

## Welcome Home

Keith Fricker, U.S. Army and Luis Rivas, USMC at the Lakeport Yacht Club (on the lake, between Fourth and Fifth streets). Arrive by 2:45 p.m. The Guests of honor are scheduled to arrive at 3 p.m. Bring American flags!

## Taking Her Best Shot

Lower Lake High's Heather Hansell practices the shotput Wednesday afternoon after a home track meet with Kelseyville and Middletown was called off because of wet conditions at the Lower Lake track.

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## Guilty of indecent exposure



**Daniel Laine Wood**

### Staff reports

**CLEARLAKE** — Daniel Laine Wood, 29, of Middletown was found guilty on two misdemeanor counts of indecent exposure and annoying or molesting a child.

On Wednesday, Wood was found guilty on two misdemeanor counts following several days

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## Clearlake City Council update

### Denise Rockenstein Staff reporter

**CLEARLAKE** — The Clearlake City Council met in closed session Wednesday to review applications received for the position of city administrator. According to Steve Albright, interim city administrator, 18 applications were submitted.

Staff's recommendation at the March 23 meeting was that the council select a two-person sub-committee to review the applicants with the city administrator and one other staff person. However, the council conceded to involve all members of the council in the review process.

Others recent actions resulted in the passage of an urgency ordinance placing a moratorium on the installation of

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### Good morning subscriber

**Laura Stanley**

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## Weather

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## Rockin' role models

The Lost Boys come home to perform at Soper-Reese Theatre

### Mandy Feder Managing Editor

**LAKE COUNTY**

—Hot off the heels of a monster show, South by Southwest (SXSW), in Texas, Lake County's The Lost Boys band is glad to be home. The band is gearing up to play two shows on familiar turf, at the Soper-Reese Theatre in Lakeport.

The first show on Friday night is sold out.

The five teens spent the last year touring the U.S. and Canada and winning numerous awards.

"It was all pretty sweet," drummer Jordan Mills said. "It's always fun to go out of state and it's cool to rock out on a stage for thousands and thousands of fans."

Bass player Thomas Cano said the year on the road made him not only a better musician, but it transferred over to becoming a better person.

"I became more independent and worldly," Cano said. "I accomplished things I



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Lake County's The Lost Boys band are happy to be home and performing as the headline act at the Soper-Reese Community Theatre this weekend.

never thought I could. I am a stronger person now. It just goes to show if you want something bad enough, all you have to do is put your heart and soul into it. That's true for life in general."

The Lost Boys are comprised of Beau Bastian, 18, lead vocals and guitar; Mills, 19, drums; Cano, 18, bass guitar; Jacob

Gill, 16, guitar/vocals and Dustin "Rudy" Rudiger, 18, on keyboards.

The teen band mates said they travel well together and are "like family."

"We all talk each other through any issues. We feel like family," Bastian said.

To relax on the road they play street hockey.

At home in Lake County, they said they love to go to Renee's Cafe in Lakeport. "We think the food is the best and plus they're so supportive of us and make us feel at home, back in our small town," Mills said.

"I miss knowing everybody by their first names," Mills said.

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## Firearms, drugs seized in searches

### Staff reports

**LAKE COUNTY** — Probation searches conducted by the Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force Tuesday and Wednesday yielded two arrests and the seizure of several firearms from felony probationers.

On Tuesday at approximately 5:20 p.m., narcotics detectives conducted a probation search at the Brown Street home of Robert Alban Wenning, 22, in Nice. Wenning was on probation for a prior felony vandalism conviction. He was detained without incident when narcotics detectives entered the home.

While searching Wenning's home, narcotics detectives allegedly located a sawed-off shotgun in one of the bathrooms. Wenning was arrested and booked at the Lake County



**Robert Alban Wenning**

Hill Road Correctional Facility on felony charges of possessing an illegal weapon and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On Wednesday at approximately 4 p.m. narcotics detectives conducted a probation search at the Wight Way home of Anthony James Peak, 33, in Kelseyville. Peak was on felony probation for a prior possession of narcotics for sales conviction.



**Anthony James Peak**

Peak was not in the home when narcotics detectives initially arrived so they conducted surveillance in the area. After approximately 30 minutes, Peak arrived at the home and was detained without incident.

A search of Peak's vehicle revealed a loaded rifle concealed beneath the front seat and several loaded magazines on the driver's seat and the vehicle's floorboard.

Detectives located narcotics paraphernalia in Peak's home and the search of a travel trailer on the property revealed four more firearms, including a shotgun and three rifles

Peak was arrested and booked at the Lake County Hill Road Correctional Facility for being a felon in possession of a firearm, being a felon in possession of ammunition, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and carrying a loaded firearm in public.

The Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force will continue its efforts to monitor the activities of known convicted criminals and pursue probation or parole violators.

Anyone with information that can assist the Task Force with this effort is encouraged to call the anonymous tip line at 263-3663.

