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The amused stranger inquired, "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

The owner responded, "Because, before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

Reporters interviewing a 104 year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

You're slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter. (See Pg.1)

Eighty percent of all people consider themselves to be above average.

Women should not have children after 35. Really... 35 children should be enough

Efficiency is a highly developed form of laziness.

When you think you have someone eating out of your hand, count your fingers.

Birthdays are good for you - the more you have the longer you live.

You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg.

Dillon puts climate change in spotlight as new Napa Board of Supervisor chair.

Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon took over as chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and made climate change a top issue for 2020. Dillon's Board of Supervisors peers voted her to the position on Tuesday, January 7. They voted Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza as vice chairperson.

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January 2020

Yes On Lake Berryessa Revitalization

In 2011 I wrote an article titled "They're Off Like a Herd of Turtles!" This was a critique of how long the Pensus Group was taking to rebuild the resorts in the face of an uncooperative Bureau of Reclamation bureraucracy.

Although the image of a turtle stampede is amusing, no one at Lake Berryessa is laughing about how long it was taking to redevelop the demolished Lake Berryessa resorts. Local businesses and property owners who had been severely hurt by the Bureau of Reclamation's destruction of five resorts had hoped that the redevelopment of those resorts would be fast-tracked by government agencies so the desperately-needed recovery could begin.

Unfortunately, this was not to be the case. Nine years later, despite the years of best efforts by our Napa County supervisors, there has been little progress towards the goal of revitalization other than some "happy talk" reports of progress.

In 1971 there were already 1.8 million visitors per year coming to the lake. The National Park Service produced a report projecting 8.7 million in the future

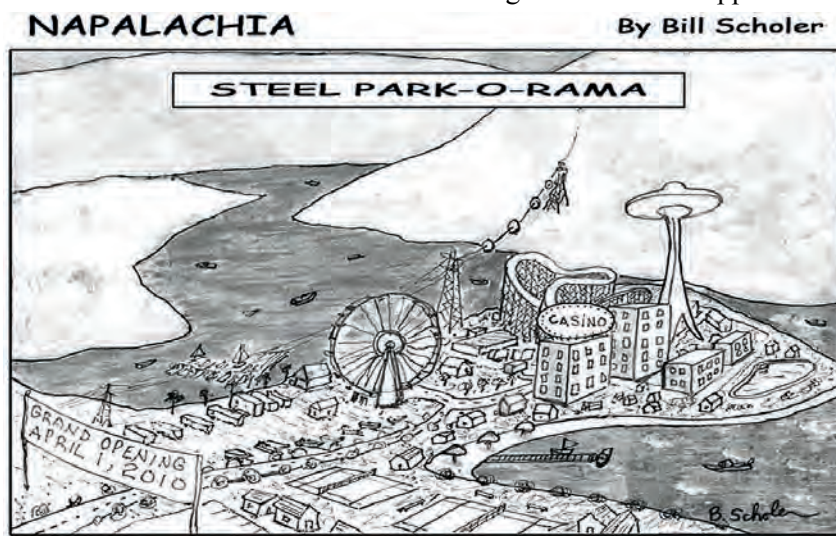
accessing 12 public use areas to be developed around the whole lake. This clearly unsustainable plan was strongly opposed by Napa County.

During the last ten years visitation has dropped to less than 400,00 per year devastating the local business community with significant negative impact on area residents. But reports commissioned by Napa County, especially the Ragatz report of May 2017, concluded that Lake Beryessa is an untapped resource with a huge economic and recreational potential.

Last month we reported that "Staff anticipates returning to the Board in January/February 2020 with the MPA for consideration and releasing a Request for Proposal in April/May 2020 for concessionaires at Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Monticello Shores. Several previous bid proposals and detailed plans are available to re-use."

Hopefully, somewhere, there's a herd of bureaucratic turtles racing towards the revitalization finish line.

The satirical cartoon below illustrates the fears of some of the uninformed among us. This can't happen!



No On Measure K: The Boondoggle Tax

Several years ago the Zombie Apocalypse was a popular theme for movies and TV shows. It may not have been World War Z, where a zombie outbreak erupts around the world, but Napa County had a Zombie outbreak of its own in 2016. The Regional Park and Open Space District produced Measure Z: The Zombie Tax. That movie failed at the box office.

But now the RPOSD is back with a sequel, Measure K: The Boondoggle Tax. The Boondoggle Tax is essentially the same as the Zombie Tax with a prettier master plan on how to spend the \$9 million per year projected to be raised by this sales tax.

Boondoggle: work or activity that is wasteful or pointless but gives the appearance of having value; an expensive program that is a waste of money, especially one using public money.

A burning question to many of us trying to revitalize a battered Lake Berryessa region is why this Boondoggle Tax is being considered at all when one of the most important recreational areas in Napa County, Lake Berryessa, has been so neglected by the County. We'd like to have \$9 a year million to help in the revitalization of this major resource!

Lake Berryessa is only mentioned ONCE in passing in the ordinance itself in Section B.1.b describing "protecting" water quality by buying land. But Lake Berryessa is already the cleanest lake in northern California with no foreseeable water quality threats.

The RPOSD, with its policy of land grabs and trails-at-any-cost philosophy, has done little of compelling benefit for Napa County residents. They claim they are "preserving" land, but they are actually just buying land that is already nearly unusable for any practical development.

Giving \$9 million dollars - **\$9 MILLION!** - a year to this agency would be like, to mix cliches, giving it to kids in a candy shop who would spend money like drunken sailors on mostly pointless acquisitions. Their slick master plan would have you believe Napa County is in grave danger which could only be alleviated by buying more unusable, already protected land.

The District now has a budget of about \$800,000 in Transient Occupancy Tax from Napa County plus various grants. They have been doing fine with this amount. But to buy the votes of urban folks they propose giving money to individual Napa cities to create more parks within the cities' borders. This is not the role of an Open Space District.

To inflate their relevance they actually claim they will have a positive impact on climate change. This is a scientifically silly statement in a state where preserving a few hundred acres of forest land to "sequester carbon dioxide" pales in the face of wildfires that burn tens of thousands of acres of trees a year, releasing their already-sequestered carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. More than 7,860 fires have been recorded in 2019 totaling an estimated of 259,823 acres of burned land.

\$9 MILLION per year! What could you do with \$9 MILLION per year. \$9 MILLION stolen from Napa County residents' wallets. The existing sales tax in Napa County is 7.75 percent, with the exception of St. Helena, where it is 8.25 percent. For people on limited incomes, these taxes build up and become a burden. The RPOSD needs to live on its current budget not tax, tax, tax.

The Lake Berryessa News believes the benefits of Measure K are not worth its cost.



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2 **Corporate CEOs Are NOT Worth What They Are Paid, Stupid!**

Exorbitant CEO pay is a major contributor to rising inequality that we could safely do away with. CEOs are getting more because of their power to set pay, not because they are increasing productivity or possess specific, high-demand skills. This escalation of CEO compensation, and of executive compensation more generally, has fueled the growth of top 1.0% and top 0.1% incomes, leaving less of the fruits of economic growth for ordinary workers and widening the gap between very high earners and the bottom 90%. The economy would suffer no harm if CEOs were paid less (or taxed more).

When justifying outrageous executive salaries, the press commonly notes the importance of such rewards in motivating the heads of corporations to exert their best efforts. When William A. Anders, the chairman of General Dynamics Corporation, was granted a \$1.6 million bonus for having kept his company's stock price above \$45 for ten days, a company spokesperson told the *Washington Post* that the bonus plan was needed to give top executives the incentive to change the company's business strategy and focus on maximizing returns to shareholders. *It is an extraordinary claim that the most privileged and well-paid professionals in the world require million-dollar bonuses to motivate them to do their jobs.*

Derek Bok, the former president of Harvard University, offers a telling explanation. He suggests that top corporate executives must be paid such outrageous sums to ensure that they place the short term interests of shareholders above all other interests that they might otherwise be tempted to consider - such as those of employees, the community, and even the corporation's own long-term viability. *In short, top executives have to be paid outrageous salaries to motivate them to not yield to their instincts toward social responsibility.* Viewed from this perspective, these salaries are an indicator of how distasteful the job of top corporate managers has become in the era of corporate downsizing.

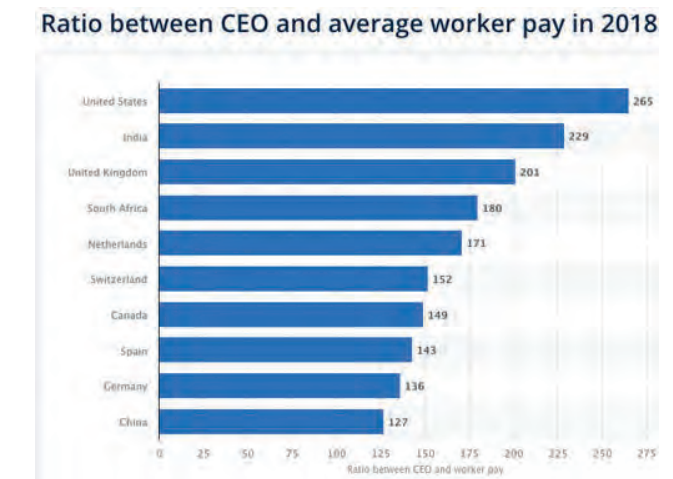
CEO-to-worker Compensation Ratio

While 2016 CEO pay is projected to fall slightly from 2015, the average CEO of a large U.S. company makes 271 times the wages of the average worker.



This uses the "options realized" compensation series which includes salary, bonus, restricted stock grants, options realized, and long-term incentive payouts for CEOs at the top 350 companies ranked by sales. SOURCE: Economic Policy Institute FORTUNE

A former Texas commissioner of agriculture, Jim Hightower, made the following suggestion: *"Let's keep our factories and jobs here and move our corporate headquarters to Mexico, Korea, or wherever else we can get some reasonably priced chief executives."* Or maybe we could allow free immigration of cheap chief executives along with cheap labor. Not likely. More likely is that we will witness a further writing off of the laboring class in this country, an increasing disdain toward uneducated and rural people by the corporate and university elite.



CEO compensation has grown 940% since 1978. Typical worker compensation has risen only 12% during that time. The United States topped the list in 2018 for the country with the highest gap between CEO and worker pay. In that year, for every U.S. dollar an average worker received, the average CEO earned 265 U.S. dollars. India, the United Kingdom, South Africa, and the Netherlands rounded out the top five for countries with the highest CEO to worker pay.

Richard Jolly, author of the United Nations Development Program's Human Development Report of 1996, points out that there are five types of growth that give people less and not more. They are:

Jobless growth, where the overall economy grows, but does not expand opportunities for employment.

Ruthless growth, where the fruits of economic growth mostly benefit the rich.

Voiceless growth, where economic growth is not matched by democracy or individual empowerment.

Rootless growth, where cultural identity withers as the economy grows.

Futureless growth, where economic growth consumes its very foundations, squandering resources needed for future generations.

What is Economics?
Most people have no idea as to what Economics is really all about - another failure of the Amerian educational system - especially colleges and universities. Combine this with the public's inclination to believe what they are told, and you get the present financial depradations of predatory capitalism.

From the Greek root: Oikonomia: the management of the household so as to increase its value to all members of the household over the long run.

From a dictionary: A social science concerned chiefly with the description and analysis of the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.

From a textbook: The study of how people make their living, how they acquire food, shelter, clothing, and other material necessities and comforts of this world. It is the study of the problems they encounter, and of the ways in which these problems can be reduced.

From economist Hazel Henderson: Standard economics is a form of brain damage!

Some Thoughts Contrary To Standard Economic Propaganda

"Homo Economicus" is a (mostly) fictitious alien being. Free trade arguments are based on a (consciously?) faulty premise.

Money is not wealth.

Most money is phony.

Nature's services must have value or you would be dead.

Capitalism is not democracy.

Democracy is not just the right to shop.

Growth is not development, is not an obvious good, is not required.

Globalization in its present form is patently destructive.

Corporations are not people and do not have human rights.

Socially-responsible stock market investing is an oxymoron.

The stock market has no productive value and should be abolished.

Interest, especially compound interest, should be eliminated.

Intergenerational equity demands political will.

Trend is not destiny.

The plural of anecdote is not data.

Beware of infectious repetitis.

Sustainability is not hard to define and is the true meta-solution.

No, Walmart Is Not Sending You A \$1,000 Gift Card On Your Cell Phone

I just got a text from "Walmart" last week. Some others in the Lake Berryessa area and Napa did too. Think it's your lucky day because a text message shows up on your phone offering you \$1,000 in cold hard spending card cash at Walmart? It's a scam, says the company, so don't follow any of the directions given and don't expect that gift card.

Walmart says the offer is bogus. They don't give away gift cards via text. They also never notify customers they've won something via text. "Walmart doesn't participate in these types of promotions and has no affiliation with them. We don't participate in any type of promotion that would ask for certain personal or financial information."

How the hoax works, Walmart explains, is that you're asked to enter an email address and other personal information, including home address, phone number and credit and debit card numbers. Then, the consumer is given the opportunity to select their "free" gift. However, it will end up costing the consumer a lot of money in hidden subscriptions and they'll never actually get that "free" gift card. Sorry no freebie here. This text to receive offer is not legit.

The following tips can help you protect yourself from being scammed by any questionable offer you see online:

- Don't open or respond to unsolicited e-mails offering free gift cards, other gifts, or money for surveys.
- Don't click on or respond to online ads or websites offering free gift cards, other gifts, or money for surveys.
- Pay attention to the website URL. If the URL does not match the branding to a legitimate website get away from that website.

I love when they drop the ball in Times Square. It's a nice reminder of what I did all year.

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

My New Years resolution is 1080p.

I return to work tomorrow with a child-like belief that 2020 is the year people will think at least twice before hitting Reply All.

This New Year's I resolve to be less awesome since that is really the only thing I do in excess.

I have only one resolution. To rediscover the difference between wants and needs. May I have all I need and want all I have. Happy New Year!

Dear Luck,can we be friends in 2020 Please?

Onion Headlines

GOP National Committee Votes To Change Party Symbol From Elephant To Lemming

Body-Positive Male Ally Worried Girlfriend Has Been Packing On The Beauty Lately

All Of Area Man's Positive Qualities Stolen From Past Friends

Woman Not As Fun-Loving And Carefree As Pom-Pom On Winter Hat Would Suggest

Man Relaxing His Overwhelming Anxiety For Just A Moment Finally Gives Pack Of Coyotes The Opening They Need

Company's Holiday Party Moves Up Timeline For Bankruptcy By 4 Months

Antiques Shop Owner Only Thousands Of Sales Away From Avoiding Bankruptcy

New Napa Valley Sip-And-Weld Studio Provides Opportunity To Drink Wine, Create Own Masterpiece With Blowtorch

Cabal Of Handsome Male Celebrities Agrees To Continue Withholding Baldness Cure From The Public

GOP Turns Dozens Of House Democrats Away From Impeachment For Failing To Provide Adequate Voter ID

Insurance Company Annoyed Customer Doesn't Realize They Were Just Being Polite When They Said They'd Cover Healthcare Bills

Study Finds Comparing Yourself To Others Actually Pretty Good Way To Gauge Success

Mom Scolds Child For Pointing At Homeless Man Instead Of Ignoring His Very Existence

'Arrested Once' Now Sufficient Law Experience To Work As A Federal Judge

Man's Life Spent Occasionally Eating Barbecue In Between Doing Things He Hates

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Herman Daly

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6 Will 2017 Be Lake Berryessa's Lucky Year?
(Reprinted from the January 2017 edition)

Looking back on 2016 at Lake Berryessa one might think that nothing much happened. But a year is a long time, and 2016 did have some momentous events for the lake community. In 2015, after a year of economic analysis and community outreach, the Bureau of Reclamation released a detailed Bid Prospectus in another attempt to solicit recreation companies to reopen the closed recreation areas. Hopes were high, but Reclamation announced that no successful bids were received in response to the latest Prospectus (the third failed bid process since 2006).

In March, 2016 the Lake Berryessa News headline read: A Modest Proposal: Radical Restructuring - Ownership and Management of Lake Berryessa Should Be Transferred to Napa County. For several months the case was made by the Lake Berryessa News and supported by the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and the majority of the Lake Berryessa community.

Both Napa County and Reclamation responded positively (although hesitantly) to this proposal. On April 5, 2016, the Board authorized staff to engage in discussions with Reclamation and the Department of the Interior (DOI) regarding the future of the concession areas of Lake Berryessa.

By May 15, 2016 the proposal was getting some traction and the Lake Berryessa News headline read: “A Path Forward To Revitalize Lake Berryessa: Fire The Feds!” I wrote at the time, “We need a revolutionary strategy to stop the death spiral at Lake Berryessa. The fifteen year failure of the Bureau of Reclamation is not based on simple ineptness, often complex ineptness is involved.

But the failure is actually based more on a fatally-flawed policy at the federal level which treats Lake Berryessa as just another "lake in the country" to be dealt with as any other federal rural holding - independent of context. Lake Berryessa is not another “lake in the country”. It is a major economic, social, and recreation resource in an urban-proximate setting whose value to Napa County and the State of California is being utterly wasted.”

The Lake Berryessa News, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, and local residents then strongly promoted a new strategy - have Napa County take over management of the lake recreation areas under a Managing Partner Agreement with Reclamation. The headline on June 1 was even more aggressive: “Open Letter to the Federal Government: Get Out of Lake Berryessa!” The Bureau of Reclamation and Napa County were listening.

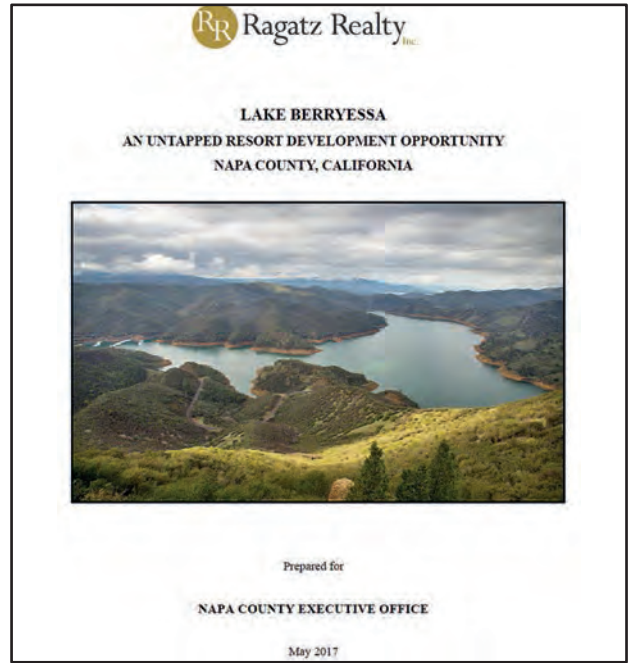
On June 7, 2016, the County entered into an agreement with Perkins Coie for specialized legal advisory services on federal statutory and regulatory law as it pertains to concessions management.

On June 21, 2016, the Board directed staff to enter into negotiations for a Managing Partner Agreement between the County and Reclamation. Under a Managing Partner Agreement, the responsibility to develop and manage public recreation areas would be transferred to Napa County.

At the December 6th Board of Supervisors meeting the supervisors accepted a recommendation to move forward with this strategy by providing direction to staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Reclamation and a contract with Ragatz Sedgwick Realty for its knowledge and experience in developing hotels, resorts and other recreational opportunities worldwide.

Under this agreement, Ragatz Sedgwick Realty will assist the County in identifying interested concession partners by marketing the opportunity to the resort community and performing a feasibility analysis to determine the best use of each site. The County’s intent is to market Lake Berryessa and seek interest in the opportunities that exist. The goal is to create a short list of interested parties that are viable and have interest and ideas that can fit within the Visitor Services Plan.

If Ragatz Sedgwick is successful in identifying interest, the County and Reclamation will move forward with negotiating a Managing Partner Agreement for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and creating a formal Request for Proposal process to select a concessionaire.



7 Money Can't Buy Happiness

Except that, according to a study from Princeton University, it sort of can - about \$75,000 worth a year. The further a person's household income falls below that level, the unhappier he or she is. But no matter how much more than \$75,000 people make, it doesn't bring them more joy.

Before employers rush to cap or raise everyone's salary, they should know that, according to this study, there are actually two types of happiness. There's your changeable, day-to-day mood: whether you're stressed, bummed or exuberant. Then there's the satisfaction you feel about the path your life is taking.

Self-evaluation is heavily influenced by income. The more money people earn above \$75,000, the more they believe their life is working. But the money doesn't make them any more jovial in the morning. "High incomes don't bring you happiness," conclude the authors, "But they do bring you a life you think is better."

The study draws its data from more than 450,000 Americans polled by Gallup and Healthways. Participants were asked how they had felt the previous day and how they would rate their life, from the worst to the best. Turns out it isn't low income that saddens people; it's that less money makes them feel more ground down by other issues, like health and relationship troubles.

At \$75,000 and up, individual temperament and life circumstances like age and education level have much more sway over how a person feels on any given day than money does. The study doesn't explain why, but, says, "it does seem to be a plausible number at which people would think money is not an issue." At that level - people have enough expendable cash to do things that make them feel good, like going out with friends.

Money's power over self-esteem, however, never seems to taper off. No matter their income level, people feel their life is working out better with each and every raise. Which is another good reason to keep asking for one.

Wealth or income class	Mean Household Income	Mean Household Net Worth	Mean Household Financial Wealth
Top 1 percent	\$1,318,200	\$16,439,400	\$15,171,600
Top 20 percent	\$226,200	\$2,061,600	\$1,719,800
60th-80th percentile	\$72,000	\$216,900	\$100,700
40th-60th percentile	\$41,700	\$61,000	\$12,200
Bottom 40 percent	\$17,300	-\$10,600	-\$14,800

My New Year's resolution is to help all my friends gain ten pounds so I look skinnier.

I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter.

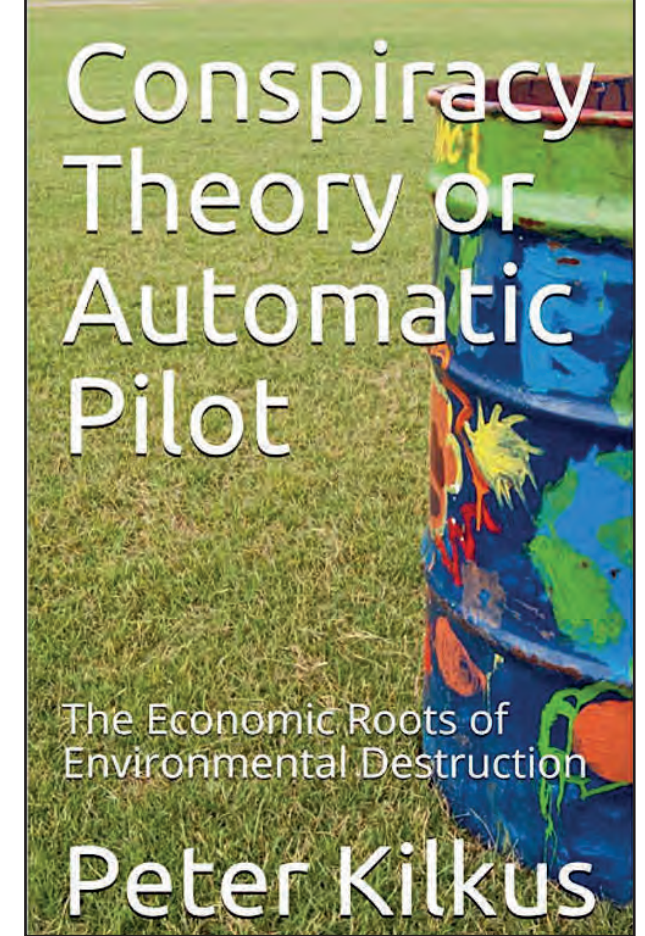
My resolution was to read more so I put the subtitles on my TV.

8 New Book Release on Amazon
I've just released my new book: Conspiracy Theory or Automatic Pilot: The Economic Roots of Environmental Destruction. Available on Amazon in Kindle (\$2.99) or Paperback (\$7.99).

Classical economics is a mythology. Predatory capitalism is a fundamentalist religion based on this mythology. Environmental destruction and income inequality are results of the practice of this mythical religion. But is the present economic and environmental situation a conscious conspiracy or an unintended consequence of simplistic beliefs supported by basic human greed?

This book provides the basics of classical economic theory and the description of the intended or unintended consequences of predatory capitalism based on this theory. It contrasts these to sustainability principles underpinning modern environmental economic theory and the various movement towards corporate responsibility.

The book is not meant to be an academic or scientific exercise for economists or policy makers. The concepts discussed are easily accessible to thoughtful readers. My objective was to explain to myself the structure of economic influence that is at the heart of environmental degradation (including the welfare of individual human beings). Understanding is the foundation of action.



9 January 2020 Horoscopes
Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You awoke this morning as a young man without a care in the world, but due to cosmic events beyond your control, you end the day as the oldest woman ever inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): The people at the local animal shelter wouldn't think so highly of you if they knew about your taxidermy hobby.

Aries (3/21-4/19): There will be a brief cease-fire in the age-old war between the sexes as both sides cooperate in hunting you down and trying you for war crimes.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20: Always on the lookout for more challenging games and puzzles, you'll meet your match next week after the release of the new Rubik's Tesseract, a brainteaser that's impossible to solve in our four-dimensional space-time.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Your career as a wacky morning DJ takes a hit next week when the National Water Conservation Association and the White House personally ask you to reduce the number of times a day you use the toilet-flushing sound effect.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): The flaw in your plan was the part where your accomplice would start a fire, and in the confusion, you would sneak into the philosophy department and finish writing your dissertation.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You'll be diagnosed with a rare condition that makes it impossible to get started in the morning unless you have three cups of coffee.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You won't be immortalized upon death, specifically, but people will come from miles around to see the Tomb of the Unknown Guy Who Tried to Eat a Whole 6-Foot Sub In 30 Seconds.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You should really try to live your life so that your happiness doesn't depend so much on whether or not they found the Higgs boson particle.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): If there's one thing that gives you hope when all else fails—one small true thing that keeps you hanging on to this life—you sure haven't thought of it yet.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Your inability to be spontaneous is well known, which will leave people struggling to put a name to what happens when you combust without warning next Wednesday.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): The blessed arrival of a baby in your life would be greeted with a lot more joy if you could figure out who mailed it to you.

10 Bureau of Reclamation Introduces New Logo.
(Now all they need is a better attitude towards Lake Berryessa!)

Press Release: The Bureau of Reclamation is modernizing our visual identity, including the logo, as part of a proactive effort to better articulate the important work we do. The new visual identity and logo improves accessibility, is more suitable for digital communications, and can be more uniquely and directly associated with Reclamation.



2019 word of the year: "They"
(See if you can figure this one out)

Merriam-Webster declared the personal pronoun "they" as word of the year, with a 313% increase in Merriam-Webster.com lookups over 2018, AP reports.

Why it matters: Merriam-Webster recently added a new definition to its online dictionary to reflect use of "they" as relating to a person whose gender identity is nonbinary.

In October, the American Psychological Association endorsed "they" as a singular third-person pronoun in its style guide for scholarly writing.

"We believe writers should try to use a person's self-identified pronoun whenever feasible," said Jasper Simons, chief publishing officer for the APA.

"The singular 'they' is a way for writers to avoid making assumptions about gender when it is not known."

Flashback: The American Dialect Society, which is dedicated to the study of the English language in North America, named "they" its word of the year for 2015, in recognition of its emergence among people who reject "he" and "she."

4Berryessa Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

“Berryessa CERT is comprised of volunteers who live in the Circle Oaks, Berryessa Highlands, Capell Valley, Spanish Flat and Berryessa Pines communities.”

Shelly van Rijn, Berryessa CERT Team Leader

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about the hazards that affect their communities and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, personal preparedness, and disaster medical operations. People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace.

If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives. When help does arrive, CERTs provide useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community.

Following a major disaster in the Napa Valley, first responders who provide emergency services will not always be able to meet the immediate demand for these services. The high number of victims, communication failures and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect. People will need to rely on themselves in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs.



The CERT Basic Training covers basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members are better able to assist their family, neighborhood or workplace following an event when first responders (paramedics, fire, police) are not immediately available to help.

In an emergency, CERT teaches you to take care of your personal safety first, then your family, and then those around you. It is important to know what to do to protect ourselves and our family members before, during, and after an emergency event. CERT Training helps you do this.

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Sealed into this leaky barrel of myself, I brace against staves creaking and aching as the bitter river races toward a niagara thundering dead ahead: can my rattled heart survive unpulverized the pandemonium of that tumbling plunge, touch bottom then surface to yellow slickers waving from the boat's misty deck?

Michael McFee

The Philosopher Said And I Said

1
Think of the last time you went swimming.

Did you have a picture of yourself, an image of-what?-you? bobbing there?

A consciousness of consciousness, a picture-making you among the waters.

2
Once, wearing a bright blue bathingsuit, I jumped from a white boat into a green sea

and swam a mile to shore, tired and gasping for air. Orgiastic purple crabs clacked on the rocks.

Conch shells, pink lips bleached. A half-drowned, sun-burnt swimmer on a sun-baked beach. Parched, I set back for ship.

Later, I remembered a quick cool dip, an azure cove.

It is now a precious picture. I keep it near the others. The one of me leaving home.

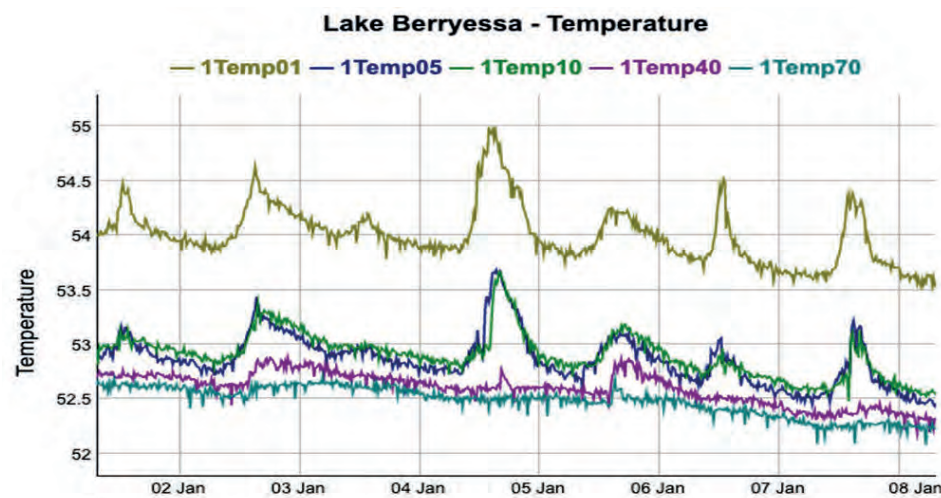
The one of me coming home after all those years.

Susan Lasher

Lake Level as of 7/8/2020

January in recent years has set the tone in Napa County for a wet or below-average rainy season, and this one is starting on the dry side. Forecast models indicate heavier rain could come after mid-month.

Lake Berryessa is now at 432.6 feet msl, 7.4 feet below Glory Hole. Last year at this time the lake level was 430.3 feet, 9.7 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall total for the season (July 1, 2019 to June, 30, 2020) is 7.2 inches. Last year on this date it was 11.0 inches. Water temperature is about 53 degrees from top to bottom.



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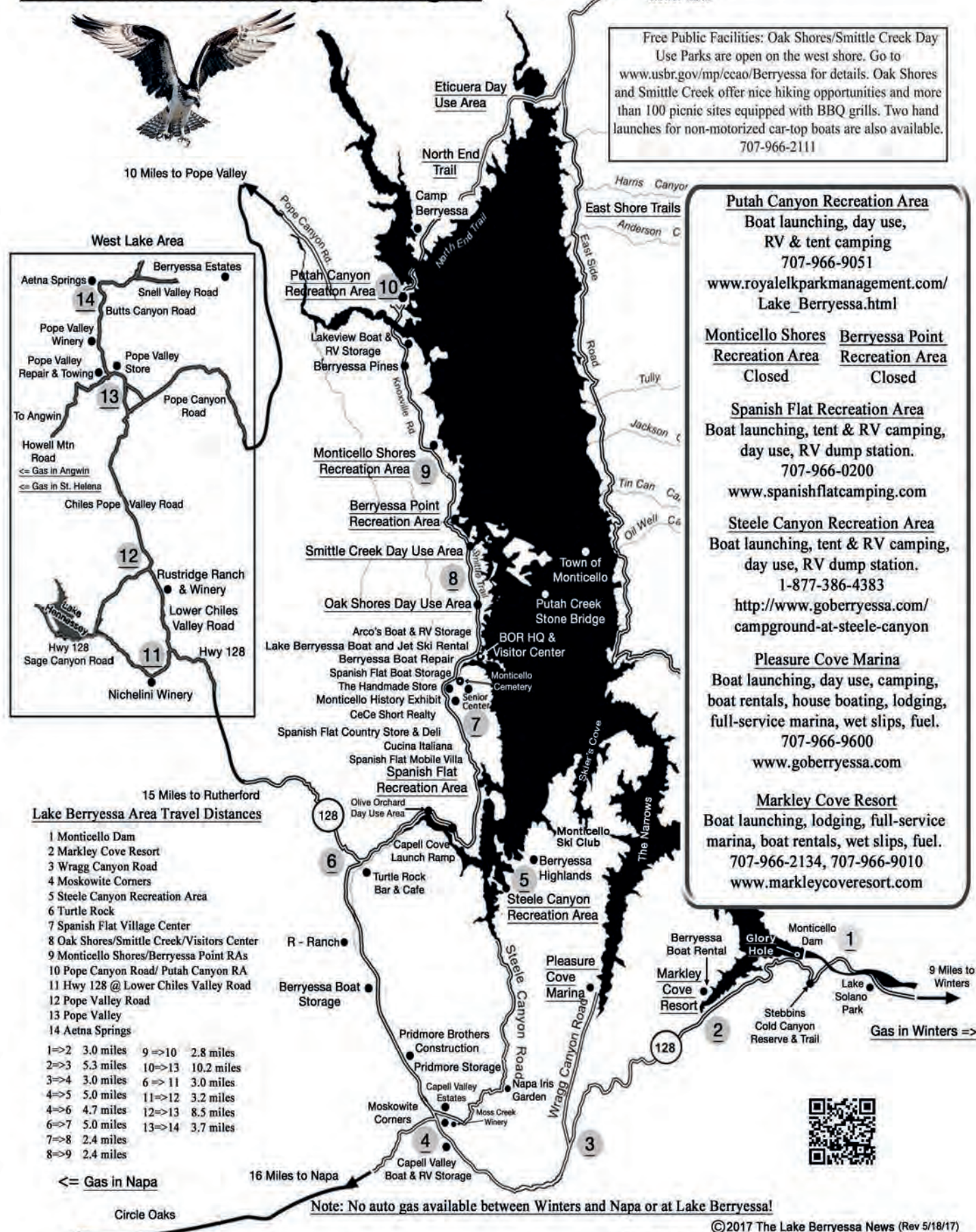
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Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

1 Monticello Dam	9 => 10	2.8 miles
2 Markley Cove Resort	10 => 13	10.2 miles
3 Wragg Canyon Road	6 => 11	3.0 miles
4 Moskowite Corners	11 => 12	3.2 miles
5 Steele Canyon Recreation Area	12 => 13	8.5 miles
6 Turtle Rock	13 => 14	3.7 miles
7 Spanish Flat Village Center		
8 Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitors Center		
9 Monticello Shores/Berryessa Point RAs		
10 Pope Canyon Road/ Putah Canyon RA		
11 Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road		
12 Pope Valley Road		
13 Pope Valley		
14 Aetna Springs		
1=>2	3.0 miles	
2=>3	5.3 miles	
3=>4	3.0 miles	
4=>5	5.0 miles	
4=>6	4.7 miles	
6=>7	5.0 miles	
7=>8	2.4 miles	
8=>9	2.4 miles	

No on Measure K, the Boondoggle Tax

\$9 MILLION per year!

But no money for Lake Berryessa.

And no compelling need nor recreational benefit for Napa residents.

Picking your pocket a dollar at a time.

Expanding boutique environmentalism.

No measurable impact on climate change.

"Protecting" already well-protected land - from what, for what?

Buying city votes with sales tax-funded local parks.

Boondoggle: work or activity that is wasteful or pointless but gives the appearance of having value; an expensive program that is a waste of money, especially one using public money. Imagine kids in a candy store spending money like drunken sailors.

A burning question to many of us trying to revitalize a battered Lake Berryessa region is why this Boondoggle Tax is being considered at all when one of the most important recreational areas in Napa County, Lake Berryessa, has been so neglected by the County. We'd like to have \$9 MILLION a year to help in the revitalization of this major resource! Real recreation for real people with real monetary benefit for Napa County.

Lake Berryessa is only mentioned ONCE in passing in the ordinance itself in Section B.1.b describing "protecting" water quality by buying land. But Lake Berryessa is already the cleanest lake in northern California with no foreseeable water quality threats. Buying watershed lands which can't be developed anyway does not "protect" water quality.

The RPOSD has done little of compelling recreational or environmental benefit for Napa County residents. They claim they are "preserving" land, but they are actually just buying land that is already nearly unusable for any practical development.

\$9 MILLION per year! \$45 MILLION in 5 years. \$90 MILLION in ten years. \$135 MILLION in fifteen years. Ridiculous! What could you do with \$9 MILLION per year. \$9 MILLION stolen from Napa County residents' wallets. The existing sales tax in Napa County is already 7.75 percent, with the exception of St. Helena, where it is 8.25 percent. For many people, these taxes build up and become a burden. The RPOSD needs to live on its current budget not tax, tax, tax.

The Lake Berryessa News believes the benefits of Measure K are not worth its cost.

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Napa County - Reclamation - MPA Signing Update

According to Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer, "We are still working within the February timeframe. We continue to work on the MPA document with BOR."

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The Boondoggle Tax

The Four Tragedies of the Berryessa Valley: A History of Heartbreak (and Recovery?)

by Peter Killus

As I stood with Brian Hackney of KPIX's Eye on the Bay (see the interview on the Lake Berryessa News web site) looking out at the fantastic view of Lake Berryessa from the site of the demolished Steele Park Resort's Boathouse Restaurant, I was struck by the many levels of history we were witness to. And much of that history, unfortunately, was filled with heartbreak. This article is an excerpt from a book I'm writing about the history of the lake tentatively titled "Policy and Politics Betray the People: The Lake Berryessa Saga: 1958 - 2020"

K: The First Tragedy: The Destruction of Native American Culture

Formerly known as Talahalusi (Beautiful Land), the Napa Valley is one of California's longest inhabited areas. Archaeological surveys indicate 10,000 years of uninterrupted habitation. "It was a paradise - a cultivated paradise where one only had to reach out their hand to eat. A place rich in beauty, water and food," stated the oral history of Native American Elder Jim Big Bear King.

Native Americans lived peacefully in pole houses, using clamshell beads and magnesite cylinders for money and jewelry. They processed obsidian into shafts, spears and arrowheads, which were used for hunting and export. Acorns, perennial grasses, wild berries, freshwater shellfish, salmon, fowl and game were their diet. These hunter-gatherers lived in a rich environment with a capacity for a dense, socially complex population of 35,000-40,000 people. They established large permanent villages with nearby seasonal resource and task-specific camps.

In 1976 an archaeological survey of lands slated for development for recreational

purposes (Oak Shores) resulted in the discovery of a number of prehistoric artifacts along the shoreline of Lake Berryessa. Although the study area (Oakshores Park) is contiguous to Lake Berryessa and appears (at the present time) to be a favorable place for human occupancy, prior to the construction of Monticello Dam it was a considerable distance from the principal stream draining the area (Putah Creek).

Spain claimed the land that included California in about 1530. It stayed in Spanish hands until Mexican independence in 1821 when it became part of Mexico—Alta California as it was called by the Mexicans to distinguish it from Baja California.

After the Spanish and Mexican invasion in 1823, the tribes were nearly decimated by forced marches and smallpox. When forced to relocate to various missions for religious indoctrination, many fled to friendlier territory.

The Second Tragedy: The Destruction of Spanish Culture

Alta California stayed in Mexican hands until an infamous incident in 1846. John C. Fremont led a group of American adventurers and earlier American immigrants in an uprising to try and free Alta California from Mexican hands. On 14 June 1846 Fremont and company declared California to be an independent state: the Bear Flag Republic. What so stains the Bear Flag Republic is the killing by some of Fremont's men, lead by the famous Kit Carson, of three innocent Mexicans—Jose de los Reyes Berryessa and two of his nephews.

This "republic" only lasted until 7 July 1846. The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the Mexican-American war and

ceded northern Mexico to the U.S. California, then, became a territory of the U.S. In 1850 California was admitted to the Union as a state and stayed in the Union during the Civil War.

What, though, of the people of Alta California? Who were they, where did they come from, and how did they change over time? Particularly what of the people of Berryessa Valley?

The first people known to reside in the valley were American Indians from the Southern Wintun tribe. Up until about 1800 members of the Southern Wintun tribe lived in a village in Berryessa Valley named Topai. Their main diet was acorns which normally grew abundantly. Unfortunately, no members of the Southern Wintun tribe survive.

The next known inhabitants of the valley were two Mexican brothers, the Berryessas (Berryessa is a corruption of their actual name—Berelleza). The Berryessa brothers, Sisto and Jose, received the valley as part of a land grant to them in 1843 from the newly independent Mexican government. When California became a state in 1850 the Berryessas petitioned to have their land grant recognized by the United States government.

However, by the time Lincoln finalized the Berryessa brothers' right to the land almost none of the land was still in Berryessa hands. The Berryessas had sold the vast majority of the land in order to cover their plentiful debts, particularly gambling debts. It seems that Sisto and Jose were overly fond of Three Card Monte and horse racing. In 1879, the last Berryessa homesteader, Nicholosa Higuera, wife of Sisto Berryessa, died. Her husband died the year before in 1878. Both were buried in the valley. Sisto's

body, unlike that of many of the other homesteaders, was not recovered when the cemetery in Monticello was relocated to Spanish Flat. Sisto lies beneath the waters of Lake Berryessa even today.

The Third Tragedy: The Destruction of Rural Culture

The town of Monticello was born the next year, 1867, when B.F. Davis built a blacksmith shop. It became the center of a prosperous agricultural community and was located somewhat in the middle of the valley, along Putah Creek. The valley itself was flat and fertile and was considered to have some of the best soil in the country.

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2 Four Tragedies
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Monticello was always a fairly small town, usually two to three hundred residents. The town at different times had a hotel, a school, two gas pumps, a general store, a community hall, and a bar (a roadside spot called “The Hub”). McKenzie and Sons store (originally McKenzie and Cook) was a center point for much of the activity in the town. Albert McKenzie, who ran the store for many years, was the grocery clerk, postmaster, community telephone switchboard operator, notary public, crop insurance man as well as the person to go to for free farming and income tax advice. He was a man who wore many hats. Monticello became a popular venue for rodeos, baseball games, and “cow roasts” drawing people from miles around.

The town enjoyed the distinction of being the first community in the state to have a telephone system installed (around 1905). In 1896 the famous Monticello Bridge over Putah Creek, was built. It was considered the grandest stone masonry bridge ever built in California, consisting of three 70 foot spans. Some claim it was the largest stone bridge in the Western United States. The Bridge is the only thing that remains of Monticello beneath the waters of Lake Berryessa—everything else was either burnt to the ground or carted off.



Lake Berryessa. When I explain what happened most become incredulous and can't believe the government could have done something so stupid. "How could they have gotten away with that?" they exclaim. So I'm writing a book to explain.

The goal of my new book is to provide the history and the context within which such an incredibly destructive course of action took place. The book is dedicated to documenting this final tragedy - and, hopefully, the promised revitalization.

