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Pirkle Jones, Photographer of the Town of Monticello, Dies

Legendary photographer Pirkle Jones died on Sunday, March 15 at the age of 95. Noted for his documentation of the people and changing landscape of Northern California and his controversial series on the Black Panther Party, he was part of the first class of photographers to enter California School of Fine Arts after WWII. There, he studied with Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange, and Minor White, all who later went on to help establish Aperture magazine in 1952.

Death of a Valley, a collaboration between Jones and Dorothea Lange which chronicled the disappearance of the Berryessa Valley and the Town of Monticello in California as a result of the Monticello Dam, was published as a single issue of Aperture magazine in 1960. Jones later described the project as "one of the most meaningful photographic experiences of my professional life."

Dam Level Update

The elevation of the spillway (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440feet.

The water is now **18.61** feet below the top of the spillway.

Lake Berryessa has had **18.5** inches of rainfall since July 1, 2008

As of the Date of on Monday **3/23/09** these are the readings for Lake Berryessa

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low	Rain
3/16/09	421.30	0.01	59	49	0.02
3/17/09	421.33	0.01	60	44	0.03
3/18/09	421.36	0.10	68	42	0.00
3/19/09	421.38	0.11	76	41	0.00
3/20/09	421.38	0.11	79	43	0.00
3/21/09	421.38	0.12	77	41	0.00
3/22/09	421.41	0.05	58	41	0.07
3/23/09	421.42	0.08	58	33	0.00
3/24/09	421.40	0.15	66	33	0.00
3/25/09	421.40	0.12	74	39	0.00
3/26/09	421.42	0.10	76	45	0.00
3/27/09	421.41	0.15	76	44	0.00
3/28/09	421.39	0.16	80	44	0.00
3/29/09	421.39	0.18	82	43	0.00



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The Town of Lake Berryessa Incorporates

After decades of being treated as a second-class citizen by Napa County, residents of the rural east county Lake Berryessa Region have been allowed to form their own Town of Lake Berryessa by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County. LAFCO is committed to serving the citizens and government agencies of its jurisdiction by encouraging the preservation of agricultural and open-space lands and coordinating the efficient delivery of municipal services.

LAFCOs are responsible for administering a special section of California Government Code now known as the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 which establishes procedures for local government changes of organization, including city incorporations, annexation to a city or special district, and city and special district consolidations.

Members of LAFCO Napa County and the County Board of Supervisors were pleased with the result. As one said, "Now the people out there can take care of themselves and leave us alone. They were a million dollar black hole in our budget."

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce did the original research on how to found a town. The basic principle was, "Get to know the neighbors". Though each state has its own rules on "municipal incorporation," in general 51 percent of the eligible voters in the area need to go along with the action. The Chamber found that it was easiest to start a town from scratch, as opposed to by secession; most upstarts begin as "unincorporated communities" within

a larger county.

To incorporate a town, they first needed to decide on the boundaries of the town. The Chamber received overwhelming support from the disenfranchised residents of Berryessa Estates, Pope Valley, Chiles Valley, Capell Valley, Berryessa Pines, Spanish Flat, Berryessa Highlands, and Circle Oaks to be included within the boundaries of the Town of Lake Berryessa.

Cucina Italiana acted as the intellectual center of this revolutionary movement where the future of the Town of Lake Berryessa was debated long into the summer evenings. Participants said it was reminiscent of the Paris "salons" prior to the French revolution. Finally, a Declaration of Independence of the Town of Lake Berryessa was signed by hundreds of smiling people. The original is prominently displayed on Cucina's wall for all to see. Reproductions of the declaration are available for free, or you can win one if you beat Stefano at bocce.

The Spanish Flat Village Center will be the Town's government center. Elections for Mayor and Town Council will take place on April 1, 2010.

To run for office you must first
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Dowsers Find Water Gusher in the Berryessa Highlands

When the American Society of Dowsers read about the plight of the Berryessa Highlands residents regarding their water and sewer problems, they decided to offer some help. The American Society of Dowsers (www.dowsers.org) has over 3,000 members internationally. Many Napa

Valley land owners opt for this low-tech means of locating water - dowsing, or "water witching," - an old-



time practice with many modern adherents.

Berryessa Highlands residents were first made aware of the dowsing potential by a story that appeared in a local blog in 2008. According to one Napa Valley resident, "When the well went dry at a friend's house a group of five local well-known dowsers went to help out. They detected an aquifer a short distance from the well. They performed a series of... of... of... actions, to "encourage" the aquifer to change its route a bit and replenish the water supply at the well."

A group of six experienced dowsers from American Society of Dowsers made the trip to the Berryessa Highlands a few weeks ago and were able to discover a previously unknown aquifer which research showed reached all the way to the Sierra foothills. The aquifer was under enough pressure to supply

unlimited pure water for all the Highlands residents indefinitely. The flow has been measured to be so large that after the needs of the Berryessa Highlands has been met a new Highlands community group is planning to sell excess water to the Solano County Water Agency to help refill Lake Berryessa in dry years.

Another unexpected find during the search for water was a cleft in the rock that led to a geothermal vent. Since it snows so seldom in the Berryessa Highlands only a few people ever noticed that there was one valley where the snow never seemed to stick. The group discovered that the vent could serve as a sink for the Highlands sewer system outflow and create steam. This is the same process used in Santa Rosa where the output of the sewer plant is pumped up to the Geysers and injected into the geothermal strata to create more steam to run generators.

Initial engineering surveys have shown that the capacity for electricity generation from the steam created by the Highlands sewer effluent should be able to subsidize more than half of the current electricity needs of the community. As the word of these finds leaks out, property values are increasing dramatically.

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CBS Television Announces Next Season's "Survivor - Lake Berryessa"

After many years of successful shows in exotic international locations, CBS is coming home to Lake Berryessa. Producers say that the current hurricane-like destruction gives the lake a "Mad Max" feel that will appeal to urban sophisticates.

Next season's tribes are rumored to be divided among kayakers, anglers, hikers and jet skiers. Some tentative competitions on the drawing board are dumpster debris-filling (how many can you fill in the shortest time), precious metals collection (copper and aluminum house wiring being the most valuable), and trailer demolishing (how fast can you take it down to the ground).

Rather than receiving a million dollars, as usual, the winner will be named to the coveted government position of Lake Manager with the Bureau of Reclamation. More details about the new show are on Page 16 of this paper.

PNC Valley Internet donates Computer to Senior Center

Just wanted to let everyone know that we now have a computer hooked up to the internet for Senior Center members to use here at the center. This computer was donated by PNC, the local wireless service provider. Thank you PNC. If you want information on PNC service for yourself let me know and I will get you the information.

Paul Quarneri
Berryessa Senior Center

Purple Heart Anglers Event

On Saturday, May 16, 2009 Markley Cove is hosting a very special event - The First Annual Markley Cove Resort Purple Heart Anglers Fishing Event. These men and women put their lives on the line in order to protect the freedoms we enjoy every day. Many returned home injured and broken. Some have recovered, many have not.

The Purple Heart Anglers is a pilot program formed as an offshoot of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The program has been created by boaters and fishermen in an effort to provide safe, outdoor events that will help to aid in the recovery process of our wounded warriors. We also hope it will in a very small way say thank you to them for their sacri-

April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day, although not a holiday in its own right, is a notable day celebrated in many countries on April 1. 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. Traditionally the jokes only last until noon: someone who plays a trick after noon is called an "April Fool". Elsewhere, such as in Ireland, France, and the USA, the jokes last all day.

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fices and show them that we have not forgotten them.

Hey, maybe you are talented enough to do the entertainment. Whatever, you can do will be gratefully accepted. These men and women deserve so much more than one day of our time but at least in a small way we can take this opportunity to say thank you.

