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GOLFER'S GREEN SCREENING

For golfers looking to up their game, **Lucy Davies Golf Academy** (lucydaviesgolfacademy.com) in Westlake Village offers the latest in high-tech tools. Its three hitting and teaching bays are outfitted with simulators, high-speed cameras, and diagnostic technology that allow players to analyze every aspect of their skill and improve it with the guidance of experienced instructors.

The Trackman and Swing Catalyst Bay uses radar to assess a golfer's movement and measure club delivery and ball launch, flight, and carry, while a motion plate records all ground reaction forces. The Foresight GCQuad Bay uses cameras to detect impact location on the club face, club head speed, club path, and ball spin and distance, and the Full Swing bay simulates 50 courses as well as trouble-shot

scenarios to improve skills such as trajectory and distance.

The academy is also one of the few places in the world to feature a virtual green with a PuttView software-and-projection system, which can create 20 different landscapes with varying slopes, beam the ideal putting line onto the green, and record results for evaluation. "The golf academy offers the most state-of-the-art technology in the game," says owner Lucy Davies, a certified instructor and LPGA teaching professional. "The instant feedback is something you cannot get on the driving range. You can also practice at night in our climate-controlled facility, when it's cold, windy, or wet outside." Players at all levels of experience are welcome, and the academy even hosts events and parties.

—Ryan Brown



CAL STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS BUZZ

When Safa Khan, Ph.D., challenged her environmental chemistry students to create their own sustainability projects, **Cal State University Channel Islands** (csuci.edu) ended up with a pollinator garden of 65 succulent varieties and became the state's first four-year university to be designated a Bee Campus USA. The garden attracts pollinators like bees and butterflies, which are responsible for the reproduction of nearly 90 percent of all wild plants that, in turn, contribute to a healthy world by consuming carbon dioxide, according to Khan. She marvels at the lasting effects of the students' work. "They're going to have kids one day, and they're going to teach them these things," says Khan. —*Erin Rottman*

BRINGING CYCLES BACK TO LIFE

For recreational and commuting cyclists alike, Ventura County is the perfect place to hit the pedals. The **Ventura County Fire Department** (vcfd.org) has made the area more accommodating than ever for the cycling community, installing 18 bicycle repair stations across the county, 13 of which are located near fire stations on high bike-traffic routes. The repair stations feature everything a rider needs for a quick fix or an adjustment, including mounts, tethered tools to change a tire and adjust brakes and derailleurs, and an air pump to keep tires taut. QR code stickers on the stations provide basic instructions for making minor repairs, such as changing a tire. —*R.B.*



IT'S A THING: POP-UP PING-PONG

He calls it "unsanctioned guerilla **pop-up Ping-Pong**," and Hugh Margerum, a Santa Barbara artist known by locals for his work to brand the Presidio neighborhood, equates it to the urban pastime of pick-up basketball, because nearly everyone can play. "It's a fantastic way for people to spontaneously interact in a fun way," he says. On random Sunday afternoons Margerum sets up a table on a wide swath of sidewalk in the Presidio neighborhood, a historic area in downtown Santa Barbara encompassing several blocks between State and Garden streets and East Carrillo and East Ortega streets. He provides paddles and balls, and suggests that attendees BYOC (bring your own chair). Follow Margerum on Instagram [@hughzer101](https://www.instagram.com/hughzer101) to get in on the game. ♦ —*E.R.*

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