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Christmas Groaners (Thanks to Pope Valley's Bill Hardin)

- I tried wrapping Christmas presents, but I didn't have the gift.
- Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- Give her a fork for Christmas because there is no time like the present.
- Before he sold Christmas trees, he got himself spruced up.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
- Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.
- A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
- What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.)
- She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- A lot of money is tainted; Taint yours and taint mine.
- Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Don't get burned when you purchase firewood

The cord is the standard measurement for sale

Residents who purchase firewood should be familiar with how to gauge the amount of wood they are purchasing to ensure they are not shorted. Firewood is sold in units called cords, or some fraction of a cord. If you don't know what a cord looks like, you may pay more than you should.

A cord of wood, by law, must equal 128 cubic feet. To determine if there is a cord, the wood must be measured when it is "ranked and well stowed." This means the wood is stacked neatly in a row with the pieces of wood parallel and touching with as few gaps as possible. If, when measured, the width times the height times the length equals 128 cubic feet, it is a cord of wood.

Consumers should be wary of terms such as "pallet," "face cord," "rack," "rick," "tier," "pile," or "truckload." These terms are illegal to use in the sale of firewood. If a seller uses such terms, consumers should be on alert for a possible problem.

Some wood dealers try to sell firewood from a pick-up truck. Consumers should be on their guard, because a pick-up cannot hold a cord of firewood. An 8-foot truck bed can hold one-half of a cord, while a 6-foot bed can barely hold one-third of a cord.

"If you buy firewood, get an invoice or delivery ticket that contains the name and address of the seller, the date purchased or delivered, the quantity purchased and the price," Napa County Sealer of Weights and Measures Dave Whitmer counsels. "The seller is required by law to provide this information in writing." Consumers may also want to take note of the license plate of the delivery vehicle.

If you believe you have not received the quantity ordered and paid for, first, call the seller and attempt to correct the problem. Maintain the wood in the condition it was delivered, take a photograph and do not burn any. If the seller can't or won't correct the problem, contact Napa County Department of Weights and Measures as soon as possible: (707) 944-8714.



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**Parady Loses to Dillon - Finally!
Statistics Triumphs Again - Why Vote At All?**

My story about the Parady-Dillon Supervisor's race in the last issue of the Lake Berryessa News left some hope for Jeff Parady pulling out a last minute election miracle.

While the uncounted ballots made up nearly 40 percent of all votes cast in the Nov. 2 election — or nearly a third in the case of the District 3 Supervisor's race — Registrar of Voters, John Tuteur said then that he didn't expect the remaining votes to swing any of the close races.

He stated that in his experience, large pools of voters tend to adhere to the same set of trends, meaning that the final 40 percent of ballots will likely favor the same candidates seen in the first 60 percent.

Tuteur's "experience" has nothing to do with the actual outcome though. That outcome is determined by mathematical statistics, one of the most powerful branches of mathematics, which is responsible for the most profound discoveries in the physical sciences as well as in the social sciences.

In the 3rd Supervisorial District, the race between incumbent Diane Dillon and challenger Jeff Parady remained close, but Dillon was able to hold onto the lead, keeping her seat on the board.

With all the ballots counted, Dillon claimed 4,660 votes, besting Parady's 4,413.

Following the final update on Election Night, Dillon held a 161-vote lead over the challenger, with 5,933 ballots counted. I predicted that an upset was possible only if the remaining votes were heavily weighted towards Parady-friendly precincts.

This was not to be the case. Weeks later, Dillon's lead had grown by 86 votes to 247, as 9,798 ballots made up

the final count. Interestingly, 725 voters who voted in the general election did not vote for supervisor. See the vote details by precinct on Page 5.

The basic question is how many votes really need to be cast and counted to determine the likely outcome of a District 3 election (or any election)?

The answer came to me through a Pope Valley connection. Bill Eaton, Vice President of Creative Research Systems (www.surveysystem.com), is also the husband of Pope Valley School's principal, Florence Eaton. Bill read my article and sent me a paper he had written about the basics of statistical sampling.

His web site includes a sample size calculator that illustrates the basic principles behind the ubiquitous political polls we see all the time. I've posted his complete article on the Lake Berryessa News web site. The following analysis has been extracted from his article and his web site. His Sample Size Calculator provides the illustrative numerical insights.

The confidence interval (also called margin of error) is the plus-or-minus figure usually reported in newspaper or television opinion poll results. For example, if you use a confidence interval of 4 and 47% percent of your sample picks an answer you can be "sure" that if you had asked the question of the entire relevant population between 43% (47-4) and 51% (47+4) would have picked that same answer.

The confidence level tells you how sure you can be. It is expressed as a percentage and represents how often the true percentage of the population who would pick an answer lies within the confidence interval.

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Capell Community Center Decision Delayed

A decision has been put off by the Napa Valley Unified School District Board until January for unknown reasons. The County Sheriff supports the center as a Sheriff substation. One Board member opposes the project because it allows private citizens to use school board property.

New Chamber Board Elected

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board elections were completed. The following (in alphabetical order) are the members of the new 2011 Board: Dee Cuney – Community Activist, Peter Kilkus – Lake Berryessa News, Cathy Pridmore – Pridmore Brothers Construction, Jerry Rehmke - J. Rehmke Painting, Marcia Ritz - Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, Sharyn Simmons – Cucina Italiana, James Winchell, III – The Crossroads at Lake Berryessa.

