

School Spirit

'Every child counts' at Konocti Unified School District.

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Shut Out

San Francisco's bid to cut into Colorado's lead in the National League wild-card race never got off the ground Thursday night as the Giants fell 11-0 to Arizona.

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Meeting

Cancelled

The City of Clearlake Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Sept. 1 is cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is set for Sept. 15

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Planning commission approves coffee kiosk

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LAKEPORT — After debating traffic hazards and crop dusting effects, the Lake County Planning Commission approved a permit Thursday for a coffee kiosk and a remodeled gas station on Highland Springs Road and Highway 29.

The commission voted to approve the permit 4-0, with Commissioner Clelia Baur absent. Baur was absent because of a family emergency.

The commission was concerned about farmers spraying the fields surrounding the coffee kiosk. Agricultural commissioner Steve Hajik asked that the kiosk be set back 150 feet from fields and that it not be open during crop dusting. The commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Gil Schoux said he expects a lot of construction workers to buy coffee at the kiosk.

"Bein' an ex-construction guy, I'm kinda in favor of the kiosk," Schoux said.

Assistant planner Brian Horn recommended that the board approve the permit for the gas station but not the coffee kiosk because the drive thru might create a traffic hazard, he said. Westgate Petroleum will also build a commercial office on the gas station property.

The commission also approved by 4-0 vote the acquisition of a parcel and the removal of a house on the property to incorporate it into the public beach surrounding it at 3555 Lakeshore Blvd. in Nice. "This will allow a continuous strip of beach front," Eric Seeley, county deputy redevelopment director said.

The Planning Commission meets again Sept. 8.

Weather

Cloudy.

Highs: 80s to 90s.

Lows: 50s to 60s.

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Aftermath

Dinius opens up about ordeal

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CARMICHAEL — Bismarck Dinius thinks he was wrongly accused and the District Attorney's Office and the Lake County Sheriff's Office were both negligent and corrupt.

"Honestly, I think it's 50-50 between incompetence and cover-up," Dinius said.

A jury found Dinius not guilty for felony and misdemeanor boating under the influence charges Aug. 20. He was originally charged with manslaughter as well, but the district attorney



Bismarck Dinius

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Joint operating agreement ends

MediaNews Group

DENVER — The Denver Post and Denver Newspaper Agency announced today the completion of a transaction that formally ends the joint operating agreement and merges The Denver Post and DNA into one company under management and ownership of MediaNews Group.

Additionally, Prairie Mountain Publishing Company, previously equal-

ly owned by MediaNews Group and the E.W. Scripps Company, has been merged into the MediaNews-owned-company. Prairie Mountain Newspapers include the Boulder Daily Camera, Fort Morgan Times, Morgan Times Review, Lamar Ledger, Sterling Journal-Advocate, Akron News Reporter, Broomfield Enterprise, Brush News-Tribune, Burlington Record, Estes Park Trail-

Gazette, Julesburg Advocate, and Colorado Daily. The company also announced that it has completed a new financing of the combined entity with its bank lenders.

"The completion of these agreements puts The Denver Post on a more solid foundation to prosper during these challenging economic times," said William Dean Singleton, chairman and publisher of The Denver Post.

Lost Boys ... found



Photo by Bob Minenna

The Lost Boys, Lake County's very own homegrown rock 'n' roll band, are part of the festivities this weekend as the 13th annual Pepsi Celebrity Skins Shootout visits Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa and Buckingham Golf and Country Club. The Lost Boys play both Friday and Saturday nights at Konocti. The golf tournament, featuring former NFL stars, tees off Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at Buckingham. Having some fun Thursday evening at Buckingham were Lost Boys (from left) Gary Boyd, Beau Bastian, Thomas Cano, Matt Weiss (sitting), Mark Wotherspoon, son Matt and Ted Mattila of Buckingham Golf and Country Club, and Lost Boys member Jordan Mills. The jerseys worn by the Lost Boys belong to Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa General Manager Greg Bennett and all are autographed by former NFL stars, including Hall of Famers Joe Montana, Jerry Rice and Lawrence Taylor.

NBC show chronicles cold-case murder

Dateline cameras roll, documenting LaForge murder investigation

Mandy Feder
News editor

LAKE COUNTY — Detectives Destry Henderson and Lou Riccardi papered downtown Lakeport with reward fliers Wednesday seeking information that leads to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the Oct. 8, 2002 morning murder of Barbara Gaye LaForge, 43, on Main Street at her place of business in Lakeport.

Dateline NBC cameras followed the detectives documenting and chronicling the active investigation of the homicide.

"Each and every merchant was willing to put up the fliers." Riccardi said Thursday. "Overall, people were happy and enthusiastic to help."

The fliers have a photo of LaForge and offer a \$50,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the person(s) who killed LaForge.

Several items of evidence were submitted to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Forensic Laboratory for re-examination.

In addition, several new items of evidence were collected, which have also been submitted for examination.

Any positive results could lead to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the homicide of Barbara LaForge.

Lakeport Police detectives are presently interviewing witnesses and following up on newly received information.

Detectives Riccardi and Henderson want to keep the community fully engaged in this case to gather more information about the homicide.

"We're really pleased with the reaction from the community," Riccardi said.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation should contact Lakeport Police Department: Detective Destry Henderson or Detective Lou Riccardi at 263-9653.



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