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Perception Correction - The Crossroads at Lake Berryessa is Not For Sale!

A friend told me the other day that she was saddened to see that the Crossroads was up for sale. She mistook the big For Sale sign out in front of the building as evidence that the Winchell family was closing their business. This is not true. The sign is for the property itself, not the Crossroads Grocery Store, Restaurant, and Bar. The property is for sale by Jim Keller who bought it several years ago.

So don't worry. The Crossroads has become an important part of the Lake Berryessa community. See their ad above. Eat, drink, and be merry there whenever you can.

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Sunday sports. It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.

Shopping is NOT a sport.

And no, we are never going to think of it that way.

Crying is blackmail.

Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work! Strong hints do not work! Obvious hints do not work!

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Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.

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Christopher Columbus did not need directions and neither do we.

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We have no idea what mauve is.

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January 2012 - Happy New Year!

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Goodbye 2011: Another Year of Process Without Progress at Lake Berryessa!

Will 2012 Be Any Better? Maybe 2015?

By Peter Kilkus

Although I'd like to put on my happy face for 2012, unfortunately 2011 has not been kind to the Lake Berryessa community. It felt like an instant replay of the preceding several years. The most visible change was the appearance of tacky plywood signs in front of some of the Pensus resorts. More professional blue and white signs finally replaced those and are now at the entrances of all the Pensus resorts. But a new sign does not a recreation destination make.

Several substantial proposals were submitted and the Bid for five of the resorts was awarded to the Pensus Group. Unfortunately, a silly legal opinion by a functionary within the Department of the Interior bureaucracy led to the original decision process being rescinded and the contracts rebid.

Although no one, including the local Reclamation management, wanted it to happen, the whole selection process was rebooted by Department of Interior senior management with a slightly modified Prospectus which

was re-issued in May 2009.

What was ridiculous about this decision, ostensibly made to be "fair" to the original bidders, was that most of the original bidders were either in bankruptcy or had dissolved their bidding partnerships by then. With more than a year of effort wasted, Reclamation received few viable bids the second time around.

In January 2010, the Pensus Group won the second round, picking up Markley Cove Resort which had actually won its

own bid the first time. This gave Pensus control of six of the seven resorts at the lake. In April of 2010, the Pensus Group signed an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. Then the real "fun" began.

Pensus Group Planning Process Stymed

Almost a year ago, I wrote an article titled, "They're Off Like a Herd of Turtles". Recent history shows that I was actually being unrealistically optimistic.

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. Again we were all being unrealistically optimistic.

Rather, Pensus has been faced with a series of planning stumbling blocks, the most egregious of which is Reclamation's requirement that Pensus complete a detailed "Environmental Assessment", or EA, before beginning resort construction - something Reclamation was not required to do before its resort destruction.

Pensus is simply replacing the old facilities with new environmentally-friendly construction. And as part of the bid process, Pensus has already provided a detailed ISO14000 Environmental Management Plan plan for each of its resorts.

Completion of the PDP is scheduled for 150 days after contract signing. A feeling of cautious optimism is in order.

Lake Berryessa Visitor Information Process Succeeds

On a positive note, several years of effort by the Lake Berryessa News and the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce culminated in a strong partnership with the Napa Valley Destination Council (NVDC).

