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Ivor Davis, longtime journalist and host of the Museum of Ventura County's "Up Close and Personal" series, is remembered for his storytelling, warmth, and deep connection to the Ventura community. Ivor Davis and Marty Flam in Loreto, Mexico (Ventura's Sister City).

## Ivor Davis, Beloved Journalist and Ventura Fixture, Dies at 87

July 27, 1938 - March 29, 2026

Ivor Davis, journalist, raconteur, unofficial Mayor of Ventura, and the only man who could charm his way from London's East End to a career as a top tier journalist and author, died peacefully on Sunday March 29th with "Let it Be" playing in the background. He was 87 and had finally run out of stories to tell, though not for lack of material.

Born into poverty in London's Jewish East End in 1938, Ivor had the kind of origin story he'd later interview others about. He was embedded with the Beatles during their 1964 American invasion, covered the Manson murders for the Times of London, and wrote a book about it that would've made Truman Capote jealous if Truman had been paying attention.

Over a seven-decade career, Ivor interviewed virtually everyone worth interviewing; Muhammad Ali, King Charles **Continued on page 4**

## VUSD Advances Plans for Three Surplus Properties



Photo courtesy VUSD

The Jewett Estate is a 10-acre property located near the easterly terminus of Ralston Street and the northerly terminus of Beaver Street, north of Bristol Road and south of Telephone Road.

The Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) Board of Education took action on three VUSD surplus properties during a Special Board of Education meeting held on April 7.

The properties include the Jewett Estate, Avenue School site, and Washington School site. Following years of public discussion at regular Board meetings, and after reviewing multiple proposals and considering community input, the Board identified entities to move forward with in the negotiation process for each site.

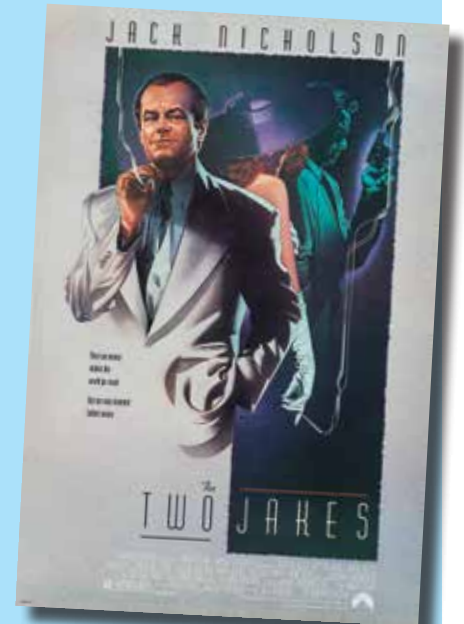
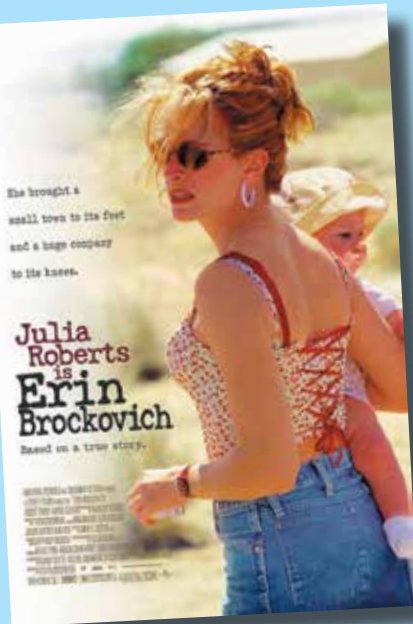
For the Jewett Estate, located near Ralston and Beaver Streets, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to continue negotiations with Cabrillo Economic Development **Continued on page 3**

## Movie Magic in Ventura Through the Years

By Nella Nelson

Ventura lies just outside of Hollywood, but did you know it's actually been a part of Hollywood? At least five significant movies have been filmed in Ventura with top stars making their appearance in the community, as well as scenes shot in several local locations. Let's run the reels back in time and see if you can recall some familiar sites!

One of the most nostalgic Ventura movie moments took place in Erin Brockovich (2000), a true-life drama casting Julia Roberts as an unemployed single mother who becomes a successful lawyer. Erin's make-believe house was located on Emma Avenue in midtown **Continued on page 4**



From Erin Brockovich to Little Miss Sunshine, Ventura has played a starring role in numerous Hollywood films. Local landmarks - from the Ventura Pier and downtown streets to neighborhood homes and coastal sites - have provided the backdrop for scenes featuring stars like Julia Roberts, Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio, and more, showcasing the city's unique charm on the big screen.

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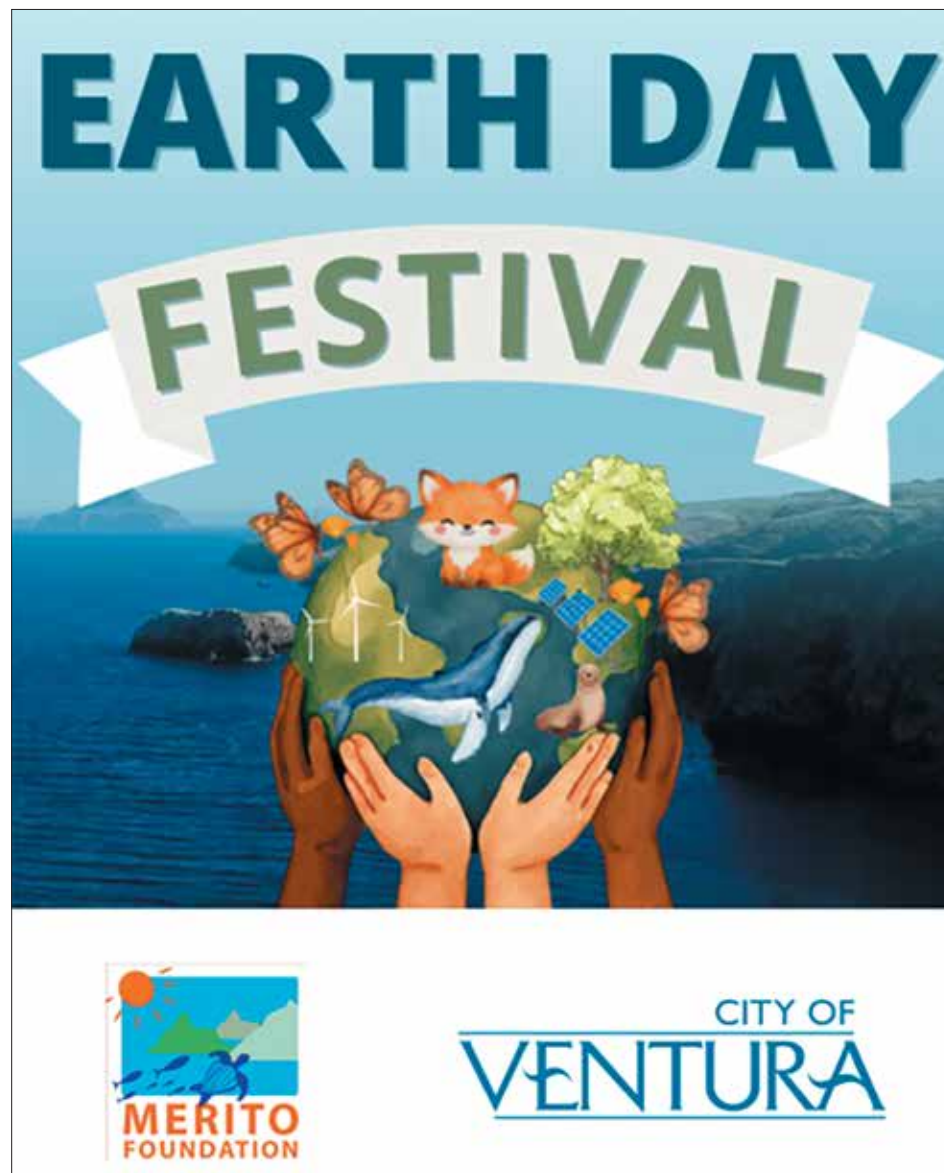


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— Nora Ephron

## City News



The Ventura Earth Day Festival will feature 50+ environmental exhibitors, live music, cultural performances, an EV showcase, and family activities. The free event celebrates sustainability, clean energy, and community action for a healthier planet.

## Ventura Earth Day Celebration Returns to Plaza Park

The Ventura Earth Day Festival returns to downtown Ventura on Saturday, April 18, from 11 am - to 4 pm at Plaza Park on East Thompson Street.

Hosted by the MERITO Foundation in partnership with the City of Ventura Sustainability Division, EV Advocates of Ventura County,

and Downtown Ventura Partners, the event celebrates community action for a cleaner, more sustainable future.

This year's theme, "Our Power, Our Planet!", highlights environmental stewardship, renewable energy, and climate action. The festival features more than 50 exhibitors, including government agencies, nonprofits, sustainable businesses, utilities, and outdoor recreation organizations focused on eco-friendly living.

Festival highlights include live performances, cultural presentations, and community speakers. The program opens with Mariachi and Ballet Folklórico from the Inlakech Cultural Arts Center, followed by remarks from Ventura Mayor Dr. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios. Chumash elder Julie Tumamait-Stenslie will also share traditional storytelling, honoring the region's cultural heritage.

Entertainment continues throughout the day with local music acts, including the Ventura High School Jazz Band, Van Allen Twins' Bluegrass, and Dark Current. The event will close with an interactive Mexica dance ceremony led by Kalpulli Huitzilín Ihuán Xochitl.

An Electric Vehicle Showcase will feature more than 25 EVs, highlighting the latest in clean transportation. Families can also enjoy a Kids' Zone with hands-on sustainability activities, and free bike valet parking will be available.

The City's Environmental Sustainability Division will also launch its Zero Waste Ambassador Program and is seeking volunteers to help promote composting and recycling practices during the event.

Attendees are encouraged to carpool, bike, or use public transit. Food vendors will offer a variety of healthy and sustainable options.

For more information or to register as a vendor or exhibitor, visit <https://meritostaff.wixsite.com/meritoearthday>.

## Ventura Farmers' Market Celebrates 40 Years

The Downtown Ventura Certified Farmers' Market has reached a milestone celebrating its 40th birthday.

A free celebration will be held on Saturday, April 25, on the 200 block of Main Street in Downtown Ventura. The free celebration will run from 8 am -12 noon. The event will include free customer giveaways, fun activities for kids, and live music entertainment. The mayor will deliver a special proclamation to the Market at 8 am, celebrating its 40 years of continually providing local food to the Ventura area.

Originally launched in Downtown to help revitalize the area, the market has grown over the years and is currently based at its fourth site on Main Street. The market provides home for over 50 different farming families to participate throughout the year and distributes almost \$100,000 dollars annually in food assistance programs for the community. Ventura County Certified Farmers' Market Association, a nonprofit farmers' cooperative, manages the market. For more information visit [www.vccfm.org](http://www.vccfm.org) or call (805) 529- 6266. Facebook@vccfm, Instagram@vccfm.

