

The Lake Berryessa News

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January, 2016: The Lake Berryessa News Print Edition Returns From Cyberspace and the Data Cloud!

What you hold in your hands is the first print edition of the Lake Berryessa News since September, 2012 when I published what I thought was the final print version - the "Collectors Edition". (See Page 3)

But after a three year "vacation" during which so many people told me they missed the print version of the paper, I've decided to bring it back - although on a smaller scale to start.

That "Collectors Edition" edition and every print edition from 2005 to 2012 is available for download as fully searchable PDF files at www.lakeberryessanews.com/archives.html. They make interesting reading and provide in-depth historical context for the present situation at the lake..

Coincidentally, since we are once again talking about an El Nino in 2016, the last print edition had this as a main story: "A 2012 El Nino Is Coming? Will Lake Berryessa Fill Up This Year? The latest data from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center continues to point toward much-needed substantial rainfall this winter in California. El Niño conditions are likely to develop during September 2012..."

Well, we got only 21 inches of rain (about average) in 2012-2013, and the lake went up only 6 feet to 425 feet from 419 feet below Glory Hole. The last time the lake was full was in early 2006. It's all been downhill since April, 2011 when the lake hit a high of 435 feet. No one knows what will happen with the rain in 2016.

Another major issue at Lake Berryessa was described in a story in that last issue titled: "Serious Questions for Congressman Thompson about the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area". Four years later, due to strong opposition from local businesses and residents, the NCA was killed, and the controversial replacement proposal, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, was seriously modified to remove Lake Berryessa and surrounding lands from the monument map.

The major controversy reported on in the print editions of 2012 was the Bureau of Reclamation's decision to kick Pensus out of Lake Berryessa and begin the bid process all over again for the third time in as many years.

The new bid proposals are being evaluated by Reclamation now and we may know who bid on what within the next several weeks. Hopes are high, but expectations cautious based on the information released so far. This will be the major story for 2016, "Renaissance Lake Berryessa", and we will follow it closely.

We'll bring back the popular Lake Berryessa News Horoscope whose secret source delivers incredibly accurate advice such as these tidbits from 2012.

=>Taurus: There's little you can do to stop the inexorable unfolding of inevitable fate, but moving the charcoal lighter fluid away from the furnace wouldn't be a bad start.

=>Scorpio: Your face will soon be on the cover of every newspaper in town, thanks to a rather gruesome printing-press accident.

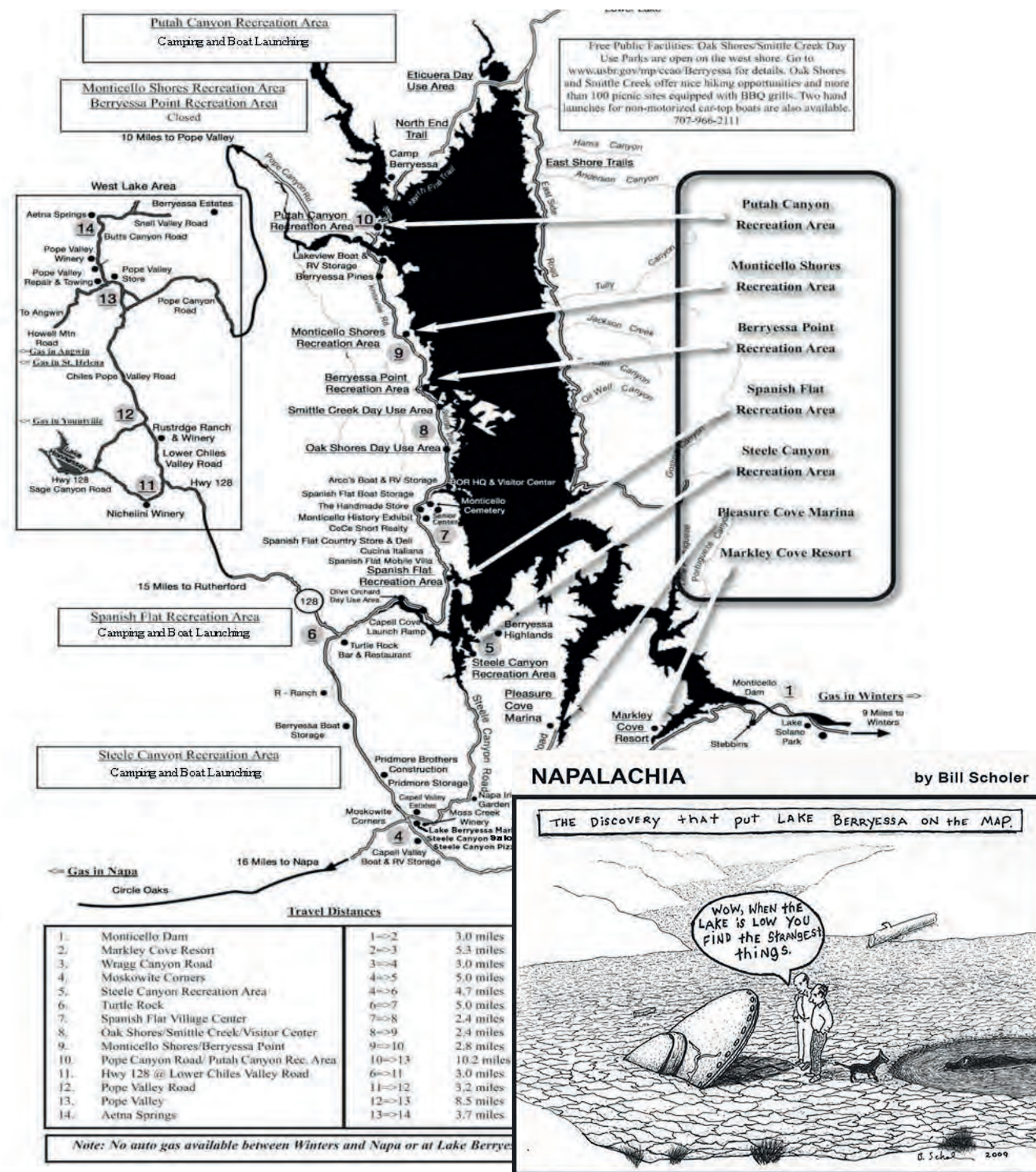
June District 4 County Supervisor Election Affects South Lake Berryessa

The 4th District supervisor race pits incumbent Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza against challengers Diane Shepp and Chris Malan. The 4th District includes parts of the northeastern city of Napa and extends east to such rural areas as Soda Canyon, Silverado, Circle Oaks, Wooden Valley and the southern tip of Lake Berryessa.

Pedroza was on the Napa City Council until December 2014, when Gov. Jerry Brown appointed him to fill the seat vacated by county Supervisor Bill Dodd. He believes he can reach across jurisdictions to work on the regional issues of housing, transportation and water.

Shepp is a rural resident (Soda Canyon) and founding member of Protect Rural Napa and the Vision 2050 coalition. She believes the county needs to address the quality of life for local residents and neighborhoods, including rural areas like Lake Berryessa, Gordon Valley, and Soda Canyon.

Malan, who has worked for the county as a mental health professional for 35 years, is a longtime local environmentalist. She has been at the forefront of Napa River and watershed protection efforts.



Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Elects New Officers

Renaissance Lake Berryessa!

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has elected new officers. Board Members for 2016 are: Peter Kilkus, President; Bob Lee, Vice-President; Jerry Rehmke, Secretary/Treasurer; Craig Morton; Tom Gomez; Paul Quarneri; Marcia Ritz.

Our 2016 Chamber Theme can be "Renaissance Lake Berryessa" if the bid process is successful in attracting strong recreation companies to redevelop some of the resorts at the lake.

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The lake may be low but is starting to rise. Winter brings some of the best hiking weather to the area and there are miles of trails available. Several launch ramps are open for hardy boaters and anglers. Oak Shores Day Use Area is great for picnics and viewing the lake and wildlife. An added bonus is that all the main roads to the lake have been repaved - Hwy 128 from Silverado Trail, Hwy 121 from Napa, Hwy 128 from Winters, and Knoxville Road along the west shore. Bicycle, motorcycle, and auto touring have never been smoother.

After touring around the lake and stopping at local wineries like Rustridge and Nichelini, a wide variety of food and drink is available at Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, Turtle Rock, and Steele Canyon Saloon and Pizza. Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit. A trip to Napa is not complete without the short drive to Lake Berryessa.

Can Past Become Future?

Here's a slice of history from 1976. We had a thriving business community, thousands of residents, hundreds of jobs, our own local elementary school, and more than a million visitors per year. This brochure will bring back some good memories - and some sadness. These great

Meet Margaret Bailey: New Lake Berryessa Park Manager

She will have responsibility for managing public recreation, natural resources, visitor services and recreation area concessions at the lake.

Bailey earned a Master of Science in Forest Management from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, in 1991. She began her career as a National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator in 1990 with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) in Alsea, Oregon. She joins Reclamation from her former position as District Ranger with the USFS where she managed the Klamath Ranger District. Most recently, Bailey served as the Nevada State Liaison, USFS, in Sparks, Nevada. She and her husband, Bruce, have two grown sons. The family enjoys the outdoors, camping, bicycling, kayaking and traveling.

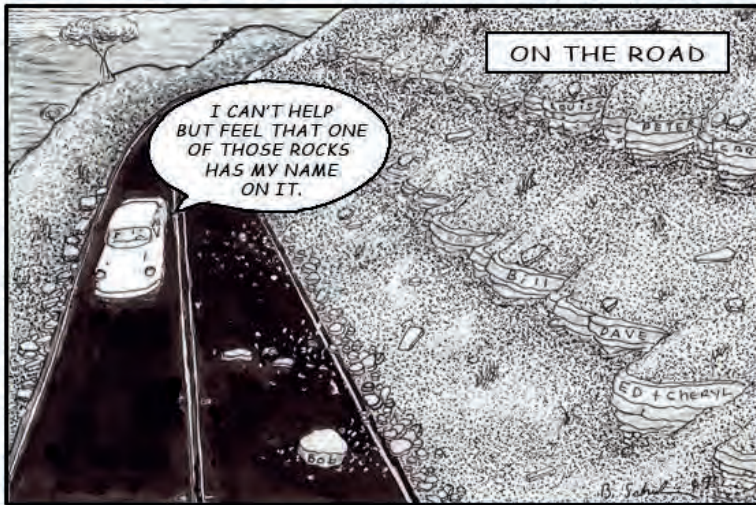


days as a family recreation destination for the Bay Area and beyond lasted until about 2005 - and were totally destroyed by 2009. We can only hope to achieve a "Renaissance Lake Berryessa" if the resorts (recreation areas) can be revived by strong companies with significant financial investments - with the support of our community and the cooperation of the Bureau of Reclamation and Napa County government.

Highway 128 Adventure On The Way To Winters

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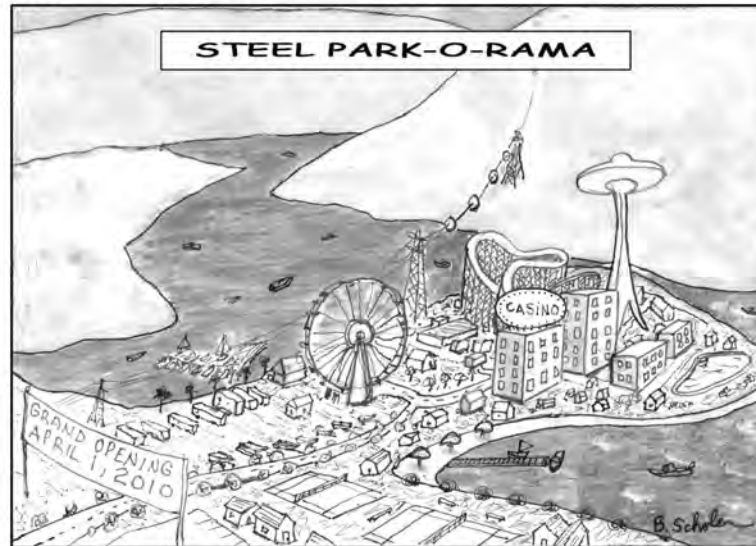
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Winters Fish Fry

Friday, February 19, 5pm - 8pm
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Walk Quail Ridge Reserve on Feb. 13

An interpretive walk will be offered on the Quail Ridge Reserve near Lake Berryessa from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

Call in advance to reserve a place and get directions at 530-219-4477. The group will meet at 1:45 p.m. at Markley Cove Resort and will leave the reserve at about 5:30 p.m.

Berryessa Valley History Exhibit Facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/768589156517643

Visit the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center for great photos & artifacts about the Berryessa Valley and Town of Monticello before the Monticello Dam was built in 1958.

Lake Berryessa Information Resources

Bureau of Reclamation Information Page:

www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/index.html

Lake Berryessa Visitor Information:

www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/visitor-info.html

Lake Berryessa Recreation Opportunities:

www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/rec-opp.html

Markley Cove Resort:

www.markleycoveresort.com

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www.goberryessa.com

Steele Canyon Recreation Area:

www.goberryessa.com/campground-at-steele-canyon

Spanish Flat Recreation Area:

www.spanishflatcamping.com

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Ever since Lake Berryessa started to fill behind newly formed Monticello Dam in 1957, the fish have been jumping here. The Lake is rated one of the best fisheris in the state. The deep, cool waters and the warm surface temperatures provide excellent conditions for both cold and warm water fish.

Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout and Silver Salmon can be taken year round, with May through December the best Trout months. Trolling, minnow drift fishing and casting from boat or bank are all rewarding.

California Fish and Game Department plants trophy Trout here every spring, and the program has been a big success here at Lake Berryessa. Large and Small Mouth Bass are also plentiful. The "Bronzeback" grows big and fat, with most fishermen taking fish in the 2½ to 5 pound class. Lunkers of Large Mouth up to 12 lbs. have been taken. Spring and fall weather conditions are perfect for bass fishing here. However, the Bass are here all year long for the taking. Crappie and Bluegill are popular catches especially during spring and summer for both children and adults. Catfish are a good catch all year long. They average 2-10 lbs. at Lake Berryessa.

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Lake Berryessa waters are clean and clear with temperatures up to 75° in summer, ideal for swimming and water skiing, and so cooling on a hot day! The many little coves all around the lake make for marvelous outings by boat, for picnics, relaxing, fishing expeditions and water skiing "bases." The

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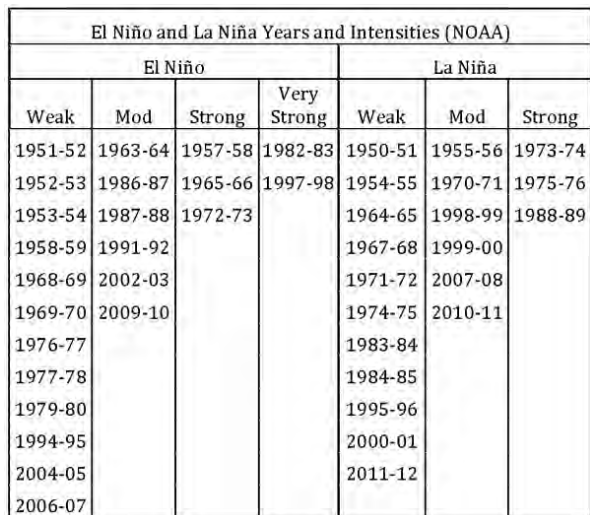
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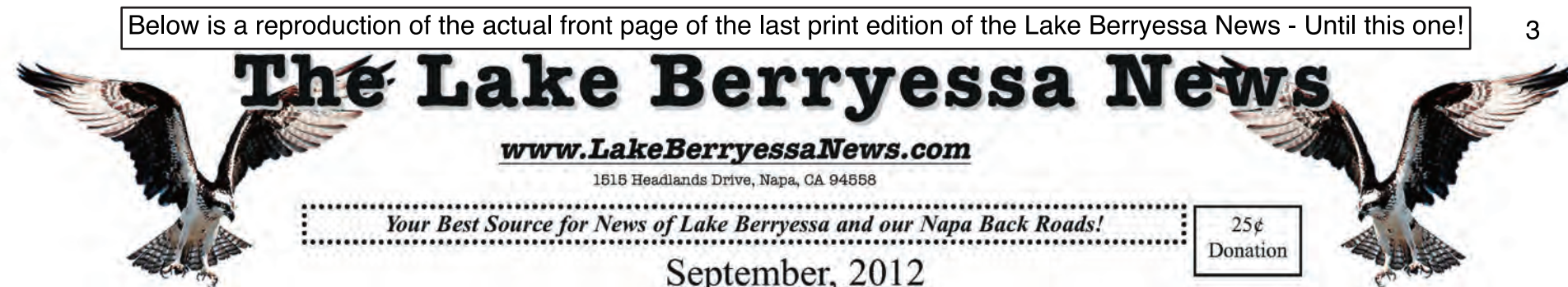
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The increase in capacity was 960,978 acre-feet which brought the total capacity to 1,511,000 acre-feet or about at the 434 foot level - still 6 feet below Glory Hole (94% capacity). The majority of the increase took place during the first three weeks of January with the peak inflow on January 9. Although the inflow cannot be controlled, the controlled outflow was not increased until the lake had nearly filled.



I am also compiling the last seven years of the Lake Berryessa News on a single CD with each print edition as an easy to read PDF file. The CD will be available for \$20.

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Floods and Landslides Affect Lake Berryessa
The year 2005 ended with a bang and many whimpers caused by personal tragedies suffered due to the weather. Hwy 128 between the Corners and Turtle Rock looked like a battlefield with minor landslides encroaching onto the road and new potholes along the whole stretch. Coming around a curve on Knoxville Road near Spanish Flat at night to see the road more than half covered with mud was an unanticipated New Year’s Eve thrill!

For my son, trying to get to Napa early Saturday morning only to be turned back near Circle Oaks because of massive landslides blocking Hwy 121 was annoying. But then trying to get through Rutherford only to be blocked by a large tree across the road at Conn Dam was a show-stopper.

Since so many other roads were closed between Lake Berryessa and San Anselmo in Marin County, he probably wouldn’t have made it anyway. He was on his way to San Anselmo to help his mother fight the Town’s first flood since 1982. The downtown was a 4 foot deep river and my old neighborhood was in high-high water. Napa and the other Napa Valley towns were hurt badly and I’m sure there are hundreds of stories of loss and of neighbors helping neighbors out there.

It promises to be a long clean-up of the access roads around the lake which may affect people commuting to work. The worst news for commuters from the Berryessa Highlands area is that Hwy 121, the main road to Napa, has suffered a major slide between Wooden Valley Road and Napa which may take CalTrans many days to clear.

Driving the long way to Napa from the Berryessa Highlands was a real pain for residents at the south end of the lake. Monticello Road (Hwy 128) was closed between Wooden Valley Road and Napa for several days, then open only before 7 A.M. and after 5 P.M. for several more days.

The slide was huge and could easily be seen from Wooden Valley Road as you drove back from Fairfield. Standing below the huge slide was awe-inspiring.



The Leap Second Was Here in 2006!
(Note: 2016 is a Leap Year and February will have an extra day - February 29. But 2006 was famous for actually having a Leap Second!)

As a philosopher said, “You can’t kill time without harming eternity.” If life is often a matter of split seconds -- the train door that closes in your face, the chance encounter with the love of your life, the near-collision with an oncoming SUV -- then the universe just bestowed on us the generous gift of a leap second. We hope you used it wisely.

Last Saturday, at exactly 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, one

10 Years Ago in The Lake Berryessa News - January, 2006

second was added to our official record of time, Coordinated Universal Time, kept by a series of atomic clocks housed in environmentally sealed vaults in about 80 timekeeping laboratories around the world and certified by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Paris.

The reason for the extra second is simple: The earth is slowing down. Since the days of Sir Isaac Newton, scientists have understood the time it takes for the earth to make a full rotation is getting longer. The gradual deceleration is caused by the gravitational pull of the moon. The same force that brings the tides is putting the brakes on the earth, albeit very slowly. And because time is a function of planetary movement, our days are getting longer and, depending on how you look at it, time is slowing down.

Fishing with Sid - January, 2006

As of the new year the lake is full to the brim and then some. I would like to review some of the fishing events from last year. The largest bass caught in a tournament weighed in at 16.75 lbs. Salmon were caught in the 3 lbs+ category and trout in 2 lbs+. For those who went for crappie, there were many limit days of 25 fish. My largest catfish this past year was 18.5 lbs caught on mackerel (great bait), but the average catfish weighed 4 to 6 lbs caught on hotdog or mackerel.

The carp were plentiful all over the lake and for those fisherman who like to fish for carp (there are some out there) we found that bread does the trick. Some of the other fish we caught were a 12 lb. Sacramento pike and a 2 lbs+ sunfish. I am looking forward to good fishing stories this coming year and hope you will share yours with us. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and a great year of fishing.....til next time www.fishingconnection.net





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BEAUTY ABOUNDS AT LAKE BERRYESSA

Margaret David Bailey, Park Manager

If you are in the know, one of your favorite hangouts right now is Lake Berryessa. Located in Napa County, Lake Berryessa provides access points to facilities via Hwy 128 and Knoxville Road.

From October to May, Lake Berryessa offers the best opportunity to observe the changing seasons, comfortable temperatures, wide open spaces and several thousand acres of land and water to explore and enjoy. Birding, bicycling, walking, kayaking, swimming, photography, or picnicking are a few of the many activities you can enjoy.

Lake Berryessa is within the Pacific Flyway and some of the best birding in the area is right here. There are resident bald and golden eagles and osprey that can easily be viewed around the Lake.

Our location in the Coast Range offers a variety of habitats including oak woodlands, grasslands, mixed chaparral, lake and riparian vegetation types. Three permanent waterways, Capell, Pope and Putah Creeks flow into the lake creating a diversity of upland and riparian habitats to a wide variety of birds.

The Bureau of Reclamations managed facilities include the Dufer Point Visitor Center; the Oak Shores, Smittle Creek and Eticuera Day Use Areas; and the Capell Cove Boat Launch. For information, please call 707-966-2111 or visit www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/berryessa. Concession operated facilities include:

- Pleasure Cove Marina provides day use, camping, boat launching, boat rentals, house boating, lodging and a full-service marina with wet slips, fueling and pump-out services. Additionally, for the 2016 recreation season, Pleasure Cove LLC will provide boat launching, day use and tent camping at Steele Canyon Recreation Area under an interim contract. For information, please call 707-966-9600 or visit www.goberryessa.com.

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Beautiful Lake Berryessa is OPEN! (It never closed.)

Winter brings some of the best hiking weather to the area and there are miles of trails available. Several launch ramps are open for hardy boaters and anglers. Oak Shores Day Use Area is great for picnics and viewing the lake and wildlife. After touring around the lake and stopping at local wineries like Rustridge and Nichelini, a wide variety of food and drink is available at Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, Turtle Rock, and Steele Canyon Saloon and Pizza. Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit.



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One day at Steele Canyon Pizza a man ordered a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone so the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6.

He thought about it for some time then said, "Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces."

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February, 2016

Management of Lake Berryessa: Bureau of Reclamation or Bureau of Land Management?

By Peter Kilkus

During the past three decades, many local residents and businesses, including me and the Lake Berryessa News, have proposed that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) take over management of Lake Berryessa. Due to the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) questionable past job of managing the lake resorts, people thought that the BLM, which has public recreation as one of its objectives, might do a better job.

Congressman Mike Thompson previously introduced a bill to do just that. HR 4166: Lake Berryessa Recreation Enhancement Act of 2014. This controversial bill was rejected by Congress back in 2014 for good reasons. Ironically, it was Congressman Thompson who, more than ten years ago and despite more than 10,000 signatures to the contrary, was instrumental in working behind the scenes to support the BOR in the actions which brought about ghost lake we see now.

But Thompson has just re-introduced the same bill as H.R.4521 - Lake Berryessa Recreation Enhancement Act of 2016. Before anyone decides to support Thompson's new bill, they should ask several questions.

Since most of the BOR managers who were responsible for the previous problems are no longer with Reclamation, and the present management has shown that it understands the causes of the previous disaster, and has shown good faith and modest results during the last 2 years, why change now? Several responses to the latest bid prospectus are under review by Reclamation with results to be announced "soon".

Although previous BOR managers were required to implement questionable BOR policies, they are gone. BOR senior managers in the present Lake Berryessa chain of

command have stated that they understand what went wrong with the previous process and are determined to do it right this time. Since the Bid Prospectus review process is well underway and actually seems to be being done right this time, the basic question why change now?

Since the BOR and the BLM are both part of the Department of the Interior, what would actually be different about the present planning process after this management change?

For those of you who have been around Lake Berryessa for many years, you may recall that BLM was offered the opportunity to take over management of the lake back in 2001. Of course, at that time the process of writing the new Visitor Services Plan, aimed at eliminating the mobile homes at the resorts and replacing the owners of those resorts, was just beginning. BLM had no interest in taking on such a complex and controversial responsibility.

Although not an easy task, re-introducing such a beautiful family destination to the millions of people with nearby access to it is a matter for positive and imaginative marketing efforts. Several marketing plans have been developed over the years, including creating closer relationships with the rest of Napa County's hospitality industry. I, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, and others found that the Napa Valley business community was very receptive to including Lake Berryessa in their visitor programs. Recent meetings with Visit Napa Valley, the primary tourist outreach organization, have been very positive and plans are in the works to build on VNV programs to help create a "Renaissance Lake Berryessa".

Shouldn't the BOR be allowed to complete the new bid/contract process creating a revitalized Lake Berryessa recreation destination of value to the

public and to the local community?

Although there may be valid arguments on both sides of this question, are the supposed benefits of a major bureaucratic change like this worth the effort, and the risks? There appears to be no compelling reason to rush into this, but several substantial concerns that should be answered first.

Can Capell Valley School Become a Community Park?

The Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD) Board in January, 2016 approved a recommendation to sell five School District properties. One of the properties is the closed Capell Valley Elementary School site near Lake Berryessa at 1192 Capell Valley Road in Napa County.

This school sits on 5.03 acres and has its own water supply. It has newer restrooms, playground equipment and a grass soccer field. It also has a baseball field, blacktop area with basketball courts, shaded lunch area and a community garden. This garden has most recently been used to grow produce for low income families and seniors in the Lake Berryessa area.

The site sits within 15 minutes of the two largest housing areas near the Lake. The Berryessa Highlands and



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Circle Oaks subdivisions contain many homes with room for new building. The site is within 5 minutes of one of two mobile parks in the lake area, Capell Valley Estates, having 65 homes. The site is also within 30 minutes of the Berryessa Pines subdivision and surrounded by numerous individual property owners and homes.

In 2010 when Capell Valley School was slated for closure a group of concerned citizens formed to explore the possibility of a community center at the closed school site. It would be a great site for activities such as sports recreation, meetings, public garden, homework club all the typical activities of a park/community center.

The School Board accepted a recommendation from the community park advocates that the Capell site, before sale, be offered to any interested parties in regards to its Park potential.

Park advocates hope at this time that the Napa County Board of Supervisors intervene in the efforts to obtain the Capell Valley School site as a new Napa County park.

Lake Berryessa has been hard hit economically. This park would be a win on so many fronts for the citizens of not only Lake Berryessa but the entire County of Napa.

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2 More Taxes - Less Access? Regional Park & Open Space District

It is interesting to note that the Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars of County funds donated by the Board of Supervisors, yet has produced few properties accessible to the average Napa County resident.

An example at Lake Berryessa is a landlocked "park" called Berryessa Vista at the top of the hill across from the Capell Launch Ramp you can only get to by boat. It has never been used since they bought it more than 6 years ago.

But according to an article in the Napa Valley Register on Feb. 16th the Supervisors and RPOSD do not seem inclined to create a park at the old Capell Valley School site that could actually be used by thousands of real people in an unincorporated area that has been hard hit by government policies that forced the closure of the Capell School in the first place.

And now RPOSD is launching a campaign to raise the Napa County sales tax by a quarter cent to finance their budget!

On another front, the District intends to open Camp Berryessa this year on public land overseen by the Bureau of Reclamation that was previously home to a Boy Scouts camp. The outdoor education camp along Putah Creek will be used by students, nonprofit groups and families.

A grant for \$50,000 to help with construction was provided by the Mead Foundation, together with a \$1.7 million grant from the State Coastal Conservancy. Construction was complete as of early December, and a Notice of Completion filed in early January 2016.

The Forest Trails Alliance crew building Tuleyome's Berryessa North End Trail will be staying at the camp for several months starting in early February. A soft opening is expected in late spring 2016.

Rte 128 Capell Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Caltrans proposes to replace the Capell Creek Bridge and to install horizontal drains in the vicinity of the bridge, located at post mile (PM) 20.23 on State Route (SR) 128 in unincorporated Napa County. SR 128

within the project limits is also referred to as Capell Valley Road. It is a north-south two-lane undivided conventional highway. The new bridge structure will be constructed at the same location as the existing bridge.

This project proposes to address the stability of the adjacent hillside and deterioration of the structural elements of the Capell Creek Bridge. Earth movement in the hillside adjacent to Capell Creek Bridge has exerted loads of unknown magnitude on the bridge.

A 2-lane replacement bridge will be constructed first. The existing Capell Creek Bridge will then be demolished. It was built in 1956 and is a reinforced concrete/steel girder three-span bridge with one lane in each direction

The bridge consists of two continuous-welded steel girders with reinforced concrete slabs on top, two reinforced concrete column bents, and two reinforced concrete "U" abutments. Foundations are 45-ton driven steel pipe piles, ranging in depth length from 14 feet to 60 feet.

The construction is scheduled to begin in early 2019, continuing for two construction seasons for a total of eight months.

The full initial report is available for viewing at the Napa Main Library (580 Coombs Street) or online at www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm.

Fishing With Sid at Lake Berryessa - 2/18/16

On Monday I took Lloyd and his son Blake out for a day of fishing. Lloyd had requested to learn some of the key spots on the lake for catching bass so that was our agenda for the day. I set up two rods for trolling one with a blue and silver Speed Trap lure and one with a fire tiger Speed Trap lure.

It was a beautiful sunny day with a little breeze on the main lake. The water was stained with about a one foot deep visibility. We fished for about thirty minutes with no luck so I moved on to the back of the Monticello Ski School. My intention was to show Lloyd where the minnows hide in the grass and the bass follow the minnows. But that area was all dry as we turned to troll out to the main lake.

Lloyd hooked up with his first fish which was about a 1.5 pound bass - now we were getting excited. We trolled about ten minutes more and tried top water at

the same time with no luck. I moved on towards the Ranch House and again saw no indication of fish.

I kept going north at full speed looking for any signs that would indicate fish in the area. While Lloyd and Blake were having their lunch I drove to the back of Big Island to the farthest point which was pretty shallow. Lloyd hooked his second bass there so we stayed for awhile. Sure enough he landed another nice bass drop shooting in 2 to 5 feet of water.

Heading back towards the Bureau of Reclamation we fished parallel to the shore line. The wind was picking up and would push me from 4 feet deep out to 12 feet so I was moving the boat back towards the shore line. All of a sudden Lloyd gets smacked in about 3 feet of water. His rod is completely bowed and he is reeling like crazy with a huge grin on his face. He hands the rod to his son so he can share in the moment too.

The bass was about 7 pounds with a good size girth. After taking pictures with their catch they released the bass so it could keep growing. That ended our day on a very happy note.

'til next time.....good fishing!!!
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Then you can use a smartphone's camera and a Code Scanner application to read any bar code on any object, including QR codes, and jump directly to that web site.

A QR code (short for Quick Response) is a specific matrix barcode or two dimensional code. The code consists of black modules arranged in a square pattern on a white background. The information encoded can be text, URL, or other data.

Common in Japan, where it was created by Toyota subsidiary in 1994, the QR code is one of the most popular types of two dimensional barcodes. QR is the abbreviation for Quick Response, as the creator intended the code to allow its contents to be decoded at high speed.

Although initially used for tracking parts in vehicle manufacturing, QR codes are now used in a much broader context, including both commercial tracking applications and convenience-oriented applications aimed at mobile phone users (termed mobile tagging).

QR codes can be used to display text to the user, to add a vCard contact to the user's device, to open a Uniform Resource Identifier (URL) or to compose an email or text message. Users can also generate and print their own QR codes for others to scan and use by visiting one of several free QR code generating sites. QR codes storing addresses and Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) may appear in magazines, on signs, buses, business cards, or almost any object about which users might need information.

Users with a camera phone equipped with the correct reader application can scan the image of the QR code to display text, contact information, connect to a wireless network, or open a web page in the phone's browser. This act of linking from physical world objects is termed hardlinking or object hyperlinking.

To show the outside world that Lake Berryessa has kept up with the modern world of social networking and applications of high tech software, I have created QR codes for the Lake Berryessa News and a few other advertisers and web sites. Try it out on the codes I printed next to the information resource in the box to the right.

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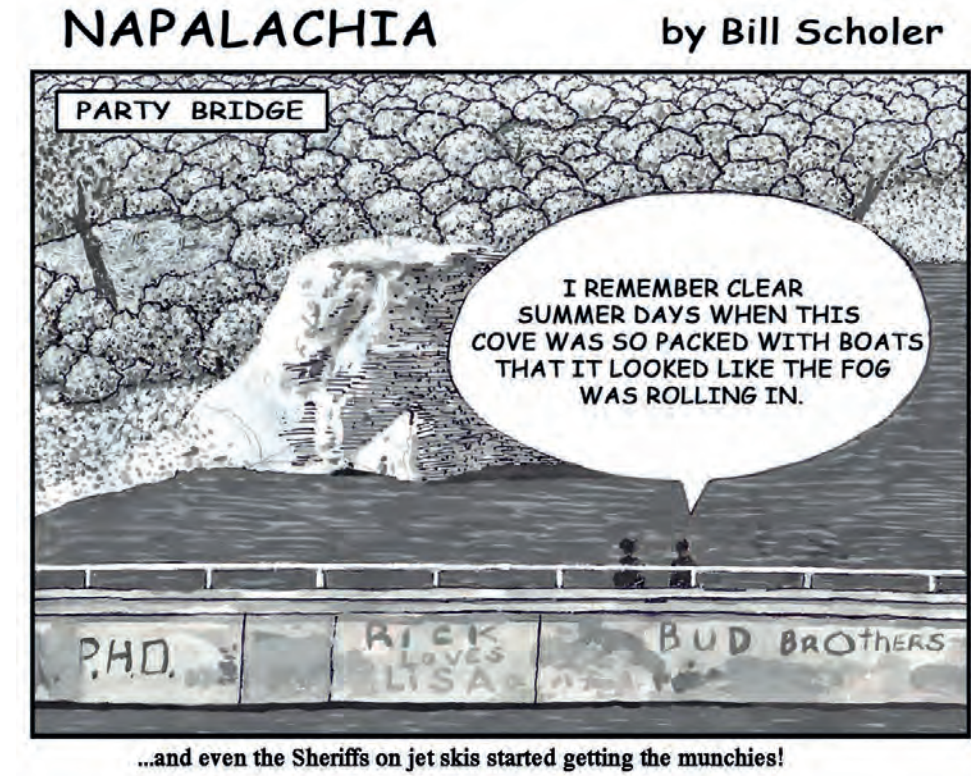
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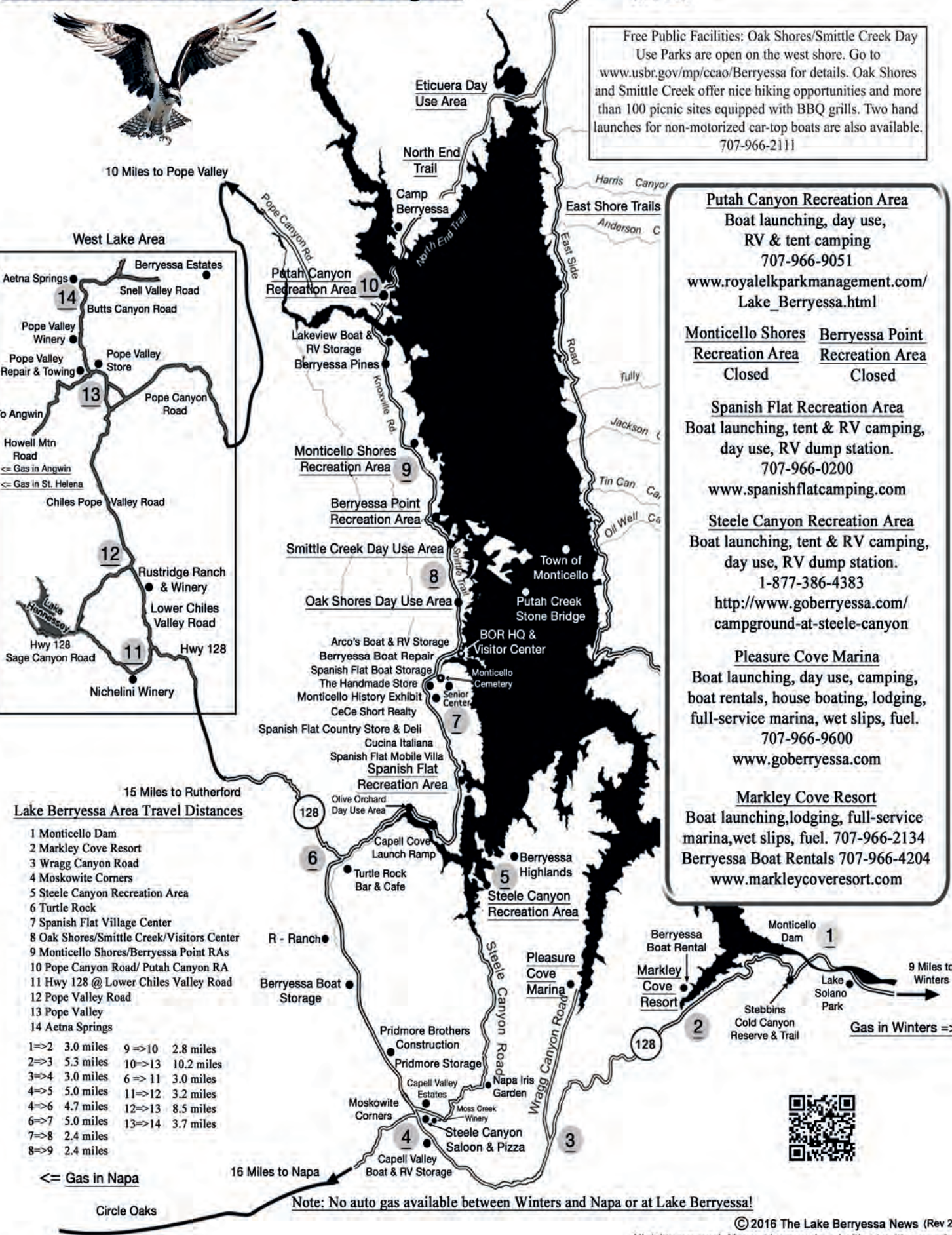
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97-98	46.26”	425.4’	-14.6’
98-99	23.46”	431.1’	-8.9’
99-00	26”	427.0’	-13.0’
00-01	24.7”	427.1’	-12.9’
01-02	23.38”	420.4’	-19.6’
02-03	31.6”	421.5’	-18.5’
03-04	25.64”	429.5’	-10.5’
04-05	36.36”	426.8’	-13.2’
05-06	40.56”	431.0’	-9.0’
06-07	12.7”	430.5’	-9.5’
07-08	25.32”	419.1’	-20.9’
08-09	23.96”	406.9’	-33.1’
09-10	26.41”	412.5’	-27.5’
10-11	37.92”	425.5’	-14.5’
11-12	19.56”	418.86’	-21.4’
12-13	20.65”	414.43’	-25.57’
13-14	13.69”	409.77’	-30.23’
14-15	19.56”	400.53	-39.47’

Lake Level Update: 2/14/16
The elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet msl. The water is now 38.83 feet below the top of the spillway at 401.17 - rising 2.44 feet since 1/17/16 and 4.3 feet since January 1. This season’s total rainfall stands at 13.28 inches.

Last year at this time we had had 17.09 inches of rain and the lake had risen to 411.8 feet, but the rain had stopped on December 21, 2014 with only 3.75 inches in early February followed by nothing in March, 1.46 inches in April, and 1.01 inches in May for a total of only 19.56 inches. The high level was on 2/22/15 at 412.07 feet.

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A Modest Proposal: Radical Restructuring Ownership and Management of Lake Berryessa Should Be Transferred to Napa County

By Peter Kilkus

**No Bids For Berryessa -
 Why Did It Happen?**

Although lake water levels are low, outrage is high, and building, after the latest Bureau of Reclamation bid process fiasco. Reclamation announced that no successful bids were received in response to the latest Prospectus (the third failed bid process since 2006). Three California companies each bid on one area (Berryessa Point, Monticello Shores and Steele Canyon). All three bids were found to be "non-responsive."

According to Reclamation, if a bid was determined to be non-responsive to any one principal factor, it was determined to be non-responsive overall. The most important factor, and the one that probably led to a bid being declared non-responsive, was the financial issue.

Thousands of people who loved Lake Berryessa spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, donated thousands of hours of effort, sent thousands of letters to Reclamation, the Department of the Interior, and Congress. Some of us delivered more than 10,000 petition signatures to Washington supporting a common sense, fiscally responsible plan simply described as "Preserve the Best, Improve the Rest."

But no one in power listened, and we finally lost the "Battle for Berryessa" - resulting in the ghost lake we see now.

This major recreation destination, and its residential and business communities, have been severely damaged - resources important to the State of California and Napa County, both from a social and financial perspective.

If the government could pay millions to demolish the lake resorts why can't they pay millions to construct new basic infrastructure like launch ramps, power, water, sewer facilities?

Congressman Thompson's response to this crisis is printed on Page 2 of this

issue. His historical justification outlined in the first several paragraphs is contradicted by the facts, but follows the old saying, "History is always written by the winners."

See the Letter to the Editor by Bette Maron on Page 3 for a more accurate resident's view.

A Modest Proposal

The present situation at Lake Berryessa is reminiscent of the 1966 book title "Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me". It's true of the lake levels that are so low that every foot of rise is welcomed with a cheer! It is true of the last ten years of federal government floundering where even a minor positive step seems like a beam of sunlight to the beleaguered residents of Eastern Napa County. But based on the latest results, there is little practical hope for progress.

Cong. Thompson's response is to propose a minor change - turn over management of the lake to the Bureau of Reclamation. But that is just trading one federal bureaucracy for another with no guarantee of any real progress.

Cong. Thompson could, instead, introduce legislation transferring Lake Berryessa from the federal government to the jurisdiction of Napa County. There is sufficient precedent for this action. Other Bureau of Reclamation sites have been transferred to local jurisdictions in the past.

It illustrative to see how the present situation evolved.

In 1958 Lake Berryessa was not officially open to the public, barbed wire was, in fact, strung to impede public access. Despite that, on August 31, 1958 there were 800 boats on the lake, with no launch ramps, sanitary or user facilities.

Reclamation, the State of California, the National Park Service, nor any other government agency had anticipated recreational use at Lake Berryessa, and neither were any of them interested in the recreation development, or

management, of the newly created lake.

During the first two years that the lake was forming, the water and land areas began to receive heavy public use, despite limited access from old existing roads, and despite the lack of sanitary facilities and garbage disposal facilities.

Since the United States had provided no funds for public use facilities at the lake, a plan was formulated for private concessioners to provide public use facilities with their own private funds at no cost to Napa County or to the US.

Napa County assumed management of the reservoir area on condition that County funds would not be spent for development, at least initially.

In 1958 Reclamation and Napa County entered into a Management Agreement whereby Napa County would administer and develop federally-owned lands at the lake.

All development at the lake was managed by Napa County from 1958 through 1974. Reclamation has managed in place of Napa County from 1975 to the present.

Because of the county's limited resources, and because a large majority of the public recreation use was by non-county residents, Napa County chose to rely on concessioners to provide most of the recreation services and facilities.

The concessioners entered into contracts in 1958 giving them the right to a reasonable profit and requiring concessioners to develop facilities to accommodate the recreational needs of the public. Development planning occurred from 1958-1962 with construction beginning after that. Revenue from these concessions was used by the County to fund the recreation management functions.

In line with this policy, the County planned to retain concessioners to provide not only the required public services but practically all recreation facilities as well. But the financial realities finally led to allowing long-term mobile home sites to be leased to

Lake Berryessa Map - Page 5

private families. Without the year-around mobile home revenue, facilities for the general public would never have been developed.

Napa County may offer an effective management option. Lake Berryessa could become more significant in the Napa County tourist and recreation industry. Napa could have greater benefit directly from the concessions in funding the services that the County is required to provide.

The County could also conceivably sell some of the lakefront property for controlled sustainable development and benefit from the sales proceeds and additional property tax revenue.

There is also no reason that Napa County could not successfully manage "smart contracts" with major recreation companies to provide additional revenue. Lake Berryessa has missed this opportunity because of federal bureaucratic restrictions.

The County has the practical experience, the planning and environmental departments, and the law enforcement and safety services that clearly give Napa the advantage over the federal government in protecting the resources of this important part of the county.

As Save Lake Berryessa 2016 organizers have stated on their Facebook page, "California's third largest lake and the prime outdoor recreation destination in the Bay Area has been mostly shut down for eight years because the federal government can't figure out how to offer a realistic contract - A SMART CONTRACT! We Need To Tell Them To Do It Right. Invest In Infrastructure, Do It Fast, And Let Us Use Our Lake Again!"

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning." Albert Einstein

Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard with a sign saying: "Free to good home." The fridge sat there without anyone taking it. He decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal. So he changed the sign to read: "Fridge for sale - \$50." The next day someone stole it!

They walk among us! And they vote!

Glory Hole Ten Years Later



Congressman Mike Thompson **Responds to Lake Berryessa** **Failed Bid Results**

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6 Bug Out Bag Basics
Staying in Touch.
by Gary Howes
Guns and Gunsmiths Editor

Just about everyone has a cellphone these days, and the ability to stay in touch with friends and family wherever you are is usually taken for granted. There is no denying that they have also been responsible for saving many lives by allowing stranded or injured hikers, hunters and motorists to get in touch with someone when trouble arises and they need help.

However, despite claims to the contrary by the companies that provide mobile services, there are many large areas of the country where mobile phones don't receive a signal leaving you out of touch and having to fend for yourself.

If you like to go hunting or camping anywhere off the beaten path where phones don't work, or just want to be able to keep in touch in case your phone fails, has a flat battery, or if you travel overseas and don't want to pay those huge roaming charges, you need to have a device that doesn't depend on mobile phone technology.

That's where PLBs, or Personal Locator Beacons can come into play. These are derived from the EPIRBs (Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon) that are commonly found on most commercial and some private boats and have saved many at sea from disaster. Utilizing various satellite systems instead of cell towers, these can provide some form of communication just about anywhere on the planet as long as you have a clear view of the sky.

PLBs come in various flavors, and in the US usually fall into one of three types. The first is the pure emergency-location type such as ResQLink which serve one function only. In a crisis all it takes is a



push of a button to send an SOS to local Search and Rescue people with your position, utilizing the government-owned COSPAS/SARSAT system. The main advantage is cost—once you purchase the device there is no service plan needed to use it.

The next two devices are technically not PLBs, but instead are called SEND or Satellite Emergency Notification Devices. Both use privately owned satellite systems and require a monthly subscription. One popular model is SPOT which utilizes the Globalstar satellite network. It is a low power transmitter and coverage is not complete across the planet, but it is fairly inexpensive to buy (look for them on sites like Amazon.com to do a little comparison shopping) and requires a monthly subscription fee. The second popular brand is the Delorme InReach (inreachdelorme.com). Although a little more expensive than the SPOT products, it has more features, uses the Iridium world-wide satellite system, and has the ability to both send and receive short text messages and track your path as well as the usual SOS function. This 2-way communication ability not only lets you have a back-and-forth “conversation”, but in the case of a real emergency, allows the GEOS operator to let you know your message was received and to get further info from you regarding your problem. With the ResQLink and SPOT systems, you press the SOS button and hope that it went through.

The model I bought is the inReach SE. It doesn't have onscreen routing and waypoints like the more expensive Explorer model, but I didn't consider that essential for what I wanted. After I received the unit, I had it set up in less than 15 minutes with a subscription plan that allows me to change plans up or down as needed with no fee, as well as suspend the plan for any months that I don't intend to use it. The basic service I chose is less than \$15 per month—not too bad given the safety and peace of mind it brings.

Messages can be sent to a smartphone or email address. When setting up the inReach, I

was able to write 3 preset messages that can be sent to pre-determined recipients with just a couple of keystrokes such as ”Arrived safely. All is well.” as well as any number of common messages that can be sent by SMS or email to anyone. This can save a lot of typing time, a good thing given the somewhat clunky onscreen keyboard interface.

I recently tested the inReach during a trip away to Nevada to go shoot some auto machine guns and submachine guns with some friends, and was able to send a message to my better half telling her I was OK, and got a reply back from her within minutes. Of course the tracking info included with my message also let her know I was actually at the gun range and not losing my money at a casino, so use at your own risk!

The inReach also has an app for iPhones, iPads, and Android devices that can link the inReach to your phone or tablet via Bluetooth and turn it into a large screen mapping and messaging adjunct. Very nice!

Another good feature is the inclusion of a link to a map showing my location as a part of any message I send. You can also have the unit send regular tracking info that someone else can follow on their computer. It even can post your location to your favorite social media site, such as Facebook or Twitter.

I now know that I can head off into the woods and be assured that I can let my wife know I am OK (she thinks I'm getting old and feeble) or if anything bad did happen, help would soon be on the way. That sort of peace of mind is worth the money it costs and could potentially save my life one day.

Why California Reservoirs Dump Water in a Drought.

There's a rule in California that may seem bizarre in a drought-stricken state: in the winter, reservoirs aren't allowed to fill up completely. Even now, a handful of reservoirs are releasing water to maintain empty space.

The practice is due to a decades-old rule designed to protect public safety. If a major winter storm comes in, reservoirs need space to catch the runoff and prevent floods. But with advances in weather forecasting, some say this preemptive strategy is outdated. A new, “smart” flood control system could save water in years when Californians need it most.

At one of the state's major reservoirs

— Folsom Lake, east of Sacramento — the volume of water spilling from the dam has swollen eight-fold in the past few weeks, sending billions of gallons downstream, much of it into San Francisco Bay.

Early in February the reservoir reached a key threshold: 60 percent full, which is the highest water level allowed during the winter months, according to rules from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency. Last year, most of the reservoir was a dry, dusty lakebed. What reservoir was left was confined to the old river channels.

Just an average-size winter storm can send huge volumes of water down the American River into Folsom Reservoir, boosting the lake by 10 percent or more. A major storm can produce much more.

Sitting 40 percent empty allows the reservoir to act as a buffer against floods, gulping the runoff without overflowing. In years where the upstream reservoirs are fuller, Folsom Reservoir is required to remain 60 percent empty.

The rules that govern water in the West were created in the 19th century. An alternative 21st century approach would allow water managers to use cutting-edge weather forecasts to gauge how much flood space they need. Instead of emptying out a reservoir preemptively, managers would allow the reservoir to stay fuller, keeping an eye on the forecast.

If a big storm appears, they'd have three, four, five days lead time, enough to release that extra water and get it out of the way safely. If storms don't appear, the water would be saved for later in the year.

The question is whether weather forecasts are precise enough - not just as to when a storm is coming, but how big it is. The Corps plans to decide whether to manage Folsom Reservoir using weather forecasts next year.

Changing current flood rules for how much the reservoir can hold in the winter would require an act of Congress. But if it works at Folsom it would be a model for reservoirs across the Western U.S.

One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when someone shouted, "Look at that dead bird!" A guy looked up at the sky and said..."Where?"

They walk among us! And they vote!

Letters to the Editor

The Lake Berryessa News welcomes your letters concerning Lake Berryesssa issues. Please keep your letters to 500 words or less.

To the Editor,

I, for one, believe in a strong federal government. Except it is now evident when decisions are made a continent away in Washington, DC by bureaucrats with no realistic conception of local needs and conditions, time and money is wasted to no avail.


The Bureau of Reclamations plans for Lake Berryessa had beautiful expectations of creating newly built, well managed facilities to entice more people to enjoy what Lake Berryessa offered when the resort concession contracts would expire and new bids would be sought. They held meetings for those of us who lived in the area to offer our ideas. They assured us the transition would be easy and smooth.

That was 10 years ago. Here is what the Steele Park Resort offered when I moved to the Berryessa Highlands. The marina near the boat launch ramps had a café for quick orders along with an adjacent grocery. Down by the docks there was a bait shop. When fishermen got back with their catch they had a place with running water to clean their fish. In fact, the camp sites had easy access to water; moreover, the campers had real rest rooms with included showers.