Thanks, Supervisor Pedroza
Stu Williams, Lake Berryessa

I would like to thank, on behalf of the Lake Berryessa community, Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza for all his hard work for the revitalization of Lake Berryessa.

Twelve years ago, the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) promised the residents of Lake Berryessa, and the million visitors a year to Lake Berryessa, that this beautiful “Diamond In The Rough Lake” would experience a “seamless transition” after the closing and demolition of the five resorts at the lake.

This promised transition resulted in the closing of our local schools, the closing of many local businesses and loss of jobs, and accounted for the loss of value in local real estate, and very substantial increases in water and sewer rates for lake residents.

At first, the community vehemently protested the closing of the resorts,

Steele Park Restaurant



attending numerous meetings held by BOR, who promised they were listening, but, in fact, were treating the residents and visitors like a piece of “coal” instead of the “Diamond In The Rough Lake” as previously described, hoping the residents would tire of protesting. We listened hopefully to the BOR’s illusory promises that they understood what went wrong with the original transition promise, and they would spend millions of dollars to study what went wrong, only to be finally told a dozen years later, that they were only in the water business, and couldn’t fix the situation, and they didn’t know what to do, and would do nothing.

Three years ago, our local supervisor, Alfredo Pedroza, decided to confront this situation, after many skeptics considered the revitalization of the lake a lost cause.

Supervisor Pedroza started working to get our fire insurance rates stabilized, by leading the efforts of the county to create the New Cappell Fire Station. Supervisor Pedroza, using his banking background, worked with the BOR, creating the Managing Partner Agreement, to be finalized in February 2020, allowing investments, including long-term concession agreements, for the revitalization of the Lake.

Supervisor Pedroza, thank you for your perseverance on behalf of Lake Berryessa, for realizing that a diamond is a chunk of coal that stuck to its job.

Proverbs Across Cultures

All human beings are essentially the same despite being slightly biologically different due to evolution. The human brain is physically the same in all humans. Concepts may be expressed differently in different languages due to the range of human experience around the world, but they are founded on the same perceptions and mental processes. Here are some interesting African proverbs that may sound familiar anywhere.

If you pick up one end of the stick you also pick up the other.
If you do not have patience you cannot make beer. Ovambo
Even the best cooking pot will not produce food.

Ashes fly back in the face of he who throws them.

He who is unable to dance says that the yard is stony.

Anger and madness are brothers.

Hurry, hurry has no blessings.

If you want to go quickly, go alone. To go far, go together.

No matter how good you are to a goat, it will still eat your yam.

You cannot beat a child to take away its tears.

A fight between grasshoppers is a joy to the crow.

We desire to bequeath two things to our children; the first one is roots, the other one is wings.

Rain wets the leopard’s spots but it does not wash them off.

No matter how beautiful and well-crafted a coffin might look, it will not make anyone wish for death.

Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable.

The lion that prowls quietly doesn’t mean it’s intimidated.

The length of the rope determines the movement of the goat.

A flea can trouble a lion more than a lion can trouble a flea.

To run is not necessarily to arrive.

Where a woman rules, streams run uphill.

By the time a fool learns the game, the players have dispersed.

A child who is carried will not know how far the journey is.

Do not look where you fell but where you slipped.

A happy man marries the girl he loves, but a happier man loves the girl he marries.

If you close your eyes to facts, you will learn through accidents.

Life is lived forward, but understood backward.

A bird with fire on its tail burns its own nest.

One who has been bitten by a snake lives in fear of worms.

Those who move are the ones who see the lion’s footprints.

What you help a child to love can be more important than what you help him to learn.

To get lost is to learn the way.

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Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
Steven Wright

6 Berryessa Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Shelly van Rijn

Berryessa CERT is comprised of volunteers who live in the Circle Oaks, Berryessa Highlands, Capell Valley, Spanish Flat and Berryessa Pines communities.

Our first Berryessa CERT training meeting was on CERT go bags. We had received a CERT helmet, CERT vest, work gloves, goggles and training materials from Napa County CERT upon completion of our training. After reviewing the hazards that we may face in our local area, what other items might be useful in our gear bags? We had fun comparing items from all of our gear bags and it was a great way to learn about new things we had never thought of.

Following is the list that we came up with. I hope all of you find something useful you can apply to your own emergency preparedness kits! Everything on this list would make a great kit to keep in your home or car, ready to grab at a moments notice if a disaster strikes or you've told to evacuate. I know in the last few times I've had to evacuate due to a wildfire, my pre-packed CERT go bag came in handy more than a few times. I've also made a paired down version of this kit for my daughters and it makes me feel better know they have them in their cars.

CERT Gear Bag Required Items:

Cert Hard Hat & Cert Vest
Safety Goggles, Knee Pads
Leather Work Gloves
Sturdy Closed Toe Shoes
Long Pants
Flashlight, Extra Batteries
N95 Mask

Note Pad, Pen, Pencil, Black Sharpie
Fog (Field Operating Guide)
Bottled Water
Utility Shut Off Wrench
Hand Sanitizer, Small Tissue Packs
Whistle, Latex Free Gloves

Suggested Supplemental Items

Helmet Headlamp, Extra Batteries
Caution Tape, Triage Tape (Red, Yellow, Green, Black)
Triage Tape Holder (Snap Buckle Dog Collar)
16" Glow Stick
Folding Shovel/Pick Combo
Pocket Knife (4" Or Less)
Rain Poncho, Sunglasses, Bandana
First Aid Supplies
Gallon Ziplock Bags
Multi Tool, Duct Tape
Glow Sticks – Red, Yellow, Green With Strings
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2 Pairs Of Extra Underwear
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Signal Mirror, Compass
Maps Of The Area
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Napafirewise Chipping Program

Mark your calendars for the reopening of the Chipping Program in March. The Napa County Fire Department (NCFD) provides a free chipping service to all Napa County residents who live in a designated fire hazard zone (rural area), in order to help residents stay safe with appropriate defensible space on their property. To learn more about the program, visit <https://napafirewise.org/programs/chipping/>

Program Criteria

The maximum individual pile size is 50 feet long, 6 feet high by 10 feet wide.

There is no limit to the number of piles one can have chipped in a season. Each pile requires a separate chipping request, even if being requested at the same time, to enable tracking of material volume chipped and labor hours.

All piles must be placed along a road accessible by truck and chipper. Piles must also be safely accessible by the chipping crew; far enough away from a main road, highway, and moving traffic for the chipping crew to safely work.

Piles are required to remain on the home owner's property and not on public roadways.

Piles should be stacked cut end (butt) towards the road for ease of grasping for chipping.

Stem diameter is limited to a maximum of 6 inches.

No mechanically piled brush by tractor or dozer will be chipped.

Piles must be limited to brush and tree limbs from the property itself. Stringy vine type brush, such as poison oak, construction materials, leaves, grass clippings, etc. are not allowed as they may foul or damage the chipper.

The free chipping service is for residential use only and not for a commercial enterprise.

If you need assistance in preparing piles to be chipped, it is recommended that you contact a tree service or landscape maintenance company.

Manfree Challenging Pedroza for Lake Berryessa Votes

Pedroza's broad political experience, financial expertise, and support for Lake Berryessa's revitalization vs. Manfree's scientific expertise, land use concerns, and support by slow growth advocates who show no support for Lake Berryessa's future.

The Lake Berryessa News endorses Alredo Pedroza.



Public Invited To Observe All Phases Of March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election

The Napa County Election Division invites the public, the media, members of the Grand Jury, political party organizations and anyone interested in the election process to observe all aspects of the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. All processing and counting will take place at the Napa County Election Division 1127 1st St., Ste E, Napa.

"We welcome observers to this fundamental cornerstone of our democratic process," announced Napa County Registrar of Voters John Tuteur, "Those who wish to observe the election should contact us 24 hours in advance so that we can facilitate the observation process.

You can call the election office at (707) 253-4322 or toll free (Upvalley and American Canyon) 1-888-494-8356, or send an e-mail to elections@countyofnapa.org. Observers must sign in and receive appropriate identification.

Logic and accuracy testing of the ballot tabulation equipment begins on January 28, 2020, at our central office. Vote-by-mail ballot processing will begin Friday, February 28, 2020 at 8 a.m. and continue Saturday, February 29, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Counting of ballots processed through Friday, February 28, 2020 will begin 9 a.m. Saturday, February 29, 2020 and continue through Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Results from processed vote-by-mail ballots are available shortly after 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Counting will resume on Friday March 6, 2020.

The selection process for the risk-limiting audit required under the California Election Code will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday March 2, 2020. The risk-limiting audit will begin on Thursday March 12, 2020 and continue until certification of the election.

Pursuant to California election law, the Registrar of Voters has 30 days after the election to certify the election results. Observers are also welcome at any of our 9 vote centers.

February 2020 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Advances in science will soon allow man to travel to the most distant corners of the universe. Still no word, however, on it being able to get you off that couch.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): If someone had told you 30 years ago that you'd end up an insurance salesman, you probably would have laughed. Then again, you would've been 6 months old at the time.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You will give birth to a beautiful, bouncing baby girl this week, moments after going into labor inside that giant inflatable castle.

Taurus (4/20-5/20): Fear and Jealousy will soon tear you apart, which is rather unfortunate, as Fear and Jealousy are the two pitbulls that live next door.

Gemini (5/21-6/21): Use the watering-can of good intentions to nurture the fig tree of expectations. There, enjoy figuring that one out, you jerks.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You claim that nobody understands you, but then, the strange white men in lab coats are doing the best they can.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Investigators on the scene of the accident will say there was nothing you could have done, unless you count not stomping on the gas and driving straight into the huge tanker truck.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): There will be a brief cease-fire in the age-old war between the sexes as both sides cooperate in hunting you down and trying you for war crimes.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You will find yourself lost in a strange new world in which the hairless, vaguely simian natives seem to be trying to communicate with you.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Don't worry if you don't understand the complex, yet seemingly effortless, unfolding of the universe. After all, you're stupid.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Enough about you. This week, Virgo will be unable to shake the feeling that you never listen to her.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): It's getting harder for your loved ones to believe that you never have any spare change.

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4 **Socially Responsible Investing:**

An Oxymoron?

If you follow the news and social media posts related to climate change, you should have noticed how many corporations are marketing their conversion to climate change advocacy - the “greening” of their companies. Most of this advertising is still in the category of “greenwashing”.

Greenwashing is the process of conveying a false impression or providing misleading information about how a company's products are more environmentally sound. Greenwashing is considered an unsubstantiated claim to deceive consumers into believing that a company's products are environmentally friendly.

People who have amassed large fortunes through hard work or inheritance can, and should, make a significant contribution to society. Many do – Warren Buffet and Bill Gates are prime examples. There’s even an organization named Responsible Wealth (www.responsiblewealth.org) whose brochure states that: “We are business leaders and wealthy individuals, among the top five percent of income earners and asset holders in the U.S. We are concerned about the rise in powers of large corporations and the growing gap between the rich and everyone else.”

But besides contributing to volunteer organizations, what can the more modestly financially comfortable do with their money? Socially responsible investing has its historical roots in the battle to end apartheid in South Africa. Initially, a few stock mutual funds had refused to invest in companies which dealt with South Africa. In 1982 a social investment fund was set up within the Calvert Investment Group. It was the first stock fund that tried to *screen* companies to avoid bad corporate practices generally. Over the years, the search for a list of guidelines to judge whether a company was socially responsible has evolved into the present Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies (CERES) principles (www.ceres.org).

Socially responsible investing is often promoted to the conscience-stricken. But remember, mutual funds, for example, are just pools of company common stock; and they are

pools in a secondary market which has minimal effect on the operation of companies themselves. And do the companies really care who owns their stocks or bonds? Will they become more environmentally-friendly if they know one or the other of several ostensibly socially-responsible mutual funds owns the stock? This has not been the case to date.

Screening sets the context for almost all social investing strategies. The goal of social investing, on the screening side, is to one day make screening a company out of a fund a punishment so high that irresponsible companies' stock prices would get pushed lower, and screening a company into a fund a reward such that responsible companies' stock prices would sell at a premium.

Screening has created an industry of social investment managers and research firms who are creating the infrastructure to continually advance the state of the art for evaluating companies, analyzing companies, asking them questions every year, putting the information on databases for the public, and trying to help everybody figure out, based on the information, how to make their investment decisions. Screening establishes a set of researchers, analysts, and investors who evaluate a company on its social and environmental performance.

They are there year in and year out. They don't go away. This creates higher expectations for corporate behavior and pushes companies to be better corporate citizens. Screening sets the context that makes shareholder advocacy possible in a number of different ways. Almost all of the major money managers who do screening engage in some level of advocacy to try to improve the companies they hold.

So what is the really socially responsible investor to do? And there’s the catchword, “do.” To have an impact you must be active, not passive (with a passively clear conscience because you read the prospectus from the mutual fund). If you own stock you can attend a stockholders meeting. If you own enough stock, you can make public proposals to be voted on at the stockholders meeting.

Even if you don’t own stock you can take actions (boycotts, protests) that are designed to drive stock prices down, thus affecting management decisions. Shareholder advocacy

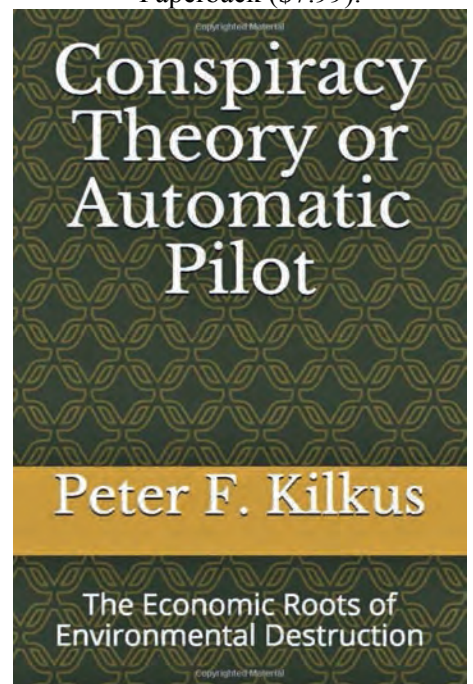
is an important strategy for people who hold stock in companies they're locked into, either on an individual level because of tax considerations, or on an institutional level because of the policy of the investment committee, or maybe on a pension plan level because the Employee Retirement Individual Security Act (ERISA) requirements don't allow them to divest certain kinds of companies.

(This is an excerpt from the book, *Conspiracy Theory or Automatic Pilot: The Economic Roots of Environmental Destruction* by Peter Kilkus.)

Classical economics is a mythology. Predatory capitalism is a fundamentalist religion based on this mythology. Environmental destruction and income inequality are results of the practice of this mythical religion. But is the present economic and environmental situation a conscious conspiracy or an unintended consequence of simplistic beliefs supported by basic human greed?

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Available on Amazon in Kindle (\$2.99) or Paperback (\$7.99).



Lake Level as of 1/30/20

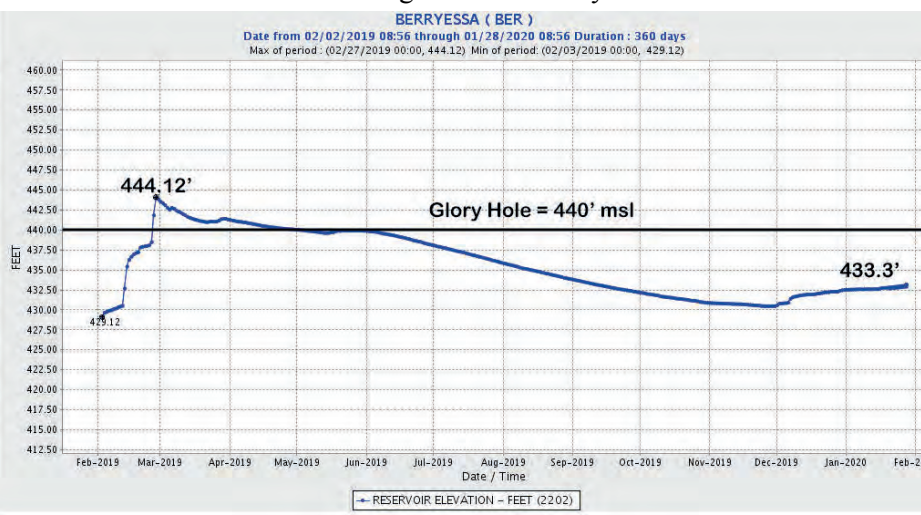
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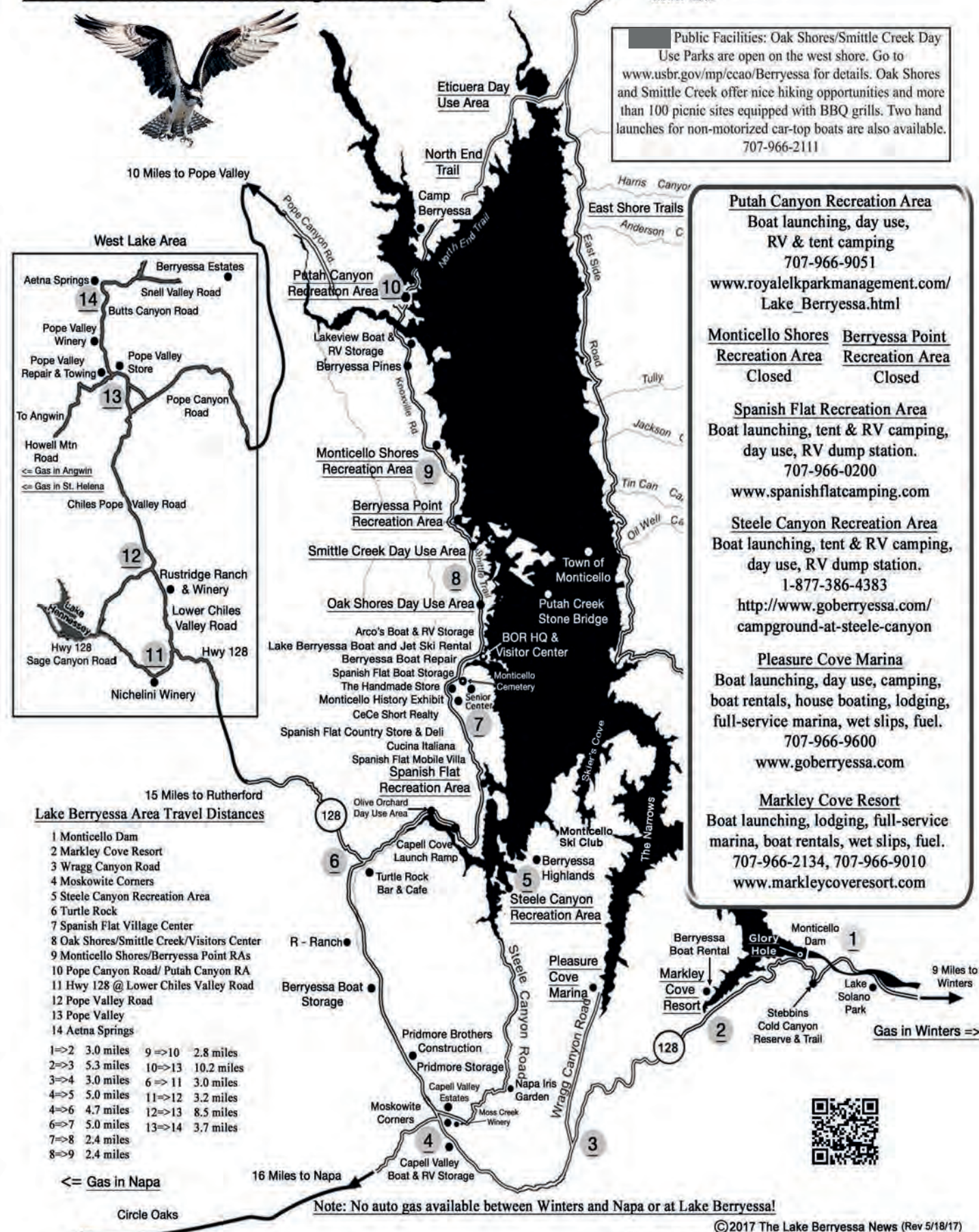
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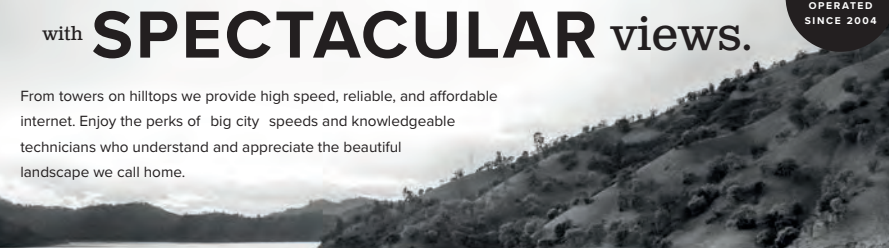
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Lake Berryessa Revitalization Continues Making Slow Progress

Lake Berryessa Recreational Development Update

Drew Lessard of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation says his agency and Napa County are "this close" to wrapping up an agreement for the county to oversee Lake Berryessa resort revitalization. Lessard said he feels confident a version meeting the Bureau's local and legal perspectives can be completed by the end of February.

Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza during the latest update said people at the lake have had high hopes the county can improve the Berryessa resort situation. "The longer we prolong it, the less hopeful they become," Pedroza told Bureau officials. "I want to look you in the eye and say, 'I do not want to let them down.'"

Lessard said the local economy and recreation are important for the Department of the Interior, which his agency is under. "We want to bring this thing home, not just for you, not just for the department and Reclamation, but also for the (people) who live up there," Lessard said.

If so, that could allow the Napa County Board of Supervisors to consider an agreement in March. County staff continues to work diligently with the Bureau of Reclamation to finalize the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA), which would allow the County to take over responsibilities of recreation management at Lake Berryessa for up to seven concession areas for a 55-year term, expected to begin November 2020.

Once the MPA is finalized, the County anticipates releasing a Request for Proposal in April/May 2020 for the first three concession areas - Steele Park, Spanish Flat, and Monticello Shores.

Long negotiations have entered what

appears to be a slow-motion finish. Deputy County Executive Officer Molly Rattigan said the two parties are working on legal language.

"Words matter," Rattigan said. "And we need to make sure these words really work well for both sides and clearly articulate what we're trying to accomplish."

The parties are really trying to resolve one issue, Rattigan said. That involves giving concessionaires the assurances they need to obtain financing for infrastructure and improvements. Pedroza agreed that words matter. Outcomes also matter, he said.

Managing Partner Agreement Terms

The Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) is for Napa County (County) to take over responsibilities of recreation management at Lake Berryessa for up to 7 concession areas. The term of the MPA is 55 years. The term of the MPA assumes the County will seek development opportunities beyond basic campgrounds and includes a full array of services including marinas.

Reclamation agreed to provide financial assistance to the County during the early phases of the recreation management while the County brings on partners to develop some of the concession areas.

Reclamation will provide financial assistance for the initial 5 years of the MPA. Financial assistance will be provided under the cost share authorities and requirements of Public Law 89-72 as amended (50% of losses). Reasonable adjustments to the annual financial assistance amounts may be made as mutually agreed.

The funding levels were determined under the assumption that the County will

take management of three sites (Steele, Monticello and Spanish Flat) and make a good faith effort in regards to exercising the option to bring the existing concessionaires at Markley Cove and Pleasure Cove under the MPA.

The funding provided will be in the following order:

Year 1 of the MPA - Reclamation will provide up to \$150,000.00 to offset the County's operating cost of recreation management at Lake Berryessa.

Year 2 of the MPA - Reclamation will provide up to \$250,000.00 to offset the County's operating cost of recreation management at Lake Berryessa.

Year 3 of the MPA - Reclamation will provide up to \$250,000.00 to offset the County's operating cost of recreation management at Lake Berryessa.

Year 4 of the MPA - Reclamation will provide up to \$250,000.00 to offset the County's operating cost of recreation management at Lake Berryessa.

Year 5 of the MPA - Reclamation will provide up to \$150,000.00 to offset the County's operating cost of recreation management at Lake Berryessa.

Effective at the signing of the MPA, Reclamation will provide ½ FTE (Full Time Employee) of a Recreational Planner to provide technical support through the Request for Proposal (RFP), bid selection, and award process to the County team during the first few years of County recreation management at Lake Berryessa. This will be at no cost to the County and will not be deducted from or considered a part of the agreed upon financial assistance.

Reclamation will provide office spaces and utilities to the County team for the first 5 years of the MPA. Office space

will consist of one office, unfurnished. Utilities will include electrical service, water, wastewater, and telephone line. This will be at no cost to the County and will not be deducted from or considered a part of the agreed upon financial assistance.

Under the MPA, the County will be responsible and for the following based on the agreed upon date for each site:

Recreation management for up to 7 concession areas, including solicitation of business opportunities, negotiation and execution of contracts, quality assurance monitoring, and, as necessary, corrective actions to bring contractors into compliance.

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Steele Canyon, Monticello Shores, and Spanish Flat will be included November 1, 2020. Pleasure Cove, and Markley Cove will be included upon County exercising an option on or before November, 2030.

Berryessa Point and Putah Canyon will be optional sites if the County decides to include them into their portfolio through a subsequent mutual agreement with Reclamation

Fire Management – The County will be responsible for the development and implementation of a fire management plan, including any agreements necessary for fire suppression and for fuel management for the areas managed by Napa County.

Law Enforcement – The County will be responsible for providing Law Enforcement for the areas managed by the County under the MPA. Reclamation will fund a minimum of one law enforcement officer through an Enhanced Services Agreement for 5 years for enhanced law enforcement services to federally manager areas. The Enhanced Services Agreement will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval at the same time as the MPA.

Hazardous Materials & Waste management – the County will be responsible and for overseeing concessionaire use of hazardous materials and generating hazardous waste including all necessary permitting as well as managing any errors that arise. Reclamation retains responsibility for cleaning up any existing issues.

Water and Waste Water – The County will be responsible for providing potable water and manage waste water, waste water permits, waste water, and water quality violations within areas managed by the County under the MPA.

Timeline – Phasing the concession sites under the MPA by the County:

Phase 1 – (November 1, 2020) The County will take over recreation management responsibility for Steele Canyon,

Monticello Shores, and Spanish Flat.
Phase 2 – By or before November 1, 2030, The County will determine whether it will exercise an option to take over the recreation management responsibility for Pleasure Cove and Markley Cove.

Phase 3 – The County may take over the recreation management responsibility for Berryessa Point and Putah Canyon.

Termination - Reclamation will reserve the rights to terminate the MPA in the event of a national emergency, if the County fails to provide appropriate recreation activities or meet its commitments under this agreement or under provisions listed in the MPA.

County shall have the right to terminate for convenience its rights and obligations in connection with any concession areas without a concessionaire upon 90 days' notice.

Scientific Evidence: Cell Phone Safety

The state of scientific knowledge continues to demonstrate that the current limit on radio frequency (RF) energy set by the Federal Communications Commission remains acceptable for protecting the public health. The FDA recently provided an updated assessment of the current limits based on the currently available scientific evidence. To date, there is no consistent or credible scientific evidence of health problems caused by the exposure to radio frequency energy emitted by cell phones

The FDA's doctors, scientists and engineers continually monitor the scientific studies and public health data for evidence that radio frequency energy from cell phones could cause adverse health effects. If a credible risk is detected, the FDA will work closely with other federal partners to mitigate the risk.

The gold standard for the assessment of risk to public health remains the data and information that is available from studying effects on humans. The currently available epidemiological studies, public health surveillance data, and supportive laboratory studies on cell phone radiation provide abundant evidence to support the

FDA's determination.
As part of ongoing monitoring activities, the FDA analyzes published epidemiological studies for specific outcomes including brain and other tumors as well as for any evidence of other adverse events. No clear and consistent pattern has emerged from epidemiological studies. Based on the evaluation of the currently available information, the FDA believes that the weight of the scientific evidence does not support an increase in health risks from radio frequency exposure from cell phone use at or below the radio frequency exposure limits set by the FCC.

The FDA also monitors the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) database maintained by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) at the National Institutes for Health (NIH). The SEER data show that brain cancer rates are not increasing in the United States despite the significant increase in the number of cell phone users.

The NCI data clearly demonstrate no widespread rise in brain and other nervous system cancers in the last (nearly) three decades despite the enormous increase in cell phone use during this period. The Pew Research Center estimates that from 2002 to 2019, the percentage of the population owning a cell phone or smartphone has risen from 62 percent to 96 percent, and yet there is a small decrease in brain and other nervous tissue cancer rates.

To date, the scientific evidence indicates

symptoms experienced by people who self-identify as having electromagnetic hypersensitivity occur when the individual believes they are being exposed to radio frequency energy. Based on the available scientific evidence, their very real symptoms are not the result of radio frequency exposures. Many studies have been done to determine if participants can determine if they are being exposed to RF or a sham exposure. The results indicate people cannot sense when they are being exposed to RF.

New Director of Library Services & Community Outreach

Anthony Halstead has been appointed Napa County's Director of Library Services & Community Outreach, replacing Danis Kreimeier who retired in December.

Halstead has been with Napa County since May 2009, when he was hired as the Library's Support Services Manager. He later became Assistant Director.

Halstead has participated in numerous library projects, including the remodel or development of all four library branch locations as well as implementation of new services and programs, both in-person and online.

Prior to joining Napa County, Halstead worked for the Fresno County Library, serving as the Metro Branch Supervisor after being hired as the first World Languages Librarian. He also worked as a reference and adult services librarian in Lewisville, TX.

Recycling Economics Fall Apart

Unable to absorb new costs, cities are killing recycling programs just as public concerns about climate change ratchet up. China, the biggest buyer of U.S. recycled materials, has closed its doors. Before the ban, the U.S. was exporting around 70% of its waste to China.

Changing consumer behavior has made the trash-sorting process more complex and expensive. The market for recycling has had a lot of shock. Cities are thinking about whether this really worth it.

A major recycling center in the Washington, D.C. suburbs used to turn a healthy profit from processing recycled materials from a 50-mile radius. Now it's having to pay vendors to truck material away, and is re-negotiating decades-old contracts with cities at higher rates — and explaining to consumers why they suddenly have to pay for curbside pick-up. Now that consumers are convinced of the environmental value of recycling programs, most are willing to pay for them.

And cities have to shift from collecting as much recycled material as possible to only the items that have a market. If there's no one in your local area to buy and recycle glass, you spend more fuel and carbon trucking it somewhere that does — and the benefit to the planet falls apart.

There's not a silver bullet - it's going to take a number of factors. Reducing the waste stream, reusing more, rethinking how we're packaging things, and education. Never stop educating the public.

A major recycling center in near Washington, D.C. runs up to 22 hours a day to process the 550 tons of paper, plastic, aluminum and glass that are delivered daily. Despite the heavy machinery and increased automation, the process is still extremely dependent on humans. Researchers are developing robots to more accurately and efficiently complete tedious, dangerous recycling tasks like sorting.

On each shift, 28 "sorters" sift through the material as it rolls down a series of fast-moving conveyer belts. The workers spot and pull out non-recyclable trash from the stream so fast that they look like blackjack dealers.

People throw surprising things — Christmas trees, old carpet, shoes, diapers and even cinder blocks — into their recycling bins. Many cities are struggling to make recycling work. About 60 cities have canceled their programs, according to Waste Dive. Others have stopped accepting certain items. Several no longer collect glass which has zero value.

Baltimore County recently admitted it hasn't recycled the glass it collected for the past 7 years. Costs are skyrocketing: Omaha, Neb., received a single bid for recycling services for \$4 million, twice the city's budget.

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4 New Study Finds Direct Link Between Melting Arctic Ice and Extreme Weather In California

SF News, By Jay Barmann

For the first time, climate scientists have illustrated a direct cause-and-effect relationship between melting sea ice in the Arctic and the uptick in extreme weather events and "atmospheric rivers" on the Pacific Coast of the U.S.

According to a new paper out of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, melting ice in the Arctic leads to more moisture getting blown across the Pacific on trade winds, which in turn causes warming ocean temperatures as in El Niños and major disruptions in wind and weather patterns at the equator.

And, as the Chronicle reports from the study, which was published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, global climate effects then occur in a chain reaction that begins with the decrease in the amount of sea ice around the North Pole.

"The Arctic is changing rapidly," says Noah Diffenbaugh, a climate scientist at the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University, in a statement to the Chronicle reacting to the study. "The most immediate impacts are for the ecosystem and people in the Arctic, but there is strong evidence of impacts on ... conditions that we experience here in California."

Scientists have long said that warming seas lead to changes in wind circulation patterns and consequent extreme weather in greater frequency. But the Scripps paper marks the first time that the direct causal link from the Arctic has been documented through computer modeling. Previously, scientists did not believe that air from the Arctic could reach as far as the equator, but the Scripps study illustrates that it does.

Saltwater freezes at 28.8 degrees Fahrenheit, and much of the Arctic Ocean beneath its ice sheets is just barely warmer than that. But as the ice melts, the surface temperature can warm quickly because the ice itself reflects the sun, and the less of it there is, the more of the sun's rays get absorbed into the water. It's believed that 40 percent of Arctic sea ice has disappeared in the past 40 years.

Scientists now predict that winter temperatures in

the Arctic will rise 9 degrees over the next 30 years.

According to the study authors, "These results add to the evidence that loss of Arctic sea ice is having a major impact on climatic variability around the world. [And] The magnitude of Arctic sea ice loss and the strength of the Central Pacific trade winds are unprecedented in the instrumental record."

The warming wind patterns may be to blame for a much talked-about "blob" of warm water in the Pacific that appeared multiple times in the last several years, unconnected to El Niño patterns. That blob was blamed for a cascade of effects that included the dying off of kelp forests on the Pacific coast, which in turn caused the die-off of red abalone and an uptick in the deaths of sea otters who no longer had kelp to hide in from sharks.

So, brace yourself for more extreme weather for the rest of your lives, as the temperatures in the Arctic are expected to continue to rise even if the world's most ambitious carbon-reduction goals are met.

Pasote Tequila and Berryessa Bass Tournaments, 2/16/20 Results

Another beautiful day on Lake Berryessa! Thanks to the 34 Teams that fished the 5th event of the Pasote Tequila & Berryessa Bass Tournaments Circuit on February 16, 2020 hosted out of Markley Cove. Also, THANKS to Keith Casale for taking over permits for Makyla and for helping out with setting up everything before the weigh-ins!!! Also, a special thanks to Brett Leber for sponsoring the Chili Dogs and Lebco for sponsoring the Plaques! Lastly, Thanks to Staff Team, Glen Lockhart and Brandon Gee, and Keith Casale for doing the heavy lifting and break down after weigh-ins!

There was no fog at blast off, with just a small breeze, and Terry Sheets on the only live National Anthem in California Tournaments was on point! The bite was good for some teams, but most of the teams struggled all day! The lake is fishing tough with all the pressure from recent tournaments and the weights reflect that. Most teams reported catching their fish in 5' - 15' of water and on the bottom. Other teams found a deep bite, I fished about 7 fish at weigh in showing fish being caught deep.

Water temps dropped down to 51-52 range after the winds. Surprisingly the water clarity did not

change much, the winds just moved the fish. Most teams were still fishing all over Main Body of the lake. Reports from the teams are that they are catching fish on Swimbait, A-rig, Jig, Texas Rig, and Plastics!

First Place went to Carson Leber and Adam Loberg with a 6.13lb kicker for 1st Place Big Fish and that anchored a 14.12lb sack! Second Place went to Luke Lipanovich and Joe Mariani who brought in a sack that weighed 13.67lbs. Third Place went to Brandon Gee and Glen Lockhart with a sack that weighed 12.71lbs. anchored with a 4.82lb kicker for 2nd Place Big Fish. With a Fourth Place finish, Mark Van Pelt and Mike Van Pelt weighed in 11.92lbs.



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Lake Level as of 02/26/2020

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Glory Hole Anniversaries: 3rd of the 1st and 1st of the 2nd

February 16 was the third anniversary of the first time Glory Hole spilled after a ten year drought.

2/16/17: 439.9 feet, 34.3" of rain
(<https://youtu.be/cB0BKIm1EzM>)

2/18/17: 441.0 feet, 37.9" of rain (www.lakeberryessanews.com/_Media/overflowing-glory-hole.mp4)

February 26, 2020 was the 1st anniversary of the 2nd time Glory Hole spilled after the drought. 2/26/19: 441.9 feet, 28.3" of rain

Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 8

Spring Ahead! Set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night. We have to keep daylight savings time. It's the only way Californians know the season has changed. Daylight Savings Time takes place at 2AM because that's the only moment the time altering worm hole is open to Earth.

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1 Monticello Dam	2 Markley Cove Resort	3 Wragg Canyon Road	4 Moskowite Corners	5 Steele Canyon Recreation Area	6 Turtle Rock	7 Spanish Flat Village Center	8 Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitors Center	9 Monticello Shores/Berryessa Point RAs	10 Pope Canyon Road/ Putah Canyon RA	11 Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road	12 Pope Valley Road	13 Pope Valley	14 Aetna Springs
1=>2 3.0 miles	2=>3 5.3 miles	3=>4 3.0 miles	4=>5 5.0 miles	5=>6 4.7 miles	6=>7 5.0 miles	7=>8 2.4 miles	8=>9 2.4 miles	9=>10 2.8 miles	10=>11 10.2 miles	11=>12 3.0 miles	12=>13 3.2 miles	13=>14 8.5 miles	14=>15 3.7 miles


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16 Miles to Napa

Note: No auto gas available between Winters and Napa or at Lake Berryessa!

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Senior Professor, Whattsa Matter Physics University of Lake Berryessa

The Department of Genetic Physics and the Berryessa Underground Research Program in Action (BURPA) at the University of Lake Berryessa (ULB) are seeking to fill a tenure-track faculty position in experimental condensed matter physics with a specialty in the burgeoning new field of whattsa matter physics related to genetic research in the area of Molecular Microgenetics: Modification and Management Science (MM:M&MS)). The successful candidate is expected to build an active research program around the synthesis of novel materials using advanced cellular growth and epitaxial deposition including epigenetic volumetric crocheting.

The incumbent will also be a key member of the DABURPA consortium formed between the Defense Advanced Projects Agency (DARPA) and the Berryessa Underground Research Program in Action (BURPA) to be designated DABURPA (with apologies to Chicago's DABEARS superfans.)

The Department of Genetic Physics at ULB is a vibrant community with a long tradition and strong commitment to excellence in research, service, teaching, fishing, and boating, specializing in state-of-the-art jet ski racing dynamics. Research interests within the Department span the traditional disciplines of physics – condensed matter physics, biophysics, whattsamatter physics and non-linear dynamics of game fishing.

The successful candidate is expected to have the required experience and a strong desire for engaging in interdisciplinary work in our extensive laboratory facilities deep below Big Island in the center of Lake Berryessa. An ICON A5 amphibious light-sport airplane will be provided for convenient commuting to the lake surface, bypassing annoying bicycle and motorcycle traffic.

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REALLY Green People at play in Cancun
(See article on Page 7)



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University of Lake Berryessa Promotes Solutions to Climate Change, Global Food Security, and Animal Cruelty Prevention

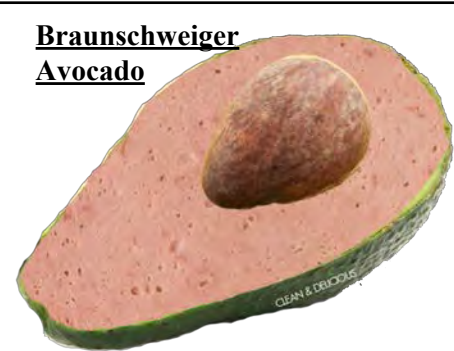
Sometimes problems are connected and complicated. But comprehensive solutions may be available to address multiple concerns. Such is the case with the above headline issues. The Dept. of Genetic Physics and the Berryessa Underground Research Program in Action (BURPA) at the University of Lake Berryessa (ULB) are seeking to solve multiple problems with linked research projects.

One major project described in this article involves the development of the meat grape, steak potato, chicken nugget bush, and braunschweiger avocado. Two other advanced genetic manipulation projects are the “Grass-Fed People” and the “REALLY Green people” initiatives described in the accompanying articles in this issue.



Filet Mignon Cabernet

Cattle and other ruminants are significant producers of the greenhouse gas methane—contributing 37 percent of the methane emissions resulting from human activity. Worldwide, there are about 1.5 billion cattle. Cows’ methane emissions are an important reason for greenhouse effect. Also, cattle farming is increasing the deforestation of the tropical rain forests (Brazil has the



Braunschweiger Avocado

second largest cattle population in the world), thus accelerating the global warming. Methane pollution causes one quarter of the global warming that we’re experiencing right now.

When some people hear the word “methane,” they immediately think about cow farts. But in reality, cow burps are much more problematic: 90 to 95 percent of the methane released by cows comes out of their mouths, while 5 to 10 percent is released in the form of manure and flatulence.

Eighty years ago, Winston Churchill looked forward to the day when "we shall escape the absurdity of growing

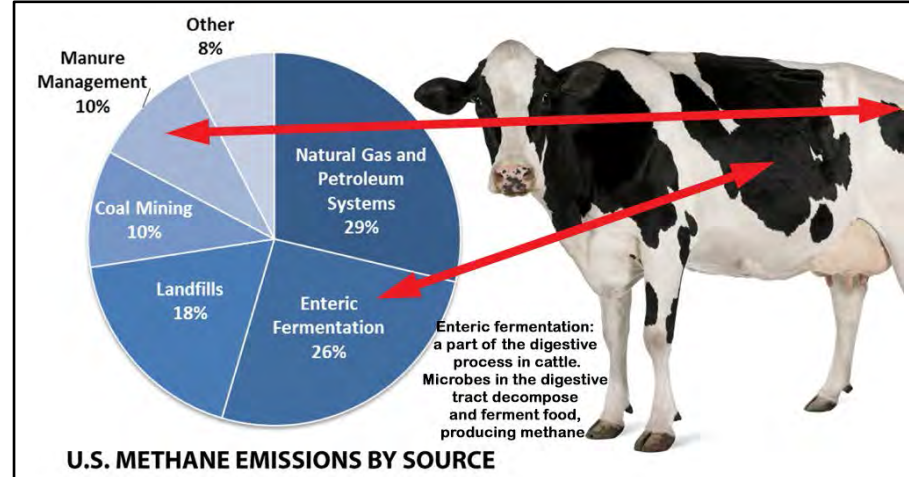
a whole chicken in order to eat the breast or wing, by growing these parts separately under a suitable medium."

Churchill thought this would take only 50 years. We are still not there, but today we will reach a milestone on the road to the future that Churchill envisaged: the first-plant based meat. This astonishing announcement and demonstration is scheduled to take place on April 1, 2020 at the University of Lake Berryessa Advanced Research Projects laboratory on Big Island.

The intent is to create products that can be easily grown, harvested and eaten to provide a solution to climate change, international food security, plant-based meat alternatives, and the elimination of the cruel conditions under which food animals are now grown and processed. The main beneficiaries of these products will be humans, cows, chickens, and pigs..

And the ultimate incentive: Napa Valley Winery tasting room research has found that plant-based diets makes wine taste better.

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Breaking News: MPA Approved!
The Napa Board of Supervisors unanimously approved (12:15 PM, Tuesday, March 17, 2020) the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation. Reclamation previously approved it. It has been signed by Diane Dillon, Chair of the Board of Supervisors and Ernest Conant, BOR Regional Director. Under the proposed agreement, Napa County would assume management of the Spanish Flat, Monticello Shores (the old Rancho Monticello) and Steele Park Resort areas effective November 1, 2020

Download the document at:
www.lakeberryessanews.com/what-happened-at-lake-berry/lake-berryessa-project/mpa-2020-full-documentr.pdf
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BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Managing Agreement Number 20-LC-20-2623

Managing Agreement

Between the United States of America and Napa County for the Administration, Operation, Maintenance and Development of Recreation Uses and Facilities at Lake Berryessa Area Project Lands



Department of the Interior

March 9, 2020

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There are important ethical reasons why we should replace animal meat with plant-based meat (PBM), if we can do it at reasonable cost. One is to reduce animal suffering. Another reason for replacing animal meat is environmental. Using meat from animals, especially ruminants, is heating the planet and contributing to a future in which hundreds of millions of people become climate refugees.

