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*Photo by Seth Brandes*

**Josh McNutt, co-founder and co-owner of The Grape Jazz Club, brought people together through his generosity, humor, love of music, and passion for cooking. He will be remembered by family, friends, and the Ventura community.**

# In Loving Memory of Josh McNutt

## Co-founder and Co-owner of The Grape Jazz Club in Ventura

Josh McNutt, co-founder and co-owner of The Grape Jazz Club in Ventura, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 11:23 pm, following a battle with illness. He was 53.

Born May 2, 1973, to Joe and Susan McNutt, Josh lived life with a big heart, a generous spirit, and a laugh that could fill a room. He was someone who loved hard, laughed often, and never hesitated to lend a helping hand. Whether you were family, a friend, or someone who simply needed a little help, Josh had a way of showing up for the people around him.

Above all, Josh was a devoted father to his children, Lilith and Ace. Being their dad was one of the greatest joys of his life. He created memories that will last a lifetime through Sunday Fundays, building Lego creations, throwing parties, and cooking together. He knew how to turn ordinary days into special occasions, and the laughter, projects, and

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# City to Terminate Flock Camera Contract

**By Scott McCarty**

In a 5-2 vote, Ventura City Council moved to terminate its contract with Flock Safety that supplies 23 Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras to the City.

In a four-hour meeting on November 12, Council heard a presentation led by Ventura Police Chief David Dickey regarding the benefits and challenges of the Flock camera system.

Chief Dickey asked City Council to take one of the following actions:

- Option 1: Renew the existing Flock ALPR program contract.
- Option 2: Renew the existing Flock Safety

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**Community members voiced strong opposition to the City's Flock camera program during a four-hour City Council meeting on November 12.**

# Ventura Educators Reach Tentative Agreement With VUSD

Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) announced today that it has reached tentative agreements with both of its employee unions, the Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA) and Ventura Education Support Professionals Association (VESPA), following nearly a year of negotiations.

Representatives from the District and both unions met on Thursday, November 19, to review proposals and work toward agreements on employee compensation and health and welfare benefits. The agreements follow an extensive collective bargaining process that included mediation and impartial factfinding.

"This is an important step forward for our entire school community," said Heather McGowan, VUSD Labor Relations Spokesperson. "Our students have remained at the center of our efforts throughout this process, and reaching these tentative agreements brings us closer to providing the stability our students, families, and employees deserve. We deeply value our teachers and classified staff and the essential contributions they make every day. We are grateful to everyone involved for their dedication, patience, and willingness to work through difficult issues to find common ground."

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— Donald Trump

# City News



Photo courtesy Christy Weir
**The sand berm is expected to remain in place throughout the winter season, with deconstruction and sand redistribution anticipated in March 2027.**

## City Builds Protective Coastal Sand Berm

The City of Ventura completed construction of an approximately one-mile-long, 5- to 6-foot-high temporary protective sand berm along a vulnerable stretch of coastline in anticipation of seasonal high surf, El Niño-related winter storms, and King Tides. The berm was designed to help safeguard beachfront neighborhoods, public infrastructure, and coastal accessways.

Heavy machinery operated along Pierpont Beach, from San Pedro Street to Greenock Lane, from Monday, November 16, at 8 a.m. through Thursday, November 19, at 5 p.m. Equipment staging near local beaches began Friday, November 13.

At the time, ocean water levels were running more than a foot above predicted astronomical tides. Even moderate swells, combined with the increased likelihood of strong El Niño-driven storms and King Tides, posed a risk of wave overtopping and localized flooding.

"We are already seeing observable changes along our shoreline, with far less surf required to threaten low-lying neighborhoods," said Mack Douglass, the City's Emergency Services Manager. "Proactive emergency preparedness means learning from past winters, recognizing these early indicators, and building this berm before severe weather arrives."

The sand berm is expected to remain in place throughout the winter season. Deconstruction and sand redistribution are anticipated in March 2027, ahead of the nesting season for the federally protected Western Snowy Plover.

During construction, community members and beachgoers were urged to stay clear of heavy machinery, active work zones, and steep berm slopes.

Residents in low-lying coastal areas were also encouraged to prepare their properties by securing outdoor furniture and using sandbags where needed. Free sand and sandbags were available to Ventura residents at the City's Maintenance Yard, located at 336 Sanjon Road. Supplies were available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about the City's sand berm project and emergency alerts, visit www.cityofventura.ca.gov/SandBerm.






**Crews will be working around the clock to stabilize the pier ahead of the King Tides forecasted over the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## High Surf Damages Ventura Pier

Initial assessments identified seven damaged piles, including dislodged piles, and several damaged braces. A dive inspection is scheduled for today, November 18, to confirm the extent of the damage and identify any additional issues.

Crews will be working around the clock, 24-hours a day, to stabilize the Pier ahead of the King Tides forecasted over the Thanksgiving holiday. Emergency repairs will include pile driving, which is expected to generate significant noise in the surrounding area over the next week.

The Ventura Pier remains closed beyond the restrooms until further notice. Visitors should follow all posted closure signs and barricades. The City appreciates the community's patience as crews work to protect the Pier from further damage. Additional updates on the Pier and other coastal conditions will be posted at www.cityofventura.ca.gov/Alert as information becomes available.

# City News

## Olivia Jones as New Arts & Culture Economic Administrator

Following a competitive recruitment process, the City of Ventura is pleased to announce the appointment of Olivia Jones as its new Arts & Culture Economic Administrator. Jones returns to her hometown to support Ventura's growing creative economy, bringing her extensive experience in arts funding, cultural programming, and creative workforce development.

As part of the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget, the City Council created this new position, reflecting their commitment to advancing arts, culture, and creative industries. Jones will serve as part of the City's Economic Development team, working with artists, cultural organizations, creative businesses, and community partners to strengthen Ventura's creative economy. She will lead efforts to secure funding and grants, implement the City's newly adopted Arts & Culture policy framework, and support projects that expand access to arts and culture, create opportunities for local businesses, and bring more economic activity to Ventura.

"Olivia brings a strong understanding of how artists, cultural organizations, and creative businesses contribute to Ventura's identity and economic vitality," said City Manager Bill Ayub. "Her experience connecting creative professionals with resources and opportunities will help strengthen our local economy, support creative careers, and create more opportunities for residents and visitors to experience Ventura's arts and culture."

Jones joins the City from the City of San Diego, where she served as Senior Arts and Culture Funding Manager, overseeing up to $18 million in funding supporting more than 300 nonprofit organizations and individual artists. In this role, she led a redesign of the City's arts and culture funding process and helped launch the San Diego Artist Incubator and Individual Artist Fellowship, expanding access to funding, mentorship, and professional development.



**Olivia Jones has been appointed the City of Ventura's new Arts & Culture Economic Administrator. A Ventura native, Jones brings extensive experience in arts funding, cultural programming and creative workforce development.**

Previously, Jones served as Executive Director of the Black Theatre Coalition, where she expanded fellowship and apprenticeship opportunities to create career pathways in Broadway, touring productions, and the entertainment industry.

"I grew up in Ventura, and I'm excited to come home and work alongside the people who make this place so creative," said Jones. "I want to hear from artists, cultural organizations, and business owners about what's working and what would help them take their next step. I'm looking forward to connecting people with resources and partners that can help them grow."

Jones holds a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Leadership from Virginia Tech and a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from Cal Poly Pomona. Her professional experience and personal connection to Ventura will help guide the City's efforts to support local creative talent, strengthen cultural partnerships, and expand economic opportunities.

For more information about the City's Economic Development Division, visit www.cityofventura.ca.gov/EconDev.

### Flock Cameras
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ALPR program contract and mandate a progress report on the program on an annual basis.

- Option 3: Renew the existing Flock Safety ALPR program contract, mandate a progress report on an annual basis, and initiate a procurement process for potential ALPR vendors *other than* Flock Safety.
- Option 4: Discontinue the Flock Safety ALPR program by terminating the City's existing Flock Safety contract.

Public comment during the meeting was strongly opposed to continuation of the Flock contract. Of the 34 speakers at the meeting, 32 were opposed to the presence of ALPRs, 1 was in favor, and there was 1 whose position was not readily discernible (to me, at least).

During Council deliberations on the matter, the key point discussed was (appropriately) *not* an indictment of VPD for the past failures of the Flock system architecture, but rather the issue of PUBLIC SAFETY VS. PRIVACY CONCERNS. (Many of the public speakers expressed ardent concerns about the invasive nature of ALPRs.)

As deliberations neared conclusion, Council member Duran made a motion supporting Option 2: to renew the Flock contract and to receive annual progress reports from VPD.

Before a vote was taken on Mr. Duran's motion, Council member Schumacher introduced a substitute motion. The substitute motion was to approve Option 4 (termination of the contract with Flock Safety), with the additional requirement for staff to return to Council with recommendations for implementing a *City-wide ban* on installation of ALPRs and to specify a date for the removal of currently-installed cameras.

Prior to the vote being taken, there was a discussion of the City's potential paths forward in light of Federal and State laws regarding ALPRs. Opposing arguments were articulated by Council members Duran and Halter. To paraphrase, they were as follows:

Duran: "Let's keep doing what we're doing, and wait to see what guidelines Federal and State governments come up with."

Halter: "Let's get rid of Flock cameras now until the appropriate Federal and State regulations are in place."

When a vote on the substitute motion (cancellation of the Flock contract) was called, the results were as follows:

YES (terminate the Flock contract): Council members Campos, Halter, McReynolds, Sanchez-Palacios, and Schumacher.

NO (keep the Flock contract in place): Council members Duran and Mangone.

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**Breeze publisher Mark Brown recently joined Nadine Piche on her Ventura Vibe! podcast.**

## Breeze Publisher Chats on Ventura Vibe!

Ventura Vibe! is a hyperlocal community radio show and podcast hosted by Nadine Piche that highlights the people, nonprofits, arts, businesses and hidden gems of Ventura. Produced through CAPS Media (Community Access Partners of San Buenaventura), the approximately 30-minute episodes feature relaxed, conversational interviews with local leaders, business owners, artists and community organizers.