There were covered docks which could be rented so that boats could be kept in the water for the season, besides garages where other boats could be stored. Boats could also be rented for the day. And there even was a ski school.

A restaurant and bar overlooked the main body of the lake. People who lived in the park as well as those in the nearby neighborhood would frequent both eateries. The atmosphere at the main

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restaurant would remind one of what they saw in that old sitcom “Cheers.”

Among other amenities a popular ice cream parlor opened in the summers. This was a place both campers and those who lived in the neighborhood enjoyed.

That was 10 years ago, before everything was razed to the ground.

The BOR could've chosen to keep what was good and improve what needed improvement. However, the BOR didn't see the whole picture. Although extensive camping and day use access was already available, mobile home sites immediately adjacent to the lake could've been eliminated. There was plenty of remaining area a bit farther inland.

It was these mobile home owners who did odd jobs around the resort, helping to keep it clean and free of rubbish left by campers. More significantly, it was the rent they paid for the land they occupied that made the whole enterprise viable. They still brought money into the park when campers didn't show during the winter off season. They also spent their money in the park.

Ten years on from the plan published by the BOR here is what we now have:

Plenty of camp sites, but with no electrical hookups anywhere, and no convenient access to water. Instead of nice restrooms, they have portable outhouses. There isn't even any water to service the out of service fire hydrants, even though each camp site does have a fire pit. There are no amenities other than that fire pit and a picnic table by each site. There is a pre-existing launch ramp that had not been demolished as the BOR had done at the other resorts.

We have recently been informed that only three of the five resorts needing new concessionaires received bids, but none of the bids met BOR demands. We have no idea if those lacks were critical or just cosmetic. Apparently, they aren't allowed to make that public.

A neighbor asked me what I thought the BOR should try to include in any new contracts. Well... campers could use decent restrooms and convenient access to potable water. A snack bar would be nice, and

an ice cream parlor wonderful. Perhaps they could allow boat docks to be installed for those who'd like to keep their boats ready to use conveniently.

It would be a start that could be built upon. It would allow more possible concessionaires to be in a position to be able to bid for the BOR contracts. The potential bidders could suggest their own ideas for improvements which the BOR could take in consideration when awarding the final contract.

The dream that the BOR originally had never was realistic. Ten years on from that "seamless transition" they promised, nothing has been achieved except the ruining of the lake economy , the loss of local businesses and jobs for local residents, and even the well-being of any potential business a little down the road, because no one comes to support them when nothing is being offered in the resort parks.

I urge whoever might have the power to make the decisions that affect the future of Lake Berryessa not to give credence to those that insist the federal government is incapable of credible action. You might even consider investing BOR funds to rebuild some of the infrastructure you insisted be demolished and which led to 10 years of economic collapse around the lake.

Bette Maron, Lake Berryessa

Make The Old Capell Valley School Property A Community Park

Dear RPOSD Board members,

As president of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, I urge the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to make the old Capell Valley School property a regional community park. The property served as a local school for many years, but also as a

community playground, garden, and site for community sports teams and events. Hundreds of Napa County residents live within easy reach of the site. The property has excellent infrastructure to continue to serve the community as a regional park - infrastructure that would have little value for use as a private residential development. Although we wish that the RPOSD would manage the facility, a non-profit support group already exists which could assist.

As part of unincorporated Napa County, this site falls within your jurisdiction and objectives. This project would show local residents that they have some representation and support at the County level.

Let me point out that the RPOSD has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on other properties that have much less access for average Napa County residents, such as Moore Creek Park and the land-locked Berryessa Vista “park” accessible only by boat or kayak. Although Berryessa Vista is only a few miles from the Capell Valley School site, it remains essentially unused many years after its purchase.

The Capell Valley Community Park would be a real park for real people.
Respectfully, Peter Kilkus

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Lake Level Status as of 3/15/16

The lake level rose .68 feet (8.2 inches) yesterday to 408.95 feet - 31.05 feet below Glory Hole - about 3.1 feet to go to get to last year's "high" point of 412.07 feet.
Rainfall was 0 inches yesterday keeping the total season's rainfall to 22.07 inches.

The lake’s capacity is now at 1,012,996 acre feet or 63.3% of total.

Lake level has increased 7.48 feet since 3/4/16 and rainfall has been 7.69 inches since 3/4/16.

Due to saturation and rapid runoff, the average rise in lake level for this 11 day period of storms has been 11.7 inches level rise per inch of rain.

Lake Berryessa Information Resources

Bureau of Reclamation Information Page:
www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/index.html



BOR Lake Berryessa Visitor Information:
www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/visitor-info.html



BOR Lake Berryessa Recreation Opportunities:
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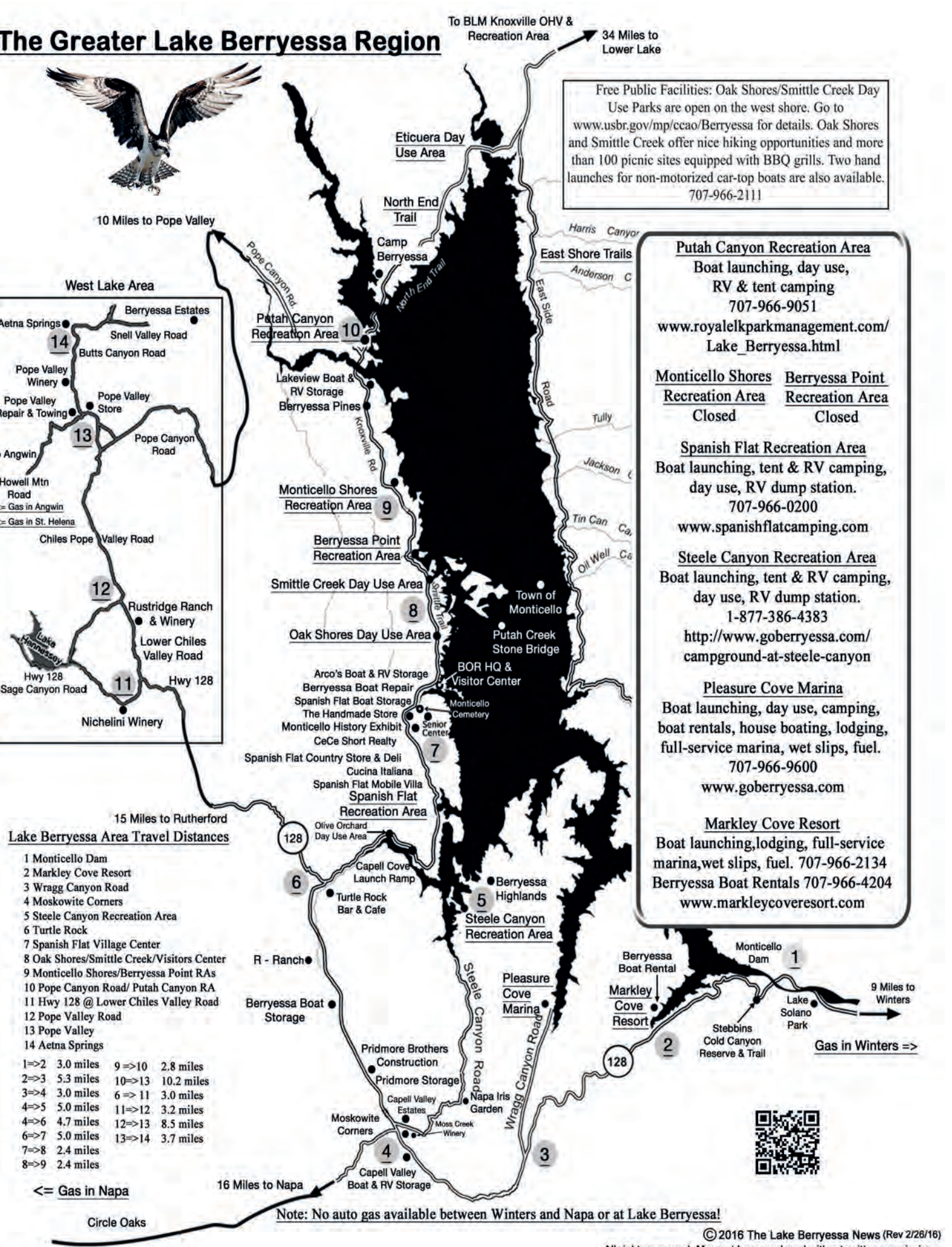
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April 1 News Briefs from Fruit of the Loom

Skype Device Passes Odors Over the Internet

Internet telephony giant Skype has devised a way to pass odors over the Internet. With the new Skype Fragrance API, vendors such as perfume-makers will be able to pass their scents from one user to the next. Ebay is delighted with this latest development, too as many users will be able to "try before you buy" when it comes to all sorts of products where fragrance is important. Of course, this also leaves open a huge area for misuse as well, such as teenage boys passing around their farts to their friends.

Toyota Prius Non-Hybrid Announced

Toyota has announced a non-hybrid version of its popular and eco-friendly Prius automobile. Toyota has sold over 1 million Prius vehicles to people who want better gas mileage and are concerned about the environment. Instead of a gas-sipping engine and hybrid electric drive train, the non-Prius will have a Camry 268 hp V6 engine that roars down the roadway faster than a speeding Focus. Toyota decided that Treehuggers have had it too good for too long and wanted to introduce a car with power that only has the appearance of a green car.

Expect Toyota also to come out with a non plug-in hybrid Prius as well that only has the appearance of a 100 mpg car while only getting about 28 mpg highway, yet it will also have a power cord that goes to nothing that one can attached in the comfort of one's own garage.


Genetically Modified Fruit Grown with UPC Code

In this strange but true story, scientists have finally been able to genetically alter fruit to the point where it is grown with the proper UPC code attached. This saves many steps from the time Mr. Tally Man tallies a banana to the time it arrives in the grocery store. The UPC code is grown right into the skin of the fruit. So far the botanists at the University of Lake Berryessa on Big Island have been able to modify bananas, apples, pears and oranges. The fruit even defy degradation as they age as the UPC codes remain readable. The fruit industry as we know it is about to have a revolution!

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Who saw the menace? mice were just so cute riding with sharpened lance to challenge cats when first they forged a mouse-made armor suit and rode with painted banners on armored rats. When mice discovered guns we worried more soon rodent Einsteins found the atom bomb and rodent armies learned the arts of war to start upon their human-race pogroms Mouse armies swarm, an angry furry tide we thought ourselves, once, nature's best and last from hordes of mice, there's just no place to hide now we flee creatures small and smart and fast.

So here's the lesson: we may be on top but evolution doesn't stop.

Geoffrey A. Landis







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April 1, 2016 - Special (Can You Believe It!) Holiday Edition

Floating Indian Casino on Lake Berryessa (Again)! - Special Development

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By Peter Kilkus

On April 1, 2010 the Lake Berryessa News announced that a consortium of Native American tribes had forced the Bureau of Reclamation to allow them to build a floating casino on the surface waters of Lake Berryessa. Although the project was delayed at that time, the recent failure of the Bureau of Reclamation to achieve any progress since 2010 nor receive any successful bids in 2016 has brought the project back under consideration.

Native American organizers and their supporters plan to reveal the next stage in this development on April 1, 2016 - six years after the initial proposal was released. Native American attorney, Hadge Uefuuld, said that next year fulfills the "7th generation" principle for the floating casino project.

The Native American principle says that in every decision, be it personal, governmental or corporate, we must consider how it will affect our descendents seven generations into the future. Because of the speed of modern life and the impact of social media on decision-making, Native Americans are now substituting the word "year" for "generation". Thus 2017, seven years later, will be the spiritual target for the casino's completion.

In a stealth legal action with profound long-term consequences, attorney Hadge Uefuuld, said that Reclamation opened the door to this action during the 2010 concession bid process by formally defining the "land surface" as categorically different from the "water surface" under federal government control.

For example, Reclamation made the following written public statements, "Privately owned houseboats will be allowed at Lake Berryessa since they do not occupy shoreline space...", and "houseboat rentals and docking, has been deemed to be a "preferred service" at Lake Berryessa, and is the only service which

is able to engage in "exclusive use" at the lake without penalty."

During the Lake Berryessa Visitors Services Plan development, Reclamation redefined long-term use of public facilities by U.S. citizens as "exclusive use." Per the federal government, "exclusive use is any use that excludes other appropriate public recreation use or users for extended periods of time. Exclusive use as defined by Reclamation includes, but is not limited to, boat docks, cabins, trailers, manufactured or mobile homes, structures, roads, or other amenities that are determined by Reclamation to be exclusive use."

"Despite the self-serving last part of that definition," attorney Uefuuld countered, "no mention was made in the definition, and they could have, of any prohibition against houseboats. The reasonable private use of public assets is a long-standing American principle, although usually just applied to private corporations."

The recent Supreme Court ruling, Citizens United, that corporations are people with the rights of individual human American citizens has added significant weight to the Native American tribes' arguments. "Now that the Supreme Court has ruled that private corporations can legally be considered private citizens with all the rights that entails, it follows that citizens can now be considered corporations with all the rights and benefits that entails."

The five-justice majority reached the outcome it sought — an outcome that greatly expands the legal rights and political power of corporations — by trying to redefine basic reality. Since Native Americans have historically had their basic reality redefined by the federal government with disastrous consequences, they were quick to take advantage of this ruling.

The legal settlement with Reclamation which allows the construction of a floating casino on


Lake Berryessa includes some concessions (no pun intended) regarding its ownership and construction. The floating casino itself will not be a single structure — it will consist of approximately fifty individual, but linked, private houseboats each owned by a separate tribe. This averts any legal issues limiting the size of the casino.

Several private houseboat owners at Markley Coved have filed to become corporations under the Supreme Court ruling to rent their houseboats to themselves and provide support services to the casino while accruing the incredible financial and tax advantages previously only available to corporations.

Lake Berryessa is already an official FAA seaplane base (FAA Identifier: E20) allowing guaranteed access to the casino for high-rollers. Sources tell the Lake Berryessa News that the success of Icon Aircraft of Vacaville in marketing their sporty new seaplane (a jet ski of the skies) which have been buzzing around Lake Berryessa for the last few years, has given Icon the incentive to invest in the new casino. Seaplane ferry service is already being developed from regional airports such as Sacramento, Santa Rosa, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and Las Vegas itself.

Local businesses and residents are delighted with the prospect of this potentially very positive impact on the Lake Berryessa economy, especially if Napa County itself takes over ownership and management of the lake as many recommend. All development at the lake was managed by Napa County from 1958 through 1974. It was under Napa's guidance that the resorts were developed, mobile home units were leased to provide ongoing revenue to support the day use facilities, and the lake became a profitable, top recreational destination for the whole Bay Area and beyond. This could be the new future legacy for the Native

Lake Berryessa Map - Page 5



American community since they were the original residents of the Berryessa Valley. Full circle, anyone?

Exotic Chinese, Mexican, Italian Fusion Menu Comes to Cucina Italiana on April 1.

Chef Stefano Gusberti, in honor of his anagrammatic mentor, world renowned Chef Rilo Palof, unleashes his adventurous dark side with an "only in Napa" imaginative blending of flavors. According to Chef Stefano, there is an intese gustatory synergy among basil, lemon grass, mole, jalapeno, and Chinese five spices that deserves to be honored more widely.

He presents several new dishes such as: Sweet and Sour Ravioli, Nachos "al dente", Gnocchi Mole Pesto Poblano, Fettucine Semi-Alfredo with Jalapenos in Oyster Sauce, and for dessert, Chinese Five Spice Gelato with Churros. Try them out on Friday, April 1, and laugh along with us.

Editor's Disclaimer: All stories in this issue have been checked to the best of our ability on the Internet, the standard for truth!

2 **Exciting New Game Fishing Opportunity at Lake Berryessa**
Genetic engineers at the University of Lake Berryessa have teamed up with scientists from the California Department of Fish and Game to create a new class of sport fishing at the lake. Although anglers love the trout, bass, kokanee, catfish, and crappie fishing at Lake Berryessa, new biological research will bring the excitement of deep sea ocean fishing to large freshwater lakes.

Genetically-modified saltwater ocean species such as Marlin and Dorado have been developed which can thrive in fresh water environments. The only difference is that the selected test species have been tailored to their more limited environments by controlling size.

Blue marlin are possibly the most sought-after marlin species. Beautiful in form, capable of spectacular fighting ability and having the potential to reach great sizes, blue marlin have inspired and continue to inspire the dedicated pursuit of thousands of skippers, crews and anglers.



Adult male Marlin in the open ocean may grow to 300 pounds and 20 feet in length. The new freshwater Lake Berryessa Marlin have been genetically-limited to grow to no more than 30 pounds and 5 feet in length – with no loss in their fighting vigor and delicate flavor.

The first stocking of this exciting new game fish is scheduled on April 1, 2016. However, there have been several secret tests of the adaptability of a limited number of the new marlin recently. The Lake Berryessa News was able to capture confidential photos of some of the tests.



Canada Wants To Buy Lake Berryessa
The Chamber of Commerce of Lake Berryessa announced that the Canadian Tourism Board had expressed interest in buying the Lake Berreyssa region and moving it north of the US/Canada border. The Canadian Tourism Board expressed dismay that Napa County had never shown much interest in developing the lake for its full tourism and revenue potential.
Other buyers said to be interested in the Lake Berryessa region were Kansas, Oklahoma, Uzbekistan and a private party who wanted to move Lake Berryessa to the South Pacific.

Squeeze Bacon
Online retailer thinkgeek.com unveiled Squeeze Bacon, 100% bacon paste that could be squeezed from a tube. It described it as "the world's most perfect food."
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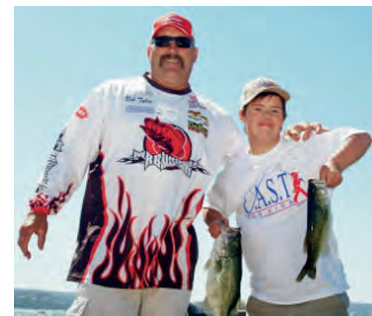
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C.A.S.T. for Kids at Lake Berryessa
The Bureau of Reclamation, in partnership with the C.A.S.T. (Catch a Special Thrill) for Kids Foundation, will host a C.A.S.T. for Kids fishing event at Lake Berryessa on Saturday, May 14.
The C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation is a national, non-profit organization whose goal is "to provide disabled or disadvantaged children with the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience through the sport of fishing" (<http://www.castforkids.org/>).

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake Berryessa's Oak Shores Day Use Area. Each child will receive a fishing pole, tackle box, T-shirt, and other prizes and spend the morning fishing with local anglers and volunteers. A free barbeque lunch will be served to participants, parents and volunteers in the afternoon.

Pre-registration is required for this event as availability is currently limited to 40 children. Reclamation is seeking boaters and anglers who wish to volunteer their time and the use of their boat, as well as volunteers for shoreline support. For more information, please contact Park Ranger Victoria Payan at 707-966-2111, ext. 113, or vpayan@usbr.gov.



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April Horoscopes
Aries (3/21-4/19): A prizewinning horse should have a thick coat, strong hindquarters, and an elegant gait. Also, it probably shouldn't talk, suddenly split in two, and run off in opposing directions.
Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): It's not enough to just sit there and cry about your problems all night long. Try also kicking your legs a bit to see if that helps.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): The stars foresee a huge promotion at work this week. Get ready to move up to Senior Person Whom Nobody Takes Seriously or Respects.
Cancer (6/22-7/22): You will soon make a comfortable living exploiting other people's deep-seated anxieties and crippling fears.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You have failed in your life's goal, but don't feel too bad: Of all the people who dream of working at a fast food restaurant, only 98 percent actually make it.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): The events of next week will closely mirror all the other events in your life up to that point.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Do not believe those who tell you they can see your future. They are merely preying upon your ignorant, fearful, superstitious nature.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Try as they might, the stars can't see the point in telling you about next week. You'll just do whatever you damn well please, anyway.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Will you finally get that big job promotion? Is a whirlwind romance in the cards for you? Tune in to Sagittarius next week for all the answers and more!

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Despite their best efforts, rescue workers will fail to pull you out from beneath hundreds of pounds of stored fat this week.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): If you pledge to Aquarius at the \$50 membership level, not only will you be supporting quality predictions in the future, but you'll also receive this handsome Cancer tote bag.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You've never really thought of yourself as a cat-person, but the splicing, trans-binding, and DNA re-sequencing will soon change all of that.

Reclamation Announces Spring 2016 Events and Park Ranger Interpretive Programs at Lake Berryessa
All activities will be held rain or shine and are free of charge. Some programs have group size limitations, so please contact the Park Ranger Office regarding availability. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather and bring water and sunscreen. Children are welcome, but those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Dufer Point Visitor Center: April 1 through September 11
Weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Weekdays Noon-3 p.m.

Park Rangers are available to answer questions about natural resources, recreational opportunities, wildlife and the area's history. Brochures, maps, trail guides and other educational information are available free of charge. Contact the Park Rangers at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 for information about park events, hikes, kayak tours and educational programs.

Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam!
Saturdays (Starting April 23) 12-3 p.m., Monticello Dam Overlook Parking (Highway 128, 9 miles west of Winters)

Ever wonder why Lake Berryessa was created? How much water it holds? What was there before the reservoir? Where the water goes? Get answers to these questions and more when you meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam every Saturday throughout the summer. Stop by any time between 12 and 3 p.m. to learn fun facts about this essential water resource. Please contact a Park Ranger at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 with questions.

Paddle with a Park Ranger: Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Oak Shores Day Use Area

Experience the beauty of Lake Berryessa from a unique perspective during a 2-3 hour, Park Ranger-led paddle tour. Watch for bald eagles, ospreys, otters and other wildlife as the Ranger introduces you to the natural and human history of the reservoir. These outings are open to experienced swimmers with a kayak or canoe. Coast Guard-approved life jackets will be available. Participants should bring their kayak, life jackets, paddles, sunscreen, hat, water and food. Pre-registration is required. Kayaks may be available for participants on a first-reserved, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Ranger Victoria Payan at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 or vpayan@usbr.gov.

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6 **Purple Heart Veteran's Fishing Event**
On Saturday, April 23, 2016 Markey's Cove will be hosting their Fourth Purple Heart Veteran's Fishing Event. As I am sure you know, Purple Heart recipients are military veterans who were wounded while serving our country. The Military Order of the Purple Heart Foundation provides emotional, physical, educational and financial support for wounded and disabled veterans, to help improve their lives. Programs include suicide prevention, support for veterans with brain injuries and counseling for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), as well as scholarships, family assistance and claims assistance. These men and women put their lives on the line in order to protect the freedoms we enjoy every day. They deserve a very big thank you for their sacrifices.

Markley Cove Resort and the Military Order of Purple Heart Organization work together to sponsor this special day that is open to ALL veterans who have served our country. Each year the event has grown. It gives each of us the opportunity to spend time with our veterans and to say "thank you" for their sacrifices.

We thank all of you who volunteered to help in the past and once again, we are asking for your help. The Purple Heart Order is currently contacting veterans who would like to take part in this year's event. There will be free launching to those of you who want to be involved in taking a veteran fishing.

The fishing will run from approximately 8:00 am to noon. Following the return from fishing, Markley Cove will offer lunch to all the participants, both the volunteers and the veterans. We will also have music and door prizes to add to the fun.

Please consider becoming involved in this event, if you are willing to donate your time and/or your boat, please e-mail or call us at the number listed above. If you are not able to participate on that day, please consider a monetary donation to help pay for food, prizes, and entertainment. Whatever you can do will be gratefully accepted. These men and women deserve so much more, but at least we can take this opportunity to give back one day of our time to show we care. Call or e-mail Markley Cove now so you too can experience this truly awesome event. Robbie Rubio, (707) 966-2134, robbie@markleycoveresort.com

Lake Berryessa makes bid to host Running of the Bulls

Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce spokeswoman, April Fulton, announced they were making a bid to host the Running of the Bulls. The Chamber believes that for too long the people of Pamplona have monopolized this event.

"We are determined to grab the bull by the horns and snare this important event for Lake Berryessa," she said. The Chamber will partner with EnviroSports or HITS which put on several Lake Berryessa triathlons that originate at Oak Shores Park and continue on Knoxville Road.

The bull run could possibly become the opening event at the next triathlon.

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A Lake Berryessa News Contribution to a Bizarre Election Cycle
April Fool's Day Becomes April Fool's Year!
St. Stupid's Day and the Dumbing Down of America

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

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

Although April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many. This issue of the Lake Berryessa News includes several stories which only you can decide if true.

Critical Thinking is the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to belief and action.

All reasoning has a purpose.

- Take time to state your purpose clearly.
- Distinguish your purpose from related purposes.
- Check periodically to be sure you are still on target.

All reasoning is an attempt to figure something out, to solve some problem.

- Take time to clearly and precisely state the question at issue.
- Express the question in several ways to clarify its meaning and scope.
- Break the question into sub questions.
- Identify if the question has one right answer or is a matter of opinion.

All reasoning is based on assumptions.

- Clearly identify your assumptions and determine whether they are justifiable.
- Consider how your assumptions are shaping your point of view.

All reasoning is done from some point of view.

- Identify your point of view.
- Seek other points of view and identify their strengths as well as weaknesses.
- Strive to be fair-minded in evaluating all points of view.

All reasoning is based on data, information, and evidence.

- Restrict your claims to those supported by the data you have.
- Consider information that opposes your position as well as what supports it.
- Make sure that all information used is clear, accurate, and relevant.
- Make sure you have gathered sufficient information.

All reasoning is expressed through, and shaped by, concepts and ideas.

- Identify key concepts and explain them clearly.
- Consider alternative concepts or alternative definitions to concepts.
- Make sure you are using concepts with care and precision.

All reasoning contains inferences by which we draw conclusions.

- Infer only what the evidence implies.
- Check inferences for their consistency with each other.
- Identify assumptions that lead you to your inferences.

All reasoning leads somewhere, has implications and consequences.

- Trace the implications and consequences that follow from your reasoning.
- Search for negative as well as positive implications.
- Consider all possible consequences.

Corporate Tattoos in Kids' Future?

The Pepsi-Cola Company, in search of more innovative ways to reach out to young consumers, is offering teenagers an intriguing deal. The company is asking teenagers to tattoo themselves with its corporate logo. The company will pay for the tattoos. In return for permanently branding themselves, the teenagers will receive a lifetime 15% discount on the company's products.

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The Following Notice was scheduled for release on the Internet on April 1, 2014! (And remember that everything you read on the Internet must be true!) However, due to the traditional complications affecting anything managed by the Bureau of Reclamation, the actual announcement was delayed two years.

Bureau of Reclamation Releases Final Plans to Raise Monticello Dam (but Sierra Club Protests)

BOR officials announced that, after decades of rumors, Monticello Dam will finally be raised 10 feet as part of their redevelopment plan for Lake Berryessa. Napa County signed away most of its original water rights to the lake and now Solano County is being pressured by Budweiser to supply more water to its brewery.

To protect sensitive wildlife habitat, the BOR will build a 15 foot tall dike around the shoreline. The Sierra Club, which originally agreed to help fund a 165 mile trail around the lake, agrees that if the dike is built it should become the "trail around the lake": a win-win multi-use solution.

Per Congressman Mike Thompson, since it will be funded at taxpayer expense as a multi-use trail, the dike will be wide enough for hikers, bikers, horses, motorcycles and ATV's to share. Special launch ramps will be built at the resorts for high water access.

However, the Sierra Club also proposed an alternative plan to drain the lake completely and rebuild the Town of Monticello as affordable housing for Napa County. The Sierra Club believes this would be the simplest solution to eliminating the legal problems surrounding the BOR's fiasco with the present resort contracts – just get rid of the lake and create a mega-trail amusement park.

The Bureau of Reclamation wishes to make everyone aware that their alleged "destruction of Lake Berryessa" was nothing of the sort. Despite protests by the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and local businesses and residents, Reclamation claims that their elimination of resorts and launch ramps was only a clever way to limit lake usage so that they can proceed with building the dike without interference from those pesky visitors.

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Chris Malan



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I have spent over 30 years as a mental health professional for the County of Napa, helping others put their lives back together after much suffering. For the past 11 years, I have worked solely with Napa County's homeless population. For two decades I have developed a network of environmental efforts and projects to conserve our natural systems that sustain us, such as watersheds, forests, and wildlife.

In 1996, I managed a successful campaign against an initiative (Measure W and X) that would have resulted in a large housing development in the agricultural watershed. In 1998, I co-coordinated a successful citizen-led ballot initiative for flood management and Napa River restoration (Measure A). Two years later, as an Executive Member of the Napa Sierra Club, I led successful litigation, requiring the County to fully comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to protect the environment when approving new vineyards.

If elected, I would address poverty in Napa County, by working to raise the minimum wage to a livable wage and increase the amount of low-income and affordable housing. Additionally, I would focus on growth that is sustainable and meets the needs of the community as a whole, and environmental issues that affect our quality of life, such as availability of water and water quality, preservation of and access to open spaces, forest protection, and traffic congestion.

County compliance with local and state laws, fiscal responsibility, and increasing community access to Board of Supervisor meetings and information would also be top priorities.

Lastly, if elected, I pledge to donate 25% of my Supervisor salary to local non-profit organizations that are working to address issues related to poverty, and environmental education and protection. In sum, I am seeking the position of Napa County Supervisor BECAUSE PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT MATTER.

Alfredo Pedroza



www.apedroza.com

It has been an honor to serve you on the Napa County Board of Supervisors. During my first year on the job as your Supervisor, I've greatly enjoyed serving our community by bringing a common-sense approach to the issues facing our community, including a focus on balancing growth with agricultural and open space protections, making affordable housing a reality, and addressing road repairs and traffic issues.

To ensure we achieve our goals, we need comprehensive planning with all our industries and City partners. As a former Council member in the City of Napa and now as a County Supervisor, I have the relationships, leadership, and energy to bring solutions forward.

Alfredo Pedroza is a lifelong Napa resident and was appointed to the Board of Supervisors by Governor Jerry Brown on December 29, 2014. Alfredo was elected to the Napa City Council in 2012, becoming Napa's youngest and first Latino Council member ever elected.

The Pedroza family made Napa Valley their home in the early 1970's with the goal of chasing the American Dream. Alfredo Sr. was a farmworker for over 33 years and along with Martha, instilled the values of hard work, integrity, and the value of a dollar in Alfredo.

Professionally, Alfredo has worked in the financial services industry for more than 10 years, having careers with credit unions and community banks. Alfredo's many years of experience in the financial services industry have helped countless local families and businesses improve their finances and thoughtfully manage and sustain growth.

Alfredo is active with service clubs and nonprofit organizations. His passion for public and community service stems from his commitment to working to create a Napa County where his children and future generations of Napa citizens will live, seek jobs, start businesses, and raise their families.

Diane Shepp



www.shepp4supervisor.com

In the past decade we have witnessed a dramatic change in the Napa Valley. As a professional, I have lead our community in the nonprofit, social welfare and educational sectors. I served on the Grand Jury. I get the job done. I have been listening to what neighborhood groups and local citizens are saying.

- The trucking of Napa City water to support hillside vineyards while city residents are asked to let their lawns go brown is not an equitable solution.

- Near grid-lock traffic worsens everyday (not good for residents, local businesses, the wine industry or visitors).

- Can the working middle class, the backbone of our county afford to live here?

I believe it is the job of government to protect the health, welfare and safety of its citizens. As your County Supervisor I will give you a voice for your concerns.

- I believe in keeping it local...keeping jobs in Napa. I will promote a living wage, affordable-proximity housing for local workers [teachers, hospitality and wine industry employees among others], so they may call Napa their home too.

- I will work to protect our agricultural-based economy, our watersheds, open space and sustainable resources.

- I will promote needed investment in infrastructure, road repair, waste water systems, water quality, and a livable wage.

As a rural resident of the Soda Canyon area, Diane understands the needs of people living in the unincorporated areas of Napa County. She will stand up for all residents, including rural residents, not the special interests, and will push to protect family farms and open spaces, and promote smart investments in better roads, parks, transit, and the services that keep our community a wonderful place to live.

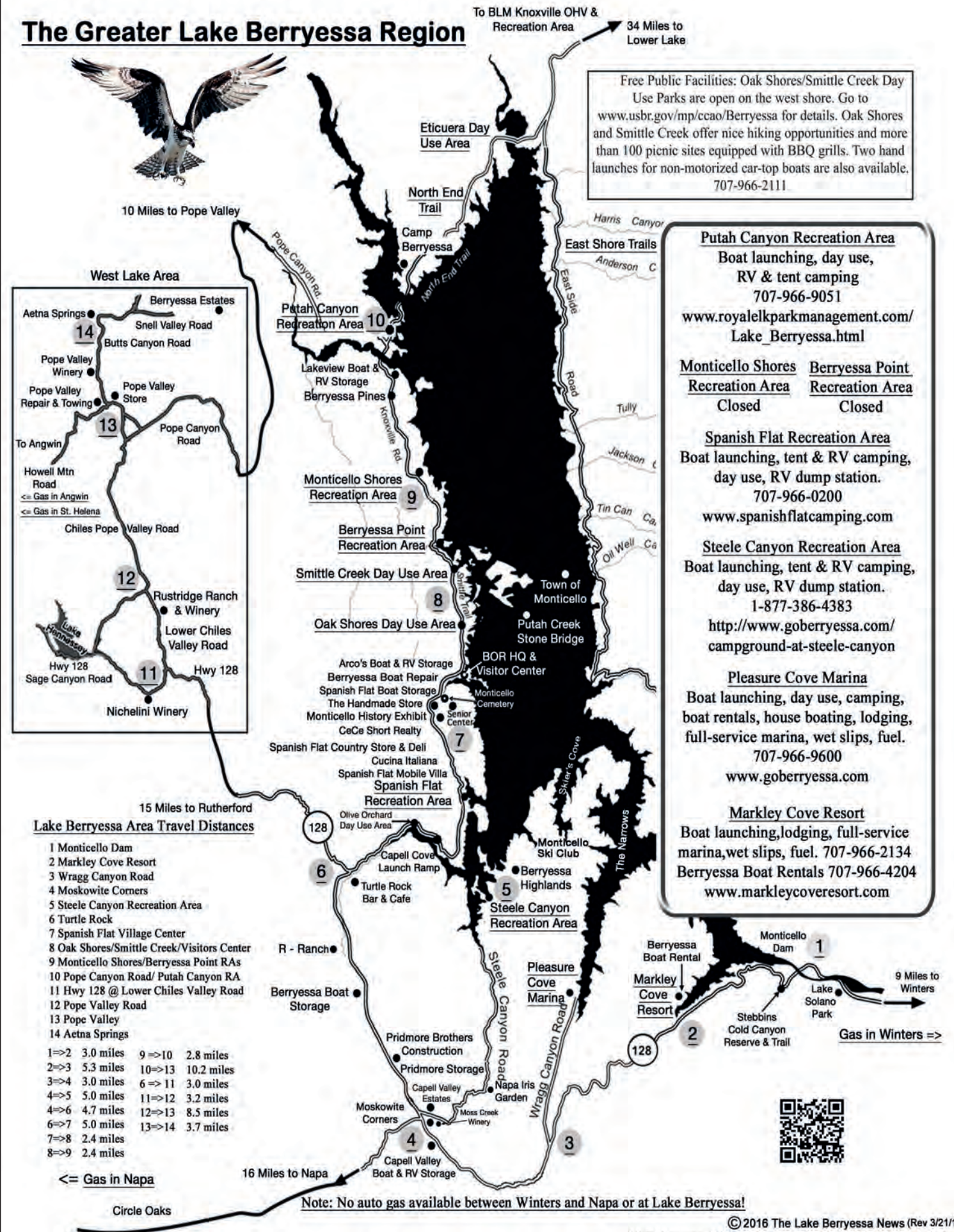
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One of the first questions asked by folks we are talk to is: "What are the boundaries of District 4?" Good question since Lake Berryessa used to be in District 3. After the last redistricting, the lake community is now split between District 3 (north) and District 4 (south).

Diane Shepp's web site answered this question by posting maps that delineate the boundaries of District 4. The first map is District 4 outlined in yellow. (This will be a bit difficult to see in black and white.) The second map focuses in on the urban area of Napa that is included in District 4.



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April 15, 2016

How It All Began, The Origins of the “Big Lie” About Lake Berryessa

Poor planning by the Federal Government began on Day 1 of Lake Berryessa's life. It morphed into an ongoing struggle to economically develop the lake's recreation facilities with no source of revenue offered by any Government agency.

Only Napa County stepped up to the challenge and developed the basically successful system of seven resorts operated by concessionaires, using revenue from leased mobile homes, to pay for the day uses services provided to the general recreating public.

Lake Berryessa was formed in 1957 by the completion of the Monticello Dam. The project, as authorized by the Congress, contained no provisions for recreational facilities. The Bureau of Reclamation believed that, because of the anticipated radical fluctuation of the water level, the lake would not become a major recreational area. While the lake was being formed, however, the public began to use it, and it soon was apparent that it would be a major water recreation area.

Because facilities were not available to accommodate the public and because Reclamation lacked both authorization and funds to develop and manage such facilities, the BOR sought to have the State of California or local government agencies assume the responsibility of managing public recreational facilities at the lake. The State expressed no interest and, in November 1957, advised Reclamation that it had no funds available for such development.

In July 1958 the BOR entered into a management agreement with Napa County for the administration and development of recreation facilities at the lake. This agreement, as rewritten in 1962, provided that the county, and all parties acting under the county's authority, would develop the area in accordance with a Public Use Plan for Lake Berryessa.

The Public Use Plan was prepared for the Bureau by the National Park Service in 1959. The plan stipulated the areas that should be developed and the number of boat launching, picnicking, camping, and other recreational facilities that should be provided in each area.

Napa County adopted the policy that the recreational facilities would be developed and managed by private concessionaires, at no cost to county taxpayers, because users of the lake included many nonresidents of the county.

The county established the Lake Berryessa Park Commission to administer and manage the lands around the lake. The county loaned funds to the commission to construct a park headquarters but made no commitment of funds toward the development of recreational facilities.

The Big Lie

"The Lake Berryessa resorts, especially the mobile homes in the resorts, discouraged the general public from accessing the lake, prevented the public from using the best parts of the shoreline, and also also polluted the lake."

Subsequently Napa County entered into contracts with seven concessionaires to develop and operate recreational facilities at various locations at the lake. Each concessionaire contract provided for scheduled completion dates for public recreational development and provided that all facilities be completed by the end of calendar year 1966.

These development costs were to be recovered by charging the general public admission fees. In addition, the contracts with the seven concessionaires provided for the county to receive 3 percent of the concessionaires' gross proceeds as a franchise fee. These funds were to be used by the county to finance the Lake Berryessa Park Commission. Any excess funds were to be used for public-use

development at the lake.

The Public Use Plan provided for one of the areas at the lake commonly known as Bum's Beach, to be developed into a major public-use area by Napa County. It was to contain up to 50 boat launching ramps, 4,000 picnic sites, 600 camping sites, and swimming areas.

Bums' Beach (now Oak Shores) was the only area at the lake available to the general public on a no-charge basis and was Napa County's contribution toward public recreational facilities.

A major difference existed in the development at Lake Berryessa compared to development at the other lakes in the region at the time. The development and construction of picnicking and overnight camping facilities at the other lakes had been carried out by the managing Federal or State agency. Upon completion many of these facilities were turned over to private concessionaires for operation and management.

At Lake Berryessa all development, construction, and management had been left to concessionaires who had to finance the costs of these activities.

The major development effort at all seven concessionaire areas was the addition of mobile homes. Napa County officials at the time confirmed the reasons why they considered that the inclusion of long-term, mobile-homes was necessary.

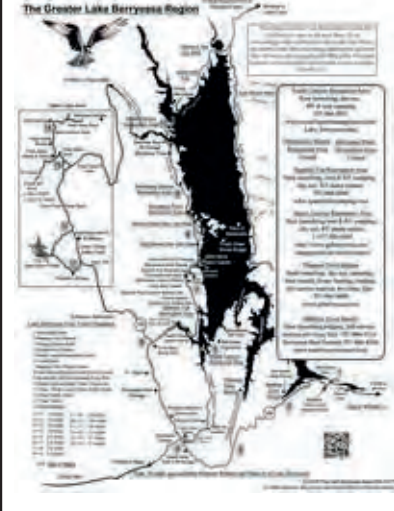
The revenue from the long-term leases of the mobile-homes provided the concessionaires with steady year-round incomes which could not be realized from seasonal picnicking and overnight camping facilities. They stated that public-use facilities, such as picnic and camp sites, did not provide an adequate return on investment and that the concessionaires had developed the mobile-home parks to help cover the costs of developing and operating seasonal type, public-use facilities.

(To be continued.)



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Meet the Candidates for District 4 Supervisor

Please plan to attend the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Candidates Night and meet the three people running for Napa County District 4 Supervisor. Come early for refreshments and bring your questions.

Monday, April 18, 6:30 - 8:00 PM,
Capell Valley Fire Station, 1193
Capell Valley Road.

For those of you who wonder what the supervisors actually do check out this web site: <http://www.countyofnapa.org/Pages/DepartmentContent.aspx?id=4294970477>

Two blondes walk into a tanning salon. The receptionist asks, "Are you two sisters?" They chuckle and reply, "No we aren't even Catholic."

A highway patrolman stopped a lady and asked her first name. "Frida" she replied. He asked her last name. "Gomam" she answered. The patrolman repeated her name "Frida Goman" and the woman drove off.

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Thoughts On Driving Lake Berryessa Roads From Some Folks Who Do It A Lot

For some people, what I have to write is a no-brainer. For others, it seems like a serious, gut-wrenching internal struggle that signifies defeat.

Pull over when someone wants to pass!

I understand, seeing someone pacing you in the rear view mirror can bring up frustrating feelings. You know what else can? Someone doing 30 in a 45 zone for five miles, thinking they own the road and can set the speed standard for everyone around them.

Well, the guy behind me is being an aggressive jerk, you say. I say, the person who's holding up traffic and not pulling over is being a passive-aggressive jerk. It's an old standard for driving on two-lane highways. That's one of the reasons all those turnouts are there to begin with.

If you want to drive conservatively, that's fine. Just remember that you don't own the road any more than the guy that wants to pass you. I say this with the utmost respect to everyone. I respect cruising slowly. I have no respect for someone who thinks that they're the pace car for the hills. Bobby Dentice

I've had two experiences with clearly passive-aggressive/controlling drivers. One stayed at 30-35 mph the whole way from Circle Oaks to Wooden Valley Rd., and I tried to be patient. Then, when we got to the passing area on Wooden Valley and I started to pass, he sped up enough to prevent me from passing.

The faster I went, the faster he went. No, that's more than passive-aggressive/controlling, that's just plain mean. The other was going even slower on 121 and kept pointing to the cautionary speed signs at the curves as if to prove she didn't have to pull over.

But when I have people visiting and I drive somewhere with them, they don't seem to understand that it's a good idea to pull over or don't know where

the turnouts are, and I imagine there are others who are equally unaware. So Bobby's note, plus a letter to the editor every so often, plus explaining to visitors, is a good idea. Wendy Wallin

I suppose most people don't realize that it's a highway, meaning the speed limit is 50 mph. I see too many people rolling along at 30-35 mph. A good amount of time I'm working and people are vastly expanding the drive time, which then I have to explain to my boss how a work trip to Napa takes 2 hrs. It's because some people make the 20 minute one way trip to Napa a 40 minute ordeal.

Those yellow speed limit signs are temporary sounds only meant for the turns they are directly before. The rest of the time the speed limit is 50.

It is the law that the slower traffic pull out. Even if you're going 50 mph and somebody is going faster, you must pull out.

I've been seeing unmarked Sheriff & CHP flashing people to pull out, and I've seen a few pulled over. We the residents and workers and law enforcement are getting peeved.

Anybody who visits me I make aware before they come up that they MUST pull out for faster vehicles. I drive fast myself but I'm not the fastest so even i pull out for faster traffic. Thomas Miller

I drive our roads daily. I drive the speed limit, pull over so people can pass, dodge people driving over the double yellow line or on the wrong side of the road which happens almost daily.

On April 1st our luck ran out when we were hit by another car going at least 60 miles an hour around a 20 mile an hour curve and lost control. Thank god he did not kill us but he totaled our car.

FYI - There is no phone service, call boxes do not work, people drive through the crash sight without ever slowing down! (However a lots and lots of people stopped to help.) If you have an accident on our roads be prepared to wait at least 20/30 minutes for emergency responders and pray you do not have a life threatening injury! Stay Safe. Phyllis Bettencourt



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Berryessa Highlands Set to Participate in the 2016 Wildfire Community Prep Day – Sat, May 7

Every May homeowners living in rural areas across the country are encouraged to prepare for a wildfire as the fire season approaches, and this year the Berryessa Highlands neighborhood wants to make a HUGE impact of their own.

The Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council is coordinating the effort on Saturday, May 7, and the results are expected to include mounds and mounds of brush, branches, and overgrown landscaping plants removed from around people's homes.

The effort will focus on two things. First, simply encouraging everyone to get their own properties cleaned up and ready for wildfire. Second, neighbors are planning to join together to help other neighbors in need of assistance.

The plan is to get at least one team of volunteers together to do a complete home landscaping cleanup, from pruning up trees to removing overgrown shrubs - all the way down to weed whacking all grass within 100' of the house.

“We want to see all of us adults and kids making our own homes more fire safe on that day. And because we are all in this together, we also want to pitch in to help a neighbor or two in need of a few extra hands”, said BHFSC Project Coordinator Evan Kilkus.

If you live in the Berryessa Highlands, or anywhere else in Eastern Napa County, please mark your calendar so you will be ready to make May 7th a huge neighborhood fire safety improvement day!


For tips on what you can do to make your landscaping and home more fire resistant, go to www.ReadyForWildfire.org



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A bit of history from a 1988 Lake Berryessa News. For those who remember Willi, he's doing fine running a couple of ski schools - one in Mexico.



World Class Ski Champion works at Lake Berryessa
STEELE PARK - Wilhelm Hans Ellermeier, known to lake locals as “Willi”, operates California Boat Sales and the World Class Ski School at Steele Park Resort. Ellermeier's list of wins in the ski competition sport are truly amazing.
Raised along the Mosel River in Southern Germany, Ellermeier began water skiing at age 5. Noticing his son's remarkable athletic talent, Ellermeier's father enrolled him at a ski training school. By 1967, he was skiing on the German National Ski team. His skill and physical ability in the slalom and jump events led “Willi” to 9 German National Championships. Ellermeier has competed in four World Class events, placing in the finals as follows: 1969 - Ninth; 1971 - Seventh; 1973 - Fourth and 1975 - Tenth.
This impressive list of laurels led Ellermeier to establish his own ski school and boat sales at Lake Berryessa in 1982. This ski school's success is now widely known as, just simply, the best. Students from ages 3 to 73 are enrolled. “Willi's” three year old daughter, “Dominique” is already a competent, skilled skier. Ellermeier's nine year old daughter, Ilani, is currently involved in competition skiing. Patricia Ellermeier, “Willi's” wife, is also part of the training staff of the school, making it truly a family business and an asset to this recreational community.



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The Miami News - Jan 29, 1964
Great Buffalo Chase


NAPA, Calif. (AP) — How would you feel if you were fishing on the bank of a lake and out of the water charged a herd of buffalo?

A meat company has been raising buffalo but was hard put for a place to graze them. So it leased a 600-acre island in Lake Berryessa.

A barge took 13 buffalo to the island. They jumped back in to the lake and swam a mile to shore. There they chased startled fishermen across a picnic area, emerged on a highway and started chasing cars.

A sheriff's horseback posse rounded up the buffalo and took them back to the island. Fishermen hope they stay.

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April 15 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): There hasn't been a stampeding death in your area in more than a century, but your air horn and steer costume will change all that.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Take solace in this: There is a meaning and purpose to the universe, even if it's far too complicated for you to understand and won't pay off for years.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): People will come from miles around to seek your wisdom on all manner of things, which is proof that people will do anything for a good laugh.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You'll never smile again after the tragic loss of your lower jaw and lips this week.

Leo (7/23-8/22): A bizarre chain of existential mishaps will result in your third viewing of the hit romantic comedy Sleepless In Seattle this week.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): The truth is indeed elusive, hard to comprehend, and subjective. What we're trying to say is: You're fat.

Libra (9/23-10/22): In dog years, your border collie will soon turn 50, which explains the suit and tie, the growing stack of Wall Street Journals, and the rather conservative political worldview.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Remember to count your blessings this week, as it's the last time you'll be able to perform mental arithmetic for months to come.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Lake Berryessa trout are known for traveling halfway across Napa County in search of a mate, but it's still a bit of a surprise when hundreds of them arrive at your Pope Valley doorstep.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You will experience debilitating pain, unspeakable agony, and the loss of all of your hair when a voodoo doll bearing your likeness falls into the hands of a 5-year-old girl.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Your creativity will skyrocket this week, moments after purchasing a number of colorful and hilariously incongruent wigs.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You will finally land your dream job this week, an ironic achievement considering how little you'll be sleeping from now on.

Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam!

Saturdays (Starting April 23) 12-3 p.m., Monticello Dam Overlook Parking (Highway 128, 9 miles west of Winters)

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I was talking to Brad Kirkpatrick up in Pope Valley awhile ago about the fascinating history and politics of the Lake Berryessa region. We wandered onto the topic of the beautiful crop of wildflowers sprouting after the rain. Hiking around the lake is even more enjoyable when the view is framed by so many colorful flowers. Since Brad was also once the Chief of the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department, I asked him about something that has been bothering me for the forty years since I came to Northern California.

Whenever there is an especially wet year, the fire professionals warn that it will be a “bad fire season”. But every year that rainfall is low, the same fire professionals warn that it will be a “bad fire season”. Are they just trying to scare us every year? Is it just news media sensationalism as usual?

Brad laughed at the question, but seemed to believe that although a wet season can be bad, a dry season could have the greater potential to be “badder”. The real difference is in the type of “bad”. I stopped at the CDF fire station on Knoxville Road on the way home to see what they thought about my confusion. The professional firefighters on duty gave me a rundown on the technical issues.

First, there is no “good” fire season. The difference in “bad” is based on the type of fire which can be caused by the different fuel loads. A wet season causes heavy growth of flowers, small plants, and grasses. When these dry out they can feed a very aggressive hot fire that is hard to attack. The larger fuel such as trees contain a lot of moisture after a long wet season and will not burn early.

Professional fire fighters judge fuel loads by the time it takes them to dry out. One hour and 10 hour fuels like grasses dry fast. Even if they were wet in the morning – they’re dry an hour later in the sun. The 1,000 hour fuels like big trees can take 42 days to dry out.

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the Oakland – the big fuel loads have finally dried out.

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So enjoy the flowers while you can. Flowers burn too – some are even worse than grasses because of their oil content. I also learned that vineyards burn – they may look a bit like firebreaks, but they’re not. And they make attacking a fire more difficult because of the stakes and guy wires uses to support the vines. Many thanks to our dedicated fire fighters – those suits are not air conditioned!



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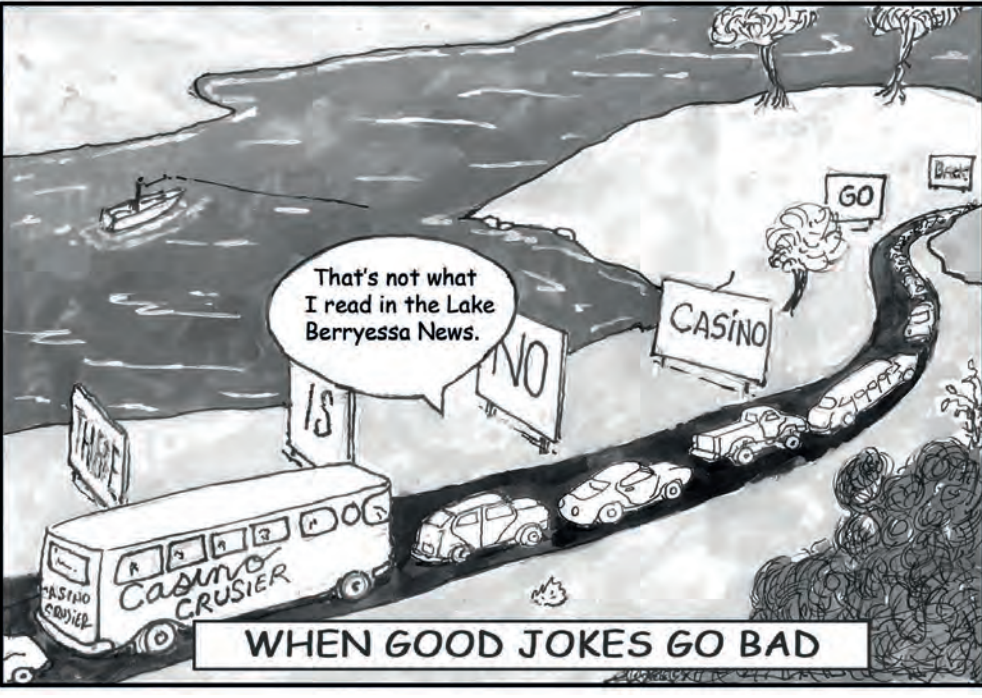
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NAPALACHIA
by Bill Scholer



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Last weekend Jim and his son Joshua went out with me and had a good few hours out on the water and landed a nice 4 pound bass. The next day Albert and I headed out and caught a nice limit with the largest fish weighing in at 3.6 pounds. This weekend I took John out to an area of the lake he had never been to. I showed him bass nesting in shallow water. There were quite a few nests he was fascinated.