Another good reason is that no manure will be produced, and as a result, the vast cesspools that intensive farms require to handle manure will become unnecessary. With that single change, the world's production of nitrous oxide, another powerful contributor to climate change, will be slashed by two-thirds.

The Ice Cream Conundrum

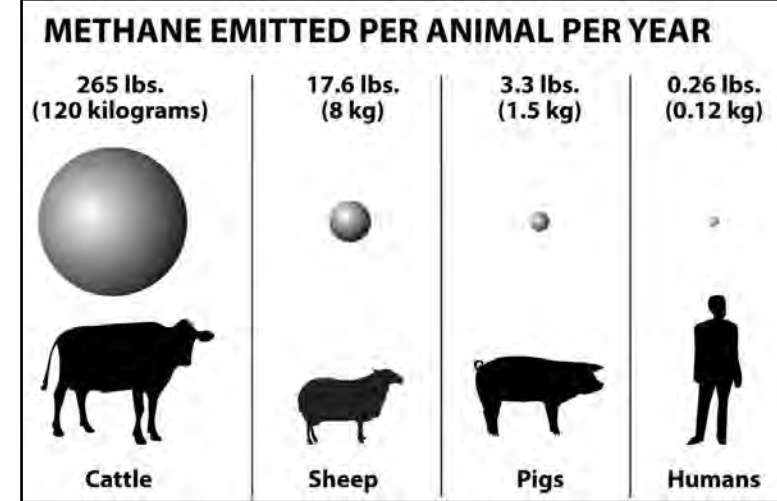
People like ice cream. Ice cream comes from very cold cows. Cows need to produce baby cows to be able to provide milk and cream. Baby cows become big cows that continue to contribute to climate change. Milk substitutes that taste like milk are needed.

Real milk's ingredient list is short and sweet: milk and vitamins A and D. If it's not in milk then it's because nature left it out. However, some available plant-based alternative options have more than 10 ingredients, including added salt and sugar, stabilizers and emulsifiers like locust bean gum, sunflower lecithin and gellan gum.

Creating a plant that can produce real cow-type milk is a major goal of ULB research. So far genetically manipulated variations of milk weed and milk thistle have proven unsuccessful.

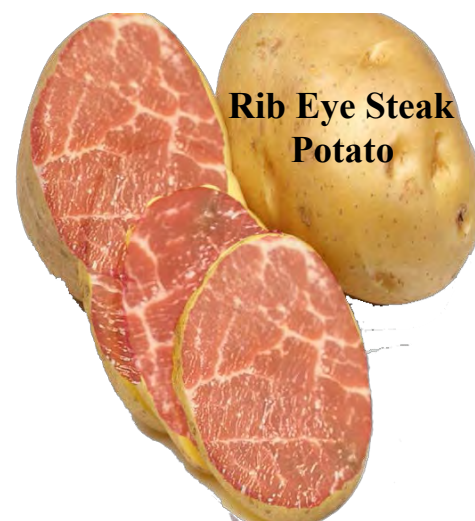


Pork Loin Chardonnay



Chicken Nugget Bush

choose not to eat plant-based steak, chicken, pork and other future plant-based meats (PBM). My own view is that being a vegetarian or vegan is not an end in itself, but a means toward reducing both human and animal suffering, and leaving a habitable planet to future generations. I have friends who haven't eaten meat for 40 years, but if Plant Based Meat becomes commercially available, I will be pleased to try it.



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Breaking News: MPA Approved!

Coincidentally, the 2020 Chair of the Board is Supervisor Diane Dillon. She will get to sign this agreement for Napa County. Some historical perspective on the process: I met Supervisor Dillon when she was first elected to the Board 20 years ago. I and some others saw the looming disaster of the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed Visitor Services Plan and asked her for her assistance in preventing it. The rest is history, as they say. Now comes the future.

This is the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Pensus contract which led to a disastrous 10 year "hole in history" and the destruction of a thriving recreational asset and the loss of this asset to a generation of families, friends, and their children.

Thanks to the Napa Board of Supervisors, especially Alfredo Pedroza and Diane Dillon (our Lake Berryessa supervisors) for their strong support since 2016, and to Molly Ratigan, Deputy County Executive Officer, for her hard work during the long negotiations.

The Board believes that new management of the federally-held Lake Berryessa recreational areas is needed to develop and implement a redevelopment plan that will encourage investment in and attract new businesses to the Lake Berryessa area.

Under a Managing Partner Agreement, the responsibility to develop and manage public recreation areas is transferred to the partner agency. While there are federal policies and guidelines on how management agreements can be structured, items within the agreement are generally negotiable.

Becoming REALLY Green to Help Our Planet

Chlorophyll skin to help solve climate crisis

Plants make food in their leaves. The leaves contain a pigment called chlorophyll, which colors the leaves green. Chlorophyll can make food the plant can use from carbon dioxide, water,



nutrients, and energy from sunlight. This process is called photosynthesis. Photosynthesis literally means "making things with light."

Plants use sunlight, water, and the gases in the air to make glucose. The whole process of photosynthesis is a transfer of energy from the Sun to a plant. In each sugar molecule created, there is a little

bit of the energy from the Sun, which the plant can either use

or store for later. The basic structure of woody plants is primarily the long-chain sugar cellulose. There's a lot of potential energy packed into plant fiber. (See accompanying article: Grass-Fed People to Replace Grass-Fed Beef)

Human chlorophyll skin would use sunlight or artificial light directly to produce sugars that help energize people's bodies while creating oxygen for themselves and other life forms on the planet.



Once again University of Lake Berryessa scientists are taking the lead in this revolutionary research. Several human volunteers have already been turned green through a proprietary gene modification process. The only minor problem so

far has been a rapid weight gain for subjects who spend too much time in the sun, on a beach or boat, for example. Steps might need to be taken to prevent our beaches from hosting healthy tan to being overrun with fat green people.

(See illustration on back page.)



Onion Headlines

Report: Nation's Fake Headline Writers Unable To Think Of Single Non-Coronavirus Related Gag

Toilet Paper Hoarding Considered As Addition To Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-VI)

Putin's plan to turn America into Soviet Union approaches fruition with advent of toilet paper queues

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Republican Lawmakers Very Concerned About Corporations Catching Coronavirus, Since They "Are People Too"

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An April 1 Manifesto: The Elements of Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking is the Basis for Human Civilization

Critical Thinking is the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to belief and action. Critical thinking is the ability to think clearly and rationally about what to do or what to believe. It includes the ability to engage in reflective and independent thinking. Someone with critical thinking skills is able to do the following :

- understand the logical connections between ideas
- identify, construct and evaluate arguments
- detect inconsistencies and common mistakes in reasoning
- solve problems systematically
- identify the relevance and importance of ideas
- reflect on the justification of one's own beliefs and values

Critical thinking is not a matter of accumulating information. A person with a good memory and who knows a lot of facts is not necessarily good at critical thinking. A critical thinker is able to deduce consequences from what he or she knows, and knows how to make use of information to solve problems, and to seek relevant sources of information to inform himself.

Critical thinking should not be confused with being argumentative or being critical of other people. Although critical thinking skills can be used in exposing fallacies and bad reasoning, critical thinking can also play an important role in cooperative reasoning and constructive tasks. Critical thinking can help us acquire knowledge, improve our theories, and strengthen arguments. We can use critical thinking to enhance work processes and improve social institutions.

Some people believe that critical thinking hinders creativity because it requires following the rules of logic and rationality, but creativity might require breaking rules. This is a misconception. Critical thinking is quite compatible with thinking "out-of-the-box", challenging consensus and pursuing less popular approaches. If anything, critical thinking is an essential part of creativity because we need critical thinking to evaluate and improve our creative ideas.

Punctuation Humor

April Fools’ Day apostrophe debate further divides an already fragmented nation.

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Lake Berryessa L.L.C. Sponsors First Speed Dating Party

The Lake Berryessa Lovely Ladies Club kicks off its first event on April 1 at the Turtle Rock. The party is meant to bring together Lovely Ladies Club members and adventurous men from the area to possibly spark some mutual interest in further social interaction.

Men between 18 and 65 preferred. Motorcycle clubs welcome.

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Grass-Fed People to Replace Grass-Fed Beef

University of Lake Berryessa scientists are developing a bacteria that can live in the human gut and produce a form of “cellulase” which can digest cellulose by breaking



it down into "simple sugars". Hay and grasses are particularly abundant in cellulose, and both are indigestible by humans. Celluloses are not naturally good human food since the long chains that contain the basic energy building blocks are difficult to break down into the smaller chain sugars (carbohydrates) which can unlock that energy. Humans lack the enzyme necessary to digest cellulose. Un-digestible cellulose is the “fiber” which aids in the smooth working of the human intestinal tract.

One cellulose molecule normally consists of a few hundreds to thousands of glucose molecules. Glucose molecules are the building blocks of carbohydrates. Carbohydrates serve as a major energy source for living things and originate chiefly as products of photosynthesis. Glucose molecules chain together to form other sugars such as cellulose and sucrose.

If humans are able to eat grass rather than feed the grass to cows and then eat the cows, eliminating the cows would reduce a major source of methane - a greenhouse gas more potent than methane. (See accompanying article: Becoming REALLY Green to Help Our Planet)

Testing on volunteer human subjects is proceeding successfully. The biggest problem with eating grass and wood is the flavor. Unique new seasonings and recipes will be needed. If humans can be modified to digest cellulose a whole new range of food possibilities open up creating a base of international food security. The downside is that poor and starving people would be able to eat their trees, bushes, and houses, causing another potential problem.



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April 2020 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): The stars say to hold tight. Your life is about to undergo a dramatic change. Feel free to interpret that as a hopeful statement if you like.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): There’s almost certainly a more efficient way to get through life, but by this point you’re pretty used to just following any old conga line that goes by.

Aries (3/21-4/19): The stars aren’t sure what’s worse: that you keep insisting you’re the inspiration for the lizard in the insurance commercials, or that it’s true and you seem to take such pride in it.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): The very Heavens themselves shall bestow their benevolence upon you this week, allowing you to take 15% off selected entrées at a popular chain of restaurants.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You were pretty sure your long, hellish ordeal was finally over, but it turns out it was renewed for another season and you still can’t stop watching it.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You will be instrumental in disproving several popular theories next week, including the ideas that laughter is good for the soul and that a little fresh air never hurt anyone.

Leo (7/23-8/22): The most difficult week of your life is coming up, but take heart: If you can get through that, you’ll have something to remember during the next 1,872 uniformly boring weeks of your life.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You’ll have a hard time controlling yourself this week, but then that’s what the concerned men in lab coats are here for.

Libra (9/23-10/22): While teaching the lowland gorilla how to communicate is entirely possible, getting the self-obsessed primate to shut the hell up is a whole other story.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): They say it’s never too late to do something meaningful with your life, which is a nice idea, but you actually have about nine days.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You will finally meet the man of your dreams, which sounds like good news until you remember some of your dreams.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): It’s simply not true that most people think you’re an anonymous loser. In fact, most people have never heard of you.

Physics Humor

(Sponsored by the University of Lake Berryessa Whattsa Matter Physics Department. If you get it you're a Nerd!)

A particle walks into a bar, but nobody is there. So he waves.

A quantum object turns from wave to a particle... "It's just a prank bro! Look, there's the observer!!!"

A subatomic particle gets pulled over. Cop asks "Do you know how fast you were going?" Particle says "Yeah, but now I'm lost."

A particle walks into a bar, but nobody is there. So he waves.

I come from a family of scientists who share the last name “Matter.” We all get along, just like the particles we study. Except for my Auntie Matter and my Uncle Whattsa Matter.

A Higgs-boson particle goes into a church. The Priest says, "We don't want your sort in here!" The Higgs-boson particle says "But you can't have mass without me!"

What fundamental particle is responsible for bacon?

The Piggs-Boson

I don't believe anything that subatomic particles tell me. They make up everything.



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4 Triploid Trout Getting Bigger and Smarter in Lake Berryessa

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) stocked the first 3,400 pounds (6,800 fish) of catchable "triploid" rainbow trout in Lake Berryessa on February 15, 2011. I wrote an article regarding triploid trout in the Lake Berryessa News in 2011. I was reminded of that when awhile ago when I heard that anglers had been coming in with 5 pound rainbow trout!



In order to protect the genetic integrity of the native steelhead, only the sterile triploids are allowed to be stocked in Lake Berryessa. With no ability to reproduce, triploids focus all of their energy on eating and growing large - sometimes to exaggerated proportions. But the largest of them, 20 pounds and above, are found in the lakes of Washington and Idaho.

Although some folks described them as "frankenfish" the triploid trout are normal rainbows, not genetically-

engineered. They have been raised to be sterile but look, fight, and taste just the same. Ten years ago I speculated that we wouldn't know the result for several years. How many really big ones now live in Lake Berryessa is unknown, as is how large they may finally get. But one thing the scientists at the University of Lake

Berryessa did not anticipate was that the trout would get smarter as they got bigger. They apparently have now gotten so smart - especially when they form schools - that they act in a concerted effort to protect themselves from anglers.

There have been some unconfirmed reports of fishing boats being pummeled from below by these schools of 20 pound trout, some smaller boats almost capsizing. They seem to have learned to school in certain coves.

Fishing has always been one of the main attractions of Lake Berryessa, but now, if the added hint of the danger of being attacked out on the water by schools of huge, aggressive trout, the surface of Lake Berryessa may take on the thrill of big game hunting on the African veldt.



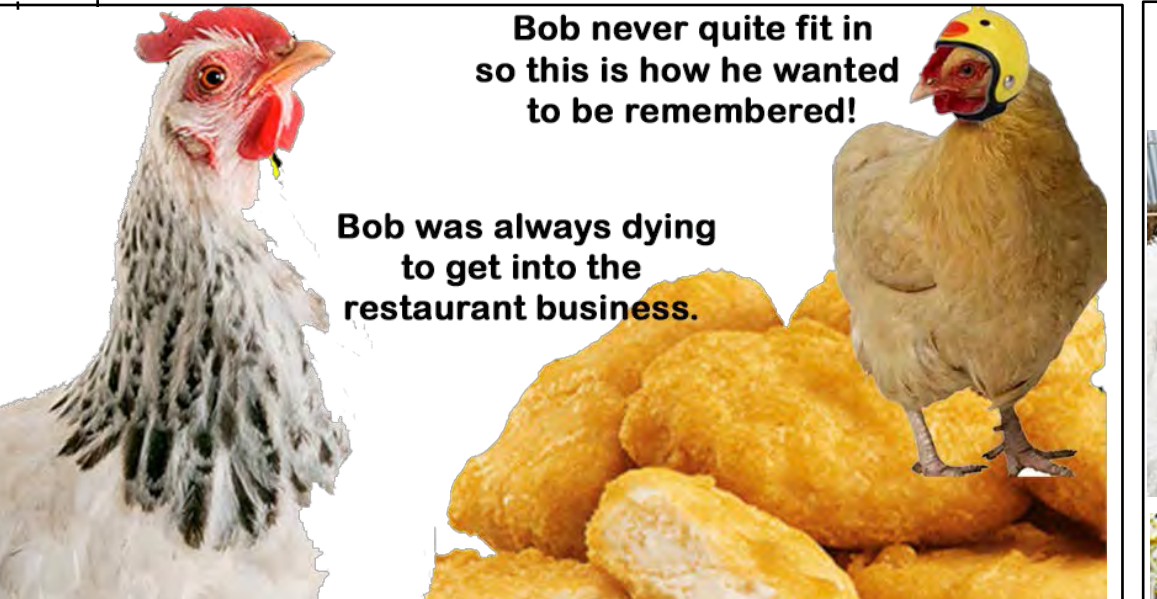
St. Stupid's Day and the Dumbing Down of America

Although April 1st is usually referred to as April Fools Day, the date has also become a holy day for some churches such as the Church of the Last Laugh in San Francisco. Each year on April 1 they sponsor a St. Stupid's Day Parade.

St. Stupid is the patron saint of religion, politics, and the Internet. He and his followers are responsible for the dumbing down of America by the methodical destruction and purposeful elimination of the means by which a society educates and enlightens itself.

Historically there have always been stupid people, but the trend seems to be accelerating with attitude triumphing over substance in so many areas of modern culture - especially lately in politics and on various social media (another major source of blatant stupidity.) Although April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many.

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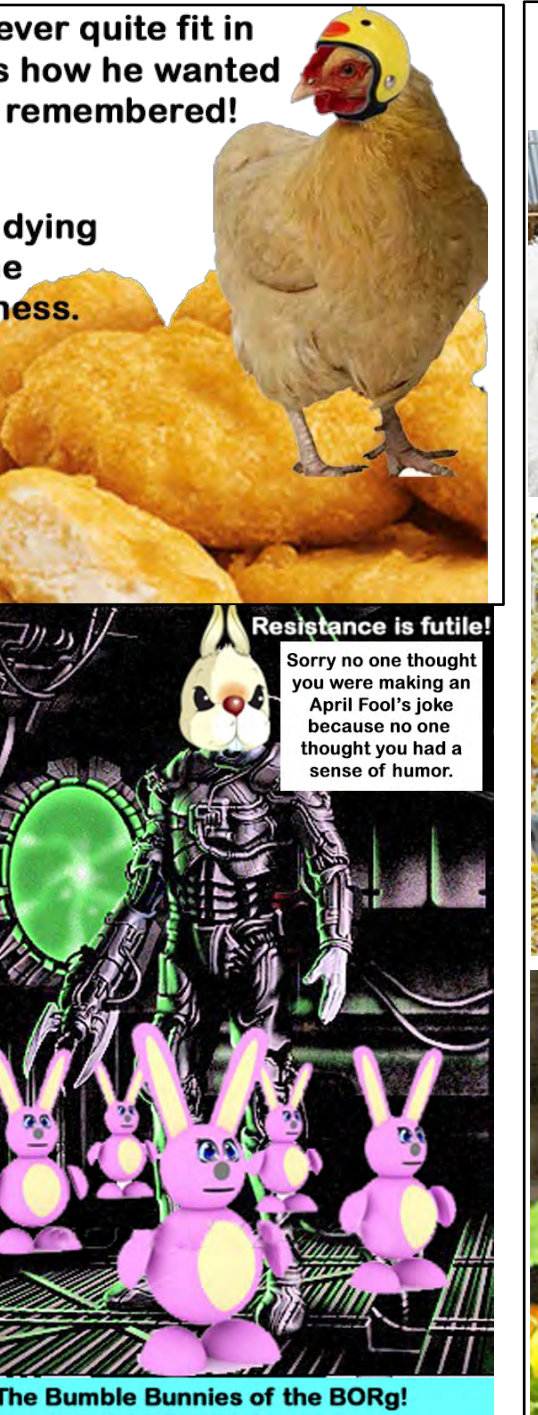
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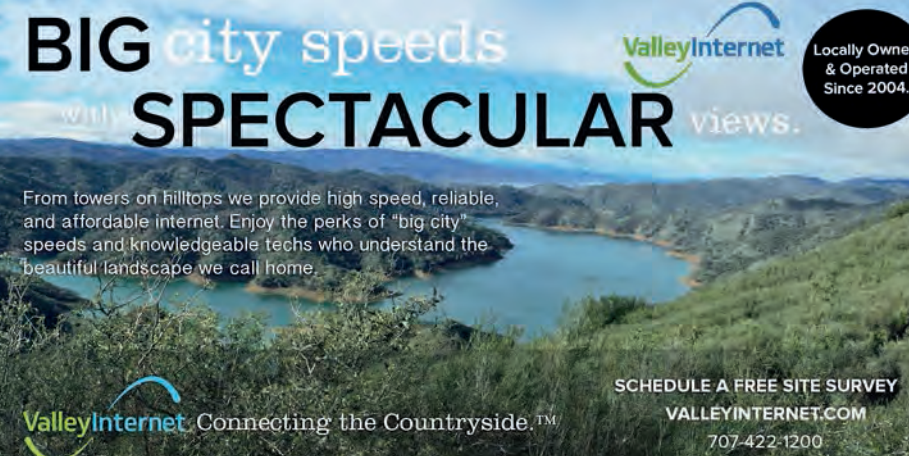



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Lake Berryessa - Still Extremely Popular During A Crisis, But Mixed Signals From The Government

On Sunday, April 26, the Lake Berryessa News staff and friends drove up to the Knoxville Off Highway Vehicle Area up Knoxville Road past the north end of the lake to do some off-roading. On our way home we were amazed at the number of cars parked along the side of the road and the crowds of people filling the lake shore - especially at Oak Shores where groups of people had picnics at the shade shelters and tables.

We counted more than 100 vehicles from the North End Trail to Oak Shores to Spanish Flat. The really odd thing was to see so many cars and people on the road but no one in the parking lots! People also parked in the entrance driveways to the closed Monticello Shores and Berryessa Point recreation areas and walked through the entrances to the lake.

Lake Berryessa. This temporary suspension of operations is in effect until further notice.

Originally, Reclamation had no serious plans to close the lake. They had shut down their own offices but not the recreation facilities. The private recreation areas - Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Putah Canyon were open for business. Each facility was practicing social distancing guidelines, only allowing camping in every other campsite, disinfecting bathrooms regularly.

In fact Pleasure Cove wrote a set of guidelines which they sent to Cong. Mike Thompson and the BOR. Sources indicated that Cong. Thompson thought Pleasure Cove's guidelines were very good.

Then one beautiful day hundreds of cars and people showed up at the lake - it was like a summer holiday weekend. The County received many complaints from local residents about the crowds, especially from the Berryessa Highlands. The County Supervisors and Cong. Thompson then requested that Reclamation follow the County guidelines and shut down the lake.

The BOR Official Notice posted at Lake Berryessa on Steele Canyon Road near Steele Canyon Recreation Area states:

Closed Until Further Notice
No Boating, No Kayaking

The Bureau of Reclamation is adopting Napa County's Shelter at Home Order (April 2, 2020) and suspending all boating and public use of developed recreation facilities at

the road. You may walk through the day use areas to access the lake shore. You are allowed on any BOR land along the lake to fish and relax as long as social distancing guidelines of six feet are strictly observed."

Another ranger told the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership this week that all boating access is closed until Napa lifts the shelter-at-home order. The ranger also mentioned that with increased visitation and reduced services, litter and sanitation issues are a concern. The ranger added, "I wanted to provide everyone with an update. BOR is developing a plan in conjunction with several partners to re-open while following the Napa County Order."

County Opens Golf Courses

Q. Why is a Napa golf resort different from a Lake Berryessa boating resort?

A. It's not!

The issues are exactly the same:

- People call ahead for an appointment (tee time, launch time)

- People drive to a parking lot (every other parking space?);

- They get a vehicle (golf cart, boat);

- They go in their separate vehicles to an embarkation point (first hole, launch ramp);

- They have 2, 4, or six folks (family and friends who have been social distancing for many weeks) in a vehicle (golf cart, boat);

- They launch into a wide expanse of space (golf course, lake) where they remain socially distant.

- Then they go home.

Napa County Population 2020

Napa County, California's estimated population is 140,386 with a growth rate of -0.57% in the past year according to the most recent United States census data. Napa County is the 34th largest county in California.

Year	Population	Growth	Growth Rate
2018	139,417	-969	-0.69%
2017	140,386	-799	-0.57%
2016	141,18	589	0.06%
2015	141,096	529	0.38%
2014	140,567	861	0.62%
2013	139,706	1,081	0.78%
2012	138,625	875	0.64%
2011	137,750	942	0.69%
2010	136,808	26,043	23.51%
1990	110,765	11,566	11.66%
1980	99,199	20,059	25.35%

Napa County Voter Statistics - March 2020

Napa County currently ranks seventh in voter turnout among California's 38 counties with more than 50,000 registered voters who achieved a 58.71% turnout. 87% of Napa's eligible citizens have registered to vote.

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Pensus Signs Lake Berryessa Contract – Begins Facilities Development

In a move long-awaited by Lake Berryessa region businesses and residents, the Bureau of Reclamation signed a contract with Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC (Pensus LBP), on April 28, 2010, for management of six concession areas at Lake Berryessa. The contract term is 30 years with a mutual option to extend the contract for an additional 10 years.

Pensus, part of Arizona-based marina operator and commercial developer Pensus Group, will operate the Markley Cove, Putah Creek, Lake Berryessa Marina, Spanish Flat, Steele Park, and Rancho Monticello resorts.

For the next three years, however, Markley Cove will continue to be run by its current long-term owners, John and Linda Frazier. Reclamation already has a separate contract with Arizona-based Forever Resorts to manage Pleasure Cove Marina.

Pete Lucero, public affairs officer for the Bureau of Reclamation, said that Reclamation expects limited boat launching, camping, and service facilities to be open this summer.

Berryessa Highlands residents and Napa County officials have been concerned about whether Pensus, as operator of Steele Park Resort, will pay into an assessment to upgrade water and sewer facilities serving the Highlands. Lucero said the contract calls for Pensus to pay any required assessments to the county or the state.

Lucero told the Lake Berryessa News that the signed contract and its attachments are being transmitted to Pensus. Once Pensus has the contract in hand, Reclamation will make it available to the public.

In a prepared statement, Pensus CEO David Maule-Ffinch said, "Pensus Group would like to thank Reclamation for the effort and commitment necessary to bring this complex transaction to fruition. The signing of this contract will now allow work to start on the improvement and expansion of services at Lake Berryessa. We anticipate a very successful public-private partnership in the best interests of the visiting public."

Mr. Ffinch told the Lake Berryessa News that he was enthusiastic about the future potential of Lake Berryessa, but that, with it now being the first week of May, "we are going to have a tough challenge for 2010". A Pensus team will begin work at the lake during the week of May 3.

Although the actual timing is unclear because of the operational start-up complexity and the need to carefully

comply with environmental laws, Ffinch said that they expect to provide tent camping and RV sites at Putah Creek and Spanish Flat this year. They will be using the mobile home sites on a temporary basis to provide more attractive and spacious accommodations, and possibly more sites, than have been available in the past.

Pensus LBP also intends to provide launching facilities at Steele Park and Putah Creek. Dry boat storage will be available at Steele Park and Putah Creek, as well as a launch-and-retrieval service for those who don't wish to test their trailering skills. Fuel will be dispensed at Putah Creek and possibly at Steele Park.

Until water and sewer facilities are fully developed, visitors may have to use porta-potties or mobile trailer restroom units. Likewise, food service and retail products will be sold from portable trailer units. There will be no restaurant-style food service in 2010.

Pensus LBP understands that the demand for boat slips is very strong. Although they are taking reservations and expect to start signing people up very soon, they won't be able to start installing slips until later this year.

Assuming that they can get all the permitting in place, Mr. Ffinch hopes to install initial lodging units and provide better retail services next year. For the thousands of folks waiting to get back out on Lake Berryessa, this is extremely encouraging news.

BOR Press Release: April 29, 2010 Reclamation and Pensus Sign Long-Term Contract for Concession Management at Lake Berryessa

On April 28, 2010, the Bureau of Reclamation signed a contract with Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC (Pensus LBP) for management of six concession areas at Lake Berryessa, located in Napa County, California, about 10 miles from the city of Winters. The 30-year concession contract will remain in effect until December 31, 2040, and will include an option to extend the contract for an additional 10 years.



"It is with great pleasure that we welcome Pensus to the Lake Berryessa community. We look forward to a very positive and successful working relationship in the coming years," stated Donald R. Glaser, Regional Director for Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region.

"Pensus joins our other long-term Lake Berryessa concession contractor, Forever Resorts at Pleasure Cove Marina, in providing a diverse range of quality recreation opportunities for the visiting public."

Pensus LBP plans to provide initial services at select Lake Berryessa locations for the upcoming 2010 recreation season. The new partnership with Reclamation will promote a safe, family-friendly atmosphere, support the surrounding communities, and provide a broad spectrum of recreation services at the lake while preserving and protecting the area's natural resources.

"Pensus Group would like to thank Reclamation for the effort and commitment necessary to bring this complex transaction to fruition," stated Chairman and CEO David Maule-Ffinch. "The signing of this contract will now allow work to start on the improvement and expansion of services at Lake Berryessa. We anticipate a very successful public/private partnership in the best interests of the visiting public."

The irony of this May 2010 story in May 2020 is profound. It prompted a Berryessa Highlands resident to comment: "Is irony the opposite of wrinkley?"

Napa County Shelter at Home Order Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Go to this link for full document:
www.lakeberryessanews.com/napa-shelter-at-home-order.pdf

Go to this link for all the FAQs:
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For most people, this order means you and those you live with should remain at home. You are allowed to leave your home for specified reasons to make sure you have the necessities of life such as getting food and medical supplies. (See more in full FAQs)

You are also allowed to go outside to take care of pets, go on a walk, and just get outside, so long as you do not congregate in a group and maintain at least six feet of distance between you and other people. If you are sick you should self-isolate, including, to the extent you can, from others you live with.

The updated Order clarifies essential businesses and activities:

- Permits all construction with proper physical distancing protocols.
- Permits drive-in religious services with proper physical distancing protocols.
- Permits In-Person residential real estate viewings with proper protocols.
- Permits landscaping and gardening maintenance that is not purely for cosmetic purposes
- Allows the use of golf courses and driving ranges with documented protocols that are outlined Appendix C of the revised order.
- Restricts bocce ball and cornhole sports.
- Strongly recommends the use of cloth face coverings when outside the home. Empowers the police chiefs and city attorneys to ensure compliance of all aspects of this order within their jurisdiction.

This order strongly recommends that community members use cloth face coverings when outside the home to prevent the asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 from the wearer to others. This includes workplaces, particularly in areas visited by the public or shared with co-workers.

A couple of months ago I was interviewed on KVON Radio by Larry Kamer to discuss the many aspects of the Lake Berryessa saga. You can listen to the interview at www.kvon.com/thedeepdive/. My interview audio is the January 16, 2020 link. Historical note: It was raining so hard that I almost couldn't find the studio until the last minute. The interview is also available for download on the Lake Berryessa News web site at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/kvon-interview/lb-interview-audio.html.

During the interview Larry asked me about the origin of the name Napalachia which is the title of a series of cartoons that Bill Scholer did for the Lake Berryessa News. See Bill's cartoons in a slide show to his original song Napalachia at: <https://youtu.be/v0-meedrBuc>. Hear the song along with more photos and videos of Lake Berryessa's own Napalachia at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/napalachia-by-bill--karla/

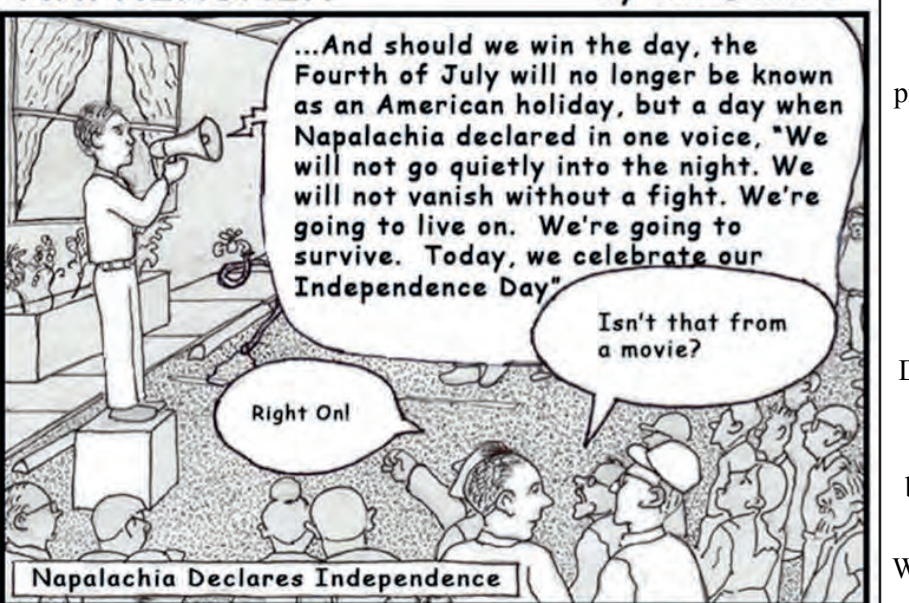
Bill and Karla Scholer coined the name. Karla explains:

My husband Bill and I coined the phrase Napalachia to describe the area where we live in Napa County. I was born in West Virginia, and the word Appalachia for me brings to mind images of majestic mountains, apple trees, old-time music and craftsmanship in pottery, glass blowing and woodworking. I also think of a simpler way of life in which people were more connected to the land in a personal and intimate way. Everyone had a garden and everyone lived off the land in some fashion. For me poverty and deterioration are not words that come to mind, and if anyone has visited Appalachia recently those words would not come to mind for you either.

There are many ways to be impoverished that have nothing to do with how much money you have in your pocket. Living in areas without natural beauty or a unique sense of place can be more impoverishing. Many gated wealthy communities with all their groomed landscaping can be so lacking in real wealth. My husband and I love this area so when we think of Napa County as having similarities to Appalachia, "We should all be so lucky!"

NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer



Inability to recognize incompetence replaces nuclear annihilation as mankind's biggest existential threat

Food Workers, Truck Drivers And Grocery Clerks Nationwide Verbally Promoted To Position Of "Hero". No Pay Raise.

Study finds most Americans are fine trading their nana for economic prosperity.

Man Just Buying One Of Every Cleaning Product In Case Trump Announces It's Coronavirus Cure

Baby Emerges From Game Of Peekaboo Wiser, More Reflective

Pharmaceutical Industry Reeling As More Moms Making Vaccines At Home

Netflix Algorithm Suggests Viewer Who Enjoyed 'Ozark' Will Like Pretty Much Anything

Disney Announces Plans To Release 'Mulan' Directly Into Americans' Consciousness

Nation's companies announce plan to not pay taxes in order to social distance themselves from the IRS

Bottomless nachos and all-nite \$3 well drinks the grandest ambition for new breed of freedom fighters

Edgy Teenager Decides To Be Controversial By Adopting The Exact Same World View As His Grandfather's Parents Had In 1949

North Korea Denies That Their Soldiers March Funny

During these difficult times, marketing professionals struggling to find original ways to exploit these difficult times

New stimulus bill gives every American a 20% off coupon to Applebee's

Tortoise tests positive for performance enhancing drug after race with hare

Trump Proudly Places Faux Gold Sign Declaring "The Buck Never Stops" On Oval Office Desk

Support for Trump remains strong among base voters: "We'll die before we admit we were wrong"

Weary nation realizes that fully half of expert opinion is, well...opinion

For two decades, dry conditions have cooked the West to a crisp. The nearly uninterrupted string of below-average rain years has been punctuated by punishing temperatures that basically go in one direction: up.

This warming, research suggests, is a key driver of California's wildfires, and it now appears to have thrust the entire region into an extended long-term "megadrought" worse than any experienced in recorded history, according to an analysis of 1,200 years of tree ring records, a century of weather observations and dozens of climate models.

The conclusion of the study published in the journal Science corroborates what scientists have long feared and warned policymakers: Extreme warming will exacerbate any dry spell making it longer, severer and more widespread, and this will bake states in the Western U.S. and areas of Mexico with a punishingly long drought.

While the occasional wet period, like what California experience in the last water year, punctuates a long run of below-average precipitation, for the past two decades the region has been consistently dry and hot. In response, thirsty farms and cities have drawn down the Colorado River, putting the water supply for 40 million people in the state at risk.

The last time the West experienced sustained arid conditions over decades was a 28-year dry spell that ended in the year 1603, researchers say.

Scientists now have a full, uninterrupted record of soil moisture across western North America that extends from 800 A.D. all the way up to the near present. That allows them to compare for the first time this drought event to the big megadroughts. And the development of this prolonged drought that began in 2000 looks indistinguishable from those big megadroughts.

Scientists have long known that the West suffered in the distant past under anomalous dry periods that lasted for decades. The region returning to what researchers call a megadrought or a "paleo-drought" is considered to be a worst-case scenario for water managers.

Researchers say the region experienced megadroughts in the 9th, 12th, 13th and 16th centuries, disrupting Native American cultures. For example, dry conditions are believed to have driven the Anasazi from their pueblo settlements in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah.

One key difference between past and present is that the ancient megadroughts all coincided with long periods of cool water on the ocean surface in the tropical west coast of South America, a natural climate pattern known as La Niña, which contributes to North American droughts. However, while a mild La Niña and other natural conditions are playing a role in the current drought, rising temperatures are responsible for half the severity.

Global warming has driven temperatures in the West up by 2.2 degrees Fahrenheit, he says, and hotter air holds more moisture, absorbing it like a sponge from shrubs, trees and the ground.

With past megadroughts there naturally occurring dry years, but those dry years were occurring under a completely different backdrop of temperatures. The last 20 years have been substantially warmer than they would have been without global warming, and a warm atmosphere simply can hold more moisture. Although climate change will make droughts worse, that it may be too soon to know if the region is entering a true megadrought.

A megadrought would have huge and potentially catastrophic implications for California's 40 million people, many of whom live in parched areas of the state. It would also require continuing ingenuity on the part of water managers who maintain substantial reservoirs at Lake Mead and Lake Powell along the Colorado River.

Under prolonged conditions of drought, populous cities in California would suffer but would likely be able to adapt. Farmers and the state's natural ecosystems would get the worst of it.

When scientists do the modeling of these paleo-droughts for California, basically the cities get by okay. They don't like it. It costs a lot and it hurts, but the cities are not affected in their overall prosperity if they're managed well. It's agriculture that goes way down, by maybe half. And the ecosystems, they are just sort of in freefall.

The study is based on tree ring data that is painstakingly difficult to obtain, but exceptionally convincing. To collect tree ring data, scientists first must trudge throughout undisturbed forests and lake beds in search of preserved stumps, which provide a window into soil-moisture levels of the distant past. Researchers used records from thousands of trees from across the region. Radiocarbon dating and other techniques on the stumps can determine the age of the tree's annual growth rings.

In California's moderate climate, trees grow a single ring each year. In the springtime, after winter rains and snow have soaked the state's forests, the cells of a tree expand. During the hot summer, they contract. The expanding and contracting of the cell size is visible in the tree rings. Wet years produce wide rings and dry years thin rings. Researchers can calculate the length of a dry spell by counting the thin rings of a stump.

For example, they found stumps underneath Mono Lake and other places in the Sierra Nevada and elsewhere suggesting California over the last 1,200 years has weathered two sustained dry spells each lasting more than a century. In comparison, dry spells that afflict modern California — as devastating as they can be — have lasted only a few years.

I'm giving up eating chocolate for a month.

Sorry, bad punctuation.

I'm giving up. Eating chocolate for a month.

Temporary One-Way Traffic Control:

April 13, 2020 through Summer 2021

Caltrans has scheduled temporary signalized one-way traffic control on State Route 128 (SR-128) over the Capell Creek Bridge in Capell Valley beginning Monday, April 13, 2020 and remaining in place until the summer of 2021 to accommodate construction of the bridge replacement.

Temporary traffic signals will be in place to guide the one-way traffic over the bridge and temporary barriers will be in place. Traffic speeds will be reduced to 25 mph on the bridge. The temporary one-way traffic control will be in effect 24/7 until the anticipated completion of the project in the summer of 2021.

A temporary modular steel bridge is being built for motorists to use while the existing bridge is demolished and the new structure is being built. When the temporary bridge is finished, traffic will be shifted to the new, temporary bridge. The one-way signalized traffic control will remain in place.

Kiev vs Kyiv

Here's somegeography trivia. I always thought Kiev was the name of the famous Ukranian city. But during the impeachment hearings and their Ukrainian angle I learned of the new spelling which was changed to Kyiv many years ago. It's like knowing that the capital of China used to be Peking but was changed to Beijing to more closely relate to Mandarin.

The previous recognized spelling "Kiev" was a transliteration from the Russian name, whereas "Kyiv" is the direct transliteration from its Ukrainian name. The "Kyiv" spelling is a victory for Ukrainians because they feel it rids them of Russian domination. After Ukraine's 1991 independence, the Ukrainian government introduced the national rules for transliteration of geographic names into the Latin alphabet for legislative and official acts in October 1995, according to which the Ukrainian name Київ is romanized as Kyiv.

Some jokes to brighten your day

If you suck at playing the trumpet, that's why

Cow stumbles into pot field!
The steaks have never been higher

I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know Y

Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular

I scream, you scream, the police come, it's awkward

My mood ring is gone and I don't know how I feel about that

For chemists, alcohol isn't a problem. It's a solution

Well, to be frank, I'd have to change my name

Dogs can't operate MRI scanners, but catscan.



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Pisces (2/19-3/20): You will definitely be remembered by all people for all time, a fact that should make you feel much more shame and disappointment than it may seem.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll finally come to understand your own heart and mind, and by extension, exactly what everyone has been laughing at all these years.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20: Your old solution isn't going to work on your new problem. Try drinking twice as much of it.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Your inability to be spontaneous is well known, which will leave people struggling to put a name to what happens when you combust without warning next Wednesday.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): All of your questions will soon be answered, including what's that noise, who turned off all the lights, and why—why won't it stop feeding on us?

Leo (7/23-8/22): Be sure to choose your words carefully this week, as you've only got about seven of them left

Virgo (8/23-9/22): When you were born they threw away the mold. Also, they threw away the glass womb, the intravenous feeding tubes, the contaminated petri dishes, and most of the funding.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Modern design continues to exert too much influence on your life, as you'll soon be available in six hot new colors, in addition to classic brushed aluminum.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): It might not be today, and it might not be tomorrow, but you'll soon come to regret staging a pie-eating contest to select a new wife.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You're about to give birth to one of life's greatest miracles. Unfortunately for you, it's the one with the multiplying loaves and fishes.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): A number of amazing breakthroughs will be made this week in the field of electroshock therapy, though researchers will be laughing way too hard to officially announce them.



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4 Gross National Product (GNP): It's Grosser Than You Think

It's like taking your paycheck, then adding all your bills to it, and saying that the bigger this total is, the better off you are. Do you really run your business or your family finances that way?

The GNP has been the touchstone of economic policy for so long that most Americans probably regard it as a kind of universal standard. Actually the GNP is just an artifact of history, a relic of another era. It grew out of the challenges of the Depression and the Second World War, when the nation faced economic realities very different from today's. As Herman Daly points out:

"We might say that GNP, technically a measure of the rate at which money is flowing through the economy, might also be described as a *measure of the rate at which we are turning resources into garbage.*"

A major portion of what shows up as growth in GDP is a result of:

-Shifting activities from the non-money social economy of household and community to the money economy-with the consequent erosion of social capital;

-Depleting natural resources stocks - such as forests, fisheries, and oil and mineral reserves - at far above their recovery rates (much of present our income is derived from liquidation of natural capital); and

-Counting as income the costs of defending ourselves against the consequences of growth, such as disposing of waste, cleaning up toxic dumps and oil spills, providing health care for victims of environmentally caused illnesses, rebuilding after floods resulting from human activities such as deforestation, and financing pollution-control devices.

By itself the GDP tells very little. Simply a measure of total output (the dollar value of finished goods and services), it assumes that everything produced is by definition "goods." It does not distinguish between costs and benefits, between productive and destructive activities, or between sustainable and unsustainable ones.

The nation's central measure of well being revenues of more than \$65 billion a year. The Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) developed by Redefining Progress of San Francisco is a new measure of the economic well-being of the nation. It broadens the conventional accounting framework to include the economic contributions of the family and community realms, and of the natural habitat, along with conventionally measured economic production. The GPI takes into account more than twenty aspects of our economic lives that the GDP ignores.

