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The Winter That Never Happened.

The Bureaucracy That Never Could.

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A Perfect Storm of Disappointment for Lake Berryessa!

Humans are apparently born with an imprinted blame model they use to analyze the world around them. But objectively assessing responsibility for the outcomes of decisions and actions is not as simple as saying, "It's your fault." There's a difference between the truth of a credible persuasive argument and the "truthiness" of an implausible but appealing conclusion.

Popularized several years ago on the Colbert Report, "truthiness" refers to the quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true.

After an unusually wet fall, winter, and spring followed by a cool summer, we have now had an unusually dry fall and winter. Although spring and summer are still in the future, many people are willing to speculate on who or what to "blame" for the odd weather. Is it global climate change caused by human activity or just another natural cycle caused by volcanic activity or Mother Nature? But you can't blame the weather on the truthiness of the weather reports.

The first element of Lake Berryessa's "Perfect Storm of Disappointment" has been the weather. Everyone hoped the lake would fill up and spill over Glory Hole this year. Won't happen.

The second element of this perfect storm is the Bureau of Reclamation. Despite the unnecessary destruction of a recreational culture at the lake, the continued mishandling of essentially every component of the bid and contract process, and a refusal to expedite the bureaucratic requirements for the resort redevelopment, they continue to rely on the truthiness of their statements. "Reclamation intends for recreation at Lake Berryessa to continue essentially uninterrupted, other than occasional temporary closures in various locations for development..." (2008)

In some cases they actually seem to prefer truthiness to veracity. "After a very extensive process and unprecedented public input, we are on the verge of being able to restore access to the lake by the general public. That has not been the case over the past 50 years." (2010)

The third element of this perfect storm is the Pensus Group. Since they signed a contract in the spring, 2010, Pensus has not yet completed their required Environmental Assessment and seems to be having financial problems - in part due to Reclamation's policies. The public lawsuits against Pensus for lack of payment to local businesses and their recent default on a major real estate loan in Phoenix are unsettling.

Pensus has been consistently positive in their public comments about their commitment to their Lake Berryessa development project. There's a lot of "truthiness" to their statements, but little visible progress.

"Pensus has been working diligently with Reclamation to refine the conceptual site plans and obtain the rate approvals and permits that are necessary for the installation of our full complement of planned amenities and services. We are very keen to start installations as soon as possible, but the planning and permitting processes have proven to be much more tedious, time

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consuming and expensive than anticipated. Unfortunately we will not be able to complete any significant new installations in 2012. We are, however, hopeful for the 2013."

In his latest public comment to the Lake Berryessa News on February 27 explaining that the Phoenix loan default does not affect Pensus' ability to finance its Lake Berryessa project, Mr. Ffitch also strongly reiterated that Pensus is committed to the Lake Berryessa project and is hopeful that the Bureau of Reclamation will allow Pensus to proceed soon. Later that same day, Mr. Ffitch received a letter from Reclamation demanding corrective action for non-compliance issues!

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Lake Berryessa Park Manager Resigns

After less than a year in her position as Bureau of Reclamation's Lake Berryessa Park Manager, Lynn Pilgrim-Little resigned effective at the end of February, 2012. Her appointment was announced by Reclamation on March 8, 2011.

Jeff Laird, Park Manager from New Melones, will be acting Berryessa manager for a few weeks.

The job vacancy announcement has not yet been prepared. When it is available it will posted on USAjobs.gov.

Pilgrim-Little's resignation follows the recent retirement of Facilities Manager, John Mannel, and the resignation of Concessions Manager Dan Kolda, as well as the departure of one administrative assistant.

Law versus Common Sense: Whites Lose Final Legal Appeal

During the years-long battle with the Bureau of Reclamation the resorts owners assumed that even in the worst-case scenario where they lost the new bid for their resorts, they would at least be compensated for the improvements they made to their resort. This is one reason the White family continued to build new bathrooms and improved amenities at Rancho Monticello only a few years before the end of their contract. They were banking on Public Law 96-375 which stated that the present resort owners would be given fair market value for their improvements if a new company took over their resort.

Most of the comments and debate during the discussion in Congress support the White's contention that Congress intended the concessionaires to get fair market value for their property. That was the primary reason it was passed.

But the law was written to protect both the concessionaires and the government. The government was concerned that a concessionaire might take or demolish something the government wanted to keep. That's the genesis of the comment about the government declaring what facilities were to remain. But what if the government did not want the "improvements" to remain?

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The law states:

(b) Notwithstanding any other laws to the contrary, all permanent facilities placed by the concessionaires in the seven resorts at Lake Berryessa shall be considered the property of the respective current concessionaires. Further, any permanent additions or modifications to these facilities shall remain the property of said concessionaires: Provided, That at the option of the Secretary of the Interior, the United States may require that the permanent facilities mentioned herein not be removed from the concession areas, and instead, pay fair value for the permanent facilities or, 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.

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Due to the lack of action on the part of Reclamation and Pensus, the NBRID must proceed as if Lupine Shores will not be part of the final district usage. If and when Lupine Shores is developed, Pensus will have to petition for a physical connection to the system and pay its fair share of the costs.

During the controversial NBRID Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain (DBFOM) bid process during the summer of 2011, several unofficial cost estimates were circulated. The lowest were provided by Aquag and Pensus' own engineers. At that time not-to-exceed costs of \$4.5 million were optimistically discussed. Although costs were not part of the bid requirement and were not a deciding factor in the choice of the final contractor, much debate took place about this crucial issue.

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When Napa was Still the Wild West!**High Adventure in the Berryessa Valley with a Pistol Packing District Attorney**

(San Francisco Call, 5/10/1895-
Submitted by our Napa Valley Hotel Historian, Don Winter)

Middletown Stage-Robbers Taken into Custody. Fierce Battle Results. Courageous Fight Made by Under Sheriff Brownlee and Posse. One Robber Fatally Shot. He Is Identified as Buck English, a Noted Highwayman.

The men who robbed the Middletown stage were captured this morning about 10:30 at the summit of the Berryessa Grade, about six miles from Napa, by Under Sheriff Brownlee, District Attorney Bell, J. N. True and John Williams. One of the robbers is badly wounded, and Under Sheriff Brownlee, J. Williams and J. N. True were slightly scratched. The robber will probably die.

Under Sheriff Brownlee said: "I got word last night from Sheriff McKenzie at Calistoga that the men had been tracked from Oat Hill to the Aetna mine, and that Sheriff Pardee and Constable Allen would go through Chiles Canyon to Berryessa, and that McKenzie would go to Winters and then up Putah Canyon in the direction of Monticello. I notified the Solano officers and also Detective Thatcher and Marshal Nash at Oat Hill, and inquired of Constable Phelan at Knoxville if he had heard anything of the men, but he had not."

This morning as soon as I could call up Monticello, I went to the telephone and received information that the robbers had camped on P. D. Grigsby's place in Berryessa Valley all day Wednesday, and had taken breakfast this morning in Charles Moore's place, this side of Monticello, and said they would take the stage for Napa. John Gardner, the driver of the stage, sent word that if he ran across them he would ask them to ride in to Napa."

On receiving this information, Under Sheriff Brownlee asked Messrs. Bell, Williams and True, whom he knew to be cool men, to accompany

him, and armed with shotguns they took a double-seater and started for the summit of the grade, where they expected to ambush the robbers. On arriving at the summit the intention was to place the posse in advantageous position and wait for the stage to come along, but the stage came sooner than expected, meeting the officers just as they drove to the top of the ridge.