I went into a cove where we saw fish swimming and I cast out a Carolina rig set up and was immediately hit by a nice size bass. It was a beautiful warm day almost like summer but that evening it started to rain and the next day I went out with John and Albert wearing our rain gear and it did rain all day long.

We caught a limit of fish right in the area where we launched the boat. We could see a large cement slab in the water and the fish were roaming in that area. John and Albert were drop shooting and I was using the Carolina rig and on my second rod I was using a River2Sea crawdad.

Our last stop of the day was at the tree laying in the water in Willie's ski school and the amazing thing was an approximate 10 pound bass was swimming next to a one pound bass and of course we all tried our best to lure the big one or tempt her but to no avail but it was fun trying. We headed in for the day a little damp but we had a good time. www.fishingconnection.net



Park Potential for Former Capell Valley School Site

You are invited to a public meeting on Wednesday April 27th, 6:30 PM, at the Capell Valley Fire Station, 1193 Capell Valley road. This meeting is being held to discuss the potential for a local park at the former Capell Valley school site.

The meeting is being hosted by the core group which has been working for years to obtain the property from the Napa County School District. The group is made up of local residents Bob Lee, Sandy Storck, Beth Botts, and Anita Odell. The project is incorporated as the non-profit Capell-Berryessa Community Center Inc.

In December 2015 the School District, following the legally required process, has designated the Capell property as surplus, thus allowing it to be disposed of. The decision has been made to sell the property as part of a fundraising effort in the District’s Master Plan. The sale will be accomplished via sealed bid with the sale process possibly starting this month.

The Capell group has been involved in ongoing meetings with the School District, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza, and others. The goal is to obtain the school site as a county park/community center for local community and the larger county use.

The vision, which has been shaped by community input, would involve typical community center activities such as meetings, weddings and other community events. As a park, sporting activities and outdoor events would be offered as well as a place to picnic and enjoy a park type setting. There is room for a community garden. And there is the potential for having a central location to offer public services, something which is lacking in this area. It is also be an ideal location for a Sheriff’s substation.

Please come to the meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30 for more information and to voice your support, concerns and suggestions for use regarding this project. The group is trying to determine community support as there will be a need for community involvement if they are able to obtain the property. You may also provide comments at their email address: cbcommunitypark@gmail.com

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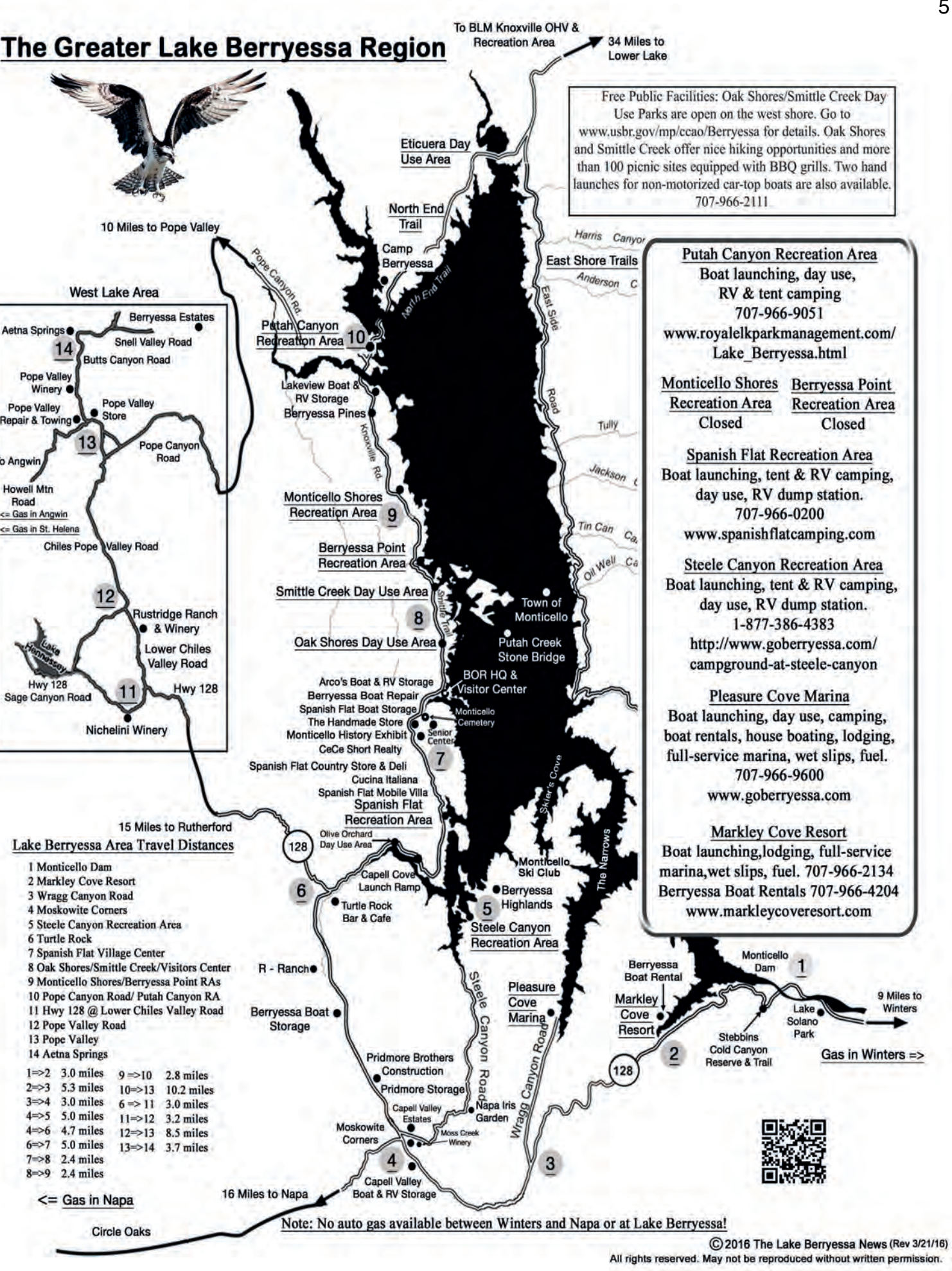
Despite the recent .55 inches of rain, the lake level has decreased .24 inches to 411.05 feet - 28.95 feet below Glory Hole - about 1 foot to go to get to last year's "high" point of 412.07. The lake has been essentially stable for the last two weeks.

Last year the lake was already dropping quickly. On April 11, 2015 the lake was already lower than today at 410.85 feet and dropping This means that the Capell launch ramp may be able to stay open longer than it did last year when it closed in mid-July.

Rainfall total remains at 23.21 inches for the season. At the present level Lake Berryessa holds 1,046,291 acre-feet of water, which is 65.4% of it’s 1,600,00 acre-feet capacity.

Date	Rain (in)	Cum Rain	Level (ft)	Daily Rise (ft)
3/1/16	0	14.35	401.46	0
3/2/16	0	14.35	401.46	0
3/3/16	0	14.35	401.48	0
3/4/16	0.03	14.38	401.47	0
3/5/16	0.95	15.33	402.07	.6
3/6/16	2.28	17.61	403.17	1.1
3/7/16	1.12	18.73	403.93	.76
3/8/16	0.02	18.75	404.16	.23
3/9/16	0.08	18.83	404.28	.12
3/10/16	0.01	18.84	405.1	.82
3/11/16	1.28	20.12	406.4	1.3
3/12/16	0.63	20.75	407.26	.86
3/13/16	1.02	21.77	408.27	1.01
3/14/16	0.3	22.07	408.95	.68
3/15/16	0	22.07	409.27	.32
3/16/16	0	22.07	409.47	.2
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3/18/16	0	22.07	409.79	.17
3/19/16	0	22.07	409.87	.08
3/20/16	0	22.07	409.97	.1
3/21/16	.19	22.26	410.23	.26
3/22/16	.4	22.66	410.23	0
3/23/16	0	22.66	410.56	.33
3/24/16	0	22.66	410.62	.06
3/25/16	0	22.66	410.73	.11
3/26/15	0	22.66	410.79	.06
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3/29/16	0	22.66	410.90	.03
3/30/16	0	22.66	410.92	.03
3/31/16	0	22.66	410.95	.03
4/1/16	0	22.66	410.97	.02
4/2/16	0	22.66	410.98	.01
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4 Moskowite Corners	11 => 12	3.2 miles
5 Steele Canyon Recreation Area	4 => 6	4.7 miles
6 Turtle Rock	12 => 13	8.5 miles
7 Spanish Flat Village Center	7 => 8	2.4 miles
8 Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitors Center	8 => 9	2.4 miles

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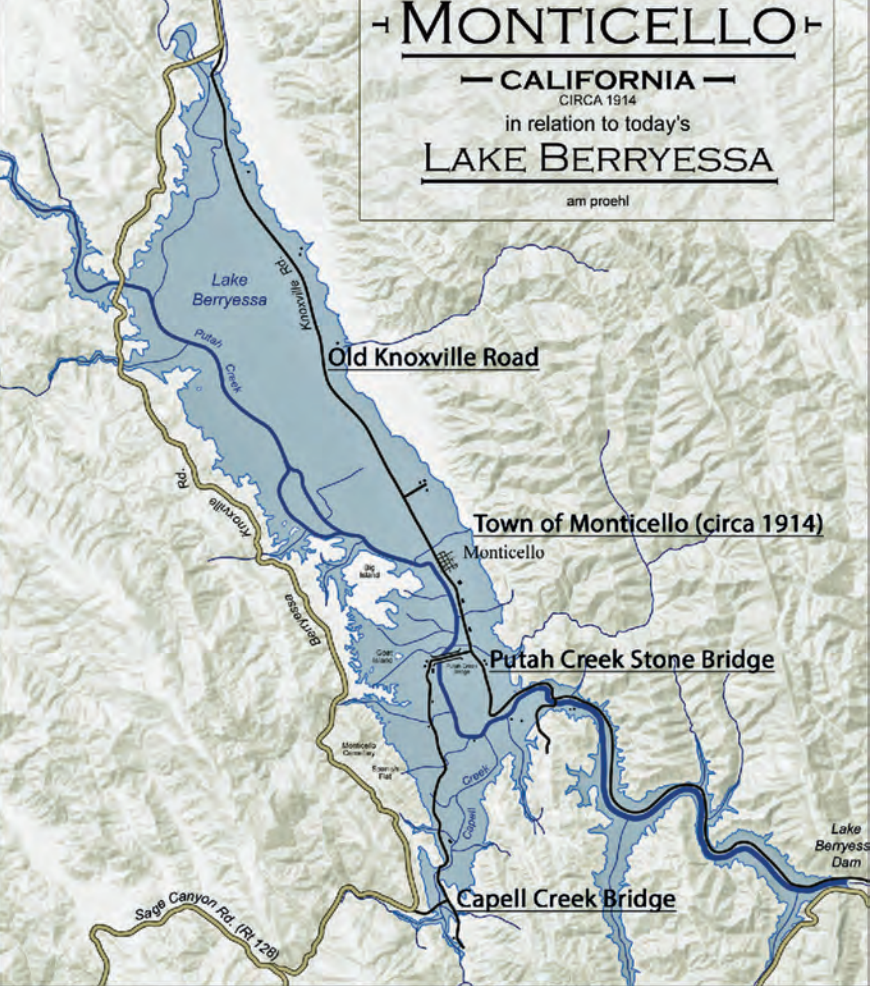
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Of Challengers and Challenges: Local Politics Style

by Peter Kilkus

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The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce recently held a Candidates Forum to introduce the candidates running for Napa County District 4 supervisor which encompasses the southern part of the Lake Berryessa region.

The forum highlighted the problems challengers face when running against an incumbent office holder. Alfredo Pedroza is the present, unelected, District 4 supervisor. He is being challenged by Chris Malan and Diane Shepp. Both challengers have had long, successful public service careers in Napa County.

After more than a fifteen years of bumbling about by the Bureau of Reclamation and the recent epic fail of the latest bid process, Lake Berryessa voters, businesses, and residents are angry.

Cong. Thompson has proposed that the Bureau of Land Management take over Lake Berryessa from the Bureau of Reclamation, but the obvious failure of government at the lake is of the Federal Government in general. The BLM does not seem to be a real solution to the fundamental problem. A more revolutionary approach is needed.

District maps show the basic unfairness of the requirement that all supervisory districts contain relatively equal number of voters. Although urban areas (cities and towns) already have local governments looking after their needs, the rural unincorporated areas only have county supervisors to stand up for them. (See story on Pg. 2.)

The basic question Lake Berryessa voters wanted to know was, "What are you going to do for Lake Berryessa?"

The first problem for the challengers became clear very quickly. Although all candidates were provided the link to the Bureau of Reclamation's web site documenting the multi-year process that led to the present disastrous state of affairs at Lake Berryessa, it was an almost overwhelming amount of data to absorb in a short time.

But a fair question is why, after 30 years in Napa County, and fifteen years of very public controversy regarding the future development of the lake resorts (the Notice of Intent to create a new Visitor Services Plan and Record of Decision was published in the Federal Register in 2000) weren't the challengers more knowledgeable about the issues?

Pedroza had the incumbent's advantage as a sitting supervisor in that he has been forced to deal with Lake Berryessa issues for the last fifteen months, including the latest proposal to have Napa County take back Lake Berryessa and manage it as the County did from 1958 to 1975. He was involved in the latest discussions between the Bureau of Reclamation and the County - access the challengers could not match.

Malan knew relatively little about the lake situation and discussed the issues through the simple prism of traditional environmental activism and touted previous environmental projects she had spearheaded in the valley. Her web site claims she is the most environmental candidate in the supervisory race.

Shepp was better informed than Malan. She had also visited the Lake Berryessa area several times and spoken with local residents about their concerns. As a rural resident of the Soda Canyon area, she seems to understand the needs of people living in the unincorporated areas like Lake Berryessa. She is also a sustainability advocate.

Old-school environmental advocacy focuses on resources rather than people. Its adherents often look at areas like Lake

Berryessa as personal experiments in creating a rural open space fantasy of plants and animals frolicking in a human-free setting (often hikers and kayakers are allowed).

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One basic question asked at the meeting was, "Do you support the proposal that Napa County once again take over the management of Lake Berryessa and develop smart contracts with qualified recreation companies to operate the resorts for the good of the public and the good of Napa County?"

Although none of the candidates endorsed this proposal directly, they were receptive to it. Each of them pledged to help restore Lake Berryessa to its former status as a premier recreation destination with functioning resorts which would support local businesses and assist in lowering water/sewer service rates in the Berryessa Highlands and Spanish Flat.

The meeting ended with the residents in attendance loudly demanding that the next supervisor make Lake Berryessa a top priority. Since Pedroza will continue to be supervisor until the end of 2016, no matter what the result of the election, this was also a demand for his immediate attention as discussions with the federal government about the management of Lake Berryessa continue in the near term.

Lake Berryessa must be his, and the other supervisors' top priority. He is a polished candidate, but youth and enthusiasm do not guarantee the most favorable outcome. He must take seriously the frustrations of his constituents at the lake.

Local voters should review the candidates' positions as described on their web sites:

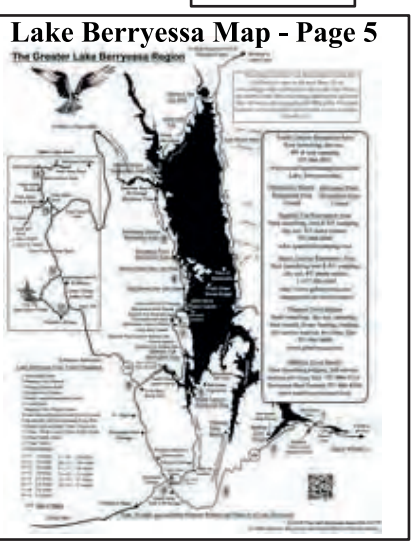
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From a practical perspective, Pedroza will be hard to beat. He has the endorsements of almost all of the local political and business leaders which some may regard as a significant negative.

Coalition building was emphasized by both Shepp and Malan - a coalition is probably the only way to beat Pedroza. Practical politics says that perhaps Malan should withdraw from the race and throw her support to a coalition to elect Shepp.

Diane Shepp has much broader experience and vision than Malan, and significantly more time in the trenches than Pedroza. On balance, based on the needs of the Lake Berryessa community, the Lake Berryessa News endorses Diane Shepp for Supervisor.

The Lake Berryessa News Endorses Diane Shepp for Napa County District 4 Supervisor



We Don't Need Any More "Urban" Supervisors

Supervisor District maps show the basic unfairness of the requirement that all districts contain relatively equal number of voters. Although urban areas (cities and towns) already have local governments looking after their needs, the rural unincorporated areas only have county supervisors to stand up for them.

But if the supervisor only has to appeal to the urban voters (where the majority of the votes exist) they can ignore rural areas like Lake Berryessa since they do not need those votes to be elected. This has been the historical plight of the Lake Berryessa community for decades.

If a candidate gets less than 20% of the vote, it usually signifies a profound voter dissatisfaction with that candidate. Official election records show that this was the case in a previous election for District 3 supervisor before the Lake Berryessa region was split into two districts - diluting its political clout.

The incumbent supervisor got less than 19% of the vote in Pope Valley (17.7%) and Lake Berryessa (18.9%). If a candidate gets less than 34% of the vote, this is still a telling repudiation of that candidate's performance. This was also the case for the incumbent in Angwin (34.7%) and Oakville (33.7%). The incumbent also got less than 44% of the votes in Deer Park and along the Silverado Trail.

The problem is that the total number of registered voters in those areas was only 4,100 people and the total number of registered voters in District 3 was 13,365, the majority of those inside the city limits of St. Helena and Calistoga.

Rural vote
Incumbent - 30% of 4,100 = 1,230
Challenger - 70% of 4,100 = 2,870

Urban vote
Incumbent - 70% of 9,200 = 6,440
Challenger - 30% of 9,200 = 2,760

Total Incumbent = 7,670
Total Challenger = 5,630

Challenger lost by 60% to 40%

Bald Eagles at Lake Berryessa

The adult eagles — which mate for life — can weigh about 14 pounds and live for up to 30 years in the wild, but they don't get their distinctive white head and yellow beak until they're a little over 4 years old. Younger bald eagles are mottled brown and white with a black beak, and are sometimes confused with

juvenile golden eagles, which look very similar. Eagles are still protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Act, however, and it is against the law to trap, purchase or sell the eagles, their nests, eggs or body parts.

The easiest way to tell juvenile baldies from juvenile goldens is to look at the legs. If there is feathering down the leg to the toes, it's a golden eagle. Juvenile bald eagles' feet and "ankles" are bare. Female eagles have the same coloring as males, but are distinguished from the males by their larger size.

Here are some fun facts about our national bird:

* Bald eagles like to play. They've been observed tossing around plastic bottles and other light objects on the ground, and even passing sticks back and forth between them when in flight.

* For optimum saturation of oxygen, when the eagle takes a breath, the air passes through the lungs twice before it's exhaled.

* The eagles' eyes are almost as large as those of a human, but their eyesight is four times keener than ours.

* Their nests can be up to 8 feet wide and weigh more than a ton. Males and females work together to build their nests and the construction can take up to 3 months. Bald eagles will often use the same nest site year after year.

* They can fly at speeds up to 35 miles per hour, and can "swim" by using their wings like oars to move them across the top of the water.

* Bald eagles are "diurnal" which means they're most active during the day — which in turn makes it easier for us to see them!

* The large birds prefer a diet of fish, but will eat just about anything they can find; and they're not above literally stealing meals out of the mouths of other animals like otters and osprey. Baldies also have been known to gorge themselves when food is plentiful, then sit quietly for several days while their gigantic meal is digested.



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Rattlesnakes , continued

Spring is the period of greatest activity. Emerging from winter hibernation, they are hungry and looking for mates, as this is also the breeding season. During this time they will eat prodigiously, look for females to court, and will battle competing males. During these times of stress, and when trying to eat and when in their opaque stage several days before they are ready to shed, they are most likely to act in an aggressive manner when disturbed.

Snakes migrate to and from their winter denning site, so aggregations of them may be found during a short period of time during the spring and fall. Dens are usually in rocky outcroppings in the hills, or in deep animal burrows.

It is mistakenly believed that rattlers are active only during the heat of the day. Not only do they rest during the heat of the day, sheltered from the sun, they are adept hunters in the dark, their heat pits and sense of smell guiding them to prey.

During periods of excessive heat during the day, many diurnal animals become crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk) or partially nocturnal. Thus rattlers are more nocturnal in summer than during the spring or fall, and adults are more nocturnal than juveniles.

When out walking, hiking or camping, precautions should be taken from early morning to late evening, as temperature, season and humidity can all affect just when rattlers will be active.

Rattlers cannot move fast enough to overtake a person who wants to get out of its way. The only danger is that the person falls or trips in getting away, thus disturbing another snake, or falls towards the rattler rather than away.

Rattlesnakes vs. Dogs

Most bites to dogs occur on the face or extremities. The rattlesnake bite is generally "hemotoxic" which means that it exerts its toxin by disrupting the integrity of the blood vessels. The swelling is often dramatic with up to 1/3 of the total blood circulation being lost into the tissues in a matter of hours. The toxin further disrupts normal blood clotting mechanisms leading to uncontrolled bleeding. This kind of blood loss induces shock and finally death. Facial bites are often more lethal as the swelling may occlude the throat or impair ability to breathe.

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Effects depend on the amount of venom injected. Approximately 20-25% of bites are "dry" meaning no venom has been injected, 30% of bites are mild meaning they cause local pain and swelling in the bite area and no systemic symptoms, 40% of bites are severe with approximately 5% actually being fatal.

An elderly couple was watching television one evening. The wife said, "I am going to get a dish of ice cream now." Kindly, the husband offered to get the ice cream for his wife. "I'll write it down so you don't forget," she said.

"I won't forget," the old gent said. "But, I want chocolate syrup and nuts on it. So, I'll write it down," she replied. "I will get you the ice cream. Don't you worry," replied the gentleman.

A few minutes later, the old man returned with bacon and eggs. His wife said, "See, I should have written it down because you forgot the toast."

May 1 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Remember, the slow cycle of sun, wind, and rain can sunder even the hardest stone, so whatever you do, don't go outside.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): Don't sink to the level of those who would drag you down with their judicious criticism. Instead, listen to those who praise you indiscriminately no matter what.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): The sun is in Virgo, the moon is in Capricorn, and Cancer is in Taurus this week. But you are still single.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Patience will see you through life's most harrowing times. You can fake patience by sleeping constantly.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Although Mercury is rising in Venus this week, do not worry; this is just a mystic-sounding horoscope term. No actual planetary collision is taking place.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You've tried everything you can think of to stop yourself from gaining weight. Unfortunately, you have your best ideas while eating entire coconut-cream pies.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You will soon encounter a strapping, sexy authority figure, but be wary: In the early stages of the relationship, it's better to just let him give you the speeding ticket.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You will experience unbounded happiness and success in every area of your life this week, unless there is something fundamentally & irreversibly wrong with you.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Your life story will bring much-needed happiness and laughter to the world, especially the hilarious ending.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Although the last few weeks have been classic examples of "same crap, different day," anomalous ripples in the space-time continuum will allow you to experience the same crap, but on the same day over and over.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You will slowly come to appreciate the value of silence when everyone seems to want to say things you do not wish to hear.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): What you'll later choose to describe as a "through the looking glass" moment will actually be more of a "down a set of stairs, through a plate-glass window, and out into heavy traffic" sort of afternoon.



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6 **Rattlesnakes: Friend or Enemy, or just a primal fear?**

By Peter Kilkus
Above the Berryessa Highlands we’ve regularly had close encounters with rattlesnakes in spring and summer. We had an adventure getting one out of our kitchen a couple of years ago. One just

slithered between our friends on our shooting range last weekend. There’s nothing quite like walking down a trail and coming upon a coiled rattlesnake looking you in the eye – the cold flash of adrenaline you feel.

I once chased a 3-footer off our road and it did something I’ve never seen. When I threw a rock at it, it gave a loud (kind of scary) rattle, then jumped into the lower branches of some tightly packed bushes and zipped away without touching the ground as far as I could follow it.

Rattlers have good vision to at least 15 feet away under moderate illumination. The eyes are set so far to the sides of the head that they have only a limited field of binocular (stereo) vision. This may result in their moving their head from side to side as they try to get a good picture of something. Rattlers are too slow to outrun or dodge even the slowest of their enemies, thus the need for good long-range vision.

Though rattlesnakes are dangerous if provoked, they are generally not aggressive, and they also provide humans with a tremendous service - they eat rodents, other reptiles, and insects, and are in turn eaten by other predators.

A friend sent me a photo of a king snake eating a rattlesnake on the deck of neighbor’s house in Wragg Canyon. The king snake was tightly coiled around the rattler and half the rattlesnake was already inside the king snake.

The California Poison Control Center notes that rattlesnakes account for more than 800 bites each year with only one to two deaths. About 25 percent of the bites are “dry,” meaning no venom was injected, but the bites still require medical treatment.

Do’s and don’ts in snake country:

Be aware that startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively. There are several safety measures that can

be taken to reduce the likelihood of startling a rattlesnake.

Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas. Wear hiking boots.

When hiking, stick to well-used trails and wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants.

Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.

Don't move planks, rocks or logs by hand - use a stick or crowbar until you can see under it. Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. Don't reach into holes in the ground, rocks or trees, woodpiles, abandoned buckets or tires.



Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.

Never grab “sticks” or “branches” while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.

Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.

When you hear a rattle or loud hiss, freeze until you identify where the sound is coming from; you don't want to accidentally step on it when trying to flee. Once you have spotted it, give it time to move away. If it doesn't, move slowly

straight away from it; don't walk to one side or the other as that could be perceived as threatening. Look behind you before you start to walk backwards - you don't want to trip over a rock, or another snake.

Don't handle a dead or injured snake. Dead snakes may not really be dead. Muscle contractions can still cause wounds, even when handling the decapitated head of a rattler.

Is it a rattlesnake?

Many a useful and non-threatening snake has suffered a quick death from a frantic human who has mistakenly identified a gopher snake, garter, racer or other as a rattlesnake.

This usually happens when a snake

include a series of dark and light bands near the tail, just before the rattles, which are different from the markings on the rest of the body. Also note that rattles may not always be present, as they are often lost through breakage and are not always developed on the young.

Encouraging and protecting natural competitors like gopher snakes, kingsnakes, and racers will reduce the rattlesnake population in the immediate area. And, kingsnakes actually kill and eat rattlesnakes.

What to do if bitten.

Though uncommon, rattlesnake bites do occur, so have a plan in place for responding to any situation. Carry a portable phone, hike with a companion who can assist in an emergency, and make sure that family or friends know where you are going and when you will be checking in.

The first thing to do if bitten is to stay calm. Generally, the most serious effect of a rattlesnake bite to an adult is local tissue damage which needs to be treated. Children, because they are smaller, are in more danger if they are bitten.

Get to a doctor as soon as possible, but stay calm. Frenetic, high-speed driving places the victim at greater risk of an accident and increased heart rate. If the doctor is more than 30 minutes away, keep the bite below the heart, and then get to the doctor as quickly as possible.

Do not try to cut the bite wound open or suck out the poison. Wash the bite area gently with soap and water

Remove watches, rings, etc, which may constrict swelling. Immobilize the affected area

Rattlers tend to bask near an escape hole - a rocky crevice or animal burrow - to which they can go when they feel threatened. Their other methods of defense, in order of general preference, includes procrypsis (their protective coloring enables them to blend into the background especially when the snake is absolutely motionless); rattling; flight - escaping down it's bolt hole or just away from the disturbance; withdrawing its body into a flat (along the ground) coil, hissing and rattling; drawing up into a striking coil, hissing and rattling; striking.

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Three elderly gentlemen were talking about what their grandchildren would be saying about them fifty years from now.

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"Fifty years from now," said the second, "I want them to say, 'He was a loyal family man'."

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"Me?" the third man replied. "I want them all to say, "He certainly looks good for his age!"



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Through the Government Looking Glass: What The WALROS Says!
(with apologies to Lewis Carroll)

The Bureau of Reclamation developed a Water and Land Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Users’ Handbook (WALROS) which defines various forms of recreational settings. Lake Berryessa clearly falls into the Rural Developed Setting:

“A rural developed area is beyond a metropolitan area and the suburban ring of development. Rural developed areas may serve as “bedroom” communities for urban areas and may contain working farms, ranches, and towns. In this setting, primary road networks are common. Although development will be prevalent and common, the setting has a pastoral sense because of an interspersing of forests, water resources, hills, valleys, canyons, wetlands, open spaces, and agricultural lands. Naturally appearing shoreline edges are common, although various water controls or other structures are also common...

Recreation use, diversity, socialization, concentration, sense of security, and conveniences are less common than in a developed suburban or urban setting. The sights, sounds, and smells of recreation and non-recreation use are common, yet interspersed with locations and times when the urbanized visitor may experience a sense of tranquility and escape from everyday challenges. Examples of rural developed areas include areas with country estates, second homes and cabins, dams, power stations, primary and secondary roads, communication lines, resorts, marinas, small communities, full service campgrounds, county and State parks, farms, ranches, and small commercial and industrial establishments.”

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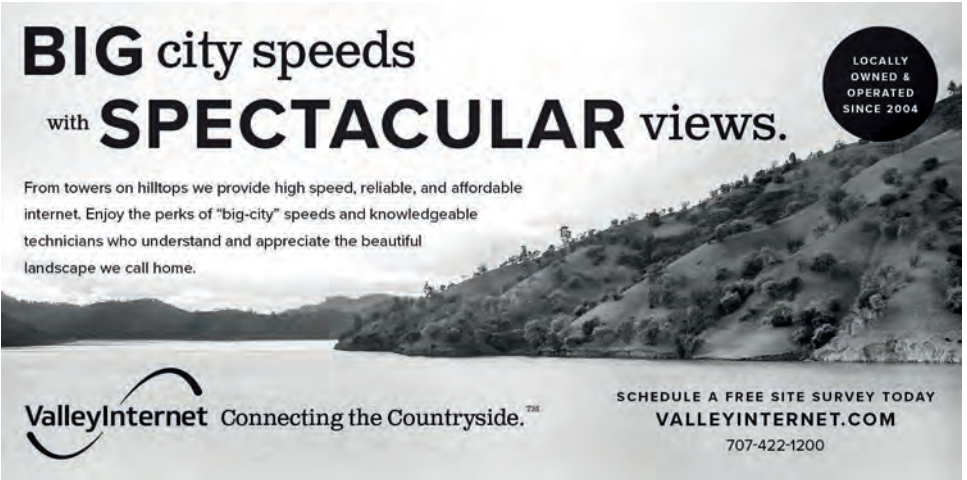
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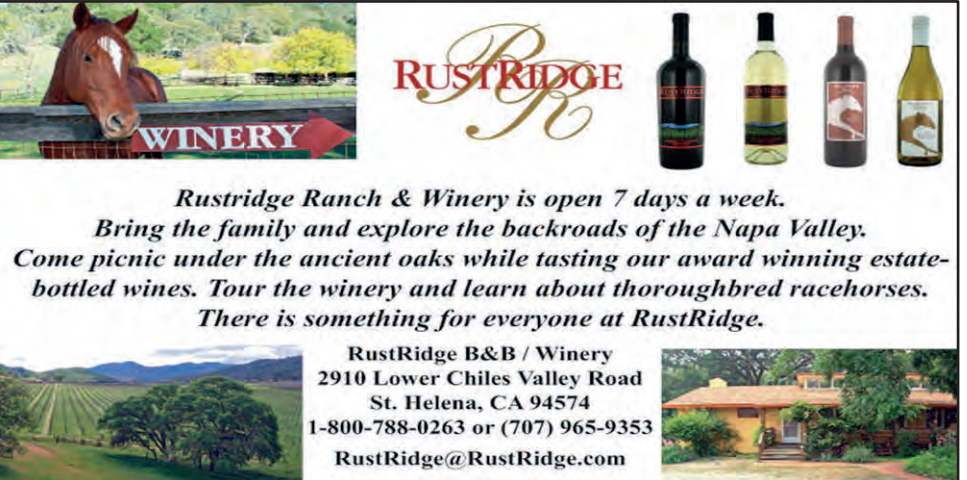
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A Path Forward To Revitalize Lake Berryessa: Fire The Feds!

by Peter Kilkus

We need a revolutionary strategy to stop the death spiral at Lake Berryessa.

The fifteen year failure of the Bureau of Reclamation is not based on simple ineptness, often complex ineptness is involved. But the failure is actually based more on a fatally-flawed policy at the federal level which treats Lake Berryessa as just another "lake in the country" to be dealt with as any other federal rural holding - independent of context.

Lake Berryessa is not another “lake in the country”. It is a major economic, social, and recreation resource in an urban-proximate setting whose value to Napa County and the State of California is being utterly wasted. Lake Berryessa clearly falls into the Rural Developed Setting category in the government’s own Water and Land Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Users’ Handbook (WALROS). (See Back Page.)

Old-school environmental thinking, especially at the Federal level, is pointless in this situation. After 50 years of progress, we know how to implement sustainable practices for wineries, sustainable design outcomes for lake resorts, and sustainable rural development for the good of local people.

The Federal Government needs to be fired! "You're Fired!" We need home-rule closer to the source. Napa County should take control of Lake Berryessa again. The State should do everything it can to support economic development here.

Why isn't the Napa County Board of Supervisors outraged by the economic and social damage done to the County by the Feds? Napa County should stop sitting on the sidelines - NOW!

Why have the big guns in the Napa Valley tourism and financial industries ignored the perfect location to expand their businesses and Napa County’s

reputation as a premier recreation destination? Your expertise is needed - NOW!

Even Governor Brown wishes to see more rapid progress at Lake Berryessa. The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development could be a resource for revitalizing an economically-depressed Lake Berryessa region.

Why does the City of Winters care more about being on the ragged southern edge of a phony national monument with no measurable economic benefit to Winters rather than once again being the gateway to a thriving Lake Berryessa which provided enormous economic benefit to the city?

The rationale for revolutionary change is simple:

1. The federal government has shown its inability to successfully implement its own policies for decades, resulting in the destruction of a once-thriving region.

2. Knowledgeable recreation and hospitality companies have pointed out the flaws in the federal government’s contract policies, policies which would need to be changed before serious companies would be interested in the lake’s investment potential.

3. The federal government (BOR or BLM) is unlikely to change its policy on those flawed contract terms - which is a recipe for future lack of action.

4. Napa County successfully ran the lake from 1958 to 1975. Many U.S. counties run major successful concessions - San Diego County, for example.

5. Napa County managing the resorts again is a home-rule issue which solves many problems the County has complained about for decades - cost of public services with no financial return - Sheriff patrol costs, for example. One supervisor infamously called the lake a “black hole in the County budget”.

6. There are several precedents for the

BOR turning over management of the land portion of their water projects to local jurisdictions, Elephant Butte, New Mexico, for example.

The parties who could help create a framework for this revitalization of Lake Berryessa are:

1. Napa County Board of Supervisors;

2. The State of California - through Bill Dodd, State Assembly/Senate member and previous County Supervisor for part of Lake Berryessa;

3. Visit Napa Valley, leader of the Napa tourism industry;

4. Congressman Thompson, needed to effect change at the congressional level;

5. Sally Jewell, Interior Secretary, who could be the top-down advocate for this change and who is familiar with Lake Berryessa from her work on the National Monument.

Simply put, the federal government owes the Lake Berryessa community and Napa County BIG TIME. Napa County owes the Lake Berryessa community BIG TIME for its lack of action over the decades. Napa County managing Lake Berryessa in partnership with Napa Valley tourism professionals is the best opportunity for a Renaissance Lake Berryessa. Let's start NOW!

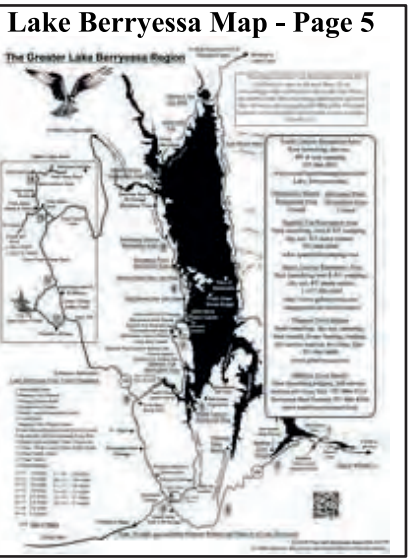
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2 **The Lake Berryessa News**
Endorses Diane Shepp for
District 4 Supervisor

After more than a fifteen years of bumbling about by the Bureau of Reclamation and the recent epic fail of the latest bid process, Lake Berryessa voters, businesses, and residents are angry.

Supervisor District maps show the basic unfairness of the requirement that all districts contain relatively equal number of voters. That means the majority of the votes in our District 4 are in the urban areas of downtown Napa. Although urban areas already have local governments looking after their needs, the rural unincorporated areas like Lake Berryessa only have County supervisors to stand up for them. We don't need another "urban supervisor".

Diane Shepp has visited the Lake Berryessa area several times and spoken with local residents about their concerns. She is also a founder and board member of Napa Vision 2050, a coalition of 14 affiliates concerned with influencing current development policies to insure Sustainability of the finite resources of Napa County. As a rural resident of the Soda Canyon area, she understands the needs of people living in the unincorporated areas like Lake Berryessa.

Sustainability recognizes the interrelatedness of the economy, society, and environment. It also

recognizes that after fifty years of environmental progress, society knows how to combine those needs to create environmentally-sound, economically-balanced, people-oriented communities. We know how to implement sustainable practices for wineries, sustainable design outcomes for lake resorts, and sustainable rural development for the good of local people.

Diane Shepp understands these issues and has broad public service experience. She also has a vision for the sustainable revitalization of Lake Berryessa and surrounding rural regions. *****

I worked as a staff person in the California Legislature for 12 years, and have been a Registered Investment Advisor in Napa for more than 34 years.

Having experience with politicians and finance, there is nothing more dangerous to our society and economy than professional politicians and investment bankers. Our current District 4 Supervisor is both a professional politician and a banker. He is also generously funded and/or supported by other professional politicians and special financial interests.

Diane Shepp, whom I support for Supervisor, taught at Vichy School, served on the Napa County grand jury, the Napa Valley Opera House board, and is a member of the Napa Vision 2050 board, among many other civic and community

organizations.

She has a long history of protecting our natural resources, and fighting for affordable housing, a living wage and quality jobs, as well as finding a balance between agriculture, tourism, and rampant and destructive growth. We need her on our Board of Supervisors.

John C. Harrington

I have known Diane Shepp since we served together on the Napa County Grand Jury several years ago and greatly benefited from her deep and critical interest in the Napa Valley and her profound concern for its citizens' well-being.

Diane has also served as chair of the Napa County chapter of the California Grand Jurors Association as well as its state organization and is an active member and officer of Protect Rural Napa. Most importantly, perhaps, Diane has been involved in virtually all of the important land-use issues in the county as an environmental leader and spokesperson.

I believe that her election as supervisor will significantly advance the virtues of Napa County for and on behalf of the local citizens and the community at large. She will do her very best to ensure that the folks who live and work in Napa County will continue to enjoy the benefits of life in this beautiful part of the world.

Carl Bunch

About Diane Shepp

Community development and education are the primary focus of Diane's professional career as a teacher (Vichy Elementary), nonprofit administrator, fund developer, and artist.

Diane served on the Napa County Grand Jury 2007-2008 and as Pro-Tempore of the 2008-2009 Grand Jury; President of the Napa County Chapter of the California Grand Jurors Association (CGJA) 2010-2011 and 2012-15; and the Vice President of the statewide California Grand Jurors' Association 2014-15.

Appointed by the Napa County Board of Supervisors in 2007, to the Napa County Commission for Arts and Culture, Shepp sat as Chair of the Commission 2009-2012. She has held executive positions with the John Muir Festival Center, the Napa County Arts Council, the Solano County Arts Alliance, the University Art Museum Council-University of California, Berkeley, Napa Emergency Women's Services and the Wildlife Rescue Center of Napa County.

Active at the local, state and national levels, Shepp is a founding board member of the Napa Valley Opera House Inc., Ag 4 Youth- Upvalley Ranchers, Napa Vision 2050, Protect Rural Napa and the Soda Canyon/Loma Vista Land Stewards. Shepp also served as a founding board member and Past President of the California Assembly of Local Arts Agencies; Past President of the Volunteer Council of the di Rosa Preserve: Art & Nature; Past President of Vichy Elementary Alternative PTA; served on the original faculty of Leadership Napa; and a former member of the National Assembly of Local Arts Agencies Leadership Committee.

Shepp is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and the Getty Leadership Institute. A charter member of the Golden West Women Flyfishers, Shepp enjoys fly-fishing, and travel when not in her art studio.

Diane is a third generation Californian. She and her husband Alan have raised two daughters since moving to the Napa Valley in 1984

Share the Road Goes Both Ways

During any local discussion of bicycles on Lake Berryessa roads, motorists express annoyance at having a bicyclist impede their progress. Some truly odd stories come up. The one that sent chills up my spine was about the lady who rode with her baby in a bicycle sidecar that stuck out into the highway although she was riding on the right side of the road.

Each year in California, more than 100 people are killed and hundreds of thousands more are injured in bicycle collisions. Bicycle riders on public roads have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists, and are subject to the same rules and regulations.

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce has initiated a bicycle safety project since bicycles are a fact of life at the lake and both bicyclists and drivers need to understand the rules. But the Golden Rule is: Exercise Patience! Slow Down and Think!

The law says that people who ride bikes must ride as close to the right side of the road as practicable except under the following conditions: when passing, preparing for a left turn, avoiding hazards, if the lane is too narrow to share, or if approaching a place where a right turn is authorized. Unfortunately, some motorists and even police don't understand cyclists' right to "take the lane."

The driver of the motor vehicle that is overtaking or passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on a highway from passing at a distance of less than 3 feet between any part of the motor vehicle and any part of the bicycle or its operator.

State law has never guaranteed motorists a right to pass whenever or wherever they want. Motorists may only pass when it's safe to do so. Technically, motorists cannot cross a double yellow line to pass a bicycle. However, police have the authority to exercise discretion when enforcing the law and have consistently said they are unlikely to ticket a motorist who straddles the double yellow line to provide three feet of clearance, provided they do so safely and carefully.

Many traffic laws reflect the fact that some road users - pedestrians, school children, emergency workers and road crews, for example - are especially vulnerable to passing motor vehicles. That's why drivers have special speed limits and special passing rules when approaching crosswalks, schools, emergency vehicles and road crews. Specifying three feet as the minimum passing distance extends similar protection to people on bikes.

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6 Lake Berryessa Hosts More Than Fifty Bass Fishing Tournaments Annually

April and May are prime spawning months for bass.

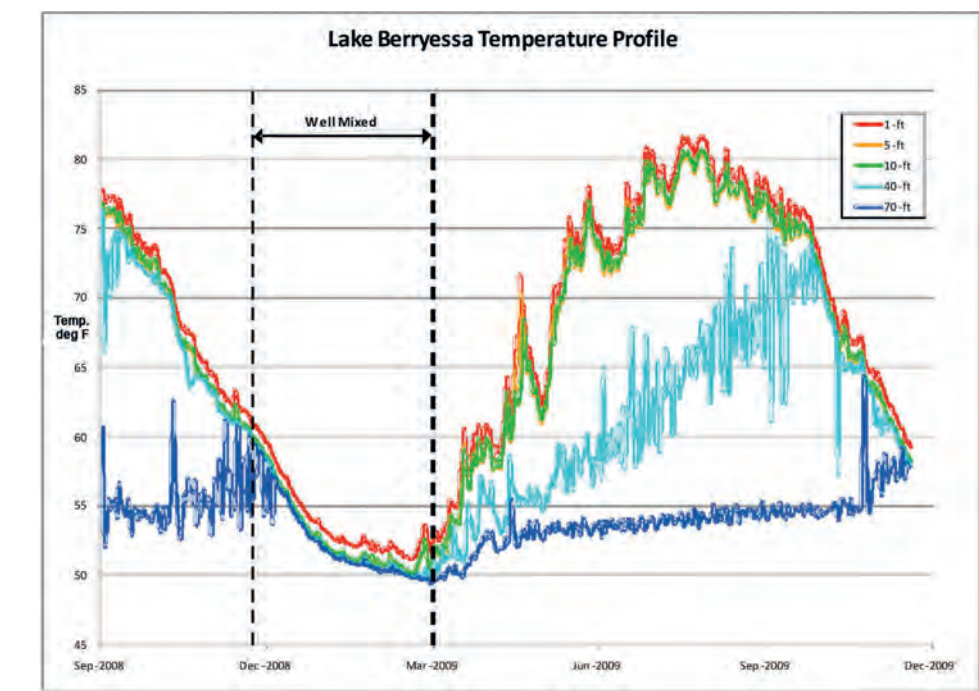
According to fishery biologists, length of the day and water temperature are what determines the spawning cycle in largemouth bass. Many fishermen believe the moon phase plays a major role in the spawning, but biologists will tell you there is no scientific evidence to back that up.

During the spring months when the water temperature reaches 60 degrees, the male bass selects a location and fans an area about the size of a dinner plate with his tail. When the water warms up to 62 degrees or more egg laden-females begin to stage near spawning beds.

The male will coax a willing female to his nest hoping she will release her eggs, which he then fertilizes. A female will only deposit a portion of her eggs before moving on to another nest with another male. Each nest can contain the eggs of several females. This results in gene mixing, which is vital for the species to survive.

The actual spawning occurs when the water temperature reaches about 65 degrees and the height of the spawn occurs when the water reaches between 68-70. Water temperature determines how long the eggs take to hatch. When it is less than 65 degrees it can take as long as 12 days for eggs to hatch.

However, if the water temperature rises to 70 degrees, the eggs hatch in two or three days. This is important because the longer the eggs take to hatch the more vulnerable they are to predation from



other fish or crayfish. Bluegill and other fish are constantly on the lookout for an easy meal. The longer the eggs are unhatched the more will be devoured. The male guards the young fry for several days after which they disperse.

If the water temperature never warms up to 65 degrees most of the females will still spawn although the success of the spawn is diminished.

During cold springs the survival rate for the young is much lower than in warm months. Even under optimum conditions less than 1 percent of all the bass that are spawned survive. A typical nest will see approximately 2,000 eggs actually hatch but fewer than 20 fingerlings survive to 10 inches.

Young bass feed on their yolk sack for the first week of their life. Within two weeks they start to feed on insect larva

and other small aquatic creatures. Normally by October the young bass are two or three inches in length and feeding heavily on small minnows or even other young bass.

Like most predator fish they are cannibalistic and think nothing of gulping down a brother or a sister. In fact, the stomach contents of adult bass often reveal that about 10 percent of what they eat are other bass. (See photo.)

The later in the year the bass spawn also has an effect on the overall population. If they spawn too late the young bass go into the winter with little body fat and have a lower survival rate.

It's not only the bass that delay spawning when the water is cold.

Channel catfish require a water temperature between 70 and 85 degrees. The optimum for spawning success is 75 degrees.

The one thing we can count on is that when the water temperature does rise to 70 degrees the bass will move into the shallows to spawn and, with any luck, there will be hundreds of fish. It's also a good indication of how many large females between 8-10 pounds will be seen.

Bass Eats Trout





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To protect this important resource, the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership formed in the early 1990s. Facilitated by Solano RCD, the partnership is a voluntary group of agency representatives, local non-profit organizations and private citizens who work together to educate boaters, campers, day visitors and other lake users about the importance of water quality and good personal stewardship practices.

1. Summer Boater and Visitor Education Program: Every summer, seasonal interns provide person-to-person water quality stewardship education to boaters and shore visitors at locations all around the lake. Engine fluid pollution prevention through a free oil-absorbing bilge pad dispersal and exchange project;

2. Our larger-than-life mascot, Bilgee, the Protector of Clean Waterways who regularly visits sites around the lake.

3. Support in preventing introduction of the invasive quaaqa and zebra mussels to Lake Berryessa through boat screenings and boater education;

4. Visitor information and stewardship tips in our free Lake Berryessa Map and Brochure and on kiosks located around the lake.

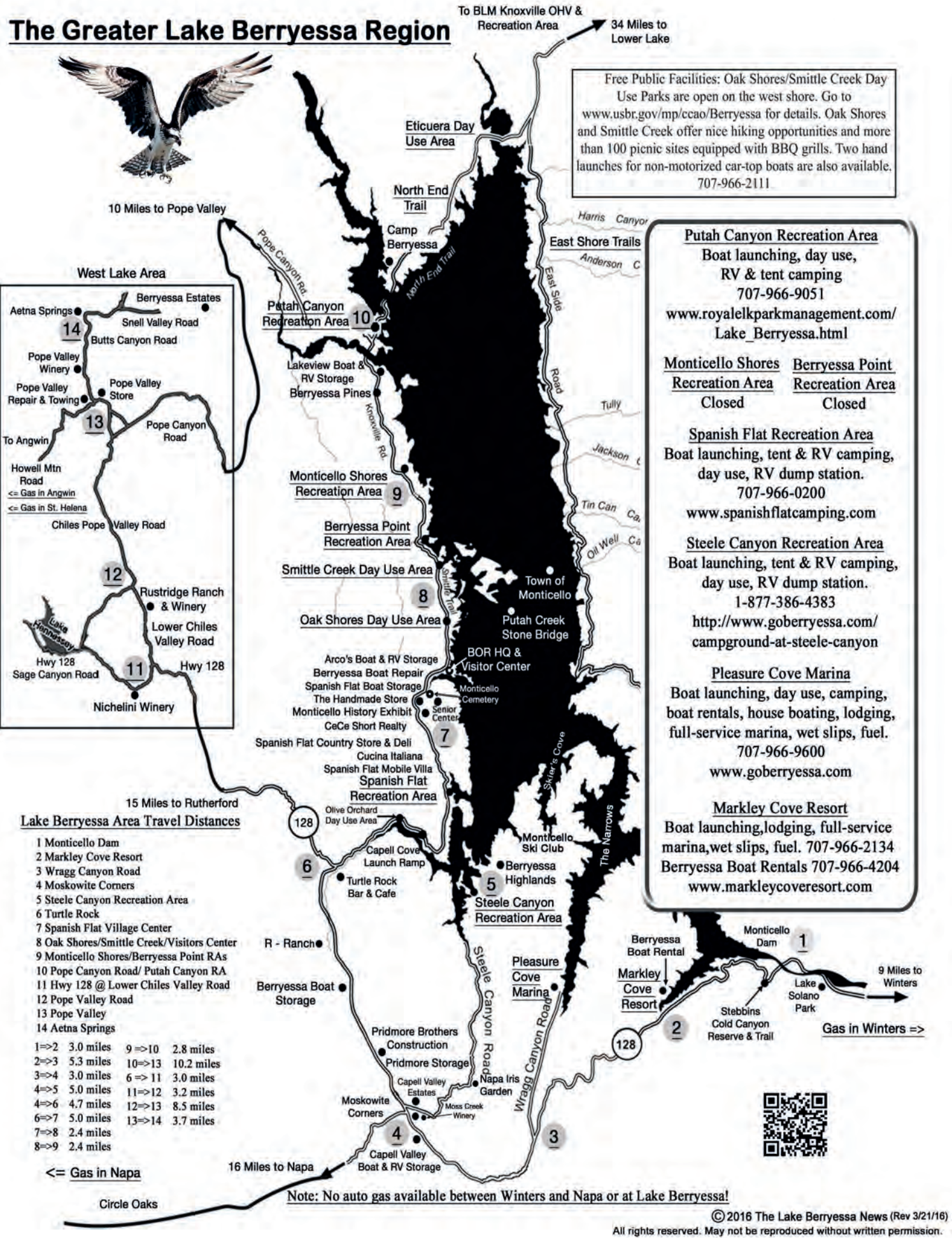
5. Hands-on education and restoration events: The partnership sponsors annual lake clean-up events to support World Environment Day in June and Coastal Clean-up day in September. These events focus on clean-up activities at specific lake sites, and are usually combined with post event celebratory picnics or BBQs.