Sincerely,
Linda K. Frazier

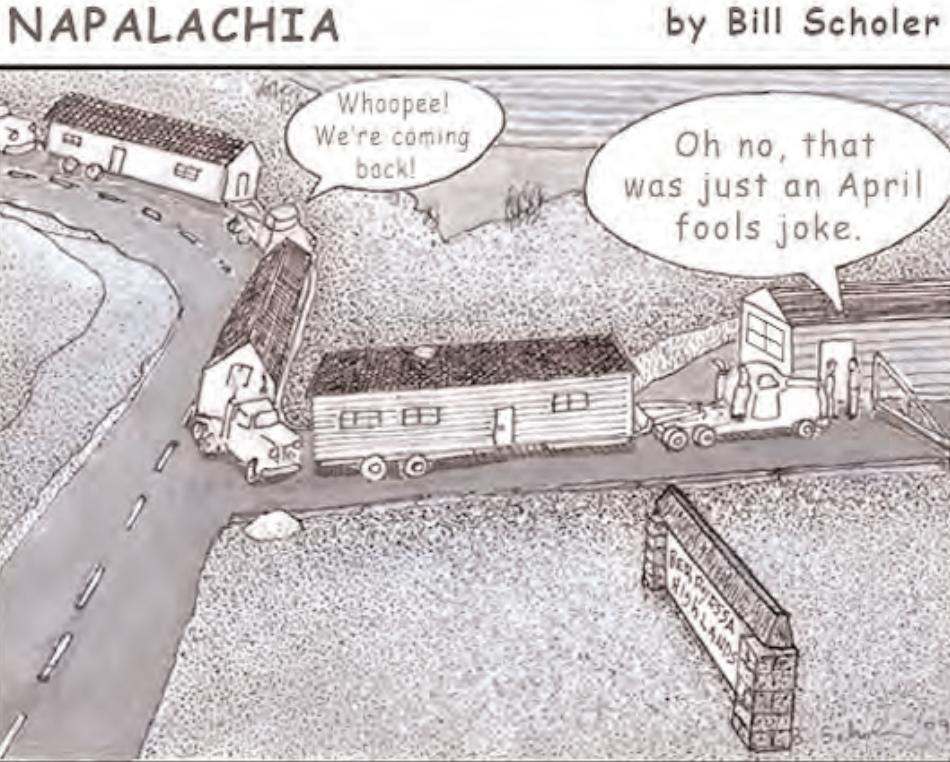
The Following Notice was scheduled for release on the Internet on April 1, 2007! (And remember that everything you read on the Internet must be true!) However, due to the traditional complications affecting anything managed by the Bureau of Reclamation the actual announcement was delayed two years.

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

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

Please consider becoming involved in this event. If you are willing to donate your time and your boat, call the office so we can add your name to the list. If you will not be available on that day, perhaps you would consider a monetary donation to help pay for the food, prizes and

To protect sensitive wildlife habitat, the BOR will build a 15 foot tall



dike around the shoreline. The Sierra Club, which originally agreed to help fund a 165 mile trail around the lake, agrees that if the dike is built it should become the "trail around the lake": a win-win solution.

Per Congressman Mike Thompson, since the dike will be funded at taxpayer expense it must be a multi-use trail, and will be wide enough for hikers, bikers, horses, motorcycles and ATVs to share.

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

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

Berryessa Highlands Artist Honored

The work of local artist and teacher, Karla Holland-Scholer of the Berryessa Highlands, has been selected to be part of the twentieth Annual California Clay Competition (CCC) Exhibition sponsored by The Artery and held in conjunction with the California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art. The exhibition will feature 42 works from 38 artists selected by juror Cathie Duniway from 369 statewide digital entries.

The Conference itself is on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with over thirty colleges participating and well known clay artists giving talks and exhibitions all over Davis. There are 10 major art shows and 30 college art shows open to the public and within walking distance from downtown Davis. In an intimate setting, you can interact with top artists in a way not possible at other venues. UC Davis, home to the late sculptor Robert Arneson, was instrumental in defining a new direction for ceramic art. Enjoy delightful downtown Davis and be inspired by nationally recognized ceramic art talents.

Demonstrations, lectures, shows—no other event delivers more inspired knowledge of ceramic sculpture for a better price. Meet face-to-face with distinguished ceramic sculptors you might only read about; see and hear from the artists what makes them top in their field.

John Natsoulas Gallery 521 First Street, Davis, CA 95616, Contact: Nancy Resler, 530.756.3938

Fishing With Sid

I hadn't been to the lake in five weeks and was very excited to go fishing. Arrived at the lake around 10 PM Thursday night. We entered our cabin only to discover we had been robbed. Our TV was gone but the worst part was my favorite fishing rods and reels that I have used faithfully every week for the past ten plus years were taken too.

Needless to say my heart was broken - it was like losing a best friend. I had planned to fish on Friday morning and had to cancel. The water is murky from the rain run-off. My buddy Albert convinced me not to sit around and mope but to get out and fish a little. I went through some of my other rods and decided on a light spinning rod and put a R2S crawdad on.

About fifty casts later I had no luck. It was very windy, cold and wet out. Albert had caught two nice bass earlier that morning but neither of us had any luck now. Albert wanted to wait for the four o'clock bite so I half-heartedly agreed. Sure enough at around four another friend caught a bass.

The water is still very low even after all the rain. I had really hoped to have an exciting report for you this week after so long an absence but circumstances beyond my control prevented me from fishing the way I had planned. Hope to be in a better mood next weekend and get out there and do some serious fishing.

'til next week.....good fishing!
www.fishingconnection.net Please email me at bestguide@hotmail.com or call me at 650-583-3333.

The Brief Appearance of the Equable Man

Bells ringing as he pays money, and bells ring As he walks out of the door through extruded music, And mindful of horns and sirens, he accepts The key to salvation from a perfect stranger, Absorbs the slurs of a red-faced man and grows Old with a gray woman, obeys the law For a policeman's benefit, blinks at a blindman, Waits when signalled to wait, then walks, and breathes Only his fair share of the exhaustion And refreshment of the city, conferring life On mannequins under glass and under more glass Taking a luncheon menu at face value, Not pausing to reflect on the final offers In windows where he shares the sky with clouds, But revolving with a door into a lobby To drink from a stainless spring, to leave the ground On a stairway rising under its own power Like him to greater heights, to a topless tower Where he allows himself to be led away And seated at a table not of his choice, There to be wined and dined, refraining from smoking.

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Donna DelBondio	18th
Joan Fuller	16th
Cheryl Lacombe	3rd
Gene Mello	8th
Bill Oppeneer	8th
Mike Queke	
Alma Saylor	12th
Steve Vollmer	2nd
Gale Wright	

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Puzzle No. 5 Solution

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A Million Visitors and Thousands of Boaters and Anglers Denied Access to Lake Berryessa

Who destroyed Lake Berryessa? This is a question thousands of disenfranchised citizens are asking as months go by with no action by the Bureau of Reclamation. Why did the Federal government allow this process to go on with no real oversight? This trickle-down disaster will deny access to more than a million visitors this year and probably again next year. Tens of thousands of pleasure boaters and anglers will be denied launch facilities. Businesses are close to failure and the local school may be closed.

The fallout from this debacle has been very damaging to real people and to the local economy of the Lake Berryessa region. The resorts provided hundreds of jobs. When the resorts were closed by the Bureau of Reclamation last year, Capell Valley Elementary School lost enough students to prompt the Napa Valley Unified School District to plan to eliminate the local school and bus the children to the City of Napa every day. When will the resorts reopen and bring back the jobs and the children of the employees?

The closures also impacted many local and Napa County businesses. And this impact had nothing to do with the general economic meltdown that followed. It was due to the premature closure of the major lake resorts. Favorite restaurants have lost 40% of their business and one has just closed. Local service businesses have also lost 30%-40%, some up to 50%, of their revenue. Just one shuttered 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 that resort.