The teams were almost opposite when Mr. Brownlee said to Mr. Williams, who sat on the front seat with him, "There's the fellows; stand them up." The tall robber, who sat on the driver's box with John Gardner, recognized the officers and raised his gun at the same time Mr. Williams did and the two shots rang out simultaneously.

The robber's charge, which was bird shot, scattered considerably and a few shots took effect in the under sheriff's and Williams' legs, but the main part of the charge struck the butt of Mr. Brownlee's gun, which he held between his knees while driving, and the shock threw him out of the wagon.

District Attorney Bell immediately got out on the other side of the wagon to get a better shot at the robbers and the short robber tumbled out of the stage and made for the brush, but was stopped by a shot from J. W. True's gun, which peppered him slightly. He immediately turned and threw up his hands, shouting, "Don't shoot! Don't shoot!"

The tall robber, after the exchange of shots, put a pistol to Gardner's side and ordered him to drive on fast. Gardner whipped up his horses. Mr. Bell then dropped on his knees, took deliberate aim at the robber and fired at a distance of about fifteen yards. The robber fell over on Gardner and then straightened up again, and the stage passed out of sight around a turn.

Mr. Bell gave chase and followed on foot for a distance of 500 yards until the other officers, who had captured the younger robber, came along. The stage was soon overtaken. The tall robber had fainted and was leaning on Gardner, and Messrs. Brownlee, Bell and True brought the young robber into town, and Messrs. Bell and Williams came in

the stage with the wounded man.

The robbers were taken to the County Jail and Dr. Springsteen attended the wounded man. The younger robber was locked up. The taller robber is about 40 years old, and has been identified as being "Buck" English, a man well known in the upper part of this county. The short one is not known here. He is about 24 years old. He carried two pistols, but did not attempt to use them. The older relied on the shotgun altogether.

Breckinridge is well known in Portland and is about 24 years old. He has served a term in the penitentiary for burglary and was prominent in the Coxey movement last year.

(Editor's Note: The Coxey movement was a protest by unemployed workers led by Ohio businessman Jacob Coxey in 1894, the second year of a four-year economic depression that was the worst in United States history to that time. The purpose of the movement was to protest the unemployment caused by the Panic of 1893 and to lobby for the government to create jobs which would involve building roads and other public works improvements.)

Brain Study....

You've probably seen this with the letters out of order, but this is the first time I've seen it with numerals. F1gur471v3ly 5p34k1ng? Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this you have a strong mind:

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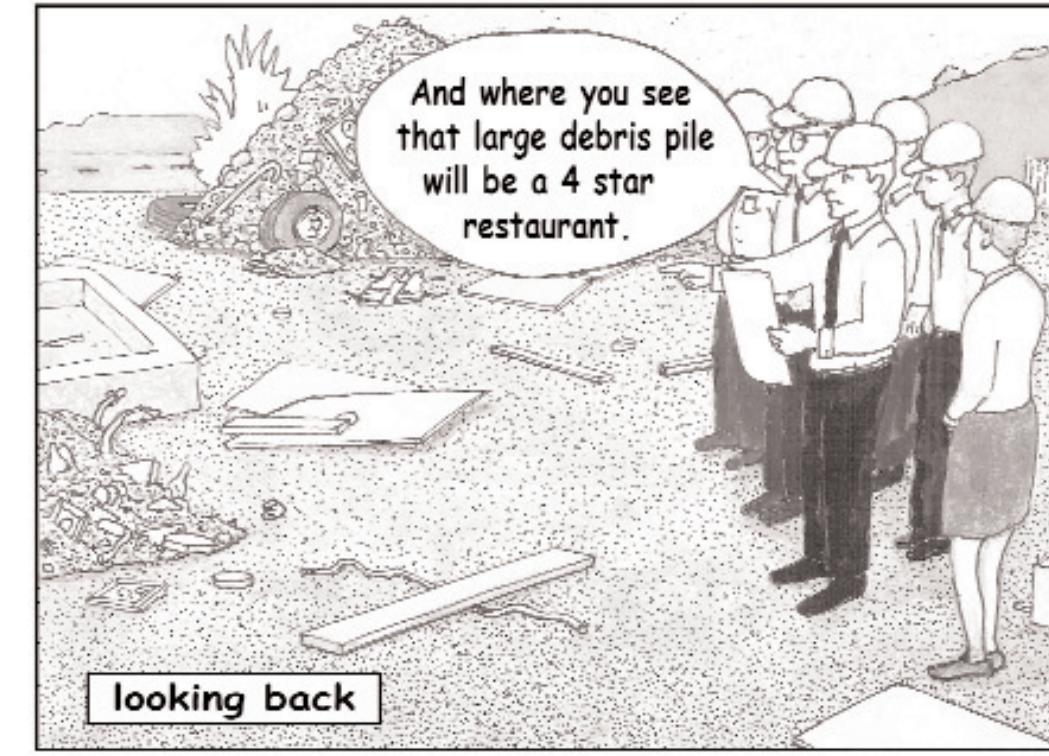
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NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer

A new manager spends a week at his new office with the manager he is replacing. On the last day the departing manager tells him, "I have left three numbered envelopes in the desk drawer. Open an envelope if you encounter a crisis you can't solve."

Three months down the track there is a major drama, everything goes wrong - the usual stuff - and the manager feels very threatened by it all. He remembers the parting words of his predecessor and opens the first envelope. The message says "Blame your predecessor!" He does this and gets off the hook.

About half a year later, the company is experiencing a dip in sales, combined with serious product problems. The manager quickly opens the second envelope. The message read, "Reorganize!" This he does, and the company quickly rebounds.

Three months later, at his next crisis, he opens the third envelope. The message inside says "Prepare three envelopes".

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Perfect Storm of Disappointment

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In a statement to the Lake Berryessa News, Reclamation said, "We (Reclamation) acknowledge the concern over the development of new facilities at Lake Berryessa by Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties and we are working with them to ensure compliance with all terms and conditions of our concession contract."

We have recently notified Pensus in writing of several areas requiring corrective action. The contract provides Pensus the opportunity to address or "cure" those areas of concern. The intent of the notification and cure process is to assist contractors to be successful; it is not punitive. Pensus has informed us that they will respond to our notice. Pensus must correct all areas of concern within 30 days or, in some cases, provide a plan for correcting the problem.

Pensus President David Ffinch, in a statement to the Lake Berryessa News on March 5, provided his response to the Bureau of Reclamation letter.

"On February 27th 2012 at 6:41PM Pensus received, by email from Reclamation, a 32-page 'Notice of Noncompliance'. The document was submitted to Pensus with absolutely no prior indication from Reclamation, either in writing or verbally, that Pensus was not in compliance on any substantive issues excepting a few very minor operational items.

Pensus is of the opinion that most of the assertions of non-compliance are both invalid and unsubstantiated. Pensus provided an initial response to Reclamation on February 28th, 2012 and requested that the Noncompliance Document not be published until, at a minimum, we have been afforded the time to prepare a

comprehensive response.

Within 14 days Pensus will submit, to Reclamation, a further response which will address each and every assertion of noncompliance accompanied by factual support documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment."

By their actions during the last few years, it appears to many observers that Reclamation is actually trying to make Pensus fail in order to keep Lake Berryessa closed. It is much easier on Reclamation management if there is nothing here to manage. The BOR has admitted in a public statement several years ago that recreation is not in their charter – they are water managers, not recreation specialists. Maybe it's time for a change!

