

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.

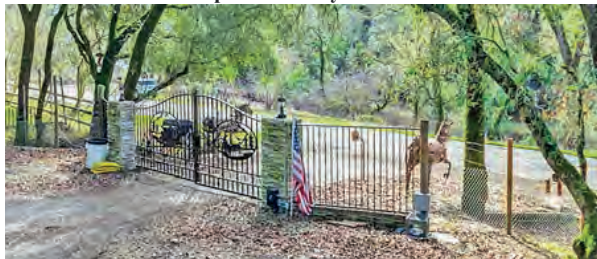
The RPOSD has done little of compelling recreational or environmental benefit for Napa County residents. They claim they are “preserving” land, but they are actually just buying land that is already nearly unusable for any practical development.

\$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 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.

Onion Headlines

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Outrage At Still-Living Actors Getting
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Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
Steven Wright

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DO NOT TOUCH THE EDGES OF THIS SIGN

ALSO, THE BRIDGE IS OUT AHEAD

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
Emergency Blanket, Wool Blanket
GMRS Radio & Charger/Extra Batteries
Pry Bar, Crescent Wrench



Tarp, Collapsible Water Bottle
Water Purification Tablets Or Filter
Lumber Crayon
Extra Black Sharpie
Zip Ties
Sunscreen, Chapstick With Sunscreen
Lighter, Snacks (Non-Perishable)
4 Large Garbage Bags Rolled Up & Secured With Thick Rubber Bands
Ear Plugs

Nice to Have Extra Items

Reflective Rain Jacket Or Rain Gear
Green Laser Pointer, UV Pen Light
Hand/Face Wipes
Crank Emergency Radio
Nylon Braided Rope, LED Flares
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Rechargeable Batteries & Charger
Long Sleeve Shirt, 2 Pairs Of Socks
2 Pairs Of Extra Underwear
Extra Cell Phone Charging Cord
Cell Phone Charging Stick
Lighter Weight Work Gloves
Deodorant/Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Signal Mirror, Compass
Maps Of The Area
Luci Inflatable Solar Lantern
Travel Hairbrush/Mirror Combo

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

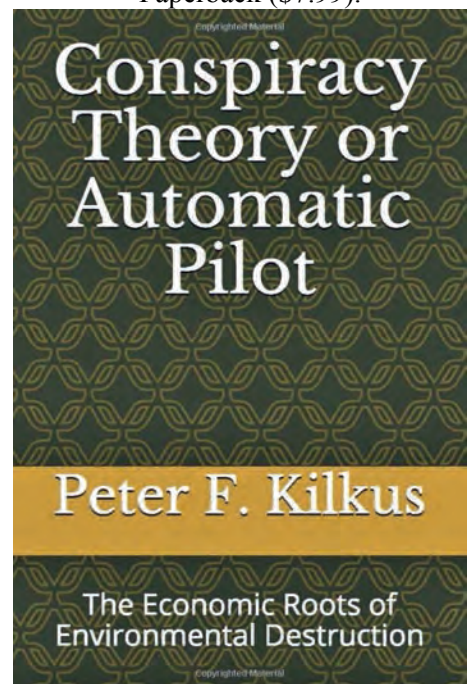
is an important strategy for people who hold stock in companies they're locked into, either on an individual level because of tax considerations, or on an institutional level because of the policy of the investment committee, or maybe on a pension plan level because the Employee Retirement Individual 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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Lake Level as of 1/30/20

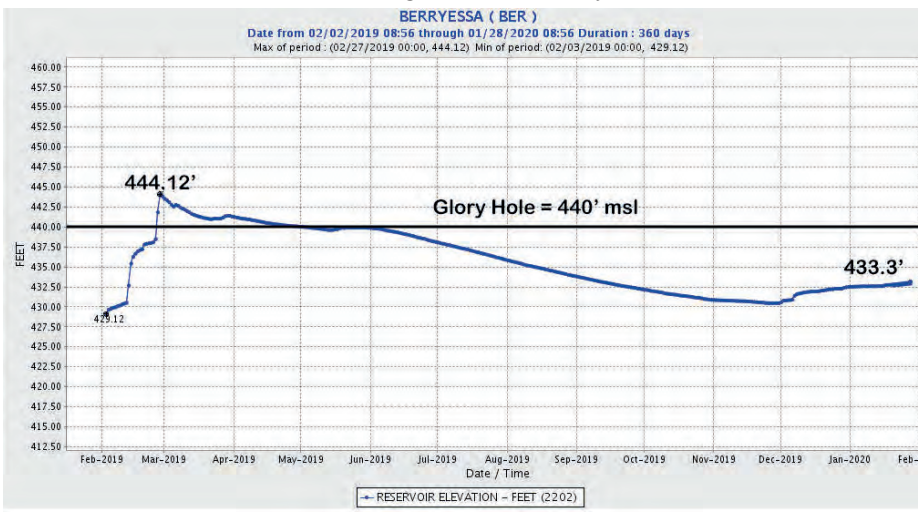
Lake Berryessa has risen to at 433.3 feet, 6.7 feet below Glory Hole.

Rainfall at the dam has reached a season total of 8.4 inches.

The cold air temperatures have stabilized the water temperature at 52 degrees from top to bottom.

Check real-time lake levels, water temperatures, and storage capacity at:

www.scwamonitoring.com/LakeBerryessa/index.htm





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