

Scouts are 'faster, higher, stronger' at camporee



UP FOR THE CHALLENGE—Conejo Valley Boy Scouts compete at an annual Camporee. This year's event will be Fri. through Sun., April 20 to 22 at Tierra Rejada Ranch in Moorpark. Scouts will set up their own camps and cook their meals. The boys will also compete in various events such as knot tying, and maneuvering with a map and compass. This year's theme is "Faster, Higher, Stronger," the Olympic motto. The Scouts will also participate in archery, a first aid challenge, a tomahawk-knife throw, mountain biking, paint ball target shooting, fishing, a GPS-compass course, rock climbing wall, Dutch oven cooking and a monkey bridge.

Art exhibit at Gardens of the World

Gardens of the World will present an art exhibit titled "Transcendence," with works by Dawn Nori Feeney, through May 20 at 2001 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks.

The gardens are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. For more information, call (805) 557-1135.

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Calabasas public transit losing money

Grants, fares not keeping up

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The Calabasas public transit system is running in the red and city officials are trying to decide whether to reduce services or not.

The Calabasas public transit began in 1999 with a trolley route to promote local shopping. Today it includes 14 vehicles that take riders from one end of the city to the other.

In the coming year the city anticipates spending \$832,000 to operate its 10 shuttle buses, two trolleys and two Dial-A-Ride vans. But county-donated transportation funds and passenger fares will only provide about \$730,000.

The shortfall is caused by rising fuel and maintenance cost, said Robert Yalda, city engineer and director of public works for Calabasas.

A recent switch to a new service provider produced significant savings, but not be enough to bridge the shortfall, Yalda said.

The city's public transit provides approximately 84,600 rides each year to residents and com-

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Fashions on parade for Westlake Women's Club

FOR CHARITY—Left, Women's Club member Kimber Wilkes, president Susan Chusid, silent auction chair Judi Menger and event organizer Jeanne Edwards at the 43rd annual Fashions on Parade luncheon and fundraiser April 13 at the Hyatt Westlake Plaza. Below, spring fashions from The Oaks hit the runway.

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Mom Moment

Mother's Day is Sun., May 13, and *The Acorn* wants your mom to receive the recognition she deserves.

In 100 words or fewer, please write and tell us about your favorite Mom Moment. Whether it's a poignant memory, a funny incident that happened or just a few kind words for Mom, your thoughts are important. Even if she's passed on, we'd still like to hear about your favorite Mom Moment. Your note to Mom will be published May 10 in the newspaper and online.

Send your Mom Moment email to moms@theacorn.com. You may also submit your entry online at www.theacorn.com. You must include your name and hometown.

Email and online submissions must be received no later than noon on Fri., May 4. Remember: your name, hometown and no more than 100 words.

Mom will love you!

Some charges dropped in Griffin Kramer heroin case

David Nernberg prelim is May 31

By **Stephanie Bertholdo**
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A 20-year-old Agoura Hills resident who was charged in connection with the overdose death of Griffin Kramer has pleaded guilty to one count of possession of methamphetamine, a felony. The other charges against him have been dropped.

On April 11, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mark Windham ordered Corey Baumann to participate in the deferred entry of judgment program, which requires completion of an 18-month drug program and other terms, said Shiara Davila-Morales, a

spokesperson for the D.A.'s office. Baumann was originally charged with four counts of possession of controlled substances with the intent to sell, including methamphetamine, heroin, Ecstasy and marijuana.

Under the deferred entry, Baumann's record will be wiped clean once he completes the terms of his probation. The plea bargain can be revoked without a hearing if Baumann violates any of the terms of his probation, Davila-Morales said.

David Nernberg, 19, the second of three defendants charged in connection with Kramer's Oct. 29 death, remains accused of involuntary manslaughter. His preliminary hearing is set for May 31 at 8:30 a.m. inside L.A.'s Airport Courthouse.

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Barbara Murphy dead at 64

Agoura woman fought local taxes

By **Stephanie Bertholdo**
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Barbara Murphy, an outspoken anti-tax crusader who advocated against what she believed to be excessive local government taxation and spending, died on March 31 after a six-month battle with cancer. She was 64.

Hank Murphy, Barbara's husband of 33 years, said doctors first thought his wife had sprained her right shoulder.

"For six months we thought she had a rotary cuff injury," Murphy said, but there was cancer instead.

"(The cancer) had six months to expand without

anybody diagnosing it," the husband said. Barb Murphy was hospitalized in January.

A constant watchdog at city hall, school board meetings and water board meetings, Murphy launched an anti-tax movement in 1994 called Citizens Against New Local taxes in opposition to a utility tax that was enacted in Agoura Hills without the consent of voters.

Murphy was a member of Agoura Hills Citizens Budget Advisory committees in 1993 and 1994.

In 1996, California voters passed Proposition 218, a measure that gave taxpayers the



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