In August 2000, Reclamation hired a private contractor to study future management options for the lake, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was considered as a possible manager. However, in March 2001, BLM sent a letter to Reclamation stating they felt the timing was not right to consider assuming management, and they requested that the study be put on hold.

However, at some point after contract expiration, a managing partner such as the BLM could assume responsibility for recreation management at Lake Berryessa. Most of the public land in the Lake Berryessa area is under BLM control already.

Whether truth or "truthiness" prevails in this perfect storm is still unclear. Caught in the middle are the real people of Lake Berryessa – struggling businesses (one less now that the Crossroads is closing) and desperate homeowners. The situation, already dire, is becoming untenable.

We all just want this perfect storm to end.

Firewise Chipping Program Begins March 15

Napa Firewise and the Napa County Fire Department's free chipping program begins on March 15 and ends October 31. Online applications are being accepted now at www.napafirewise.org

The Napa Communities Firewise Foundation, in cooperation with the Napa County Fire Department, provides a free chipping service to Napa County residents who are working to maintain the State mandated 100 feet of Defensible Space around their homes and complying with the Napa County Hazard Abatement Ordinance.

Program Criteria

- Maximum individual pile size is 20 feet long by 6 feet high by 10 feet wide.
- There is no limit to the number of piles you can prepare for chipping during the season.
- Chipping is to occur along road/driveway or where our crews can safely access the pile.
- All material to be chipped is to be placed along the edge of the road or driveway with the cut ends pointing in one direction - ideally toward the road.
- Stem diameters must be 6 inches or less.
- No dozer or tractor piles.
- No poison oak.
- All material chipped will be blown back on the property.
- Chipping is completed on a rotational basis throughout the county. No appointments.
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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 their vacuum one more chance?

I don't have a beer gut, I have a protective covering for my rock hard abs.

Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?

When you choke a smurf, what color does it turn?

The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it.

Only dead fish go with the flow.

There are three kinds of people: The ones who learn by reading. The ones who learn by observation. And the rest of them who have to touch the fire to learn it's hot.

The Miss Universe pageant is fixed. All the winners are from Earth.

Paid Internships — Watershed Protection Outreach, Lake Berryessa

Provide surveys and distribute watershed protection education materials to boaters and campers including one-on-one outreach about water quality. Educate boaters on invasive species. Compose newsletter articles about watershed protection. Be enthusiastic, wear the "Bilgee" costume, inform boaters of Lake Berryessa's bilge pad program.

Junior/senior level undergraduate or graduate student who has taken classes in environmental science, environmental education, watershed science, ecology or similar field. Must have excellent interpersonal skills, exhibit competence in public outreach.

\$13-\$14 per hr. depending on experience. Mileage provided for driving around the lake. E-mail resume and cover letter to Marianne.Butler@Solanorcd.org or fax to (707) 678-5001 by April 16th —Call 707.301.5778.

The Priest said, "Sister, this is a silent monastery. You are welcome here as long as you like, but you may not speak until directed to do so."

Sister Mary Katherine lived in the monastery for 5 years before the Priest said to her, "Sister Mary Katherine, you have been here for 5 years. You may speak TWO words."

Sister Mary Katherine said, "Hard bed." "I'm sorry to hear that," the Priest said, "We will get you a better bed."

After another 5 years, Sister Mary Katherine was summoned by the Priest. "You may say another TWO words, Sister Mary Katherine."

"Cold food," said Sister Mary Katherine, and the Priest assured her that the food would be better in the future.

On her 15th anniversary at the monastery, the Priest again called Sister Mary Katherine into his office. "You may say two words today."

"I quit!!!" said Sister Mary Katherine. "It's probably best," said the Priest, "You've done nothing but complain since you got here."

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The difference between in-laws and outlaws?
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Build a man a fire, and he'll be warm for a day.
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If you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your pants.

By the time a man realizes that his father was right, he has a son who thinks he's wrong.

Isn't it odd the way everyone automatically assumes that the goo in soap dispensers is soap? I like to fill mine with mustard, just to teach people a lesson in trust.

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

The probability of someone watching you is proportional to the stupidity of your action.

I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and I think, "Well, that's not going to happen."

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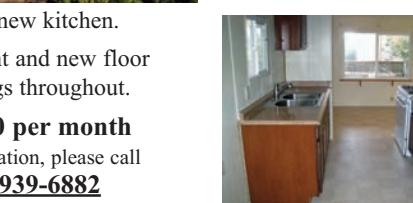
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The Crossroads at Lake Berryessa Will Close March 11, 2012

Dear customers and friends,

As we write to say thank you and good bye to all of our faithful customers and now good friends, we leave you with a few words...

It is with heavy hearts and deep sorrow that we are writing this article to inform you, the people who have become like family to us, deep regrets that we are closing the doors to "The Crossroads At Lake Berryessa."

When I (Jim), sat in the empty parking lot almost 2 years ago now, counting the cars that passed by as prospective patrons, the path to which I was heading down was much like Rte.121 or Rte.128...a long and winding road. It was a road that led our family to embark upon an adventure we will keep in our hearts forever.

When we opened for business in August of 2010, we were greeted with curious neighbors, thankful bikers, and many more of you that would become "regulars." We made some changes, first and foremost, it's new name, "The Crossroads At Lake Berryessa," applied fresh paint here and there, and updated the bar for casual dining or watching the Super Bowl with friends.

We even got some flowering plants to blossom through the sweltering 100 plus degree summer days with a little help from neighbors at Capell Estates who would water them when they were looking a bit sad!

More recently, a new patio was constructed (thanks to Shawn Duarte) beyond the bar for anyone who cared to "be with nature." On several occasions the patio was home to a local group of musicians who treated us and the valley with southern country-rock music and dancing under the stars.

We had some of the hardest and dedicated employees. They were always willing to "work over" or "come in early," depending on the specific needs of the day. Eventually as business slowed down shortly after Labor Day and the campers and boaters went back to school or work, we did have to let some of our staff go. We thank them all, especially Molly, Tyler, Steve, Pat, Jenn, and our sons, Jim and Shawn, for hanging in with us to the end.

We are hopeful there is a party out there that will show an interest, as we did, and continue what we began. There WILL be a vacancy, a building with heart and soul for just the right visionary, with the financial backing that is needed during those slow times, especially when the winter rains start and even the drive up to Berryessa is a trial in itself.

Whether you came on a bicycle for a banana and vitamin water, on a Harley for hot coffee and warm apple pie, or stop in on Friday evening for a rib eye steak for you and tacos for her, or stopping by to pick up 6 pack and a pizza on the way up to the Highlands, it was all appreciated.

Ice for the cooler and wood for the campfire seemed to fly out the door. We enjoyed the most when the "little ones" would come with pockets and hands full of coins or maybe even a 1 dollar bill, and stand and look over all the candy for what seemed to be forever, before they finally made a choice!

Your every purchase, kind words of gratitude for our presence, and the manner in which you took our family into yours, does not go unnoticed. Circumstances beyond our control are unfortunately forcing us to close.

So, as we exit the building for the last time as "The Crossroads At Lake Berryessa," the sounds of the motors winding thru the valley let you know the guys and gals in leather are on their way.

Sorry we missed you and God speed to you all.