Recently, Ventura Breeze Publisher Mark Brown joined Piche for a conversation about the newspaper, discussing its history, role in the community, coverage of local happenings and its commitment to keeping Ventura residents informed and connected.

The show explores the people and organizations that help shape Ventura, sharing their stories, projects, events and contributions to the community. Through its interviews, Ventura Vibe! introduces listeners to local resources, creative endeavors and often-overlooked aspects of the city.

Episodes are available as both a radio program and podcast through CAPS Media at https://capsmedia.org/podcasts/ventura-vibe.

# Local News



*Photo by Mark Brown*

## Annual Downtown Ventura Holiday Tree Lighting

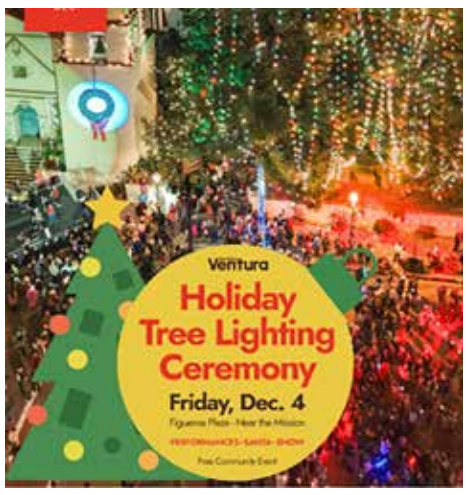
Find your holiday spirit in Downtown Ventura! The annual Downtown Ventura Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony returns Friday, December 4, with an evening of festive entertainment, holiday performances, Santa's arrival and even snow!

The free community celebration begins at 4:30 p.m. at Figueroa Plaza, near Mission San Buenaventura. Highlights include a special performance of A Charlie Brown Christmas, Santa's arrival at 6:55 p.m., followed by a magical snowfall downtown at 7:05 p.m.

Bring family and friends to enjoy an evening filled with holiday music, seasonal cheer and plenty of Christmas magic.

**When:** Friday, December 4, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.
**Where:** Figueroa Plaza, near Mission San Buenaventura, Downtown Ventura
**Admission:** Free

For more information, visit https://downtownventura.org/events/downtown-tree-lighting-2026.




## Ventura Harbor Celebrates 50th Annual Parade of Lights

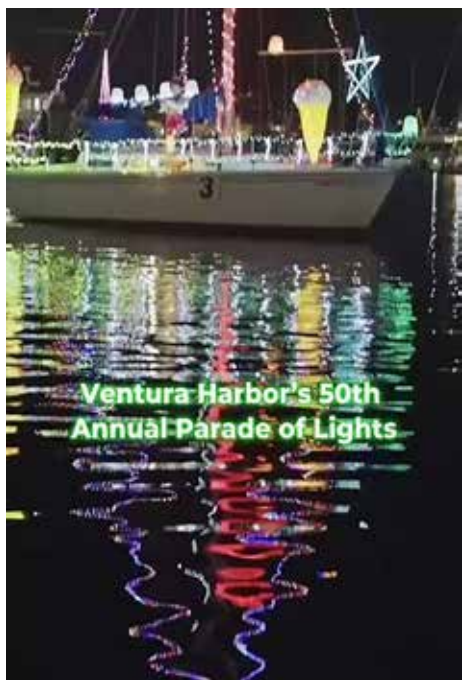
The 50th Annual Parade of Lights and Fireworks returns to Ventura Harbor for two special nights, Friday, December 18, and Saturday, December 19. This year's theme, "The Golden Era: A Float Through the Decades," celebrates five decades of holiday tradition.

Decorated boats will bring nostalgia, shimmering lights, and holiday cheer to the waterfront. Festivities on shore continue at Ventura Harbor Village with carnival rides, games, festive shopping, waterfront dining, and seasonal entertainment.

The celebration begins at 4 p.m. each day with children's rides, carnival games, and snacks on the Ventura Harbor Village lawn. At 5:30 p.m., visitors can enjoy holiday music, faux snowfall, the Mean Green 805 Grouch, a bubble show, and sparkling LED performers along the Village Promenade.

The boat parade begins at 6:30 p.m., with participating boats making two laps through Ventura Harbor. A fireworks display is scheduled for 8 p.m., weather permitting. The northwest area of the harbor offers the best viewing.

Ventura Harbor extends a special thank-you to its Golden Legacy Sponsor, Boatyard Pub, and all its 2026 sponsors for helping make this milestone celebration possible.




For 50 years, local boaters, Harbor businesses, and the community have kept this beloved holiday tradition alive. Whether attending for the first time or the fiftieth, visitors are invited to join the celebration. www.venturaharborvillage.com/parade-of-lights-2026.






# Education



**Nine educators from Argentina visited Ventura Charter School on November 6 to observe classrooms and learn how the school incorporates the EL Education model into its academic and hands-on learning programs.**

## Argentine Educators Visit Ventura Charter School

**By Ventura Breeze**

A delegation of nine educators from Argentina traveled more than 6,000 miles to visit Ventura Charter School on November 6, spending the day in classrooms and with staff to see how the school puts the EL Education model into practice. The educators are modeling their own school on EL Education and wanted to see one of its partner schools in person.

"Our teachers and students show every day what young people can do when we hold them to high expectations and give them work that matters," said Lisa Hildebrand, Executive Director of Ventura Charter School. "Welcoming educators who traveled from Argentina to see that in action was an honor, and a reminder that what happens in our classrooms can inspire schools on the other side of the world."

The group was led by Sebastián Villar, who holds a master's degree in education and works at the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina (UCA) and at Escuela Agropecuaria de Tres Arroyos, an agricultural school in Tres Arroyos, Argentina. Villar was joined by two colleagues from the university and six teachers from the school. The group spent the morning observing classrooms; in the afternoon, the visitors met with teachers without students present to further understand the school's approach.

Villar's group visited Ventura Charter School at the suggestion of Ryan Maxwell, an educational consultant and leadership coach who works with Ventura Charter School through his firm, Exceptionally Good Leadership, LLC. Maxwell previously served as a managing director of partnerships at EL Education, the national nonprofit whose expeditionary learning model Ventura Charter School follows, and recommended the school when the group told him they planned to visit schools in California.

Villar said the group was looking for a school that intentionally helps students grow in three dimensions of achievement: deep knowledge of academic subjects, strong skills and character. He described character as developing an ethical perspective, becoming effective learners, and learning to contribute to and learn from the community. The group also wanted to see what students are capable of when they are asked to produce high-quality work. Those goals are central to the EL Education model, which Ventura Charter School uses to pair academic learning with character and real-world work.

Villar described the Ventura Charter School community as generous and professional, both in the quality of its work and in the people who welcomed the group.

"We return to Argentina inspired by everything we saw, heard and felt at VCS, and eager to work hard to take our first steps toward building a community like the one you have in Ventura," Villar said.

Hands-on learning at Ventura Charter School extends through annual traditions including Campout, which has roots dating to 1969, and EcoFest, the school's spring fundraiser, held for the 15th time in 2026.

Starting as Open Classroom in the 1970's, Ventura Charter School of Global Arts & Education launched in 2006 as a tuition-free public charter school within the Ventura County Office of Education. The school currently serves over 400 K-8th grade students on its campus located within the larger DATA middle school property. Ventura Charter School is an expeditionary learning school in partnership with EL Education. It is guided by 10 founding principles and its mission to, "engage every student in meaningful and supportive learning experiences to grow resilient, educated, and socially intelligent human beings."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# Library News

**The Bookmark**

## About Libraries and Friends

**By Mary Olson**

**Hill Road Library branch expanded operating hours beginning Sunday, November 8.**

"The Hill Road Library has become a true neighborhood hub for families, students, and working adults in Ventura," said Nancy Schram, Ventura County Library Director. " We listened to the community and found a way to increase hours despite limited resources. Expanding hours means more people can fit the library into their day, whether that's an after-school study session, a weekend visit, or a quick stop before work. "

The new schedule for staffed hours:

- Monday through Thursday: 10 am to 6 pm
- Friday through Sunday: 10 am to 4 pm.

The new schedule also adds Express Hours every day of the week, from 8 to 10 am, so registered cardholders can stop in before work or school.

**About Express Hours**

Express Hours let library cardholders use Hill Road Library outside of staffed hours. Customers 18 and over who opt in can return and check out materials, pick up holds, use computers and Wi-Fi, and find a quiet place to read or study. Registration is free; visit https://www.library.venturacounty.gov/early-entry-openexpress or ask staff at any branch to sign up.

All library branches close early at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 25 and are closed on November 26 & 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

**Every week, library branches offer Storytime for children ages 0-5 and their parent or caregiver.**

Avenue Library on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm, English and Spanish

Hill Road Library on Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Saticoy Library on Tuesdays at 10:00 am

During the temporary closure of E.P. Foster Library, the Ventura County Mobile Library will make a weekly stop on Main Street near the library on Mondays, 10:00 am to noon, storytime at 10:30 am. At the mobile library, you can also get a library card, check out and return library materials, pick up holds, use free wifi, wireless printing service, hourly laptop lending service. Weekly activities for children are also offered - Arts & Crafts - STEAM - Games .

**Paws for Reading**

**Hill Road Library Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5:00 pm**

**Avenue Library Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:00 pm**

Join PAWS dogs for one-on-one reading sessions. Arrive at the library early to choose a book and get in line to read to a special pooch. Children of all ages are welcome!

**Hill Road Library Chess Club**

**Saturdays, November 28, December 5, 12 & 19, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Teen volunteers are here to help you learn, practice, and improve your game. Players of all skill levels are welcome! Hill Road Chess Club is for children and teens ages 5-17.

**Minecraft Club Hill Road Library Monday, November 30, December 7 & 28, 3:30 to 5:00 pm**

Play Minecraft in-person at the Hill Road Library! Children will be able to play cooperatively on a library server and participate in challenges or free creative play. Laptops are limited and children will be able to participate on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign-up begins at 3:15 and gameplay begins at 3:30.

**Game On! Uno for All Hill Road Library**

**Sundays, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm we break out the UNO decks!**

Bring your friends, family and favorite opponents.

**Making Art at the library--**

Connect, create, and share your art with fellow collage enthusiasts. Materials welcome, but not required.

