

The abstracts listed in this report describe long form local news stories KCLU-FM, KCLU and KCLM broadcast about issues of community significance during the calendar quarter noted above. Unless stated otherwise, local features in Morning Edition aired at 6:46, 7:46 and 8:46 a.m. Local features in All Things Considered aired at 3:44 and 5:44 p.m. The length of each story is noted with the date of broadcast.

MENTAL HEALTH / NON-PROFIT

7/6/2023 4:40 Morning Edition

Program which helped survivors of Las Vegas, Thousand Oaks mass shooting runs out of funding. Effort run by the non-profit Give An Hour organization offered counseling to hundreds of Route 91 Harvest Festival, and Borderline Bar And Grill attack survivors. It's been an emotionally trying few years for a Ventura County woman. Emily Marostica went to the October, 2017 Las Vegas Route 91 Harvest Festival. She, and one of her friends left the country music festival early to return home, just minutes before a gunman opened fire, fatally wounding 60 people, and injuring hundreds of others. Members of a non-profit organization stepped up to help. "Give An Hour is a national non-profit in the mental health space," said Shane Meserve, who served as Deputy Director of the organization. It was founded by a clinician in the Washington, D.C. area after 9/11, who was working with trauma victims. The idea was to create an organization to take away the stigma of mental health services.

EDUCATION / MIGRANT WORKERS RIGHTS

7/13/2023 4:39 Morning Edition

Teachers from Mexico and the U.S. are team-teaching classes for migrant workers in a new program in Ventura County. Month-long summer program is intended to give kids an academic and psychological boost. We're in a classroom in the Ventura County community of Somis, where dozens of kids are taking part in a one of a kind summer education program. It's an effort hosted by the Somis Union School District, and the Ventura County Office of Education aimed at helping the children of migrant farm workers. Two teachers from Mexico are team teaching with four Ventura County teachers.

CONSERVATION

7/24/2023 4:27 Morning Edition

Saved from development! 1200 acres of land in Ventura County with spectacular ocean views preserved. The Deer Creek Property which will be part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area includes 1200 acres of land, including more than two miles of coastline. The Trust for Public Land, donors, and the state came up with \$25 million to buy the Deer Creek Property, between the Ventura County line and Mugu Rock.

PUBLIC SAFETY

7/24/2023 3:07 All Things Considered

There's a new way for search and rescue teams to reach remote parts of Ventura County. The e-bikes are the newest addition to Ventura County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue resources. New e-bikes could speed up locating missing people in the county. Quicker than a regular bicycle – and a lot less effort, these electric mountain bikes – known as e-bikes, are propelled by an electric motor. They're the newest addition to the Ventura County Sheriff's Office's Search and Rescue resources..

INFRASTRUCTURE

7/25/2023 4:31 Morning Edition

The finish line is in sight for work to ease traffic between Ventura and Santa Barbara. An ongoing project to widen Highway 101 from Ventura County to Santa Barbara received another financial boost, with the State Transportation Commission allocating more than \$132 million for the project. Leaders gather to celebrate getting \$132 million to help fund current segment of construction: Estimated \$145 million more needed to finish final part.

PUBLIC SAFETY / DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

7/28/2023 3:46 All Things Considered

Teens train alongside Ventura County firefighters. They gained experience using the fire hose to douse down a real fire during a training exercise. It's a hands-on way to introduce youngsters to the intensive training of the fire service. Teens aged from 13-15 have the chance to experience what it's like to be a firefighter in Ventura County at a free five-day camp at their training facility in Camarillo. Rappelling down the steep side of a building at the Ventura County Fire Department's training center, these teens are putting fear aside to showcase the skills they've learned at Junior Fire Academy.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

8/1/2023 2:56 All Things Considered

The new interactive exhibit nurturing future conservationists. A new Ranger Station at the Santa Barbara Zoo is designed to foster deeper connections to nature for visitors. Kate – one of the 'rangers' here at the Santa Barbara Zoo – is showing these young visitors some animal skulls. It's part of the newly opened immersive exhibit – which is designed to look like a real-life ranger station, complete with wooden roof and zoo staff – like Kate – who are wearing khaki rangers hats and vests.

FOOD INSECURITY

8/10/2023 3:23 All Things Considered

Families in Santa Barbara County can get extra help with free lunches available during the school summer break. Family budgets are squeezed tighter than ever, especially in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties – which are two of the most expensive places in the country to raise a family, according to a recent study. Two lunches are handed to a family at the Santa Barbara Public Library, who have arrived for the Picnic In The Park – run by the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County.