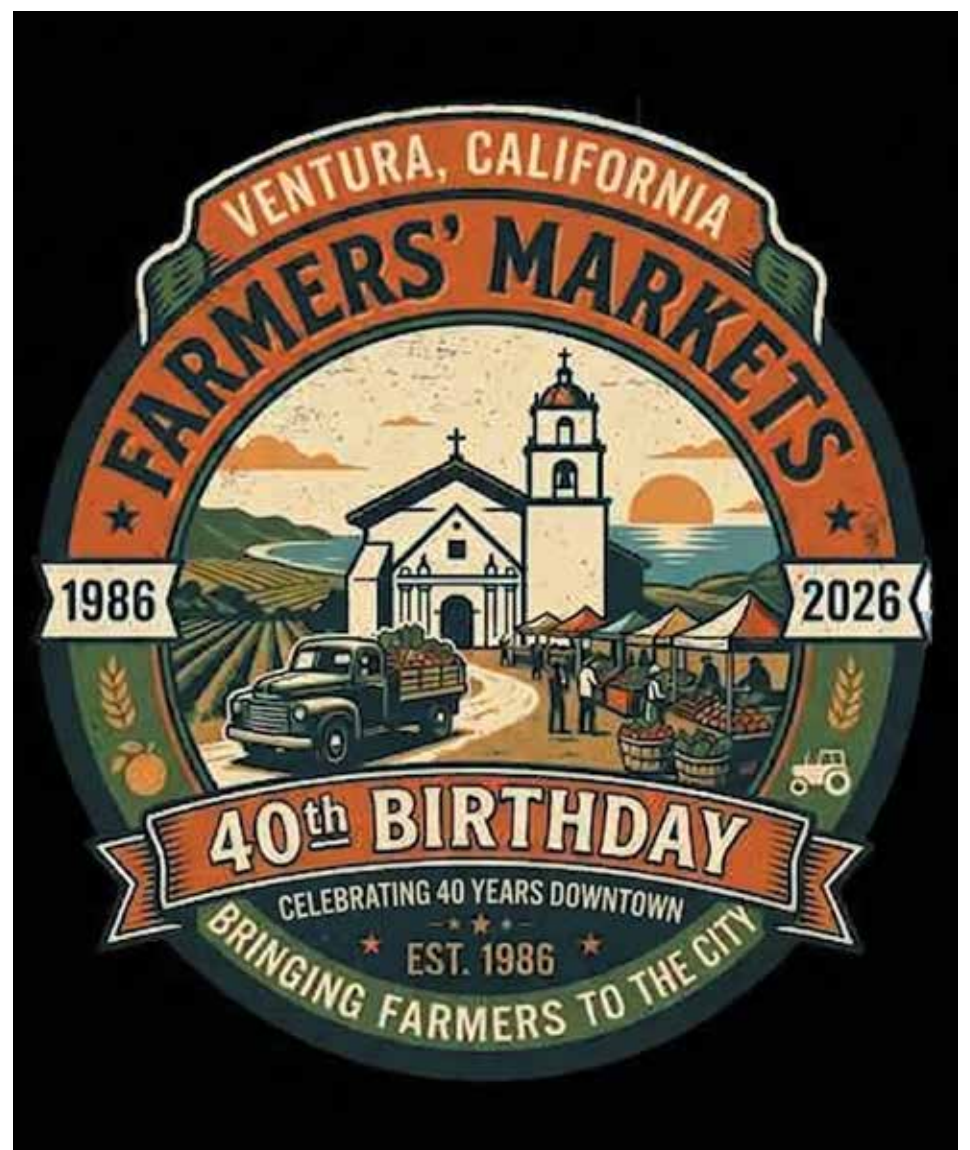




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The former Avenue School site is located at 2647 North Ventura Avenue. It is a 7.44-acre property on the Westside of Ventura.

**VUSD Advances Plans Continued from page 1**

Corporation. For the Avenue School site, located at 2647 North Ventura Avenue, the Board also voted unanimously (5-0) to move forward with Ventura Housing. For the Washington School site, located at 96 MacMillan Avenue, the Board voted 4-1 to continue negotiations with City Ventures, with Trustee Fredericks voting no.

Next Steps: The District enter into negotiations with each selected entity. Any proposed agreement will return to the Board of Education for consideration at a public hearing, followed by action at a regular Board meeting in open session. While negotiations are ongoing, details of the proposals will remain confidential. Once negotiations are complete, all submitted proposals will be made available to the public on the District's website. VUSD will continue to provide updates through Board meetings, press releases, the News and Updates webpage, VUSD Connections newsletters, and social media.

The Board's responsibility is to ensure that District properties

are used in ways that best support students and staff. As part of this work, the Board has been exploring opportunities, including workforce housing, to help recruit and retain high-quality educators by providing more affordable housing options. Like many districts across California and the nation, VUSD continues to face financial challenges. Rising operational costs, including utilities, healthcare, and supplies, combined with declining enrollment due to lower birth rates and shifting population trends, have placed ongoing pressure on the District's budget. Additionally, the increasing cost of living in Ventura County has made it more difficult for families and school employees to remain in the community. These factors are part of broader, long-term planning efforts that include evaluating surplus properties, addressing budget challenges, and ensuring the District can continue to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all students.

For more information, visit the VUSD News and Updates page: [www.venturausd.org/about/news-updates](http://www.venturausd.org/about/news-updates).

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The former Washington School site is located at 96 MacMillan Avenue in Midtown. The 5.35-acre property is a surplus site owned by the Ventura Unified School District (VUSD).



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### Movie Magic in Ventura Continued from page 1

Ventura. Neighbors driving at night in the neighborhood were treated to the sight of what looked like a very low-hanging full moon – a flood-light system set up because many of the scenes were filmed at night. The diner scene – with the real Erin Brockovich playing the waitress – was filmed at the Main Street Restaurant and Steak House.

Award-winning dark humorous Little Miss Sunshine (2006) featured Greg Kinnear, Steve Carrell, Toni Collette, Paul Dano, Abigail Breslin, and Alan Arkin, all of whom play members of a dysfunctional family taking the youngest (Breslin) to compete in a child beauty pageant. Rather than Redondo Beach, where it takes place. The Crowne Plaza Hotel near the 101 Freeway served as the beauty pageant venue, while the Ventura Pier and local streets were used for key scenes, including the family's frantic arrival.

In The Two Jakes (1989), Jack Nicholson stayed at the Bella Maggiore Inn for a month while filming this sequel to "China Town". Ventura City Hall was used, namely the City Council Chambers, to film the movie's courtroom scenes.

Ventura's own Mother's Beach was landed on by Leonardo DiCaprio and Cate Blanchett in The Aviator (2004). A film based on Howard Hughes, written by Martin Scorsese, depicted the life of director/aviator Howard Hughes. The plane was actually flown by real estate developer Tom Schrade who owned the plane.

The Four Points Sheraton Ventura Harbor Resort became the "Bermuda Airport" in Gulliver's Travels (2010). Jack Black traveled down some local coastal roads and familiar marinas can be seen.

Main and Oak Streets in downtown Ventura provided the set for John Travolta's favorite café in Swordfish (2001). Along with Halle Barry, Travolta and crew occupied the two blocks for nearly a month. In the movie's hostage scene, three Humvees and an armored bus crash into a bank while being pursued by police and helicopters, resulting in an explosion of glass.

In The Way, actors Martin Sheen and son Emilio Estevez (2010) look out at the Channel Islands from Surfer's Point and the Ventura Pier to discuss the journey to the Camino de Santiago.

Finally, in The Rock (1996), the final scene shows Nicholas Cage speeding away from a white clapboard church with the secret to the Kennedy assassination which he found in a pew. The lone church stood in a field at the intersection of Wells and Darling Roads in Saticoy, east Ventura. It has since burned down in a fire.

Going back to the 1920's, Peter Pan was filmed on Santa Cruz Island at Tinker's Cove (1924). Mermaid and pirate scenes were filmed in this black and white classic.

Great clips of these Ventura moments can be viewed on You Tube as well as on <https://visitventuraca.com/blog/what-movies-were-filmed-in-ventura/>. This link can take you directly to the specific local scenes.

### Ivor Davis Dies at 87 Continued from page 1

Elizabeth Taylor, Robert Redford, Paul Newman, and hundreds more. He had a gift for making A-listers feel like they were talking to an old friend, mostly because within ten minutes they were. His Rolodex read like an invite list to the Oscars and his stories were better than the movies.

In 1967, in what he always called the smartest thing he ever did, he married Sally Ogle, the brilliant BBC journalist he'd been madly in love with since they were teenagers in London. They built a remarkable life together: two journalists, two children, and a partnership that everyone wanted to emulate. Sally's death in 2012 devastated him though he spent the last twelve years doing his best to honor her by embracing life, his friends and his partner and organizer extraordinaire, Louise.

After moving to Ventura in 1980, Ivor became the town's most enthusiastic resident. He knew everyone; the local barista, the mayor, the mailman, the Patagonia hipsters and the couple running the corner flower shop. He remembered names, asked about grandchildren, brought flowers to the hospital during times of crisis and made every conversation feel important. People joked that a walk down Main Street was never complete without running into Ivor.

Ivor was the kind of extrovert who energized everyone around him. He hosted events at the Ventura Museum and lectured at the local city colleges, spinning outrageous but true stories about his life and the people he had interviewed. He was generous, warm, curious,

and never met a person with whom he couldn't find something to talk about. His grandchildren thought he was magic, and the feeling was mutual.

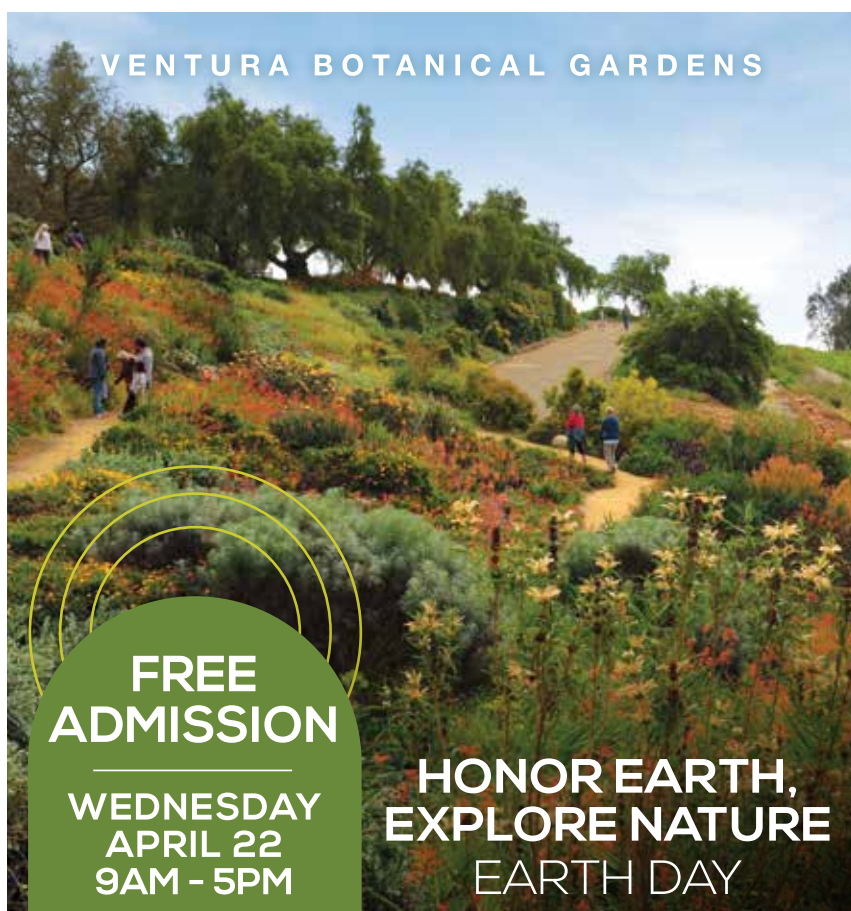
In his final chapter, Ivor struggled with dementia, a disease that slowly stole the man who lived by words and connection. But even then, moments of his essential self would break through. His laugh and charming smile were infectious. On his last day, his daughter Rebecca and son Gideon were with him, holding him as he slipped away. It was peaceful and exactly what he deserved.