Adult Collage Lab at Saticoy Library Every fourth Saturday of the month, November 28, 2:30 to 5:00 pm

Adult Collage Sundays at Hill Road Library Sundays, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Avenue Collage Guild Avenue Library Meeting Room Saturday, December 19, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Children's Craft Corner Avenue Library, Saturday, December 5, 1:00 to 3:00 pm**

Children and teens are welcome to get creative at Avenue Library's Craft Corner every first Saturday of the month.











**In Memory of Josh McNutt**
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time spent together will remain treasured memories for his children.

Josh found happiness in the things he loved most: spending time at his bar, The Grape, camping, and, perhaps most of all, cooking for others. He loved bringing people together over a meal, sharing stories, and making memories. His generosity, humor, and welcoming spirit left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

Josh is survived by his sister, Sara McNutt; his beloved children, Lilith and Ace; and his two faithful dogs, Bailey and Jack, who were an important part of his family.

His passing leaves a tremendous void, but the spirit he brought to the community continues through the people whose lives he touched. As Adam, a friend and member of The Grape community, reflected, Josh had an extraordinary presence, a laugh and smile that could light up a room, and a way of making the world a more beautiful place.

"Josh helped breathe life into a community that spills out far beyond the neatly stacked bricks of 2733 E. Main St. There is a pulse, a beat, that is still here. Josh's will to make the world a more beautiful place did not go with him; it is here, in us."

Josh leaves behind countless memories and people who loved him deeply. He will be remembered for his big heart, his laughter, his generosity, his love of family and friends, and the way he made everyone feel welcome.

He loved hard, laughed often, fed everyone, and made memories that will last a lifetime. https://thegrapeventura.com/event/josh-mcnutt-celebration-of-life.

**Celebration of Life:**

A Celebration of Life for Josh will be held Sunday, December 6, from 3 to 5 pm at The Grape Jazz Club, 2733 E. Main St. in Ventura, followed by an open jam session. Friends and family are invited to gather, share memories, and celebrate Josh's life. Those who have photos or videos to share are encouraged to email them to rememberingjoshm@gmail.com. A fundraising effort to support Josh's children is also being organized, with additional information to be shared.

# Senior Living



*Photo courtesy of the County of Ventura*

**From left: LEGACY Award winners Mary Williford, Blair Baker, CEO of the Camarillo Health Care District, and Karey Muller.**

## 2026 LEGACY Award Winners Announced

**By Carol Leish, MA**

The 2026 LEGACY Awards were announced Wednesday, Nov. 18, by the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging's (VCAAA) Advisory Council's Optimal Aging Committee. The VCAAA is a division of the Ventura County Human Services Agency.

The annual awards, presented since 2018, recognize Ventura County residents and organizations dedicated to helping older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers to live optimally.

The Camarillo Health Care District received this year's LEGACY Award in the Business/Organizations category. A partner in community-based health, wellness and aging services since 1969, the district has earned recognition throughout California and the nation for its innovative approach.

Its evidence-based programs help people manage chronic health conditions, make healthy choices and improve their quality of life. Services include adult day programs, case management, a senior support line, transportation, senior nutrition and a family caregiver center.

Blair Baker, CEO of the Camarillo Health Care District, said, "Family caregivers are the backbone of our communities. Our inaugural Family Care Symposium: The Power of Care, held Dec. 16, 2025, was our way of honoring the dedication of our family caregivers while equipping them with practical tools, emotional support and a little bit of laughter to carry them forward."

Karey Muller received a LEGACY Award in the Community Member/Volunteer category. She began volunteering with the Simi Valley Senior Center's Senior Food Share Program in 2021 and took on a leadership role in 2023.

Each week, Muller coordinates the pickup of donated food from various sources, then plans, counts and prepares items for approximately 125 older adults, helping ensure that all participants receive food. She also supervises volunteers handling drive-through and walk-up distributions, maintains participant records, submits monthly reports and manages food drive donations. In 2025, she contributed more than 500 volunteer hours.

Candace Gray of the Simi Valley Senior Center said, "Karey has become an indispensable force behind the program's success and growth. Her leadership, compassion and dedication have greatly enhanced the support provided to our senior community."

Mary Williford also received a LEGACY Award in the Community Member/Volunteer category. She became a certified ombudsman in 1997 and, for nearly three decades, has advocated for some of the community's most vulnerable residents: people living in long-term care facilities.

Sarah Abrams, executive director of the Ombudsman Program, said, "Her unwavering commitment, compassion and integrity have made a profound difference in countless lives. She approaches every resident with kindness, patience and respect, earning the trust of those she serves as well as the admiration of fellow volunteers, facility staff and program leadership."

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging works to promote and develop a coordinated system of services that enables older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers to remain in their communities.

For more information about VCAAA programs and services, visit VCAAA.VenturaCounty.gov.

## Senior Resources

**Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA)**

Looking for information on resources and support available for seniors? Visit www.VCAAA.org or call 805-477-7300 to learn more about the resources, meal services, and support available for seniors in Ventura County.

**City of Ventura: Home Delivered Meal Program**

The Home Delivered Meal Program is designed for homebound individuals 60 years and older who live in Ventura. To learn more about the program or to register, call: 805-648-3035

**Westside Cafe**

The Westside Cafe is open for congregate meals.

**Ventura Avenue Adult Center**

Location: 550 N. Ventura Avenue
Hours: Monday - Friday, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

To learn more about the program: Call 805-648-3035

**Food Share of Ventura County**

Are you in need of food? Food Share of Ventura County is hosting Pop Up Pantries throughout our County for residents in need. Learn more by visiting www.Food Share.com or call 805-983-7100

**Senior Support Line**

Feeling lonely or isolated? Call the Senior Support Line at 1-800-235-9980

**2-1-1 Ventura County**

211 is a free service that connects community members to information about critical health and human services available in their community. 211 is available 24-hours a day, 7- days a week and offers information and referrals in over 150 languages.

Connect with 211 by Phone (landline or cell phone in Ventura County)

- Dial: 2-1-1
- Toll Free: 1-800-339-9597
- By Text: Text your zip code to 898-211
- Online: Visit www.211.org



## Senior Living

# A Visit May Be the Most Meaningful Gift



*Image by Magnific.com*

**While holiday donation programs provide important support, a little time and personal attention can make an equally lasting difference.**

The holidays can be a particularly lonely time for homebound seniors, and while gifts and donations are appreciated, one local social worker says the most meaningful gift may be something that costs nothing: companionship.

The City of Ventura's annual Santa to a Senior program helps bring holiday cheer to older adults enrolled in the city's Senior Nutrition Program, which provides meals at local senior centers and home-delivered meals to those who are homebound. Community members are invited to purchase gifts from an approved wish list, including blankets, cozy socks, toiletries, puzzles and gift cards, and drop off unwrapped donations at designated city locations through Dec. 11.

In response to the Ventura Breeze's Nov. 11 article, "'Santa to a Senior' Brings Holiday Cheer to Ventura Seniors," Martha Fernandez, a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), offered another perspective on how residents can make a difference in the lives of older adults this holiday season.

"The holidays look very different for an older adult eating a home-delivered meal alone," Fernandez wrote. While blankets, socks, puzzles and other thoughtful gifts can provide comfort, she believes there is something equally important that often goes overlooked.

"For many homebound seniors, the hardest part of December is not the lack of things but the lack of company," she wrote. "A gift dropped at City Hall helps. A gift paired with a visit, a phone call or a card with a real note in it helps more, because it tells someone they are still known."

Fernandez also encourages residents to remember the family members and neighbors who quietly care for older adults. Caregivers often shoulder additional responsibilities during the holidays and may be reluctant to ask for help.

"If you know one, offer an afternoon off or simply ask how they are doing and wait for the honest answer," she wrote.

Her message is a reminder that while holiday donation programs provide important support, a little time and personal attention can make an equally lasting difference.

Santa to a Senior gift donations will be accepted through Dec. 11 at Ventura City Hall, Barranca Vista Center, Ventura Aquatic Center and Ventura Avenue Adult Center. Gifts should be unwrapped and selected from the program's approved wish list.




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# City Council Rejects Motion for Hybrid Main Street Moves Plan




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**The City Council chambers were filled to capacity, with 62 members of the public and business owners expressing their preferences or general sentiments during public comment.**

**By Scott McCarty**

At the November 10 City Council meeting, staff presented an update on the Main Street Moves (MSM) project. The item was for informational purposes only, and no Council action was required or permitted.

**The Presentation**

The presentation included the project's background and history, results from the MSM Ad Hoc Committee, and an analysis of relevant city and project data over time, including sales tax revenue, foot traffic, and police calls for service. Several slides also illustrated proposed street improvements outlined in the MSM Vision Plan.

**Public Comment**

The City Council chambers were filled to capacity, with 62 members of the public and business owners expressing their preferences or general sentiments during public comment.

**Speakers generally supported one of three options:**

- Keep Main Street closed to vehicular traffic.
- Implement a hybrid model, combining periods of open and closed access to vehicles.
- Reopen Main Street completely to vehicular traffic.

**The breakdown of public comments was:**

- Keep Main Street closed: 31
- Implement a hybrid model: 22
- Reopen Main Street: 9

**Motion for a Hybrid Option**

Although the agenda item was designated for informational purposes only, Councilmember Duran introduced a motion during deliberations directing staff to return to City Council in the first quarter of 2027 with hybrid options for consideration.

**The two options specified in the motion were:**

Option 1: Keep Main Street open to vehicular traffic Monday through Friday afternoon, then close it from Friday at 5 p.m. through midnight Sunday.

Option 2: Keep Main Street open to vehicular traffic, closing it only for city-initiated special events.

**The Outcome**

Councilmembers Duran and Mangone voted in favor of the motion, while the remaining five Councilmembers voted against it. The motion therefore failed, 5-2.

As a result, the Main Street Moves project will proceed as planned. City Council will now need to identify and appropriate the funding necessary to implement the project's long-term vision for Main Street.