6.Regular planning and strategizing meetings: The partnership sponsors quarterly meetings for stakeholders to plan program activities, refine program goals and strategize program funding.

Lake Berryessa GPS Locations

Lake Berryessa Geographic Locations	deg	min	deg	min	Resorts	deg	min	deg	min
East Side N to S, West Side S to N					S to N along West Side				
East Side Road	38	40.91N	122	15.80W	Markley Cove Resort	38	29.73N	122	07.50W
Gamble Ranch	38	40.49N	122	15.69W	Pleasure Cove Resort	38	29.98N	122	09.69W
Green Canyon	38	40.47N	122	15.21W	Berryessa Highlands	38	30.96N	122	11.58W
Lakeshore Ranch	38	39.96N	122	15.20W	Steele Park (Lupine Shores)	38	30.29N	122	12.12W
Harris Canyon	38	39.92N	122	14.50W	Capell Launch Ramp	38	34.37N	122	13.23W
Berryessa Peak	38	40.07N	122	11.06W	Spanish Flat (Foothill Pines)	38	31.53N	122	12.86W
Running Deer Ranch	38	39.32N	122	14.94W	BOR HQ	38	33.13N	122	13.80W
Anderson Canyon	38	39.36N	122	12.94W	Oak Shores	38	33.37N	122	13.92W
Tully Canyon	38	37.43N	122	12.62W	Acorn Beach	38	33.21N	122	13.86W
Tully Creek Ranch	38	36.88N	122	13.20W	Foxtail Flat	38	33.48N	122	13.94W
Jackson Creek	38	36.46N	122	12.32W	Shale Point	38	34.54N	122	13.91W
Tin Can Canyon	38	36.44N	122	12.40W	McKinzie Ridge	38	33.70N	122	13.92W
Oil Well Canyon	38	36.07N	122	11.79W	Twin Oaks	38	33.80N	122	33.97W
Gunn Ranch	38	33.64N	122	11.47W	Patwin Grove	38	33.91N	122	09.69W
Gosling Canyon	38	33.80N	122	11.00W	Coyote Beach	38	33.98N	122	14.16W
Rockslide	38	33.13N	122	10.53W	Coyote Knolls	38	34.06N	122	14.25W
Little Portugese Cyn	38	32.27N	122	08.56W	Smittle Creek	38	34.55N	122	14.58W
Portugese Canyon	38	31.82N	122	08.16W	Berryessa Marina (Blue Oaks)	38	34.81N	122	14.99W
Monticello Dam	38	30.80N	122	06.29W	Rancho Monticello (Manzanita Cyn)	38	35.95N	122	15.57W
Canyon Creek Resort	38	30.76N	122	05.74W	Berryessa Pines	38	36.40N	122	16.59W
Old Road Point	38	30.45N	122	06.83W	Putah Creek (Chaparral Cove)	38	37.96N	122	17.27W
Party Point	38	30.33N	122	07.00W	Berryessa Estates	38	30.96N	122	11.58W
Peek-A-Boo Point	38	31.01N	122	07.97W					
Decker Canyon	38	30.08N	122	09.68W	Lakeside Points: S to N	deg	min	deg	min
Wragg Canyon	38	29.03N	122	09.47W	Mouth of Narrows	38	33.06N	122	11.05W
Kelly Canyon	38	31.16N	122	11.52W	Floating Restroom	38	38.31N	122	09.62W
Olive Orchard	38	30.63N	122	13.78W	Glory Hole	38	30.78N	122	06.34W
Sunrise Point	38	31.03N	122	12.42W	Haines Cove	38	32.04N	122	10.43W
Quarry Canyon	38	32.93N	122	14.00W	Moskowite Corral (Floating restroom)	38	32.54N	122	11.20W
Government Point	38	33.05N	122	13.31W	Meeks Cove	38	32.28N	122	11.26W
Goat Island	38	33.49N	122	13.10W	Skier's Cove (Monticello Ski Club)	38	31.78N	122	11.20W
Big Island	38	34.37N	122	13.36W	Capell Cove	38	30.31N	122	12.81W
Small Island	38	34.78N	122	14.20W	Neither Cove	38	31.11N	122	12.73W
School House Island	38	36.85N	122	16.50W	Old Skier's Cove	38	34.14N	122	13.14W
Rock One	38	36.89N	122	17.43W	Samuels Cove (Floating Restroom)	38	34.51N	122	13.11W
Pope Creek Bridge	38	36.98N	122	17.37W	Big Island Cove (Floating Restroom)	38	34.29N	122	13.62W
Rock Two	38	37.11N	122	17.56W	Small Island Cove	38	34.82N	122	13.99W
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Boy Scout Camp	38	38.11N	122	17.60W	Trout Creek	38	36.84N	122	18.39W
La Pointe	38	38.69N	122	17.23W	Pope Creek	38	37.06N	122	17.63W
Barton Hill	38	39.24N	122	16.72W	Floating Restrooms	38	37.82N	122	18.15W
Gibson Flat	38	39.54N	122	16.68W	Putah Creek	38	37.88N	122	17.65W
School House Cove	38	39.75N	122	16.69W	Old Stone Corral	38	38.55N	122	18.12W
Buckhorn	38	39.90N	122	16.68W	Jerd Creek	38	39.19N	122	19.09W
Blue Monday	38	40.04N	122	16.62W	Stone Corral	38	41.16N	122	21.37W
Raccoon Lagoon	38	40.32N	122	16.61W	Dyer Creek	38	39.64N	122	18.50W
K-6	38	40.37N	122	16.62W	School House Cove	38	39.57N	122	16.41W
Poe's Gate	38	40.50N	122	16.62W	Poe's Gate Cove	38	40.11N	122	16.44W
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Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

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


1 => 2 3.0 miles
2 => 3 5.3 miles
3 => 4 3.0 miles
4 => 5 5.0 miles
5 => 6 4.7 miles
6 => 7 5.0 miles
7 => 8 2.4 miles
8 => 9 2.4 miles

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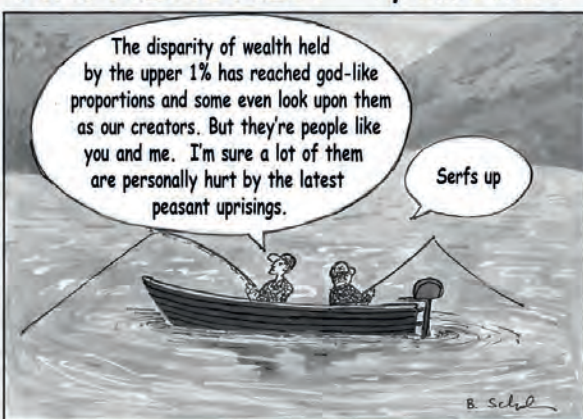
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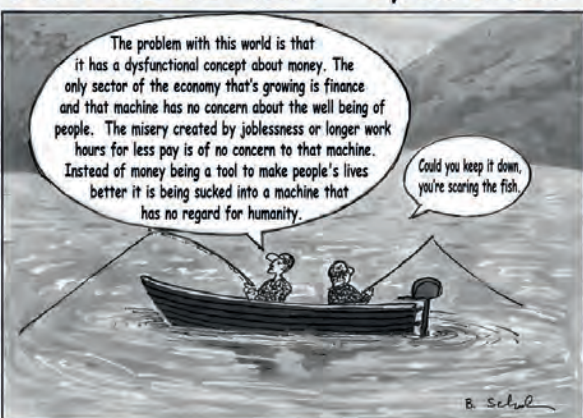
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The Lake Berryessa News

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June 1, 2016

Open Letter to the Federal Government: Get Out of Lake Berryessa!

OK. We know you tried. We know you think you tried very hard. And look where it got you - nowhere!

We know you didn't think anyone would want to use Lake Berryessa for recreation when it filled up in 1958. Why would they? The water would go up and down by 20 to 30 feet or more a year. How could anyone cope with that?

The fact that it would be the biggest, cleanest lake in Northern California only hours (or less) from millions of Bay Area residents just didn't cross your mind. To be fair, rational, long-range planning may not have been a high priority for you in those "olden" days.

We understand how disappointed, even jilted, you felt when none of your other agencies like the National Park Service would step forward to take over from the Bureau of Reclamation. At least the NPS agreed to write a Public Use Plan for you.

You tried to have the State of California or local government agencies assume the responsibility of managing public recreational facilities at the lake. The State expressed no interest and said that it had no funds available. But finally Napa County stepped up and agreed to manage Lake Berryessa.

Napa County decided that all development, construction, and management be left to concessionaires who had to finance the costs of these activities. The major development effort at all seven concessionaire areas was the addition of mobile homes.

Napa County officials confirmed that the revenue from the long-term leases of the mobile-homes provided the steady year-round incomes which could not be realized from seasonal picnicking and camping facilities.

You even agreed with this concept in your 1993 Record of Decision: "Long-term exclusive uses will be allowed in concession areas. Current long term exclusive uses assist in supporting

necessary services for the short-term users and low cost public access. These long-term exclusive uses will be located or relocated in areas that are neither prime shoreline locations that are desirable for short-term uses nor conflict with other greater public needs. Long-term uses will be designed to blend more effectively with the natural environment."

We know how hurt you must have felt in the early 1970's when the resort development and your partnership with Napa County was criticized, especially when the county decided to give the lake back to you. But you recovered your composure and tried to do your best by building a new headquarters complex and the beautiful Oak Shores Day Use Area.

Managing the new public facilities while also overseeing the seven concessionaires was definitely a big job. And those persnickety concessionaires were a handful to deal with at times.

No one can really blame you (too much) for becoming complacent. After all it was such a beautiful place to work and you didn't really have to work too hard if you didn't want to. If Napa County didn't really appear to care, why should you?

Unfortunately, your decision to not consistently apply your own Concessions Review Program Standards allowed serious problems to accumulate at some of the resorts. For example, allowing Pleasure Cove Marina, one of the worst offenders with its "Outback" area, to operate without oversight ("self-reporting") for so many years was probably not a good management choice. But your face-saving strategy of blaming everything that happened on the mobile home owners, who also wanted change and improvement, was despicable.

Since Lake Berryessa was such a small part of the Federal Government's responsibility, it is easy to understand why you lost real interest in it for decades. Your decision to turn it's Park Manager

position into a revolving-door training facility may have made bureaucratic sense to you at some level, but it did nothing to help us improve the situation. Remember the manager guy who only cared about native plants and made Steele Park tear up more than fifty baby palm trees they had just planted along the entry road? Where is he now?

But we know your greatest shame must be the "recent" epic fifteen year failure to accomplish anything of value at Lake Berryessa. You tried everything. You shifted blame, modified policy, changed definitions, recruited fellow travellers, colluded with Congress, produced falsified reports - just to get rid of the mobile homes and replace those troublesome concessionaires.

More than ten years ago thousands of people who loved Lake Berryessa spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, donated thousands of hours of effort, sent thousands of letters to the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of the Interior, and Congress. Some of us delivered more than 15,000 petition signatures to Reclamation Headquarters in Washington, D.C. supporting a common sense, fiscally responsible plan simply described as "Preserve the Best, Improve the Rest."

But no one in power listened, and we finally lost the "Battle for Berryessa" - resulting in the ghost lake we see now. California's third largest lake and the biggest recreation destination in the Bay Area has been mostly shut down for eight years because the Federal Government can't figure out how to do its job right.

The fifteen year failure of the Bureau of Reclamation is not based on simple ineptness, often complex ineptness is involved. But the failure is actually based more on a fatally-flawed policy at the federal level which treats Lake Berryessa as just another "lake in the country" to be dealt with as any other federal rural



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holding - independent of context.

Lake Berryessa is not another "lake in the country". It is a major economic, social, and recreation resource in an urban-proximate setting whose value to Napa County and the State of California is being utterly wasted.

Napa County managing the resorts again is a home-rule issue which solves many problems the County has complained about for decades - cost of public services with no financial support from you - Sheriff patrol costs, for example.

So, Federal Government, aren't you tired of things always going wrong under your command out here? After more than fifty years as a premier family recreation destination, you have driven the lake to its knees.

Since you simply want to implement flawed policy without any consequences to yourself, real people be damned, wouldn't it feel good to be relieved of the burden of Lake Berryessa?

Believe us, we feel your pain. But don't let the door hit you in the ass on the way out.

Sincerely,

The Lake Berryessa Community

2 **Letters to the Editor**

Dear Congressman Thompson,

The Board of Directors of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce urges you to facilitate the transfer of ownership and management of the land area surrounding Lake Berryessa from the Bureau of Reclamation to Napa County. We need a revolutionary strategy to stop the death spiral at Lake Berryessa.

Lake Berryessa is not another “lake in the country”. It is a major economic, social, and recreation resource in an urban-proximate setting whose value to Napa County and the State of California is being utterly wasted.

Napa County should take control of Lake Berryessa again. The State should do everything it can to support economic development here. Even Governor Brown wishes to see more rapid progress at Lake Berryessa.

The rationale for revolutionary change is simple:

1. The federal government has shown its inability to successfully implement its own policies for decades, resulting in the destruction of a once-thriving region.
2. Knowledgeable recreation and hospitality companies have pointed out the flaws in the federal government’s contract policies, policies which would need to be changed before serious companies would be interested.
3. The federal government (BOR or BLM) is unlikely to change its policy on those flawed contract terms - which is a recipe for future lack of action.

4. Napa County successfully ran the lake from 1958 to 1975. Many U.S. counties run major successful concessions - San Diego County, for example.

5. Napa County managing the resorts again is a home-rule issue which solves many problems the County has complained about for decades - cost of public services with no financial return.

6. There are several precedents for the BOR turning over management of the land portion of their water projects to local jurisdictions, Elephant Butte, New Mexico, for example.

Simply put, the federal government owes the Lake Berryessa community and Napa County BIG TIME. Napa County managing Lake Berryessa in partnership with Napa Valley tourism professionals is the best opportunity for a Renaissance Lake Berryessa.

Sincerely, Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: Peter Kilkus, President; Bob Lee, Vice-President; Jerry Rehmke, Secretary/Treasurer; Craig Morton; Paul Quarneri; Marcia Ritz

Vote for Diane Shepp

In my 36 years as a county resident, political activist, policy analyst, and elected and appointed office holder, I’ve met numerous elected officials and candidates at every level. Some really stand out. Diane Shepp is running for District 4 Supervisor. It’s a position that I once held, so I know that Diane has what it takes to do the job.

What distinguishes Diane from her competitors is wisdom, years of public

service to Napa County, and her ability to work well with many different constituencies ranging from students to nonprofits to residents concerned with excess development. Diane listens. She understands from the inside out the complexities of county government. A former two-term Grand Jury member, Diane learned first-hand what works in government and what needs fixing. She has developed understanding as a result of observing years of Napa County land use planning decisions.

Diane has demonstrated leadership in her role as co-founder of NapaVision 2050. She has the courage to confront established beliefs and challenge the county to go beyond its limited and unsustainable actions regarding too much development of our agricultural economy.

From her experience as a rural county resident Diane understands that too much of a good thing can undermine the value of Napa County wine and property. Diane has the knowledge to understand that excessive tourist-oriented development on rural land can destroy the delicate balance of nature, ruin our air quality and deplete our natural resources.

Diane is running against powerful forces. Big money in and outside our community is working overtime to ensure that development is protected from restrictions on marketing, new wineries, vineyards and ever more tasting facilities. It’s time someone stood up for the rest of us, not just tourists, in a balanced and courageous manner.

Kathryn Winter, Former Napa County Supervisor

1 **Diane Shepp for Supervisor**

Diane has been supporting our art community for decades and has served a teacher and two terms on our Grand Jury, but what is important is that she is thoughtful about the future, and she is one tough lady.

She doesn’t get big donations from a wealthy helicopter owner, nor is she afraid of a big time landowner trying to remove 24,000 oak woodlands and replace them with small vineyards, a water system, and new roads. These 35 parcels are at the top of the watershed that feeds a City drinking water reservoir, and also feeds a large swath of the Coombsville.

We are spending millions of dollars to bring recycled water to some of the MST. How many dollars will we pay to clean up Napa’s water when heavy rains overtake the runoff ponds and send mud and pesticides down the hills?

Diane courageously fought the Syar expansion, because there is NO measurement of the life-threatening silicates blowing in the wind. There are not even plans to measure these deadly particles during or after the expansion! Diane supports local industries, but thinks that health is more important.

Local heavy traffic threatens our health when small local roads are used for large public events at wineries. She sees that when almost 500 wineries have hundreds of events for visitors, we Napa residents will pay for that road congestion.

Diane encourages a local attempt to measure the cumulative effects on our health and our community before approvals.

Ginny Simms, Former Napa County Supervisor

1 **A Lake Berryessa News Economics Lesson**

The Government Does Not Print Money!

Debt is the Real Source of Most Money

by Peter Kilkus

The way in which the banking system creates money is by pyramiding debt. That's simply elementary economics. Say Person A, a wheat farmer, sells \$1,000 worth of wheat and deposits the money in Bank M. Retaining 10 percent of the deposit as a reserve, Bank M is able to loan \$900 to Person B, which Person B deposits in her account in Bank N. Now Person A has a cash asset of \$1,000 in Bank M and Person B has a cash asset of \$900 in Bank N. Keeping a 10 percent reserve, Bank N is able to make a loan of \$810 to Person C, who deposits it in Bank O, which then loans \$729 to Person D, and so on.

The deposit of the original \$1,000 earned from producing a real product for consumption by real people ultimately allows the banking system to generate \$9,000 in additional new deposits by generating a corresponding \$9,000 in new debt - new money created without a single thing of value having been produced.

The banks involved in this series of transactions now have \$9,000 in new outstanding loans and \$10,000 in new deposits on the loans on the basis of the original deposit of \$1,000 from the sale of wheat. They expect to receive the going rate of interest, let’s say 6 percent. This means that the banking system expects to obtain a minimum annual return of \$540 on money that the system has basically created out of nothing. This is part of what makes banking such a powerful and profitable business!

Remember that money is created when banks lend it into existence. When a bank provides you with a \$100,000 mortgage, say at 7% interest, it creates only the principal (which may have come from someone else’s interest payments), which you spend and which then circulates in the economy. The bank expects you to pay back \$240,000 over the next 30 years, but it doesn’t create the additional \$140,000 – the interest. Instead, the bank sends you out into the tough world to battle against everyone else to bring back the \$140,000.

Without a reserve requirement, the banking system could, in theory, pyramid a single loan without limit, which is essentially what happened during the Japanese real estate bubble and its subsequent collapse. It is also the reason for the last U.S. financial crisis due to junk real estate loans.

Despite the greater public visibility of stock markets, the financial heart of capitalism is in the credit markets, a term covering loans arranged through a variety of instruments and institutions, from simple bank loans to complex bond products.

Debts, mere promises to pay, are nonetheless transformed into commodities in the eyes of creditors. This capitalization of promised incomes allows nearly everything, from an industrial plant to an unspoiled wilderness to a human life, to be modeled as a quasi-credit, whose value today is the value of its future earnings stream. But the financial industry really doesn't want you to understand this, since you might ask for some reasonable controls.

June 1 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Once the laughter dies down, the party favors are put away, and the monkeys led back inside their cages, you'll finally be given a chance to explain your side of the story.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what's been wrong with you lately. That, sadly enough, will take three rocket scientists.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Just when things seem to be going your way, you'll be forced to get out of bed this week.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): The stars aren’t sure what’s worse: that you keep insisting you’re the inspiration for the lizard in the insurance commercials, or that it’s true and you seem to take such pride in it.

Leo (7/23-8/22): The very heavens themselves shall bestow their benevolence upon you this week, allowing you to take 15 percent off selected entrées at a popular chain of restaurants.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You were pretty sure your long, hellish ordeal was finally over, but it turns out it was renewed for another season and you still can’t stop watching it.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Running away from your problems will fail this week, as will climbing out of your problems’ reach and playing dead in hopes that your problems go away.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): The stars indicate that you’ve really done it this time. I mean, just look around, for God’s sake. How did this even happen?

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You’re about to make one woman very happy, and hundreds of thousands of other women extremely relieved.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): The existence of rogue waves has been confirmed for well over 15 years, but until your sudden drowning next week, they won’t have been known to make it all the way to Kansas City.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): After decades of being repeatedly hit by buses, you’ll finally sit down and talk with one face-to-face and realize that was just their unique way of expressing their affection all along.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): God will shine His divine light on you this week, instantly blinding you with His infinite carelessness.



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Per Reclamation: "The Markley Cove Bid Prospectus - Why the Difference?"

The location, environment, scenic vistas, a multitude of outdoor recreation opportunities and proximity to other tourist destinations, including the Napa Valley, make this a desirable location for water and land based commercial recreation services. Together, this presents a financially viable business opportunity with outstanding growth potential over the term of the next concession contract.

Business opportunities for the next concession contract term include a full-service marina, overnight lodging, pleasure boat rentals, retail sales, dining, and day use facilities. Bidders may also suggest other appropriate facilities and services as part of their proposals. Successful bidders will be required to propose a development program for new concession investment and construction.

Current occupancy levels on rental boat slips at Markley Cove at Lake Berryessa is already near 100 percent, and existing waiting lists for marina slips indicates a high interest in having a boat moored at the lake. Current facilities at Markley Cove include improvements valued at approximately \$6.5 million that any incoming concession contractor would be required to purchase from the current operator.

The upcoming Prospectus will be open for a period of 45 days in recognition of the complexities involved and the potential for individual bidders to develop proposals.

Details on Required Services, Authorized Services, and how to submit a bid are included in the Prospectus. The Prospectus is viewable at www.fbo.gov under solicitation number MP-16-MC1. The bidding period is open through June 27."

Unlike other resorts targeted for redevelopment, Markley Cove may not have its marina, store, office and other infrastructure removed. A successful bidder could opt


to start from scratch and build its own infrastructure on the 120-acre site. But the winner will also have the option of keeping the existing infrastructure.

These payment terms are inconsistent with the previous proposed contracts for the other resorts .


Almost \$1.5M of the appraised value of Markley Cove is in launch ramps (\$130,000), roads (\$364,000), sewer & water infrastructure (\$725,000) and other facilities defined by the BOR as Concession Area Infrastructure which "includes all road surfaces, landscape, utilities, and appurtenant structures affixed to the assigned lands in such a manner as to be a part of the realty including but not limited to parking stalls (for camping, lodging, and day use), parking lots and roadways, launch ramps, electrical transmission and connection services, street lighting, telephone and internet or other methods of information technology, potable water and waste water systems. Upon expiration, bankruptcy, or termination of this Concession Contract for any reason, the Concession Area Infrastructure shall be the property of the United States at no expense. No compensation shall be paid to the Concession Contractor for any Concession Area Infrastructure."

Why the special payment terms for Markley Cove in this bid process when this specific contract language was the main reason Reclamation recieved no "responsive" bids during the last bid process for the other resorts? Unfortunately, even the new proposed Markley contract has the same confiscatory terms. So whoever wins the bid and pays for the infrastructure will have to give it back to the government for free at the end of the 30 year contract.


"Part 4 - O. Utilities and Concession Area Infrastructure: Reclamation will not be responsible for providing any utilities or infrastructure to the concession operations at Markley Cove Concession Area. Concession Area Infrastructure will become the property of Reclamation on expiration or termination of the Concession Contract."



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4 **Short History of a Long Process**
With No Positive Results:
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2000: Reclamation initiates the Visitor Services Plan (VSP) process with the Notice of Intent published in the Federal Register on Nov 7, 2000.

Aug., 2001: Removal of 127 trailers from the "Outback" at Pleasure Cove due to a Notice of Violation from the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

May-Jun., 2001: Public scoping per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

Oct. 31, 2003: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) released.

Feb. 16 - Apr. 22, 2004: First and second extension to the DEIS comment period in response to stakeholder interest.

May, 2004 - Jan., 2005: Review and evaluate DEIS comments.

Feb. 16, 2005 - Apr. 4, 2005: Third extension to the DEIS comment period in response to stakeholder interest.

Nov. 4, 2005: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) released.

Nov., 2005 - May, 2006: At the request of Congressman Pombo, Reclamation extends 30-day "cooling off" period under NEPA to a full 6-months. Although not required by NEPA, Reclamation accepts comments to the FEIS throughout this time.

Jun. 2, 2006: Final Record of Decision (ROD) released.

Jun. 16, 2007 Berryessa For All v. United States Bureau of Reclamation (No. C 07-0259-SI) seeking injunctive relief on the basis that the FEIS and VSP ROD violate NEPA, Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and Federal Law.

Jun., 2007: Initial Prospectus released soliciting proposals for all seven concession areas.

Sep. 6, 2007: Initial due date for proposals in response to the Prospectus.

Jan. 2 - Feb. 28, 2008: Panel deliberations.

Apr., 2008: Selection of successful bidders.

Jun., 2008: Negotiations initiated or

scheduled between successful bidders and Reclamation.

July 10, 2008: District Court Order in Berryessa For All v. United States Bureau of Reclamation (No. C 07-0259-SJ). District Court denies plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and grants Reclamation's motion for summary judgment. Court determines that the FEIS and VSP ROD adequately complied with NEPA, APA, and Federal Law.

Dec., 2008: Reclamation awards new long-term concession contract for Pleasure Cove Marina.

Jan. 13, 2009: Final Judgment entered in Murad, requiring the last of 73 defendants named in the case to vacate the premises at Pleasure Cove.

Mar., 2009: Reclamation cancels negotiations with Markley Cove and Pensus to ensure conformance with legal requirements (minor technicality). Seriously disrupts ongoing process. Begins new bid process.

May 15, 2009: Revised Prospectus released for six concession areas.

May 26, 2009: Interim contracts signed for Markley Cove and Steele Park.

Jun. 9, 2009: Interim contract signed for operation of temporary campground at Oak Shores.

Jun., 2009: Reclamation initiates environmental remediation and clean-up of trash, debris, and abandoned personal property from previous operations at each concession area.

Sep. 30, 2009: Proposals due; five separate proposals received. Some previous bidders dropped out.

Nov., 2009 - Jan., 2010: Evaluation panel deliberations.

Jan. 14, 2010: Pensus Group LLC selected as most responsive bid for all six concession areas. Pensus changes names of resorts to Chaparral Cove, Manzanita Canyon, Black Oaks, Foothill Pines, Lupine Shores - very unpopular change.

Apr. 28, 2010: Contract Award. Basic services are provided by Pensus during 2010 at Lupine Shores (previously Steele Park) and Chaparral Cove (previously

Putah Creek) concession areas.
Jun. 21, 2010: Long-term concession contract awarded to Pleasure Cove Marina LLC, superseding previous contract.

Feb. 10, 2011: Pensus' proposed Concession Facilities Improvement Plan (CFIP) is accepted by Reclamation with comment. The CFIP essentially represents a buildout schedule for required and authorized services under the contract.

Mar. 3, 2011: OIG Investigative Report determines no improprieties with contract award process.

Dec. 22, 2011: Pensus' proposed 2012 IMP is accepted by Reclamation.

Dec., 2011- Feb., 2012: Informal collaboration between Reclamation and Pensus to address performance issues.

Feb. 27, 2012: Reclamation provides Pensus a Letter of Non-Compliance with 30-day opportunity to cure.

May 7, 2012: Reclamation provides Pensus a Notice of Proposed Termination.

May 22, 2012: Reclamation and Pensus agree to invoke mediation. Mediation ended with no settlement.

Dec. 6, 2012: Notice of Proposed Termination referred to Mid Pacific Regional Director for final decision. Pensus contract terminated by Mid Pacific Regional Director.

Dec., 2012: Reclamation held three public meetings to explain decision to terminate Pensus contract.

Jan., 2013: Reclamation changes resort names to Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, Putah Canyon, Monticello Shores and Berryessa Point Recreation Areas - very popular change.

Feb. - Dec., 2013: Reclamation held six Lake Berryessa Community Forum meetings.

May 1, 2013: Reclamation executed an interim contract with John and Linda Frazier to operate Markley Cove Resort.

May 20, 2013: Reclamation executed an interim contract with Pleasure Cove Marina, LLC, to operate Steele Canyon and Spanish Flat Recreation Areas.

May 24, 2013: Reclamation executed an

interim contract with Royal Elk Park Management to operate Putah Canyon Recreation Area.

Aug. 21, 2013: Reclamation awarded a contract for Architectural and Engineering services to prepare a Market develop 30 percent Conceptual Site Plans, develop 30 percent Conceptual Designs, and perform a Financial Feasibility Evaluation for five concession areas.

Sep. 13, 2013: Reclamation purchased all rights, title, and interest in the boat launch ramp and main road at Steele Canyon Recreation Area for \$210,000.

Jan. 16, 2014: Reclamation held a public workshop to gather input on the Preliminary Draft Conceptual Site for Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, Berryessa Point, Monticello Shores, and Putah Canyon Recreation Areas.

Feb. 19, 2014: Reclamation held a Community Forum meeting at the Capell Valley Fire Station.

Jun., 2014: Reclamation releases draft plans for next bid.

July, 2015: Reclamation releases Concession Bid Prospectus.

Feb., 2016: Reclamation announces that no successful bids were received in response to the Prospectus for the development and long-term management of five concession areas at Lake Berryessa (Putah Canyon, Spanish Flat, Monticello Shores, Berryessa Point and Steele Canyon recreation areas). The bidding period was open from July 2 to Aug. 31 and extended to Sep. 15, 2015.

Mar. 2, 2016: Reclamation holds Community Forum Public Meeting to explain results of failed bid process. Provides several potential alternative future actions. No communication from Reclamation since then.

Apr., 2016: Reclamation informs interim concessioners for three recreation areas that their contracts may be extended up to two years.

May 20, 2016: Reclamation releases Markley Cove Bid Prospectus several months late.

2017: Renaissance Lake Berryessa? Goodbye BOR - Hello Napa County?

5 **Stebbins Cold Canyon Trail Is Open**

Nearly one year after the Wragg Fire burned UC Davis' Stebbins Cold Canyon Natural Reserve and forced its closure, the reserve reopened to the public on May 15.

When the Wragg Fire ignited on July 22, 2015, the 638-acre reserve was first in its path. It ripped through the reserve, burning cottonwoods, thick patches of chaparral, blue oaks and railroad ties built into the trail.

Before the fire, the reserve served as an outdoor laboratory and classroom for students and scientists from UC Davis and elsewhere. Located just about 30 minutes west of Davis and bordering the newly designated Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, it is also a locally beloved natural space, welcoming roughly 65,000 visitors each year.

Natural Reserve System staff members have worked closely with UC Davis students as well as with volunteers from other regional groups dedicated to the outdoors, such as the nonprofit Tuleyome. They have helped restore trails, build steps that burned in the fire, remove brush and relocate the parking area.

Returning visitors will find much that is familiar, but there are some key changes:

Parking. Visitors will no longer need to cross the highway to get from their car to the reserve. Pay attention to new signage that guides visitors to a new parking area below the entrance.

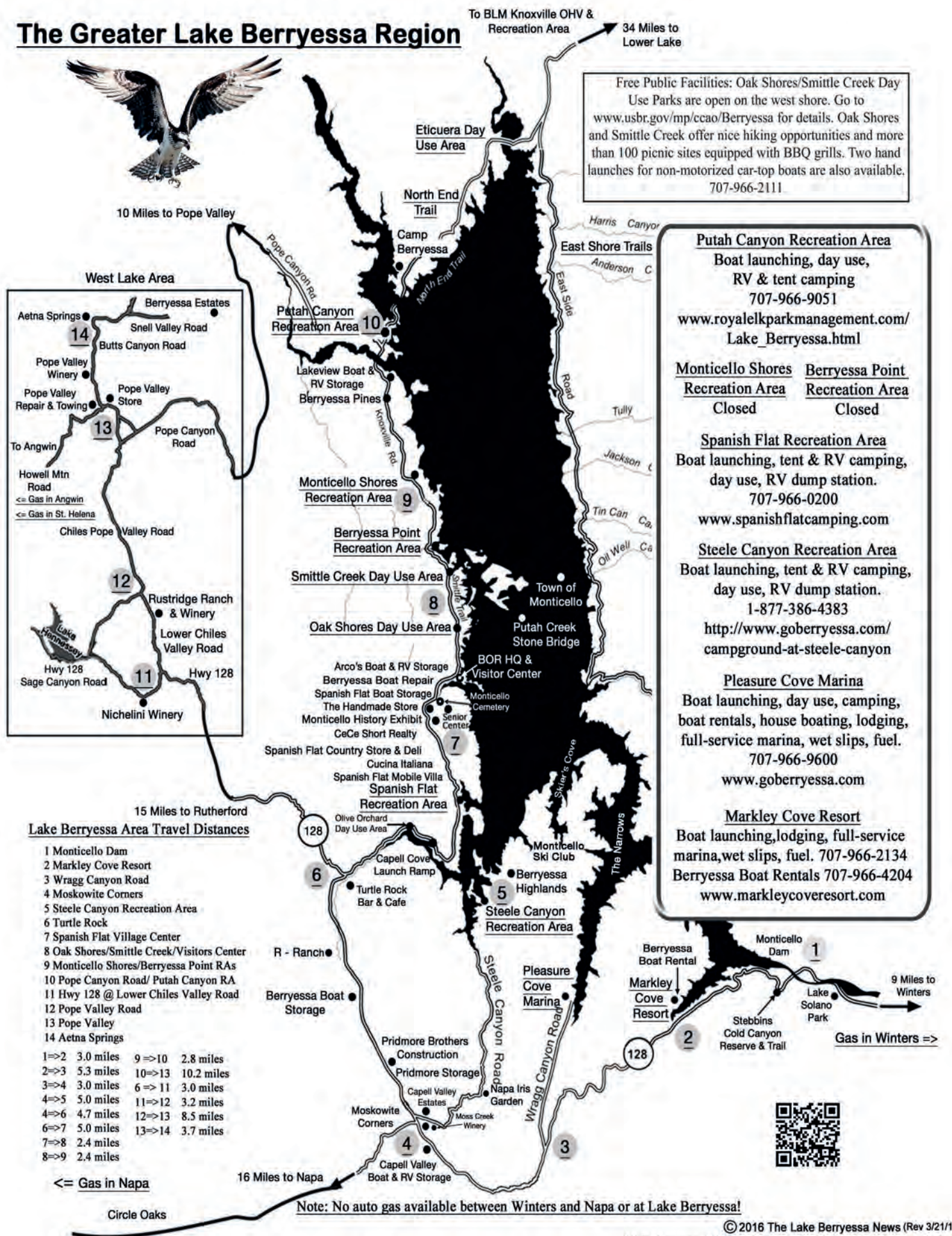
Construction. Some construction is still in progress, such as fencing and signage. Reserve staff asks for patience as more permanent changes are made.

It will be hotter. While much of the fire's blackness has given way to greenery, the absence of several trees means there is less shade than before. People should bring plenty of water, wear a hat and try to avoid visiting during the hottest parts of the day.

No dogs. The reserve is a protected research site, and dogs are not allowed on the trail.

Stebbins Cold Canyon is one of 10 natural reserves in the UC system and one of the few open for public recreation. Scientists use UC Natural Reserves as outdoor laboratories and classrooms, researching everything from wildlife health to water quality, climate change, plant sciences, entomology and land management.

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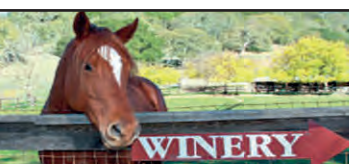
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Will History Repeat Itself In Reverse? What Happened in 1975?

The early 1970s brought much controversy over the management of Lake Berryessa. Napa County was in conflict with the Bureau of Reclamation over how best to provide public recreation at the lake. A moratorium was placed on all construction and development in the concession areas, including remedial construction activities, by Reclamation in 1970. A Board of Supervisors Resolution, No. 71-133, Nov. 1971, refused to continue to allow the Reclamation imposed "moratorium" and resolved to allow construction activities of a remedial nature at Lake Berryessa.

Congressman Don Clausen, responsive to his constituents, visited the lake in 1972. He worked extensively with all parties involved. In mid 1973 there was a Lake Berryessa Conference called by Cong. Clausen. He analyzed the National Recreation Area Proposal which would acquire the concessions and burden taxpayers with \$25 - \$40 million. He concluded that it did not provide a solution and that an expanded, up-dated and restructured cooperative management agreement between the Federal government and Napa County would be the best and most realistic way to resolve the Berryessa question.

He attributed the failures to develop and manage day-use recreation facilities and activities to:

1. Failure of the Federal government to recognize the potential for public recreation when the Lake Berryessa - Solano Project was conceived and constructed.

2. Failure of the Federal government to provide for the development and management of day-use recreation facilities even when its potential was recognized.

3. Inability of the State of California

to finance or cooperate in financing recreational resources at the Lake.

He then stated, "Private enterprise, working in concert with government, can do anything better than government alone can --- the only problem is, it was never really given a fair chance to work at Lake Berryessa!"

He recognized that funds were necessary to develop the day use capital improvements, and vowed to pursue Federal funds. He felt that the public use plan developed by the National Park Service was an excellent guide in developing a comprehensive day-use recreation plan for the Lake.

The Conference led Congress Clausen to introduce H.R Bill 11758, December 1973. The purpose of the Bill was to authorize the Federal government to direct the development, operation and maintenance of day-use facilities.

It further authorized the Federal government to create rules and regulations for the administration of the lands and waters at Lake Berryessa, and to enter into agreements for the operation and maintenance of recreational use facilities in the area. It authorized funds to be appropriated which were necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act.

Supportive of HR Bill 11758, the County of Napa Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution. The County considered the Bill a solution which would provide for the establishment of much needed day use public recreational facilities at Lake Berryessa by receiving funding to provide recreational uses, while proposing reasonable solutions for the management at Lake Berryessa.

But after fruitless years of discussion and debate regarding the management agreement, in 1974 Napa County withdrew as the management agency of Lake Berryessa through Resolution 74-444, April 1974:

"WHEREAS, since the inception of said recreation managerial effort by the County of Napa, the recreational public has been served through the development of seven separate concession complexes individually managed by private enterprise concessionaires under agreement with the County, as approved by the Bureau of Reclamation, and the volume of recreational uses by the general public has expanded to the extent that presently Lake Berryessa is providing more than two million recreational user-days per year; and

WHEREAS, the County of Napa has, during recent years, sought to negotiate certain amendments to the said management agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation for the purpose or providing the resort concessionaires at Lake Berryessa with the contractual interest that would permit their more readily obtaining commercial financing with which to accomplish desirable expansion and capital improvements within their respective concession areas; however, such efforts of County have thus far been fruitless; and ...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa, State of California, that it does herewith and hereby determine that the County of Napa shall relinquish and terminate its managerial functions and activities under that certain Agreement entitled "Management Agreement with Napa County for Lake Berryessa Area" and dated January 17, 1962, between the County of Napa and the United States of America, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, said relinquishment and termination to be accomplished at a date convenient to said Bureau of Reclamation but not later than June 30, 1975."



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2 Berryessa Management Analysis To Be Presented to the Board of Superviors on June 21

Napa County staff have been gathering data, visiting the lake, and interviewing a wide range of knowledgeable people to determine whether Napa County should take over management of all, or a part, of Lake Berryessa.

An initial report will be presented to the supervisors at their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 21. The report will be available on Friday, June 17th on the County's web site.

Interested residents should plan to attend this meeting to express their views as to how best to revitalize Lake Berryessa.

Napa County Is Seriously Considering Managng Lake Berryessa

Napa County is trying to figure out whether it might be the potential solution to the Lake Berryessa resort redevelopment problem. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has tried for eight years unsuccessfully to renovate five of the reservoir's seven resorts. It is looking for private concessionaires to rebuild resorts stripped of marinas and other infrastructure in anticipation of a long-stalled rebirth.

Some people want the Bureau of Reclamation to shrink its role in managing recreation on the lake's federal land and give Napa County the chance. The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce has sent a letter to Cong. Mike Thompson urging him to support this effort.

Diane Shepp, a candidate for 4th District supervisor, favored this approach

at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting. "I'm hoping perhaps you as the Board of Supervisors will take a leadership position to take back some sort of management of the area on behalf of all the people out there who have been hanging on by the skin of their teeth," she said.

To date, Napa County has favored the approach championed by Rep. Mike Thompson, D- St. Helena. Thompson is carrying legislation that would take Berryessa recreation management away from the Bureau of Reclamation and give it to the Bureau of Land Management.

But some want to go beyond switching one federal boss for another federal boss. They want to take an entirely different approach and put Napa County in charge.

Napa County officials met with Bureau of Reclamation in mid-April to start the discussion. The issue will go to the Board of Supervisors in late June.

For now, the county is gathering information and performing its due diligence.

Although the county wouldn't necessarily have to manage all seven resort sites, it's not clear whether this would be a positive compromise or simply a weak approach to the problem - settling for the acceptable rather than optimal.

The county is closer to the market than the Bureau of Reclamation which might result in better judgment of what might succeed at the lake. This is one benefit proposed by the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce. Napa County managing Lake Berryessa in partnership with Napa Valley tourism professionals is the best opportunity for a

"Renaissance Lake Berryessa".

Lake Berryessa Management Change Would Not Affect Solano County Water Use

Concerns that the discussions about who should own or manage the recreation area lands around Lake Berryessa could affect Solano County water rights are unfounded, area water officials said.

"In terms of water management and water supply that is separate from the recreation and the use of the lands around the lake," Roland Sanford, general manager of the Solano County Water Agency, said Thursday.

The agency has a contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the vast majority of the water supply at the lake. Small shares go to the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) in the Berryessa Highlands, the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District (LBRID) in the Berryessa Estates. Although these agencies are called "resort improvement districts" they have no connection to the lake resorts. The designation was a State description of a type of bond issue used to develop the infrastructure of rural housing projects. Berryessa water is also used by the Spanish Flat Water District which serves the west shore homes and businesses in Spanish Flat and the Berryessa Pines.

The lake was specifically created as a water source for Solano County agricultural and urban interests. In fact, in the earliest years, the lake was fenced off and even recreational uses were prohibited.

The Solano County Water Agency has a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation to operate the Monticello Dam and the Putah Diversion Dam.

Cary Keaten, general manager of the Solano Irrigation District, said that whatever happens with regard to the resorts will have no affect on the power plant it owns and operates at Lake Berryessa. Power generated is sold to Pacific Gas & Electric Company for its grid.

Napa County officials confirmed that they are not getting into the water conveyance business.

"We are not going to have anything to do with the water," said Molly Rattigan, principal analyst in the Napa County Executive Office.

The only exception to that would be if the county takes over management of the seven recreation area properties, then those facilities would require water as they become operational. Rattigan said she believes they would get that water in the same fashion they have in the past, and would not gain any control over the water supply or distribution rights.

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce has asked Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, to facilitate the transfer of ownership from the Bureau of Reclamation to Napa County. The group blames the federal agency for the spiraling depression of the local economy, which has seen two resorts close and three others reduced to minimum services without any utilities.

Finding concessionaires to run the resorts has been difficult, and even those that do run resorts have reported getting approval for improvements has been a challenge.

Journey From Cartoon Fantasies to Thoroughbred Realities

As with other interesting people who ended up in Napa County, Jim Fresquez of RustRidge Ranch & Winery has had a varied career. Many of us he grew up with Hannah-Barbera cartoons, but he did it from the inside. In 1957, when Hannah-Barbera Productions opened its doors, the two men developed a unique animation process that would revolutionize cartoon production. They hired Jim Fresquez as a 16 year old jack-of-all-trades who worked his way up to Assistant Director of Photography. The title, Jim laughs, means you have to do everything.

During his 15 years with Hannah-Barbera, Jim met a cowboy friend of Will Rogers who recommended Jim to Michael Landon as a horse-trainer. Jim became Michael Landon's personal horse trainer for many years. His job was to keep the horses "bullet-proof" - ready to ride any time the Landon family arrived. This gave him lots of riding and exercise in the outdoors which he loved. He never went back to the Hollywood grind.

When Michael Landon decided to race horses, he asked Jim to train them, and Jim's thoroughbred horse training career began. During his 20 years as a trainer, Jim met many famous people, one of whom was Petaluma native, M.E. "Buster" Millerick who was part of the team that trained Seabiscuit, the 1930's racing legend. Due to his relationship with Millerick, Jim now owns Seabiscuit's original saddle and other historical items. The full story is available on the RustRidge web site at www.RustRidge.com.

Jim escaped to Northern California where he met Susan Meyer.



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June 15 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Be aware that several of your closest friends may bring up a number of your personal flaws this week, which will make some at your funeral slightly uncomfortable.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Wisdom says that God will not give you more than you can handle, but then the Lord Almighty never got his Crocs caught in a revolving door.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): The stars foretell that food will materialize in your refrigerator the fourth time you open it.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): They may tell you you're deluded, that you've lost your mind, but you know good and well that those jabbering, naysaying radiators in your apartment don't know what they're talking about.

Leo (7/23-8/22): After years of putting up an emotional wall, you'll realize the error of your ways this week and purchase three tons of brick and cement instead.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): The baboon will see you as a threat to the social hierarchy of the pack, which truth be told, is giving you way too much credit.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Interior decorators claim that only about 18 inches of space is needed for people to pass between furnishings, but that was before they got a load of you.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): While being a good friend means telling the truth, you'll soon realize that being a true friend means keeping your mouth shut.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Your attempt to lighten the mood by relating a few amusing anecdotes will only result in people getting angrier and angrier as the life raft slowly fills with water.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Your radical theory about a mysterious group of cleaners who appear at night to tidy up your office is strikingly close to the truth, but don't worry: You're in no danger.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Your good friends will help remind you of what's really important in life, especially those to whom you owe all that money.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Once again nothing much is going to happen to you, but really, we appreciate that you took the time to check.



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guarding the premises for unwanted invaders. It didn't work.

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But here's the kicker. Two days later, the ducks were back looking to inhabit the same nest. "What are you thinking?????" my survival brain squawked. Then I paused and saw that these little creatures were just getting on with their life as their instincts guided them.

And so I looked at my thinking, my perceptions, and decided that maybe there are some lessons I'm being reminded of here.

I wanted to interfere with Nature's way of being.

Lesson: Be careful and aware of my actions. There is a difference between interference and intervention – meddling to control something or supportive involvement to influence positive change. I thought I knew better.

Lesson: Imposing my thoughts on Nature is a risky business. Better to be patient and observant and see how to partner in the flow of things. I caught myself up in thinking about doing something so that I would not feel discomfort.

Lesson: Avoiding discomfort is not always the best of motivations. It can cause putting attention on something I have no control over. I took a judgmental view on the flow of natural instinct to move on, to continue engaging life as it is, and respond to life as it shows up.

Lesson: Critical judgment blinds me to the bigger picture of life, i.e., the impermanence of all things. And I got myself stuck in the perception that the natural world lives around me.

Lesson: I live within the Natural World. I am a Being of Nature, not separate and more powerful, but able to be conscious in choosing partnership in the flow of life.

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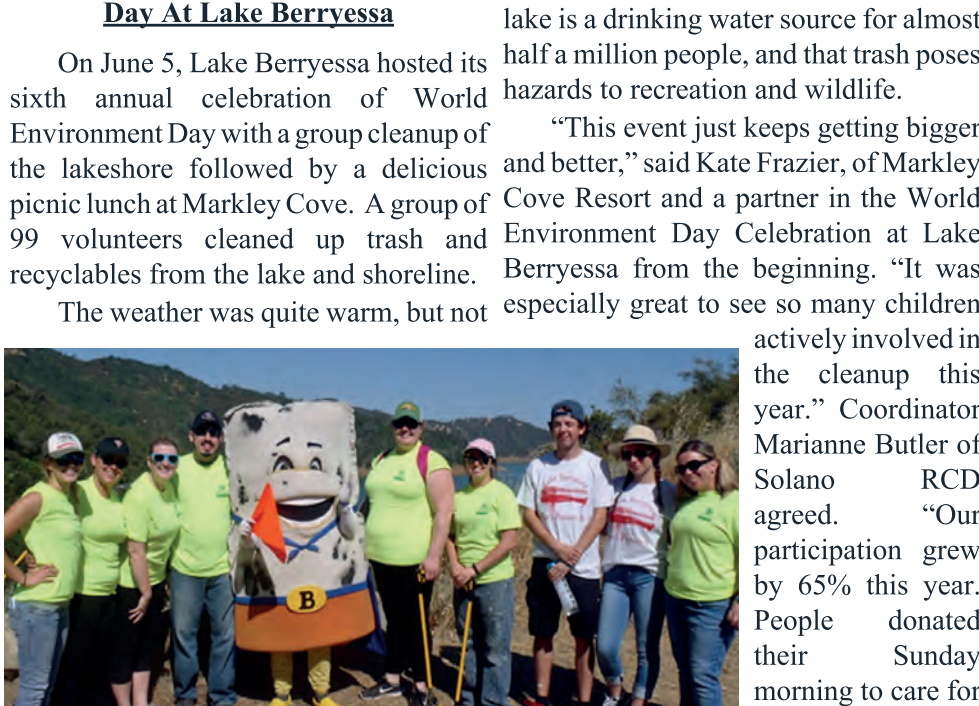
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scorching, and volunteers worked hard to get the lake ready for the Summer season, removing 437 pounds of improperly discarded waste and recyclable materials, improving ecological function and making the Lake a better environment for everyone. Participants used reusable gloves and trash pick-up sticks in an effort to ensure the cleanup generated as little of its own waste as possible.

Locally, World Environment Day is well-timed for the start of Lake Berryessa's season: volunteers pick up trash after the Memorial Day weekend, helping start the summer with Lake Berryessa in the best shape possible.

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Two East Side Lake Berryessa Ranches Receive Agricultural Conservation Easements To Protect Them From Future Development

For Amy Gunn, seeing stars over Lake Berryessa was a big motivating factor in ensuring her family’s cattle ranch will forever be rural.

“When I was little, in bed at night, the view from my room looked out to the west side of the lake,” she said. “My early memories are of complete wilderness. But the nighttime view has changed dramatically in 50 years, with home lights now visible in large groups in several areas.

“If we protect the east side of Lake Berryessa now, and we look ahead 50 years into the future, the lake won't be a complete circle of lights. Maybe my grandchildren will still experience that feeling of being in the wilderness, even so close to the Bay Area.”

The Gunn Ranch and adjacent Smitty Ranch have been permanently shielded from development in an arrangement known as an agricultural conservation easement, and other local properties are likely to follow suit. The Land Trust of Napa County worked with the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and the California Department of Conservation (DOC) to bring the easements to fruition. The easement restricts future development on the land, but allows the land to stay in private ownership and ensures that sustainable ranching can continue into the future.

The Napa County easements were the first completed under California’s new Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program. The SALC Program is part of the California’s Climate Investments, which use proceeds from the state’s cap-and-trade auctions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while providing a variety of additional benefits to California communities. SALC is administered by the DOC for the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). SALC supports the state’s efforts to reduce emissions through agricultural land preservation, complementing SGC’s climate

investments in infill and compact development.

“Protecting our natural and working lands from future development is a key component in reaching our state's long term climate goals, and the Strategic Growth Council is committed to stewarding and protecting these vital natural resources,” said SCG Executive Director Randall Winston.

“We were very pleased to work with the State of California and the Moore Foundation to complete these easements,” said Doug Parker, Chief Executive Officer of the Land Trust of Napa County. “And I especially want to thank the landowners for their commitment to this project. This was really just the first phase of a very large agricultural easement project aimed at protecting all the land on the east side of Lake Berryessa – 14,000 acres. All of the landowners are interested in doing easements, so we are excited about working with them to protect this large and important area.”

The easements, totaling 1,558 acres, are 18 miles from Angwin in Napa County and 12 miles from the City of Winters Sphere of Influence in Yolo County. Although the land is rural, the property just south of the ranches has been divided into 40-acre lots and around the lake, other areas have been developed. The ranches have beautiful views of Lake Berryessa desirable for ranchettes, estate homes, or recreational homes. By eliminating the potential to subdivide these ranches, 5.1 million fewer vehicle miles travelled over the next 30 years will be attained, along with a multitude of agricultural and habitat benefits.

