members were present at the ground breaking of Mary's Village, a men's homeless shelter in the city of San Bernardino. The shelter is part of the Catholic organization Mary's Mercy Center funded through a generous donation from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.



**Autry** – FNX covered the Autry's annual Indian Market. Team members were present to talk to featured artists as well as Autry Present and CEO Richard West (Cheyenne & Arapaho).

### Native Shorts

In season 3 of the FNX and Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous film program series, Bird Runningwater and Ariel Tweto return to discuss a collection of the latest films to come out of world indigenous culture. Eight new episodes of the Sundance partnership series are in the can and making their way to post production for final sound mix and color.

### Futureproof



FNX staff is working on a new in studio series, **Futureproof**. The series is created by Lucas Browneyes, who is also the host. The show will be focused on technology with a comedy slant. Think **Last Week**

**Tonight** but focused on the latest trends in technology.

### First Nations Comedy Experience

With First Nations Comedy Experience Season 1, FNX is entering into its first licensor agreement. For the first time ever, the network will be licensing content to outside markets as a revenue stream. Our content is now paying for itself, not merely costing us money. The team has been hard at work preparing each episode of the season to look and sound its best with a fresh coat of polish.