## Service emergency: Broken water main

### Jules Unger Contributing writer

**CLEARLAKE OAKS**

—Clearlake Oaks Water District personnel were called out for a service emergency at approximately 4 a.m. March 20 to an area between Laurel and Lakeview streets, located off of Widgeon Way in Clearlake Oaks.

Response was necessary because of a busted water main in the area.

The ruptured water main resulted in the issuing of notices throughout the Clearlake Oaks service area advising customers

to boil water prior to use or consumption. Clearlake Oaks Water District (CLOWD) general manager Darin McCosker said on Monday that all boil water advisory notices were recalled. "Water in Clearlake Oaks is safe to drink," he said, adding that all concerns for sewage contamination have been eliminated.

According to McCosker, it took work crews approximately 27 hours to dig up and replace both the broken main and the damaged section of roadway. He said all customers in the immediately-affected area were notified of the

situation. He said staff physically delivered information to 268 customers; however weather conditions he said including wind and rain may have contributed to the loss of some of those notices.

McCosker said the notices were issued as a precautionary measure to insure that people would not be ingesting fouled water. He said after the piece of broken main was replaced a second bacteriological test was done to check the level of sewage in the public drinking water. According to McCosker, both tests showed negative results for harmful bacteria.

## PG&E files fee-based proposal

### Jeremy Walsh Staff reporter

**LAKE COUNTY**

—PG&E filed a SmartMeter program opt-out proposal with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) last week that would allow some customers to pay fees in order to have the devices' wireless radio capabilities shut off.

PG&E residential customers could request to have the wireless radios embedded in the devices deactivated, which would be known as "radio off" mode. The option would only be available to residential customers.

"SmartMeters will ultimately be installed," but customers concerned about potential health effects of the device could choose the "radio off" option, according to PG&E spokesperson Jeff Smith.

Residential customers selecting the "radio off" option would be required to pay an upfront fee as well as standardized monthly fees in order to help PG&E recover the costs of offering this program modification.

District 4 Supervisor Anthony Farrington said he was "highly disappointed, but not surprised" by the PG&E proposal. "My initial response is that it is not even close to where it should be considered an opt-out plan. To me, it looks almost more like a plan for extortion," he said.

The Lake County Board of Supervisors approved a temporary moratorium on SmartMeter installation in the unincorporated parts of Lake County earlier in the month, but PG&E and its installation contractor, Wellington Energy, have continued putting in devices throughout the county.

PG&E has said it will not honor locally imposed moratoriums, contending that the CPUC has jurisdictional power over the installations, not local governments.

CPUC President Michael Peevey asked the company on March 10 to develop an opt-out program and file a proposal with the CPUC by last Thursday. PG&E submitted the "radio off" proposal on the deadline day.

PG&E proposes a one-time upfront charge of either \$135 or \$270 for standard residential customers. The fee would be lower for customers enrolled in the CARE program, which offers discounted rates to qualifying low-income households.

A monthly fee would follow, taking the form of either a fixed flat rate or a standard rate in relation to the customer's monthly usage. All monthly rate options would again be

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lowered for CARE program customers. Customers would be able to choose their desired fee structure, and those selecting the higher upfront charge would face smaller monthly fees. PG&E said the "radio off" fees would allow the company to recover the costs of the option, which are projected to include \$38.3 million of capital costs and \$75.1 million of expenses during the next two years. The financial estimates are based on PG&E projecting that 145,800 customers would request to "radio off."

The "radio off" option would be funded entirely by customers who select the option, while customers who allow the devices to function normally would not face rate increases, Smith said.

PG&E projected in its proposal that the CPUC could reach a final decision on the "radio off" option as early as the end of August or mid-September. The CPUC approval process would include a pre-hearing conference and submittal of testimony and briefs, and could consist of an evidentiary hearing.

Farrington said he hopes the CPUC does not approve the "radio off" proposal and force PG&E to develop an opt-out proposal that is more comprehensive and fair to the ratepayers.

PG&E will continue to install the devices with operational wireless radio functions until the CPUC directs the company to do otherwise, Smith said.

There is currently no formal process by which customers can permanently delay their SmartMeters from being installed, but PG&E does "try to work with those customers" to provide additional information to educate them about the program, according to Smith.

The utility company argues that radio frequency exposure from SmartMeters is significantly less than other widely-used devices, such as cell phones or microwave ovens, and that the SmartMeters' radios would transmit only about 45 seconds per day.

PG&E asks customers with questions or concerns about the SmartMeter program to call the 24-hour SmartMeter hotline at 866-743-0263.

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SmartMeters and authorization of a letter supporting Assembly Bill 37, which requests the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) develops an opt-out alternative to participating in the SmartMeter program.

Such a proposal was filed with the CPUC. According to PG&E spokesperson Michael Herr, PG&E intends to install the devices at all consumer locations regardless of preference to opt-out options should the CPUC accept the current proposal. "We will be installing new meters but the radio frequency signal will not be activated," he said.

Herr said under the proposal, there is a cost associated with customers that choose to opt-out. He said the charge will cover meter-reading and accounting costs.

