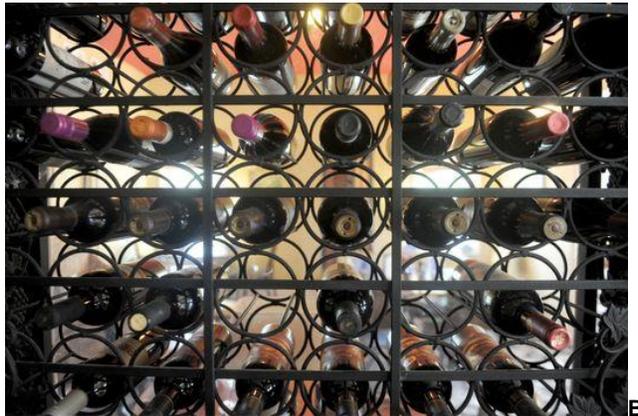


5 things to do this weekend

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Go on a Winter Wine Walk

If you haven't experienced Ventura's Winter Wine Walk and Holiday Street Fair, you may want to check it out on Saturday. The street fair, which is family friendly and features crafts, home goods and wares, will run from noon to 8 p.m. along Main Street in downtown Ventura. A snowfall is scheduled from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The Winter Wine Walk, which includes more than 70 tasting locations for adults 21 and older, takes place from 4 to 7 p.m. and [costs \\$55](#). Each participant will receive a tasting cup and a map of the participating tasting sites. For more information, call 805-628-9588 or visit www.venturawinterwinewalk.com.

Enjoy the holidays with tamales

An annual tradition, the Oxnard Christmas Parade will be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday along A, 5th and C streets in downtown Oxnard and one of the attractions is that it's held in conjunction with the Oxnard Tamale Festival. The festival takes place from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Plaza Park, 500 S. C St. "It's a great celebration of the season," said Marisue Eastlake, recreation coordinator for the city of Oxnard, which organizes the festival. "Tamales and Christmas go together, and so it's a great way to kick off your holiday seasons with some of the

delicacies that you might not usually get during the rest of the year." For more information, call 805-385-7545, or visit www.visitoxnard.com or www.oxnardtamalefestival.com.



Tamale vendors from San Jose to Los Angeles are expected to converge on Oxnard's Plaza Park Saturday for the Tamale Festival. (Photo: GRETCHEN WENNER/THE STAR)

Celebrate Hanukkah

Newbury Park will play host to a glow-in-the-dark Hanukkah celebration from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Village Town Center in Dos Vientos, 350 Via Las Brisas in Newbury Park. The event will include the lighting of a giant glow-in-the-dark menorah, a performance by Fantastic Patrick, music, crafts, latkes and doughnuts, along with the Great Gelt Drop, where chocolate candies are dropped from high above. For more information, call 805-499-7051 or visit chabadnewburypark.org.



A Hanukkah celebration in Newbury Park this weekend will include the lighting of a giant glow-in-the-dark menorah, a performance by Fantastic Patrick, music, crafts, latkes and doughnuts. (Photo: KAREN QUINCY LOBERG/THE STAR)

Help a child in need

You can spread holiday cheer by helping a child in need this weekend. Unwrapped toys or gift cards for children 17 and younger are being collected by City Impact, which serves at-risk and high-risk children and low-income families throughout Ventura County. Toys and gift cards, which will be distributed to low-income families, can be dropped off at City Christian School, 6360 Telephone Road, Ventura; City Impact, 555 South A St., No. 185, Oxnard; City National Bank, 500 Esplanade Drive, Oxnard; D.A. Davidson & Co., 60 S. California St., No. 301, Ventura; and Joe Kapp Real Estate, 785 S. Seaward Ave., Ventura. For more information, contact Vickie Saipale at 805-983-3636, ext. 105, or email vsaipale@cityimpact.com.



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Experience the 'Nutcracker'

If you've never seen the "Nutcracker" ballet, the Ventura County Ballet is bringing it to the stage Saturday and Sunday with shows at 2 p.m. at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way. The performance will feature the Ventura College Symphony Orchestra. A free Sugar Plum Party for children will be held at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$30 to \$45 for general admission, \$20-\$45 military and seniors, and \$9.50-\$45 children 12 and younger. For more information, call 486-2424.



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