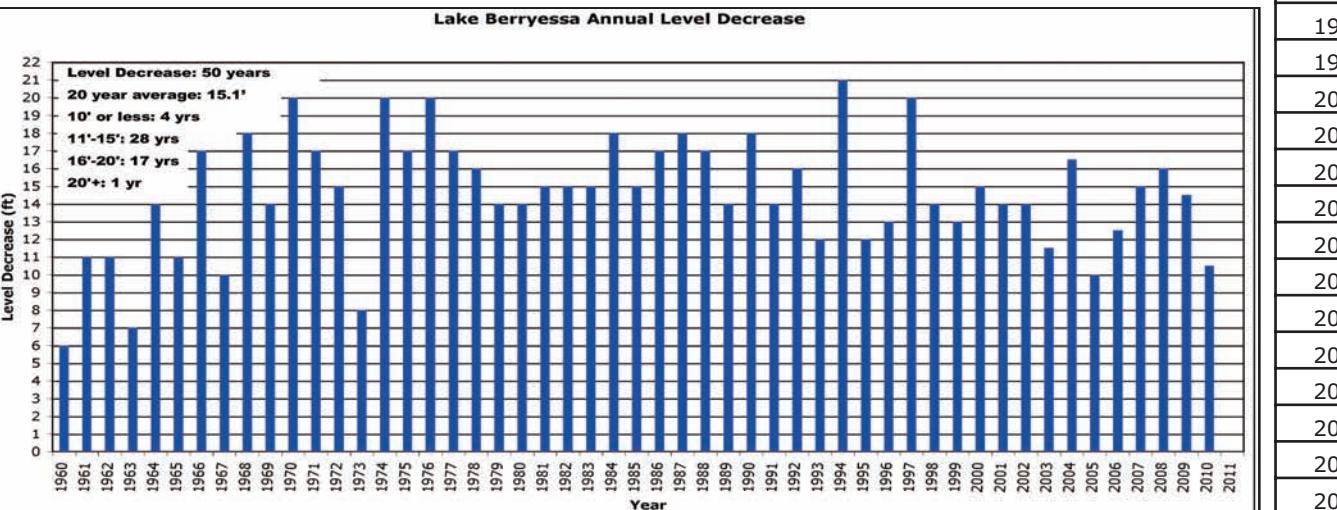
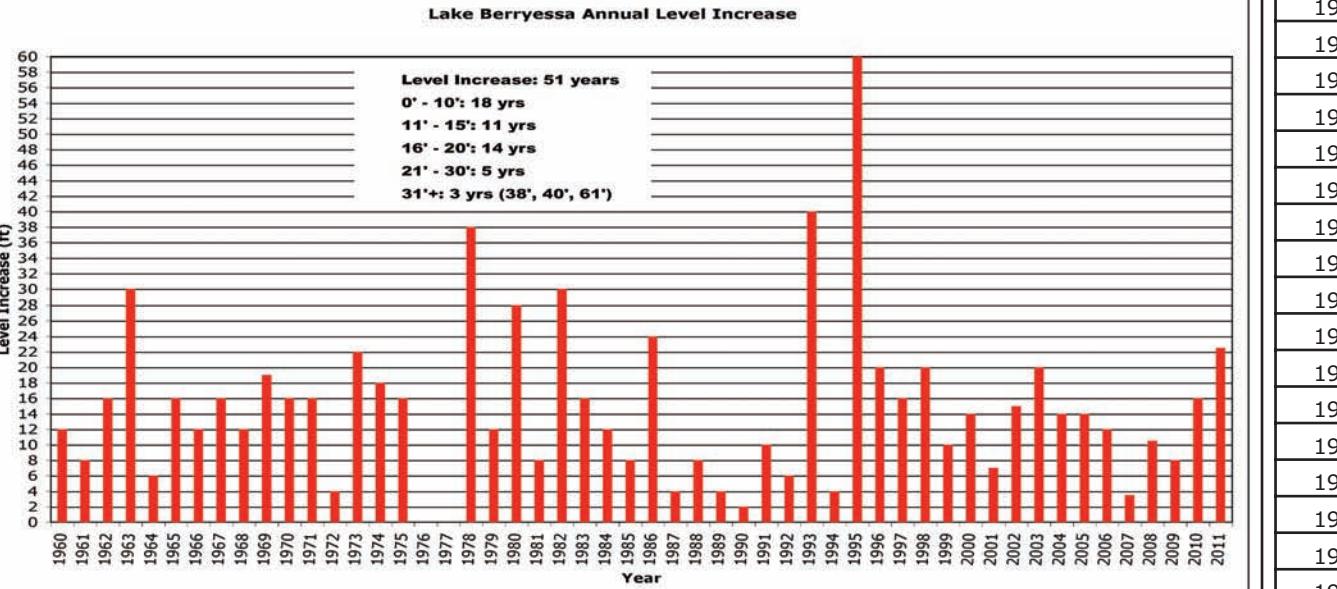
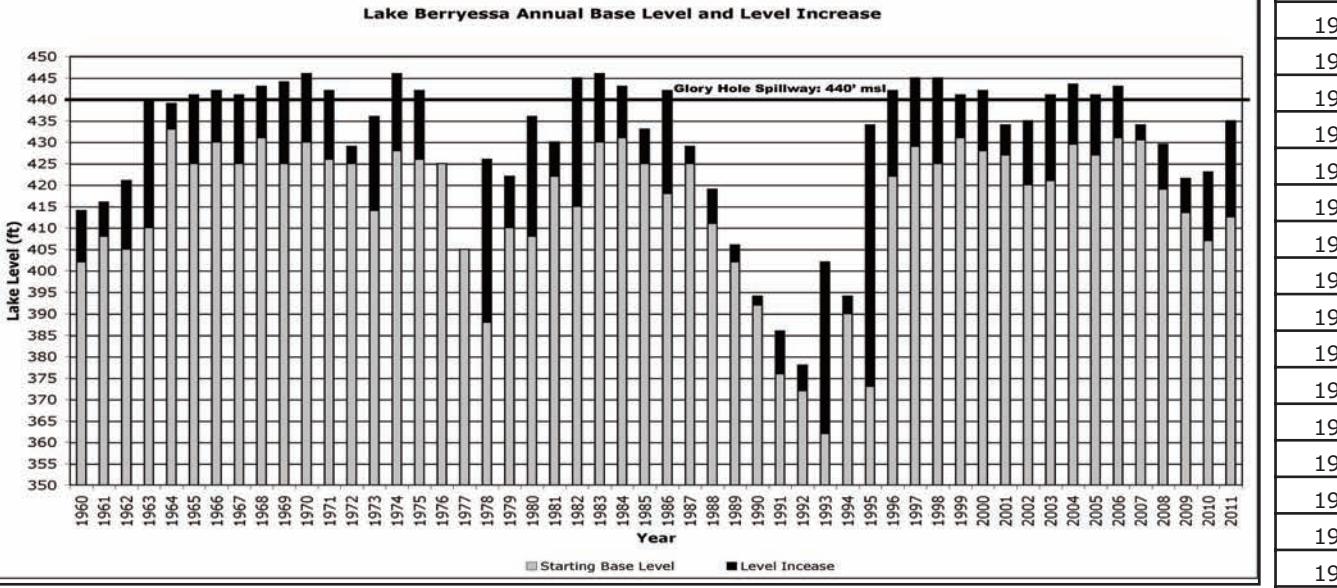
Lake Berryessa has a prominent place on the NVDC web site (www.legendarynapavalley.com) highlighting all of our local businesses and recreation destinations including a detailed map of our region.