During the ten months since the Pensus Group was selected to manage the five major west shore resorts, Reclamation assured the local community and Napa County government that there would be a smooth transition with no major impact on the recreational use of Lake Berryessa. Instead the lake looks as if a hurricane swept through, but it was the Bureau of Reclamation, not the weather, that caused this destruction.

And just last week the Bureau of Reclamation said, "In March 2009, Reclamation determined that the original contract solicitation did not fully conform to legal requirements governing reimbursement for capital improvements. On that basis, the negotiations for new contracts have been cancelled." So after ten months of negotiation with the Pensus Group and one fully-signed contract with Forever Resorts, Reclamation simply said, "Oops, we made a mistake and have to start all over again. Sorry but the resorts won't be open for at least another year." Who is being held responsible for this failure of government?

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 which would have accomplished the goals of improving all the resorts without destroying them first. At least one of the west shore resorts, Rancho Monticello, is willing to re-open under an interim contract for boat launching and day use for the summer of 2008, but Reclamation is not being responsive.

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce strongly appeals to our local representatives and the news media to help make this situation right. The Lake Berryessa situation requires immediate action! The lives of so many real people depend on it. Our residents, businesses, and schools should not be simply looked at as necessary collateral damage in some grandiose government plan!

Best April Fools Hoaxes in History

Alabama Changes the Value of Pi: The April 1998 newsletter of New Mexicans for Science and Reason contained an article written by physicist Mark Boslough claiming that the Alabama Legislature had voted to change the value of the mathematical constant pi to the "Biblical value" of 3.0. This claim originally appeared as a news story in the 1961 science fiction novel *Stranger in a Strange Land* by Robert A. Heinlein.

Spaghetti trees: The BBC television program *Panorama* 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. It was, in fact filmed in St Albans.

Left Handed Whoppers: In 1998, Burger King ran an ad in USA Today, saying that people could get a Whopper for left-handed people whose condiments were designed to drip out of the right side.^[7]

Internet Spring Cleaning: In 1997 an email message spread throughout the world announcing that the internet would be shut down for cleaning for twenty-four hours from March 31 until April 2.

This cleaning was said to be necessary to clear out the "electronic flotsam and jetsam" that had accumulated in the network. Dead email and inactive ftp, www, and gopher sites would be purged. The cleaning would be done by "five very powerful Japanese-built multi-lingual Internet-crawling robots (Toshiba ML-2274) situated around the world."

Cola Expiration Date: In 1996 Virgin Cola announced that in the interest of consumer safety it had integrated a new technology into its cans. When the cola passed its sell-by date, the liquid would react with the metal in the can, turning the can itself bright blue. Virgin warned that consumers should therefore avoid purchasing all blue cans. The joke was that Pepsi had recently unveiled its newly designed cans. They were bright blue.

The Fat Sox Revolution: The British Daily Mail announced that Esporta Health Clubs had launched a new line of socks designed to help people lose weight. Dubbed "FatSox," these revolu-

tional socks could actually suck body fat out of sweating feet. The invention promised to "banish fat for ever." The socks employed a patented nylon polymer called FloraAstraTetrazine that had been "previously only applied in the nutrition industry." The American inventor of this polymer was Professor Frank Ellis Elgood. The socks supposedly worked in the following way: as a person's body heat rose and their blood vessels dilated, the socks drew "excess lipid from the body through the sweat." After having sweated out the fat, the wearer could then simply remove the socks and wash them, and the fat, away.

Corporate Teenage Tattoos: In 1994 National Public Radio's All Things Considered program reported that companies such as Pepsi were sponsoring teenagers to tattoo their ears with corporate logos. In return for branding themselves with the corporate symbol, the teenagers would receive a lifetime 10% discount on that company's products. Teenagers were said to be responding enthusiastically to this deal.

Taco Liberty Bell: In 1996, Taco Bell took out a full-page advertisement in The New York Times announcing that they had purchased the Liberty Bell to "reduce the country's debt" and renamed it the "Taco Liberty Bell." When asked about the sale, White House press secretary Mike McCurry replied tongue-in-cheek that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold and would henceforth be known as the Lincoln Mercury Memorial.

During this period, users were warned to disconnect all devices from the internet. The message supposedly originated from the "Interconnected Network Maintenance Staff, Main Branch, Massachusetts Institute of Technology." This joke was an updated version of an old joke that used to be told about the phone system. For many years, gullible phone customers had been warned that the phone systems would be cleaned on April Fool's Day. They were cautioned to place plastic bags over the ends of the phone to catch the dust that might be blown out of the phone lines during this period.

Bottling Day at Rustridge!

What is your definition of having fun with friends? What is your definition of suffering with friends? Well I experienced both last week as a volunteer on bottling day at Rustridge Ranch and Winery.

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for filling, corking, foiling, and labeling wine bottles. And you have created the heaven and hell of a unique small winery operation!

If any of you are old enough to remember the very funny Lucille Ball skit where she tried

to keep up with a candy assembly line, you've got the basic picture of the bottling process. When the machines start running

and are really cooking smoothly, we were doing about 3 cases per minute! Let's see how that works out.

Three cases per minute divided into 1,500 cases equals 500 minutes or 8.33 hours. But there

were changeovers and breakdowns so the day actually lasted from 8 AM until 8 PM. I was only there from 10 until 7 but my back took a couple of days to recover.

At first taking the bottles off the assembly line and putting

them into cases was kind of fun and a challenge. One person took down an empty case and filled it with six bottles and pushed it

over to the next person. That person put in the final six bottles, close the case and shoved it into a taping machine while the first person was taking down another empty box and starting to fill it again.

We talked and laughed and Melissa filled the box with in varying patterns to avoid boredom. But there are only so many patterns in a twelve bottle case to keep the mind busy. And after the third hour of standing, filling, and shoving, your body is no longer your friend.

The automated machinery could install screw caps on one type of bottle and push down corks in another. The corked bottles added another step of adding the "foils" - the small soft metal caps that go onto the bottle top. There was no machine to do

the installation, so I got the job for awhile. The foils come in stacks, one inside the other. You

have to gently take one foil off the stack and put it on the wine bottle and seat it. The bottle then went into a spinning machine that turned the loose foil into the tight cap you see on each bottle. Of course sometimes the foils stick together and are difficult to separate. But the bottles never stop coming. (My Lucille Ball moment!)

You can stop the bottles by putting your arm in front of them, but then you only have one hand to use. The stress was intense and several

times I missed some bottles which had to be grabbed and brought back to the beginning of the line.

The high point of the day was lunch - panini sandwiches from Cucina Italiana! Nothing like sitting around with friends eating Cucina Italiana food, whether in the picnic area of a beautiful rustic winery like Rustridge or at Cucina Italiana itself.

All in all the day turned out great and I guess I'll have to do it again on April 10!



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Pope Valley School's 5th Grade St. Helena Spelling Bee participants.
On the left is Casandra Ramirez, and the winner Renae Verbera on the right!



Good News! The Napa Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees ruled unanimously last week that both campuses have one year to either secure plans for long-term financial health or face closure at the end of the 2009-10 school year. More than 120 Capell Valley and Wooden Valley parents, teachers and students turned out for the meeting, dozens of whom addressed the board with pleas Wednesday to spare both schools. Nonetheless, the school board recommended that the schools consider merging their two campuses, look into becoming charter schools or break from NVUSD to survive these tough financial times.

The Lake Berryessa News SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Fill in the missing spaces so that each row, column and 3x3 block have all the numbers from 1 to 9.

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Puzzle No. 5—Look for the solution on another page in this issue.

Lake Berryessa resident cartoonist and musician, Bill Scholer, will be performing in Davis on April 3rd with his band, "Waiting For Bruce".