By the curious standard of the GDP, the nation's economic hero is a terminal cancer patient who is going through a costly divorce. The happiest event is an earthquake or a hurricane. The most desirable habitat is a multibillion-dollar Superfund site. All these add to the GDP, because they cause money to change hands. It is as if a business kept a balance sheet by merely adding up all "transactions," without distinguishing between income and expenses, or between assets and liabilities.

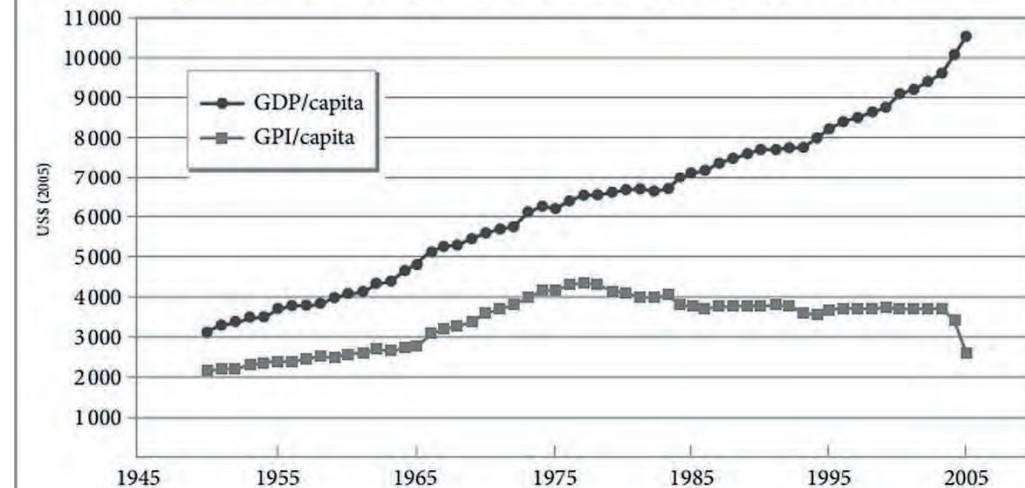
The strange fact is that crime, divorce, mass-media addiction, and other negative societal impacts actually adds to the GDP. Growth can be social decline by another name. Divorce, for example, adds a small fortune in lawyers' bills, the need for second households, transportation and counseling for kids, and so on. Divorce lawyers alone take in probably several billion dollars a year, and possibly a good deal more. Divorce also provides a major boost for the real-estate industry. It means one home to sell and sometimes two to buy." Similarly, a rise in crime has given rise to a burgeoning crime-prevention and security industry with

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It includes estimates of the economic contribution of numerous social and environmental factors which the GDP dismisses with an implicit and arbitrary value of zero. It also differentiates between economic transactions that add to well-being and those which diminish it. The GPI then integrates these factors into a composite measure so that the benefits of economic activity can be weighed against the costs. The GPI is intended to provide citizens and policy-makers with a more accurate barometer of the overall health of the economy, and of how our national condition is changing over time.

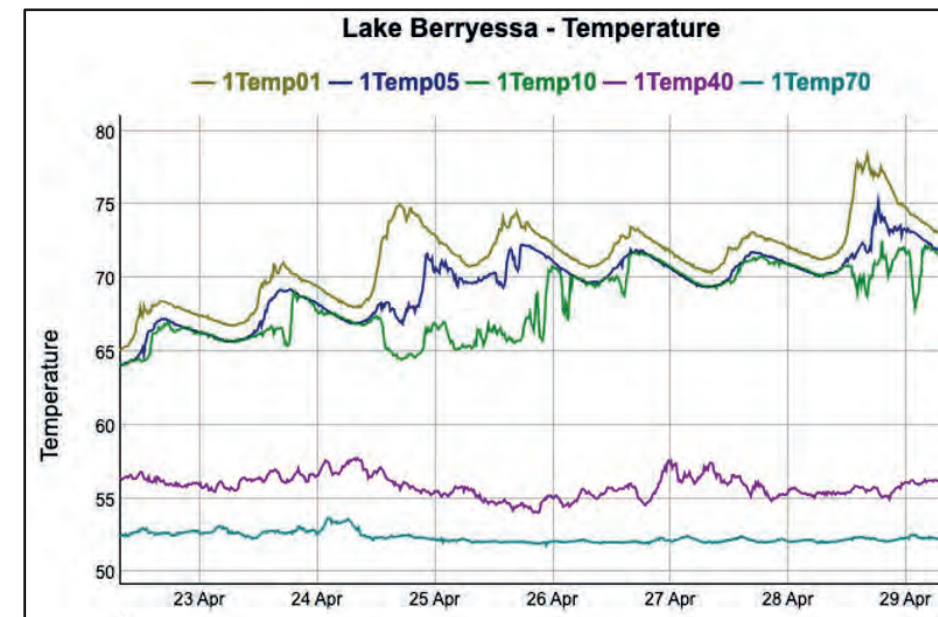
Always remember that classical economics is a mythology. Predatory capitalism is a fundamentalist religion based on this mythology. Environmental destruction and income inequality are results of the practice of this mythical religion.

Figure 1: Genuine progress splits from GDP in the 1970s
Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) per capita and GDP per capita, 1950-2005



Source: Kubiszewski 2013, p. 63

Lake Level as of 4/30/2020
Lake level has dropped to 431.5 feet, 8.5 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall total for the season at Monticello Dam has reached 10.38 inches. Water temperatures measured at Monticello Dam have risen significantly due to the warm weather: above 70 degrees at the surface levels from the surface to 10 feet down. Still holding at 55 degrees at 40 feet and 53 degrees at 70 feet deep and below.



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4-5	5.0 miles	11-12	3.2 miles
4-6	4.7 miles	12-13	8.5 miles
6-7	5.0 miles	13-14	3.7 miles
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"Two girlfriends?" I asked.

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Lake Berryessa Is Open - Summer Is Here (Finally!) - But Revitalization Delayed Again



The January 2017 Lake Berreyssa News headline was:
Will 2017 Be Lake Berryessa's Lucky Year?

On June 21, 2016, the Napa Board of Supervisors directed staff to enter into negotiations for a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) between the County and Reclamation. Under a Managing Partner Agreement, the responsibility to develop and manage public recreation areas would be transferred to Napa County.

At the December 6, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting the supervisors accepted a recommendation to move forward with this strategy and approved an agreement with Ragatz Sedgwick Realty to assist the County in identifying interested concession partners by marketing the opportunity to the resort community and performing a feasibility analysis to determine the best use of each site. The positive Ragatz Report was released in May 2017.

Napa Supervisors then authorized a Request for Information and Interest process (RFII) to determine how many potential bidders would be interested in participating in the Lake Berryessa revitalization process. The original schedule for the process was:

November 20, 2017: RFII Submittals Due

January, 2018: MPA Authorization

February, 2018: RFP Release

April, 2018: RFP Due

Summer 2018: Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations

Turns out that 2017 was not Lake Berryessa's lucky year. After a negotiation process that seemed interminable, the Napa Board of Supervisors unanimously approved (12:15 PM, Tuesday, March 17, 2020) the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation - two years behind schedule!

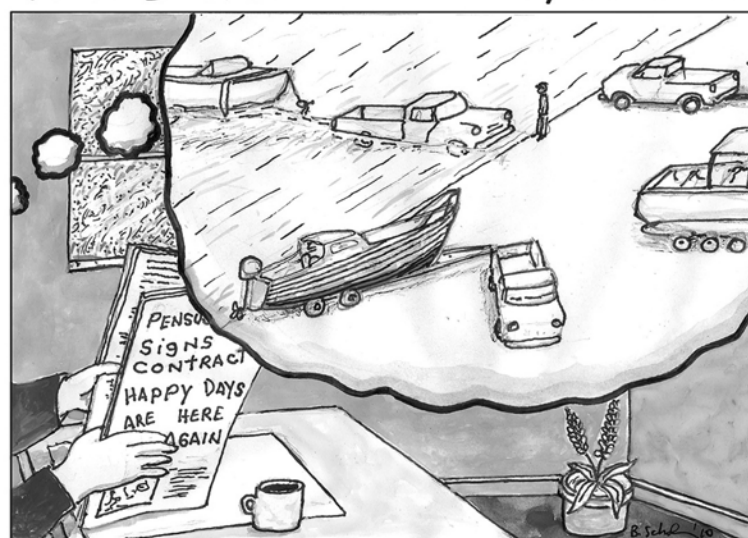
Under the MPA, Napa County would assume management of the Spanish Flat Recreation Area (the old Spanish Flat Resort), Monticello Shores Recreation Area (the old Rancho Monticello Resort), and Steele Canyon Recreation Area (the old Steele Park Resort) effective November 1, 2020

Then the COVID19 hammer came down. Due to this crisis the County has been in emergency mode since the signing of the MPA. There has been no official word on the progress of writing and releasing a bid prospectus. That means the lake revitalization process will probably be delayed another year.

But at least Lake Berryessa is open for the summer!

NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer



What Might Have Been - Really Dumb Names

When Pensus won the contract for the Lake Berryessa Resorts in 2010, they renamed the resorts - an incredibly unpopular decision which was reversed when they were kicked out by the BOR. Can you imagine? Lake Berryessa residents and visitors could not.

Markley Cove = Mahogany Bay

Steele Park Resort = Lupine Shores Resort

Spanish Flat Resort = Foothill Pines Resort

Lake Berryessa Marina = Blue Oaks Resort

Rancho Monticello Resort = Manzanita Canyon Resort

Putah Creek Resort = Chaparral Cove Resort

I suggested that Pensus might wish to form a sister resort arrangement with Lupin Lodge in Los Gatos.

"Lupin Lodge: A Clothing-Optional Getaway For All Seasons Luxury Camping... Try a Lupin Yurt at Lupin Lodge... the ultimate value in clothing-optional relaxation and nude recreation in the San Francisco Bay Area." My suggestion was declined.

Lake Level as of 5/28/20

Lake level has dropped to 430.0 feet, exactly 10 feet below Glory Hole. Light rain brought the total for the season at Monticello Dam to 10.93 inches - the lowest level in more than 22 years! Water temperature measured at Monticello Dam hit 80 degrees at the surface; still holding holding at 55 - 60 degrees at 40 feet and 53 degrees at 70 feet deep and below.

10 Years Ago At The Lake

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Welcome Reception" for the Pensus Group on Thursday, June 24, 2010, 7 PM at the Berryessa Senior Center, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd. (off Berryessa Knoxville Rd, behind the Spanish Flat Village Center).

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by Peter Kilkus

(This is an excerpt from my book, Conspiracy Theory or Automatic Pilot: The Economic Roots of Environmental Destruction, available on Amazon.)

Classical economics is a mythology. Predatory capitalism is a fundamentalist religion based on this mythology. Environmental destruction and income inequality are results of the practice of this mythical religion. But is the present economic and environmental situation a conscious conspiracy or an unintended consequence of simplistic beliefs supported by basic human greed?

The COVID 19 crisis has illustrated the serious problems with classical economics. The fact that the stock market is doing relatively well when individuals and families are suffering great losses is the best indicator that the stock market is NOT the economy - nor does it have any real connection to it.

David Korten, a prominent economist wrote, "I first encountered economics in college when I chose it as my undergraduate major. I soon found it mechanistic, boring, and detached from reality, so I switched to the study of human behavior and organization. I've since come to realize that economic systems are the dominant systems for organizing behavior in modern societies and are most appropriately studied as behavioral systems."

Economics as a "social science" means it involves people, and that it strives to be considered a scientific discipline. But "people" is a notoriously complex concept to bring under supposedly objective and predictive scientific scrutiny. Therefore, certain abstractions have been used to simplify the process.

These abstractions have become principles and, finally, beliefs. These beliefs, or more accurately, myths, are what drive the financial system because they are used to make real people act, unquestioningly, in the best interests of the financial system itself.

Homo Economicus: The Sanctification of Greed

The most important abstraction basic to contemporary economic theory is that of *Homo economicus*. The chief feature of the abstract *Homo economicus* is extreme individualism combined with the insatiability of total wants.

There are explicit underlying assumptions about this abstract *Homo economicus*:

> Humans are motivated by self-interest, which is expressed primarily through the quest for financial gain.

The action that yields the greatest financial return to the individual or firm is the one that is most beneficial to society.

> Competitive behavior is more rational for the individual and the firm than cooperative behavior; consequently, societies should be built around the competitive motive.

> Human progress is best measured by increases in the value of what the members of society consume, and ever higher levels of consumer spending advance the well-being of society by stimulating greater economic output.

To put it in harsher language, these ideological doctrines assume that:

> People are by nature motivated primarily by greed.

> The drive to acquire is the highest expression of what it means to be human.

> The relentless pursuit of greed and acquisition leads to socially optimal outcomes.

> It is in the best interest of human societies to encourage, honor, and reward the above values.

I, among many others, think this picture of human beings is profoundly erroneous and conclusions drawn by economists about the real world from this model must be deeply suspect. On a very personal level, is this the real you? People almost everywhere, when asked about the essential elements of a good life come up with much the same list:

> A secure means of livelihood that provides for our basic material needs while earning us a place of respect in our community;

> A strong, nurturing family, friends, and a supportive, peaceful, and secure community that allows us to explore and develop our capacity for loving relationships;

> The opportunity to learn and to give expression to our awareness and understanding of ourselves and the world around us both intellectually and artistically;

> Good physical health and the opportunity to engage in athletics, dance, and other forms of physical expression that make our bodies tingle with life's energy;

> A sense of belonging to place, community, and life, yet with the freedom to make personal choices-and sometimes to wander and explore without the obligations of place;

> A clean and healthy environment vibrant with the diversity of life; and

> An assurance that our children will have an opportunity for the same.

Fishing With Sid at Lake Berryessa

After many months of waiting to get back on the lake to fis, this Memorial Day Weekend was perfect. The weather was ideal, the fishing conditions great, and just being outdoors was wonderful. Having to be house bound for so long I was eager to get back to what I love to do.

I took out my son's friend Spo (who is like a son to me) the first day. We had a good time and he limited out with five nice bass. The next day I took Roxanne and Andrew out. It was their twentieth wedding anniversary, and they wanted to go for a day of bass fishing. Besides the bass they landed, they caught a good size trout. I think they will do this trip with me yearly they had a great day.

My son Henry landed a six pound bass.



I got to take my buddy Albert and his grandson Daniel out on Sunday afternoon and we stayed out till dark. We fished all over the lake and each one of us caught limits of quality bass from 2 1/2 to 4 pounds. It was a really good weekend for fishing and I hope it'll continue this way through the summer.



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Some Camping Tips

With Lake Berryessa rapidly re-opening, it's time to start thinking about camping again. Here are some useful tips you may be able to use.

• When using a public campground, a tuba placed on your picnic table will keep the campsites on either side vacant.

• Get even with a bear who raided your food bag by kicking his favorite stump apart and eating all the ants.

• Old socks can be made into high fiber beef jerky by smoking them over an open fire.

• When smoking a fish, never inhale.

• A hot rock placed in your sleeping bag will keep your feet warm. A hot enchilada works almost as well, but the cheese sticks between your toes.

• Acupuncture was invented by a camper who found a porcupine in his sleeping bag.

• While the Swiss Army Knife has been popular for years, the Swiss Navy Knife has remained largely unheard of. Its single blade functions as a tiny canoe paddle.

• Lint from your navel makes a handy fire starter. Warning: Remove lint from navel before applying the match.

• You can duplicate the warmth of a down-filled bedroll by climbing into a plastic garbage bag with several geese.

• When camping, always wear a long-sleeved shirt. It gives you something to wipe your nose on.

• You can compress the diameter of your rolled up sleeping bag by running over it with your car.

• Take this simple test to see if you qualify for solo camping. Shine a flashlight into one ear. If the beam shines out the other ear, do not go into the woods alone.

• A two-man pup tent does not include two men or a pup.

• A potato baked in the coals for one hour makes an excellent side dish. A potato baked in the coals for three hours makes an excellent hockey puck.

• In emergency situations, you can survive in the wilderness by shooting small game with a slingshot made from the elastic waistband of your underwear.

• The guitar of the noisy teenager at the next campsite makes excellent kindling.

• The sight of a bald eagle has thrilled campers

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for generations. The sight of a bald man, however, does absolutely nothing for the eagle.

• Bear bells provide an element of safety for hikers in grizzly country. The tricky part is getting them on the bears.

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My Living Will

Last night, my adult kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." They got up, unplugged my computer, turned off my "smart" TV, and threw out my wine.

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Summer's Here – Watch Out for Tailgaters and Other Mental Cases

I got this email from a friend in the Highlands awhile ago: “Yesterday my son and I nearly saw a head-on crash because some *&%#@^ was too impatient. He tried to pass a truck pulling a boat and there was another car coming. I'm not kidding - it was so close! Please remind people to be aware that even though we "know" the road, be careful about how fast you drive since you never know what's around the corner!”

What makes people think they deserve to drive fast on the freeway? Or any other road? Roads are a technology developed to get people from place to place more conveniently than chopping a new path through the weeds every time they traveled. A friend told me stories about his grandparents taking two days by horse and wagon to get from Salinas to San Francisco. They carried guns to protect themselves from “road agents”. I wonder if they had tailgaters galloping up behind them and passing in a cloud of dust at a wide spot in the road to get there faster?

Take a step back and imagine that the fastest an engineer could design a car to go was 40 mph - a bit faster than a horse. What would life on the road look like? The most important result would be that it would take longer to get places and we would all have to plan ahead to start earlier. But isn't this the same thing we need to do now if we travel during “rush hour”?

Just because a car can go 100 mph doesn't mean we must design all our roads to allow everyone to go 100 mph. If you want to go fast on the freeway, drive when no one else is on it. Stop whining about how the government “has to do something about traffic” just because rush hour means slow driving. There are very few highway improvements that can affect rush hour drive times significantly. Widening Jamieson Canyon from 29 to 80 was be one of them.

For people around Lake Berryessa there is basically nothing that can be done to improve the roads – maybe a few more turnouts for slow traffic. From the Berryessa Highlands down Monticello Road to Soscol & Trancas in Napa is approximately 20 miles. At an average of 40 mph, which is a reasonably comfortable speed on such a twisty,

Averaging 50 mph, dangerously fast, gets you there in 24 minutes. But even at 30 mph, a bit pokey, you still make it in 39 minutes. Every morning we can waste 5, 10, 15 minutes getting ready for work. Why then when we get behind the wheel do we lose our sense of civility and have to save only a couple of minutes by driving like idiots on Monticello Road

I'm not a slow driver, but I've been tailgated on the way to and from Napa by some strange people. Psychological problems must come into play. Tailgaters somehow believe that leaving no space between themselves and the car in front is getting them somewhere faster. Maybe they just like testing their brakes a lot.

Others must enjoy being thrown from side to side in their cars as they speed around curves. Perhaps it appeals to their self-image as can-do individuals dedicated to their jobs. The scariest one was a woman in a truck who kept driving up to my bumper at high speed, falling back a long way, and doing it again. There was a child in the car and she was screaming and waving at me. The only problem was that I was about 8 car lengths behind two more trucks and couldn't go any faster. I think she just wanted me to tailgate the trucks in front of me on principle!

So take a deep breath, people. You don't deserve to go fast because of some inalienable right. Patience and civility behind the wheel are the only real long-term solutions to our traffic problems.

To save money, I suggested to one of my grown sons that we all live together in one house. I could tell he didn't think it would be cost-effective when he asked, “Who's going to pay the therapist?”

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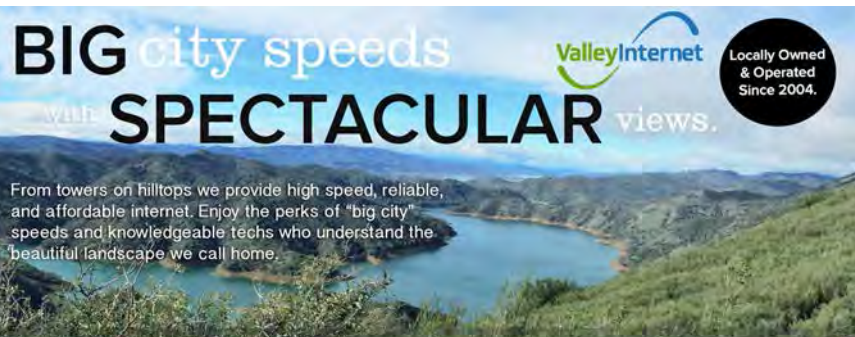
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Pandemic Environmentalism

The 2020 COVID 19 pandemic has led to several stories about how good the pandemic and lockdown have been for “the earth” - cleaner water, wild animals wandering through cities, a lowered carbon footprint. But these stories seldom relate this “good news” to the intimately-related human suffering occurring around the world.

And none of them relate the economic suffering to the basic economic system of predatory capitalism that underlies most of it. Various sources have paraphrased the line “Socialism for the rich and rugged individualism for the poor.”

But these stories also neglect to make the connection to a philosophy known as “deep ecology” which became popular in last decades of the 20th century. Since then some writers have tried to rehabilitate the deep ecology philosophy to make it sound more broadly reasonable. However the basic tenet is still that people are no better than any other creature on the earth and the best way to save “the earth” is to drastically reduce the human population.

The rapid increase in the human population, combined with the practice of predatory capitalism, is clearly at the core of the rapid destruction of the earth's environment and our social structures. But some people believe in their environmental religion so deeply that they have, in some ways, become inhuman. Radical Deep Ecology advocates would be happy to see a plague that wiped out 80% of the human race so the “natural world” could be saved. This is stated, though sugar-coated, in Point 5 of the Deep Ecology Platform (www.deepecology.org/platform.htm):

“5) The flourishing of human life and cultures is compatible with a substantial decrease of the human population. The flourishing of nonhuman life requires such a decrease.”

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I was reminded of this type of thinking by a letter in the St. Helena Star years ago about a potential dam removal. The writer actually asked what he thought were rhetorical questions, “Are not the rights of the environment equal to human and civil rights? Is not compassion for the environment as important as compassion for our fellow human beings?” These are profoundly important philosophical questions, but the answers are resoundingly NO! and NO!

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Once you believe that a baby duck is as important as a baby human you've lost your rationality. Most environmentalists are not this mushy-headed, but many have a static vision of the future that really does not include people. And that's unfortunate because people will not go away.

It's useless to think that we have to harm what we touch. We're going to touch it as long as we exist. We can learn how to touch it lovingly through “Factor of 10” improvements in natural resource use and reasonable land use practices that create incentives to protect the environment while recognizing people exist. Books have been written on how to do this.

The romantic fantasy that humans are irremediably nasty needs to go the way of other adolescent self-indulgences. Society has not come to grips with how to limit population growth and so there will always be more and more people.

You can't solve this by forcing these more and more people into smaller and smaller spaces and calling it “Smart Growth”. You may just be creating future ghettos.

Go ahead and take risks....just be sure that everything will turn out OK.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

June 2020 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You may have great quantities of bravado, élan, and puissance, but there's no way to be sure until you find out what those words mean.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You can't help but feel that if there were something you could do to stop being such a wishy-washy, passive, indecisive loser, you would have done it by now.

Aries (3/21-4/19): The stars have no wisdom or portents to impart at this time, but thought it would be bad manners not to at least say hi.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Sometimes there is just no way to say you're sorry, but the rest of the time you should probably try just walking up to the person and saying “I'm sorry.”

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You try to be a decent person with a good perspective on life and a firm view of right and wrong, but you'll soon find yourself ordering something called a half-caff skinny maple soy latte.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You'll be devastated by the news that you could have stopped a major tragedy in Nigeria if you had only answered their pleading emails in time.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You hate the phrase “Were through the looking glass here, people,” but you'll have to use it anyway this week when you and a bunch of people go through a looking glass.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): People will say you've hit a new low even for you, which is depressing, as they clearly haven't been paying attention to a thing you've done.

Libra (9/23-10/22): The stars are sorry, but someone has already thought of starting a band with two of each instrument in it. It wasn't all that great an idea then, either.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Some say the world will end in ice, some fire. However, the end of your personal world will be most notable for banal remarks on the humidity.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Buck up: You still have a lot of life ahead of you, even if the good part was over years ago.







Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You'll fall short of funky expectations this week when you find yourself digging the scene and looking clean, but without any sort of gangster lean.

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2019 Napa County Agricultural Crop Report

The gross value of winegrape production was \$937,961,800. Overall winegrape values decreased 9.7% compared to the record setting 2018 values. Total production dropped by 24,851 tons or 13.5%. The gross value of all agricultural production was \$943,552,800. Sustainable agriculture is based on three concepts that are interdependent and equally important.

First, the operation must be economically viable. If a farmer can't make a profit, the business cannot be sustained. Second, the industry must be ecologically sound. If a farmer damages the environment, the business will eventually fail. Lastly, the individual workers and the surrounding community must be supported. This means that workers need to earn a good living wage and be treated fairly with safe working conditions. It also means that the community needs to feel that farming operations are contributing to the local economy and are being conducted safely and properly.

GROSS PRODUCTION VALUES

↓ 10%		FRUIT & NUT CROPS	2019	\$938,490,700
			2018	\$1,038,794,900
↓ 8%		FLORAL & NURSERY CROPS	2019	\$650,300
			2018	\$704,500
↑ <1%		VEGETABLE CROPS	2019	\$171,500
			2018	\$170,500
↓ 20%		FIELD CROPS	2019	\$433,300
			2018	\$539,200
↑ 19%		LIVESTOCK	2019	\$2,292,300
			2018	\$1,926,700
↑ 43%		POULTRY & OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCTS	2019	\$1,514,700
			2018	\$1,056,600
↓ 10%		Grand Total	2019	\$943,552,800
			2018	\$1,043,192,400

Fruit and Nut Crops

Crop	Year	Producing Acres	Tons per Acre*	Total Tonnage**	Dollar Value
Red Winegrapes	2019	34,824	3.27	121,100	\$828,687,600
	2018	34,061	3.73	137,335	\$908,490,400
White Winegrapes	2019	9,386	4.05	38,622	\$109,274,200
	2018	9,304	4.90	47,238	\$130,109,700
Winegrapes Subtotal	2019	44,210	3.43	159,722	\$937,961,800
	2018	43,365	3.98	184,573	\$1,038,600,100
Olives	2019	152	2.75	418	\$392,500
	2018	88	0.6	51	\$104,300
Other Fruits & Nuts	2019				\$136,400
	2018				\$90,500
Total Fruits & Nuts***	2019				\$938,490,700
	2018				\$1,038,794,900

California Boater Card Requirements

The new requirement will begin on Jan. 1, 2018 for all persons 20 years of age and younger who operate a recreational motorized vessel on state waterways. On that date these boaters will be required to carry a boater card issued by DBW.

Each year after January 2018, a new age group will be added to those who are required to possess a valid card. By 2025, all persons who operate a motorized recreational vessel on California waters will be required to have one. Once issued, the card remains valid for a boat operator's lifetime. The following phase-in schedule is based on operator age:

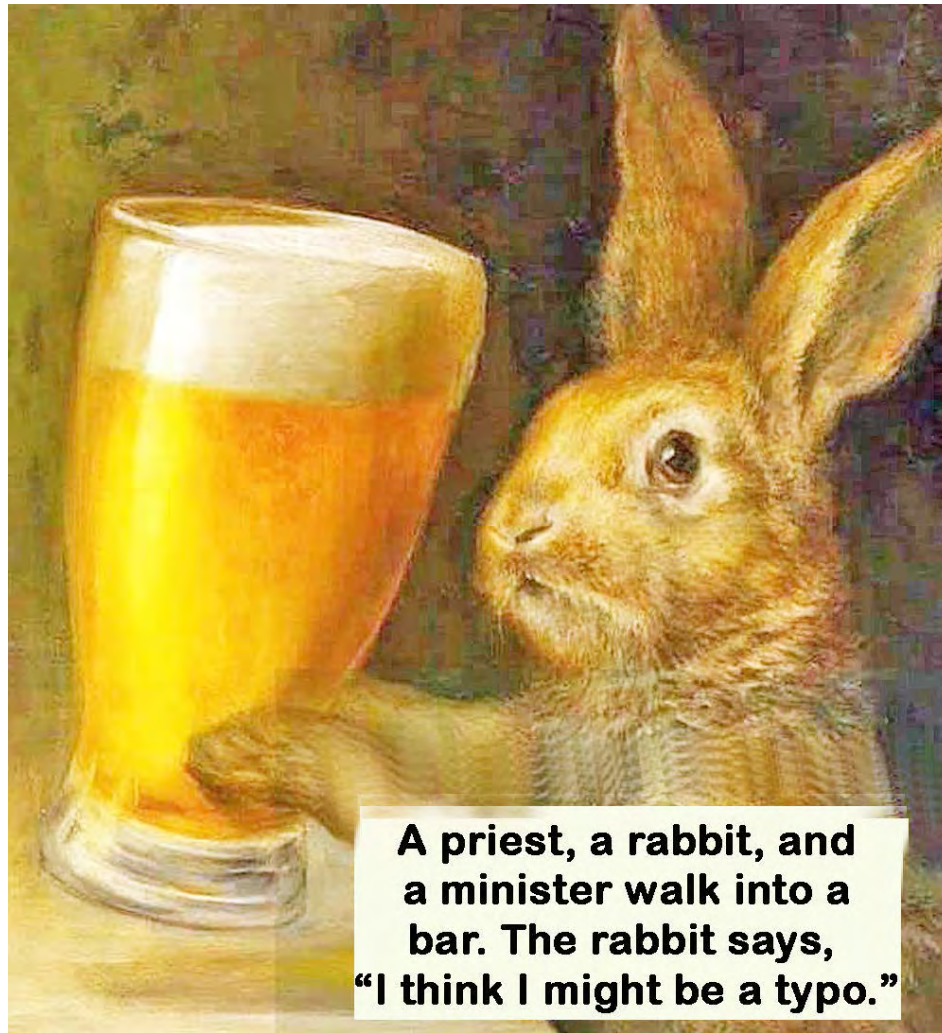
- January 1, 2018 Persons 20 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2019 Persons 25 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2020 Persons 35 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2021 Persons 40 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2022 Persons 45 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2023 Persons 50 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2024 Persons 60 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2025 All persons regardless of age

California age restrictions for operating a motorized vessel:

NO person under 16 years of age may operate a boat with a motor of more than 15 horsepower, except for a sailboat that does not exceed 30 feet in length or a dinghy used directly between a moored boat and the shore (or between two moored boats).

The law allows children 12-15 years of age to operate boats with a motor of more than 15 horsepower or sailboats over 30 feet if supervised on board by an adult at least 18 years of age.

The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.
Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
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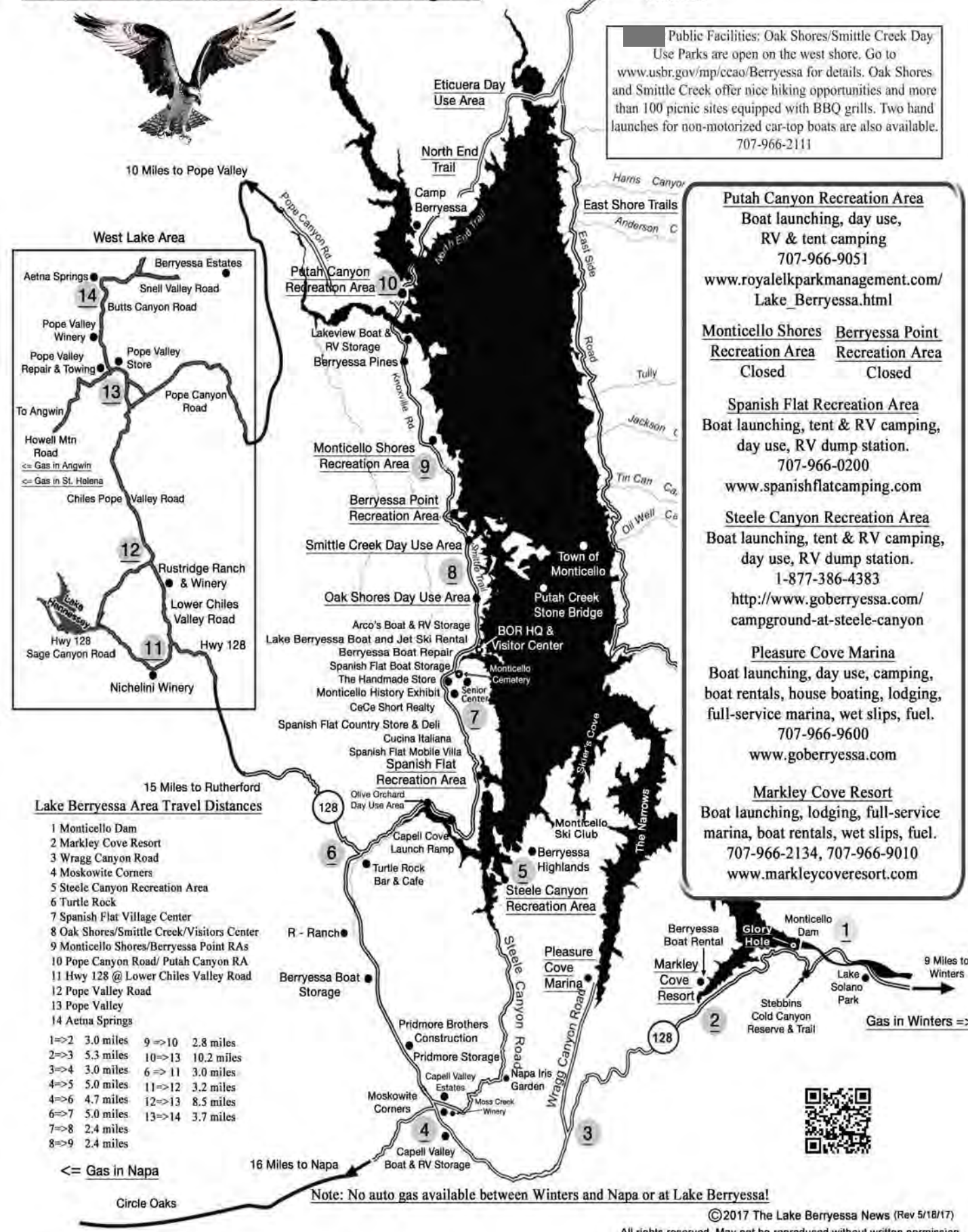
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To Be Six Again

A man asked his wife, "If you could have anything in the world for one day, what would you want?"

"I'd love to be six again," she replied.

On the morning of her birthday, he got her up bright and early and off they went to a local theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park: the Death Slide, the Screaming Loop, the Wall of Fear, everything there was! *Wow!*

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Five hours later she staggered out of the theme park, her head reeling and her stomach upside down. Off to McDonald's they went, where her husband ordered her a Big Mac along with extra fries and a refreshing chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie: the latest Hollywood blockbuster, hot dogs, popcorn, Pepsi Cola and M&M's.

What a fabulous adventure! Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed. He leaned over and lovingly asked, "Well dear, what was it like being six again?"

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Punctuation Humor - The Dark Side

A panda walks into a cafe. He orders a sandwich, eats it, then draws a gun and proceeds to fire it at the other patrons. "Why?" asks the confused, surviving waiter amidst the carnage.

The panda pauses on his way out, produces a badly punctuated wildlife manual, and tosses it over his shoulder. "Well, I'm a panda," he says at the door. "Look it up."

The waiter turns to the relevant entry and, sure enough, finds an explanation:

"Panda. Large black and white bear-like mammal, native to China. Eats, shoots and leaves."

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<<=>The moral of this story is:

If a woman speaks and a man is actually listening, he will still get it wrong.



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July 2020

Happy 4th of July from Lake Berryessa Independence Day!

Coincidentally, Independence Day this year has a special significance since it also signals a moderate independence from the COVID-19 lockdown and the Lake Berryessa shutdown that has been in place for the last several months. Lake Berryessa is essentially completely open.

The first modest relaxation of restrictions took place on May 15. That opened the flood gates of pent-up demand and the lake was overwhelmed by the number of visitors from all over the Bay Area.

Traffic was heavy and the lake looked like an invasion of ants on a sugar cube. While this once again verified the value and importance of Lake Berryessa as a recreation destination, it also resulted in long lines at the resort entrances and an unconscionable amount of garbage on the roads and shore.

This unreasonably excessive trash burden was and still is a problem because so many people are simply pigs without any regard for the rights of others to enjoy a clean environment. If there are no trash containers at places on the lake, the goal should be "Pack it in, Pack it out".

On May 15 Reclamation stated that: "Beginning May 16, Lake Berryessa reopened access to its boat launches located at Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat and Putah Canyon Recreation Areas. Boaters were required to have boats inspected for invasive species before launching.

Beginning May 18, Lake Berryessa reopened access for camping limited only to its self-contained RV only camping located at Pleasure Cove, Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Putah Canyon Recreation Areas.

Beginning May 19 Lake Berryessa

reopened access to Capell Cove Boat Launch. Boaters will be required to have boats inspected for invasive species before launching.

The following facilities and activities remain closed until further notice: Oak Shores Day Use Area, Smittle Creek Day Use Area, Administrative Office and Visitor Center, tent camping and lodging."

Years ago I wrote a story about the Bureau of Reclamation's management of Lake Berryessa titled "They're Off Like A Heard of Turtles". The Reclamation turtles are still here but have finally poked their heads out of their shells to give a first update since May.

The strange thing is that they also distributed a press release on June 24th that reported an event that essentially took place three months ago: "For Release: June 24, 2020, Reclamation announces new partnership with Napa County to develop Lake Berryessa recreation facilities." Talk about fast-running turtles!

The latest official news from Reclamation on June 23: "Beginning June 23, Lake Berryessa reopened access to its Oak Shores, Smittle Creek, and Eticuera Day Use Areas. Day use fees will apply and can be paid by credit card at machines within Oak Shores.

Tent camping facilities located at Pleasure Cove, Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat and Putah Canyon Recreation Areas will reopen; lodging facilities located at Markley Cove and Pleasure Cove will also resume



operations."

An operational example of this good news comes from Steele Canyon Campground: "Beginning Friday, June 26th, tent camping and day use will reopen! Reservations are required for tent camping. Day Use will be first come first served.

Day Use will be limited to 50 car passes. That will sell out quickly, so plan ahead. Day use should be no more than 10 people per group. Any parties larger than that will be asked to leave. You must use the designated day use areas, there is no day use permitted in campsites.

Tent camping will be permitted in all sites in the park, but some of the sites will require an RV in the site as well. Please be mindful when making reservations. No guests will be permitted."

Of growing concern to the many people who are looking forward to a Lake Berryessa revitalization under Napa County management, there has been no word as to the status of the bid prospectus process that should be happening now.

Under the MPA, Napa County would assume management of the Spanish Flat Recreation Area (the old Spanish Flat Resort), Monticello Shores Recreation Area (the old Rancho Monticello Resort), and Steele Canyon Recreation Area (the old Steele Park Resort) effective Nov. 1, 2020.

Under the previous schedule, the bid packages should have been distributed to many recreation management companies already. Even with the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, the bid package development should be in process. Perhaps this Independence Day Lake Berryessa revitalization will break free at last.



"True patriotism hates injustice in its own land more than anywhere else." Clarence Darrow

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press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment 2: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment 3: No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment 4: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment 5: No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment 6: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Amendment 7: In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment 8: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment 9: The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment 10: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Franklin D. Roosevelt (Jan. 11, 1944)

It is our duty now to begin to lay the plans and determine the strategy for the winning of a lasting peace and the establishment of an American standard of living higher than ever before known. We cannot be content, no matter how high that general standard of living may be, if some fraction of our people — whether it be one-third or one-fifth or one-tenth — is ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed, and insecure.

This Republic had its beginning, and grew to its present strength, under the protection of certain inalienable political rights — among them the right of free speech, free press, free worship, trial by jury, freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures. They were our rights to life and liberty.

We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence. "Necessitous men are not free men." People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made.

In our day these economic truths have become accepted as self-evident. We have accepted, so to speak, a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all - regardless of station, race, or creed.

Among these are:

- > The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the nation;
- > The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation;
- > The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living;
- > The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad;
- > The right of every family to a decent home;
- > The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health;
- > The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment;
- > The right to a good education.



Dumb Dee Dumb Dumb

There was one little boy in the teacher's class who really struggled to learn. One day the teacher asked him who signed the Declaration of Independence, and of course he didn't know.

The teacher asked him every day for a week but still he couldn't give the right answer.

Finally, in desperation, she called the boy's father to come and see her. She said to him, "Your boy won't tell me who signed the Declaration of Independence."

The father said to his son, "Come here, boy, and sit down."

The boy duly did as he was told and then his dad said to him, "Now if you signed that stupid thing, just admit it so we can get out of here."

None of my friends will go watch fireworks on the 4th of July. It's probably because all of my friends are dogs.

Happy 4th of July! Remember if you've been drinking and are going to be using fireworks - make sure someone is getting it on video.



A Tragedy of War for the Lake Berryessa

Community

(This article was in July 2010 issue of the Lake Berryessa News, ten years ago. It's been a long war.)

Chase Stanley, 21, was killed July 14 when insurgents attacked the vehicle he was riding in with an improvised explosive device. The attack occurred in the Zabul Province of Afghanistan.

Stanley is the son of Nylind and Debbie Stanley, residents of Lake Berryessa, and brother to Britney Stanley, 23, and Ryan Stanley, 26. Chase Stanley graduated from Napa High School in 2006, and enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 17, alongside his two good friends Matt Fuller and Max Wilhite.

Army Spc. Matt Fuller said he grew up camping, hunting, fishing and riding dirt bikes with Stanley in the Lake Berryessa area. The trio enlisted after high school and Stanley was sent to boot camp during the second week of July 2006, recalls childhood friend Lance Bubak, 20.

Stanley's service record included a 15-month tour in Iraq as part of the 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat Airborne), 20th Engineer Brigade (Combat), out of Fort Bragg, N.C. In December 2009, he was ordered to serve in Afghanistan with his unit, but not before returning home to Lake Berryessa to spend time with his friends and family.

Chase Stanley took the time to get together with friends such as Fuller, Bubak and his brother, Dane, who also grew up in the Lake Berryessa area alongside Stanley. Bubak said Stanley was the type of guy who would always make everyone laugh, offering funny quotes from one of his favorite movies "Joe Dirt" and donning a pair of goggles while sitting around a campfire, giving everyone nicknames.

"I never once heard him say 'I hate it out there,'" Bubak said. "He was just a guy who would say 'This is my job.' I remember giving him a big hug and saying 'Hey man, take care of yourself. We have some more things to do in the future.'"

Bubak said that he knew his friend was serving in a dangerous place, but hoped that the danger would never find him. Stanley is the third person from Napa County to have died overseas in the recent Middle East conflicts.

Unprecedented Use of Unprecedented

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Twitter User Panicking After Realizing Current Situation Too Complex For Harry Potter Metaphor

Coworkers On Zoom Trapped In Infinite Loop Of Telling Each Other 'Oh Sorry, No, Go Ahead'

Quaker Oats Replaces Historically Racist Aunt Jemima Mascot With Black Female Lawyer Who Enjoys Pancakes Sometimes

by Dr. Erwin H. Ludwig (erwin_ludwig@yahoo.com)

Many people have asked me how the wood becomes magnetic. Here is my best explanation. In one-hundred to two-hundred BC there were very intense solar flares hitting the earth. These solar flares distorted the earth’s magnetic field and actually hit the tallest living organisms. The California redwood reaches more than 300 feet in height and can live 3000 years. These trees were being bombarded by the solar flares and, in combination with the earth’s magnetic field, drew iron from the earth into the tree stump where the ferrite molecules became magnetized. Due to intense harvesting of old growth redwoods very few of these trees remain (less than 2%) and fewer of those that were tall enough in 100 to 200 BC to be hit by the flares and become magnetic. Likely none of the magnetic trees are still alive and have now fallen to the ground, so harvesting of the burls are now possible, since it would be a crime to cut down live old growth redwood trees.

