

Can You Create a Neologism For Berryessa?

Neologism is defined as a new word or a new use for an old word, or the act of making up new words. Neologisms remind us that language is not something set in stone, but an evolving body of work. As new things are invented, as slang becomes acceptable, and as new technologies emerge, new words must fill in the gaps in language. Using neologisms, or inventing words, is a difficult task. It requires creativity and a willingness to consider defining something that has never been defined before.

Askhole: someone who asks many stupid, pointless or obnoxious questions.

Coffee: the person upon whom one coughs.

Flabbergasted: appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Abdicate: to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Esplanade: to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Negligent: condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.

Lymph: to walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle: gross olive flavored mouthwash.

Flatulance: emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Balderdash: a rapidly receding hairline.

Sarcasm: gulf between an author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Rectitude: the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

Pokemon: a Rastafarian proctologist.

Chairobe: art of piling clothes on a chair to be used in place of a closet or dresser.

Cellfish: An individual who talks on his or her cell phone even when doing so is rude or inconsiderate of other people.

Destinesia: The moment when you get to where you were intending to go, you forget why you were going there in the first place.

Errorist: Someone who repeatedly makes mistakes or is always wrong.

Hiberdating: time a person ignores their friends in favour of a boyfriend/girlfriend.

Sharenting: using social media excessively to share information about one's children.

Bashtag: used to make critical/abusive comments on social networks.

Binge thinking: massive burst of brain activity, mostly useless, in one sitting.

Beerboarding: A controversial process of extracting otherwise-secret information from a friend or co-worker by getting them drunk.

Textpectation: anticipation one feels when waiting for a response to a text message.

Epiphanot: an idea that seems like an amazing insight to the conceiver but is in fact pointless, mubdane, stupid or incorrect.

Nerdjacking: filling a conversation with unnecessary detail about one's passion to an otherwise uninitiated, uninterested layperson.

Unlightening: learning something that makes you dumber.

Afterclap: the last person who claps after everyone else has stopped.

The Lake Berryessa News

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January, 2017

Will 2017 Be Lake Berryessa's Lucky Year?

by Peter Kilkus

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

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

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

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

But the failure is actually based more on a fatally-flawed policy at the federal

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

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

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

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

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

Under this agreement, Ragatz Sedgwick Realty will assist the County in identifying interested concession

partners by marketing the opportunity to the resort community and performing a feasibility analysis to determine the best use of each site. The County's intent is to market Lake Berryessa and seek interest in the opportunities that exist. The goal is to create a short list of interested parties that are viable and have interest and ideas that can fit within the Visitor Services Plan.

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

The Ragatz Sedgwick team will be in Napa County during the week of January 9-13, 2017 to begin their research. They will meet with the Bureau of Reclamation as well as other interested parties such as the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce, Visit Napa Valley members, and others.

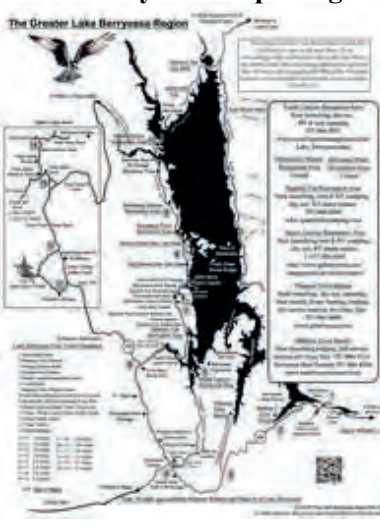
Ragatz Sedgwick Realty (www.ragatzsedgwick.com) is an international commercial brokerage firm focused exclusively on the resort real estate industry. Ragatz Associates, has offered consulting services to the resort real estate industry for 40 years. The firm has conducted more than 2,500 assignments in 48 states and more than 70 countries. Clients include practically every significant development and financial institution in the industry on a global basis.

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. And maybe this actually will Lake Berryessa's lucky year!



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I dream of a world where truth is what shapes politics, rather than politics shaping what people think is true.

Neil DeGrasse Tyson

Acquiring extreme wealth does not require greed, but accumulating extreme wealth does seem to engender it, or at least an unjustified sense of moral superiority.

Life - It's simple. Manipulation through ideological doctrine.

Ivan Borz

Provocation through prevarication

Various

Is it progress if a cannibal uses a fork?

Polish poet Stanislaw Lec

Why do we care about what happens to the earth, to our children, after we die? Will we come back as spirits to enjoy it like a big three-dimensional virtual reality game?

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2 \$117 Fire Prevention Fee Being Put to Work All Over Eastern Napa County

An additional fire engine is staffed and on duty in Napa County this winter, and it has a specific purpose. Fire prevention. In recent years the CAL Fire budgets have been used up, and then some, during their busier than usual summer fire seasons, making winter prevention work almost impossible to budget. Now, due to the fee paid by all residents who live in the State Responsibility Area, there are funds designated specifically for wildfire prevention in rural areas.

Starting back in November, 2016, the 3 to 4 person engine has been bouncing around from the Berryessa Highlands, to Circle Oaks, to Berryessa Estates, and several other communities, helping with various fire safety projects. The projects are often coordinated by volunteers with local Fire Safe Councils, and they use prison crew labor to do what they do best - cutting and piling the bulky brush material.

The partnership has already resulted in the clearing of several acres of strategic fire breaks around these communities, making Napa County residents safer one day at a time. For info on how to help your home survive a wildfire, please visit www.readyforwildfire.org



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Why, Why, Why,

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are going dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there isn't enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?



Ten Years Ago in the Lake Berryessa News: January 2007

Berryessa For All Vows to Carry the Fight to the BOR!

More than 150 enthusiastically angry people gathered last week to hear the legal strategy developed by Berryessa For All (BFA) to fight the Bureau of Reclamation's flawed Record of Decision for the future of Lake Berryessa. BFA contends that the BOR has violated and continues to violate the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), and federal law.

BFA will ask the federal court to declare that the BOR withdraw and set aside any proposed action pursuant to the BOR's VSP ROD and the Final EIS for Lake Berryessa until and unless such time as the BOR demonstrates to the Court that it has complied with the NEPA, the APA, and federal law.

BFA is a non-profit organization consisting of approximately 1,000 members and supporters with common and community interests as long-term permittees/stakeholders at the seven lake resorts. BFA's primary focus and overall mission includes the preservation of the public's family-oriented recreation opportunities at Lake Berryessa. BFA is committed to protecting equal recreation opportunities and community interests for all segments of the public at Lake Berryessa. Eviction notices have already been sent to Berryessa Marina permittees and will soon be sent to Rancho Monticello permittees.

What Does the Bureau of Reclamation Do At Lake Berryessa for \$3,845,000?

Some people still think the BOR makes a lot of money from the local resorts. That's not true. The federal government gets a 3% concession fee on the resorts' gross revenues. Since the total gross revenue of ALL the resorts together is less than \$15 million per year, the government actually gets less than \$400,000 annually. That money goes directly into the US Treasury - not to the BOR.

The Lake Berryessa Office of the BOR then has to fight the Washington budget battles to get its share for managing the lake. That budget has decreased yearly. Their 2007 request is for \$3,845,000, down from the 2006 budget of \$4,135,000. So where does the money go? The following is gleaned from the latest budget request for 2007:

Water and Energy Management and Development (\$93,000)

Land Management and Development (\$1,061,000)

Fish and Wildlife Management and Development (\$133,000)

Facility Operations (\$1,725,000) - Continues ongoing infrastructure support, renewal of service contracts; routine operation and maintenance of the Lake Berryessa recreation facilities; and management oversight of Monticello Dam, Putah Diversion Dam, Putah South Canal, and Terminal Dam and Reservoir.

Removal of Trailers and Shoreline Structures (\$300,000): Continues removal of abandoned trailers, structures and other public health and safety hazards.

January Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): By this time next year, you'll be 400,000 dollars richer, two cars the better, and just as gullible as you are now.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your future as a songwriter ends almost before it begins when you find that someone has already compared the depth, power, and beauty of their love to an ocean.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You'll continue to grow as a human being this week, much to the relief of all those geneticists.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): Turns out it's not your relationship with your father that's been eating you up inside, but rather a three-foot long parasite lodged directly below your kidney.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): Due to its high incidence of hijinx, tomfoolery, and puns, you'll finally decide to stop answering doors during knock-knock jokes.

Cancer (6/22-7/22) 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.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Juggling three young children isn't easy for any mother, but then, that's why you start with tennis balls and bowling pins first.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Nothing will be what it seems this week, especially breakfast sausages.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You said you'd never forget all the little people who helped you along the way, but since becoming rich and famous you haven't thought about those midgets once.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You'll balloon up to triple your weight after several months spent following a diet-book typo that told you to eat 16,000 calories a day.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): The human mind is a thing of startling beauty. Unfortunately yours is mostly filled with old phone numbers and minor celebrity trivia.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Nobody knows the troubles you've seen. Remind them of this fact at every possible opportunity.

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By Peter Kilkus

Although I’ve been doing a lot of computer-based social media work with the Lake Berryessa News web site, the Lake Berryessa News Facebook page, my email newsletter and tweeting (I need to be ready if I ever become POTUS), friends just introduced me to a radical new form of social media. It’s been dubbed FFEEME and is being practiced by the Sons In Retirement. The FFEEME acronym stands for Face-to-Face, Eyeball-to-Eyeball, Mouth-to-Ear, a form of social media that transcends computers, keyboards, and digital transmission formats.

The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of its members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life. The only requirement is that you actually physically have to meet people, talk to them face to face, and do things with them.

A few retired friends up here at Lake Berryessa recently decided I wasn’t having enough fun on a regular basis so invited me to consider the Sons In Retirement. I was actually invited by the Big Sir himself - quite an honor! My first luncheon meeting at the Napa Elks Lodge on Soscol (great facility) this week was very enjoyable and I intend to join.

SIR has monthly luncheons with interesting speakers and good fellowship. Additionally, their members have lots of fun doing a variety of other activities such as golf, fishing, bowling, card games and computers. Many activities like travel, dining, picnics, and holiday parties include their ladies and guests.



They don't raise money. They don't have a political agenda. They don't have a religious orientation. They don't sell light bulbs or anything else. They don't have a problem with organizations that do these things, its just that they don't. You've paid your dues to the working world - it's time to enjoy life.

Are you retired or semi-retired and want to make new friends, participate in fun activities and better enjoy your leisure time? SIR Membership is open to men regardless of age, race, national origin or religion.

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2. Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.
3. Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.
6. Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.
7. Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
8. Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
9. Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!
10. Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
11. Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.
12. The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
13. Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
14. Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.
15. Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about
16. Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.
17. Oliver's Law of Public Speaking -- A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!!!
18. Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it, OR the store will stop selling it!!
19. Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

Lake Berryessa Senior Center

Join the fun. You don’t have to be a “senior” to join the organization. Dues are just \$25 a year and you only have to be 50 to be an official member. 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.

Saturday, January 21, 2017:

Soup, Stew, Chili Potluck. 5:30 PM Social, 6:30 PM dinner.

Bring your crock pot and share your best. Cornbread and rolls will be supplied.

Saturday, February 18, 2017: Annual Crab Feed. Traditionally one of the biggest social events at Lake Berryessa. Not to be missed. Details to come.

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.

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce

Dear Chamber Members and Potential Chamber Members,

Thanks for your support during the last year. Significant progress has been made towards having Napa County take over management of the lake recreation areas. The Chamber has had a major influence in making this happen. And we are continuing to work with the County and their consultants. Hopefully 2017 will see continued progress and a final resolution.

The Chamber’s tourist information program includes our partnership with Visit Napa Valley including our own Lake Berryessa page on the excellent Visit Napa Valley website: www.visitnapavalley.com. Our own page is at: www.visitnapavalley.com/lake_berryessa.htm.

Our partnership with Visit Napa Valley also guarantees that Lake Berryessa is featured in the Napa Valley Guidebook, which is distributed nationwide and can be viewed online by potential visitors at: https://issuu.com/visitnapavalley/docs/nvg_2016xx

The Chamber will also continually promote Lake Berryessa and its businesses in the Lake Berryessa News and on the Chamber web page on the Lake Berryessa News web site: www.lakeberryessanews.com/chamber-of-commerce.

You do not have to be a business owner to become a member. Anyone who wants to help improve our local community is welcome, and encouraged, to join.

Simply send your contact information and a check for \$25 made payable to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce to:

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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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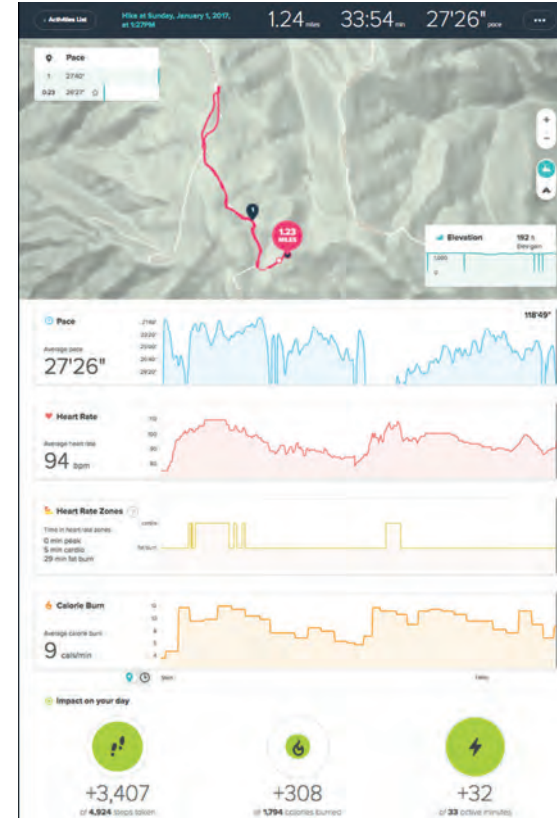
Time for some righteous New Year's resolutions for 2017! Lose that 10 pounds you gained from Thanksgiving through Christmas. The New Year's Eve party will be the last hurrah. I sincerely promise I'll start Monday.

High-tech exercise incentive devices have been around for years, but they've recently become big business. I hike a lot, but I also relax a lot on my deck. Somehow the relaxing, as most of you know, (and the wine-bread-book combination) overwhelms the exercise. Input vs. output then simply equals a bigger you. Thanks to a Christmas present from my son, he, my doctor, and my friends (and I) may be able to worry less about my weight and health.

The Christmas present was a Fitbit Charge 2 which supposedly "Makes every beat count with the all-new heart rate and fitness wristband built for all-day, workouts and beyond.."

Encouraging people to maintain healthy habits is a challenge that pre-dates technology. Fitness trackers allow people to track progress in the form of short-term goals (such as number of steps walked per day) before they reach some longer, more difficult goals (such as weight loss).

But will we become a Fitbit nation or continue down a path toward nationwide obesity? We probably need a few more years to find out.



From my own experience since Christmas, the Fitbit can inspire you to exercise more to meet your daily goals (the default is 10,000 steps per day, but you can change that amount if you choose). I really like the ability to track my hikes using GPS and Google Maps. I can see my heart rate increase and calorie burn as I climb up and down the hills of Lake Berryessa.

A recent study of how technology can motivate people to increase fitness suggests that some features of the Fitbit may be more motivating than others. Reasonable goal-setting was critical to engagement. Participants who received reminders to exercise reported being more likely to follow through, but the reminders had to be specific to the individual's goals.

Losing, gaining or maintaining weight is about math: calories in vs. out. By measuring how hard your heart is working you get a better measure of total calories burned.

But here's the rub. As anyone who has worked out in a gym knows, it takes a lot of exercise to burn what seems to be only a few calories. This can be demotivating in the extreme. From the chart below, I see that I only burned 308 calories in a 1.2 mile strenuous hike in the hills. A similar hike 3.5 mile, hour and a half hike in some steep terrain the day before only burned 867 calories.

The calorie chart below shows how easy it is to put that right back on with a few favorite food or drinks. The moral of the story is that to lose weight you must exercise, but you must also stop eating!

Item	Oty	Calories
Apple	1	80
Banana	1	115
Potato	1 med	220
Onion	1c	54
Tomato	1	35
Lettuce	1 head	60
Broccoli	1c	40
Olives, sm can	110	
Brown rice	1c	200
Egg	1	70
Cheese - 1 oz	100	
Yogurt	1	240
Chicken breast	1 oz.	60
Fish, white	1 oz	40
Salmon	1 oz	52
Steak, lean	1 oz	58
Shrimp (1 cup)	60	
Pork	1 oz	44
Margarine	1 tbsp	90
Olive oil	1 tbsp	120
Mayo	1 tbsp	90
Sugar	1 tsp	16
Peanut butter	1 tbsp	65
Bagel	1	250
Bread	1 loaf	1,000
Pizza	12" 1 slice	275
MacD burger	255	
MacD fries sm	220	
Burrito	1	466
Pretzel, soft	1	180
Granola bar	1	120
Popcorn	1 cup	60
Pasta	4 oz	400
Wine	1c	160
Wine, bottle	512	
Beer,	12 oz	146
Alcohol, all,	1 oz	70
Milk, skim	8 oz	130
Cream	2 tbsp	35

Lake Berryessa Rainfall and Lake Level History

January 2017 has started off well, but a lot more rain is needed to raise the lake level significantly. The lake rises, on average, about 7 inches per inch of rain. The level is now at about 405 feet, 35 feet to go to fill up. This means we still need about 60 inches more rain this year. Most people would be satisfied if the lake goes up 25 more feet - needing only about 42 more inches!

First Rain	Total By 1/1	Season Total	Lowest Lake Level	Level Below Glory Hole
	10.77"	46.26"	425.4'	-14.6'
11/10/98	7.18"	23.46"	431.1'	-8.9'
10/30/99	6.5"	26"	427.0'	-13.0'
10/20/00	4.54"	24.7"	427.1'	-12.9'
10/29/01	15.73"	23.38"	420.4'	-19.6'
11/7/02	19.34"	31.6"	421.5'	-18.5'
10/31/03	12.01"	25.64"	429.5'	-10.5'
10/19/04	15.55"	36.36"	426.8'	-13.2'
9/26/05	17.4"	40.56"	431.0'	-9.0'
10/3/06	5.36"	12.7"	430.5'	-9.5'
9/19/07	4.48"	25.32"	419.1'	-20.9'
10/3/08	6.6"	23.96"	406.9'	-33.1'
9/13/09	6.5"	26.41"	412.5'	-27.5'
10/17/10	12.62"	37.92"	425.5'	-14.5'
9/25/11	3.04"	19.56"	418.86'	-21.4'
10/22/12	17.97"	20.65"	414.43'	-25.57'
9/21/13	1.88"	13.69"	409.77'	-30.23'
9/18/14	13.34"	19.56"	400.53'	-39.47'
10/2/15	6.23"	24.57"	395.8'	-44.2'
10/3/16	9.51"			

When I see lovers' names carved in a tree, I don't think it's sweet. I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date. Jokes about unemployed people are not funny. They just don't work.

Lake Level Status: 1/3/17

Happy New Year from a rising (about 2 inches in the last 2 days) Lake Berryessa. The latest rainfall (more than 2 inches) has not yet affected lake levels significantly.

The lake level is at 403.9 feet - 36.1 feet below Glory Hole - up 4.2 feet since Dec. 1. About a foot or so more rise to re-open the Capell launch ramp.

The level has risen 5.3 feet since its low of 398.6 feet on 10/23/16.

At the present level, Lake Berryessa holds 934,188 acre-feet of water - 58.4% of its 1,600,000 A-F capacity.

The lake level at this time last year was 396.2 feet, 7.7 feet lower than today.

Rainfall total (as of 1/4/17) is 10.94 inches, 4.7 inches more than last year at this time.

Lake Berryessa's Dufer Point Visitor Center Invites You to be Wild About Wetlands

The Bureau of Reclamation announces a new exhibit at Lake Berryessa's Dufer Point Visitor Center. Wild About Wetlands is an exhibit on loan from, and developed by, the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Carmichael, California.

The exhibit shows the importance of wetlands in filtering water and providing a location for habitat and recreation. In addition to several exhibit panels, the loan includes interactive children's games to occupy visitors who are young or young-at-heart.

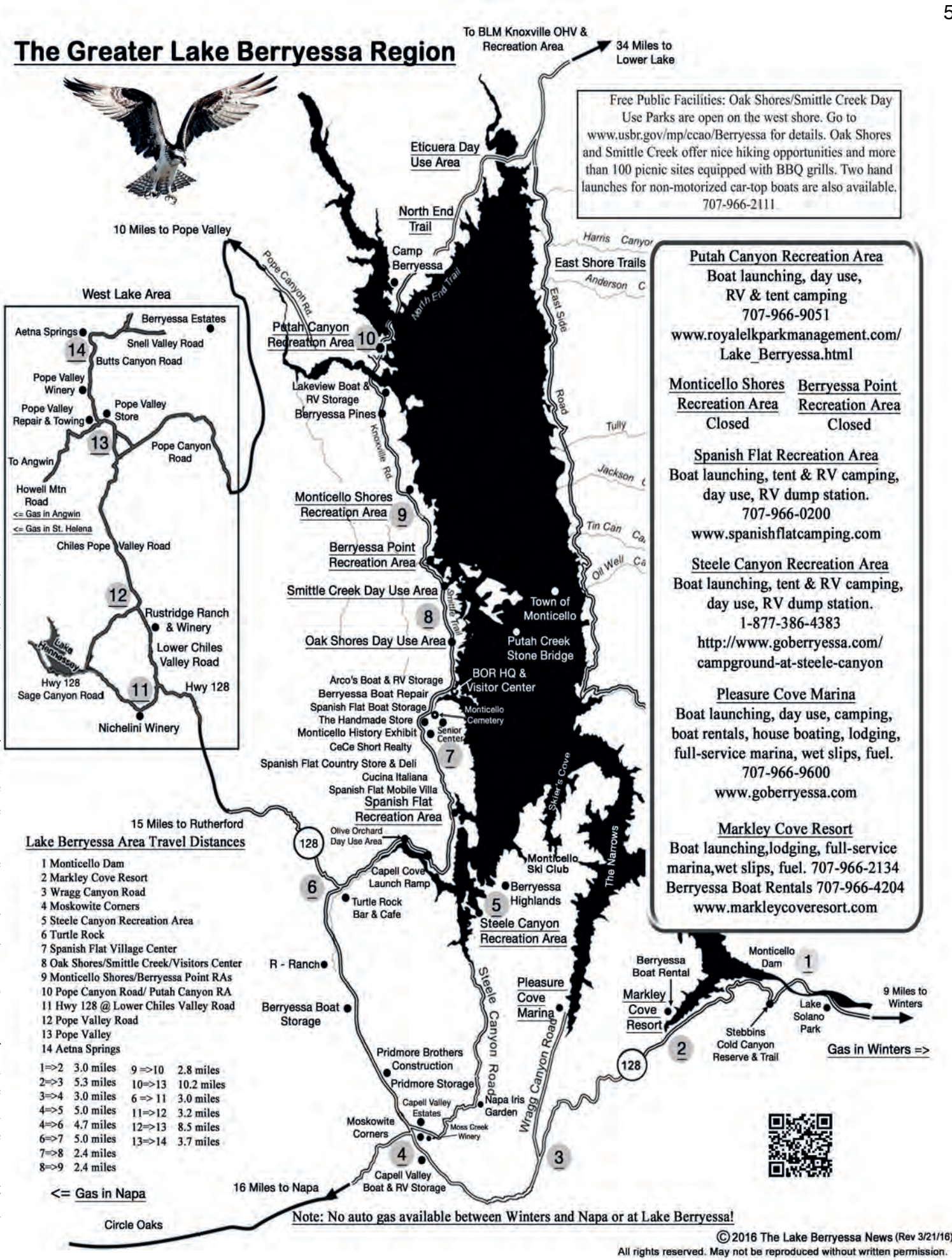
The exhibit will remain on display at Lake Berryessa until September 2017.

The Dufer Point Visitor Center is currently open from 12 to 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, except for Christmas Day.

The Visitor Center is located at 5520 Knoxville Road, Napa CA 94558.

Park Rangers are available at the Visitor Center 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.

Please contact the Park Rangers at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 for more information about park exhibits, events and programs.



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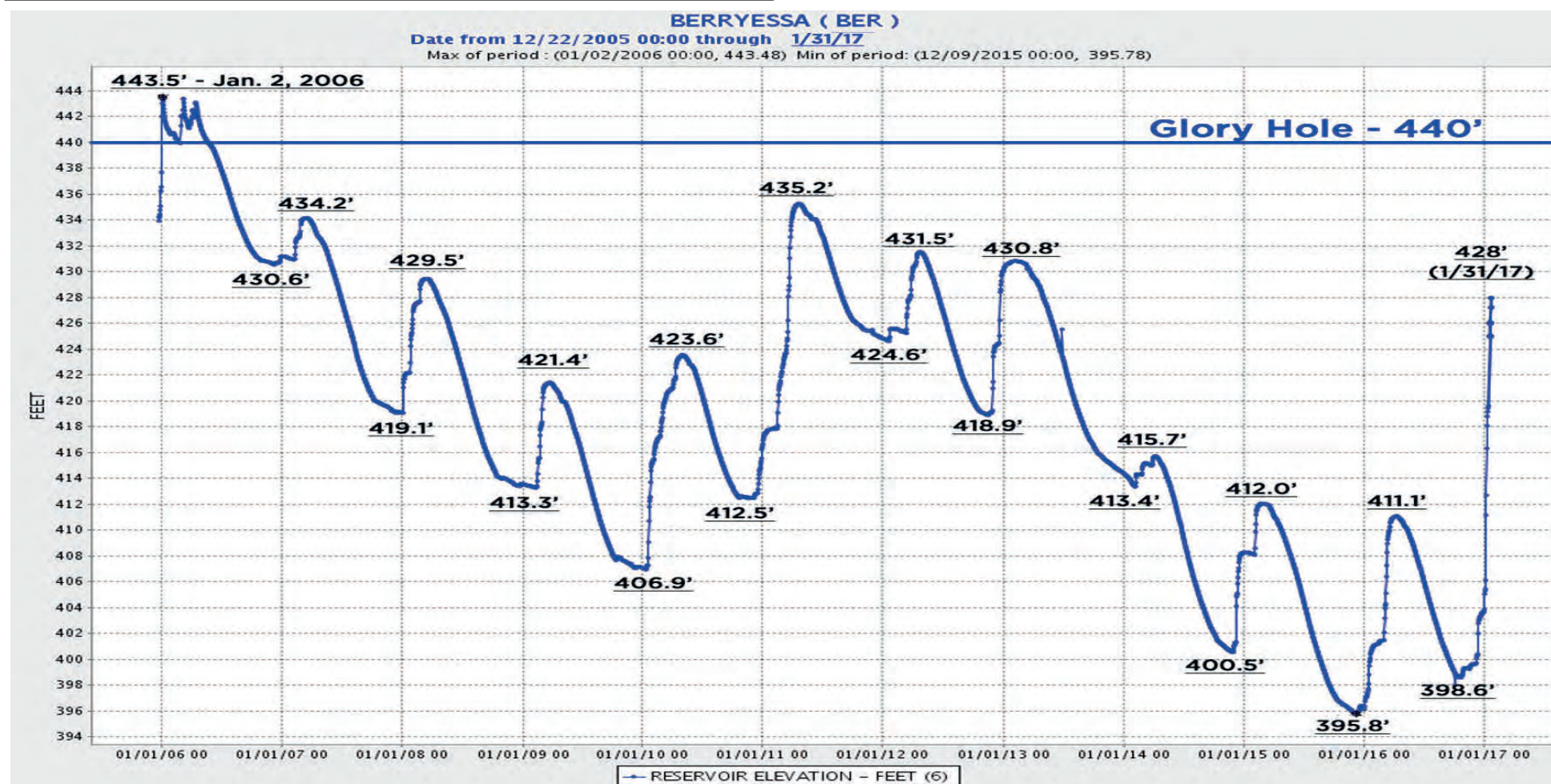



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Napa County Cares about Lake Berryessa - Finally!

Napa County wants a little help from the state and federal governments for affordable housing, a Lake Berryessa recreation revival and a host of other items contained in a 30-page booklet with 39 issues.

The County is considering whether to take over managing the Bureau of Reclamation's stalled effort to redevelop five Lake Berryessa resorts.

The Department of the Interior and Bureau of Reclamation are suffering some personnel shuffles during the transition to a new administration in Washington. Deputy County Executive Officer Molly Rattigan expressed concern that the Bureau of Reclamation might name a new point person for the talks between the county and the agency.

"I think changing who's on that project right now would be very detrimental to us," Rattigan said. Rattigan was referring to the promotions of several Reclamation high-level officials to temporary "acting" positions during the presidential transition.

Louis Moore, Reclamation Deputy Public Affairs Officer told the Lake Berryessa News in a telephone interview that these personnel changes were only temporary until President Trump made new appointments for Secretary of the Interior and Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner.

Moore said this temporary change should not affect the ongoing process between Napa County and Reclamation.

Rattigan is leading the Lake Berryessa project for the County. She is working with consultants from Ragatz Sedgwick Realty which was chosen for its knowledge and experience in developing hotels, resorts and other recreational opportunities.

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.

Richard Ragatz has been in Napa touring the closed resorts, gathering information, and meeting with, among others, the Bureau of Reclamation, Visit Napa Valley staff, and members of the Board of Directors of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber Board members came away from their meeting with Ragatz and Rattigan last week with a renewed sense of optimism for the future of the lake. The Chamber will do everything it can to help achieve the goal of a "Renaissance Lake Berryessa".

But we'll need your help. A survey is being developed to get public input about what people like about Lake Berryessa and what recreational amenities they desire to see in the future.

As Richard Ragatz put it, he'd like to "hear your thoughts about anything you think might be helpful in educating potential concessionaires and developers about why Lake Berryessa is a darn good place to do business."

Water In, Water Out, But From Where?

The rain causing the rapid increase in lake levels raises questions for some about where all the water comes from and where it goes. The lake is rising and lower Putah Creek is flowing fast, but not much water is being released from the dam. And some people question why any water is being released from Lake Berryessa when it is not yet full.

Many people don't understand that Lake Berryessa was created for: 1. Irrigation in Solano County, 2. Drinking water (now for 500,000 people). Recreational use was not considered a priority because of the large swings in water level expected. Many also don't realize that Napa County gets little of Lake Berryessa water except for the small villages scattered around the lake like the Berryessa Highlands, Spanish Flat, Berryessa Pines, and Berryessa Estates. But that's a political history story for another day.

The watershed 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.

Although there's a lot of water flowing in Lower Putah Creek, nearly 90% of the Putah Creek watershed is above Lake Berryessa, and most of the rain is flowing into Lake Berryessa NOT OUT OF IT. Nearly all of the flow in Putah Creek near Winters today is from the main

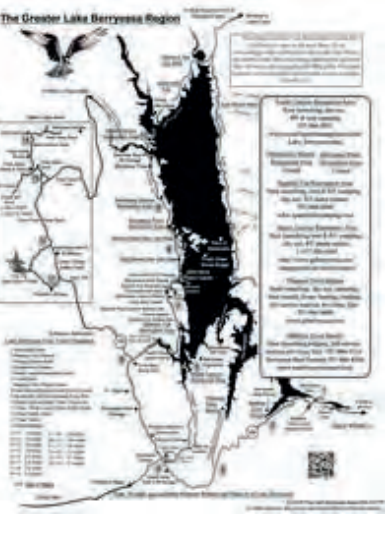
creeks below Lake Berryessa.

There are four main creeks below Berryessa. They are Wildhorse Creek (Cold Creek) right next to the Monticello Dam, Pleasant's Creek which empties into Lake Solano, and McCune Creek and Dry Creek below the Diversion Dam just upstream of the railroad bridge at Winters.

For example, the total flow out of Lake Berryessa was 1,625 acre-feet (AF) for January, 2017. During that same period, the lake's capacity rose by 399,970 AF. The output was only 0.4% of the input. (1 CFS = 1.98 acre-feet per day; 1 AF = 325,851 US gallons per day)

The Solano Irrigation District monitors this and actually reduces flows from the bottom of Lake Berryessa during rain events to conserve as much water as possible in the

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lake. But the flow needs to be at least 45 CFS in order to properly operate the power house - this has been the average outflow every day for the full month of January, 2017.

The photos below show what a difference a year makes!



**Napa County Rural Code Enforcement:
Compliance Officers, Delivery Persons, and
Delivery Drones**

Back in November, 2016 the Lake Berryessa News covered a code enforcement flap in the Berryessa Highlands stating, “Recent actions proposed by Napa County to implement a new "Neighborhood Improvement Program" have caused some consternation in the Berryessa Highlands.” This process is apparently still ongoing, but the County is working to clarify the issues involved by preparing a 38-page, proposed code compliance manual to let code compliance officers, accused violators and the public know what to expect.

Among other things, the proposed manual says property owners have a right to privacy. Code compliance officers can’t fish for violations by standing in a truck bed to peer over a tall fence or looking through a knothole. Think of a code compliance officer as a delivery person, the manual says. Anywhere a delivery person can go, a compliance officer can go.

But in the era of drones a person can see into a backyard without climbing a fence. The irony is that Amazon is experimenting with drone delivery. Does this mean that, to use the County’s own analogy, anywhere a delivery drone can go, a compliance officer can go?

County Code Enforcement Supervisor David Giudice said he’s aware of the privacy issues associated with drones. The Code Compliance Department doesn’t even own a drone. The county would need a court order or inspection warrant to use a drone to look for violations in backyards.

At least one complaint from a resident about a possible code violation included personal drone footage as evidence. Since the code compliance violations are usually received as citizen complaints, and the names of the complainants

remain anonymous, this puts the department in an awkward position.

This “turn in your neighbors” approach has always been problematic, especially for minor compliance issues used as a weapon by one neighbor against another. Code enforcement officers are often put in situations where they are considered the bad guys, when actually they are simply doing their jobs as professionals. They are definitely not sneaking around looking for people to harass.

Still, Giudice said drones could be useful. He mentioned a grading project in the Berryessa area that’s created a huge erosion issue. The county has permission to go on the property, but doing a drone flyover would be easier than traversing rough terrain.

The code compliance manual outlines the steps the county will take when dealing with possible code violations. An initial step is to work with the property owner for voluntary compliance, as opposed to immediately seeking a fine.

Another approach would be to give code compliance officers the ability to use their judgment. The county might want to suspend penalties if a violator is making a good-faith effort to correct a problem.

Napa County has a code enforcement supervisor and four compliance officers, with code compliance being part of the Building Division of Planning, Building and Environmental Services.

The Board of Supervisors will consider making code compliance its own division. That move would include adding a code compliance-process improvement manager.

Fishing With Sid at Lake Berryessa

I finally made it up to the lake after almost three months. What a difference! The lake looks great, and I was so excited to get out there and fish. John, Albert and I headed out on Saturday morning. The fog was pretty thick with less than twenty feet of visibility. We slowly headed towards the Narrows looking for cleaner water. Our first stop was at the back of the Monticello Ski School to see how it looked. To my surprise their were about six other boats who had the same idea.

We drop shot for about five minutes and then I decided to go to the dam thinking the water would be clearer there. It was a little better and we caught the first bass on a Speed Trap lure . We then headed back to the main lake to the mountain now under water by the Ranch House.

We were drop shooting with one hit that John missed. We checked out some other spots, but the water was so dark and the debris was so thick that I decided to head toward home. We made one stop at the rock mountain by Spanish Flats which is under water for the first time in several years. Even with our best efforts the fish were not interested. However, it won't be too long before the fishing will be great.



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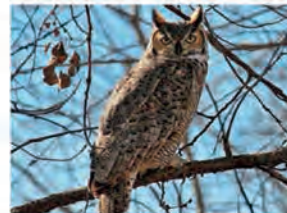
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Bass Spawning: Temperature Not Moonlight

April and May are the prime spawning months for largemouth bass. The bass actually spawn later at Clear Lake compared to nearby lakes because the water stays cooler later in the spring.

For example, the water at Lake Berryessa normally averages at least five degrees warmer than Clear Lake. One reason the water is colder at Clear Lake is because of its altitude. The lake is at 1,328 feet, which means the nights are much colder compared to the lower-elevation lakes. The bass at Clear Lake often spawn until well into June.

According to fishery biologists, length of the day and water temperature is 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 the egg laden-females begin to stage near the 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 species survival.

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 degrees. 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 the 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.

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.

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.

February Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): While you admire his technical execution and admit he had a nice gimmick going, you have no idea who Michelangelo’s target market was.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You’ve read the instructions on how it’s made, talked to people who claim to have made it, even seen videos of people making it, but you can’t shake the feeling that when it comes to toast the toaster does all the work.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Just as you’re coming to terms with the challenges and rewards of living alone, you begin to suspect someone else is alive out in the radioactive rubble.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Sometimes you feel like the whole world is spinning, spinning, spinning at a dizzying rate, causing the passage of day and night as well as fearsome Coriolis winds in the tropics.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You’re the kind of boring person doomed to be alone while trying to solve all the problems instead of hanging out with the cool people while assigning blame.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): No offense, but when got into this business, dealing with empty and meaningless futures like yours sure as hell wasn’t what it had in mind.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You’ll finally get into shape this week, though which one exactly, isn’t clear yet.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Try to break your habit of turning to anonymous sources for general advice on your problems.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You’ll confront your problems head-on this Thursday, which is rather unfortunate, as your problems involve a mountain goat.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You’ll finally open up about your innermost hopes and dreams this week, though the whole thing will be pretty hard to hear with everyone laughing so damn hard.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Lately it seems all your imaginary friends just want to sit around all day and watch television.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Clear and direct communication is key to a successful marriage. Try ending all of your domestic exchanges with “Roger that, good buddy.”



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by Soddy McWombat

I have loved camping since I was a small child. And I’m talking about rough camping with a tent or tarp for shelter and the barest minimum of luxuries. I am not referring to “camping” in a large motorhome equipped with a full bathroom, squishy full-size bed and a full kitchen. That is what my wife considers camping, bless her heart, and I have to admit I do enjoy it as well, especially on longer vacations.

But several times a year I venture into the woods with only what I can fit in the back of my small Jeep, and spend a few days by myself away from the distractions of television, phones, email, computers, and annoying people. I have a little “secret” camping spot about 100 miles from home that is perfect—a small flat area about 100 yards away from the dirt road, behind some trees and next to a pristine creek. If I remain quiet, the few cars that go by don’t even know I’m there.

Some of you may have watched my video article “Bug Out Basics–The Acid Test” on Guns and Gunsmiths where I went camping with nothing but my small bug-out bag.



No tent, sleeping bag, propane stove or any of the usual stuff you might take on a camping trip. It was fun, and educational, but not very comfortable—especially at 4 o’clock in the mornings when the temperature plummeted to about freezing. However when I go camping just for the heck of it, I usually take some luxuries—after all, it’s supposed to be fun and relaxing, right?

But recently I woke up and wondered who was the old man in the mirror looking back at me, and I now find that there are some things about camping that are definitely not as easy as when I was a younger man. What to do? Give up camping? Never! We must adapt and overcome the difficulties faced in our senior years and continue to live life to the max!

So, over the last couple of years I have added a few new



items to my camping supplies that are more suited to my senior situation. Most of them have to do with getting off the ground. As a young lad, I could spring up and down from the dirt just by uncrossing my legs, my hands usually full of beer and burgers. Not any more! Now I grunt and groan like a wounded bear and struggle to maintain any hint of dignity as I lumber to my feet and then try not to lose balance and fall back down again. Embarrassing! So here are a few of the “mod cons” I now take camping.

Dining Table and Chair

It is never particularly comfortable to squat on the ground with a plate of beans balanced on your lap when dining al fresco in the bush. So now I always take along a folding camp chair and a small kiddies fold-up table I picked up at my local Costco. All I need now is a set of fine china and candelabra, right? The table is also handy just for keeping things out of the dirt when relaxing around the campfire.

Camping Cot

Sleeping on the ground is fine until you wake up in the middle of the night with an urgent need to go outside and water the trees (something that also seems to happen more frequently as we age). It’s hard enough trying to unzip the sleeping bag with frozen fingers without then having to struggle to your knees, crawl out of the tent and stand up without tripping over the tent guy lines in the dark. So I added an inexpensive fold-up cot that at least allows me to swing my legs over and get into some semblance of a sitting position first.

Hammock

This Christmas I asked for (and received) a specialty camping hammock. These have several advantages over tents and cots—you can set them up over rough ground and not feel every rock in your back, you can set them at a comfortable sitting height for easy in and out, and by golly it is so much more comfortable than the cot I was

telling you about above. A camping hammock is also much smaller than a tent, so it is great when backpacking.

You do need some “accessories” for your hammock such as a tarp to erect over the top in case of rain or drop bears, a mosquito net if it is that time of the year, and an under-blanket or pad to stop your backside from freezing when the cold wind blows.

Toilet

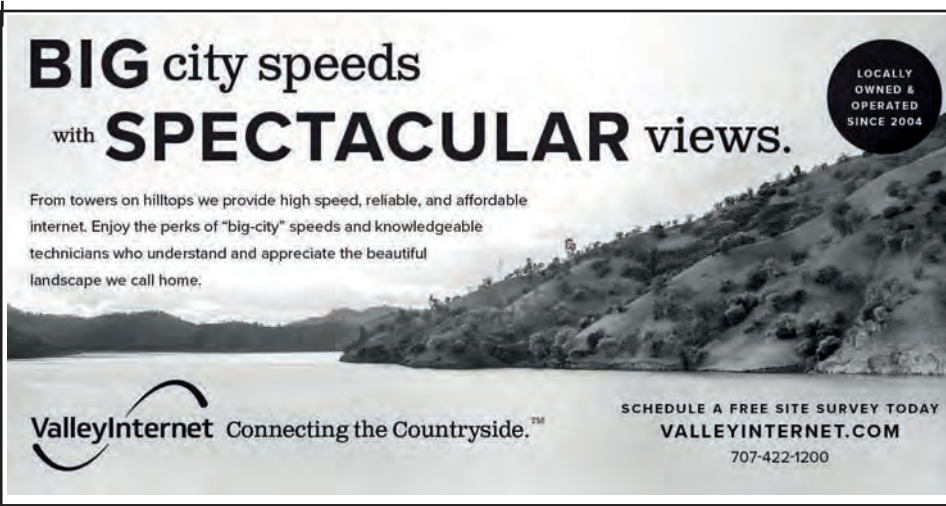
OK, here’s where it gets ugly. I’m afraid to say that I am too old to squat without the fear of falling backwards, my pants tightly wrapped around my ankles, and trying to avoid what I just left on the ground! A portable toilet which is nothing more than a seat on a lightweight frame now gets set up over a small foxhole a respectable distance from my campsite, along with a roll of TP and a small shovel for burying the evidence.



Illumination

Older eyes need more light. Sorry, but that’s a fact, so I also added a great little battery-powered LED lamp. It can stand on the table, or hang from the tent roof or a tree, and last about 80 hours on the low setting. It is much more convenient than a propane lantern, and the new LED bulbs last a long time. I found mine on Amazon for a very good price. My old Coleman propane lantern now collects cobwebs in the garage.

Other than these, my camping equipment is pretty much the same as when I was younger and more agile. But with the addition of these few concessions to old age, I can still look forward to a camping trip and have a great time in the bush without falling down, hurting my knees, getting really dirty and taking ibuprofen for all the resultant aches and pains.



Spare the Air Days - Wood Burning For Heat - Update

Several years ago I wrote an article about wood burning exemptions that applied to some people in rural areas such as Lake Berryessa. BAAQMD has released a policy paper that clarifies the issue. BAAQMD removed the exemption for residences using propane rather than natural gas provided by a utility company.

The Woodsmoke Rule states that you are exempt from the Burn Ban if wood-burning is your only source of space heat and your wood-burning device is an EPA-certified device that is registered with the Air District. If you have another form of permanently-installed space heating, then you may not use your wood-burning device during a Burn Ban.