WILDLIFE ECOSYSTEMS

8/14/2023 4:41 Morning Edition

It's poop to us, but Santa Barbara County researchers say it's a feast of info about carnivores. Researchers working with a specially trained dog which is helping to find, and identify wildlife scat which might help tell whether carnivores are traveling to the coast in Santa Barbara County to feast on sea life. Researchers use specially trained dogs to find wildlife scat. Barley is one of two special dogs on assignment at the Nature Conservancy's 24,000 acre Dangermond Preserve, in Santa Barbara County. The dog is searching for some very specific poo, technically known as wildlife scat, in the name of science.

NON-PROFIT

8/16/2023 4:10 Morning Edition

From Santa Barbara to Maui: Aid shipments being sent to the island to help wildfire victims. We're in a massive warehouse near Santa Barbara Airport, one that's nearly the size of three football fields. You can hear the rumble of forklifts moving pallets of boxes, and more than a dozen workers are packing medical supplies in boxes.

COMMUNITY HISTORY / PRESERVATION

8/17/2023 4:39 Morning Edition

Before TV and radio, the Plaza Del Mar Band Shell was once a centerpiece of entertainment in the city. It's a slice of Santa Barbara County's history, where people gathered for entertainment. It was long before there was TV, and when radio was in its infancy. On a sunny weekend afternoon, families would gather here, in Santa Barbara's Plaza Del Mar Park. They would picnic on the grass in front of the Plaza del Mar Band Shell, listening to live music. It was built in 1919. It's a large stage with a massive shell, covered by a beautiful Spanish style structure.

PUBLIC SAFETY / SCHOOL VIOLENCE

8/22/2023 3:19 All Things Considered

School staff in one part of Ventura County undergo specialist worst case scenario training. Moorpark Unified School District Staff undergo active assailant training before students return to schools on Wednesday. As students across the Tri-Counties return to school, teachers and school staff do a lot behind the scenes to prepare, including preparing for an active assailant. The sound of an airgun being fired on campus at Moorpark High School. This is a rehearsal before students return to the site on Wednesday, but the educators and staff here know this situation could be all too real. They're undergoing training to deal with an active assailant on campus.

PUBLIC HEALTH / COVID 19

8/30/2023 4:40 Morning Edition

It's back! (Well, it never really left) COVID-19 numbers rising in the Tri-Counties. COVID numbers not expected to spike like they did in past years, but leading health expert in the region says getting a booster is a good idea. It's not making big news, like it did two years ago. But, COVID-19 numbers are on the rise around the country, and here in the Tri-Counties.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY / HOMELESSNESS

9/2/2023 4:37 Morning Edition

A new start: Just completed Santa Barbara apartment complex gives some homeless permanent homes. Jorge Alfaro checks out the view from the new Santa Barbara apartment complex that he now calls home. He had been living in his car for the last three years. Project is part of a bigger plan to get people off the streets and into transitional housing with services, and then finding them permanent homes. Life has been tough for Jesus Alfaro. When he was a young man, he was a TV show host, and musician in South America. But, he moved to Santa Barbara County decades ago. For the last few years, the 74-year-old man has been homeless.

FOOD INSECURITY

9/8/2023 3:24 All Things Considered

Support for female-owned small businesses in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Patricia Magaña took part in the unique program developed by WEV. It's a way to help small business owners in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Patricia Magaña is styling a client's hair, at the salon she owns - Pati's Beauty Lounge - in Santa Paula. A cosmetologist by trade, Magaña is a great advertisement for her services, with long lush lashes and perfectly coiffured hair, as she greets clients at the salon.

MENTAL HEALTH / SUICIDE PREVENTION

9/11/2023 3:11 All Things Considered

Focusing on suicide prevention in Ventura County as rates climb. September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Efforts are being made locally to help people in need to know how and where to access support. It's one of the leading causes of death in the United States, with rates increasing. In fact there's about one death every 11 minutes from suicide. And when people die by suicide, there's a huge emotional toll on their surviving family and friends. An emotional toll that Gabe Teran knows all too well, having experienced his own journey of loss and grief after the death of a family member by suicide.

PUBLIC SAFETY

9/14/2023 3:56 All Things Considered

Reducing the risks to your home from wildfire for free, in Ventura County. The Ventura Fire Safe Council offer free wildfire risk home assessments. Have you considered ways to better protect your home from the dangers of wildfires? Natasha Saxena is standing outside one of the 99 homes at the Golden Oaks Mobile Home Park in Ojai — she's the Firewise Coordinator for nonprofit Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council. She's been invited by the homeowner to assess ways their home could be more prepared for wildfire.