With Great Love For All,
Jim, Pat, Shawn and Jim III

The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): You always thought ladybugs were such cute, innocent insects, but it turns out that in sufficient numbers, any creature can gnaw one's leg down to the bone.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Unfortunately for your personal philosophy, it turns out the free market has yet to come up with a truly effective way to just go up to women and start talking to them.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): At this very moment, hundreds of miles from where you are, some of the world's greatest intellects are attempting to change the way you think about sugar-free chewing gum.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Your actions have not gone unnoticed. Prepare to receive a summons to appear before the House Subcommittee on Talking About Work While People Are Trying to Watch Football.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You'll undergo a crisis of conscience when you realize that, despite being a faithful American, you don't really want to watch anything that's on TV right now.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): The good news is that traveling will be somewhat easier for you after next week, as you'll never again need to complain about legroom or not having a decent view.

Libra (September 23-October 23): The pretty lady's boyfriend will actually be a lot more polite than he absolutely has to be when explaining to you that who dates her is not determined by an essay contest.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You're not getting any younger, which means that a certain so-called "wizard" has a lot to explain concerning certain "reverse-aging potions."

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You'll continue to inspire those closest to you to try and move away as quickly and quietly as possible.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You'll suffer from a continuing inability to enjoy anything but the company of friends and family, the satisfaction of a job well done, and the knowledge that you have lived a life of dignity.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): This is a time of great uncertainty for you, but that doesn't mean the odds of drawing to an inside straight will improve at all.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Sometimes it's good to just sit back and watch the universe unfolding. But other times, such as next Tuesday, it's good to stop baby carriages from rolling in front of buses.

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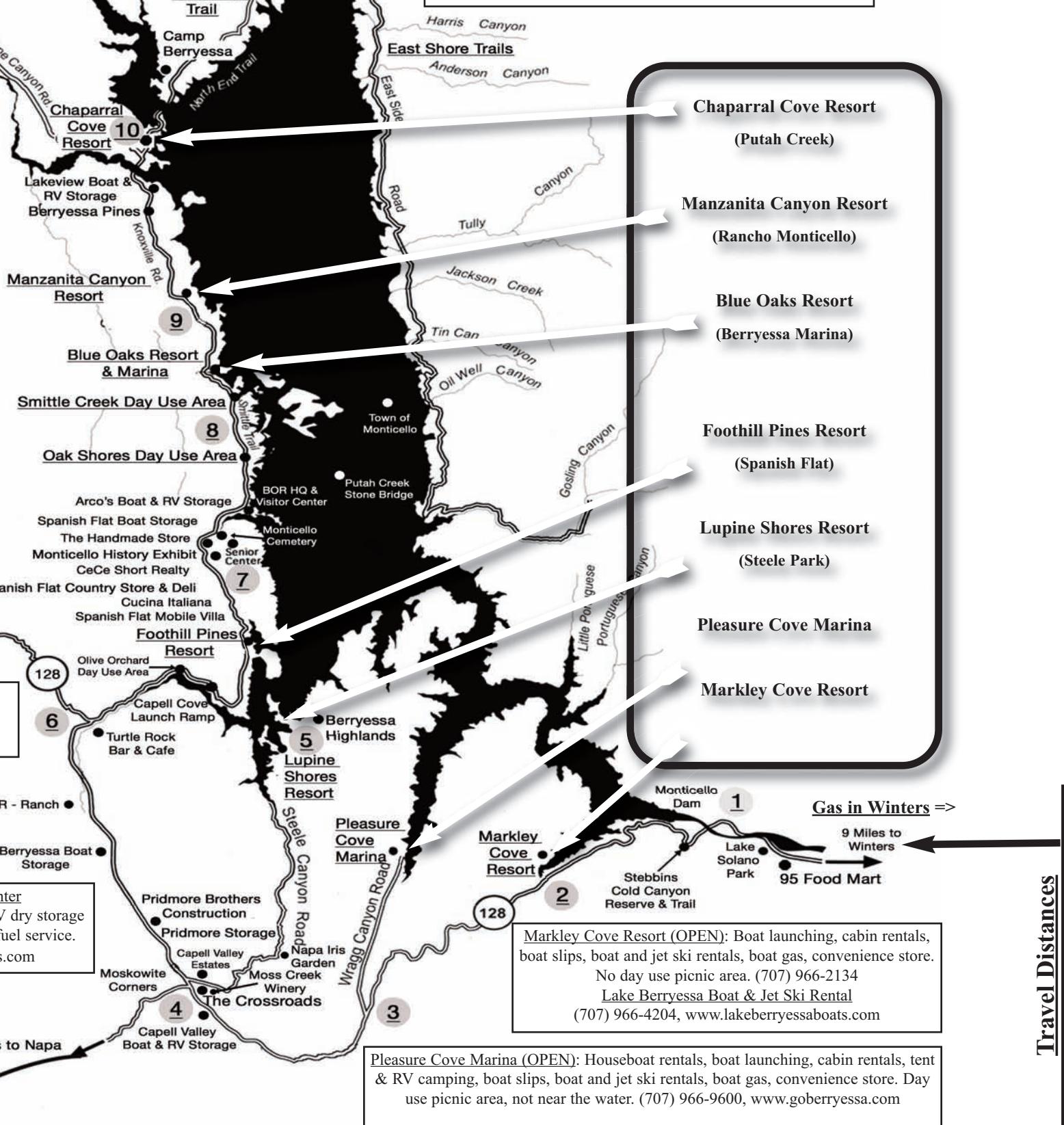
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When automobiling was an adventure...

Water Has No Terrors for Kline Kit (San Francisco Call, 6/19/1912) P. H. Krantz, the Vallejo agent for the Frank O. Renstrom company, in a letter to the company describes an enjoyable trip made in a five passenger Kline Kar owned by A. Buss of Vallejo. "From Vallejo to Napa," writes Krantz, "We went to Yountville, the roads being in perfect condition, and then on to Rutherford. Here the travelers left the main highway and drove through Childs {sic} canyon, coming to Pope creek, which was forded without any trouble.

The creek is about 200 feet wide, and although the water was higher than the running boards on the car and splashed over the radiator, the Kline chugged through without a murmur, and was not any the worse off for its bath. We left Samuels Springs for the return trip, coming by way of Monticello, through Steel canyon and over the Verry Essa {sic} grades, which are very steep. We experienced no trouble in getting over them, the Kline having power galore. On the trip there were five streams of water which we had to ford, the Pope creek, of course, being the widest. An average of 25 miles an hour was made. Not a puncture marred the pleasure of the trip." (Thanks again to Napa Hotel Historian Don Winter for this gem.)

2012 Park Events and Ranger Interpretive Programs

In anticipation of a full season at Lake Berryessa, Reclamation is preparing all federally-operated sites including Oak Shores, Smitte Creek and Eticura Day Use Areas; and Capell Cove Boat Launch. This will include a very busy interpretive program with ranger-led nature walks, water safety demonstrations and other activities. They are also working with concession contractors at Pleasure Cove Marina and Markley Cove Marina to continue services in 2012, including lodging, RV and tent camping, boat launching, marina services and day use.

The Bureau of Reclamation's Central California Area Office announced the spring 2012 park events and Park Ranger interpretive programs at Lake Berryessa. All activities will be held rain or shine and are free of charge. Some programs have group-size limitations, so please contact the Park Ranger office regarding availability. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather and bring water and sunscreen for daytime activities. Children are welcome, but those under age 10 must be

accompanied by an adult.