These other forms of permanently-installed heating include central forced-air furnace, wall heaters, radiant heaters, baseboard heaters, or other forms of permanently-installed heating powered by natural gas, propane, or electricity. You may still be exempt from the Burn Ban if you have space-heating that is not permanently installed, such as a portable electric heater that can be moved from room to room.

The Woodsmoke Rule states that during a Winter Spare the Air Alert, it is illegal to use any wood-burning device such as fireplaces, woodstoves, or pellet stoves in the Bay Area. The Woodsmoke Rule has three “limited exemptions” that allow people in specific situations to burn wood during a Burn Ban:

Sole Source of Heat (Section 6-3-110)

Non-functional, Permanently-Installed Heater (Section 6-3-111)

Loss of Natural Gas and/or Electric Power (Section 6-3-112)

The intent of the Sole Source of Heat Exemption is to allow use of wood-burning devices when another form of space heating is not available. Therefore, if you are in an area that does not have natural gas service, but you have a permanently-installed heater (for instance, propane), then you are not exempt from the Burn Ban.

If there is no electrical service in an area provided by a public utility, then the burn ban does not apply unless another form of permanently-installed heat is available. You are also exempt during a power outage or if your space heater (gas or electric) is broken.

See the BAAQMD web site foe more details:

<http://www.sparetheair.org/stay-informed/particulate-matter/wood-smoke/regulation>

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wants you to know that

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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. The Capell Public Launch Ramp is closed but may reopen before the end of January due to recent rains.

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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4 **Update Regarding the Lake Berryessa Kokanee Fishery**
By Garry Erck, President – CIFI & Gary Coe, President Kokanee Power

Many people have noticed the decline in the kokanee fishery at Lake Berryessa – and quite honestly it’s a concern to all; with many folks suggesting that we need to drastically increase the kokanee plants at Berryessa to revive the fishery.

But good science and not anecdotal information must rule the day and the DFW has some interesting information they have gathered about Berryessa and may have a better understanding of what is happening.

A study over the past 18 months has been conducted on Lake Berryessa; in the hopes of identifying why the kokanee fishery has declined there. By using water quality samples from late 2015 and through 2016, the DFW has discovered that the dissolved oxygen content of Lake Berryessa is lower than needed for a thriving kokanee fishery. During the sample period, dissolved oxygen was measured at a level of 2; a level of 5 is needed for kokanee to thrive.

The runoff that fills Lake Berryessa is rain not snow – thus, the water entering the lake is warmer than other lakes that receive their water from snowmelt (think Pardee, Melones, Pedro). Speculation is when Berryessa’s capacity level drops somewhere below 60% capacity, the hypolimnium, the lower layer of water in a stratified lake, typically cooler than the water above and relatively stagnant, is very small and that results in very low dissolved oxygen levels - causing a kokanee die off.

When Berryessa fills, the hypolimnium layer is thicker and greater dissolved oxygen is available. Many may ask, why have we not seen this earlier? Keep in mind this is the first extended drought we have experienced since kokanee have been planted in Lake Berryessa.

The last extended drought was 1986-1991; before kokanee were ever planted in Berryessa. Kyle mentioned that he was able to find sparse records noting a very low dissolved oxygen level during the 1976-1977 drought. More work is to be done, but this is good fact-based work.

The 2015 kokanee egg take resulted in

57,000 kokanee fry being planted in California lakes. All of these fingerlings were planted in Stampede during the spring of 2016. Eggs brought from Washington State resulted in 500,000 kokanee fingerlings planted in all the other lakes that received plants in 2016.

The 2016 kokanee egg take for California was zero eggs. Approximately 1 million eggs are expected from Washington State in January 2017, with an expected plant size of approximately 825,000 fingerlings planted in the spring of 2017.

All Chinook planted in California lakes currently come from the Klamath River. They are "triploidized" and placed into our various inland lakes. Actual Chinook plant numbers are determined after Klamath River mitigation numbers are met (Federally Mandated).

If there are extra eggs, these are the candidates for planting into other lakes. The 2016 plant numbers for inland Chinook was 18,000 fingerlings in Shasta, 2,200 in Trinity, 1,800 in Whiskeytown and 42,000 Chinook fingerlings planted into Folsom Lake.

Triploid Trout Getting Bigger in Lake Berryessa

The previous article regarding the kokanee fishery mentioned that all kokanee planted in California are “triploidized”. The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) stocked the first 3,400 pounds (6,800 fish) of catchable “triploid” rainbow trout in Lake Berryesss on February 15, 2011. I wrote an article regarding triploid trout in the Lake Berryessa News in 2011. I was reminded of that when Marcia and Judy at the Spanish Flat Country Store told me a few weeks ago that anglers had been coming in with 5 pound rainbow trout!

Through the mandated environmental impact studies done on California’s trout stocking program, it was found that the steelhead, a federally threatened species, could interbreed with the non-native strains of hatchery trout that could escape out the dam.

So in order to protect the genetic integrity of the native steelhead, only the sterile triploids are allowed to be stocked in Lake

Berryessa. The release standard is two trout per pound. The target was to release 40,000 pounds of triploids in the lake (80,000 fish) in the first year.

Although some folks described them as “frankenfish” the triploid trout are normal rainbows, not genetically-engineered. They have been raised to be sterile but look, fight, and taste just the same.

With no ability to reproduce, triploids focus all of their energy on eating and growing large - sometimes to exaggerated proportions. But the largest of them, 20 pounds and above, are found in the lakes of Washington and Idaho.

Triploids are rare but natural phenomena in the wild. To create thousands of them at a time took scientific experimentation. The science behind creating these fish happens during the incubation of the trout eggs.



When trout spawn, the female’s eggs possess two sets of chromosomes and the male’s sperm possess one set. After the eggs are fertilized, the chromosomes recombine and each egg inherits one set of chromosomes from the female and another set from the male — similar to humans. The third set is then kicked out of the egg. Rarely in the wild, an egg will “forget” to kick out the third set and the fish becomes what is known as a triploid (possessing three sets of chromosomes).

Triploid fish look, swim, jump, and taste like normal fish, except for one important difference—they never develop normal eggs or sperm and are unable to reproduce (i.e., they are sterile).

Through experimentation with this natural process, researchers found that they could create triploid trout both by exposing trout eggs to pressure and by placing trout eggs in a warm water bath shortly after fertilization. Both processes inhibit a trout egg’s ability to kick out that third set of chromosomes and a triploid fish is born. California’s DFG is currently using the pressure method for the production of their triploids.

The DFG plants catchable rainbows after they grow to a half-pound as part of a “put & catch” fishery that is designed for anglers to have at them for a short time. Survivability and growth are not a goal of the program. There will not be an attempt to engineer monster-size trout.

These “put & catch” fish are meant specifically for anglers to catch. A rule of thumb is that there is a 50% catch rate by anglers during the first 6 months to a year of fishing. But some percent of each plant will survive and grow. All rainbow trout have the potential for large growth spurts if they find a healthy spot, but it is unknown whether a triploid in Lake Berryessa will grow any larger than a fertile fish.

Trout feed on small insects, minnows, crustaceans and worms.

Aquatic and terrestrial insects are the main sources of natural food for trout. The triploids are not expected to have a negative effect on the number of other game fish in the lake.

Five years ago I speculated that we wouldn’t know the result for several years. Well here we are in 2017 with very large trout being caught. How many really big ones live in Lake Berryessa is unknown, as is how large they may finally get.

A lazy person like me would probably rather catch two ten-pound trout than ten two-pounders that I’d have to clean. Besides fishing is for the fun of the catch, so real anglers would rather catch more small fish than a few bigger ones (right?).

Lake Level Status: 2/1/17

The lake level has hit 428 feet - 12 feet below Glory Hole. Looking forward to seeing the impact of the coming storms.

The lake level at this time last year was 401 feet, 27 feet lower than today.

The level has risen 29.4 feet since its low of 398.6 feet on 10/23/16.

Rainfall total remains at 26.74 inches.

At the present level, Lake Berryessa holds 1,333,162 acre-feet of water - 83.3% of its 1,600,000 A-F capacity.

A man to a psychiatrist: “How do you select who should be admitted to your facility?”

The psychiatrist replies: “We fill a bathtub with water and give the person a spoon, a cup and a bucket. Then we ask that person to empty the bathtub.”

The man smiles: “Ah, I understand, if you are sane you would take the bucket.”

The Psychiatrist replies: “No, a sane guy pulls the plug. Do you want a room with or without a balcony?”

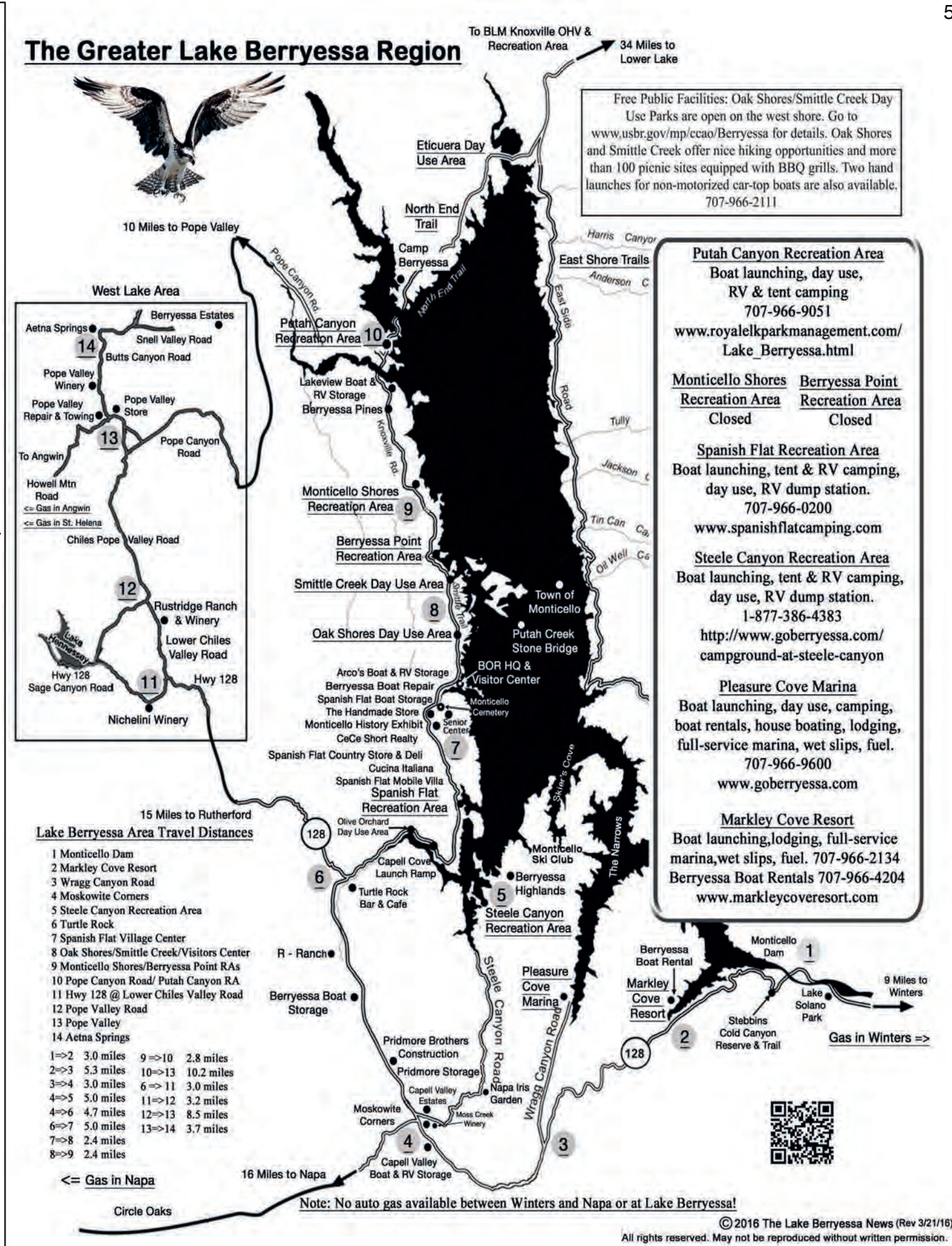
Wow you look great! Did you lose weight? “Hey – did you just call me ugly and fat in retrospect?!”

Hearing voices in your head is normal. Listening to them is quite common. Arguing with them – acceptable. It is only when you lose that argument that you get in real trouble.

Anton, do you think I’m a bad mother? My name is Paul.

After many years of studying at a university, I’ve finally become a PhD... or Pizza Hut Deliveryman as people say.

A German, an American and a Russian walk into a bar. The bartender looks at them suspiciously and says, “Is this some kind of a joke?”



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Lake Berryessa Takes A Full Breath of Fresh Water Glory Hole Goes Viral!

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Lake Berryessa is almost a living creature. It breathes in and out, grows and shrinks. But it breathes water not air and breathes in during the winter and out during the summer. Actually it is always breathing out a bit through Monticello Dam all year long.

The last time the lake took a full breath was January, 2006 when the level reached 443.5 feet above mean sea level (msl). For the last ten years the lake has breathed out more than in, it's shallowest breath occurring in October 2016 when the lake level dropped to 398.6 feet.

On February 21, 2017 Lake Berryessa finally took another big deep breath and reached its second highest lake level in history - 443.6 feet msl - a 45 foot rise - the second fastest rise in its 58 year history.

This was above the highest lake level in 11 years. It was only 3.1 feet lower than the highest level in lake history - 446.7 feet in 1983 - 6.7 feet above Glory Hole.

The fastest rise was 61 feet in 1995 - and the lake never even got to Glory Hole level that time. The lake level has only reached Glory Hole 26 times in 58 years.

Rainfall total as measured at Monticello Dam has risen to 41.5 inches as of 3/8/17. This is the second highest amount in 20 years with the 97-98 season hitting 46.3" and 40.6" during the 05-06 season.

Lake Berryessa and our Glory Hole (Morning Glory) Spillway became famous nationally and worldwide during February due to the amazing drone videos by our Lake Berryessa News Drone piloted by FAA-certified drone operator Evan Kilkus.

Lake Berryessa has been featured in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, on CBS This Morning and more.

The two latest Lake Berryessa News Drone videos have gone viral on YouTube reaching 2,641,000 views and 490,000 views respectively.

Glory Hole Spill Watch History

Lake Berryessa water washed over and into the Glory Hole on Feb. 12, 2017 at 1:45 PM for the first time in 11 years! Granted it was helped by California Marine Sports wakeboard boats on a beautiful, clear sunny Sunday, but before

Why Does Lake Berryessa Exist?

Many people still think that the lake was created as a water recreation resource. This is not true. The Solano Project, which includes the Monticello Dam, Putah Diversion Dam, and the Putah South Canal was created primarily

been fully paid off by the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA).

The Solano Project is a locally managed project, but Reclamation has the ultimate oversight responsibility, and conducts periodic inspections of all the facilities. SCWA holds the master contract with Reclamation for the operation of the Project. SCWA then contracts the Solano Irrigation District (SID) to assist with the daily operations.

SCWA has a long-term Operation, Maintenance, and Replacement Agreement (OMRA) with Reclamation from the buoy line in front of Monticello Dam down to the Terminal Reservoir. Terminal Reservoir is located in Green Valley at the end of Reservoir Lane.

SCWA conducts extensive monitoring of flows, stage levels, reservoirs levels, weather data, and other operations-related activities for the Solano Project. SCWA is also the water wholesaler for the Solano Project, with long-term water rights agreements with Solano Irrigation District, Maine Prairie Water District, UC Davis, Vacaville, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vallejo, and Benicia.

Help Plan the Future of Lake Berryessa!

The County of Napa, in conjunction with Bureau of Reclamation, is contemplating re-development of five of the Lake Berryessa Recreation Areas as new, well-managed resorts open for public use. We are requesting your assistance by completing the following on-line survey.

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/H0B5lh>

(See Page 4 for details.)



anyone objects that this doesn't count, we were MAKING history.

It was REAL Lake Berryessa water flowing over the lip of Glory Hole. And it was also a bit of good fun the large crowd on hand. Feel the Lake Berryessa spirit after all these years of government turmoil.

2/16/17: Lake Berryessa "officially" hit 439.9 feet - 1 inch below Glory Hole at 7 PM! Wind pushed some small waves over the lip. We really didn't count this because the lake level was not at 440 feet. The water was just below the lip.

2/17/17: Lake Berryessa OFFICIALLY HIT THE TOP of the Glory Hole Spillway, 400.0 feet, at 1 A.M! It went back to 439.9' at 3:30 A.M. and back to 440' at 5:45 A.M. It was stable at 440.0' as of 6 A.M.

2/21/17: Lake Berryessa hit 443.6 feet, 3.6 feet above Glory Hole, the second highest level in history.

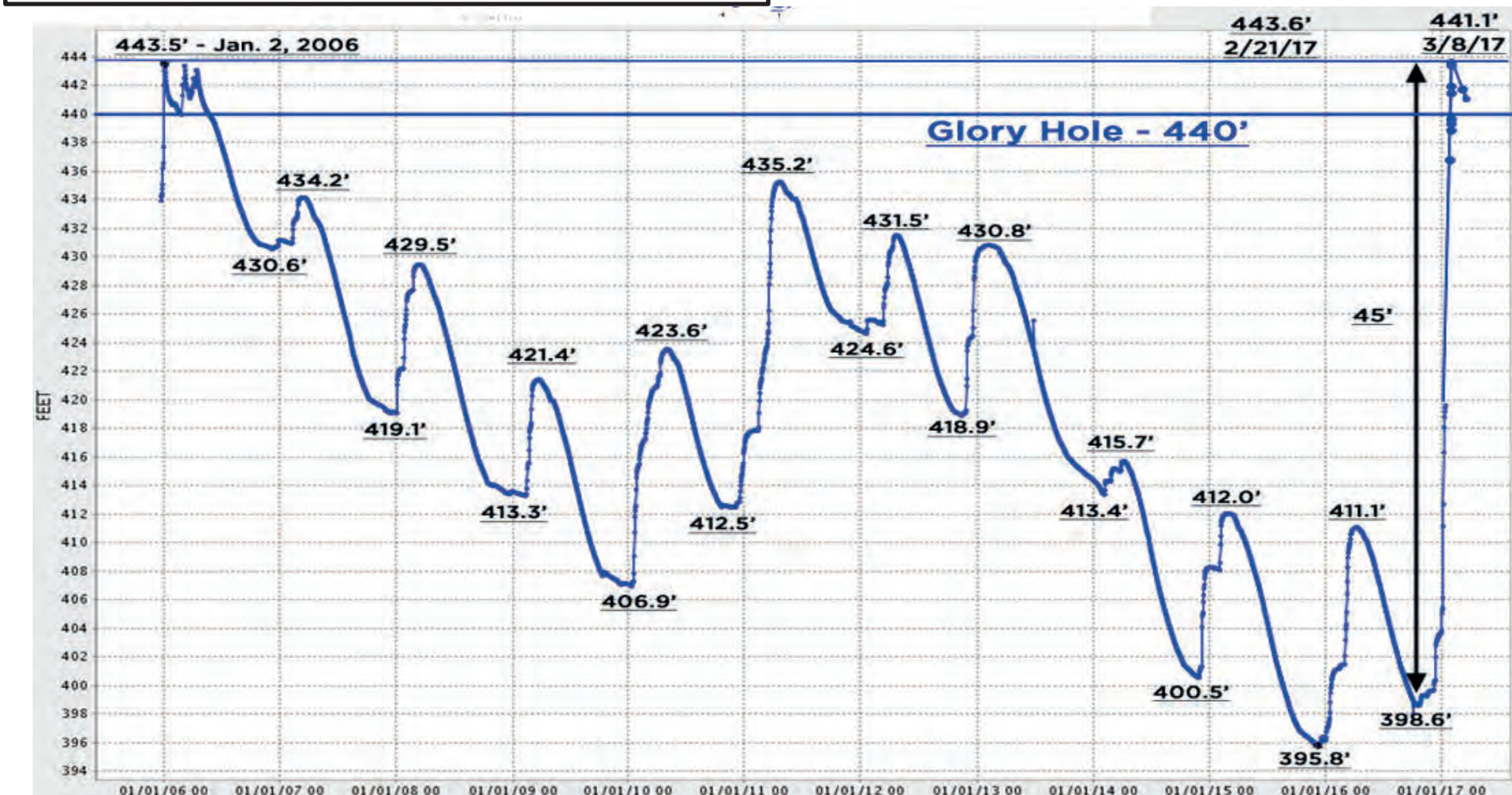
for agricultural irrigation. The secondary purposes were for municipal (drinking water) and industrial uses (brewing Budweiser beer) in Solano County.

The federal government never expected the lake to be used for recreation. The recreational benefits are considered a bonus, not a goal. Napa County gave up all rights to the use of Lake Berryessa water. Only small amounts are used to supply the residential developments, such as the Berryessa Highlands and others, around the lake.

Who Owns Lake Berryessa?

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is the owner of the Solano Project which includes Lake Berryessa, Monticello Dam, Lake Solano, Putah Diversion Dam, Putah South Canal, and Terminal Reservoir.

The Solano Project was built and funded by Reclamation (federal government), but the original loan has

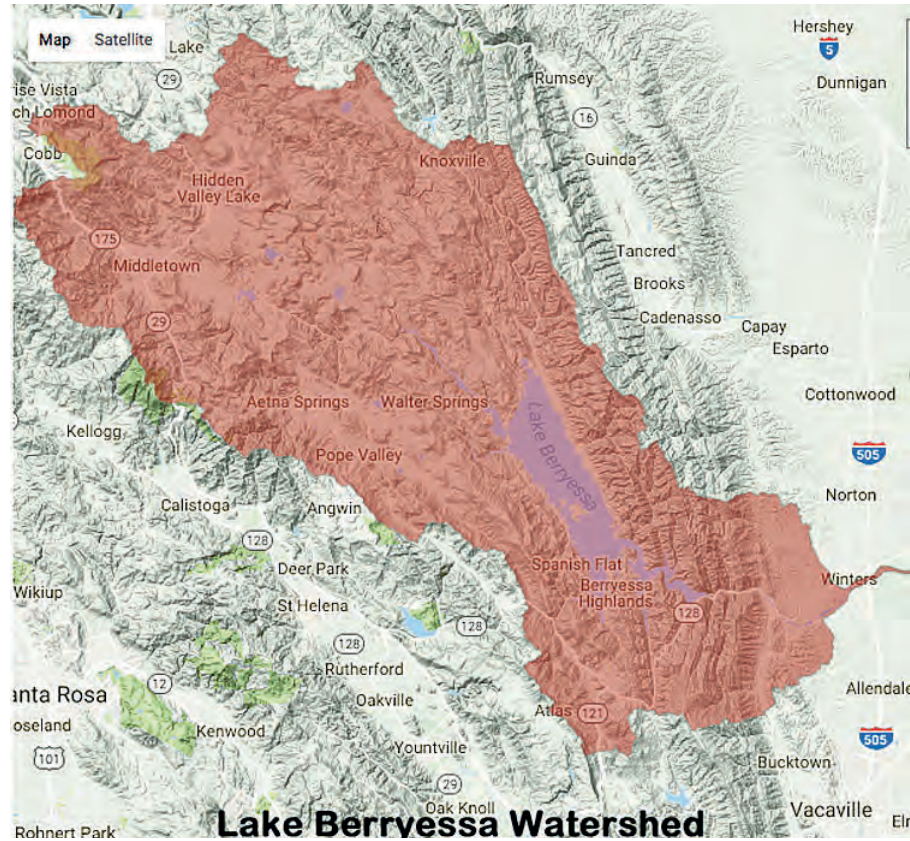


2 **Measuring Levels and Rainfall**
The Lake Berryessa water level is actually measured on the Monticello Dam in a “stilling well” equipped with a float tape attached to a digital rotary encoder that measures accurately to 0.01 ft. Rainfall is measured using a tipping bucket rain gauge. However, the rain gauge on the top of Monticello Dam has never been very representative of precipitation in the overall Lake Berryessa area. The location, surrounded by mountains on two sides with a strong up-draft coming up the canyon and over the dam, prevents getting reliable data. SCWA is considering changing this gauge location.

Rainfall measurements at the dam may not be representative of the area, but they are also not the best indicator of how fast the lake may rise.

The Lake Berryessa watershed encompasses the 576–square mile area primarily fed by Putah Creek which originates from springs on the eastside of Cobb Mountain in Lake County. Putah Creek enters Napa County about 11 miles east of Middletown. It merges with Butts Creek just before it empties into Lake Berryessa.

Therefore, rainfall over the Cobb Mountain and Middletown areas provides the bulk of water entering Lake Berryessa. One reason that Lake Berryessa rose so quickly in 2017 was the very heavy rainfall that has occurred in those areas.



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Forever Resorts or Suntex Marinas: Who Owns Pleasure Cove?
Rumors have been circulating for several months that Suntex is buying Pleasure Cove. Many people, including Pleasure Cove staff, believe that Suntex is already the new owner. This is not accurate according to the Bureau of Reclamation.
Officially, according to Reclamation, there has been "no completed purchase". The two parties (Forever Resorts and Suntex) are in discussions and in the process of resolving some issues. If the parties reach agreement Reclamation then has its own procedures it must follow to complete the transaction. Reclamation is only an interested observer at the present time. If things work out between the parties, Reclamation wishes to have the Pleasure Cove transition completed by the beginning of the upcoming recreation season.

Suntex would be acquiring Pleasure Cove "as is" which means they will be held to the terms of the original Pleasure Cove contract - there will be no new contract negotiations according to Reclamation. Since Pleasure Cove is already 8 years into a 30 year contract with a 10 year extension option, Suntex would be buying into a 32 year contract.

From the perspective of the present Napa County project to evaluate the benefits of the County entering into a Managing Partner Agreement with Reclamation to manage the Lake Berryessa Recreation Areas, this is a positive development. It indicates that at least one large national marina management company sees a profitable business opportunity at the lake.

Lake Berryessa Hits Full Capacity, But 51,708 Acre-Feet Are Missing!
The world-wide attention focused on Lake Berryessa’s Glory Hole Spillway overflowing for the first time in a decade raised some questions from some sharp-eyed observers. Using the published standard capacity of 1,602,000 acre-feet (AF), they noticed that as the level approached the 440 foot mark (100%), the capacity was less than that figure. In fact, at 440 feet (100%) the official storage value was only 96.2% of capacity - a 3.7% discrepancy.
The 1,602,000 AF is a number that was derived from the original Area-Capacity curve developed from surveys of the empty lake bed when the project was being built. In 2007 the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) performed a comprehensive bathymetric survey of Lake Berryessa to look at sediment accumulation over the last 50 years of the project. Another goal was to verify the accuracy of the Area-Capacity curve. The sedimentation in the lake was determined to be less than expected - minimal considering the 50 year life of the project. A new dataset was developed which can be compared to any future bathymetric study to accurately determine the actual sedimentation rate. The scuba divers who went down to the old Putah Creek Stone Bridge found only a few inches of fine silt on the bridge surface.

During this study a new Area-Capacity curve was developed that was slightly lower than the previous curve. This new lake level versus capacity was officially adopted by the Reclamation and SCWA in 2009. The new curve has a lake capacity of 1,551,292 AF at a level of 440 feet - 50,708 AF less. The difference between the present and former AC curves is a combination of some sedimentation and the difference in technology used to derive the new curve. Obviously another traditional survey of the dry lake bed will not be possible. The bathymetric survey was the only option that could be used to provide a dataset that could be compared in future studies.

The new AC curve has been officially accepted by Reclamation, but the old 1,602,000 AF is still used by most agencies. That figure remains in public descriptions of lake capacity and is proving to be very hard to change since it’s been used for so long.

Bib & Tucker Berryessa Bass Tournament - March 3, 2017
THANKS to the 26 Teams that fished the Bib & Tucker Berryessa Bass Tournaments TOC for the 2015-2016 Season on Friday March 3, 2017 hosted out of Markley Cove.
The Buckhorn hosted a great dinner Thursday night with a Bib & Tucker tasting! Friday morning we had a great blast off with four flights. The morning was warm with a little breeze on the lake, but mostly a calm day. The main lake was the place to be fishing, and teams were mostly catching fish that were staging. Teams reported catching fish on jigs, A-rigs, drop-shot, and crankbaits!

Who will win that trip to Hawaii to fish for Peacock Bass? Looks like our AOY winners also won the Tournament of Champions! First Place winner for the trip to Kauai went to Devin Dick & Toby Farkas with a great sack that weighed 26.82 lbs anchored with a 8.67 lb kicker for 1st Place Big Fish!

With a 5.92 lb kicker, Second Place went to Dave Boettger and John Cregan who brought in a sack that weighed 20.88 lbs. Third Place went to Mike Ryland & Mike Sidebottom with a solid sack that weighed in at 19.53 lbs. With a Fourth Place finish, John Bounds & Jamie Clifton weighed in 18.71 lbs and a 6.28 lb kicker for 2nd Place Big Fish. In Fifth Place, with a sack of 18.64 lbs was Ryan O’Shea & Steve Morton. In Sixth Place, Gary Okusako & Dave Symmons weighed in 17.47 lbs. First out of the money was Ron ‘PJ’ Bruggeman Jr. & John Pearl with a sack of 17.34 lbs.

Thanks to all the teams for supporting the Bib & Tucker Berryessa Bass Tournaments Circuit! Thanks to our Sponsor’s: P-Line, Ficelle’s Bistro, Tomat’s Restaurant, Kasoku Teriyaki & More, Dobyns Rods, Battery Systems, Pisani’s Automotive, The Other Guys, Markley Cove, and CE Ranch, Buckhorn Restaurant, Todd’s Custom Rod Art, Hisui, Marty’s Boat Rental, A-Rig-Wrap, Buckhorn Grill, Pro Cure, Bay Tackle, Putah Creek Café, LEBCO, Bib & Tucker Bourban, River2Sea and Navionics!

See you all on March 12, 2017 (Sunday)! Get your pre-fish on for next Sunday!!! Email or call office phone if you have any questions 530-794-6085 Duke---<)Xx<



Is there a Berryessa version of this joke?
Bob is sitting on the ice all day fishing with no luck, not even a nibble. Cold and tired he is about to leave, when a guy walks up cuts a hole in the ice beside him, and starts pulling out fish as fast as he can drop his hook in the water. Bob can’t believe it, he yells over ” whats your secret?”
“woogatkakeptewrwm” he answers back. “What did you say?” replies Bob. The man spits a large ball of worms on the ice and says to Bob, ” you have to keep your worms warm”.

March Horoscopes
Aquarius (1/20-2/18): The presence of Jupiter in your fourth house indicates newfound personal maturity. The presence of empty pizza boxes in your first apartment, however, suggests otherwise.
Pisces (2/19-3/20): You’ll lose your oldest and dearest friend to smoking this week, shortly after running out of cigarettes.
Aries (3/21-4/19): Life has a way of sneaking up on you when you least expect it, which isn’t surprising, considering what a complete jerk life can be.
Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): There’s nothing harder in the world than losing a child, especially when wagering with a full house.
Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): It will be born with ten perfect little fingers and ten perfect little toes, much to the horror of everyone at the reptile breeding center.
Cancer (6/22-7/22): Enlightenment and confusion will both be yours this week, when a tree falls in the woods only to make the sound of one hand clapping.
Leo (7/23-8/22): You’ll finally become one with nature this week, thanks to a simple process known only as disintegration.
Virgo (8/23-9/22): It is said that the eyes are the windows to one’s soul, which helps explain why so many damn birds keep flying into them
Libra (9/23-10/22): 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.
Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Forty thousand years after you were cryogenically frozen, scientists will at last bring you back to life when they discover a cure for stupidity.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Scientists around the world will come to praise you as a true trailblazer in the field of Incorrect Particle Physics.
Capricorn (12/22-1/19): When life gives you lemons, why not blame them on your troubled upbringing and consequent inability to show affection? It sure beats making lemonade.



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Napa County’s Comprehensive Services for Older Adults (CSOA) division provides services supporting older adults and people with disabilities so they may remain safely and well cared for in their own homes and in the community.

A key program within CSOA is In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), a needs-based program which helps people obtain care within their own homes. It does so by assessing clients and authorizing them to hire a care provider of their choice who is then paid by the IHSS program.

The Napa County Comprehensive Services for Older Adults Unit is currently hiring for IHSS Providers that are willing to work in the Lake Berryessa area for our Lake Berryessa clients.

Lake Berryessa has always been one the areas in Napa County where it is harder to find people who are willing to become IHSS Providers. We have the Recipients—but now want to assist them in finding a good Care Provider so they may remain safely and comfortably in their homes.

The majority of IHSS clients choose to hire a relative to be their care provider, but for some, a relative may not be an option or what works best for them. The IHSS Public Authority is a program that is able to refer potential care providers to IHSS clients.

IHSS currently has over 1,300 care providers who help over 1,100 people in Napa County remain safe, independent and fulfilled in their own homes.

Who is Eligible for IHSS through Napa County?

To receive IHSS you must be:

- > A Napa County resident.
- > SSI/SSP or Medi-Cal eligible.
- > Living in a home, apartment or residence of their choosing (excluding hospital, skilled nursing home, assisted living or licensed care facility).
- > At risk of requiring out of home placement without

What services does IHSS provide?

> Domestic and Related Services: meal preparation, grocery shopping, cleaning, laundry and taking out the garbage.

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How do I apply for IHSS?

If you are interested in applying or referring someone to the IHSS program please call 253-6272 to start an application.

How do I become a Public Authority Care Provider?

The Public Authority needs care providers, especially people who live in or are willing to work in Lake Berryessa locations.

Some of the benefits of being a Public Authority Care Provider include: Competitive wages, flexible schedules, paid travel time between clients and overtime pay. If you are interested in becoming a Public Authority care provider please call the Public Authority at 259-8359.

The IHSS program depends on the wonderful care providers who are willing to care for a loved one or who offer to join the Public Authority Registry and care for fellow community members who need help remaining in their home.

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Fishing With Sid

I decided to go take a look at the Glory Hole. It was great to see the water spilling over the top after all the dry years. The lake looks great, and I will have to adjust to the new depths and structures which I'm really looking forward to. We checked out many of my favorite spots, but in fifty-two degree water and less then six inches visibility it was almost impossible for us to lure any bass our way.

I enjoyed the day even though we had no fish. We had a good time checking out the lake which promises to be very productive going into spring and summer.

I met Albert the next day he was going to do some shore fishing and asked my advice on what to use. I told him since the water is murky to use a strong scent Pro-Cure with garlic which would be perfect with a spinner bait - white with chartreuse. It worked! He landed a two pound, four ounce bass in twelve feet of water.



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Monitoring Monticello Dam

After the recent structural failure of the Oroville Dam spillway, many local people had questions about the safety of Monticello Dam as the lake level rose rapidly and overtopped the Glory Hole spillway for the first time in more than a decade. Monticello Dam is a totally different design from Oroville and is statistically extremely unlikely to rise to the top of the dam much less suffer a structural failure due to the water level.

The Bureau of Reclamation has a systematic four-step program that continuously monitors the status of its dams. There is a review and inspection every four years, which involves looking at seismic, hydrologic and static parameters, says Drew Lessard, area manager of the Central California Area of the Bureau of Reclamation.

“Our headquarters in Denver and our area office take turns being in charge of these inspections, which are exhaustive,” Lessard said. “It is visual, looking for anomalies like seepage in the internal galleries that house some of the sensing equipment we rely on for data. But we also evaluate how much loading the horizontal joints are bearing and other structural parameters, evaluate seismic data.

“If anything is out of kilter, we will do more studies to analyze those potential weaknesses. If unwanted changes are found, we make plans for corrective actions and do it then.

“We routinely take cores of concrete from various points in our dams and test them for compressibility — how much load can they stand before giving way. In our experience, overloading of dams from seismic events is less frequent than static loads from the water being held in check.”

Thomas Pate, principal water sources engineer of the Solano Water District, relates an experience he had while at the Denver headquarters of the Bureau of Reclamation some years ago.

“There was a two-story-tall machine designed to test the compressibility of the concrete cylinders that are removed to evaluate the structural integrity of a dam,” Pate said. “I looked at one pile of boxes and it was labeled Monticello Dam. ‘That’s my dam on the floor,’ I thought. The engineer in charge told me that ‘Monticello is one of the better dams we’ve built.’ I found that reassuring.” Locally, we have daily visual inspections of the entire dam site, looking for any potential signs of change that could have consequences. Once every few years, the Bureau of Reclamation comes and they have people crawling all over the dam, checking every aspect of its stability.

According to Lessard, after any event in an area that could affect a dam, the dam is immediately inspected."

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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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Help Plan the Future of Lake Berryessa

The County of Napa, in conjunction with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), is now contemplating re-development of five of the Lake Berryessa Recreation Areas as new well-managed resorts open for public use. Ragatz Associates is assisting in the planning process. Ragatz Associates was chosen for its knowledge and experience in developing hotels, resorts and other recreational opportunities worldwide and 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 five properties are now referred to as Berryessa Point (formerly Berryessa Marina), Monticello Shores (formerly Rancho Monticello), Putah Canyon (formerly Putah Creek), Spanish Flat, and Steele Canyon (formerly Steele Park).

Starting in 1959, several individual boating and camping-oriented resorts were developed at Lake Berryessa. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), closed most of the resorts in 2006. All remnants of the developments were removed, and the properties have remained vacant ever since. It is now possible that several new resorts will be re-created at Lake Berryessa for visitor services. They will be well-managed and oriented to outdoor recreationists throughout northern California and beyond. In this regard, we are requesting your assistance by completing the following on-line survey. Parts of the survey printed below as an illustration of the topics for your consideration. (Editor’s Note: If you don’t have on-line access please ask a friend, relative, or neighbor to assist you.) <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/H0B5lh>

If you visited Lake Berryessa prior to 2010, what were your opinions of each of the following?

- > distance and time from where you live
- > ease of getting there
- > quality of fishing
- > security and safety
- > boating facilities
- > camping and RV facilities
- > lodging or other overnight accommodations
- > family-oriented environment
- > climate
- > quality of water in the Lake
- > consistency of water level in the Lake
- > conveniences stores, restaurants and taverns
- > proximity to wineries and attractions of Napa Valley
- > enforcement of rules and regulations
- > general scenery and natural environment

As noted in the introduction, Lake Berryessa is a popular and well-known boating and camping destination for millions of visitors. Seven concession areas provided an array of services throughout the Lake from 1959 to 2009.

How important would each of the following boating-oriented items be in your decision to boat at Lake Berryessa?

- > full-service marina
- > dry storage facilities for your own boat
- > fishing
- > lake patrolling and regulation of boaters
- > limits on boat speed and/or horsepower
- > separate areas for motorized & non-motorized craft
- > boating density on the Lake
- > availability of rental boats

Various types of overnight accommodations could exist at Lake Berryessa in addition to using one’s own personal camper or tent. How interested would you be in renting each of the following?

- > mobile home
- > park model RV
- > smaller RV
- > tent camping on the ground

- > “glamping,” i.e., a unique high-quality canvas tent on a foundation platform with kitchen, restroom with shower, all utilities and separate bedroom(s)
- > small rustic cabin/cottage without utilities, but near to hot showers and toilets
- > higher-end, larger cabin/cottage with kitchen, restroom with shower, all utilities and separate bedroom(s)
- > house-boat
- > hotel/motel

- In addition to boating and camping opportunities, there also could be a wide variety of other amenities and services at the various resort destinations at Lake Berryessa. How important would each of the following be in your decision to visit?
- > amphitheater with outdoor concerts and “name entertainment”
 - > convenience grocery stores
 - >restaurants and other food service
 - > taverns/bars
 - > hiking, biking, walking trails
 - > horseback riding
 - > indoor-outdoor water park for year-round use
 - > evening entertainment, music, dancing, movies, etc.
 - > children’s activities
 - > central clubhouse with swimming pool, fitness center
 - > health and wellness facilities and seminars
 - > equipment rentals: jet skis, off-road vehicles, boats
 - > golf
 - > conference, meetings and lifestyle retreat facilities
 - > weddings venues
 - > shuttle service to wineries and other attractions
 - > wine tasting on the shores of Lake Berryessa
 - > organized bird watching
 - > defined areas for kayaking, canoeing, sailboarding
 - > defined areas for jet skiing and wave running
 - > classes on culinary arts, wellness, crafts, etc.
 - > zipline
 - > special events such as boat races, car clubs, triathalons, fishing tournaments, etc.
 - > shooting range and clay facilities
 - > wildlife safari park

Year	Season Total Rainfall
97-98	46.26”
98-99	23.46”
99-00	26”
00-01	24.7”
01-02	23.38”
02-03	31.6”
03-04	25.64”
04-05	36.36”
05-06	40.56”
06-07	12.7”
07-08	25.32”
08-09	23.96”
09-10	26.41”
10-11	37.92”
11-12	19.56”
12-13	20.65”
13-14	13.69”
14-15	19.56”
15-16	24.57
16-17	41.5” (3/8/17)



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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 I hope you enjoy and which only you can decide if true.

One of the best historical examples which I saw as a child was about the "spaghetti trees". BBC television ran a famous hoax in 1957, showing the Swiss harvesting spaghetti from trees. They had claimed that the despised pest, the spaghetti weevil, had been eradicated. A large number of people contacted the BBC wanting to know how to cultivate their own spaghetti trees. That hoax sparked my imagination. The Lake Berryessa News has enjoyed printing April Fools's Day articles for many years. Many people actually believed our stories and spread them around social media. The local Bureau of Reclamation staff recently told me they still get calls asking whether the stories were true! Here are some of the most popular (especially the first two):

Floating Native American Casino Coming to Lake Berryessa

Bureau of Reclamation Releases Final Plans to Raise Monticello Dam 10 Feet and Build a 15 Foot Tall Dike Around the Shoreline. Hikers, Dirt Bikers, Horseback Riders, and Lawnmower Racers All Agree the Dike Can Become the "Trail Around the Lake" !

Lake Berryessa Snowfall Sparks Pensus to Propose Indoor Ski Hill on Lake Shore

Genetic Engineers at the University of Lake Berryessa Have Created Genetically-Modified Miniature Marlin and Dorado to Excite Lake Anglers.

Berryessa Genetic Engineering Start-Up Creates 6' Long "Superworms" To Turn Garden Waste into Soil

Lake Berryessa News Introduces New Weather Radar & RFID Chip Fish Finder

Apple Corporation and the Pensus Group Announce Construction of First iResort!

University of Lake Berryessa Physicists Develop Slow Glass Farm on Big Island

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Special April 1st Holiday Edition - If It's in The Lake Berryessa News It Must Be True!

Glory Hole Declared a National Infrastructure Treasure

Lake Berryessa's Glory Hole Spillway rose to international prominence in early 2017 due to detailed reporting and drone videos by the Lake Berryessa News. Millions of people around the country and the world followed Lake Berryessa's filling and Glory Hole's spilling, a phenomenon which hadn't been seen for more than a decade. The lake rose more than 45 feet in four months, the second largest annual rise in the lake's history. This brought the level to 443.6 feet msl (above mean sea level) - the second highest level in the lake's history.

These events brought Lake Berryessa to the attention of the National Infrastructure Treasures Society (NITS) which annually nominates a major example of United States infrastructure to be added to the list of engineering marvels of benefit to society.

The design wisdom of the Bureau of Reclamation incorporated in the construction of Monticello Dam and its Morning Glory Spillway stood out this rainy year, especially in comparison to the spillway failures at the Lake Oroville dam.

The NIT pickers at NITS were aided in their deliberations by engineering consultants Bohre & Ringge Design, experts at picking NITs. After the selection of Glory Hole as 2017 winning NIT, Bohre-Ringge President, Eima Bohre, commended his partner Knowse Ringge and the entire Bohre-Ringge staff on their NIT picking success.

