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## **KNPB and Vegas PBS Cancel Production of Ralston Live**

(Las Vegas) - The PBS stations in Reno and Las Vegas have ended their co-production of a nightly interview program hosted by Jon Ralston, effective June 21, 2016.

KNPB President Kurt Mische and Vegas PBS General Manager Tom Axtell issued a joint statement:

“Jon Ralston is one of Nevada’s most knowledgeable and informed political commentators. In February 2015, we invited Jon to create this program as a platform for advocates and policy makers to discuss the complex issues facing our state. Since that time, the show has proven to be informative and substantive, though also sometimes provocative and controversial.

“Ralston Live” has required a considerable financial investment from both stations and no longer has sufficient funds to continue production.”

Jon Ralston said,

“I have enjoyed doing "Ralston Live" with an incredible team. We are proud of what we have accomplished. I have been working on an exciting, new opportunity to enhance the use of new technology in delivering news and commentary.”

Beginning Tuesday, June 21, Vegas PBS will replace “Ralston Live” with “BBC World News” at 7:00 p.m. and “Tavis Smiley” at midnight. KNPB will replace the program with “Tavis Smiley” at 5:30 p.m. and midnight.

## **About Vegas PBS**

Dedicated to enriching lives in Southern Nevada, Vegas PBS uses television and other technologies to educate and empower individuals and to amplify the effectiveness of community organizations.

Vegas PBS Channel 10 is one of America's most-watched PBS stations and offers five unique secondary channels: Create, Vme, Worldview, Rewind and Jackpot! Vegas PBS also collaborates with strategic partners to create content that examines current and historic regional issues.

Vegas PBS provides outreach programs to assist students of any age, from childhood through adulthood; professional development services for teachers; online adult job training and education courses; career services and resources for veterans; literacy and health workshops for families; educational materials for the deaf, hard of hearing, blind or vision impaired; and 24/7 online access to content via an array of devices and media.

For more information, visit [VegasPBS.org](http://VegasPBS.org), [Facebook.com/VegasPBS](https://Facebook.com/VegasPBS) or [Twitter.com/VegasPBS](https://Twitter.com/VegasPBS).

## **About KNPB**

KNPB Public Broadcasting is seen by more than 158,000 people weekly in northern Nevada and northeastern California. KNPB provides 3 digital broadcast television channels on channel 5.1, KNPB Create on channel 5.2 and KNPB Vme on channel 5.3. KNPB channels are also available on cable and satellite services. KNPB provides PBS national programming and award winning locally produced KNPB programming in standard and high definition. KNPB.org provides engaging interactive content, including the KNPB video portal at [watch.knpb.org](http://watch.knpb.org) that streams all locally produced KNPB content and most PBS national content. KNPB serves students, teachers, parents and caregivers through immersive educational services from KNPB Campus that bring classroom lessons to life. Through the support of local corporations and foundations, as well as individual members, KNPB has been delivering public television and educational services to the communities it serves since 1983.

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