The ranch includes large open grasslands that transition to oak woodlands and more forested land going up from the lake to the ridge on the Napa-Yolo county line. Protecting the upper reaches of the land will ensure that these forests are also protected, growing trees that will continue to sequester carbon. In addition, the project will help protect the watershed of Lake Berryessa, a key water source for Solano County, and significant scenic landscapes for all the

residents and visitors to Lake Berryessa each year.

To the east and north east, the ranches are adjacent to protected areas. The land immediately to the north and south remains under threat. Nearby protected lands include Bureau of Land Management property that was designated last year as part of the new Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, and ranches protected with easements in both Napa and Yolo counties.

“Pursuing this project provides the opportunity to create, through several phases, a contiguous area of over 57,000 acres of permanently protected land,” Parker said. “This would ensure wildlife corridors across this very large area and into a complex of protected lands to the north.”

DOC’s Division of Land Resource Protection administers the SALC Program, based on its conservation easement expertise under the California Farmland Conservancy Program (CFCP). Since 1996, the CFCP has funded more than 175 conservation easements, permanently conserving more than 57,000 acres of the state’s best farmland with more than \$83 million in funding.

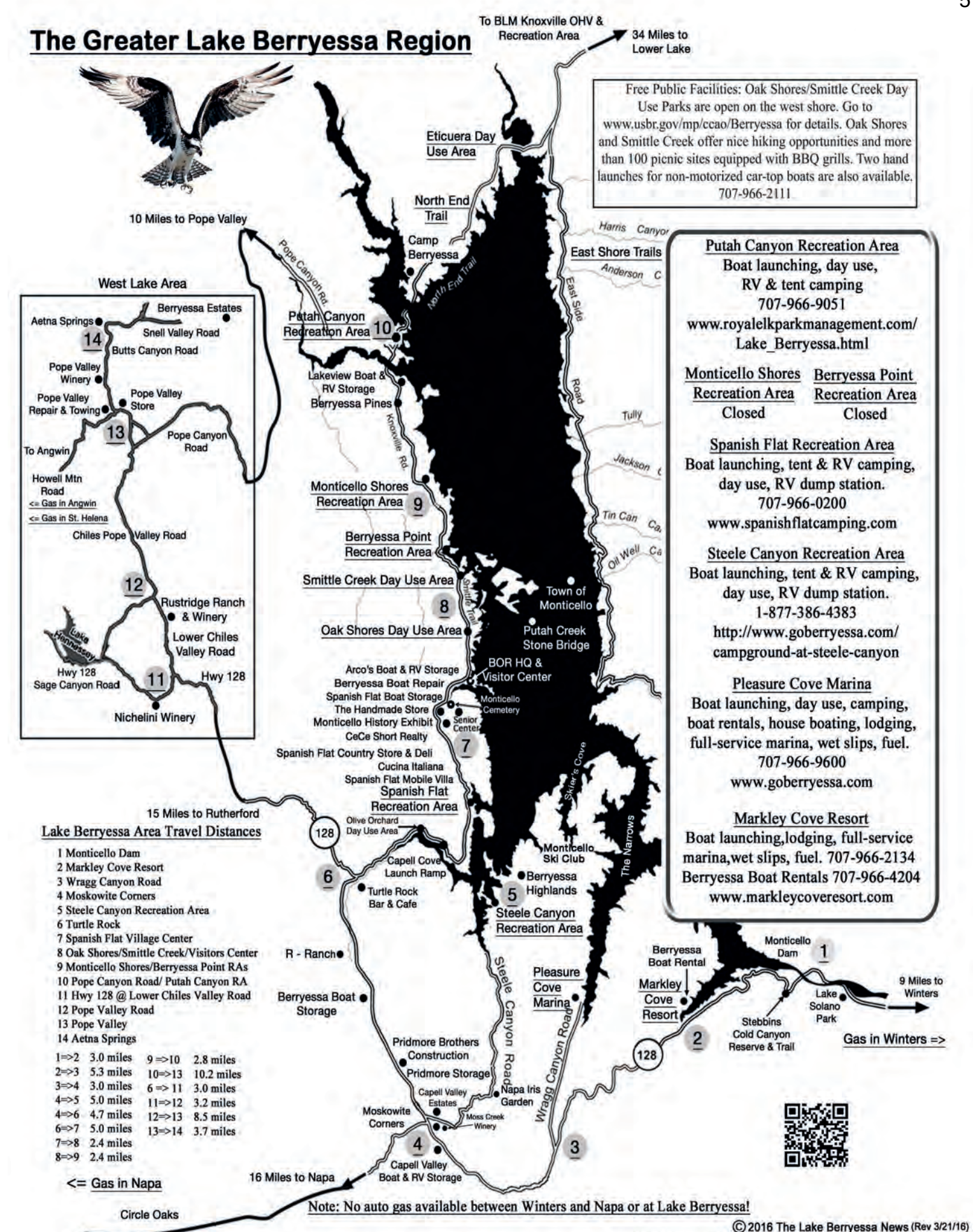
“We congratulate the Land Trust of Napa County and the landowners on the creation of these agricultural conservation easements,” said David Bunn, Director of the Department of Conservation. “We appreciate the work the land trust does to preserve the productive ranchlands and natural beauty of Napa County. We’re proud to have helped facilitate preserving these properties and look forward to working with land trusts and landowners on future endeavors that will result in long-term greenhouse gas reduction benefits.”

Added Dan Winterson of the Moore Foundation: “We are pleased to be able to support this important project, which protects high conservation-value lands from development. We extend many thanks to the landowners and the Land Trust of Napa County for all of the work to complete the easement, and are very excited about the new, innovative funding provided by the SALC program that allows these deals to come to fruition.”



SOME TIME-HONORED TRUTHS

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2. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
3. One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.
4. To be intoxicated is to feel sophisticated but not be able to say it.
5. Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.
6. The older you get, the better you realize you were.
7. I doubt, therefore I might be.
8. Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
9. Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.
10. Women like silent men, they think they're listening.
11. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
13. A fool and his money are soon partying.
14. Do pediatricians play miniature golf on Wednesdays?
15. Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?
16. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery.
17. If all of the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
18. If God dropped acid, would he see people?
19. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest have to drown too?
20. If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2?
21. If work is so terrific, how come they have to pay you to do it?
22. If you're born again, do you have two bellybuttons?
23. If you ate pasta and antipasta, would you still be hungry?
24. If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
25. Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?





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Napa County and the Bureau of Reclamation Consider Working Together to Rebuild Lake Berryessa

By Evan Kilkus

For those that are new to Lake Berryessa, at first glance it is hard to know anything is missing. There are two fully functional resorts with marinas, and three other resorts where you can take the family camping and boating. And of course, the lake itself is open and as beautiful as ever. But, when visitors get hungry, dirty, or tired, upon closer look one can see that the services for the public at Lake Berryessa are limited. Very limited.

Lake Berryessa is the 3rd biggest lake in California, and of the top 3 big lakes, it is the warmest and arguably the best for swimming and boating. There used to be 7 restaurants accessible by boat, 7 resorts with over 200 cabins or motel rooms, hundreds of campsites with water, power, not to mention gas docks, paved roads, green grass.

What happened? Many of you reading the Lake Berryessa News know the whole story. For those picking this paper up for the first time as you travel through beautiful Eastern Napa County, simply put, in 2005 the Bureau of Reclamation had a changed vision for the lake. They wanted to tear everything out and rebuild it to supposedly create more access and amenities for the public. Now, 10 years and 3 failed attempts later, the BOR is raising the white flag and admitting their solutions won't work.

"Managing Partnership Agreement" may be the solution outdoor recreation enthusiasts and resort operators have been waiting for."

The BOR hosted another Community Forum meeting on June 22nd with a brand new player at the table, and a brand new phrase repeated over and over. Napa County has joined the discussion, and a "Managing Partnership Agreement" (MPA) was the talk of the night. "In a lot of cases the better option is to partner with a local agency", stated BOR Deputy Regional Director Pablo Arroyave. "There's a lot of flexibility in the managing partner framework that we don't have at the BOR". Key contract terms

including contract lengths, design plans, and financial models can be different when offered to resort operators through an MPA.

According to Molly Rattigan, Principal Management Analyst for Napa County, another substantial difference is the MPA allows Napa County to use brokerage firms to seek out resort operators and attract them to Lake Berryessa. The BOR is strictly limited to how it can interact with potential contract bidders.

"We got approval from the Napa County Board of Supervisors to enter into preliminary negotiations with the BOR", stated Rattigan. "We are going to start as soon as we can this summer. We are entering into this with the hope that this will work... we are cautiously optimistic and hopeful." Rattigan did bring up that "cost and liability is a concern," but there are several tax opportunities they are evaluating.

Arroyave started the meeting by saying that Commissioner of Reclamation Estevan Lopez met with Napa County in April, and the discussions have been going well since.

Napa County Staff report initial finding to Board of Supervisors

At the recent Board of Supervisors meeting, Napa County staff presented their preliminary findings after four months of investigating how to help the mostly closed Lake Berryessa Region. County staff met with BOR and toured 5 resorts in that time, and their conclusion is it could be possible and would be beneficial for Napa County to enter into a MPA with the BOR.

In such a situation, Napa County would only manage the concession contracts for the resort operators, while the BOR would still maintain a presence at the lake managing their existing day use facilities and the water operations. Solano County's water rights would be unaffected.

The Online Board Recap after the meeting stated, "Under this type of agreement, Napa County may be able to successfully seek and manage concessions more efficiently and successfully without

many of the BOR policy constraints and could help attract suitable investors."

BOR Deputy Regional Director Pablo Arroyave attended the meeting, and said "Reclamation is very appreciative and excited about exploring this opportunity". According to the Napa County Report, "BOR has successful Managing Partner Agreements with Santa Barbara County at Cachuma Lake, the East Bay Regional Parks District for Contra Loma Reservoir, and the State of Wyoming for Keyhole State Park, among many others."

Residents from the Berryessa region spoke up at the Board of Supervisors meeting, and every one of them said "Go for it", "Thank you", and "Make it a good contract." Environmentalists, businessmen, young and not so young, all emphasized how much they want Napa County to take charge and reopen this local destination.

The distant light at the end of the 10 year tunnel

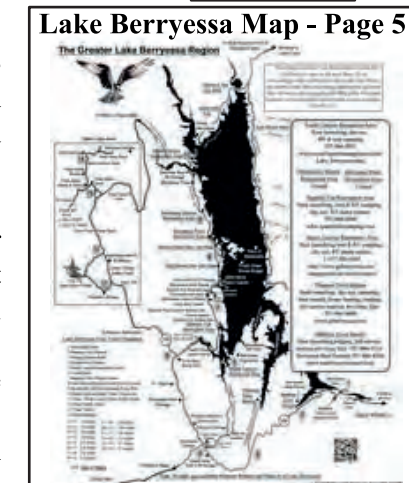
"It is possible to have a draft agreement by this fall", stated Arroyave. Napa County will be working with Napa's Visitors Bureau, Visit Napa Valley, among other consulting and legal firms to find terms for the MPA they feel resort operators can work with.

The Napa County Regional Parks & Open Space District will also be working with the county on this process. "I'm committed to put a lot of energy into this," said Brent Randol, Ward III Director. "This is a great resource for Napa County residents".

Napa County staff will meet continue to meet with the BOR staff to gather more information. They will then report back to the Board at a future BOS Meeting. The BOR suggested that the next Community Forum Meeting be in October, giving them all time to see where this process gets them and to report back to the public when they hope to have some reportable results.



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SUMMER!

By Lucie Hock

(Editor's Note: Berryessa Highlands resident, Lucie Hock, has been a dog rescue advocate for many years. She and her husband, Frank, are a regular sight on Steele Canyon Road with 6 to 8 dogs in the back of their little car or walking along the beach inside Steele Park.)

Hot summer days can be especially hard on dogs. They cannot perspire and can only cool themselves by panting and sweating through the glands in the pads of their feet and noses, which is inadequate to cool them down in extreme heat. Dogs have a higher internal body temperature than humans and they can overheat very quickly. There are steps we can take to make the hot weather more comfortable for our dogs.

Exercise your dog early in the morning or late in the evening when it is cooler outside. Watch out for surface temperatures. Sidewalks, asphalt and sand can become so hot, your dog's feet can burn and blister in as little as 10 minutes.

Keep medium and longhaired dogs especially well groomed in the summer. A well-groomed coat protects your dog from the sun and acts as insulation from the heat. A tangled and matted coat will trap heat and expose skin surfaces. Rashes, hot spots or sunburns can develop.

Car and truck rides can be extremely stressful for your dog on hot days. Please

consider leaving your dog at home during the mid-day heat. If he does go for a ride with you, never leave him in a parked car. Even opening the windows, while parked in the shade, will not prevent a dog from overheating. Riding in the back of a pick up truck can also be dangerously hot for your dog. Inside or outside, with only hot air to breathe, dogs can suffer irreparable brain damage and die from heatstroke.

and used by dog owners year round. Be careful of your choices on hot days. Full body clothing can trap heat, dramatically increase your dog's body temperature and cause heat stroke. Muzzles that don't allow your dog to open his mouth will prevent him from panting and drinking water. Avoid tying up your dog outside because ropes and chains can easily tangle and prevent your dog from reaching the

on hot days because wood does not conduct heat and can stay cool to the touch, even in the direct sunlight. The best choice is always a shady area, behind a structure or under a tree, for your dog's house.

Dogs need to hydrate frequently and a clean supply of water should be available to them at all times, day and night. Dogs need to drink a minimum of 1 oz of water per one pound of body weight each day and this can easily double, or triple, in extreme heat or during exercise. Dehydration occurs when dogs lose body fluids faster than they can replace them. A prominent sign of dehydration is loss of skin elasticity. When the skin along the back is pulled up, it should spring back into place. In a dehydrated dog, the skin stays up in a ridge for 5-10 seconds. Heat stroke begins with heavy panting and difficulty breathing. The tongue and the gums will appear bright red, the saliva will be thick and vomiting often occurs. A dog will become progressively unsteady and may pass bloody diarrhea.

Dogs know when they are getting too hot and, in most cases, will slow down and look for a cool resting place. Dogs are so faithful, they will follow their owners anywhere, anytime. When the conditions are not suitable for their comfort and safety, we need to decide what is best for them. A cool, shady spot at home is always the best choice for your dog during the mid and late day heat. Be good to your dog, he is counting on you to make the right choices to keep him cool this summer.

shade and water that he needs.

Your dog will need "cool" shade during the summer. Doghouses do not provide adequate protection from the heat and sun. Plastic doghouses are cold in the winter and hot in the summer. In the direct sunlight, plastic doghouses will trap the heat making the inside of the house

unbearably hot for your dog. Wooden



Their feet can burn and blister on black duraliners and hot metal truck beds. Be sure your dog has plenty of water, a cool surface to stand on and shade from the sun during those "quick trips to town". Ice packs, or even a frozen plastic bottle of water, can be added into crates to help keep your dog cool while traveling.

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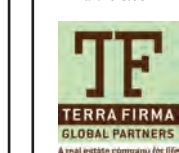


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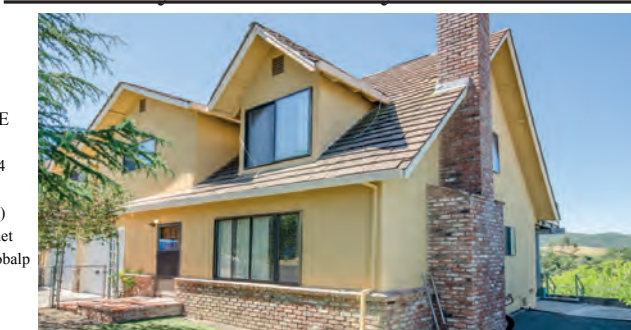
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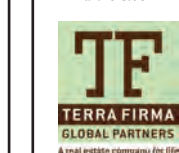
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Solutions to Puzzles on Page 3

1. The man is very, very short and can only reach halfway up the elevator buttons. However, if it is raining then he will have his umbrella with him and can press the higher buttons with it.

2. The surgeon was his mother.

3. It was day time.

4. At the time she went into labor, the mother of the twins was traveling by boat. The older twin, Terry, was born first early on March 1st. The boat then crossed a time zone and Kerry, the younger twin, was born on February the 28th. Therefore, the younger twin celebrates her birthday two days before her older brother.

5. A square manhole cover can be turned and dropped down the diagonal of the manhole. A round manhole cannot be dropped down the manhole. So for safety and practicality, all manhole covers should be round.

6. The poison in the punch came from the ice cubes. When the man drank the punch, the ice was fully frozen. Gradually it melted, poisoning the punch.

7. He recognized Adam and Eve as the only people without navels. Because they were not born of women, they had never had umbilical cords and therefore they never had navels. This one seems perfectly logical but it can sometimes spark fierce theological arguments.

8. They were two of a set of triplets (or quadruplets, etc.). This puzzle stumps many people. They try outlandish solutions involving test-tube babies or surrogate mothers. Why does the brain search for complex solutions when there is a much simpler one available?

9. The man had hiccups. The barman recognized this from his speech and drew the gun in order to give him a shock. It worked and cured the hiccups—so the man no longer needed the water.

This is a simple puzzle to state but a difficult one to solve. It is a perfect example of a seemingly irrational and incongruous situation having a simple and complete explanation.

Amazingly this classic puzzle seems to work in different cultures and languages.

July 1 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Your extremely trying week will not be improved by your decision to deal with all problems by leaning on the horn.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You will successfully foil a secret plot to infiltrate your house and surprise you with birthday gifts, cake, and good wishes.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Your upcoming appearance on a popular wildlife show will provide a cautionary example to whale-watchers for years to come.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You will soon learn the hard way that "motherly love" means different things to different mothers.

Leo (7/23-8/22): The paramedics will find it much easier to load you into the ambulance if they remember to bring a few buckets along.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Your hatred of the strange and unfamiliar leads you to open hundreds of identical fast-food restaurants.

Libra (9/23-10/22): The stars thank you for your interest, but you do not fit their needs at this time. Good luck in future endeavors.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): The Hands of Fate will intervene several times next week, knocking you into puddles for their own amusement.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): The men from the government will exercise a surprising amount of patience while explaining to you that income taxes are not determined by essay.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): There are a million reasons you shouldn't give up hope of ever finding love. None of them, however, are any good.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Forces are being set in motion that will forever change the way you look at microwaveable Mexican dinners.

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**Nichelini Winery Renovation
Uncovers History – Literally!**
By Doug Patterson

May 4, 1939. Fred Nichelini is on his hands and knees. He is in the process of removing a floorboard in the old Nichelini house in Chiles Valley built by his father in 1895. You know, the one built on top of the old stone winery cellar. His father had died two years earlier. His brother Bill and he would often come up from Oakland to do handyman work for his mother, who still lived there. Besides, after 44 years it was time to lay down some modern linoleum on top of the well-worn wood floor. Over the years his 11 brothers and sisters had literally beaten a path in the doorway between the living room and the dining room.

The floor had to be flat with no bumps or depressions when the linoleum was laid. In order to get it that way he had to use a shim under the board. So he went out to his car to get a newspaper he had brought with him, tightly folded it up and tucked it neatly under the board. It worked.

Awhile ago, Ken Wainright, a fourth generation Nichelini, along with his cousins Phil Sunseri, his wife, Leslie, their son, Josh, and Marvin Asher, were doing

some repair work on the floor. They noticed a particular area was a slightly “soft”. It sort of gave way a little. Investigating this further, Ken removed the board and



there was Fred’s newspaper. It had not seen the light of day in 72 years. Yet it was as good as new.

He carefully unfolded it. The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1939. Three big headlines caught his eye. History was to

prove that all three were to ring hollow as predictions. “Japan Split with German Axis Hinted”, read one. The second read, “Germany Offers Guarantees to Balkan Nations”. And the last one was, “Poland Will Say ‘No’ To Hitler In Danzig. Warsaw is Calm Over New Crises”. Four months later, on September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland and a new term in warfare was created, the blitzkrieg.

“It was like going back in time”, said Ken Wainright, “World War II was only four months away and nobody knew it. Of course, when you are on a piece of land that has been home for the same family since 1884, not too much surprises you. What’s fun is that the next surprise never seems to be too far away.”

“My father, Fred Nichelini, was a real handyman”, said Carol Nichelini Madigan. “We don’t know for certain that it was he that did that specific floor repair but, at that time, between his brother Bill, who was the family’s second-generation winemaker, and he, most of the needed repairs got done.

Also, my father was working as a ship building inspector at Mare Island in 1939, so he would have been keenly interested in the German situation”. In fact, in that same newspaper on the front page was another article, “Navy Asks for More Warships”, a request to the U.S. House of Representatives that was, in fact, for a record peacetime appropriation for naval vessels.

**CLASSIC LATERAL THINKING
EXERCISES**

These are great. Get your thinking cap on! Try these to loosen up the old brain cells.

1. There is a man who lives on the top floor of a very tall building. Everyday he gets the elevator down to the ground floor to leave the building to go to work. Upon returning from work though, he can only travel half way up in the lift and has to walk the rest of the way unless it’s raining! Why?

This is probably the best known and most celebrated of all lateral thinking puzzles. It is a true classic. Although there are many possible solutions which fit the initial conditions, only the canonical answer is truly satisfying.

2. A man and his son are in a car accident. The father dies on the scene, but the child is rushed to the hospital. When he arrives the surgeon says, “I can’t operate on this boy, he is my son!” How can this be?

3. A man is wearing black. Black shoes, socks, trousers, jumper, gloves and balaclava. He is walking down a black street with all the street lamps off. A black car is coming towards him with its light off but somehow manages to stop in time. How did the driver see the man?

4. One day Kerry celebrated her birthday. Two days later her older twin brother, Terry, celebrated his birthday. How?

5. Why is it better to have round manhole covers than square ones? This is logical rather than lateral, but it is a good puzzle that can be solved by lateral thinking

techniques. It is supposedly used by a very well-known software company as an interview question for prospective employees.

6. A man went to a party and drank some of the punch. He then left early. Everyone else at the party who drank the punch subsequently died of poisoning. Why did the man not die?

7. A man died and went to Heaven. There were thousands of other people there. They were all naked and all looked as they did at the age of 21. He looked around to see if there was anyone he recognized. He saw a couple and he knew immediately that they were Adam and Eve. How did he know?

8. A woman had two sons who were born on the same hour of the same day of the same year. But they were not twins. How could this be so?

9. A man walks into a bar and asks the barman for a glass of water. The barman pulls out a gun and points it at the man. The man says ‘Thank you’ and walks out.

This puzzle claims to be the best of the genre. It is simple in its statement, absolutely baffling and yet with a completely satisfying solution. Most people struggle very hard to solve this one yet they like the answer when they hear it or have the satisfaction of figuring it out.

Answers on Page 7.

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Family Thought
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Partnership Interns:

What Do They Really Do?

by Gustavo Cruz

(Editor's Note: Gus is one of several young intern-scientists working at Lake Berryessa recreation areas doing invasive mussel screenings and boater outreach education to protect our beautiful lake.)

It feels like just yesterday that I began my job at Lake Berryessa this summer. We are moving towards the 10th week of our program at the lake and a busy Fourth of July holiday weekend. I must admit that I was not too familiar with Lake Berryessa before I was humbled by the opportunity to work here. As an Environmental Engineering major going into my final semester at UC Merced this fall, Go Bobcats!, I have learned to appreciate the incredible ecological diversity of California. Working up here at Lake Berryessa has been a fantastic opportunity to take in a small piece of the austere grandeur of California.

My father raised me with a wrench in one hand and a hammer in the other. I learned a lot about working with tools and construction from him. From foundations to roofing and anything in between, I was learning the trade early on. The biggest take away from those hard and long summer work days was how important a hands-on experience is to me.

My most recent semester had me enrolled in upper division ecology and field ecology courses. Countless nights were spent studying the complex dynamics of a food web, photorespiratory pathways, biological life cycles, techniques for identifying flora and fauna, and the effect of introducing non-native species to an area. I did not think I would be able to apply that knowledge immediately after my semester was over.

My job at Lake Berryessa this summer

coupled with the completed relevant courses in my major has been a very welcomed hands-on experience just like the summers spent with my father. I am thankful for the opportunity provided by the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) and all of the partners that help support this program.

Since the start of the program in late April to the time that this article was written, the SCWA program has screened 2,678 boats for Zebra and Quagga mussels. We screened 1,069 boats on Memorial weekend! Markley Cove takes the cake as the busiest spot for boat launches with 911 screenings for the season so far. Capell Cove and Steele Canyon are not far behind with 627 and 694 screenings respectively. To date, Putah Canyon sits atop 422 screenings and Pleasure Cove with 24 screenings. It should be noted that these numbers only capture the screenings performed by our team at SCWA on the weekends. The concessionaires at the various sites are comprised of a very supportive group of pleasant individuals that continue our efforts during the weekdays when we are not capable of being at every site.

While the invasive screenings are a huge part of our job at the lake, we also focus on individual educational outreach via surveys. There are two surveys, one for boaters and the second for day use recreators at Oak Shores. We ask several questions about safe and clean boating practices and stress how we can each play a role in keeping Lake Berryessa clean. Boaters receive a boater kit with a brand new bilge pad, fuel bib, promotional coupon and several pieces of literature on proper boating practices.

To date, we have performed 367 boater surveys and 70 recreator surveys at Oak Shores. One survey may have us in contact with multiple individuals. To date, we have

been in contact with 1230 individuals and will continue to educate recreators as we move deeper into the summer season. The surveys are really an

opportunity to initiate a more amiable and informative dialogue with lake visitors so that we may foster more environmentally conscious visits to the lake. As my supervisor Daniel says: "it takes more than just three people doing outreach to help keep Lake Berryessa clean. It really takes a whole community".

My name is Gustavo, but you can just call me Gus. I am the youngest of two and my older sister is Graciela Cruz. My parents are Graciela Sierra and J. Gustavo Cruz. I am a native son of Los Angeles and California. I grew up near the Pacific Ocean in Venice Beach and went to the Central Valley for college. I currently reside in Merced County, named after the Merced River, and will be completing my undergraduate education in December of this year.

My breaks from school are usually spent with family and friends in Los Angeles. This summer is a little different for me since I am spending it in the Vaca Mountains and not at home. I have heard that home is where the heart is and while a large part of my heart is still in Los Angeles and Merced, I find comfort in knowing that there will now be a part of my heart here at Lake Berryessa. That would not have been possible without the continued support of the warm and welcoming community here at Berryessa. Whether it is a boater, motorcycle rider, cyclist, Berryessa local, fisherman, sheriff deputy, fish and wildlife warden, BOR ranger, the fine ladies and gentlemen working the sites all over Berryessa or my own cohort at SCWA, I have felt a warm welcome from all and look forward to work every day.

You can easily spot me around Lake Berryessa donning the gray SCWA polo, my reflective safety vest and a big smile on my face.



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Really Bad Similes Create Smiles

(A simile compares two different things in order to create a new meaning. We are made explicitly aware that a comparison is being made due to the use of "like" or "as".)

Her face was a perfect oval, like a circle that had its two sides gently compressed by a Thigh Master.

His thoughts tumbled in his head, making and breaking alliances like underpants in a dryer without Cling Free.

He spoke with the wisdom that can only come from experience, like a guy who went blind because he looked at a solar eclipse without one of those boxes with a pinhole in it and now goes around the country speaking at high schools about the dangers of looking at a solar eclipse without one of those boxes with a pinhole in it.

She grew on him like she was a colony of E. Coli, and he was room-temperature Canadian beef.

She had a deep, throaty, genuine laugh, like that sound a dog makes just before it throws up.

Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.

The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.

McBride fell 12 stories, hitting the pavement like a Hefty bag filled with vegetable soup.

From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and Jeopardy comes on at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30.

Her hair glistened in the rain like a nose hair after a sneeze.

The hailstones leaped from the pavement, just like maggots when you fry them in hot grease.

He fell for her like his heart was a mob informant, and she was the East River. Even in his last years, Granddad had a mind like a steel trap, only one that had been left out so long, it had rusted shut.

The plan was simple, like my brother-in-law Phil. But unlike Phil, this plan just might work.

He was as lame as a duck. Not the metaphorical lame duck, either, but a real duck that was actually lame, maybe from stepping on a land mine or something.

It was an American tradition, like fathers chasing kids around with power tools.

He was deeply in love. When she spoke, he thought he heard bells, as if she were a garbage truck backing up.

Her eyes were like two brown circles with big black dots in the center.

He was as tall as a 6'3" tree.

John and Mary never met. They were like two hummingbirds that had also never met.

She had a deep, throaty, genuine laugh like that sound a dog makes before it throws up.

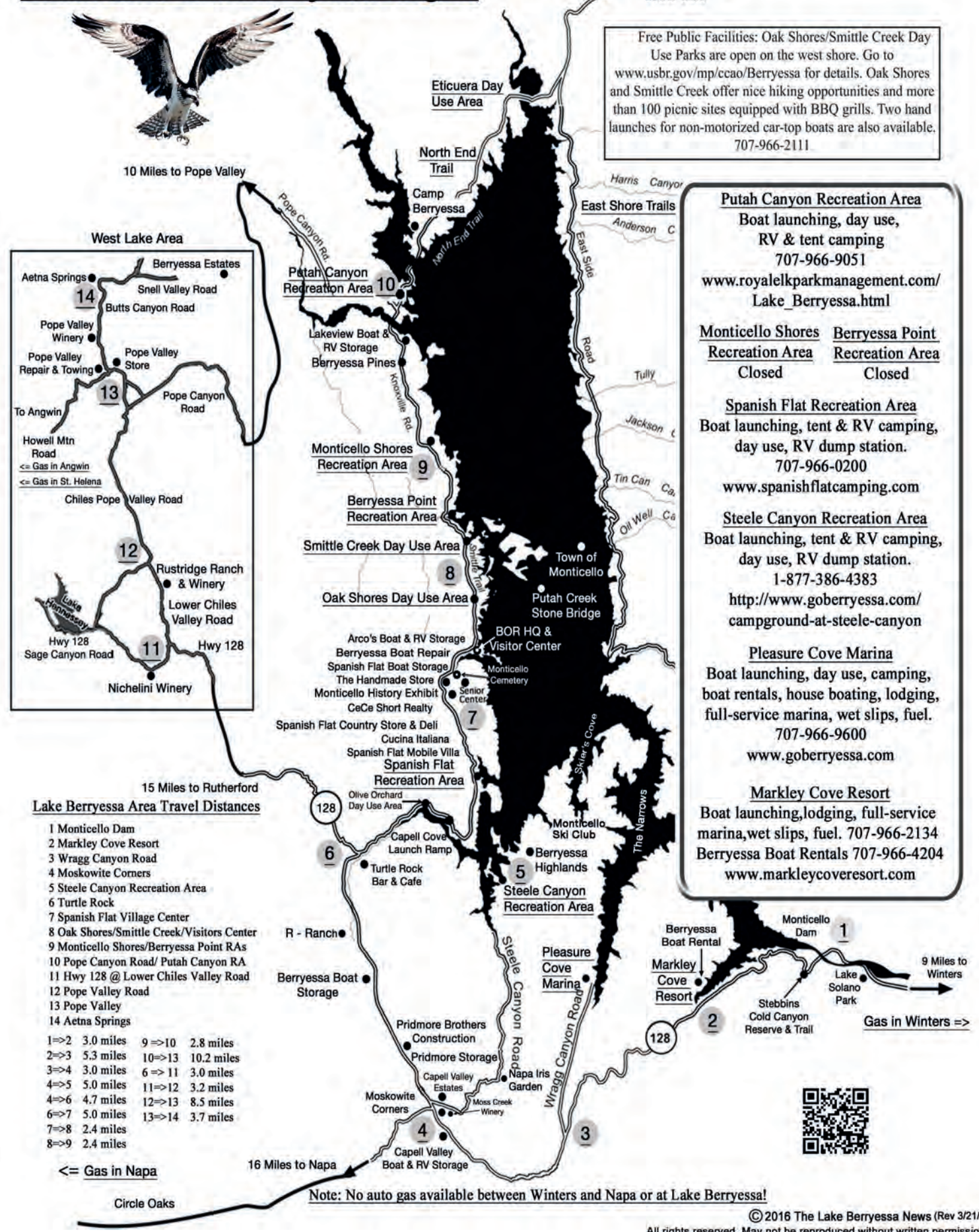
The ballerina rose gracefully en pointe and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a fire hydrant.

Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.

The revelation that his marriage of 30 years had disintegrated because of his wife's infidelity came as a rude shock, like a surcharge at a formerly surcharge-free ATM.

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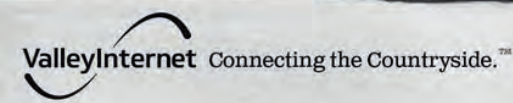
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Lake Berryessa: The Future of Sustainable Nature-Based Recreation

Now that Napa County is in serious negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding taking over the management of the lake resorts through a Managing Partnership Agreement (MPA), it may be time to speculate on the possible future of the Lake Berryessa resorts. In each previous Bid Prospectus, Reclamation proposed a range of recreation opportunities and price points for the various resorts in keeping with the goal of making the lake available to a wide range of people.

Half a century ago, when people said they were going camping, fishing, or boating, it was clear what they intended. Today, due to many factors such as new technology and equipment, and diverse public tastes and preferences, there are many types of activities available. Resorts can provide zip lines, wi-fi, floating restaurants, hiking trails and other amenities to attract that diverse public.

Research has shown that recreationists not only seek to participate in recreation activities, but also seek specific recreation settings in order to enjoy a special kind of recreation experience and subsequent benefits. These four components (activities, settings, experience, and benefits) constitute a recreation opportunity.

The Recreational Opportunity Spectrum of Lake Berryessa

Lake Berryessa provides a range of recreational opportunities to visitors. However, some opportunities are clearly more appropriate and historically-supported by visitor usage data. Examples would include motorized boating, camping, glamping, and hiking.

One end of the possible development spectrum would be to get a top developer to build and operate a rustic but modern resort

that will attract those visitors who can afford a top-of-the-line RV and a \$50,000 wakeboard boat or tricked-out bass boat. A mid-range "glamping" resort would appeal to folks who would like to go tent camping but still want a comfortable place to hang out. (See story on Page 2.)



With seven locations around the lake there's room for recreation imagination!

We've all learned a lot about how to do things right, both environmentally and socially, with respect to outdoor recreation. The more unpleasant results of the lack of oversight at some of the previous resorts can never happen at Lake Berryessa again. But the lake can become a premier destination for a wide range of visitors.

General Trends in Nature-Based Outdoor Recreation

For a sizable number of nature-based activities, both the number of people participating and the summed days of participation has been increasing. Prominent among these growth activities were viewing and photographing natural scenery, flowers, trees, and wildlife..

Also growing in both number of participants and total days of participation were visiting nature centers, sightseeing, visiting beaches, visiting wilderness, developed camping, boating, driving off-road motor vehicles, kayaking, and

snowboarding. Nationally, however, the greatest growth in participation is for activities that are physically not very challenging.

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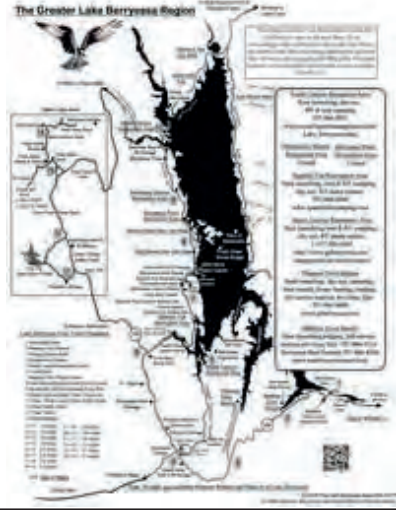
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2 **Glamping Meets Lake Berryessa**
By Evan Kilkus
Glamorous, Camping...Glamping. What a concept! But what does it mean? Is it a cabin? A yurt? An RV? A treehouse? A multi-million dollar estate in Calistoga? Vaguely and technically, yes to all.

Glamping is a word that first originated about 11 years ago, and since then the term has caught on as a trendy description of a large variety of alternatives to pitching a tent on the dirt.

Camping is the activity of spending one or more nights outdoors in a tent, primitive structure, travel trailer or recreation vehicle (RV) for the enjoyment of the natural environment. The level of development to support camping vary from a bare piece of grass to fully developed campgrounds with hard surface trailer camps, electricity, sanitary facilities, picnic tables and unlimited variety of others amenities. Camping may be an end unto itself, but often it is participated in conjunction with other activities.

For example, one family might desire camping in a modern, full service campground on a reservoir in order to spend quality time with the family, to rest and relax, and to see nature's beauty. Another family might desire camping in a rural location where they can test their fishing skills, enjoy solitude, and see nature's beauty.

Both families want to go camping, but in very different settings leading to different kinds of experiences and benefits.

Glamping may be an intermediate level between luxury and a sleeping bag. Many of us have had the experience of sleeping in a tent with the kids, but finally deciding that putting up that tent and blowing up air mattresses belongs in the category of stories about the "good ole days." We want some comfort now.

While examples of glamping vary from functional to over the top deluxe, for the sake of Lake Berryessa, let's bring it back to the basics.

A perfect example of a basic glamping campsite happens to be in Vacaville at the Vineyard RV Park. As the photo on the right from glampinghub.com shows, all that's needed is a basic wood platform as small as 10'x10', with canvas walls and a roof, installed on 9 concrete blocks.

Inside you will find all the basics you wish you could fit in your backpack on your camping trip. A full size bed with linens, night stands with lamps, and always a few



chairs and a coffee table so you can relax in the comfort of your very own... glamorous campsite.

A search on glamping.com shows three more examples of what glamping can be. Ranging in price from \$65 to \$500 or more, adventure seekers can often find the option and location that suits their needs, desires, and budget.

So how does the Glamping trend relate to Lake Berryessa? Simple. For the last 10 years the same major issue has come up for potential resort bidders who were trying to build cabins and standard resort facilities. California's increasingly stringent building and environmental codes made these resorts cost more money to build than most were willing to risk. Now in 2016, glamping might be one cost effective solution we have all been looking for.

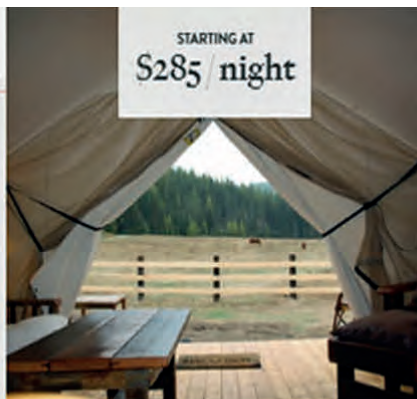
logs into the popular social media site, it has grown increasingly difficult in recent years to keep up with her longtime acquaintances' heated knee-jerk responses to events in the world that reveal their intolerant viewpoints and irrational biases. "It'd be nice to know which of my friends hold grudges against which minority groups, and who condescendingly writes off every police officer or gun owner in the country. Maybe I should sign up just so I'm not left out whenever someone has a big announcement about which race, religion, or political party is destroying the country."



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Woman Who Doesn't Use Facebook Is Completely Out Of Touch With Friends' Prejudices

Admitting that her lack of a Facebook account often leaves her feeling disconnected, local woman Laura Starling confirmed Wednesday that she's entirely out of touch with her friends' prejudices. "I never got around to joining Facebook, so I'm basically in the dark about what kind of narrow-minded opinions my old classmates and former coworkers have these days," said Starling, who added that, because she never

"Listening is an act of love"
by Suzanne Kilkus
www.heartspacecoaching.com

I recently returned from a wonderful vacation road trip during which I had some good time to listen to a variety of the life all around me. I realized again how important listening is to me, how important listening is to engaging life fully, how important it is to connecting to others, to creating harmony in close relationships.

Saying this seems like I'm stating the obvious, but I witness a lot of struggles in listening - and not being listened to is one of the primary complaints I hear from couples about their relationship.

David Isay, the creator of Story Corps, which is an independent nonprofit project whose mission is to honor and celebrate the lives of everyday Americans by listening to their stories, says that listening is an act of love. I think he is talking about particular kinds and ways of listening.

The kind of listening that connects to another, which gives the message that the other is important to us, has value in our lives, and deserves the respect and regard of our attention.

Listening can be used for a number of things. We may do a lot of listening to a variety of media - television programs, music, or radio. We may listen to distract ourselves from something or someone, or to avoid feeling uncomfortable. We may listen to learn something, or we may listen to reinforce what we already believe or think.

But when we develop and use our ability to listen in a way that the other person experiences being heard and understood, we are acting with love. Listening in this way to a friend, a loved one, and yourself - free of our filters to defend, fix, or avoid the truth - creates a new type of space between people.

This is the kind of space that heals and transforms struggle and conflict, the kind of space that is infused with calm, the kind of space that expresses being fully present to experience the delight of the moment.

On vacation I listened with awe and wonder to the roar of the Niagara Falls, to the many languages of the crowd around me. My listening at the jazz concerts in Toronto transported me to heights of thrill, delight, and pure joy.

Listening care-fully to my husband Steve in our conversations as we drove from place to place created closeness between us that felt out of time and place. Listening to the morning birdsong and the evening play of children marked the passage of time each day.

Listening to an old friend gave me new understanding and brought resolution to some long held questions. Listening carefully with intention to connect, respect, and be present is an act of love. It can be simple and yet complex, flowing as a stream and deep as an ocean. It's a lifelong practice that reaps abundant benefits.

My wonder question right now is, "How can I listen so that everyone and everything around me experiences love, care, and understanding?" Do you want to join me?

July 15 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): In times of crisis you've often looked to the stars for guidance, and this weekend will be no different, aside, of course, from your utter failure to identify which one of us is Polaris.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): The stars say to hold tight. Your life is about to undergo a dramatic change. Feel free to interpret that as a hopeful statement if you like.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): They say you can't judge a man until you've walked a mile in his shoes, but after 3,000 feet, you're beginning to suspect he'd like to have his sneakers back.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You will ignore the voice of reason once again this week, but that's largely because it's gone hoarse and grown nearly inaudible over the years.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Disappointment will be yours this week when what you first believe to be the play's curtain call turns out to be just Act 1, Scene 2.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Someday you'll inspire a whole new generation to pursue their dreams, secure in the knowledge that they couldn't possibly do any worse than you.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Your plan to dig an escape tunnel over the next three years using only a spoon stolen from the cafeteria will utterly dumbfound everyone else at the office.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): When all's said and done, some people will actually admire the way you stand your ground and don't let the escaped zoo elephant just push you around.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You've got tough row to hoe in front of you this week, which seems like merely a folksy euphemism until you find you've inherited a run-down potato farm.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Sometimes all you want is to relax in your sweats with a movie and a bowl of popcorn, but this week you'll want six units of whole blood, clean bandages, a splint, and plenty of morphine.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You have yet to find a love worthy of your unique affections and depth of spirit. You should strongly consider getting a goldfish.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): No notable changes.



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A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog:
Canine Nutrition Facts You Never Knew!

By Lucie Hock

One of the healthiest things you can do for your dog is to feed him a nutritious and well balanced diet. We are what we eat and that goes for your dog too!

Choose a premium brand dog food instead of economy brand dog foods. Cheaper dog food brands are generally sold at your local grocery stores, where as the higher quality foods are found in pet stores, or on-line. Better ingredients are found in organic, holistic and higher premium dog foods. They are easily digested and have nutritious ingredients that can increase your dog's life span.

Pet food manufacturers will seemingly go to any length to fill commercial dog foods with the cheapest sources of protein, corn and grain fillers, cellulose (to bulk up the food) and dangerous preservatives and vitamin fortifications that actually make your pet's food less healthy.

Did you know that rendered cats and dogs can be legally recycled back into pet foods? Cattle, classified as 4-D (dead, disease, dying and disabled), can legally be rendered and used in pet foods in the US and Canada. The US Government believes it is safe to recycle euthanized pets and diseased cattle into pet foods because the practice will not affect humans since we do not eat dogs and cats. Although leading American manufacturers have promised never to put rendered pets into their pet foods, it is still legal to do so. Each year, millions of euthanized dogs and cats are processed along with other animal

materials by companies known as renderers. The finished product, tallow and meat meal is sold as raw material to some pet food manufacturers. When your pet food label says meat or bone meal, that's what it is - cooked and converted animals, including dogs and cats.



Euthanized animals are an extremely bad source of recycled food because the euthanizing chemical, sodium pentobarbital, remains in their tissue and ends up in your pet's food.

Incredibly cheap dog foods, such as

Walmart's Ol'Roy, are some of the worst dog foods on the market. You get what you pay for. The first ingredient is corn, which is not digestible by dogs and useless from a nutritional standpoint. Dogs do not have a long intestinal tract like humans and they cannot digest vegetable matter. These cheap foods will catch up with you in vet bills.

Here are a few guidelines to remember the next time you go food shopping for your dog. Ingredients are listed by weight. The first being the heaviest ingredient, the second being the second heaviest, and so on.....The bulk of any dog food is made up of the first 5 ingredients and are also an indication of quality. Since dogs are carnivores, it is important that meat, such as chicken, is included as one of the first five ingredients. Some dog foods will list up to two meat ingredients, which is even better. Avoid the mystery meat

ingredients that are listed as simply meat meal or meat by-products. Instead, choose specified meats like chicken, lamb, venison or even salmon. The other five ingredients can include potatoes or sweet potatoes (a highly digestible carbohydrate

for dogs). Good grains include oatmeal, brown rice and barley. Salmon oil is a great omega 3 and your higher quality dog foods should be grain free with no artificial flavors, colors, preservatives or bleached ingredients.

Try to avoid dog foods that list ingredients like corn, soybean meal, animal fat, meat meal, meat by-products, or fillers that include wheat, soy or gluten. Corn syrup is an ingredient in poor quality dog foods and your dog does not need sugar. Avoid the chemical preservatives BHA, BHT and Ehtoxyquin.

Sometimes it comes down to finding the best food for your dog that fits your budget. Remember, the higher quality dog foods are more digestible and more calories per serving means the less you will have to feed. Pet Food Express has an excellent selection of high quality foods and when you buy 3 bags, they give you the 4th bag FREE. This is a huge savings and may equal what you are already paying for lesser grade single bag purchases through the year. Coupons are also available on-line for almost all pet food stores.

Don't forget that dog treats apply to the same guidelines. After all the hard work in choosing a quality kibble, it is easy to forget that most dog treats are very high in fat, by-products and preservatives that can risk your dog's health. Most store bought dog treats are better left on the shelf.

It's all about keeping your dog healthy. When shopping for your next bag of dog food, take the time to read labels. Your dog is counting on you to make the right food choices so he can live a happy and healthy life.



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Boiling Frog Myth:

Even Frogs Are Not That Stupid!

The boiling frog story is a widespread anecdote describing a frog slowly being boiled alive. The premise is that if a frog is placed in boiling water, it will jump out, but if it is placed in cold water that is slowly heated, it will not perceive the danger and will be cooked to death.

The story is often used as a metaphor for the inability of people to react to significant changes that occur gradually. According to contemporary biologists the premise of the story is not true; an actual frog submerged and gradually heated will jump out.

The story has been retold many times and used to illustrate many different points, the collapse of civilization anticipated by survivalists; about inaction in response to climate change. It has also been used by libertarians to warn about slow erosion of civil rights.

In the 1996 novel The Story of B, environmentalist author Daniel Quinn spends a chapter on the metaphor of the boiling frog, using it to describe human history, population growth and food surplus. Al Gore used a version of the story in his presentations and the 2006 movie An Inconvenient Truth to describe ignorance about global warming. In his version the frog is rescued before it is harmed.

Several experiments involving recording the reaction of frogs to slowly heated water took place in the 19th century. In 1869, while doing experiments searching for the location of the soul, German physiologist Friedrich Goltz demonstrated that a frog that has had its brain removed will remain in slowly heated water, but his intact frogs attempted to escape the water.

Other experiments showed that frogs did not attempt to escape gradually heated water. An 1872 experiment by Heinzmann demonstrated that a normal frog would not attempt to escape if the water was heated slowly enough, and this was corroborated

in 1875 by Fratscher.

Goltz raised the temperature of the water from 17.5°C to 56°C in about ten minutes, or 3.8°C per minute, in his experiment which prompted normal frogs to attempt to escape, whereas Heinzmann heated the frogs over the course of 90 minutes from about 21°C to 37.5°C, a rate of less than 0.2°C per minute. One source from 1897 says, "in one experiment the temperature was raised at a rate of 0.002°C. per second, and the frog was found dead at the end of 2½ hours without having moved."

In 1888 William Thompson Sedgwick explained the apparent contradiction between the results of these experiments as a consequence of different heating rates used in the experiments: "The truth appears to be that if the heating be sufficiently gradual, no reflex movements will be produced even in the normal frog ; if it be more rapid, yet take place at such a rate as to be fairly called "gradual," it will not secure the repose of the normal frog under any circumstances..."

In 1995, Professor Douglas Melton, of the Harvard University Biology department, said, "If you put a frog in boiling water, it won't jump out. It will die. If you put it in cold water, it will jump before it gets hot — they don't sit still for you." Dr. George R. Zug, curator of reptiles and amphibians at the National Museum of Natural History, also rejected the suggestion, saying that "If a frog had a means of getting out, it certainly would get out."

In 2002 Dr. Victor H. Hutchison, Professor Emeritus of Zoology at the University of Oklahoma, with a research interest in thermal relations of amphibians, said that "The legend is entirely incorrect!" He described how the critical thermal maximum for many frog species has been determined by contemporary research experiments: as the water is heated by about 2°F, or 1.1°C, per minute, the frog becomes increasingly active as it tries to escape, and eventually jumps out if the container allows it.



Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Interns Making an Impact During 4th of July Weekend

by Marianelly Lopez

It is hard to believe that two months ago I became a part of the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership team. Even though we all come from different backgrounds and interests, we are unified through our desire to keep Lake Berryessa clean and educate others about water quality and conservation. I never expected that such a diverse team could work so well together within such a short period of time.

As a biological systems engineering major, I have learned to work alongside scientists and engineers to find solutions to existing problems in the environment. Teamwork has always been essential to make things happen, and I believe that the Lake Berryessa team excels in this category. Working at the lake has given me the opportunity to focus on the current problem of invasive zebra and quagga mussels while finding ways to make others active participants in making a positive impact in our environment.

The classes in my major have sparked my curiosity and desire to work in the environmental health field. Learning about biological life cycles in upper division biology and ecology classes, designing an on-campus storm water management solution in my green engineering design class, and building a bioreactor for my senior design project sparked my interests in the environment. The class subjects and team building opportunities truly encouraged me to find an opportunity to apply my knowledge and have hands-on experience.

The LBWP Internship turned out to be the very opportunity that I was looking for. From the very first day where I met my co-workers, I had a feeling that this was the right place for me. Learning how the zebra and quagga mussels negatively change the biology and chemistry of the lake increased my desire to help protect the lake. After spending weeks training together and learning the material, the Lake Berryessa team has grown stronger and more effective. We have learned how to depend on each other when work is tough, especially during the holiday weekends. 2058 boater surveys and 319

recreator surveys have been conducted from Memorial Day weekend to before the Fourth of July weekend, thanks to the team's effort.

Our teamwork can be especially reflected from the results of Fourth of July weekend. Every time that we go out to the lake, we are divided into smaller teams of 1 to 3 people and are in charge of conducting invasive screenings and boater surveys. While the invasive screenings allow us to interact with every single boater entering Lake Berryessa, the boater surveys are the real opportunity to spread knowledge to others. The individual(s) that we talk to learn about their role in keeping Lake Berryessa clean and also receive a boater kit to act upon the information provided to them.

When we were told that last year 128 boater surveys were conducted during this holiday, we were determined to beat that number. What started out as a friendly competition between the Steele Canyon and Capell Cove teams actually turned out to be a source of motivation for everyone. Despite the windy weather, the entire team managed to get 1,200 invasive screenings and 216 boater surveys! We had exceeded our own expectations.

My favorite part about this job is seeing how determined people can be to take care of the lake and their boats once they learn about the invasive mussel species. Even the young children who hear their parents answering the questions are absorbing the information. All of this would not occur if there was not a team of people who care about protecting Lake Berryessa.

My name is Marianelly and I am the oldest of three children. I grew up in the Bay Area, surrounded by many cities and suburbs. Going to college at UC Davis opened a window to explore nature's wonder and has also opened the door that led me to this internship.

