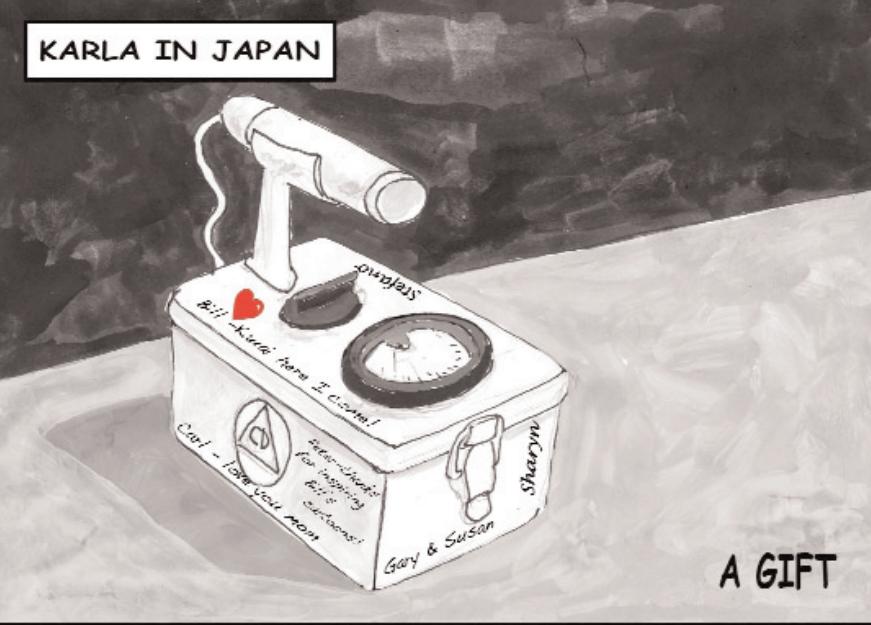


NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Bill's wife, Karla, is in Yokosuka, Japan across the harbor from Tokyo, teaching the children of American service personnel at the large Navy base there. Living through an adventure she didn't expect, her descriptions of the earthquake and aftermath were riveting. Many American families have been evacuated, but Karla is still teaching and working on relief efforts in the evening. The gift above was sent to Karla by Bill with many more signatures of well-wishers. Bill will meet her in Kauai next month for a well-deserved vacation.

These are supposedly actual comments made by police officers that were taken off their car videos:

"You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."

"Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."

"If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

"Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."

"You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"

"Warning! You want a warning? O.K., I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

"The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"

"Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."

"Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."

"In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)

"Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"

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

Lake Berryessa Snowfall Sparks

Pensus Imagination

by Peter Kilkus

The recent snowfall at Lake Berryessa has ignited the imagination of the new Director of Marketing for Pensus Lake Berryessa Properties, LLC (Pensus LBP). Recognizing the value of burgeoning California snow skiing market, as well as the heavy congestion at the Sierra ski resorts, Pensus will construct the first indoor ski hill in California at Manzanita Canyon (former Rancho Monticello).

Modeled on the first class ski resort constructed in the desert country of Dubai, Pensus Ski Berryessa® will operate year round bringing more visitors to the area during the usually quiet winter season. Pensus LBP is rumored to be negotiating with the Monticello Ski Club for a partnership endorsement agreement.

During the winter, the ski hill will cater to skiers who don't wish to be trapped for hours during long drives to the Sierras – and who balk at paying for the present \$90 per day lift tickets at resorts such as Northstar, Squaw Valley, and Heavenly.

Pensus Ski Berryessa® will provide first class winter skiing but will add a special feature for snow boarders during the warm summer months.

From Labor Day through

Memorial Day the ski hill will end in a specially-designed trick half-pipe which will send snowboarders sailing out over Lake Berryessa. This feature will give new meaning to the phrase "launch ramp" and wakeboard clubs are already talking about crossover events such as snowboard-wakeboard "jump and skip" contests where the winners will be judged on the distance of their first jump out of the snow ski complex combined with how many times they can skip their board (like a rock) across the water before sinking (like a rock).

New Technology Transmits More Than Just Inane Nonsense!

By Peter Kilkus

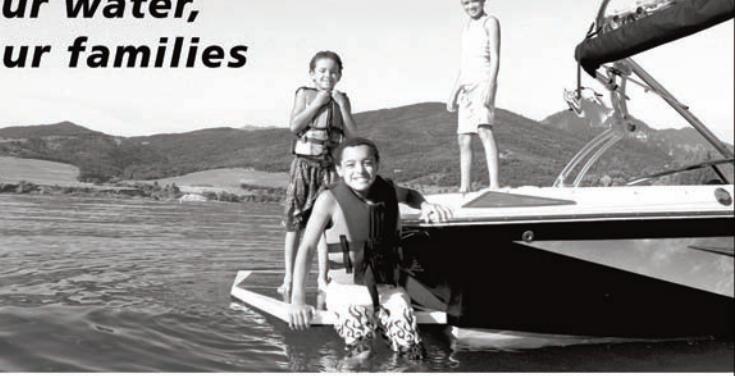
And you thought you only had to worry about getting cancer from your cell phone or PG&E "Smart Meter". But new research leaked from the UC Davis Agricultural Research Department on April 1, 2011 reveals the reason why many virus-based illnesses can now spread so rapidly. Some micro-organisms can now evagulate. They have evolved the ability to interact with biological, mechanical and electronic devices. In effect they can make these devices 'sick' in the same way they make