Berryessa Highlands Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District Loses Facilities Operator

In a letter submitted to county officials on Nov. 17, Peter Lescure, principal civil engineer for Santa Rosa-based Lescure Engineers, wrote that his firm was no longer interested in pursuing the management and operational responsibilities conducted by the county’s public works department. He rescinded his company’s earlier proposal to take over operations.

The district first became involved with Lescure Engineers last December when the firm was hired to provide expertise and oversight that would help district staff increase efficiency and shave operating costs. In September, the Napa County Board of Supervisors — which runs the Napa

Berryessa Resort Improvement District — began discussing significant changes to the way the district was managed.

At the time, options included contracting responsibilities to either Lescure or the Napa Sanitation District, or leaving the county’s Public Works Department as the central operator. Don Ridenhour, the county’s director of public works, said the district wasn’t making enough money to pay both county staff and Lescure consultants.

Ultimately, the board advised staff to work with Lescure to contract for all operations within the district. In its withdrawal letter, the firm said it reviewed the scope of the project, then “concluded the operation’s aspects present more risk than we are willing to accept for the compensation it offers.” As the search for a new operator begins, district staff will likely have to contend with many of the same risks that drove Lescure away from the project.

For years, the lakeside district has been plagued by financial issues stemming from its outdated water and sewage systems, a situation that has repeatedly been a point of contention between residents and the board. During the 2009-10 fiscal year, the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District experienced a revenue shortfall of roughly \$200,000. In order to prevent shortfalls in the future, various members of the Board of Supervisors have called for water and sewage rate increases.

The board postponed a rate increase hearing in September, but plans to bring the matter back before the public.

Also on the table is a push to reorganize the resort improvement district into a “community service district.” Should reorganization be approved in

the coming months, the district would operate entirely independently from the county.

Supervisors move plans forward to upgrade County facilities

With many facilities that are outdated, inefficient, and at or near their capacity, Napa County needs to update both its downtown Napa campus and its Health & Human Services (HHSA) campus on Old Sonoma Road in Napa over the next two decades, staff told the Board of Supervisors.

The Board directed staff to continue to move ahead on a Conceptual Site Development and Phasing Plan (Plan) for the two campuses through the year 2028. According to a Space Needs Analysis that was completed in 2008, the County Administration Building on Third Street, the Carithers Building on First Street and the entire HHSA campus are already above capacity, as well as being “significantly deficient” in terms of function and efficiency, ease of access by the public and cost-effectiveness. Some buildings on the HHSA campus are at the end of their useful life.

“We’ve had four basic goals guiding us in this process,” said County Executive Officer Nancy Watt. “We want to provide excellent customer service, a quality work environment, and space that is functional and efficient; and manage our facilities in the most cost effective way.”

The next steps in the process, according to Watt, are to solicit input from the community about the plans, present to the Board a financing and feasibility plan, and begin the environmental review. A community meeting on the downtown plan will be scheduled in the next few months. Staff intends to bring the financing and feasibility plan to Board in December 2010. After Board

approval, environmental review would begin in 2011.

The Plan includes suggested site plans for both campuses. On the Health & Human Services campus, which the Board identified as the top priority the plan suggests:

- Demolishing most of the existing 12 buildings and building about 184,000 square feet of space in four new buildings;

- Dealing with parking issues on the campus by providing new spaces or considering alternatives; and

- Scheduling the work in four phases, the first two to potentially be complete by 2015.

Downtown, the plan suggests:

- Building a new administration building on the Sullivan Block, which is bounded by Third, Coombs, Fourth and Randolph streets and is currently used as a parking lot;

- Demolishing the existing administration building at 1195 Third Street and replacing it with a new building (180,000 square feet in the two new buildings);

- Selling the Carithers Building and the building at 650 Imperial Way in Napa, which currently houses the IT function and several Workforce Napa programs; and

- Consolidating the functions that currently are housed in the Carithers and Imperial Way buildings with the programs and offices that are currently housed in the administration building.

Preliminary cost estimates for the HHSA campus project are \$50 million in 2010 dollars and \$60 million for the downtown campus project. To view the Space Needs Analysis, the Conceptual Site Development and Phasing Plan and other Facilities Master Plan documents, visit www.countyofnapa.org/ceo/fmp.

Event Calendar

December 11 - Saturday: Trout & Salmon Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store

December 14, Tuesday: Pope Valley School Christmas Program, 6:30 PM, Pope Valley School.

December 18 - Saturday: Berryessa Senior Center Christmas Dinner. The Center will provide a ham and rolls. There will be a gift exchange which will be passed out by Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their two helpers. The festivities start at 5:30 with dinner being served at 6:30. See story on Page 8 for details.

December 18 - Saturday: 2nd Annual Las Posadas Christmas Pageant, Pope Valley Farm Center. 5:30 PM. See story on Page 8 for details.

December 21 - Tuesday: The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will hold its annual Community Christmas Dinner. It is open to the whole local Berryessa community. Call the church at 252-4488 and leave your name with a number of attendees in your party. All is provided-please come and join us. Details on Page 9.

Berryessa Pro Team Trail Bass Tournaments Remaining :12/11/2010 (Third); 1/16/11 (Fourth); 2/12/11 (Fifth); 3/27/11 (Sixth); 4/17/11 (Seventh & Last)

Ongoing Events:

Exhibit honors Monticello Valley: A free exhibit, honoring the people of Monticello Valley, which was flooded in 1956 to create Lake Berryessa, is now open at Spanish Flat Village Center, 4318 Knoxville Road, Lake Berryessa. The exhibit is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day through the summer. For information, call Carol Fitzpatrick at 287-3708 or e-mail pumpkinridge@ymail.com.