Ivor is survived by his daughter Rebecca Davis-Suskind and son-in-law David Suskind, grandchildren Elias and Sadie of Seattle, WA, son Gideon Davis, daughter-in-law Tricia Eatherly Davis, grandchildren Levi and Ezra of Ventura, CA, as well as countless friends who will miss him terribly and tell Ivor stories for decades.

In lieu of flowers, do what Ivor would do... introduce yourself to a stranger, ask them about their life, listen to their answers and maybe even buy them a coffee. He'd have loved that.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life to be officiated by Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller at Temple Beth Torah, 7620 Foothill Road, Ventura. Sunday April 19 at 3:30 pm. Arrangements are under the direction of the Joseph P. Reardon Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 757 East Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001. 805-643-8623.

To revisit some of his unforgettable evenings at the Museum of Ventura County, visit their YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIAQ480zNvU6udENFDfy3\\_dHSmpZ3UhJw](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIAQ480zNvU6udENFDfy3_dHSmpZ3UhJw).



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# CAPS Media Marks 25-Year Milestone

By Elizabeth Rodeno

CAPS Media Center is thrilled to invite the entire community to our 25th Anniversary Party on Thursday, April 23rd, from 5-8 p.m. Come network with other community producers, take a tour of our production facilities, enjoy delicious food and beverages, live music, and meet the staff, including Alex, our new Executive Director, and say farewell to Patrick, our previous Executive Director. CAPS is located at 65 Day Road, nestled between Foothill High School and Ventura College.

A Little History About Us: CAPS Media traces its roots to the late 1990s and early 2000s as part of broader U.S. cable television franchise agreements. Cable companies were required to support public access through franchise fees paid to the city and PEG surcharges on cable bills. Ventura used these funds to establish dedicated community media access.

Before CAPS, some public access programming existed through local cable providers like Avenue TV Cable, but it was less formalized.

Around 2002, the city helped transition to a dedicated nonprofit structure. A "Board of Conveners" was formed from various community sectors; education, health care, and civic groups and approved by the City Council. This board oversaw incorporation, state paperwork, lease negotiations, and initial setup.

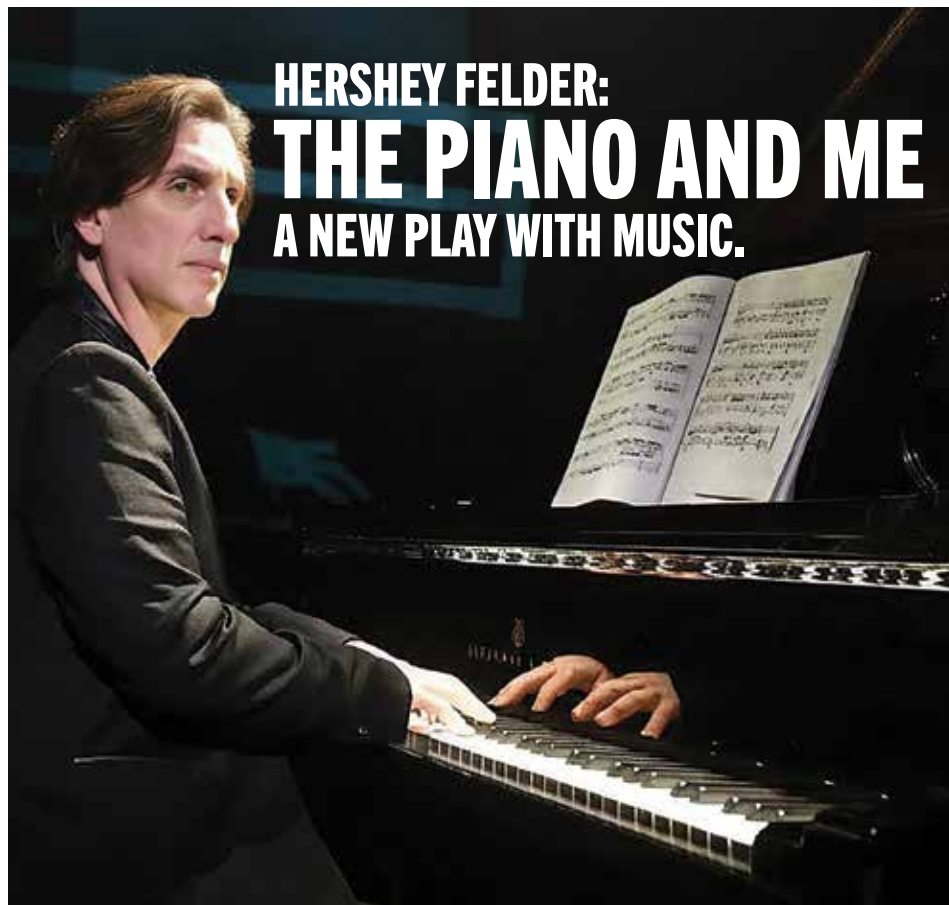
Founding board members included Suz Montgomery, Jenise Wagar, and Ron

Halt, who helped guide the organization through its early years.

It started in a small space on the Ventura College campus at 71 Day Road in Ventura. Early operations were modest and somewhat cramped. In 2005, the land at 65 Day Road was offered by lease to CAPS by Ventura College. On this property a state-of-the-art facility was constructed. The board oversaw building design, interviewed architects and contractors, and contributed "sweat equity" (e.g., painting, and hands-on work) to develop the current facility. Programming began with one main public access channel, Channel 6, and later expanded to include Channel 15 to include educational content and Government meetings.

Over the following decades, CAPS has grown into a full-service community media hub offering hands-on training classes in video production, editing, podcasting, and radio, as well as equipment checkout and studio facilities for members to create content. In 2017 CAPS Radio-KPPQ 104.1 FM was launched: offering radio and podcasting classes and a state-of-the-art room for producers to record their own programs.

Visit [capsmedia.org](http://capsmedia.org) to learn about orientations, classes as well as viewing some of our programming. In addition, you can find information about our 25th Anniversary Party on Thursday, April 23rd, from 5-8 pm at 65 Day Road in Ventura.



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# Library News

## The Bookmark

### About Libraries and Friends

By Mary Olson

The Mobile Library will make a stop on Main Street, in front of the E.P. Foster Library, on Mondays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm while E.P. Foster Library is undergoing renovations.

The Mobile Library will offer storytime at 10:30 am and patrons will be able to check out books, put holds on books, collect holds and return books. Easily update your holds pickup location in the new MyVCLibrary app, online at <https://www.library.venturacounty.gov>, via chat, or by calling (805) 626-READ

You'll find updates on the E.P. Foster renovation construction timelines, frequently asked questions and press releases at <https://www.library.venturacounty.gov/locations/foster/construction-updates> There's a link on the construction update page where you can Tune in to Ventura Voices, the City of Ventura's Podcast and listen to Ventura County Library Director Nancy Schram share details about the renovation project.

The Friends' bookstore in E.P. Foster Library is also closed during the renovation. We are no longer accepting donations of books at that location. Book donations can be made at Avenue, Saticoy and Hill Road libraries during open hours and at our warehouse (11251 Riverbank Drive, in the Ventura County Saticoy Operations Yard) Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 am.

The Friends' book sale shelves in Hill Road Library are still available for shopping and are restocked weekly.

The Friends will continue to hold periodic outdoor sales. The next book sale at the Vons at Telegraph & Victoria will be on May 30. We also have books for sale on eBay (<https://www.ebay.com/str/venturafriendsofthelibrary>)

Look for pop-up sales on Mondays when the Mobile Library visits Main Street and at the Saturday Farmers Market on Main Street and visit our website <https://venturafriendsofthelibrary.org> for more information.

**Master Gardeners Learning Series continues with Nostalgia Gardening: Growing Memories In Your Backyard Hill Road Library Tuesday, April 21, 4:30**

## to 5:45 pm

Journey back through the seasons of your life in this heartwarming class featuring cottage garden favorites, and beloved blooms that graced our grandparents' yards. Learn the elements of the gardening style called "Nostalgia Gardening," with examples both old and new. Create a garden space that honors your memories while bringing joy to the present. Free and open to the public. Led by certified Master Gardener Roanna Prell. Walk-ins welcome! If you have gardening questions, please email our free Master Gardener Helpline at [mgventura@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mgventura@ucdavis.edu)

**Hill Road Library Book Club meets on Tuesday, April 28, 4:00 to 5:00 pm. The April Book Club selection: Dinners With Ruth by Nina Totenberg**

Visit the Hill Road Library to pick up the latest Book Club selection. For more information or to join the mailing list for this Book Club please email [Linda.Cherry@Ventura.org](mailto:Linda.Cherry@Ventura.org)

**Ventura County Library Foundation will Host "Books, Birds, and Blooms: Outdoor Sanctuaries" Fundraiser in Ventura on June 6, from Noon to 4:00 p.m.**

Set against the backdrop of beautifully curated gardens and natural spaces, Books, Birds, and Blooms invites guests to explore a series of inspiring outdoor sanctuaries while celebrating the vital role libraries play in enriching lives. Attendees will experience a setting with 280-degree ocean views, artist and pottery studios, native plants, nesting birds, the mobile library, a book giveaway, refreshments, and opportunities to connect with fellow supporters of literacy, education, and lifelong learning.

Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Ventura County Library System, helping to fund essential programs and services. These include early literacy initiatives, educational programming, technology access, community events, and resources that ensure equitable access to information for all residents.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses, organizations, and individuals who wish to support the event. Tickets are priced at \$40. For more information about Books, Birds, and Blooms: Outdoor Sanctuaries sponsorship opportunities, or to purchase a ticket, please <https://vclibraryfoundation.org/>

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# VACE Hosts Hands-On AI Workshop

On April 24, Ventura Adult and Career Education (VACE) will host a hands-on AI workshop for business owners, leaders, and their teams, building on a sold-out session earlier this year.

"Our February session showed leaders are ready to move beyond the basics and apply AI to real work," said Principal Scott McNutt.

Designed as a working session - not a lecture - participants will bring real projects and apply AI tools with direct coaching alongside peers. The workshop also covers key topics like platform selection, privacy, and scaling AI across teams.

The session will be led by Sean Bhardwaj, Managing Partner at Breakthrough Growth Partners, who advises organizations on using AI to improve productivity and growth.

"Most people have tried AI - the challenge is getting results," Bhardwaj said.

The workshop is part of VACE's expanding series of programs supporting local workforce and business needs. It is sponsored by the Port of Hueneme with

support from the Ventura Chamber of Commerce and the Workforce Development Board of Ventura County.

Advance registration is recommended as space is limited. Event details: <https://aiworkshopVACE.eventbrite.com>



VACE will host a hands-on AI workshop on April 24, helping local business teams apply artificial intelligence to real-world projects.



# Senior Living



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## 10 Common Scams That Target Older Adults

By the California Department of Aging

Scams are frequently in the news and might make you think, “I wouldn’t fall for that!” But scammers are becoming more sophisticated and using technology to make their scams more believable. Accurate information may be the best protection against fraud. Knowing the schemes that frequently target older adults can help you avoid them. You can empower yourself by watching out for the following scams, which are among the most prevalent today.