# Nate's Place Celebrates New Home and Major Gift



*Photo courtesy Nate's Place*

**All Staff and Board members at ribbon at ribbon cutting. Nate's Place founders, staff and board members gather for the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the organization's new Wellness and Recovery Center in Oxnard.**

**By Ventura Breeze**

Nearly 250 young people, families, elected officials, and community partners gathered November 13 to celebrate the opening of Nate's Place Wellness and Recovery Center's new home at 375 S. K Street in Oxnard. During the ribbon-cutting celebration, The Betty Bazar Foundation announced it will match donations dollar for dollar, up to $1 million, doubling the impact of community contributions.

The pledge follows an earlier $571,000 gift from the foundation, which provided the required local match to secure a $5.71 million state Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grant. The funding will support construction of a 20-bed Peer Respite Center for young adults on the campus, expected to open in late 2027.

Founded in 2022 by Heidi Allison and her husband, Larry Rhoades, in memory of their son Nate, the center provides free recovery and wellness services to Ventura County youth ages 13 to 26. Services include one-on-one peer recovery coaching, counseling, support groups, educational programs, and recreational activities such as fitness, outdoor adventures, music, and art. Transportation is also provided.

The new Peer Respite Center will serve young adults ages 18 to 26 who need additional support. Residents may stay up to 14 days while working with housing navigators and recovery staff to connect with longer-term housing and community resources.

The foundation's initial $571,000 contribution came at a critical time when Nate's Place was working to meet the state grant's matching requirement.

"We simply would not be here today without them," Allison said.

The additional $1 million matching campaign will help sustain and expand the center's ongoing services. Jon Cesario, Ventura County juvenile justice coordinator and forensic gang expert, announced the pledge during the event's closing remarks, encouraging community members to contribute and introduce Nate's Place to potential foundation, business, and philanthropic partners.

The celebration also honored Nate's memory and the young people whose lives have been touched by the center. The program included a video sharing Nate's story, a musical tribute by Kainoa Reyes, a peer support coach and close friend of Nate, and testimonials from young people served by the center. Local elected officials and community representatives also presented certificates of appreciation to the organization and its founders.

Allison spoke about how her own experience finding support from someone who had also lost a child helped her recognize the importance of lived experience in recovery.

"Her lived experience helped me," Allison said, "just like we see it help youth at Nate's Place every day."

The evening concluded with a ribbon cutting and tours of the new facility.

Nate's Place is built on the belief that lived experience, combined with trained peer support, can help young people find hope and build healthier futures.

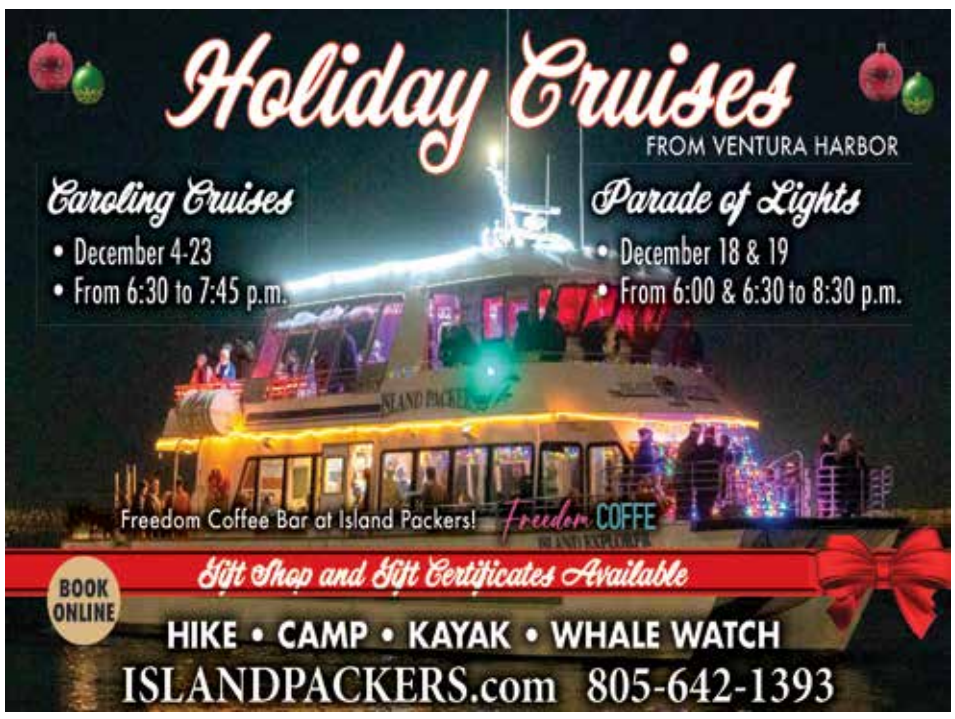
Donations to support Nate's Place and its services can be made at www.natesplace-wellnesscenter.org/donate/online-donation.



# Seaward Swimmers

Swimming at sunrise 364 days a year, weather and surf permitting, this group made today's swim extra special. For more information, contact Scott McCarty at scottemccarty55@gmail.com.








# The Pet Page



*Image courtesy of Genie Tuttle and Ventura County Animal Services.*

**Adoptable dogs and VCAS volunteers take part in an obedience training session led by local dog trainer Genie Tuttle.**

## Local Dog Trainer Helps VCAS Dogs Brush Up on Their Manners

Genie Tuttle, a Camarillo-based Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA), recently spent a morning working with adoptable dogs and volunteers from Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS).

The session marked the first in a series of obedience classes Tuttle will lead for VCAS dogs, helping them develop good manners, build confidence and learn skills that could make the transition into a new home easier.



*Image courtesy of Genie Tuttle and Ventura County Animal Services.*

**The training is designed to help shelter dogs build confidence and develop skills for their future homes.**

A lifelong dog lover, Tuttle has extensive experience in dog training and the pet industry. Before launching her own business, Dog Genie, in 2003, she worked for private dog-training companies, parks and recreation departments and a national pet supply retailer.

Tuttle has held her CPDT-KA certification since 2006 and is also a Certified Nose Work Instructor. Her commitment to helping shelter dogs goes back more than a decade. In 2015, she launched two enrichment programs at VCAS: K9 Nose Work for Shelter Dogs and Clicker Training for Shelter Dogs.

Through her continued work with VCAS, Tuttle is helping give shelter dogs valuable opportunities to learn, build confidence and develop skills that can help them thrive in their new homes.

Visit www.vcas.us for information about adoptable dogs at VCAS. and go to www.doggenie.com to learn more about Genie Tuttle's services.

## Shelter Pet Spotlight



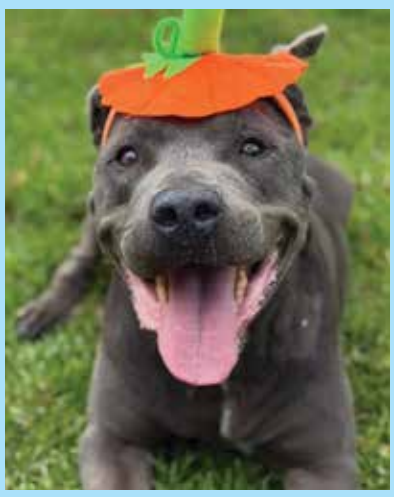
**Clover is the ultimate lovebug pittie! She's affectionate, floppy, and wants to be your lapdog. On a recent doggy day trip out of the shelter, she enjoyed lunch on a dog friendly patio and a walk around the shopping center with no issues! Clover has lived with another dog in the past and may be open to a doggie sibling given some time to decompress from shelter life. Sadly, she's been with VCAS for over 100 days, so slow intros to other animals will be beneficial!**

**Clover is available for adoption at Ventura County Animal Services, 600 Aviation Drive in Camarillo. To learn more about Clover (Animal ID: A884993) and other shelter pets, visit vcas.us, email info@vcas.us or call 805-388-4341. Rescue organizations can email vcar.rescue@ventura.org with "Clover A884993" in the subject line.**

## Forever homes wanted



Hi, I'm Ruger! I'm a handsome 8-year-old Husky-Shepherd mix looking for a new home because my owner has sadly moved into an assisted living facility. I'm sweet, lovable and very active. I love cuddling, belly rubs and think I'm a lap dog! I need a home without cats and with a fence at least 6 feet tall. I'm selective about other dogs, so if you already have a furry family member, please bring them along for a meet-and-greet. I'm also protective of my food around other dogs, so we'll need to eat separately. I'm great with children and adults and am used to sleeping on the bed with my owner or relaxing on the sofa. Hopefully, you'll let me do the same!



Hi, I'm Rudy! I'm an 8½-year-old Pit Bull mix with a heart full of hope and a zest for life that's contagious! I may need a little leash training because I get excited and tend to pull when we're out and about. With patience and guidance, I'll make a wonderful walking companion. The shelter is still getting to know me and determining how I do with other dogs, but my enthusiasm for new adventures is undeniable. I'm eager to explore the world with someone special by my side. If you're looking for a loyal, loving and enthusiastic companion, I'm your guy!



Hi, I'm Rian! I'm a handsome 8½-year-old German Shepherd with a bright future ahead. I've had a bit of a rough patch, but I'm ready to leave my worries behind and find a forever home. Take a chance on me, and you might discover that the greatest treasures are often hidden beneath layers of uncertainty. I'm a diamond in the rough, waiting to show my true self to that special someone. Could you be the one to unlock my heart and discover the loyalty and love I have to offer?



Hi, I'm Logan! I'm a handsome 9½-year-old mix of American Staffordshire Terrier and Husky, with some Shiba Inu, Cattle Dog, Greyhound and Border Collie in my DNA. I love playing with toys, learning new tricks for treats and engaging in games of chase and keep-away. I know basic commands. I'm an ideal match for an active, adult-only household that enjoys the outdoors and a bit of fun. I'm very sociable with other dogs, making me a great candidate for a multi-dog household. I haven't met any cats yet, so that's still a mystery! If you're looking for a furry friend who's always ready for an adventure, come meet me!