2011's excellent Lake Berryessa map flyer, which assisted so many visitors in finding their way around the lake last year, will be re-printed again this year.

Can Lake Berryessa fill up this year? Yes, but...

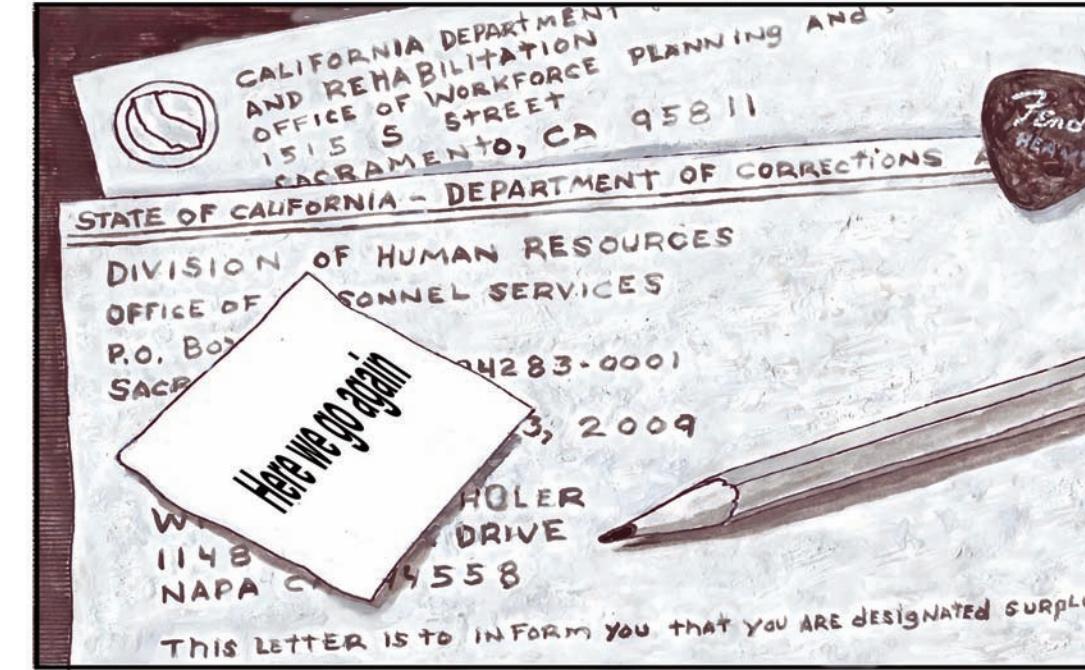
The charts below based on the data table to the right give some insight into the possibilities. Since it takes about 3" of rain before there is any significant runoff, and the lake rises about 7" for every inch of rainfall at this level, it will take about 29" of rain between now and Spring (for a yearly total of 32") to fill the lake the necessary 15' up to Glory Hole. This is not impossible, but highly unlikely. It has only happened 4 times in the last 12 years. The total last year was 38" of rain for the season with 24" coming between January 30 and June 30.