It's a benefit for KDRT radio. (www.kdrt.org)

The Odd Fellows Hall
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2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

Apr. 4: Capell Valley School Auction at R Ranch. Doors open at 5:30, Tickets \$25.00. Includes Dinner, Dance, and Fun (alcohol not included) See detailed ad on Page 4. Contact: Capell Valley Students or 966-9160

Apr. 4: Fairfield Suisun Bass Reapers 28th Annual Team Bass Tournament, Pleasure Cove Marina, Info at: www.bassreapers.com

Apr. 4: Bass Tournament, El Dorado Bass Club, Markley Cove

Apr. 9: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

Apr. 17-19: NCACCD Bass Tournament, Pleasure Cove Marina

Apr. 23-24: School Program, Oak Shores Day Use Area- Coyote Beach

Apr. 25: Earth Day

May 2: Napa Vintage 1/2 Ironman, Lake Berryessa

May 3: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon, Lake Berryessa

May 3: Bass Tournament, Angler's Choice, Markley Cove

May 9: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

May 30: A NCSC Sidecar Event at will be held at Acorn Beach in Oak Shores Day Use Area. The two shade shelters and parking lot are reserved for this group.

May 30: Bass Tournament, Angler's Choice, Markley Cove

Jun. 13: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

Jun. 15: Quilt Festival, Downtown Winters, 530 795-2580

Oct. 3: The Napa Tri, Girl, Tri (all women's triathlon), Lake Berryessa

Oct. 17: Redwood Empire Bass Club Tournament, Capell Cove

Senior Center Bingo, 1 PM (Every Monday); Cards & Movie 7:30 PM (Every Fri.) 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

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The result is our own web page on the new Napa Valley Destination Council website:

www.legendarynapavalley.com. Lake Berryessa is also featured in the "Napa Valley Guidebook," which is distributed nationwide. The Chamber has become influential within the Napa County tourism and political sectors.

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Lake Berryessa has had **19.4** inches of rain since July, 2008
The water is now **19.09** Feet below the top of the spillway

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low	Precipitation
3/30/09	421.37	0.24	62	41	0.00
3/31/09	421.34	0.18	71	37	0.00
4/1/09	421.30	0.14	79	36	0.00
4/2/09	421.28	0.18	79	43	0.00
4/3/09	421.25	0.13	73	37	0.00
4/4/09	421.17	0.15	69	36	0.0
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4/11/09	420.94	0.06	62	39	T
4/12/09	420.91	0.13	70	41	0

A large, modern metal building with a translucent roof section. It has several large, light-colored doors and windows. In front of the building, there's a small lawn area with a few potted plants and a flag on a pole.



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Small Local Business: A Resource Too Precious to Lose

by Peter Kilkus

In the movie The Matrix, Neo was “The **One**”. There is a famous novel, “A Tale of **Two** Cities”. “**Three** Amigos” with Steve Martin was quite humorous. Some people worry about the “**Four** Horsemen of the Apocalypse”. And we have the “**Five** Stores of Berryessa”.

The Pope Valley Market has been around a long time but has recently been renovated inside and out by the Schmeding family. It's a bright, cheery place on the way to the lake with a great selection too. The Pope Valley post office is conveniently located right next door. Stop in regularly when you're in downtown Pope Valley.

What do all these items have in common? Absolutely nothing, except that the fifth statement is significantly more important to our Lake Berryessa Region community than any of the others.

If you look at the map on the right you'll see that our region stretches a long way. During the last three years the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce worked with the Napa Valley Destination Council to have the lake recognized as the recreation jewel it is. Unfortunately, this year will likely be a slow one for tourists due to the bungling of the resort contract negotiations.

This situation has had and will have a major negative impact on our small businesses unless we all do our part. We need to items. Pete Leung went into the back and came right out with a brand new frying pan.

rally behind all of our local businesses with our financial support.

The five stores I'm talking about (from north to south) are the Berryessa Estates Marketplace, the Pope Valley Market, the Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli, Turtle Rock, and the Berryessa Corners. These are precious resources that every member Corners whose restaurant will hopefully open by the end of April. Mike Schildknecht is investing a lot of time and effort into turning it into a completely remodeled Berryessa Highlands community center. I stop in several times a week. Every Berryessa Highlands resident should do the same.

are precious resources that every member of our community must help protect during these trying times. The owners of each of these stores, besides trying to run a business, do the same.

Sure, you can get just about everything these stores sell cheaper at Safeway or Costco, but that's not the point.

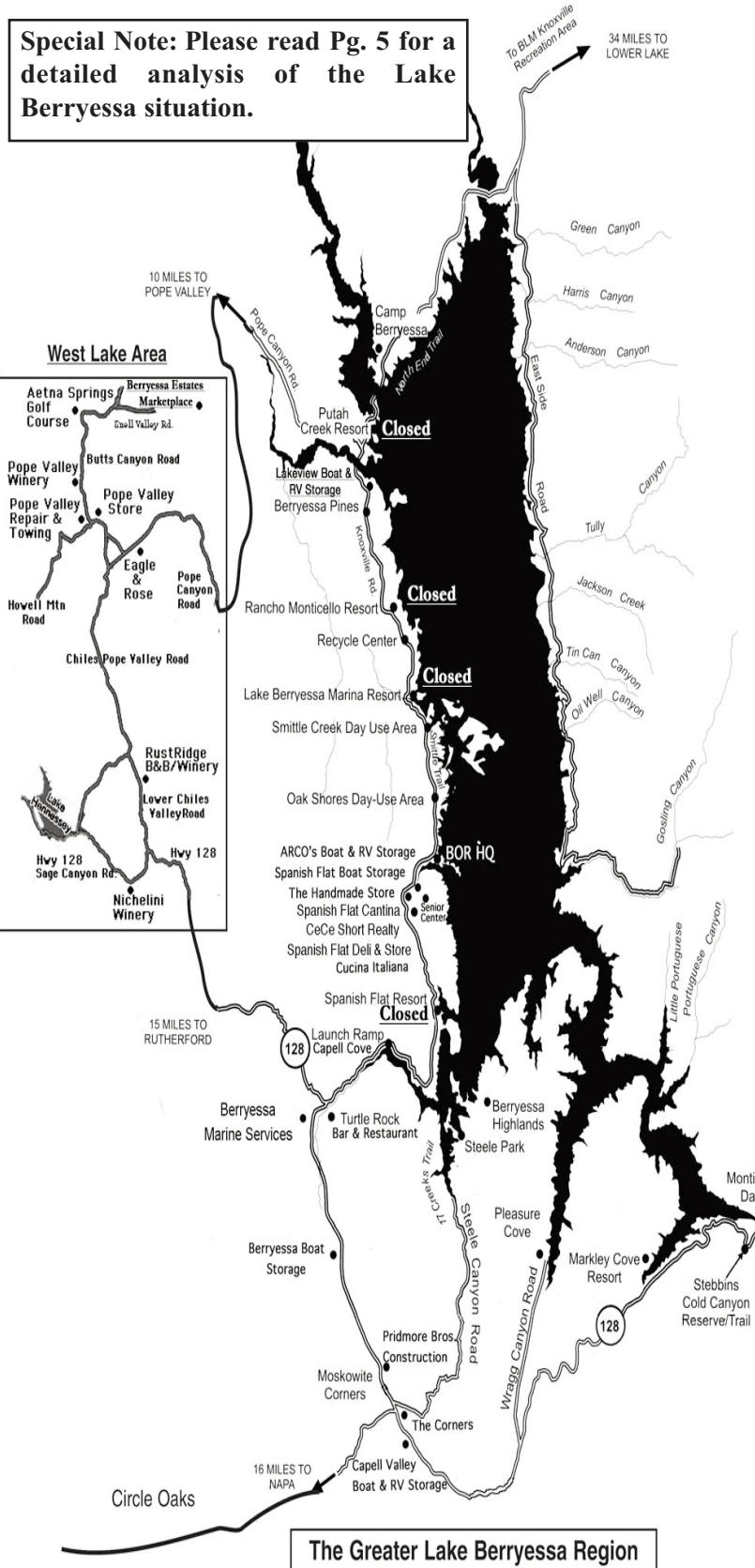
The Berryessa Estates Marketplace was refurbished during the summer by Rob Dahlgren and his family. It is a pleasant, well-stocked place to shop for your miscellaneous items or sit on the deck and talk to your neighbors - or use the wireless internet! It has already earned a reputation for ness, also lives out here with us.