Also on March 23 Albright informed the council as part of his administrator's report that he intends to have an ordinance for regulating medical marijuana dispensaries ready for the council's consideration and possible first reading at the next regular meeting, which is scheduled for April 14.

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Cano agreed, "It's always good to come home after being away for so long and seeing loved ones."

As for Bastian, he said he misses "Scotts Valley and Steve Estrada."

Since Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa closed more than a year ago, the band has gone national, winning numerous awards and collecting impressive accolades in the U.S. and Canada. The youngest member, Gill, said the experience with The Lost Boys has been really great.

"Ever since I joined the band, it's been a crazy ride — humbling. I've played with great bands, learned a good work ethic and become a more responsible person. I can take care of myself and life situations better because of the experience of being on the road." He appreciates and concurs with his band mates' philosophy of being a musician and a role model. "We have a responsibility to be gen-

uinely good examples." Cano said, "We have to set a good example. People look up to us. We have to be good people all the way around."

Bastian said the band members don't party, drink or do drugs.

Rudiger said they partake in good, clean fun at home and on the road. The band members enjoy water parks, snowboarding, hanging out at the beach, archery, tubing and they would like to visit a zoo, while on the road.

Rudiger, the most reserved member of the band, said "after joining the band, it made me realize how much work goes into learning the songs. Before this experience I never wanted to be in front of crowds."

Bastian said the band's confidence has increased as a result of doing more than 200 shows. "Vocally and instrumentally we've improved. We've played in some amazing places and

some awkward places, now nothing will throw us off. We're learning how to develop relationships with people."

Bastian's parents, Brad and Debbie, serve as production manager and tour manager.

The Lost Boys are joined at the Soper-Reese Community Theatre by Tajie D. and K-Town Entertainment; former Lost Boy, Matt Weiss and his new hip-hop show and 11-year-old Connor Gill with the Gill Bros. Band.

The Lost Boys band members said they are really excited for the local opening acts.

Tickets for Saturday night's all-ages show are available at [www.soperreesetheatre.com](http://www.soperreesetheatre.com), Catfish Books in Lakeport and Lower Lake Coffee House. The show begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$21 in advance and \$25 at the door.

For more information or tickets call the box office at 263-0577.

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of trial and a 45-minute deliberation by the jury in Department 4 of the Lake County Superior Court.

Wood was found guilty of indecent exposure and annoying or molesting a child.

He is scheduled to be sentenced on April 18.

The case against Wood stems from an August 2010 incident in Middletown, in which he reportedly exposed his genitals to two 12-year-old girls before fleeing the area on a bicycle.

When the incident was reported to sheriff's deputies on August 28, 2010, the identity of the suspect was not known to the victims.

Several months after the incident, the victims reported seeing the suspect again at the Middletown Library.

Further investigation by sheriff's deputies

working the Middletown area and the Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit eventually led to the suspect being identified as Wood.

Wood had been the subject of several previous contacts by the Sheriff's Office involving alleged sexually deviant behavior.

Solid investigative work and coordination between Deputies Kellie Joseph, Dennis Keithly, Bill Djernes, then Deputy Frank Rivero, and Detective Mike Curran led to a warrant being issued for Wood and he was arrested on Dec. 29.

Wood remains in the custody of the Sheriff pending sentencing for his crimes on April 18.

Wood's convictions will require mandatory public registration as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

# Transportation agencies issue request for project proposals

## Staff reports

LAKE COUNTY — Local and state transportation agencies have issued a request for proposals (RFP) for an upcoming project, the Lake County Area Wide Microsimulation Model.

The Lake County/City Area Planning Council (APC), in partnership with Caltrans, is soliciting proposals for the creation of a microsimulation model, using TransModeler software, of the highways 20, 29 and 53 corridor, as well as Highway 29 from the Napa County border to Highway 53, including selected local streets.

Caltrans will be the contract manager for the project.

The selected consultant will prepare a dynamic microsimulation model, using the TransModeler software to quantify the cumulative impacts and diversionary effects of individual projects on the highways' corridor.

Additionally, the selected consultant will provide the traffic data necessary for long-term maintenance and upkeep of the model for an overall goal of identifying and prioritizing appropriate improvements.

The project will include

a final report, digital files of all reports and data, all TransModeler files, staff training and a final presentation. The RFP can be accessed online at [www.dot.ca.gov/dist1/d1transplan/lamm\\_rfp.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist1/d1transplan/lamm_rfp.htm).

Proposals must be received by 4 p.m. on April 20. Proposals will be screened based on criteria included in the RFP packet and a consultant selection panel may interview consulting firms with the highest rated proposals with representatives

from Caltrans, the APC and other local agencies.

For more information on the RFP or the project, contact Caltrans

transportation engineer Rick Mayberry by phone

at 445-6634 or by e-mail at [rick\\_mayberry@dot.ca.gov](mailto:rick_mayberry@dot.ca.gov).

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4 of 5	498	\$109
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3 of 5	22,103	\$10
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Wednesday 03/30/11

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