Average decrease: 15' - Agriculture & human use. Average increase: Wildly unpredictable - rainfall dependent!



Year	Low Level Base (Ft)	Annual Increase	High Level Max (Ft)	Annual Decrease
1960	402	12	414	6
1961	408	8	416	11
1962	405	16	421	11
1963	410	30	440	7
1964	433	6	439	14
1965	425	16	441	11
1966	430	12	442	17
1967	425	16	441	10
1968	431	12	443	18
1969	425	19	444	14
1970	430	16	446	20
1971	426	16	442	17
1972	425	4	429	15
1973	414	22	436	8
1974	428	18	446	20
1975	426	16	442	17
1976	425	0	425	20
1977	405	0	405	17
1978	388	38	426	16
1979	410	12	422	14
1980	408	28	436	14
1981	422	8	430	15
1982	415	30	445	15
1983	430	16	446	15
1984	431	12	443	18
1985	425	8	433	15
1986	418	24	442	17
1987	425	4	429	18
1988	411	8	419	17
1989	402	4	406	14
1990	392	2	394	18
1991	376	10	386	14
1992	372	6	378	16
1993	362	40	402	12
1994	390	4	394	21
1995	373	61	434	12
1996	422	20	442	13
1997	429	16	445	20
1998	425	20	445	14
1999	431	10	441	13
2000	428	14	442	15
2001	427	7	434	14
2002	420	15	435	14
2003	421	20	441	11.5
2004	429.5	14	443.5	16.5
2005	427	14	441	10
2006	431	12	443	12.5
2007	430.5	3.5	434	15
2008	419	10.5	429.5	16
2009	413.5	8	421.5	14.5
2010	407	16	423	10.5
2011	412.5	22.5	435	

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Lake Berryessa News Cartoonist Bill Scholer Plays the Blues in Japan

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE – Career blues guitarist Bill Scholer recently brought 30 years of performing experience to The Sullivans School, where excited students had a chance to learn about guitars, the blues and improvisational music. Sullivans music teacher Beth Cruse invited him to spend the week of Dec. 12 in music classes to perform and to talk to pupils as part of the school's Artist in Residence program.

During the week of his residency, Scholer introduced students to his acoustic "workhorse guitar". He began his 45-minute lessons by improvising a song about driving to work that morning and being late. He followed up with a 12-bar blues improvisation and a short question-and-answer session about improvisation, music, the blues and guitars. Then he played live accompaniment, improvising chord changes while the children played the melodies on their recorders.

Scholer, who has also shared the bill with Los Lobos, The Ventures, J.J. Cale, Leon Redbone and others, is currently teaching private lessons and promoting his recent CD titled "Haunted Highway." He says he also enjoys playing with local musicians. "I'm meeting a lot of wonderful musicians over here, and I'm looking forward to playing music with them," Scholer said. "There is a real love of American music by the Japanese people, which keeps you on your toes because they have high performance expectations." Bill's latest self-portrait is shown below. Contact him at bck9@sbcglobal.net

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**Punked by the Indians -
Exaggerations, Embroideries, and
Downright Lies: The Pitfalls of the
Modern Internet**

A couple of weeks ago I violated my own Golden Rule of the Internet: Don't believe anything you get in a strange email or read on the Internet, and especially don't forward it to everyone you know, without verifying it for yourself!

A version of something called "11 Rules Your Kids Did Not and Will Not Learn in School" recently made the rounds of the internet with a photo of Bill Gates. I published it on the Lake Berryessa News Facebook page and it got more comments and reposts than many of the items I post there. It definitely hit a nerve with adults.

But the list didn't originate with former Microsoft CEO Bill Gates. It's often cited on the Internet as having come from his book *Business @ The Speed of Thought*, but it didn't. Why it has frequently been attributed to him is a mystery to many, as it doesn't sound at all like something he would write. Possibly it's because the item that typically ends the Internet-circulated version of the list ("Be nice to nerds") struck a chord with someone who views Gates as the nerd of all time.

The latest version was created by something called the School of Success (www.schoolofsuccess.in) in India. It has the noble goal of educating children to be successful in the modern international world of global competition. This is one area in which many observers think the United States is falling behind. But is a small "white lie" in the interest of promoting something good an ethical act?