While I have searched many years and many forests for more magnetic wood, I have nearly exhausted my supply and have not found more. I am currently in search of more magnetic wood, can you help? I prefer burls but will also use figured wood. The best way to find magnetic wood is to go into your local forest with as large as possible metal plate. If magnetic wood is present the metal plate will detect it. The larger the plate is the further away you will detect magnetic wood. I do believe more exists, perhaps in your local area. So please, go out there with your steel plate and search for this exotic wood. Often many fallen trees in one area will be magnetic, now you must retrieve the wood from the often times remote location. I must suggest a safety precaution; anyone with an older pacemaker should not search for magnetic wood since the magnetic field could stop the function of the pacemaker.

Occasionally other species of trees are also magnetized. This was due to the solar flares hitting the tall redwood trees and deflecting to other species lower to the ground, thus magnetizing them as well. Unfortunately, these magnetized trees that lived so long ago have usually decayed and are even rarer to find. I have found madrone, walnut and black acacia here in California. I have received small quantities of magnetic Paduak from Africa. I cannot explain how this species became magnetic, but obviously the solar flares may have hit other trees in other continents; thus, a wider search for magnetic trees may be fruitful. See the beautifully-crafted knife holders made with magnetic wood at: www.Jandecrafts.com.



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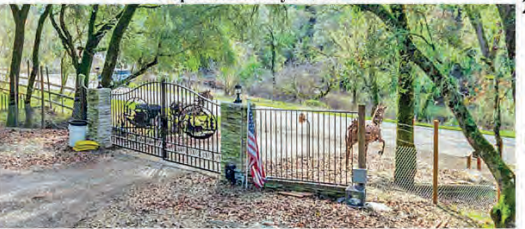
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Cute Baby Names to Match Your Trendy Summer Outfit

Congratulations on the birth of your perfect seasonal accessory! Now, what do you call it? Some say that naming your baby is the single most important decision you will make for your baby. People will make judgments about your child based on this name, often before ever meeting them. It will influence their self-concept. It will be shouted in Starbucks.

While that may be true, it’s also true that you are the one that has to worry about how many faves and retweets your baby pics get. You have to write the cute captions. With that in mind, here are some hyper-contemporary names for your bouncing bundle of clickbait.

Trendy Cuts and Materials: Brocade, Bouclé, Fringe,Agate

It Children: There are no girls or boys anymore, there are only future influencers: Tebete (Pronounced “Tēbētē” or #TBT), JoBro, Melton, Langford, Qualley,Thurnberg

Patterns Spotted During Fashion Week: Dot, Gingham, Tartan

Ombre: And then you can make a hilarious post where you’re both wearing cowboy hats and the caption says “Bad Hombres!” And maybe draw like a moustache on the baby. Super cute.

Cute Instagram Filters: This baby isn’t just a person, it’s a time capsule about your taste palate at this exact moment in history. And that time capsule should have a high-contrast ultra-saturated aura about it. Hudson, Amaro, Sutro, Ginza, Clarendon. It’s classic, it’s modern, it’s cute.

Aronia: Also think about “Berry” as a middler. “Aronia Berry Turpentine” (or whatever your last name is). Keto, Slider, Ube, Rona

Jumps Ten Years Back

Greetings from Lake Berryessa, July 2010

The latest edition has been posted to www.LakeBerryessaNews.com. The lead article is a short story called “Goldilocks and the Three Lakes”

Goldilocks, a friend of mine from the Berryessa Pines, just got back from a trip to the Tahoe-Truckee area. Although she likes the mountains, Donner Lake, and Lake Tahoe, she had this to say about her trip.

“ Lake Tahoe is big, cold, and crowded. Donner Lake is small, cold, and crowded. But Lake Berryessa is big, warm, and uncrowded. I think it’s just right!”

I just returned from a jet ski tour of Lake Berryessa (thanks to Marty at Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rentals for an ultra low emission, supercharged PWC). I was able to travel the whole lake taking photos (see www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/jet-ski-tour/)

I have to agree with Goldilocks that Lake Berryessa is juuust right. It’s so big that you can spend hours exploring. The views are terrific. The water is about 80 degrees and clear. And the lake is uncrowded. Lake Berryessa is so big that even on days when there are a few hundred boats out there, you can always find a place to ski, tube, or wakeboard without bothering someone else.

So don’t be shy, we’d love to see you out at the lake. Tell your friends - Lake Berryessa is open! Big, warm, uncrowded, and friendly.



Happy 4th of July! Remember if you've been drinking and are going to be using fireworks - make sure someone is getting it on video.

Most people's 4th of July plans are really just what people do in Texas everyday: eat bbq, drink beer and light stuff on fire.

Which colonists told the most jokes? Punsylvanians and Jimrubins!

Channel 5’s Eye on the Bay!

CBS Channel 5's Eye on the Bay crew (see photo below) Brian Hackney, Ruben the producer (Brian's left), and Daniel the cameraman (Brian's right)) spent the day at Lake Berryessa on Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

They taped in Pope Valley, then at Jim & Susan's Rustridge Ranch & Winery, Pete Leung's Turtle Rock, Steele Park, and out on the water near Monticello Dam thanks to Marty at Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rentals. The Lake Berryessa News history lesson section is available at:

<https://youtu.be/nP9K8Ai0Lkc>

<https://youtu.be/MPsQ0W7qdK8>

On July 29, 2010 they recorded at Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli, Monticello History Museum, and the west shore of the lake.



July 2020 Note: The original videos are still available. See the whole series (and all of us 10 years younger) at

[Eye On The Bay - Roadtrip from Napa To Angwin To Pope Valley To Lake Berryessa \(phew!\)](http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/photo-album/jet-ski-tour/)

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Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Millions will be rescued this week when the Red Cross deploys thousands of desperately needed words to the site of an unspeakable tragedy.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Well, the stars tried, but somehow, you’ve been left more or less in control of your own destiny this week.

Aries (3/21-4/19): For centuries, great thinkers have contemplated the purpose of life. It’s best to just relax and assume they’ve figured it out.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20: Don’t take it personally: Someone had to be the cutoff point for who does and doesn’t get on the Emergency Earth-Escape Rocket.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You will soon make a comfortable living exploiting other people’s deep-seated anxieties and crippling social fears.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): When all is said and done, only you can make yourself feel bad. But that won’t keep everyone else from trying.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Buy yourself some extremely long bed sheets. You’ll be making an escape rope out of them very soon.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): There are, in fact, good and evil twins, but a greater range of moral choices is available to you as a sextuplet.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You’re not the kind of person who constantly goes around saying the sky is falling, making you ill-equipped to cope with the events of this Thursday.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Scientists agree that you are a unique and fascinating specimen, but there are no practical applications for you as yet.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You’ve made it your life’s mission to find the best crab cakes in Boston. You’re one of America’s unsung heroes.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Someday America will come to an economic understanding that doesn’t include an outrageous hunger for more and more manufactured goods, but for now, your life is pretty sweet.

4 Prohibited Activities at Lake Berryessa

Every now and then it's educational to see what the Napa County laws are for Lake Berryessa. #4 (No Pigs) is very important this year especially. Also #5 is regularly violated, especially on Steele Canyon Road on the shore near Steele Canyon Recreation. Also Some folks may be not be aware of #6 or #23. And, of course, no jumping off bridges.

A. Within the Berryessa Lake and Park area, it is unlawful for any person:

1. To pick flowers, foliage, berries or fruit, or cut, break, dig up or in any way mutilate or injure any tree, shrub, plant, fern, grass, turf, fence, structure or improvement of any kind, unless an employee of the county or an employee of the bureau while in the performance of official duties or unless authorized by special permit by the bureau;

2. Unless authorized by the bureau, to cut, carve, paint, mark, paste or fasten to any tree, fence, wall, rock, building, monument or other object within the Berryessa Lake and Park area any bill, advertisement or inscription;

3. Unless authorized by the bureau, to dig up or remove any dirt, stones, rocks or other substance whatever, make any excavation, quarry any stone, or lay or set off any blast within the Berryessa Lake or Park area. Any proposed blasting must first be submitted for and receive approval from the county;

4. To leave or abandon in the Berryessa Lake and Park area, except in receptacles designated for that purpose by the bureau, human or animal waste, cans, bottles, waste, paper, broken glass or other rubbish or garbage;

5. To light, build or maintain in the Berryessa Lake and Park area any open fire, with the following exceptions:

a. When a written permit has been obtained from the bureau,

b. When fires are maintained in fireplaces, grills or other facilities provided and designated for that purpose by the bureau, and

c. When fires are in oil or gasoline stoves or gas grills in camps and picnic areas maintained and designated by the bureau;

6. To bring any dog or cat or any domestic animal into the Berryessa Lake or Park area except on a leash;

7. To ride, drive, lead or keep a horse or other livestock in the Berryessa Lake or Park area except upon roads and trails designated for that purpose by the bureau, or in such other areas as may be designated as pasturage areas under lease by the bureau. No horse or other livestock shall be hitched to any tree or shrub in such manner as to cause damage to such tree or shrub. This subsection shall not apply to the use of horses for law enforcement purposes, or if prior approval has been obtained through issuance of a special permit by the bureau;

8. To pursue, chase, hunt, molest, catch, capture, injure or kill any bird, mammal or reptile or to attempt to pursue, chase, hunt, molest, catch, capture, injure or kill, or to disturb any bird, mammal or reptile's habitat in the Berryessa Lake and Park area, unless certain areas are designated from time to time to be hunting areas by the bureau and the California Department of Fish and Game;

9. To operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of fifteen miles per hour on any road in the Berryessa Lake and Park area, other than upon state or county highways, unless otherwise posted;

10. To operate any vehicle within the Berryessa Lake and Park area except upon roads and thoroughfares and areas designated for such purpose by the bureau;

11. To sell, peddle or to offer for sale any food, liquids, edibles for human consumption, or any goods, wares, services or merchandise within the Berryessa Lake and Park area, except under permit issued by the bureau, and subject to such laws and regulations as may now or hereafter exist, promulgated by the board of supervisors of the county, the director of public health, or the director of environmental health of the county;

12. To camp in any portion of the Berryessa Lake and Park area other than in areas designated for such purpose by the bureau, unless authorized by special permit by the bureau;

13. To wade, swim, bathe, operate a boat or water ski within one thousand five hundred feet of Monticello Dam;

14. To operate a boat or pass through any logboom

or line of buoys designating a closed area;

15. To contaminate or pollute the waters of Lake Berryessa or the shore area or the tributaries thereof, or to discharge any human waste, litter, garbage, oil or other debris therein;

16. To enter any areas of the Berryessa Lake and Park area which are closed to entry by the bureau, and posted against trespassing in accordance with the provisions of Section 602 of the California Penal Code;

17. To carry and possess any firearms in the Berryessa Lake and Park area without a valid concealed weapons permit or a permit issued by the bureau;

18. To destroy, injure, deface, remove and/or alter public property, including but not limited to developed facilities, natural formations, gravel, mud, sand, mineral deposits, designated historical or archaeological features, except when in accordance with written permission from the bureau;

19. To cut down or remove live trees, or gather wood, without the written permission of the bureau;

20. To bring into the Berryessa Lake and Park area any household or commercial garbage, trash, rubbish, debris, dead animal(s) or litter of any kind for disposal or dumping without the written permission of the bureau;

21. To engage in the sport or activity of parasailing on Lake Berryessa in the following areas:

a. Within one thousand feet of any powerline, or

b. As posted on at least two signs on shore or on buoys in or near the prohibited area, or

c. Within two thousand feet of Monticello Dam.

22. To park any vehicle in a fire lane, in a red zone, or in any other area that is not a designated parking area within the Berryessa Lake and Park area;

23. To bring any glass containers to the day use facilities at Oak Shores Park and Smittle Creek Park areas;

24. To tie or attach any vessel, rope, canopy, hammock or similar item(s) to any tree, shrub, bush, vegetation, pole, picnic table, bench or other park facility, improvement, or structure;

25. To abandon a campfire or any open fire.

Lake Levels as of 6/24/20

Lake level has dropped to 427.7. feet, 13.3 feet below Glory Hole. Total rainfall for the season at Monticello Dam is 10.93 inches. Water temperature measured at Monticello Dam is between 75 and 80 degrees at the surface to 10 feet, 65 degrees at 40 feet, and 53 degrees at 70 feet deep and below.

COVID 19 Risk Levels

The list, posted on Yahoo! Finance and created by health experts, assigns a score for activities from 1 to 10, with a 10 being the riskiest and a 1 being the least risky. Some activities related to recreation are:

Bars (Risk level: 9): Experts agree – bars are very risky. People let their guard down when drunk, so expect fewer precautions to be followed at bars. Also, people can't wear masks when drinking, people pack in tightly and there's more mingling making bars riskier than restaurants.

Pontoon boat rides (Risk level: 6): Going for a boat ride with people you're living with isn't risky, but it can be if you're doing it with a big group of people from other homes. It's a slightly higher risk than some other gatherings, because there's a better chance of drinking and loud talking on boat rides.

Backyard barbecues (Risk level: 5): Outdoor gatherings make it easier for people to stay 6 feet apart. If people are masked and keep their distance, experts said this becomes a low-risk activity.

Beaches (Risk level: 5): Beaches are complicated, the experts said, as there could be a wide range of risk depending on the situation. A beach is low risk for spreading the virus if it's not crowded and people maintain their distance.

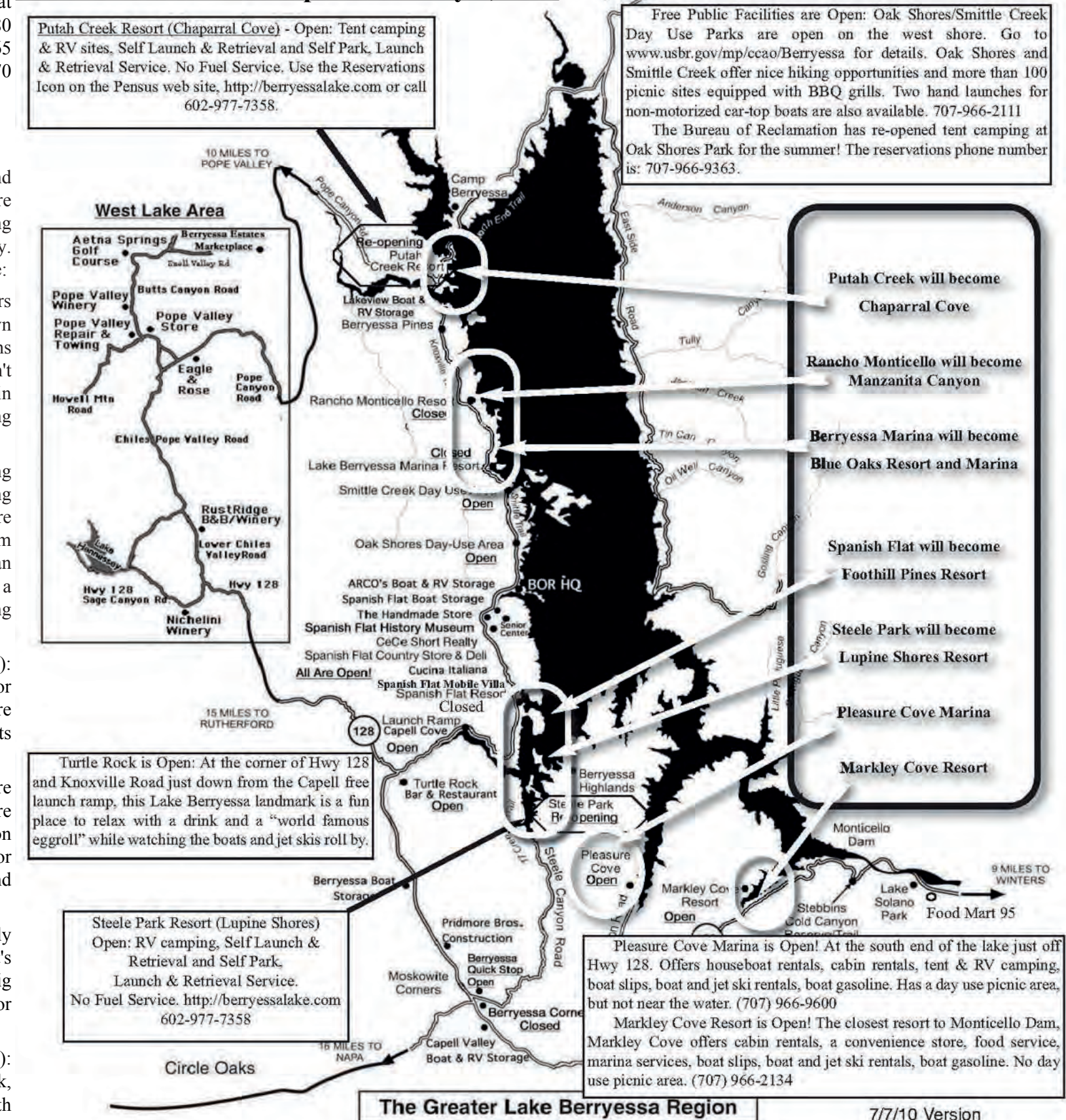
Camping (Risk level: 3): If this is a family unit going camping by themselves, it's riskier than staying at home. But big camping events or overnight camps for children pose higher risks.

Walking, running, biking (Risk level: 2): Doing these on trails poses a low risk, because you don't come into contact with many people and aren't near them for long.

Lake Berryessa Historical Map (July, 7, 2010)

Lake Berryessa is Open for the Summer – North to South!

Note: This historical map is from July 7, 2010





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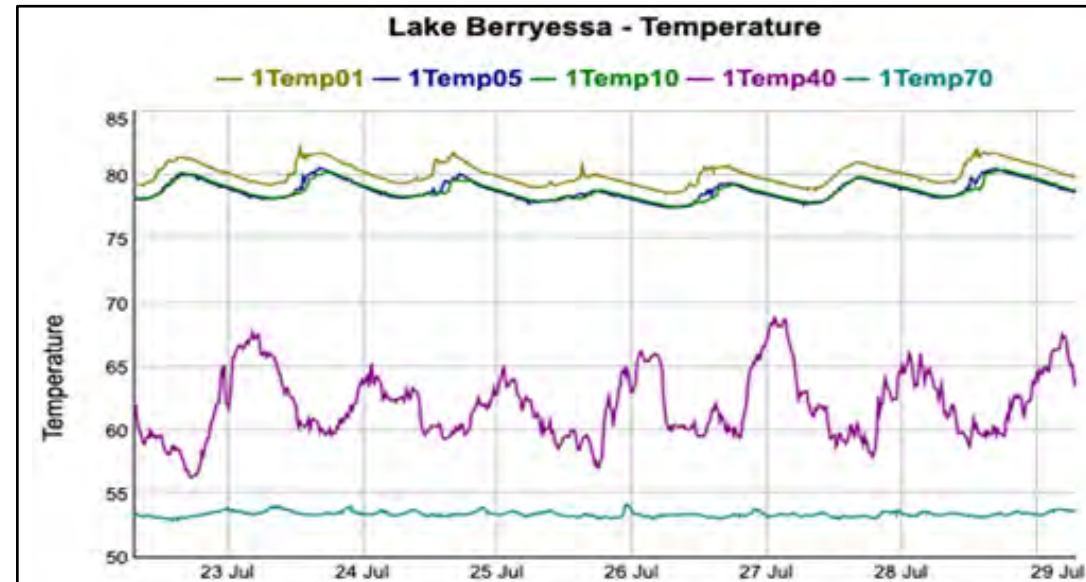


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Lake Level as of 7/29/20

Lake Berryessa's water level has dropped to 424.6 feet, 15.4 feet below Glory Hole. This is a "normal" level at this time of year. Water temperature measured at Monticello Dam is 80 degrees at the surface to 10 feet, 63 degrees average at 40 feet, and 53 degrees at 70 feet.



How to Coach 9-Year Olds

During a game, the coach called one of his 9-year-old baseball players aside and asked,

"Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?"

"Yes, coach", replied the little boy. "

Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?"

The little boy nodded in the affirmative.

"So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse the umpire, or call him an a-hole. Do you understand all that?"

Again, the little boy nodded in the affirmative.

The coach continued, "And when I take you out of the game so that another boy gets a chance to play, it's not a dumb-ass decision or that the coach is a pooppyhead is it?"

"No, coach."

"Good", said the coach.

"Now go over there and explain all that to your grandmother."

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

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Progress Towards Lake Berryessa Renaissance: Napa County Moves Forward!

In an email to the Lake Berryessa News, Deputy Napa County Executive Officer Molly Rattigan reported that, "We are in the process of finalizing the marketing report with Ragatz Realty and the job description for the Concessionaire Manager for Lake Berryessa. Both should be final in early August and we'll move to the bidding documents. Plan is to release documents in September."

Although the rebuilding process has been delayed several times, the latest being the COVID19 crisis, everyone following this process is breathing a sigh of relief that the wheels are, once again, at least turning.

The MPA's first phase paves the way for the county to choose developers for three lakeside resort sites, Monticello Shores, Spanish Flat and Steele Canyon RecAreas. Under Phase 2, by or before Nov. 1, 2030, the county will determine whether to take over recreation management responsibility for two other sites -- Pleasure Cove Marina and Markley Cove Resort currently under multi-year contracts with Reclamation.

In Phase 3, by 2030 the county may elect to assume recreation management responsibility for Berryessa Point Recreation Area and Putah Canyon Recreation Area. (See Putah Canyon story on Page 2: Bureau of Reclamation Opens Ten Year Term Bids for Putah Canyon RecArea.)

In a statement to the North Bay Business Journal Rattigan said, "We plan to send out bidding packages by September. We maintain a list of interested parties and will provide information and updates about these emerging business opportunities."

"It has been too long since we experienced a thriving Lake Berryessa," said Supervisor Diane Dillion, chair of the Napa County

Board of Supervisors. "We want to work with the community to restore economic vitality to the region surrounding one of Napa County's most important recreational areas. We thank the Bureau of Reclamation for working with us and for providing the county the opportunity to bring back vibrant concessions at Lake Berryessa."

Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rentals and Repair Owner Marty Rodden hopes to see Spanish Flat, Monticello Shores and Steele Canyon redeveloped.

Although Lake Berryessa was closed for several months due the virus restrictions, since it opened last month the response from the public has been overwhelming - showing again that the lake is a major recreation draw. "We are booked up solid through August for our wakeboard, ski and pontoon boat rentals as well as for jet skis, fishing boats, kayaks and paddle board reservations," Rodden said.

Rodden, a long-term local business owner with deep ties to the community believes, "A number of good companies plan to bid on one or more of these properties."

Hopefully financially-solid recreation companies will recognize the profit potential described in so much detail in the Ragatz Report commissioned by the County in 2017: Lake Berryessa: An Untapped Resort Development Opportunity. (The full Ragatz Report is available at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/special-publications/rfii-process--ragatz-report/final-lake-berryessa-ragatz.pdf)

It is gratifying that the county is working once again with Ragatz to assist in writing the bid prospectus.

One enduring business, the Turtle Rock Bar & Café operated by Pete Leung for 40 years, regularly sees his parking lot packed with

motorcycles, cars, trucks and boat trailers - even with the present health restrictions.

"The future is promising with opportunities for development, and property prices are going up," said Leung, known for his famous egg rolls. "There is money to be made here if the county is willing to entertain new ideas, but we need to get resorts developed, new lodging, more restaurants, shower facilities as well as water and sewer infrastructure to support them."

Most residents and regular visitors agree. The Ragatz report concluded, based on extensive input, analysis, and survey results that:

"The challenge and opportunity are to redevelop the five concession areas into resorts that more appropriately reflect the lifestyle of today's participants in outdoor recreation - higher quality, more variety, greater convenience, more nature-based (but not forgetting the ever-popularity of motor boats and RVs), more family-oriented, etc.

If more care is given to these important trends, Lake Berryessa has the opportunity to: (1) become a significant year-round destination for the almost 10 million people in the Bay Area and Sacramento; (2) significantly impact the economy of Napa County; (3) be profitable to appropriately selected concessionaires; and (4) do so while maintaining and enhancing the natural environment."

It is not the intent to make Lake Berryessa into a highly-commercialized, over-dense environment. Care must be taken to always balance the criteria of consumer demand, economic gain and protection of Lake Berryessa's beautiful natural setting.

This is 2020 - we know how to do that!

Renaissance is a French word meaning "rebirth." It refers to a period in European civilization that was marked by a revival of Classical learning and wisdom.

In 2020 it refers to the rebirth of a family recreation jewel through the creation of modern, eco-friendly resorts open and affordable to all.

An Insight Into False Beliefs

"It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it." Upton Sinclair

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2 **Bureau of Reclamation Opens
Ten Year Term Bids for the
Putah Canyon Recreation Area**

Per the Managing Partner Agreement between Napa County and the Bureau of Reclamation, Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Monticello Shores will be the first recreation areas to be put up for bid. However, that leaves the Putah Canyon Recreation area out of MPA play until 2030.

Putah Canyon is being run now by Royal Oak Management on an interim contract with the BOR. But Putah Canyon is on the list for the County to take over as one of the last recreation areas on the schedule - after 2030. So the BOR seems to be extending the present contract for ten years to buffer that extended time frame. By law Reclamation has to have an open bid process. So Royal Elk may bid and be the company that keeps the present contract. Expect some, but not much, development no matter who takes over the concession.

Per the MPA: "Putah Canyon: Reclamation, and Napa County, may agree to include Putah Canyon into the Managing Partner Agreement (after 2030). Until such time, Reclamation will continue to manage the Recreation Area.

Timeline – Phasing the concession sites under the MPA by the County.

o Phase 1 – (November 1, 2020) The County will take over recreation management responsibility for Steele Canyon, Monticello Shores, and Spanish Flat.

o Phase 2 – By or before November 1, 2030, The County will determine whether it will exercise an option to take over the recreation management responsibility for Pleasure Cove and Markley Cove.

o Phase 3 – The County may take over the recreation management responsibility for Berryessa Point and Putah Canyon."

**Press Release: Reclamation opens concession
development and operation bidding at Putah Canyon
Recreation Area**

The Bureau of Reclamation announced today the open bidding period for a campground's recreation development and operation at Lake Berryessa's Putah Canyon Recreation Area. This is a business management opportunity for a Putah Canyon Recreation Area camping concession facility for up to 10 years.

With a business model committed to the provision of quality camping, Reclamation foresees commercial opportunities at Putah Canyon Recreation Area, which is readily accessible by millions of potential visitors. The

location, environment, scenic vistas, multitude of outdoor recreation opportunities and proximity to other tourist destinations makes this a desirable location for land-and-water-based commercial recreation services.

Putah Canyon Recreation Area includes campgrounds, public boat launch, day-use area and limited retail sales. Some operations will be seasonal, while others may be year-round. Bidders may also suggest other appropriate facilities/activities as part of their unique proposals.

View contract opportunities at the Beta.Sam website, <https://beta.sam.gov/>, and search for keyword: solicitation "Putah Canyon" or solicitation number MP-20-LB1, for opportunities and information on submitting a business proposal. Business will be conducted under the terms and conditions of long-term concession contracts between the successful bidder and Reclamation.

Proposals are accepted until Monday, August 10, by 4:00 p.m. PST.

Summary of the Business Opportunity

Reclamation, through this solicitation is outlining a business opportunity for concession operation of a campground at Putah Canyon Recreation Area at Lake Berryessa. This business opportunity is developed to meet the standards of recreational services and facilities identified in the 2006 Visitor Services Plan/Record of Decision. Nature of business and service(s) provided: This business opportunity is for concession operations of campground and associated facilities at Putah Canyon Recreation Area at Lake Berryessa for a term not to exceed ten years.

Rates for the goods and services provided are regulated by the Bureau of Reclamation based upon comparison of similar services provided by the private sector. Some operations may be seasonal in nature while others may serve year-round business demands. There may also be other appropriate facilities and activities that Offerors may suggest as a part of their unique proposals. Selected contractor will be required to pay a Franchise Fee to Reclamation representative of the value to the Concession Contractor of the use, rights, and privileges granted by the Concession Contract.

Based on visitation trends, Reclamation will allow seasonal adjustments to the operations. The selected concession contractor may propose partial closures and reuctions in service at non-peak times. This Prospectus will be open through August 10 in recognition of the complexities involved and the potential for individual Offerors to develop proposals.

August 2020 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): No offense, but when Aquarius got into this business, dealing with empty and meaningless futures like yours sure as hell wasn't what it had in mind.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You'll finally get into shape this week, though which one exactly, isn't clear yet.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Try to break your habit of turning to anonymous sources for general advice on your problems.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You'll finally open up about your innermost hopes and dreams this week, though the whole thing will be pretty hard to hear with everyone laughing so damn hard.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Remember to take things one day at a time this week, even if you have the ability to exist outside of time.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Lately it seems all your imaginary friends just want to sit around all day and watch television.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Your plans for the weekend seem simple enough, but they present a challenge when you realize you have no idea how to "get some girls."

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You will slowly come to appreciate the value of silence when everyone seems to want to say things you do not wish to hear.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Clear and direct communication is key to a successful marriage. Try ending all of your domestic exchanges with "Roger that, good buddy."

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Patience will see you through life's most harrowing times. Plus you can fake patience by just sleeping constantly.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): They say that it's not how well the bear dances that's impressive, but that the bear can dance at all, which is kind of insulting considering the number of hours you spent teaching it. (Russian bears have been playing ice hockey, as they've been trained to do in various circuses since 1962. Circus bears, besides being trained to balance on balls or glide on roller skates, have also been taught to play basketball, drive vehicles, and play musical instruments. www.dailydot.com/unclick/russian-bears-ice-hockey/

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Your week will be so varied, interesting, and surprising that eventually the coroner will just give up, shrug, and write "heart failure" in the spot marked "Cause of Death."

The Lake Berryessa Watershed

by Paige Norberg,

Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership

Did you know that Lake Berryessa is a reservoir and that its water is used for recreation, habitat for fish and wildlife, irrigation for farming, AND as a drinking water source for Solano County? Many people are surprised to learn that the water that they boat on has such a wide array of uses and that they personally are affected by the water quality, either directly when they drink it, or indirectly as it is used on local farms. As the water in the lake is delivered across a network of creeks, canals and pipes to the surrounding community, this watershed is critical for our region.

A watershed is an area where water is carried in the form of rain and snow through groundwater and runoff on roads to a network of storm drains, creeks and rivers that eventually converge into one water source. Lake Berryessa naturally drains into Putah Creek and travels through Davis and into the Sacramento River and eventually into the ocean. The constructed watershed brings water from Lake Berryessa to the Putah South Canal and into Solano County.

The water supply for Lake Berryessa is derived from the 568 square mile drainage basin above the dam. (See map on Page 6.) There is no connection to the snowmelt from the Sierras. The elevation of the basin ranges from 182 feet at the dam to 4,722 feet at the upper end of Putah Creek with most of the basin lying below 1,500 feet. There are four principal creeks that flow into Lake Berryessa: Capell Creek, Pope Creek, Eticuera Creek, and Putah Creek, the main drainage of the basin.

The lake is 23 miles long, 3 miles wide, with 165 miles of shoreline and is fed by the headwaters to the 576 square mile Putah Creek watershed. Rainfall levels vary significantly by location. Moskowite Corners is usually about 10% - 20% higher in rain totals than the nearby (7 miles) Berryessa Highlands. Calistoga, Angwin, and Napa provide an interesting precipitation comparison, but they are not within the Putah Creek Watershed. Middletown rainfall is a better comparison since it is really the headwaters to Putah Creek and flows directly into the lake

The water cycle plays a crucial part in a watershed as the evaporation from the bodies of water eventually make it back into the entire ecosystem in the form of rain or snow. As John Wesley Powell, a geologist, said, a watershed is "that area of land, a bounded hydrologic system, within which all living things are inextricably linked by their common water course and where, as humans settled, simple logic demanded that they become part of a community."

It is this connection to all living things that is so important to remember when thinking about Lake Berryessa as a

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watershed. Trash, oil, or other chemicals dumped in the surrounding areas will eventually make their way into the storm drains that connect to the creeks that flow into Berryessa. From there the water will either be consumed by humans, used for irrigation, or make its way to the Pacific Ocean. Marine debris, or trash, can then be consumed by life at sea or end up in the North Pacific Gyre, also known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. This swirling mass collects trash from all over the world.

This is why the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership is working so hard to educate boaters and recreationists about keeping the lake clean. Our watershed and our entire region will benefit if each one of us do our part by not polluting and picking up litter. Remember, if you wouldn't want to drink it, don't put it in the lake!

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Onion Headlines

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Georgia Secretary Of State Vows To Investigate Why Some Residents Forced To Wait 2 Centuries To Vote

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Economist Has Great Idea For Sitcom Where Keynesian And Friedmanite Have To Live Together

Frustrated Mayors Demand Constituents Stop Paying Such Close Attention To Everything They Do

CDC Horrified After Discovering Existence Of Thousands Of Public Pools

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Tide Accused Of Over-Inflating Number Of Children Who Roll Around In Mud Puddles Before Running Into House

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Op-Ed: Rep. Yoho is So Sexist His Name is a Catcall

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CDC: Wearing A Mask Cuts Down On Accidental Run-Ins And Unnecessary Conversations By 75%

6 Solano County Water Agency Stops Mussel Contaminated Patio Boat
A 25-foot pontoon boat was bought in Chicago and then had transported to California. It somehow passed the state border inspection. Anyone who had walked by the boat may not have noticed the invasive mussels. That likely explains how the boat cleared the border inspection. The boat continued its journey down to Santa Rosa, and eventually was ready to be launched in Lake Sonoma.

It was there the boat owner learned he had some stowaways – and the kind of stowaways the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) spends a considerable amount of funds on annually to keep out of Lake Berryessa. Invasive mussels had taken hold on the boat, and if allowed to launch, could have become the start of a serious problem for Lake Sonoma, or any waterway and the water users.

The mussels have been known to destroy pumps and irrigation systems, causing millions of dollars in damage if not held in check. Water quality is also an issue. Zebra and Quagga mussels have been found in 29 waterways in California, predominantly in the southern part of the state. Millions of dollars have been spent in eradication efforts.

Lake Berryessa is completely free of the invasive species, and keeping the it clean is why the agency is working to develop a rapid response plan if the lake were to be compromised. Keeping the mussels from getting into lower Putah Creek is also a concern.



This episode is a good educational tale for the boaters who complain about the inspections before being allowed to launch onto Berryessa. The water agency hires 12 seasonal inspectors to man each boat launch at the lake. It also operates a decontamination center at Steel Canyon Recreation Area – and it was there the much traveled pontoon ended up.

The boat went through three decontamination cycles, but a specially trained dog with the state Department of Fish & Wildlife still hit on mussels on the vessel. With this boat in particular – they actually

found closed shells still attached with moisture inside indicating some could have still been alive. Mussels can live up to 30 days out of water. With this boat the first reason for concern was the possibility of water being taken on and sitting in the pontoons which mussels can grow and live in for as long as the water stands in them.

The second reason to try to remove as much dead mussels as possible is that too much dead mussel material released into a waterway can set off a false positive for DNA – which would change Lake Berryessa's status of "mussel free" to "suspect waterbody". They agency would have to act accordingly until they receive all negative results for the next two following years.

The boat's engine was torn apart in hopes of completing the decontamination task. Live mussels were found in the engine by a Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Repair mechanic. Additional decontamination work was then completed on the pontoon boat. There was no cost to the boat owner. Because of SCWA's grant funding, and because it is worth it to protect Lake Berryessa the service is free.



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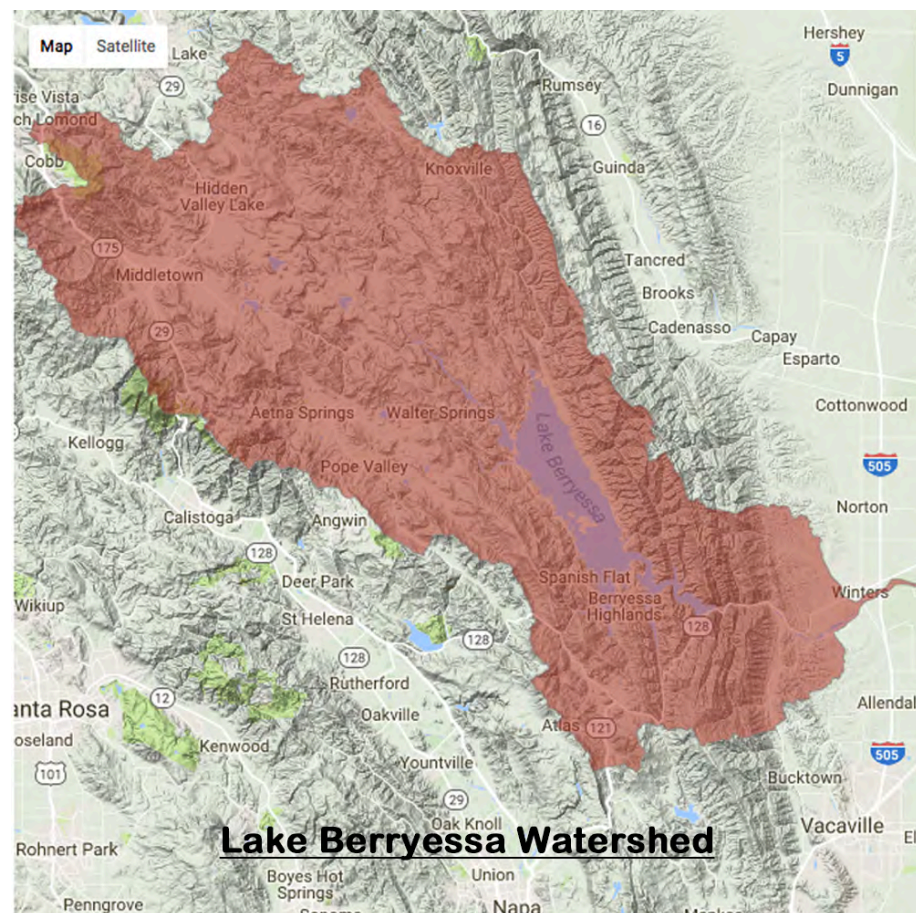
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Got this stream-of-consciousness report from my Texas cousin who found it on Facebook and said,

"Told y'all 2020 sucks."

Dear Diary, 2020 Edition.

In January, Australia caught on fire. I don't even know if that fire was put out, because we straight up almost went to war with Iran. We might actually still be almost at war with them. I don't know, because Jen Aniston and Brad Pitt spoke to one another at an awards show and everyone flipped out, but then Netflix released Cheer and everyone fell in love with Jerry, but then there was thing happening in China, then Prince Harry and Megan peaced out of the Royal family, and there was the whole impeachment trial, and then corona virus showed up in the US "officially," but then Kobe died and UK peaced out of the European Union.

In February, Iowa crapped itself with the caucus results and the president was acquitted and the Speaker of the House took ten years to rip up a speech, but then WHO decided to give this virus a name COVID-19, which confused some really important people in charge of, like, our lives, into thinking there were 18 other versions before it, but then Harvey Weinstein was found guilty, and Americans started asking if Corona beer was safe to drink, and everyone on Facebook became a doctor who just knew the flu like killed way more people than COVID 1 through 18.

In March, you know what hit the fan. Warren dropped out of the presidential race and Sanders was like Bernie or bust, but then Italy shut its whole butt down, and then COVID Not 1 through 18 officially become what everyone already realized, a pandemic and then a nationwide state of emergency was declared in US, but it didn't really change anything, so everyone was confused or thought it was still just a flu, but then COVID Not 18 was like ya'll not taking me seriously? I'm gonna infect the one celebrity everyone loves and totally infected Tom Hanks, but then the DOW took a s%#& on itself, and most of us still don't understand why the stock market is so important or even a thing (I still don't), but then we were all introduced to Tiger King. (Carol totally killed her husband), and Netflix was like you're welcome, and we all realized there was no way we were washing our hands enough in the first place because all of our hands are now dry and gross.

In April, Bernie finally busted himself out of the presidential race, but then NYC became the set of The Walking Dead and we learn that no one has face masks, ventilators, or toilet paper, or THE DAMN SWIFTER WET JET LIQUID, but then Kim Jong-Un died, but then he came back to life... or did he? Who knows, because then the Pentagon released videos of UFOs, and we were like man, it's only April....

In May, the biblical end times kicked off historical locust swarms and then we learned of murder hornets and realized

that 2020 was the start of the Hunger Games but people forgot to let us know, but then people legit protested lockdown measures with AR-15s, and then sports events were cancelled everywhere, But then people all over America finally reached a breaking point with race issues and violence. There were protests in every city, but then people totes forgot about the pandemic called COVID Not One Through 18. Media struggled with how to focus on two important things at once, but then people in general struggle to focus on more than one important thing, and a dead whale was found in the middle of the Amazon rain forest after monkeys stole COVID 1 Through 19 from a lab and ran off with them, and either in May or April (no one is keeping track of time now) that a giant asteroid narrowly missed earth.

In June, science and common sense just got thrown straight out the window and somehow wearing masks became a political thing, but then a whole lot of people realized the south was actually the most unpatriotic thing ever and actually lost the civil war, and there is a large amount of people who feel that statues they don't even know the name of are needed for ... history reasons, but then everyone sort of remembered there was a pandemic, but then decided that not wearing a mask was somehow a god given right (still haven't found that part in the bible or even in the constitution), but then scientists announced they found a mysterious undiscovered mass at the center of the earth, and everyone was like DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH IT, but then everyone took a pause to realize that people actually believed Gone With The Wind was like non-fiction, but then it was also announced that there is a strange radio signal coming from somewhere in the universe that repeats itself every so many days, and everyone was like DON'T YOU DARE ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE WITH. IT, but then America reopened from the shut down that actually wasn't even a shut down, and so far, things have gone spectacularly not that great, but everyone is on Facebook arguing that masks kill because no one knows how breathing works, but then Florida was like hold my beer and let me show you how we're number one in all things, including new Not Corona Beer Corona Virus, Trump decides now is a good time to ask the Supreme Court to shut down Obama Care because what better time to do so than in the middle of a pandemic, but then we learned there was a massive dust cloud coming straight at us from the Sahara Desert, which is totally normal, but this is 2020, so the ghost mummy thing is most likely in that dust cloud, but then I learned of meth-gators, and I'm like that is so not on my frappin' 2020 Bingo card, but then we learned that the Congo's worse ever Ebola outbreak is over, and we were all like, there was an ebola outbreak that was the worse ever?

In July/August.... Aliens? Zeus? Asteroids? Artificial

Berryessa Pig Invasion Prompts Action

Those of us who live at the lake were shocked by what can only be called the Invasion of the Pigs when the lake re-opened a few weeks ago. The shoreline along Steele Canyon Road was inundated by trash left by the oinkers who went down to the lake to picnic.

Hundreds of complaints from local residents to Bureau of Reclamation and Napa County officials about the porker tourist invasion resulted in dumpsters and porta-potties being placed along Steele Canyon Road below the Steele Canyon Recreation Area entrance.

The mess some of these jerks left behind was unconscionable. We've all had our fun times watching tourons at the launch ramps, but these piggy criminals don't deserve any laughter - just big fines.

Below is a report from the LBBO interns who usually provide invassive mussel inspection services at the recreation areas. They also did their share to clean up the Steele Canyon shoreline last week.

Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program

July 20-21, 2020

The Lake Berryessa interns spent a productive two days at the Steele Canyon pullouts collecting litter from along the road and by the lake shore. On Monday, the interns collected 238 pounds of litter and on Tuesday they collected 142 pounds with a two-day total of 380 pounds!

Highlights included finding an old mattress and an inflatable pool tube. They had the extraordinary help of Park Ranger Dave from the Bureau of Reclamation. On Monday, the group found a large jug (that was presumed to be filled with water) buried next to a drainage pipe.

Once it was brought to the rest of the collected garbage, it began leaking oil. The jug was quickly double-bagged so that Dave could dispose of it properly. The interns used an oil absorbent pillow and sheet to soak up as much leaked oil from the ground as they could. They will return next week to the north-end of the lake.

Maths Magic: Just try it.
"259 x your age x 39 = ?"

You will get an interesting result.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math

For those of us who love Lake Berryessa and the Greater Lake Berryessa Region, a new book has just been published that gives amazing descriptions of the geologic and biological makeup of the region, including beautiful maps. The Lake Berryessa News highly recommends it.

The book is available in print and ebook format at: <https://backcountrypress.com/book/exploring-the-berryessa-region/>

Exploring the Berryessa Region A Geology, Nature, and History Tour

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"Here, in the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument region, is the best place in the world to see plate tectonics."

—Dr. Eldridge Moores, (1938–2018), Professor Emeritus, Geology, University of California, Davis

We dedicate this book to our dear friend Eldridge Moores, who recently passed away. Eldridge and Judy Moores, his wife and partner, are the inspiration for this work. It is based on many of the field trips that they led, during which they shared their love for geology and this land.

Eldridge was a leader in the plate tectonics revolution. He contributed to our emerging understanding of how oceanic crust develops by seafloor spreading, how oceanic crust has varied through time, how it's emplaced on land, and the tectonic significance of that emplacement, knowledge that is still regarded as foundational. It is these foundational elements and more that we see in the Berryessa Snow Mountain region.

John McPhee's book *Assembling California* introduced Eldridge's work to people all across the country. After its publication, he had so many requests from the public for fieldtrips that he and Judy began to lead them regularly as fund-raisers for local non-profit organizations.

Over the past 20 or so years, they led up to 50- plus folks at a time on car-pool trips all around Northern California. In total, several thousand enthusiastic people went on

these daylong adventures. Judy and Eldridge came home exhausted and exhilarated by the success of every trip.

Eldridge was a professor of geology at UC Davis, the geology department chair, the editor of the earth science journal *Geology*, the president of the Geological Society of America, and the vice president of the International Union of Geological Sciences, where he provided vital leadership. He long promoted education in the earth sciences in schools. He was also a father, a concert cello player, and—to so many—a friend.

Exploring the Berryessa Region tells the story of a landscape, just west of Sacramento and north of San Francisco, born through plate tectonic forces.

The Berryessa Region anchors the southern end of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument and holds geologic wonders including subduction zones, thrust faults, ophiolites, turbidites, mud volcanoes, and pull apart basins. These features nurture world-renowned biological diversity which, over time, has fostered a rich history of human cultures—including Native Americans.

Today recreational opportunities draw new visitors with hiking, camping, birding, botanizing, horse riding, boating, and managed off-highway vehicle use. Regional ecosystem services include water, forests, and ranchlands.

Full of rich details, this book helps visitors explore this fascinating region by car and discover how regional diversity developed. Readers can use the mile by mile descriptions as a field guide to explore these geological, ecological, and historical features for themselves.

Inside the pages:

- > Mile by mile driving descriptions showcasing geologic highlights
- > 70+ full-color figures and maps
- > Lively sidebars exploring region natural and cultural history
- > Introduction to regional geological concepts

Berryessa Fishing Facts for the Newbie

Trout, Land-locked Steelhead, & "Trophy Trout"

Beautiful, strong, game all the way - Berryessa's prime game fish. Native trout go to 9 pounds and bigger. Trophy Trout, which in less than a year have grown from an average 1/4 pounds at time of planting (under a special State of California program) to between 21/2 to 31/4 pounds are the second type of trout you'll find at Berryessa. There are also landlocked steelhead and kokanee salmon in the lake. Trout are cold water fish, so go deep in the summer when water temperatures on the surface are high. October to January, when temperatures are lower, they're closer to the surface. Primarily a lure fish at Berryessa, but also live minnows will take them.

Black Bass

Both large and small mouth bass await the Berryessa fisherman and the large mouth go to 6 pounds and bigger! Prime fishing areas are on the points of land, jutting into the main body of the lake, by shore fishermen. From your boat, plug the shorelines near moss brush or rocky points. When shad are running (a food minnow) watch for gulls, and the water's surface for signs of their schools-the bass will be nearby. In the heat of the day troll deep or bait cast deeper water; in the early morning or evening you can move closer to shore for good surface fishing. Again, a lure fish at Berryessa, but also can be taken on minnows and worms.

Blue Gill

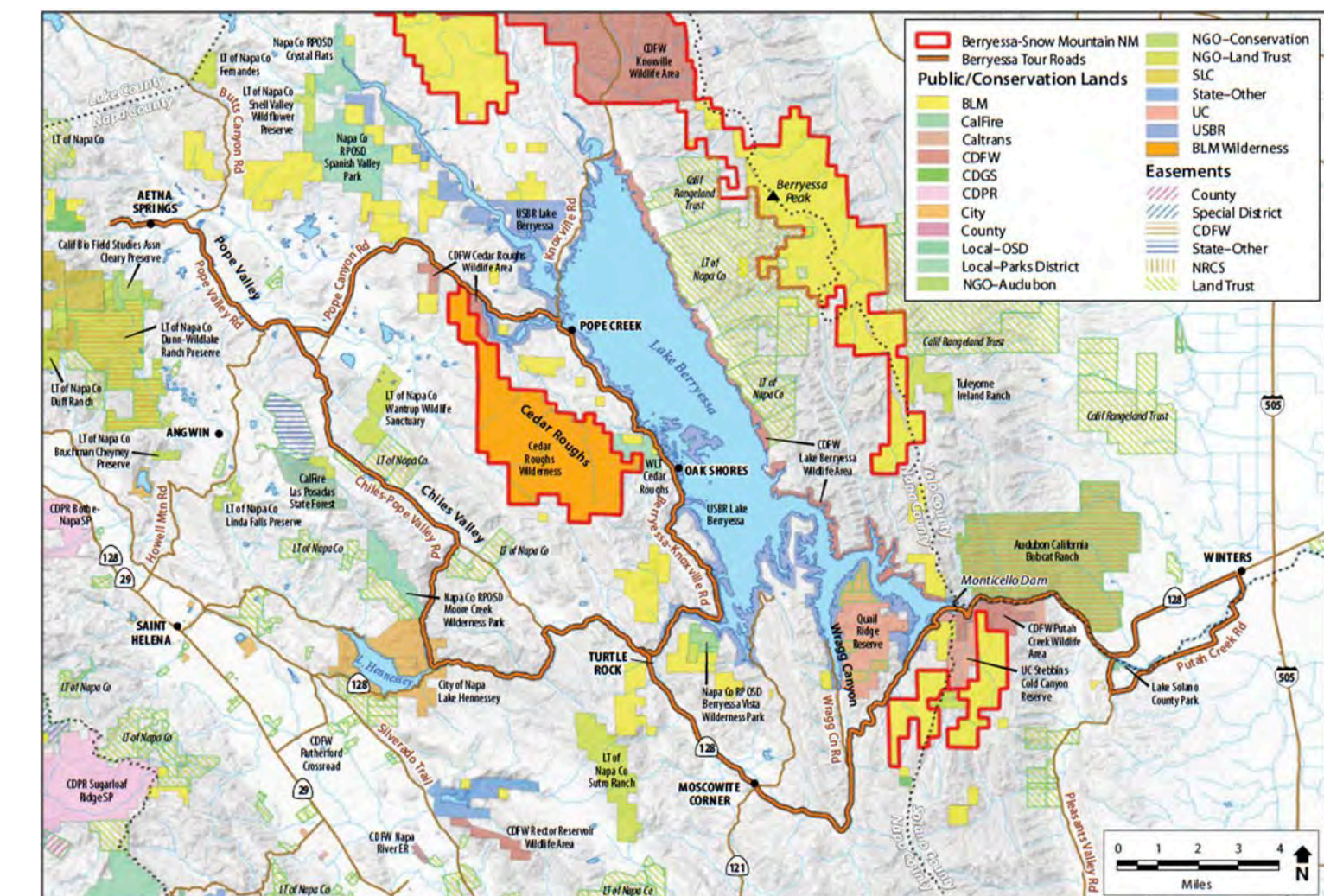
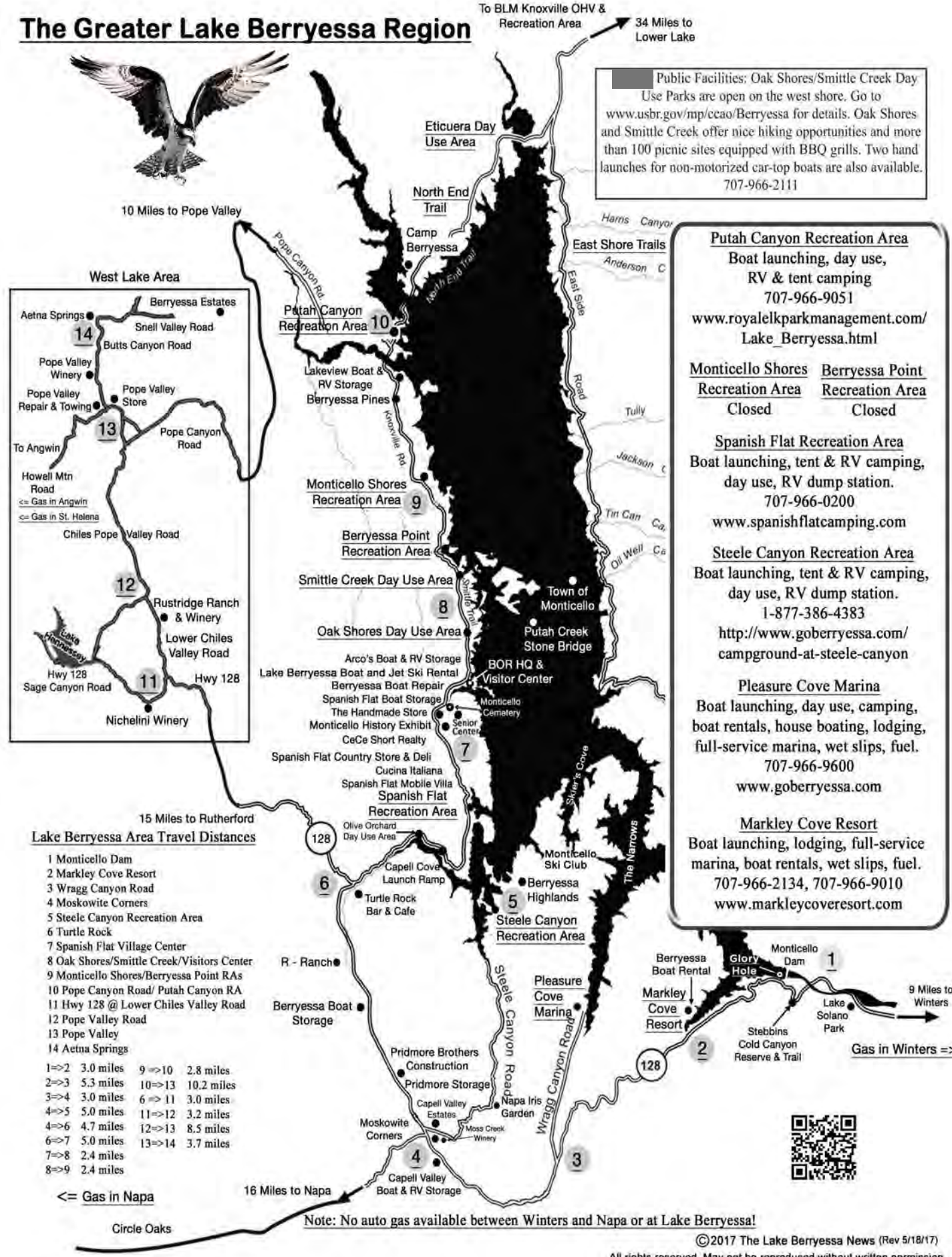
A great fish for your youngsters' first fishing trip. Olive green with darker green vertical strips. Fish close to shore, around sunken stumps and weed beds and around dock areas. Good "old-fashioned worms" are the best bait, but they'll hit most any kind of bait-bread, cheese, salmon eggs, are all good bets. Will average 1 pound or smaller in size.

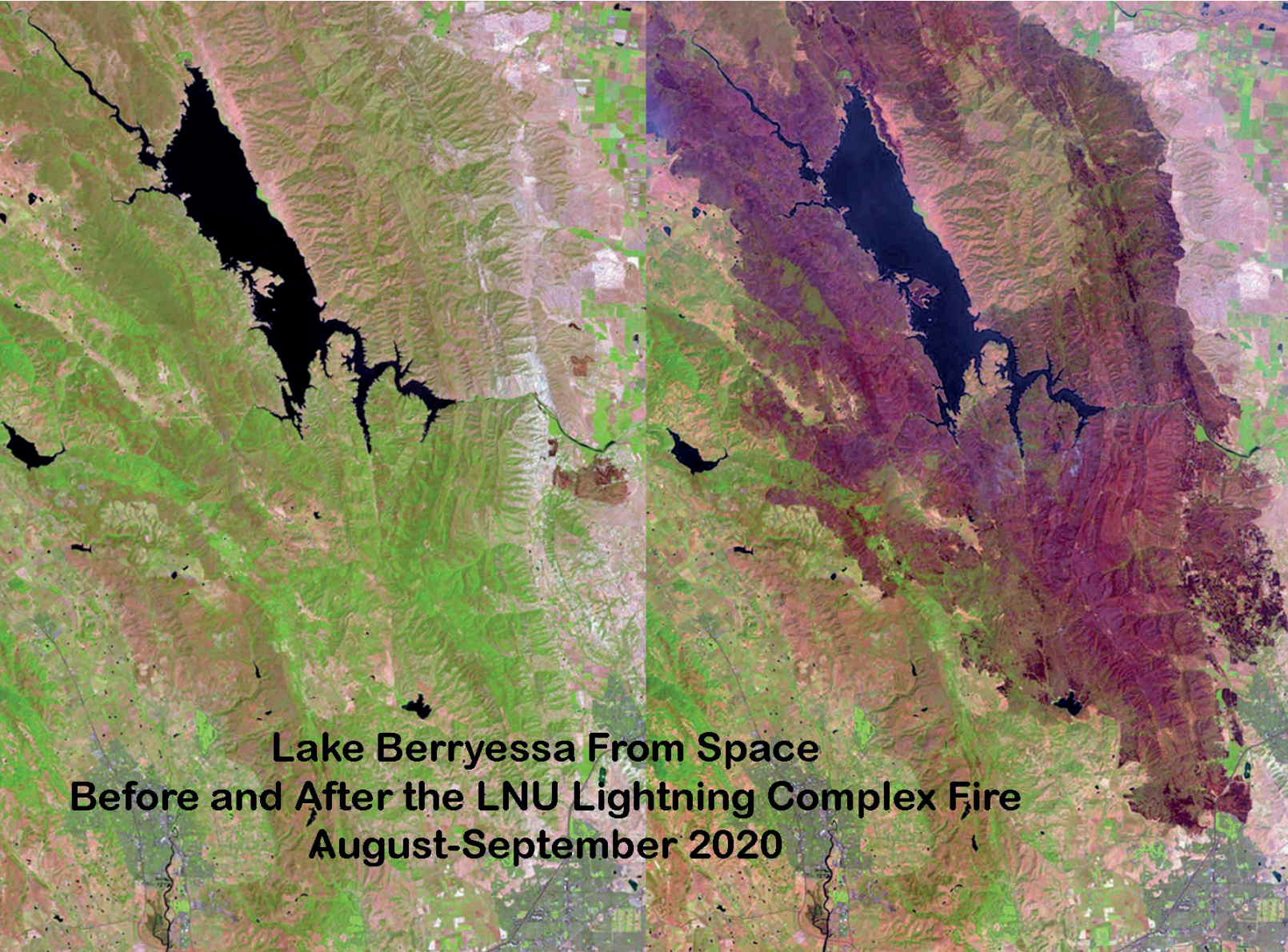
Crappie

Another game fish in residence at Berryessa. Gathers in schools (where you catch one, you'll find more) in the shelter of submerged stumps or brush heaps. Silvery with dark green or black mottling forming "stripes". Best lts are small flies, minnows, red worms and grubs. Average : 3/4 pound to 3 pounds.

Catfish

A night-feeding fish; feeds along the bottom. Prime fishing areas are the shallow waters near a creek, or tributary emptying into the lake. Bait, instead of lures are the best bet to take catfish. The most popular bait for catfish at Berryessa is clams. Other good baits are sardines, worms and minnows. Average size is 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 pounds, some going 5 to 9 pounds or more have been caught.





**Lake Berryessa From Space
Before and After the LNU Lightning Complex Fire
August-September 2020**

Sorry, Here's What You Get When You Have Space Left Over in a Newspaper!

He who laughs last thinks slowest
The main thing I want this 2020
summer season is for someone to
wake me when it's over.

I renamed my iPod "The Titanic", so
when I plug it in, it says "The Titanic
is syncing."

When life gives you melons, you're
dyslexic

I lost my job at the bank on my very
first day. A woman asked me to check
her balance, so I pushed her over

Hear about the new restaurant called
Karma? There's no menu - you get
what you deserve

When the past, present, and future go
camping they always argue. It's
intense tense in tents

A mean crook going down stairs = A
condescending con, descending

My dad, unfortunately, passed away
when we couldn't remember his blood
type... His last words to us were,
"Be positive!"

What do you call the wife of a hippie?
A Mississippi

There was a kidnapping at school
yesterday. Don't worry, though - he
woke up

What do you get when you mix
alcohol and literature?
Tequila mockingbird

My ex-wife still misses me. But her
aim is starting to improve

What washes up on tiny beaches?
Microwaves

FUN FACT: cats are made of iron,
lithium, and neon. FeLiNe

What do you call a super articulate
dinosaur? A Thesaurus

Police were called to a daycare center
where a three-year-old was resisting a
rest

I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy
every minute of it



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September 2020

Opportunity, Irony, Tragedy, Recovery - The Lake Berryessa Business Cycle?

Opportunity

On August 4, 2020 the North Bay Business Journal published a story titled, "Napa County's hidden destination: Will Lake Berryessa's future shine again?" by Gary Quackenbush. It was a very positive review of the potential revitalization of the Lake Berryessa recreational community under the new Managing Partner Agreement between Napa County and the Bureau of Reclamation scheduled to take effect on November 1.

The story was filled with optimistic interviews with various business owners at the lake. Marcia Ritz, proprietor of the Spanish Flat General Store, said that people tired of sheltering in place have been coming to the lake in great numbers since March. She said it has been her best year so far in over a decade.

Many of us remember the lake's better times. Motels, cabins, several restaurants, marinas with boat slips and other amenities dotted the 28-mile long, three-mile wide lake in Napa County. We all hope the new County-Reclamation partnership will result in positive change and growth.

"Now that the agreement is final, we are moving forward with the county process," said Molly Rattigan, deputy Napa executive officer who has been managing Napa County-bureau agreement negotiations for several years. "We plan to send out bidding packages by September.

"It has been too long since we experienced a thriving Lake Berryessa," said Supervisor Diane Dillon, chair of the Napa County Board of Supervisors. "We want to work

with the community to restore economic vitality to the region surrounding one of Napa County's most important recreational areas. We thank the Bureau of Reclamation for working with us and for providing the county the opportunity to bring back vibrant concessions at Lake Berryessa."



Irony

Exactly two weeks later, on August 18, an unprecedented lightning storm caused fires to break out all over the tinder dry region. Rainfall in the 2019-2020 season was the lowest it had been in more than 22 years. Within one day the fire raged up and over the hills around Lake Berryessa and destroyed large parts of the community. Positivity was no match for reality.

Heartbreaking stories filled the news media. Most of the Spanish Flat neighborhood burned to the dirt. Although Marcia Ritz's Spanish Flat Country Store survived, the Spanish Flat Mobile Villa next door was destroyed - including Marcia's home.

"I'm an artist. I lost all of my artwork. I lost

all of my friend's original art that I had, and everything I owned," Ritz said. Now, Ritz thinks she'll have to close her business. "There is no customer base. There are maybe two houses remaining on the hill," she said, waving her hand to gesture down Berryessa Knoxville Road.

Tragedy

The Spanish Flat residential community had become an inferno of burning rubble. The fire soon raced around the lower part of the lake, sped up Steele Canyon Road and burned down about 100 of the 300 homes in the Berryessa Highlands. Everyone interviewed for the original Business Journal upbeat article was now being interviewed in news stories about the tragedy that had struck them so quickly. Breathtakingly sad stories of loss filled the news media.

The biggest tragedy this time compared to the last two times the lake was threatened by wildfire, was the lack of fire suppression support from the air. The huge numbers of fires started at the same time by thousands of lightning strikes simply overwhelmed the available capacity to fight them. Although fire fighters with trucks and bulldozers on the ground did what they could, the fires were often simply allowed to burn.

Recovery - Short Term

A week after they began the wildfires were extinguished or contained. The region had no electricity due to hundreds of wooden power poles being burned and wires melted.

Roads in and out of the region were closed for a week after that to allow Napa County, PG&E, AT&T, and others to clear the roads of downed trees and debris. PG&E crews swarmed the area installing hundreds of new power poles in less than a week.

Power was finally restored to the Berryessa Highland residential area on September 2, about two weeks after it was lost in the original lightning storm, but other areas may yet take weeks to be restored. The official PG&E estimate is that all power should be restored to the region by September 20.

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Napa County stepped up to provide immediate support with Local Assistance Centers in the Berryessa Highlands and at the County's Health & Human Services campus. The state was declared a federal disaster area and FEMA is on site to provide emergency resources and long-term financial aid. Thirty year fixed loans at 1.5% are available to fire victims.

As with the last fires here in Napa County, the big issue will be the response of insurance companies to the challenges of helping their clients as quickly as possible. And as last time, people are finding out that many insurance companies are not particularly responsive. As most North Bay Business Journal readers are aware, one of the largest segments of the American economy is, ironically again, FIRE - Finance, Insurance, Real Estate. Since the present economic system, is predatory capitalism, FIRE is in the business of making money - not helping people.

Some of my neighbors are receiving excellent customer service from reputable insurance companies - but some are not. Unfortunately, some companies first give folks a paperwork runaround and then dispute a claim looking for any technicality to deny paying their rightful amount. This is an unconscionable business practice.

Recovery - Long Term

In the aftermath of this disaster there are several business questions to be addressed. For example, will private insurance companies be able to continue to offer fire insurance coverage. Even after the fires two years ago most companies either cancelled homeowner's insurance coverage or more than doubled their homeowner policy premiums in the Lake Berryessa region.

In response Napa county built two local fire stations in the Berryessa Highlands and Berryessa Estates. Companies then lowered their premiums. But with the extent of the present California

disaster, will they cancel all fire coverage as happened many years ago with earthquake insurance. The state had to step in with the California Earthquake Authority. Will a similar agency be created for fire coverage?

A more important question to many of us who have worked long and hard on the revitalization of Lake Berryessa is whether the fire will have any impact on Napa County's willingness to continue with the signed Managing Partner Agreement and get the bids out soon.

For rational business people who understand the future recreational value of the lake as described in detail in the Ragatz report: Lake Berryessa: An Untapped Resort Development Opportunity the results of the fire should not make an impact on their decision. The resorts will be built on the lakeshore and made as fire safe as modern technology and the latest safety codes can make them - virtually bulletproof to wildfires.

This view was validated recently by the Napa County supervisors. The supervisors interviewed for the original North Bay Business Journal article were positive in

their outlook for the future of Lake Berryessa. They apparently still are.

On Aug. 18, (ironically, the day the fires began) the Board of Supervisors agreed to create a Lake Berryessa concessions manager position to oversee the resort sites.

The next steps were to be filling that position and inviting proposals from potential private sector concessionaires to both redevelop and operate the resorts. How quickly the county seeks bids is up to the Board of Supervisors.

County Board of Supervisors Chair Diane Dillon in a recent interview said that she doesn't think the Hennessey Fire will keep the county from reaching this goal.

"I think there are still more positives than otherwise in terms of why people would come to Lake Berryessa," she said. "That landscape does look different," Dillon said. "But when you look at other places where fire has occurred, in 2017, 2018 or even 2019, it springs back pretty readily."



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Dillon said that optimally, renovation work at the resorts could still begin next spring. There wouldn't have been any construction this year even without the fire, she said.

Opportunity, Irony, Tragedy, Recovery: The Lake Berryessa business cycle appears to be returning to the opportunity phase - hopefully a long-lived one.

Opportunity: a situation or condition favorable for attainment of a goal.

Irony: the expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or emphatic effect.

Situational irony involves a striking reversal of what is expected or intended.

Tragedy: an event causing great suffering, destruction, and distress, such as a serious accident, crime, or natural catastrophe.

Recovery: regaining of or possibility of regaining something lost or taken away.



September 2020 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You'll suffer from a continuing inability to enjoy anything but the company of friends and family, the satisfaction of a job well done, and the knowledge that you have lived a life of dignity and irony.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Love means different things to different people, but you'll have a hard time finding someone to whom it means "a profound degree of affection."

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll be taken aback by the news that your life story has been changed from a lightweight romantic comedy to a lengthy and detailed police procedural.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): You have evidently failed to learn the lessons of history, as you begin next week by attempting to find the Northwest Passage, unite Britain and Ireland, and get your family to stop exchanging Christmas gifts.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): You'll be bitten by a vampire and become one of the Immortal Sanguinary Children Of The Night just when the whole fad is about to blow over.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): The parandrus, an antlered, hairy, cloven-hoofed beast the size of an ox and notable for its ill temper and foul breath, was thought to be mythical until people got a load of you.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Your future has yet to be determined due to a malevolent online community's massive denial-of-service attack on the relevant zodiacal elements.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Pluto rising in your sign indicates trouble in your romantic life, which is problematic because, well, for astronomical reasons, Pluto's going to be rising in your sign for the next 87 years.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You'll resolve not to fall for the same old tricks just as your shoelace goes untied, a menacing figure looms up right behind you, and you finally find true love.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): The rescue workers won't need to knock down an entire wall of your house to get you out, but they want to make you feel extra fat.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You never thought you'd get tired of the endless parade of deep-fried food that is your life, and sure enough, it hasn't happened yet.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Only one major thing will happen to you this week. After that, however, it won't really be possible for anything to ever happen to you again.

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Amidst all the chaos, Lake Berryessa lost another long-time friend.

Rosemarie Wilson passed away at 84 on July 30, 2020.

Born in San Francisco she raised her family in Pacifica then moved to the Berryessa Pines. She was a Real Estate Broker and very involved in the Lake Berryessa Senior Center with her husband.

She had 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren whom she adored. She moved to American Canyon and helped form their Senior Center and was involved greatly in the community. She was loved and will be missed. We will miss our mom greatly. Cori Badertscher

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13-Year-Old Mourns Loss Of Youth Upon Realizing He No Longer Feels Anything About Monster Trucks

Steam in hot water.

Some cliches are just too true. In 2017 Evan Kilkus, Associate Editor of the Lake Berryessa News, made the national news for his real time reporting on the fire approaching Lake Berryessa and the Berryessa Highlands.

As the Los Angeles Times wrote, "He wouldn't evacuate, then used Facebook Live to broadcast firestorm in his hometown. While many heeded the evacuation order as the Atlas Peak fire swept through, Kilkus, 34, refused to leave. Instead, he turned into a one-man news team for his neighbors."

Using Facebook Live, he streamed real-time video of the flames from atop a ridgeline accessible from his father's property. For seven days, he narrated and posted videos, providing context and updates to residents on edge about the fate of their homes. While newspapers and TV stations documented the unfolding disaster across Napa and Sonoma counties, the 34-year-old resident of Berryessa Highlands became a one-man breaking-news operation.

Kilkus and his father, Peter Kilkus, run the Lake Berryessa News, which describes itself as the only news source covering the tiny communities along the lake. "Without **The Lake Berryessa News** there would be no Lake Berryessa news!" is the news outlet's mantra.

For Kilkus, it's a simple but vital mission: "At the Lake Berryessa News, this is what we do. We get all the

important information and we provide it," he said.

Fast forward three years later, the stories in the 2017 news media could simply be copied and pasted into stories for 2020. The stories were the same, only the outcomes changed.

He wouldn't evacuate, then used Facebook Live to broadcast firestorm in his hometown. While many heeded the evacuation order as the Hennessey fire swept through, Kilkus, now 37, refused to leave. Instead, he again turned into a one-man news team for his neighbors.

Staying put despite an evacuation order, Kilkus, associate editor of the Lake Berryessa News, turned his smartphone into a source of live pictures, videos and updates for residents to keep in touch with the lakeside communities they had been forced to leave behind. For two weeks this time, the Lake Berryessa News' Facebook page was again almost the only source of images and reports from around Lake Berryessa, starting with dramatic nighttime footage of flames along a ridgeline and later documenting the closing-off - and eventual reopening - of roads and neighborhoods.

Tragically, unlike the miraculous result from 2017 when the lake communities and the Berryessa Highlands were saved due to the massive air support of supertankers and a slew of water-dropping helicopters, 2020 brought unmitigated disaster.

After saving the Lake Berryessa News headquarters (the Kilkus home) above the Berryessa Highlands with his

amazingly-engineered wildfire fire sprinkler system, he reported live several times each day.

But rather than reporting the good news of all houses saved as last time, Kilkus had to broadcast the bad news of massive destruction. Watching some of your best friends' houses being burned to the ground would take an emotional toll on anyone, even someone nicknamed "Mr. Positivity".

Kilkus worked with the firefighters every day and was able to save the house of a Rimrock friend - one "bright" spot in the gloom. Now that the recovery phase of this

disaster is moving forward, the Lake Berryessa News will continue to bring you the latest information.



Exterior Wildfire Sprinklers
by Evan Kilkus

I installed 16 sprayers around the house plus 4 around the perimeter. The system includes two 5,000 gallon water tanks, two 4" draft hydrants, three pressurized 1.5" hydrants, a pump and lots of valves.

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"2020 Can Go to Hell"

In the sprawling destruction of California's wildfires, **one photo became an instant icon** for 2020's miseries: On a hillside roaring with flames stood a sign that asked visitors to a senior center to wear masks, wash their hands and be safe. "Come Join Us," it beckoned creepily. The virus. Lost jobs. A world aflame.

Yep, said Judi Vollmer, whose trailer home down the road from the iconic sign that pretty much sums up life right now. Ms. Vollmer, 65, was succinct: "2020 can go to hell. This has been the worst year of my life."

Somehow, that welcome sign outside the Lake Berryessa senior center was still standing on Tuesday as residents trickled back through police barricades and road closures to check out what little had survived. Much of the lakefront community of retirees and young families who commute to landscaping, winery and service jobs in wealthier corners of Napa County had been reduced to a thicket of tangled steel and ash.

"We've lost so many people who won't be back," said Jerry Rehmke, 80, who runs the country store with his wife, Marcia Ritz, 77. Her trailer home, with all of the drawings and paintings she had made, burned in the Spanish Flat Villa mobile home park, along with Ms. Vollmer's trailer and about 50 others.

Ms. Ritz moved to Lake Berryessa 13 years ago and took over running the country store (which survived, as did some marinas and campgrounds). Their store actually boomed during the pandemic as stir-crazy boaters and anglers flooded the area and snapped up orders of chicken sandwiches and meatloaf. That is over now, and faced with years of rebuilding and a bleak economic future, Ms. Ritz said she was ready to quit altogether. "Our customers have gone," Ms. Ritz said on Tuesday morning, a few minutes after she woke up from another night sleeping outside on an air mattress beside the country store.

For the past four years, people around the lake said they watched fires march toward their homes, only to be beaten back. The fire, like the pandemic, has hit California's poorest residents hardest. Homeowners able to keep up with the complications and rising costs of insuring property in a fire zone had a safety net. But Ms. Vollmer said her carrier dropped her after a wildfire a few years ago. The trailer was her life's investment and her retirement plan, and it burned alongside the \$3,000 in cash she had tucked away inside.

Excerpted from "2020 Can Go to Hell": The Story Behind the Viral Fire Photo That Said It All, By Jack Healy, New York Times, Published Aug. 26, 2020



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4 **Turtle Rock Bar and Cafe Survives Another Wildfire**

As flames spread around the intersection of Highway 128 at Knoxville Road, it didn't look good for the Turtle Rock Bar and Cafe. By around 2:30 p.m., the longtime rural hangout was in the cross-hairs of the fire which eventually surrounded Lake Berryessa and destroyed much of nearby Spanish Flat.

There were no fire crews or helicopters on site yet, and the winds were blowing about 40 mph. "The wind and smoke was coming right at the bar/cafe.

The Turtle Rock motel (across the street) looked like it was catching on fire. If that went up in flames, Leung was worried that his bar would be next.

He had one big advantage: his own 2,600-gallon water tank, pump and fire hoses. The equipment was installed after the 2017 wildfires hit the area. Friends and neighbors jumped in to help. Then, a fire strike crew arrived and they started hammering away at the fire. Their job was likely made easier because Leung had also cleared more defensible space around his property, located at 2000 Capell Valley Road.

"It works," Leung said about the fire prevention strategy of clearing brush and trees from around buildings and structures. "And it saved us. The flames blew over us".

"We made it through," he said. "We were very fortunate." In the moment of the firefight, there's a lot of anxiety and adrenaline, he said. There's no time to think. "We've been through it before — three years ago," he said. "You just do what you gotta do and hope for the best."

When asked about remaining in an area that seems to be prone to wildfires, Leung didn't hesitate. His family has lived in the area for 40 years. His home — also safe — is just minutes away.

"The cafe is my livelihood.. And if that goes then my livelihood is gone," he said. "I don't think the county would let me replace that building" where it is now, he said. "If that goes, Turtle Rock is gone forever."



Spanish Flat Country Store Survives Store Owner, Marcia Ritz, Loses Home

Marcia Ritz is lucky. Or at least half lucky. The Hennesey Fire, part of the LNU Lightning Complex Fire, tore through the area on Aug. 18. Ritz and her husband Jerry Rehmke, 80, rode out the fire with nine other people aboard a pontoon boat as flames surrounded Lake Berryessa.

Her general store, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli in the Lake Berryessa community of Spanish Flat, was left standing after the Hennesey Fire swept through her neighborhood on the western shore of Lake Berryessa. But almost everything else in the neighborhood - including the mobile home park where Ritz lived - was destroyed. Also badly damaged were the small hillside communities off Berryessa Knoxville Road.



"I'm an artist, I lost all of my artwork, I lost all of my friend's original art that I had, and everything I owned," Ritz said. Now, Ritz thinks she'll have to close her business. "There is no customer base. There are maybe two houses remaining on the hill," she said, waving her hand to gesture down Berryessa Knoxville Road.

Ironically, Ritz was interviewed by the North Bay Business Journal only weeks ago and said at the time that since March it has been her best year so far in over a decade.

Still, Ritz is glad to have her life, and the lives of her friends, after a close call with the fire that had her fleeing - in a group of about 10 people - in a pontoon boat to the middle of the lake the evening of Aug. 18. As the fire surrounded them, they got into the boat and set off, watching the hills around them burn. They stayed on the water — staring in awe and terror — for four or five hours. "We drove out and you could see the devastation," she said. "Trees were smoldering."

Don't cheat and open up a dictionary.

Did you know....Nothing starts with the letter "N" and ends with the letter "G".

Not even a niggling doubt about this?

Too Much Space to Leave Empty

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?

There's great food, but no atmosphere.

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta.

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?

Nacho cheese.

Q: Why should you never laugh at your spouse's choices?
A: Because you're one of them.

I was a bookkeeper for 10 years. The local library wasn't too happy about it.

What do you get if you apply enough heat and pressure to Pringles?
Fission chips

I was in the middle of a heated conversation when I said "Mark my words!!"

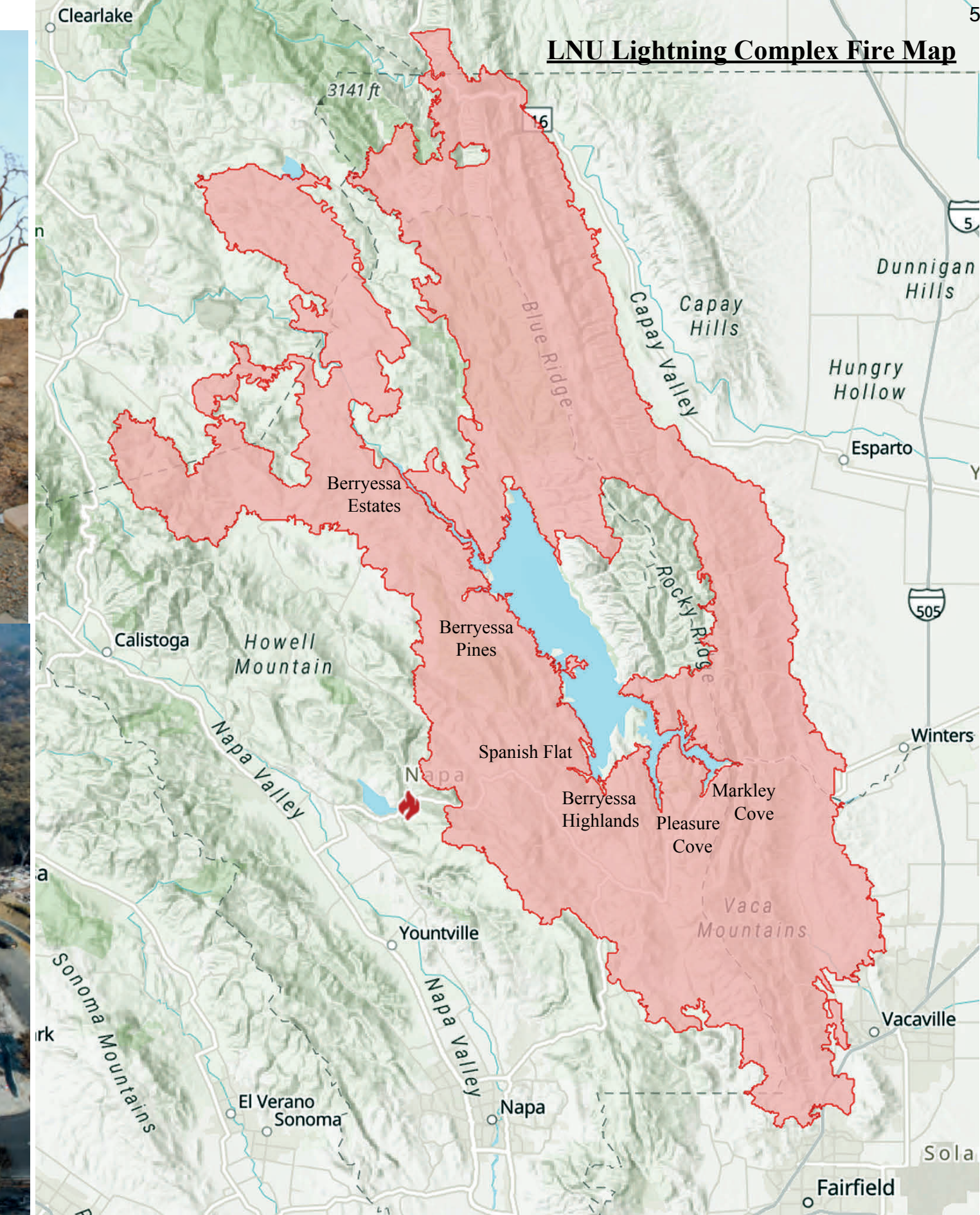
It's nice to have a guy called Mark bringing my dictionary to me whenever I need it.

New study shows bodies found from the Bermuda Triangle all died from heat exhaustion. Everyone knows its 180 degrees inside a triangle, I don't know why people even bother traveling through it.

Today I learned that heat makes things expand.

My girlfriend is REALLY hot.

Will Darwin's Bison Become A Symbol For Lake Berryessa's Recovery?



The Fires Will Be Over - Never Forget What Was and What Can Be!

Lake Berryessa: An Untapped Resort Development Opportunity (Ragatz Report)

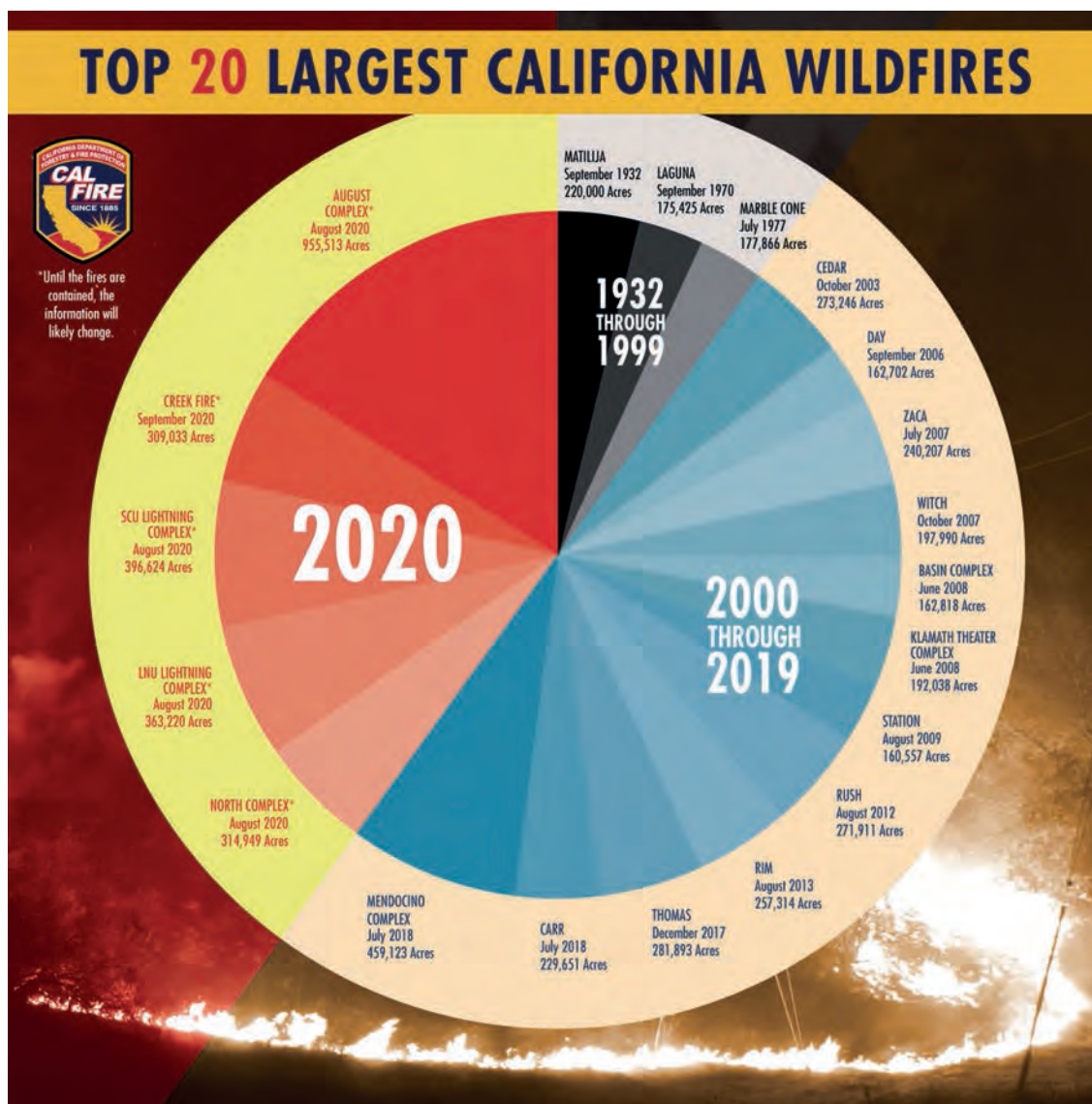
Lake Berryessa is one of the largest and most attractive freshwater lakes in California. The challenge and opportunity are to redevelop the five concession areas, beginning with Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Monticello Shores, into resorts that more appropriately reflect the lifestyle of today's participants in outdoor recreation – higher quality, more variety, greater convenience, more nature-based (but not forgetting the ever-popularity of motor boats and RVs), more family-oriented, etc.