**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 or call 805-644-7387.**

# Events

## Ventura:

**Poinsettias at the Fernery: Fri, Nov 26, 27, 28, 29, Ventura Botanical Gardens, 567 Poli St.**
Celebrate the season with the Gardens' annual Poinsettia Showcase, featuring a stunning display of more than 25 varieties of this iconic holiday plant. Discover radiant reds, lush greens, soft pinks, and sunny yellows - including charming miniature blooms -all beautifully showcased against the natural backdrop of the Gardens. Experience the colors of the season and make this beloved holiday tradition part of your Thanksgiving weekend. Enjoy this seasonal display with regular garden admission. Open Thanksgiving Day through the weekend, cool weather permitting. Free admission on Thanksgiving day (9 am – 4 pm). https://venturabotanicalgardens.org/events.

**NAMBA Performing Arts Space 47 S. Oak St. Upcoming shows.**
For tickets, registration and details, visit NAMBAarts.com.
Nov. 27, 7 pm - Henry Stewart's Listening Room: An intimate evening of acoustic music. $10 suggested donation.
Sat, Dec 12, 7 pm - Spanish guitarist Diego García "Twanguero" brings Christmas with el Twanguero to Ventura on. Tickets $39–$100: https://tickets.mudita.agency/events/muditaagency/2454092/r/pr.

**December Fly Fishing Event: Sat, Dec 4, 9 -11 am. Chumash Park, Petit and Waco.**
Sespe Fly Fishers of Ventura will be conducting our monthly "First Saturday" introductory Fly Rod Casting and Intro to Fly Fishing clinic. There is no charge and all are welcome. Whether you are an experienced fly fisher or a complete novice we want to help you improve your casting and learn to enjoy this great sport. If you don't yet have a fly rod, don't worry, just come and use one of ours. Rain will cancel this event. For more information contact Thomas Hall, Casting Program Coordinator. thomasfoleyhall@gmail.com. (805) 377-5249. www.sespeflyfishers.org

**Winter Wine Walk: Sat, Dec 5., 12 pm – 8 pm. Downtown.**
Explore the free-entry Holiday Street Fair featuring 100s of local vendors selling crafts and goods . Sip your way through downtown Ventura with access to 70+ premier wine tasting stations

**Dudley House Holiday Boutique: Dec. 5, 6, 12 & 13, 11 am – 5 pm. 197 N. Ashwood St.**
The 32nd year of our popular annual fundraiser for the 1892 historic house museum continues into December with outdoor vendors on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am - 4 pm weather permitting. Come celebrate the spirit of holidays past where you'll find quality crafts, home décor, antiques and collectibles plus holiday refreshments. Admission is free. www.dudleyhouseventura.org

**Book Author Signings: Sat, Dec 5, 12 pm – 2 pm. Abednego Book Shoppe, 2682 E. Main St. www.bankofbooks.com. 805-643-9350.**
100 Things to Do in Ventura Before You Die by Mimi Slawoff; Discover Ventura, a laid-back beach town between Malibu and Santa Barbara and gateway to Channel Islands National Park. Travel journalist and photographer Mimi Slawoff highlights must-see attractions and hidden gems.
Santa Fe Psychosis: A Hardboiled Crime Thriller by Max Talley; Sat. Dec 19, 12 pm – 2 pm. San Francisco private investigator Jackson Bardo travels to New Mexico after his ex-girlfriend Jenny receives threats. When she disappears, he teams with Santa Fe Detective Diego Juarez to find her. Their investigation uncovers an extortion scheme, missing teenagers and a deadly sex trafficking operation targeting victims at festivals and concerts. As they pursue the people behind the operation, they encounter powerful men, dangerous criminals and a killer presumed dead who returns seeking revenge. An award-winning author of two novels and three short story collections. His work has appeared in numerous literary journals and anthologies. He lives in Santa Barbara.

**Ventura College Performing Arts Music Department Winter Concert: Sat, Dec 5, 3 pm. 4700 Loma Vista Rd.**
Join us for a special all-ensemble, celebratory program featuring a diverse repertoire in a showcase marking the culmination of the fall semester. Admission is at no charge!. https://ventura.vbotickets.com/events

**Patchwork Show: Sun, Dec 6, 11 am – 5 pm. Downtown Ventura, California & Main.**
Soak up the charm of a beach town while shopping from local makers at Patchwork Show Ventura! This open-air street festival takes place in the palm tree–lined streets of downtown Ventura, with ocean views, handmade goods, and a walkable mix of local shops and restaurants. It's a laid-back, sunshiny way to support small businesses and enjoy the coastal vibes. www.patchworkshow.com.

**Footworks Youth Ballet's The Nutcracker: Fri – Sun, December 11-13. Ventura College Performing Arts Center. 4700 Loma Vista Rd.**
With a cast of nearly 60 young dancers from across Ventura County and two professional guest artists. Under the direction of Artistic Director Kirsten Oakley, the company's 28th production of the Tchaikovsky classic reaches well beyond the theater, taking the ballet to senior living communities and welcoming hundreds of local schoolchildren, many of them seeing live ballet for the first time. Performace times: Friday, Dec 11, 7pm; Sat, Dec 12, 1 pm and 5 pm; Sun, Dec 13, 7 p.m. Tickets are available at www.oakleyballet.com.

**Hoop Shoot Contest: Sat, Dec 19, 1 pm. Ventura High School, Main Gym, 2 Catalina St. (use Poli St. entrance).**
Sponsored by Ventura Elks Lodge #1430, this is a national free-throw shooting contest for children ages 8-13 years old (age as of April 1, 2027). Age groups include boys and girls 8-9, 10-11 and 12–13 year-olds. For more information and registration form, contact Susan West, (805) 340-1941. Check-in starts at 12:30.

**Bike Ventura's Electric Light Parade – Christmas Special: Sat, Dec, 19, 4 – 6:30 pm. Starts at Ventura Pier.**
Free community bicycle ride complete with music, lights and & good spirits. Decorate your bikes with boughs of holly and come along. Santa Clause will be at our destination, so put on your Christmas attire & ride with us. Children under 18 must wear a helmet and everyone must have a headlight and taillight. This is a family friendly, easy, no-drop ride. www.meetup.com/bikeventura/

## Ongoing:

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**
A low-cost nonprofit weight loss group accepting new members. Wed. mornings, 9 am – 10:30 am at Grace Lutheran Church, 6190 Telephone Rd Rm 14, on Friday mornings or Friday mornings from 8-30 am -10 am at the Lutheran Church, 196 N Ashwood Ave. You can visit once to see if it's right for you and choose the day that's better as well. www.tops.org/find-a-meeting.

**LPSC Social Club General Meeting: Monthly, every 1st Thursday, 6:30 pm (except Aug). 1363 Spinnaker Dr.**
LPSC (formerly Los Padres Ski Club) is a social community of active members with many social activities such as barbecues, happy hour, educational outings, hiking, camping, and ski trips. They look to establish a sense of community for young and old who appreciate an active life. "We continue in the tradition of the ski club and create vibrant activities to build community and most of all we want to have a good time." https://lpsc.club.

**Toastmaster Club 24 Meetings: Every Monday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Cypress Place Assisted Living 1220 Cypress Point Ln, 3rd Fl.**
Hey, are you not talk well? Come learn how talk good. In front of people! No more word stumble! Seriously speaking, we'd love to have you at our fun Toastmasters meetings. Everyone is welcome. https://venturatoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org.

**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 or visit 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. 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 www.VSMG.net to see speakers and learn more.

**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.

**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, and open to people living with or who

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**By Pam Baumgardner**
**VenturaRocks.com**

Congratulations to Anderson .Paak (local legend making us proud) who debuted on Billboard's Top Rap Albums chart with his collaboration with Cordae for "Heavy is the Crown." They recently performed on the Jimmy Fallon, Tonight Show and his Brandon Anderson Foundation's Roll Call Ventura Nights was held on Sunday, November 22, at Skating Plus in Ventura. His organization is dedicated to reducing social disparities for low-income individuals and families by providing access to music and the arts, scholarships, and efforts to remove systemic barriers that limit access to higher education, culture and resources. Brandon Anderson, aka .Paak is a former student of Foothill Tech.

I love that so many venues not only around town, but around the county are providing live music the night before Thanksgiving which helps to put one in the right frame of mind for the following day. Just a couple of places providing live music include: Ojai Valley Brewing with TD Lind & the Aviators; Tony's Pizzeria has a double header with Neon Blonde and Bloody Mary Morning; the Deer Lodge has Redbone ("Come and Get Your Love" and "The Witch Queen of New Orleans" fame); the Tavern has Sugarplum; Rocks & Drams has Nathan Hunnicutt Trio; and The Yard with Matterform will be open until 12:30 am. Check VenturaRocks.com for additional listings.

Tickets are selling out for the social event of the year so be sure to purchase yours sooner than later for the Ventura Winter Wine Walk for Saturday, December 5. The wine tasting takes place all along downtown Ventura from 4 – 7 pm but the accompanying free holiday street fair runs from noon to 8 pm where a whole lot of Christmas shopping can be done. Expect a winter wonderland with live music and traditional snowfall as you sip your way downtown. Tickets can be purchased at VenturaWinterWineWalk.com.

The annual C.A.R.L. (Canine Adoption and Rescue League) fundraiser with Kelly's Lot is scheduled for Sunday, December 6, at Strey Cellars. The event runs 2-5 pm with puppy meet & greets, adoption opportunities, raffles, wine tasting and more!

More events to get you into the holiday spirits include the Majestic Theater's 14th Annual Holiday Sing Along on Sunday, December 6 (the cost is an unwrapped gift); The New West Symphony's Too Hot to Handel will be at the Performing Arts Center at Rancho Campana on Sunday, December 6, The Grape has George Kahn Jazz & Blues Revue Holiday Soiree on Thursday, December 3, The Manhattan Family Christmas show at the Manhattan in Camarillo is on Thursday, December 3, and Amanda McBroom, A Christmas Rose is at the Rubicon on Tuesday, December 8.

Quick Notes: Josh McNutt celebration of life & open jam will be held on Sunday, December 6 from 3-7 pm at the Grape.

Do you have any music-related news or upcoming shows that you would like help publicizing? Please send all information, short or long, to Pam@VenturaRocks.com. For updated music listings daily, visit www.VenturaRocks.com.