### Ten Most Common Scams

1. Grandparent Scams: Scammers pretend to be a grandchild (or loved one) in trouble and ask for money quickly.
2. Government Imposter Scams: Scammers pose as IRS, Medicare, or Social Security representatives demanding payments or personal information.
3. Tech Support Scams: Calls or pop-ups claim your computer has a virus and request remote access or payment for fake repairs.
4. Romance Scams: Scammers build online relationships and then ask for money, often for emergencies or travel.
5. Charity Scams: Fraudsters pose as charities, especially after disasters, and pressure for donations.
6. Lottery and Sweepstakes Scams: You are told you’ve won a prize but must pay fees or taxes to claim it.
7. Investment Scams: If someone promises big profits with no risk, it’s likely a scam.
8. Home Repair Scams: Fake contractors demand upfront payments and disappear without completing work.
9. Phishing Scams: Fraudulent emails or texts impersonating banks or companies to steal your personal information.
10. Utility Scams: Callers claim your utilities will be shut off unless an

immediate payment is made.

### Protect Yourself from Scams and Fraud

The best advice, experts say, is to be constantly on your guard. “You can never be sure who is on the other end of that phone call or email,” says Katie Carruesco, targeted outreach specialist with the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. The agency’s services include workshops and one-on-one consultations tailored to older adults. “These scammers are professional actors who sound legitimate, authoritative, and threatening,” Carruesco says. “They do not see people, only dollar signs.” Thieves prey on older adults because they often own more assets and may have fewer digital skills than younger people, a combination making them attractive targets for fraudsters, experts say. Some older Californians may also be more isolated. The result can be heartbreaking because of what’s at stake: retirement plans, life savings, and emotional and physical distress.

- Don’t send money to someone you don’t know or have never met in person.
- Don’t click on links in text messages or emails.
- Always do your research! Verify information and only use official sources.
- Talk to someone you trust – they can help identify red flags that you’ve missed.

### Report Scams

If you think you’ve been scammed, don’t be afraid to report it. Contact DFPI immediately by calling 1-866-275-2677 or going online at [dfpi.ca.gov](http://dfpi.ca.gov).

For more articles and resources on fraud prevention, visit the Aging in California Resource Hub online at [aging.ca.gov](http://aging.ca.gov)

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## Smart Organic Choices: A Guide for Seniors

Eating organic can offer health benefits, especially for seniors looking to reduce exposure to pesticides and harmful chemicals. However, organic produce often comes at a higher cost. To help prioritize spending, the Environmental Working Group (EWG) has identified certain foods to avoid unless organic and others that are safer to eat conventionally. Known as EWG’s ‘Dirty Dozen’ and ‘Clean Fifteen,’ these handy lists are a great resource for making healthier, budget-friendly choices at the grocery store. Visit [www.ewg.org](http://www.ewg.org) for more information.

### Dirty Dozen

- Strawberries
- Spinach
- Kale, Collard, and Mustard Greens
- Grapes
- Peaches
- Pears
- Nectarines
- Apples
- Bell and Hot Peppers
- Cherries
- Blueberries
- Green Beans

### Clean Fifteen

- Sweetcorn
- Avocado
- Pineapple
- Onions
- Papaya
- Sweet Peas
- Asparagus
- Honeydew Melon
- Kiwi
- Cabbage
- Watermelon
- Mushrooms
- Mango
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## Understanding Social Security

From the National Council on Aging (NCOA)

After you leave the workplace and no longer collect a steady paycheck, you'll need money to cover essentials like food, housing, and health care. That's where Social Security comes in. This system was enacted in 1935 to keep workers from falling into poverty upon retirement. It was designed to provide basic retirement benefits for workers reaching age 65.

### How much does Social Security pay?

Social Security monthly benefits can be as high as \$5,181, but benefit payments are regularly adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases. These payments are guaranteed and supported by the Social Security Trust Fund and provide half or more retirement income for many retirees.

It's important to know that Social Security isn't meant to replace all of your pre-retirement income—it only covers about 40%. Older adults often rely on personal retirement savings, employer pensions, and part-time work to fill what's known as the "retirement income gap."

### Who qualifies for Social Security?

Workers who pay (or have paid) Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxes are covered by Social Security. After paying into the system for at least 40 quarters (10 years on average), you are fully insured and will be eligible to receive retirement income benefits.

These benefits are based on your highest earnings over a 35-year period. If you have not paid into the Social Security system for 40 quarters, you are not eligible for full Social Security retirement benefits.

### When should you file for Social Security?

You can draw Social Security benefits any time after age 62. But filing prior to the full retirement age and continuing to work will reduce your benefit amount based on the amount earned. In 2026, earning less than \$24,480 annually will not affect your benefit amount.

Until you reach full retirement age, earning more than \$24,480 will affect the amount you receive—for every \$2 earned, your benefit will be reduced by \$1. In the year you reach full retirement age, the earning threshold increases to \$65,160. Earning more will reduce the benefit by \$1 for every \$3 earned over the limit. Once you reach full retirement age (67 for most people retiring today), there is no deduction to your benefit based on earnings.

Estimate your benefit amount using SSA's online tool. You will have to log in to your 'My Social Security' account (or create one).

### How do you apply for Social Security?

First, it's a good idea to check your eligibility for Social Security benefits using SSA's online tool. It takes about 10 minutes.

It's best to apply about three months before you want benefits to start (you can apply up to four months before your enrollment month). When you apply, you'll choose the month your Social Security retirement benefits start. Your first payment will arrive the following month. You can apply for Social Security in three main ways:

#### 1. Apply online

Go to the SSA's secure online application at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply)

Complete the application form and submit it electronically.

#### 2. Apply by phone

Call the SSA at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY: 1-800-325-0778). Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time.

A representative will schedule a call with you and take your application information over the phone.

#### 3. Apply in person

Contact your local Social Security office to make an appointment. You can find your local office by using the SSA's locator tool or by calling their toll-free number: 1-800-772-1213. To avoid a long wait, schedule an appointment first.

Bring required documents such as your birth certificate, Social Security card, W-2s or self-employment tax returns, and proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful residency (if you were not born in the U.S.).

After you apply for Social Security retirement benefits, SSA will review your application and may contact you if they need more information. Processing times vary, but it can take up to six weeks for benefits to start.

Once approved, you'll get a notice that explains your monthly benefit amount, your benefit start date, and when to expect your first payment. Your first payment usually arrives about one month after your chosen start date. After that, you'll be paid monthly.

You can track the status of your application online through your 'My Social Security' account.

To learn more, visit [www.ncoa.org](http://www.ncoa.org) and [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).



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# Events

## Ventura:

**Ventura Harbor Village – Seaside Music: Sat, Apr 18, Sun, Apr 19 & Sat, Apr 25, 1 - 4 pm.**

Free, family-friendly, live weekly music throughout April on the seaside Promenade Stage at the waterfront. The ongoing music series showcases a dockside selection of top-notch musicians who present a variety of genres, including Pop, Rock and coastal surf rock. Relax by the water as talented local musicians set the scene with a mix of lively and laid-back tunes. Check the event page for latest performance schedule and featured artists at [www.venturaharborvillage.com](http://www.venturaharborvillage.com).

**Ventura Garden Tour 2026: Sat, Apr 18. 11 am - 3 pm. Garden list distributed after sign-up.**

Six Unique “Labors of Love” Gardens. Small to Large Expanses. All proceeds to benefit the Ventura Sunrise Optimist Club programs that benefit the youth in our community. Ticket price: \$25 (If it rains, we thank you for your donation. Purchase Tickets by clicking on the link below. [www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ventura-garden-tour-2026](http://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ventura-garden-tour-2026), or at [venturasunriseoptimist.org](http://venturasunriseoptimist.org).

**There’s No Place Like Home: Sat, Apr 18, 1 pm -3 pm, UU Church of Ventura, at 5654 Ralston St.**

For years, Ventura Homeless Prevention’s has been ahead of the curve. While statewide conversations only recently began shifting toward preventing homelessness rather than reacting to it, Ventura Homeless Prevention has been quietly proving that prevention works. Since 2007, this 501(c)(3) nonprofit has been keeping people housed by intervening early, stabilizing families in crisis, and stopping homelessness before it starts. <https://venturahomelessprevention.org/>. Every penny of the \$25 ticket price will go directly to property managers to help struggling residents with their rent. For tickets, visit <https://vhpfbetterworld.org/events/there-s-no-place-like-home>.

**College Area Community Council Meeting: Wed, Apr 22, 7 pm. In-person & Zoom. CAPS Media, 65 Day Rd.**

In honor of Earth Day a representative of the Surfrider Foundation will be speaking. The meeting includes a food drive to support the VC Food Pantry. Please bring canned goods to the meeting to support food insecure students. Community council meetings include speakers and discussion on topics of neighborhood and community interest, including public safety and economic development. CACC represents citizens in the area bounded by Mills Road on the west, Hill Road on the east, city limits in the hillsides on the north, and the 126 Freeway on the south. Visit the CACC website @ <https://caccventura.com> for more information, a Zoom link to the meeting or to be added to the mailing list.

**The Downtown Ventura Certified Farmers’ Market 40th Birthday: Sat, Apr 25, 8 am – 12 pm. 200 E.St.**

Everyone is welcome to enjoy free customer giveaways, fun activities for kids, and live music entertainment. The mayor will deliver a special proclamation to the Market at 8am, celebrating its 40 years of continually providing local food to the Ventura area. Originally launched Downtown to help revitalize the area, the market has grown over the years and is currently based at its fourth site on Main Street. The market provides home for over

50 different farming families to participate throughout the year and distributes almost \$100,000 dollars annually in food assistance programs for the community. Ventura County Certified Farmers’ Market Association, a nonprofit farmers’ cooperative, manages the market. For information, visit [www.vccfm.org](http://www.vccfm.org), call (805) 529- 6266, Facebook@vccfm, Instagram@vccfm.

**Plant Shop 805 – Annual Parking Lot Sale: Sat, Apr 25, 10 am - 2 pm. 1924 E. Main St.**

Shop rare, unusual and locally grown desert tropical plants. <https://plantshop805.com/>. 805-667-8448.

**Group: Channel Islands PC User Group (CIPCUG): Sat, Apr 25.**

**Online AND Live at our temporary location Ventura County Computers 2175 Goodyear Avenue, Unit 117.**

Discussion, Tutorial, and Q&A sessions centered around Computers, email, the Internet, AI, and social media brokers such as X, Facebook, and Google. Events begin at 9:30AM. CIPCUG events are presently online only. Details for connecting to online events are emailed prior to the event. To receive connection instructions, please sign up at [www.cipcug.org](http://www.cipcug.org). (805) 289-3960.

**Outdoors and Sportfishing Expo: Fri – Sun, May 1 – May 3, 10 am – 6 pm. Ventura County Fairgrounds.**

With our 200 local/national vendors, the expo has quickly become a must-attend event in Ventura County. Free Workshops from The Best Fishing Guides. For RV camping you can reach out at the following email. [camping@venturacountyfair.org](mailto:camping@venturacountyfair.org). (805) 648-3376 ext: 112. [www.sportfishingexpo.com](http://www.sportfishingexpo.com).

**Celebrating Women 5K Walk and Expo: Sat, May 9, - 9 am – 2 pm. Ventura Harbor.**

Organized by Soroptimist International Channel Islands, the event is designed to empower women, promote wellness, and support at-risk women in Ventura County. The expo features local businesses and organizations showcasing products, creative offerings, and services related to women’s health and wellness. [www.soroptimistchannelislands.org/#Events](http://www.soroptimistchannelislands.org/#Events).

**Ventura Pottery Gallery’s 6th Annual Mother’s Day Market: Sat, May 9; Sun May – 10, 11 am - 6 pm. 1567 Spinnaker Dr, Ste 105.**

Celebrate the incredible women who shape our lives with love, care, and unwavering support. This special event features handcrafted pottery from over 40 talented local ceramic artists. As a special treat, the first 20 customers on Saturday and Sunday will receive a FREE ceramic Sugar Saver that will keep your brown sugar fresh, soft, and scoopable every time! MOTHER’S DAY GIVEAWAY Register inside the gallery from May 1st - 8th, for a chance to win a beautiful one-of-a-kind hand painted vase created by gallery artist Genie Thomsen. No purchase necessary and no need to be present to win! GALLERY ARTIST DEMOS: Saturday, May 9th, 11-3, Ventura Harbor Village. Visit [VCPG.org](http://VCPG.org).

