

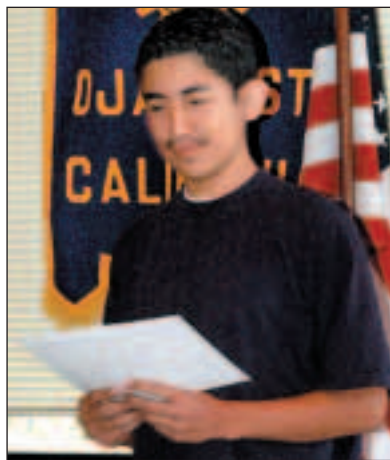


## Hernandez named Student of the Month

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Jose Hernandez, known as "Louie" to his friends, was honored as the Ojai Rotary West's Student of the Month at the club's meeting on April 24.

Jamie Rooney, his instructor at Nordhoff High School, told club members that Louie is a member of Nordhoff AVID, a special elective program for sophomores.



Jose Hernandez

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. The program is also available at Matilija. It gives students

don't get it he walks over and explains how to get it and goes through it with you. He is always nice, he always lets us do fun, cool, amazing, breathtaking eye-popping experiments that really teach us why this does that, and somehow I just don't forget them!" —Andrew C.

"Mr. Bailey is a great teacher; he isn't strict and he helps us do better in science. You just don't go in there to learn, you actually have fun with all the experiments that you would not do in class. What I like most about him is that he makes me understand science more and now I get better test scores." —Mariela L.

"This year science was great fun with Mr. Bailey because he expresses science with fun. He uses songs, funny phrases, and more." —Nico I.

"The most fun thing we have ever done with him was when we dissected sheep or lamb kidneys." —James S.

"Why I like Mr. Bailey for a science teacher is that we get to do hands-on experiments instead of boring normal ones." —Graham B.

"Ever since Mr. Bailey has taught science I've found out a lot of new things about atoms, plants, and all of the things in space." —Julianna A.

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intensive preparation for the SAT exam, then for college entrance exams. "For their senior year we concentrate on scholarship. We try to raise everyone's grade point average through advanced and honors classes," Rooney

explained.

"Louis is very dedicated. He studies for an entire week to prepare for an upcoming test, which is rare. He always has his homework in. He is dependable, he helps me out with anything,

and is an all-around nice guy," she added.

Club member Dr. Jim Halverson added that Hernandez serves as a Safe School Ambassador.

"He wants to become a

zoologist. He plans to go to Moorpark College and transfer from there to UCSB," Halverson said.

Hernandez was presented with a check for \$100 and a certificate of achievement.



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## Science focus of OUSD fifth-graders

Thanks to your contributions to the Ojai Education Foundation, a science lab is being taught at all five Ojai Unified elementary schools for the first time. Jim Bailey is the coordinator for this program. The program is designed to enhance the required science curriculum with fifth grade being the main focus. Here are some comments from fifth-graders at San Antonio.

"I like Mr. Bailey as the science teacher because he makes learning fun. He packs so much important, helpful information into a fun lesson that helps me remember it. If we

