



The Lake Berryessa News on the First Sunday in March

Here we are at the first Sunday in March, 3/7/21. The weather is quite nice, but rainfall is historically low so far. Only one week until Daylight Saving Time is here.

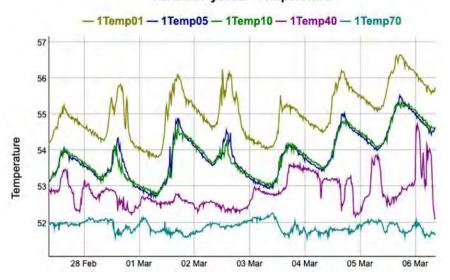
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Lake level has stubbornly remained just below 418 feet, 22 feet below Glory Hole, since December, 2020. The level has slowly dropped 4 inches during the last two weeks to 417.6 feet, 22.4 feet below Glory Hole. The anemic rainfall we've had contributed nothing to holding the level up.

Rainfall has reached 7.26 inches at Monticello Dam and 6.55 inches in the Berryessa Highlands so far this season (July 1 to June 30). Last year at this time the lake was at 433.2

feet, only 6.8 feet below Glory Hole. Rainfall stood at 8.4 inches at Monticello Dam. Glory Hole did not overflow last year. Water temperatures are up slightly.

Lake Berryessa - Temperature



Napa County Lake Berryessa Bid Evaluation Process Who Can Know What and Why?

The County sent the report below to the Lake Berryessa News on Wednesday, March 3. It was a bit disappointing since it said the public will get no further information until contract negotiaions are complete - potentially the end of April. The Lake Berryessa News responded immediately with a list of questions and a request for more information. As of this time (four days later) the County has not responded.

The Lake Berryessa News believes this delay in releasing any information is unacceptable. This process needs to be much more transparent. For example, why can't the County at least say how many bids were received for each of the three resorts up for bid? There is nothing confidential about this information, and it will give the public some confidence that positive change is on the way.

We are not asking for the names of bidders, although that information would certainly be of extreme interest. This is a deeply emotional issue for thousands of Lake Berryessa area residents, businesses, and potential recreationists.

Another question is who is on the bid evaluation team? If the County wishes the names to be kept confidential for some reason, why can't the public get a short description of the evaluators' professional qualifications for this evaluation team?

One positive aspect of the County being in charge of this process is that it is unlikely they will reject all the bids - as the Bureu of Reclamation did in 2015. All we need is at least one good bid for each of the resorts in question: Steele Park Recreation Area (previously Steele Park Resort), Spanish Flat Recreation Area (previously Spanish Flat Resort), and Monticello Shores Recreation Area (previously Rancho Monticello Resort).

So if you wish to encourage the Board of Supervisors to provide a non-confidential status report to the public, please do so. The Lake Berryessa Community has been waiting a long time for this moment. It is basically not fair for the County to turn off the information switch now.

Below is the email the Lake Berryessa News recieved last Wednesday. Judge for your self.

"Bids were received March 2 and are being evaluated. The number of bids received and from whom will be made publicly available once contract negotiations are done and staff is prepared to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

The first step after we receive and document the proposals, is that proposals will be reviewed to make sure that they are responsive to the details of the RFP. Once that happens an

evaluation team will review and score each responsive RFP. This scoring review is scheduled to start on Friday, 3-5-21; the length of time it will take to complete the review is dependent on the number of responsive proposals received.

Proposals earning the three highest scores, for each concession area, may be invited to make a presentation to the County. The County will then elect to enter into exclusive negotiations with only one proponent for each concession area and, potentially, the same proponent for more than one area.

The current timeline is March - April: Review/score the proposals and negotiations May: Target for approval of a contract.

Approval of the recommended proposals will be made in open session.

20 for 21 Donation Program Continues - One Last Ask

None of us like to be asked for money over and over. But I again need to make one last personal appeal for your financial support. Experience shows that without THE LAKE BERRYESSA NEWS, there would be no Lake Berryessa news!

Thanks to the many of you who have sent in donations and positive comments to support the continued publication of the Lake Berryessa News. Hundreds of you are reading this email newsletter every week, but most of you have not contributed to the 20 for 21 program yet. Your financial support is vital so that the Lake Berryessa News can continue to publish. Please reconsider.