**Rubicon Theatre “Eleanor”: May 13 – May 31. 1006 E Main St.**

In this tour-de-force solo performance described as “brilliant and emotionally relevant” by the Wall Street Journal, Kandis Chappell brings First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to vivid life. Candid and commanding, vulnerable and visionary, from the shadows of the White House to the global stage, Eleanor finds her purpose at life’s greatest cross-

roads, shaping a legacy that continues to inspire. <https://rubicontheatre.org/events/eleanor>.

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Online AND Live at our temporary location Ventura County Computers, 2175 Goodyear Ave. Unit 117. Discussion, Tutorial, and Q&A sessions centered around Computers, email, the Internet, AI, and social media brokers such as X, Facebook, and Google. To receive connection instructions, sign up at <http://www.cipcug.org>. (805) 289-3960.

**Botanical Gardens – Summer Hummerz: Jun 2 - Aug 31. 567 Poli St.**

This summer, we’re celebrating one of California’s most dazzling little visitors. The Gardens will transform into a colorful hummingbird-inspired experience with the debut of Summer Hummerz - an immersive exhibit where nature meets imagination. Wander scenic walkways, enjoy fragrant wildflowers. Find yourself enchanted by the tiny birds that bring the landscape to life. Designed for visitors of all ages. Admission: \$15 per adult. Free for members and children under 18 when accompanied by an adult. special event only. <https://venturabotanicalgardens.com/summer-hummerz/#>.

## Ongoing:

**Ventura Gem & Mineral Society: Fourth Wednesday (second Wednesday in Nov/Dec), 7:30 – 9:30, Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd.**

Join amateur enthusiasts interested in minerals, fossils, and jewelry making. We welcome individual and family members. We participate in Science Nights at schools and - in conjunction with the County Parks System at Camp Comfort - run a two-room museum open by appointment for school groups, homeschoolers and others. We have a youth group which meets regularly for activities. Enjoy field trips, lapidary classes to craft polished stones, speakers and refreshments at our meetings. Email [info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org) or visit [www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org).

**Free Grief Support Groups** Livingston’s Grief & Bereavement

Program offers multiple support groups that focus on restorative activities, seeking meaning and purpose, identifying changes to self, and receiving support in making life good again. Livingston’s Grief & Bereavement offers free grief support groups that cater to specific bereavement needs. General Bereavement Support Group on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8 pm (Ventura in-person). Thursdays from 10:30 am - Noon (Ventura in-person). For registration and locations, contact 805-389-6870 or online at [lmvna.org/grief](http://lmvna.org/grief). Space is limited.

**Ventura Senior Men’s Group: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, first and third Tuesdays. Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd.**

Ventura Senior Men’s Group lunch meetings - first and third Tuesday of the month. Buffet luncheon with interesting speakers and good friends. Your first lunch is free. We talk about everything except religion and politics. Eligible to all men 50+ and living in Ventura County. Call Bob at 805-857-0055 or visit [VSMG.net](http://VSMG.net).

**Country Lovers Line Dancing: Ventura Moose Lodge. Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm, 10269 Telephone Rd.**

Easy dances, first time free. Any questions, leave message at 805-889-3132.

**Ventura VFW Post 1679 – Sunday Brunches/Dinners: 3801 Market St.**

Help support your local Ventura County Veterans: “Open to the Public Brunches and Dinners.” Sunday Brunch 10 am - 1 pm every Sunday. Prices from \$8 - \$15. Friday Night Dinners: 5:30 pm - 7 pm every Friday night. Prices depend on the menu for that night. \$15 - \$25. 805-642-2674. <https://vfw1679.org>.

**Ventura County Philatelic Society: First and third Mon each month - 7:30 pm**

Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Rd. <https://venturacountyphilatelic.org>.

**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Ventura County: 6:30 - 8pm, every Tuesday. Ralston St.**

At DBSA support group meetings, we share experiences, personal feelings, information, and strategies for living successfully. Groups are free, confidential,

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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## The Pet Page

### Search Intensifies for Missing Cat with Urgent Medical Needs

**\$1,000 reward for return of missing Cubby**



Cubby went missing on March 6 from his home at Buenaventura Gardens on Dean Drive in Ventura.

When Sage Hostetter and her boyfriend, Brenen Basaldua, left town in early March, they entrusted their two beloved cats, Cubby and Ben, to a pet sitter. Just one day into their trip, on March 6, they received a call that would change everything: the apartment door had been left open, and both cats were missing.

They rushed home in a panic. Ben had returned. Cubby had not.

More than five weeks later, Cubby remains missing – and time is running out.



Cubby shares a deep bond with his biological brother, Ben.

#### Serious Medical Needs Raise Urgency

Cubby suffers from a severe autoimmune condition that requires daily medication and ongoing care.

“When I adopted him, I was fully aware of his health issues,” Hostetter said. “Cubby needs his medication to survive. Without it, his body essentially begins attacking itself.”

He also requires protective coverings on his paws to prevent painful blistering and infection, and he is currently scheduled for crucial eye surgery – a procedure Hostetter spent a year saving for.

Beyond his physical condition, Cubby shares a deep bond with his brother, Ben. The two were adopted together as kittens and have never been apart. Since Cubby’s disappearance, Ben has become withdrawn and has refused to eat, raising further concern for both cats’ well-being.

#### An Exhaustive Community Search

Hostetter, along with friends, family and neighbors, has mounted an extensive search effort. For weeks, volunteers canvassed the apartment complex and surrounding area, often late into the night, using headlamps, cameras and food to try to lure Cubby home.

Flyers have been distributed door to door and posted throughout the

neighborhood, while online posts have circulated across platforms including Nextdoor and Facebook, as well as numerous lost-pet websites.

Search parties have been organized, and professional animal trackers – including Dog Days Search and Rescue – have assisted in the effort.

Despite these measures, Cubby has not been seen since the day he disappeared.

#### Belief Someone Is Caring for Him

Multiple neighbors, including children, reported seeing Cubby near the apartment complex for several hours the day he went missing. The final sighting occurred just minutes before the search began.

Based on those reports, Hostetter believes someone may have found Cubby and taken him in, unaware that he is missing or that he requires urgent medical care.

“I believe a kindhearted person may have taken Cubby in, not realizing we’ve been searching for him or that he is seriously ill,” she said. “We desperately need him back home with us



#### \$1,000 Reward Offered for Safe Return

Hostetter and Basaldua are offering a \$1,000 reward for Cubby’s safe return or for information leading to his recovery – no questions asked.

“We will have nothing but gratitude for whoever has kept him safe,” Hostetter said. “Please return him so we can resume his care and reunite him with his brother. We love him so much. We’re devastated and won’t stop searching until he’s home.”

**Anyone with information is urged to call or text 805-758-8893 or return Cubby to Unit 2102 at Buenaventura Gardens on Dean Drive in Ventura.**

## Forever homes wanted



Hi, I’m Beans, a joyful 4-year-old Boston Terrier mix who wants nothing more than to be a good boy and please his people. I’m a quick learner who already knows the commands “sit,” “lay down,” “paw” and “roll over.” I love to play fetch and go for long walks or runs. I’m very friendly with people and would prefer a home with smaller dogs, as I’m not always comfortable around bigger ones. I will make a wonderful addition to a loving family. Could that be you?



Hi, I’m Bippity Boppity Boop, an enchanting 5-year-old Chihuahua/Basset Hound/Poodle mix. I’m the perfect pooch for anyone looking for a loyal and loving companion. I adore a good game of tug-of-war and enjoy exploring all the exciting scents the world has to offer on my daily walks. I’m also a pro at sitting and staying, and I’m house-trained, too – what a catch! I’ve happily lived with other dogs and cats before, but an adult-only home would be best. I thrive with patience and structure, and with positive training, I know I can bring a world of magic and love into your life.



Hi, I’m Gilley, a wise and gentle 8-year-old Lhasa Apso mix. I’m very friendly with both people and other dogs. I’m a good walker with plenty of energy, but I also have a calm, gentle presence. I’m a true gentleman with a soft and loving spirit, and I’m sure to be a loyal companion. I’m the perfect match for someone seeking a mature, relaxed and affectionate friend to share their days with. I’m ready to leave my past behind and start a new chapter filled with love and care. Could you be the one to show me what a happy life looks like?



Hi, I’m Kobe, a sweet 13-years-young senior Spaniel mix looking for a loving home to spend my golden years. I may be a bit older, but I still have a lot of love and life to give. I’ll be your best friend and a source of comfort and joy. I’m the perfect companion for quiet walks in the grass and cozy nights at home. I’m very affectionate and would make a great lap dog. I’m friendly with both people and other dogs and eager to find a family who will give me the love and care I deserve. Could you be the one to give me a second chance at a happy life?

**All of these amazing pets are being cared for by the Canine Adoption and Rescue League (CARL). Could you provide a forever home for one of these wonderful animals? To read full pet bios and submit an application, visit [www.CARLDogs.org](http://www.CARLDogs.org) or call 805-644-7387.**



## Events

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and open to people living with or who believe they may have depression, bipolar disorder, or another mood disorder. Join our community of hope, reassurance, and encouragement. Call (805) 665-3326 or Email DBSAventura@gmail.com for more details and information.

## Camarillo:

### Livingston Garden Tour 2026: Sun, May 3, 12 - 4 pm.

Since 1996, The Garden Tour – created and still run by a passionate team of volunteers – is one of Camarillo's signature events! Now celebrating its 28th year, this unforgettable afternoon promises a perfect blend of beauty, creativity, and community. Explore five stunning gardens, shop in a delightful boutique, try your luck at a raffle with amazing prizes, enjoy live music, and savor delicious refreshments. Tickets are \$30. [www.lmvna.org/gardentour](http://www.lmvna.org/gardentour).

## Moorpark:

### Housing Trust's Seventh Annual Compassion Campaign: Thurs, May 7, 5 pm - 8:30 pm. Walnut Grove at Tierra Rejada Farms, Moorpark. 3370 Sunset Valley Rd.

This year's one-of-a-kind event will be held under the stars. The Sweetest Investment gathers the leaders, partners, and supporters shaping the future of affordable housing in Ventura County. This year's signature fundraising event highlights the sweet impact that we can make together when we invest locally. Together, we'll demonstrate how strong community commitment can strengthen affordable housing across the region and beyond. Join us for another evening of treat-filled immersive guest experiences, inspiring speakers, and a diverse community of allies committed to creating affordable housing solutions. [www.housingtrustfundvc.org](http://www.housingtrustfundvc.org).

## Ojai:

### Back In Ojai by Popular Demand – Meet Expert Appraisers and Buyers! Tues, Apr 14 – Sat Apr 18, 9 am – 5 pm. Ojai Valley Woman's Club, 441 East Ojai Ave.

Buying Watches, Jewelry, Diamonds Rubies, Sapphires, Emeralds Gold, Platinum and Silver. Five Days Only! Take Advantage of The Near Record High Prices of Silver & Gold. Buying Sterling Silver Flatware Tea & Coffee Sets Serving Trays & Candlesticks. Also Buying Fine Art Oil Paintings and Watercolors, Old American Coins, Paper Money, Cufflinks, American Indian Silver Jewelry, Dental Gold, Wrist Watches & Pocket Watches, Rare Documents, Vintage Lighters, Luxury Handbags & Designer Clothing. California Department of Justice Second-hand Dealer License #001583. Armed security on site for peace of mind.