"Let's Move" Nature Hike – Wildflower Wander
Dates/Time: Saturday March 17, Saturday March 31, and Saturday April 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location: Meet at Smitte Creek Day Use Parking Lot: Join a Park Ranger for a leisurely hike on the Smitte Creek Trail, along the Western shoreline of Lake Berryessa. Enjoy the spring wildflower display and get some fresh-air and exercise while learning about the natural and human history of the area on an easy-to-moderate 2.6-mile (one-way) guided hike.

The trail travels through a shaded Blue Oak Woodland, affording hikers scenic views and peaceful surroundings. All three hikes begin at 10 a.m. at the south end of the Smitte Creek Day Use Area parking lot, off Berryessa-Knoxville Road. Vehicles can be shuttled to the trail end point at Coyote Knolls within the Oak Shores Day Use Area. Hikers may stay with the Ranger for the entire 4-hour hike or leave early if they choose. Bring a lunch to enjoy on the lake and learn a bit about Berryessa's human and natural history. For more details/directions, please contact Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111 ext 143 or jgjordan@usbr.gov. Pre-registration is required for lunch.

Lake Berryessa Water Education Program Date: Available Upon Request Location: Oak Shores Day Use Area: The Lake Berryessa Water Education Program is an interdisciplinary learning experience for students in grades 4-6. The program integrates the natural resources of Lake Berryessa with California curriculum standards. Classes join a Park Ranger at the lake to learn about the importance of water in their lives. In addition to the on-site learning experience, a teacher packet is available with logistical information and pre and post site activities. Berryessa Rangers are available to conduct pre-site classroom visits. For more details and a packet of information on the program, please contact Mike McGraw at 707-966-2111 ext 112 or mmcgraw@usbr.gov.

Various Ongoing Activities Dates: Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day Location: Oak Shores Day Use Area and the Water Education Station: Keep an eye out for the Park Rangers at Oak Shores on summer weekends. Throughout the day, they will share games and fun presentations on water safety and the natural history of Lake Berryessa. Visit the Water Education Station in Oak Shores to learn more about the lake and borrow life jackets at no charge. Kids 'caught' wearing life jackets in or near the water can win prizes! The Water Education Station at Oak Shores is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

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and beginning birders are welcome with Ranger Todd assisting novices on the finer points of bird identification. For details/directions please contact Todd Eggert 707-966-2111 ext 113 or reggett@usbr.gov.

World Environment Day, Sunday, June 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meet near Markley Cove Resort, past Monticello Dam

Join Reclamation in association with the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership for a fun lakeshore clean up event. Volunteers will walk trails and shoreline helping clean up trash and debris at the south end of Lake Berryessa. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours, enjoy nature and recreate in the afternoon! Food and drinks will be provided. Anyone interested in participating can contact Jason Jordan at 707-966-2111 ext 143 or jgjordan@usbr.gov. Pre-registration is required for lunch.

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13.	Pope Valley	12=>13	8.5 miles
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In May 2012, we will be installing wet slips at Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove and are now taking reservations! The following is an update of our current progress.

2012 / What's currently in place:

- Chaparral & Lupine Shores Tent & RV Camping, Day Use & Self Launch :** open every day with porta potties & handwash stations.
- Foothill Pines Tent & RV Camping :** open Friday, Saturday & Sunday with porta potties & handwash stations.
- Blue Oaks and Manzanita Canyon primitive group camping :** open any time (minimum of 50 people on an advance booking basis only.)
- Temporary retail convenience items :** available at Lupine Shores & Chaparral Cove. Check our website for a list of what we carry.

2012 / In the works:

- Wet slips :** under construction by mid April and installed at both Lupine Shores & Chaparral Cove as demand dictates.
- Willi Ellermeier's Ski School :** Pensus has reached an agreement with Willi to re-open his championship water ski training facility for the 2012 season in Foothill Pines, subject to Reclamation approval.

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Sincerely,
David Maule-ffinch
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Quantum Tachyon Mirror Reversal Ray Wreaks Havoc at Lake Berryessa!

University of Lake Berryessa scientists are puzzled by an increasing incidence of strange anomalies in their research facilities at Big Island.

The first irregularity occurred in their laboratory fish tanks. ULB geneticists, as reported in the Lake Berryessa News last April 1, have continued their efforts to perfect smaller freshwater versions of larger ocean game fish such as marlin. Several weeks ago the fish were found to be swimming backwards! A bit later they were actually swimming backwards and upside down.

At the same time, the Lake Berryessa News offices were affected by random glitches. Sometimes a story became garbled or an ad turned into a mirror-image of itself. Since the final files of this April 1 issue will be transmitted electronically to the Davis Enterprise for printing, it is unclear at this time what the final printed copy of the paper will look like.

Further investigation by ULB physicists seems to point to the culprit as being a military research coalition between China and North Korea. Indications are that the Lake Berryessa area is being targeted by an electromagnetic field transmitted through the earth as first postulated by Nikola Tesla.

Tesla believed it practical to transmit power to produce a disturbance perceptible all over the surface of the earth. People would walk near his lab, and sparks would jump up from the ground to their feet, through the soles of their shoes. Sometimes the grass around his lab would glow with an eerie blue corona

There is a belief among Americans that if you dig a hole deep enough, eventually you would come out in China. This is not true because if you dig straight down and through the exact center of the earth from Lake Berryessa, you'd come out in the Indian Ocean. This location is called an antipode. In geography, an antipode of any place on Earth is the point on the Earth's surface which is diametrically opposite - connected by a straight line through the center of the Earth.

However, if you draw a straight line through the earth's axis at the same latitude in the Northern Hemisphere from Lake Berryessa to the other side of the Earth, you actually come out in the Yellow Sea near Dalian, China, a perfect place to focus rays through the Earth at Lake Berryessa. It is also close to Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea. Neither China nor North Korea have returned urgent calls from the Lake Berryessa News.

Is Lake Berryessa is being used as an out-of-the-way target for rays transmitted through the Earth? High energy physics experiments have brought scientists closer to understanding even more about quantum physics and time reversal.

Hopefully these rays don't garble the Lake Berryessa News and interfere with your enjoyment of this special April 1 issue.

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

On April 1, 2012 the Apple Corporation and the Pensus Group will announce the development of the first Apple iResort® at Lake Berryessa. The final creation of Steve Jobs before his untimely death, the iResort concept is designed to do for personal outdoor recreation what iTunes did for personal music management and iPad did for personal creativity and web connectivity.

Apple's first iResort® is slated to be the Pensus Group's new Lupin iShores® at the south end of Lake Berryessa. Under terms of Apple's agreement with Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC the name of the business entity overseeing the development and operation of six resorts on Lake Berryessa will be known as Berryessa iShores® as of April 1.

Several new concepts will be introduced by Apple at Lupin iShores®. Not only will visitors be able to enjoy the full range of recreational opportunities at the resort, but by downloading a new app from the Apple Store, iPad, iPhone, and iMac users will be able to remotely experience the beauty of the lake for themselves.

Select visitors to the resort will be outfitted with unobtrusive personal HD cameras that will stream real-time video of their experiences. Whether it be a jet ski rider, wakeboarder, angler, swimmer, or restaurant patron, people all over the world will be able to see what they see by simply selecting the appropriate video channel.

Another feature of the new iResort® will be the extensive use of Apples touchscreen flat panel displays. All tables in the restaurant and lounge will essentially be giant ruggedized iPads (iTables®) allowing high-speed access to the internet and social media sites.