NON-PROFIT / SUSTAINABILITY

9/14/2023 4:03 Morning Edition

Lighting up the world: Santa Barbara non-profit distributes hundreds of thousands of solar lamps. A Santa Barbara based non-profit called "Unite To Light" has distributed more than 200,000 of these solar powered lights around the world. UC Santa Barbara energy efficiency researchers developed the lights after a professor from Kenya told them how people were struggling without electricity. It's a tiny little invention from Santa Barbara County that's helped change lives around the world. They created a tiny, low cost solar lamp which is lighting up the lives of people who don't have electricity.

MENTAL HEALTH / PUBLIC SAFETY

9/19/2023 4:40 Morning Edition

Supporting our first responders: Group helps Santa Barbara County firefighters dealing with trauma. A Santa Barbara County firefighter battling the 2018 Holiday brush fire in Goleta, which destroyed 10 homes, and damaged three others. Non-profit ONE805 stages concerts to support first responders. Maroon 5, plus classic rock legends highlight the group's latest fundraiser on Friday. Sam Dudley has been a Santa Barbara County firefighter for nearly a decade. When he became a firefighter, he knew as a first responder, he would sometimes face dangerous situations, and see things which were hard to see.

ENVIRONMENT / ENDANGERED SPECIES

9/21/2023 4:31 Morning Edition

Rare marine mammals on Central Coast get Endangered Species Act protections extended. Southern Sea Otter population was once in the hundreds of thousands, but there are only about 3,000 now. They are unique marine mammals which were once found up and down the Central and South Coasts. But for decades, they've teetered on the brink of extinction. One of the things which makes the Southern Sea Otter so special is what led to them to be hunted by humans until they were all but gone.

LABOR ISSUES

9/22/2023 0:49 All Things Considered

Labor rights should form a part of basic education says one of the State's top labor officials. California Labor Commissioner Lilia Garcia-Brower paid a visit to Cal State Channel Islands on Thursday. Lilia Garcia-Brower, California's Labor Commissioner, made the remarks during a visit to Ventura County on Thursday. Workers rights should be part of our basic education, said Lilia Garcia-Brower, the State's Labor Commissioner - who oversees the primary law enforcement agency for workplace protections.

AGING / PUBLIC HEALTH

9/26/2023 0:53 Morning Edition

Leading expert in Alzheimer's, based at UC Santa Barbara, is offering insights into the condition. There's a free peek inside the race to understand Alzheimer's Disease with a leading expert It's a debilitating disease, without a cure. It's a peek inside the quickening race to understand, treat and even cure Alzheimer's disease. "We're still in early days, but we have had some progress," explained Kenneth Kosik, the Harriman Professor of Neuroscience at UC Santa Barbara. He's a leading expert in the field, and is sharing details of how researchers like himself, are charting a path towards understanding the disease in a free talk on Thursday.

PUBLIC SAFETY

9/27/2023 0:50 All Things Considered

Leaders in Ventura County are coming together to host a Town Hall focusing on fentanyl. A Town Hall forum about fentanyl is being held Wednesday at 6pm at Ventura County Office of Education. Rising opioid overdoses – especially from fentanyl are part of a nationwide crisis. Fentanyl is highly addictive and can lead to death. "It is found in illicit pharmaceuticals as well as in many, if not all, street drugs," said Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko, who is one of a panel of leaders and policymakers who are hosting a public town hall style debate focusing on the fentanyl crisis in Ventura County.

POLITICS

9/28/2023 4:27 Morning Edition

Republican presidential debate in Ventura County becomes a free-for-all at times. It was a debate filled with fiery comments, some confrontations, and, at moments it was spinning out of control, with candidates talking over each other. The second Republican Presidential debate included things you would expect, with lots of attacks on the Biden administration for things like its economic, immigration, and foreign policies.

PUBLIC HEALTH

9/29/2023 3:33 All Things Considered

Itchy ankles? If you feel like mosquitos are everywhere this year – you're not wrong. Invasive mosquitos are spreading in Ventura County. Blood-suckers, ankle-biters, drill bugs – call them what you want – but if you feel like mosquitos are everywhere this year – they are! Allie Webb shows me the large mosquito zapper in her yard in Moorpark which she bought recently to help protect her and her family from the biters, which she says are making her yard unpleasant to be in. "We call them ankle biters. They're just.... they kind of hover in the grass," she showed me. She's lived in this area her whole life, but says she's never suffered as badly from so many mosquito bites.