If more care is given to these important trends, Lake Berryessa has the opportunity to: (1) become a significant year-round destination for the almost 10 million people in the Primary Market Area (PMA); (2) significantly impact the economy of Napa County; (3) be profitable to appropriately selected concessionaires; and (4) do so while maintaining and enhancing the natural environment.

It is not the intent to make Lake Berryessa into a highly-commercialized, over-dense environment. Care must be taken to always balance the criteria of consumer demand, economic gain and protection of Lake Berryessa's beautiful natural setting.

Recommendations for Napa County Policies: Fully balance a sometimes conflicting set of criteria: economic benefits to Napa County, outdoor recreational opportunities for residents of Napa County, the PMA and beyond, preservation and enhancement of the physical environment, and financial profit for the concessionaires. None of the four criteria should dominate the others.

(Editor's Note: This is 2020. We know how to do that!)



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October 2020

The Lake Berryessa Fire: One Month Later...What just happened, WHY, and Where do we go from here?

By Evan Kilkus

Volunteer Project Coordinator, Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council

It's been more than a month, and we have all been doing a lot of digesting, discussing, stressing, being frustrated sad and/or angry. We have been wondering what is next and how do we move forward after watching a third of our neighborhood, and/or our own homes burn to the ground.

I want to take some time to share some thoughts, as a Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council (BHFSC) neighbor that has volunteered thousands of hours during the last decade creating five miles of shaded fuel break in and around our neighborhood in preparation for a forest fire. I want to share this perspective because I don't want us to miss significant learning opportunities, and I would love to see us focus our strength on outcomes that are achievable and effective.

What Happened?

What happened is somewhat clear. Our neighborhood got slammed by a natural disaster, a predictable forest fire, but bigger than we have ever encountered. And we were not all ready enough for it.

Our neighborhood, by the way, is obviously not a city suburb in the middle of a concrete jungle. We all purchased or rent homes in the middle of a forest. On the top of ridges, or the bottom of canyons. Places where nature is beautiful, and unforgiving. The views and tranquility are priceless and enjoyed year round, but they distract us from the natural threat we know exists.

Forest fire!

Some people take the threat very seriously, while far too many think they can do a little and be ok. What we saw was fire finding the weakest links in our homes, and burning them down.



Homes Remaining Are Homes Saved

Before we get into the frustrating and tragic details of what went wrong, it is very important to recognize and learn from what worked. There are no coincidences in our neighborhood. No standing house is there purely by luck or randomness. Each remaining home is a home saved. Each standing home represents a fight, where firefighters or neighbors stood their ground and fought flames and won. Firefighters and about 20 of our neighbors used existing defensible space to prevent our neighborhood from being wiped off the map.

If it weren't for the thorough weed-whacking, branch pruning, and overgrown brush removal done by many of you around your homes, the fire that left your back yards black would have turned your homes to ash. I am very thankful that when flames pushed up against and into the

neighborhood both days, a handful of homeowners worked independently and/or along side fire fighters to extinguish flames around all their neighbors homes. For sure those residents are the reason many homes still remain.

The significant work done the last ten years by the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council/Napa County Fire/CALFire allowed firefighters to keep the fire out of the neighborhood completely the first night. On the second day when the fire entered the neighborhood, the work done gave firefighters a lower intensity forest fire to fight, which gave them room to work to save most homes. Without the 10 years of work clearing over 150 acres of brush, our neighborhood would be gone.

Despite the extremely frustrating and tragic losses in our neighborhood and Spanish Flat, and scattered around eastern Napa County, it's worth pointing out that

in our greater Berryessa region, hundreds and hundreds of homes were saved in the Berryessa Pines, Berryessa Estates, Circle Oaks, Capell Valley, Pope Valley, Angwin, and Gordon Valley. Saved by firefighters, fire safe projects, residents, ranchers, and farm workers.

Not Blame, But Why Specifically Did The Berryessa Highlands Lose So Many Homes?

While being grateful for all the help we received, I am unhappily forced to come to terms with the fact that the cards were just not in our favor for the no-loss firefight I think we always hoped for. I encourage my friends and neighbors to not be too mad, but be determined to not let this

happen again. Here are some factors at the immediate local level that contributed to so much heartbreak.

- Radiant Heat From Neighbor's House Fire: Many homes coulda/woulda/shoulda made it, but their neighbors houses were on fire for reasons listed below, and the radiant heat caused quick ignition. It pains me to say this, but it needs to be said first, because it really sucks to see my friends homes burn down when they did all they could to make their homes defensible, but their neighbors did not.

- Old Building Design: This is why many homes caught fire so quickly in our neighborhood. Many of our homes are made with wood siding full of wood pecker holes, and/or have old vents that may even be broken. Flames and embers went right into our attics and basements, and ignited our homes in a matter of seconds or minutes. Also, old dried out wood decks and wood fences captured heat, embers,

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- Significant or Semi-Significant Lack of Defensible Space: This is the number one cause for homes burning unnecessarily in our neighborhood, often lighting the adjoining homes on fire too. Too many people didn't do 100' of weed whacking. People had huge bushes or junipers in their yards below their homes. People had excessive wood, decking, sheds, stuff piles, fencing, and/or furniture up against their homes.

The information about defensible space has been put in front of all neighbors over and over. ReadyForWildfire.org for example. It is up to homeowners to read it/ understand it/most important - DO IT!
The BHFSC and Napa Fire Marshal's office have spent so much time trying to "educate" homeowners that I believe there are no excuses for "not knowing". We all know. We just don't all choose to take thorough action based on a nonchalant attitude.

- The Weakest Link: Of the examples above, sometimes you can do everything almost perfect, but all it takes is one small fire up against your house for it to be gone. I watched a stucco house that almost weathered the firestorm ignite because a firewood pile placed 5' away was on fire and fell over, catching the corner of the house on fire.

If we want to live in a forest and be ready for forest fires, it means taking EVERY step we know, and learning from tragedies like this and making ourselves the most fire resilient. 100% on your home hardening checklist is worth it. We must plan for this to happen again.

- Firefighting Resources: This is based on what I witnessed, and what we all now know in terms of how unprecedented this fire was. We had enough resources the first night to luckily deflect this wind-driven fire. The next morning when Pleasants Valley Road was on fire, Fairfield and Vacaville and Berryessa Pines and Berryessa Estates were still being encroached upon by direct flames, central command fire chiefs left us with

five fire engines hoping that would be ok. They moved the five trucks to Headlands Drive as they had a lot of work still to do to keep the fire out of Arroyo Grande and Headlands. By 10 AM, the fire jumped the line between Black Oak Lane and Parkview Lane and started burning into our neighborhood west of/below Rimrock.

The LNU Lightning Complex was so big there were simply no fire trucks sitting around to send to us. For us to get more trucks meant they had to pull them away from other areas and let them burn. They sent us about 20 more trucks as fast as they could that morning/afternoon, but flames were moving fast and many homes were hard to defend or not defensible, so firefighters struggled and worked their butts off fighting fire where they could.

At that point the sky was so smoky that planes could not get into our neighborhood. More helicopters would have been nice, but 1,000,000 acres had burned in the bay area at that point. Tens of thousands of homes were threatened. Yes, more aircraft and trucks in the state would have helped, but in any and all cases of forest fire, "enough" firefighting resources are never a guarantee. This is simply what happened. Not justification, or acceptance, or blame. It just is what it is.

- Water Supply: I bring this up because I think it is being misunderstood by many neighbors, and I feel it played the least significant role in the loss of homes. From what I saw, all fire hydrants worked until the tank/water supply was drained, which was after 6 PM. Our 500,000 gallon tank ran dry only toward the end if the firefight, after 70+ homes had burned down.

Each burned home was spewing water, and at 1,000 gallons per minute per fire hose, hours of firefighting that day used up hundreds of thousands of gallons of water. I have to say... if all neighbors simply had defensible homes as required, we wouldn't have run out.

Every rural community across America has water quantity limitations based on cost of infrastructure and desire to pay to

upgrade. Our neighborhood was put in with a basic water system that is 60 years old. So maybe it's due for some upgrades. The question is, do the ratepayers want to/ can we pay for it?

Where Do We Go From Here As Residents?

If your home burned down, the frank question being asked is do you rebuild? That of course is a personal decision based on lots of things. I know that financially, many neighbors will not be rebuilding simply due to insufficient insurance and cost of building. From the forest fire safety perspective that we are now left with, I would say if you can bear the stress of fires, rebuilding with several precautions can be sensible. New building codes require homes to be very resistant to fires, 50+ years of brush accumulation in the hills around us is now gone, and hopefully all residents now understand the threat and will maintain their landscapes and homes, minimizing the severity of future fires.

Homeowners insurance availability, or a lack thereof, is a big problem that might make rebuilding cost prohibitive. High priced policies or low damage coverage policies seem to be the only options. In a perfect world this is going to get better, but for now I really don't have an answer as to what people will have in terms of options when/if they rebuild.

If you have a home that hasn't burned, we need to adapt and learn from this serious situation and take steps to make our homes more capable of resisting a wildfire. When we skip critical steps, we acknowledge we are gambling with our homes, and the homes of our neighbors.

Defensible space and home hardening... start with everything easy and/or cheap. Then do the more expensive upgrades you can manage. Go to ReadyForWildfire.org and do everything. If you are not clear and you need help with your checklist, call CAL Fire, or even give me a call and I will point out every upgrade you need to do.

Adding sprinklers is a very important point. Several homes in the neighborhood had various types of basic yard sprinklers

either previously mounted or set out last minute on decks and/or roofs. These sprinklers soaked wood, grass, and everything in range, and without a doubt helped save several homes in the neighborhood during this fire.

The commercial grade system at my house was the equivalent of having several firefighters and hundreds of feet of hose and 10 trucks worth of water, all operated by levers and just me. I think a sprinkler system is a must have for every home in the forest. It is no guarantee, but water on an area that has great defensible space can save your home.

Support the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council. If you live in another region, support your local Fire Safe Council or local defensible space projects. If you're a landowner, encourage the work on your land. If you're a homeowner, donate a bit of cash, or get your employer to donate \$1,000 or more. Community wide-defensible space projects may save your home like they saved homes in our neighborhood, Berryessa Estates, and Circle Oaks.

Thoughts On Room For Improvement With Infrastructure And Resources

The following concepts have been brought up in the past, and considering 95 homes burned down in our neighborhood, it is worth discussing them briefly as possible areas to invest millions to help save our \$100,000,000 in homes.

- Evacuation Advisory – The first thing I want to point out is the cheapest (free) and easiest to fix. A small but significant thing that has not gone right during this fire or the Atlas Fire was the evacuation warning process. In both fires, our neighborhood never received an evacuation advisory. We just got a mandatory evacuation as the fire was entering Steele Canyon. Both times the fire jumped their lines miles and miles away, and despite predictable movement our direction, the leaders at whatever fire HQ did not let our community know that there was a possible approaching problem a few hours out.

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September 2020 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Despite the writing being on the wall, the bridge, the subway platform, and the abandoned warehouse, you'll still be surprised to hear about the recent rise of vandalism in your city.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Sometimes you wish your kids had come with an instruction manual, but then, that's the price you pay for getting them second-hand.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Sometimes you don't know what you have until it's gone, such as the capacity to reach conclusions not first presented to you through simple, pithy aphorisms.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): The explosion of a blood vessel beneath your brain's memory center will soon give you the fresh start you've been searching for.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): When life gives you lemons, why not blame them on your troubled upbringing and consequent inability to show affection? It sure beats making lemonade.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Remember: The sum of the pleasure of any two sides of a right-angle love triangle is equal to the underlying jealousy of the hypotenuse.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Nobody said that it was going to be easy, or fun, or even practical. But then nobody really said much about your desire to take up differential calculus.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): The stars think it's time you stopped skirting around the issue and finally told your cat how you really feel.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Don't worry: There's absolutely nothing wrong with your goals, as long as you realize they're unrealistic and you can never actually achieve them.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): This is a good month to take long trips, as long as you travel in a slow, ground-based vehicle without all that much fuel in it.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You'll be astounded to learn this week that, in certain less-than-legitimate circumstances, monkeys do come in barrels, but they are no fun whatsoever.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Time and space are both illusions, making it even more frustrating that you're always in the wrong place at the wrong time.

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4 What is a Public Insurance Adjuster and Why Might You Need One?

Once an insured suffers a loss such as the wildfire destruction occurring in Napa County, unfortunately, they move from the revenue side of the insurance company's ledger to the expense side. The insurance company's incentive to reduce expenses becomes manifest in the way the insurer adjusts claims downwards. Public Adjusters ensure that insurance companies live up to the promise they sold to the insured since many times the insurance company's tactics are to reduce claim payouts that leave people short-changed.

The insurance company has their own adjuster who represents the carrier's financial interests. Public Adjusters level the playing field so the conflict of interest that an insurance adjuster has by representing both the insurer and insured is removed. While an insurance adjuster may be very nice and polite, they have a job to do - which is to protect the insurer's financial interests. Public Adjusters remove that conflict and become the policyholder's face and voice to prepare, present and negotiate the claim with the goal of legitimately maximizing the indemnities owed by the insurer. Unlike an insurance adjuster who cannot serve two masters, Public Adjusters serve only the policyholder.

The decision whether or not to hire a Public Adjuster is an individual one - it depends on your situation. Getting a full and fair settlement on a large loss is time-consuming and requires effort. When you pay your premium, it entitles you to benefits in the event of a covered loss, AND good service when you file a claim. So in theory you shouldn't need to pay a public adjuster. But with losses where large dollars are at stake, it can be a fight to collect what you're owed.

There are for-profit and not-for profit companies. An example of a for-profit company is SunPoint Public Adjusters (<https://sunpoint.us/about/>). They are a for-profit business and you can hire one of their employees to tally up the full extent of your losses, read and understand what your insurance policy entitles you to receive, be your advocate and reach a fair claim settlement on your behalf by standing in your shoes in meetings and negotiations with the insurance company and collect every dollar available in the policy.

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United Policy Holders basic guidance is given in more detail at: <https://www.uphelp.org/pubs/questions-ask-hiring-public-adjuster>

Fire Protection and Forest Management
A Personal Responsibility

by George Bachich

While flying over the fire and all its horrible destruction, I was struck by the beauty of what might be called a "clean slate". It may sound crass, but I'm serious. The really nice thing about this last fire is that it greatly reduced the future fire hazard. Anyone wishing to maintain a healthy and safer forest, especially around their own property, now has a perfect opportunity to do that with minimal effort. Although it will require constant attention, it will be far easier now that the huge fuel overload is gone.

Some initial effort will be required to clean up the deadfall from the trees killed but not consumed by the fire, but after that, weed-whacking and a little shoot-pruning every year are all that will be required. If each person properly managed all of their own property (not just defensible space around their home), fire hazard could be brought under control.

But will they do it? Flying over other earlier fires that became newly choked with underbrush after only a few years tells me that most people will not. Money is tight, time is short, memories fade, other priorities prevail, maybe next year.

Procrastination gives the brush time to grow back to the point where it is a huge job to remove it, so it remains undone. The only safe solution, I think, is to provide our own individual defense and build far enough from the homes of others that their careless errors and inattention will not undo all of our hard work.

As for expanding the community water supply, I fear that will merely provide capacity to build more houses, until the water supply is again barely adequate. The burning houses in the Berryessa Highlands were actually spewing water and draining the main community tank.

The best bet is to do what I and others have done. Provide our own water supply and our own fire suppression system. Remove our own brush, manage our own forest, and encourage and help our neighbors do the same.

But we should not bet our life and property on those neighbors being as conscientious as we are. Too many people want the benefits of country living without taking on (or even understanding) all of the responsibility that goes along with it. Some city transplants to the country are totally clueless, and/or think the government should take responsibility for protecting them.

Because of that mentality and the destruction it inevitably brings, I expect we will soon find ourselves unable to buy fire insurance. That might thin out the ranks of country living fans, leaving only those of us who are sufficiently wealthy, or sufficiently prepared and confident, to self-insure. It might also reduce the price of country property to the point where each remaining hardy soul can buy the empty, burned out neighboring lots to provide himself some extra protection.

Lake Berryessa Is Closed Indefinitely

Per the Butreau of Reclamation, as of 10/8/20, all public facilities at Lake Berryessa are closed indefinitely for safety evaluation, debris removal, and repairs. No boat launching is available at any site.

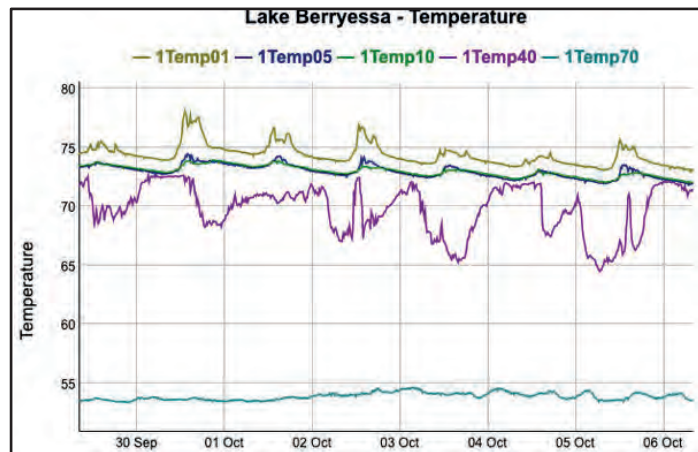
This area sustained extensive damage from the recent lightning-ignited fires and will not open until it is safe.

Vehicle access is limited due to road closures and evacuation orders by Cal Fire. Communication services and utilities are extremely limited for the time being. All concession facilities also remain temporarily closed.

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Lake Level as of 10/07/20

Lake level has dropped to 420.1 feet, 19.9 feet below Glory Hole. Lake level at this time last year was 432.0 feet , 8.0 feet below Glory Hole. But remember that Glory Hole spilled last year keeping levels high, but we subsequently had the lowest rainfall season in more than 22 years - only 10.9 inches. Water temperature measured at Monticello Dam has dropped below 75 degrees at the surface but remains at 54 degrees at 70 feet .



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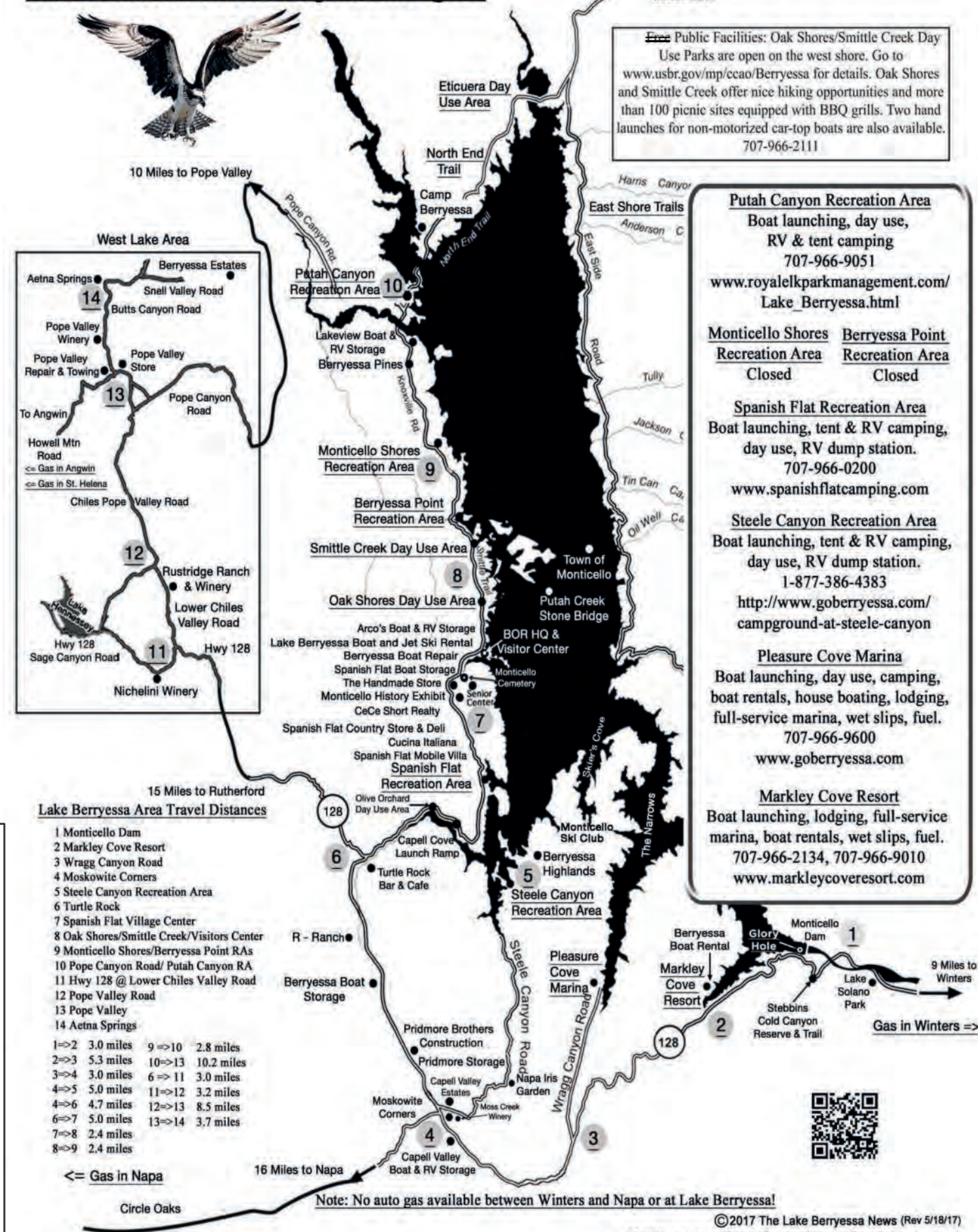
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Also included in the Kindle version is a history of a parallel political process that created the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, considered by many as the dumbest national monument in the U.S. Neither the federal government nor local politicians stand out as models of integrity in this history.

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We all want Lake Berryessa to be accessible to the public, provide the infrastructure necessary to service a broad range of needs, and to the maximum extent possible, be economically self-sufficient. Lake Berryessa should be a sustainable community, which means a considered balance of environment, economics and social equity.

The future may finally be looking brighter for Lake Berryessa - or does it? History continues to unfold.

My thanks to the Napa Register for giving me permission to include a sample of the Letters to the Editor and Napa Register stories printed during this period. It provides great factual and emotional context to the saga.

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An aerial map showing the Lake Berryessa watershed. The lake is a large blue body of water in the center, surrounded by green and brown terrain. The Mokelumne River is visible flowing into the lake from the north. The text "Berryessa Mokelumne R." is written along the river's path. The title "Policy and Politics Betray the People" is overlaid in large white letters.

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2020: The Gift That Keeps On Giving!

The last few months and years have brought economic issues to the forefront of our lives. They have also shown us how little most Americans understand about basic economics. One of the primary myths that has been debunked by the COVID 19 crisis is that the stock market plays some important part in the basic economy. My previous book on Economics is still available on Kindle. Learn the basic facts for yourself!

For example:

The Stock Market Is Not The Economy, Stupid!

Classical economics is a mythology. Predatory capitalism is a fundamentalist religion based on this mythology. Environmental destruction and income inequality are results of the practice of this mythical religion. But is the present economic and environmental situation a conscious conspiracy or an unintended consequence of simplistic beliefs supported by basic human greed?

This book provides the basics of classical economic theory and the description of the intended or unintended consequences of predatory capitalism based on this theory. It contrasts these to sustainability principles underpinning modern environmental economic theory and the various movement towards corporate responsibility.

It is not meant to be an academic or scientific exercise for economists or policy makers. The concepts discussed are easily accessible to thoughtful readers. My objective was to explain to myself the structure of influence that is at the heart of environmental degradation (including the welfare of individual human beings). Understanding is the foundation of action.

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The Lake Berryessa News Print Edition Goes on Hiatus

Loyal Lake Berryessa News readers may have noticed that I did not publish a November print version of the paper. The COVID 19 situation combined with the tragic fires which destroyed much of Spanish Flat and at least 95 homes in the Berryessa Highlands have caused serious repercussions in the Lake Berryessa community. The printing costs, the impact of the economic complications on some advertisers, and the elimination of some distribution locations require me to put the print version on hiatus indefinitely.

But Without THE LAKE BERRYESSA NEWS there would be no Lake Berryessa news. I will continue to publish the Lake Berryessa News on line at (www.lakeberryessanews.com), on my Lake Berryessa News Facebook page at (www.facebook.com/Lake-Berryessa-News-114810958535085) and through this email newsletter. I reach many thousands of people per month through these resources.

If someone doesn't get this newsletter, please send me your email address and that of anyone else you think may be interested (pkilkus@gmail.com).

"Renaissance Lake Berryessa" Update

An important question to many of us who have worked long and hard on the revitalization of Lake Berryessa is whether the COVID crisis and tragic fires would have any serious impact on Napa County's willingness to continue with the signed Managing Partner Agreement and get the bid prospectus out soon. The recreational value of the lake is described in detail in the Ragatz report: Lake Berryessa: An Untapped Resort Development Opportunity

[Ragatz Summary & Recommendations](#)

At the recent Napa County Supervisors' meeting on November 17, 2020, a ray of light broke through the gloom. Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer, made an upbeat presentation to the supervisors as to the status of the Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation. Per the terms of the MPA, the county was to take over management of three recreation areas - Steele Canyon RA, Spanish Flat RA, and Monticello Shores RA - on November 1, 2020. Unfortunately, due to the fires and COVID, the county resources have been stretched thin. Reclamation proposed extending the interim contracts with the present operators of Steele Canyon (Pleasure Cove Marina/Suntex) and Spanish Flat (four local residents doing business as Spanish Flat Partners) to December 31, 2020. Monticello Shores is closed. The county will now formally take over management of the three recreation areas on January 1, 2021.

Reclamation proposed potentially extending the interim contracts through the 2021 recreation season, but their policies would not allow that. However, the county could take over the interim

contracts until long-term concessioners are chosen. The county is now reviewing the contract terms to make sure they meet county contractual guidelines. One benefit to the present interim concessioners would be that they could use subcontractors to provide additional services. Subcontractors are not allowed under their present contracts with Reclamation.

Rattigan assured the supervisors that there would be no conflict between the plans and activities of the chosen long-term concessioners and the interim contract concessioners. The primary goal is to continue provide recreation opportunities to the public during this transition period.

Meanwhile the development of the Bid Prospectus (RFP) for the three recreation areas has moved forward with the assistance of Dick Ragatz of Ragatz Realty. Ragatz authored the original report documenting in detail the recreational value of the lake. Rattigan said that the Bid Prospectus is nearing completion and will be sent out by the end of this week or early next week. Rattigan reported that the county has had significant interest in the Bid Prospectus from recreation companies.

The comments by and questions from the supervisors were unanimously supportive, as they have been for the last three years of this seemingly endless process. You can view the video of this meeting at:

http://napa.granicus.com/player/clip/4755?view_id=2&redirect=true

Scroll to the 1 hour 40 minute mark.



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Pat Monaghan: **The Brains Behind the Operation!**

I want to give special thanks and recognition to Pat Monaghan who organized the resistance to the Bureau of Reclamation's disastrous Visitor Services Plan at Lake Berryessa. She cofounded Task Force 7 at Lake Berryessa (TF7) in July, 2001 and spearheaded the organization for many years.

Her spirit and energy kept me going in the face of the concerted effort by the Bureau of Reclamation and their environmental exclusionist fellow travellers to force through the pre-determined outcome of their of their disastrous Visitor Services Plan (VSP).

Here's a 2007 TV interview with Pat, to give you some historical insight. Those of you who remember Pete Lucero, the government "hitman" imported from Washington, D.C., will recognize his description of what we still call "The Big Lie".



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November Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Often it feels as if everything is too hard for you and that anything you try ends in failure, but take heart: Those feelings have to be wrong eventually.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Every marriage is like a little nation unto itself, and the failure of yours is a textbook example of how investment in education, the arts, and maybe a puppy are desirable

Lake level has dropped to 418.5 feet, 21.5 feet below Glory Hole. Lake level at this time last year was 430.8 feet, 9.2 feet below Glory Hole. But remember that Glory Hole spilled last year and we subsequently had the lowest rainfall season in more than 24 years - only 10.9 inches.

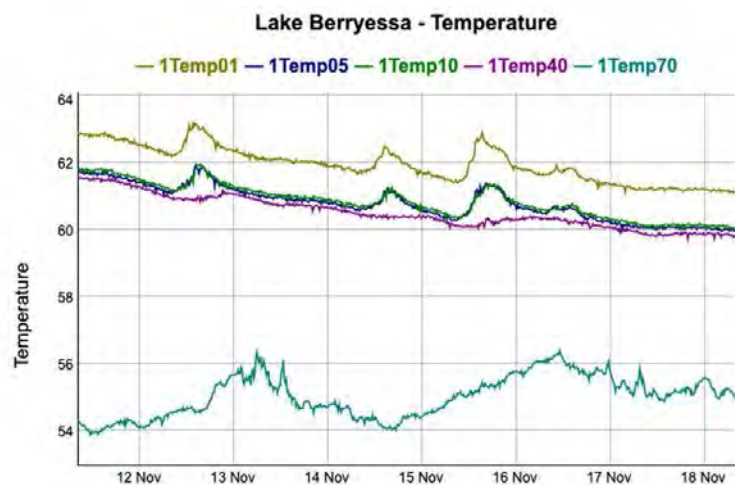
The first light rains hit on 11/13/20 - .18 inches. The last two days of rain (11/17 - 11/18) brought another .78 inches for a total of .96 inches so far this rainfall season (July 1 to June 30) in the Berryessa Highlands. Long range prediction are for a drier than normal winter season for northern California.

Water temperature measured at Monticello Dam has dropped to 60 degrees at the surface down to 40 feet. It is 56 degrees at 70 feet. Indications are that the lake will "turnover" soon with more cold weather and wind.

See my report on what "turnover" really means:

www.lakeberryessanews.com/special-publications/as-lake-berryessa-flows/as-lake-berryessa-turns.html

Below are charts of Lake Berryessa temperatures today and one showing temperature after "turnover" occurred in November 2019. You can see that the lake has essentially totally mixed from the surface down to 70 feet and below.



goals for civilization.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You have no idea why you've been experiencing laughter, tears, a sudden desire for fried chicken, or an impulse to call the law offices of Marvin Falbaum, but it's probably the TV.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Decent people everywhere will be shocked and appalled by the treatment you received and the conditions under which you were held, but it's not like their jobs are any better.

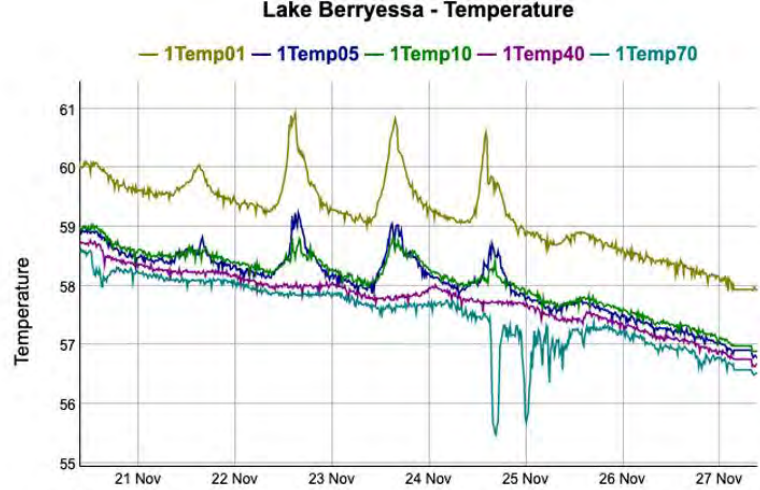
Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You'll find yourself curiously unfulfilled, if not a little frightened, when you finally learn the answer to the question of who watches the birdwatchers.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): In retrospect, you should have paid more attention to the obvious warning signs, which were of course placed there by the Department of Transportation for just that purpose.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Your old solution isn't going to work on your new problem. Try drinking twice as much of it.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Remember: While faith can move mountains, only religion is capable of making you feel guilty for doing so.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Others may claim you to be a contrarian, they may accuse you of being a knee-jerk naysayer, of disputing popular opinion for the sake of disputing popular opinion—but



Highway 128 Rock Slide Humor

Now that the rain has started, those of us who have lived here long enough know that the drive from Lake Berryessa to Winters on Hwy 128 will be more exciting than usual. The fires have denuded the hillsides and rock falls and landslides will be more common on that stretch of highway. Here's one of my favorite cartoons by Bill Scholer.

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by Bill Scholer



then you really couldn't disagree with them more.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): The stars predict the beginning of a lifelong romance this week, which just goes to show you how wrong the stars can sometimes be.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Scientists around the world will come to praise you as a true trailblazer in the field of Incorrect Particle Physics.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Not hitting your shots and a weak zone defense aren't just why your team is losing in the playoffs, it's why the Centralized Space Command will surrender to the Uranus Allied Forces this Thursday.

Onion Headlines

Quantum theory predicts multiple realities; Republican voters put theory into practice

Confused Nation Elects Decency Over High Stock Prices.

Media Condemns Biden For Baseless Claim That Nation Will Come Together Once Election Over

Simpleton Dies From Complications

Trump Files Lawsuit In Pennsylvania Alleging Election Officials Totally Disregarding His Feelings

Cookbook Too Big To Ever Use

Doctor Informs Patient Weird Lump

A 1st grade school teacher had twenty-six students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the 1st half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders.

1.	Don't change horses	until they stop running.
2.	Strike while the	bug is close.
3.	It's always darkest before	Daylight Saving Time.
4.	Never underestimate the power of	termites.
5.	You can lead a horse to water but	how?
6.	Don't bite the hand that	looks dirty.
7.	No news is	impossible.
8.	A miss is as good as a	Mr.
9.	You can't teach an old dog new	math.
10.	If you lie down with dogs, you'll	stink in the morning.
11.	Love all, trust	me.
12.	The pen is mightier than the	pigs.
13.	An idle mind is	the best way to relax.
14.	Where there's smoke there's	pollution.
15.	Happy the bride who	gets all the presents.
16.	A penny saved is	not much.
17.	Two's company, three's	the Musketeers.
18.	Don't put off till tomorrow what	you put on to go to bed.
19.	Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and	you have to blow your nose.
20.	There are none so blind as	Stevie Wonder.
21.	Children should be seen and not	spanked or grounded.
22.	If at first you don't succeed	get new batteries.
23.	You get out of something only what you	see in the picture on the box.
24.	When the blind lead the blind	get out of the way.
25.	A bird in the hand	is going to poop on you.
And the WINNER and last one!		
26.	Better late than	pregnant.

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Worry About

Old Man Remembers When Things
Cost Roughly The Same As Now
After Adjusting For Inflation

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TOASTER AND YOUR BICYCLE
LOSES A SOCK, HOW MUCH
GRAVY WILL YOU NEED
TO REPAINT YOUR HAMSTER?

Answers to the Above Problem

Zero gravy - everyone knows you use ketchup to
repaint a hamster!

But wait, red bicycles don't float

Whenever that is...my hamster just broke up with my
bike yesterday

I'd like a extra sock for my toaster please and will you
paint my lawn chair on Tuesday?

Of course! But only if you refrigerate my ceiling fan on

1 kilowatt

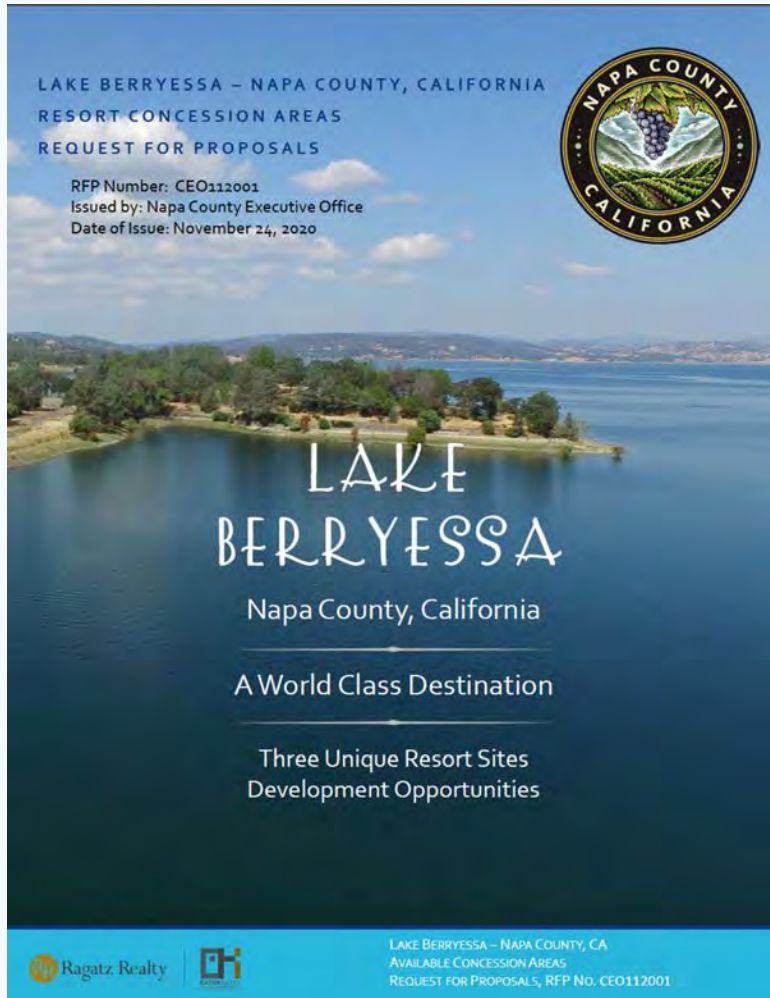
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**Napa County has released
the Request for Proposal for
the renewal of the Lake
Berryessa recreation area
resorts.**

[Download full RFP here...](#)

Napa County Executive Office is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) in order to identify potential concessionaires for three developable resort sites at Lake Berryessa in Napa County, California. Lake Berryessa is characterized by great natural beauty and is a destination for numerous types of outdoor recreational activities.

Emphasis in the past has been on boating and camping, but a much wider variety of activities seem appropriate for the future.

Successful respondents will have demonstrated the ability to design, finance, construct, manage and operate recreational and/or hospitality projects of similar scale, complexity and character to those proposed.

Schedule:

November 24, 2020: RFP released for circulation

December 7, 2020: Round 1 Questions Due by 5:00 pm PST

December 16, 2020: Responses to Round 1 Questions will be posted

December 23, 2020: Deadline for Registration for Site Visit(s)

January 4-8, 2021: Site Visit(s) – to be Scheduled per COVID-19 Regulations

January 11, 2021: Round 2 Questions Due by 5:00 pm PST

January 19, 2021: Responses to Round 2 Questions will be published

January 29, 2021: RFP Submittals Due by 12:00 pm PST

February/March, 2021: Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations

April, 2021: County and USBR Approval of Concession Award(s)



**A Bit of History and Another Reason for Major
Recreation Companies
to Bid on the Lake Berryessa Resorts**

This Bud's for you, Lake Berryessa!

By Peter Kilkus, 8/17/11

Even after fifteen years at Lake Berryessa, the Budweiser recycling joke still makes me smile. You know the one I mean.

Lake Berryessa is now, and always has been, the cleanest lake in Northern California.

Unfortunately, during the controversial Bureau of Reclamation Visitor Services Plan process, which led to the present multi-year shutdown of Lake Berryessa, it appears that some folks consciously tried to promote the concept that the resorts had polluted the lake`.

They were so successful, with the help of local exclusionist environmental groups, local media, and others that people would call the Bureau of Reclamation headquarters at Lake Berryessa and ask if it were safe for their children to swim in the lake!

Anheuser Busch – Fairfield Brewery wrote a letter during that period supporting their long-standing scientific analysis that Lake Berryessa water was pure - contradicting the pollution story.

Scientific data from other sources, including local water agencies and the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership also corroborated this assessment. There has never been any documented evidence – ever – that Lake Berryessa water purity has been compromised.

Reliable water is rare in California and one of the most important elements in many manufacturing, food processing and biotechnology companies. Thirty years ago, when representatives from the Anheuser-Busch Inc. were looking for a West Coast home for its Budweiser distilling vats, it tested the water in Solano County and stipulated it would move to Fairfield if the city could guarantee to provide only Lake Berryessa water.

Three decades later, the Fairfield brewery uses more than 1,500 acre-feet of Lake Berryessa water per year to brew more than 4 million barrels of beer annually.

According to Kevin Finger, General Manager of the Fairfield Brewery, "Water is vital to plant

and animal life and it's a key ingredient in brewing beer, and one of five key ingredients used in the making of Budweiser – that's why they are committed to water conservation both inside and outside our breweries.

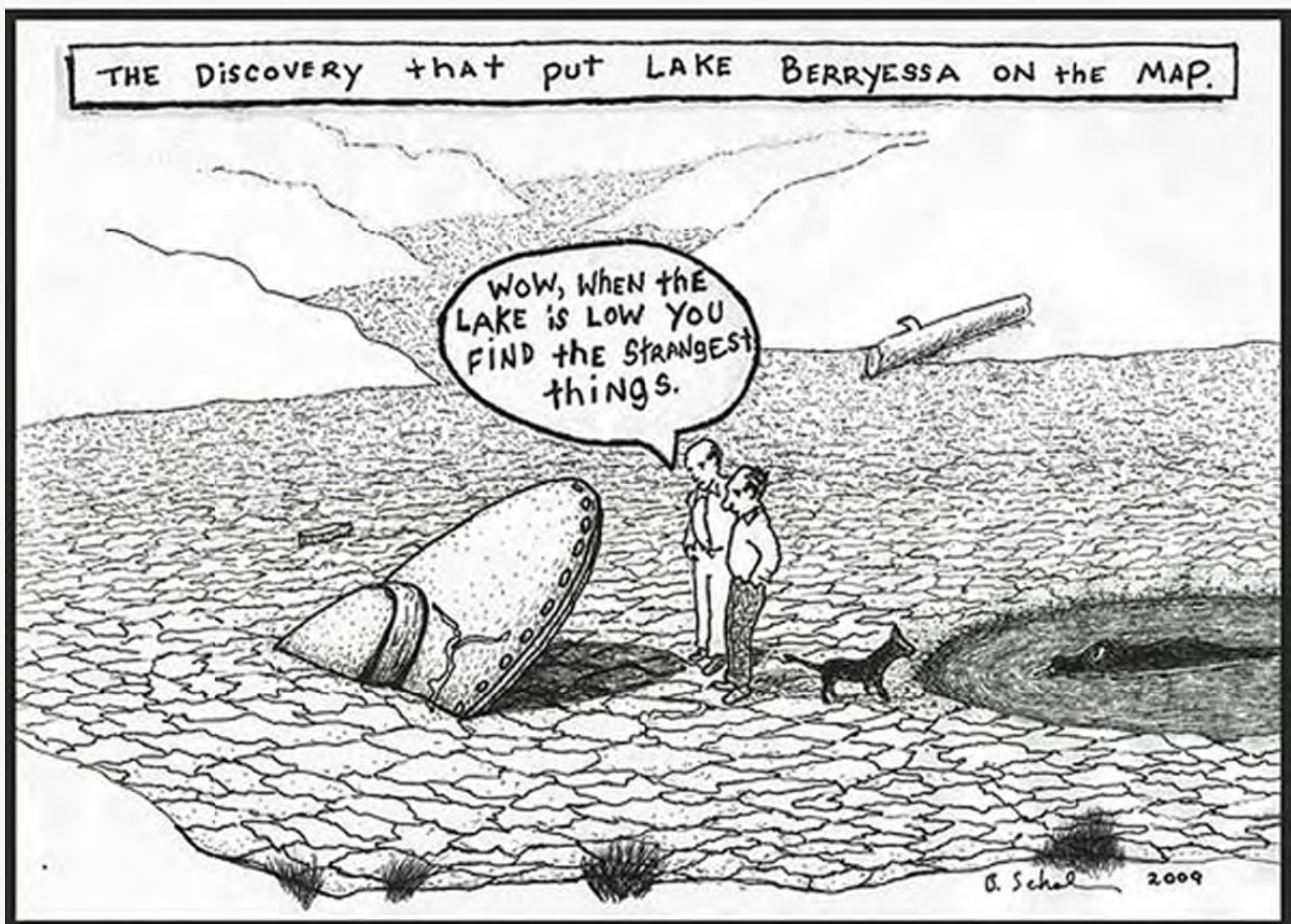
Lake Berryessa is a consistent, high quality water source for our brewery. As with all our breweries, we carefully monitor our source water on a regular basis. The water we receive is tested and goes through additional purification processes to meet the exacting standards of our brewmasters.