### Guided Nature Walk: Sat, Apr 18, 2 pm - 5 pm. Meher Mount. 9902 Sulphur Mountain Rd. 93023.

The public is invited to a short, easy hike to experience the extraordinary nature of Meher Mount. You can walk among the wildflowers, do a little bird watching, learn about the wildlife, and enjoy the peace and silence of nature. This guided walk is led by Scott Tomkinson and Ray Johnston. Scott is a local professional

botanist and project leader for the study of the flora of Ojai and its surrounding areas. Ray was a professional ranger in parks, resource management, and animal behavioral science. He is currently the on-site resident caretaker for Meher Mount. The gates open at Noon so you can spend some quiet time seeing the views from Avatar's Point and watching the birds near the Visitor Center. RSVP: [www.mehermount.org/events](http://www.mehermount.org/events).

### It's A Trip, Man: An Evening with a Hollywood Has-Been: Sat, May 9, 7 pm.

### Ojai Art Center Theatre. 113 South Montgomery Street.

A one-man show by Dramalogue Award-winning actor Peter Fox, blending humor and reflection through stories and images from his 35-year journey in Hollywood. Tickets: \$10 [ojaiartcenter.org](http://ojaiartcenter.org).

### Ojai Art Center Presents Shadows & Secrets: A Film Noir Series: Sundays, May 3 - July 26, 7 pm. Ojai Art Center Theater, 113 South Montgomery St.

Twelve Rare and Restored Classics Illuminate the Screen in Ojai. The Ojai Art Center invites film lovers to step into the dark, seductive world of classic cinema with "Shadows & Secrets: A Film Noir Series," a twelve-week celebration of one of Hollywood's most enduring genres. Curated and presented by film historian Steve Grumette. Admission: \$10 per screening; \$75 full-series pass (12 films). [www.ojaiartcenter.org](http://www.ojaiartcenter.org).

## Oxnard

### Nate's Place Community Talk and Open House: Wed, Apr 22, 6 pm. 3840 W. Channel Islands Blvd 93035.

Speaker: Gabe Teran, Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor, speaking on Substance Abuse and the impact on the brain. There will also be a panel of peer coaches talking about what Peer coaching is and how it can help youth. Our very own staff and American Idol competitor, Kainoa Reyes @kainoatiger will provide great music as well. A delicious dinner will be provided, and you can tour Nate's Place and learn about our upcoming moving plans. RSVP needed to ensure we have enough food at [sara@natesplacewellnesscenter.org](mailto:sara@natesplacewellnesscenter.org) or call 805-628-2552.

## Santa Barbara:

### Ensemble Theatre – A Night with Janis Joplin: Wed., Apr 1 – 26. Vic, 33 West Victoria St.

Step into the vibrant, soul-stirring world of a rock legend starring the sensational, Tony-nominated Mary Bridget Davies. This music-driven theatrical event creates an immersive experience, allowing audiences to feel the "ferocity that seems to tear at her own throat" (LATimes) that defined Joplin's sound. Davies, reprising her critically acclaimed role, brings to life not just the chart-topping hits like "Piece of My Heart" and "Me and Bobby McGee," but also the crucial voices of blues and soul - Odetta, Aretha Franklin, Bessie Smith, Nina Simone, and more - who shaped Joplin's artistry. Runtime: 2 hours and 10 minutes, including intermission. Recommended for ages 13 and up. 805-965-5400. <https://etcbsb.org>.

### About Hershey Felder: The Piano and Me: Apr 30 – May 10. 33 West Victoria St.

"We are making a change to our scheduled

season programming: in place of Hershey Felder as Monsieur Chopin, ETC will now present The Piano & Me on the exact same performance dates and times. We love Monsieur Chopin and hope to bring it to Santa Barbara in a future season. Known for his hit portrayals of musical geniuses in his beloved composer series, Felder now renders a different musical artist: himself. In this deeply moving new play, Felder pulls back the curtain on his own story. Growing up in Montreal as the child of Polish and Hungarian immigrants, a young Felder discovers the piano, its captivating music connecting him to his unsuspected heritage, while opening up a remarkable new world full of adventure, possibility, heartbreak, and connection. Featuring performances of beloved compositions by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninoff, Bartók, and more. <https://etcbsb.org/production/the-piano-and-me>.

### UCSB Arts & Lectures presents Yuja Wang & Mahler Chamber Orchestra: Thur, Apr 23, 7 pm. The Granada Theatre, 1214 State St.

Fresh off her electrifying 2025 duo tour with Víkingur Ólafsson, superstar pianist Yuja Wang returns to Arts & Lectures to conduct the Santa Barbara debut of the Mahler Chamber Orchestra from the keyboard. This distinctive collaboration represents another daring artistic move for Yuja Wang, who thus asserts a new level of creative leadership. For the MCO, already widely known for its lauded partnerships with pianists, Wang's involvement magnifies the focus of international attention. Expect 19th-

and 20th-century masterworks delivered with symphonic intensity and crystalline chamber clarity. <https://ticketing.granadasb.org/events>. 805.899.3000.

### Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival: Sat, Apr 25, 11 - 8, Sun, Apr 26, 11-7. Alameda Park, 1400 Santa Barbara St.

Now in its 56th year, this free, grassroots festival is a joyful gathering grounded in environmental advocacy, education, and local action. Across two stages, enjoy live music and inspiring speakers and browse over 200 eco-friendly exhibitors – from ethically-made apparel to zero-waste home goods. Savor local, sustainably sourced bites and beverages at the Plant-Forward Food Court and Beer & Wine Garden. Explore the latest electric vehicles and discover state and local incentives that can make your next EV more affordable, or bring the little ones to the Kids Corner for hours of learning and play. [www.sbeearthday.org](http://www.sbeearthday.org).

### Opera Santa Barbara Presents Robert Aldridge and Herschel Garfein's Elmer Gantry: May 1 and May 3. Lobero Theatre, 33 E Canon Perdido St.

Opera Santa Barbara (OSB) closes its 32nd season with the company premiere of this two-time Grammy Award-winning opera. Based on the satirical novel by Nobel laureate Sinclair Lewis, Elmer Gantry tells the story of a charismatic but deeply flawed salesman who joins a traveling ministry and rises to fame as an evangelist. Set in the American heartland of the 1920s, the opera follows Gantry's entanglement with the ambitious evangelist Sharon Falconer

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## SUNDAYS AT THE DUDLEY HOUSE



The Dudley House Museum is open for docent-led tours every first Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is FREE.

We hope you'll join us for these special events . . .

**May 3:** Celebration of Ventura's 160th birthday with historic photos, a demonstration by the Seaside Porcelain Painters, stamp club display, vintage autos and croquet on the lawn.

**June 7:** In celebration of Flag Day and upcoming July 4th, the Attic Bebes doll collectors return with a patriotic display of dolls and Teddy bears.

**July 5:** Wood carving demonstration by the Channel Islands Carvers and "Mrs. Dudley" will lead tours today!

**September 6:** Ventura County Handweavers & Spinners Guild demonstration.

**October 4:** Regular tours with ghost stories upon request.

**Location: Corner of Ashwood & Loma Vista  
197 Ashwood, Ventura**

[www.dudleyhouse.org](http://www.dudleyhouse.org)



### By Pam Baumgardner VenturaRocks.com

The 3rd annual 1 Love Day bar crawl will be held on Friday, April 17, with four bands at four venues. The participating venues are Café Fiore, Sans Souci, The Saloon and KJ's Neighborhood Bar. Bands performing will be OnePeople, We Roll, Jacob and the Good Vibes and Irie Nature. If you want to be a part of the crawl, you'll need tickets which will get you specials at each venue and a wristband designating your relationship status: green for you're ready to mingle, yellow for it's complicated and red means you're in a committed relationship. The reggae themed event suggests you bust out your dreads and rasta threads and feel the love as you raise your vibrations by dancing to the reggae music drinking good libations. And though this is a ticketed event (1loveday.com), I bet you dollars to doughnuts, without a ticket, you can still enjoy the music.

It's that time of year when a group of music fans gather for Stecklestock at Steckle Park where bands play all day, someone is cooking up an awesome barbecue and family and friends enjoy each other's company. This year it will be held on Saturday, April 18, and rumor has it, this could be the final installment. As always, there is no fee though donations are appreciated to help cover the costs of rentals, permits, insurance, etc. This year's line up includes Premonition, Lowered Expectations, Buena Onda, No Biggie, Chicano 7, Only Obvious and Tommy Foytek. Fun starts around 11 am and runs until dusk.

April 18 also happens to be the day the City of Ventura will celebrate Earth Day (it's officially Wednesday, April 22). This free event runs 11 am to 4 pm at Plaza Park downtown Ventura. Feel free to bring chairs or blankets so you can comfortably enjoy the musical entertainment from Dark Current, Van Allen Twins, the Ventura High Jazz Band and a Mariachi band.

Thursday, April 23, Tony's Pizzeria will host a special guest for their weekly reggae night bringing British reggae artist, Pato Banton to town with his positive message. Also performing will be Kainoa Tiger & Aloha 805.

Quick Notes: due to the overwhelming response, the Ojai Underground has added a second show (5 and 7:30) for Kerri Climer, Tara Jeffery and Lois Mahalia on Saturday, April 18; Grateful Dead cover bands at the Crowne Plaza on Saturday, April 18, with the Alligators and Natural Dead on Sunday, April 19; Robert Cray's at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center on Friday, April 24; Aaron Orbit with the Blurry Stars play the Deer Loge on Friday, April 24; Paul Stookey and daughter AS Aubrey perform at the Rubicon on Saturday, April 25; and the new Safe Space venue downtown hosts Fantuzzi Tuesday, April 28.

Do you have any music-related news or upcoming shows that you would like help publicizing? Please send all informa-

tion, short or long, to Pam@VenturaRocks.com. For updated music listings daily, visit [www.VenturaRocks.com](http://www.VenturaRocks.com).