Both President Donald Trump and Governor Jerry Brown, in an inspirational show of bipartisan cooperation, will be on hand for the Glory Hole dedication scheduled for April 1, 2017. The photo below is an artist's conception of the event.



Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit, Wisdom is knowing not to use it in a fruit salad.

Glory Hole to be Lowered to Attract More Tourists

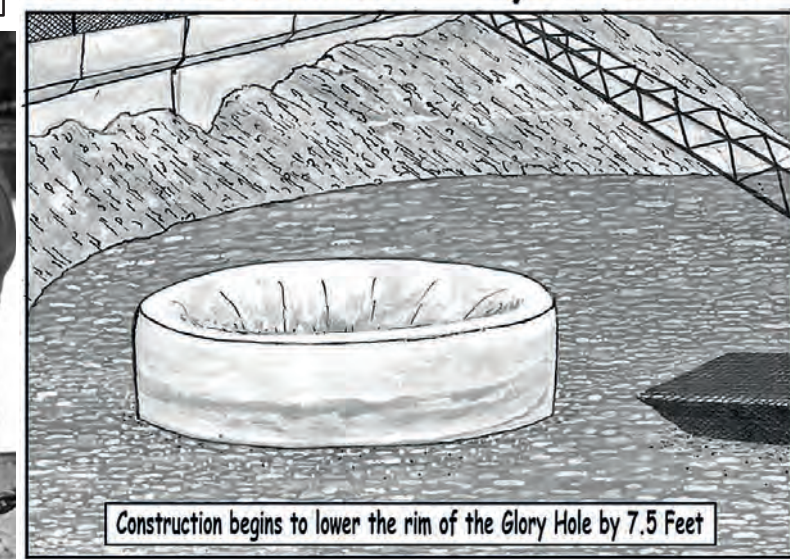
The alteration to the Glory Hole depicted in this Bill Scholer cartoon is part of the latest plan for enhancing the tourist draw for Lake Berryessa. As part of the Renaissance Lake Berryessa project, the rim of the Glory Hole (aka Morning Glory Spillway) would be lowered several feet so that the lake would overflow more often. This would enhance the Glory Hole as a tourist attraction to the benefit of the local economy. Glory Hole has only spilled 26 times in Lake Berryessa's 58 year history

This year's excitement as Lake Berryessa filled and Glory Hole spilled, brought many new visitors and created noticeable additional business activity in the Lake Berryessa region and the City of Winters.

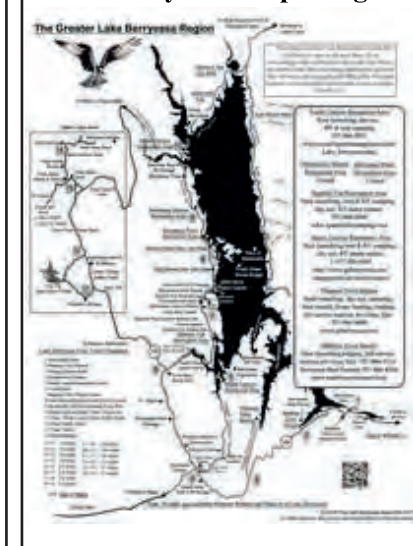
Much of this activity was due to the constant excitement created by Lake Berryessa News reporting, especially the Lake Berryessa News Drone videos which received literally millions of views on YouTube and was reported around the world. Our video was picked up by the National Geographic and that post is now at more than 13,500,000 views!

Meanwhile Napa County project to determine the feasibility of taking over management of Lake Berryessa by signing a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation continues in a positive manner. Supplementing the ongoing marketing research, a survey was developed by the consulting firm to determine what people would like to see at the lake. More than 3,000 responses have been received. The goal is to present an updated report to the Supervisors in the May/June time frame.

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Lake Berryessa Map - Page 6



Should April 1 Now Become a National Holiday?

April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day, although not a holiday in its own right, is a notable day celebrated in many countries.

The day is marked by the commission of hoaxes and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends, family members, enemies, and neighbors, or sending them on fool's errand, the aim of which is to embarrass the gullible.

IKEA product recall.



We wish to apologise to any customers who received left-handed allen keys with IKEA products between 01/01/12 and 31/03/12. To exchange your incorrect key, we'll provide a swap box at the store entrance tomorrow as we are closed today, April 1.

What's Inside Cheeze Whiz?

Explore the secrets of one of the world's most unnatural foods.

Whey: The cheese-making process removes 80 to 90 percent of milk's moisture, some of which is in the form of liquid whey proteins. This byproduct is usually thrown out, but Kraft plows it back into Easy Cheese to increase volume (filler!) – and passes the savings along to you.

Canola oil: Keeps the cheese from solidifying.

Salt: Increases the osmotic transport of moisture, speeding up the cheese-drying process. It also inhibits bacterial growth—in other words, it's a preservative. Easy Cheese has twice the sodium of typical organic cheddar.

Sodium citrate: The sodium in this compound exchanges ions with the calcium in the milk and "softens" the water-soluble portion of the cheese, enabling it to mix thoroughly with the fat-soluble component. That's called emulsification. The citric acid-derived citrate boosts the sour "bite" of cheddar.

Sodium phosphate: Degreaser, preservative, urine acidifier, enema ingredient – is there anything Na3PO4 can't do? Here, it's another emulsifying agent. Proponents of natural cheese cited this additive when lobbying to have Kraft's products regulated as "embalmed cheese." The Feds settled on the less-mortifying "process cheese."

Calcium phosphate: Sodium phosphate tends to make calcium unavailable to the body. So it's possible that calcium phosphate has to be added to make Easy Cheese healthier. It also makes it legal for Kraft to label every can "an excellent source of calcium."

Lactic acid: Bacteria, either found naturally in milk or added in the cheesemaking process, digest the milk sugar lactose and produce lactic acid. It tastes a bit sour, because that's how your taste buds interpret hydrogen ions, a key component of every acid.

Sodium alginate: Every good processed food has seaweed extract, and Easy Cheese is no exception. Alginate, a gum found in the cell walls of brown algae, is flavorless but increases viscosity.

Apocarotenal: This yellow-orange pigment, found in spinach and citrus fruits, enhances the color of processed cheese.

The can: Easy Cheese is not a true aerosol – the food never comes in contact with propellant. The can has two sections: The bottom is filled with nitrogen gas, and the top with cheese. Press the nozzle and the nitrogen pressure pushes the cheese out of the can. The nozzle is notched for two reasons: To produce those pretty little floret patterns when the cheese is released, and to ensure that the tasty condiment comes out even if the end of the nozzle is pushed right up against the cracker.



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I see you have set aside this special time to publicly humiliate yourself.

I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.

Ahhh, I see the screw-up fairy has visited us again.

I like you. You remind me of myself when I was young and stupid.

You are validating my inherent mistrust of strangers.

I have plenty of talent and vision; I just don't give a damn.

I am already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.

I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.

Thanks! We're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.

The fact that no one understands you does not mean you are an artist.

Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental.

What am I? Flypaper for freaks?

I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.

It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of karma to burn off.

Yes, I am an agent of Satan, but my duties are largely ceremonial.

I started out with nothing and still have most of it left.

Sarcasm is just one more service we offer.

I'll try being nicer if you try being smarter.

Chaos, panic and disorder. My work here is finally done.

Lake Berryessa News Drone Visits Pope Valley Elementary School

Students at the Pope Valley Elementary School had a fun presentation recently, learning about how the Lake Berryessa News tells the stories of the region and keeps a historical record for all. Also, of course, they got a Lake Berryessa News Drone demonstration. The video on YouTube is for all the students and fans of the Pope Valley Elementary School. What a great place to be inspired!

**The drone was fun for all
to watch, but
we also talked about:**

**Community Newspapers
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Drone Technology
Drone Rules and Safety
Various Jobs**

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Here is some information from the school website:

"Pope Valley Elementary School is the smallest and most isolated school in Napa County. It is a single-school district whose board consists of local volunteers, three of whom also volunteer for the local fire department. Pope Valley Elementary School serves about 60 students from kindergarten to the eighth grade. While students typically matriculate to St. Helena High School, students may attend any high school when leaving Pope Valley.

The students at Pope Valley Elementary School are taught in four classes with experienced and highly-qualified teachers, instructional aides, and a dedicated support staff. One of the aides manages the after school program while the other is one of two bus drivers. The school's 5th-8th grade language arts and social studies teacher also serves as principal and superintendent.

We Believe in Character Development Education

Pope Valley Elementary School will be expanding its focus on character development education during the 2016-2017 school year. The school has adopted the Six Pillars of Character and the Character Counts! program. Students in all grades will learn about the six traits: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. They will learn how their actions and words affect others and how having a strong character leads to success."

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4 Alligators in Lake Berryessa?

Speaking of adventures at the lake, Allie the Lake Berryessa Alligator, apparently first seen many years ago at Steele Park, seems to have returned.

At that time rumor had it that someone had released a pet alligator at an unnamed resort during the April Fool’s Day holiday prior to 2012. Strangely - or simply coincidentally - all sightings of Allie seem to have occurred on April 1.

There had been a couple of unverified sightings by resort guests and a claim by someone that something alligator-like attacked his dog along the shore of the Steele Park marina. Fish and Game was notified. Several people took their boats out in search of the creature.

In 2012 I had received an alligator sighting photo at Jumping Rock from a local resident. When I posted it on my Lake Berryessa News Facebook page, I recieved more than 5,000 hits and 150 comments.

This sighting of Allie, the Lake Berryessa Alligator, also seen several years previously at Steele Park, convinced some residents that they now had a serious tourist attraction to kick-start our local economy which had been devastated by the closure and demolition of most of the resorts in 2008-2009.

The Lake Berryessa News investigative team verified that someone saw something, but no one confirmed an anything. More likely the original culprit was a large catfish. No dog was actually attacked, but a woman walking a dog saw a large shadow in the water. The next day an 18 pound catfish was caught in the same area!

Alligator sightings stopped for several years as the lake level continued to drop. Allie may have been enjoying her perch on the side of a dry Glory Hole.

However, the rapid rise of the lake this year seems to have encouraged her to come out of hiding.

The Lake Berryessa News cannot confirm the validity of this set of photos, but based on the “alternative facts” approach of modern fake news, we cannot deny their authenticity either.



April Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): The stars foresee a second job promotion in the days to come, though they should probably be telling Dave about it instead of you.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Despite the offer of a brand new car, an all-expense-paid trip to Greece, and a four-piece living room set, you’ll once again go for the box with the question mark on it.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Everyone wants to live forever, but in your case it would just mean more time being chased by an angry swarm of bees.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Your extremely trying week will not be improved by your decision to deal with all problems by leaning on the horn.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You should have more folding chairs around. If wrestlers come over and can’t find one, they’ll use something else.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Millions will be rescued this week when the Red Cross deploys thousands of desperately needed words to the site of an unspeakable tragedy.

Leo (7/23-8/22): You must admit that you’re sleeping better than ever, but it’s kind of unpleasant to wake up every morning with a blowgun dart in the back of your neck.

Virgo (8/23-9/22: Well, the stars tried, but somehow, you’ve been left more or less in control of your own destiny this week.








Libra (9/23-10/22): For centuries, great thinkers have contemplated the purpose of life. It’s best to just relax and assume they’ve figured it out.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): If you’ve ever regretted not pursuing a career in bullfighting, this week may bring an accidental chance to start over.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Don’t take it personally: Someone had to be the cutoff point for who does and doesn’t get on the Emergency Earth-Escape Rocket.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Your bold, take-no-prisoners attitude has made you who you are today: one of the least successful criminal prosecutors in the country.



Bass	Catfish	Other Fish at Berryessa
 <small>Largemouth Bass (<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>)</small>	 <small>Bullhead Catfish (<i>Ictalurus dolomeieu</i>)</small>	
Fishing for bass is an exciting experience, and keeping their feeding habits in mind makes finding them much more likely.	Catfish are the bottom feeders of Lake Berryessa. Species such as channel catfish , bullhead catfish and white catfish live in the lake.	Although not generally popular among anglers, Lake Berryessa supports several other types of fish besides the common game fish. The most prevalent of these is the carp , a large orange-colored fish. Originally from Asia, carp are the most widespread introduced fish species in U.S. lakes and streams, and they tend to compete with native fish for food and space. Carp can often be seen circling among the weeds in nearly every shallow cove around Berryessa. Although often regarded as inedible by local anglers, carp are considered a delicacy in many cultures, and they put up a thrilling fight when hooked.
Size: Largemouth bass – 15 to 20 inches Smallmouth bass – 12 to 18 inches Spotted bass (<i>Micropterus punctulatus</i>) – 12 to 17 inches	Size: 2-4 lbs on average, but they can grow enormous in deeper parts of the lake, often exceeding 20 lbs	 <small>Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)</small>
Difficulty: Because of the technique and skill required to catch these fish and the thrill of hooking a large one, many anglers consider bass to be the ultimate game fish of Lake Berryessa.	Difficulty: Catfish are abundant and easily caught in almost every part of the lake.	
Where and when: Bass spawn in the spring, when they can be found feeding in shallow areas for most of the day. In the summer, they generally spend their nights resting in deep water, but they move to shallow water to feed in the morning and evening. These areas usually have vegetation or other structures to attract minnows, flies or other small creatures which bass feed on. In addition, these shallow areas tend to be close to the deep waters where bass rest; therefore, many anglers fish for them along points or steep ridges and the shallow areas along the edge. Fishermen often say that rocky points, floating vegetation, docks or coves filled with trees are prime bass habitat.	How to catch them: To catch catfish, almost all anglers simply sink natural bait to the bottom of the lake, keep the line taut and wait for a bite. The baits most widely used include nightcrawlers, chicken livers, clams, hot dogs or anything with a strong odor. Placing a small bell or bobber at the end of a taut line will alert the angler to a fish strike.	Another fish which Berryessa supports is the native Sacramento pikeminnow . These large silver fish are actually giant minnows, and they often fool anglers who are pursuing the more popular trout or bass. They are typically considered inedible because of their bony meat, but, like the carp, they put up a strong fight for any angler who hooks them.
How to catch them: Every angler seems to have their own belief about the best bass lure. The most popular are floating plugs, spinner baits, rattling lures, plastic worms or a simple live worm or minnow.	 <small>White Catfish (<i>Ameiurus catus</i>)</small>	 <small>Sacramento Pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus grandis</i>)</small>
 <small>Smallmouth Bass (<i>Micropterus dolomeieu</i>)</small>	 <small>Channel Catfish (<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>)</small>	Berryessa contains a wide variety of minnows, including the golden shiner (<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>) and the threadfin shad (<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>). Lake Berryessa’s waters also support many other species of fresh water organisms including crayfish, clams and otters.

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East Shore Wildlife Area

The east shore of Lake Berryessa is an undeveloped wildlife area backed by cattle ranches. The well maintained gravel East Shore Ranch and Fire Access Road allows public access for almost six miles of the shoreline starting from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and extending south to a turn-around loop.

The area between the road and the water is the East Shore Wildlife Area. The road provides public access to the Wildlife Area as well as ranch and fire access. The Wildlife Area extends south from the end of the gravel road to the dam and is accessible by foot.

There are two pedestrian access gates through the fence that runs on the lake side of the road. The first gate (labeled E1) is 0.2 miles from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and allows access to the northern end of the Wildlife Area. Parking is available across the gravel road and a short distance to the north of the gate.

The second gate (labeled E14 -) is 5.5 miles from the Knoxville-Berryessa Road and allows access to the middle of the Wildlife Area. Short trails lead from each gate to the shore. A large variety of raptors and water fowl may be viewed from the trails including White Pelicans, Golden and Bald Eagles, Western Grebes, Cormorants and many species of ducks.

While the entire Wildlife Area is open to hikers and bird watchers, visitors should be aware that rattlesnakes inhabit the tall grass and thistle that cover much of the area. [Signs posted on the fences](#) give regulations governing the Wildlife Area. There are 15 numbered metal gates (labeled E1 to E15) along the public access road. Hikers may climb over any of these gates to access the Wildlife Area.

Note that the somewhat confusing "Closed Area" signs mean only that the area behind the sign is closed to off-road vehicle use. Unless otherwise noted, foot access is allowed and hikers are welcome.

All of the land to the east (away from the lake) side of the road is private property and not open to the public. The ranch houses are not appropriate sources of information, water or bathroom facilities; contact ranchers in case of emergency.

Smittle Creek Trail

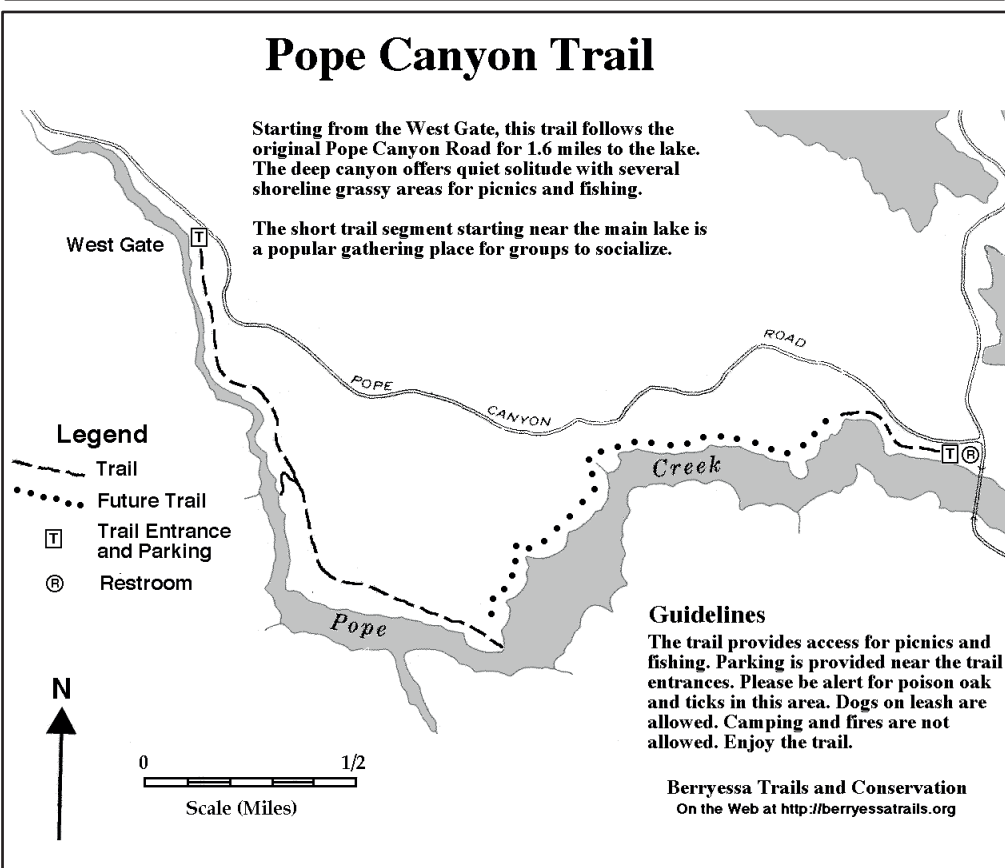
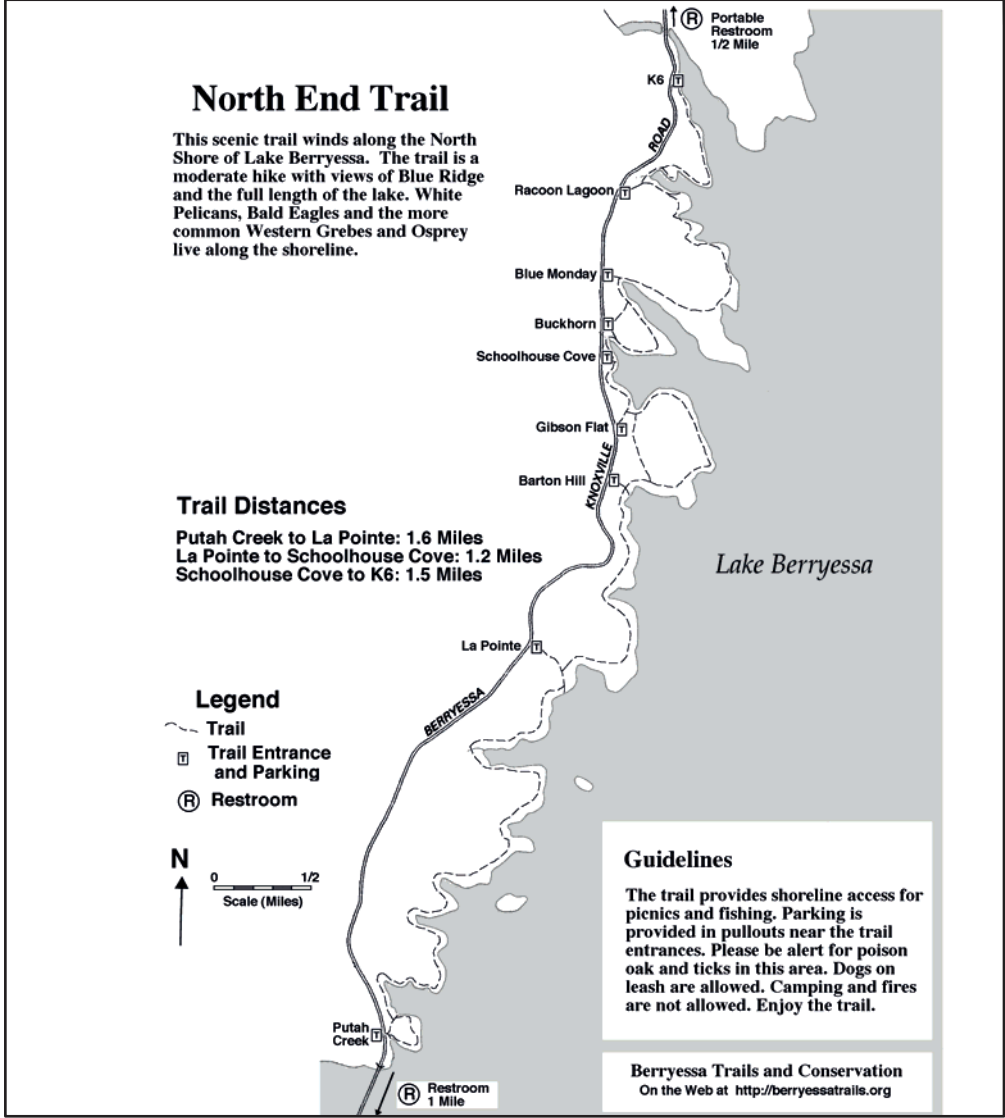
This 2.6 mile trail provides a fairly easy hike along Lake Berryessa's shoreline from Smittle Creek Park to Coyote Knolls in Oak Shores Park. Just offshore can be seen Big Island and Small Island. Spring is the best time, winter is good too. Summer is the time to bring a swimsuit for a dip in a quiet cove. Dogs are allowed on leash.

The northern trailhead begins at the southern end of the Smittle Creek parking lot, located about a mile north of the Oak Shores entrance. Take the steps down the hill to the bulletin board which has a map of the trail and is the trailhead. The trail starts to the south of the bulletin board (to the right if you are facing the board).

Although not formally part of the Smittle Creek Trail, another short trail begins at the northern end of the parking lot. Follow the trail to the restroom where the trail continues to the left. This loop trail offers great views up and across the lake. There is also access to the Smittle Creek Trail from the second gated access road off the Knoxville-Berryessa Road south of the Smittle Creek parking lot.

As you wind along the shore, look for the Bald Eagle nest high in a tree on Big Island. This is an active breeding nest and Bald Eagles are frequently seen along the trail.

For information, visit the Bureau of Reclamation Visitor's Center which is about a mile south of the Oak Shores entrance. There you may obtain a more detailed map showing restrooms along the trail. This trail map is also available at the trailheads.



The Bureau of Reclamation Encourages You To Visit Lake Berryessa This Summer

Winter rains have brought Lake Berryessa to its maximum water storage capacity for the first time since 2006. With the rise in water level, it is expected to be a busy summer at the lake, and Reclamation staff want to offer some suggestions for a successful and safe summer season.

Reclamation Facilities are Open

The Dufer Point Visitor Center is open from 12-3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays until April 1. On April 1, we will add weekday hours from 12-3 p.m. and expand weekend hours to 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Through September 2017, visitors have the opportunity to explore the *Wild about Wetlands* exhibit on loan from the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

Oak Shores Day Use Area, will extend its hours of operation from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the north end of Oak Shores will be open to day use.

The Capell Cove Boat Launch is now open for launching from 4 a.m.-10 p.m., is free of charge, and is anticipated to be open all summer.

Make Your Reservations

Oak Shores Day Use Area offers six large group shade shelters at Acorn Beach, Foxtail Flat and Coyote Beach. Group shelters are very popular and can be reserved for groups of up to 50. Reservations are \$25 per shelter per day and can be made at <http://www.recreation.gov>. No entrance fee is charged for Oak Shores. For more information, or to organize a larger event, please contact the Lake Berryessa Park Ranger Office at 707-966-2111 ext. 113.

Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Putah Canyon Recreation Area, and Spanish Flat Recreation Area continue to offer a variety of recreation services including camping and boat launching. For information regarding operations and services at concession-operated facilities or to make reservations, please call:

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Locals expect to see a busy summer season, and many visitors have already made reservations for camping and day use sites around the lake, with some camping locations already close to full for Memorial Day weekend! Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead this summer as the campgrounds will be busy. Summer weekdays are usually less crowded and are a good option for those looking to camp.

Plan for a Safe Visit

For those boating this year, be on the lookout for hazards, both floating and submerged. All Coast Guard and State of California rules for navigation and boat operation apply and are strictly enforced by the Napa County Sheriff's Office.

There's never been a better time for a swim at Lake Berryessa but please remember:

Never swim alone

No lifeguards are present at Lake Berryessa



Children should always wear life jackets and be supervised near water

The lake bottom is uneven and features sudden drop-offs

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that up to 70 percent of adult and adolescent water recreation deaths are alcohol related. Sun exposure and heat compound to intensify alcohol's effect on balance, coordination and judgement, so please use caution this summer.

Park Rangers at Oak Shores Day Use Area operate a life jacket loaner program that lends both children and adult-sized life jackets for the day. Contact any staff member of the Day Use Area to take advantage of this free safety program.

Campfires are only permitted within campfire rings in established campgrounds. Personal charcoal barbecue grills are not allowed anywhere at Lake Berryessa.

Those wishing to barbecue with charcoal must use the grills provided in established campgrounds and Day Use Areas.

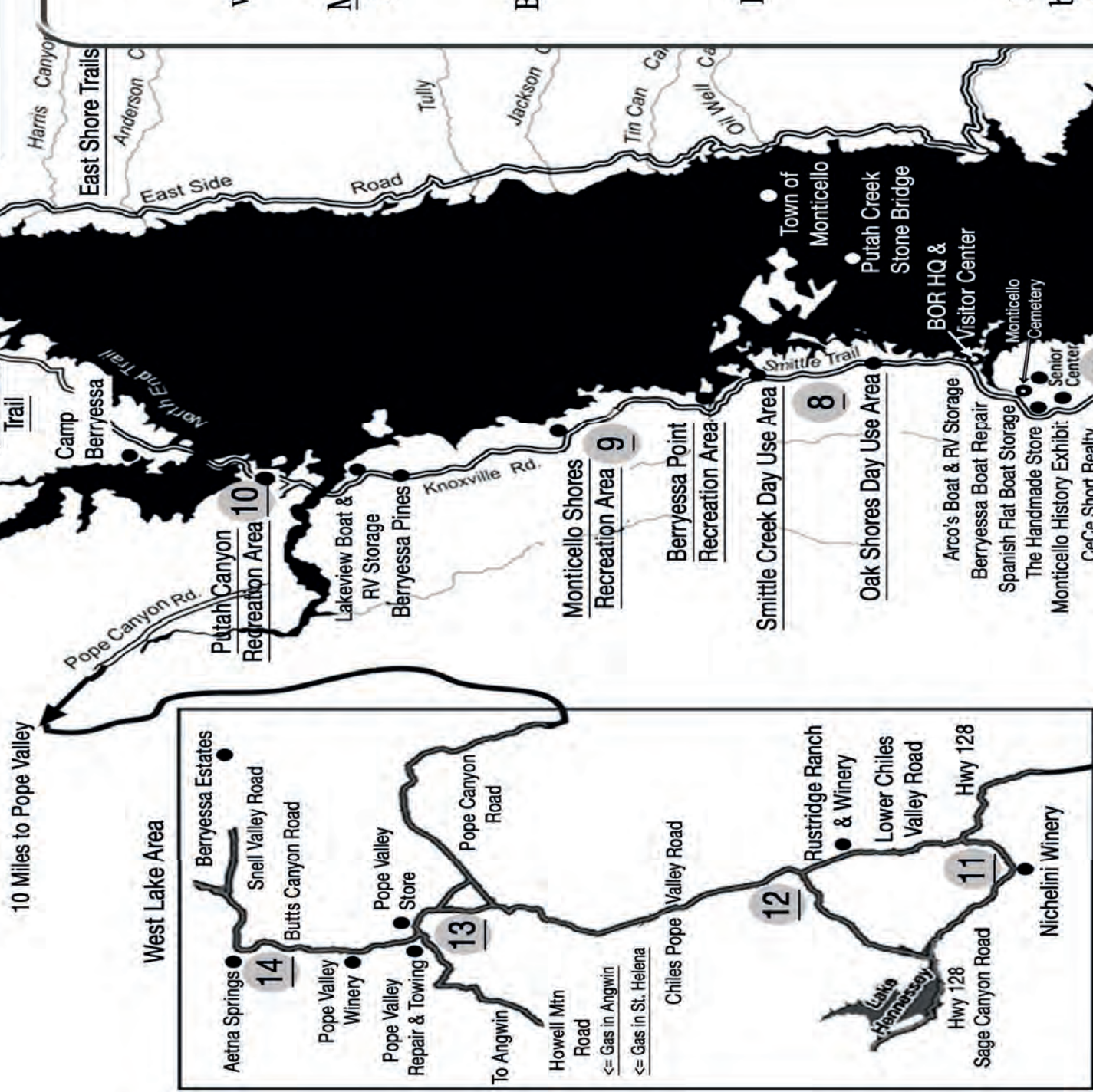
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Free Public Facilities: Oak Shores/Smittle Creek Day Use Parks are open on the west shore. Go to www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/Berryessa for details. Oak Shores and Smittle Creek offer nice hiking opportunities and more than 100 picnic sites equipped with BBQ grills. Two hand launches for non-motorized car-top boats are also available. 707-966-2111



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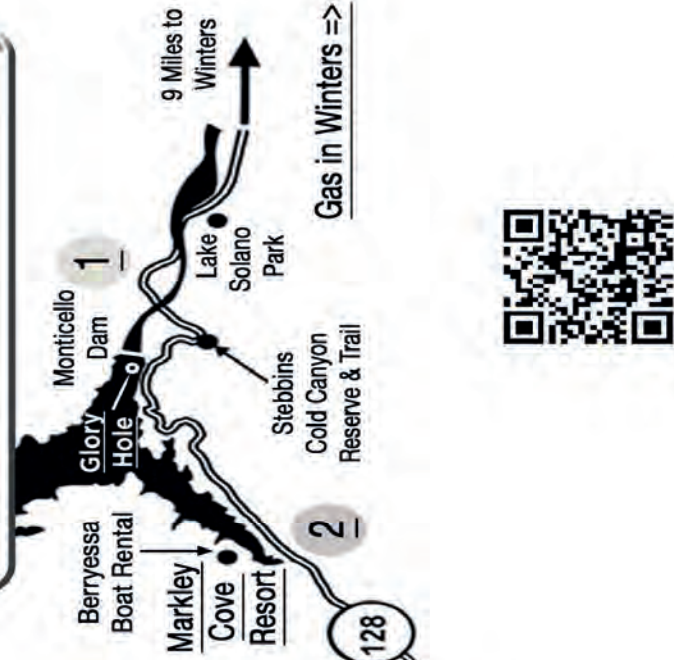
- 1 Monticello Dam
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- 6 Turtle Rock
- 7 Spanish Flat Village Center
- 8 Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitors Center
- 9 Monticello Shores/Berryessa Point RAs
- 10 Pope Canyon Road/ Putah Canyon RA
- 11 Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road
- 12 Pope Valley Road
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6=>7	5.0 miles	13=>14	3.7 miles
7=>8	2.4 miles		
8=>9	2.4 miles		

<= Gas in Napa

Circle Oaks

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



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The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce wants you to know that Beautiful Lake Berryessa is OPEN!

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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.



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California Marine Sports Makes Glory Hole History!

California Marine Sports gained fame this Spring when their wakeboard boats helped the Lake Berryessa News splash lake water into the Glory Hole. Lake Berryessa water washed over and into the Glory Hole on Feb. 12, 2017 at about 1:45 PM for the first time in 11 years!

Granted it was helped by California Marine Sports wakeboard boats on a beautiful, clear sunny Sunday, but before anyone objects that this doesn't count, we were MAKING history. It is REAL Lake Berryessa water flowing over the lip of Glory Hole. And it was really a bit of good fun we should all enjoy. See the Lake Berryessa News drone video of this historic moment at:

<https://youtu.be/8pIPsgLFggk>

Officially, Glory Hole stopped spilling on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 8:30 PM. The lake level was above Glory Hole for 84 continuous days. Although the lake level measurement is accurate to a tenth of an inch using the instrument inside the dam, it is not calibrated precisely to the actual physical spill level of the Glory Hole rim itself - off by about 1.25 inches.

05/08/17: 440.01 ft., Spill = 18 cfs
05/09/17: 440.02 ft., Spill = 15 cfs
05/10/17: 440.00ft., Spill = 12 cfs
05/11/17: 439.97ft., Spill = 7 cfs
05/12/17: 439.95ft., Spill = 1 cfs
05/13/17: 439.89ft., Spill = 0 cfs

There are no accurate historical records of the number of days Glory Hole spilled that I could find before 1998. Here are few from the last 20 years:

2006 - 140 days; 2005 - 79 days; 2004 - 50 days; 2003 - 71 days; 1998 - 90 days



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1967 - 2017: 50 Years Since The Summer of Love. This Year Is The Love of Summer at Lake Berryessa!

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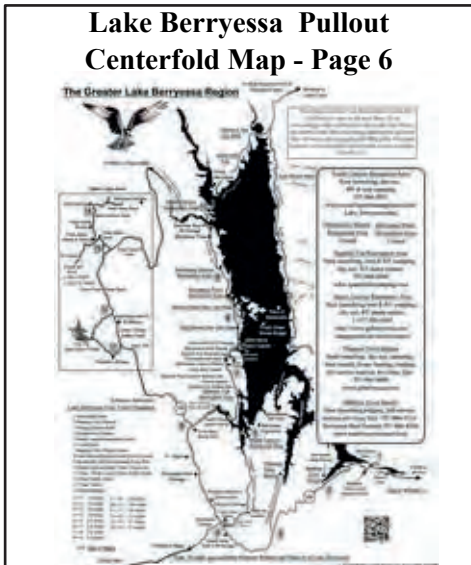
Day Use Area, will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Capell Cove Free Boat Launch is open for launching from 4 a.m.-10 p.m.

Love of Summer 2017 is building up to be one of the best in 10 years. The lake is full and warm. The weather on Memorial Day was perfect – the best of the summer so far - with many more like it ahead.

Memorial Day was officially the first weekend of the summer recreation season, so start planning your future trips

to the lake. There's a lot to do besides boating - with our local wineries, beautiful roads for bicycles and auto touring, a large shorefront public picnic area, quiet coves and inlets for kayakers, and miles of hiking trails.

The Lake Berryessa region has so much to see and enjoy, nothing is really that far away. There are many day trips that you can plan. Check the pull-out centerfold map on Page 6 of this issue for ideas.



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The Berryessa Highlands
Summer of Love - 1967

A new concept in "second-home" and permanent home development became a reality as earth-moving equipment started work on a planned \$50 million development at the southern end of Lake Berryessa. The development, Berryessa Highlands, is the first major land promotion opened to the public at this desirable resort area.

Just 55 miles from the San Francisco Bay Area and less than 50 miles from Sacramento, Lake Berryessa, one of California's largest lakes, offers abundant recreational facilities to those who want to build a second home. Its closeness to urban centers also appeals to permanent home seekers and to retired persons as well.

The ground-breaking marked the culmination of nearly three years of planning in which the developers and Napa County officials worked together on this planned community which may well serve as a model for resort community development for years to come.

Electric and telephone systems will be underground to eliminate unsightly poles and wiring and preserve the natural beauty. Wide paved roads will keep dust to a minimum and broad greenbelt areas will provide residents with room for recreation.

Riding trails, park areas, planned shopping center facilities and golf course will be designed to preserve privacy for home owners. From the Vallejo Times-Herald.

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BERRYESSA HIGHLANDS

Map of the development showing the location of the homesites and the surrounding area. The map shows the development is located in the heart of the Lake Berryessa area, one of the most desirable areas in the Bay Area.

June Horoscopes
Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Avoid making any important decisions this week. And, come to think of it, next week as well. In fact, assume this is always the case unless the stars tell you otherwise.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Sometimes in life you just have to roll the dice, move your wheelbarrow to St. James Place, and pay the \$70 dollars in total rent.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Possessed by satanic forces, your dog will soon order you to murder all those squirrels.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): You'll feel like a kid again this week, thanks to an unexpected visit from your Uncle Joe.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): You never thought you'd end up a billionaire, living in a palatial mansion, and jet-setting around the world. So it's no real disappointment, when you don't.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Your belief that all life's problems can be solved with a heart-to-heart talk and a good night's sleep will be severely tested this week when you're introduced to mathematics.

Leo (7/23-8/22): When all's said and done, you should probably have just let those pandas succeed or fail on their own merits.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You'll finally come to understand your own heart and mind, and by extension, exactly what everyone has been laughing at all these years.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You thought you had finally had done something strikingly new and original, but it turns out that thousands of people already in the afterlife got there the exact same way you did.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You will definitely be remembered by all people for all time, a fact that should make you feel much more shame and disappointment than it may seem.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Just when you thought it couldn't possibly get any worse, the stars confirm that you are correct and it is pretty much as bad as possible.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Ultimately there will be nothing your friends can do for you, putting you in the position of having to find more competent friends.

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Political Economics Reality Intelligence Test
If you actually believe any of these CEOs are worth what they are being paid, you are a moron!

Here are the 10 highest-paid CEOs for 2016, as calculated by AP and Equilar, with change from last year:

Tom Rutledge, Charter Communications, \$98 million, Up 499%
Les Moonves, CBS Corp., \$68.6 million, Up 22%
Bob Iger, Walt Disney Co., \$41 million, Down 6%
David Zaslav, Discovery Communications, \$37.2 million, Up 15%
Robert Kotick, Activision Blizzard Inc., \$33.1 million, Up 358%
Brian Roberts, Comcast Corp., \$33 million, Down 9%
Jeff Bewkes, Time Warner Inc., \$32.6 million, Up 3%
Ginni Rometty, IBM, \$32.3 million, Up 63%
Leonard Schleifer, Regeneron Pharma, \$28.3 million, Down 40%
Steve Wynn, Wynn Resorts, \$28.2 million, Up 36%

The 10 highest-paid women CEOs for 2016, as calculated by AP and Equilar, an executive data firm (with change from last year):

Ginni Rometty, IBM, \$32.3 million, up 63%
Marissa Mayer, Yahoo. \$27.4 million, down 24%
Indra Nooyi, Pepsico, \$25.2 million, up 13%
Mary Barra, GM, \$22.4 million, down 22%
Phebe Novakovic, General Dynamics, \$21.2 million, up 4%
Marilyn Hewson, Lockheed Martin, \$19.4 million, down 4%
Irene Rosenfeld, Mondelez International, \$15.8 million, down 13%
Lynn Good, Duke Energy, \$13.5 million, up 26%
Heather Bresch, Mylan, \$13.3 million, down 27%
Susan Cameron, Reynolds American, \$13.1 million, down 3%

Parents Don't Want to Name Their Kids Mike Anymore

The number of baby boys named Michael fell last year to the lowest level since 1940 per the Social Security Administration. Michael had been one of the most popular male names in American history, having held the No. 1 spot on the federal list of top baby names for 43 out of 44 years, the longest boys reign of the 20th century. New federal figures show Michael losing fashion, with fewer than 14,000 U.S. baby boys getting the name last year, the lowest level on record since 1940.

Top Baby Names For 2016				
Rank	Top Boy Names	2015 Rank	Top Girl Names	2015 Rank
1	Noah	1	Emma	1
2	Liam	2	Olivia	2
3	William	5	Ava	4
4	Mason	3	Sophia	3
5	James	7	Isabella	5
6	Benjamin	10	Mia	6
7	Jacob	4	Charlotte	9
8	Michael	9	Abigail	7
9	Elijah	11	Emily	8
10	Ethan	6	Harper	10

Onion Headlines

GOP Promises Americans Will Be Able To Keep Current Medical Conditions If Obamacare Repealed

Man Who's Only Halfway Through Life Can Already Guess How It's Going To End

Chemicals That Pushed Man's Ancestors To Run Down Wild Boar Flare At Sight Of White Cheddar Popcorn Bag

Report: Uttering Phrase 'Easy Does It' Prevents 78% Of Drywall Damage While Moving Furniture

Constitution Rapidly Ages Another 100 Years From Stress Of Repeated Crises

Area Man Excited To Hear Girlfriend Has Been Doing A Lot Of Thinking

Kindergartener's Account Of Day At School Passionate, Incomprehensible

Vegetarian Option Just Iceberg Lettuce On Bread

Boss Thinks Female Employee Might Be Ready To Handle Job She's Been Doing For Past 2 Years

Nation Allows Itself 5 Minutes To Believe This All Going To Be Over Soon

Facebook Clarifies Site Not Intended To Be Users' Primary Information Source: 'No One Should Really Be On Here More Than 15 Minutes A Day,' Say Executives

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Tri'ing For Scholarships Winner

The Community Church and Pastor Bob would like to thank the community for their support in our Scholarships effort this year. Pastor Bob instead of the usual Triathlon ran the Napa Marathon and completed it in a time of 4 hours and 15 minutes. It was a beautiful first 20 miles but the last 6.2 got a little wet with rain and hail (and sore legs) but it was conquered!

Our efforts raised a little over \$500 so a big thanks to all who sponsored. A special thanks to Spanish Flat Country Store and a few past recipients families who also donated to give back into the community.

Our Berryessa area had only one graduate headed to college and she received a \$500 scholarship in May at the Vintage High Scholarship Assembly. She is headed to Monterey to study Marine Biology and was very appreciative of the

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Capell Valley Fire Department Is Recruiting!
The Capell Valley Fire Department is recruiting volunteers! Having an open house on Sunday June 4th from 2–5pm. Come on down and visit us. Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community and we need more help.

As a volunteer you respond as you have time to a wide range of calls: everything from public assists for people falling out of bed to vehicle accidents to a house on fire.

Training is supplied, no experience is required, and a small stipend is paid quarterly. There is no age limit although a physical must be passed to be accepted.

Many of our volunteers become full time firefighters so volunteering is a great way to find a new career! We hope to see you on the 4th at the Capell Valley Station, 1193 Capell Valley Road (Highway 128 next to the old school). Like us on Facebook.



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Kayaking is becoming one of Lake Berryessa's most enjoyable diversions, providing an opportunity to view the lake from its best vantage point, all the while enjoying the option to spontaneously swim or picnic wherever you choose. As you paddle your way around the lake, keep on the lookout for the migrating or nesting birds, present almost year round.



Outstanding paddling opportunities can be found throughout this gigantic lake in beautiful wine country. The lake's size need not prevent you from having a pleasurable paddling experience, thanks to the numerous boat launch locations. The arms located on the southwestern shore provide an abundance of secluded inlets to explore, which offer protection from the wind and fast-moving powerboats. Paddling a few miles up Putah Creek at the north end of the lake is sheer kayaking pleasure.