Senior Center Bingo, 1 PM (Every Monday); Cards & Movie 7:30 PM (Every Fri.) 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

To list your event, contact Peter Kilkus at PKilkus@LakeBerryessa.net or call 415-307-6906.

Dam Level Update as of Monday, 12/6/10

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet Lake Berryessa has had **4.51** inches of rain since July 1, 2010. The water is now **27.5** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
11/7/10	412.58	0.05	73	47	0.29
11/8/10	412.57	0.01	64	41	0.16
11/9/10	412.55	0.01	64	37	0.00
11/10/10	412.56	0.02	65	38	0.03
11/11/10	412.53	0.03	65	40	0.00
11/12/10	412.55	0.09	70	36	0.00
11/13/10	412.49	0.07	70	37	0.00
11/14/10	412.48	0.16	77	48	0.00
11/15/10	412.46	0.17	82	56	0.00
11/16/10	412.46	0.19	80	46	0.00
11/17/10	412.46	0.10	76	38	0.00
11/18/10	412.45	0.06	74	39	0.00
11/19/10	412.44	0.05	67	40	0.00
11/20/10	412.52	0.00	57	40	0.51
11/21/10	412.54	0.00	53	39	0.86
11/22/10	412.50	0.01	56	38	0.00
11/23/10	412.53	0.00	60	42	0.15
11/24/10	412.50	0.04	55	29	0.00
11/25/10	412.50	0.08	52	30	0.00
11/26/10	412.46	0.07	52	29	0.00
11/27/10	412.50	0.05	54	36	0.10
11/28/10	412.51	0.00	54	31	0.00
11/29/10	412.49	0.00	55	29	0.00
11/30/10	412.50	0.02	55	29	0.00
12/1/10	412.46	0.00	53	32	0.00
12/2/10	412.45	0.01	57	37	0.00
12/3/10	412.45	0.01	55	42	0.18
12/4/10	412.45	0.01	55	46	0.00
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A Christmas Conundrum: Do We Need \$75,000 a Year to Be Happy?

People say money doesn't buy happiness - a paradoxical statement. Except, according to a new study from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School, it sort of does — up to about \$75,000 a year. The lower a person's annual income falls below that benchmark, the unhappier he or she feels. But no matter how much more than \$75,000 people make, they don't report any greater degree of happiness.

Before employers rush to hold — or raise — everyone's salary to \$75,000, the study points out that there are actually two types of happiness. There's your changeable, day-to-day mood: whether you're stressed or blue or feeling emotionally sound. Then there's the deeper satisfaction you feel about the way your life is going. While having an income above the magic \$75,000 cutoff doesn't seem to have an impact on the former (emotional well-being), it definitely improves people's life satisfaction. In other words, the more people make above \$75,000, the more they feel their life is working out on the whole. But it doesn't make them any more jovial in their mornings.

The study, by economist Angus Deaton and psychologist Daniel Kahneman, who has won a Nobel Prize for Economics, analyzed the responses of 450,000 Americans polled by Gallup and Healthways in 2008 and 2009. Participants were asked how they had felt the previous day and whether they were living the best possible life for them. They were also asked about their income.

The authors found that most Americans - 85% - regardless of their annual income, felt happy each day. Almost 40% of respondents also reported feeling stressed (which is not mutually exclusive with happiness) and 24% had feelings of sadness. Most people were also satisfied with the way their life was going.

So, where does the \$75,000 come into play? Researchers found that lower income did not cause sadness itself but made people feel more ground down by the problems they already had. The study found, for example, that among divorced people, about 51% who made less than \$1,000 a month reported feeling sad or stressed the previous day, while only 24% of those earning more than \$3,000 a month reported similar feelings. Having money clearly takes the sting out of adversities.

At \$75,000, that effect disappears. For people who earn that much or more, individual temperament and life circumstances have much more sway over their lightness of heart than money. The study doesn't say why \$75,000 is the benchmark, but "it does seem to me a plausible number at which people would think money is not an issue," says Deaton. At that level, people probably have enough expendable cash to do things that make them feel good, like going out with friends. (The federal poverty level for a family of four, by the way, is \$22,050.)

But in the bigger view of their lives, people's evaluations were much more tied to their income. The more they made, the more they felt their life was going well. The survey asked respondents to place themselves on a life-satisfaction ladder, with the first rung meaning their lives were not going well and the 10th rung meaning it was as good as it could be. The higher their income, the higher the rung people chose. "Importantly, the same percentage increase in income has the same effect on evaluation for everyone,

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rich or poor alike, even though the absolute dollar amounts differ," the authors write. So every 10% rise in annual income moves people up the satisfaction ladder the same amount, whether they're making \$25,000 or \$100,000. "High incomes don't bring you happiness, but they do bring you a life you think is better," conclude the authors. Might it be time for Oprah to give these guys their own show?

Past research on money and happiness has also found that it's not absolute wealth that's linked with happiness, but relative wealth or status — that is, how much more money you have than your neighbors.

It's no surprise, then, that when the same polls are done in different countries, Americans come out as a bit of a mixed lot: they're fifth in terms of happiness, 33rd in terms of smiling and 10th in terms of enjoyment. At the same time, they're the 89th biggest worriers, the 69th saddest and fifth most stressed people out of the 151 nations studied. Even so, perhaps because of the country's general wealth, they are in the top 10 citizenries where people feel their lives are going well, beaten out by such eternal optimists as the Canadians, New Zealanders and Scandinavians.