If you like the Lake Berryessa News please send a donation check of \$20 (or more if you feel so inclined) made out to Peter Kilkus (not the Lake Berryessa News) and mail it to Peter Kilkus, 1515 Headlands Drive, Napa, CA 94558. You can stick a crinkly old \$20 bill in an envelope with your information and send it to the same address. If you wish to contact me directly call 415-307-6906 or email me at pkilkus@gmail.com. (Note: Your donation is NOT tax deductible) I have both a Paypal and a Venmo Account if that is more convenient for you. They are in my name - Peter Kilkus. The username is pkilkus@gmail.com or 415-307-6906.

As an added minor incentive I will send all donors a newly-designed Lake Berryessa News sticker to show your support and my thanks. Peter



Here's a happy song for your sunny Sunday from John Fogerty and his kids.





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Did Someone Forget the Dollar Sign?

By Peter Kilkus

On my first road trip from Minnesota to California in 1964 to try some surfing and hit the wild San Francisco scene to see Carol Doda (look it up), we paid these gas prices! The three of us were driving a big old Buick that was like a soft flying mattress due to its weight and heavy shock absorbers. But it only got about 12 miles per gallon. So we calculated the mileage of every section of our trip using my friend's AAA "TripTik" to decide how much gas to put in the beast to get to a lower priced gas station. We were sensitive to 3 or 4 cent changes since we had to survive on only about \$150 for our whole two week adventure. Campsites and cheap motels!

AAA still offers TripTiks, not only as a paper map through mail order and branch offices but online and on the mobile app. The app highlights AAA-diamond rated hotels and restaurants, directions, attractions and more, with information from AAA travel editors.

I remember the McDonald's prices since the father of my first college girlfriend owned the only McDonalds in Winona, Minnesota (look it up). More than 50,000 served. Often as I could afford it, my dinner in the physics lab was 3 hamburgers, 2 cheeseburgers, large fries, and a coke. Her father must have been in on a good thing since he owned a beautiful Porsche which he kept in a heated garage during the sub-zero Minnesota winters.



Sunday Vocabulary Lesson

Acyrologia

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March 2021 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Though last Monday may not have seemed like much to you, trust us: It was the best day of your life.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your trip to the astral healer will be a major spiritual success, but your physical body will be destroyed by a truck on the way home.

Aries (3/21-4/19): You can't for the life of you figure out why they call it a loveseat, as it does not love you and never will.

Taurus (4/20-5/20: Avoid people who find meaningful patterns in the randomness of Nature.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Jupiter ascending in your sign indicates that the Cosmos couldn't give a good gosh darn what happens to you.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): The stars indicate you should purge yourself of the sin of

Onion Headlines

Loved Ones Talk Down Goat Standing
On Mountain's Edge

New Texas Law Requires All Masks Have Word 'Scaredy-Cat" Written Across Front

Heroic Conservative Risks Own Life To Hide Mr. Potato Heads In Attic

Parakeet Unaware Its Companionship The Only Thing Stopping Man From Committing One Of Bloodiest Acts In American History

World Leaders Pledge To Cut Emissions By As Much As They Can Realistically Back Out Of

Parliamentarian Cuts Minimum Wage From Stimulus Due To Obscure Rule Requiring Poor Citizens To Needlessly Suffer

In An Op-ed, Former Vice President Mike Pence Writes, "Stockholm vanity. After all, you've got a face like a hog's butt.

Leo (7/23-8/22): After a long, hard search for a hot meal and a place to sleep, you finally just reheat yesterday's pizza and sack out on the couch.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): Though you've prayed earnestly all your life, it has never worked. Consider having your hands surgically enlarged.

Libra (9/23-10/22): After taxes, overhead, and legal fees, that milliondollar idea you've been working on for years will wind up costing you several thousand dollars.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): What you'll later choose to describe as a "through the looking glass" moment will actually be more of a "down a set of stairs, through a plate-glass window, and out into heavy traffic" sort of afternoon.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): This week, you will prove the binomial theorem, posit a rule of gravitation, and develop a new theory of color, only to find that it's all been done before.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You passionately believe that modern society fosters political, intellectual, and spiritual repression, which is just fine by you.

Syndrome is really nice this time of year".

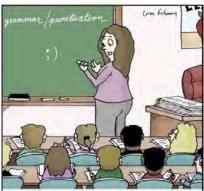
As Lady Gaga's Dogs are Returned, World Lets Out a Collective Sigh of "Who Gives a Darn?!?!?"

"I Am Not a Robot," Says President Captcha

Republicans Finally Put Country Before Party, But Only When Organizing Spotify Playlist

GOP Senators Lindsey Graham and Ted Cruz were spotted at a D.C. Traitor Joe's

Smart fridges become self aware, turn into army of relentless chilling machines



Yes, a winky face is correct...But in ancient times, the semicolon was actually used to separate archaic written devices known as "complete sentences".