# Live Music

For more listings, additional times and genres go to VenturaRocks.com

**American Pie Coffee House**
**2211 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo**
- Sundays: Corey Hugh Highberg
- Fri 11/27: Sunshine Aisle
- Sat 11/28: Aeron Price

**Boatyard Pub**
**1583 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura**
- Mondays: Katie Shorey
- Tuesdays: Ken Devoe
- Wednesdays: Frank Barajas
- Thursdays (closed Thanksgiving): Jim Friery (4p); Bluegrass Jam (6:30)
- Fri 11/27: Mack and D
- Sat 11/28: Strummed Down
- Sun 11/29: Smokey and Friends
- Fri 12/4: Teresa Russell & Stephen Geyer

**Bombay Bar & Grill**
**143 S. California St., Ventura**
- Thursdays: Blues Jam w/ Ray Jay
- Sat 11/28: Jacob Marquez & Rene Ponce
- Sun 11/29: Shawn Jones acoustic

**Café Fiore**
**66 California St., Ventura**
- Wed 11/25: Wide Awakes
- Fri 11/27: Brittney & the Bsides
- Sat 11/28: Brandon Ragan Project
- Wed 12/2: Bryan McCann
- Fri 11/4: Brittney & the Bsides

**Camarillo Barrel Works**
**126 Wood Rd., Camarillo**
- Fri 11/27: Vanise Terry Band
- Sat 11/28: Caliente 805
- Fri 12/4: Brandon Ragan Project

**Deer Lodge**
**2261 Maricopa Hwy., Ojai**
- Wed 11/25: Redbone, Beau Red & the Tailor Maide
- Fri 11/27: Jax Plays Dead
- Wed 12/2: Open mic
- Thurs 12/3: Britley Red Band, Carmen El Faye

**Feros Ferio Winery**
**310 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai**
- Sat 11/28: Duane Bartels
- Sun 11/29: Dave Parsonage
- Sat 12/5: Bill Rotella
- Sun 12/6: Cindy Kalmenson

**The Fishermen's Catch**
**1185 Victoria Ave., Oxnard**
- Fri 11/27: Strummed Down
- Sat 11/28: Gary Ballen
- Fri 12/4: Harbor Groove 805
- Sat 12/5: Dave and Barry

**Garage**
**1091 Scandia Ave., Ventura**
- Fri 11/27: The Rayford Brothers
- Sat 11/28: The Renegades
- Fri 12/4: Lowered Expectations

**Gigi's Cocktails**
**2493 Grand Ave., Ventura**
- Fri 12/4: Stronger than Machines, Preachers and Pornstars

**The Grape**
**2733 E. Main St., Ventura**
- Tuesdays: Gratitude Jazz Jams
- Wed 11/25: Rachel Flowers
- Sat 11/28: Mestizo Beat
- Wed 12/2: RJ Mischo
- Thurs 12/3: George Kahn Jazz & Blues Revue
- Fri 12/4: Jay Smith Group
- Sat 12/5: Barrelhouse Wailers

**Harbor Cove Café**
**1867 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura**
- Saturday mornings: Ukulele Jam
- Sat 12/28: Cory Clay & the Twains
- Sun 12/29: Tommy K (10a); Teeny Tal (2p)
- Sun 12/6: Jared nels (10a); Unde Monkey (2p)

**The Hub**
**256 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai**
- Fri 11/27: Damaged Goods
- Fri 12/4: Kyle Brown

**Institution Ale Company**
**3841 Mission Oaks Blvd., Camarillo**
- Sat 12/28: Delta by the Beach

**KJ's Neighborhood Bar**
**454 E. Main St., Ventura**
- Sundays: Corey and the Folk Boys (2p)
- Thursdays: We Roll

**Leashless Brewing**
**585 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**
- Fri 11/27: Josephoenix
- Sat 11/28: Neon Blonde

**Lucky Fools Pub**
**75 E. High St., Moorpark**
- Wed 11/25: Natalie Wattre
- Fri 11/27: Mark Blasquez
- Sat 11/28: Teresa Russell
- Fri 12/4: Adam G.
- Sat 12/5: Strummed Down

**Majestic Ventura Theater**
**26 S. Chestnut St., Ventura**
- Thurs 12/3: Scott Bradlee's Post modern Jukebox
- Sun 12/6: 14th Annual Holiday sing along

**Manhattan**
**5800 Santa Rosa Rd., Camarillo**
- Wed 11/25: Mary White
- Fri 11/27: Jeanne Tatum Trio
- Sat 11/28: Little Fish
- Thurs 12/3: Manhattan Family Christmas show
- Fri 12/4: Tour Support
- Sat 12/5: Little Fish

**Mrs. Olson's**
**2800 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard**
- Sat 12/5: Angry Samoans, contra Naturam, Betss, Wasted Rage

**Mystery Shop**
**420 S. A Street., Oxnard**
- Sat 11/28: Cheridomingo, Sadden, Crossing I's Crossing T's, Conflictions
- Wed 12/2: Said and Done, Far Away, Kind, Purely Gret

**Namba Arts**
**47 S. Oak St., Ventura**
- Fri 11/27: The Listening Room
- Sat 12/5: Doc the Halls Holiday Blues IX

**Ojai Ranch House**
**102 Besant Rd., Ojai**
- Fri 11/27: The Hand Me Down Band
- Sat 11/28: Maya Lumen

**Ojai Valley Brewing**
**307 Bryant St., Ojai**
- Wed 11/25: TD Lind & the Aviators
- Fri 11/27: Jazzmen Suites
- Wed 12/2: Ojai Valley Bluegrass Pickers/Open Jam
- Sat 12/5: Ashford Gordon

**Oxnard Performing Arts Center**
**800 Hobson Way, Oxnard**
- Fri 11/27: Louie the Singer

**Rocks and Drams**
**14 S. California St., Ventura**
- Wed 11/25: Nathan Hunnicutt Trio
- Sat 11/28: Kyle Brown
- Sat 12/5: Fault Line

**The Safe Space**
**105 S. Oak St., Ventura**
- Sat 12/5: The Big Yeah, Looking West

**Sam's Place**
**308 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai**
- Fri 11/27: Virtual Nobodies
- Sat 11/28: Noble Creatures
- Sun 11/29: Robin & the Love Letters
- Fri 12/4: Duane Bartels Trio
- Sat 12/5: Déjà vu Too
- Sun 12/6: Robin & the Love Letters

**San Souci**
**21 S. Chestnut St., Ventura**
- Fri 11/27: Jay Coletta, Vvicked, Oilslick, Zephyr Pilots

**The Shores**
**1031 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard**
- Fri 11/27: Rhythm 805
- Wed 12/2: Ken Devoe
- Fri 12/4: On Tap
- Sat 12/5: Check Point

**Strey Cellars**
**951 N. Rice Ave., Oxnard**
- Sat 11/28: Holgers Heroes
- Sun 11/29: Caught Red Handed
- Sat 12/5: The Dirty Lowdown
- Sun 12/6: Kelly's Lot C.A.R.L. Benefit

**Tony's Pizzeria**
**186 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**
- Wed 11/25: Neon Blonde, Bloody Mary Morning
- Fri 11/27: Raging Arb & Friends w/ Big Tweed
- Sat 11/28: Hannah & her Sisters
- Sun 11/29: Heart & Soul
- Fri 12/4: Shaky Feelin' feat. Bellotti Brothers
- Sat 12/5: Mala Dezizion

**Topa Topa Brewing**
**4880 Colt St., Ventura**
- Tues 12/1: Bluegrass Jam Session
- Sun 12/6: Vinny Berry

**Topa Topa Brewing**
**104 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**
- Sat 11/28: Natalie Wattre
- Sat 12/5: Virtual Nobodies (4p); Traveling Nobodies (7p)

**Vaquero y Mar**
**435 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**
- Tuesdays: The Sea Hunters

**Ventura Music Hall**
**1888 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura**
- Fri 11/27: Riki, Tania Cassette, The Crystal Tears
- Sat 11/28: Las Cafeteras
- Sun 11/29: Rita Wilson
- Fri 12/4: Elijah Fox Trio
- Sat 12/5: Save Ferris
- Sun 12/6: Spike and the Gimme Gimmes
- Mon 12/7: Niko Rubio, Oliva C Dacal

**Victoria Tavern**
**211 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura**
- Wed 11/25: Sugarplum

**Wagon Wheel Brewing Co.**
**2601 Wagon Wheel Rd., Oxnard**
- Fri 11/27: Evan Joffred
- Fri 12/4: Doc Rogers

**Winchesters**
**632 E. Main St., Ventura**
- Fri 11/27: Southside Blues Revue
- Sat 11/28: Lady Zepp
- Sun 11/29: Teresa Russell
- Thurs 12/3: Anthem of the Sun
- Fri 12/4: Ray J. Trio
- Sat 12/5: Allie & the Swamp Hawks (3p); Dan Stein's Reggae Dead Experiment (8p)
- Sun 12/6: Big Adventure

**The Yard**
**328 E. Main St., Ventura**
- Wed 11/25: Matterform
- Fri 11/27: Kainoa Tiger
- Sat 11/28: Corey and the Folk Boys
- Sat 12/5: DNA



*Photo courtesy Ventura Pottery Gallery*




# Ventura Pottery Gallery Brings Back Holiday Gift Promotion

Ventura Pottery Gallery is bringing back its popular 7th Annual Free Gift with Purchase promotion beginning November 27. Customers who spend $40 or more will receive a complimentary piece of handmade pottery, generously donated by the gallery's community of more than 40 local ceramic artists.

Each year, gallery artists contribute an assortment of one-of-a-kind creations as a special thank-you to customers. Gifts may include bowls, vases, mugs, plates, ornaments, and other handmade pieces. Each gift offers shoppers an opportunity to take home something unique while supporting local artists.

The Ventura Pottery Gallery invites holiday shoppers to explore the creativity and craftsmanship of local ceramic artists while finding distinctive gifts for everyone on their list. From functional everyday pottery to decorative and sculptural pieces, the gallery offers something for a variety of tastes and budgets.

Located in Ventura Harbor Village, the artist-run cooperative is operated by the Ventura County Potters' Guild and features the work of more than 40 juried local ceramic artists.