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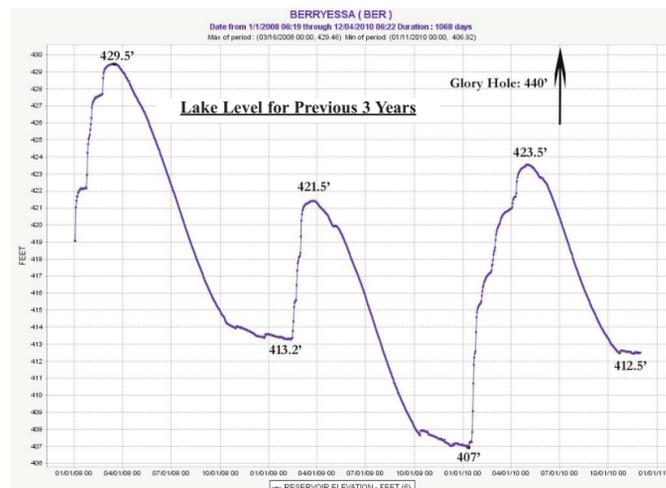
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The 95% confidence level means you can be 95% certain; the 99% confidence level means you can be 99% certain. Most researchers use the 95% confidence level.

When you put the confidence level of 95% and the confidence interval of 4 together, you can say that you are 95% sure that the true percentage of the population's answer is between 43% and 51%. The wider the confidence interval you are willing to accept, the more certain you can be that the whole population answers would be within that range.

The larger your sample size, the more sure you can be that their answers truly reflect the population. This indicates that for a given confidence level, the larger your sample size, the smaller your confidence interval. However, the relationship is not linear (i.e., doubling the sample size does not halve the confidence interval).

As Bill points out in his article, "To achieve a 4% confidence interval in a sample you need to survey 600 people. To halve that error to 2% you need a sample of 2400 or four times as many. Once you get over a population size of 10,000 it makes little difference and once you exceed 50,000 there's none really. So we can effectively define a large population as larger than 10,000."

"Does it make a difference whether you have a large population (universe) or not? Not really! Again the same law of large numbers applies. To get a 2% confidence interval of my nearest city (Santa Rosa, California), which has a population of about 150,000, I need a sample of 2,360. To get the same 2% confidence interval on the population of the USA (308 million in 2010) I need a sample of 2,400 – that's right, only 40 people more."

How do we apply this analysis to our local election? The population of registered voters in District 3 is approximately 13,000 – technically a large statistical population. To win an election, a candidate basically needs 50.1% of the vote. Using the Sample Size Calculator we can determine a range of possible sample sizes and confidence levels.

Let's investigate the accuracy of the original vote count of 5,933 (our sample size, 45.6% of registered voters). The vote count showed that Diane Dillon was ahead by 161 votes with 51.4% of the vote. At a 99% confidence level, that percentage lead was accurate with a confidence interval of 1.23. Her actual percentage lead in the whole population of voters was thus statistically between 52.6% and 50.2% - more than enough to win.

How did that change with the final vote count in? The final sample size was 9,798 votes. Dillon's lead had actually remained at 51.4% of the vote - as statistics predicted. The confidence interval, though, had narrowed to 0.65. Therefore, only 5,933 votes (45.6% of registered voters) accurately predicted the final outcome. Counting the remaining votes was superfluous (assuming a perfectly random sample of voters).

The unintended consequence of a statistical approach to voting is that it reinforces the concept that we don't all really need to vote. The 3,865 votes that were not originally counted made no difference to the outcome of the election! Why should they have even bothered to vote at all?

Assuming that the total number of votes (9,798) equates to the sample size and we want a 99% confidence level that the outcome (51.4%) is representative of the whole population, we have a confidence interval of 0.65. This means that at this point we can be 99% sure that if the whole population of registered voters had voted, the winning outcome would be between 52.1% and 50.8% in favor of Dillon. If all registered voters had voted, the outcome would be totally accurate - a confidence interval of 0.

Before this exercise in statistics becomes too mind-numbing (if it hasn't already), what does it say about how many votes are actually needed to predict an outcome. If we wish to have a 99% confidence level in a population of 13,000 voters that one candidate will receive 50.1% of the vote or more, the number of actual votes counted would have to be 7,299, or only 56% of the 13,000 registered. This would be considered a close election.

More typically, if we want a 95% confidence level (the level used in most surveys) with a confidence interval of 2% that a candidate will win with 52% of the vote (50%-54%) in a 13,000 voter population, we only need 5,500 votes cast (42% turnout).

This is the main reason political organizations work to "get out the base". Especially in closely contested elections, the more advocates of a specific political view go to the polls, as opposed to a random sample of voters, the more chance that view can have an influence in a close election. In this case, lower voter turnout favors the more active "get out the vote" proponents.

So what did we learn? Typically about 40% of voters can determine the outcome of any election - except extremely close ones. Send your mail-in ballots early if you wish to have the pleasure of knowing your vote was counted in the election day totals since it doesn't really matter after that.

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New State & County building standards take effect in January "Get started" permits now possible for larger, phased projects

New building standards, including changes to codes affecting residential, commercial, industrial and non-residential construction will go into effect in California and Napa County on Jan. 1, 2011.

Some local amendments were added by the County to add clarity to the State Code; make the State standards more applicable to Napa County; enhance safety; or improve procedures.

Darrell Mayes, the County's chief building official, is most enthusiastic about a local amendment that will facilitate "get started" permits, allowing builders to phase projects so they can start construction sooner.