For those whose perfect kayak getaway includes dropping a line and hook, a variety of fish can be found here. Lake Berryessa's warm summertime water temperatures and gusty winds attract many jet and waterskiing, windsurfing and sailing enthusiasts, but the lake is so large you scarcely notice them.

With pleasant air temperatures throughout the year, Lake Berryessa offers superb year-round kayaking, canoeing, kayak angling, and SUP paddling prospects. The lake has comfortable weather through all four seasons, and is open year-round, 24 hours a day, with running lights at night.



The Spanish Flat Village Center Has It All!

If Lake Berryessa was a town, the Spanish Flat Village would be its town center. Camping, boat launching, boat repair, great food, day use picnic area, Bureau of Reclamation Visitor Center, and even a history exhibit about the Berryessa Valley before Monticello Dam! All within a few minutes of each other. This is where you can stock up on food and drink at the Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli before you drive another few feet to rent your boat or jet ski at Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rentals.

Meet your watercraft rentals or launch your own boat at the Spanish Flat Recreation Area which has the lowest launching fee at the lake. Cucina Italiana and its bocce court is also in the Village Center with light lunches or elegant dinners for vacationers. Check out available lake property at CeCe Shorts California Outdoor Properties office right next to the Handmade Store.

Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli !

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The Handmade Store

A fascinating place to poke around for gifts and mementos, stocked with handcrafted jewelry, soap, candles, dragons, wooden toys and whirlygigs, as well as handmade jellies and oriental sauce. Collectors can also find many gently-used items including a selection of vinyl opera records, original Calistoga Water bottles, historical photographs, and a couple of walls of Willie Nelson memorabilia.





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Winter rains have brought Lake Berryessa to its maximum water storage capacity for the first time since 2006. With the rise in water level, it is expected to be a busy summer at the lake. Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Putah Canyon Recreation Area, and Spanish Flat Recreation Area continue to offer a variety of recreation services including camping and boat launching. Oak Shores Day Use Area, will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Capell Cove Boat Launch is open for launching from 4 a.m.-10 p.m. and is free of charge. The Dufer Point Visitor Center is open Monday–Friday, 12 p.m.–3 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

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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.



Winery Renovations Uncover History and Bees – Literally!

May 4, 1939. Fred Nichelini was in the process of removing a floorboard in the old Nichelini house in Chiles Valley built by his father in 1895. After 44 years it was time to lay down some modern linoleum on top of the well-worn wood floor

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.

Fast forward to 2011. Family members were doing some repair work on that same floor. They removed the floor 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. The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1939. Three big headlines stood out.

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.

Another renovation required some bee keeping knowledge. After 50 years the time had come to remove bee hives from the walls of the Nichelini Family Winery fermenting building. The technique was to remove the queen bee and place her in a wooden box beehive. The bees, hopefully, would then follow her into the box. In fact, as the temperature cooled off at night, the bees cooperated perfectly and did go inside their new hives.

The boxes were then relocated to the Rustridge Ranch and Winery nearby on Lower Chiles Valley Road. Susan Meyer of Rustridge had graciously agreed to accept the Nichelini hives to join the hives she already had on her own property.

Visit Nichelini’s picturesque site for great wines and fascinating Napa history.

Rustridge Ranch and Winery Shows Off Its History Too

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 opened its doors, they hired Jim as a 16 year old jack-of-all-trades who worked his way up to Assistant Director of Photography.

Jim became Michael Landon’s personal horse trainer for years. When Michael Landon decided to race horses, he asked Jim to train them - Jim’s thoroughbred horse training career began.



During his 20 years as a trainer, Jim met


Petaluma native "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 saddle and other historical items.

Jim escaped to Northern California where he met Susan Meyer. Susan’s family owned Rustridge Ranch which has been a breeding and training facility for thoroughbred racehorses since the 1950's. In 1990, when Jim and Susan took over RustRidge Ranch and Winery, they decide to display Seabiscuit’s saddle and other items in their B&B.

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3.5 million people visited the Napa Valley in 2016 and spent nearly \$2 billion! The trick will be to get more of them to visit Lake Berryessa in the future.

These impressive numbers were released by Visit Napa Valley in its 2016 Napa Valley Visitor Industry Economic Impact report as well as its 2016 Visitor Profile report. In 2016, the Napa Valley visitor industry generated \$1.92 billion in total visitor spending within the county, which represents a 17.5 percent increase since 2014 when visitors spent \$1.63 billion.

That large a jump can be attributed to new hotels opening, rising hotel rates, and the growth in visitors from outside the U.S. International visitors tend to spend more money than people who come from inside the U.S. Most of this income was generated from local hotel guests who were responsible for \$1.3 billion, or 69.9 percent of the total.

There is also a continuing rise in visitors from China which overtook Canada last year as the top international market. In 2016, 79.2 percent of visitors surveyed were from the United States, compared with 86.4 percent in 2014.

California residents made up the bulk of domestic visitors — 58.6 percent. Napa Valley also drew large numbers from Texas, Florida, Illinois, New York, Washington, Ohio, Arizona, Georgia, Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The top 10 international markets for Napa visitors are China, Canada, Australia/New Zealand, Germany, South Korea, Mexico, Brazil and Scandinavian countries.

In 2016, Napa Valley’s visitor industry generated \$80.4 million in tax revenues for government entities in Napa County, an increase of 25.2 percent from 2014 when revenues totaled \$64.2 million, the report states. Taxes directly generated by the visitor industry include revenues from the transient occupancy tax (hotel tax), sales taxes and property and transfer taxes paid on lodging facilities.

Tourism is one of the largest industries in the Napa Valley, and supports an estimated 13,437 jobs, with a combined payroll of \$387 million. This represents an employment increase of 14.1 percent — 11,776 jobs — from 2014, and a 16.4 percent increase in combined payroll, which generated \$332 million in 2014, the report states. The majority of hospitality jobs occur in restaurants (5,331), hotels (3,752), and retail (2,388).

One-third, or 35.5 percent, of visitors surveyed in 2016 stayed overnight in the Napa Valley, while the remaining 64.5 percent were on day trips. The largest proportion of day-trip visitors made their visit from San Francisco, followed by Oakland and Berkeley.

Hotel guests in 2016 spent an average of \$401.59 per person per day, compared to an average of \$146 per person per day spent by day-trippers. This represents a 3.34 percent increase from 2014, with an average daily spending of \$389 per person per day, the report states.

The second largest component of visitor spending was on restaurants, at \$438 million, which accounted for 23 percent of all 2016 visitor spending. Group meetings and events, including weddings, generated \$196 million in spending.

According to the 2016 Napa Valley Visitor profile study, the average Napa Valley visitor in 2016 was 42.7 years of age, with 40 percent surveyed categorized as “Gen Xers,” and 30 percent as “Millennials.” Lodging guests were typically older (49.9 years) than day-trip visitors (40.3 years).

Napa Valley visitors are an affluent group with an average annual household income of \$161,229. Napa Valley visitors are also highly educated, with 74.8 percent having a bachelor’s degree and 29.4 percent who completed graduate school. The average travel party consisted of four people (52.5 percent female and 47.5 percent male).

Memorial Day weekend was special - the weather was good, being with family and friends was great, and the fishing was fabulous!!!

My son's friend, Dan, was on fire! He was catching bass left and right - some nice size ones. Another of my son's friends, Kevin, went out with me for the day and caught 22 bass. Whatever bait he tried worked. He was so thrilled. His favorite was drop shotting.

My son and I went out for about an hour. He beat me by catching four fish to my three with the largest bass weighing over 3.5 pounds. I went out with Bob when I first got up to the lake and I caught a bass right off the bat on a top water lure (chugger). It was exciting. Bob caught three bass in about twenty minutes drop shotting.

The last day I went out with Albert. We only used plastics, caught a limit of fish, and came in by noon. As I said the fishing was hot, hot, hot!!!!

Then my son came back in with Dan. Dan had done it again. He landed a large mouth bass weighing in at a little over five pounds. That ended a great fishing weekend.

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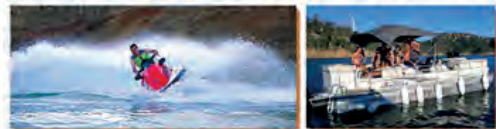


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- 3 Wragg Canyon Road
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- 5 Steele Canyon Recreation Area
- 6 Turtle Rock
- 7 Spanish Flat Village Center
- 8 Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitors Center
- 9 Monticello Shores/Berryessa Point RAs
- 10 Pope Canyon Road/ Putah Canyon RA
- 11 Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road
- 12 Pope Valley Road
- 13 Pope Valley
- 14 Aetna Springs

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6=>7	5.0 miles	13=>14	3.7 miles
7=>8	2.4 miles		
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<= Gas in Napa

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Winter rains have brought Lake Berryessa to its maximum water storage capacity for the first time since 2006. With the rise in water level, it is expected to be a busy summer at the lake. Markley Cove Marina, Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Putah Canyon Recreation Area, and Spanish Flat Recreation Area continue to offer a variety of recreation services including camping and boat launching. Oak Shores Day Use Area, will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Capell Cove Boat Launch is open for launching from 4 a.m.-10 p.m. and is free of charge.

Dufer Point Visitor Center is open Through September 11: Weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Weekdays 12-3 p.m. Stop in with your questions or to view the Wild about Wetlands exhibit on loan through September from the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. 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.

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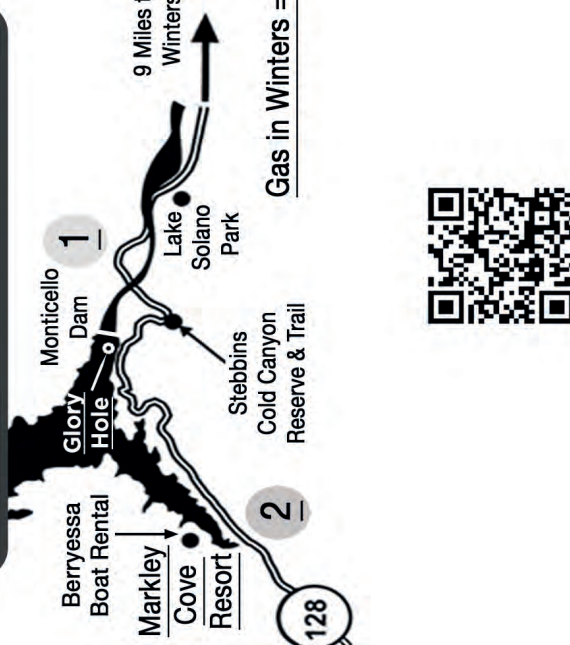
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Now that the "cleanest lake in Northern California" is full again, recreation spirits are rising fast. Boaters are flocking to the lake in greater numbers than ever. It just feels good to play on a full Lake Berryessa!

Anheuser Busch – Fairfield Brewery wrote a letter many years ago supporting their long-standing scientific analysis that Lake Berryessa water was and is pure - contradicting false pollution stories that pop up in the news from time to time.

Scientific data from other sources, including local water agencies and the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership also corroborated this assessment. There has never been any documented evidence – ever – that Lake Berryessa water purity has been compromised.

Reliable water is rare in California and one of the most important elements in many manufacturing, food processing and biotechnology companies. Thirty years ago, when representatives from the Anheuser-Busch Inc. were looking for a West Coast home for its Budweiser distilling vats, it tested the water in Solano County and stipulated it would move to Fairfield if the city could guarantee to provide only Lake Berryessa water.

Three decades later, the Fairfield brewery uses more than 1,500 acre-feet of Lake Berryessa water per year to brew more than 4 million barrels of beer annually.

Anheuser Busch is also a major financial supporter of the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership (LBWP). On Sunday, June 4, 2017, World Environment Day, LBWP, Budweiser brewery employees, and other volunteers will again get together at Markley Cove Resort for a cleanup along the Lake Berryessa shoreline.

The LBWP promotes Lake Berryessa water quality through its mascot, Bilgee the Bilgee

Pad, Clean Water Warrior, seen around the lake almost every weekend. Bilgee talks to boaters and other visitors about water quality, invasive species, and recycling.

According to management of the Fairfield Brewery, "Water is vital to plant and animal life and it's a key ingredient in brewing beer, and one of five key ingredients used in the making of Budweiser – that's why they are committed to water conservation both inside and outside our breweries. Lake Berryessa is a consistent, high quality water source for our brewery. As with all our breweries, we carefully monitor our source water on a regular basis. The water we receive is tested and goes through additional purification processes to meet the exacting standards of our brewmasters".

The Anheuser Busch brewery opened in 1976 and employs about 460 people. It is Fairfield's single biggest user of water at about 2 million gallons daily, 7 percent of the entire city's consumption. All of this is Lake Berryessa water. Brewery officials don't think the city's Delta water is good enough for Budweiser.

Lake Berryessa: The Right Location For Light Sport Aircraft

Another company that located in the area specifically because of Lake Berryessa is ICON Aircraft of Vacaville. If you've been up at the lake during the last couple of years you've probably seen their bright jet-skis-of-the-air flying, landing, and taking off.

ICON located in Vacaville because Lake Berryessa is the exact type of environment for people to have fun with this aircraft. You don't need a full pilot's license and the plane can easily be towed by a car. ICON has been using the lake for flight training.

Lake Berryessa is an official FAA seaplane base. Seaplanes are, and will always be, a regular feature of this lake. This is a public air space, public lake surface, and public land

area dedicated to recreation - even in three dimensions.

The A5 is FAA-legal, follows all the aircraft rules in flight, and Coast Guard rules when operating as a boat.

ICON was actually a bidder for Berryessa Point Recreation Area (former Berryessa Marina) during the last bid prospectus. They wanted a site to support their customers who wished to enjoy fly-in camping. Unfortunately, their bid was rejected as were all the other proposals.

I and Evan Kilkus, LBNews' FAA-licensed drone pilot, visited ICON's impressive manufacturing facility and sat at the controls of an A5. Since we both have raced jet skis, just sitting in this 3-D jet ski was a thrill.

ICON wishes to be a good neighbor to the Lake Berryessa community. They are sponsoring a Community Outreach Day at Reclamation HQ on Friday, May 5. Evan and I will be flying in two separate A5s with cameras rolling. Stay tuned for some impressive shots of the lake!

Lake Berryessa Management Project Update

County staff, recreation consultants, and the Bureau of Reclamation continue their research and discussions regarding creation of a Managing Partner Agreement under which Napa County would take over management of several Lake Berryessa recreation areas.

They are coming close to wrapping up Phase I with everything looking "very positive." The goal is to present the results to the County Supervisors in the June-July timeframe.

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2 **Lake Berryessa -
Is It The Cleanest Lake Around?**

The answer is a rousing YES! Water quality studies have consistently shown Lake Berryessa to be exceptionally pure.

But just last week the Sacramento Bee raised its ugly head with a poorly-written story headlined: "Millions of gallons of sewage water poured into streams near Lake Berryessa."

Unfortunately the story was picked up by many news outlets, especially TV news shows with short attention spans, which left out the following important points.

The overflow was due to clean rain mixed with fully treated wastewater and the result was cleaner than the water in the lake itself.

Phillip Miller, Napa County's deputy director of public works, said the Berryessa spills did not put the public at risk because water agencies treat for pathogens.

Alex Rabidoux, a supervising engineer at the Solano County Water Agency, which sells water from Berryessa to cities, said high lake levels this winter mean contamination of drinking water is extremely unlikely

Andrew Altevogt, assistant executive officer at the Central Valley Regional Water Control Board, said the recent Berryessa spill likely didn't harm people because it was diluted by high creek levels during storms.

Conclusion: This was a non-issue magnified by out-of-context reporting during a time when the community is trying to revitalize this premier recreation destination. The Sacramento Bee seems to have created an new journalistic guideline, replacing the old "If it bleeds, it leads" with "If it poops, it scoops".

By The Numbers

- 6 Million Gallons of treated and diluted wastewater spilled five miles from the lake, more than 20 miles from the dam.

- The lake inflow in February was more than 120 Billion Gallons.

The "get a grip" mathematical result?

6 Million gals./120 Billion gals. = 0.01%

How low can you go?

May Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You've never really imagined yourself as the committed type, but a state-appointed psychiatrist will soon prove you wrong.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your inquisitive nature will soon see you demanding answers to a series of questions ranging from "Huh?" to "Who the—?" and "Whazzat?"

Aries (3/21-4/19): Your perfectionist streak will consume you this week when you attempt to posit the world's single most precise chaos theory.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Who's to say what's right and what's wrong, except maybe for all those police officers, the presiding district court judge, and a horrified jury of your peers.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Despite seemingly insurmountable odds, you will once again manage to talk your way out of sounding interesting this week.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): The alignment of the stars and the planets this week can only mean one thing: You're looking at a very simplistic, two-dimensional model of our solar system.

Leo (7/23-8/22): It's never too late to start your life over, but hurry, as you only have minutes left.

Virgo (8/23-9/22: You will be upgraded with improved graphics and greater ease of use, but processor speed remains a problem.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Investigators from several federal agencies will conclude that the failure of an 89-cent O-ring caused you to explode over Florida.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Just when things seem to be going your way, you'll be forced to get out of bed this week.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): 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.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): 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.

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Napa County's 2016 Crops Worth A Record \$737 Million

A record-breaking \$729.5 million value for grapes led the way. Agricultural production value rose 33 percent from 2015. It broke the old record of \$720.8 million set in 2014, with wine grape production breaking the old record of \$714.8 million, also set in 2014.

Weather overall was conducive to a bountiful wine grape harvest. The county received adequate rain during the 2015-16 rain season and had the right conditions at fruit set and harvest. Non-grape growers have a stake in the grape prices since they show that Napa County can support agriculture generally, with values this high.

Olives were a distant second behind grapes in crop value, with value rising from \$300,300 in 2015 to \$456,900. Vegetables fell from 32 acres in 2015 to 26 acres, and production value fell from \$367,700 to \$294,900.

The crop report blamed the tail end of the drought for the dips. Vegetables included artichokes, eggplants, kohlrabi, lettuce, potatoes and turnips.

Napa County's category for non-grape and non-olive fruits and nuts includes apples, pears, plums, pluots, strawberries and walnuts. No acreage figures are listed in the crop report, but production value grew from \$272,300 to \$384,900.

The number of cattle and cows grazed in Napa County grew from 9,100 to 20,480. Value grew from \$1.2 million to \$2.7 million. Sheep and lambs held steady at 4,390, with value falling from \$625,500 to \$614,300.

Still another crop report section looked at floral and nursery production, including lavenders, begonias, poinsettias, vegetable starts, cut flowers and trees. Square footage fell from 821,100 to 538,700 and production value from \$2.5 million to \$2.1 million. Go to www.countyofnapa.org/AgCom to see a copy of the crop report.

**Lake Berryessa's Connection to Outer Space and Inner Space:
The Rubins Family of the Berryessa Highands.**

By Peter Kilkus

Lake Berryessa News readers are familiar, through our reporting, with Astronaut Kate Rubins who just returned from outer space a few months ago and was recently honored at a Women in Science event with President Trump. Turns out that Kate has a brother who is working in inner space and taking on the legal system with artificial intelligence (AI).

Dan Rubins, 33, is creator ands chief executive of Legal Robot, www.legalrobot.com, a start-up that uses artificial intelligence to translate legalese into plain English.



A major impact of A.I. that concerns economists is job loss - and not only blue collar jobs. What white collar jobs will be lost to artificial intelligence and automation? Researchers are beginning to see that artificial intelligence, robotics, and new disruptive technology are challenging white-collar professions that previously seemed invulnerable.

Dan Rubins has a lot of grievances with lawyers. At his former job, he recalled the time when six corporate lawyers, each billing at hundreds of dollars an hour, were inspecting a contract looking for capitalization errors. It's what prompted him to create Legal Robot. Having reviewed nearly a million legal documents, Legal Robot also flags anomalies, strange wording or clauses in contracts. Mr. Rubins said that A.I. is good at identifying potentially vague word choices, but he doesn't think A.I. will put lawyers out of business.

He said legal documents are well suited to machine learning because they are highly structured and repetitive. Legal Robot tapped a vast trove of contracts prepared by human lawyers in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission - "a cesspool of legal language," Mr. Rubins said - as well as past documents from various law firms who wanted to help train Legal Robot's systems. His start-up company software offers features like:

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The Lake Berryessa News would like to see a version of an Artificial Intelligence algorithm that can help understand the inner workings and reasoning of the federal government, especially the Bureau of Reclamation! We already have Allie the Lake Berryessa Alligator as a mascot. Maybe AL the Lake Berryessa Algorithm-gorilla can help protect our community in future dealings with various levels of government.

Onion Headlines

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Monticello Ski Club: Who are we?

We are water skiers who, at one point in our life, decided that going around little red buoys at faster and faster speeds and shorter and shorter line lengths was just a whole lotta fun. We are a small, family-friendly group that happens to occupy one of the best little coves on Lake Berryessa in the beautiful Napa Valley. If you have never been on a slalom course, but would like to try, we are your best bet in Northern California. You will be hard pressed to find a better, more economical way to ski in a protected cove on a lake anywhere.

If you have been skiing on a course for long time and think you are pretty hot stuff, this is the place for you too. We're pretty good and we would be happy to help you get even better. Head over to the Use Pass section for information on how to ski at our site. Most of all, we would love to meet you. If you are at Lake Berryessa and want to learn more, please head to the dock (at 5mph). Members there will be happy to answer questions for you.



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The French air force has trained four golden eagles to intercept and destroy the rogue aircraft. The use of hunting birds – normally falcons and northern goshawks – by militaries around the globe is common practice in the fight to scare other critters away from runways and so cut the risk of accidents during takeoff or landing. But it wasn't until 2015 when the Dutch started using bald eagles to intercept drones that other militaries started to see the benefit of these winged warriors.

The French chose golden eagle because of the birds hooked beak and sharp eyesight. Also weighing in around 11 pounds, the birds are in a similar weight class as the drones they're sent to destroy and clocking in at a top air speed of 50 miles per hour. They have the capability of spotting a target from more than a mile away and are deft hunters.

To protect the eagles from drone blades and any explosive device that might be attached the them, the French military designed mittens of leather and Kevlar, an anti-blast material, to protect the bird's talons.



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Group Lake Clean up: 10:00am to 12:00 pm
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A 1972 United Nations initiative to create positive action for the planet, World Environment Day builds global awareness of the environment, encourages political attention and supports individual and community projects.

Logos for various organizations: United Nations, World Environment Day, Reclamation, River Network, etc.

By Peter Kilkus

Although I've been doing a lot of computer-based social media work with the Lake Berryessa News web site and Facebook page, email newsletter and Twitter (I need to be ready if I ever become POTUS), friends just introduced me to a radical new form of social media. It's been dubbed FFEE and is being practiced by the Sons In Retirement (SIR). The FFEE acronym stands for Face-to-Face, Eye-to-Eye, a form of social media that transcends computers, keyboards, and digital transmission formats.

The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of its members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life. The only requirement is that you actually have to physically meet people, talk to them face to face, and enjoy interesting social activities with them.

A few retired friends up here at Lake Berryessa recently decided I wasn't having enough fun on a regular basis so they invited me to consider the Sons In Retirement. I was actually invited by the Big Sir himself - Lake Berryessa's Stu Williams - quite an honor!

My first luncheon meeting at the Napa Elks Lodge (great facility) was very enjoyable and I joined. There are now seven members from the Lake Berryessa area - only two more needed to form the Berryessa SIRball team or the new Lake Berryessa SIRpreme Court.

SIR has monthly luncheons with interesting speakers, good food and fellowship. Additionally, their members enjoy a variety of social activities such as golf, fishing, hiking, bowling, bocce, card games and more.

Many activities like travel, theater, dining, picnics, and holiday parties include their ladies and guests.

Are you retired or semi-retired and want to make new friends, participate in fun activities and better enjoy your leisure time? SIR Membership is open to men regardless of age, race, national origin or religion. The leader of a Sir Branch is designated Big Sir. His assistant is Little SIR. I assume we members are the Yes SIRs (or maybe I just made that one up.).

SIR Wine Valley Branch #149 has just upgraded their web site and informational materials to recruit new members. Check out their new web site: www.branch149.sirinc2.org.

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Community Church Compassion Sunday

On May 7th the Community Church of Lake Berryessa is hosting a Compassion Sunday event. Information and opportunities to support a child living in poverty will be presented. Compassion International works around the world to lift children out of poverty through small monthly donations. These donations go directly to a sponsored child the sponsor selects. A relationship can be developed with the child through letters and visits if so desired. Please visit the Compassion International web site for detailed information. www.compassion.com

Come join us on Sunday May 7th at 10:00 am for this exciting event at 6008 Monticello Rd., Moskowite Corners.

Lake Berryessa History Timeline 1958 to Present (Condensed)

1958	Reclamation enters into a long-term agreement with Napa County to manage recreational development at Lake Berryessa.
1958-1959	Napa County awards seven long-term (30 year) concession agreements to newly formed resorts to provide recreation services. Leased mobile home sites provide revenue needed to support short-term uses such as camping and launching.
1959	Lake Berryessa Public Use Plan (PUP) prepared by the National Park Service (NPS). "Should accommodate 3,000 boats at 125 launch ramps; minimum of 8,000 picnic sites and 800 camp sites."
Apr. 22, 1970	The first Earth Day marks the birth of the modern environmental movement. Coincidentally, the five year "The Big Lie" attack on Lake Berryessa begins.
February, 1972	Government Accountability Office Audit: "Public Recreational Facilities Not Adequately Developed at Lake Berryessa." One of the first 1970s reports criticizing Lake Berryessa facilities. Generally a silly hit piece introducing "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 polluted the lake."
1972 - 1973	Congressman Don Clausen involvement: Supported Napa County. Introduced H.R. 11758 to authorize the Federal government to direct the development, operation, and maintenance of day-use facilities.
August, 1972	National Park Service formally updates the PUP at Reclamation's request. "Plan for Recreation Development - Final". NPS concluded that Lake Berryessa is "not of national significance for recreation". Proposed 16 Development Areas all around the lake to serve 9 million annual visitors!
1974	After years of fruitless discussion and debate with Reclamation regarding the Lake Berryessa management agreement, Napa County notifies Reclamation of its intent to turn lake recreation management back to Reclamation by 1975.
1974-1980	Congress enacts Public Law 93-493 authorizing Reclamation to manage recreation at Lake Berryessa. Reclamation constructs facilities as authorized: two day-use areas, public boat ramp, parking lot, and administrative offices. Amends 1975 Public Use Plan to allow mobile homes with some restrictions.
1976 - 1980	Reclamation Lake Manager, B.E. Martin, attempts to cancel concession contracts. A lawsuit ensued and was settled in the concessioners' favor in 1979. Court concluded: Plaintiffs (concessioners) constructed, at its own cost and expense, facilities for public use including but not limited to buildings, stores, access roads, vehicle parking areas, boat launching ramps and docks, mobile home pads, swimming beaches, picnic areas and camp sites. All of said improvements conformed to the Public Use Plan and had prior approval of Defendants and all County, State and Federal agencies having jurisdiction over said matter."
September, 1980	Public Law 96-375: This law was passed to protect both the concessionaires and the government by allowing the concessionaire to receive fair market value for their property and improvements. Intent was twisted by Reclamation to force removal of ALL facilities in 2009 because they "didn't want them". This was the key element in the destruction of most facilities at the resorts. Reclamation's interpretation was upheld in court.
1980	Reclamation extends all seven concession contracts for ten years.
1988-1989	Reclamation prepares the Lake Berryessa Reservoir Area Management Plan (Ramp). Allowed long-term use for its positive economic benefits (Pg.60).
May 1, 1992	Reservoir Area Management Plan (RAMP) Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) released. Detailed 150 page+ analysis. Supported resort owners and long-term uses with some restrictions.
1995	Reclamation extends all concession contracts for ten years.

May, 2000	OIG Report: "Concessions Managed by the Bureau of Reclamation" is critical of Reclamation management. Timing seems designed to support the newly announced VSP with negative comments about Lake Berryessa.
June, 2000	Reclamation announces the Visitor Services Plan (VSP) in a news release.
October, 2000	VSP Bulletin #1 sent out: Included VSP Schedule and negative (Big Lie) photos.
Nov. 7, 2000	Reclamation formally initiates the Visitor Services Plan (VSP) process with Notice of Intent published in the Federal Register Nov. 7, 2000.
Mar. 6, 2001	Reclamation holds a "Media Tour" to publicize "pollution" problems allegedly caused by long-term sites. Beginning of the "Big Lie" strategy originally used in the 1970s to discredit the resorts and mobile homeowners.
March 23, 2001	Reclamation VSP planning memo released for public comment.
March 31, 2001	Reclamation hosts VSP open house - 500 people attend.
May, 2001	VSP Bulletin #2 sent out soliciting public comments. In July 2001, Reclamation provides 28 pages of comments and written responses.
May, 2001	Task Force 7 at Lake Berryessa formed with co-chairs Peter Killus and Pat Monaghan. Mission Statement: "To prevent the unjustified removal of mobile homes from Lake Berryessa through political action, community education, and environmental stewardship."
May 10, 2001	Task Force 7 requests meeting with Reclamation for permittees. Reclamation ungraciously agrees "even though permittees are only one special interest group." Reclamation is clear that all long-term sites are to be removed in any new plan.
Aug. 7, 2001	TF7 representatives meet with Bruce Wadlington and Cecil Leslie to discuss VSP. Reclamation again made it clear that mobile homes must be removed as part of any plan. Reclamation states permittees have no rights and have paid "\$10,000 for a trailer and \$50,000 for a view."
May-June, 2001	Reclamation begins "Public Scoping" per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.
September, 2001	Reclamation publishes "Scoping Responses" – first public comments responding to VSP questions of 3/23/01.
November, 2001	Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Planning Task Force (LBVSPT) is formed and introduces its Coordinated Resource Management Plan (VSP-CRMP) and a new web site for public comment on the draft VSP. LBVSPT is a broader group than Task Force 7 and includes all stakeholders who support positive future improvements at Lake Berryessa. "Preserve the Best, Improve the Rest."
Sept. 23, 2002	Task Force 7 representatives travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with local Congressional representatives and present 10,015 signatures to the Bureau of Reclamation stating: "We, the undersigned, are opposed to the Bureau of Reclamation's intention to remove all long-term sites at Lake Berryessa. We do not believe there is a compelling public policy reason for this harmful action, which would devastate the community and cause economic hardship to many citizens. We support the LBVSPT alternative plan, which retains long-term sites, advocates an environmentally sound policy for managing the lake, and provides the public with a rewarding recreational experience."
Dec. 19, 2002	LBVSPT publishes its (VSP-CRMP). LBVSPT representatives meet with Reclamation representatives to discuss the VSP. Reclamation rejects plan.
Dec. 30, 2002	Reclamation publishes its Environmental Compliance and Facility Condition Assessment Report ("Kleinfelder Report"). Generally negative summary of existing facilities and infrastructure at the resorts.
February, 2003	LBVSPT distributes letters and posters announcing VSP CRMP to all businesses and resorts around Lake Berryessa and 25 public agencies. Posts notices on Reclamation information boards at public launch ramp and Smittle Creek. Posters are taken down by Reclamation.

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On Thursday I went out with Albert. The water temperature was 64 degrees and to my surprise there were no beds visible in five key locations. We caught our limit of bass - the largest weighing a little over 2 pounds.

The following day I went out solo in rough water with white caps all day. Had to look for quiet water in back of coves - not so easy to find, but still landed 6 nice fish with the largest weighing just over 6 pounds. I let her go since she was full of eggs. Caught her on a chartreuse and white spinner bait. I ended up going in early due to the wind.

Saturday I went out with Fabrice and his 6-year old son Matthew. I decided to start in the back of the Monticello Ski Club to avoid the wind. The first bass was caught by Matthew drop shooting a Robo morning glory colored worm. The second bass was caught by - you guessed it - Matthew on a crank bait. The third bass was caught on a River2Sea crawdad lure, again by Matthew.

Since he was doing so well I wanted to find an area where the bass were a little larger so he could experience landing a bigger fish. My fish finder showed some activity that looked like larger fish so we trolled through that area using a deep diving Speed Trap lure that went 15 feet down. You guessed it again - Matthew landed the first bass. It gave him a good fight but with a little help from his Dad he brought in the biggest bass of the day - a 5.5 pound largemouth.

We repeated that drift four more times and landed a bass each time with three bass over 4 pounds each and a 2 pounder. I asked Matthew if he wanted to keep fishing here or go to my secret spot and he said let's go!!! Fabrice caught a bass using a spinner bait in shallow water immediately. I checked out the whole area with no signs of beds or fry from a previous spawn to be seen. Maybe there was no spawn yet. May 10th might be the first one. Matthew wanted to end the day trying to get a catfish so I went to catfish cove, threw out a hotdog, and we waited. To our disappointment, no catfish took the bait and it was time to call it a day.

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04-05	36.36"
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06-07	12.7"
07-08	25.32"
08-09	23.96"
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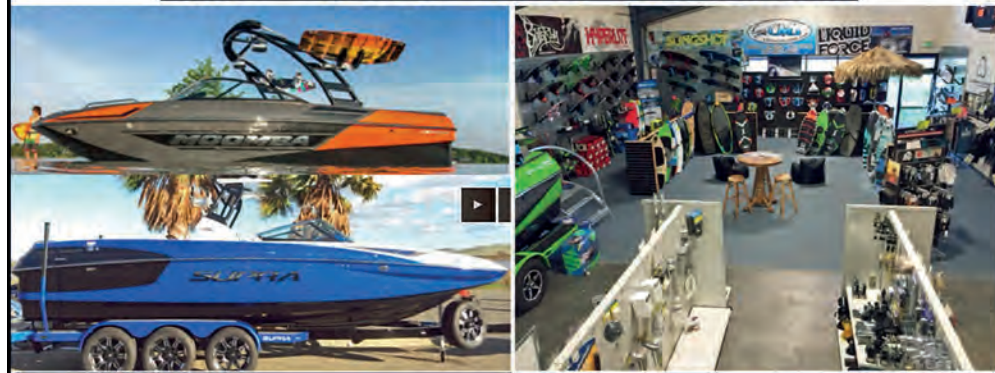


Summer, 2005	Citizens to Protect Lake Berryessa and other groups bring the issue before Congress and request a review of the Reclamation's actions and the implementation of the Resort Operators' Plan in place of the BOR DEIS.
Nov. 4, 2005	Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) released.
Nov. 19, 2005	Winters Protest Meeting: More than 900 people with a stake in Lake Berryessa's future packed the Winters High School gym to denounce the Bureau of Reclamation's effort to eliminate long-time family recreation. The Bureau of Reclamation's plan for Lake Berryessa continues to grow in unpopularity.
November, 2005	At the request of Congressman Richard Pombo, Reclamation extends 30-day "cooling off" period under NEPA to a full 6-months and accepts comments to the FEIS throughout this time.
Jun. 2, 2006	Final Record of Decision (ROD) released. Requires removal of mobile homes. Creates an "Annual Usage" category but refuses to allow this option to be used in future bids without penalty.
Apr. 22, 2007 Earth Day	Rancho Monticello Resort Announces Compliance with the ISO 14000 International Environmental Standard. Rancho Monticello becomes the only resort at Lake Berryessa that has implemented an Environmental Management System meeting the requirements of ISO 14001, the internationally-recognized environmental management standard being used by leading companies around the world.
Jun. 16, 2007	Berryessa For All v. United States Bureau of Reclamation seeks injunctive relief on the basis that the FEIS and VSP ROD violate NEPA, Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and Federal Law.
June, 2007	Reclamation completes appraisals of existing facilities. Appraisals are contested as too low by concessioners for excluding their major infrastructure investments. Ultimately the appraisals were of no practical value since Reclamation claimed that no existing facilities were necessary and required them all to be demolished at the Concessioner's own cost citing their flawed interpretation of Public Law 96-375.
June, 2007	Initial Bid Prospectus released soliciting proposals for all seven concession areas. Evaluation standards were deliberately written to favor a single bidder for multiple resorts and to penalize inclusion of the annual usage sites approved in the Record of Decision.
Sept, 2007	Initial due date for proposals in response to the Prospectus.
Jan. - Feb., 2008	After delays due to litigation by Markley Cove owners, Reclamation panel evaluates bid proposals.
April, 2008	Selection of successful bidders: Pensus (5 resorts), Forever Resorts (Pleasure Cove), Markley Cove. The selection of Pensus is regarded by most knowledgeable observers as a fundamental error on the part of Reclamation. Subsequent events prove them correct. Reclamation rejects the best and most environmentally-advanced bid from Lago Resorts on a technicality without even evaluating it. The bid was declared non-responsive due to one sentence that did not make the U.S. government the first lien holder on personal property loans. Lago Resorts, a partnership among Rancho Monticello, Putah Creek, Berryessa Marina, Spanish Flat and Markley Cove, immediately agreed to fix the "deficiency" but was rejected by Reclamation. Another major nail in the coffin of the recovery of Lake Berryessa as a prime recreation destination.
June, 2008	Negotiations initiated or scheduled between successful bidders and Reclamation. Pleasure Cove contract with Forever Resorts signed. Markley Cove contract nearing end of negotiations but never signed. Complex Pensus contract in process.
July 10, 2008	District Court Order in Berryessa For All v. United States Bureau of Reclamation: Court determines that the FEIS and VSP ROD adequately complied with NEPA and federal law. Mobile home owners have no further recourse and must demolish their homes at their own expense (approximately \$3,500 each) since they are to old to be moved.

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Milestone Achieved! A Positive Report on the Potential Future Rebirth of Lake Berryessa!

More than a year since the Lake Berryessa News began the campaign to give Lake Berryessa management back to Napa County, a major milestone in that campaign has arrived. A 434-page Lake Berryessa marketing report done by Ragatz Realty was just presented to the County and to the Bureau of Reclamation. Reclamation will review and comment on the report by July 3. Ragatz will formally present this report at the Aug. 1 Board of Supervisors meeting. But first a bit of historical background for context.

Monticello Dam was finished in 1958 and Lake Berryessa filled. By the end of 1959, Napa County had awarded seven long-term (30 year) concession agreements to newly formed resorts to provide recreation services. Leased mobile home sites provide revenue needed to support short-term uses such as camping and launching.

But in 1975, after years of fruitless discussion and debate with Reclamation regarding the Lake Berryessa management agreement, Napa County turned lake recreation management back to Reclamation.

In 2000 the Bureau of Reclamation began a to develop a Visitor Services Plan to redevelop the lake. Their primary goal was to remove all mobile homes from the lake while replacing the existing resort owners with a single company to run all the resorts. Reclamation's search for concessionaires to redevelop and run the resorts still remains stalled after several false starts during the last 10 years.

Reclamation adopted a 2006 Record of Decision followed by a Bid Prospectus to renovate the resorts with new marinas, lodges,

campgrounds, restaurants and other features. In 2009, the agency received \$4.4 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money which was, unfortunately, only used to demolish the existing resort infrastructure rather than provide any improvements to facilities. Millions of dollars in functional facilities were simply demolished.

Two bid prospectus attempts finally resulted in a contract with Pensus in 2010 which ultimately failed. A third bid prospectus received no bids by the end of 2016.

In February, 2016, the Lake Berryessa News and Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce began a Renaissance Lake Berryessa campaign aimed at returning management of Lake Berryessa to Napa County. They actively campaigned for this goal during the following months.

In June, 2016 Napa County Supervisors directed staff to enter into negotiations for a Managing Partner Agreement between the County and Reclamation for the management of Lake Berryessa.

By January, 2017 discussions between Napa County and Reclamation had proceeded positively enough to result in the supervisors directing staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Ragatz Sedgwick Realty who would 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.

There are several benefits with county management of the resorts. The county has more flexibility than

Reclamation. For example, instead of issuing a request for proposals and waiting for potential concessionaires to respond, the county can market the Berryessa opportunity to resort companies. About 300 companies worldwide do this type of resort development. Some may not want to work with the federal government.

A key piece of information could be known by the end of the June. The county wants to offer 55-year contracts to run resorts, but needs permission from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for this longer-than-usual time frame. The Bureau of Reclamation offered 30-year contracts when it sought new Lake Berryessa concessionaires. At the end of the contracts, the marinas, parking lots, water systems and other infrastructure installed by the companies would be owned by the federal government.

This requirement and the short contract term were the "poison pills" that discouraged interest from large resort companies. In a modest change to policy, Reclamation just signed a contract with Markley Cove Resort for a 30 year contract, but with a possible 10 year extension for a total of 40 years.

In January, Richard Ragatz and his colleagues began touring the closed resorts, gathering information, and meeting with, among others, the Bureau of Reclamation, Visit Napa Valley staff, and members of the Board of Directors of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

A survey of more than 3,000 people in the region found that 92 percent are interested in visiting Lake Berryessa, if it has the right facilities.

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Pop Quiz

If the speed of light in a vacuum is 168,000 miles per hour, what is the speed of faith in a vacuum?

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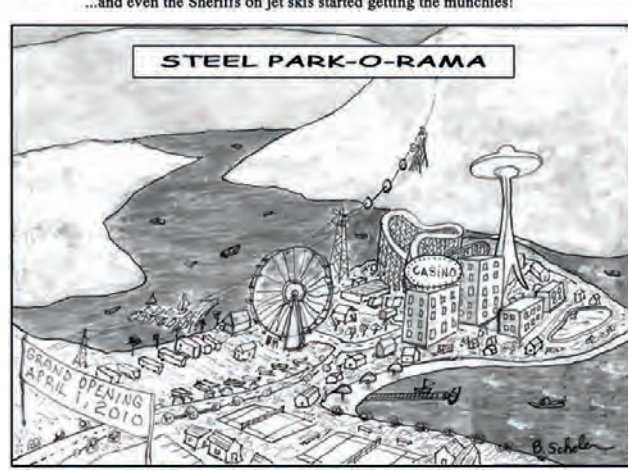
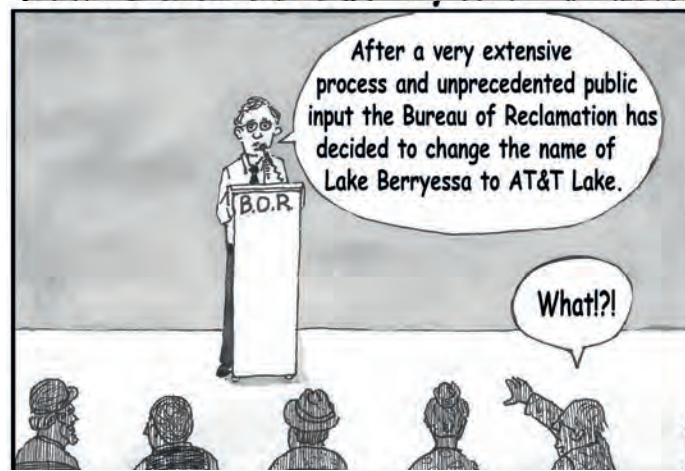
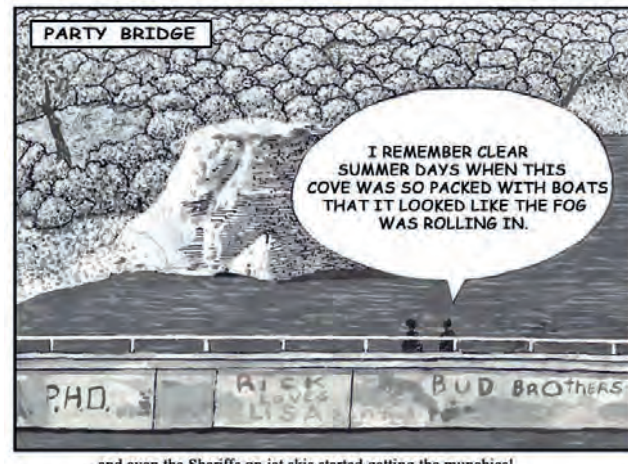
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Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza, who has consistently approached this process with a positive outlook, sees the county making progress. "I think this is an exciting time for Lake Berryessa," Pedroza said. Other supervisors have been supportive.