One version, which appeared on the Internet in June 2002, asserted this was the text of a commencement speech given by Bill Gates to the graduating class of Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia, California. It wasn't: he didn't give such a speech, and administrators at that school were mystified as to why they were dragged into this apocryphal story.

This list is the work of Charles J. Sykes, author of the 1996 book "Dumb Down Our Kids: Why American Children Feel Good About Themselves But Can't Read, Write, Or Add." (Sykes' list was published in numerous newspapers, although it did not appear in his 1996 book. It did, however, form the meat of Sykes' 2007 book, 50 Rules Kids Won't Learn in School: Real-World Antidotes to Feel-Good Education.) Many versions omit the last three rules below.

Rule No. 1: Life is not fair. Get used to it. The average teen-ager uses the phrase "It's not fair" 8.6 times a day. You got it from your parents, who said it so often you decided they must be the most idealistic generation ever. When they started hearing it from their own kids, they realized Rule 1.

Rule No. 2: The real world won't care as much about your self-esteem as much as your school does. It'll expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself. This may come as a shock. When inflated self-esteem meets reality, kids complain that it's not fair. (See Rule 1.)

Rule No. 3: Sorry, you won't make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. And you won't be a vice president or have a car phone either. You may even have to wear a

Philosophy of Aging

The older we get the more time we spend remembering our lives rather than living them. This is a slippery slope into chronic melancholy.

"Laughter doesn't require teeth."--Wil Newton

"Inside every 70-year-old is a 35-year-old asking, 'What happened?'"--Ann Landers

"Old age is no place for sissies."--Bette Davis

"You're only young once, but you can be immature all your life."--Charles Scoggins



uniform that doesn't have a Gap label.

Rule No. 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait 'til you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure, so he tends to be a bit edgier. When you screw up, he's not going to ask you how you feel about it.

Rule No. 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping.

They called it opportunity. They weren't embarrassed making minimum wage either.

They would have been embarrassed to sit around talking about Kurt Cobain all weekend.

Rule No. 6: Be nice to nerds. You may end up working for them. We all could.

Rule No. 7: Smoking does not make you look cool. It makes you look moronic. Next time you're out cruising, watch an 11-year-old with a butt in his mouth. That's what you look like to anyone over 20. Ditto for "expressing yourself" with purple hair and/or pierced body parts.

Rule No. 8: You are not immortal. (See Rule No. 12.)

If you are under the impression that living fast, dying young and leaving a beautiful corpse is romantic, you obviously haven't seen one of your peers at room temperature lately.

Rule No. 9: Enjoy this while you can. Sure parents are a pain, school's a bother, and life is depressing. But someday you'll realize how wonderful it was to be a kid. Maybe you should start now. You're welcome.

In some schools, they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. Failing grades have been abolished and class valedictorians scrapped, lest anyone's feelings be hurt. Effort is as important as results. This, of course, bears not the slightest resemblance to anything in real life. (See Rule 1, Rule 2 and Rule 4.)

Rule No. 10: Life is not divided into semesters, and you don't get summers off. Not even Easter break. They expect you to show up every day. For eight hours. And you don't get a new life every 10 weeks. It just goes on and on. While we're at it, very few jobs are interested in fostering your self-expression or helping you find yourself. Fewer still lead to self-realization. (See Rule 1 and Rule 2.)

Rule No. 11: Television is not real life. Your life is not a sitcom. Your problems will not all be solved in 30 minutes, minus time for commercials. In real life, people actually have to leave the coffee shop to go to jobs. Your friends will not be as perky or pliable as Jennifer Aniston.

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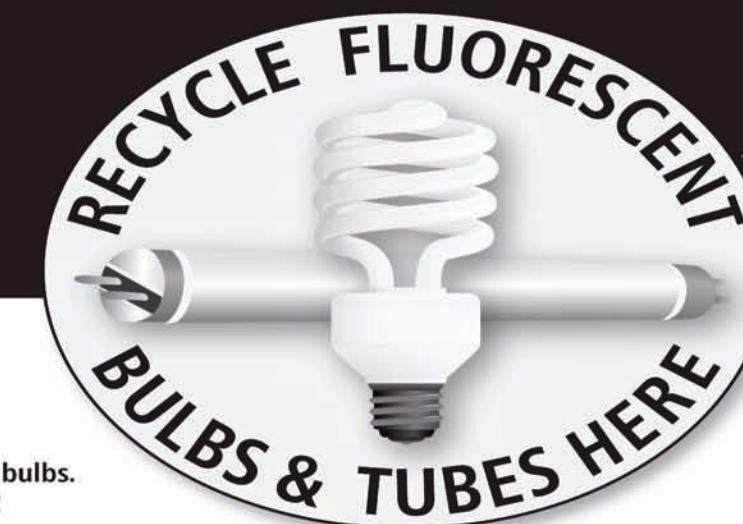
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Words of Wisdom?

from Oscar Wilde

One can always be kind to people about whom one cares nothing.