"We want builders who are applying for large project permits to be able to proceed with foundation work, for example, while the plans are still being reviewed," Mayes said. "Once Planning and Public Works have signed off on the location of the building, there's no reason we can't issue a 'get started' permit so the job can get under way." In most cases, the new State code includes requirements that are already in effect in Napa County, resulting in no changes for local builders.

The biggest change is to require residential sprinklers, which are already required in Napa County. The other changes are mostly organizational, with a new residential code and a new "green" building code called CalGreen, which had been completely voluntary up until now.

Information about code adoption and the Napa County building code can be found at www.countyofnapa.org/cdp. For specific questions about the changes, call (707) 253-4417.

House Burns to the Ground in Capell Valley

No one was inside the 1,500 square-foot house on the 1900 block of Capell Valley Road when the fire broke out. Marijuana was being grown on the property, most of it inside a 1,000-square-foot shed that was not damaged in the fire. The house was rented by two people who had permits to grow medicinal marijuana. The fire is suspicious in nature because no one was home for seven days.

One renter arrived at the scene early in the afternoon. CalFire did not find the cause, but the investigation continues. There are people of interest CalFire wants to interview.

A passerby called 911 at around 8:30 a.m. to report the fire. The house was fully engulfed when the first unit arrived within a few minutes. The fire took two hours to contain due of the lack of water in the area.

Damage to the house was estimated at \$150,000. The fire caused an additional \$50,000 and \$75,000 in damage to the contents of the house.

Applicants Sought for Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission

The purpose of the Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission is to advise the Board of Supervisors on policy matters related to the preservation and enhancement of wildlife and their habitats. The Commission annually submits a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for allocation of State Department of Fish and Game fine monies. For the past decade, the Commission and Board have apportioned funds where they will best preserve/protect wildlife resources and educate the community in those matters. The Commission also has a land acquisition fund available for special projects. The Commission meets quarterly.

The Commission consists of eight (8) members as follows: Four (4) members appointed from the Public-at-Large (No specialized or professional background is required.); One (1) member appointed who serves on the Conservation, Development and Planning Commission; One (1) member appointed from the Youth population (No specialized or professional background is required; age range of 15 to 25 years old); One (1) Sportsperson/Angler (Applicant must be interested in wildlife sports); and, One (1) Wildlife/Conservation representative.

Anyone interested in consideration for appointment must submit a completed application form and apply directly to the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, CA 94559, telephone (707) 253-4421 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2010. The application form is available on the Napa County website at www.countyofnapa.org.

The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (3/21-4/19): The Legion Of Super Heroes would like to thank you for your application, but regretfully informs you that it is actually just a comic book.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Raise your voice in anger and rail against the gods all you want, but they only have it in blue and not in your size.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You've never been the type to believe in love at first sight, or anything else even slightly romantic, for that matter.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): They say a fool and his money are soon parted, but you still have that 10 bucks you found on the sidewalk the other day.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Your ex will finally stop by to get all his stuff, which is weird because you didn't think anyone saw you take it.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): After much soul-searching and a long talk with your family, you decide to dedicate your life to helping the rich.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Try as you might, you will not be able to find happiness this week. (Note: Libra will be on sabbatical through December. Please repeat this horoscope as often as necessary.)

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You awake from a deep, healing sleep to find that you have slept for 10,000 years and science has found a cure for your psoriasis.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Betrayal at the hands of one of your most trusted associates should come as no surprise. You are incapable of inspiring love or trust in anyone.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Your last hope of finding true and unconditional love ends this week when your ideal mate is executed by the State of Texas for unspeakable crimes against humanity.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You have once again failed to find love. Aquarius respectfully asks you to give up and stop wasting both our time.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You will be branded a traitor to the human race after you give a mysterious, trenchcoat-wearing stranger a light on a lonely street corner, unwittingly giving the secret of fire to the dolphins and finally making their conquest of Earth possible.

Church Events - December and January

On the evening of December 21st The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will hold its annual Community Christmas Dinner. It is open to the local Berryessa community and all are invited. If you would like to attend please call the church at 252-4488 and leave your name with a number of attendees in your party so we can plan food. All is provided so please come and join us.

On January 22 of the new year The Community Church of Lake Berryessa's youth group will be conducting a frozen meat drive. The church has a food pantry which serves 40 – 50 local families a week. Our supply of meats is getting very low and needs to be restocked. If you would like to participate in this effort please call the church at 252-4488 and leave your name and number. We will call and schedule a pickup time for the 22nd. If pickup is not convenient other arrangements can be made. Thank you for participating and God Bless.

Pastor Bob Lee

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Berryessa Pro Team Trail, November 21, 2010 Bass Tournament

By Duke Kanaya

Great tournament considering the weather scared some teams. We had a total of nineteen teams that fished the second tournament on the Berryessa Pro Team Trail. Thanks to the teams that showed and were rewarded with no rain, but a tough blue bird day after a storm!

I want to thank our sponsors - Centennial Batteries, Guns, Fishing & Stuff, Alan Fong, Dobyns Rods, Tomat's Restaurant, Oroville Outdoors, Don Sebastiani Winery, and Winters True Value Hardware - for supporting the 2010-2011 Berryessa Pro Team Trail!

Sunday morning we had moisture in the air, but no rain. By afternoon the sun came out with clearing skies. Fishing was tough for all teams, but some teams caught a few good fish! Teams that did well were targeting bass chasing baitfish again.