In an interesting bit of historical turnaround, John Tuteur, Napa County's Assessor and Registrar of Voters, who was a Napa Supervisor in 1975, told the County supervisors at their June 20th meeting that one of his platforms when he successfully ran for the Board of Supervisors in 1972 was to end county management of Berryessa resorts. But 45 years later Tuteur said circumstances have changed. With the professional assistance of Visit Napa Valley, Napa County has a better grasp on the importance, management requirements, and effects of tourism.

"I think the county can do a superb job in helping to run the resorts," Tuteur told the supervisors.

The five recreation areas the county could manage are Berryessa Point (previously Berryessa Marina), Monticello Shores (previously Rancho Monticello), Putah Canyon (previously Putah Creek), Spanish Flat and Steele Canyon (previously Steele Park).

Of these, Berryessa Point and Monticello Shores are closed and the other three are operated in stripped-down versions under interim contracts.

Pleasure Cove Marina and Markley Cove Marina, two of the smallest of the smallest

of the previous seven, are operating at full strength under formal contracts with Reclamation.

The following table shows the economic loss to the local and extended Lake Berryessa community. Much of the revenue went to employees and local suppliers of goods and services. The appraised value was stupidly driven to zero by Reclamation's decision to demolish all operational facilities. Having to start all over with multi-million dollar investments to redevelop the resorts has been a major, and unnecessary (too late now), stumbling block to recruiting potential recreation companies.

The practical implications for the Berryessa Highlands, for example, of the rebirth of the Lake Berryessa as premier recreation destination are profound. How about a thriving Corners bar, restaurant, store? How about a fully functioning Steele Canyon marina with gas and a couple of hundred boat slips - and a good restaurant with a dynamite view - within 5 minutes of your home? How about at least one functioning gas station? Steele Park had 50 full-time employees. How about 600 new local jobs around the lake? That was a Pensus planning estimate. How about increasing property values to homeowners?

As this process unfolds the Lake Berryessa News and Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce sincerely ask Napa residents to encourage their supervisors to support a Renaissance Lake Berryessa.

Lake Berryessa Resort Revenues (2009) (These were the latest figures prior to the demolition of all resorts.)				
Resort	Annual Revenue	Appraised Value By Reclamation	Mobile Home Rental Revenue	Mobile Home Rental % of Total
Berryessa Marina	\$1.61M	\$3.3M	\$0.76M	47%
Putah Creek	\$1.03M	\$4.15M	\$0.38M	37%
Rancho Monticello	\$3.32M	\$11.22M	\$2.1M	63%
Spanish Flat	\$2.09M	\$4.06M	\$0.78M	37%
Steele Park	\$2.62M	\$9.59M	\$0.66M	25%
Markley Cove	\$1.09M	\$6.48M	0	
Pleasure Cove	\$0.85M	\$1.07M	0	
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50 Years After the Summer of Love and the Lake Berryessa Bowl

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San Francisco is going all out for the 50th anniversary of the 1967 cultural revolution that brought the hippie experience to the American mainstream, when throngs of American youth descended on San Francisco. The city is celebrating with museum exhibits, music and film festivals, Summer of Love-inspired dance parties and lecture panels. Hotels are offering discount packages that include "psychedelic cocktails," "Love Bus" tours, tie-dyed tote bags and bubble wands.

Thinking back on 1967, Bob Weir of the Grateful Dead recalls a creative explosion that sprouted from fissures in American society. "There was a spirit in the air," said Weir. "We figured that if enough of us got together and put our hearts and minds to it, we could make anything happen."

During those years, the Grateful Dead shared a spacious Victorian on Ashbury Street. Janis Joplin lived down the street. Across from her was Joe McDonald, of Country Joe and the Fish. Jefferson Airplane eventually bought a house a few blocks away on Fulton Street, where they hosted legendary, wild parties.

Even Lake Berryessa became part of "the scene" with the "Lake Berryessa Bowl" which was an outdoor music venue just below Turtle Rock. During the summer months in the second half of the 1960s many local and national groups appeared at the venue. It was large enough to host Alice Cooper and The Grateful Dead.

The Grand Opening was on May 30, 1968 and featured Loading Zone, Overbrook Express, H.P. Lovecraft, Transmatic Experience, The Mojo, and the Spiders.

Lake Berryessa Bowl

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Last week was super - hot the water temperature was 85.5 degrees on Thursday and cooled down to 73.8 by Sunday. On Thursday I went out with Tommie and his son Brogan. What seemed a little unusual was there were no birds in the water as we left the marina.

We started off by trolling along the rock wall towards Monticello Ski School and hooked up with a smallmouth bass along the way. I headed to the back of the Ski school and we tried different baits including minnows but were not landing bass with any size to them. Still not seeing any bird activity.

It got really hot and we all decided it was time for a swim to cool down. Feeling refreshed I headed towards the Narrows. Tommie was throwing top water and got a roll over. Then he threw a spinner bait but had no bites. He changed to a lipless rattle trap and landed a nice bass.

I went to one of my favorite secret spots and we saw bass breaking everywhere chasing bait fish. But they had no interest in what we were casting out, but it was fun watching them. On the way to the vineyards both Tommie and Brogan caught fish, but still no birds anywhere on the water.

We stopped several more times to get in the water the heat was terrible. Coming back on the west side to the marina we still had not seen any birds. We had a great day and hope to do this again soon.

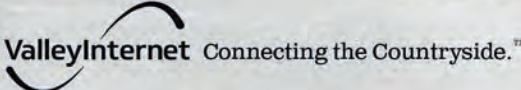
The following morning I went out with Tim and in about an hour without leaving the marina, and using plastics only, we landed four nice fish up to three pounds. Next day I took Steven and Caesar out and saw a few BIRDS but not many. I used the same route as with Tommie and his son but landed more quality fish - up to four and a half pounds. We made cool down stops at least five times during the day. 'til next time.....good fishing!!! bestguide@hotmail.com or 650-583-3333.



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18. Jerry Seinfeld, \$69 million (Comedian, U.S.)
20. Mark Wahlberg, \$68 million (Actor, U.S.)
21. Metallica, \$66.5 million (Musicians, U.S.)
22. Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, \$65 million (Actor, U.S.)
23. Roger Federer, \$64 million (Athlete, Switzerland)
24. David Copperfield, \$61.5 million (Magician, U.S.)
25. Kevin Durant, \$60.6 million (Athlete, U.S.)
26. Garth Brooks, \$60 million (Musician, U.S.)
26. Elton John, \$60 million (Musician, U.K.)
26. Gordon Ramsay, \$60 million (Personality, U.K.)
29. Ryan Seacrest, \$58 million (Personality, U.S.)
30. Chris Rock, \$57 million (Comedian, U.S.)
31. Vin Diesel, \$54.5 million (Actor, U.S.)
32. Paul McCartney, \$54 million (Musician, U.K.)
32. Red Hot Chili Peppers, \$54 million (Musicians, U.S.)
34. Louis C.K., \$52 million (Comedian, U.S.)
35. Jimmy Buffett, \$50.5 million (Musician, U.S.)
35. [Adam Sandler, \\$50.5 million \(Actor, U.S.\)](#)
37. Andrew Luck, \$50 million (Athlete, U.S.)
37. Rory McIlroy, \$50 million (Athlete, U.S.)
39. Jackie Chan, \$49 million (Actor, China)
40. Calvin Harris, \$48.5 million (Musician, U.K.)
41. Robert Downey, Jr., \$48 million (Actor, U.S.)
42. Steph Curry, \$47.3 million (Athlete U.S.)
43. Dave Chappelle, \$47 million (Comedian, U.S.)
43. Judy Sheindlin, \$47 million (Personality, U.S.)
45. James Harden, \$46.6 million (Athlete, U.S.)
46. Lewis Hamilton, \$46 million (Athlete, U.K.)
47. [Kim Kardashian West, \\$45.5 million \(Personality, U.S.\)](#)
48. Drew Brees, \$45.3 million (Athlete, U.S.)
49. Taylor Swift, \$44 million (Musician, U.S.)
50. Simon Cowell, \$43.5 million (Personality, U.K.)


Caltrans Gives One Year Notice for Major Project Between Lake Berryessa and Napa

Rock Fall Mitigation Project on State Route 121 (Post Mile 14.8) in Napa County.

The project proposes installation of cable mesh with cable anchors to stabilize a large overhanging rock mass located within a high cliff at the top of a ridge west of SRI21, just past Wooden Valley Road on the way to Napa. This project is scheduled for the summer of 2018.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has determined that, for the safety of the traveling public, complete highway closures are required for up to two weekends during construction. Traffic will be detoured via Route 128, Route 29 and along Silverado Trail.

Helping Hands Charity Event



Saturday, July 29


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Contact Terri Lee at 373-5177 to reserve your space or for information.

July Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Venus is in retrograde in your sign this week, which you'd think would mean problems in your love life but actually indicates imminent botulism. Interesting, isn't it?

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You're starting to think that maybe the funny nose and glasses won't actually be enough to hide you when Jesus returns in all his glory.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Sometimes it feels as if your life's long, empty hours are all beginning to blur together, but take heart. There really aren't very many left.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Your life will soon lose all direction, which considering how it has been going, should come as a vast relief.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Animals have sharper senses than humans and can sense coming events, so it's unnerving when they start wearing bibs and follow you around smacking their lips.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You're a remarkably clear-eyed and kindly person, which doesn't make it any easier for the stars to tell you about your breath.

Leo (7/23-8/22): An unfortunate time in your life will be unexpectedly extended when the judge explains that he, not you, gets to choose the manner of your community service.




Virgo (8/23-9/22): You can believe all you want in fate and destiny, but when all's said and done, you simply lack the willpower to stay out of doughnut shops.


Libra (9/23-10/22): You have super-powers from 6am to 6pm. Use them wisely!

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): See how long you can go without breathing. Maybe you'll break the world record!

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Sleep with your pajama's inside out and backwards for luck.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): A regrettable encounter with an overly boisterous penguin will land you in hospital this month. The injuries are minor, but your self-esteem will suffer more.



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Volunteer for an Interent Access Survey and Speed Test

The Napa County Library and California State University, Chico Geographical Information Center have extended the deadline to July 31 to conduct an internet access survey and speed test to better understand the need throughout the community.

The purpose of the study is to better understand broadband access and provide accurate feedback to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) – a necessary first step to begin closing the digital divide in Napa County. By extending the deadline, we will have more accurate data to rely on as we continue to work toward providing access for all residents.

To participate follow these steps:

If you have access to the internet fill out an online survey: <https://goo.gl/KlrQ5v> -- if you choose to participate in the study you may be contacted for additional information.

If you don't have access to the internet, a survey form will also be mailed out and can be sent to: Geographical Information Center, 35 Main St., Chico, CA 95928-5393.

Or you can visit a location with internet, such as the Library, and fill out the online survey at <https://goo.gl/KlrQ5v>
The two-year grant funded program targets unserved and underserved areas throughout Marin, Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma counties.

Lake Berryessa For Summer Activities

Lake Berryessa is happening! Last month, a group of ukulele players rented out EcoCamp Berryessa and played their uke's while swimming in the Lake and enjoying each others company!

If you are interested in renting out EcoCamp Berryessa for your group or event, connect with Chris Cahill at: chris.cahill@countyofnapa.org.

Need a Summer Camp for your Kids? Check out Tracker's Earth At EcoCamp Berryessa!

Camp Trackers Village is the ultimate summer overnight camp. On the shores of Lake Berryessa, students are immersed in a village of rustic camping, ancient skills and adventure.

<http://www.trackersbay.com/napa-county/youth/overnight.php>

Napa County Wildfire Awareness Day" Full of Info for Residents Living in Fire Prone Regions

Residents were treated to a plethora of information on June 17th at the Napa Expo, from fire safe landscaping & building tips, to fire extinguisher demonstrations and insurance information. Even State Senator Bill Dodd, and Napa County Supervisors Diane Dillon and Ryan Gregory were on hand to emphasize the importance of being prepared while living in such beautiful country.

There was something to be learned by all, but, it was 100 degrees in Napa on the day of the event, so not many rural residents made the long trek to downtown, so here is a quick rundown of what you missed:

CAL Fire, the US Forest Service, and Smokey The Bear were all on hand to provide tips on what homeowners need to do to be prepared for wildfire. Go to www.ReadyForWildfire.org for an easy look at what homeowners need to be thinking about if they live in a forest. Napa County Fire also brought out their "Smoke Trailer" which gave people the chance to experience what it's like to be in a building filling with smoke.

While it started off just interesting, it quickly got scary seeing how fast the smoke accumulated. It was a great reminder to have fire extinguishers and an emergency evacuation plan ready.

The California Department of Insurance, Insurance Information Institute, and Farmers Insurance were also on hand to help people understand the details of what homeowners insurance covers, how it works, and also to stress the importance of preparation of the paperwork side of things. Check out their websites for information: www.Insurance.ca.gov, www.III.org, www.Farmers.com.

Napa County Office of Emergency Services (OES) was in attendance to get everyone signed up for Nixle, the e-mail and text notification system used in emergencies. Go to www.countyofnapa.org/Emergencies to sign up.

The PG&E Public Safety Emergency Prep team was there to remind us all to call 811 "Before You Dig", and also to point out all the utility safety info available on www.PGE.com.

The host of the event, CA Fire Safe Council, had their booth set up full of info on how to create your own community Fire Safe Council. Go to www.CAFireSafeCouncil.org to see how you can get your community involved.

The California Conservation Corps was on hand to recruit more workers, and drum up some work. CCC is a great organization for young people to work for to learn a variety of skills from teamwork to construction, and they are available for hire by any organization in need of a great team. They are self sufficient with all their own tools and a 10+ person crew, so go to

www.CCC.ca.gov more info.

If you are wondering about training options for your volunteer fire department, Fire Service Training Institute was on hand with manuals and course outlines. Go to www.CAFSTI.org for more info.

Davey's Tree(www.Davey.com) and Kelly's Tree Service(707-363-0038) were also on hand to offer us all defensible space solutions. From weed whacking to tree removal, contact these companies to get the job done.

Because fire safety and defensible space starts in your yard, the California Native Plant Society and a Master Gardener were on hand with an awesome interactive Fire Safe Gardening Display, complete with more than 15 native and/or fire resistant plants that are recommended in our area. They are all available for purchase right down the road at Van Winden's Nursery.

Check out www.NapaValleyCNPS.org and <http://ucanr.edu/sites/ucmgnapa/> for all sorts of info, and check out the August issue of the Lake Berryessa News for a full page Wildfire Safe Landscaping Guide for Napa County.

When preparing for wildfire, don't forget about your pets and livestock! Napa County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, the Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch, and HALTER(Horse and Livestock Team Emergency Response) were all on hand to remind us they are there if we need them, and they are also always looking for volunteers and donations. To find out more, go here: www.countyofnapa.org/AnimalShelter, www.JamesonAnimalRescueRanch.org, www.HALTERfund.org.

Because fires can start with even the smallest of flames, it's important to remember that even you can help if you have the common, easy, and proper home defense tools. Of course, we are talking about fire extinguishers! Napa based Best Fire Equipment (www.BestFireCo.com) was on hand offering fire extinguisher demonstrations/training, and also reminding you to get your household extinguishers checked and charged if needed.

And last, because what good is all of this hard work if you can't have fun and enjoy you property or the park, Games All Out brought a bunch of giant outdoor kids games to keep everyone entertained. Cause why not! Go to www.GamesAllOut.com to check out their selection of activities!





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Sorry, Folks, the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is still "the Dumbest National Monument in the United States"

The Twisted Ten-Year Political Path From a Modest Nature Area Partnership to a Local Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area to a Large Disjointed Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area to an Incoherent Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

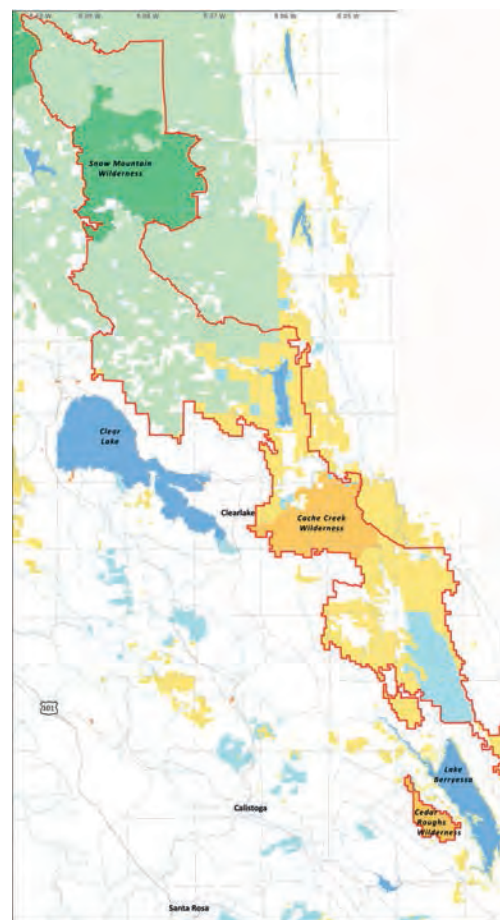
Some people may have noticed the hysterical response to President Trump's Executive Order 13792, issued April 26, 2017 directing The Department of the Interior to open the first ever formal public comment period for members of the public to officially weigh in on monument designations under the Antiquities Act of 1906. I support legitimate national monuments, but this is not one.

Is it really the "Dumbest National Monument in the United States"? An objective review of the process by which it was created and the final formal designation suggests the answer is YES. I personally support the creation of legitimate national monuments, but this is not that. Being part of the ten year political process that led to its creation convinced me that in many situations the Antiquities Act is being abused. The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is a perfect case study of this abuse.

The Antiquities Act states that National Monuments should contain "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest" and be "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected."

As specified in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS), which includes National Conservation Areas and National Monuments, was established in order to "conserve, protect, and restore nationally significant landscapes that have outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for the benefit of current and future generations."

Congressman Mike Thompson and proponents of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area, knowing that Congressman Thompson's highly unpopular H.R.1025 - Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area Act would never pass Congress,



bypassed the voters and had the President declare a vast stretch of northern California a National Monument simply by a stroke of his pen.

The original proposal for some form of federal designation for a small part of Northern California ballooned into an attempt to create large conglomerate National Conservation Area stretching across most of Northern California.

When the NCA proposal met strong resistance by local governments and citizens groups, it could not move forward on its own merits. The strategy of the proponents then turned to having President Obama create a National Monument in the final days of his presidency. They succeeded.

One of the silliest things about the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument proposal is not just its name

but the map itself. Lake Berryessa is not even geographically connected on the map to the rest of the National Monument which stretches far into Northern California. The "National Monument" doesn't even include the whole Snow Mountain Wilderness nor even most of the Mendocino National Forest. The reason is political, not ecological. The Glenn and Colusa County supervisors strongly opposed the original NCA.

Based on the lack of compelling evidence for its need, the Berryessa Snow Mountain region should not have become a National Monument because it does not even come close to any of the criteria required for that designation.

It does not meet the basic standard of "nationally significant" as defined in the Act.

It is geographically and ecologically incoherent (see map.). Lake Berryessa is not even included in the in the monument. Why is Berryessa even in the name?

Lake Berryessa is not a nationally significant landscape, nor is it ecologically significant. It is a man-made lake serving as an agricultural resource, drinking water resource, and recreational resource—in that order of priority.

The economic benefit arguments are bogus and do not stand up to scrutiny. The bottom line is that if Lake Berryessa alone opened for business the way it was, the financial benefits would far outstrip anything that could possibly accrue to the **WHOLE N A T I O N A L MONUMENT** based on a name change.

The monument designation will not add

any facilities at Lake Berryessa. Since most of the land in the monument is already owned and protected by public agencies, why is a monument designation necessary at all?

Comments may be submitted online by July 10 at <http://www.regulations.gov> by entering "DOI-2017-0002" in the Search bar and clicking "Search," or by mail to Monument Review, MS-1530, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

The Lake Berryessa News has submitted the following comment:

"I would like to request a Congressional review of the procedures and standards for proposals to create National Monuments. I would like the review to specifically address the creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

The attached report, "The History of the Creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument: The Ultimate Political Perversion of the Antiquities Act" documents my specific concerns regarding how this monument was created. My belief is that the analysis of this process should result in redrawing the map to eliminate most of the southern part of the National Monument, potentially add the rest of the Mendocino National Forest, and change the name to the Mendocino Snow Mountain National Monument."



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8 Bilgee & the Interns Are Back!

The Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership (LBWP) exists to protect water quality, mitigate the risk of invasive quagga and zebra mussel species, and educate all lake users about water quality.

The partnership has been reaching out to boaters and visitors for many years, mostly in the form of summer interns who conduct person-to-person watershed education and distribute educational materials to boaters and visitors.

This year the number of interns has increased to 16. They are working weekends and weekdays to protect Lake Berryessa. So far this season they have screened 4,513 boats for invasive species, done 289 interviews, educated 616 people about lake issues, and installed 87 bilge pads.

An example of their hard work is shown in this report from Markley Cove: Markley Cove saw a busy and hot weekend, reaching temperatures of 102°F, 105°F, and 107°F! It was probably the hottest weekend this season. The parking lot was completely full.

Three boaters came in wearing our Lake Berryessa T-shirts that they had received last year. They openly voiced their support for our goals.

Who are these intrepid interns? Usually students from local colleges who are majoring in the environmental sciences. Their work here at the lake reflects their scientific and outdoor interests.

My name is Alessandro Schiavone. I am a Freshman at Dominican University of California majoring in Business with a concentration in management and marketing with a minor in leadership. In my spare time I like to play and watch sports with my friends and family. My favorite past time is going to the beach.

My name is Angie Flores and I am currently a second year Biological Sciences major at UC Davis. I really enjoy exploring new hiking trails, running 5Ks, practicing karate, and venturing out to new cities. Growing up in the Sierra Nevada and occasionally visiting the Amazon rainforest has developed my deep



appreciation for the environment and its abundance of natural resources.

My name is Christopher Zaleski. I just graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Environmental Science and Management with an emphasis in watershed science. I like to go bike riding, watch sports, and play games. I believe that water is the most precious and scarce resource we have and want to make a career out of working with something that I am very passionate about.

My name is Edward Blong Her and I'm currently a Senior at CSU: Sacramento majoring in Environmental Studies. In my free time I enjoy fishing in the Delta, Sacramento River, and Lake Berryessa. I also enjoy going on beautiful hikes and bike rides.

My name is Jo Black and I am a Geology student at the University of California - Davis. My love of the outdoors is what prompted me to study Geology and to join this program. On my free weekends you can generally find me hiking, preferably in the High Sierras

I'm Kirun Chohan, but I go by Kasey. I'm majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology! I enjoy hiking and watching English football in my spare time. I look forward to learning more about Lake Berryessa and how to protect it.

Hi, I'm Sarah Day. I am a second-year environmental science student at Los Medanos Community College. In my free time, I like to hike and knit, and I am also a flutist with my college's symphonic band

and Baroque ensemble.

My name is Lydia Kenison and I am a senior at California State University Sacramento in Environmental Studies. Nature brings me peace and my personal and professional goal is to conserve our natural resources so that future generations will be able to experience that same feeling.

My name is Mary Capcap majoring in Earth Science with an emphasis on Climate and Environment. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, hiking, playing volleyball, relaxing with a good book or a good movie, experimenting with different art mediums, and spending time with my family.

My name is Olivia Hart and I am a fourth year geology student at UC Davis. I grew up in Santa Barbara and have always enjoyed spending my time outside enjoying the beach and the mountains. I love playing sports and I have played with the UC Davis Women's Ultimate club team for the past four years.

My name is Kyrie Aragon and I am a fourth year senior at UC Davis studying Environmental Science and Management with an emphasis in natural resource management. My hobbies include reading, drawing, and running or hiking. I also enjoy horseback riding and compete on both the UCD's western and dressage equestrian teams on my horse Buddy.

My name is Sierra Lissick and I am a freshman at Solano Community College

majoring in Conservation Biology and Ecology with plans on becoming a veterinarian in the future. I'm a lifetime Girl Scout, blood platelet donor, and I also volunteer with California Fish and Wildlife out on Grizzly Island Wildlife Area.

My name is Qiming Yang, and I will be graduating this year from UC Davis in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, with a minor in Forensic Entomology. As a certified diver, I enjoy swimming, scuba diving and various water related activities, which allows me to appreciate the beauty and significance of water.

My name is Scott Navarro and I'm currently a senior at CSU: Sacramento majoring in Environmental Studies. I like to play and watch basketball -- Go Kings! I also enjoy video games, running, hiking, reading, and hanging out in my favorite city, Sacramento.

My name is Kevin Young-Lai. I graduated from UC Santa Barbara majoring in Environmental Studies with an emphasis in water pollution and ecosystem restoration. When not working, you can usually find me hiking, playing tennis, working on vintage cars, or building and repairing things.


My name is Gustavo Cruz but you can call me Gus. I am a UC Merced alumni with an interest in water resources and land management. I am originally from Venice Beach and enjoy working on cars, riding motorcycles, hiking, skating and cycling.





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Napa Communities are Fire Safe

While a homeowner's defensible space is critical, a community wide effort is really needed to help defend against the big and small wildfires of this era, and that's where the Fire Safe Councils jump in. Eight Napa County neighborhoods have volunteers working with CAL Fire/Napa County Fire and the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation to look beyond a home's 100' safe zone, working to create bigger picture defensible space projects that are geared to help everyone one way or another.

Deer Park, Berryessa Estates, Berryessa Highlands, Soda Canyon, Mt. Veeder, and Angwin were all on hand at the event sharing their projects with the public, and each other. The neighborhoods made up of clusters of homes like the Berryessa Highlands and Estates were able to show the extra large "perimeters" of removed brush built around their neighborhoods, while the spread out neighborhoods like Angwin and Mt. Veeder are working diligently turning long ridgelines and roadways into "fuel breaks" that firefighters can use to stop a growing wildfire in its tracks.

Ten years ago there was only one Fire Safe Council in all of Napa, and now years later tens of thousands of truckloads of brush have been removed from around these rural Napa communities. Thanks to the support of residents, grant funding, the Napa County Board of Supervisors, and of course CAL Fire/Napa Co Fire, these groups of dedicated volunteers plan to continue their efforts to make their neighborhoods safer.

If you would like to learn more about your communities efforts, check out www.NapaFirewise.org.

Homeowners Doing Their Part

From preparing an evacuation plan, to doing yardwork, living in the forest requires additional preparation, and your life may depend on it. With all the information provided at the event and through these organizations websites, homeowners now have the tools they need to be prepared for wildfire.

All of the Fire Safe Councils, fire personnel, and organizations in attendance want to thank homeowners for doing their part and being proactive. If you need to catch up, go to www.ReadyForWildfire.org for any information you need. The trick is that going on the website is the first step, but doing the work is the step that counts.





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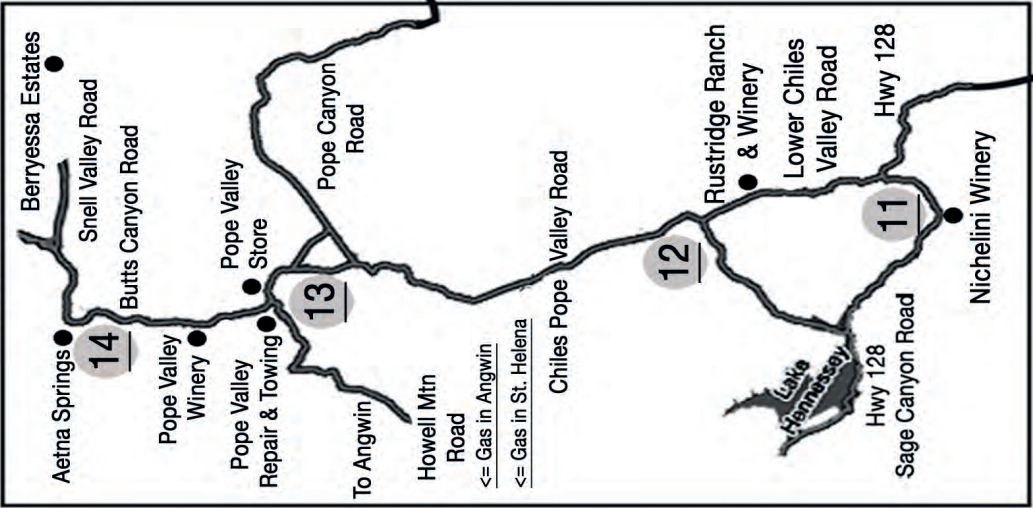
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10 Miles to Pope Valley

West Lake Area



Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

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

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2=>3	5.3 miles	10=>13	10.2 miles
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6=>7	5.0 miles	13=>14	3.7 miles
7=>8	2.4 miles		
8=>9	2.4 miles		

<= Gas in Napa

Circle Oaks

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

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The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce wants you to know that Beautiful Lake Berryessa is OPEN!

Winter rains have brought Lake Berryessa to its maximum water storage capacity for the first time since 2006. With the rise in water level, it is expected to be a busy summer at the lake. Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Putah Canyon Recreation Area, and Spanish Flat Recreation Area continue to offer a variety of recreation services including camping and boat launching. Oak Shores Day Use Area, will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Capell Cove Boat Launch is open for launching from 4 a.m.-10 p.m. and is free of charge.

Dufer Point Visitor Center is open Through September 11: Weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Weekdays 12-3 p.m. Stop in with your questions or to view the Wild about Wetlands exhibit on loan through September from the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. 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 and Sundays 12-2 p.m., May 1 through Labor Day
Monticello Dam Overlook Parking (Highway 128, 9 miles west of Winters)

Ever wonder why Lake Berryessa was created? Or how much water it holds? Or what was there before the lake? Or where the water goes? Get the answers to these questions and more when you meet a park ranger at the Monticello Dam every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer. Stop by any time between 12 and 2 p.m. to learn fun facts about this essential water resource.

Markley Cove, 707-966-2134, www.markleycoversort.com
Pleasure Cove Marina, 707-966-9600, www.goberryessa.com
Steele Canyon Recreation Area, 707-966-9179, www.goberryessa.com
Spanish Flat Recreation Area 707-966-0200, www.spanishflatcamping.com
Putah Canyon Recreation Area, 707-966-9051, www.royalelcparkmanagement.com

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. Just past the Spanish Flat Village Center, you'll find:

Lake Berryessa Boat & Jet Ski Rental, 707-966-4204, www.lakeberryessaboats.com
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Free Public Facilities: Oak Shores/Smittle Creek Day Use Parks are open on the west shore. Go to www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/Berryessa for details. Oak Shores and Smittle Creek offer nice hiking opportunities and more than 100 picnic sites equipped with BBQ grills. Two hand launches for non-motorized car-top boats are also available. 707-966-2111

- Putah Canyon Recreation Area**
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Early Season Fires at Lake Berryessa - a Reminder of What People Already Know... ALL IT TAKES IS ONE SPARK

by Evan Kilkus

A spark from a campfire, a generator catching an RV on fire, a firecracker of some sort... all causes of grass fires around Lake Berryessa this Summer, all calling out a massive showing of force by firefighters. Visitors to Lake Berryessa, and residents, are urged to take extreme caution thru October, as hot temperatures, sporadic winds, and dry grasses can lead to disaster.

JUNE 22 - A generator caught fire, igniting the adjacent RV, 2 trucks, and a couple thousand square feet of grass in Steele Canyon Recreation Area. Fire personnel arrived on scene just in time to extinguish the growing grass fire.



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JULY 3 - Berryessa Highlands residents heard a truck go by on Steele Canyon Rd and then a bang from an unknown source, and next thing they saw, was the hill on fire. Alert and prepared neighbors started calling each-other to prepare to evacuate, but residents were more interested in fighting the fire than fleeing. Approximately 50 neighbors from all over started showing up with hoses and shovels, and they were extremely successful at slowing the spread of the flames. When fire crews made it approximately 30 minutes later, they were able to quickly fully contain the fire at about 2-3 acres.

Let this be a reminder to all...
YOU HAVE GOT TO BE A MORON TO BE LIGHTING FIREWORKS OR FIRECRACKERS AT LAKE BERRYESSA IN THE SUMMER!

JULY 4 - A fire started by an unknown cause just beyond the Pope Canyon Bridge, but a rapid response by fire crews and CAL Fire Helicopter 104 based out of Boggs Mt. allowed firefighters to contain the fire at under 1 acre.

JULY 6 - The "Winters Fire" started along HWY 128 between the Monticello Dam and Winters, where fires seem to happen almost annually. Some years it has been documented car crashes, some years the cause is unknown. This fire started in the early afternoon, and despite crews best and almost successful efforts to contain the fire at about 100 acres, the fire jumped the



firebreaks and ended up growing to 2269 acres by the time it was done spreading 3 days later. This fire resulted in the closure of HWY 128 from Thursday afternoon thru Saturday evening, on a busy holiday weekend, and led to evacuations of adjacent homes.

JULY 24 - Just after 3 PM a camper started a campfire in their fire pit at Steele Canyon Recreation Area, and then went down to the water to go for a swim. Minutes later winds blew a spark into the nearby grass, and the dense grass was ablaze.

By the time the campers were able to run up to their campsite the flames had grown, but they were able to slow the growth by dumping their cooler and water bottles on the fire. Within minutes resort staff and a Harvest Sanitation truck were able to help douse the fire with a fresh water hose on the pumper truck. Fire crews then arrived to fully extinguish any hot spots and ensure that the fire was out.

PLEASE let all of these fires be a reminder to anyone camping, visiting, or living at or near Lake Berryessa...
All it takes is a spark...

Never leave a camp fire unattended! It is not a good idea to have a camp fire if it is windy and hot, even if there is no official "Red Flag" warning. If you must have a fire in the summer on a cool day/night when conditions permit, please keep it very small. Be careful with any source of fire ignition, from a camp fire, to BBQ, to cigarette ashes, to a hot exhaust pipe.

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The Future of Lake Berryessa Looks Brighter, But The Sun Also Rises A Bit Slowly

by Peter Kilkus

It began almost 18 months ago with the Lake Berryessa News headline: A Modest Proposal: Radical Restructuring - Ownership and Management of Lake Berryessa Should Be Transferred to Napa County.

Both Napa County and Reclamation responded positively to this proposal. On April 5, 2016, the Napa Board of Supervisors 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 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.

In December, 2016, supervisors moved forward by providing direction to staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Reclamation and a contract with Ragatz Sedgwick Realty. If Ragatz Sedgwick were successful in identifying interest, the County and Reclamation would move forward with negotiating a Managing Partner Agreement and creating a formal Request for Proposal process to select concessionaire for five resorts (now referred to as Recreation Areas).

So here we are in August, 2017 - eighteen months after Reclamation announced that no successful bids were received in response to the latest 2015 Bid Prospectus (the third failed bid process since 2006), and almost ten years since the original resorts were demolished.

On August 1, 2017 Dick Ragatz and Grant Sedgwick of Ragatz Sedgwick Realty presented their 434 page report, Lake Berryessa: An Untapped Resort Development Opportunity, to the Board of Supervisors.

The report is one of the most comprehensive ever compiled for the Lake Berryessa area. Its preparation involved: (1) meetings and

conversations with dozens of appropriate individuals and entities in Napa County, throughout the primary market area and beyond; (2) conduct of a consumer survey with more than 3,200 responses; (3) surveys of lakes, marinas and campgrounds in northern California; and (4) review of numerous reports and documents prepared by Reclamation and others over the past years.

This document should be viewed as a "resource manual" for anyone interested in operating a concession area at Lake Berryessa. It also is meant to educate Napa County about the uniqueness and value of Lake Berryessa.

The report fairly presents the past controversies and decisions that led to the present situation at the lake. But now there is wide consensus that the revitalization of the lake as a recreation destination is important to all of Napa County.

This document represents Phase I of a two-phase assignment. Its primary purpose is to describe the attributes of Lake Berryessa. It provides critical background and educational information for Phase II. The purpose of Phase II is to attract appropriate entities who will develop and operate five available concession areas at the Lake.

The full report (75MB pdf) is available at: www.lakeberryessanews.com/final-lake-berryessa-ragatz.pdf.

The supervisors were uniformly positive in their responses to the report. "What an opportunity this is for us to envision what Lake Berryessa can be," said Supervisor Gregory.

The report includes many possibilities such as marinas, campsites, hiking trails, restaurants, motels, grocery stores, a conference center, a golf course, an amphitheater, even an indoor water park. Recreation and hospitality management companies will be expected to figure out what fits, what's possible, and what's profitable.

Among the critical remaining issues is how long the lease contracts can be that the county

could offer to concessionaires. The Bureau of Reclamation in a recent, unsuccessful attempt to redevelop the five resorts offered 30-year stints, with infrastructure then reverting to the federal government. This was unacceptable to most potential bidders.

Ragatz recommended that concessionaires should ideally have 65 years to recoup investments. Napa County and Bureau of Reclamation officials have been discussing the issue. A county report said the Bureau is open to a 55-year lease with at least one 10-year extension.

The Board has already authorized Ragatz Realty to identify interested concessionaires through a Request for Information and Interest (RFII) process. An RFII is primarily used to gather information to help make a decision on what steps to take next. County staff was authorized to continue discussions with Reclamation to complete a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA).

A report could go to the Board in late fall or winter. The process will include a public meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation and further public hearings with the Board of Supervisors during that time.

The supervisors were urged to speed up this process which has so much potential. How long does Lake Berryessa still have to wait for a beautiful new resort at Steele Canyon with attractive facilities and amenities?

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2 Ragatz Report Recommendations

Napa County Policies

- Balance a sometimes conflicting set of criteria.
- More influence in the process.
- Maximize term of the leases.

Understand today's consumer of outdoor recreation.

Create and enforce proper land and water rules and regulations.

Constantly monitor enforcement of rules and regulations.

Subsidize initial expenses.

Not pay for additional EIS costs.

Simplify and clarify the RFQ/RFP processes.

Promote more widespread recognition of Lake Berryessa.

Engage adjacent private property owners.

Explore a Local Improvement District.

Facilitate the EIS process.

Redevelopment of the Five Concession Areas

Encourage more year-round use.

Encourage variety in the five areas.

Rethink "everything public" policy.

Appropriately encourage both motor-based and nature-based activities.

Pursue trails for variety of uses.

Encourage variety of accommodations.

Encourage full-service marinas.

Encourage appropriate boat-launching facilities.

Enhance visual environment.

Concentrate on 3 and 4 star facilities.

Discourage inappropriate uses.

Where To Start

Concentrate on 2 rather than on all 5 areas

Steele Canyon and Monticello Shores Action" v. "quiet"

Flexibility with BOR's proposals

One v. multiple operators

The Consumer Survey

As part of Phase I, a consumer survey was conducted of households in northern California, with emphasis on the primary market area. Some 3,211 responses were received, which is a significant number relative to most consumer surveys.

90% have visited Napa County in the last five years

90% have visited Lake Berryessa in the past, and 50 % havestayed overnight there

83 % participate in motor boating, 73 % in other types of boating, and 85 % in hiking, walking, picnicking or other types of outdoor recreation

71 % are between 30 and 60 years of age
92 % have incomes over \$50,000, and 54 % are over \$100,000

16 % live in Napa County, 28 % elsewhere in the North Bay, 34 % in the South Bay, 10 % in the Sacramento Delta, and 12 % outside the PMA

Results of the survey were very positive in regard to awareness and perception of Lake Berryessa and potential size of future demand.

It also is apparent that interest in, and demand for, future use of Lake Berryessa will increase if offering more outdoor recreational activities than just motor boating and RV camping, especially those that are: (1) nature-based, family-oriented and/or innovative; and (2) in harmony with the lifestyle of today's participants in outdoor recreation.

Most respondents have a positive image of Lake Berryessa and a high interest in visiting in the future. Especially high ratings were given to attributes of the Lake itself, e.g., scenery, quality of water and climate.

The vast majority (92 percent) are interested in visiting Lake Berryessa in the future. This includes 74 percent who are "very interested." Interest is especially high among Napa County, higher income, middle-age and North Bay respondents. It is lower among younger, lower income, South Bay and Delta respondents.

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Shiver Me Timbers or Scuttle My Butt

The origin of the word "scuttlebutt," which is nautical parlance for a rumor, comes from a combination of "scuttle" -- to make a hole in the ship's hull and thereby causing her to sink --- and "butt" -- a cask or hogshead used in the days of wooden ships to hold drinking water.

The term corresponds to the colloquial concept of a water cooler in an office setting, which at times becomes the focus of congregation and casual discussion. Water for immediate consumption on a sailing ship was conventionally stored in a scuttled butt: a butt (cask) which had been scuttled by making a hole in it so the water could be withdrawn.

Since sailors exchanged gossip when they gathered at the scuttlebutt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became Navy slang for gossip or rumors

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Adventure Water Drinking – the New Outdoor Sport!

By Marcus Cox

When I participated in the Lake Berryessa cleanup one year I was one of the scuba divers who gathered trash from the bottom of the lake – a lot of it! We ended up with 1.5 TONS of trash before the day was done. It is sad to see folks who love coming up here leave trash behind, especially plastic bottles that last for centuries. We certainly don't want Lake Berryessa ending up like the Great Pacific Garbage Patch (a plastic swamp the size of Texas).

If you watched "The Story of Bottled Water" at www.storyofstuff.org you know it is time to stop buying water in plastic bottles, if not just to save money. Bottled water costs more than gas now, and most of it is filtered tap water anyway. Pretty slick marketing though - don't you love the pictures of the lakes & streams on the bottles?

So the next question is which water filter bottle to buy. There are several on the market now. I wanted a bottle that allowed me to drink lake water without worrying. Or better yet, one that allowed me to drink from our swimming pool so we would have an extra 27,000 gallons of drinking water in case of emergencies.

The bottle I found does everything the others do but also removes cysts, viruses, parasites, and even bacteria like Cryptosporidium and E. Coli (which by the way caused a huge water company to recall hundreds of thousands of their so called "pure mountain water" bottles).

To remove these little bacteria critters the filter has to do log6 filtration or 99.9999% which means 1 bacteria per million gets through. Fortunately your immune system can handle that with no sweat.

So I decided to put this thing to the test and went "walkabout" with it and drank from some pretty nasty water sources. A local swamp with deer poop, flies, frogs, etc; then a drain pipe with filthy disgusting water (I had seen a dead fox carcass upstream). I also drank from a side pool on a slimy creek, our swimming pool, and, of course, Lake Berryessa. Needless to say the lake was a walk in the park after drinking from all these other places.

In every case the water tasted great, was crystal clear, and actually tasted better than the bottled water I had earlier that morning. My wife filmed me while I drank from these places so if you want to see the bottle in action I posted the videos at <http://www.ariixwaterfilter.com>.

Onion Headlines

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Millions Of Policy Proposals Spill Into Sea As Brookings Institution Think Tanker Runs Aground Off Crimea Coast

Japanese Family Puts Aging Robot In Retirement Home

North Korea Successfully Detonates Nuclear Scientist

Home Depot Releases New Bluetooth Cordless Hose

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Report: Majority Of Mothers Would Drop Kids Off At Warehouse Called 'Fun Zone' For Hour Of Free Time, No Questions Asked

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By Chris Zaleski

Have you taken your boat out to Lake Berryessa this summer? If so, then you’ve likely met one of the interns from Solano County Water Agency’s Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach program.

This program consists of 13 college students whose mission is to protect the Lake Berryessa from various invasive species and pollutants. Interns are stationed at all six launch sites around the lake and perform invasive screenings on all water craft entering the lake.

These screenings are designed to keep aquatic invasive species (AIS) out of the lake. Interns also work to educate boaters and recreators on ways to keep Lake Berryessa free from various pollutants such as oil and trash.