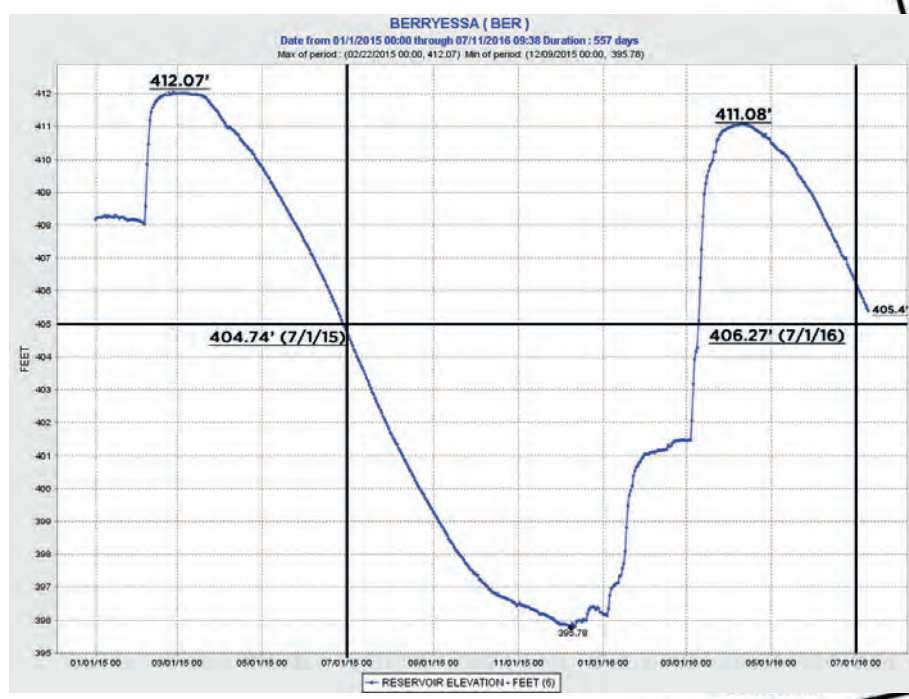
I am very grateful that the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) gave me an opportunity to further explore my passion for the environment. I have one more quarter before completing my undergraduate education this December. If you ever stop by Lake Berryessa this summer, I guarantee that you will be greeted by one of the friendly members of the Lake Berryessa team.

Lake Level Status as of 7/10/16

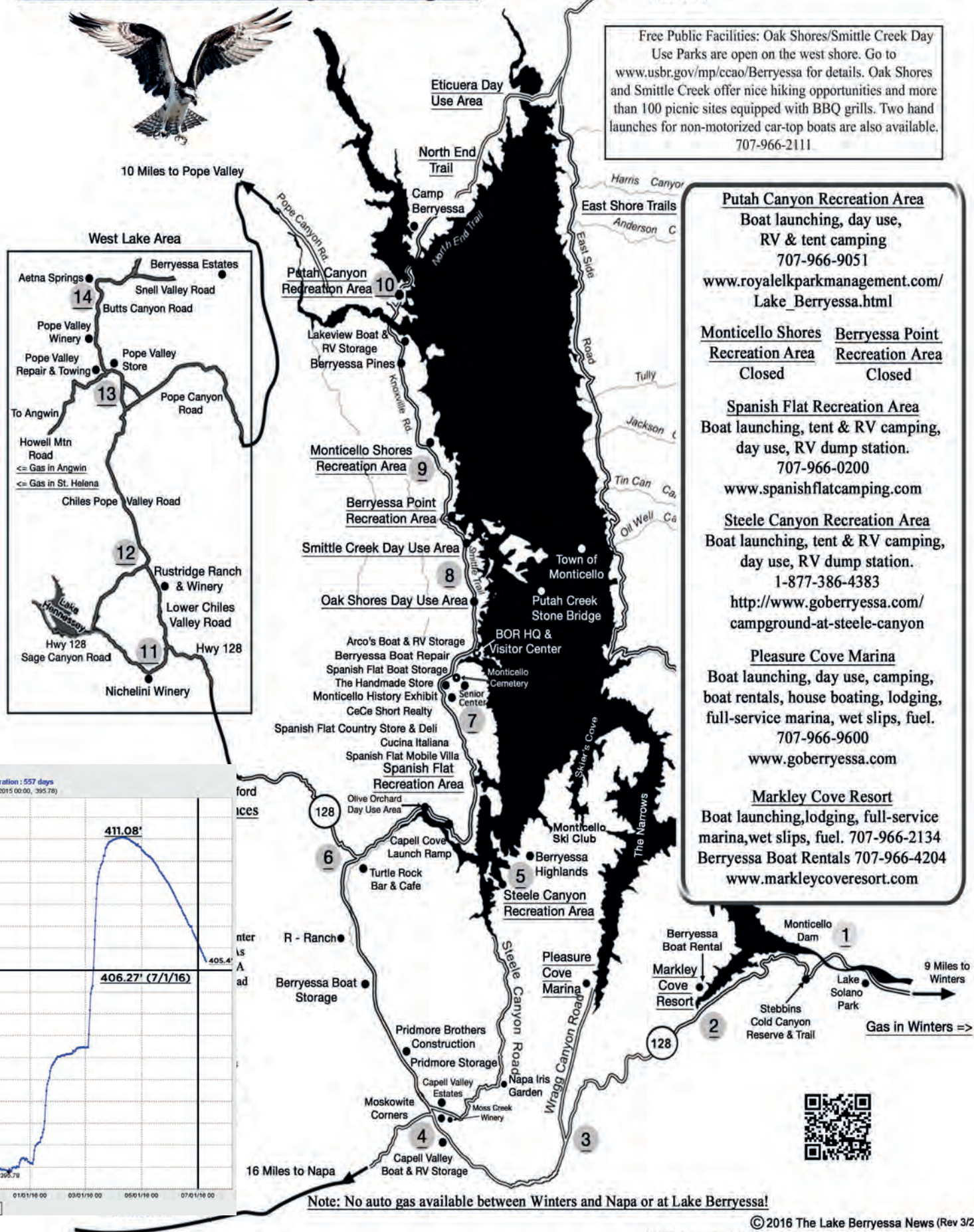
The lake level is now at 405.40 feet - 34.6 feet below Glory Hole. The lake continues to drop about an inch per day. The lake level at this time last year was 403.85 feet, 1.55 feet lower than today.

The season total for rain remains at 24.57 inches at Monticello Dam (about average).

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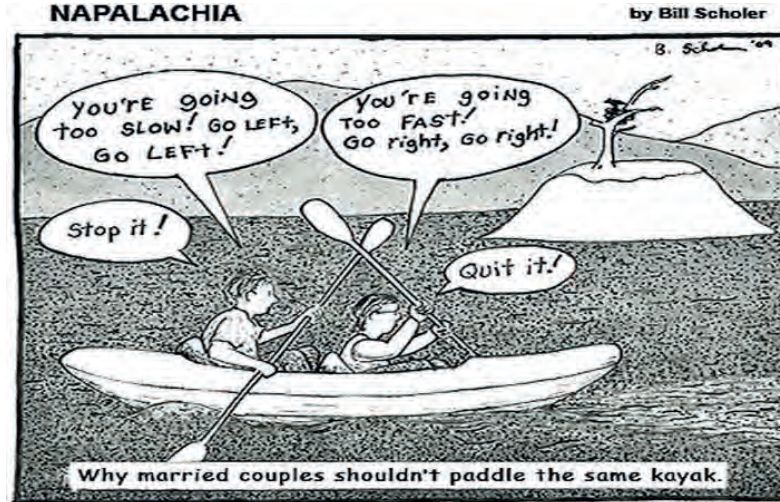


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From Napa to the Space Station: A Journey Years in the Making

by Evan Kilkus

In today's world getting on a space ship and blasting off to the International Space Station for some reason is less fascinating to the masses than a cell phone and a Pokemon. Thank goodness that for every so many gamers, there is a person that puts the science into the technology.

Kate Rubbins grew up in Napa with her parents and younger brother and sister, and graduated from Vintage with the class of 1996. She was just another kid on campus, playing soccer in grade school and high school, and she worked her way up to the Editor in Chief of the Vintage school newspaper.



20 years later she is not just an average student. This week and for the next few months she is living on the International Space Station conducting research on the impacts of space on diseases, and how people are impacted differently when they are in space. Kate said in an interview on the NASA youtube channel, "we are going to try to do the first DNA sequencing in space... it will be a combination of bacteria, virus, and mass genome."

Her fascination with space and science was apparent as a small child when "she took a Star Wars lunch box to kindergarten at Vichey Elementary", according to her father and Berryessa resident James Rubins. Driven by a true curiosity for science, in 7th grade Kate went to a week

long NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, and then to a week long DNA Conference at the Exploratorium in 10th grade, at which point her parents knew she would be a scientist.

"There's never been a time when I was a kid that I couldn't remember wanting to be an astronaut." Kate said at her Space Camp Hall of Fame induction ceremony. "It was always the standard little kid answer when I was 4, 6, 8 12 years old, I wanted to be an astronaut, biologist, or geologist."

When growing up in Napa the family did lots of camping in National Parks, visited tide pools on the Pacific Coast, and took advantage of local opportunities including driving over to the Angwin College Observatory on Friday nights for star observations, and going to star parties sponsored by Napa College at various Napa Parks.

From Napa to the Space Station... not bad. Let us know if you can see a rare Pokemon from up there.

Follow the LB News for future updates on Kate's research and trip to space, and follow the action on the International Space Station at facebook.com/ISS.



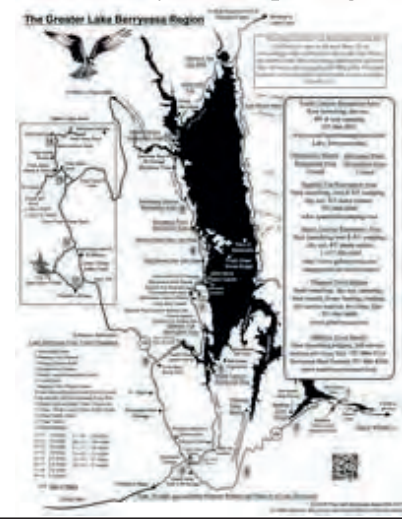
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Napa Valley Tourist Economy Continues To Improve

During the summer, Visit Napa Valley ends one fiscal year and jumps right into planning the next. Their team is working very closely with their strategic marketing agency to create new and innovative ways to entice overnight stays and continue to stand out as a world-class destination.

Most of VNV's funding comes from a voluntary self-imposed hotel assessment. When a visitor buys a hotel room, 2 percent of what they pay goes to promote the Napa Valley as a tourist destination. While VNV markets the Napa Valley as a whole, some of that assessment revenue goes to local groups that tout the benefits of their particular cities.

VNV is acutely aware of the anti-tourist sentiment that has been building up lately, and VNV says it does not try to attract visitors on weekends or from May to October, when there are plenty of tourists already. Instead, VNV tries to get people here on weekdays during "Cabernet Season," from November through April.

To maximize the economic boost and minimize the impact on infrastructure, promotional efforts target wealthy people who are likely to spend a lot of money. Hotels would much rather charge higher rent than increase their occupancy.

Average Daily Rate (ADR) is a statistical unit that represents the average rental income per paid occupied room in a given time period. The average ADR of the Napa Valley lodging industry rose from \$312 per night in June, 2015 to \$324 per night in June, 2016. Average occupancy went from 76% to 79%.

Total revenue (the primary metric of interest) rose more than 10%, climbing from \$33.3 million in June, 2015 to \$36.7 million in June, 2016.

Napa Superior Court Ruling Keeps Oak Woodland Measure Off Ballot

A Napa County oak woodland and watershed protection measure, which could have had serious effects on Lake Berryessa area and unincorporated county property owners, has apparently failed.

The Water, Forest and Oak Woodland Protection Initiative attempted to strengthen buffers zones around streams. It would in many cases require property owners wanting to cut down oak trees to obtain a permit from the county. Permits would be limited to removing no more than 10 percent of the oak canopy on a property.

The ballot measure would have set up a controversial showdown in the debate over hillside development. In particular, discussion has focused on whether hillside vineyard development that involves cutting down oaks and involves planting vines near streams is regulated enough.

To obtain a permit, property owners would follow various best management practices detailed in the county's 2010 Voluntary Oak Management Plan regarding planting replacement trees and doing construction work near trees that are to remain.

Opposing the initiative are Napa Valley Vintners, Napa Valley Grapegrowers, Winegrowers of Napa County and Napa County Farm Bureau. They say the county already has strong protections for watershed forests and streams.

The measure portrays vineyard owners as people who don't care about the health and well-being of their own properties, when the opposite is true, according to the Napa Valley Grapegrowers Association. The organization claims it consists of 700 people who care deeply about the environment and community. They called the proposed measure flawed and said it contains hidden costs to enact for both property owners and the county - and thus taxpayers.

Obama Signs Conservation Act To Preserve Nation's Last Remaining

Area Of Common Ground

Taking action to protect the rapidly dwindling vital resource, President Barack Obama signed an executive order Wednesday that would preserve the last remaining expanse of common ground in the nation. "America's common ground is one of our country's most valuable assets, and one that is under threat today like never before," said Obama during a press conference following the signing of the act, which establishes broad federal protections for the shrinking area of shared values and mutual understanding that has suffered severe erosion in recent years.

"Our country's once vast stretches of common ground are part of our national heritage. Unfortunately, if they continue to be destroyed at the rate they have been over the past decade, there will soon be nothing left. This action is a first step toward ensuring that future generations of Americans will also be able to experience the common ground we too often take for granted." Obama added, however, that there was sadly nothing that could be done to reduce the toxic levels of vitriol that had tainted the nation's dialogue.

Area Child Disappointed To Learn Parents' Love Unconditional

Saying he doesn't even feel like trying anymore, 8-year-old Max Bledsoe expressed his strong disappointment Monday after learning that his parents' love is unconditional. "I always thought they loved me because I'd actually earned it, but unfortunately it turns out that their affection is apparently limitless," said a frustrated Bledsoe, wondering aloud the point of doing well in school, learning how to play the piano, and always going to bed before 9 p.m. if his parents were just going to keep on loving him no matter what. "Look at me: I just wasted the last three years of my life trying to win their approval by being a good kid. And for what? To get the love that was coming to me anyway?" Bledsoe added that he envied his adopted younger brother, who really has to work for his parents' love.

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From Passivism to Environmentalism to Sustainability: The Evolution of Local Self-Awareness

Adapted from: *Conspiracy Theory or Automatic Pilot: The Economic Roots of Environmental Destruction* By Peter F. Kilkus.

How do we explain the structure of influence that is at the heart of environmental problems - especially those affecting the welfare of individual human beings? There are many proximate causes of environmental degradation, but I submit that they are fundamentally financially-driven, based on incorrect economics combined with income inequalities, exacerbated by population growth, fueled by overconsumption, and supported by the mythology-based propaganda of the "free market/globalization at any cost" advocates.

Since language often drives perception, we must make it clear that environmental groups and sustainability organizations are not special interest groups. They don't build boats or run sawmills. These organizations are universal interest groups with a special mission and responsibility in the growing "social sector" of society. There is more universal truth in a forest or an ocean than in any chainsaw or drift net, and these universal truths are what sustain human life – literally! Sustainability groups are advocates for the very life support system of the earth, which must be healthy for the rest of civil society to flourish.

The environmental fervor of the 1970s, which solved so many of the critical problems of pollution and corporate malfeasance, has evolved into the broader philosophical (and practical) approach of Sustainability. There are several good definitions of Sustainability and the one you like may just be a matter of style. The "Three E's" – Environment, Economy, and Equity (Social Justice) - are being used by many sustainability advocates as a unifying concept.

A simple yet elegant definition, derived from Redefining Progress, is given by Sustainable Sonoma County:

"Sustainability means securing a high quality of life within the means of nature.

Sustainability secures people's quality of life within the means of nature in a way that is fair and equitable to all humanity, to other species, and to future generations. Sustainability recognizes the interrelatedness of the economy, society, and environment. It requires that we not consume resources faster than they can be renewed nor produce wastes faster than they can be absorbed."

Sustainability will remain a hard sell until we can show that people have more to gain than to lose by changing their ways. Change flows from necessity, hope, realizable aspirations, and joy, not shame and blame. It's useless to think we always have to harm what we touch. We're going to touch it as long as we exist. The romantic fantasy

of humans as an irretrievably nasty plague on the Earth needs to go the way of other adolescent self-indulgences. And for those dedicated to imposing their more ascetic solutions on the rest of us let me quote one of the most basic economic principles given by Herman Daly, "We can surely eat lower on the food chain, but we cannot eat recipes."

Sustainability advocates recognize that solving any problem requires carefully defining the root cause of the real problem and understanding its impact on society and the economy. Solutions don't need to be the result of some dialectical struggle between good and evil.

Many years ago, philosopher/logician Francisco Varela described the "Star" hypothesis in which he proposed that for every duality in apparent conflict there is a larger whole within which the duality is integrated and to which it contributes stability. He pointed out that in Hegelian dialectics dual interactions are of the zero sum form: what one side gets the other side loses. But the operational form of real interactions seems almost universally to be of non-zero sum form: every participant



can win (by playing the game of the whole). When we look at natural systems, nowhere do we find opposition apart from our own projection of values. The apparent conflict pair, predator/prey, for example, does not operate in opposition. Both generate a whole unity, their ecosystemic domain, where there is complementarity, mutual stabilization, and benefits in survival for both species (although not necessarily for individual members of the species). So although we can project values to the apparent duality of predator/prey, the inclusive whole is really ecosystem/species interaction. A humorous example can illustrate this point.

Years ago several endangered peregrine falcons were released in the San Francisco Bay Area. Within days a distraught person called the local Audubon Society to report that the falcons were killing and eating some beautiful little quail that lived nearby. This person demanded that someone come to kill the hawks to save the quail!

To simplify, if you really think there's a basic conflict that can't be resolved, you're not thinking at a high enough system level. But it often takes a lot of work to educate the other side in an apparent conflict situation. I prefer to think of working strenuously toward a solution I believe is correct as a "strategy of aggressive balance" rather than compromise. Part of the final solution is to maximize educated citizen involvement at every level possible.

Why do we really care about what happens to the earth, to our children, after we die? Motivational studies over decades have confirmed that everyone, given the choice, wants to do the best they can. Good educational and business environments are designed to allow for individual initiative in solving problems and

achieving optimal solutions. Because of the fragmentation of our political system, our operating reality is "majority rule by the minority who care", and we who care must be effective. But it is still difficult to get widespread participation. Paul Hawken's book, *The Ecology of Commerce*, addresses this issue, especially for small businesses:

"It's like being a single parent when the dog has run away, the children are fighting, the dinner is burning, the baby-sitter hasn't shown up, we are late for the PTA meeting, and have just spilled gravy on the carpet when someone doing a survey knocks at the door and wants to know how we feel about the proposed landfill at the edge of town."

Rather than just a simple conspiracy, I believe we are witnessing another evolutionary struggle of ideologies. An ideology is a belief-system – a set of beliefs, myths, and hypotheses with some internal coherence – that seeks to shape the fundamental thought processes of a society. Once an ideology is dominant and internalized by the majority, an automatic pilot syndrome can control a society's path with almost no one paying attention to, much less questioning, the outcomes.

I believe Sustainability organizations are the most important examples of social sector institutions. If we understand economics as a subsystem of the environment, these organizations take on special significance since they are the vanguard bringing the concepts of natural capital, ecosystem services, carrying capacity, and ultimate survival-mode issues into the conversation.

Formulating solutions to complex problems is always difficult. That's why they always seem so radical, especially when economics is involved – there's a built-in massive inertia inherent in the status quo. Sustainability organizations must work to create "conversion experiences" in everyone they can reach.

It's critical for as many people as possible to contribute in every large or small way they can in every area of the social sector. Hopefully the conversion experience for society doesn't have to wait for some avoidable disaster to trigger it.

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2016 Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program: 7/18 – 7/24

Category: Weekly Total - Season Total
Boats Screened (Invasive Species): 675, 6,884
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Total People Educated: 230, 2,807
Bilge Pads Installed: 35, 345

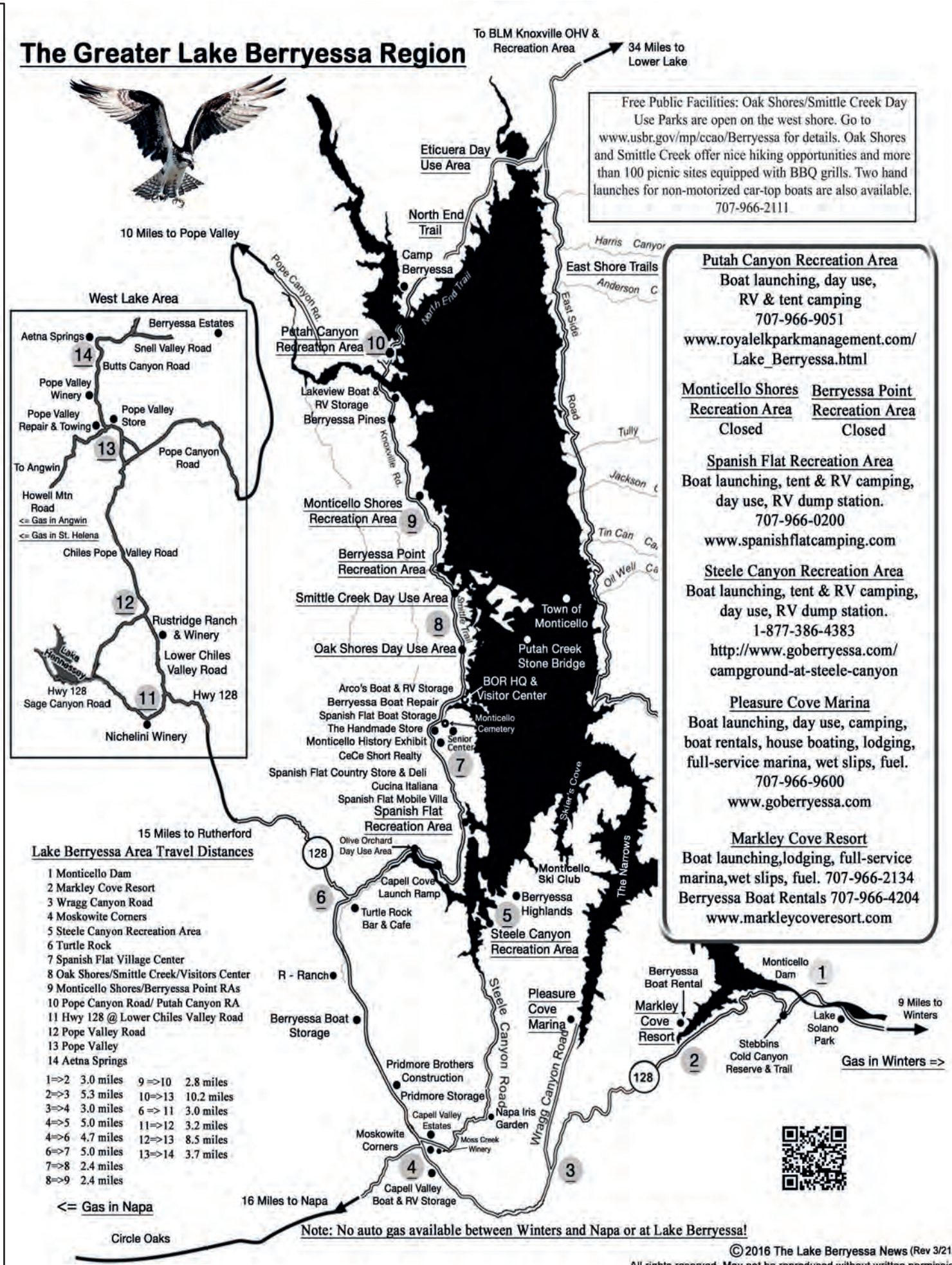
Capell Cove was lively as always with the parking lot completely full by 1 PM on both Saturday and Sunday. There were no boats of concern and we talked to a heavy dose of regulars who only visit Lake Berryessa. On Saturday and Sunday morning we worked alongside Rangers Erica and Dylan to conduct invasive screenings. Throughout the course of the 7 day week, we had 192 screenings and 23 surveys.

Putah Canyon was fairly busy this weekend, with most of the screenings done on Saturday. Overall 88 screenings were conducted. Many people were interested in doing boater surveys in order to receive the boater kits. However, there was only one intern stationed at Putah so we focused our efforts on invasive screenings. Despite this we still did 10 boater surveys.

It was another a busy weekend at Steele Canyon with 160 screenings and 32 surveys over the weekend with 78 screenings and 17 surveys. We did not have to do any full inspections, but did conduct a couple of visual inspections for water hyacinth from boats coming from the Delta. Steele is down to one launch ramp so it can get backed up very easily which can lead to some boater frustration. Even though it was hot, boaters still came out in good numbers.

Markley Cove was busy as always with 235 screenings and 17 surveys. Traffic through the parking lot was hectic and much of our efforts were spent clearing up and managing the steady flow of boats while conducting invasive screenings. There was only one boat of concern, a jet ski that was recently purchased by a new owner and they did not know the launch history. After unsuccessfully attempting to contact the previous owner the jet ski underwent a full inspection and it was found to be clean and dry and was cleared to launch.

Despite the hot weather Oak Shores was very busy with a majority of the people that we talked to visiting for the first time. 15 surveys were conducted this weekend, with 9 of them coming from Sunday. Recreators were much more eager to interact with Bilgee on Sunday which made for a great end to the weekend.





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Napa County Continues Managing Partnership Discussions With Reclamation

Napa County staff analysts have received a draft Managing Partnership Agreement (MPA) from the Bureau of Reclamation. The first in a series of meetings has been scheduled within the next few weeks to review it in detail.

This process is of historical importance to the County and to Lake Berryessa. County analysts are fortunate to have the range of hospitality and recreation management professionals of Visit Napa Valley to assist.

The goal of both parties is to understand each others' interests and the potential positive benefits of an agreement to the County and to Reclamation in the revitalization of Lake Berryessa recreation. Reclamation sources remain "very optimistic" about the outcome of this process.

An MPA would give the County more flexibility in recruiting professional recreation management companies to run Lake Berryessa resorts and in writing smart contracts to optimize the benefits for the concession companies and for the recreating public. Major issues such as how many of the recreation areas the County may choose to manage are open for discussion, as are budget and staffing requirements.

County staff is still planning to make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors some time in early October. Shortly after that Reclamation has said they will hold another Lake Berryessa Public Forum meeting.

Markley Cove Bid Process Continues

The final bids are in! Although Reclamation will not yet reveal how many bids were received, nor from whom, the review panel is now going over them in detail. The Reclamation deadline for a panel recommendation to senior Reclamation management is the first week of September.

John and Linda Frazier have operated Markley Cove for 29 years, since 2009 on a series of interim contracts, and submitted one of the bids.

Markley Cove's boat slips and other improvements are worth \$6.5 million, according to an appraisal done by the BOR. Any incoming operator wanting to keep these improvements would have to buy them from the Fraziers.

5,731 Acre Cold Fire Contained After An All Out Aerial and Ground Battle

by Evan Kilkus

After an initial three days of intense firefighting, followed by seven days of hard labor doing mop-up work, CAL Fire declared the Cold Fire to be 100% contained, unfortunately leaving one hunting cabin and an outbuilding destroyed.

While the smoke stopped billowing and the fire seemed "out" on Thursday, it took hundreds of firefighters, several bulldozers, and a fleet of helicopters several days of time consuming work to make sure the fire didn't restart.

A close look at CAL Fire's map shows the fire perimeter, and how steep the terrain is with one canyon of dozens of homes in the Golden Bear Estates Community on the East edge of the fire. Fortunately, thanks to great defensible space created by homeowners, and fast and effective work by fire crews, no homes or structures were damaged.

As you can see in the photos on pg.2, firefighters had to climb all over the steep hills with thousands of feet of fire hose. Meanwhile several helicopters went back and forth ridgeline to soak the remain

smoldering hillsides.

While CAL Fire helicopters were working last Friday doing their mop-up work, someone who probably thought the fire was out unfortunately flew a drone near Markley Cove Resort, temporarily grounding the helicopters.

CAL Fire wants this be a reminder that they have lots of work to do and they need lots of space. Don't fly within 50 miles or more of a fire scene. It is an operator's responsibility to know if there is an active wildfire still not fully contained. This goes for curious boaters too - don't go visit the helicopter when they are dipping in for water. Stay 500' to 1000' away at all times.

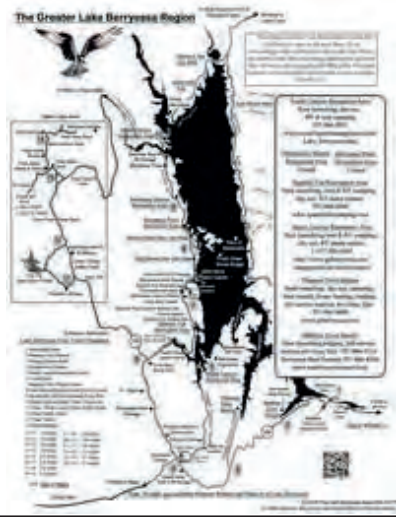
HWY 128 was closed from Tuesday evening thru Friday, but thankfully CAL Fire, Caltrans, CHP, and PG&E got the road open for vacationers at about noon on Friday. Two other small fires were quickly contained in the past week along Berryessa Knoxville Road, keeping fire crews and residents on edge. All fires started near the road, and the causes are under investigation. Travelers should remember, as Smokey the Bear says, "Only you can prevent forest fires."



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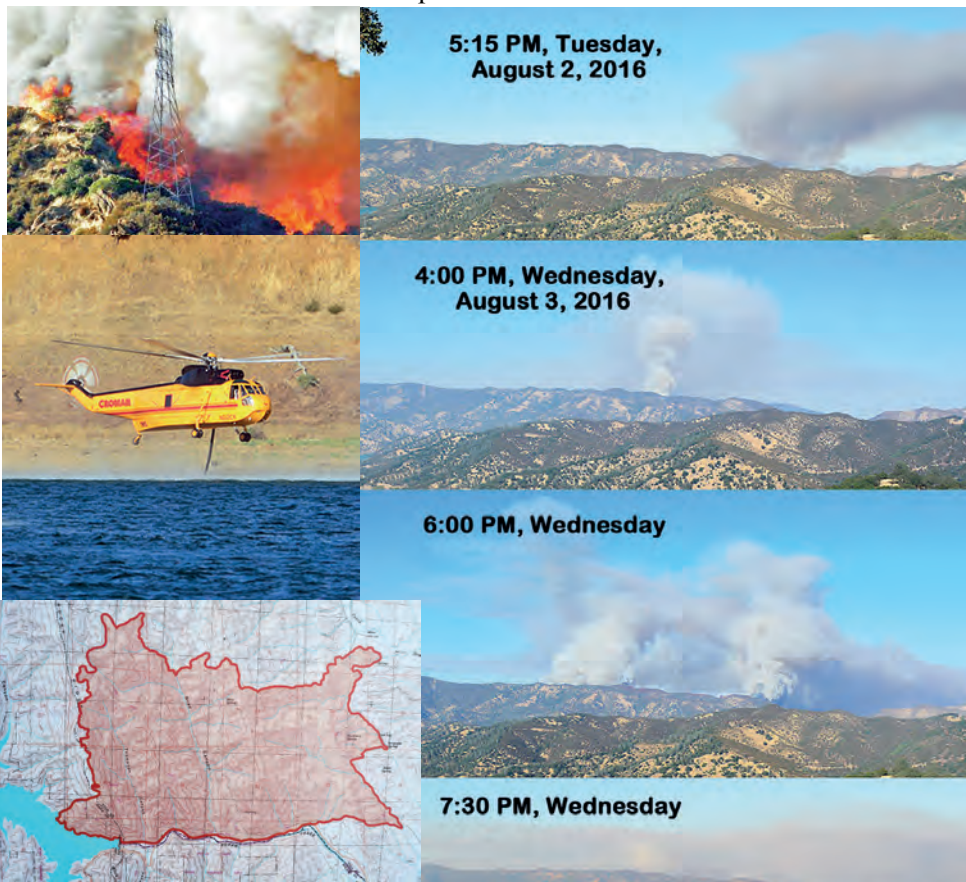
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The Cold Fire burned approximately 4,000 acres in the first 24 hours. These photos show the intensity and rapid spread of the fire during those first hours. When the fire subsided crews spent thousands of man-hours hosing down the remaining hot spots as the above photo shows - hard work!



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What Is That Red Stuff Falling From The Sky?



Planes have been used for water drops since the 1930s, but it wasn't until the mid-'50s that firefighters began using a heavier slurry of water and additives to keep the water from evaporating in the heat or being blown away from the drop zone before it hit the ground. Thickeners also help avoid runoff. Color marks the area hit by the drop, and the fertilizer encourages regrowth of plants in the burn area.

Newer retardants use ammonium sulfate or ammonium polyphosphate with attapulgite clay thickener or diammonium phosphate with a guar gum derivative thickener. These are not only less toxic but act as fertilizers to help the regrowth of plants after the fire.

Fire retardants often contain wetting agents, preservatives and rust inhibitors and are colored red with ferric oxide or fugitive color to mark where they have been dropped. Brand names of fire retardants for aerial application include Fire-Trol and Phos-Chek.

As early as 1930, Forest Service fire fighting crews were flying over wildland fire flames delivering water and hoping to either completely obliterate the fire or at least douse it enough to slow its spread. The first recorded water drop in 1930 used a Ford Tri-Motor airplane and a wooden beer keg filled with water.

The first free-flowing water airdrop from an airplane onto a fire was made during the Mendenhall Fire, August 13, 1955, on the Mendocino National Forest when the pilot of a Boeing Stearman 75 Kaydet dropped 6 loads of water in support of ground firefighters. The operation successfully knocked-down the blazing fire.

To increase the effectiveness of fire control operations, in the 1960s, Navy TBM Avengers were converted to handle slurry drops, becoming the first aircraft dedicated to aerial firefighting and capable of dropping 600 gallons of retardant on a single sortie. Through the 1960s, the Forest Service explored using a wider variety of military surplus aircraft and discovered that multiengine PBYS, B-24s, A-26s, DC-6s, and even B-17s could carry up to 2,500 gallons of retardant and were more effective on large fires.

A wide variety of helicopters are also used for firefighting. Helicopters may be fitted with tanks (helitankers) or they may carry buckets. Some helitankers, such as the Erickson AirCrane, are also outfitted with a front-mounted foam cannon.



Global Trade: Let Them Eat Recipes

When economists talk about trade balances they refer only to money flows, not ecological flows. But some areas constantly give up ecological productivity, while others continuously draw on it. For example, Hong Kong, Switzerland, and Japan provide little ecological productivity to the world, while importing a great deal from other places to maintain their high levels of consumption.

Expanding world trade leads to increased global resource flows, which stimulates total economic production and accelerates the depletion of the planet's natural resources. People who live on ecological goods imported from afar are *spatially and psychologically disconnected from the resources that sustain them*. They lose any direct incentive to conserve their own local resources and have no hand in the management of the distant sources of supply.



Economic globalization has greatly expanded opportunities for the rich to pass their environmental burdens to the poor by exporting both wastes and polluting factories. In their day-to-day operations, the allegiance of the world's largest corporations is purely to their own bottom lines. However, for the purposes of seeking tax breaks, research subsidies, or governmental representation in negotiations that bear on their global marketing and investment interests, they wrap themselves in national flags and call for support from their "home" governments in the name of global competitiveness.

Citizens United: Perversion of Democracy - One Dollar, One Vote!

The Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the court opened the campaign spending floodgates. The justices' ruling said political spending is protected under the First Amendment, meaning corporations could spend unlimited amounts of money on political activities... Disembodied corporations were now transformed into real people.

In his opposing argument, Supreme Court Justice Stevens said: "... corporations have no consciences, no beliefs, no feelings, no thoughts, no desires. Corporations help structure and facilitate the activities of human beings, to be sure, and their 'personhood' often serves as a useful legal fiction. But they are not themselves members of 'We the People' by whom and for whom our Constitution was established."

August 15 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Continuing a proud, age-old tradition, you will hand down your family's priceless heirlooms to the next generation of Chinatown pawnbrokers.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): Endless complaints that your talents are being wasted at work will finally pay off when management decides to promote you to the position of "Head Whiner."

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): There's nothing wrong with being attracted to a man in uniform, but the stars still think you can do better than building custodian.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): To no avail, you will once again pray exactly 223 times for God to heal you of your lifelong obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Leo (7/23-8/22): A scantily clad stripper will soon jump out of the cake, confirming a rather embarrassing mix-up at the bakery, and completely ruining your daughter's fourth birthday.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): They've taken to calling you a broken man, defeated, beaten, dispirited, hopeless—but then, they have access to a thesaurus.

Libra (9/23-10/22): A series of wrong turns combined with a stubborn resistance to ask for directions will cause you, 12 other men, and a giant gay-pride-parade float to enter a not-so-tolerant part of town.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): While no proverb currently exists to warn you of the dangers of next week's events, dozens will soon be hastily written to prevent others from suffering a similar fate.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Many believe there to be no greater shame than profiting from the misfortunes of others, but they'll soon change their minds after watching you lose hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to do so.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Although you know it's only a matter of setting boundaries and better managing your time, you will nonetheless continue to struggle to separate your work life from your second work life.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Years of treasured recollections dating all the way back to your childhood will be lost forever when a four-story fall exposes your photographic memory to daylight.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): A loud, inconsiderate group of pickup trucks will roll in 15 minutes late and ruin yet another drive-in movie for you this weekend.

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College and High School Bass Fishing Tournaments

As a follow up to my article about the potential for this kind of tournament at Lake Berryessa, here's an ad from ESPN. It is this kind of coverage of and interest in bass tournaments that can be our secret ingredient in stimulating new interest in Lake Berryessa as a bass fishing destination resort.

Proctor and Gamble, one of the biggest and savviest advertisers in the world just took up sponsorship of a bass pro for their Old Spice line. P&G does NOT spend a buck on dead end projects. They are going to get more folks interested in bass tourneys – potentially stimulating a new constituent base for the Lake Berryessa re-birth!

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One day, God calls Satan on the telephone.

"So, how's it going down there in hell?" God says.

"Hey, things are going great We've got air-conditioning and flush toilets and escalators. There's no telling what our engineer is going to come up with next!" Satan says.

"What? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should have never gotten down there. Send him back immediately !" God says.

"No way! I like having an engineer on the staff - I'm keeping him!" Satan says.

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The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce 3

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All recreation areas - Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Putah Canyon - are open for launching and will remain open all summer and beyond. The Capell Public Launch Ramp is closed.

Oak Shores Day Use Area is great for picnics and viewing the lake and wildlife. After touring around the lake and stopping at local wineries like Rustridge and Nichelini, a wide variety of food and drink is available at Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, and Turtle Rock.

Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Please use this web site to contact our members to make use of their services:

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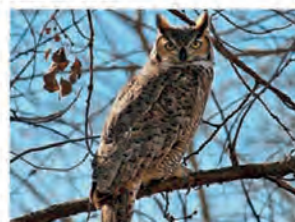
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(Note: Although this story was targeted at Berryessa Highlands residents, it also applies to the rural residents of the Berryessa Estates, Circle Oaks, Spanish Flat, Berryessa Pines, and all private properties that use septic systems for their sewage. Sewage is the waste matter carried off by sewer drains and pipes. Sewerage refers to the physical facilities (e.g., pipes, lift stations, and treatment and disposal facilities) through which sewage flows. Too many people, especially children, think that sink and toilet drains simply carry stuff to a magic place where it disappears.)

In May 2016, the pump at Lift Station 2 on Steele Canyon Road near Arroyo Lindo was severely damaged by a large clog of trash. Expenditures nearing \$50,000 were needed to rent a temporary pump to keep the wastewater flowing to the treatment plant preventing a spill and to purchase parts and new equipment to repair the damage.

The content of the clog was mostly disposable wipes, feminine products, and underwear, and clogs like this are still occurring several times a week. These clogs are costly to you, the rate payer, but can be avoided—but only with help from you. The toilet is not a trash can - re-think what you flush!

The ONLY things you should ever flush down a toilet are human waste and toilet paper.

Here is a list of things to keep OUT of the toilet by disposing in the trash:

- Disposable Wipes of ANY kind (includes baby, personal and cleaning wipes, etc)
Hair
Clothing
Disposable diapers
Tampons and tampon applicators
Sanitary napkins/pads
Cotton balls and swabs
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Unneeded medications - Do NOT dispose in trash.

Unneeded medications can be safely disposed at these Napa locations: Clinic Ole, 1141 Pear Tree Lane; Napa Family Drug, 1805 Old Sonoma Road, Napa; Kaiser Permanente, 1675 Permanente Way, Napa

NO FOG down the drain!

FOG (Fat, Oil, Grease) can cause clogged sewer lines, leading to overflows that can contaminate our streets and waterways, and wreak havoc with the treatment

process. Helping to prevent sewer overflows and backups is easy. Just follow the simple tips below!

The FOG problem...Even if you wash FOG down with hot water and soap, when the water cools the FOG solidifies in your pipes and ours. Pipes clogged by F.O.G. can cause sewer overflows in your home and yard. Overflow clean-up is expensive and unpleasant, and often paid for by the property owner. Raw sewage can reach waterways, polluting the water and harming aquatic life.

F.O.G. problems can increase operating costs for the District, which can cause higher sewer bills.

What can you do?

1. Never pour F.O.G. down the drain or into toilets.
2. Scrape all fat, grease, & food scraps into the trash can.
3. Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps, and empty them into the trash.



Actual clog removed from pump

**Berryessa Highlands Water and Sewer Utilities
Community Meeting**

Monday, August 22, 6PM - 7:30PM,

Capell Valley Fire Station

1. Budget Status Report
2. Steele Canyon Sewer Lift Station Failure & Repair
3. Household Income Survey
4. Proposed Near-Term Capital Improvements
5. Drinking Water Quality

**Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program Interns:
Going Strong, All Summer Long**

By Scott Navarro

It's already half way through the summer and it is unbelievable to think that nearly four months have passed since this amazing group of interns came together. The Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program (LBBOP) is the front line of defense against invasive species such as Zebra & Quagga Mussels. We have an outstanding team filled with positive communication, strong leadership and a unifying goal of striving to complete our tasks at the highest standard.

The LBBOP is going strong and will ultimately finish strong. Our mid-summer stats run through July 24, 2016:

- 6,884 boat screenings, 1,057 boater & day-use surveys
- 2,807 people educated on clean boating practices.
- 345 bilge pads installed to keep oil out of the water.
- 50% of all boaters surveyed installed bilge pads on the spot.

With the high heat and lower water levels, some launch ramps will end up having to close. The Capell Cove Public Launch Ramp closed August 8. Although it was predicted that Capell was going to close by mid-July, it managed to last a couple more weeks.

Other locations are down to just several launch ramps. When visiting Lake Berryessa, visitors with boats must plan accordingly to avoid the rush on weekends, especially during the hours of 10am-1pm. Spanish Flat, Pleasure Cove and Putah Canyon, are not as busy and can accommodate more launches. The busier launch ramps, like Markley Cove and Steele Canyon, allows us a chance to interact with visitors who have questions and those who like to receive free boating supplies!

My name is Scott Navarro. I am a junior studying at CSU: Sacramento, and as an Environmental Studies major, I have found it is important to know that different environmental problems require knowledge from a variety of disciplines. By working together with people from different specializations, we can solve many problems. Invasive species are an important topic in the environmental classes I have taken and working with Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) has really amplified my interest in the invasive species topic. I am very fortunate that I have the opportunity of a sneak peek on the inner workings of SCWA. This has been an opportunity of a lifetime, a highlight of my professional career, and has shown me a glimpse of the future that I want to pursue.



**Reclamation Announces August/
September 2016 Park Events**

**Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam! Now through Labor Day:
Saturdays 12 to 3 p.m.**

Monticello Dam Overlook Parking
Ever wonder why Lake Berryessa was created? How much water it holds? What was here before the lake? Where the water goes? Get the answers to these questions and more when you meet a Park Ranger at the Monticello Dam every Saturday throughout the summer. Stop by any time between 12 and 3 p.m. to learn fun facts about this essential water resource. Please contact a Park Ranger at 707-966-2111 ext.113 with any questions.

**Oak Shores Ranger Programs: Now through Labor Day: Sundays, 1 p.m.
Oak Shores Day Use Area**

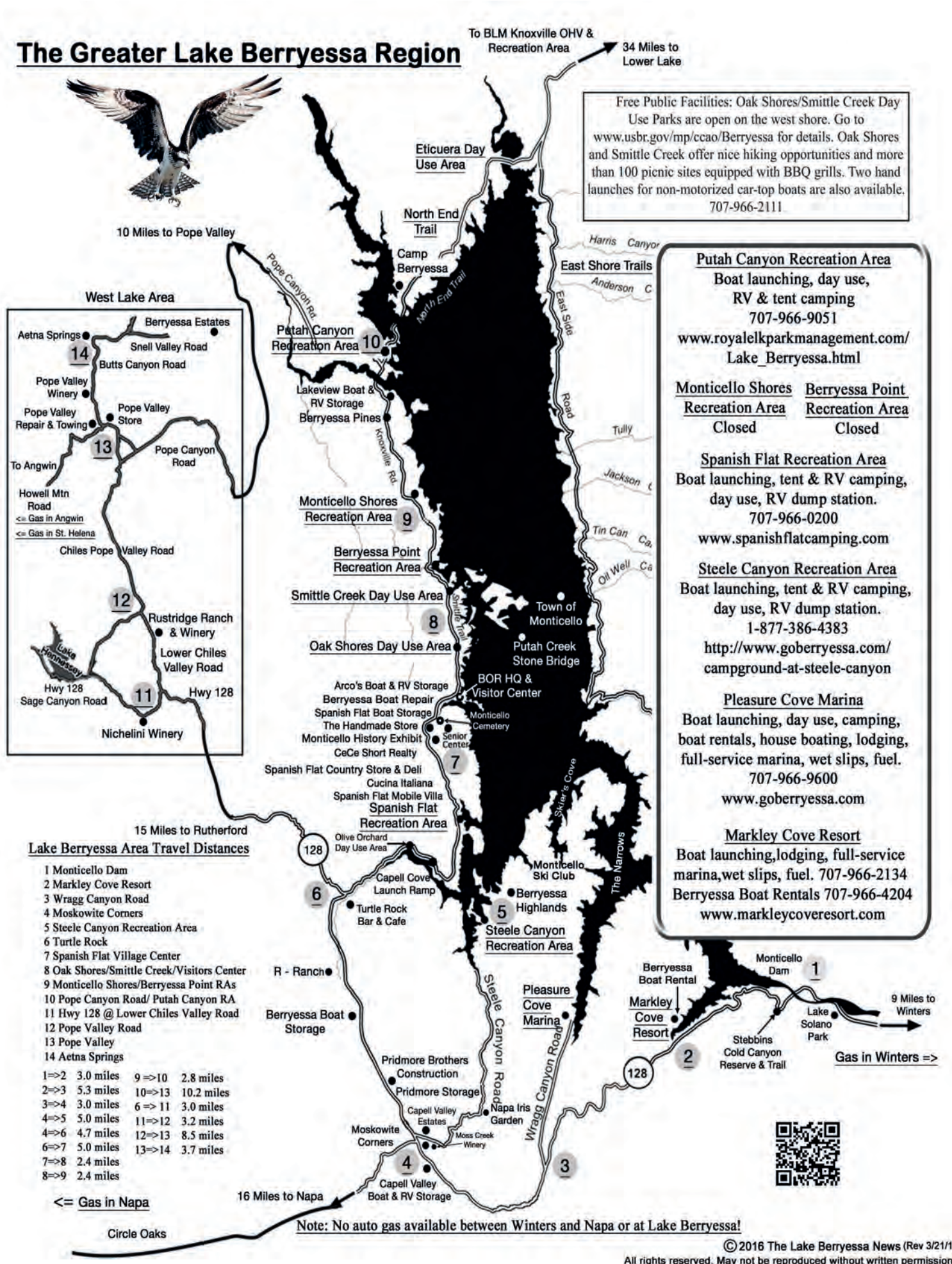
Learn something new during a 30-60 minute, Park Ranger-led program. Park Ranger programs will focus on water safety August 14, 28, and September 4. Rangers will introduce park visitors to Lake Berryessa bats and reptiles during nature programs on August 7 and 21. All participants are encouraged to check the weather, bring water and come prepared to meet outside in the heat.

**Free Fishing Day: Saturday,
September 3, 2016 at 10 a.m. Foxtail Flat, Oak Shores Day Use Area**

During two days of the year, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife allows everyone to fish free of charge. If you ever wanted to learn to fish, this is the perfect time to borrow a pole and join a Park Ranger at Oak Shores Day Use Area for some tips. All fishing equipment will be provided to participants during the program. Please contact a Park Ranger Dylan Dowe at 707-966-2111 ext.113 with any questions or visit <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/fishing/free-fishing-days> for more information on Free Fishing Days.

**Coastal Clean Up Day: Saturday,
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Lot 234 Arroyo Grande	\$55,000
Lot 161 Westridge	\$57,000
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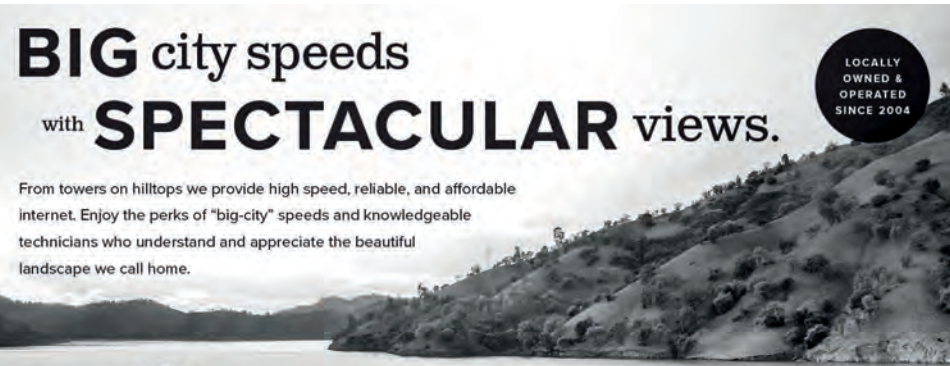
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Summer's Almost Over - What's Happening Behind The Scenes At Lake Berryessa?

by Peter Kilkus

If you've been following the recent history of Lake Berryessa, you know that it is at a potential major turning point. Several developments are ongoing behind the scenes. Napa County staff analysts have received a draft Managing Partnership Agreement (MPA) from the Bureau of Reclamation. They continue to meet with Reclamation and hope to have something to report back to the public and Board of Supervisors Board in the Fall.

This process is of historical importance to the County and to Lake Berryessa. An MPA would give the County more flexibility in recruiting professional recreation management companies to run Lake Berryessa resorts and in writing smart contracts to optimize the benefits for the concession companies and for the recreating public.

The Bureau of Reclamation is still evaluating the bids for Markley Cove and expects to report a decision as to the winner of the bid in early September - after which Reclamation will enter into serious contract negotiations with the new concessioner.

One possible major change is in the works at Pleasure Cove Marina. Information is hard to come by, but for several weeks there have been inklings that Pleasure Cove, owned by Forever Resorts, is in the process of being sold. Boaters have reported that most of the houseboats have been removed from the marina. This would be consistent with a sale in which the new owner does not want to buy the rental houseboats for future use.

Additionally there would be a potential impact of Steele Canyon Recreation Area since it is being operated by Pleasure Cove (Forever Resorts) under an interim contract with Reclamation.

Neither Pleasure Cove nor Forever Resorts management have provided any information publicly about this possibility.

Behind the scenes there are enough signals now be memories, there is "Life After Labor Day" at Lake Berryessa. The latest unconfirmed information from a local source is that Pleasure Cove Marina is being acquired by Suntex Marinas: www.suntex.com. This is plausible. The Bureau of Reclamation must approve any ownership transfer. Per the present Pleasure Cove contract, concession contractors must submit all sale and transfer information as required by Reclamation before any consideration will be given to the approval of a sale or transfer of all or any portion of a concession operation.

A proposed sale is subject to the same evaluation process that is performed for a new concession contract.



The terms and conditions of this concession contract are subject to reasonable changes that are consistent with the purpose and objectives of this concession contract and current Reclamation policy, at the discretion of Reclamation.

A fundamental question is whether, in the new contract negotiations with the Markley bid winner or a possible Pleasure Cove Marina buyer, Reclamation may modify some of the more onerous contract terms identified as stumbling blocks to future recreation area development.

These impediments have been identified as the short thirty-year term of the contract, the requirement for the concessioner to give all of the infrastructure improvements to the government at no cost, and the prohibition of the use of subcontractors. Napa County analysts should be watching these negotiations carefully.