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(Dedicated to Don, RoseAnn, and Geoff)

While working in Rome, two physicists and a food anthropologist marveled at just how quickly the *pizzaiolo*, or man who makes pizza, could transform a disc of raw dough into the perfect Margherita pizza, with a crisp, golden brown crust topped with enticing bubbly buffalo mozzarella and savory tomato sauce. So in true scientist fashion, they decided to analyze the secrets of the perfect pie, and even concocted a thermodynamic equation that you can use at home—if you've got some physics know-how.

It all comes down to the oven. Seasoned pizza makers told researchers that only wood-fired brick ovens that produce dry heat and a whiff of woodsmoke can create the perfect crust. Modern electric ovens, they argue, just couldn't replicate the pies. They also revealed that the oven needs to be heated to 620 to 660 degrees, which should crisp up the average pie in about two minutes.

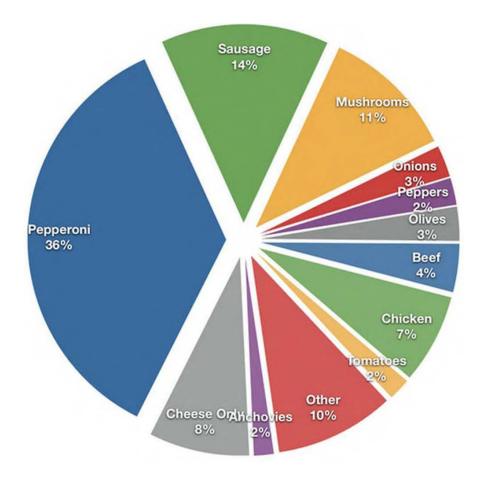
In a series of thermodynamic equations, the researchers determined the formula for exactly how the brick oven imparts the perfect amount of heat to the pie. In general, heat is released relatively slowly from the brick, causing the crust to crisp up without burning while the toppings cook more quickly and give off some of their moisture, leading to the perfect balance.

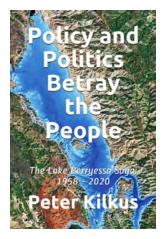
Of course, not everyone or every restaurant can construct an authentic Roman brick oven. So, the researchers tried to convert the perfect pizza formula for an electric oven with a metal surface. Because metal conducts heat so much more quickly than ceramic bricks, cranking up the oven to over 600 degrees would simply produce a charred pie. Instead, they found that to replicate what is happening in the wood oven, the heat needs to be reduced to 450 degrees and the dough should stay in the oven for 170 seconds.

However, they suggest that pie with toppings containing a lot of water, including most vegetables, needs more time. In Rome, the study says, some pizza makers raise toppingheavy pies off the bricks for about 30 seconds using a metal or wooden pizza peel to prevent the crust from burning but allowing the toppings to cook. The truth is, the researchers admit, it's close to impossible to replicate brick-oven pie with electricity.

This isn't the only formula for creating the perfect pie. Several years ago, Sheffield University mathematician Eugenia Cheng came up with an equation describing the perfect amount of toppings to put on pizza. A larger pizza reduces the potential for sogginess depending how evenly its toppings are distributed and the thinner and crispier its crust. Smaller pies tended to have the toppings crammed into the middle with fewer towards the edges, meaning fewer bites with your favorite toppings.

A whopping 36% of people order pepperoni on their pizzas, according to point-of-sale research data from 604 pizza locations across the United States. Here's the chart of the findings:





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Policy and Politics Betray the People The Lake Berryessa Saga: 1958 - 2020

The book is available on Amazon as a Kindle version and a paperback version.

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The Lake Berryessa News on the Second Sunday in March

Here we are at the second Sunday in March, 3/14/21. It's been a quiet week. A couple of inches more rain came down this week but had no impact on the lake level.

Lake Berryessa Level and Temperature as of 3/14/21

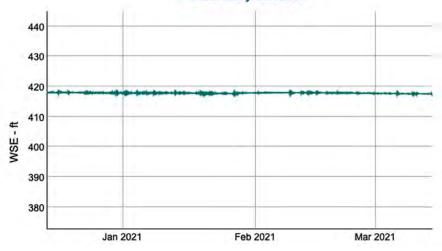
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Last year at this time the level was at 432.8 feet, 7.2 feet below Glory Hole, and rainfall had reached 8.9 inches at the dam. Although the rainfall total last year at this time (8.9 inches) was about the same as this year (8.5 inches), the lake had topped Glory Hole last year so the lake had started at a higher level.

