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**Ventura County  
Event**



**Ventura Fall Home,  
Garden & RV Show**

**September 8 -10**

*Fri. 12 pm-6 pm  
Sat. 10 am-6 pm  
Sun. 10 am-5 pm*

*\$5 Adult  
12 & under free*

**Happy Labor Day!**

*What is the true meaning of Labor Day and where did it begin?*

Labor Day is a U.S. national holiday held the first Monday every September. Unlike most U.S. holidays, it is a strange celebration without rituals, except for shopping and barbecuing. For most people it simply marks the last weekend of summer and the start of the school year.

The holiday’s founders in the late 1800s envisioned something very different from what the day has become.

The founders were looking for two things: a means of unifying union workers and a reduction in work time.

In the 1800s, unions covered only a small fraction of workers and were balkanized and relatively weak. The goal of organizations like the Central Labor Union and more modern-day counterparts like the AFL-CIO was to bring many small unions together to achieve a critical mass and power. The organizers of the first Labor Day were interested in creating an event that brought different types of workers together to meet each other and recognize their common interests.

Labor Day really came about because workers felt they were spending too many hours and days on the job.

In the 1830s, manufacturing workers were putting in 70-hour weeks on average. Sixty years later, in 1890, hours of work had dropped, although the average manufacturing worker still toiled in a factory 60 hours a week.

Surprisingly, many politicians and business owners were actually in favor of giving workers more time off. That’s because workers who had no free time were not able to spend their wages on traveling, entertainment or dining out.

## **For Lease**

### **Moorpark**

581 Spring Rd. #57

3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath

1038 Sq. Ft.

**Available:**

**November 1, 2017**

## ***For Sale:***

### **Coming Soon**

### **Van Nuys, CA**

7440 Tyrone Ave

2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath

1218 Sq. Ft.

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## **Labor Day (continued)**

Today Labor Day is no longer about trade unionists marching down the street with banners and their tools of trade. Instead, it is a confused holiday with no associated rituals.

The original holiday was meant to handle a problem of long working hours and no time off. Although the battle over these issues would seem to have been won long ago, this issue is starting to come back with a vengeance, not for manufacturing workers but for highly skilled white-collar workers, many of whom are constantly connected to work.

If you work all the time and never really take a vacation, start a new ritual that honors the original spirit of Labor Day. Give yourself the day off. Don't go in to work. Shut off your phone, computer and other electronic devices connecting you to your daily grind. Then go to a barbecue, like the original participants did over a century ago, and celebrate having at least one day off from work during the year!

## **Back To School For Our Kids**

School days bring congestion to our streets!

Yellow school buses are picking up our children, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

***Please slow down and be careful!***

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