

# Scouts earn national scholarships

The National Eagle Scout Association has awarded scholarships to two local Scouts.

Eagle Scout Aaron Zucherman of Thousand Oaks has been selected as one of 84 from across the country to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. He is attending New Mexico Tech, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Eagle Scout Jacob Kohlhepp of Newbury Park has been selected as one of 28 from across the country to receive a \$3,000 academic scholarship. He is attending UCLA and majoring in political science.

More than 2,500 Eagle Scout

scholarship applications were submitted for the different scholarship programs. Zucherman and Kohlhepp were selected in recognition of their record of accomplishments.

NESA awarded 149 scholarships worth \$446,000 in 2012.

Scholarship applicants must be graduating high school seniors, currently registered in the Boy Scouts of America, have been granted the Eagle Scout Award before submitting the application and have SAT or ACT scores acceptable to the standards

set by the committee.

Additionally, each candidate must have demonstrated leadership ability in Scouting and a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting, possess a financial need and have the endorsement of a volunteer or professional Scout leader who knows the applicant personally.

Applications for the 2013 Eagle Scout scholarship program are available at [www.nesa.org](http://www.nesa.org). The deadline for submission is Dec. 31.



# Family Man

From Page 29 —

wrote a follow-up letter, followed up in person and thought about a few other ways to check in. After a laborious debate in my head, I decided against further follow-up action. Then I followed up over the phone.

A week and a half later, the hiring manager called me into his office for my yearly review. I got excellent marks, the best I ever received. And then he told me I didn't get the job.

I sat back in my chair and accepted the decision.

So maybe I'd financially destroy my family. Maybe the world would end. But maybe my family would be okay. Maybe the world wouldn't end.

I told my wife the news.

She asked, "Now what?"

I told her I'd just have to continue working hard, continue looking for work. And she actually felt at ease. I felt at ease, too.

But what does that mean—to feel at ease? Does that mean I'm not doing all I can to save my family? Does that mean I'm giving up? And why did I accept management's decision? Maybe I should've challenged it. Maybe

they wanted a rebuttal, to prove that I was the leader they wanted for the job. . . .

I wrote that by the end of this story I'd no longer be an over-thinker.

I guess my story continues. Email Michael Picarella at [michael.picarella@gmail.com](mailto:michael.picarella@gmail.com). To read more of his stories, go to [www.MichaelPicarellaColumn.com](http://www.MichaelPicarellaColumn.com).

**Gary Mitchell**  
— Attorney at Law —

Mention this Ad for **10% OFF**

We value our clients...  
...Where every case matters!

- Personal Injury • Family Law
- Civil Litigation • Probate
- Restraining Orders
- Custody Support • Wills & Trusts

**Call Today 805-449-4244 or Email [gary@mitchell-law.com](mailto:gary@mitchell-law.com)**

4195 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Suite 240, Westlake Village, CA 91362  
[www.divorceattorneyfamilylaw.com](http://www.divorceattorneyfamilylaw.com) • [www.personalinjuryattorneylaandventura.com](http://www.personalinjuryattorneylaandventura.com)

**SHUTTERS**  
FACTORY DIRECT!  
Financing Available - Everyone Approved!  
No Deposit Necessary  
Lowest Prices - Lifetime Guarantee!  
Residential and Commercial  
A First Impression  
805-523-9999 • [www.AFirstImpression.com](http://www.AFirstImpression.com)

**Bob Loft "The Tree Trimmer"**

The Tree Trimmer  
Commercial • Residential  
Certified Arborist  
License # WC 2348  
Contractor License # 323298

A Professional Arborist With A Quarter Century of Genuine Proven Experience

All Phases of Tree Work  
Tree Trimming • Stump Removal • Tree Removal  
Expert Quality & Reliable Service  
Full Liability & Workers Compensation Insurance

**FREE ESTIMATES**  
**805-499-9107**

Member of:  
Agoura/Oak Park/Conejo Chamber  
Thousand Oaks/Westlake Chamber  
Better Business Bureau

**Obituaries**  
*remembering our loved ones*

The Acorn Newspaper Group now offers obituaries to allow our readers an opportunity to honor and recognize those who have passed away. Acorn readers wishing to place an obituary in any of our five newspapers may either request our services through any local funeral home or contact us directly at (818) 706-0266.

To place an obituary, please call today at (818) 706-0266

# Maximize your Exposure

## ...with The Acorn Newspaper Group



Reach More Than

# 350,000

## Potential Readers Each Week\*

- Target Local Market with 5 Regional Editions • Increase Your Visibility
- 86.8% Readership\*\* • Online Exposure

From Calabasas to Camarillo, Moorpark and Simi Valley  
The Acorn Newspapers  
Give You Hometown Advantage.



To learn more about exciting advertising opportunities in The Acorn newspapers, please contact us at: (805) 367-8232 or online: [www.theacornonline.com](http://www.theacornonline.com)

**City of Westlake Village**  
Community Survey 12/21/09<sup>†</sup>

The Acorn is the most frequently cited source for city information.