This is also the second lowest rainfall by Jan.1 in the past 24 years. The only lower total was January 1, 2014 at 1.88 inches. That year the total rainfall reached 13.69 inches at the dam and the highest level the lake reached was 415.7 feet, 24.3 feet below Glory Hole. This was during the 10 year drought that ended in 2017.

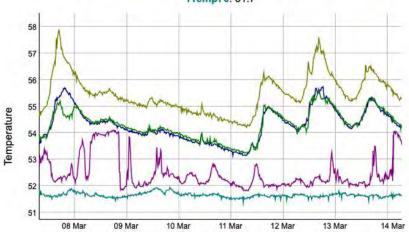
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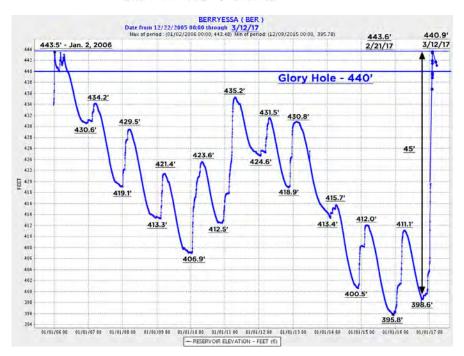
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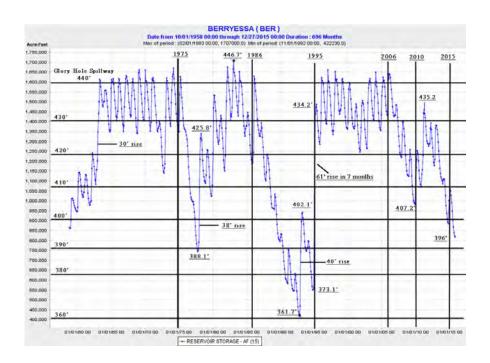
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01-02	10/29/01	15.73°	23.38"
02-03	11/7/02	19.34"	31.6"
03-04	10/31/03	12.01"	25.64"
04-05	10/19/04	15.55"	36.36"
05-06	9/26/05	17.4"	40.56"
06-07	10/3/06 -	5,36"	12.7"
07-08	9/19/07 -	4.48"	25.32"
08-09	10/3/08 -	6.6"	23,96"
09-10	9/14/09 -	6.5"	26,41
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Napa County Lake Berryessa Bid Evaluation Process: Bids Are Now Being Evaluated

The Lake Berryessa News believes the RFP bid results appear positive, but questioned why the public could not be told how many bids were submitted for each resort without identifying the bidders by name?

The County responded with an excerpt from their policy: Section 8-1.7 (b) states: Because RFPs are negotiable, they will not be opened in public, and proposal content and evaluation information will only be made available after an award recommendation has been made.

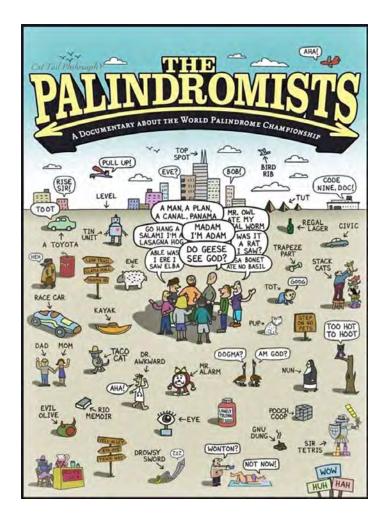
The County added: "Consistent with past practice, the County does consider that information as proposal content. We will make sure we contact you proactively as soon as we can. As we get a better idea of the timeline, we will keep you appraised. We are committed to this being a transparent public process."

The Lake Berryessa News also asked: "Who are the members (or at least the qualifications) of the evaluation committee?"

The County responded: "The names of the individuals will be made public later in the process and we will make sure you get that information. The reason we make the names public later in the RFP cycle is so that evaluation committee members are not lobbied by the competing firms prior to arriving at a recommendation for award. The evaluation committee is made up of senior representatives from Public Works, Sheriff's office, Purchasing, CEO's office and a contracted technical/subject matter expert."

What's a Palindrome You Say?

Perhaps this illustration can help.