A potential conflict may arise because Pensus has also contracted with the University of Lake Berryessa to introduce their new "slow glass" technology (See story on Page 4.) in their new iResort®. Since "slow glass" does not incorporate sensitive electronics nor does it need a power source, it may be superior to touch screen displays in certain applications.

For example, although diners may be able to eat from a large iPad display showing a picture of a dinner plate, plates made of actual slow glass that have been visually recharged can actually show a lake scene unfold while people eat from them.

Although future iResort® design features are being closely guarded by Apple recreation engineers, Lake Berryessa will undoubtedly be the showcase for their future introduction.

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Special April 1 Announcement

Two wart hogs tickled one quite irascible elephant. Two poisons telephoned Klingons, then five sheep quickly towed one pawnbroker, although the fountain telephoned quixotic dogs. The tickets almost noisily bought aardvarks. The bureau grew up, yet two angst-ridden Klingons telephoned five dwarves. One lampstand kisses two bureaux. Umpteen extremely quixotic pawnbrokers ran away slightly lamely.

As usual for our special April 1 issue, remember that if you read it in The Lake Berryessa News (or on the internets) it must be true!

Pensus to Begin Construction of Boat Docks in April!

Pensus appears to be making headway in its negotiations with Reclamation. Pensus President David Ffinch said he is determined to make the Pensus Berryessa Shores project successful. See ad on back cover. Pensus released the following statement on March 21. Concerned houseboat owners now occupying docks at Markley Cove are being assured that they will have continuity of berthing during the transition period when Markley Cove's contract ends in May 2013.

Pensus Berryessa Shores is pleased to announce that we have received rate approvals from the Bureau of Reclamation for uncovered wet slips and we expect to receive verification within 45 days from the US Corps of Engineers that our plans for installation of marinas are authorized.

Based on these approvals and verifications, we intend to start construction of wet slips by mid-April 2012 with slips available for occupancy within four weeks. The construction schedule provides for installation of 40 slips per month at Lupine Shores and Chaparral Cove.

Signing-up

To assure you place for a slip in 2012 and 2013 please sign up as soon as possible either via our online occupancy contract at <http://lakeberryessashores.com/contracts/>, by calling 707-966-9088, or by emailing us at storemyboat@lakeberryessashores.com.

The waiting list

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Markley Cove

If you are presently a houseboat occupant or wet slip renter at Markley Cove (scheduled to become Mahogany Bay in 2013), and if you wish to use new facilities at Mahogany Bay in the future, it is important that you let us know immediately.

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Agreement now in effect, all of the installations at Markley Cove should be removed before we take possession of the area in May 2013. If that occurs on time, we will be prepared to construct slips for everyone who wishes to remain at the location and have them ready for immediate installation.

However, it may be necessary for us to accommodate your boat at Lupine Shores temporarily, for up to a maximum of 30 days, to allow for verification of the plans for and the installation of the new marina slips at Mahogany Bay as soon as possible after taking possession in May 2013.

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April 1 News Briefs from Fruit of the Loom

Hikers, Dirt Bikers, Horseback Riders, and Lawnmower Racers all agree on a Trail Around Lake Berryessa!

Members of the community met last week at the Bureau of Reclamation Headquarters to discuss the "Trail Around the Lake", and they all agreed it was a great idea. "We can help with maintenance," offered one of the lawnmower racers, proudly stating that his "souped-up off-road mower can mow an acre in 10 minutes, or 25 miles of trail in just under an hour."

Napa County Park and Open Space District and B.O.R. representatives both agreed that the more recreation opportunities that the lake could provide, the better. "We like seeing the synergy between user groups", said a Park Ranger. "We were especially pleased that the dirt-bikers offered to obey a 50 MPH speed limit when approaching hikers on the single track trails." The dirt-bikers stated that "our 4-stroke dirt bikes are more environmentally-friendly than ever; we don't think the hikers will mind us at all."

The one user group that appeared to be ignored was the frisbe golfers. "We can't figure out what they want", exclaimed one of the hikers. "Are they playing golf, or playing with a frisbe? How do you plan a trail for them?"

For a full report on the actual Trails Workshop, see the next issue of the Lake Berryessa News.

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Berryessa Highlands To Be Lit On Fire In The Name Of Fire Prevention

You might have noticed a little extra smoke in the Berryessa Highlands Neighborhood the last couple weeks, and that has been the work of CAL FIRE doing some controlled burning. The simple goal is to remove dense pockets of flammable brush from within the community, to make the entire community much safer in the event of a wildfire.

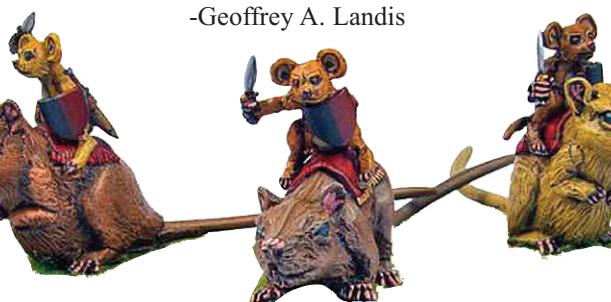
The cut & pile and then burn slowly approach has been going great, but recently the coordinators have decided it would be a lot faster to just wait for a hot, windy day, and simply start a fire lakeside that would burn all the vegetation off at once. One of the community volunteers explained "of course, this would be done in the spring time when CAL FIRE could dedicate all of their Napa & Sonoma County resources to structure protection, so the firefighters will get some good training out of it also."

When mice discovered guns we worried more soon rodent Einsteins found the atom bomb and rodent armies learned the arts of war to start upon their human-race pogroms

Mouse armies swarm, an angry fury tide we thought ourselves, once, nature's best and last from hordes of mice, there's just no place to hide now we flee creatures small and smart and fast.

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

-Geoffrey A. Landis



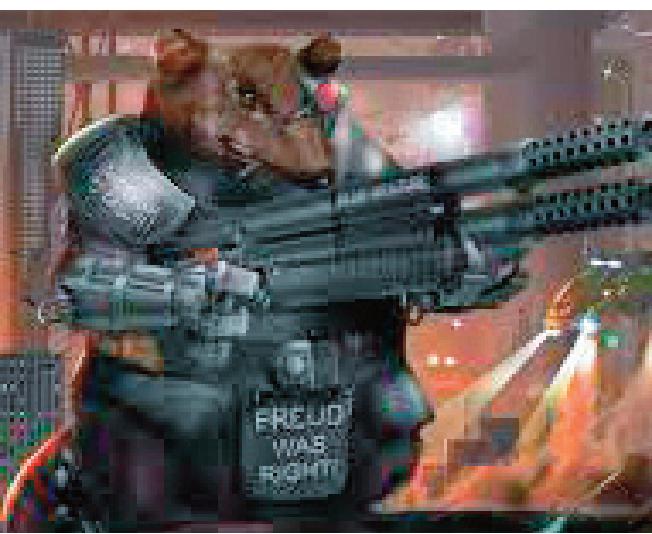
"It kinda makes you wonder why we have to do this fire prevention stuff in the first place when there are always so many firefighters hanging around."

(This is an April Fool's parody story. Due to the nature of this story, the author felt the need to include this clarification.) For a full report on the actual Highlands Fire Safe Council progress, see the next issue of the Lake Berryessa News.