The point is that you don't have a community without local stores. You don't have a community without local restaurants. You don't have a community without local schools. You don't have a community without local clubs like the Lions Club or the Senior Center or the Pope Valley Ropers & Riders.

its deli sandwiches. Every resident of the Berryessa Estates and their visitors should shop at this great little store every week if not every day.

We all need to help protect these precious resources, especially now!

Special Note: Please read Pg. 5 for a detailed analysis of the Lake Berryessa situation.



Capell Valley School Says Welcome to Our Garden!

by Jon Soper

Our garden is in full swing at Capell Valley School! We have seeds germinating in our classroom and tiny plants growing in our greenhouse.

Of course, our students have done all the work from preparing the soil to sowing seeds. Even our kindergartners have been working, watching and learning.

About a month ago they planted potatoes and are waiting to dig them up in June. Our older students have been instrumental in weeding, digging up old corn stalks, and raking the garden in preparation of spring planting.

Right now we are waiting for warmer weather to plant seedlings and direct sow our cucumber, squash, and bean seeds.

The biggest lesson we teach our students is giving back to our community by donating our organic vegetables to the local food bank at the Church at Lake Berryessa.

If you want to see us in action come by on Thursday afternoon 3:00-4:00 and on Saturdays from 9:00-11:00.

The community is always welcome. We sure could use some support and help. Wait till you see our sunflower display this summer!!!! For more information, call 259-8434.

Cucina Italiana Summer Hours

by Sharyn Simmons

May is coming and it is officially summer at Lake Berryessa...or at least at Cucina Italiana where we will be on summer schedule starting Friday, May 1, serving "Fabulously Fresh Italian Food" Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday 11:30 am to 9:00 pm. Always closed on Monday and Tuesday.

We are also serving fresh boxed lunches to go as well as the entire menu available to take out.

Stefano has a great connection for superior seafood, so we will be featuring Cioppino for the foreseeable future. We will also bring back the fresh Maine Lobster for your

Mother's day feast, on Sunday, May 10th.

Stefano is hard at work making fresh Ravioli, Pappardelle and Gnocchi. We still feature amazing Rib Eye and Filet Mignon - and the Bocce court has been groomed - ready for challengers!

It is picture perfect this time of year, the Lupins and Poppies are out in full bloom and the weather couldn't be better for a meandering drive over to Spanish Flat Village Center at Lake Berryessa. Mangia! Mangia!

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Napa County Report Supervisor Diane Dillon

County to Offer Prescription Drug Discount Card

The Board of Supervisors has approved Napa County's participation in a discount card program to help residents cope with the price of prescription drugs. Beginning in May,

any Napa County resident, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage, may obtain a card, free of charge.

Approximately 16 pharmacies in the county will accept the card, which is available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACO), including Longs Drugs, Wal-Mart, Raley's, Rite Aid, Safeway and Family Drug. Other pharmacies may choose to participate as well—please check with your pharmacy.

The prescription drug discount cards will offer an average savings of 22 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs, offering significant savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Napa County. Even those fortunate to have prescription coverage may use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan.

There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. Details on how to obtain the card will be available on the County website in the next several weeks.

For the Students at Capell Valley School and Pope Valley School - Do you think you can figure these out?

CLASSIC LATERAL THINKING EXERCISES

Try these to loosen up the old brain cells.

1. There is a man who lives on the top floor of a very tall building. Everyday he gets the elevator down to the ground floor to leave the building to go to work. Upon returning from work though, he can only travel half way up in the lift and has to walk the rest of the way unless it's raining! Why?

This is probably the best known and most celebrated of all lateral thinking puzzles. It is a true classic. Although there are many possible solutions which fit the initial conditions, only the canonical answer is truly satisfying.

2. A man and his son are in a car accident. The father dies on the scene, but the child is rushed to the hospital. When he arrives the surgeon says, "I can't operate on this boy, he is my son!" How can this be?

3. A man is wearing black. Black shoes, socks, trousers, jumper, gloves and balaclava. He is walking down a black street with all the street lamps off. A black car is coming towards him with its light off but somehow manages to stop in time. How did the driver see the man?

4. One day Kerry celebrated her birthday. Two days later her older twin brother, Terry, celebrated his

birthday. How?

5. Why is it better to have round manhole covers than square ones?

This is logical rather than lateral, but it is a good puzzle that can be solved by lateral thinking techniques. It is supposedly used by a very well-known software company as an interview question for prospective employees.

6. A man went to a party and drank some of the punch. He then left early. Everyone else at the party who drank the punch subsequently died of poisoning. Why did the man not die?

7. A man died and went to Heaven. There were thousands of other people there. They were all naked and all looked as they did at the age of 21. He looked around to see if there was anyone he recognized. He saw a couple and he knew immediately that they were Adam and Eve. How did he know?

8. A woman had two sons who were born on the same hour of the same day of the same year. But they were not twins. How could this be?

9. A man walks into a bar and asks the barman for a glass of water. The barman pulls out a gun and points it at the man. The man says 'Thank you' and walks out.

This puzzle claims to be the best of the genre. It is simple in its statement, absolutely baffling and yet with a completely satisfying solution.

Solutions are on Page 11.



2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

Apr. 17: Seniors Trip to River Rock Casino. Get \$20.00 Play. 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. 707-966-0206 (message) or 738-2278

Apr. 18: Senior Center Potluck, 6 P.M. Raffle Prizes - Large Food Basket, Basket of Garden Tools and Planting Mixes, Senior Center Providing Ham and Rolls, 707-966-0206 (message) or 738-2127

Apr. 19: Senior Center Horseshoes and BBQ. Join the Fun, 12:00 Noon

Apr. 17-19: NCACCD Bass Tournament, Pleasure Cove Marina

Apr. 17-19: Flea Market, Lakeside Market, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Apr. 25: Earth Day

Apr. 25: Pope Valley Vintners First Annual Wine Tasting, Pope Valley Winery, 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. \$20. 707-965-1246, info@popevalleywinery.com

Apr. 24-26: Flea Market, Lakeside Market, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

May 2: Napa Vintage 1/2 Ironman, Lake Berryessa

May 3: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon, Lake Berryessa

May 3: Bass Tournament, Angler's Choice, Markley Cove

May 9: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

May 30: A NCSC Sidecar Event at will be held at Acorn Beach in Oak Shores Day Use Area. The two shade shelters and parking lot are reserved for this group.

May 30: Bass Tournament, Angler's Choice, Markley Cove

May 30: "SPRINGTIME IN THE VINEYARD" at Berryessa Gap Winery, 11:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (530) 795-320, valerie@berryessagap.com.

June 6: 27th Annual Lake Berryessa one-mile and two-mile swim races, Davis Aquatic Masters, Oak Shores Park, http://www.damfast.org/berryapplication.htm

June 13: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

June 15: Quilt Festival, Downtown Winters, 530 795-2580

Oct. 3: The Napa Tri, Girl, Tri (all women's triathlon), Lake Berryessa

Oct. 17: Redwood Empire Bass Club Tournament, Capell Cove

Senior Center Bingo, 1 PM (Every Monday); Cards & Movie 7:30 PM (Every Fri.) 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

To have your event listed, contact Peter Kilkus at PKilkus@LakeBerryessa.net or call 415 307-6906.

