



**PUSHING IT**—Local Boy Scouts compete at an annual Camporee. This year's event will be April 20 to 22 at Tierra Rejada Ranch in Moorpark. Scouts will set up their own camps, cook their meals and compete in various events such as knot tying and maneuvering with a map and compass.

## Boy Scouts to compete at Camporee

The Conejo Valley District of the Ventura County Council of the Boy Scouts of America will host the 35th annual Camporee from Fri. through Sun., April 20 through 22 at Walnut Grove at Tierra Rejada Ranch, Moorpark.

At the event, Boy Scouts from across the Conejo Valley will compete against each other as patrols (six to eight Scouts) in such skills as first aid, knot tying, and map and compass.

The Scouts camp overnight on Friday and Saturday night—setting up their own camp, pitching tents,

putting up troop banners and cooking their meals. This year's theme is "Faster, Higher, Stronger," the Olympic motto.

Among this year's events are archery, first aid challenge, tomahawk-knife throw, mountain biking, paint ball target shooting, fishing, a GPS-compass course, rock climbing wall, Dutch oven cooking and a monkey bridge.

In addition to individual events, the Scouts also participate in a campfire program with jokes, skits, songs, awards and ceremonies.

## Seniors at CLU will share their works of art

The opening reception for California Lutheran University's annual Senior Art Exhibit will be at 4:30 p.m. Sat., April 21 on campus at the Kwan Fong Gallery of Art and Culture in the Soiland Humanities Center on Memorial Parkway, Thousand Oaks.

Students featured in the show who are graduating in May with bachelor's degrees in art are: Ashley Bowman, Yesenia Castro, Devin Cook, Cassandra Ebner, Samantha Loe of Newbury Park; Nathan Maxwell-Doherty and

### Exhibit opens on Saturday

Samantha Ruchman of Thousand Oaks; Caitlyn Melillo, Luis Peña, Claire Peterson and Cody Yan Yow Kwong.

The exhibition from Sat., April 21 through Sat., May 19 will include ceramics, drawings, paintings, photography and print-making. Art may be purchased.

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tion. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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## Prep basketball player nets \$20,000 scholarship



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**'SURPRISE!'**—Westlake High School varsity basketball coach William Burr enjoys the moment as senior Jada Webster is surprised at school on Monday with a \$20,000 scholarship from The Foot Locker Scholar Athletes program. Webster, a forward on the varsity basketball team, boasts a 4.0 GPA and is the current Teen President of Jack and Jill of America. The Foot Locker Scholar Athletes program, in conjunction with DoSomething.org, honors “high school athletes for demonstrating academic excellence as well as flexing their hearts on their sports team and in their communities.” Webster, who developed an interactive bilingual story time program at the school, was one of only 20 Foot Locker scholarship winners nationwide.

## Police arrest 3 in connection with string of burglaries

*'Knock-knock' break-ins are on the rise, TOPD say*

Authorities say they've recovered property stolen from homes in Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park in recent months and found those responsible for the burglaries.

On April 11, detectives from the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Investigations Bureau and Special Enforcement Unit, following up on leads, executed search warrants on two T.O. residences. Stolen items were discovered during the searches, according to a police report

Over the last few months, several residential burglaries have been reported in the Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park areas, a police report said. The crimes were similar in that the thieves focused primarily on jewelry and electronics.

Two men and one woman, all living in Thousand Oaks, were arrested following the searches: Javier Garcia Hernandez, 23, Eric Edward Martinez, 23, and Mila Grace Marie Deguzman, 21.

The Ventura County District Attorney's Office has filed two counts of burglary against Martinez, who is still in custody on \$310,000 bail.

Hernandez and Deguzman have both been released from custody with pending court dates, police said. They are both awaiting a decision from the D.A.'s office

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## Loss of state funding forces city to make cuts

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The elimination of its redevelopment agency coupled with a state take-away of vehicle license fees is forcing the City of Thousand Oaks to cut spending and recuperate savings.

At last week's City Council meeting, the council approved a plan to cover the loss of \$387,000 in license fees with savings in salaries and benefits of \$247,000 and savings in police costs of \$140,000. The city is eight months into a two-year budget cycle that began July 2011 and ends July 2013.

John Adams, the city's finance director, said projected payroll across the board and police contract expenses had been higher than their actual costs. The savings margin will allow the city to offset lost revenue without cutting paychecks or police contracts, he said.

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## Goebel Center weighing name change

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*Facility may drop the word 'senior' from its title*

Goebel Adult Community Center and approve the tagline “Connect, Enrich, Invigorate.”

In an effort to attract a younger clientele, the Goebel Senior Adult Center in Thousand Oaks may remove “senior” from its name.

Tonight, the Conejo Recreation and Park District board of directors will decide at its 7:30 p.m. meeting whether to change the center's name to

The potential change and tagline reflect countywide and national trends, said Jim Seerden, chair of the Council on Aging.

“Senior centers around the nation are trying to find words that say what they mean,” he said.

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## Council requires less parking spaces at The Lakes

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To make way for Caruso Affiliated's plans to convert The Lakes into a center comprised of

restaurants only, the City Council last week agreed to ease the parking requirements imposed on the shopping center.

In a 3-0 vote on April 10, the council changed the required

parking ratios for restaurants and retail uses at The Lakes, which sits on city-owned property, to match parking ratios established by the recently adopted Thousand

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