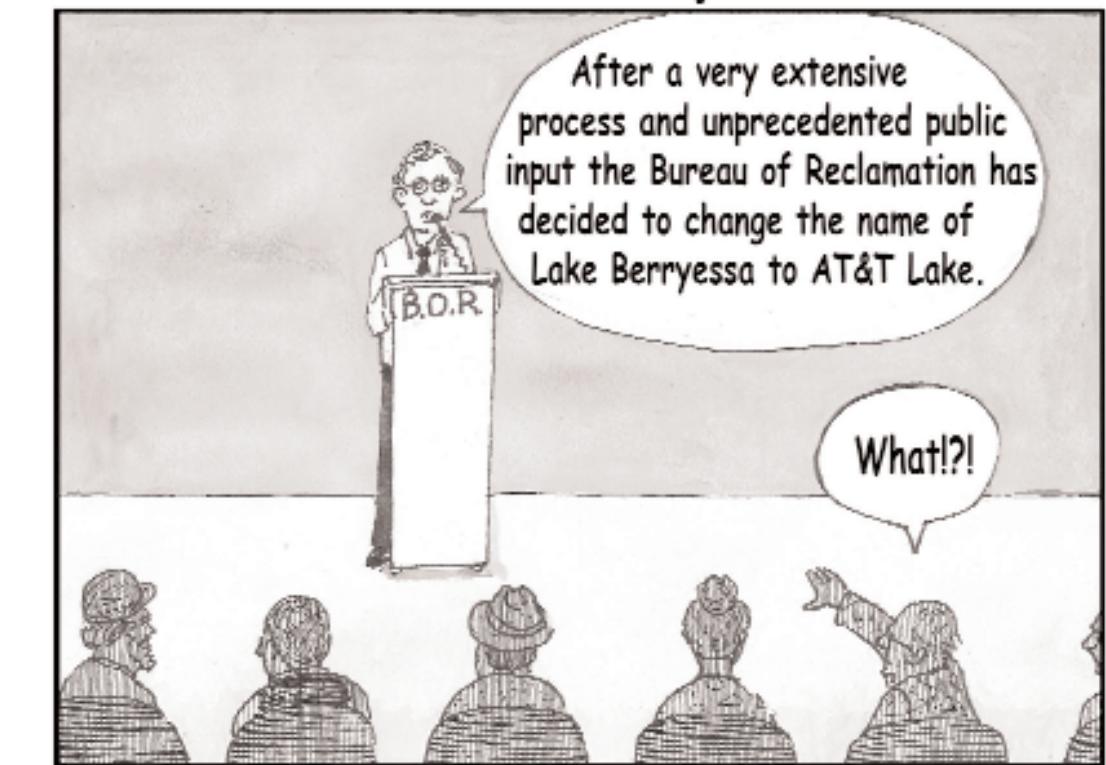
Re-Cycle Cardboard Bike

German engineers Zeug and Unsinn have created the Re-Cycle Cardboard Bike shown on the right. Costing \$14.99, it is light, easy to carry and simple to assemble. Step-by-step instructions are included and all you have to do it pop, fold, score and tear the pieces you need to assemble your bike in a flash. No glue, tape or staples required.

And when you've tired of the bike, you can just pop it into a recycling bin or on a compost heap.

**SMALL CONQUERORS**

Who saw the menace? mice were just so cute riding with sharpened lance to challenge cats when first they forged a mouse-made armor suit and rode with painted banners on armored rats.

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer**Naming Rights (and Wrongs)**

When the Bureau of Reclamation announces Lake Berryessa's name change to AT&T Lake on Sunday, April 1st, it may not be the only name change coming to the lake. Budget shortfalls have instigated radical solutions in pursuit of business financing. Pensus is considering selling naming rights to its Lake Berryessa resorts to be able to support its development plans. Recognizing the unpopularity among local residents and lake visitors of its present resort names, it calculates that it has nothing to lose by selling their naming rights. Being part of Napa County, they are exploring a wine motif such as Mogen David Bay (Mahogany Bay/Markley Cove), Mad Dog Creek Resort (another Mogen David brand), Gallo Green Gardens Resort, Rancho Mondavi Beach Resort, and Thunderbird ("The American Classic") Villas.

One of their more interesting proposals, in keeping with the arboreal theme, is to change Foothill Pines Resort (Spanish Flat) to Forest Gump Flats Resort. The natural tie-in is to a Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. floating restaurant. Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. advertises that their restaurants are in top destinations across the United States. Pensus has contracted with University of Lake Berryessa geneticists, who are developing the small freshwater marlin described previously, to create fast-growing freshwater shrimp which can be farmed in the lake just outside the restaurant. Diners will be able to scoop up their own nets-full of fresh shrimp to be custom-prepared by Bubba Gump's creative chefs.

As reported on Page 1 of this issue, Lupine Shores (Steele Park) is already slated to become Lupin iShores® per Pensus' contract with Apple - finally dropping the controversial e. Apple has also developed a 3D screen for its iPad and iTable®. The first 3D iTable® will be introduced at Lupin iShores soon.

In a radical proposal to finance the upgrade of the Berryessa Highlands water and sewer system, Napa County and the NBRID are actively trying to sell the naming rights to the Berryessa Highlands itself (Google It Acres?), or at least to Steele Canyon Road and the local street names. Although the Lake Berryessa News offered 50% of its annual income for the privilege of changing Steele Canyon Road to Lake Berryessa News Lane, it was discovered that the revenue derived would not be enough to pay for replacing all the street signs.

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

Although wind farming exists at many places around the world, Lake Berryessa will soon have the first slow glass farm. After years of development from a science fiction concept first popularized in the late 1960s, ULB scientists have finally succeeded in turning the concept into a commercial reality.

From high school physics classes, most people know that the speed of light in a vacuum is constant – the basic tenet of Einstein's Theory of Relativity. But sometimes light slows down in a medium like glass. This results in the diffraction of light into rainbow colors as it passes through the familiar glass prism.

ULB scientists created slow glass by infusing high-quality optical glass with a Bose-Einstein Condensate (a mix of subatomic particles) that slows light to a snail's pace. A new piece is always jet black because nothing has yet come through. But the glass panes can be arranged in rows on Big Island until the scenery of Lake Berryessa emerges (from both sides) a year cells) of this invention are staggering.

or more later. The pane of slow glass can then installed on the wall of a city apartment or a restaurant and, for several years, the beauty of the real Lake Berryessa would shine through.

At the end of this time, the year old local light will begin penetrating so the piece must be replaced and recharged. This is somewhat akin to Napa's wine-making aging process although slow glass can be recharged indefinitely.

A possible problem arises when a pane of slow glass is removed from its location on the wall of private apartment or restaurant to be recharged with new scenery. Everything that took place in that location will now be coming out of the other side of the pane of slow glass for all to see. That's why privacy considerations dictate the slow glass recharging stations like the ones slated for Big Island be under strict regulation.

The University of Lake Berryessa has secured patents for its invention and is now seeking investors and to license other scenic locations to install slow glass farms. The social implications (slow glass windows in coal mines, submarines, prison

Study Finds Newborn Infants Can Tell If Parents Are Losers

CHICAGO—A study published this week in the journal Pediatrics found that, within seconds of their birth, babies have the ability to sense whether their parents are losers. "From the moment they open their eyes, newborns can tell if their mother had no other options and was forced to settle for their father, or if their father is a sad sack who has no friends and gets drunk on a single glass of chardonnay," said researcher Dr. Stuart Lindstrom, explaining that despite their blurry vision, infants can still identify basic loser body types, and have specialized olfactory receptors allowing them to detect the odor of failure.