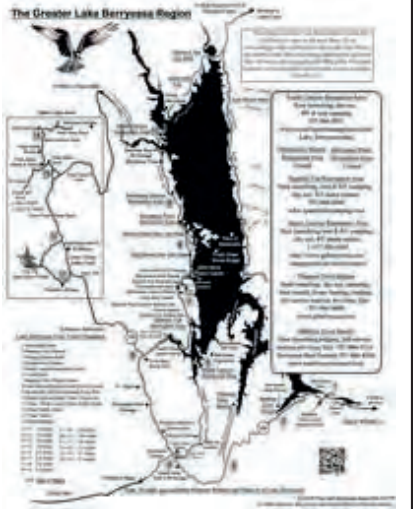
Life After Labor Day

Summer is winding down with our last big holiday of the season. Most people will be out on their boats or PWC. But although the good times of summer at the lake will



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2 New Fire Station Construction To Start This Month

The Berryessa Highlands and Berryessa Estates are scheduled to get assistance in fire protection that could lead to cuts in soaring homeowner insurance bills. Napa County recently awarded a contract to build identical satellite volunteer fire stations in the two communities for a total \$1 million. Construction is scheduled to begin in September and finish in March.

Both stations will be used by the existing Capell Valley and Pope Valley volunteer fire departments. Volunteer firefighters living in the two communities will be able to go to the satellite stations during emergencies to get equipment. Berryessa Highlands and Berryessa Estates are rated as "unprotected" for fire services by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) because no fire station is located within five miles. Napa County is trying to change this situation to lower insurance rates there.

Residents have seen their insurance costs rise by as much as 300 percent, if they can even find insurance.

County plans call for each station to be a 1,152-square-foot building of pre-engineered steel with a truck bay, a restroom, and a storage area.

Berryessa Estates has about 180 homes. The new station will be located at 2386 Stagecoach Canyon Road at the site a vacant store. It will be used by Pope Valley volunteer firefighters.

Berryessa Highlands has about 350 homes. The new station will be located at 1251 Steele Canyon Road. It will be used by Capell Valley volunteer firefighters.

The existing Capell Valley station is

about 5.5 miles from Berryessa Highlands, just outside of the five-mile range used by ISO. That means residents get no credit for it on their insurance bills. *****

Lake Berryessa Recreation. What Do You Want? What Will You Get?

With the potential for a major revitalization of Lake Berryessa if Napa County does enter into a Managing Partner Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation to run the resort areas, what could that mean for future recreation opportunities for visitors?

Although the primary market will always be people interested in motorized water-based activities, there is room for expansion into the potential market of nature-based recreation which includes non-motorized land and water activities. However, demographics have changed so significantly during the last few decades that simple family camping, fishing, and water-skiing experiences are no longer sufficiently attractive to guarantee a large number of visitors.

The primary goal for the new resorts will be to provide memorable, environmentally-sustainable yet fun, experiences for their guests. Lake Berryessa could become the premier family-friendly adventure destination within minutes of the Legendary Napa Valley. Visit Napa Valley and "Add-A-Day" at Lake Berryessa. Promote lake-based lodging as an affordable alternative to Napa Valley lodging with affordable week-long rates for families. Link with Visit Napa Valley resort and winery events to extend their reach to Lake Berryessa.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of possible future Lake Berryessa activities. It is in simple alphabetical order with no specific priority. Let us know what you would like to see on this list. *****

Adventure jet boat rides per Lake Tahoe model
Amphitheater
Arcade
Bass tournaments
Children's entertainment room with video, Wi-Fi, and board games.
Climbing walls
Corporate meeting events
Dog Parks - on beach, supervised



Dog Parks - on land, enclosed
Exercise bikes in locations with beautiful views
Fireworks
Floating freshwater swimming pools
Floating toys: trampolines, swim platforms
Fresh water pool – kid's Splash Zone
Frisbee golf
Golf driving range
Good universal Wi-Fi and cell phone service
Hand ball courts
Hiking trails
Ice cream parlor
Indoor activity center
Interpretive center facilities, activities
Jet ski races

Jet ski safety training course with by jet ski race course based on go kart model
Kayak adventures at upper Putah Creek - kayak down Putah Creek with stop for lunch on beach

Kayak Big Island lagoon with lunch

Kayak to Berryessa Vista – hike to top with lunch at top with view

Leisurely patio boat trip to the dam

Luxury patio boat nature cruises with food and wine

Luxury houseboat trips with wine tasting & dinner per Wine Train model
Luxury patio boat wine tasting tour to dam with stop on a beach for lunch
Mobile food trucks

Moderately-priced patio boat nature cruises with food and wine
Music theater, concerts, indoor/outdoor movie theaters

Outdoor outfitters ferry guests from Napa for bicycle, hiking, kayak trips

Paddle boats (for exercise)
Par course on trail
Parasail trips on lake near Big Island
Playground with wading pool
Pools with swim-up bars
Portable stores
Ropes courses
Shuttle service – local rides and food delivery
Slalom course
Small gyms
Spa facilities
Teen sports area
Tennis courts
Triathlons, Davis swimmers, and other events
Wakeboard competition
Wakeboard school
Water park/water slide
Water ski center
Water ski school
Winery shuttles and limos
Zip lines

Lake Berryessa Park Rangers Connect with 817 Youth and Adults in July 2016

In July 2016, Lake Berryessa Park Rangers led 439 visitors in Ranger-guided activities around Lake Berryessa and met with 378 attendees at the California State Fair and the Solano County Fair for a total of 817 individual contacts!

Joining Park Rangers at the Monticello Dam for the Saturday afternoon "Meet a Park Ranger" program continues to be a popular activity in spite of July's hot temperatures. During the get-togethers, participants learned about the history of the Berryessa Valley and how Lake Berryessa's water is used today. Many took the opportunity to obtain the Rangers' assistance in planning future visits to the lake.

Rangers Erica Calvo and Victoria Payan developed a popular Water Safety Program as part of the Sunday afternoon Ranger programs at the Oak Shores Day Use Area. In July, Park Rangers instructed 39 participants in recognizing distressed swimmers and practiced cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills.

In addition to the Park Rangers' regular programs, they had numerous opportunities to engage the public at the California State Fair in Sacramento and the Solano County Fair in Vallejo, California. The Rangers interacted with more than 350 fairgoers, educating them about outdoor recreation opportunities, sharing ideas for water conservation, and challenging families to estimate the amount of water needed to grow their favorite foods.

Lake Berryessa Park Rangers will continue to present programs at Monticello Dam and Oak Shores Day Use Area on weekends throughout the summer. Upcoming topics at Oak Shores will include introductions to bats and birds as well as Water Safety and CPR.

Coastal Clean Up Day

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Putah Creek Bridge, Steele Canyon Recreation Area, and the Markley Turnouts.

Join Reclamation, Solano Resource Conservation District and partners for this annual lake and shoreline cleanup event. Volunteers will clean the shoreline of Lake Berryessa as part of the state-wide event. Free lunch and beverages will be provided to volunteers.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own work gloves, as there may be limited availability. In order to limit the environmental footprint of this event, please also plan to bring a reusable bag, bucket, and water bottle if possible.

To volunteer, contact Park Ranger John Ellis at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 or orjellis@usbr.gov. You can also search for our volunteer announcement under Lake Berryessa at www.volunteer.gov.

"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff," -- Mariah Carey

"We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?" -- Lee Iacocca

September 1 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Keep in mind this week that anger is fear in disguise, although why you'd be afraid of the soda machine eating your dollar is for you alone to answer.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Your radical new look will cause heads to turn, as complete strangers hurry to avoid eye contact with you.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): As you'll soon learn, there are scandals and then there are Scandals, depending on whether the word starts a sentence.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Years of backbreaking work will finally pay off when your sales manager, walking hurriedly down the hallway, nods faintly in your general direction this week.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Like a moth to a flame, you too will be strongly attracted to a giant flame today.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): The fifth coming of Jesus Christ this week will reveal that you haven't been paying as much attention as you'd thought.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Your body will soon go through a series of new and exciting changes, thanks in large part to the amazing reconstructive work of Dr. Howard Rosenthal.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You'll have a hard time controlling yourself this week, but then that's what the serene-looking men in lab coats are here for.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): While teaching the lowland gorilla how to communicate is entirely possible, getting the self-obsessed primate to shut the hell up is a whole other story.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Despite several of face-to-face meetings, and a series of concessions on your parts, the ants still will refuse to recognize your truce.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): After years of keeping the secret to yourself, you will finally break your silence this week on that one thing nobody really cares about.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You establish a destructive pattern of behavior this week when you discover how much fun it is to destroy things.



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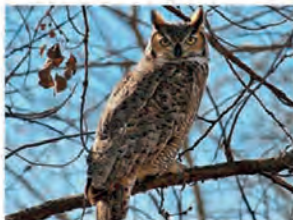
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Berryessa Highlands Facing Expensive

Water and Sewer Infrastructure Upgrades - Again!

by Evan Kilkus

Napa County staff invited residents of the Berryessa Highlands to a community meeting last week to discuss their 50 year old fresh water and sewer system - and its need for \$5 million in infrastructure improvements plus several million more to replace miles of leaking water mains. This is being discussed just after the neighborhood completed a state mandated \$8 million waste water treatment and pond upgrade, costing every parcel owner just under \$20,000.

“Our mission isn’t really over”, stated Chris Silke, Engineering Manager for Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID). The needed capital improvements “should be looked at in the next 3-10 years.” Projects discussed include replacing broken and leaking pipes under the roads, upgrades to the water supply intake in Lake Berryessa, water storage tank, sewer lift stations, and other parts to the system.

Berryessa Highlands home and parcel owners are the owners of the NBRID, so all operating and infrastructure costs fall on them. However, grants and low interest loans are available under certain circumstances. According to Kim Strong with the Rural Community Assistance Corp (RCAC), the amount of funding help available “varies depending on the programs...Berryessa Estates, for example, will have accumulated \$10.3 million in grant money” to help with their recent system upgrades. In order for the Highlands neighborhood to qualify, RCAC needs to collect Household Income Surveys from 57% of the households. As of last week, they had 70, and need 100 more. Residents can find the survey on <http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/>

The Berryessa Highlands neighborhood, located at the southern end of the lake near Steele Canyon Recreation Area, includes just under 350 homes on 586 total parcels. Currently the minimum water/sewer bill for residents is \$150/month, making talk of higher rates and more assessments a sour subject for residents. “They can only make us pay so much,” stated one resident. “After the last \$20,000 assessment we just can’t accept more.”

Being proposed as a partial solution is a potential rate increase of approximately \$20 per month, bringing the monthly bill to \$170. When, or at this point if, Steele Canyon Recreation Area ever turns into a small resort with cabin rentals and a restaurant, they would be required to become a customer, contributing substantial new revenue to help cover the NBRID operating expenses.

Napa County Supervisors Dianne Dillon and Keith Caldwell were in attendance to commit to doing everything the County can to get financial help. They agreed that this is an unfortunate expense. They also informed residents that water rates are going up across Napa County and California, some worse than the Highlands.

There was no real positive outcome at the end of the meeting, just a consensus of accepted frustration. Future rate increases will go through the Napa County Board of Supervisors, so any further public discussion will take place there.

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Oak Shores Day Use Area is great for picnics and viewing the lake and wildlife. After touring around the lake and stopping at local wineries like Rustridge and Nichelini, a wide variety of food and drink is available at Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, and Turtle Rock.

Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Please use this web site to contact our members to make use of their services:

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Markley Cove Resort Owners Win The Bid For Their Own Resort

One interesting element of this announcement is that Reclamation has extended the contract period to 40 years! Is this the first step in migrating towards a smarter contract than they have offered in the past? No word yet - or maybe ever - as to who the other bidders were. Notice also that the Markley Cove name has been changed from Resort to Marina.

Reclamation Announces Selected Bidder for Markley Cove Marina at Lake Berryessa

The Bureau of Reclamation announces that FX10 International Inc. is the selected bidder for the Markley Cove Marina business opportunity at Lake Berryessa. The principal shareholders in FX10 are John and Linda Frazier, who currently operate Markley Cove under an interim contract with Reclamation.

The business opportunity is to operate a marina and associated facilities for a term of 30 years, with a possible 10-year extension. The business opportunity was advertised on May 13, 2016, and the bid period closed on July 19.

After a bid review by a panel of staff with experience in managing concessions and recreation on public lands, the bid from FX10 was determined to best meet the needs of Reclamation and the public in the provision of required and authorized recreational services and facilities.

Reclamation's Central California Area Office (CCAO) will be initiating negotiations with FX10 with the intention of having a new concession contract signed and in effect prior to January 1, 2017.



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Measure Z: The Zombie Tax Attacks

By Peter Kilkus

It may not be World War Z, starring Brad Pitt, where a zombie outbreak erupts in metropolitan areas around the world, but Napa County is having its own County Conflict Z with a Zombie Sales Tax outbreak.

The Napa Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) is a government agency that was created under intense controversy in 2006. Local voters created the district by approving Measure I which was passed by only 2,500 votes of 29,000 cast: Yes - 15,791, 54.35%; No - 13,261, 45.65% - hardly a mandate.

Napa County residents currently pay 8 cents in sales tax for each local dollar spent. Napa County voters on Nov. 8 will decide whether to approve Measure Z - a quarter-cent sales tax to raise about \$8 million annually to fund the RPOSD. This new and regressive Zombie tax would have to pass by a two-thirds vote.

In the June 7 election, Napa County failed to pass a quarter-cent sales tax that would have gone to the county general fund, but had been targeted for a new jail and children's programs. This sales tax needed only a majority vote to pass, but it lost with 55 percent "no" votes.

How can any reasonable person believe this new Measure Z sales tax, which requires 66.7% to pass, is more important or more likely to pass than the June 7 attempt? It seems to be a waste of time and money to even try.

When seeking a sales tax hike, proponents depict the impact as being small on taxpayers. But this is a regressive tax, i.e., a tax that takes a larger percentage of income from low-income earners than from high-income earners. For people on limited incomes, these taxes build up and become a burden. And most Napa residents will never benefit from Z.

The controversy over the RPOSD Measure I in 2006 was passionate. Looking back at the history is instructive. "Applehood and Mother Pie" statements.

The arguments against Measure I are clearly still relevant today against Z. The Napa Register was against it: "The proposal on the Nov. 7 ballot - Measure I - is flawed in fundamental ways...The Board of Supervisors needs to address the parks issue, but not by creating an ill-defined new bureaucracy run by a separate set of elected officials. We urge a no vote on Measure I."

Supervisor Bill Dodd was against it and even predicted the present results: "If Measure I passes, a new layer of governmental bureaucracy will be formed, run by five newly elected representatives.

This special district will have no greater power to create access to open space than the county has today, and will have no funds that the county does not have today. In my opinion, the citizens of Napa County will end up paying more taxes if Measure I passes, as this special district will have an unstable source of funding for management and operations functions. Sooner or later, this new layer of government will create a new tax or fee to fund their program."

Time Passes and Now...

The facts are that, ten years later, the predictions have proven accurate. It's taken that long, but the predicted Zombie (a dead body reanimated through various methods) Tax has awakened and is aimlessly shuffling towards Napa voters.

The RPOSD, with its policy of questionable land acquisitions and trails-at-any-cost philosophy, has done little of compelling benefit for Napa County residents, and most of what they have accomplished could have been done by a Parks and Open Space Department within the Napa County governing structure.

Some think that voting for parks and open space is like voting for "Motherhood and Apple Pie." Unfortunately, as in most of these conflicts, some people find the truth too confining and resort to strained "Applehood and Mother Pie" statements.

Statements that sound good on the surface, but hide a bad taste in the ingredients.

Reality Check Time

The RPOSD wants to TAX us and give them \$8 million per year! From the pockets of Napa workers, visitors, families, students, elderly citizens! From the budgets of County government and public agencies doing real work important to everyone in the County!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!

How many voters actually know what the RPOSD is and does? How many people have hiked the Berryessa Estates "open space"? How many people have boated to and climbed to the top of Berryessa Vista? How many people actually use Moore Creek Park? Are there parks for people?

The Lake Berryessa Connection

A burning question to many of us trying to revitalize a battered Lake Berryessa region (and I include the Berryessa Estates and Pope Valley) is why this Zombie 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 \$8 million to play with - even a couple of hundred thousand would help!

Lake Berryessa is not another "lake in the country". It is a major economic, social, and recreation resource in an urban-proximate setting whose value to Napa County and the State of California is being utterly wasted.

I believe a special Lake Berryessa-only commission should be created reporting directly to the Napa County Board of Supervisors. And the Commission should be funded by the Transient Occupancy Tax - until the new resorts can provide their own contribution to management costs.

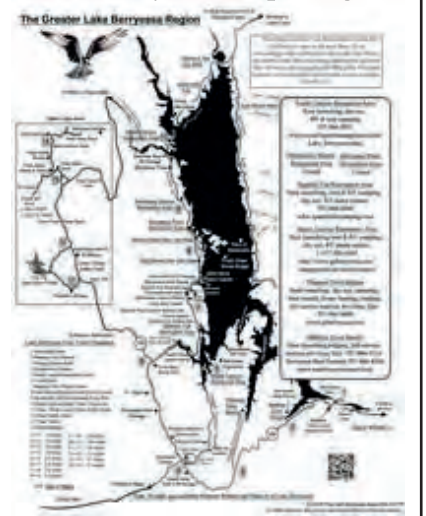
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We often hear commentators or guests on talk shows say things like “American voters are not stupid”, or “the (pick an interest group) are not stupid”. However, evidence suggests that there are a lot of stupid people spread throughout the general population, and they seem to have become especially visible during this election.

The following article, although obviously written as satire in 1987, seems to be particularly relevant in 2016. Satire is defined as the use of humor, irony, exaggeration, or ridicule to expose and criticize people's stupidity or vices, particularly in the context of contemporary politics and other topical issues.

We’ve often heard the aphorism that “You can’t fix stupid”. Studies confirm the statement basically because stupid people are too stupid to know they are stupid. This is known in psychological research as the Dunning–Kruger effect in which low-ability individuals suffer from illusory superiority, mistakenly self-assessing their ability as much higher than it really is.

Their research also suggests corollaries: high-ability individuals may underestimate their relative competence and may erroneously assume that tasks which are easy for them are also easy for others.

This inherent dichotomy in personal self-awareness makes communication, especially in political discourse which requires complex reasoning, difficult at best, and impossible, due to emotional biases, unreasoned anger, and self-pity, at worst.

The Basic Laws of Human Stupidity

by Carlo M. Cipolla, Prof. of Economics, UC Berkeley

THE FIRST BASIC LAW

Always and inevitably everyone underestimates the number of stupid people in circulation.

At first, the statement sounds trivial, vague and horribly ungenerous. No matter how high are one's estimates of human stupidity, one is repeatedly and recurrently startled by the fact that: a) people whom one had once judged rational and intelligent turn out to be unashamedly stupid; b) day after day, with unceasing monotony, one is



harassed in one's activities by stupid individuals who appear unexpectedly in the most inconvenient places and the most improbable moments.

THE SECOND BASIC LAW

I firmly believe stupidity is an indiscriminate privilege of all human groups and is uniformly distributed according to a constant proportion. One is stupid in the same way one is red-haired; one belongs to the stupid set as one belongs to a blood group. A stupid person is born stupid by an act of Providence. This fact is scientifically expressed by the Second Basic Law with states that:

The probability that a person be stupid is independent of any other characteristic of that person.

The evidence that education has nothing to do with the probability of being stupid was provided by experiments carried on in a large number of universities in five major groups, namely the blue-collar workers, the white collar employees, the students, the administrators and the professors.

THE THIRD (AND GOLDEN) BASIC LAW

A stupid person is a person who caused losses to another person or to a group of persons while himself deriving no gain and even possibly incurring losses.

When confronted for the first time with the Third Basic Law, rational people instinctively react with feelings of skepticism and incredulity. The fact is that reasonable people have difficulty in conceiving and understanding unreasonable behavior.

Our daily life is mostly made of cases in which we lose money and/or time and/or energy and/or appetite, cheerfulness and good health because of the improbable action of some preposterous creature who has nothing to gain and indeed gains nothing from causing us embarrassment, difficulties or harm. Nobody knows, understands or can possibly explain why that preposterous creature does what he does. In fact there is no explanation - or better, there is only one explanation: the person in question is stupid.

THE FOURTH BASIC LAW

One is tempted to believe that a stupid person will only do harm to himself, but this is confusing stupidity with helplessness. On occasion one is tempted to associate oneself with a stupid individuals in order to use them for one's own schemes - as in contemporary politics.

Such maneuver cannot but have disastrous effects because : a) it is based on a complete misunderstanding of the essential nature of stupidity and; b) it gives the stupid person added scope for the exercise of his gifts.

One may hope to outmaneuver the stupid, in politics or

other endeavors, and, up to a point, one may actually do so. But because of the erratic behavior of the stupid, one cannot foresee all the stupid's actions and reactions and before long one will be pulverized by the unpredictable moves of the stupid partner.

This is clearly summarized in the Fourth Basic Law which states that:

Non-stupid people always underestimate the damaging power of stupid individuals. In particular non-stupid people constantly forget that at all times and places and under any circumstances to deal and/or associate with stupid people always turns out to be costly mistake.



THE FIFTH BASIC LAW

A stupid person is the most dangerous type of person.

In a society which performs poorly, the stupid members of the society are allowed by the other members to become more active and take more actions, and there is a change in the composition of the non-stupid section with a relative decline of non-stupid populations.

Such negative shift in the numbers of the non-stupid population inevitably strengthens the destructive power of the stupid fraction and makes decline a certainty. And the country goes to Hell.

THE POWER OF STUPIDITY

Essentially stupid people are dangerous and damaging because reasonable people find it difficult to imagine and understand unreasonable behavior.

A stupid creature will harass you for no reason, for no advantage, without any plan or scheme and at the most improbable times and places. You have no rational way of telling if and when and how and why the stupid creature attacks. When confronted with a stupid individual you are completely at his mercy.

Because the stupid person's actions do not conform to the rules of rationality, it follows that one is generally caught by surprise by the attack, and even when one becomes aware of the attack, one cannot organize a rational defense because the attack itself lacks any rational structure.

Volunteer Fire Chief Sandy Storck gave an update on the new volunteer fire station to be built in the Berryessa Highlands. The earthwork contractor will be starting at the Highlands site on September 19th.

There will NOT be a ground breaking ceremony, but the plan is to have a Grand Opening Ceremony upon completion. She will post updates as she receives them. Everyone is very excited for the start of this long awaited project.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Volunteer for Capell Valley Fire Department, please feel free to contact Sandy at capellvalleyfiredepartment@gmail.com or come down to their training nights on the 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7 PM -11 PM at the Capell Valley Fire Station at1193 Capell Valley Road.

“Things native English speakers know but don’t know we know.”

That quote comes from a book called The Elements of Eloquence: How to Turn the Perfect English Phrase.

Adjectives, writes the author, professional stickler Mark Forsyth, “absolutely have to be in this order: opinion-size-age-shape-colour-origin-material-purpose Noun.

So you can have a lovely little old rectangular green French silver whittling knife. But if you mess with that order in the slightest you’ll sound like a maniac. Try it.

It’s an odd thing that every English speaker uses that list, but almost none of us could write it out. And as size comes before color, “green great dragons” can’t exist. And "big bad wolf" is right and "bad big wolf" isn't? Make up some of your own for fun.

Solve Your Drought Needs with Napa’s California Native Plant Society Sale Oct. 15 & 16

Fall Native Plant Society sale at Skyline Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 15th & 16th. Skyline Park is located at 2201 Imola Ave, Napa, CA 94559. For information, visit www.napavaleycnps.org. Admission is free.

Fall is the ideal time to plant California Natives. Over 1,000 hard-to-find native plants will be available for sale at Skyline Park Social Hall, ready for fall planting in your garden. Experts will be on hand to answer your questions.

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All proceeds benefit the maintenance, improvement, and educational programs of the Martha Walker California Native Habitat Garden in Skyline Park, maintained by the Napa Chapter, California Native Plant Society (CNPS).

Aries (3/21-4/19): You’re not the type of guy who gets all mushy, that will change when they leave you out in the sun.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You bring out the very best in those around you. This week, those around you will include four firefighters, a team of baffled paramedics, and several circus chimps.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You still have no idea what makes most women tick, despite having asked literally hundreds of certified watchmakers.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): For the millionth time, telling the truth doesn’t technically qualify as a speech impediment.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Soccer, when played with skill and grace, is like poetry in motion. Which explains all the bored-stiff people just pretending to follow along.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You’ve never worked a day in your life, mainly because you keep getting the damn graveyard shift.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You’ll be roundly condemned by members of the Academy of Country Music when, despite their specific instructions, you let your babies grow up to be cowboys.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You find yourself unable to comply with simple requests this week, as you lack the internal resources to “be cool,” “get down,” or “boogie.”

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): The training wheels will soon come off your bike, and both regular wheels, the front and back brakes, each handlebar, and, finally, you.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Decent people everywhere will be shocked and appalled by the treatment you received and the conditions under which you were held, but it's not like their jobs are any better.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You'll find yourself curiously unfulfilled, if not a little frightened, when you finally learn the answer to the question of who watches the birdwatchers.

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What College Students Don't Know About the World

A survey of college-aged Americans shows they have surprising gaps in their knowledge of geography, the environment, demographics, U.S. foreign policy, recent international events, and economics. This dumbing-down of America has been going on for a few generations now. Learning can be hard work.

The recent Council on Foreign Relations survey asked a series of knowledge questions. The average score was only 55% correct. Just 29% of the respondents earned a minimal pass of 66% correct or better. And just over 1% - that's only 17 out of the 1,203 students interviewed - earned an A, which was 91% or higher.

Only 63% realized the Alps were in Europe. Less than 50% could identify Iraq or Afghanistan on a map. Only 31% could point to Israel on a map. And Facebook was the number one platform where got their news and information. See the satirical Onion article about Facebook below. There's a lot of truth there.

What does it actually mean to be a college-educated person in America? And what does that imply about the knowledge level of the rest of the population? Can people who know so little be active citizens and informed voters? We're getting some answers in this crazy 2016 election.

Horrible Facebook Algorithm Accident Results In Exposure To New Ideas

Assuring users that the company's entire team of engineers was working hard to make sure a glitch like this never happens again, Facebook executives confirmed during a press conference Tuesday that a horrible accident last night involving the website's algorithm had resulted in thousands of users being exposed to new concepts.

"Unfortunately, late Monday evening, a major failure in our news feed program allowed a significant number of users to come into contact with concepts unfamiliar to them," said CEO Mark Zuckerberg, appearing contrite as he emphasized to reporters that the issue had been resolved and that it was now safe to visit the social media site again without fear of encountering any opinions, notions, or perspectives not aligning with one's existing worldview.

"To those who were forced to read a headline they did not agree with when they visited Facebook yesterday, we are deeply sorry. It's an inexcusable failing on our part if your viewpoints were not reinforced by what you saw onscreen. I want all Facebook users to know that you'll never again encounter any ideas on our site that are in any way novel or ideologically challenging to you—that's my personal promise."

Zuckerberg then concluded the press conference by thanking users for their support, assuring them that a news article confirming their own individual political and personal biases would be directed to their news feeds with more information on Facebook's policy.

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Local People Rescue Spanish Flat Resort at Lake Berryessa

A professional resort operator had tried to run a stripped-down version of Spanish Flat with campsites and a boat launch on an interim basis but decided to pull out. Operating Spanish Flat Recreation Area today are long-time local residents Craig Morton, Jerry Rehmke, Marcia Ritz and Mike Medina. The first three are also Board Members of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

A major goal of the partners is to staunch the economic bleeding of a west Lake Berryessa economy dependent on visitors. By the agency's estimate, the number of visitors coming to the lake has fallen from more than a million annually to about 400,000. Some lake residents say they believe that latter figure is high.

For Ritz, no resort meant no steady flow of people coming to her Spanish Flat County Store & Deli to buy sandwiches, drinks, bait and other items. She needed a resort for her store to succeed along a southwest shore that doesn't have that many businesses.

Still, wanting Lake Berryessa to thrive and running a resort successfully are two different things. Of course, not being millionaires who could subsidize running a resort as a hobby, the partners needed the Spanish Flat venture to at least pay for itself. That mission has been accomplished since they are slightly more than breaking even from their personal hard work.

Eight years ago, the Bureau of Reclamation demolished the 50-year-old resort, with its marina, store, mobile homes and other features. Still, today's Spanish Flat has about 50 campsites with tables and barbecue pits. It has a boat launch. It has coves of lake water separated by brushy, oak-covered hills. It has a day-use area.

And it has operators willing to give their time and energy. Morton and Rehmke find themselves there much of the day and late into the night on weekends and stop by on weekdays in between doing their other jobs. Ritz does the accounting work.

When the partners launched their venture in 2015, they hoped the Bureau of Reclamation by now would have found permanent operators for Spanish Flat and the other resorts. But the latest bid attempt for resort concessionaires failed, and the agency is looking to Napa County for help as it considers its next move.


Napa County has yet to decide if it wants to play a role in renovating the Berryessa recreation scene. Supervisors are to take up the issue again at a future meeting. The search for a permanent Spanish Flat operator with deep pockets is on hold until this situation is resolved. All of this means that the partners might find themselves running Spanish Flat for another two years.

Lake Berryessa has seven resorts along its 165-mile-long shoreline. For eight years, the Bureau of Reclamation has struggled to renovate six of them, leaving two resorts closed, three resorts – including Spanish Flat – operating in stripped-down fashion and two resorts operating at full strength with marinas and stores.

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Oak Shores Day Use Area is great for picnics and viewing the lake and wildlife. After touring around the lake and stopping at local wineries like Rustridge and Nichelini, a wide variety of food and drink is available at Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, and Turtle Rock.

Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Please use this web site to contact our members to make use of their services:

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By Ken W. Davis

It's true, in late 2015 we had more than 800 Chinook salmon spawning in Lower Putah Creek. The third straight year with a significant increase in spawning fish created many questions and several theories for the success. A state fisheries biologist stood near the Putah Diversion Dam and asked me, "What changed? Why all the salmon in the last few years?" I went through the list of theories for him.

Some say that that Delta is full of stray salmon that don't know which river is home. Large numbers of fingerlings were released in the Delta and Putah Creek looked interesting to them when they return as adults. Up the river they swam.

I tend to discount that idea because stray salmon have been in the Sacramento River systems for years and prior to 2013, we had very few salmon visit the Winters area.

Don't misunderstand me, if stray salmon visit Winters, they are welcome.

The second idea credits the Putah Creek Accord that required pulse-flows of water for the increase in salmon. Okay, I can't discount that the added water signature helps signal the fish to enter the creek. That said, we have had the required pulse-flows since 2000 with no great increase in salmon until December of 2013.

Then there is my theory - it's relatively simple: Restoration. That's right, if the salmon do not have a place to spawn, then an increase in water or millions of stray salmon would make little difference toward a successful salmon run. I can consider that it's all three components with restoration being the final key for success.

The Putah Creek salmon dilemma started for me in December 2004 when I was conducting New Zealand mudsnail surveys near Interstate-505. I encountered several salmon trying to spawn. They were unsuccessful.

The loose gravel needed for the female salmon to successfully lay her eggs was non-existent and/or buried

by a condition of hardened sediment call "embeddedness" or in its severe form - cementation. As I watched from behind an Alder tree, the salmon laid her eggs on hardened gravel.

The yellowish-orange eggs immediately rolled downstream and were eaten by other fish. The adult salmon soon withered and died. What a waste. Several years prior they left freshwater as small salmon and survived in the Pacific Ocean for three years. Unfortunately, they returned and attempted to spawn in creek conditions that were unacceptable. That broken cycle had to change.

Soon after that event, the Putah Creek Streamkeeper (Rich Marovich) and the Solano County Water Agency started constructing a series of W-shaped weirs (boulders) that were designed to increase water velocity, get more oxygen in the water, and develop safe harbor for native fish.

Those weirs now attract and provide protection for trout, other resident fish, adult salmon, and juvenile salmon. Other restoration projects include the very successful Winters Putah Creek Park (unfinished), the Dry Creek realignment, and a scarification project to loosen the cemented gravel beds.

Since 2013 we have used proprietary equipment to capture the spawning salmon on subsurface video. I have documented that hundreds of salmon selected the restored areas of Putah Creek for spawning.

We monitor the areas they select for egg laying and strategize what we can do to improve their success. This has proven to me that the salmon seem to know better than all the pundits about where they want to spawn.

Many of the citizens of Winters and surrounding regions are excited about the ongoing success of the restoration projects and the apparent return of the Chinook Salmon to Putah Creek. To celebrate and share the information, an event has been planned for Saturday November 5th 2016 in downtown Winters and nearby Rotary Park.

Join us for great food, music and entertaining events. For more information, just Google the "Winters Salmon Festival," We are on Facebook and the City of Winters website.

Regarding my opinions about the Putah Creek salmon, if we don't have a great run this year. I guess I'll have a few bad days of remorse. If we have a good salmon return you will be able to see them on guided tours being set up near the Winters Car Bridge. Just remember, no fishing.

The salmon are protected in all waterways other than the major river systems. Please join us for the Winters Salmon Festival and sign up for email notifications that will alert you when the salmon arrive in Putah Creek.

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During the month of August through the Labor Day Weekend, some 300 visitors participated in Ranger-led activities at beautiful Lake Berryessa.

Park Rangers hosting the Saturday afternoon "Meet a Park Ranger" program at Monticello Dam talked with about 250 people who stopped by to view the dam and lake from this vantage point along Route 128. Visitors learned about the history of the Berryessa Valley and Monticello Dam and how the lake's water is used today.

Pointing out the visible burn area from the August 2, 2016, "Cold Fire," the Rangers reminded visitors to exercise extreme caution in this high fire danger region.

On August 19, Lake Berryessa Park Rangers Erica Calvo and Todd Eggert led 11 kayakers on a "Full-Moon Friday" paddle. Beginning the excursion under a cloudy sky, the Rangers initially provided the paddlers with information about the lake's colorful history and constellation myths. When the clouds finally parted, the Rangers discussed the moon's role in bat migration and food sourcing.

On August 14 and 28, Ranger Calvo presented two Water Safety Programs as part of the Sunday afternoon Park Ranger programs at the Oak Shores Day Use Area.

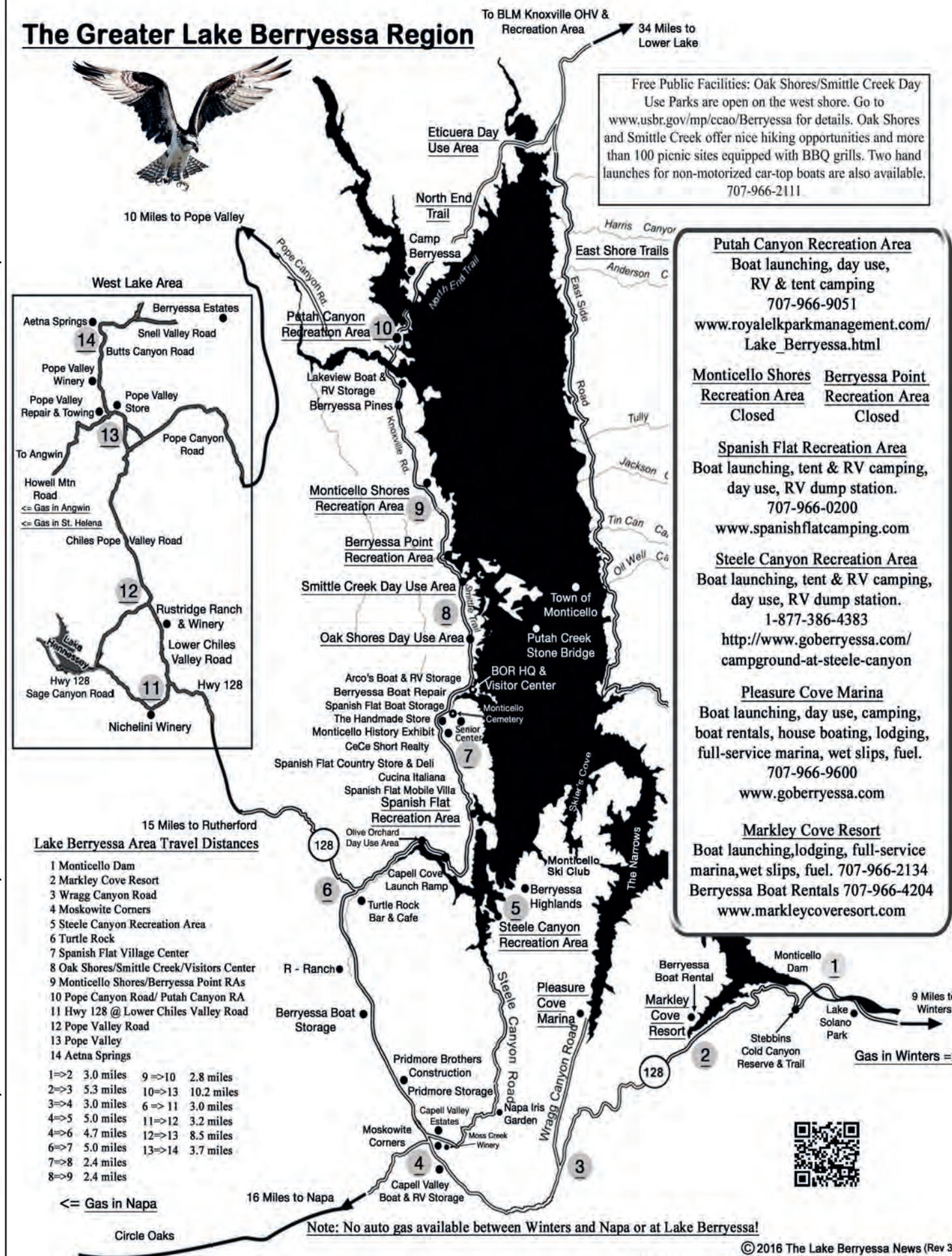
Over the Labor Day Weekend, things were busy at the lake:

On Saturday, September 3, 25 hopeful anglers participated in a Free Fishing Day, offered by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW). Two Free Fishing Days are offered by CDFW each year. On these days, individuals may give fishing a try without needing to buy a sport fishing license.

On Sunday, September 4, Ranger Erica Calvo instructed eight individuals in layman CPR skills and taught them to recognize distressed swimmers as part of the Water Safety Program at Oak Shores.

And on Monday, September 5, Rangers Aaron Page and Todd Eggert led eight paddlers in a kayak trip from Oak Shores, discussing Lake Berryessa's local geology along the way.

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A Tale of Two Cases

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness..."

The Case for the Creation of a Lake Berryessa Recreation Commission

The Charles Dickens quote above is particularly relevant to the present situation in Napa County. The Napa Valley has recovered from the economic downturn and is showing record improvements in tourism and profits. But the Lake Berryessa region is still suffering from past mismanagement by the Bureau of Reclamation and decades-long neglect by the county.

The County is now in serious discussions with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding re-assuming the management of the Lake Berryessa Recreation Areas through a Managing Partner Agreement. The county managed the resorts from 1958 to 1975. See the article on Page 4 of this issue describing the controversy of the early 1970s.

A report to the supervisors regarding the costs and benefits of this new arrangement is scheduled to be presented to the supervisors in November. The majority of the businesses and residents in the Lake Berryessa region support this proposal.

Lake Berryessa is not just another "lake in the country." It is a major economic, social, and recreation resource whose value to Napa County is being utterly wasted.

And it is not only the present "recreation areas" (the seven previous "resorts") that need to be considered. The coordinated management of the whole region, including the public and private lands outside the federal "take-zone", must be done effectively

for the good of county residents. Only Napa County can do that.

A Lake Berryessa Recreation Commission should be created reporting directly to the Napa Board of Supervisors. The Commission would consist of members with the professional expertise and competence needed to restore the Lake Berryessa Recreation Area as a successful and profitable family recreation destination.

Members should include representatives of the Board Directors of Visit Napa Valley - Napa's premier tourism association, other Napa recreation and hospitality management professionals, finance and contract experts, sustainability design consultants, and business owners and residents of the Lake Berryessa region.

The County Planning, Building & Environmental Department already includes a Parks and Open Space Division (actually the present Regional Park and Open Space District).

If Measure Z passes, more than \$800,000 per year will be available and much of that total should be dedicated to the revitalization of the Lake Berryessa region. In fact, Measure Z (if passed) funds themselves should be targeted at Berryessa watershed projects like new sewer systems and launch ramps for the recreation areas.

It's time for the county to finally provide the economic and social leadership Lake Berryessa deserves.

The Case for the Elimination of the Park and Open Space District

The Napa Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) was created in 2006. It was born under intense controversy during a low turnout election and won by only 2,500 votes of 29,000 cast - hardly a mandate.

The Napa Register was against it: "The proposal...is flawed in fundamental ways...Supervisors need to address the parks issue, but not by creating an ill-defined new bureaucracy run by a separate set of elected officials."

Supervisor Bill Dodd strongly opposed it and predicted, "Sooner or later, this new layer of government will create a new tax or fee to fund their program." That's Measure Z, the Zombie Tax. A strong case can be made that Napa County voters made a mistake by creating it.

The RPOSD, with its policy of questionable land acquisitions and trails-at-any-cost philosophy, has done little of compelling benefit for Napa County residents. Most of what they have accomplished could have been done by a Parks and Open Space Division within the Napa County governing structure. Then the parks and open space strategy could be coordinated directly by the Supervisors..

This new structure might also make voters more likely to pass a park and open space sales tax.

It's a radical proposal to some, but the county has changed its organizational structure before.

An argument against folding the RPOSD into the county

structure is that the Board of Supervisors may be too development-oriented and would ignore open space priorities.

Skyline Park is an example. If the park were finally bought by Napa County it would be possible for the county to change its use of that land from strictly a park to other perceived beneficial uses. One supervisor has suggested that part of the Skyline Park land could be used for affordable housing. The Park and Open Space District could only use it as a park.

If we look at the county as a whole, very little has been done by the RPOSD in the Lake Berryessa Region. But now that the county is in serious discussions with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding taking over the management of the lake recreation areas, a coordinated structure including a county-managed Park and Open Space Division within the Planning, Building & Environmental Department which includes a Lake Berryessa Recreation Commission makes long-term sense.

State law allows the dissolution of a special district by Petition-Initiated Dissolution, LAFCO-Initiated Dissolution, or District-Initiated Dissolution.

Voters may request a Petition-Initiated Dissolution to dissolve a special district by a petition signed by not less than 10 percent of the registered voters within the district.

Napa County has 93,331 registered voters as of the June, 2016 primary election.

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2016 Rainy Season:
What Are The Chances?

Once again speculation about rainfall at Lake Berryessa has begun. We had an El Nino last year and it did nothing for Lake Berryessa. Will the lake fill this year? Unlikely, since it would take more than 60 inches of rain for the lake to go up 40 feet. But there’s always a chance.

Lake level rise depends on many variables like the actual lake level when it rains and how saturated is the ground. The lake rose 38 feet in 1978, 40 feet in 1993, and 61 feet in 1995 due to an unusually wet season with two significant storm periods. But this raises the question as to what would happen if the lake were already at or near the Glory Hole level and the rain still kept coming. Could there be a year when the lake went over the dam?

The water supply for Lake Berryessa is derived from the 568 square mile drainage basin above the dam. There are four principal creeks that flow into Lake Berryessa: Capell Creek, Pope Creek, Eticuera Creek, and Putah Creek - the main drainage of the basin. There is no connection to the Sierras so snow is not a factor.

Lake Berryessa has a storage capacity of 1,600,000 acre-feet (AF) at elevation 440 feet (Glory Hole). The average annual inflow to the reservoir is 369,000 AF and the annual firm yield is 201,000 AF. An additional release of 22,000 AF is required annually to meet prior downstream water rights along Putah Creek. An upstream reservation of 33,000 AF was established by the State Water Resource Control Board to provide water for future development of the area above Monticello Dam. Reclamation appropriated 7,500 AF of the 33,000 AF to provide for future development around the reservoir.

The reservoir water level may fluctuate from 455 feet (lip of dam) to a minimum elevation of 253 feet - no

further output allowed. A water level of 309 feet is considered dead storage elevation. During the severe drought of 1977 the level decreased to 388 feet - 52 feet below Glory Hole.

Water Elevation Frequency		
Years	Feet	Confidence Range (Feet)
1.25	440 Glory Hole	+ or - .05
5	445	+ or - 1.5
10	446.5	+ or - 2.0
25	447.5	+ or - 2.5
50	448.5	+ or - 2.75
100	449.5	+ or - 3.0

The latest Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) study was published on August 28, 1984. Experience since then indicates that the study results were conservative. Worst case results show the lake would overtop the dam by about 7.7 feet to an elevation 463.7' for 51 hours.

Of course, the probability of this happening is only 0.01% - a 10,000 year flood. Overtopping the dam is not expected to affect the safety of the dam.

The Water Elevation Frequency table, based on an analysis completed in 1986, depicts the water elevation that, on the average, can be expected to be reached or exceeded for various time periods.

The probability graph below shows that the chance of the lake rising to overtop the dam is only about .05% - a 2,000 year flood of 456 feet + or -5 feet.

The highest level the lake has ever reached in 58 years

was 446.7 feet (6.7 feet above Glory Hole) in 1983. In those same 58 years the level has only reached Glory Hole itself 24 times.

This data proves that the figures in the above table are conservative. The discharge flow capacity when the lake is at the Glory Hole level of 440 feet is 2,660 cu.ft/sec so there is a significant safety valve there too.

So flooding is the least of our worries. Bring on the rain!

Strange Southern Phrases

These are actual expressions, primarily from the Southern United States. Many of these colloquialisms are fading away, as they aren’t often continued by younger generations. But many of older folks have fond memories of hearing many of these funny sayings and expressions back when they were knee high to a bull frog.

Well that just dills my pickle!

That’s about as useful as a trap door on a canoe!

I’m finer than frog hair split four ways.

If you don’t stop I’ll knock you in the head and tell God you died.

He couldn’t carry a tune in a bucket.

She was so tall if she fell down she would be halfway home.

He was as mad as a mule chewing on bumblebees!

You’re liyin’ like a no-legged dog!

Hell, she could even depress the devil.

You could start an argument in an empty house.

You look as happy as a dead pig in the sunshine.

He’d gripe with a ham under each arm.

Each one of his sermons is better than the next!

He’s so windy he could blow up an onion sack.

He’s so useless if he had a third hand he would need another pocket to put it in!

She’s resting in peace in the marble orchard.

He’s about as handy as a back pocket on a shirt.

She’s so clumsy she could trip over a cordless phone!

He’s about as useful as a pogo stick in quicksand.

Well tie me to a pig and role me in the mud!

Well tie me to an anthill and fill my ears with jam!

The engine’s runnin’ but nobody’s driving.

If his brains were dynamite, he couldn’t blow his nose

He’s so dumb, he could throw himself on the ground and miss.

He’s acting crazier than a sprayed roach!

You’ve got champagne taste with a beer pocketbook.

It’s so dry the trees are bribing the dogs.

He is so ugly that my mother had to tie pork chops to his ears so the dog would play with him.”

Reclamation Announces Seasonal Recreation Area
Closures and Seasonal Changes to Park Hours at Lake
Berryessa

The Bureau of Reclamation, Central California Area Office, has scheduled a seasonal closure of the north side of Oak Shores Day Use Area and the two restrooms along the Smittle Creek Trail at Lake Berryessa beginning Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, through Saturday, April 1, 2017.

The south side of Oak Shores will continue to offer restroom facilities, picnic tables, barbeque grills, water access, and a kayak/canoe hand launch. This seasonal closure allows Reclamation to perform necessary maintenance tasks and provides time for natural resource recovery. All other Reclamation-operated locations will remain open year-round.

Seasonal changes to park hours include the following Reclamation-operated areas: Oak Shores Day Use Area, Smittle Creek Day Use Area and Eticuera Day Use Area. Beginning Saturday, October 1, gates will close at 5 p.m. to reflect changes in daylight hours.

The Capell Cove Boat Launch Ramp is currently closed due to drought conditions and receding water levels; the ramp will re-open when water levels rise. Boaters are encouraged to use other ramps at Lake Berryessa, including those at the Putah Canyon Recreation Area, Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Pleasure Cove Marina, Spanish Flat Recreation Area and Markley Cove Resort (see the map at www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/berryessa/index.html).

Please note that these concession areas charge a fee to use their launch ramps. Please contact the locations to ensure ramps are still in operation prior to traveling, as some will likely be closing soon due to the dropping lake level. For information, please visit the following websites:

Markley Cove: www.markleycoveresort.com

Pleasure Cove Marina and Steele Canyon Recreation Area: www.goberryessa.com

Spanish Flat Recreation Area- <http://www.spanishflatcamping.com>

Putah Canyon Recreation Area - www.royalelcparkmanagement.com

The Dufer Point Visitor Center is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. from Oct. 1, 2016, through April 1, 2017. For information on activities, directions, pet restrictions, or other questions, please call the Visitor Center at 707-966-2111, ext. 113, or the Lake Berryessa Administration Office at 707-966-2111.

The Administration Office will continue to be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; it is located at 5520 Knoxville Road, Napa, CA 94558. Maps and information are available at both the Administration Office and the Visitor Center.

October Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): The suit jacket and tie might make you look more professional, but at the end of the day, you’re still not wearing any pants.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Try as you might, you’ll find yourself completely unable to escape this week’s M.C. Escher Museum fire.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): In many ways, you’re still a child. None of them, however, will prevent you from being tried this week as an adult.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Long, gray beards have for centuries been linked to wisdom and shrewdness. Sadly, you get yours caught in the fax machine far too often for that to be the case.

Leo (7/23-8/22): When it comes to race relations, you’re colorblind. Also when it comes to sofas, desk chairs, and traffic lights.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Farm animals can often sense an earthquake seconds before it hits, which explains why they’re all looking at you with that huge grin on their face.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You’ll continue to grow as a human being this week, much to the relief of all those geneticists.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Every day on Earth is like a beautiful gift from God, which is thoughtful and all, but you’d probably prefer something you can actually use.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Juggling three young children isn’t easy for any mother, but then, that’s why you start with tennis balls and bowling pins first.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Were it officially sanctioned, judged by an impartial panel, and taking place somewhere other than your kitchen late at night, you’d pretty much shatter all existing hot dog eating records.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Your support system is loving, reassuring, and always there for you, but sooner or later its bound to run out of donuts.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Judging by that lightheaded, dreamy feeling, this would be a good time to stop giving blood.



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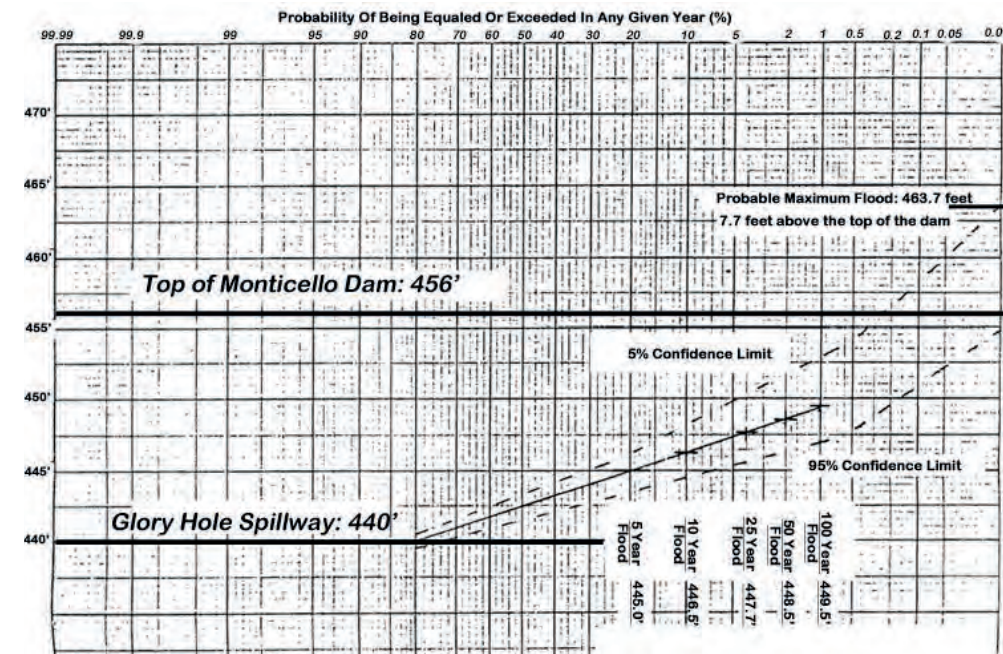
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Don McFarland, manager of Steele Park Resort and member of the County Planning Commission, said that in the spring of 1970 the owners had expected to get a new contract in which the 90-day clause would be thrown out, but it fell through.