The nicest feeling in the world is to do a good deed anonymously-and have somebody find out.

To lose one parent may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness.

To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance.

A bore is someone who deprives you of solitude without providing you with company.

I think God, in creating man, somewhat overestimated his ability.

A gentleman is one who never hurts anyone's feelings unintentionally.

All bad poetry springs from genuine feeling.

America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between.

A thing is not necessarily true because a man dies for it.

Alas, I am dying beyond my means.

A poet can survive everything but a misprint.

A man's face is his autobiography. A woman's face is her work of fiction.

A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal.

I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.

Why should a frank admission of vice be considered a virtue?

Carl Sagan on Science (30 Years Later)

Thirty years ago Carl Sagan produced a landmark television series called "Cosmos". In the Thirtieth Anniversary Edition of the very well-written book "Cosmos", Sagan says in his 1980 introduction:

"This book is dedicated to the principle that the public is far more intelligent than it has generally been given credit for; that the deepest scientific questions on the nature and origin of the world excite the interests and passions of enormous numbers of people."

The present epoch is a major crossroads for our civilization and perhaps for our species. Whatever road we take, our fate is indissolubly bound up with science. It is essential as a matter of simple survival for us to understand science.

In addition, science is a delight; evolution has arranged that we take pleasure in understanding - those who understand are more likely to survive."

Would that it were true - but the evidence is sketchy. Replace the word "science" with the word "economics" for a modern take on the problem.

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More Napa County Hotel History from Don Winter

You may recall Don Winter's story several issues ago about his search for old hotels in Napa County. He's been poring over old newspaper files and microfilm and came up with a couple of tidbits for us.

San Francisco Chronicle, 7/13/1896: Michael Cody, who attempted to burn the Peacock Hotel in Monticello, was sentenced to five years imprisonment June 27th.

Woodland Daily Democrat, 8/7/1894: Mrs. Hattie K. Elliott, the mortgagee of the Peacock Hotel property in Monticello, bid the property in Saturday at the commissioner's sale. The price she paid was \$2,200.

Woodland Daily Democrat, 9/19/1911: William Griffin, former sheriff of Yolo county, has purchased from Bert Little the Peacock hotel at Monticello. (St. Helena Sentinel)

Oakland Tribune, 4/25/1926: Monticello Hotel Dedication Is Held - Monticello, 28 miles distant from Napa in the mountains, has a new hotel, completed for Edgar Gardner. The hotel was dedicated at Monticello tonight with appropriate ceremony. The Peacock hotel, landmark of the Berryessa Valley, built in the days of the woodchoppers and miners, and one of the most picturesque buildings in the entire valley, has been taken over by Arthur Barr.

Oakland Tribune, 3/31/1937: Historic Hotel Razed in Fire - MONTICELLO. March 31. — The old Peacock Hotel, long a Napa County landmark, was razed by fire early today. The cash loss is estimated at \$6,000, covered by insurance but the sentimental loss is incalculable. Ten members of the family of Charles Van Valpenburg, who had been occupying the ten rooms of the former pioneer inn, were forced to evacuate hastily by the flames. They saved a few fixtures and relics, sacrificing their personal possessions in order to do so. The cause of the blaze has not yet been determined. Fire authorities said only the windless night saved the remainder of the business block in the center of which the old inn was located. Built in the early '60s', the redwood frame structure had witnessed many stirring scenes and epochs in the development of Napa County.

The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): You're not the kind of person who lets social conventions dictate how you live your life, but it would be nice if you could pull that off without being such a jerk.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The FBI will have to ask you some tough questions next week, such as whether true love really exists and what happens after we die.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): It turns out there are actually plenty of problems you can't solve with a smile, a sincere heartfelt talk, or a large, heavy piece of lumber.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): In hard economic times like these, people tend to spend more money on booze and entertainment, but they don't have to as long as you're there to go into hilarious convulsions after drinking wood alcohol.

Leo (July 23-August 22): They say you can never step into the same river twice, but thanks to crocodiles and your refusal to learn how to swim, once is all you'll need.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Everyone has a part to play in God's plan. For instance, your job is to create a distraction so that God can get away with the money in all the confusion.