Main lake and the North end seemed to do well for the top teams. Every team said the bite was tough, with no dominant patterns. Teams were quoted as saying they had to junk fish all day to get the fish they caught.

Again some successful techniques were spooning, drop shooting, cranking, swimbaits, jigs, and topwater. Dominating with a back-to-back First Place and with a stout 16.85# bag was Sean & Brian Stafford (Fairfield).

Dave Church (Sonoma) and Willie Church (Cottonwood) took Second place honors weighing a solid 16.54# bag and with the big fish of the tournament (6.29# big fish). Willie caught the big largemouth on a 6" swim-bait. Third Place went to Firuz Gizatullin (Discovery Bay) and Alan Butt (Crockett) weighing a nice 15.42# bag.

Another great tournament on Lake Berryessa considering the heavy winds and rain that fell Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Also a good job to the teams bringing solid bags in over 11 pounds, and a lot of Large Mouth brought to the scales again, great fishing guys!

See you all at the next tournament on December 11, 2010. Check-in at Markley Cove. Any questions email me at dukekalani@yahoo.com or call me at (530)795-2659.

Berryessa Pro Team Trail Tournaments Remaining :12/11/2010 (Third); 1/16/11 (Fourth); 2/12/11 (Fifth); 3/27/11 (Sixth); 4/17/11 (Seventh & Last)



Las Posadas Pageant

A Glimpse of History through Music and Drama

In Upper Alta California in the Mexican era, beginning eight days before Christmas, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem would be re-enacted. A procession, led by children, would be formed outdoors as soon as it was dark. The participants would stop at the closed door of a house to ask for lodging. The man of the house would answer in song telling them to go away - that everyone was asleep. He eventually is persuaded to open the door. All enter singing - begging for sweets. Refreshments would be served and there would be dancing. On the ninth night, the babe is born. His image would be carried around the room and kissed. Piñatas were broken, spilling out candy and nuts for all the children.

There are countless variations of this procession carried out in villages and towns in Spain, Mexico and California still. Las Posadas Pageant is an interpretation of the era of 1835 - 1850 in La Frontera de Norte in Upper Alta California. The production is a narration of the event with tableaux of scenes in-between the songs. It seeks to re-create the spirit of the early Spanish and Mexican cultures in Upper Alta California when Commandante Vallejo, Doña Francisca Vallejo and their family would celebrate the Christmas Holiday with all the people.



This year, this production of Las Posadas Pageant will again be held in Pope Valley adding to the history of the area by bringing to life the way it was. Martha McGettigan, great-great-granddaughter of General Vallejo is the producer and director. This year it will be on Saturday, December 18 at 5:30 PM at the Pope Valley Farm Center. It is a wonderful way to share the holiday spirit with friends, family and the community. It is also a community pot luck so please bring something to share. For more information please call Martha at (707) 965-2169.

Berreyssa Senior Center Christmas Dinner : Saturday, December 18.

The Center will provide a ham and rolls. There will be a gift exchange which will be passed out by Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their two helpers. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please have a generic wrapped gift which should cost no more than \$10.00. Also, if you plan to attend bring a complimentary side dish. The festivities start at 5:30 with dinner being served at 6:30.



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Pope Valley all	464	362	78.0	64	285	221	81.6	13
N Lake & Chiles	244	177	72.5	31	137	106	81.5	9
South Lake	530	358	67.5	65	275	210	80.8	18
Angwin	1809	1119	61.8	386	644	258	62.5	89
Silverado Trl	213	172	80.7	64	80	16	55.5	28
E Deer Park	459	347	75.6	149	174	25	53.8	24
Oakville	372	260	69.8	112	128	16	53.3	20
NE Napa	168	136	80.9	56	63	7	52.9	17
E. Calistoga	293	215	73.3	96	104	8	52.0	15
N Yountville	220	165	75.0	76	70	-6	47.9	19
E St. Helena	215	167	77.6	80	70	-10	46.6	17
N Napa 1	512	358	69.9	175	148	-27	45.8	35
N Napa 2	457	354	77.4	182	143	-39	44.0	29
St. Helena	1384	993	71.7	519	403	-116	43.7	71
Soda Canyon	456	349	76.5	177	134	-43	43.0	38
SE Napa	212	148	69.8	77	58	-19	42.9	13
N Calistoga	522	415	79.5	217	159	-58	42.2	39
SW St. Helena	269	227	84.3	120	87	-33	42.0	20
NW St. Helena	290	229	78.9	120	87	-33	42.0	22
Calistoga1	399	314	78.7	170	119	-51	41.1	25
St. Helena	1864	1406	75.4	822	518	-304	38.6	66
Calistoga2	777	544	70.0	313	192	-121	38.0	39
Calistoga3	272	178	65.4	103	63	-40	37.9	12
Calistoga4	350	289	82.5	169	103	-66	37.8	17
W Deer Park	270	202	74.8	115	69	-46	37.5	18
Misc.	8	6	75.0	4	2	-2	33.3	0
Calistoga5	417	308	73.8	198	98	-100	33.1	12
Grand Total	13446	9798	72.8	4660	4413	-247	48.6	725
Vote by Region								
Unincorporated	7014	5054	72.0	2009	2626	617	56.6	419
Napa	969	712	73.4	357	291	-66	44.9	64
St. Helena	3248	2399	73.8	1341	921	-420	40.7	137
Calistoga	2215	1633	73.7	953	575	-378	37.6	105
Total	13446	9798	72.8	4660	4413	-247	48.6	725

Origins of the Christmas Candy Cane

The red-and-white-striped, sugary candy cane can be found everywhere at Christmas time. Its as much an ornament as it is a confection, and people munch these treats and decorate with them, scarcely giving a thought to just where candy canes came from in the first place.