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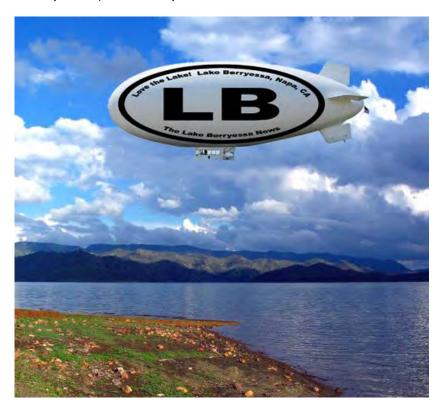
Sticker Fun, Not Sticker Shock

Let's have some fun with the Lake Berryessa News sticker. This may be the year that the history of the New Lake Berryessa begins! You can download the sticker here or from the Lake Berryessa News website:

https://www.lakeberryessanews.com/miscellaneous/lake-berryessa-news-sticker.html

Photoshop it (or whatever photo editing software you use) in imaginative settings promoting the wonders of Lake Berryessa. Neither this email software nor my website software allow attaching Photoshop .psd files so you'll need to eliminate the corners of the image to get the pure oval. You can also remove the white interior to get a transparent version of the sticker.

The photo below shows a promo shot for my possible new tourism business venture, Big Island Blimps! Send your photos to pkilkus@gmail.com and I'll post them. Send your address and there may be a couple of stickers in your future.





New 2021 Advertiser

Jeff Parady of Pope Valley Repair and Towing is our second new ad (after long time advertiser Amber Payne Realty) of the 2021 advertising season just getting started. Jeff is the trainer of the Titanic Tow Truck that has helped so many people in the Lake Berryess Region over the years. He's gotten me out of a couple of jams (of my own making). The tow truck of choice for Lake Berryessa. Also his repair facility is in the heart of Pope Valley within easy reach of the Berryessa Pines and the north lake area.



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Lake Berryessa Senior Center & Community Hall Status as of 3/12/21

Our Center sustained fire damage last August. It is still being repaired as I write this. The garage building structure was repaired, stuccoed, painted and a new roof put on. The inside of the building was completely cleaned and painted. The outside of the building is being repaired, cleaned and painted. The roof on the patio is being replaced, and half of the main building roof will have to be replaced. The heating and cooling systems are being replaced, plants and drip system being replaced and more!

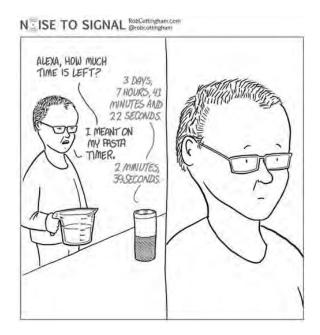
We have not been able to use the building due to the fire damage. I will keep you updated on the repair progress.

A few of our members have made very generous donations. We thank them very much. Our expenses for insurance and utilities do not stop so we are having a difficult time with no income from the events that we would normally have. Unfortunately there will be no crab feed this year as the building repair is still not completed.

Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. You can send a donation for the center to the address below, but make the checks out to the Berryessa Senior Center. Thank you in advance to all those who can help out their Center. Thank you for your support,

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This one's for RoseAnn!



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Points to Ponder, But Not For Too Long:

What if 2 outta 3 ain't good? What if curiosity only maimed the cat? What if sleeping dogs told the truth? What if the chickens hatched before you could count 'em? What if the bird in your hand is not worth the 2 in the bush? What if I hadn't turned the tables on her? What if at the end of the day and you do the math, it isn't what it is? What if there were no what ifs and only why not! What if the time warp isn't just a jump to the left? What if the fifth dentist recommended sugarless gum. If god were to sneeze, what would we say? Mark Mann tsunami coming!? What if a stitch in time doesn't save nine? What if an apple a day didn't keep the doctor away? What if I'm not walking on eggshells anymore? What if the sauce in a Big Mac wasn't special? What if this too, won't pass...? What if where there's a will there isn't a way? What if today is not the first day of the rest of your life? What was the greatest thing BEFORE sliced bread? If there were no chickens what would everything taste like? What if, at first you did succeed? What if a stitch in time only saved 2? What if a football team only went "the whole 9 yards"? What if rolling stones DID gather moss? What if a cat didn't have nine lives? What if the chicken stayed on his side of the road? What if truth be NOT told? What if time swims?

> What if tomorrow wasn't going to be another day? What if the sun shines and you can't make hay?

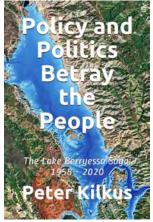
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