Libra (September 23-October 23): They say hard work never hurt anyone, and that's true, as far as it goes. The work you do at the combination gasoline refinery and drill-bit plant isn't exactly hard.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): The inexorable power of destiny would render you powerless to stop the fateful events of next week, were anything ever to actually happen to you.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You've always believed you should go with your gut in important matters, which is why every major decision in your life has been accompanied by chili-cheese fries.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Although you've always claimed you'd quit when you thought you'd reached your peak, you'll find it easy to keep going when no one seems to think you'll ever improve.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You take pride in being able to take whatever life throws at you, but you really weren't expecting this many opossums.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): After all you've been through, it's nice to know that lightning doesn't strike twice. Strangely, it turns out that's not true for falling safes or pianos.

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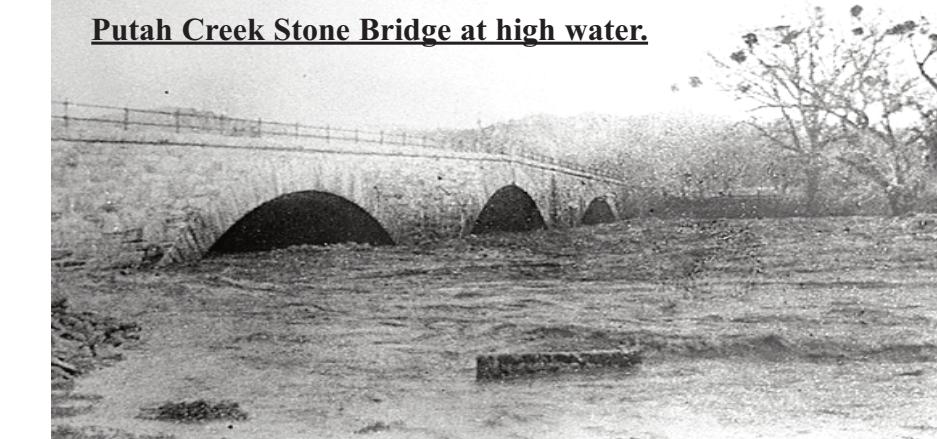
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No Rain and Warm Temperatures: Droughts can bring nice weather but...

December 2011 was one of the driest on record. While it sprinkled a bit around Dec. 15, hardly any rain has fallen this month -- typically one of the wettest months of the year, according to the National Weather Service. Only December 1989, when Napa County received no rainfall, was drier. Solano County in December 1876 and December 1989 also got no rainfall at all. This December is set to be the Napa Valley's second-driest on record.

December has also been warmer than normal (although nighttime lows have been down there), as the Napa Valley averaged a daily high of 60 degrees. The average high in December is 57.5 degrees, according to historical data recorded at Napa State Hospital. Lake Berryessa was slightly warmer. The average high temperature at Monticello Dam in December was 61 degrees with an average low of 33.

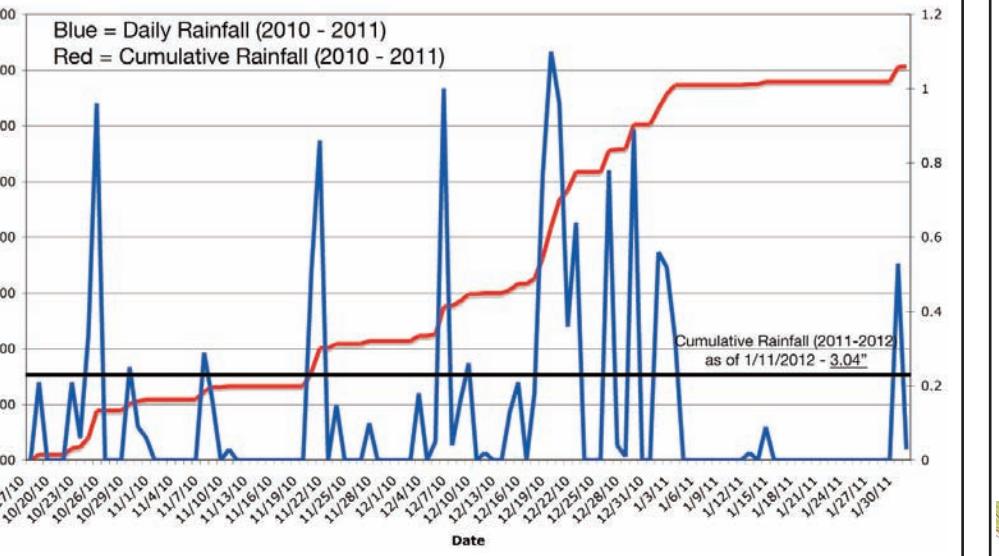
Last year -- which saw higher than normal rainfall -- the Napa weather station measured 6.27 inches of rainfall in December. Lake Berryessa (Monticello Dam) had 12 inches by that same date.