It has become fashionable of late to claim that the candy cane was not only designed to be fraught with Christian religious symbolism, but that it was created as a means by which persecuted Christians could furtively identify each other. Like the apocryphal tale of the true meaning of the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," these claims are fiction - latter day attempts to infuse secular holiday traditions with specifically religious origins and meanings.

First off, the notion that candy canes could have been used as a secret means of identification by persecuted European Christians is directly contradicted by history. Candy canes didn't appear until at least the latter part of the 17th century, by which time Europe was almost entirely Christian. By then, people who were not Christians would have been the ones in need of this form of secret handshake!

Next, candy canes were most assuredly not created by "a candymaker in Indiana" who "stained them with red stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received." Candy canes were around long before there was an Indiana, and they initially bore neither red coloration nor striping - the red stripes were a feature that did not appear until a few hundred years later, at the beginning of the 20th century:

About 1847, August Imgard of Ohio managed to decorate his Christmas tree with candy canes to entertain his nephews and nieces. Many who saw his canes went home to boil sugar and experiment with canes of their own. It took nearly another half century before someone added stripes to the canes. Christmas cards produced before 1900 show plain white canes, while striped ones appear on many cards printed early in the 20th century.

In fact, the strongest connection one can make between the origins of the candy cane and intentional Christian symbolism is to note that legend says someone took an existing form of candy which was already being used as a Christmas decoration (i.e., straight white sticks of sugar candy) and produced bent versions which represented a shepherd's crook and were handed out to children at church to ensure their good behavior.

Soon after Europeans adopted the use of Christmas trees, they began making special decorations for them. Food items predominated, with cookies and candy heavily represented. That is when straight, white sticks of sugar candy came into use at Christmas, probably during the seventeenth century.

Tradition has it that some of these candies were put to use in Cologne Cathedral about 1670 while restless youngsters were attending ceremonies around the living creche. To keep them quiet, the choirmaster persuaded craftsmen to make sticks of candy bent at the end to represent shepherd's crooks, then he passed them out to boys and girls who came to the cathedral.

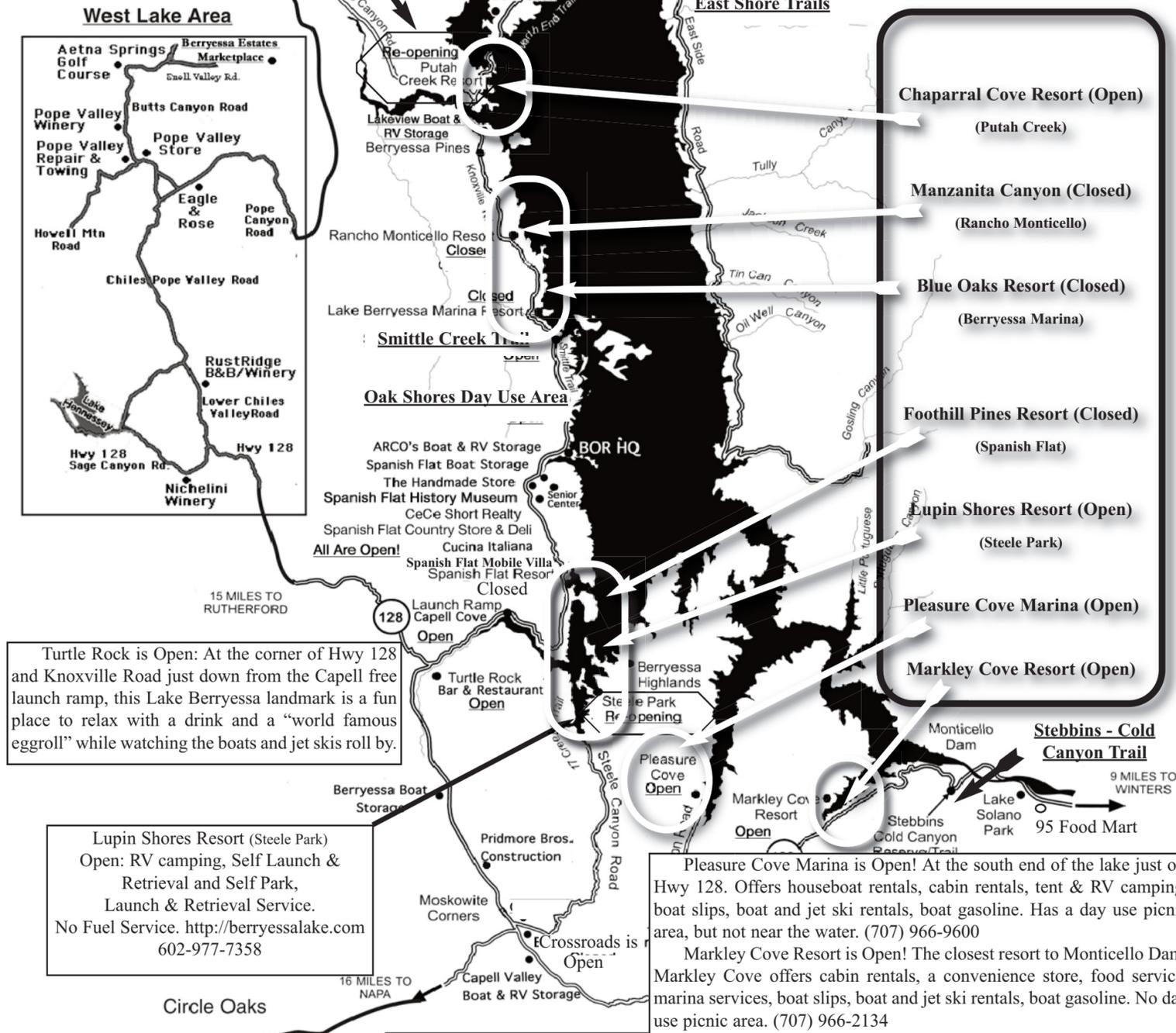
Claims made about the candy's religious symbolism have become increasingly widespread as religious leaders have assured their congregations that these mythologies are factual, the press have published these claims as authoritative answers to readers' inquiries about the confections meaning, and several lavishly illustrated books purport to tell the "true story" of the candy cane's origins. This is charming folklore at best, and though there's nothing wrong with finding (and celebrating) symbolism where there wasn't any before, the story of the candy cane's origins is, like Santa Claus, a myth and not a "true story."