Holiday Promotion Details:

- Begins: November 27
- Offer: One complimentary handmade pottery gift with a purchase of $40 or more.
- Limit: One gift per customer per day, while supplies last.

Ventura Pottery Gallery is located at 1567 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 105, in Ventura Harbor Village, and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Ventura County Potters' Guild, a nonprofit founded in 1957, promotes ceramic arts through its gallery, workshops, and monthly meetings, which are open to the public and feature ceramic demonstrations and presentations.

For more information, visit www.vcpg.org. Handmade pottery is also available through the gallery's www.venturapotteryonline.com.

Ventura Art Scene

# Events

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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.

**Ventura County Philatelic Society Meeting: 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 7 pm. Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Rd.**
805-415-9857. www.venturacountyphilatelicsoc.org.

## Camarillo:

**Holiday Market & Silent Auction: Thur, Dec 3, 4 – 7 pm. SAGE Office Parking Lot, 1305 Del Norte Rd.**
In partnership with 805 Connects and Royal Day Solutions. Our participants, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, have been creating handmade holiday gifts, ornaments, and decorations that they'll be selling at the market. Cocoa bar, popcorn booth, DJ, and silent auction featuring some great donations from local businesses. All proceeds will go toward hosting a special holiday dinner for our participants, bringing everyone together to enjoy a warm meal, celebrate the season, and experience a sense of community. Parking available next door and across the street. Free admission.

**New West Symphony - Too Hot to Handel: The Gospel Messiah: Sun, Dec 6, 3 pm, Rancho Campana Performing Arts Center 4235 Mar Vista Dr.**
California premiere. A spirited and jubilant reimagining of Handel's beloved Messiah. Familiar melodies meet soaring gospel vocals, vibrant jazz and the irresistible pulse of R&B. A timeless work with a whole new groove. Led by Music Director Michael Christie, the performances feature soprano Alfreda Burke, tenor Rodrick Dixon and countertenor Patrick Dailey, along with the New West Symphony Orchestra and the New West Symphony Choir, directed by Dr. Wyant Morton. https://newwestsymphony.org/2026-masterpiece-series/too-hot-to-handel.

## Oxnard:

**Ventura Audubon Society's Guest Speaker Series: Tues, Dec 8, 7 pm. Oxnard Performing Art Center, Camarillo Room, 800 Hobson Way.**
It's Christmas Bird Count season! Ventura's count is Saturday, January 3rd. That means it's time to start checking out those backyard birds. This presentation will focus on the history of the Christmas Bird Count, the importance of community science, how you can participate in our upcoming count, and what birds to look for in your yard. We will also look at some local trends that we've observed over the past 47 years. Finally, we'll go over the birds that we most want to find for the CBC. You may have one and not even realize it. This event will be in person at the and on Zoom (link found at www.venturaaudubon.org/speakers).

## Santa Barbara:

**UCSB Arts & Lectures Presents Meow Meow: Feline Festive: Tues, Dec 1, 7:30 pm. Lobero Theatre 33 E. Canon Perdido St.**
Enter the glorious world of international chanteuse and comedienne Meow Meow and her unique brand of holiday hilarity and melodic mayhem. Wrapped in musical wonder, peals of laughter and loving audience encounters, Feline Festive is a rollicking tonic of seasonal spirit, sparkling goodwill and joy to the world. Feline Festive features a band of superb musicians and tunes ranging from jazzy vintage showbiz to wicked, witty Weimar, French chansons and original surprises. https://artsandlectures.ucsb.edu/events-tickets/events/26-27/meow-meow.

**California Ocean Summit: Thur, Dec 10, 8:30 pm – 11 pm. SOhO Restaurant & Music Club 1221 State St, Suite 205.**
Step inside a kelp forest for one night. Zach Gill, of Jack Johnson's band and ALO, leads an evening of ocean-themed music with Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket, Jack Johnson's band drummer Adam Topol, and other surprise musical guests. Immersive projections from The Hydrous, a project of 2026 TIME Trailblazer Erika Woolsey, bring the Channel Islands kelp forests to life inside the venue. Guests can also try an optional virtual reality experience that lets you get up close to the sea animals and plant life just off our coast. Part of the California Ocean Summit's public programming, the experience wraps the room in an ecosystem we're working to protect and brings the ocean conversation to the whole community. Tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis. www.calocean.org.

## Santa Paula:

**Citrus Christmas: Sat, Nov 21 – Dec 20. Downtown Santa Paula**
The Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce invites families and visitors to celebrate Citrus Christmas, a season-long holiday celebration inspired by the city's citrus heritage and themed "Local Roots. Brighter Holidays." Festivities include a Holiday Sip & Shop, Small Business Saturday alongside the 76th Annual Christmas Parade, four weekends of music, sidewalk sales and art, and Pictures with Santa. All events are presented in English and Spanish. For details, visit www.santapaulachamber.com.

# Lighter Breeze

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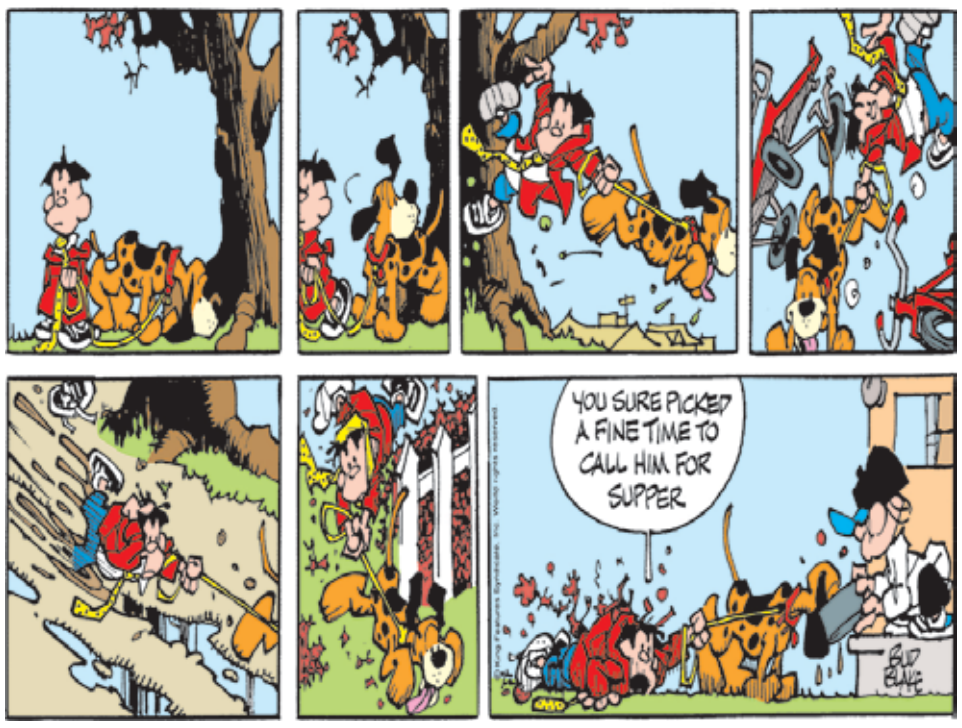


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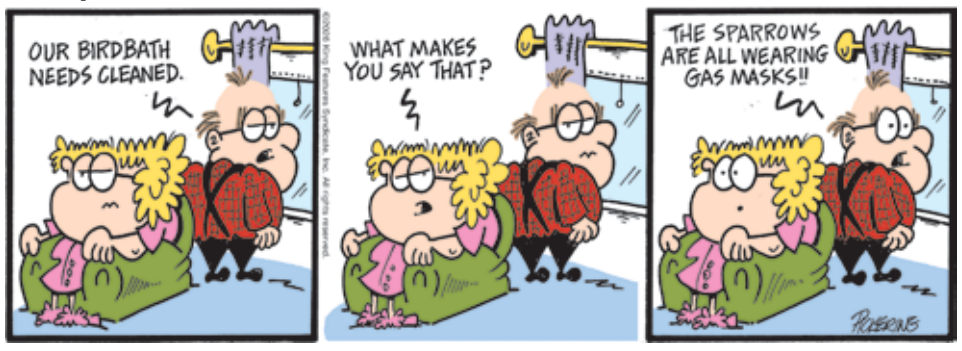


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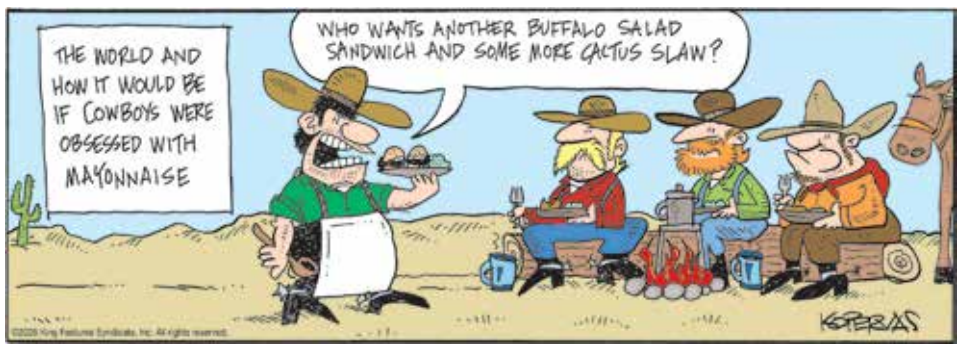
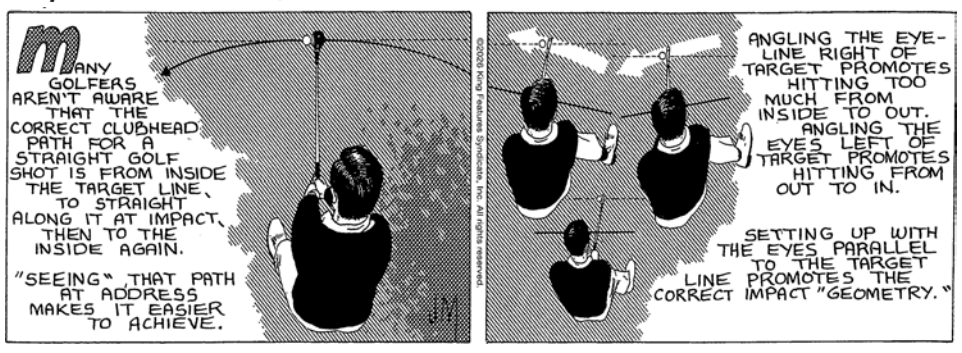