A Kind Word Can Make It All Seem Worthwhile

Hi... I would just like to thank you and the rest of the Chamber for your hard work under awful circumstances. I was a member of Berryessa for All and had a trailer at Rancho Monticello for the last year and then rented a place at Steele Park last summer. This is a travesty. I just am sick over it, as well as many others. You guys hang in there. If you have an email list, please put me on it. I live in San Leandro, and every weekend for the past 2 summers, we looked forward to going up to the lake. I have a nephew who is slightly retarded and he loved getting away with us on the weekends. I feel for not just us, but people with disabilities who find so much peace "at the lake". Please keep on working hard for all of us. I just want you to know that there are people who appreciate all of the work you do. Great paper too. I look forward to reading it every 2 weeks.

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LATERAL THINKING EXERCISES SOLUTIONS (from page 2)

1. The man is very, very short and can only reach halfway up the elevator buttons. However, if it is raining then he will have his umbrella with him and can press the higher buttons with it.

2. The surgeon was his mother.

3. It was day time.

4. At the time she went into labor, the mother of the twins was traveling by boat. The older twin, Terry, was born first early on March 1st. The boat then crossed a time zone and Kerry, the younger twin, was born on February the 28th. Therefore, the younger twin celebrates her birthday two days before her older brother.

5. A square manhole cover can be turned and dropped down the diagonal of the manhole. A round manhole cannot be dropped down the manhole. So for safety and practicality, all manhole covers should be round.

6. The poison in the punch came from the ice cubes. When the man drank the punch, the ice was fully frozen. Gradually it melted, poisoning the punch.

7. He recognized Adam and Eve as the only people without navels. Because they were not born of women, they had never had umbilical cords and therefore they never had navels. This one seems perfectly logical but it can sometimes spark fierce theological arguments.

8. They were two of a set of triplets (or quadruplets, etc.). This puzzle stumps many people. They try outlandish solutions involving test-tube babies or surrogate mothers. Why does the brain search for complex solutions when there is a much simpler one available?

9. The man had hiccups. The barman recognized this from his speech and drew the gun in order to give him a shock. It worked and cured the hiccups—so the man no longer needed the water.

This is a simple puzzle to state but a difficult one to solve. It is a perfect example of a seemingly irrational and incongruous situation having a simple and complete explanation.

Amazingly this classic puzzle seems to work in different cultures and languages.



Kalling All Kayakers

This will be a prime summer for kayaking on Lake Berryessa. Since the Bureau of Reclamation declared the Big Island Lagoon a “non-motorized zone” there will be a lot of calm water for paddling in that area. With five major resorts closed power boat and jet ski traffic will be less than normal. Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce members want to encourage kayakers to visit the lake and see the opportunities.

The Lake Berryessa Chamber will be sponsoring special kayak events such as an evening paddle at Oak Shores. Get your supplies at a local store or end your day at a local restaurant.

Some good launch points are:

Capell Cove public boat launch: Parking lot, good beach for launching.

Oak Shores Day Use Park: Lots of parking. Two launch ramps for hand launching of cartopped boats. Boats may also be carried to the water anywhere within the park.

Smittle Creek: Easy walk from parking lot to the water.

Pope Creek Bridge: Large parking lot at the intersection of the Knoxville and Pope Canyon Roads. Path down to the water.

Putah Creek Pullout: At the north end of the Putah Creek Bridge. Parking with a rough but well used trail down to the water.

Eticuera Launch: Short distance past the east end of the causeway that crosses the north end of the Lake. This day use facility offers a parking lot, restroom and a smooth path to carry or wheel a boat to the water.



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Golf course developers appeal 'no' vote Commission rejection called unfair, 'unlawful'

Lake Luciana developers are appealing the Napa County Planning Commission's decision to deny an 18-hole championship golf course proposed for Pope Valley. The appeal accuses county officials of being “arbitrary,” “capricious” and “unlawful” in voting to turn down the project. These are simply legal terms that are required in any appeal. The Napa County Board of Supervisors will hear the appeal on a date yet to be determined.

The Lake Luciana proposal was rejected by the Planning Commission in February in a 3-2 vote. Three commissioners said they felt that the rural Pope Valley site — which is zoned for agriculture, although several expert witnesses stated that the golf course site cannot be used to grow wine grapes economically — is an inappropriate location for a championship golf course.

The other commissioners contended that a world-class golf course designed by Tom Doak would add to Pope Valley's beauty and stimulate the economy. Commissioner Terry Scott praised the design, and said the county is unlikely to see a project again that so clearly meets the hurdles required to approve recreational facilities on agricultural land.

Attorneys for the developer will have to convince supervisors that the project meets a specific set of criteria necessary to approve recreational use on agriculturally zoned land. Among the points developers will have to make are that the golf course would serve a local need. They must also show that Lake Luciana would not harm existing or potential agriculture at Lake Luciana or on neighboring sites. The latter case should be easily supported, as it was during previous hearings.

Lake Luciana, if approved, would feature an 18-hole golf course along the northern edge of Weeks Lake in Pope Valley out of view of most of Pope Valley. Club membership is estimated at about 550, with incentives for Napa County residents.



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History in Repetition: Paying Homage to Pirkle Jones

By Carl Scholer

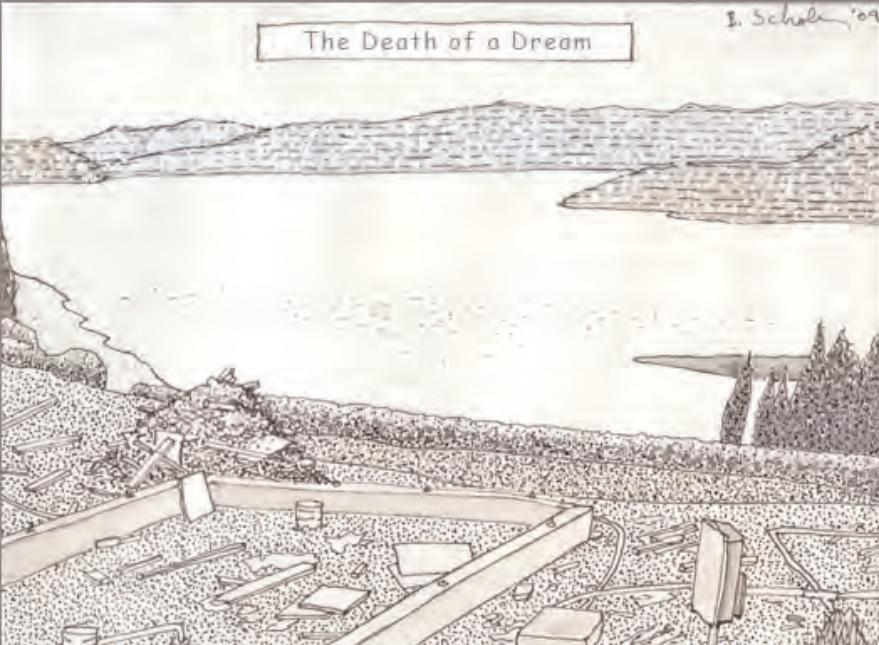
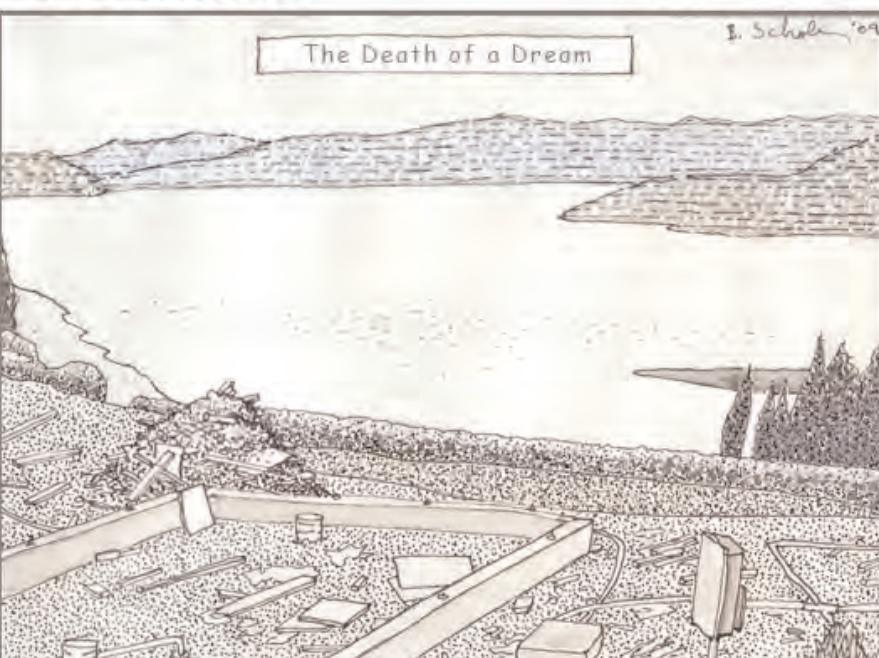
Before there was Lake Berryessa there was the Berryessa Valley. It was home to Miwoks and Patwins, Mexican rancheros and American farmers. It was witness to the movements of these peoples as each in turn replaced the other. It saw its streams and fields harvested by the Miwok and the Patwin, it saw its grass consumed by the cattle of the rancheros and later it witnessed the introduction of the vine and the pear to its soil by the hands of Anglo settlers. It was a land long used to its human guests, a witness to their comings and goings.