## Live Music

For more listings, additional times and genres go to [VenturaRocks.com](http://VenturaRocks.com)

### Boatyard Pub

**1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura**

Mondays: Katie Shorey  
Wednesdays: Frank Barajas  
Thursdays: Jim Friery (4p); Bluegrass Jam (6:30 pm)  
Fri 4/17: Teresa Russell & Stephen Geyer  
Sat 4/18: Déjà vu Too  
Sun 4/19: Joe Delia  
Tues 4/21: Karen Eden & Bill Macpherson  
Fri 4/24: Mack and D  
Sat 4/25: Ken Devoe  
Sun 4/26: Smokey & Friends  
Tues 4/28: Ken Devoe

### Bombay Bar and Grill

**143 S. California St., Ventura**

Sat 4/18: Mercer, 5th Street Saints; Noches Tristes, Pink Depression  
Sun 4/19: Caliente 805  
Sat 4/25: Sick Boy, All-a-Blue, The Mormons

### Café Fiore

**66 California St., Ventura**

Wed 4/15: Wide Awakes  
Fri 4/17: Instone  
Wed 4/22: Donna Greene  
Fri 4/24: Otis Hayes  
Sat 4/25: High Revival

### Cantara Cellars

**126 Wood Rd., Camarillo**

Fri 4/17: Vinyl Gypsies  
Sat 4/18: James Bros. Band  
Fri 4/24: Vanise Terry Band  
Sat 4/25: Caliente 805

### Crowne Plaza Hotel

**450 E. Harbor Blvd., Ventura**

Sat 4/18: The Alligators, People's Dead  
Sun 4/19: Natural Dead

### Deer Lodge

**2261 Maricopa Hwy., Ojai**

Fri 4/17: The Spires, The Pretty Flowers  
Sat 4/18: James Intveld, John Surge & the Haymakers  
Sun 4/19: The Paradise Kings  
Thurs 4/23: Tyler John Kraehling  
Fri 4/24: Aaron Orbit, The Blurry Stars  
Sun 4/26: Cactus Lee, Austin Leonard Jones

### Duke's Grill

**1124 S. Seaward Ave., Ventura**

Sat 4/18: Bob Bishop Band  
Fri 4/24: Mark Masson  
Sat 4/25: Vinny Berry

### Feros Ferio Winery

**310 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai**

Sat 4/18: Fretboard Zen  
Sun 4/19: Frank Barajas  
Sat 4/25: Korel Tunador  
Sun 4/26: Franzenhunter

### Fermentation House

**2290 Eastman Ave., Ventura**

Fri 4/17: Brittney & the Bsidies

### Garage

**1091 Scandia Ave., Ventura**

Fri 4/17: Rhythm 805

Sat 4/18: Heart & Soul  
Fri 4/24: The Rayford Brothers  
Sat 2/25: Fallen Saints

### Gigi's Cocktails

**2493 Grand Ave., Ventura**

Fri 4/17: Preachers and Pornstars, Raised on Vinyl, Fuzz Huzzi  
Sat 4/25: Stellar Ruins, Onnagata, Blood Boys, Rosemary

### The Grape

**2733 E. Main St., Ventura**

Tuesdays: Gratitude Jazz Jams  
Wed 4/15: TD Lind & the Aviators  
Thurs 4/16: Boom Duo  
Sat 4/18: Blues Harmonica Extravaganza (2p); The Jive Aces (8p)  
Thurs 4/23: Native Vibe  
Sat 4/25: Debbie Davies (2p)

### The Keynote Lounge

**10245 Telephone Rd., Ventura**

Fri 4/17: Sin Chonies  
Fri 4/24: Freddy and Friends

### Leashless Brewing

**585 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**

Sat 4/18: Art Funk  
Sun 4/19: OnePeople  
Fri 4/24: Top Shelf  
Sun 4/26: Stevie Char & Wisdom Tree

### Lucky Fool's Pub

**75 E. High St., Moorpark**

Fri 4/17: Mark Blasquez  
Sat 4/18: Mack and D  
Sat 4/19: Doc & Pete

### Magnavino Cellars

**961 Rice Ave., Oxnard**

Fri 4/17: Brandon Ragan Project  
Sat 4/18: Live Band Karaoke  
Fri 4/24: CRV  
Sat 4/25: Ventu Park

### Manhattan

**5800 Santa Rosa Rd., Camarillo**

Wed 4/15: Mary White  
Fri 4/17: Mack and D  
Sat 4/18: Lisa Ritner Jones and the Musical Suspects  
Thurs 4/23: Sinatra Tribute Band  
Fri 4/24: Jeanne Tatum Trio  
Sat 4/25: Otis Hayes Trio

### Margarita Villa

**1567 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura**

Fri 4/17: Freddy and Friends  
Sat 4/18: Soul Riders  
Sun 4/19: Smokey and Friends  
Mon 4/20: Johnny Irie & THC  
Tues 4/21: Big Adventure  
Fri 4/24: Cinnamon Whiskey  
Sat 4/25: Crosscut 805  
Sun 4/26: CRV  
Mon 4/27: Bobby Campbell & Crew

### Namba Arts

**47 S. Oak St., Ventura**

Sun 4/19: Rainee Balke: Joni Mitchell tribute  
Fri 4/24: The Listening Room  
Sat 4/25: Anything Goes: A Cole Porter tribute  
Sun 4/26: Nuala Kennedy & Eamon O'Leary

### Ojai Underground Exchange

**616 Pearl St., Ojai**

Thurs 4/16: Richard Schindell  
Fri 4/17: J. Plank  
Sat 4/18: Kerri Climer, Tara Jeffery & Lois Mahalia  
Fri 4/24: American Songbook Today: Cole Porter  
Sat 4/25: Jaimee Harris  
Sun 4/26: Elizabeth & the Catapult

### Ojai Valley Brewing

**307 Bryant St., Ojai**

Wednesdays: Ojai Valley Bluegrass Pickers/Open Jam  
Sat 4/18: Soul Revival Band  
Sun 4/19: Michael Rivers Jazz Quintet  
Sat 4/25: Ojai Department of Rhythm  
Sun 4/26: Reinaldo Pedroso Latin Jazz Trio

### Oxnard Performing Arts Center

**800 Hobson Way, Oxnard**

Fri 4/24: Robert Cray  
Sat 4/25: Tierra, Malo

### Rincon Brewery

**4100 Telegraph Rd., Ventura**

Sat 4/18: Nautical Thrust  
Sun 4/19: James Bros. Band  
Sun 4/26: Axiom

### Rubicon Theatre Company

**1006 E. Main St., Ventura**

Sat 4/25: Noel Paul Stookey & daughter AS Aubrey

### Seaward Brewing

**1920 Goodyear Ave., Ventura**

Sun 4/19: Frank Barajas  
Sun 4/26: Skeleton Keys

### The Shores

**1031 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard**

Wed 4/15: Ben Garcia  
Fri 4/17: Two Dollar Reward  
Sat 4/18: Robert Heft Band  
Sun 4/19: Vanise Terry Band  
Wed 4/22: Sara Healy  
Fri 4/24: Sin Chonies  
Sun 4/26: Karen Eden and the Bad Apples

### Strey Cellars

**951 N. Rice Ave., Oxnard**

Sat 4/18: The Way  
Sun 4/19: Brandon Ragan Project  
Sat 4/25: Holger's Heros  
Sun 4/26: The Dirty Lowdown

### Tony's Pizzeria

**186 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**

Thurs 4/16: Rising Son  
Fri 4/17: Delta by the Beach, Preston Smith  
Sat 4/18: Ignition  
Sun 4/19: House Arrest  
Thurs 4/23: Pato Baton, Kainoa Tiger & the Aloha 805  
Fri 4/24: Super Freak  
Sun 4/26: Heart and Soul

### Topa Topa Brewing

**2024 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo**

Sat 4/18: Bella Lucareli  
Sun 4/19: Natalie Wattre  
Sun 4/26: Katie Shorey

### Topa Topa Brewing Downtown

**104 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**

Fri 4/17: Duane Bartels  
Sat 4/18: Natalie Wattre  
Tues 4/21: Vinny Berry  
Sat 4/25: Virtual Nobodies  
Tues 4/28: Natalie Wattre

### Vaquero y Mar

**435 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**

Tuesdays: The Sea Hunters  
Wed 4/15: Up Country  
Fri 4/17: Early Moods, Ardi, Rosemary  
Wed 4/22: Ventura Gypsy Jazz Jam

### Twisted Oak Tavern

**2433 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo**

Fri 4/17: Mark Masson  
Sat 4/18: Corey Highberg  
Fri 4/24: Ryan Bieber  
Sat 4/25: The Augustinas

### Ventura Music Hall

**1888 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**

Fri 4/17: Iam Tongi  
Sat 4/18: Pentagram, Dusted Angel  
Tues 4/21: Shaky Graves  
Thurs 4/23: Vandelux, Distant Matter  
Fri 4/24: Mike Love, Dub Fx  
Sun 4/26: Zebra, Donnie Vie

### Winchesters

**632 E. Main St., Ventura**

Music Fridays 7-10; Sat and Sun 3-6  
Thursdays: Grateful Dead Jams  
Fri 4/17: Caught Red Handed  
Sat 4/18: Cinnamon Whiskey  
Sun 4/19: Karyn 805  
Fri 4/24: Erik Lemaire Band  
Sat 4/25: Teresa Russell  
Sun 4/26: James Bros. Band

# VUSD Art Show Juried Exhibition

The Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) is displaying its Districtwide Student Art Show, on May 1 - 3 at the Vita Art Center in downtown Ventura.

This annual juried exhibition is made possible through a partnership between VUSD, the Ventura Education Partnership, Vita Art Center, and the Ventura Arts Collaborative. The show will feature approximately 150 student works selected from across the district, highlighting the creativity and talent of elementary, middle, and high school artists.

The exhibit will include a wide range of media, including drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, digital art, and textiles.

**Opening Reception: Friday, May 1:**

- 4:00 - 5:00 pm: Elementary and Middle School Viewing
- 5:00 - 5:30 pm: Elementary and Middle School Artist Acknowledgement
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm: High School Viewing
- 6:30 - 7:00 pm: High School Awards

VUSD offers arts education beginning in elementary school, where students receive curriculum-aligned instruction. This foundation continues through middle and high school, where

students explore a variety of artistic mediums and study diverse artistic styles, art history, and both contemporary and classical artists. High school programs at Buena, Ventura, Foothill, and Pacific further develop students' skills in areas such as drawing, painting, ceramics, and digital art.

The caliber of student work on display reflects the community's long-standing commitment to arts education.

"The citizens of Ventura have consistently shown that they believe art education is a critical need in our public schools," said Sabrena Rodriguez, VUSD Board Trustee and longtime Arts Collaborative member. "We are fortunate for California's Proposition 28, which helps ensure every child has access to high-quality arts instruction. Supporting a diverse range of educational opportunities has been a priority for our district for more than 20 years."

Vita Art Center Founder and Director Mary Perez added, "As a community art center, we are proud to showcase the creativity and imagination of our young artists. Their work reflects not only their individual talents, but also the power of art education in shaping and enriching

our community. We are honored to provide a space where their voices can be seen and celebrated."

The opening reception will be held on Friday, May 1, coinciding with Ventura's First Friday events. This year also includes student-designed skate decks featured at the nearby Jackalope

Block Party.

Admission is free and open to the public. Many of the student artworks will be available for purchase, with proceeds supporting VUSD art programs and student artists. Vita Art Center, 28 W Main Street. [www.vitaartcenter.com](http://www.vitaartcenter.com)



Ventura Art Scene

Kara Eggertsen, Foothill Technology High School. Photo courtesy VUSD.



Image Courtesy Rebecca Catterall

## Ventura Pottery Gallery's 6th Annual Mother's Day Market

The Ventura Pottery Gallery at Ventura Harbor invites the community to its 6th Annual Mother's Day Market on May 9 and 10, from 11 am - 6 pm. This special event features handcrafted pottery from over 40 talented local ceramic artists.