On January 5, 2012 the Climate Prediction Center/NOAA/National Weather Service research consortium predicted that La Niña is expected to continue into the Northern spring of 2012. A weak La Niña will keep the jet stream storm track well north in the Pacific Northwest. And over our region is almost a summertime area of high pressure called a blocking pattern.

During December 2011, below-average sea surface temperatures associated with La Niña continued across the eastern and central equatorial Pacific Ocean. This evolution is consistent with past events, in which the atmospheric components of La Niña become strongest and most well-defined during the Northern Hemisphere winter.

A majority of models predict a weak or moderate strength La Niña to peak during the December – February season, and then to continue into early Northern Hemisphere spring season before dissipating during the March to May period.

Lake Berryessa Rainfall



1.	Monticello Dam	1=>2	3.0 miles
2.	Markley Cove Resort	2=>3	5.3 miles
3.	Wragg Canyon Road	3=>4	3.0 miles
4.	Moskowite Corners	4=>5	5.0 miles
5.	Lupine Shores Resort	4=>6	4.7 miles
6.	Turtle Rock	6=>7	5.0 miles
7.	Spanish Flat Village Center	7=>8	2.4 miles
8.	Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitor Center	8=>9	2.4 miles
9.	Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts	9=>10	2.8 miles
10.	Pope Canyon Road/ Chaparral Cove Resort	10=>13	10.2 miles
11.	Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road	6=>11	3.0 miles
12.	Pope Valley Road	11=>12	3.2 miles
13.	Pope Valley	12=>13	8.5 miles
14.	Aetna Springs	13=>14	3.7 miles

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

Berryessa Peak Hike: Extreme Sports 8 Hours of Heaven (or Hell?)

Berryessa Peak at 3,057 feet (931 meters) is the second highest summit in Yolo County. Berryessa Peak is also the highpoint of Blue Ridge; a small mountain ridge east of Lake Berryessa that runs in a north-south direction. Berryessa Peak was once thought to be one of the highest points or the highest point of Yolo County. That distinction now belongs to Little Blue Peak. While Berryessa Peak is located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land, for many years the summit had no public access as surrounding land was private property.

In September 2008 a private landowner allowed a public trail easement for access to the summit and the 9,100 acre "landlocked" Berryessa Peak BLM land. As of December 2011, Yolo Hiker and Tuleyome volunteers have been building a trail to the summit. As of December 2011, the trail has about one mile left to be completed. This last mile is arguably the most scenic portion of the trail as it runs along the final ridgeline to the summit. They hope to complete the trail by May. Getting There:

Get to the north end of Lake Berryessa. The Berryessa Knoxville Road is paved along the north shore. Head north west on the Berryessa Knoxville Road. At the point where the Eastside Road intersects with the Berryessa Knoxville Road (set your odometer here) it is 1.5 miles to the trailhead.

At the trailhead you should be able to see a faint dirt road heading northwest. Looking southwest you should be able to see the faint remnants of an old road/trail. Also Google Maps gives this location at Latitude 38.703178, Longitude 122.266148. The Hike:

The hike is 6-7 miles one way. Be aware that about 1.5-2 miles into the hike the trail runs into an important intersection. You should take the trail to the right. The correct trail heads uphill and back to the west. Look for the green horseshoe section right below words "BLM trail, upper." on the topographic map below.

The last mile to the summit is currently a "relative easy" bushwhack. If you do the hike before the trail is finished, it's definitely easier to get up on the final ridge and follow it to the summit than to follow the canyon up to the dirt road 8053/78A. The ridgeline has much less dense brush and you can move fairly quickly. The brush is much denser in the canyon up to the road 8053/78A. We chose to bypass the ridge on the way down. We followed the road 8053/78A down and thought we were taking a shortcut down the canyon to the established trail section. In hindsight this was a mistake. We ate up bit of time with bushwhacking (also lots of evidence of wild pigs).

Trekking poles might be useful on the hike as there are several steep sections of the trail. The round trip took our party going at a moderate pace 7 hours 45 minutes with about 2 miles of bushwhacking. (See photos and downloadable map at: www.summitpost.org/berryessa-peak/766290)