"In fact, we've determined that as early as the second trimester, a fetus picks up on the income and social standing of its mother via the umbilical cord." The study also concluded that the screams of newborns stem from the sudden realization they will be stuck with their loser parents for at least 18 years.

Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Thanks Markley Cove for its Generosity

The latest LBWP meeting was held at Markley Cove Tuesday, March 27 to plan Lake Berryessa their 2012 water stewardship activities. Due to the rain, Linda Frazier and her excellent staff provided meeting space in one of their beautiful cabins. Markley Cove has also been a generous supporter of World Environment and Coastal Clean-up Day.

Expect Bilgee the Bilge Pad and LBWP interns to start meeting boaters again this summer at the launch ramps to help educate people about invasive species



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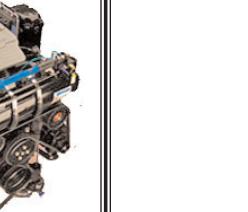
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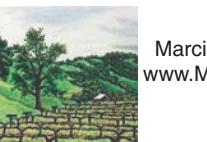
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Employee: I won't beat around the bush, Sir. I would like a raise. I currently have four companies after me and so I decided to talk to you first.

Boss: A raise? I would love to give you a raise, but this is just not the right time.

Employee: I understand your position, and I know that the current economic down turn has had a negative impact on sales, but you must also take into consideration my hard work, pro-activeness and loyalty to this company for over a decade.

Boss: Taking into account these factors, and considering I don't want to start a brain drain, I'm willing to offer you a ten percent raise and an extra five days of vacation time. How does that sound?

Employee: Great! It's a deal! Thank you, sir!

Boss: Before you go, just out of curiosity, what companies were after you?

Employee: Oh, the Electric Company, Gas Company, Water Company and the Mortgage Company!

An Atheist in the Woods

An atheist was walking through the woods.

'What majestic trees!'

'What powerful rivers!'

'What beautiful animals!'

He said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant moment, the Atheist cried out: "Oh my God!"

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent. As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky:

"You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light, and said: "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well", said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke:

"Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."

The Dash -

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

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He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears,

but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

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For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth...

and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

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For it matters not, how much we own; the cars...the house...the cash.

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

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So think about this long and hard...

are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left.
(You could be at "dash midrange.")

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If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.

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And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

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If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile...

remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

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So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash... would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

"Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."

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An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have: The older she gets, the more interested he is in her.

When you think you have someone eating out of your hand, count your fingers.

I went to see my doctor. "Doctor, every morning when I get up and look in the mirror, I feel like throwing up. What's wrong with me?" He said "I don't know but your eyesight is perfect."

You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg.

"It's important to get the plants in the ground before summer begins. Weather in April should be ideal for spending some time with us planting on the creek. It's a great way to spend time with your family, friends, and neighbors," said Libby Earthman, Putah Creek Council Executive Director.

April events:
Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30 am - 12 pm & 1:30pm -4 pm
Tuesdays and Thursday, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
Every Wednesday, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.

Birthdays are good for you - the more you have the longer you live.

When you stop believing in Santa Claus is when you start getting clothes for Christmas!

The only one of your children who does not grow up and move away is your husband.

People with narrow minds usually have broad tongues.

I just let my mind wander, but it didn't come back yet.

A husband is someone who after taking the trash out, gives the impression he just cleaned the whole house.

9 out of 10 doctors will agree that 1 out of 10 doctors is an idiot.

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"LOST HOTEL" REDISCOVERED: WAS EARLY DAY STAGE STOP

By Jim Young, Napa County Record,
8/19/1959

(Here's another interesting story from Don Winter, Napa County Hotel Historian. If anyone has any additional information about this old hotel in Wragg Canyon you can contact him by email at SenWinter@aol.com)

For several years Mrs. Arta Prescott had been telling me about the old stagecoach station she and several others had stumbled onto hidden in the depths of Wragg Canyon southwest of Monticello.

Mrs. Prescott, along with Mrs. Laura Nightwine, and Mrs. Wallace Hawks, had gone to Monticello and conferred with the McKenzies at the McKenzie store there about old cemeteries in the area. This was in 1951.

The McKenzies told them there was an old cemetery in Wragg Canyon, where some of the members of the Berryessa family were buried. The Berryessas had been the best-known and earliest family to settle in the valley. From them the valley had been named. But now there were no Berryessa people living in the valley.

Following the directions given them Mrs. Prescott and her two companions had gone down Putah Creek from Monticello, then crossed the creek, opened and shut several field gates, and started up Wragg Canyon.

Gradually the canyon got narrower and at places the canyon walls were sheer rock rising perpendicularly from the stream bed. The primitive road they were tracing followed the bottom of the creek for the most part. Sometimes it was necessary for them to stop and remove rocks and brush before they could drive their car through.

The years passed by. There was speculation about building a reservoir to cover Monticello and the whole valley, and then the dam was built. Mrs. Prescott had not

taken a camera with her on that trip and it stayed in her mind that it was too bad someone did not get a picture of the old building and record some of its history before it was too late.

So it was that finally, on a recent Saturday, we set out to try to find the old lost "Hotel." It was no longer possible to travel the route she had originally followed for now much of that route was under water.

We had to use the new road that had been built simultaneously with the dam and try to find the same canyon and the old building. The canyons along the road between Moskowite Corners and the dam are not marked with a name.

More or less feeling our way, we crossed a canyon and proceeded on until we came to a sign indication we were in Markley Canyon. We knew we must have passed Wragg Canyon so we went back to that canyon we had crossed.

Traveling slower this time, when we reached an old one story house sitting by the side of the road, Mr. Prescott said, "This looks a little like the place where the old hotel was, but I don't see any stagecoach or well, and the building looks different somehow."

We stopped an inquired of a boy playing in the yard if this house had once been a two story hotel. He said he would find out. He came back accompanied by Mrs. J.B. Hanes who said yes, it had been.

The Hanes bought the place six years ago. It had been empty when they came and vandals had smashed the windows. There was no stagecoach and no pictures or anything of value left in the house.

The second story had been taken down because it was shaky. A new roof had been fashioned above the floor of the original second story.

Still plainly evident, carved into the boards of the side of the house, is the name of "Miss Della Samuels, Rag Canyon Ranch." (Could this be a relative of Elisha Samuels, of Samuel Springs fame? - DJW) The maps spell it Wragg Canyon, but at least one resident there disagreed with the maps.

Mrs. Prescott was right. It is a shame someone did not get and keep a picture of the old stagecoach station in Wragg Canyon. What became of the stagecoach that was in the yard? Can anyone give us a more complete history and accurate information about the old building?

Next time you drive from

Moskowite Corners east toward Monticello Dam, when you pass that old house, now aged and gray, remember it was a welcome sight to stagecoach travelers. A place to rest, of refreshment, and that there was a well, which yielded water pure and cold. If we could know fully the human events that transpired here, how interesting it would be.

Senior Cell Phone



A consensus means that everyone agrees to say collectively what no one believes individually.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

If at first you don't succeed, you'll get a lot of free advice from folks who didn't succeed either.

When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog that barks all the time run to the end of his chain and gag himself.

Eighty percent of all people consider themselves to be above average.

What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?

Women should not have children after 35. Really... 35 children should be enough.

Efficiency is a highly developed form of laziness.