The most destructive AIS are the Zebra and Quagga mussels. These mussels reproduce exponentially, with adult female zebra mussels reproducing up to 1 million offspring per year.

Once theses mussel species get into suitable water bodies, they are impossible to remove and can cause extensive damage to the lake.

Possible damage can affect launch ramps, boats, aquatic ecosystems, recreations, and water distribution systems. Since Lake Berryessa is a major drinking source for Solano County residents and farmers, this could result in higher operational cost for water conveyance. Congressional research has shown that across the country the price tag for this damage has exceeded \$5B.

Zebra and Quagga mussels can be transported into the lake from an infested waterway via standing water within the many compartments located inside boats. Both species start their life span in a planktonic stage that is naked to the human eye. They can live in this standing water for up to 30 days.

It is important to always keep your boat clean, drained, and dried, of all water when you pull your boat out of any

U.S. waterbody. Screenings performed by the interns help ensure that all boats entering Lake Berryessa follow these guidelines in order to prevent Lake Berryessa from becoming infested.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Zebra and Quagga mussels are native to Ukraine and Western Russia, and were carried west across the Atlantic in the ballast water of large shipping container ships. They first entered the U.S. in the 1980s into the Great Lakes, and subsequently spread across the country infesting more lakes and rivers.

Today, all freshwater ways east of the Rockies are considered to be infested. Out in the west, the Colorado River system became infested about 10 years ago, which led to many of the lakes and rivers of Southern California becoming infested as well.

Interns are also working to keep oil out of the lake by giving out free bilge pads to boaters. Installing one of them in the engine compartment of a boat can prevent oil from leaking out into the lake.

As an incentive for installing, boaters are rewarded with prizes such as Lake Berryessa T-



shirts and water bottles. Used bilge pads can be recycled in the red canisters located at the six launch ramps. There are also fresh new bilge pads available in the same location in the blue canisters.

Protecting Lake Berryessa keeps it safe for people, fish, and wildlife to use and enjoy. For more information, please feel free to pick up a brochure and talk to one of the interns next time you are heading out onto the water.



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Survey Results Continued

Results from several questions help determine services and facilities that should be included in the future of Lake Berryessa and the five concession areas in order to maximize visitation patterns. It is evident that potential users are interested in more than just motor boating and RV camping. Shown below are the proportion of “important” responses for 27 items that could be implemented at the Lake.

convenience grocery stores 96%
restaurants and other food services 93%
hiking, biking, walking trails 91%
equipment rentals 87%
taverns/bars 75%
children’s activities 75%
defined areas for kayaking, canoeing, sailboarding, paddleboarding 74%
evening entertainment, music, dancing, movies 73%
special events such as boat races, car clubs, triathlons, fishing tournaments 71%
defined areas for jet skiing and wave running 71%
amphitheater with outdoor concerts and “name entertainment” 70%
horseback riding trails 65%
central clubhouse with swimming pool, fitness center and other amenities/facilities 65%
zipline 64%
wine tasting on the shores of the lake 64%
shuttle services to wineries and other attractions in nearby Napa Valley 60%
off-roading/motorcycling/ATV riding 58%
shooting range with clay facilities 58%
water park 57%
wildlife safari park 52%
wedding venues 50%
organized bird watching 49%
health and wellness facilities and seminars 48%
conference, meetings and lifestyle retreat facilities 46%
classes on culinary arts, wellness, crafts, etc. 45%
year-round sports/athletic academy with professional training facilities and name instructors 42%
golf 42%

August Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You will be torn between two equally worthy suitors, one who is kind, selfless, outgoing, supportive, and loving, and one who is attractive.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Mars and Venus will both appear in your sign this week, as will Zach Galifinakis, who is apparently in everything these days.

Aries (3/21-4/19): When the moment of truth you’ve been praying for all these years will finally arrives, you’ll reject it out of hand rather than admit that it’s all been the cat’s fault.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): While you’re starting to think that your problem is that you’re too “in your head,” it’s actually a rare species of cranial tapeworm.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): The natives will shrink in terror when you demonstrate your lighter, as even they know that smoking is not at all good for you.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You’ll be trapped in a paralyzing dilemma that can only be solved if you learn something new, take the initiative, or have an original thought of your own.

Leo (7/23-8/22): While you’re often disgusted by the shallowness and ignorance you see all around you, you have to admit it’s made it easy for you to get dates.

Virgo (8/23-9/22: The King’s men part you can understand, but you’ve never really comprehended how all the King’s horses were supposed to help.

Libra (9/23-10/22): A combination of hubris, treachery, and everyday low prices will soon mark the end of your reign as Mattress King.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): A man’s home is his castle. This week prepare to have your castle stormed by a marauding horde of phone bills.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Action and adventure await you this Thursday, though not before hours of pointless exposition and predictable plot twists.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Your financial situation takes a turn for the worse this week when that damn quarter slips loose and falls behind the sofa cushion.




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The CEOs of 70 of the largest U.S. health care companies cumulatively have earned \$9.8 billion in the seven years since the Affordable Care Act was passed, and their earnings have grown faster than those of most Americans.

The ACA has not hurt the health care industry. Stock prices have boomed, and CEOs took home nearly 11% more money on average every year since 2010 — far outstripping the wage growth of nearly all Americans.

But the analysis also reveals that the pay packages for the country's influential health care executives don't give them incentives to control health care spending — something that economists, policymakers and even Warren Buffett have said is the most pressing problem in health care.

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and their respective subsidiaries reported their 2016 annual financial results. Total operating revenue for 2016 was \$64.6 billion, compared to \$60.7 billion in 2015.

Total earnings amount to an average of \$20 million (median of \$11 million) per CEO per year. A vast majority of pay came in the form of vested stock. John Martin, former CEO of the pharmaceutical company Gilead Sciences, made \$863 million in the ACA era—the most of any health care CEO.

Health care inflation continues to blow away general economic inflation, and a big reason why is because health care executives are not paid to slow spending. The estimated value of stock is misleading and does not accurately depict how much a person made in a given year. Actual realized gains show that CEOs are making a lot more than headlines suggest.

William Lazonick, an economist at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, and Matthew Hopkins, a senior researcher at the nonprofit Academic-Industry Research Network, reviewed the analysis for accuracy. They have written extensively about corporate executive compensation and why actual realized stock gains matter.

A gigantic portion of what CEOs make comes in the form of vested stock, and those incentives drive their decision-making. The analysis shows that since the ACA was passed, health care executives routinely took measures to inflate stock prices — such as repurchasing shares or issuing dividends to shareholders — that led to higher take-home pay.

Stock-heavy pay also drives CEOs to do the exact opposite of their buzzword-laden goals of creating a "patient-centered" health system that focuses on "value.

Actions that would benefit the broader health care systems:

Lower prices

Eliminate unnecessary procedures, tests or devices

Coordinate care

Instead, CEOs often focus on what benefits the stock price:

Sell more prescription drugs

Perform more procedures and tests

Create new medical therapies that may not add value to someone's life

Raise prices above inflation

Do anything to create higher earnings per share

The richest year was 2015, when 70 health care CEOs collectively made \$2 billion. That was an average of about \$28.5 million per CEO and a median of about \$17.3 million per CEO. The median

household income in 2015 was \$56,515, which the average health care CEO made in less than a day. Pharmaceutical and drug-related company CEOs made up 11 of the top 20 highest earners. The analysis still underestimates how much wealth health care CEOs have.

It did not include vested stock after CEOs retired, nor did it include the value of stock CEOs still hold. For example, Walgreens CEO Stefano Pessina owns more than 13% of Walgreens, which equaled about \$12 billion as of June 2017.

Leonard S. Schleifer, Regeneron, \$47.46M

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Other than a few driving under the influence arrests and non injury traffic accidents, the party went off without major incident. There were no major arrests.

The Moskowite roadblock crowd swelled into the thousands as hundreds of cars continued arriving, with no place further to go. Spurned lake-goers set down blankets, lawn chairs and barbecues around the parking lot perimeter, car radios blared music and teens chased each other with large water guns.

By late afternoon perhaps 5,000 people clogged the Moscowite restaurant and gas station area. The general store was packed and a line extended out the door, where a sheriffs deputy stood.

Law enforcement was concerned with traffic, crowd control, and safely, a Napa County sheriff's deputy said, and not race. "It's not just 8,000 to 10,000 people throughout the lake, but 8,000 to 10,000 people in a place with 367 parking spaces. Our job is to maintain peace and safety for residents, visitors and businesses."

1998's July's "Berryessa 3" saw an estimated 10,000 people descend on Acorn Beach. In the wake of that event, area residents gathered 1,265 signatures to protest the event's impact and ask for tighter restrictions on parking and attendance. Law enforcement clearly did not want to be caught off guard this year.

Was law enforcement's strategy simply to make it so difficult to get to the lake that no one will want to come next year? "No. We wanted to provide a safe area for everybody at Lake Benyessa, including the picnickers at Acorn Beach," officers said. "We just wanted to make sure we were covered."

Next year, "Berryessa 5" in 2000? No it never happened. Whether a conscious strategy or not, the zero tolerance approach by officials in 1999 ended the Rap Concert Summers of Chaos.

Listen to "Berryessa": The first track from the Lake Berryessa Soundtrack album at:

<http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/berryessa.html>

Open-Carry Swords:

A Civilized Second Amendment Right

By Elie Mystal

Starting in September, 2017, Texas will allow you to open-carry swords. The state already allows you to carry around blades shorter than 5.5 inches. That restriction will be lifted and Texans can get their saber on.

I think that's great. Seriously. I am totally cool with the right to bear swords. It's an originalist interpretation of the Second Amendment. A sword is way closer to an 18th-century musket than any of the sub-assault-pocket-Uzis turning our country into a shooting gallery today.



If you could get people to turn in their guns to receive a personally crafted sword, I'd vote to melt down the Interpid for steel and enslave Hitori Hanzo to do the work.

Guns kill innocent bystanders. The only innocent bystander ever to be killed by a sword was Polonius, and Hamlet felt super bad after that happened. Guns kill indiscriminately. Swords kill their intended target.

If we accept that in an free society, some killing must be done in the fight for scarce resources, swords are tactical weapons while guns are weapons of mass destruction.

And while we're here, let's remember that a sub-5.5 inch knife is probably way more deadly than a freaking broadsword. An enemy will make you look like a bloody sprinkler system in the time it takes for you to unsheathe your katana. You're not a damn Jedi.

If Texas is already allowing knives (and guns!), then nobody is made less safe by toting around a sword. I don't know that you can ever go back again. I don't know that you can ever get rid of all the guns lurking in our country. But our country made a wrong turn when we broadly interpreted "arms" to include "rapid-fire hand-held artillery units," as opposed to something limited to personal stabbing weapons and slow reload rifles.

Hannibal didn't need guns. Batman doesn't need guns. Guns are for cowards. If you want to defend your people, you should be limited to the ax aisle at Walmart.

Bureau of Reclamation Activities

Full Moon Friday Paddling Tours – limited space, register today!

Friday, September 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. Foxtail Flat, Oak Shores Day Use Area Experience the beauty of Lake Berryessa from a unique perspective during our ranger-led Full Moon Friday paddling tours. These 3-hour trips explore various parts along the western shore of the lake and are open to experienced swimmers. A limited number of kayaks and Coast Guard-approved life jackets are available for participants, if requested in advance. Required items include a kayak or canoe, life jacket, paddles, headlamp and sound device. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or check the availability of equipment email park ranger Todd Eggert at reggert@usbr.gov or call 707-966-2111 ext. 113.

Free Fishing Day

Saturday, September 2, 2017 at 10 a.m. Shale Point, Oak Shores Day Use Area There are a limited number of times during the year the California Department of Fish and Wildlife allows everyone to fish free of charge, and September 2 is one of them! If you ever wanted to learn to fish, this is the perfect time to join our park ranger at Oak Shores Day Use Area for some tips. Fishing equipment will be available for participants to use during this program. Please contact park rangers Dylan Dowe and Matthew Ward at 707-966-2111 ext.113

Coastal Clean Up Day

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pope Creek Bridge and the Markley Turnouts Free lunch and beverages will be provided to volunteers. To volunteer, contact park ranger Hugo Martinez at 707-966-2111 ext. 113

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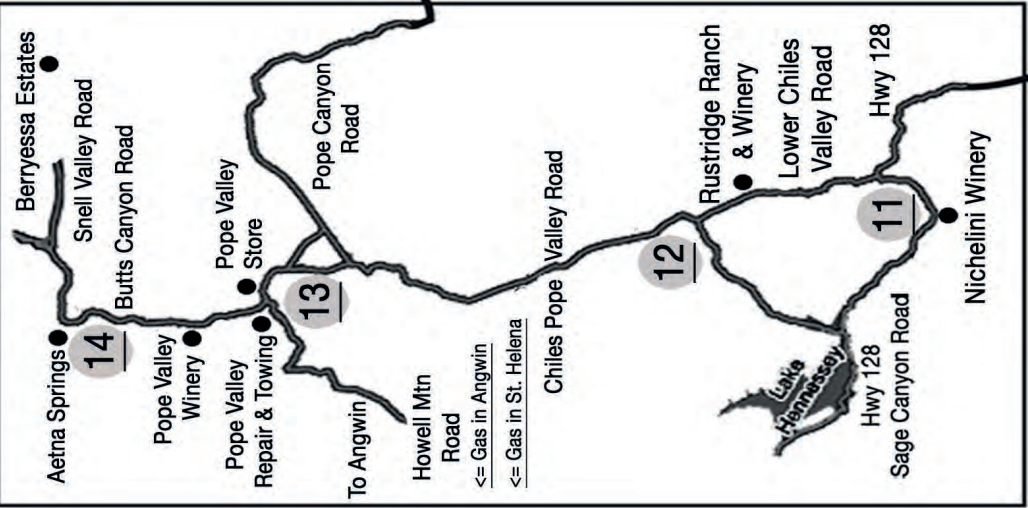
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Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

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

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8=>9	2.4 miles		

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The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce wants you to know that Beautiful Lake Berryessa is OPEN!

Winter rains have brought Lake Berryessa to its maximum water storage capacity for the first time since 2006. With the rise in water level, it is expected to be a busy summer at the lake. Markley Cove Marina, Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Putah Canyon Recreation Area, and Spanish Flat Recreation Area continue to offer a variety of recreation services including camping and boat launching. Oak Shores Day Use Area, will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Capell Cove Boat Launch is open for launching from 4 a.m.-10 p.m. and is free of charge.

Dufer Point Visitor Center is open Through September 11: Weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Weekdays 12-3 p.m. Stop in with your questions or to view the Wild about Wetlands exhibit on loan through September from the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. 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 and Sundays 12-2 p.m., May 1 through Labor Day
Monticello Dam Overlook Parking (Highway 128, 9 miles west of Winters)

Ever wonder why Lake Berryessa was created? Or how much water it holds? Or what was there before the lake? Or where the water goes? Get the answers to these questions and more when you meet a park ranger at the Monticello Dam every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer. Stop by any time between 12 and 2 p.m. to learn fun facts about this essential water resource.

Markley Cove, 707-966-2134, www.markleycoveresort.com

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Spanish Flat Recreation Area 707-966-0200, www.spanishflatcamping.com

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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. Just past the Spanish Flat Village Center, you'll find:

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Free Public Facilities: Oak Shores/Smittle Creek Day Use Parks are open on the west shore. Go to www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/Berryessa for details. Oak Shores and Smittle Creek offer nice hiking opportunities and more than 100 picnic sites equipped with BBQ grills. Two hand launches for non-motorized car-top boats are also available. 707-966-2111

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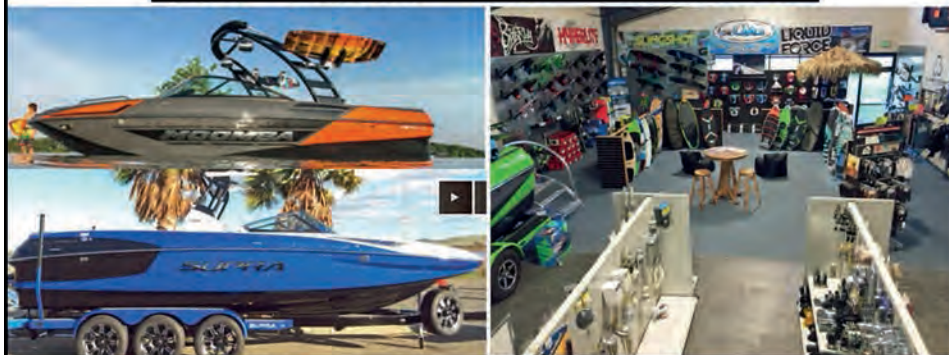
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When Steele Park essentially ceased most operations at the end of last year, Capell Valley Elementary School lost about 10 students, bringing its enrollment to less than 50 students. The Napa Valley Unified School District is preparing to close the local school and bus the children to the City of Napa every day. (See article on Page 2.)

But the closures also impacted many local and other Napa County businesses. Restaurants lost 40% of their business. Local service businesses also lost 30%-40%, some 50%, of their revenue.

Just one closed resort, Rancho Monticello, has eliminated approximately \$500,000 worth of purchases from local and regional suppliers annually. This doesn't include the loss to Reclamation of \$105,000 per year in franchise fees from the resort.

The real tragedy is that none of this ever had to happen. During the controversial government process that led up to the present situation, several common-sense plans were proposed, LBVSPT A+ and the Resort Operators Plan, which would have accomplished the goals of improving all the resorts without destroying them first.

At least one of the bidders for the new concessions, the Lago Group, a consortium of present concession owners and local business people, would have kept these five resorts open. But their bid was disqualified on a technicality.

Steele Park Resort was arguably the best resort on the lake. It has one of the best views from its older but well-kept restaurant. The mobile homes blended with the environment with their subdued "Steele Park grey" mandatory color. They were well-maintained with expensive interior upgrades - some selling for up to \$100,000 only 5 years ago.

Their owners would have given them to the new concessionaire for free to be used as upscale short-term rentals under the new contract. Instead mobile home owners are paying \$3,000 to \$5,000 to demolish them and the demolition continues at a swift pace.

Steele Park does look as if a hurricane hit it. This hurricane wasn't caused by nature but by the federal government itself. Once again real people's lives and livelihood have been seriously damaged - with no end in site. As one local wag put it, paraphrasing a recently unknown public figure,

"Heckuva job, BORnie!"

Lake Berryessa Resort Revenues (2009) (These were the latest figures prior to the demolition of all resorts.)				
Resort	Annual Revenue	Appraised Value	Mobiles Revenue	Mobiles %
Berryessa Marina	\$1.61M	\$3.3M	\$0.76M	47%
Putah Creek	\$1.03M	\$4.15M	\$0.38M	37%
Rancho Monticello	\$3.32M	\$11.22M	\$2.1M	63%
Spanish Flat	\$2.09M	\$4.06M	\$0.78M	37%
Steele Park	\$2.62M	\$9.59M	\$0.66M	25%
Markley Cove	\$1.09M	\$6.48M	0	
Pleasure Cove	\$0.85M	\$1.07M	0	
Total	\$12.61M	\$39.87	\$4.68M	37%



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The Steele Park Hurricane Story Comes Full Circle

Now that the Napa County supervisors have approved moving forward with the process of potentially taking over management of the Lake Berryessa resorts, a feeling of cautious optimism is in the air. County staff are meeting on a weekly or biweekly basis with the BOR. The County plans a September release of the Request For Information and Interest (RFII) to solicit large recreation companies to invest in Lake Berryessa.

One of the conclusions of the very positive Ragatz-Sedwick report to the Supervisors last month, Lake Berryessa: An Untapped Resort Development Opportunity, was that the most attractive location to major resort companies is Steele Canyon Recreation Area, formerly Steele Park Resort, which was unquestionably the best resort at the lake.

The following story from 2009 is meant to provide some context to the present efforts to revitalize Lake Berryessa.

Never Forget!

Feds Final Folly: The Destruction of Steele Park Resort

As the Bureau of Reclamation's Katrina-like process at Lake Berryessa lurches on to an unknown resolution, local residents and previous lake recreation users are fed up with the Feds. This was made clear to Supervisor Diane Dillon at the latest Berryessa Highlands community meeting. Both Supervisor Dillon and Congressman Mike Thompson are clearly frustrated by their apparent helplessness to do anything about Reclamation's lack of progress in signing the new contract for the five major west shore resorts.

The Steele Park Resort contract is especially important since it has a major impact on the water and sewer rates for

Berryessa Highlands residents which appear to be headed to a minimum 82% increase by August, 2009.

Four of the resorts have been closed since the middle of last summer. Steele Park is shutting down soon and will be demolished during the next nine months. The Pensus Group was chosen last May to manage these five resorts, but Reclamation has been unable to finalize a contract with them since that time. In several public statements, Reclamation claimed that there would be a smooth transition and recreation services would be only minimally affected as the resorts were all upgraded and improved.

Tragically, this has not happened, although the Reclamation refrain has remained, "We are making good progress and expect the contract to be signed soon." The first such statement was made in May, 2008 and last publicly-stated deadline expired last week with no action.

Why did this happen? Follow the money. The table gives the annual revenue of each of the five Pensus-designated resorts as well as its appraised value. These figures are from public documents that were part of the bid process.

Under normal circumstances in the transition of a business ownership, the new owner would pay the previous owner fair-market value for its permanent facilities as well as for other property and equipment it might want to keep.

This approach is actually codified in Public Law 96-375: "...if a new concessionaire assumes operation of the concession, require that new concessionaire to pay fair value for the permanent facilities to the existing concessionaire."

But this would mean that the entry cost for any new concessionaire would be \$32M. They would then have to make major capital improvements costing tens of

millions more. And all this for resorts that had only produced a previous GROSS annual revenue stream of about \$12M. At least \$4M of that revenue had been rental payments from the long-term mobile home owners - essentially pure profit since the resorts provided almost no services to those tenants.

Not only would any new owners be faced with a major capital investment program, but at the same time 37% of their pure profit was also eliminated. This is a tough financial nut to crack during a contract term set by Reclamation of only 30 years.

Reclamation's solution to this dilemma was to re-interpret Public Law 96-375 and, despite its own appraisal, declare the present facilities of no value to the incoming concessionaire, and require the present resort owners to remove or demolish everything, including restaurants, motels, launch ramps, roads - back to bare ground.

In a May 19, 2008 letter Reclamation stated: "Based upon evaluation of the successful proposal and subsequent confirmation with the successful offeror, The Pensus Group LLC, Reclamation has determined that all permanent facilities in your Resort concession area must be removed by the end of the concession contract."

Of course, since this was impossible to accomplish by the end of contracts, which expired for some resorts in only two months. Reclamation asked for a demolition plan. At least one submitted plan gave a time-frame for completion of many years.

The fallout from this debacle has been very damaging to the local Lake Berryessa community. The resorts provided hundreds of jobs. Steele Park Resort had a payroll of 50 people during its summer operations.

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2 From Learning to Lodging: Napa County Supervisors Approve Vacation Rental Units On Former Lake Berryessa School Site

Back in 2009 when the Bureau of Reclamation closed and demolished five of the seven Lake Berryessa resorts, they also hammered the last nails into the coffin of Capell Valley Elementary School. Without the resorts being open to provide jobs to hundreds of local folks, student enrollment dropped.

The Napa Valley Unified School District soon closed the school in 2010 due to lack of enough students, less than 50, to justify its continued use. Children from the local area are now bused to and from the Napa Valley daily - a long twisty ride.

Local residents created a non-profit organization to promote the use of the school site as a community center. After several years of hard work and negotiations with the school district, the group was unsuccessful.

The NVUSD put the property up for bid and finally sold it in 2016 for \$325,000 to the Pridmore family who, coincidentally, had donated the property to the school district in 1958 to create the local school in the first place.

The Pridmore family now proposes bringing short-term vacation rental cottages to the former Capell Valley school site to help boost a struggling Lake Berryessa tourist economy.

They filed a request with the county to build nine or so cottages on five acres of the site on Capell Valley Road near Moskowitz Corners, about six miles from Steele Canyon Recreation Area.

Supervisors are considering whether the county should enter into a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with the Bureau of Reclamation to manage five of the Lake Berryessa resorts.

So far the results of an economic study of the possibilities have been promising. Meanwhile the supervisors are well aware that the local economy continues to suffer.

"I'm fairly familiar with the Pridmore family," Supervisor Ryan Gregory said. "I can't think of a better custodian for this area."

Supervisor Diane Dillon said the Pridmores' idea "seems like a perfect thing to do," given the county's efforts to revitalize the Berryessa economy.

Although the site is designated as agricultural watershed and open space by the county's 2008 general plan, overall, the parcel lends itself to a commercial use much more than an agricultural use.

For the Pridmores' proposal to become reality, the Board of Supervisors must change this designation to one allowing commercial development.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to initiate a General Plan change. Public hearings will follow by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Under Measure P, voters must approve most general plan changes involving the loss of agriculturally-designated land. The Capell school site is among the exceptions. It had a rural residential designation when Measure P's predecessor, Measure J, passed in 1990, a county report said.

Principal Planner John McDowell told the Board both verbally and in writing that the site is not particularly well-suited for agriculture, nor can a winery be built there, given the county's 10-acre minimum for winery development.

In addition, the area east of the Napa Valley toward Lake Berryessa has few lodging options. Providing more lodging there could help promote agriculture in a less-visited portion of the county, given the local link between tourism and agriculture.

With the Board's positive vote, the Pridmores will work out their proposal in greater detail for future public hearings.

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Three blondes were trapped on an island. They needed to get across the water to the mainland. They came across a genie who said, "I will grant you ladies three wishes." The first woman said, "Turn me into a fish" and she swam across the water to the other island. The second woman said, "Give me a boat" and she rowed to the other side. The third woman said, "Turn me into a man" and she walked across the bridge.

Q: What has eight arms and an IQ of 60?
A: Four guys drinking Bud Light and watching a football game!

An investigative journalist went to Afghanistan to study the culture and was shocked to discover that women were made to walk ten paces behind the men. She asked her guide why and he said, "Because they are considered of lesser status." Outraged the journalist went home. A year later she returned covering violence in the region and was surprised to see the women walking ten paces ahead. She turned to her guide and this time asked, "What has changed?" The guide answered, "Land mines."

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The Transcontinental Triangulation (Before There Was A Lake Berryessa)

Although the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument includes the word "Berryessa" in its title, Lake Berryessa is not part of the monument itself. And Berryessa Peak is just a small piece on the monument map.

Andrew Fulks, President of the Board of Tuleyome, submitted this fascinating description of one of Berryessa Peak's claims to fame. How did we live without smartphones and GPS systems?

Berryessa Peak was part of one of only 10 baseline surveys as part of the Transcontinental Triangulation, and was selected as one of the survey monuments by virtue of being visible from almost all of the County.

There were a number of people who were involved with the Yolo Baseline, including John Muir, who was a naturalist for the Transcontinental Triangulation.

Probably no name is better known in the scientific world of the Pacific Coast than that of Professor George Davidson, of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. Davidson was in charge of surveying the Yolo Baseline.

Berryessa Peak summit is one of the three triangulation survey points used in the creation of the Yolo Baseline. The Yolo Baseline was part of the Transcontinental Triangulation and surveyed in 1881. At the time it was the most accurate survey ever completed.

The Triangulation was authorized by Congress in 1871 to measure a coast-to-coast arc along the 39th parallel. The work took nearly three decades, and resulted in the first accurate measure of the continent's width, and one of the largest arcs ever measured.

Among the many results of the triangulation was a new calculation of the figure of the earth and the selection of the Clarke 1866 spheroid as the best fit to the continental United States. It also provided the foundation for a national datum, known as NAD27.

The accuracy of the work was such that the total computed length of the 39th parallel arc over 4,224 kilometers was believed to be accurate to within 26 meters.

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Man 20 Minutes Into Organizing Shelves Becomes Grimly Aware Of What Chaos He Has Wrought

In The Know: Are Tests Biased Against Students Who Don't Give A Darn?

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"What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," I replied .

"What does it say on your shirt?"

He yelled back, "'OHIO STATE !'"

And they say blondes are dumb....

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The Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program (LBBO) is in mid-season and in full form! You may have seen one of our team members conducting invasive mussel screenings or providing outreach on clean boating practices at the various Lake Berryessa concessions.

Our main goal is to protect Lake Berryessa from invasive species and various pollutants. This goal is accomplished by conducting invasive mussel screenings on boaters and educating all visitors about clean boating practices. Feel free to refer to the previous issue of Lake Berryessa news for specifics on invasive mussel screenings and surveys.

This season we have refined and expanded our invasive screening protocol. Interns are located at every concession during the weekends. With summer advancing, the season has been incredibly busy due to the record setting winter rainfall that we experienced over the winter months.

Lake Berryessa was able to reach capacity and gain attention because of the Gloryhole Spillway overflowing. This event has encouraged first time Lake Berryessa boaters and day-users to make their way up to the lake.

Below is a table of our mid-summer stats spanning late April through early August for the 2017 and 2016 seasons.

Type of Effort	Late April-Early August 2016 Season	Late April-Early August 2017 Season
Invasive Mussel Screenings	8,573	14,172
Boater & Recreator Surveys Conducted	1,268	1,164
Number of people educated	3,361	2,910
% of Surveys conducted w/ Bilge Pad Installed	54%	43%

The number of invasive screenings increased by 45% and this year's screening numbers have already surpassed the entire 2016 season. The numbers of surveys conducted and people educated is slightly lower but only because of the emphasis on the invasive screenings this season. Interns this year have broken previous records such as conducting 216 surveys on July 4th weekend! And, 106 surveys on a non-holiday weekend in August!

Bilge pads are an important part of our boater surveys and installation of bilge pads helps reduce the oil pollution that comes from boat engines. Bilge pads are being installed at 45% for this year and 53% for last year.

2017 has been historic, not just for the lake water level, but also for the Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach program. You will likely see me or one of my team members with a smile, providing answers about clean boating practices, conducting invasive screenings, and offering free boater supplies. See you up there!



California's Coastal Cleanup Day is the world's largest trash cleanup event of the year and Napa County will be participating on the shores of their very own Lake Berryessa on September 16th! Last year, Napa County cleaned up 3,779 pounds of trash and 5,198 pounds of recyclables with over 420 volunteers! At this event, in all of California, more than 60,000 volunteers come out to clean the coasts of their beaches, lakes, and waterways. Be one of the thousands that volunteer to accomplish something vital and worthy on behalf of your local community and environment.

Cleanup sites at Lake Berryessa are being held at Markley Cove, Steele Canyon, and Pope Creek Bridge (Ground, Dive, Canoe, and Kayak) from 9am to 12pm. Volunteers that register beforehand for the cleanup are given a free delicious lunch afterwards! To volunteer, contact park ranger Hugo Martinez at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 or hmartinezroacho@usbr.gov.

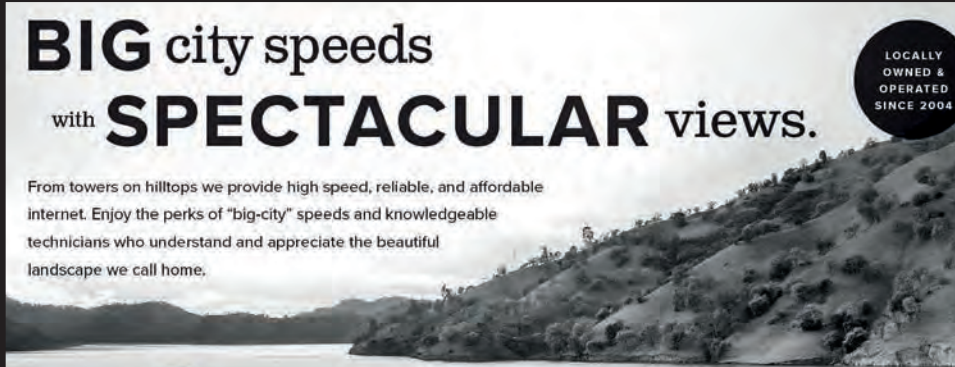
However, participating in Coastal Cleanup Day doesn't just mean that you get free food afterwards. It shows respect for the oceans, lakes, and waterways that provide for so much. It demonstrates a desire for clean waterways and a healthy environment. It brings awareness to the immense, but common litter problems, to "stop trash where it starts", and to further brainstorm ways to prevent litter.

Coastal Cleanup Day helps identify how much and what types of trash are commonly found by our waterways. The top ten items found are: cigarettes/cigarette filters, food wrappers/containers, caps/lids, bags (paper and plastic), cups/plates/utensils, straws/stirrers, glass beverage bottles, plastic beverage bottles, beverage cans, and construction material. It's so easy to produce all this trash then forget where it ends up.

As a Lake Berryessa Outreach intern with the Solano County Water Agency, I've seen the shores of the lake almost every day this summer. I can see firsthand the joy that this lake brings to everyone that comes by, being able to fish and picnic comfortably. I can see the love that the locals have for this lake and their genuine interest in keeping it beautiful. It's something to be proud of, the strong shared passion and sense of community over their lake and drinking water source that is used by all of Solano County within Napa County – about 500,000 people!

But fishing lines are still found bundled up and washed up to shore. Bottles, cans, and cigarette butts are scattered on the beach. Food wrappers get blown away and forgotten.

This Coastal Cleanup Day, Napa County invites you, your family, your coworkers, your school clubs, and your service groups to come out and volunteer with your community. You owe it to them and future generations to take a little time out of your day to participate in keeping this beautiful planet clean. This is a volunteer event for all ages in most locations in California. Give some love back to the lake as it needs you just as much as you need it. And the rest of California will be out there with you.



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A blonde and a lawyer were seating next to each other on a flight. The lawyer asks if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde, tired, just wants to take a nap, so she politely says no and turns to the window for a nap.

The lawyer insists and explains that the game is easy and very fun. He explains, “I’m going to ask you a question, and if you do not know the answer, you’ll pay me \$5, and vice versa.”

Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you do not know the answer, you pay me \$5, and if I do not know the answer, I pay you \$500." This catches the attention of the blonde and, imagining that there will be no end to this torment unless she makes part of his game, she agrees.

The lawyer asks the first question, “How far is the Earth from the Moon?” The blonde did not say a word, opened her purse, took out a \$5 bill and handed it to him. “Okay,” said the lawyer, “it’s your turn to ask.” She asks the lawyer: “What goes up a mountain with three legs and comes down with four legs?”

The lawyer, perplexed, picks up his laptop and searches all his references — no answer. He searches the net and the library of Congress, no answer. Frustrated, he sends emails to all his friends and co-workers but, also, no answer. After an hour, he wakes the blonde and reluctantly hands her \$500.

“Thank you,” the blonde says, and goes back to sleep some more. The lawyer, annoyed, wakes her up and asks, “Well, what is the answer?”

Without a word, she takes her purse, hands him \$5, and goes back to sleep.



Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Nothing of note will happen to you this week, as the dozens of people you'll tell about it will be able to attest.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): The largest meteorite ever to hit a person was about 45 pounds, making you a posthumous shoo-in for the record next Wednesday.

Aries (3/21-4/19): When the moment of truth you've been praying for all these years will finally arrives, you'll reject it out of hand rather than admit that it's all been the cat's fault.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You'll suddenly be torn away from your friends and cast out of the only home you've ever known by the authorities, who insist your sentence is over and you're free to go.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Next week will be a time of magical romance and unending joy for you, thanks to your boundless talent for self-delusion.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Your proclivities towards paranoia and depression combine when you start to think a race of alien lizard-people are controlling life's lowest echelons from behind the scenes.

Leo (7/23-8/22): In a wacky horoscopic mixup, you'll encounter a mysterious stranger who takes you on a journey over water just as you're trying to start new projects at work.

Virgo (8/23-9/22: You'll undergo the kind of stress that would break a lesser woman and which will cause whatever kind of woman you are to shatter into a coarse powder.

Libra (9/23-10/22): There will be nothing you can do to avert the disaster of next week, although there will be plenty that a reasonably bright and competent person could do.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Venus rising in your sign this week sounds like a welcome harbinger of romantic good tidings but the Zodiac assures you it's merely decorative.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): You'll finally realize a dream you've had since childhood when a huge scary monster comes out from under your bed and eats you all up.

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NTSB Releases Final Report On ICON A5 Accident

Federal investigators conclude that pilot error caused double-fatality plane crash at Lake Berryessa

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has released its final report on the May 8, 2017, accident in which ICON Aircraft employees Jon Karkow and Cagri Sever lost their lives.

The pilot, Jon Karkow, of ICON Aircraft in Vacaville, was flying too low and mistakenly entered a canyon surrounded by steep terrain, the report stated.

It is likely that the pilot thought he was in a different canyon that led to the larger, open portion of the lake, the NTSB said.

It is likely that, once he realized there was no exit from the canyon, he attempted to perform a 180° left turn to exit in the direction from which he entered.

He climbed the amphibious aircraft to about 100 feet above the water and “accelerated hard” in an attempt to climb out of the canyon, according to a witness. Shortly after the witness lost sight of the plane, he heard it crash.

“Based upon performance information outlined in the Pilot’s Operating Handbook for the accident airplane, the airplane’s altitude above the water’s surface and its indicated airspeed, and the ridge line elevations in the area adjacent to the accident site, the airplane would have not been able to climb out of the rising terrain that surrounded the area, which led to his failure to maintain clearance from terrain,” the report reads.

The NTSB determined the probable cause of this accident to be the pilot’s failure to maintain clearance from terrain while maneuvering at a low altitude.

Contributing to the accident was the pilot’s mistaken entry into a canyon surrounded by steep rising terrain while at a low altitude for reasons that could not be determined.

According to the report, Karkow had taken off from the Nut Tree airport in Vacaville at 8:50 that morning. The plane reportedly crashed at 9:08 a.m.. Shortly after 9 a.m., ICON was notified that an Emergency

Locator Transmitter (ELT) was transmitting. ICON staff immediately got in another aircraft and flew to Lake Berryessa.

Right before the crash, a witness who was fishing in a boat with a friend, saw the plane flying over the lake. In a statement to the NTSB, the witness reported seeing the airplane shortly after 9 a.m., about 30 to 50 feet over the water at a cove called Little Portuguese Canyon. The pilot was flying about 30 to 40 mph.

“As the plane passed I waved to the pilots and they waved back,” he said. “Everything seemed normal. It appeared as if they were just cruising the lake or coming in to land on the water.”

Five seconds later he heard the engines rev up and accelerate hard. The plane appeared to be trying to make a U-turn. The plane flew behind a point and then three seconds later they heard a very loud crash and instantly knew the plane had gone down.

Driving the boat over to site “as fast as we could,” they approached the left embankment of the cove and called out to the two men, ““Are you OK? We’re here to help you.””

There was no response. “We did not know if they were alive.” They got off the boat at the crash site to check on the men and saw they were both unconscious and not moving.

Both men appeared to have neck, back and leg injuries and were bleeding from the face.

Driving their boat back toward the Pleasure Cove marina, the two men called 911 and also made contact with a marina employee.

Members of the Napa County Sheriff’s Office, Federal Aviation Administration, officials from Cal Fire and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation came to the crash site.

Post-accident examination of the airframe and engine revealed no evidence of any pre-existing mechanical malfunctions that would have precluded normal operation, said the report.

“I want to thank the NTSB for its professionalism and thoroughness in this

process; this is an important step in reaching closure for the families of Jon and Cagri as well as the ICON team after such a traumatic loss,” said ICON CEO and Founder Kirk Hawkins.

“We’re now ramping up production and delivering aircraft. Seeing our customers having a blast exploring the planet on their own personal A5 adventures is precisely why we created ICON. It’s a defining moment for us.

It’s cool to finally watch, especially after all the blood, sweat, and literal tears that have gone into creating this very special flying machine. We have a lot more work ahead still, but this is a proud moment for the team and our customers.”

Over the last 18 months, ICON made major investments in the business. An improved Model Year 2018 (MY18) A5 is now in production and incorporates numerous design refinements to improve usability and serviceability.



Lake Berryessa News publisher flies the ICON A5

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Q: What do you call an intelligent, good looking, sensitive man?

A: A rumor

Q: Why do little boys whine?

A: They are practicing to be men.

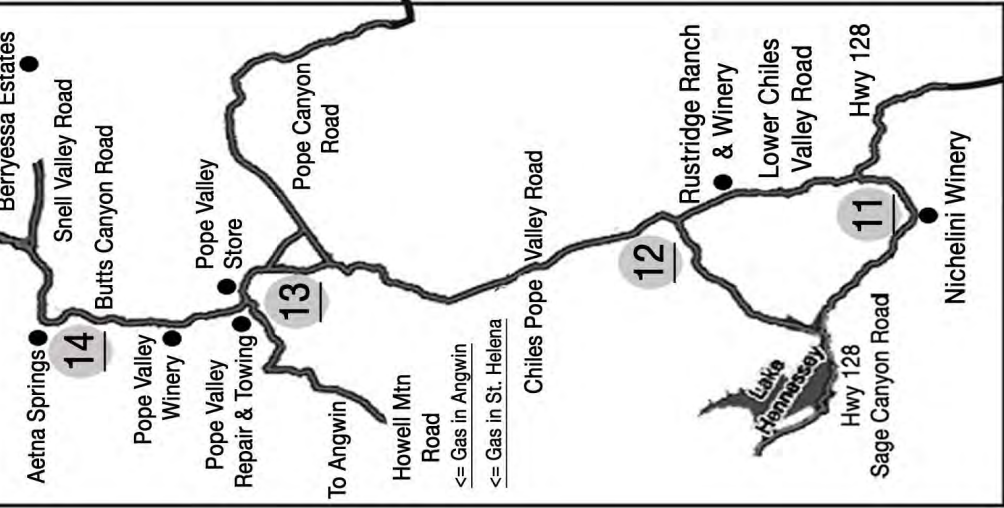
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- 1 Monticello Dam
- 2 Markley Cove Resort
- 3 Wragg Canyon Road
- 4 Moskowite Corners
- 5 Steele Canyon Recreation Area
- 6 Turtle Rock
- 7 Spanish Flat Village Center
- 8 Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitors Center
- 9 Monticello Shores/Berryessa Point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

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

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The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce wants you to know that Beautiful Lake Berryessa is OPEN!

Winter rains have brought Lake Berryessa to its maximum water storage capacity for the first time since 2006. With the rise in water level, it is expected to be a busy summer at the lake. Markley Cove Resort, Pleasure Cove Marina, Steele Canyon Recreation Area, Putah Canyon Recreation Area, and Spanish Flat Recreation Area continue to offer a variety of recreation services including camping and boat launching. Oak Shores Day Use Area, will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Capell Cove Boat Launch is open for launching from 4 a.m.-10 p.m. and is free of charge.

Dufer Point Visitor Center is open Through September 11: Weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Weekdays 12-3 p.m. Stop in with your questions or to view the Wild about Wetlands exhibit on loan through September from the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. 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.

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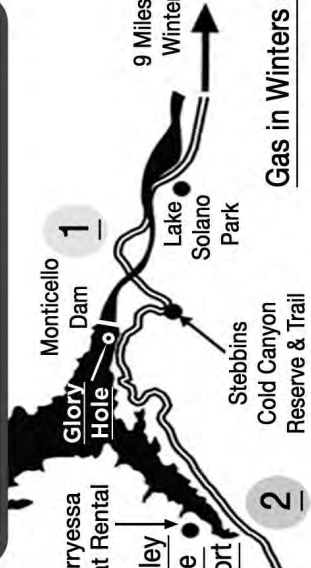
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8 **Fishing With Sid at Lake Berryessa on Labor Day**

Father and Son and the “One That Got Away!”

The past Labor Day weekend was lovely but the weather was HOT, HOT, HOT!!! In the last few weeks I took out Jonathan, Jason, and Felicia. Fishing was slow because of the heat. The water temperature was over 87.5 degrees and the air was hazy from smoke.