Water is not only a key ingredient in beer, it's also important in many other areas of a brewery. The majority of water used in a brewery is for cleaning, rinsing, heating, cooling and various other process areas. That's why we have long understood the importance of conserving water, and at the same time adhering to our strict quality standards. In fact, our U.S. breweries are some of the most water efficient in the world. Here in Fairfield, we've reduced our water use by 32 percent in the past 3 years."

The Anheuser Busch brewery opened in 1976 and employs about 460 people. It is Fairfield's single biggest user of water at about 2 million gallons daily, 7 percent of the entire city's consumption. All of this is Lake Berryessa water. Brewery officials don't think the city's Delta water is good enough for Budweiser.

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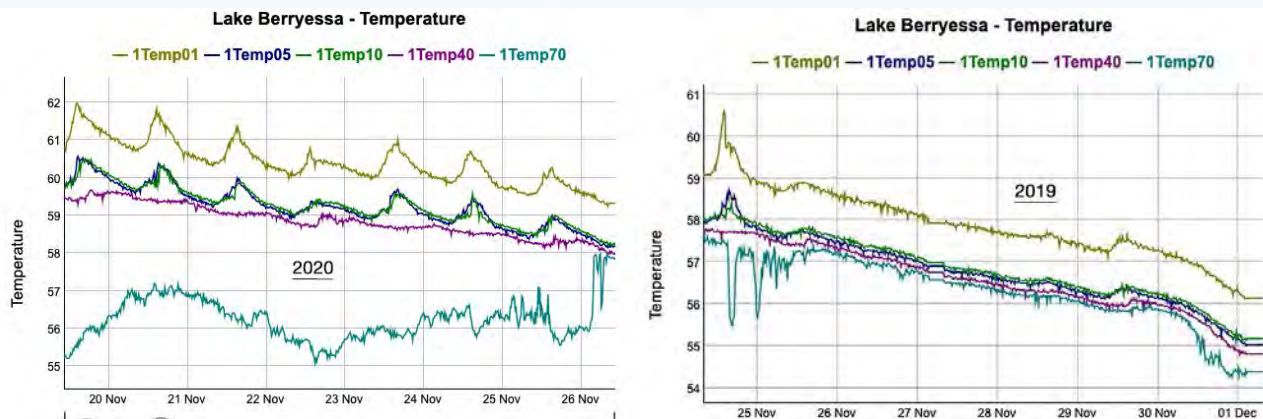
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See my report on what "turnover" really means:

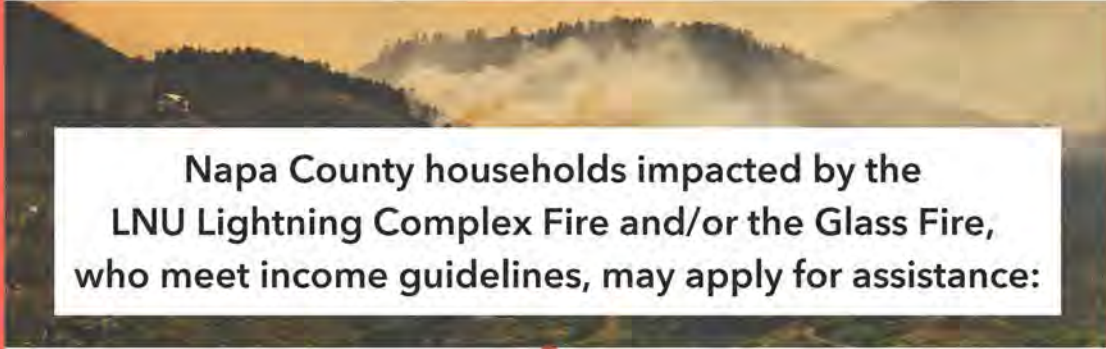
www.lakeberryessanews.com/special-publications/as-lake-berryessa-flows/lake-turnover-2018.pdf

Below is a chart of Lake Berryessa temperatures after "turnover" occurred in November 2019. You can see that the lake has essentially totally mixed from the surface down to 70 feet and below.



Wildfire Relief Programs: Financial Aid Available

2020 Wildfire Relief Program



Napa County households impacted by the LNU Lightning Complex Fire and/or the Glass Fire, who meet income guidelines, may apply for assistance:

Economic hardship assistance:

- Facing hardship because of lost wages or employment as a result of the fire
- Not eligible for EDD or disaster unemployment insurance
- Applications from undocumented residents are encouraged
- County residents can receive \$1,500 as a one-time payment

Lost or damaged property assistance:

- Primary residence was damaged or destroyed
- Renters can receive up to \$3,500 as a one-time payment
- Homeowners can receive up to \$7,500 as a one-time payment

The deadline to apply for assistance is Friday, January 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm

To apply, contact UpValley Family Centers at (707) 965-5010 or efa@upvalleyfamilycenters.org for an appointment.

Case managers are available to assist with completion of the application, and eligibility will be determined after your appointment.

Eligibility and applications can be located on upvalleyfamilycenters.org

Program made possible thanks to the Napa Valley Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund.

Take The... Older then Dirt Quiz

Do you remember?

1. Blackjack chewing gum and Teaberry.
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water.
3. Candy cigarettes.
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles.
5. Coffee shops or diners with table-side jukeboxes.
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers.
7. Party lines on the telephone.
8. Newsreels before the movie.
9. P.F. Flyers.
10. Butch wax.
11. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (There were only three channels, if you were lucky).
12. Peashooters.
13. Howdy Doody.
14. 45 RPM records.
15. S&H green stamps.
16. Hi-fi's.
17. Metal ice trays with lever.

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This KPIX Eye on the Bay interview I did in 2010 is a relevant introduction to the substance of the book. I did it after Pensus had been given the contract for 5 resorts. As we all know Pensus was subsequently kicked out in 2012.

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The initial timeline shows a condensed history of the process. The next section tells the story through the eyes of Lake Berryessa News articles. With the permission of the Napa Register, a parallel history is presented through a representative sampling of contemporaneous editorials, articles, and letters to the editor from the Napa Register. Reading these letters, especially, gives the raw emotional context of the ten year battle to preserve family recreation in the face of the "Big Lie" and the many little lies that were spread by elitist environmental exclusionists. In some of the letters you'll read in this book you'll notice a basic mean-spiritedness that blinds any attempt at logic or reason.

Also included in the Kindle version is a history of a parallel political process that created the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, considered by many as the dumbest national monument in the U.S. Neither the federal government nor local politicians stand out as models of integrity in this history.

This section was not included in the paperback version for space reasons. However it is available on the Lake Berryessa News website at:

[The History of the Creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: The Ultimate Political Perversion of the Antiquities Act](#)



Now that the rain has started, those of us who have lived here long enough know that the drive from Lake Berryessa to Winters on Hwy 128 will be more exciting than usual. The fires have denuded the hillsides and rock falls and landslides will be more common on that stretch of highway. Here's one of my favorite cartoons by Bill Scholer.

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by Bill Scholer



November Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Often it feels as if everything is too hard for you and that anything you try ends in failure, but take heart: Those feelings have to be wrong eventually.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Every marriage is like a little nation unto itself, and the failure of yours is a textbook example of how investment in education, the arts, and maybe a puppy are desirable goals for civilization.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You have no idea why you've been experiencing laughter, tears, a sudden desire for fried chicken, or an impulse to call the law offices of Marvin Falbaum, but it's probably the TV.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Decent people everywhere will be

shocked and appalled by the treatment you received and the conditions under which you were held, but it's not like their jobs are any better.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You'll find yourself curiously unfulfilled, if not a little frightened, when you finally learn the answer to the question of who watches the birdwatchers.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): In retrospect, you should have paid more attention to the obvious warning signs, which were of course placed there by the Department of Transportation for just that purpose.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Your old solution isn't going to work on your new problem. Try drinking twice as much of it.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Remember: While faith can move mountains, only religion is capable of making you feel guilty for doing so.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Others may claim you to be a contrarian, they may accuse you of being a knee-jerk naysayer, of disputing popular opinion for the sake of disputing popular opinion—but then you really couldn't disagree with them more.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): The stars predict the beginning of a lifelong romance this week, which just goes to show you how wrong the stars can sometimes be.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Scientists around the world will come to praise you as a true

trailblazer in the field of Incorrect
Particle Physics.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Not
hitting your shots and a weak
zone defense aren't just why your
team is losing in the playoffs, it's
why the Centralized Space
Command will surrender to the
Uranus Allied Forces this
Thursday.

Onion Headlines

Quantum theory predicts multiple
realities; Republican voters put
theory into practice

Confused Nation Elects Decency
Over High Stock Prices.

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Pennsylvania Alleging Election
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Feelings

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On Neck Nothing He Can Afford To
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Merry Christmas from the Lake Berryessa News staff!

Although the news is scarce, there is a growing excitement in the air now that the Request for Proposal for the revitalization of the Lake Berryessa resorts has been issued and widely distributed. Responses are coming in and the dates for the formal Round 1 Questions and Answers have been moved out a few days to allow for the input from bidders. The formal County response on December 18 to the first round of questions from bidders will be an indication of how much interest has been generated.

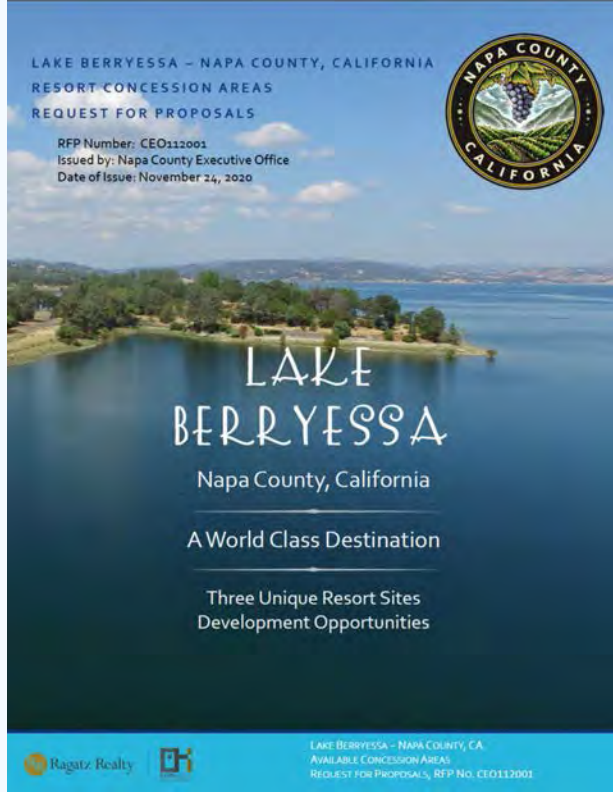


Napa County has released the Request for Proposal for the renewal of the Lake Berryessa recreation area resorts.

[Download full RFP here...](#)

Napa County Executive Office is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) in order to identify potential concessionaires for three developable resort sites at Lake Berryessa in Napa County, California. Lake Berryessa is characterized by great natural beauty and is a destination for numerous types of outdoor recreational activities.

Emphasis in the past has been on boating and camping, but a much wider variety of



activities seem appropriate for the future.

Successful respondents will have demonstrated the ability to design, finance, construct, manage and operate recreational and/or hospitality projects of similar scale, complexity and character to those proposed.

Schedule (Dates Modified on Dec. 3, 2020 - Round 1 Questions and Resonses)

November 24, 2020: RFP released for circulation

December 14, 2020: Round 1 Questions Due by 5:00 pm PST

December 18, 2020: Responses to Round 1 Questions will be posted

December 23, 2020: Deadline for Registration for Site Visit(s)

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February/March, 2021: Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations

April, 2021: County and USBR Approval of Concession Award(s)



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Lake Berryessa Resort Management Services

A new resource is now available to potential bidders interested in creating innovative recreational facilities at Lake Berryessa. Lake Berryessa Resort Management Services is dedicated to assisting recreation companies and resort developers in creating practical, profitable, environmentally-sustainable programs for their properties.

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Lake Berryessa Christmas 2020



Special 2020 Christmas Ornament



Lake Level as of 12/7/20

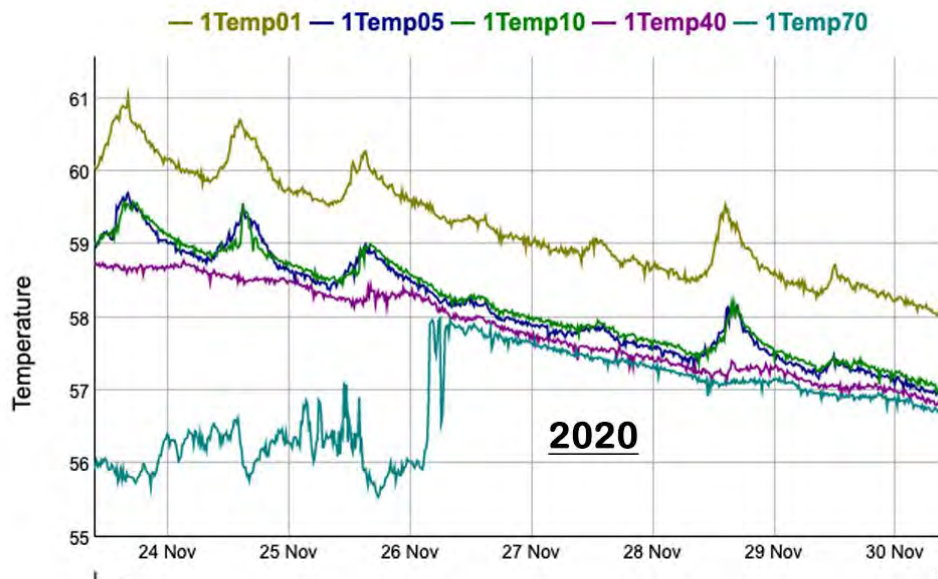
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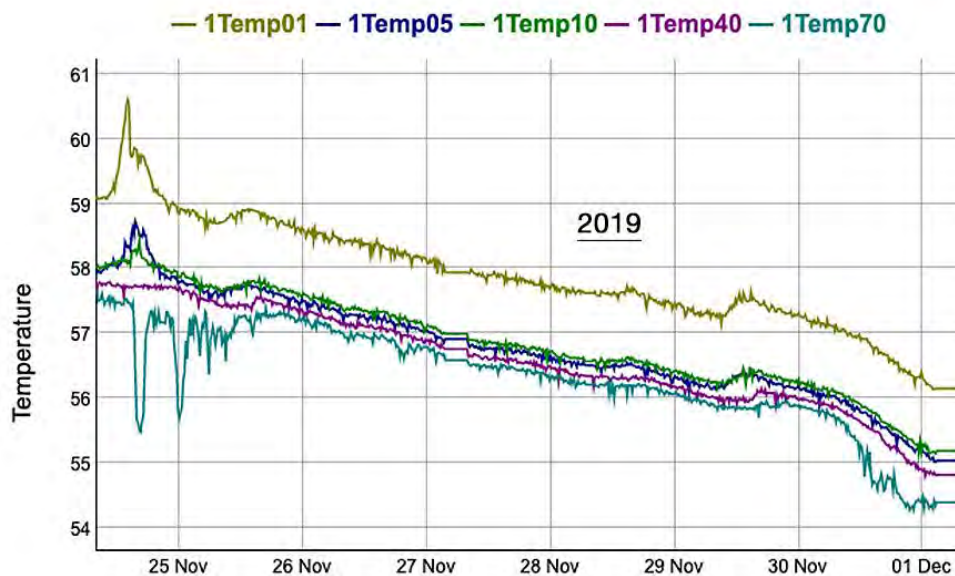
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Lake Berryessa - Temperature



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The Kindle version of this book will be available at the discounted price of \$0.99 for one week. A great Christmas gift for those interested in what happened at Lake Berryessa or people concerned about how government overreach could have caused the disaster that destroyed this thriving recreational resource.

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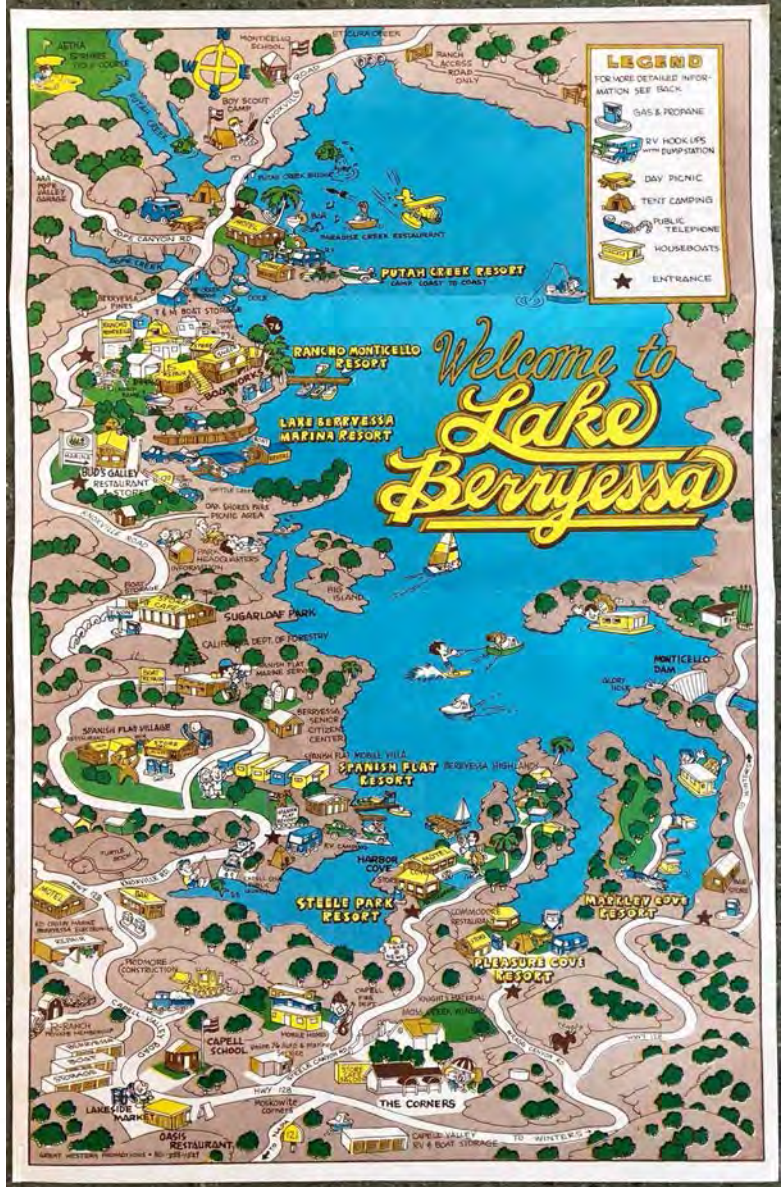
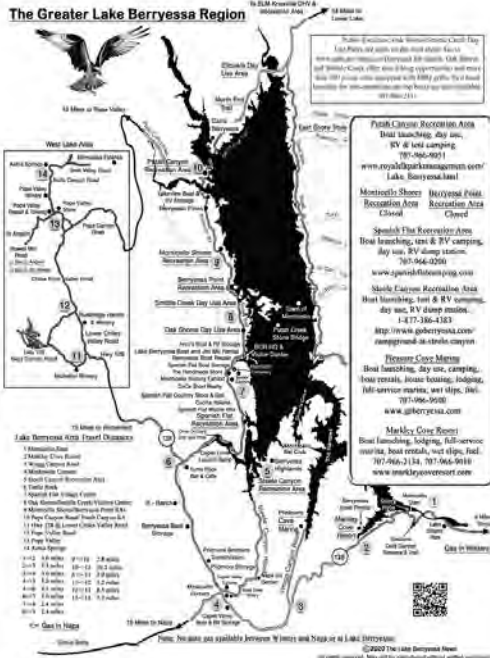
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Historical Map of the "Good Ole Days"

I thought this map was a relevant and interesting look back at Lake Berryessa in the 1970s. It is an historical map of Lake Berryessa during its heyday. Hopefully we'll get strong recreation companies to bid on revitalizing three recreation areas, Steele Canyon (Steele Park), Spanish Flat, and Monticello Shores (Rancho Monticello), as family-friendly, environmentally-responsible resorts. Download it and expand it to explore the detailed illustrations.



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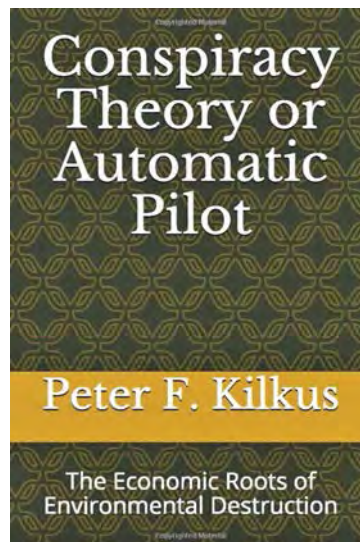
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Basic Economics For The Informed Reader

The last few months and years have brought economic issues to the forefront of our lives. They have also shown us how little most Americans understand about basic economics. One of the primary myths that has been debunked

by the COVID 19 crisis is that the stock market plays some part in the basic economy. Other simple economic principles that most people don't understand are explained in my book.

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'Daddy, I'm Hungry!' Says 27-Year-Old Bursting Into Background Of Father's Video Conference

December Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): The stars are happy to announce that starting next week you will pay your zodiac bill on time, if you know what's good for you.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You're not getting any younger, which means that a certain so-called "wizard" has a lot to explain concerning certain "reverse-aging potions."

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll continue to inspire those closest to you to try and move away as quickly and quietly as possible.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Your marriage will soon erode to the point where you'll be sorely tempted to turn her in for the reward money.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): If there is more to life than fishing, you don't want to know what it is. This will help explain your death from malnutrition and dehydration next week.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You will be shocked to learn that, due to a legal fluke, your long-term houseguest is now your common-law wife.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Try as you might, you will not be able to improve your mediocre putting game. Gee, some big thought-provoking problems you got, moron.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): After 10 long years, you will be admitted to the Baseball Hall Of Fame when you finally come up with the \$11.50 admission price.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Start

Crab Always Gets Little Thrill Crawling Over Bleached Skeleton Of Pirate On Secluded Beach

Mental Health Day Spent Spiraling

Doctors Concerned As Hairline Fracture In Biden's Foot Spreads Through Entire Skeleton

Newly Uncovered DNA Evidence Frees Thousands Of Damned Souls From Hell

Annoying Coworker Keeps Sending After-Hours Emails That He's Trapped In Office Elevator

South Dakota Unveils Gov. Kristi Noem's New 'Come Die Here' Tourism Campaign

Supreme Court Strikes Down Obama's Personal Health Insurance Policy

Donald Trump Jr. Refuses To Step Down From Post As President's Oldest Son

Veterans Affairs Secretary Struggling To Profit Off Of Underfunded Department as Other Trump Appointees Have

N.Y. Jets Sued For Millions After Using Unlicensed Cheering Sounds From Other Teams

Boomers Claim Millennials Are Lazy For Not Applying For Jobs That Offer Below Minimum Wage

What is Santa's primary language? North Polish.

What goes "oh oh oh"? Santa walking backwards

What do you call a reindeer that suddenly forgets how to fly? The deerly departed!

I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me "Nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace" So I bought her nothing.

There's nothing like the joy on a kid's face when he first

childproofing your house now, as a pack of bloodthirsty feral children is headed your way.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You'll finally get into shape this week, though which one exactly, isn't clear yet.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Try to break your habit of turning to anonymous sources for general advice on your problems.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): At this very moment, hundreds of miles from where you are, some of the world's greatest intellects are attempting to change the way you think about sugar-free chewing gum.

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sees the PlayStation box containing the socks I got him for Christmas.

STRESSED is just DESSERTS spelled backward.

What do you call a bunch of grandmasters of chess bragging about their games in a hotel lobby? Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain." His wife asked, "How do you know?" "Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

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The Lake Berryessa News

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Merry Christmas from the Lake Berryessa News staff!

A Christmas Note: Past Memories and Hope for the Future

Dear Peter, Thank you for being a true advocate for Lake Berryessa. You're relentless and I admire you for that.

We came to Spanish Flat in 1958. My parents managed the highway store, and the lake resort store. It was hopping! It was an incredible time for the resorts and all the families that benefited from Lake Berryessa.

The resorts employed so many people. No one was getting rich, but everyone had a job. You talk to anybody our age (Editor's Note: Maybe we should keep this confidential!) and they will have a story about Lake Berryessa, summer fun! (Editor's Note: See the Berryessa Bowl story below.)

My parents had their house built in 1963 on Mulford Drive. We were the second house to go up, dirt road, springwater. We were thrilled.

It still feels unreal that the house is gone now due to the fire. My granddaughter Casey, who is 15, is the fourth generation to live there. We are in the process of building back. Many of our neighbors are also building back.

We love the lake, and the life style it provides for us. I pray this process of building back goes smoothly for all of the fire victims. We are Lake Berryessa Strong!

Thank you for all you do. Merry Christmas to you and your staff. (Editor's Note: Only me and sometimes Evan.)

Sincerely, Donna DelBondio

Thanks, Donna, from the Lake Berryessa News!
We are glad so many people are rebuilding.



Lake Berryessa Revitalization Update

The Napa County RFP process is on schedule so far but may face some delays due to the COVID restrictions. The County received 41 questions from interested parties and responded to them on December 18, 2020. See the list of questions and answers at this link:

<https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/lake-berryessa-2020-2021/addendum-no-2---lake-berrye.pdf>

We learned from the answers (Answer #2) that: **"A full-time Concession Development Manager will join the County's professional team on February 1, 2021."**

We also learned that (Answer #5) the County is taking full responsibility for this process with the Bureau of Reclamation acting only in an advisory role: **"The Bureau of Reclamation will only be consulted on proposed plans to ensure compliance with the Visitor Services Plan and the Record of Decision and other items that require federal review. However, their involvement will be indirect and facilitated only through Napa County staff."**

The County referenced potential schedule delays due to Covid restrictions. Today, December 23, is the final day for interested parties to register for site visits (Jeff.Brooner@countyofnapa.org), but the County (Answer #24) states that: **"Given the recent statewide Regional Stay Home Order, we are evaluating new dates for the site visit which may impact the RFP response date. We will provide a further update by December**

The remaining schedule, as of today, is:

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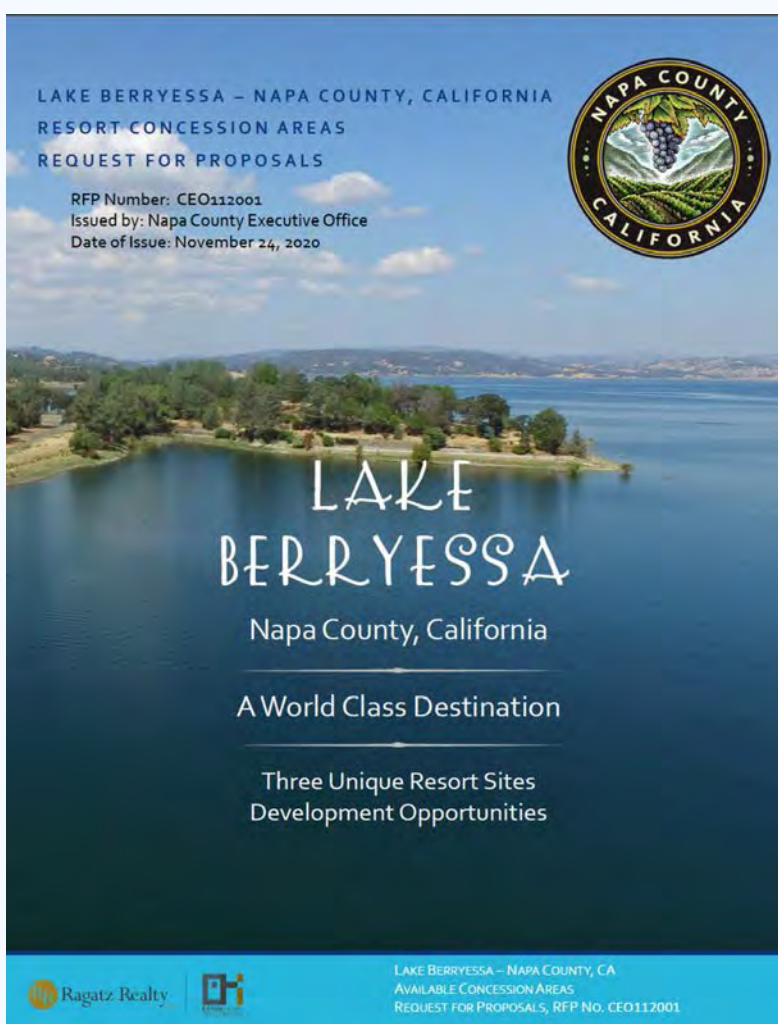
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Download the full RFP at:

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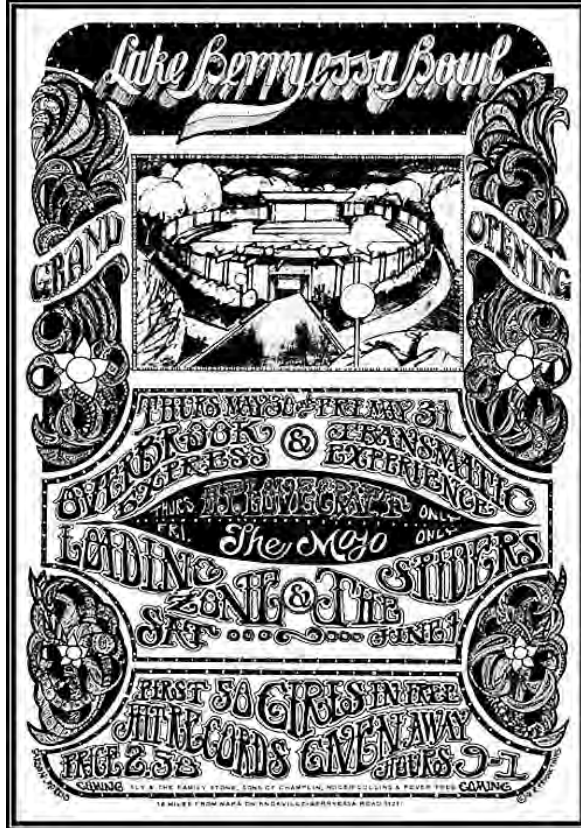
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The Lake Berryessa Bowl

The Lake Berryessa Bowl was an outdoor music venue just below Turtle Rock. During the summer months in the second half of the 1960s many local and national groups appeared at the venue. It was large enough



to host Alice Cooper and The Grateful Dead.

The Grand Opening was on May 30, 1968 and featured Loading Zone, Overbrook Express, H.P. Lovecraft, Transmatic Experience, The Mojo, and the Spiders. First 50 girls got in free! Hit records given away! Price \$2.50. Hours 9 PM - 1 AM. The few neighbors must have loved it. May have been good for Turtle Rock too.

The poster shows other bands which were coming: Sly and the Family Stone, Sons of Champlin, Roger Collins, and Fever Tree. Alice Cooper played on June 1, 1968. Santana was there on July 20, 1968.

Special Historical Note (April, 2020):

Hello Peter,

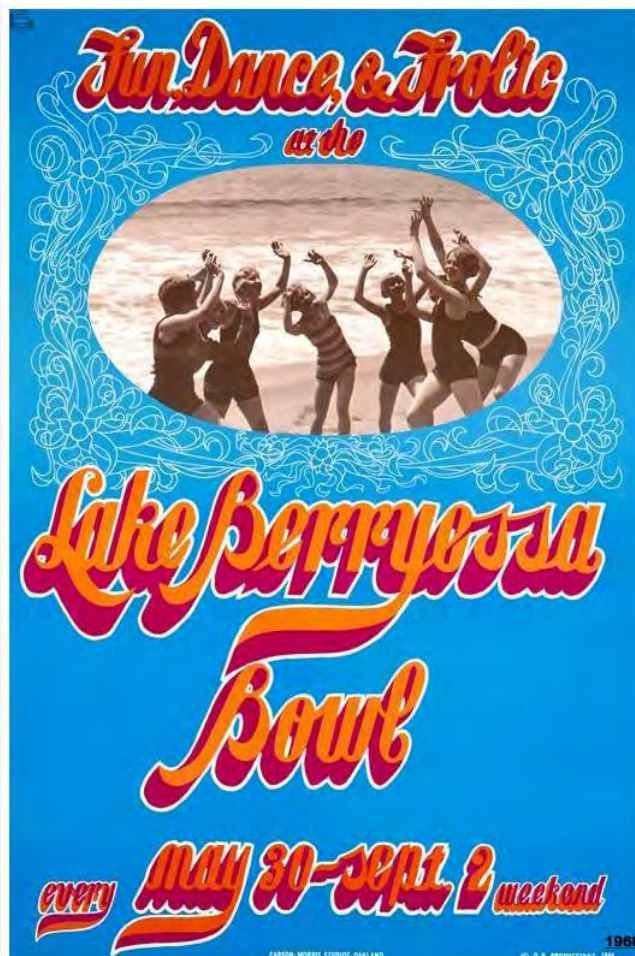
I saw your webpage write-up about the Berryessa Bowl. My band, The Overbrook Express, shown on the opening weekend poster on your page played there and I wanted to add a comment.

You stated that Santana played there on May 20, 1968. Actually, they filled in on our second night there, May 31, for whom I don't know - but someone cancelled that night and they substituted. They were called the Santana Blues Band then.

I remember them well because Carlos Santana offered me 500 hits of acid if I would trade my Gibson guitar to him...I passed on the offer. Anyway, thought you might want to know they played on our second night there. Cheers, Rich Irwin

The "Summer of Love" - and Beyond

"Summer of Love," was the cultural revolution that brought the hippie experience to the American mainstream, when throngs of American youth descended on San Francisco to join a cultural revolution.





Those of us who lived through it know how wild it was. Although many thought the time was a history changing event (and in some ways it was), it really turned out to be a long party. We were the generation that took a vacation. And Lake Berryessa combined both vacations in a special package.

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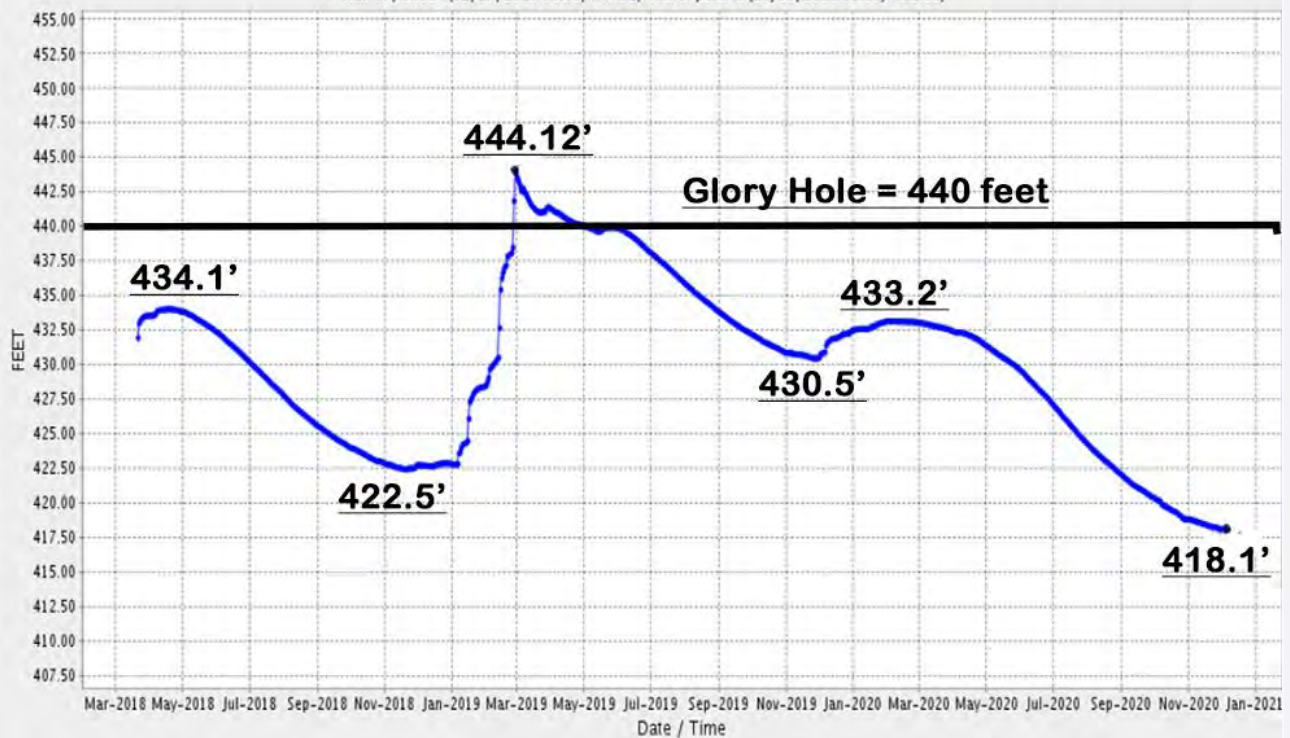
Another Historical Map From the "Olden Days"

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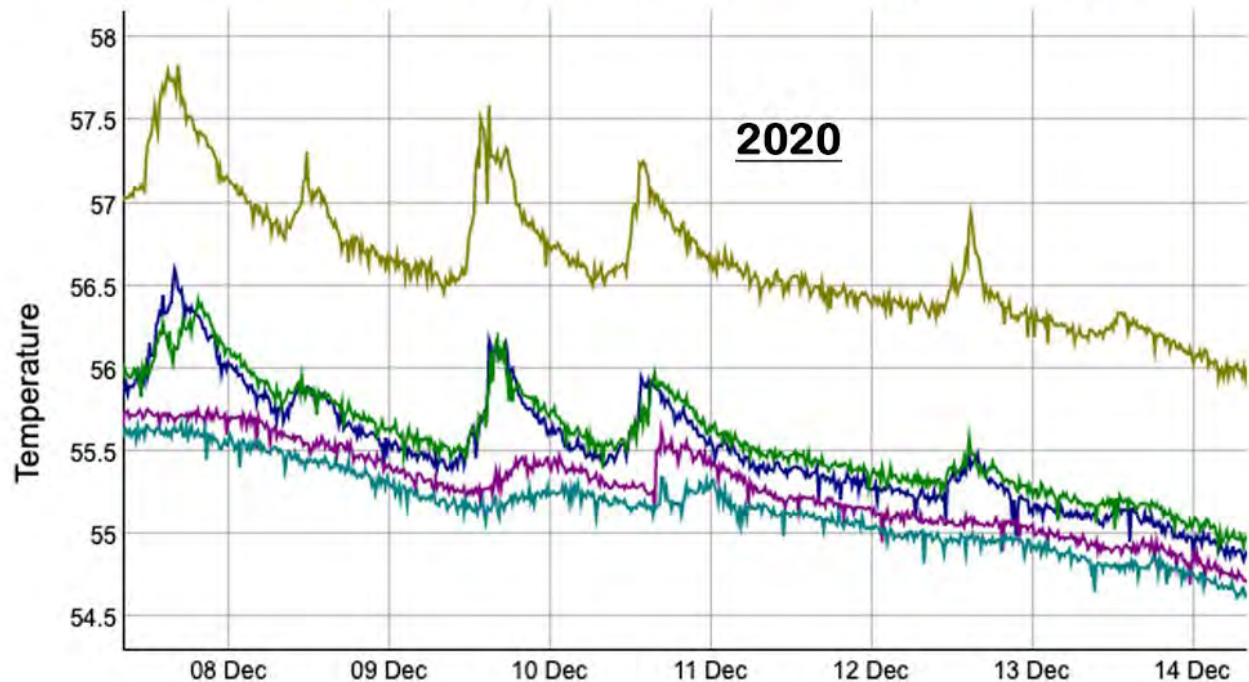
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Here's an interview I did in 2010, three years after the interview below with Pat Monaghan and just after Pensus had been given the contract for 5 resorts. As we all know Pensus was subsequently kicked out in 2012.

This book is a historical anthology, a raw, as-it-happened, unfiltered picture of what many of us lived through. The goal is to provide the history and the context within which such an incredibly destructive course of action took place. It is dedicated to documenting this tragedy, this final betrayal of Lake Berryessa by the federal government - and, hopefully, the promised revitalization by Napa County.



Pat Monaghan:

The Brains Behind the Operation!

I want to give special thanks and recognition to Pat Monaghan who organized the resistance to the Bureau of Reclamation's disastrous Visitor Services Plan at Lake Berryessa. She cofounded Task Force 7 at Lake Berryessa (TF7) in July, 2001 and spearheaded the organization for many years.

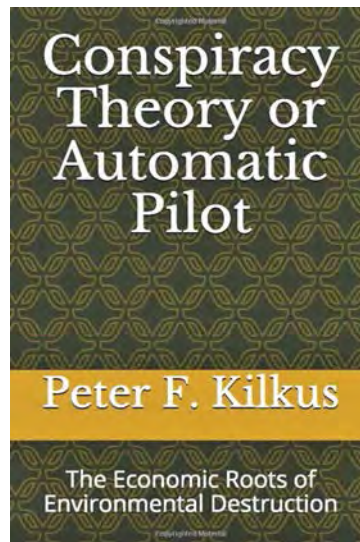
Her spirit and energy kept me going in the face of the concerted effort by the Bureau of Reclamation and their environmental exclusionist fellow travellers to force through the pre-determined outcome of their of their disastrous Visitor Services Plan (VSP).

Here's a 2007 TV interview with Pat, to give you some historical insight. Those of you who remember Pete Lucero, the government "hitman" imported from Washington, D.C., will recognize his description of what we still call "The Big Lie".



The Bureau of Reclamation and their supporters destroyed family recreation at Lake Berryessa for a generation of families, children, and friends. Many people ask me about the history of the process that led to the present situation at Lake Berryessa. When I explain what happened most become incredulous and can't believe the government could have done something so stupid. "How could they have gotten away with that?" they exclaim.

A good question! There were times when we felt we were part of an oppressed minority - ignored, lied to, and lied about by those with the power to do so. Government fails because it pays no price for failure!



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