**Amber Waves**




**Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS**

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**(For a beginners guide to playing Sudoku go to venturabreeze.com)**

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆**

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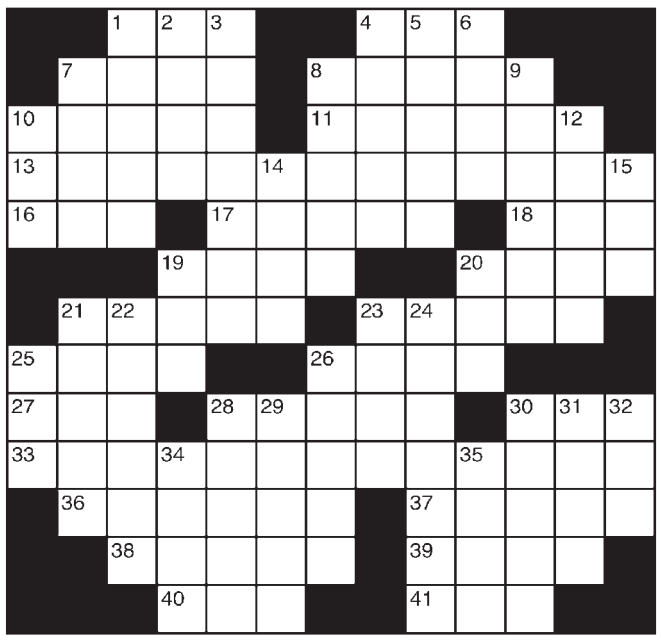
## King Crossword



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19 Netting
20 Helps
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23 Accra's country
25 Dumbstruck
26 Milne bruin
27 Standard
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36 Wild scuffles
37 Unconventional
38 Actor McDowall
39 Gratis
40 Airport screening org.
41 Nourished

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4 Persian Gulf emirate
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6 Legal wrong
7 Earth sci.
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9 B vitamin
10 ER workers
12 Carne — (Mexican dish)
14 Lighten
15 NFL measures
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20 "That feels good!"
21 Honey bunch?
22 More spine-tingling
23 Type of dancer
24 Spray down with water
25 Suitable
26 Sucker
28 Winter coasters
29 "I — vacation!"
30 Famous
31 Drill
32 Chest-beating beast
34 Conspiracy
35 Entice

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## On Vacation - Greece




**Priscilla Holmes and Rob Schleef are shown with The Breeze at the Parthenon in Athens, Greece in October 2026.**

*Heading out of town? Take The Breeze with you and send us a snapshot from your adventure! Editor@venturabreeze.com.*

# Theatre

**A View from House Seats**

## Santa Paula Stages Dial M for Murder

**By Shirley Lorraine**

Closing the 2026 Season at the Santa Paula Theater Center is a slightly updated adaptation by Jeffrey Hatcher of the early 1950's hit Dial M for Murder by Frederick Knott.

Director Brian Robert Harris, a familiar name at the Center, has assembled a cast and crew that enthusiastically embraces the twisty tale of deception, infidelity, greed, and manipulation that was a hit Alfred Hitchcock film in 1954 and has been staged internationally ever since.

The setting is fairly generic – an apartment somewhere in England. The era is mildly 50's in costume and furniture but could really take place on any given year. The complicated plot remains intact with just a few tweaks that neither add nor detract (or were necessary, in my opinion) from the original work. Director Harris did a nice turn casting Kimberly Demmary as the intrepid inspector, who adds a needed bit of subtle humor to the action.

It seems that Tony (well played by Jeff Ham) has married Margot (Alyssa Carmen) for her money with the intent of a large inheritance when she dies. He plots what he feels is a perfect murder to make this happen when he discovers her affair with Maxine (Shelby Sandefur). Margot is being blackmailed because of a correspondence revealing her indiscretion. She does not know that her husband is the blackmailer.

Tony conspires with a known crook who currently goes by the name of Lesgate (Stan McConnell) to carry out this murder plot. Tony uses leverage to enlist his help. However, Margot unexpectedly defends herself and kills the would-be assassin. Things become quite twisty after that as players scramble to cover their errors. Margot is ultimately arrested and convicted until the inspector discovers holes in Tony's plot that eventually circle back to him.

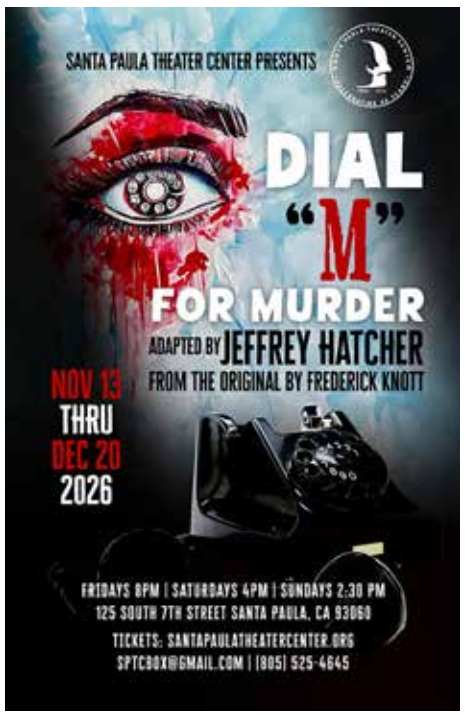
The pace of the action was inconsistent the performance I attended. There were times when dialogue was crisp and others when silent reactions seemed needlessly drawn out. Act 1 contained an abundance of plot points. There are a lot to keep track of. A few may get missed due to the British accents that varied in consistency, clarity and volume. Pacing picked up in the second act when the inspector arrived and clues and points were given focus.

Dial M for Murder can be presented as serious drama or a bit tongue-in-cheek as the multiple developments ultimately finger the appropriate murderer. This production struck me as an amalgam of styles piece that made a minor tone change to its betterment at intermission.

I found it refreshing that SPTC's "edgy" season chose a classic as its finale that did not require nor engage in unnecessary language to make its points.

Fans of murder mysteries of the golden age of detective tales will delight in the many puzzles this offering provides. The familiar is comforting – just right for this time of year.

Dial M for Murder runs through December 20. Fridays 8 p.m., Saturdays 4 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. www.santapaulatheatercenter.org or 805-525-4645. Season tickets for 2027 are available now.




### Ventura Educators
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· VUEA: A 2% salary schedule increase effective July 1, 2026, and an additional 2% increase effective January 1, 2027.

· VESPA: A $1-per-hour increase across all hourly salary ranges, effective January 1, 2027.

· Health and welfare benefits: Beginning January 1, 2027, the District will contribute up to the Traditional Kaiser HMO composite plan rate toward health and welfare benefits for eligible employees and their families, with employees responsible for premium costs above that amount. The agreements also provide six additional HSA 80 health plan options, along with District contributions to eligible employees' Health Savings Accounts based on the difference between the District's maximum contribution and the cost of their selected plans, subject to IRS limits.

· Ongoing collaboration: The District and both unions will establish a joint health and welfare advisory committee focused on managing benefit costs, improving plan options, and helping employees make informed decisions about their coverage.

Both agreements reflect the work of the bargaining teams and the recommendations developed through the state's impartial factfinding process.

**Next Steps**

The agreements are tentative and require additional approvals before becoming final. Members of VUEA and VESPA will first review and vote on their respective agreements. If ratified, the agreements will be presented to the VUSD Board of Education for approval at an upcoming public meeting.

Copies of the signed tentative agreements with VUEA and VESPA and the list of the proposed Health and Welfare Plan costs are available for public review on the District's Negotiations webpage.

The District will continue communicating with employees and families as the approval process moves forward.

While these agreements represent meaningful progress, the District recognizes that more work remains. VUSD is committed to continuing to improve employee compensation so it can attract and retain talented teachers and support staff and remain competitive with other districts in the region.

**About Ventura Unified School District**

The Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) is located in the coastal city of Ventura in Southern California, approximately 70 miles north of Los Angeles. The District serves approximately 13,500 students through an early childhood education program, 28 elementary, middle, TK-8, and high schools, and an adult education center. With approximately 1,800 dedicated staff members, VUSD is committed to empowering students academically and personally, helping them discover their passions and prepare for future success.




Good evening, VUSD families,

We wanted to share with you that earlier today, Mrs. Marieanne Quiroz, Director of Communications and PIO, submitted her resignation effective December 28, 2026, as she has accepted a position at UCSB. While we are truly sorry to see her go, we are deeply grateful for her years of dedicated service to our district.

When Marieanne Quiroz joined our district, we did not have a communications department. She built one from the ground up, strengthening how the district connects with our schools, families, and community partners. Marieanne led our move to a new website platform with new sites for every school, rolled out ParentSquare districtwide, and made our new brand recognizable throughout the city. During COVID-19, she became a familiar voice in households across the district, keeping staff and families informed. She built strong relationships with VPD, and during lockdowns and other emergencies, she guided families with a calm, reassuring voice while staying in close contact with local law enforcement for the latest updates. She supported every school board meeting and worked to ensure they were livestreamed and recorded, helped guide us through school closure meetings, and redesigned and launched our annual Information Night event to recruit and retain students. Through it all, Marieanne was the consummate professional. We are deeply grateful for her service and wish her every success at UCSB.

Marieanne will continue to work closely with us in the coming weeks to ensure a smooth transition, continuity of operations, and no lapse in communications.

Sincerely,

Dr. Antonio Castro

## Ventura Unified Delays School Closures Until 2028–29

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Ventura Unified School District Board of Education decided to slow down the school closures process and create a new Board process, one that includes the Board's newly elected members. The Board will continue to discuss the goals of school closures and what the new process might look like.

As part of that decision, the Board has taken all schools off the list of possible closures. The Board will complete the new process before any further decisions are made. If any schools are closed after the new process is completed, no closure will take effect before the 2028–29 school year.

The District will share updates with families, staff and the community as the Board sets up the new process and its timeline.

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