- 48.9% - Acorn Readership
- 32.9% - City's website/Internet
- 31.9% - City newsletter
- 7.7% - Ventura County Star
- 6.6% - TV/city cable TV channel

**City of Thousand Oaks**  
Community Survey 10/9/09<sup>†</sup>

The Thousand Oaks Acorn is the most frequently cited source for city information.

- 41% - Acorn Readership
- 29% - The Ventura County Star
- 26% - The Internet in general
- 22% - City website
- 14% - City newsletter



**HELP MANNA**—Conejo Valley food bank in need of donations ahead of holidays — Page 19

# THOUSAND OAKS Acorn

Your Community Partner Since 1998

**Serving**  
Thousand Oaks,  
Newbury Park, North Ranch,  
and Westlake

**Weekend Forecast**

Friday 64°/51° Saturday 63°/51° Sunday 63°/50°

**FIND US ONLINE**

www.toacorn.com | Volume 14, Number 46 | 40,441 Circulation

November 15, 2012

## No jail time for teen charged in Kramer death

■ Plea bargain results in five years' probation

By Stephanie Bertholdo  
sbertholdo@theacorn.com

David Nernberg, the teen held legally responsible in the heroin overdose of Thousand Oaks High School senior Griffen Kramer on Oct. 30, 2011, pleaded no contest to involuntary manslaughter in a Los Angeles court last week.

At the Nov. 8 hearing, Judge Mark Windham found Nernberg, 19, guilty of the manslaughter charge and sentenced him to five years' probation, 90 days of community labor and financial restitution to the Kramer family.

Nernberg, Kramer and a third teen, Alex Van Dyke, met on Oct. 29, 2011, near Sumac Park in Agoura Hills to inject heroin after a party. Kramer, 18, was the first to do the drug and immediately began foaming at the mouth. Then he passed out.

Instead of taking him to a hospital or calling emergency personnel, Nernberg drove Kramer to his

— Please See Page 14



## Bless our vets

**RESPECT**—At left, retired U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Charles Hooker delivers the keynote address during the community's annual Veterans Day service at the Conejo Valley Veterans Memorial in Thousand Oaks on Sunday. The event was organized by the Conejo Valley Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars. Below left, retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Wolf Ascher, left, Jon Williams and Michael Cook watch as the Tiger Squadron of Santa Paula does a flyover. Below, Doug Hardie plays taps.

MICHAEL COONS/Acorn Newspapers



## Ultra-luxury dealership nears opening

■ O'Gara Coach spending \$6 million to improve former Chevrolet site

By Anna Bitong  
annab@theacorn.com

Amid dusty floors and noisy drills and hammers, Mitch Anderson, general manager of the Bentley and Rolls-Royce dealerships in Thousand Oaks, explains what will fill the empty spaces in the new \$6-million showroom and car lot.

The latest lighting equipment will illuminate the cars at night. Service technicians will have their own lockers and showers. There will be a full kitchen, Sub-Zero refrigerators and a concierge desk.

Walls will showcase modern art and television screens; one



IRIS SMOOT/Acorn Newspapers

**LUXURY BRANDS**—As construction crew members work in the background, Mitch Anderson, general manager of O'Gara Coach Westlake, the company that is bringing Rolls-Royce and Bentley dealerships to Thousand Oaks, describes the design of the seamless glass exterior showroom walls during a press tour on Tuesday.

video wall will facilitate teleconferences with its nearest store in Beverly Hills.

"All upscale things," Ander-

son said. "We're not like a normal car dealership. We're making this more like a hotel experience."

— Please See Page 16

## Plans for North Ranch development go south

■ City Council does not support project

By Anna Bitong  
annab@theacorn.com

A proposal to build 14 luxury homes on a 27-acre lot in North Ranch failed to gain the support of the City Council, which sided this week with dozens of neighbors who have lobbied against the plan for more than two years.

The unincorporated land at the northern tip of Upper Ranch Road, known as Miller Ranch,

was purchased by Studio City-based KSK Investments about two years ago for \$4.4 million.

The property is zoned as open space by Ventura County, a designation that allows one home per 20 acres.

The lot needs to be annexed into the City of Thousand Oaks by the Local Agency Formation Commission in order to acquire zoning of "very low density residential," which would allow up to two

— Please See Page 10

**'I don't see any public benefit in moving forward with the annexation.'**

— Councilman Andy Fox

Opinion.....	4	Movie Listings.....	39
Sheriff's Blotter.....	18	School Days.....	42
Neighbors.....	19	Health.....	45
Family.....	31	Sports.....	50
Faith.....	36	Business.....	54
On The Town.....	38	Real Estate.....	55
Calendar.....	38	Classifieds.....	59

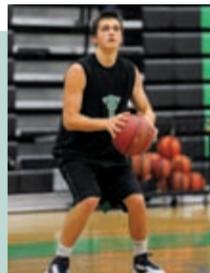
www.facebook.com/thousandoaksacorn

### INSIDE

#### Hoops heaven

Boys' basketball teams ready for tip-off

— Pages 50-53



#### Parks guy

Santa Monica Mountain's new superintendent

— Page 21