The valley first received its name in 1843 after being granted to Jose and Sisto Berryessa who used the land to raise cattle and built a large hacienda in the center of the valley. The region remained in their hands until it was auctioned away to cover gambling debts sustained by the Berryessa family and was acquired by Edward Shultz who in turn sold it to "The Land Company" in 1866 to be partitioned into farming lots, reserving a small section for the creation of the town of Monticello. The land was fully settled within a year and remained in use for nearly a century, continuing a long history of human habitation.

In 1956 that history ended, and with the creation of the Monticello Dam what was once the Berryessa Valley was transformed into Lake Berryessa. In 1947 the Solano Project was started as a collaborative effort between Solano City and the Bureau of Reclamation to

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by Bill Scholer



supply water to Solano County for the purposes of agriculture. As a part of this project the Monticello dam and the flooding of the Berryessa Valley was proposed. Though the project involved the removal of crop land and the abandonment of the town of Monticello, it was felt that the benefit gained by the creation of the dam outweighed the sacrifice of the valley. In 1948 the Monticello dam was approved by the Secretary of the Interior and eight years later the town of Monticello was gone, its houses leveled, its graves moved, its fields burned and submerged under over a hundred feet of water.

The demise of the Berryessa Valley did not go un-witnessed. Pirkle Jones, a photographer and a graduate of the California School of Fine Arts, in collaboration with Dorothea Lang, created a photo-series entitled "Death of a Valley" which chronicled the abandonment and the flooding of Berryessa. Within this collection were images of Mexican migrant workers picking grapes in the fields, clerks stocking the shelves of the general store, and cattle being brought down from the hills to graze in the valley.

Yet it also chronicled the valley's abandonment, the removal of the graves, and the destruction of houses and fields, and the eventual image of the valley, which had for centuries past been a place of life and a home to many, filling with water, drowning the ancient landscape.

Last month, on March 15 of 2009, Pirkle Jones passed away. His death stands as reminder of his work, causing one to reflect on Berryessa as it once was and the future of Berryessa today.

Today, as before, Berryessa is witnessing another migration. The sight of trailers being pulled along the road is another testament to the transitory nature of life in the region. Like the people of Monticello, and the Berryessa family before them, and the Miwok and the Patwin before them, Berryessa is witnessing the exodus of another of its peoples. As the status of the land around the lake is now being renegotiated the resort and trailer areas that once dotted the shores of Berryessa are now being closed down and removed.

Apparently removal and exodus are permanent aspects of life in Berryessa as this comment, made by a construction worker laboring in the valley in 1956 and overheard by Pirkle Jones illustrates: "... it's getting so a person can't stand still in one of these here fields without you get mowed down, raked up, or painted." For further reading:

<http://nrs.ucdavis.edu/Quail/Natural/Human.htm>



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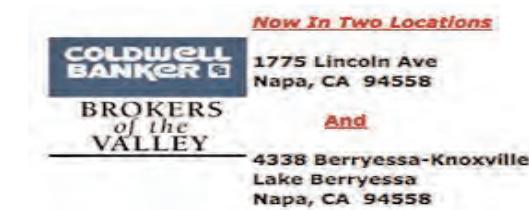
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SATURDAY, April 11, 2009 Results - by CeCeShort

Left Photo: On the far right is Salmon Derby winner Dan Niles of Napa...His catch weighed in at 1 lb. 7.4 ozs. taking Jack-Pot \$\$\$...Daughter Alyssa took 1st place in the Kid's division with her Salmon weighing in at 1 lb.4.9 ozs...Grandpa came along for lots of fun in the sunAll enjoyed the services of George Morgan Guide Service.....

Right Photo: Trout Derby Winner



Comments made in the year 1957:

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."

"Have you seen the new cars coming out? It won't be long before \$2000 will only buy a used one."

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."

"Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

"I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."

"Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."

"It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."

"It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."

"I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."

Pope Valley School News

The first picture is a shot from our Soccer Game with Foothills at Pope Valley April 6th. The score was 4 to 1 with a win for Pope Valley's Soccer team comprised of our 5th to 8th graders.

The second picture is of some of the actors that played in our rendition of Mary Poppins at our annual Spring Fest Celebration on April 9th in the evening. Our wonderful drama teacher is Mrs. Eakles (K to 2nd grade teacher) who worked with approximately 20 of our students for this performance. All the classes gave a special performance of their own, too.



Sep Hendrickson: Access to Lake Berryessa for Sportsmen

Editor's Note: On Saturday, April 11 at 6:30 A.M. I had the pleasure of being interviewed by Sep Hendrickson, a long-time supporter of Lake Berryessa, about the mess here at the lake caused by the Bureau of Reclamation. I had met Sep several years ago at the big rally in Winters in support of a rational plan for the lake. He and his thousands of listeners are very unhappy with the handling of the current situation and lack of boat access for anglers.

Sep is the host of the award winning, "California Sportsmen" radio show on KHTK 1140 AM, Sacramento, on Saturdays from 6:00 to 8:00 AM. This critically acclaimed show is designed to keep listeners informed about fishing in California's lakes, streams, rivers and bays, hunting and much more. He also has a great web site at: www.seps.com/

SEPS Outdoors, Inc. is Your Ultimate Source for Hunting and Fishing Information. Whether your

destination is Lake Pardee, Lake Berryessa, Eagle Lake or Flaming Gorge, Sep can give you knowledge and insight of the type of presentation to use, how deep, and when the best time to go.

Sep and his wife Marilyn are lifetime members of California Inland Fisheries Foundation Inc., Project Kokanee: <http://www.kokanee.org/>. Sep is Executive Director, Marilyn is Vice-President. There is a major kokanee project at **Markley Cove Resort**. See the latest about that on the the CIFFI web site above.

The California Inland Fisheries Foundation, Inc. is a volunteer managed non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, promoting, and improving freshwater angling opportunities in California. More than sixteen million fingerlings were planted during the past sixteen years through the efforts of C.I.F.F.I. and its members.

While waiting for my interview I listened to the latest fishing report from Troy Barr about the great fishing now

at Lake Berryessa. I reproduced his comments below. Troy runs a guide service to lake Berryessa. His contact information is:

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T-Roy's Lake Berryessa Fishing Report

This promises to be one of the best years Lake Berryessa has had for fishing. The fishing is great with 18 inch kokanee out mid-lake off Big Island and north.