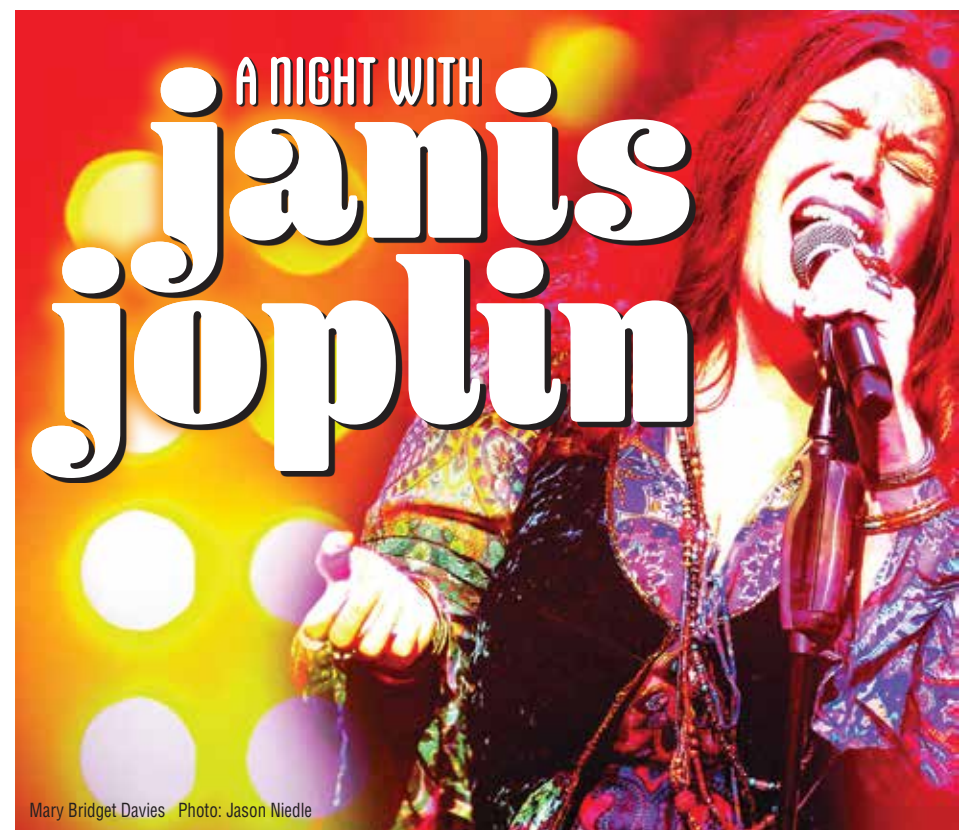
As a special treat, the first 20 customers on Saturday and Sunday will receive a FREE ceramic Sugar Saver that will keep your brown sugar fresh, soft, and scoopable every time!

Step outside the gallery to explore a special outdoor exhibit, where you'll discover an array of unique pottery pieces crafted by local artists. Inside, browse an inspiring selection of ceramic creations, including vases, bowls, mugs, sculptures, and more. You're sure to find something extraordinary.

Enhance your visit by watching pottery demonstrations on Saturday, from 11 am - 3 pm. Experience the magic as skilled ceramic artists transform raw clay into elegant works of art before your eyes.

Visitors can also enter our special Mother's Day Giveaway for a chance to win a beautiful one-of-a-kind hand painted vase created by gallery artist Genie Thomsen. Simply register inside the gallery by Friday, May 8 - no purchase necessary and no need to be present to win.

The Ventura Pottery Gallery is located at 1567 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 105, Ventura Harbor, and is open daily from 11 am - 6 pm. For more information on the Ventura County Potters' Guild visit [www.vcp.org](http://www.vcp.org) or shop online at [www.venturapotteryonline.com](http://www.venturapotteryonline.com).



Mary Bridget Davies Photo: Jason Niedle

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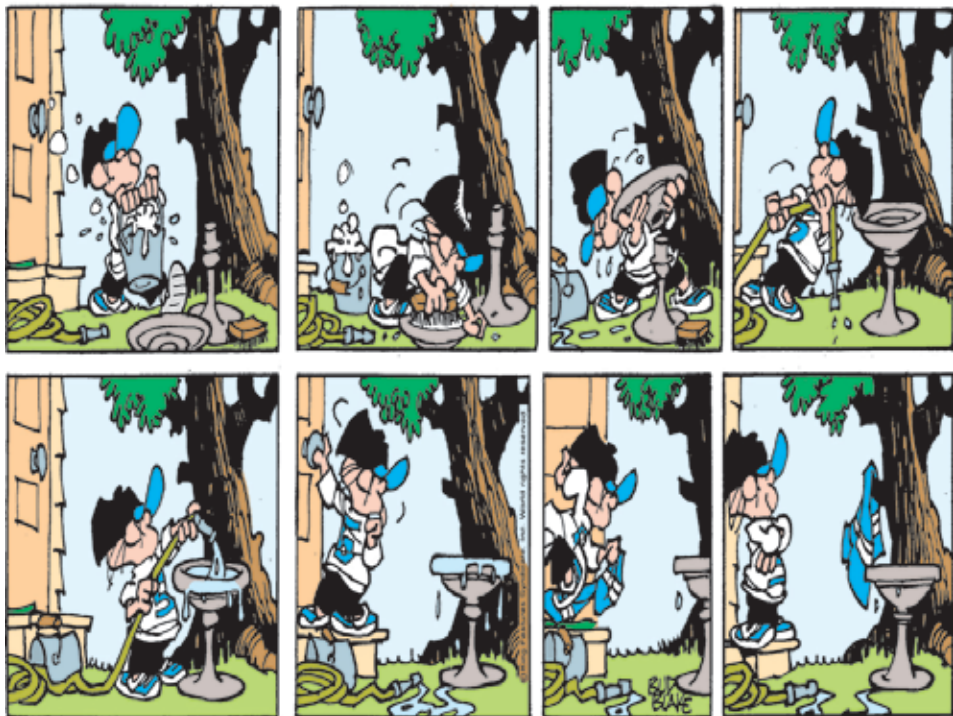


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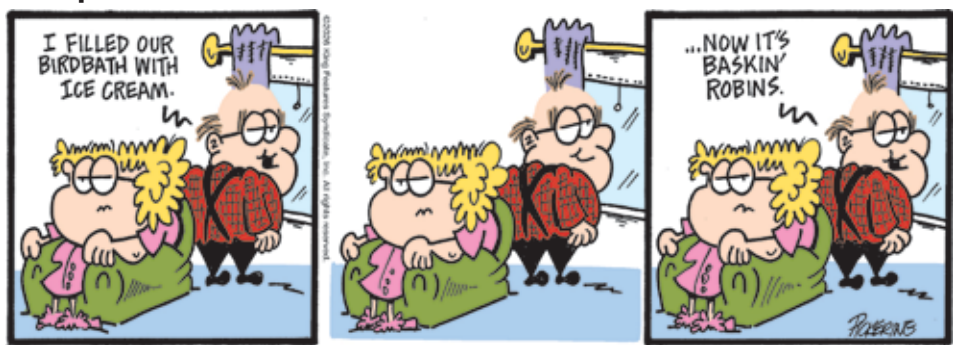


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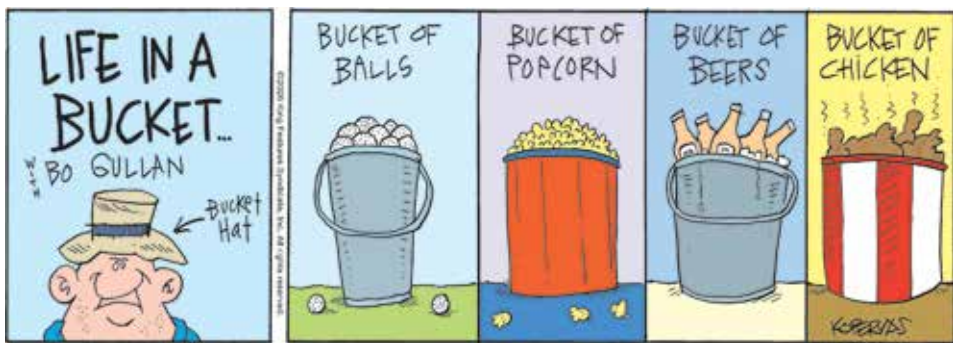
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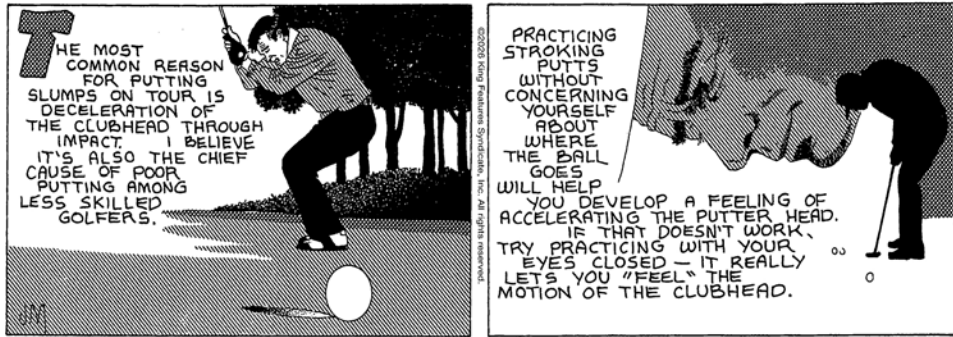
## Out on a Limb



## Amber Waves



## Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



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(For a beginners guide to playing Sudoku go to [venturabreeze.com](http://venturabreeze.com))

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Soak (up)
- 4 "Nova" channel
- 7 South Pacific nation
- 11 Grouch
- 13 Ump's call
- 14 Tehran's country
- 15 Rights org.
- 16 Peyton's brother
- 17 Dweeb
- 18 Spars
- 20 Boast
- 22 Prom outfit
- 24 TV detective Remington
- 28 Shirt parts
- 32 Flynn of film
- 33 Frankfurt fellow
- 34 Cleaning cloth
- 36 Fine cotton
- 37 "Shake —" (Taylor Swift hit)
- 39 "Be serious!"
- 41 More of a snoop
- 43 Hosp. scan
- 44 Inert gas
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- 58 Lingerie fabric
- 59 Beloved
- 60 A gazillion years
- 61 Park — -joon of "The Marvels"
- 9 Pickle holder
- 10 Hoosier st.
- 12 Crunchy candy bar
- 19 Minivan alternative
- 21 Consumed
- 23 Gen- — (baby boomer's kid)
- 25 One of HOMES
- 26 — Linda, Calif.
- 27 Mideast airline
- 28 Tibia's place
- 29 Jared of "Panic Room"
- 30 Cupid's alias
- 31 Droop
- 35 Tiara jewel
- 38 Service charge
- 40 Capote nickname
- 42 Wartime riveter
- 45 Boy, in Barcelona
- 47 Showy flower
- 48 Scrabble piece
- 49 Singer Ono
- 50 Last letter in London
- 51 Chemical suffix
- 52 Actress Long
- 54 Prohibit

### DOWN

- 1 Con job
- 2 Killer whale
- 3 Buddies
- 4 "The Raven" writer
- 5 Future tulip
- 6 Mixes up
- 7 Crime-solving aids
- 8 Rage

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## Events

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as they build a religious empire. Lust, greed, and ambition clash with genuine faith in a gripping story that is brought to life with a gospel and hymn-infused score. The company advises patrons to only purchase tickets through the [elmergantroyosb.manus.space](http://elmergantroyosb.manus.space).

## Santa Paula:

**Santa Paula Art Museum Presents: Cornelis Botke: Painter of the Western Scene: On view to Jul 12. Santa Paula Art Museum, 117 North 10th St.**

Cornelis Botke: Painter of the Western Scene, the largest exhibition ever staged of paintings by historic Santa Paula artist Cornelis Botke (1887-1954). Cornelis Botke is best remembered as a master etcher whose work earned international acclaim and entered the collections of the California State Library, the Library of Congress, and the Smithsonian Institution. Yet from childhood, Botke's greatest ambition was to be a painter. Born in Leeuwarden, Holland, in 1887, Botke emigrated to the United States in 1906 and later studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. He married fellow artist Jessie Arms Botke in 1914, and the couple later settled on a ranch in Wheeler Canyon in Santa Paula in 1929,

where they created what they considered their finest work. This exhibition features more than 50 oil and watercolor paintings, as well as preparatory drawings gathered from private collections and the permanent collections of the City of Santa Paula, Santa Paula Unified School District, and the Santa Paula Art Museum. Regular admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and free for kids, students, and SPAM members. [www.santapaulaartmuseum.org](http://www.santapaulaartmuseum.org).

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