Even though the fishing was slow, they enjoyed swimming and exploring the lake. Quoting Don and his son Reid "we had a blast". Jay and his son Matthew also had a great time.

The best time I had this weekend was when I went out with my son Henry. He hooked up with what he knew was a good size bass. As he brought it closer to the boat he asked me to net it for him. I got the net, but did not succeed getting the fish into the net. Before I could try again he jumped into the air by the boat and the line snapped.

Needless to say my son was not too happy with my netting skills. We would have released the bass after taking a picture, but never got the chance. We estimate the bass weighed over ten pounds. My son says it was the biggest bass he has ever caught - and he has landed some big ones in the past. “Thanks, Dad.”

'til next week.....good fishing!!!!!! If you have any questions or stories you would like to share or are interested in booking a guided fishing trip please email me at bestguide@hotmail.com or call me at 650-583-3333.



ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE HEALTHY CALIFORNIA SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL (SB-562)

Robert Pollin, James Heintz, Peter Arno, and Jeannette Wicks-Lim - Department of Economics and Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) - University of Massachusetts-Amherst - May 2017

ABSTRACT: The State of California is considering a bill to create a statewide single-payer health care system. This study provides an economic analysis of the proposed measure, The Healthy California Act (SB-562). The study includes four major sections: 1) Cost Estimate of Universal Health Care Coverage in California; 2) Cost Saving Potential under Healthy California; 3) Financing Healthy California; and 4) Impact on Individual California Families and Businesses.

The primary goal of Healthy California is to provide high-quality health care to all California residents, including those who are presently either uninsured or underinsured. The study finds that the providing full universal coverage would increase overall system costs by about 10 percent, but that the single payer system could produce savings of about 18 percent. The study thus finds that the proposed single-payer system could provide decent health care for all California residents while still reducing net overall costs by about 8 percent relative to the existing system.

We propose two new taxes to generate the revenue required to offset the loss of private insurance spending: a gross receipts tax of 2.3 percent and a sales tax of 2.3 percent, along with exemptions and tax credits for small business owners and low-income families to promote tax-burden equity. Within this proposed tax framework, Healthy California can achieve both lower costs and greater equity in the provision of health care in California for both families and businesses of all sizes. Thus, net health care spending for middle-income families will fall by between 2.6 – 9.1 percent of income.

Small firms that have been providing private health care coverage for their workers will experience a 22 percent decline in their health-care costs as a share of payroll. The small firms that have not provided coverage will still make zero payments for health care under Healthy California through their gross receipts tax exemption. Medium-sized firms will see their health care costs fall by between 6.8 and 13.4 percent as a share of payroll relative to the existing system.

Firms with up to 500 employees will experience a 5.7 percent fall, and the largest firms, with over 500 employees, will experience a 0.6 percent fall as a share of payroll relative to the existing system.

California Native Plant Society Sale October 7 - 8, 2017

As we hope for rain again this winter, now is the time to stock up on drought-tolerant plants to enhance your water-wise garden. Join us at Skyline Park for the Fall Native Plant Society California native plant sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday, October 7 & 8.

We all need to be water-wise and continue to plant drought tolerant native plants. They will save water over the years to come and provide habitat for our native bees, butterflies, and other insects.

More than 1,000 hard-to-find native plants for shade or sun will be available for sale at Napa’s Skyline Park. Experts will be on hand to answer your questions and to help with plant selection.

The adjacent Martha Walker Garden will be open to see many of these plants identified in a landscape setting. The rich diversity of California’s native ground covers, grasses, shrubs, and vines will satisfy every gardener’s needs.

Admission to Park is free during the sale and show. Skyline Park is located at 2201 Imola Ave, Napa. www.napavalleycnps.org.

27-Year-Old Lies About Every Single Aspect Of His Life To Keep Parents From Worrying

BOSTON—While speaking with his mother over the phone Monday evening, sources confirmed that 27-year-old marketing coordinator Daniel Hewitt lied about every single detail of his life in order to keep his parents from worrying about him.

Hewitt reportedly updated his mother with a litany of false information throughout the 18-minute conversation and, in an attempt to spare her from any distress, distorted the truth about his job, finances, social life, living situation, and overall happiness.

“Everything’s good here,” said Hewitt in the first of what would amount to over three dozen flat-out lies. “Work has been going well. It’s fun, and everyone at the office is really nice. I’m learning a lot.” “I really love it out here,” Hewitt continued. “It’s great.”

Hewitt, who moved this past September from Bloomington, IL to Boston for a new job, is said to receive a phone call from home about once a week and has reportedly struggled to adjust to his new surroundings, feeling increasingly lonely and isolated. However, sources confirmed he has yet to report even one negative aspect of his life to his parents.

“So, what have you and Dad been up to these days?” added Hewitt in a desperate attempt to steer the conversation away from himself.

The Celebration of Ignorance in 2017: Carl Sagan's Wisdom (From 20 Years Ago)

Science is more than a body of knowledge; it is a way of thinking. I have a foreboding of an America in my children's or grandchildren's time - when the United States is a service and information economy; when nearly all the key manufacturing industries have slipped away to other countries; when awesome technological powers are in the hands of a very few, and no one representing the public interest can even grasp the issues; when the people have lost the ability to set their own agendas or knowledgeably question those in authority; when, clutching our crystals and nervously consulting our horoscopes, our critical faculties in decline, unable to distinguish between what feels good and what's true, we slide, almost without noticing, back into superstition and darkness.

The dumbing down of America is most evident in the slow decay of substantive content in the enormously influential media, the 30-second sound bites (now down to 10 seconds or less), lowest common denominator programming, credulous presentations on pseudoscience and superstition, but especially a kind of celebration of ignorance.

From "The Demon-Haunted World: Science As A Candle In The Dark (1996)"

An Antidote to Clown Car Politics?
by Peter Kilkus

For the 30% or so of people in this country who seem to revel in the celebration of ignorance described by Carl Sagan above, a lesson in basic American values and fundamental economics may be in order.

People come first! Years ago it was assumed that working people would share in the fruits of economic productivity increases. Wages would go up with productivity; we'd have a 4-day work week; businesses would sprout to cater to our leisure time needs.

But economic principles have been perverted as educational standards have have been driven down.



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Predatory capitalism has become a religion based on the premise that real people don't really count.

Instead of the simple and fair idea that when a robot builds something quicker, the productivity (profit) derived from the use of that robot should be shared by all the members of the company, corporations actually treat robots better than people - and all the money goes to the managers at the top.

Why do Americans allow that perversion of basic societal fairness? Why do narcissistic, empathy-challenged, frat boy sociopaths with a grammar school grasp of the English language steal our own money while doing nothing of real value? During my career I've known too many of these Goldman Sachs-types. They are actually proud that they got their MBAs so they could rip off the "sheep" - you and me.

FDR and his colleagues recognized this basic problem decades ago when they created Social Security and other social safety nets. Roosevelt proposed a Second Bill of Rights - an Economic Bill of Rights - for the safety and security of United States citizens. Why don't we have these protections yet - more than 70 years later?

The Economic Bill of Rights Franklin D. Roosevelt (Jan. 11, 1944)

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

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

As our nation has grown in size and stature, however as

our industrial economy expanded — these political rights proved inadequate to assure us equality in the pursuit of happiness.

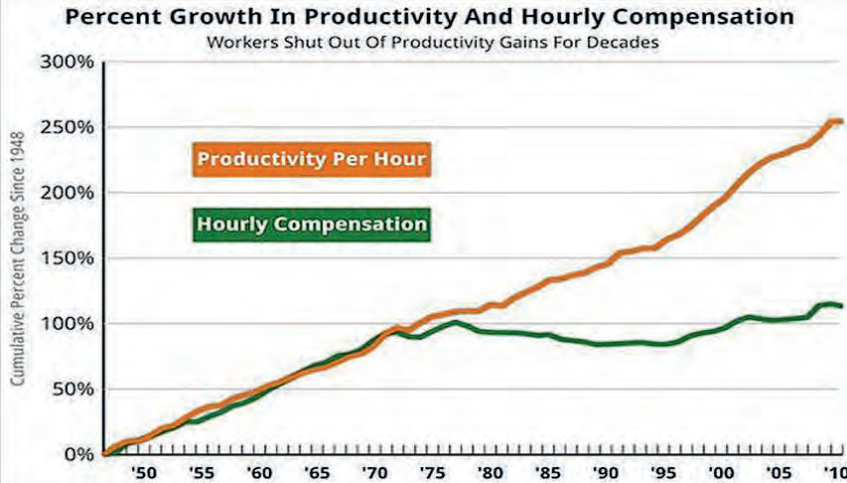
We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence. “Necessitous men are not free men.” People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made.

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

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

All of these rights spell security. And after this war is won we must be prepared to move forward, in the implementation of these rights, to new goals of human happiness and well-being.

America’s own rightful place in the world depends in large part upon how fully these and similar rights have been carried into practice for our citizens.





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The Entire Berryessa Highlands Community Says, THANK YOU EVAN.

The Berryessa Highlands Community celebrated, on October 28, 2017, surviving a near disaster from the Atlas Peak Fire, thanking the residents and the many first responders, and the “unsung heroes” from the Capell Valley Community, who diverted the direction of the fire away from our homes.

Under Mandatory Evacuation, our community vacated on October 10, 2017, not knowing if we would have a home to return to, considering, at that time, the fire was consuming our only entrance to our area, at the Corners. We were praying that the direction of the winds would give the responders a chance to defend our Highlands community, and the fire lines would hold the fires away.

Relying only on the National and Local News reports on the Fire, who were the messengers of bad news, there came a voice saying, “There is good news tonight for the Lake Berryessa Community”. That voice was EVAN KILKUS, our Editor of the Lake Berryessa News, and the leader of the Fire Safe Council efforts in our community over the last several years.

Like many of the nine hundred residents evacuated from the Berryessa Highlands, I would listen and watch the Facebook Live video updates posted by Evan during the next week of evacuation, reporting on the status of our community.

Evan decided to stay during the Mandatory Evacuation, checking on our homes, feeding our animals, and reporting. President John F. Kennedy wrote that “ONE MAN WITH COURAGE MAKES A MAJORITY”, and our community was blessed with a man who selflessly made a difference for our community.

Thankfully submitted by Stu Williams

(Contiued from front page)
 For a week, the Lake Berryessa News Facebook page was a fount of images and reports from around Lake Berryessa, starting with dramatic nighttime footage of flames along a ridgeline and later documenting the closing-off - and eventual reopening - of roads and neighborhoods.

I spent the next six days in motels in Davis using my computer as a remote relay station, translating Evan’s Facebook Live updates into YouTube videos and posting them on our Lake Berryessa News web site and what turned out to be a crucial communication tool Nextdoor Berryessa (Story on page 6.)

Due to the magnitude of the disaster, normal news agencies were only able to cover it in summary stories. But our Lake Berryessa News updates were specific to our region and were critical to the residents who had no other ways to get news of the fire and the affect on their homes. Our motto is “Without the Lake Berryessa News, there would be no Lake Berryessa news.”

The difference between escaping from a rapidly advancing fire, as so many did, and the Berryessa Highlands evacuees watching the fire slowly but inexorably coming toward them is the sense of dread and helplessness. Evan’s regular video updates and calm voice were instrumental in helping people cope with those feelings - as so many said publicly.

Facebook Live was an easy and quick way to show the neighbors their homes were still there, because no words could do that. Using

Facebook Live, he streamed real-time video of the flames from atop a ridgeline. For seven days, he narrated and posted videos, providing context and updates to residents on edge about the fate of their homes.

And because he had stayed behind, his responsibilities grew. He began feeding others’ pets — dogs, chickens, birds, cats — and keeping an eye on them.

Power to the Berryessa Highlands came on Sunday night and on Monday, October 16 we were finally allowed back home with power, water, internet, and spoiled food in stinky refrigerators. Fortunately, due to the hard work of firefighters and volunteers, only a few homes were lost in our region. That 747 global supertanker (official bird of Lake Berryessa) made a huge difference in saving so many homes.



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Lake Berryessa Senior Center Provides Fire Relief

Those of us Napa County Fire evacuees from the Lake Berryessa and Circle Oaks areas wish to express our deep appreciation to the Lake Berryessa Senior Center and their members for their 24/7 welcoming arms and accommodations. When we were told to evacuate immediately late Sunday evening October 8, we knew the BSC was the "go to" safe place. Thank you. - CeCe & Jack Short



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The Great Lake Berryessa (Atlas) Fire of 2017!

by Peter Kilkus

The official name was the Atlas Fire and it never reached the shores of Lake Berryessa, but its immediate threat dramatically pulled the Lake Berryessa community together for more than a week. All Lake Berryessa residents were affected. All Lake Berryessa residents worried about it. And the whole Lake Berryessa Region was united by it. That’s why I took the liberty of calling it the Great Lake Berryessa Fire.

The map on the Lake Berryessa News web site shows what we consider the Greater Lake Berryessa Region graphically. It extends beyond the edge of the lake itself to nearby communities with access to the lake and upon which the lake has a direct impact - like Capell Valley, Berryessa Estates, Pope Valley, and Circle Oaks.

We knew Sunday that the winds would be wild all night and had an uneasy feeling. Soon after the fire started on Atlas Peak at 10 PM Sunday, we smelled smoke. When the power went out at about 3 AM we knew there was a serious problem. That was soon verified by the news media, by government sources, and by the huge clouds of smoke rising into the sky.

The next two days were stressful because we knew the fire was creeping our way. The worst part was waiting, because you could see it coming. Finally, on Tuesday afternoon we were told to evacuate the Berryessa Highlands even though the fire was 6 miles away. But it was heading towards the Corners which was our only way out. Without power we also had no internet access so I couldn’t update the Lake

Berryessa News Facebook page or web site. I agreed to leave, but Evan stayed behind to do what he could to protect our property and report the status of the fire as it crept onward.

When we got to the Corners (Hwy 121 at Hwy 128 and Steele Canyon Road) the fire was coming over the top of Sugarloaf heading right down to the intersection. Smoke was so thick we could barely see the helicopters dumping Lake Berryessa water on the fire. Due to the firefighters hard work, that part of the fire was stopped in its tracks.

But later Tuesday night the raging fire bore down on the Capell Valley community only a few miles from the Corners and Lake Berryessa. The Pridmore family, alongside a dedicated crew of neighbors and friends, had stayed behind to save their homes. Swirling gusts of wind had whipped hundred-foot flames into a semi-circle around the valley.

The group used bulldozers and water tenders to cut fire lines and douse homes in water and were successful in beating back the flames, not just on Tuesday night but for days after. Their efforts, alongside teams of firefighters, saved homes in the valley and also slowed but didn’t stop the fire as it burned upward over the ridge between Lake Berryessa and the Berryessa Highlands.

Evan began using his AT&T cell phone to broadcast to the Lake Berryessa community for the Lake Berryessa News via Facebook Live. Although power was out, AT&T had brought in a generator to power their local tower.

(Contiued on back page)

Help Local Families Displaced by the Fire

Between Circle Oaks and Turtle Rock, more than 400 homes came within feet of fire, but were saved by firefighters. However, despite their tireless effort, three families' homes were destroyed in Capell Valley.

As a Berryessa community we have already raised and given out more than \$15,000 in cash to six families, plus our three local Volunteer Fire Departments.

Additionally, residents donated bikes, work gear, furniture, and other great items - plus the Bay Area Diesels car club donated a trailer load of household supplies.

The support has been overwhelming for the people who lost everything. They are beyond appreciative. But the help is still needed as temporary living and moving expenses are adding up.

Please help us raise an additional \$10,000 in November by donating here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/NapaFiresBerryessaHelp>

Berryessa Project Delays

Another casualty of the Atlas Fire for Lake Berryessa was the cancelation of three important meetings which had been scheduled for October 11th and October 18th. Two were for presentation and tours for respondents to the Lake Berryessa Request for Information and Interest (RFII). Six months of detailed research has concluded that “Lake Berryessa could represent one of the most untapped opportunities for quality, lake-orientated resort development in all of California.”

The third was a Lake Berryessa Community Forum meeting which was to be sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation and Napa County.

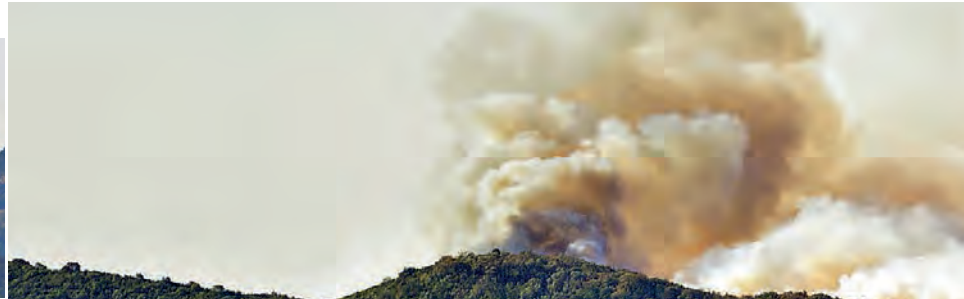
There has been no announcement of the dates for the rescheduled meetings.

The critical issue is how many recreation companies were interested enough in the Lake Berryessa RFII to have indicated that they would attend one of the RFII presentations. One of the organizers would only comment that “some” companies had shown an interest.



By Evan Kilkus

Monday (October 9): As seen with a telephoto lens at 9:30 AM from the top of the ridge at the south end of the Berryessa Highlands, the fire that had started on Atlas Peak the night before was burning all the way south far past Hwy 121, and creeping downhill into Wooden Valley (left photo), and the North East/corner of the fire was two ridges or about three miles away from Capell Valley.



Tuesday (October 10): The day started smoky and got worse as time went on. Winds had shifted towards the Highlands. By 3:30 PM the smoke was more intense as the fire began to enter the hills above the R-Ranch and Capell Valley (left photo). By 6PM that night the fire was all throughout Capell Valley, right above Circle Oaks, and had reached the top of the hill just above Steele Canyon, about 1 mile from the Highlands neighborhood. By 9:30 PM the wind had shifted back away from the neighborhood so the fire seemed to just stop at the top of the ridge.



Wednesday (October 11): Morning broke and the fire had only crept part of the way down the hill. An afternoon pounding of water from helicopters and fire retardant from planes was a sign that firefighters were taking a stand, and they were not going to let the fire go any farther. Check out the video of all the aircraft fighting the fire at: <https://youtu.be/Q4gJCBnWyeg>



Thursday (October 12): At this point bulldozer crews had spent 2 days building large back-up fire breaks (left photo), while small amounts of fire were still burning within the planned containment lines, all less than 1 mile from the neighborhood (right photo).



Friday thru Monday: By this point all active firefighting was wrapping up, but areas were still burning within the firelines. While firefighters cut hand lines and put out the hot spots, PG&E crews fixed power lines along the roads, and road crews cleared burned and damaged trees from along the roads. Residents were allowed home to all neighborhoods on Monday. Crews spent one additional week bringing containment to 100%.

See these photos and more at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com

Between Fire and Homes

Now that the Atlas Fire is fully contained and all roads are open, as you drive along Hwy 121, Wooden Valley Road, Capell Valley Road, and Ridgecrest Drive in Circle Oaks, through a burned out landscape something looks very good. Lots of standing homes. Yes, the squares of white ashes where homes once stood stand out too, but what strikes you even more are the homes that were spared by the wildfire.

There are hundreds of stories from our local CAL FIRE firefighters and Napa County Volunteer Firefighters, about how they parked their trucks in front yards and fought fire around the homes until the inferno had passed. They started on Sunday night and didn't stop fighting the active fire for 4 to 5 days. They went from house to house, neighborhood to neighborhood, all the while putting their lives on the line, in a state of managed chaos.

It's impossible for the Lake Berryessa News to document the full extent of this human firefight at this time, the scope is just too great, and the stories of heroic action too numerous. The Lake Berryessa News will hopefully be able to share more of them on our web site: www.LakeBerryessaNews.com and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Berryessa-News-114810958535085/>

To see what firefighters saw check out the videos from local volunteer fire departments during the first hours of the disaster. Try to put yourself in their places. The YouTube links are:

Fire Truck on Atlas Peak Road:

<https://youtu.be/R2Vbf77tB98>

This was the first night of the Atlas Fire with-in the first few hours of the fire starting. Engine 22 was leaving their first assignment and had to drive through a tight area on their way to their second assignment. It was a short distance that Engine 22 had to pass through.

Fire Truck on Wooden Valley Road:

<https://youtu.be/UPddTvmby94>

This video was taken in Engine 22 on Wooden Valley Road when they went back to check on a house they already defended. They performed bump and run structure defense. This is where they quickly knock down fire as it hits a house, and then quickly go to the next house getting hit by fire to defend it while moving with the fire front. They didn't have time to mop up so they kept going back to check on houses they already defended between the fire hitting new houses. Chief George was on the hill above directing the engines from house to house to make sure every house got defended at the right time.

Unprecedented Wildfire Takes an Unprecedented
Response of Teamwork

The biggest week of wildfire in California's history took an army of firefighters, many of whom weren't wearing yellow jackets. From the first responding Sheriffs and CHP personnel evacuating residents in the middle of Sunday night, to the ranchers who used every trick in the books to beat back the fire, to the unnamed homeowners who stayed home with water sprinklers running, to the random volunteers helping at evacuation centers and doing donation drives across the Bay Area. The effort was nothing less than heartwarming. For an inside view of the Capell Valley firefight that helped protect the Berryessa Highlands and Spanish Flat go to :

Fire Fight by Capell Valley Neighbors

<https://youtu.be/jwm8CEk0uUQ>

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By Peter Kilkus

During the destructive Atlas fire in the Lake Berryessa region, several methods were used to communicate the status of the fire to local residents, especially those evacuated from the Berryessa Highlands.

Besides the crucial Facebook Live posts by Evan Kilkus of the Lake Berryessa News, one of the key communication tools was Nextdoor Berryessa. Nextdoor is a communication platform that allows neighbors to mobilize and get stuff done like never before. It allows communities (Neighborhoods) to easily create private websites which allow direct contact among neighbors and build stronger neighborhoods.

Nextdoor was created based on the idea that the neighborhood is one of the most important and useful communities in a person's life. On Nextdoor, members can: share local recommendations (plumbers, auto mechanics, babysitters, etc.); sell or give away household items; publicize local events; exchange information about crime and safety issues; find neighbors in the directory; ask for advice.

Nextdoor Berryessa was born several years ago. Berryessa Highlands resident since 2005 and self-described "computer geek", Bill Rahe, says, "While surfing the internet back in 2012/2013 I ran across an article about a relatively new website called Nextdoor. It appeared to be a unique (and "modern") way for our Berryessa Highlands neighbors to communicate amongst themselves and for coordinating local events."

"I opened their weblink(s) to find that there were absolutely no mapped neighborhoods anywhere near Lake Berryessa. So...I drew map lines around our immediate Berryessa Highlands streets and established our initial "Nextdoor" online neighborhood. As a result, I became the Lead by default. (Editor's Note: I remember getting my first invitation from Bill to join Nextdoor - which I did. He believes I was actually the second "member".)"

"In the immediate months afterwards people started joining our

Nextdoor site and the boundary lines started being stretched to include other neighbors along Steele Canyon Road. Likewise, along the way Debra Healer was identified as a Lead for our Nextdoor site, which was absolutely fine with me. Working full time at Mechanics Bank in Napa prohibited me from having adequate time to advertise the site or find any locals interested in joining. She had invited "boat loads" of people to join our online site."

(Editor's Note: Debra also used Nextdoor to organize and host - with her husband Tom - the epic "We Survived" party on October 28 at her house - 200+ people! It was also the longest Nextdoor Berryessa email chain in its history - 126 conversations! Definitely a better tool than Facebook.)

Bill goes on, "The rest is history.... residents driving too fast, dogs barking, coyotes hunting, garage sales, questions about home repair recommendations, etc., etc. But after our most recent experiences with the threat of devastating fires avoided, the site delivered everything I ever hoped it would be able to do..."

During the last five years Nextdoor Berryessa Highlands has grown to 529 members and added four additional Neighborhoods: Capell Valley, 39; West Berryessa, 42; Mix Gates Canyon, 44; Atlas Peak-Soda Canyon, 85 for a total of 739 members. After the recent Atlas Fire experience, it will probably continue that growth trend.



By Marcus Cox – Circle Oaks Resident

When the Sheriff knocked on our door at 1 am and told us we had to evacuate we had no idea the extent of the raging fires surrounding our 185 home enclave at Circle Oaks, or that the fire was only 2 miles away (as the crow flies) on Atlas Peak. We also didn't know the gale force winds were spreading cinders all through the forest and the Atlas fire would grow to over 51,000 acres and our community would be inaccessible for over a week.

We rushed to pack what we could as the smell of smoke got stronger and stronger and I could hear our lawn furniture being tossed around like toothpicks in the Gale force winds (there were gusts of 70 mph that morning). I tossed all the computers into the back of our truck, cornered our kitty in the office and locked her in the pet carrier (in spite of her protests) just as the lights blinked out and we lost power.

It was in total darkness we continued to pack and sort through the 4 stories of stuff we had accumulated in our last 30 years together – all the time the thought of our precious home burning up caused a tightness in my belly – but getting out alive was the priority.

As we wound our way through the back roads to the shelter in Calistoga I saw a bright red glow above the Atlas peak ridgeline – it was obvious the fire was out of control and growing fast – it must have been less than a mile behind the Circle Oaks ridgeline by now.

We decided the fire behind us was too big to stay and we started the trek to the Napa shelter at Napa Community college – the traffic was horrendous and we had a lot of time to ponder if this was the beginning of the apocalypse!

The smoke and fires seemed everywhere we turned and since the power was off the traffic lights on highway 29 had turned to 4 way stops - morning commute traffic was

inching along and I wondered what would happen if the fires came down to the highway.

Hunkering down at our friend's house we started to get news reports and "Facebook Live" broadcasts from Lake Berryessa News reporter, Evan Kilkus. Evan had stayed behind at Lake Berryessa Highlands and was doing live videos showing firefighting progress in real time - he was doing these several times a day, and the whole community of evacuees on "Napa Neighbors" (another social media app) were glued to their phones during these facebook feeds - we all got to know each other better and share a comradery I had not seen before.

We all watched Evan's Facebook feeds with great enthusiasm as somehow our neighborhood stayed intact. We later learned that one of our neighbors, Battalion Chief, Larry Carr, had come to fight the fire in Circle Oaks, and joined forces with 2 other fire crews from Southern Cal.

Another of our neighbors, Fire Fighter Greg O'Dell was also helping out every day. The flames below Larry's house were almost 60 feet high at one point and flying embers created other spot fires in the neighborhood but were quickly extinguished by these brave fire teams. Several articles in the Napa Register describe the incredible stand these brave people made and how Evan Kilkus's live reporting meant so much to so many of us.



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. Most fire retardant that's dropped from the air is one of the various formulations branded as Phos-Chek, and overall it's deemed safe.

Once mixed, Phos-Chek LC95A contains about 85 per cent water and 15 per cent liquid fertilizer, which is made up of ammonia compounds, plus small amounts of clay, food-grade thickener and iron oxide for a bright red color.

The thickener makes the retardant splat instead of blowing away. As for the splatter people find on their homes and cars, once dry, it's tough to remove, leaving a faded red stain. But in the face of fire many feel the risk is worth it - "better red than black."

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, 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.

The latest fire-fighting aircraft is the huge Boeing 747 Global Supertanker. It was crucial to suppressing the latest Capell Valley fire and should probably be named the "Official Bird of Lake Berryessa."

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Mercury rising in your sign indicates that things are getting hotter, as the mercury has expanded, causing it to rise up the thermometer.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): In the end, you won't wish you'd done anything differently; you'll just wish you hadn't had to do anything.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Don't let people tell you that you can't be anything you want in life. Surgical techniques and gene-grafting will soon allow anyone to assume giraffe form.

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Lake Berryessa Residents Registration
Thursday, Nov 9, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Thursday, November 16, 12:00 – 6:00 pm
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2. Proof of residence:
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3. Picture ID
Adults: CA ID, Country of Origin ID, Passport, etc.
Children: School ID, Mexican ID, Shot Record, MediCal Card, Birth Certificates

Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program Report: Summer 2017

The Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach (LBBO) program focuses on educational outreach and invasive species prevention at Lake Berryessa. Lake Berryessa provides drinking water for more than 500,000 people in Solano County and is used by the Jelly Belly Factory and Anheuser-Busch for their products. The 2017 LBBO program was active from April to September. Throughout the season, LBBO interns conducted watercraft screenings for invasive mussels and educated boaters and recreational users. Sixteen student interns staffed six boat launches.

The high water levels brought many visitors from different counties to check out the Glory Hole and the rest of Lake Berryessa. In order to track and analyze the effectiveness of outreach efforts, LBBO interns gathered data and provided weekly summaries to partner agencies and stakeholders. LBBO interns also participated in community volunteer cleanup events throughout the summer, including World Environment Day and California Coastal Cleanup Day.

Invasive Mussel Inspection Program

The primary goal of the LBBO program is to prevent the introduction of invasive mussels into Lake Berryessa. Invasive species are transported from one body of water to another through boats and other watercraft. LBBO interns screened watercraft both visually and through boater surveys. Interns staffed all boat launch sites at Lake Berryessa seven days a week from June-September - the peak boating season.

In addition to screening boats and other watercraft, interns educated boaters on preventing the spread of invasive species, as well as the ecological, economic, and recreational impacts that the introduction of invasive mussels would cause Lake Berryessa, the surrounding community, and beyond. The vast majority of boaters were not only amenable to the screening process, but also supportive of the program.

Program Achievements

Screenings increased by 54% from 2016 and by 82% from 2015: 16,799 watercraft screened in 2017; 10,860 watercraft screened in 2016; 9,197 watercraft screened in 2015.

Eight potentially infested watercraft were prevented from launching this year. Such watercraft launched in infested bodies of water in the past thirty days without sufficient dry time to eliminate risk of transmitting invasive mussels to Lake Berryessa.

As part of the invasive screening process, interns collected the following data: time of the screening, the boater’s home zip code, and the last body of water the boat had launched. This data helps the LBBO program understand the efficacy of the invasive screenings as well as to strategize better protection of Lake Berryessa in the future.

Home County Data Analysis

Protecting Lake Berryessa from invasive mussels also requires knowledge of the geographic region from which boaters are coming and how many are coming from each region. As part of the invasive screening process, each boater’s zip code is collected and corresponds to their county of residence.

The population that most frequently uses Lake Berryessa for recreational boating is also dependent on it for drinking water, and would be the most personally affected by an infestation of invasive mussels. Of the Solano County boaters that visited Lake Berryessa, more than 41% came from Vacaville and more than 26% came from Fairfield.

Contra Costa and Napa are also major counties of origin for Lake Berryessa boaters with 21% and 13%, respectively. Although residents of Contra Costa, Napa and other counties are not reliant on Lake Berryessa for drinking water, it is still critical to engage them in education and outreach for the sake of Solano County’s principle water source and their own

local reservoirs that could be affected by an invasive mussel infestation.

Hydrologic Region Data Analysis

The most critical data collected during the invasive screening process is information on where a boat last launched. By recognizing launch patterns of boaters and determining which hydrologic regions are most popular, we can better assess and prepare for the risk Lake Berryessa would face if a nearby region became infested with invasive mussels.

76% of boaters screened reported to have last launched at Lake Berryessa. Other commonly reported places of most recent launch are within the Sacramento River hydrologic region or the San Joaquin hydrologic region, neither of which currently contain any infested bodies of water with invasive mussels.

After Lake Berryessa, the most common recent launch locations were the California Delta (95), Lake Shasta (68), Lake Tahoe (67), Clear Lake (52,) Lake Sonoma (41), Sacramento River (36), Camanche Reservoir (36) and Folsom Lake (35).

Conclusion

The main goal of the Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program is to protect the drinking water source for nearly 500,000 residents of Solano County through invasive screenings, cleanup events, and educational efforts.

The 2017 LBBO Program was successful in screening a record number of boats for invasive species and educating over 3,400 visitors about the importance of keeping Lake Berryessa clean.

Interns hope that visitors were inspired to help keep Lake Berryessa cleaner than when they arrived so that the lake continues to be one of the cleanest reservoirs in the state of California. The chart below shows the results of the program for the last five years.

Season Totals	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Interns	6	6	14	12	16
Invasive Screenings	1,547	4,301	9,197	10,860	16,799
Boater Surveys	1,568	1,670	1,195	1,210	1,115
Recreator Surveys	325	300	392	265	224
Bilge Pads Installed	478	690	589	497	372

The Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program is managed by the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership which includes the Solano County Water Agency, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Solano Resource Conservation District. It also includes representatives from Solano and Napa Counties as well as a range of local agencies in collaboration whose goal is to keep Lake Berryessa’s water safe and clean

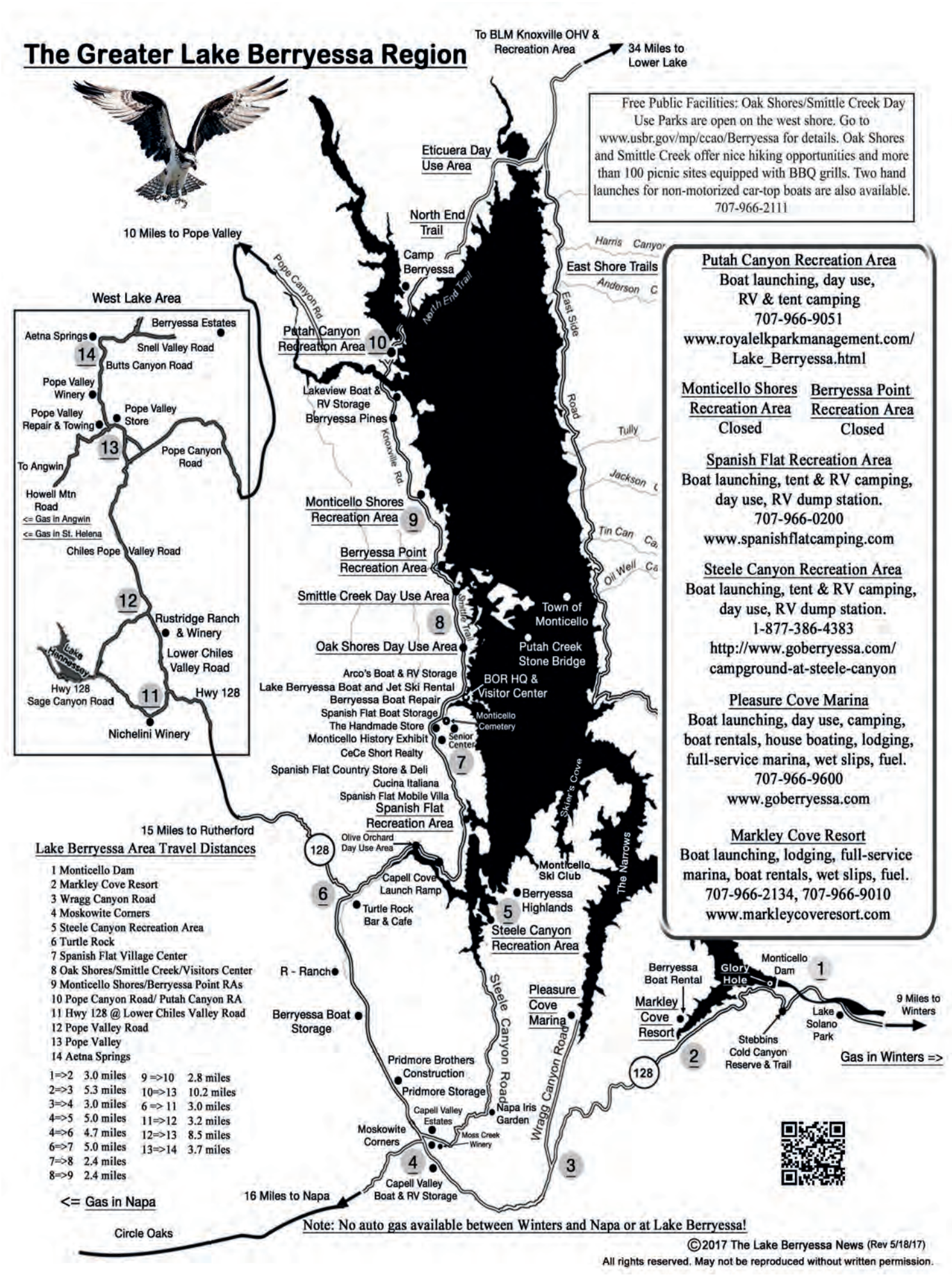
Rain Year	First Rain	Total By 1/1	Season Total
97-98		10.77”	46.26”
98-99	11/10/98	7.18”	23.46”
99-00	10/30/99	6.5”	26”
00-01	10/20/00	4.54”	24.7”
01-02	10/29/01	15.73”	23.38”
02-03	11/7/02	19.34”	31.6”
03-04	10/31/03	12.01”	25.64”
04-05	10/19/04	15.55”	36.36”
05-06	9/26/05	17.4”	40.56”
06-07	10/3/06 - .22”	5.36”	12.7”
07-08	9/19/07 - .1”	4.48”	25.32”
08-09	10/3/08 - .2”	6.6”	23.96”
09-10	9/14/09 - .24”	6.5”	26.41”
10-11	10/18/10 - .21”	12.62”	37.92”
11-12	10/4/11 - .2”	3.04”	19.56”
12-13	10/22/12 - .73”	17.97”	20.65”
13-14	9/22/13 - .43”	1.88”	13.69”
14-15	9/19/14 - .11”	13.34”	19.56”
15-16	10/2/15 - .68”	6.23”	24.57
16-17	10/4/16 - .04”	8.8”	47.55”
17-18	10/20/17 - .21”		

Lake Level 11/1/17

The lake level is now at 430.4 feet - 9.6 feet below Glory Hole - only a 2 inch drop this week. Last year at this time the lake was at 399 feet - 41 feet below.

A reader asked a question about the impact of the use of lake water for firefighting. There is no measurable effect from the use of hundreds of thousands of gallons of Lake Berryessa water for fire suppression. Most of the red fire retardant came from storage tanks at local airports and probably didn’t contain any Lake Berryessa water, but the fire-fighting helicopters almost never stopped refilling their tanks here.

This is a BIG lake. The evaporation rate, depending on the temperature, can be more than a quarter inch per day during the summer or 7.5 inches per month. That’s 12,500 acre-feet of water simply going up into the air every month. 1 acre foot = 326,000 gallons. You do the math (Hint: 4.7 billion gallons per month). When the lake was down 41 feet last year, it needed 262 billion gallons of rain to fill up.



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Market Opportunities

Based on a recent consumer survey of more than 3,000 people familiar with Lake Berryessa, the unmet needs (and opportunities) include:

Lodging accommodations in hotels, motels, rental cabins, full-service RV parks, glamping, conference centers and timeshare resorts.

Boating facilities including launch ramps, boat slips, storage facilities, houseboat and other watercraft rentals.

Sports and recreation attractions like hiking, equestrian stables with riding trails, clubhouse, fitness and spa facilities, sporting clays, golf course and seaplane base.

Entertainment attractions that could include an outdoor concert amphitheater, wedding venues, special events like boat races, car rallies and fishing tournaments, wine tasting and Napa Valley shuttle and Lake Berryessa boat cruises.

Visitor services such as convenience and grocery stores, fuel outlets (for cars and boats) restaurants, bars and water taxis.

Development is fully supported by officials of Napa County who recognize a wider variety of land uses and facilities are required to maximize economic benefits and enjoyment by outdoor recreation enthusiasts.

In addition to boating and camping opportunities, there are numerous other attractions and activities at Lake Berryessa and its environs. Some include:

1. Close proximity to, and shared identity with, one of the most recognized tourist destinations in the country - Napa Valley. Napa County has a rapidly growing tourism industry, with 3.54 million visitors in 2016, up 20 percent from just four years ago. Downtown Napa is rapidly becoming a major tourist destination of its own, with large new supply of hotels, shops, restaurants and entertainment venues - and less than an 45 minutes travel to Lake Berryessa.

2. Napa Valley has more than 500 wineries, geothermal springs, boutique shops, fine restaurants, eight golf courses and spectacular scenery.

3. Attractions and activities at Lake Berryessa complement those in Napa Valley, e.g., boating, fishing, extensive nature and other types of trails, etc. These complementary uses are attractive both to residents of Napa County and others throughout the primary marketing area.

4. Many intriguing potential opportunities for recreational attractions and activities that do not exist elsewhere in Napa County and/or are significantly

under-supplied in the primary marketing area. Examples include conference facilities, golf, wedding venues and outdoor musical performance venues.

5. Some of the best lake fishing in the entire state. Swimming in the many protected coves and inlets. Quiet areas for non-motor activities, such as kayaking and canoeing. Bird watching and wildlife viewing.

6. Extensive hiking, mountain biking and walking trails, with many more possible, and large nearby public land holdings, accessible for hiking, camping and a wide variety of other outdoor recreational activities.

Lake Berryessa Development Advantages

Napa County, like most prime resort destinations in California, is a challenging place to pursue new development. Land prices are extremely high; properly zoned sites are scarce; the re-zoning, General Plan amendment and environmental impact report processes are lengthy and expensive; and the threat of litigation from environmental groups and others is high. These "barriers to entry" often result in years and years of effort before proper entitlements are obtained, if ever.

Several important advantages exist, however, at Lake Berryessa that should greatly facilitate development of the concession areas. Proper regulations will still be imposed by Napa County and Reclamation, but less time-consuming than normal.

1. Reclamation has completed detailed, but preliminary, development plans for the five areas. Environmental impact statements have been completed for the plans to "the 60 percent design level." To the extent that concessionaires' development plans are substantially compatible with Reclamation's preliminary development plans, the required environmental impact assessment may be accelerated.

2. No re-zoning or General Plan amendments are required.

3. Environmental compliance statements will be required, but a head start has already been made by Reclamation. This is especially true the more that proposed development aligns with Reclamation's preliminary recommendations.

4. Proper development of the concession areas is fully supported by public officials of Napa County, who have pledged to facilitate the entitlement process.

5. It is recognized by Napa County and Reclamation that a wider collection of land uses and activities will be required in the future in order to maximize economic benefits to the County and enjoyment by today's outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Creativity will be encouraged.

6. The actual term of each concession contract will be based on the business model. The business model will support justification of a term beyond the standard 25 years where applicable. The County has requested discussion of a 55 year term plus one 10 year extension for development that requires a significant infrastructure investment.

7. In recognition of the cost of building new infrastructure on leased land, Napa County may be willing to offer a variety of financial incentives for appropriate developments and operations.

8. Private land holdings surrounding Lake Berryessa are extensive. Some of this land could be available for related development.

9. Napa County will assume the role of Managing Partner Agency for all concession areas. This includes being the primary reviewer of applications and proposed development plans. The local government will be able to act more expediently than the more removed federal government.

10. Dedication of County staff support to facilitate development process.



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Fire and Water: Positive Progress at Lake Berryessa Continues

Berryessa Estates and Berryessa Highlands Fire Stations Dedicated

By Evan Kilkus
Two new Napa County volunteer fire sub-stations which opened in Eastern Napa County neighborhoods are anticipated to improve response times and possibly lower homeowners insurance rates.

Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Sub-Station 220, and Capell Valley Volunteer Fire Sub-Station 214, right in the middle of the Berryessa Estates and the Berryessa Highlands neighborhoods, hosted ribbon cutting ceremonies this September and are ready to serve the public.

Knoxville, by decreasing response times and increasing the number of people and vehicles responding to a medical or fire emergency.

The two neighborhoods currently have trouble getting affordable home owner's insurance as they are rated "unprotected" by the Insurance Services Office since there were no fire stations within five miles.

With these new stations in place, Napa County Fire/CAL Fire will push to get the insurance companies to recognize the stations. The fact that both Pope Valley and



The stations are simple metal buildings with bathrooms, and most important, a fire engine. Each engine carries 750 gallons of water, thousands of feet of fire hose, and basic medical supplies.