Then the Bureau of Reclamation slapped the moratorium on the area and all bets were off until the Park Service plan was finished.

Meanwhile the county worked up its own plan, issued in June, which called for more of the same with the 90-day clause out.

When the Park Service dropped its bombshell, the county still continued to stand behind the operators, claiming the “private enterprise” can provide the needed improvements if given a chance.

The county boasts the “not a nickel of outside tax money” has ever gone into Berryessa. The county ran things on \$165,000 last year from possessory interest taxes and boat stickers.

Why does the county want to continue to run Berryessa when it’s turned into such a headache? “Some counties would say, ‘Let the U.S. Government do it’ Haberber says, “But that’s the erosion of local government and we don’t want ours eroded. No gimmicks and no payoffs...we just think we’re the ones to be in charge.”

“It’s a lousy plan. It’s ridiculous.” he says of the Park Service’s report. He and the operators take particular aim at the “optimum use” figure of nine million persons annually which the plan projects. About 1.8 million people use the lake now, and they believe that’s about where it should be kept.

Tent camping is not one of the uses Berryessa lends itself to at least in summer when the temperatures are hot. Haberber

maintains that the main attraction is Berryessa’s superiority as a boating lake, something the Park Service plan fails to recognize.

He also objects strongly to the suggestion that the lake is polluted. The county hired a sanitarian for \$5,000 to make a comprehensive study which showed that it wasn’t.

Most of the users and the fish agree with him, although most of the resorts use a rather primitive ponding system for sewage which depends on evaporation.

County Planning Director, Jim Hickey, former planning chief for the Association of Bay Area Governments said:

“The idea that Napa County is tearing up Lake Berryessa is false. The Bureau of Reclamation knows what’s been going on and everything that’s been done has the BOR signature on it.

“Some are saying that we’re incompetent because we are local and can’t see the regional significance of the area. But we’re not stupid...if we had the money we’d do it but we haven’t got dollar one and won’t have until the 90-day clause is dropped.”

So the county finds itself in the position of fighting to keep control of a lake whose creation it also fought because it meant the loss of prime agricultural land.

Much of the trouble at Lake Berryessa can be traced to a time in 1967 when the Park Service, doing its original study for the Bureau of Reclamation, came to the conclusion that because of the steep sides of the lake and the large annual drawdown, the lake had no significant national recreation significance and recommended that a regional or state agency take over. The service is saying now that it was wrong, and should have done the job itself. **(by Norm Hannon)**

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Fishing has economic impact on county, state

(Editor's Note: Although this is a story about Clear Lake, it is relevant to what is happening at Lake Berryessa and the future possibilities for attracting even more anglers here.)

The University of California Cooperative Extension Lake County has released a report profiling the economic value of fishing on Clear Lake highlighting the importance of angling to the local economy.

“Freshwater fishing in California represents a \$1.4 billion industry generating 22,000 jobs, and providing more than \$920 million in salaries and wages,” the report’s author, Greg Giusti, said. “California ranks fifth in the nation based on the value of fishing economics.”

According to the report, California annually collects more than \$50 million in license sales with more than 150,000 potential anglers within a day’s drive of Clear Lake.

Contrary to popular belief the most attractive boating months on Clear Lake are between March and June. Anglers are concentrating their efforts during the pre- spawn and spawning months. Most folks think of summer as the height of the boating season on Clear Lake. The data clearly shows that anglers are the biggest users of the Lake during the spring months.

The data also shows that starting in September boating activity begins to increase until November as anglers are targeting fish before the winter months.

“The fishing community fully recognizes the gem that is Clear Lake,” Giusti pointed out. “There are consistently more than 100 fishing tournaments a year on the Lake.”

Though not all of the tournaments are large, the report points out that regardless of the number of boats registered in a tournament each boat represents potential economic value as boaters need fuel, food and sometimes lodging while in the county.

Using a formula estimating angler expenditures combined with the spring month’s mussel sticker sales, the report estimates that the spring months conservatively generate \$100,000 a month in local angling related expenditures.

The internet has changed how anglers share information. According to Giusti the information age hastens awareness of fishing action, as well as the response. This past spring literally hundreds of people came to Clear Lake from throughout California to fish for Crappie. People from Fresno, the Bay Area, and south of Sacramento heard about the crappie bite and traveled to be part of the action.

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All recreation areas - Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Putah Canyon - are open for launching and will remain open all summer and beyond. The Capell Public Launch Ramp is closed until next year due to low water levels.

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Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Please use this web site to contact our members to make use of their services:

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SEAL OF APPROVAL

by Peter Kilkus

Chris had just touched bottom at forty feet when the silvery shape slid through his bubble trail and tapped the back of his wetsuit hood. His whole body jerked in surprise. I knew he hoped it was only a trick I was playing on him from above. But then he saw the form flash into a 180 degree turn and shoot straight toward his facemask. And he realized it was time to play.

The water off Santa Rosa Island was warm that August day. An unusual thermocline at twenty-five feet separated water temperatures different by at least fifteen degrees. The boundary layer scintillated before our eyes. We pierced that temperature barrier several times during the next half hour since the silver shape, and a companion brown one, really did want to play. We had teamed up with a couple of friendly seals.

Our third and last day of diving off the Santa Barbara Channel Islands started with the great smells and sounds of morning on the ocean, including the always memorable change from warm clothes to still-damp wetsuit. We had seen seals on this trip and had played hide and seek in the kelp with some. But these two wanted to get up close and personal. The brown one chose me and glided slowly toward where I floated. He looked amused as I touched him with my outstretched hand. I stroked towards his tail and felt his sleek, soft outer layer. When I rubbed the other way a stiff bristle-brush resistance stopped my hand.

Rock outcroppings, with many ledges and small canyons, rose around us to the surface perfect for a game of tag. Our friends would swim off, wait for us to chase them, then dart into a canyon and disappear around a rock. Once I floated twenty feet above Chris as he searched for his seal. The seal was swimming right above and behind his head. I could swear he was giggling - the seal, that is! The seal would sneak up, bite at some wisps of hair floating from under Chris' hood, and the chase was on again.

My seal and I performed head-on fly-bys and chased each other across the bottom, with me doing my best to be smooth and seal-like. But I must have looked like a blue, bubbling epileptic fit to my friend. We twisted, turned, swam upside down, did somersaults. Never did I envy the easy freedom of motion of a seal more. But never did I have quite as much three-dimensional weightless fun! We touched each other quite a bit as we rested between flurries of canyon gliding hide-and-seek. Chris' silver friend was not quite as chummy, but they played fast and happy the whole time. Enjoying the underwater world with another warm-blooded air-breather is incredible enough. Sharing it with your own child is sublime.

Air never lasts long enough, but this dive would have ended too soon no matter how long it lasted. We'd been watching our gauges jealously, trying to be totally involved in our experience every second. Time was defined by air pressure, and, too soon, time was up. We all felt the beginning of a sense of loss as we slowed our play. It was that awkward moment of not knowing what to say when you realize that something special is over.

Humans tend to over-anthropomorphize other animals. But I felt we were the ones being seal-omorphized that day - large ungainly creatures, suffering from some unknown physical disability, swimming hard, sympathetically accepted for our efforts, maybe kind of cute in our own way.

Chris patted his seal goodbye and headed for the surface. I stood, barely touching bottom, holding both hands out in front of me. My new friend flicked his tail and glided toward my face, large dark eyes staring into mine. My hands circled his neck as he slid forward and pressed his nose to my facemask. Then he wrapped his flippers around my hands - I could feel his bones pressing on mine. I don't know how long we floated, weightless, staring, thinking, feeling. Finally we let go of each other and both headed for home. Neither of us could look back.



Napa County Lake Berryessa Management Report

Napa County staff has continued their analysis of the feasibility of the County entering into a Managing Partner Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation to manage some or all of the Lake Berryessa Recreation Areas.

Their goal is to have a report ready for presentation to the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 22nd. The Lake Berryessa News will distribute that report as soon as it is available.

Rural Beautification Through Code Enforcement

Recent actions proposed by Napa County to implement a new "Neighborhood Improvement Program" have caused some consternation in the Berryessa Highlands.

Property owners recently received a letter from the Napa Code Enforcement Division which said:

"The County of Napa Neighborhood Property Improvement Program has been established to assist in beautifying your neighborhood and maintaining home values. Napa County Code Section 1.20.022 was adopted to address basic property maintenance issues within the unincorporated areas of the County.

This Notification is to inform you of matters that may or may not apply to your property and is sent to everyone within the neighborhood so that the entire neighborhood can be involved in making these improvements. The following list of items are some of the items in 1.20.022 which not permissible under Napa County Code:

- Weeds and overgrown vegetation.
- Debris, scrap material, and trash stored in front or side yards.
- Discarded household appliances stored in the front or side yards.
- Vehicle parts and tires stored in the front or side yards.
- Cars, boats, and recreational vehicles parked on unpaved areas or empty parcels.
- Non-operational vehicles and auto parts stored on property.

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- Any tent type structures within the front and side yards."

Everyone understands the problem of health and safety violations or visual nuisances. But the biggest concern for many residents is the item regarding cars, boats, and recreational vehicles. Many residents moved to the Highlands because of its proximity to Lake Berryessa. They wanted to enjoy an outdoor life style. Boats, trailers, and recreational vehicles are an integral component of that lifestyle. The basic problem is where to store them when they are not being used.

The issue is relatively simple and has three cases: 1) parking them on the street; 2) parking them on your home property; and 3) parking them on a vacant lot you own.

The first case is regulated by Title 10.08.080-B of the County code and enforced by the Sheriff's Department: "No person shall stop, stand or park any recreational vehicle, including motor homes, mobilehomes, recreational travel trailers or campers, upon any public street within a residentially zoned area in the unincorporated portion of the county for a period longer than seventy-two hours."

Since the Berryessa Highlands is zoned as a Planned Development District (PD), the second and third cases are regulated by County zoning code Chapter 18.48.

These codes allow property owners to park/store boats, trailers and RVs on their own residential property (driveways, side yard, back yard) if they are on an approved surface (concrete, gravel). However, stored trailers and RVs are not allowed to be lived in - just stored.

The twist here is that the zoning codes do not allow a property owner to store these same types of vehicles on an empty lot they may own. Several Highlands property owners have, unknowingly, specifically purchased empty lots adjacent to or near their primary home for the purpose of storing their vehicles.

Now they will be forced to find another place to store their vehicles at more than \$50 per month - or sell them. Almost all the storage facilities around the lake are full with waiting lists.

Napa's Code Enforcement Officers are professionals who wish to help residents solve their code violation problems. Some code enforcement actions are based on complaints from other residents. In a rural area like the

Berryessa Highlands, people usually take a "live and let live" attitude - unless a problem gets out of hand. A complaint was submitted and County staff are required to take action.

There is no clear solution to this problem. There may be some action that can be taken at the County zoning level to allow special permits for recreation vehicle storage. Another possibility would be for a property owner who owns an adjacent lot to do a lot merger - turning two quarter acre lots into a single half-acre lot and storing their own boat and/or recreational vehicle behind a solid fence. But as for now, the letter to the property owners concludes:

"The Napa County Code Enforcement Division will be visiting your neighborhood between November 1 through November 10, 2016 to observe and discuss any possible issues that may be on your property or your neighbor's property. If you have any questions or concerns we hope to meet and discuss them with you at that time. If you have any immediate concerns please call 707-253-4417. Thank you for keeping Napa County a clean and safe place to live."



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2CALFIRE Delta Crews have begun fire safety work in the Highlands!

By Evan Kilkus, Project Coordinator
Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council

A few weeks ago the Berryessa Highlands was awarded \$10,000 for winter brush clearing/fire safety work! That's enough funding for 30 crew days.



Because we are ready to go, CALFIRE sent us a crew to get the party started! We will NOT be burning yet - for November we will just be cutting and piling debris.

The CAL Fire Delta Crews will be working in the neighborhood for 30 days this winter doing defensible space projects protecting us from future wildfires, and the fun has begun. During the first week the crews will start by working in some high visibility areas to get YOU all inspired to do your part around your houses! Next the crews will be cutting pine trees below Steele



Canyon Road just South of Carlson Court. Please drive slowly if you see the red truck.

We had the crew work on Overland Drive at the entrance to the neighborhood on the first day to remind everyone what a shaded fuel break is. If you have a forest around your house, you need to remove

ALL of the fuels that you can within 8'-12' of the ground, thin out the overgrown oak tree canopy, and remove as many invasive pine trees as you can.

A HUGE thanks and props to EVERY resident on Overland Drive. You all get gold stars for doing a great job on your own defensible space. If homeowner's aren't doing their part, then the Fire Safe Council and work crews are wasting our time, so you all are on it! Thanks!

Thanks again to all the neighbors for your support, and for doing your part to maintain 100' of defensible space around

your homes. Thanks to Napa County/the Board of Supervisors for funding these community projects all around Napa. Thanks to CAL Fire and the firefighters for working through the red tape and procedures to make this project happen. Thanks, of course, to our Capell Valley Volunteer Fire Department for always being there for us. Thanks also to the Napa County Roads Division, the Bureau of Reclamation, and Napa Communities Firewise Foundation for their hard work and support! And thanks to the Fire Safe Council volunteers that bring it all together.

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The Berryessa Senior Center Has a New Bingo Board And Machine

Through the generosity of Georgia Craddock and Rose Marie Wilson, the Senior Center is the new home to a bright Bingo Board and machine. It is has already been the focus of a few heated Bingo matches - 10/15/2016 was our first experience.

Pat was the enthusiastic caller and called a good match. Our newest member, Brooke Baraz nearly caused a riot when she called out "BINGO" in an attempt to create a little banter between her and another table.

Fortunately, she was chastised and glared at for quite some time and was allowed to remain at the table, intact with her limbs. Brooke and Mike Baraz's daughter, Casey won a few of the sets, as did others.

In the opinion of this author, the highlight was the food that was cooked and prepared by Marcia Ritz and the gang. The pumpkin bread and cookies were delicious. Judy and Al poured the drinks that positively affected all those who consumed them.

We have much training to do before we are invited to a Monday bingo game, but I wanted to thank you for not throwing Brooke out and allowing Brooke and me to join the club.

November 19th Turkey Potluck

Our monthly potluck dinner will be on November 19, kicking off at 5:30 with a social cocktail hour (by donation) and dinner beginning around 6:30 pm at the Senior Center. See the announcement in the cloumn to the left.

We ask that all who attend to please bring an appetizer or dessert and remember your cash to make an appropriate cocktail donation.

Feel free to contact the Senior Center at 707-966-0206.



Lake Berryessa's Old Boy Scout Camp Reborn as EcoCamp Berryessa

EcoCamp Berryessa is a 64-bed group environmental education camp located on the peaceful northern shoreline of Lake Berryessa. The camp, which was completed in 2015 and funded through a major grant from the State Coastal Conservancy, features solar power, showers feeding into a graywater system, environmentally friendly composting toilets, permanent tent cabins, a stone amphitheater, a canoe/kayak launch, a beach, and countless paths and trails connecting the visitor to the beauty of Lake Berryessa, which surrounds the camp on three sides. In keeping with its name, EcoCamp Berryessa was designed with an eye to energy-efficiency, use of natural and/or recycled materials, and resource conservation.



The camp is located just north of the Putah Creek Bridge. Approximately 10 acres, the site is characterized by blue oak woodlands, open grassland, and chamise. Several pair of osprey nest at or near the camp and it is not unusual to see bald eagles, river otter, and a resident grey fox. The camp is available to scouting, educational, and community organizations for group gatherings and outdoor events.

EcoCamp Berryessa will be home to the Napa Open Space District's outdoor education program, currently being developed with their partners at Trackers Earth. Trackers offers camps and outdoor programs for all ages with subject matter including outdoor skills, knowledge of local flora, habitat restoration, archery, canoeing, and many more.

Schools, organizations, and corporate groups can plan trips ranging from single day field trips or 1 - 4 night overnight excursions at Camp Berryessa. From environmental outdoor science education to wilderness survival team-building, if you can imagine it, we can do it. <http://napaoutdoors.org/parks/ecocamp-berryessa/>



November Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): For the millionth time, telling the truth doesn't technically qualify as a speech impediment.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You still have no idea what makes most women tick, despite having asked literally hundreds of certified watchmakers.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You bring out the very best in those around you. This week, those around you will include four firefighters, a team of baffled paramedics, and several circus chimps.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Nightingales are known for their sweet, melodious song. Buy the one outside your window seems more interested in Dancehall Reggae.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Personal growth looms large in your future as you are transformed into a 1,000-foot giant who blots out the sun.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Your emotional stasis, lack of imagination, and inability to tell right from wrong will continue to be valuable in the world of high finance.

Libra (9/23-10/22): A bizarre misunderstanding on your part will result in your going to church every Sunday and speaking sincerely to invisible entities with the belief that it might do you some sort of good.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): The stars don't think it would be fair to give you a new prediction until the one about finding happiness, love, or wealth comes true.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Your new pheromone-based cologne will make you irresistible to women, who will devour you, bones, hair, and all.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You'll finally find the answer you've been searching for, moments after ruling out A., B., and multiple choice C.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): The red-tailed hawk is known for its hooked bill, its sharp claws, and after this Thursday, its rather keen sense of revenge.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Alien visitors from another galaxy will soon present mankind with the secret to peace, but not before you shoot the living hell out of them.

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2016 Program Summary

The Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach (LBBO) program focused on educational outreach and invasive species prevention at Lake Berryessa, which provides drinking water for more than 500,000 Solano County residents. Throughout the season, LBBO interns administered watercraft screenings for invasive zebra and quagga mussels and conducted interactive, educational surveys with boaters and recreational users.

The primary goal of the LBBO program is to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive zebra and quagga mussels into Lake Berryessa. Interns accomplished this by verbally and visually screening incoming boats. They staffed the busiest boat launches, including Markley Cove and Steele Canyon, seven days a week to maximize the scope of the program. By screening more boats, they were able to educate more boaters about the potential harm of invasive mussels and how to avoid transporting these “aquatic hitchhikers” between waterways.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
# of Interns & Student Supervisors	6	6	14	12
Total Invasive Screenings	1,547	4,301	9,197	10,860
Total Boater Surveys	1,568	1,670	1,195	1,210
Total Recreator Surveys	325	300	392	265
Total Bilge Pads Distributed	2,214	2,191	1,848	1,577
Total Bilge Pads Installed	478	690	589	497

Protecting Lake Berryessa from invasive mussels requires knowledge of where boaters are coming from and how many are coming from the same area. Data showed that 72% of boaters came from Solano, Contra Costa, Napa, and Yolo counties. The highest percentage of boaters from one county was about 31.6% from Solano County. This means that the population that most

frequently uses Lake Berryessa for recreation is also dependent on Lake Berryessa for drinking water.

The secondary goal of the outreach program was to raise awareness about clean boating practices. In order to accomplish this, LBBO interns conducted boater surveys that tested boaters’ knowledge of California boating laws, Lake Berryessa’s function as a reservoir, and helped to educate boaters about clean and safe boating behavior.

Every boater who completed a survey received either a Department of Boating and Waterways “Clean and Green” boater kit or the newer “My Boat, My Rules” boater kit. Both boater kits included a tote bag, a bilge pad with an installation instruction card, a fuel bib which allows boaters to fuel their boats without the risk of spilling gasoline in the lake. Each kit also contained useful information for boaters including a Lake Berryessa map, a California boating laws booklet, and brochures on the invasive zebra and quagga mussels. If a boater installed their bilge pad during the survey process they were given an additional boater premium. Boaters could choose between a water canteen, a Lake Berryessa t-shirt, or a ski flag. If boaters completed the survey but had a fishing boat and could not install the bilge pad in the boat’s outboard motor, boaters were given a fishing line container that allows fisherman to dispose of their used fishing line rather than discarding it into the water or shore around Lake Berryessa.

Of the boats surveyed, 53% were inboard and 27% were inboard/outboard boats. This meant that 80% of boats were capable of installing bilge pads. Of the boats that were capable of installing a bilge pad, 50% of boaters installed a bilge pad during the survey.

Boaters were also asked if they thought Lake Berryessa is a drinking

water source. A total of 81% percent of boaters thought that Lake Berryessa is a drinking water source and only 17% of boaters did not.

While boater surveys provide an opportunity for interns to educate boaters, day-user surveys provided an opportunity for interns to educate the non-boating community. All day-user surveys were conducted at the Oak Shores Day Use Area. Most surveyed were from Solano County, and many others came from Contra Costa, Napa, Yolo, and Alameda Counties.

When conducting the day-user surveys, interns were accompanied by “Bilgee,” a life size Bilge Pad who serves as the protector of clean waterways and the model for keeping the lake clean. Throughout the season, 265 day-user surveys were completed and 1,751 people were educated.

By building upon previous seasons’ accomplishments, the 2016 Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program was able to expand its scope, increase team cohesiveness, and improve the effectiveness and impact of the program. Having a larger intern group than in early years of the program also allowed us to increase the number of days of screening coverage. The 2016 interns feel that their season’s success was built on the hard work and lessons learned by earlier interns, and are grateful to have been part of such an important program.



Summer 2016 Lake Berryessa Outreach Interns.
Back row, from left to right: Long Nguyen, Su-Lin Terhrell, Alex Sweat, Daniel Jara, Matt Banicki, Marianelly López, Kelsey Swan;
Front row, from left to right: Devin McHugh, Scott Navarro, Kevin Young-Lai, Daphne Wu, Gustavo Cruz

Governmentium: A New Addition to Chemistry's Periodic Table

Research has led to the discovery of the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element, Governmentium (Gv), has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons, and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312.

These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert; however, it can be detected, because it impedes every action with which it comes into contact.

A minute amount of Governmentium can cause a reaction that would normally take less than a second to take from four days to four years to complete. Governmentium has a normal half-life of 2-6 years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places.

In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes. This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a critical concentration.

This hypothetical quantity is referred to as critical morass. When catalyzed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium, an element that radiates just as much energy as Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.

It tends to concentrate at certain points such as government agencies, large corporations, and universities. Scientists point out that Administratium is known to be toxic at any concentration and can easily destroy any productive reaction where it is allowed to accumulate.

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Lake Level Status: 11/8/16

The lake level is now at 399.34 feet -
40.66 feet below Glory Hole. It would take
more than 60 inches of rain to fill the lake.
The level has risen 9.1 inches since its low
of 398.58 feet on 10/23/16.

At the present level, Lake Berryessa holds
866,576 acre-feet of water - 54.2% of its
1,600,000 A-F capacity.
The lake level at this time last year was
396.4 feet, 2.94 feet lower than today.
Rainfall total is still 3.4” since 7/1/16. Last
year on this date total rainfall was 2.51"

The Original Gestalt Prayer
by Fritz Perls

I do my thing and you do your thing.
I am not in this world to live up to your
expectations
And you are not in this world to live up
to mine.

You are you and I am I,
And if by chance we find each other,
it's beautiful.
If not, it can't be helped.

The Modified Gestalt Prayer
Bolinas California Version

I do my laundry, and you do yours.
I am not in this world to listen to your
ceaseless yammering,
And you are not in this world for any
discernible reason at all.
You are you, and I am I, and I got the
better deal.

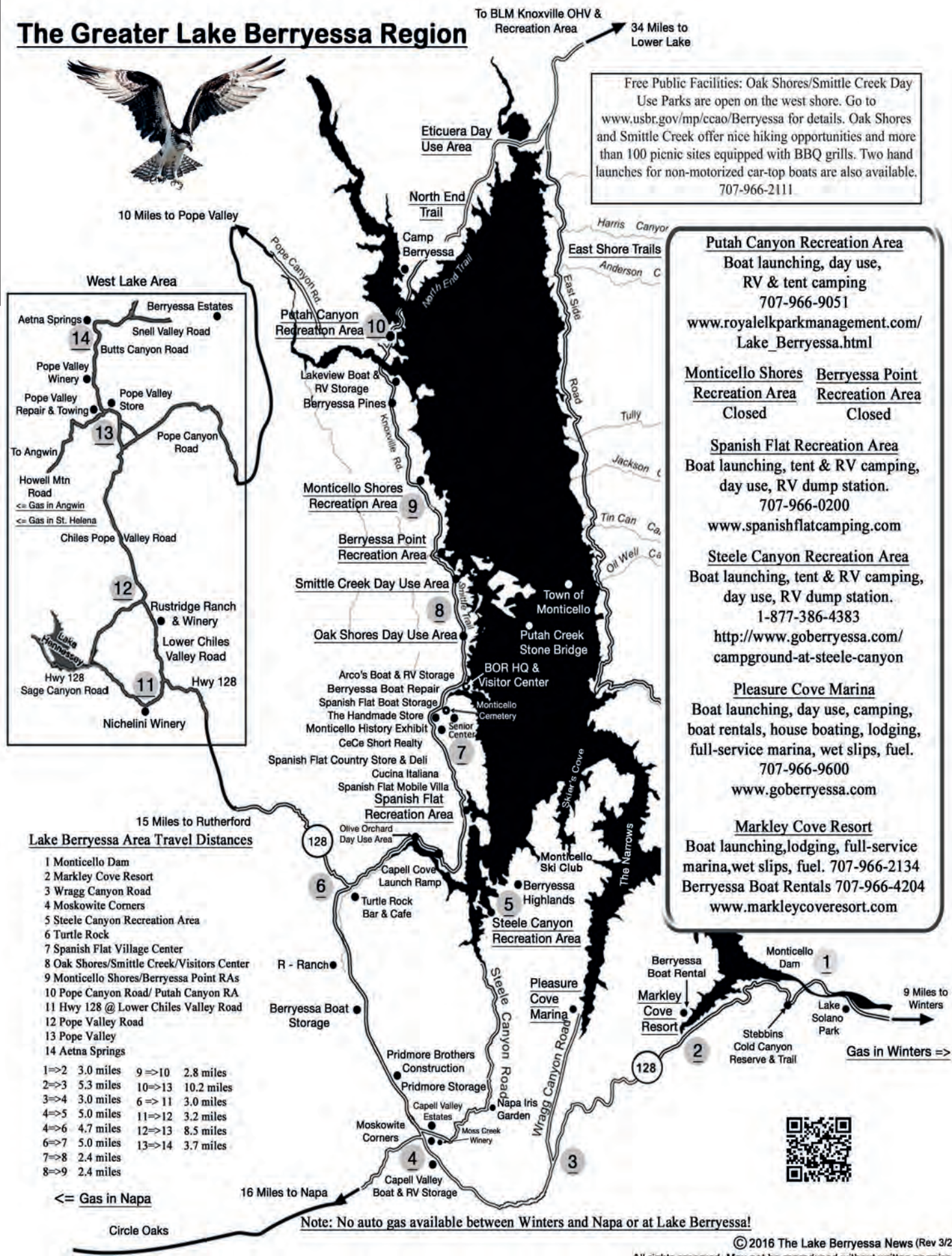
And if by chance we find each other, it
will be unspeakably tedious.
F*ck off.

And for a more mellow approach to
life management.

Tao Te Ching
by Lao Tzu

Accept what is in front of you without
wanting the situation to be other than it
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Lake Level Status: 12/06/16

The lake level is holding fairly steady at 399.6 feet - 40.4 feet below Glory Hole - up only 1 inch in the last week.

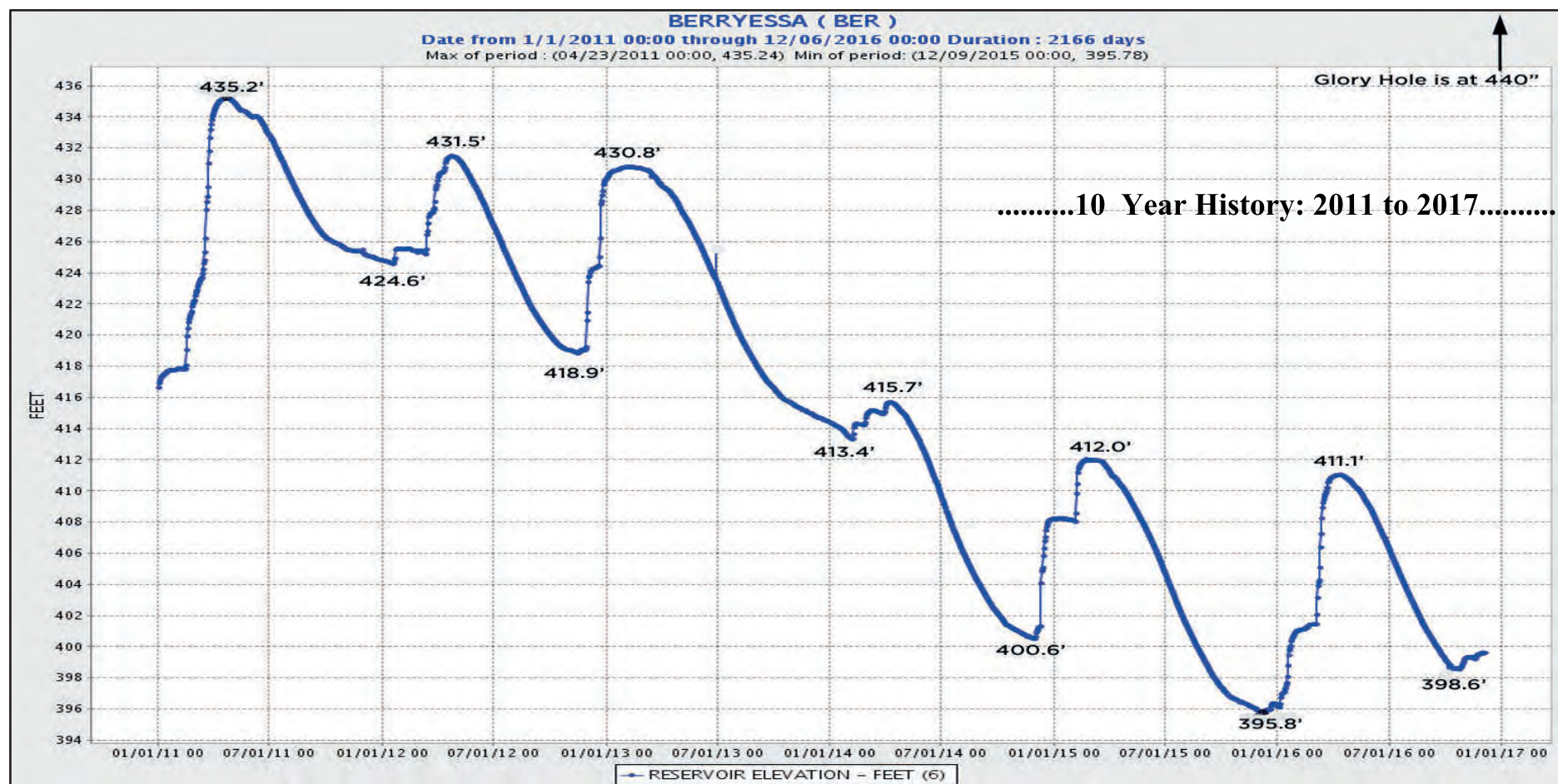
The level has risen only 1 foot since its low of 398.6 feet on 10/23/16.

At the present level, Lake Berryessa holds 870,992 acre-feet of water - 54.4% of its 1,600,000 A-F capacity.

The lake level at this time last year was 395.9 feet, 3.7 feet lower than today.

Rainfall has been 4.97" since 7/1/16 - the beginning of the official rainy season.

Last year on this date the rainfall total was 3.6 inches, but then 2.6 inches fell by the end of December bringing the total to 6.2 inches.




The Lake Berryessa News



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December, 2016

Past, Present, and Future at Lake Berryessa - 2016 Version

By Peter Kilkus

The end of one year and the beginning of another is usually a time for reflection - a bit like the Dickens Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future.

Ghost of Lake Berryessa Past

The Ghost of Lake Berryessa Past ten years ago in 2006 is described on pages 4 and 5. A long controversial process creating the Visitor Services Plan which resulted in a Record of Decision which kicked out all the mobile homes had just ended. The future was uncertain, but the resorts were still operating.

Although the mobile homeowners were in the process of losing everything and would pay heavily to demolish their family vacation spots, there was still some optimism among resort owners and local businesses. A description of the seven resorts in 2006 on Page 5 will be heartbreaking to some.

That optimism was short-lived as the Bureau of Reclamation's Record of Decision was implemented and several abortive bid processes stumbled forward into nine years of chaos which resulted in the destruction of the Lake Berryessa community and economy.

About a year ago Bureau of Reclamation completed a nearly two year process to identify concessionaires to redevelop the recreation areas at Lake Berryessa. In February 2016 Reclamation announced that the latest effort to recruit new resort operators had failed.

The Lake Berryessa News, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, and local residents then strongly promoted a new strategy - have Napa County take over management of the lake recreation areas under a Managing Partner Agreement with Reclamation.

Both Napa County and Reclamation responded positively (although hesitantly) to this proposal. On April 5, 2016, in response to the current status of

the lake, the Board authorized staff to engage in discussions with Reclamation and the Department of the Interior (DOI) regarding the future of the concession areas of Lake Berryessa.

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

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

County staff quickly learned that it is difficult to negotiate a fair and accurate agreement when the possible interest in concessions is unknown. The parties discussed first entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to gauge the commercial interest in Lake Berryessa, as well as determine if the types and scope of recreation opportunities for potential developers were also viable under federal, state and local policies and laws.

Ghost of Lake Berryessa Present

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

Under this agreement, Ragatz Sedgwick Realty will assist the County in identifying interested concession partners by marketing the opportunity to the resort community and performing a feasibility analysis to determine the best

use of each site. The County's intent is to market Lake Berryessa and seek interest in the opportunities that exist.

The goal is to create a short list of interested parties that are viable and have interest and ideas that can fit within the Visitor Services Plan.

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

Ghost of Lake Berryessa Future

The Ghost of Lake Berryessa Future cannot actually show the future in this scenario, but the indications are positive for progress in 2017. The good news includes a \$ 50,000 investment by Napa County in revitalizing Lake Berryessa.

According to County staff, the

working relationship with Reclamation has been very good. Ragatz Sedgwick are eager to get started and have established an impressive professional team. The goal is to move as quickly as possible in tandem with other discussions. Hopefully, within two to three months, they'll have an idea as to how great the interest is and how quickly the process can move forward.



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Gary Johnson: 2,551 4.16% (3.4% Ca)
Jill Stein: 1,262, 2.06%, (1.9% Ca)
Gloria Estela La Riva: 207, 0.34%
Total Votes: 60,630

Us Senator

Kamala D. Harris: 35,925, 66.90% (62.4% Ca)
Loretta L. Sanchez: 17,778, 33.10%

Us Representative In Congress, District 5

Mike Thompson: 46,071, 76.46%
Carlos Santamaria: 14,187, 23.54%

California State Senator District 3

Bill Dodd: 38,155, 68.19%
Mariko Yamada: 17,797, 31.81%

Member Of State Assembly District 4

Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry: 36,006, 62.13%
Charlie Schaupp: 21,947, 37.87%

Supervisor, 2nd District

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Mark Luce: 5,717, 45.55%

Measure Z: Sales Tax - Park And Open Space

Yes : 37,670 64.70%
No: 20,552 35.30%

Measure A - Animal Shelter

Yes: 39,862 71.19%
No: 16,134 28.81%

Measure B - Animal Shelter

No: 28,785 52.38%
Yes: 26,172 47.62%

Measure D - St. Helena Sales Tax

Yes: 1,868 69.37%
No: 825 30.63%

“Post-Truth” Succeeds “Truthiness” as Word of the Year - Isn’t Politics Wonderful!

If you are involved in national or local politics, you know that some people find the truth too confining. Some of these types of folks were instrumental in creating “The Big Lie” about Lake Berryessa which helped bring about the present situation out here.

The Oxford Dictionary announced a couple weeks ago that "post-truth" is its 2016 word of the year. The word is "an adjective defined as 'relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief.' "

The word has been around for a few decades or so, but according to the Oxford Dictionary, there has been a spike in frequency of usage since Brexit and an even bigger jump since the period before the American presidential election.

That sounds about right. Feelings, identifications, anxieties and fantasies, that's what actuated the electorate. Not arguments. Not facts.

In the case of candidate Donald Trump, what's impressive is not that he openly lied. What's impressive is that the electorate — or rather, a very large minority of the electorate — didn't seem to care or at least refused to treat the candidate's dishonesty as in anyway disqualifying. That's the “post-truth” bit.

Post-Truth is an evolutionary extension of a previous word of the year - Truthiness. Truthiness is a quality characterizing a "truth" that a person making an argument or assertion claims to know intuitively "from the gut" or because it "feels right" without regard to evidence, logic, intellectual examination, or facts. Truthiness refers to the quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true.

Scoop Nisker was a longtime fixture on San Francisco radio station KFOG during hippie times. He became well known for the catchphrase, "If you don't like the news... go out and make some of your own," Today his catchphrase would probably have to be "If you don't like the news... go out and make “up” some of your own."

Ballot	State	Napa	Subject
Proposition 51	Yes	Yes - 50.7%	\$9 billion in bonds for education and schools
Proposition 52	Yes	Yes - 68%	Voter approval of changes to the hospital fee program
Proposition 53	No	No - 52%	Projects that cost more than \$2 billion
Proposition 54	Yes	Yes - 62%	Conditions under which legislative bills can be passed
Proposition 55	Yes	Yes - 63%	Extension of personal income tax on incomes over \$250,000
Proposition 56	Yes	Yes - 66%	Increase the cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack
Proposition 57	Yes	Yes - 69%	Felons convicted of non-violent crimes and juvenile trials
Proposition 58	Yes	Yes - 77%	Bilingual education in public schools
Proposition 59	Yes	Yes - 56%	State on Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission
Proposition 60	No	No - 57%	Require the use of condoms in pornographic films
Proposition 61	No	No - 52%	Prescription drug price regulations
Proposition 62	No	No - 51%	Repeal the death penalty
Proposition 63	Yes	Yes - 63%	Background checks for ammunition purchases
Proposition 64	Yes	Yes - 61%	Legalization of marijuana and hemp
Proposition 65	No	Yes - 50.6%	Grocery and retail carry-out bags
Proposition 66	Yes	No - 51%	Death penalty procedures
Proposition 67	Yes	Yes - 63%	Prohibition on plastic single-use carryout bags

Community Church Christmas Events

Community Church of Lake Berryessa and Valley Christian Church will be hosting its community Christmas dinner on Monday December 19th. Dinner will be at the R-Ranch with doors opening at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 pm. Come join us for a casual evening of food and carols.

Please note all entrants to R-Ranch will need to sign a Hold Harmless form at the main gate. A representative will be at the gate to accomplish this. No entrance after 6:45 pm.

Community Church will be caroling in the community and is looking for singers to join us! On Sunday the 18th at 6:00 pm we will meet at the church and carol in the Capell Valley Mobile Estates mobile park. Come join us for a joyful noise in our community. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

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"Bad Santa" Jokes

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December Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): Remember: God means something different to everyone, but only you, and those who agree with you, are right.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You will give birth to a beautiful, bouncing baby girl this week, moments after going into labor inside that giant inflatable castle.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You can try dancing around the issue all you want, but in the end, you still don’t know what to do with your arms on the dance floor.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): (For Carl) - Your life will soon be divided into Pre-Angering-Of-The-Ants and Post-Angering-Of-The-Ants eras.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You claim that nobody understand you, but then, the strange white men in lab coats are doing the best they can.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): 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.

Libra (9/23-10/22): 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.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): More and more, you’re beginning to suspect your nickname might be pejorative.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Fear and Jealousy will soon tear you apart, which is rather unfortunate, as Fear and Jealousy are the two pitbulls that live next door.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): The human mind is a thing of startling beauty. Unfortunately yours is mostly filled with old phone numbers and celebrity trivia.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Any hope you once had of aging with grace and dignity will be dashed this week as you turn 25.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Financial reward is most definitely in your future. Keep scooping out those “take-a-penny” trays at the truckstops along I-5.



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The Lake Berryessa Senior Center:

A Community Resource for All Since 1984

by Peter Kilkus

Communities evolve because people who care make things happen. Betty Pedersen is one of those special people. When she and her close friend, Ruth Stiteri, took walks they would talk about what their Lake Berryessa community needed. In 1983 they realized that a Senior Center would be an important resource for many local residents, especially since everything around the lake closes down in winter, so they decided to start one.

They laid the groundwork in 1983, originally meeting with a talented group of people at Moskowite Corners, to create the bylaws and structure. Seventy people showed up for that original meeting! The membership age was set at 55 since they wanted members who were young enough to have energy and who realized that the Center would be an investment in their own future. The Senior Center opened in 1984 as has been a cornerstone of the community since then.

The Lake Berryessa Senior Center is a key community resource that offers a broad range of social activities and support services. And this energetic group of Berryessa residents is redefining the definition of senior, not only because you only have to be 50 to join, but because of their positive attitude towards community action. As with any volunteer organization, the more active people who join the more active things there'll be to do.

You don't have to be a "senior" to join the organization. Dues are just \$20 a year for those 50 and older. The Senior Center is a self-supporting non-profit organization. They have regular events such as Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner, the annual Crab Feed, summer bbqs, and various fundraisers. Bingo is at 1:00PM until 4:00PM every Monday afternoon.

The Center is available to rent for special occasions. There is a minimal charge and a cleaning deposit. Call for details: 966-0206, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd. In the past the Center has hosted weddings, receptions, memorials, and many community functions such as blood drives, flu shots, Bureau of Reclamation presentations and community meetings.

Maybe there should be a contest to see what new word can be used to replace "senior" in describing us (since I am a member). At one Board meeting I mentioned that I just don't feel like a "senior" and Betty Pedersen, a co-founder of the Center 32 years ago, jumped right in with "Neither do I!"



Lake Berryessa Watershed Project Funding Program

In August 1999, Napa County Flood Protection and Watershed Improvement Authority and County Public Works Department entered into an Agreement to disburse the revenue collected by Napa Flood Protection Sales Tax (Measure A) for approved flood control and watershed improvement projects that would benefit developed urban regions and rural unincorporated areas of Napa County.

Napa County is pleased to announce the start of a multi-year Lake Berryessa watershed project funding program. The County is soliciting watershed project applications for funding amounts between \$5,000 and \$200,000. We anticipate awarding up to approximately \$600,000 in grant agreements for the introductory round. A Project Solicitation Package (PSP) containing information on the Measure A Ordinance guidelines, a Round 1 Application Form and is now available for download at: <http://www.napawatersheds.org/documents/view/8195>. Submittal deadline is Friday, Dec 30th, 2016, 5:00 pm



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Bad Christmas Jokes

What nationality is Santa Claus? North Polish

What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby? Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer

Knock Knock! Whos there? Mary and Abby! Mary and Abby who? Mary Christmas and Abby New Year.

The awkward moment when you notice that Santa Claus has the same wrapping paper as your parents.

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? A rebel without a Claus.

Two snowmen in a field, one turned to the other and said "I don't know about you, but I can smell carrots!"

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The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce

wants you to know that

Beautiful Lake Berryessa is OPEN!

All recreation areas - Markley Cove, Pleasure Cove, Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Putah Canyon - are open for launching and will remain open all summer and beyond. The Capell Public Launch Ramp is closed until next year due to low water levels.

Oak Shores Day Use Area is great for picnics and viewing the lake and wildlife. After touring around the lake and stopping at local wineries like Rustridge and Nichelini, a wide variety of food and drink is available at Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, and Turtle Rock.

Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Please use this web site to contact our members to make use of their services:

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by Peter Kilkus

As Napa County moves slowly towards potentially taking over management of the Lake Berryessa recreation areas, it's interesting to read about what the situation was like 10 years ago in 2006.

A long controversial process creating the Visitor Services Plan which resulted in a Record of Decision which kicked out all the mobile homes had just ended. The future was uncertain.

A bid process for new concessionaires to run the resorts was just beginning. Ten years later the situation is still a mess and the future is still uncertain. The following is a local report from June 2006 which foreshadows the upcoming disaster.

After five years of public hearings and intense debate, the Bureau of Reclamation announced Tuesday, June 6, 2006 that 1,300 privately owned trailers at Lake Berryessa have to go.

The federal agency's record of decision aims to reshape 12 miles of the lake's most prime shoreline by ousting the trailers that have dominated seven lakeside recreational resorts for decades.

The new "Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Plan" sets new standards for lakeside vacation lodging, barring trailers but allowing RV and tent-camping, cabins, motels and hotels, among other permanent structures.

Reciting the bureau's long-held position, spokesman Jeff McCracken said the lake plan's goal is to "open the reservoir to the broader general public for more short-term use." Areas closest to the water's edge will be reserved for day-use, and those higher up divided into zones for overnight and long-term use.

Although the government has established parameters for future lake use, what Berryessa looks like in 10 years "will be up to private enterprise," McCracken said.

The federal agency is determining the future management of the seven lakeshore resorts through a public bidding process that will begin as soon as a request for business proposals is completed, McCracken said. Meanwhile, trailer owners must remove their vacation mobile homes by 2008 and 2009, when contracts with six of the resorts expire.

While many trailer owners say they were anticipating the bureau's ouster, news of the decision was a heartbreaker for families who have long known Lake Berryessa as their summer getaway.

"We didn't just buy a mobile home, we bought the dream of someplace to bring your children, grandchildren, and children after that," said Sidney Silberberg who works as a fishing guide at the lake when he's not helping out at his son's video store.

"It's a devastation to our family and our family relations. This is the place that family becomes family because everyone is under one roof and you make the ties of a lifetime more comfortably for that day, that weekend, or that three-day weekend," said Silberberg as he recalled jet-skiing and fishing with his wife, son, daughter-in-law, daughter and friends.

The bureau's decision translates not only into an emotional but also a significant financial loss for Silberberg. He said 10 years ago the \$25,000 trailer by the lake was the only summer home his family could afford.

After pouring in about \$75,000 to re-carpet, re-roof and "re-everything" over the years, Silberberg said he wished he'd accepted a \$175,000 offer someone made him for the trailer four years ago. Now with the trailer's fate sealed, Silberberg doubted anyone would pay more than \$2,000 for it.



(Editor's Note 2016: Not only did mobile homeowners not get anything for their property, Steele Park owners actually had to pay about \$3,500 each to have their places demolished. Mobile home owners in all the other resorts faced the same costly problem.)

As trailer owners counted their woes, other Berryessa stake-holders viewed the decision as a victory. Bob White — who runs Rancho Monticello Resort and also represents the Lake Berryessa Resort Owners Association — called the decree a "win for users and the resorts."

After fretting the federal agency would dissolve the long-standing resorts and consolidate them under one operator, White saw the decision as a triumph for resort managers who now have a fighting chance to continue running the resorts. He also applauded the fact present-day trailer

owners get first dibs on future long-term sites.

(Editor's Note: 2016 Ironically, not only did the BOR not allow long-term sites to be included in the bid process, they threw out the White's bid on a technicality without even reading it. The BOR then rejected all bids from the west shore resort owners and chose a single out-of-state company with little resort management background or sufficient resources, Pensus, to take over five of the resorts. That choice turned into a multi-year disaster for Lake Berryessa from which it has not yet recovered.)

According to the record of decision, "recreation was not a purpose of the project as originally authorized; nonetheless public visitation began almost immediately" after the lake came into being with the completion of Monticello Dam in 1957. The Bureau of Reclamation, in conjunction with Napa County, awarded seven concession contracts in 1958 and 1959 to manage recreation at the lake for the next 30 years. Resort contracts have been renewed and slightly altered in subsequent years.

Carol Kunze, an environmental advocate who heads Berryessa Trails and Conservation and has pushed for more trails and "passive" uses of the lake, expressed satisfaction with the decision.

"The most rewarding part is today — finally getting a decision that will allow the public to have access to the lake's entire shoreline," Kunze said. "The most difficult part was just the whole controversy. It seems like such a plain and simple issue: It's public land and the public should have access, but the status quo interests wanted to keep their sites."

Trailer owners weren't the only people dismayed by the bureau's break away from the status quo.

Sharyn Simmons, owner of Cucina Italiana restaurant, moved from Napa to the Berryessa Highlands subdivision five years ago. She said during the two-plus years she's run her lakeside business, trailer owners have formed the majority of her returning customers.

"It's the weekend people, the one-shot wonders, who come up here on the weekends and trash the place because it's not their own," Simmons said. "Why in the world would you ask the people who have been the stewards up here, living here year-round, and visiting every month or two months, to leave? We're talking second and third generations by now."

Simmons said she hopes the fight is not over. "My only hope is they keep it litigated for the next 10 years."

The Resorts of Lake Berryessa: 2006 Version

Markley Cove Resort, at the south end of Lake Berryessa is the first resort on the way to the lake from Winters, California. It is only a few minutes by boat or car to Monticello Dam and offers a convenience store, food service, marina, boat and jet ski rentals, boat gasoline, bait, and fishing licenses, among others. 800-242-6287.

Pleasure Cove Marina offers a variety of overnight tent and RV camping, restaurant, marina, convenience store, and cabin and houseboat rentals. Nestled between the Blue Ridge and Cedar Roughs, just 45 minutes from Napa Valley, Lake Berryessa is an ideal location for your Forever Houseboat getaway. Mild temperatures in the summer make it perfect for water sports, fishing, camping, wildlife viewing, or just simply sitting back and releasing the cares of the everyday. The grassy hills surrounding Lake Berryessa are dotted with oak and Manzanita and provide excellent opportunities for spotting eagles, hawks, deer, and even wild turkey. Up above, you may spot great blue heron, snow geese, and loons. 707-966-9606 (<http://goberryessa.com/>)

Steele Park Resort is a year round resort with full accommodations for the family. Motel and cottages offer swimming pool and championship tennis courts with spectacular views of the lake's shore. Harbor Cove, the hub of activity, has a restaurant, bar, general store and full service marina, open from 7:00 a.m. 7 days a week, year round. The Boat House Restaurant & Bar offers a spectacular view of the lake along with its tantalizing good food. Steele Park Resort also rents a patio boats and jet skis to explore the many coves along the lake's shore. 800-522-2123. (www.steelepark.com)

Spanish Flat Resort offers outstanding fishing, overnight camping and picnicking, as well as boat, jet ski and kayak rentals. Their cabins are equipped with a bunk-bed, a full-size bed, microwave, coffee pot, shower, toilet, refrigerator, sink, kitchen table and chairs, heater, and air conditioning. Each cabin is on the lakefront and has a deck facing the lake. Because of the warm water, hot summers, and close proximity to the population areas of Northern California, the lake has become a favorite water ski resort. The temperatures are warm enough to make water skiing comfortable most of the summer. In addition, the state stocks the lake with fish as part of the conservation program. Fishing for bass and trout is a popular pastime. 707-966-7700 (www.spanishflatresort.com)

Lake Berryessa Marina Resort is a magnificent setting for your next vacation! You will delight in the natural serenity of the area as you relax at one of their gorgeous waterfront sites. From tubing and wake boarding, to fishing and jet skiing, there is something for everyone at Lake Berryessa Marina Resort. Barbecue the catch of the day on one of our grills. For the ultimate in camping fun, rent a houseboat, pontoon boat, jet ski, or ski boat. They have group facilities for your next reunion, rally or company retreat. Gasoline pumps and a dump station are available for your convenience. 707-966-2161 (www.lakeberryessa.com)

Rancho Monticello Resort is a family-oriented lake front destination for vacationers and water sport enthusiasts. The resort faces the main body of the lake, with the expansive east shore three miles directly across from the Resort. Curves in the shoreline create coves, and variances in the landscape and slopes. Essentially the resort is divided in two parts by a large rock outcropping, known as "Turtle Rock." At the southern-most end of the resort is the marina which includes a gas dock, market, cafe, 8-lane launch ramp, moorage, docks and a day park. There are boat slips

for both short term and long term rental. The northern portion of the resort has a large area "Big Flat" with gentle slopes (less than 15%) most of which is devoted to RV, camping and open space. Events in the resort throughout the summer emphasize the warm and friendly atmosphere of Rancho Monticello Resort. 707-966-2188 (www.ranchomonticelloresort.com)

Putah Creek Resort is located at the north end of Lake Berryessa. It stretches over fingers of oak-peppered land, giving this resort lots of accessible shoreline. Putah Creek Park has a restaurant & bar and offers 200 tent only sites and 55 RV only sites. Most sites are right on the water. The campsites have picnic tables and BBQ grills. The motel offers sleeping and kitchen units. Putah Creek Resort is the only resort that sells gasoline for automobiles. 707-966-0770.

Ten Years Later: The 2016 Version of Lake Berryessa