Above information courtesy of Snopes.com. Fictional accounts of the candy cane's religious origins are the subject of a number of colorful Christmas volumes, including "The Candymaker's Gift: A Legend of the Candy Cane" by Helen Haidle (1996), "The Candy Cane Story" by Joy Merchant Nall and Thomas Nall, Jr. (1996), "The Legend of the Candy Cane" by Lori Walburg (1997), and the children's book "The "J" Is For Jesus" by Alice Joyce Davidson (1998).

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The Greater Lake Berryessa Region

10/9/10 Version

Capell Creek Bridge to be replaced in 2013!

By Peter Kilkus

About a year ago I wrote a story about the Capell Creek Bridge and the Caltrans archeological survey investigating possible Native American cultural artifacts on the site. Caltrans has now published its Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (CEQA) for the Capell Creek Bridge Replacement Project. A CEQA Negative Declaration (negdec) is a document that states upon completion of an initial study, that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

two spans made up of rubble masonry earth filled barrel arches. In 1959, the bridge was widened from 18 ft to 30 ft with reinforced concrete slab on reinforced concrete pier and abutments. The two-lane bridge currently serves two-way traffic with 12-ft lanes and 3-ft shoulders. Because of the later alteration, it does not possess sufficient integrity (enough of its original design and materials) to be eligible for National Register listing.

Caltrans proposes to build the bridge in-place on the existing alignment. The existing 1959 bridge will be demolished in stage 1 (first construction season), and the 1907 bridge will be demolished in stage 2 (second construction season) during the construction windows.



This would require one-way traffic control. In order to maintain Route 121 open for traffic during construction, the contractor would use a portion of the existing bridge for handling traffic. Since the 1959 bridge on the south is too narrow

Reports like this, even for such a small project, are fascinating to read because, by law, they include an amazing amount of background information about the geology, hydrology, biology, traffic patterns, and archeology of the project site. All of this information is needed to make an informed discussion of the potential impacts of the project and possible mitigations of those impacts.

(10 ft net width) to handle one-way alternating traffic, that portion would be demolished first, and the 1907 bridge (16 ft net width) on the north would be retained until the first portion of the new bridge is constructed. Then traffic would be shifted to the new bridge portion while the remaining portion of the bridge is being demolished and built.

The full 112 page report is available for download on the Lake Berryessa News web site.

The proposed bridge replacement would require right-of-way acquisition of 2,000-4,000 ft² or 0.046 acres to 0.092 acres on the east side of the

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace Capell Creek Bridge on Route 121 about 1.5 miles from Moskowitz Corners with a new single span bridge from post mile (PM) 20.2 to post mile 20.4. Construction work is currently scheduled to begin in Spring 2013 and would be completed by Spring 2015. The proposed construction and improvements will include roadway that requires lane closures and one-way traffic control during construction period.



The existing bridge, built in 1907, consists of

Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

- 11.8 Miles - Winters to Markley Cove
- 8.3 Miles - Markley Cove to Moskowitz Corners
- 20.1 Miles - Winters to Moskowitz Corners
- 4.7 Miles - Moskowitz Corners to Turtle Rock
- 13.0 Miles - Moskowitz Corners to Napa
- 3.2 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Hwy 128 to Pope Valley Rd.
- 8.5 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Pope Valley Rd. to Pope Valley
- 5.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Spanish Flat Village Center
- 7.4 Miles - Turtle Rock to Oak Shores Park
- 3.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Lower Chiles Valley Rd.

- 14.7 Miles - Turtle Rock to Pope Valley via Chiles Valley
- 15.5 Miles - Turtle Rock to Chaparral Cove Resort via Knoxville Rd.
- 10.2 Miles - Pope Valley to Knoxville Rd. via Pope Canyon Rd.
- 8.3 Miles - Pope Canyon Rd. to Spanish Flat Village Center
- 18.5 Miles - Pope Valley to Spanish Flat Village Center via Pope Canyon
- 19.7 Miles - Pope Valley to Spanish Flat Village Center via Chiles Valley
- 2.4 Miles - Spanish Flat Village Center to Oak Shores Park
- 10.5 Miles - Spanish Flat Village Center to Chaparral Cove Resort
- 3.7 Miles - Pope Valley to Aetna Springs Road
- 11.3 Miles - Pope Valley to Berryessa Estates
- 4.1 Miles - Pope Valley to Angwin

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