These two additional stations will help the residents and visitors in all of Eastern Napa County, everyone from Wooden Valley to Pope Valley, and the Monticello Dam to the back roads of

Capell Valley Volunteer Fire Departments have such a high response rate, close to 100%, will be crucial to help improve the rating for the two neighborhoods. Residents hope to see an impact on insurance coverage in time - hopefully within a year or two.

Berryessa Estates has about 180 homes, and the Berryessa Highlands has about 350 homes.

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Napa County Releases Lake Berryessa RFII

Another important milestone in the potential rebirth of Lake Berryessa has been achieved. Napa County has issued a Request for Information and Interest (RFII) to solicit potential concessionaires for five sites at the lake.

Proper development of the concession areas is fully supported by public officials of Napa County, who have pledged to facilitate the entitlement process.

The Napa County Executive Office is issuing this (RFII) in order to solicit potential concessionaires for five sites at Lake Berryessa. Appropriate respondents will subsequently be invited to respond to a Request for Proposal (RFP).

Emphasis in the past has been on boating and camping, but a much wider variety of activities seem appropriate for the future. The surrounding region is one of the most prosperous in the nation. Participation rates in all types of outdoor recreation activities are higher than average.

Despite these circumstances, the supply of high quality resort developments in lake-oriented destinations greatly lags demand. Lake Berryessa could represent one of the most untapped opportunities for quality lake-oriented resort development in California.

Land around Lake Berryessa is owned by the U.S. Bureau of

Reclamation. Napa County may now enter into a Managing Partner Agreement (MPA) with Reclamation to once again assume control of the five areas. The distribution of this RFII is the initial step in potentially finding appropriate developers and operators for one or more of the five areas.

Napa County wishes to solicit input from resort developers and concessionaires that will be used to create the final framework for the MPA and subsequent RFP. Specifically, the purpose of this RFII is to:

1. Gauge developer and concessions management interest in the five recreation-resort areas at Lake Berryessa;
2. Identify potential opportunities within the proposed area(s);
3. Provide a baseline for development of an RFP.

Schedule

November 20, 2017: RFII Submittals Due by 12 PM

January, 2018: MPA Authorization

February, 2018: RFP Release

April, 2018: RFP Due

Spring/Summer 2018: Concessionaire Selection and Negotiations

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Many of these homes are occupied year round although some (a smaller number than in the past) are vacation homes. With the growing population and need for protection from wildfire or help in the event of a house fire, residents are very pleased to see the new fire station.

Volunteer Firefighters, Napa County/Cal Fire Chiefs, and Napa County Supervisors were all on hand to open the stations to residents last month. Congressman Mike Thompson presented both stations with American Flags that flew over The Capital Building in Washington, DC for a day.

Local resident Richard Wilson donated a pet oxygen mask kit to Station 214. One of these "WagN" devices was used in the Berryessa area in recent years, and it worked to save the life of a cat.


In time lockers and more gear will be added to the stations, but more volunteers are needed to put the lockers to use. If you or a friend or family member might be interested in joining, contact your local station to see how you can help. It is important to note that the main stations, Stations 20 & 14, are always fully equipped with three different types of trucks, just a few miles down the road.

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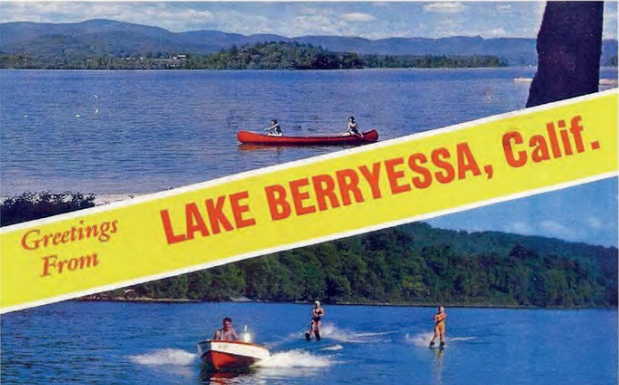
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July 31, 1946 - September 9, 2017

Lake Berryessa lost a true friend when Bob White passed away Friday, September 9, 2017. Bob will be remembered by most of the Lake Berryessa community for his decades long efforts to preserve and improve the best qualities of the lake and of Rancho Monticello Resort. In his honor, I'm reprinting a 2004 article showing how much Bob, Butch, and Lucy wanted to create a positive future at the lake, but instead became victims, as so many of did, of government stupidity. Never Forget!

White Family digs in at Berryessa, Napa Valley Register, May 24, 2004

As Bureau of Reclamation plans move forward to raze resorts along Lake Berryessa, Butch, Bob and Lucy White made what they feel is a smart business decision to buy out their family members' stake in Rancho Monticello Resort, with just four years left on the lease.

Like many others, the Whites are skeptical that the bureau's Visitors Services Plan, which aims to remake the Lake Berryessa shoreline by 2009, will come to fruition. Confident that their investment is protected, the Whites are discussing making major improvements at Rancho Monticello, including building new cabins for overnight use. The Whites' optimism is being sparked by a law passed in 1980 that extended the resort leases until 2008 or 2009. The Whites say the law also puts the government on notice to pay owners for improvements to the properties.



"That bill gives us a lot of confidence that we will get our money back," said Bob White. If he and his partners cannot gain the right to extend their leases again, White said, then he'll send the Bureau "a bill" for the improvements that have been made on the land surrounding the lake. He believes that the Bureau must pay "fair value" for the improvements made, such as bathroom facilities, the boat launch ramps, a snack bar and other facilities.

But Bureau official Cleve Dufer said the Whites "are interpreting the law in the way that they want to hear it." "For them, it was a win-win situation because it shows fair value will be paid to them at the end of their contract," said Dufer. "But there's a second part to that. It's only if the secretary (of the Department of Interior) wants (the land on which the resort is located)." He said that if the Bureau envisions a better use for the area where a structure is located, then resort owners would have to remove that structure at their own expense.

The differing views of the Whites and the bureau is just one indication that there will be several clashes to come before the federal government reinvents the

lakeshore. Trailer owners and users are digging in against proposals to remove mobile homes from lakeside resorts, while hiking and camping enthusiasts are pushing for much broader public access to the lake for hikers, kayakers and others.

The draft environmental impact report the Bureau released earlier this year, suggesting that the bureau favors removing the 1,300 trailers situated around the shoreline, drew sharp criticism from trailer owners. The Bureau is expected to determine its final action sometime soon.

At Rancho Monticello, some 500 mobile homes serve as vacation or weekend homes. According to Butch White, "It's a front-porch community, similar to what all communities had in the late 1800s."

While the Bureau is seeking to drastically remake the lakeshore in the coming years, Bob White said he is busy upgrading the Monticello Resort. "In a year there will be major differences here," said Butch White. "We want to make it something really ... to be proud of."

First Resorts Proposed

Lake Recreation Possible by Summer
The Napa Register - December 14, 1958

Hopes for the development of Lake Berryessa into a full scale recreation area by next summer loomed high yesterday as the board of supervisors approved two more concession agreements and referred another proposal to the Park Commission for study.

Contracts with Spanish Flat Resort Inc., and Lake Berryessa Enterprises Inc., call for developments similar to the first concession agreement awarded earlier this month to the Laguna Hermosa Corp. of San Francisco (Rancho Monticello). The first year development schedule requires the concessionaires to provide boat launching ramps, picnic units, camp sites, parking, and swimming areas with resort-type buildings for the sale of food and supplies.

Spanish Flat Resort Inc., a partnership of Wesley and Elsie Plunkett with Donald and Bernice McFarland proposes an initial investment of \$275,000 in Area E. Estimated total cost of improvements to be made during the 20-year lease will be \$1,751,000. The Plunketts and McFarlands' prospectus illustrates rustic field stone construction for the entrance and store buildings

Lake Berryessa Enterprises of Richmond was the successful bidder for the Area. K, between Pope and Putah Creek bridges on the west shore of the lake. The firm will build chalet-type structures. In addition to other recreational facilities required in the three agreements signed to date, the area will contain 30 mobile home unit sites ready for occupancy next summer.



From Variety, estimated salaries of some of TV's highest-paid reality, news and talk-show hosts:

- Ellen De Generes, \$50 million
- “Judge Judy” Sheindlin, \$47 million
- Matt Lauer, \$25 million
- Katy Perry, \$25 million
- Kelly Ripa, \$22 million
- Megyn Kelly, \$18 million
- Robin Roberts, \$18 million
- Jimmy Fallon, \$16 million
- Stephen Colbert, \$15 million
- Jimmy Kimmel, \$15 million
- Pat Sajak, \$15 million
- Ryan Seacrest, \$15 million
- George Stephanopoulos, \$15 million
- Anderson Cooper, \$12 million
- David Letterman, \$12 million
- Conan O'Brien, \$12 million
- Alec Baldwin, \$3 million
- Jamie Foxx, \$3 million
- Mike Myers, \$3 million

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at Lake Berryessa

Meetings will take place on Tuesdays at 1 PM and 6 PM at the Community Church of Lake Berryessa. Come and join us at Faith and Unity at the Lake.

For any questions call Judy at (530) 391-2145.

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October Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You’re getting better at figuring out what your dreams really mean. But all that stuff that happens when you’re awake is still pretty baffling.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): God will sincerely apologize to the rest of the hemisphere this week, but explains the snowstorms were the only way to prevent you from wearing those awful sandals.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You awoke this morning a young man without a care in the world, but due to cosmic events beyond your control, you’ll end the day as the oldest woman ever inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Before making any business decisions next week, ask yourself if you’re using the same decision-making criteria that sent you to prison.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): The universal red shift indicates that the stars are flying away from us at astounding velocities. Perhaps it is more accurate to say “from you.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You will be celebrated and vilified in equal measure when you scientifically determine the exact point at which a cute kitten becomes a full-grown cat and starts to suck.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Your dreams will all come true next week, including the ones you have mercifully forgotten on waking.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): You are about to enter a very pure and worry-free time in your life, when having fun and signing off on federal legislation is all you need to worry about.

Libra (9/23-10/22): You’ve always thought that blimps were kind of relaxing, but that was before you experienced the long, drawn-out, almost boring horror of a three-hour accident.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Although you are firmly convinced there are some things that mankind was just not meant to know, you’re not exactly sure how you’re supposed to be able to tell what they are.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): They say God never gives us more than we can handle, which must mean He knows a way you can handle a swarm of hyperaggressive Africanized bees.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): After taxes, overhead, and legal fees, that million-dollar idea you’ve been working on for years will wind up costing you several thousand dollars.



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Cats are, apparently, both a solid and a liquid!

Are cats liquid or solid? That's the question that won Marc-Antoine Fardin an Ig Nobel Prize. a parody of the Nobel Prize that honors unusual research.

Fardin, a physicist at Paris Diderot University, noticed that cats tend to adopt the shape of whatever container they are in, like water. So he used the principles of rheology, the branch of physics dealing with the deformation of matter, to calculate precisely how cats fill up the space of a vase or bathroom sink.

His conclusion? They can be either liquid or solid: A cat in a small glass behaves like a fluid, taking up all the space. But the same cat in a bathtub full of water tries to minimize contact and behaves very much like a solid. Relaxation time, a scientific term describing how long it takes to fill a space, shows that cats have flow.



Reclamation announces closure to north side of Oak Shores and seasonal changes to park hours at Lake Berryessa

The Bureau of Reclamation will close the north side of Oak Shores Day Use Area and the two restrooms along the Smittle Creek Trail.

The closure will be in effect Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017, through Saturday, March 31, 2018.

This seasonal closure allows Reclamation to perform necessary maintenance and provides time for natural resource recovery. The south side of Oak Shores will continue to offer restroom facilities, picnic tables, barbecue grills, water access and a kayak/canoe hand launch. All other Reclamation-operated locations will remain open year-round.

Seasonal hours at Reclamation facilities beginning Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017

Oak Shores Day Use Area
Gates will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

Smittle Creek Day Use Area
Gates will open at sunrise and close at 5 p.m.

Eticuera Day Use Area
Gates will open at sunrise and close at 5 p.m.

Capell Cove Boat Launch
Open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dufer Point Visitor Center
Open Saturdays/Sundays noon to 3 p.m.

Administration Office
Open Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information on activities, directions, pet restrictions, maps, or additional information please call the Visitor Center at 707-966-2111, ext. 113 or the Lake Berryessa Administration Office at 707-966-2111. The Admin Office & Visitor Center are at 5520 Knoxville Rd.



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Personal Philosophical Reflections

I talk to myself because sometimes I need expert advice.

Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.

My lack of energy is often mistaken for patience.

Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.

My people skills are fine, it's my tolerance for idiots that needs work.

When I was a child I thought naptime was a punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

Protectors of the Lake

By Angie Flores

It was a beautiful day at Lake Berryessa on September 16, 2017, marking the 33rd annual Coastal Cleanup Day. Real heroes were made when 65 volunteers came to Lake Berryessa to collect debris and recyclables by the shoreline and inland. Members responsible for organizing the event include: Solano County Water Agency (SCWA), Napa Resource Conservation District (NRCD), Solano County Conservation District (SRCD), the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Markley Cove Resort, Steele Canyon Resort, as well as Solano County and all of the cities in its jurisdiction.

Coastal Cleanup Day is a historical and ongoing event that started in 1985. It continues today as a global event where 112 countries participated in this year alone! This day provided communities the opportunity to clean their waterways, creeks, reservoirs, hiking trails, and neighborhood parks. We are indebted to these great volunteers preserving our waters for wildlife and future generations.

Some may wonder why this event is held in the middle of September. In fact, the date was strategically picked because it is right before the rainy season. Collecting most of the trash inland and in waterways could prevent storm water from picking up various forms of trash and pollution on its way to the ocean. According to data from previous cleanups, single use disposable plastic items are one of the most commonly found materials.

Data gathered by the Coastal Commission was used in creating legislature that banned plastic bags in the state in 2016. This year we did some data collecting again! An outstanding number of trash was collected: 124 pounds at Pope Creek, 140 pounds at Markley Cove and 500 pounds at Steele Canyon.

Coastal Cleanup Day could not have been possible without the generous support of local volunteers including: Monticello Ski Club, Boy Scout Troop 514 of Discovery Bay, BJ's Bar and Grill in the city of Vacaville, Lake Berryessa Concessionaires, and residents from Napa, Solano, and Yolo County. It was amazing to see these large groups' dedication to the cleanup event.

The Monticello Ski Club, for example, came to collect truckloads of debris and recyclables numerous times throughout the week leading up to the event. Interestingly, they found a massive wooden dock that required the help of Steele concessionaires to use a trailer hitch to lift out weighing 30 pounds. They also removed metal cables weighing around 120 pounds!

Cleanup events are fun when you find unforeseen treasure near the lake. What makes it even more memorable is knowing what volunteer's contributions do for water quality of the lake. Water quality is important to keep the lake clean for boaters, recreators, and consumers (Lake Berryessa provides drinking water to more than 500,000 people in the region) alike! Coastal Cleanup Day is an annual event at Lake Berryessa, and we hope to see more locals contribute to preserving this beautiful natural resource at future cleanup events. Please visit the SRCD's website at www.SolanoRCD.org for information on future cleanup day events at Lake Berryessa.



Angie Flores is a second year Biological Sciences major at UC Davis who enjoys exploring new hiking trails, running 5Ks, practicing karate, and venturing out to new cities. Growing up in the Sierra Nevada and occasionally visiting the Amazon rainforest developed her deep appreciation for the environment and its abundance of natural resources.

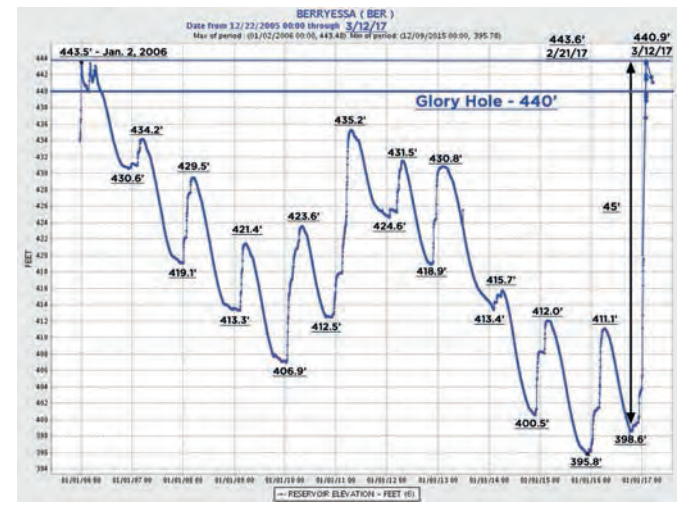
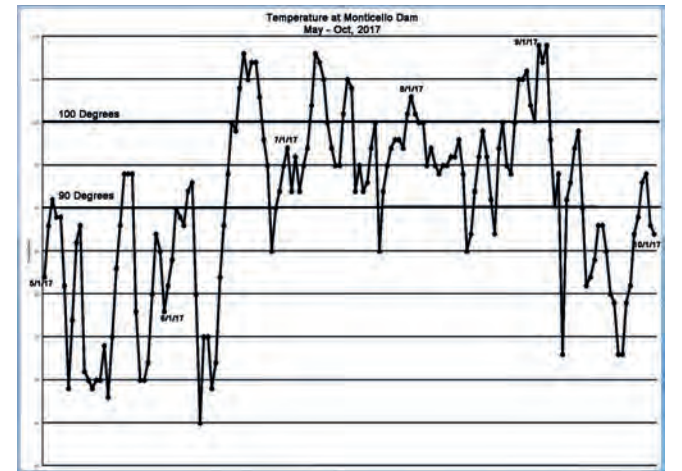
Lake Level as of 10/2/17

The lake is now at 431.36 feet - 8.64 feet below Glory Hole - another 4 inch drop this week. Last year at this time the lake was at 399.1 feet - 40.9 feet below Glory Hole!

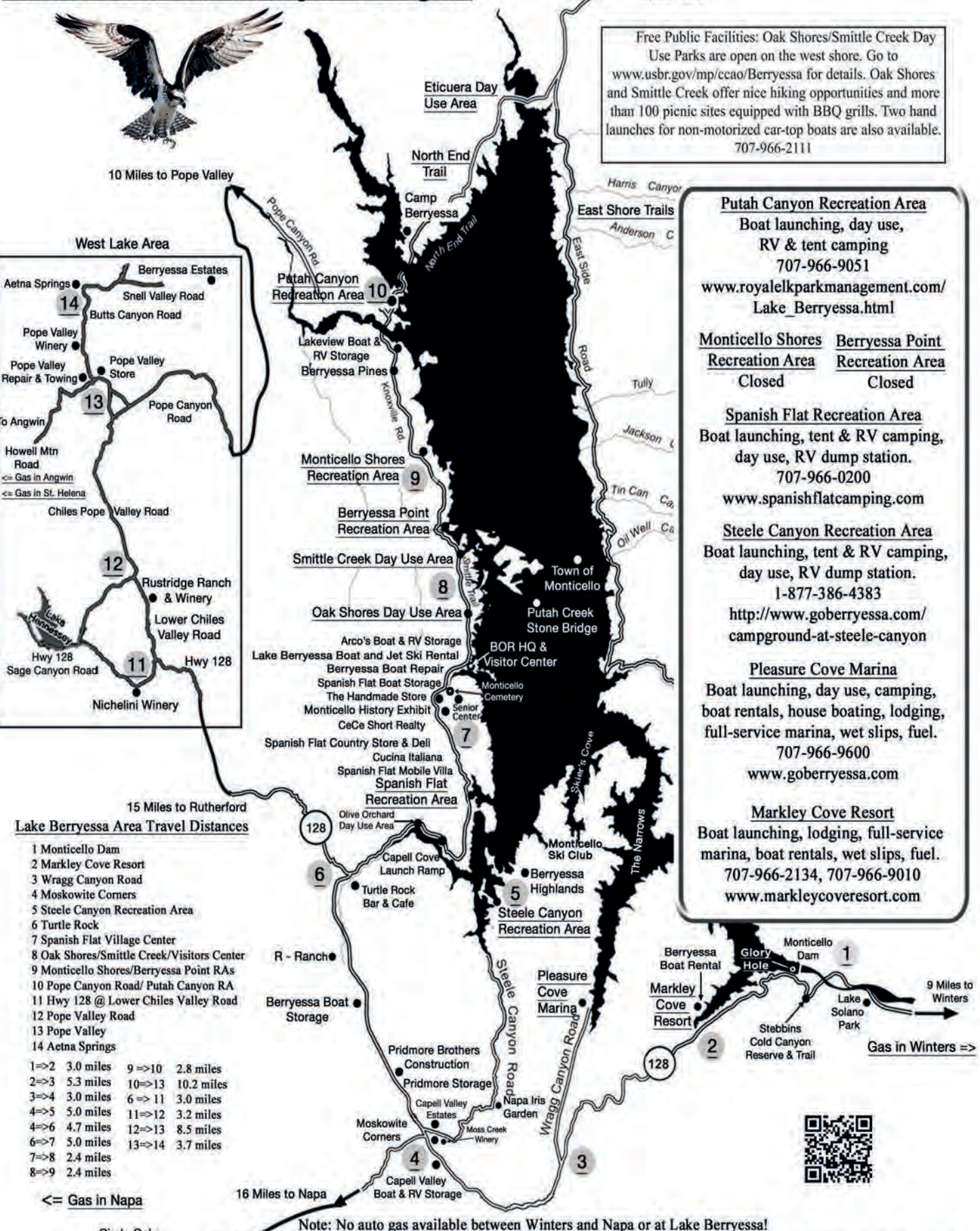
The last time the lake was at 440 feet was May 10, 2017. The average decrease in lake level has been 0.7 inches per day or about 5 inches per week. Water temperature has dropped to about 70 degrees.



It's not your imagination, this has been a very hot summer with most of July and August above 90 degrees and 31 days from mid-June to early September at or above 100 degrees.



The Greater Lake Berryessa Region



Free Public Facilities: Oak Shores/Smittle Creek Day Use Parks are open on the west shore. Go to www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/Berryessa for details. Oak Shores and Smittle Creek offer nice hiking opportunities and more than 100 picnic sites equipped with BBQ grills. Two hand launches for non-motorized car-top boats are also available. 707-966-2111

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www.royalelcparkmanagement.com/Lake_Berryessa.html

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Berryessa Point Recreation Area
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Spanish Flat Recreation Area
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707-966-0200
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Lake Level 11/29/17

Lake Berryessa rose slightly last week but now remains stable at 430.4 feet - 9.6 feet below Glory Hole. It hit a low of 430.26 feet (9.74 feet below Glory Hole) on 11/7/17. Last year on this date the level was 399.6 feet - 40.4 feet below Glory Hole. Season total rainfall at Monticello Dam stands at 3.38 inches.

Interesting question now that the rains are here: If last year the lake went up 44 feet from its 40 foot low level during only a few months on 35 inches of rain (44 inches for the season), what would happen if we received the same rainfall pattern this year when the lake is only 10 feet down?

That would technically put the lake level many feet over the dam! Remember the lake rose 60 feet in one season in 1995, 40 feet in the early 90s, and 38 feet in 1978. Can a flood happen this year? What are there safety mechanisms and operational procedures in place to prevent that? Story to follow...

Five Years Ago In The Lake Berryessa News (Never Forget!)

Goodbye 2011: Another Year of Process Without Progress at Lake Berryessa! Will 2012 Be Any Better? Maybe 2015?

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

Bureau of Reclamation Process Stumbles

It has now been more than eleven years since the Bureau of Reclamation initiated the process that destroyed a recreational culture at Lake Berryessa with the collateral effect of severely damaging the local business and residential community. After many years of determined democratic citizen opposition that failed in the face of monolithic bureaucracy, the real tragicomedy of errors began in April 2007 when Reclamation initiated its abortive first Concession Prospectus to bidders.

On April 2, 2008, Mike (Mr. Seamless Transition) Finnegan stated, "Reclamation intends for recreation at Lake Berryessa to continue essentially uninterrupted, other than occasional temporary closures in various locations for developmental activities." Several substantial proposals were submitted and the Bid for five of the resorts was awarded to the Pensus Group. Unfortunately, a silly legal opinion by a functionary within the Department of the Interior bureaucracy led to the original decision process being rescinded and the contracts rebid.

In January 2010, the Pensus Group won the second round, picking up Markley Cove Resort which had actually won its own bid the first time. This gave Pensus control of six of the seven resorts at the lake. In April of 2010, the Pensus Group signed an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. Then the real "fun" began.

Pensus Group Planning Process Stymied

Almost a year ago, I wrote an article titled, "They're Off Like a Herd of Turtles". Recent history shows that I was actually being unrealistically optimistic. Local businesses and property owners who had been severely hurt by the Bureau of Reclamation's destruction of five resorts had hoped that the redevelopment of those resorts would be fast-tracked by government agencies so the desperately-needed recovery could begin. Again we were all being unrealistically optimistic. Rather, Pensus has been faced with a series of planning stumbling blocks created by Reclamation itself, even though Pensus is simply replacing the old facilities with new environmentally-friendly construction. But when Reclamation requires Pensus to dig a grid of holes to look for non-existent Native Amerian artifacts before putting in a new PG&E power pole in previously bulldozed dirt, something is amiss!

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The Lake Berryessa News

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December 2017

2017: The Year In Review Through Lake Berryessa News Headlines

January, 2017: Will 2017 Be Lake Berryessa's Lucky Year?

Napa County and the Bureau of Reclamation may move forward with negotiating a Managing Partner Agreement and creating a formal Request for Proposal process to select a concessionaires. Napa County will become the managing entity.

February, 2017: Napa County Cares about Lake Berryessa - Finally!

The County is considering whether to take over managing the Bureau of Reclamation's stalled effort to redevelop five Lake Berryessa resorts. 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.

March, 2017: Lake Berryessa Takes A Full Breath of Fresh Water: Glory Hole Goes Viral!

On February 21, 2017, Lake Berryessa OFFICIALLY HIT THE TOP of the Glory Hole Spillway, 440.0 feet, at 1 A.M! On February 21, 2017 Lake Berryessa finally took another big deep breath and reached its second highest lake level in history - 443.6 feet msl - a 45 foot rise - the second fastest rise in its 58 year history.

April 1, 2017: Special April 1st Holiday Edition!

Glory Hole Declared a National Infrastructure Treasure: Lake Berryessa's Glory Hole Spillway rose to international prominence in early 2017 due to detailed reporting and drone videos by the Lake Berryessa News. Glory Hole to be Lowered to Attract More Tourists!

May, 2017: The Cleanest Lake In Northern California Is FULL And OPEN For Summer Fun!

Now that the "cleanest lake in Northern California" is full again, recreation spirits are rising fast. Boaters are flocking to the lake in greater numbers than ever. It just feels good to play on a full Lake Berryessa!

June 2017: 1967 - 2017: 50 Years Since The Summer of Love. This Year Is The Love of Summer at Lake Berryessa!

Winter rains brought Lake Berryessa to its maximum water storage capacity for the first time since 2006. With the rise in water level, and people's spirits, it is expected to be a busy summer at the lake.

July 2017: Milestone Achieved! A Positive Report on the Potential Future Rebirth of Lake Berryessa!

More than a year since the Lake Berryessa News began the campaign to give Lake Berryessa management back to Napa County, a major milestone in that campaign has arrived. A 434-page Lake Berryessa marketing report done by Ragatz Realty was just presented to the County and to the Bureau of Reclamation.

August 2017: The Future of Lake Berryessa Looks Brighter, But The Sun Also Rises A Bit Slowly

It began almost 18 months ago with the Lake Berryessa News headline: A Modest Proposal: Radical Restructuring - Ownership and Management of Lake Berryessa Should Be Transferred to Napa County. On August 1, 2017, Ragatz Sedgwick Realty released their report, Lake Berryessa: An Untapped Resort Development Opportunity.

September 2017: Hurricanes, Heat Waves, Fires and Smoke! Summer 2017 Goes Out With A Bang (or Sizzle)!

Now that the Napa County supervisors have approved potentially taking over management of the Lake Berryessa resorts, a feeling of cautious optimism is in the air. County staff are meeting regularly with the BOR. A Request For Information and Interest (RFII) will solicit large recreation companies to invest in Lake Berryessa.

October 2017: Fire and Water: Positive Progress at Lake Berryessa Continues - Napa County Releases Lake Berryessa RFII

Another important milestone in the potential rebirth of Lake Berryessa has been achieved. Napa County has issued a Request for Information and Interest (RFII) to solicit potential concessionaires for five sites at the lake. Berryessa Estates and Berryessa Highlands Fire Stations Dedicated

November 2017: The Great Lake Berryessa (Atlas) Fire of 2017!

The official name was the Atlas Fire and it never reached the shores of Lake Berryessa, but its immediate threat dramatically pulled the Lake Berryessa community together. Lake Berryessa News editor, Evan Kilkus, using his cellphone and Facebook Live, broadcast the Lake Berryessa wildfire battles from the Berryessa Highlands.

December 2017: Lake Berryessa Revitalization Pocess Delayed Several Months By Napa County Wildfire Disaster

RFII planning schedule has been revised. Concessionaire selection to be completed and contract negotiations begun by Summer/Fall 2018.

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

Christmas Calls To Action
For The Human Race

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

The Eightfold Path of Buddhism

Right understanding: Understanding that the
Four Noble Truths: Suffering exists. Suffering
arises from attachment to desires. Suffering
ceases when attachment to desire ceases.

Right thought: Determining and resolving to
practice the principles of mindfulness so we
behave ethically in this life.

Right speech: Avoiding slander, gossip, lying,
and all forms of untrue and abusive speech.

Right conduct: Adhering to the idea of
nonviolence (ahimsa), as well as refraining from
any form of stealing or sexual impropriety.

Right means of making a living: Not
slaughtering animals or working at jobs that
force you to violate others.

Right mental attitude or effort: Avoiding
negative thoughts and emotions, such as anger
and jealousy.

Right mindfulness: Having a clear sense of one's
mental state and bodily health and feelings.

Right concentration: Using meditation to reach
the highest level of enlightenment.

The Golden Rule

The most familiar version of the Golden Rule says,
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto
you." The concept occurs in some form in nearly
every religion and ethical tradition. It can also be

explained from the perspectives of psychology,
philosophy, sociology, human evolution, and
economics.

One ethical tradition (outside of a formal religion)
which supports the Golden Rule is Humanism.

Humanists try to embrace the moral principle of
the Golden Rule, also known as the ethic of
reciprocity, which means that people should aim to
treat each other as they would like to be treated
themselves - with tolerance, consideration and
compassion.

Humanism is a rational philosophy informed by
science, inspired by art, and motivated by
compassion. Affirming the dignity of each human
being, it supports the maximization of individual
liberty and opportunity consonant with social and
planetary responsibility. It advocates the extension
of participatory democracy and the expansion of
the open society, standing for human rights and
social justice.

Free of supernaturalism, it recognizes human
beings as a part of nature and holds that values - be
they religious, ethical, social, or political - have
their source in human experience and culture.

Humanism thus derives the goals of life from
human need and interest rather than from
theological or ideological abstractions, and asserts
that humanity must take responsibility for its own
destiny.

"...being a Humanist means trying to behave
decently without expectation of rewards or
punishment after you are dead." Kurt Vonnegut



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Revised RFII Schedule	
September 26, 2017	RFII released.
October 2, 2017	Questions, Round 1, (Cancelled)
October 5, 2017	Responses to Questions, (Cancelled)
October 6, 2017	Registration for Site Visit 1 (Cancelled)
October 11, 2017	Site Visit/Field Day 1 (Cancelled)
October 13, 2017 (Rescheduled)	Registration for Site Visit 2
October 18, 2017	Site Visit/Field Day 2 (Rescheduled)
October 24, 2017	Questions, Round 2 (Rescheduled)
November 1, 2017	Responses, Round 2 (Rescheduled)
November 20, 2017	RFII Submittals Due (Rescheduled)
December 8, 2017	Registration for Site Visit/Field Day
December 13, 2017	Site Visit/Field Day
December 20, 2017	Questions Due by 5:00 pm pst
January 10, 2018	Responses to Questions will be published
January 31, 2018	RFII Submittals Due by 2:00 pm pst
Tentative dates:	MPA development and RFP process.
April, 2018	MPA Authorization
May, 2018	RFP Release
June, 2018	RFP Due
Summer/Fall 2018	Concessionaire Selection & Negotiations

Christmas Tip (A Bit Harsh)
Wrap empty boxes in Christmas wrapping paper. When your child misbehaves, toss one into the fire.

Lisa Loves Her Christmas Gift From Grandpa
"Thank you Grandpa for the violin you gave me last year for Christmas. I've never got such a brilliant gift!"
"Really?" asks the surprised Grandpa.
Lisa says, "Oh yeah - every time I start playing, mom gives me 2 dollars so I would stop!"

The History of Christmas Cards

The custom of sending Christmas cards was started in England in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole, who had helped set-up the new Post Office and wondered how it could be used more by ordinary people.

Sir Henry had the idea of Christmas Cards with his friend John Horsley, who was an artist. They designed the first card and sold them for 1 shilling each, about 8 cents today!

The card had three panels. The outer two panels showed people caring for the poor and in the center panel was a family having a large Christmas dinner! Some people didn't like the card because it showed a child being given a glass of wine! About 1,000 or fewer were printed and sold. They are now very rare and cost thousands of dollars to buy!

Before 1840 only very rich people could afford to send anything in the mail. As printing methods improved, Christmas cards became much more popular and were produced in large numbers from about 1860. In 1870 the cost of sending Christmas cards, dropped to half a penny in England. This meant even more people were able to send cards.

Christmas Cards appeared in the United States of America in the late 1840s, but were very expensive and most people couldn't afford them. In 1875, Louis Prang, a printer who was originally from Germany, but who had also worked on early cards in England, started mass producing cards so more people could afford to buy them.

Mr. Prang's first cards featured flowers, plants, and children. In 1915, John C. Hall and two of his brothers created Hallmark Cards, Which is still one of the biggest card makers today!



How Jesus Got His Name (Non-traditional version)
When the three kings came to visit newborn Jesus, one of them slipped on the straw and twisted his ankle.
"Jesus Christ!" he yelled in pain.
Mary looked questioningly at Joseph and said,
"That actually sounds a lot better than Chester, doesn't it?"

Onion Headlines

Man Worried Any Crazy Person Could Get Hands On Congressional Seat
Man Embarrassed Thinking About Every Opinion He's Ever Articulated
Siblings Quietly Relieved Oldest Brother Setting Bar So Low
Study: Employees Happiest When Pretending To Work From Home

Study: 90% Of All Meowing Comes From Owners Trying To Get Cats To Meow Back
Exhausted Florida Resident Returns Home After Weathering Harrowing Week With Family Out Of State
Parent Now Just Typing 4-Year-Old Child's Every Word Verbatim Throughout Day As Facebook Post
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Santa Has Twelve Reindeer!

Did you know that according to the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", Santa has twelve reindeer?

Sure, in the introduction it goes "There's **Dasher** and **Dancer** and **Prancer** and **Vixen**, **Comet** and **Cupid** and **Donner** and **Blitzen**..." That makes eight reindeer. Then there's **Rudolph**, of course, so that makes nine. Then there's **Olive**. You know, "**Olive** the other reindeer used to laugh..." That makes ten. The eleventh is **Howe**. You know, "Then **Howe** the reindeer loved him..." Eleven reindeer. Oh, and number 12? That's **Andy**! "**Andy** shouted out with glee."

The proof is in the song!

TOP 10 USES FOR HOLIDAY FRUITCAKES

10. Use slices to balance that wobbly kitchen table.
9. Use instead of sand bags during El Nino.
8. Send to U.S. Air Force, let troops drop them.
7. Use as railroad ties.
6. Use as speed bumps to foil the local drag racers.
5. Collect ten and use them as bowling pins.
4. Use instead of cement shoes.
3. Save for next summer's garage sale.
2. Use slices in next skeet-shooting competition.
1. Two words: pin cushion.

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**Understand The Difference Between Second Cousins
And Cousins Once Removed**

Save this for your next family reunion.

Remembering the difference between a “second cousin” and a “cousin once removed” is one of those facts that I have filed away in my brain as non-essential. I think I know the difference, but then I get fuzzy on the details. Luckily, due to this handy chart you'll never forget again.

You'll find it useful, too, especially if you've been invited to a family reunion. This chart was designed by Alice J. Ramsey in 1987, but her advice still stands today.

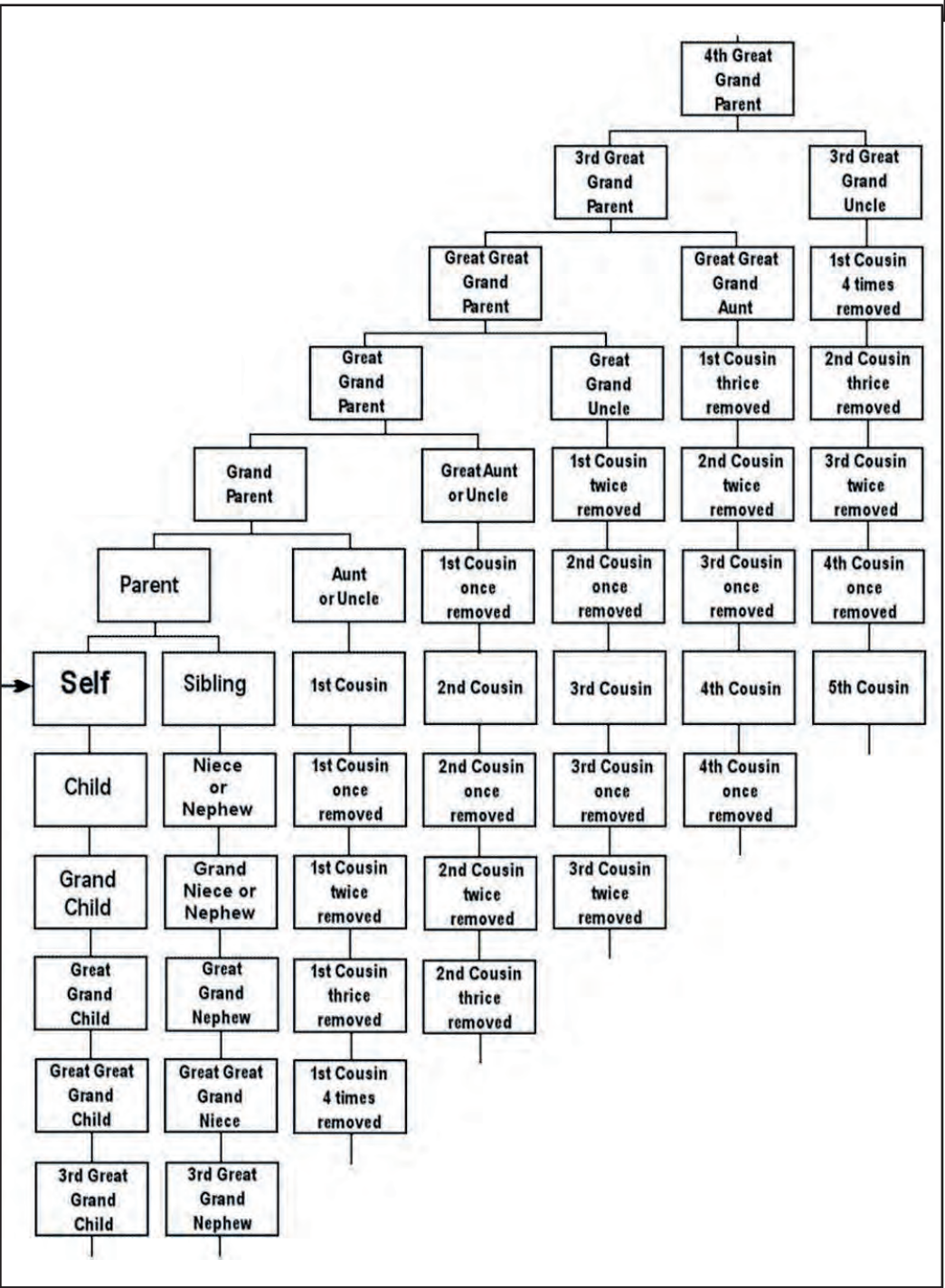
Here's how to use the chart: Start from the “Self” box, and then trace your way to the relationship you are trying to name. Remembering what your mom's cousin's children are in relation to you is always a tricky one. Using this chart, you can see that they are your second cousins. And their kids? Your second cousins once removed. Their kids? Second cousins twice removed.

Once Removed - What Does It Mean?

This chart gives us a visual depiction of what “once removed” really means. It's easy to see that you and all of your cousins—even those second and third cousins—are in the same generation. But when you get into different generations, that's when it comes “once” or “twice” removed - what that really means is one generation removed, according to the chart.

For example, your mother's first cousin is your first cousin, once removed. This is because your mother's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents - according to an article on Genealogy. This one-generation difference equals ‘once removed.’ Twice removed means that there is a two-generation difference. You are two generations younger than a first cousin of your grandmother, so you and your grandmother's first cousin are first cousins, twice removed.”

Once you get your brain to stop spinning, just look at the chart. It will help you



Name That Christmas Carol

1. Bleached Yule
2. Castaneous-colored Seed Vesicated in a Conflagration
3. Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors
4. Righteous Darkness
5. Arrival Time 2400 hrs - Weather Cloudless
6. Loyal Followers Advance
7. Far Off in a Feeder
8. Array the Corridor
9. Bantam Male Percussionist
10. Monarchial Triad
11. Nocturnal Noiselessness
12. Jehovah Deactivate Blithe Chevaliers
13. Red Man En Route to Borough
14. Frozen Precipitation Commence
15. Proceed and Enlighten on the Pinnacle
16. The Quadruped with the Vermillion Proboscis
17. Query Regarding Identity of Descendant
18. Delight for this Planet
19. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings
20. The Dozen Festive 24 Hour Intervals

Answers: 1. White Christmass, 2. Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire , 3. All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth, 4. O Holy Night, 5. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, 6. O Come, All Ye Faithful, 7. Away in a Manger, 8. Deck the Hall 9. Little Drummer Boy, 10. We Three Kings, 11. Silent Night, 12. God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen, 13. Santa Claus is Coming to Town, 14. Let it Snow ,15. Go, Tell It on the Mountain, 16. Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer, 17. What Child is This?, 18. Joy to the World, 19. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, 20. The Twelve Days of Christmas

December Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Faith is the evidence of things not seen, which any well-rounded human being must admit is better than only trusting good hard provable evidence.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): This would be a good time to beware of those who would make major changes to your dearly-held belief systems.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You've always believed that everything happens for a reason, so there's probably a perfectly reasonable explanation for what the less philosophical would call your senseless death next week.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): You've always thought your life would be better if you could go back in time and tell yourself a few things, so it'll be pretty depressing this week when you find out you've tried that already.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You'll be taken aback by the news that your life story has been changed from a lightweight romantic comedy to a lengthy and detailed police procedural.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Your future has yet to be determined due to a malevolent online community's massive denial-of-service attack on the relevant zodiacal elements.

Leo (7/23-8/22): Learn to trust your heart. No one ever grew spiritually as a person by doing what the numbers and the science clearly indicate they should do.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Outside influences will attempt to bedazzle you with strange mathematics and exotic rhetoric about a strange new sign in the sky, preventing you from meeting a dark-haired stranger.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Only one major thing will happen to you this week. After that, however, it won't really be possible for anything to ever happen to you again.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Remember: The patient raindrops can eventually wear away even the hardest stone. Don't let them get too close if you value your life.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Saturn rising in your sign will subject you to the powerful force of Fate, which everybody knows is stronger by far than electromagnetism, gravity, or the nuclear strong and weak forces.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): While there's no shame in admitting you don't know everything, there's actually quite a lot of shame in admitting you can't figure out how to eat chips and salsa.



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