Some are grouping around 19-30 feet deep with an average depth of 22-24



Berryessa 18 3/4" Kokanee

The third little picture is two of our students enjoying the annual Easter egg hunt on April 10th. We also invite the children's families to come and enjoy the fun.

Pope Valley Elementary School District has opening for a School Board Trustee

This un-paid, 18 month, position will be filled by appointment prior to 5-29-2009. Residents of Pope Valley who are on the Voters role are eligible for appointment to the Pope Valley School Board. Anyone interested in applying for a seat on the school board should submit a letter of application and a resume to the school by Tuesday May 19, 2009



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The tasting will feature a variety of Pope Valley Wines; olive oil tastings and cheese and fruit platters. Picnic Tables and Bocce Ball Court will also be available for use.

For more information or to purchase tickets by phone Contact Pope Valley Winery (707)965-1246 info@popevalleywinery.com Or purchase tickets online at www.popevalleywinery.com

If you don't read anything else about the Lake Berryessa situation, you must read this to know the truth! You won't find it in anywhere else.

Ignore the Bureau of Reclamation, Ignore the Napa Register: A Clear Analysis of the Present Situation at Lake Berryessa by Lucy White

The abandoned prospectus and awards have devastated the Lake Berryessa community. If the flaws are known in the prospectus, then a new prospectus should be released immediately, not in four months.

Five resorts are closed to the public - indefinitely. Putah Creek Resort and Lake Berryessa Marina Resort are both in bankruptcy, where most of the mobile homes and trailers, along with all facilities were abandoned. Bureau of Reclamation is attempting to clean up those two resorts, with little evidence to date, while providing security. Rancho Monticello Resort, Spanish Flat Resort and Steele Park Resort are all cleaning up their resorts and providing their own security, nearly all of the mobile homes and trailers have been removed from those resorts.

With all five resorts closed there are no facilities open to the public on the entire 22 miles of the west side, other than Reclamation's day parks and turnouts. Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Resort, provide the only services which are at the most southern end of the lake. Both resorts have stores, but neither resort has a restaurant or café, with the other five resorts closed there is absolutely no prepared food services on Lake Berryessa.

Transition vs Devastation
The kokanee will probably go to 60 to 90 feet down as the lake warms up during the next month. Markley Cove will have a kokanee release from their CIFFI pens soon.

No king salmon lately but Troy saw a few about 20 inches long. There are some kings 60-80 feet down at the dam but the 3-4 pound fish were not biting.

The trout are in good shape with some 18 inch rainbows out there. There are a lot of 10-12 inch "truck trout" around (stocked).



lodges, cabins, park models, annual usage sites, RV sites and camping.

The current base infrastructure at Rancho Monticello Resort creates a reasonable opportunity to adapt various business models, allowing for recreational uses according to the guiding documents and public demand. All uses, lodging, cabins, park models, RV sites, camping, as well as many day uses, require the same land development – level and accessible, and the VSP/ROD requires the new concessionaires to utilize existing corridors [roads, etc] whenever possible. Roads, parking lots, sewer and water systems, launch ramps and fuel dispensing allow for a transition to new concessionaires with a reasonable business opportunity for bidders.

As an example, we bid on five resorts, Putah Creek Resort, Rancho Monticello Resort, Lake Berryessa Marina Resort under Lago Resort LLC, which was to be formed if awarded the contract. The underlying concept of plan was inspired by Carneros Inn and Calistoga Ranch, adapted to a more affordable outdoor/recreation environment, with cabin type accommodations, along with RV and camp sites. The proposal was developed and designed by The Dangermond Group. Michele Kaufman Design, leading green designer, prepared the cabin plans for the proposal. A fifty year proforma /financial feasibility study was developed by ERA [Economic Research Associates].

The plan for Rancho Monticello Resort included a new event center, restaurant, café, eco-friendly cabins / park models [80 per year up to 500 cabins], RV sites, and camping. Final determinations would be based on public demand, and would be adaptive throughout the contract. All uses would be short term.

The prospectus did not include a visitors services plan, nor a financial feasibility study, instead it was left up to bidders to develop those items.

Reclamation received only six bids comprised of six bidders responsive to the prospectus. [1] Recreation Del Sol Enterprises, LLC bid on all seven resorts; [2] Pensus Group, LLC bid on six resorts, which included Markley

Cove Resort and excluded Pleasure Cove Resort; [3] Lago Resorts, LLC bid on five resorts, all but Steele Park Resort and Pleasure Cove Resort; [4] Steele Park Resort, Inc [current concessionnaire] bid on their resort; Forever Resorts/Pleasure Cove, LLC [current concessionnaire] bid on Pleasure Cove Resort; Markley Cove Resort/Frazier X10, LLC [current concessionnaire] bid on their resort. Reclamation's representation that there were 21 responsive bids is misleading, the point system in the prospectus forced bidders to bid on multi-concessions to be competitive.

All but Pensus were either current concessionaires - or in the case of Recreation Del Sol [Peter White, Rancho Monticello Resort] prior concessionaires - 5 of 6 bidders wanted and were willing to pay for the improvements - in the case of the awards to Pleasure Cove and Markley Cove, all improvements are incorporated into the redesign of those resorts, whether temporarily or permanently. The recycling of improvements would allow for smooth transition with no interruption of public access. Reclamation purposely chose the one bidder who would take 2 - 5 years [minimum] for public access to resume.

The proposals were submitted on November 16, 2007 with the awards announced on April 2, 2008. The contract for Pleasure Cove Resort was signed on December 23, 2008. March 16, 2009 Reclamation announced that the Pleasure Cove Resort contract was canceled. Pleasure Cove Marina, LLC is the only concessionaire which does not own the majority of their improvements. Pleasure Cove Marina, LLC/Forever Resorts was awarded an interim contract June 1, 2005 to December 1, 2007 – a 30 month interim contract, exceeding Reclamation's policy of a maximum interim contract allowance of 24 months. Further extensions went through December 31, 2008. Now Reclamation is requesting Pleasure Cove Marina, LLC to extend their interim contract until a new award is made, sometime in 2010.

Even though Pete Lucero stated Reclamation does not want the site pads - we have been told we can not

remove them - as with the roads, parking lots, and other land forms / earth works - due to major environmental impacts. Neither Pleasure Cove nor Markley Cove proposed to build a hotel - both are putting in cabins. Now Pleasure Cove and Markley Cove are at risk to remove all of the facilities which Reclamation just approved. If they are not at risk Reclamation has and will rig the bidding.

Reclamation's process and actions have taken away many of the incentives for concessionaires to invest in improvements. The unfair business practices imposed on current concessionaires will weigh heavily on any future bidder / concessionaire.

Rancho Monticello Resort offered to operate under an interim contract in July of 2008, and again in March of 2009. Reclamation has yet to respond to the latest suggestion. With an Interim Contract(s) there could be a logical transition plan – bridging the current concessions with the new concessionaire(s), whoever that might be. There needs to be a sensible resolve which incorporates fair business practices, is financially and environmentally responsible, and is in the public interest.

What is this costing the government? The current concessions were developed and managed for 50 years, at no cost to the government, while creating jobs, commerce, paying franchise fees, while providing access, facilities and services to the public. It should be the continued goal of the government to provide necessary and appropriate facilities and services to the public at reasonable rates, and to avoid interruption of services to the public. Free enterprise is the backbone of America.

It appears that the ultimate goal of Reclamation is to minimize, if not eliminate public access to Lake Berryessa. The managing entity of Lake Berryessa should be working in a partnership with the concessionaires to provide optimum public access. What happens at Lake Berryessa will be carried out across America. The public deserves access to the public lands and waters.

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Fournier had bolted it to the slain deer's head, and had a photo taken with him and the "buck". When confronted, Fournier admitted the deed. "He used epoxy and lag bolts recessed into the rack," said game warden David Gregory."

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