humans and animals sick. What's even more worrying - they can spread these illnesses through the new technology we all take for granted – from iPhones, iPads, satellite TV - to humans. Although the California Secretary of Health and Human Services avoided calls from the Lake

Berryessa News, Prof. Pilar Lofo Lemonjello of the University of Lake Berryessa has exclusively told the Lake Berryessa News that the research carried out at a secret laboratory inside Goat Island has proven that the virus has mutated to an advanced state.

Fears are spreading within the infectious disease community that this virus can also lower the intelligence levels of some susceptible members of the population. Several studies have linked the decrease in intellectual proficiency to the evolution of this new virus and its transmission through high-

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Plans Canceled for Floating Native American Casino!

Native American attorney, Hadge Ufuidl, confirmed that plans for the Lake Berryessa 50-tribe floating casino, first revealed in last year's April 1st edition of the Lake Berryessa News, have fallen through. Major investor Donald Trump (1/16th Native American) prefers the more boisterous Clear Lake atmosphere.

Camp Berryessa Wins \$1.5 M Grant

Kids in Napa County and nearby areas will have a better chance of sleeping under the stars, watching osprey dive for fish or doing rolls in a kayak, thanks to a \$1.5 million grant that the California Coastal Conservancy awarded today to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to construct an outdoor education camp on the site of the former Boy Scout camp on Putah Creek at the north end of Lake Berryessa.

Last fall the local Mead Foundation awarded a \$50,000 seed grant to the District. The District used this seed grant as local matching funds, which then leveraged the \$1.5 million Coastal Conservancy grant.

The grant will enable the District to construct the first phase of the camp, which will include approximately 30 tent cabins, campfire amphitheater, swimming area, canoes and kayaks, nature trails, and numerous other activity areas. Once the basic camp is up and operating, the District will seek funding to complete the campground by adding a central dining and meeting facility.

Youth and other non-profit community groups using the site will support the camp through discounted user fees and volunteer labor.

Governor Brown Eliminates "S.W.A.G."

Governor Jerry Brown's administration today directed all state agencies and departments to stop spending taxpayer dollars on free giveaway and gift items—such as key chains, coffee mugs and squeeze toys—as part of continuing efforts to cut costs and tackle the state's budget gap.

Camp Berryessa Wins \$1.5 M Grant

"Not a cent of taxpayer money should be spent on flashlights, ashtrays or other unnecessary items, most of which likely end up in landfills," said Governor Brown. "Every taxpayer dollar we save by cutting waste is a dollar that can be used to pay for critical public safety and social services."

A statewide review revealed that from 2007 to 2010 state agencies and departments spent a total of \$7.5 million on items including key chains, squeeze toys, pens, hats, trinkets, shirts, cups and other gift items known colloquially as "S.W.A.G." or "Stuff We All Get."

S.W.A.G Expenditures 2007 - 2010

Business, Transportation & Housing	\$5,088,037.00
State and Consumer Services Agency	\$1,154,960.00
Health and Human Services Agency	\$778,678.00
Department of Food & Agriculture	\$175,530.00
Labor and Workforce Development	\$129,012.00
California Volunteers	\$77,387.00
Environmental Protection Agency	\$48,317.00
Emergency Management Agency	\$41,810.00
Corrections and Rehabilitation	\$12,201.00
Department of Veterans Affairs	\$4,968.00
Total:	\$7,510,900.00

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County Issues RFP for Berryessa Highlands System Operator

The Napa County Board of Supervisors — who also serve as the directors of the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District — issued a request for proposals (RFP) to manage the water and wastewater of the NBRID facilities serving the Berryessa Highlands.

Instead of a gas-sipping engine and hybrid electric drive train, the non-Prius will have a Camry 268 hp V6 engine that roars down the roadway faster than a speeding Focus. Toyota decided that Treehuggers have had it too good for too long and wanted to introduce a car with power but has the appearance of being green.

Expect Toyota also to come out with a non plug-in hybrid Prius as well that looks like a 100 mpg car while only getting about 28 mpg highway. It will have a phony power cord that appears real.

Starbucks Introduces Micra and Plenta

Starbucks plans to announce the introduction of two new beverage sizes on April 1. The announcement follows a year of research and direct customer feedback through MyStarbucksIdea.com requesting even more choice in beverage size.

The request also allows contractors to submit bids hoping to only operate the district's water system, without making — or paying for — improvements.

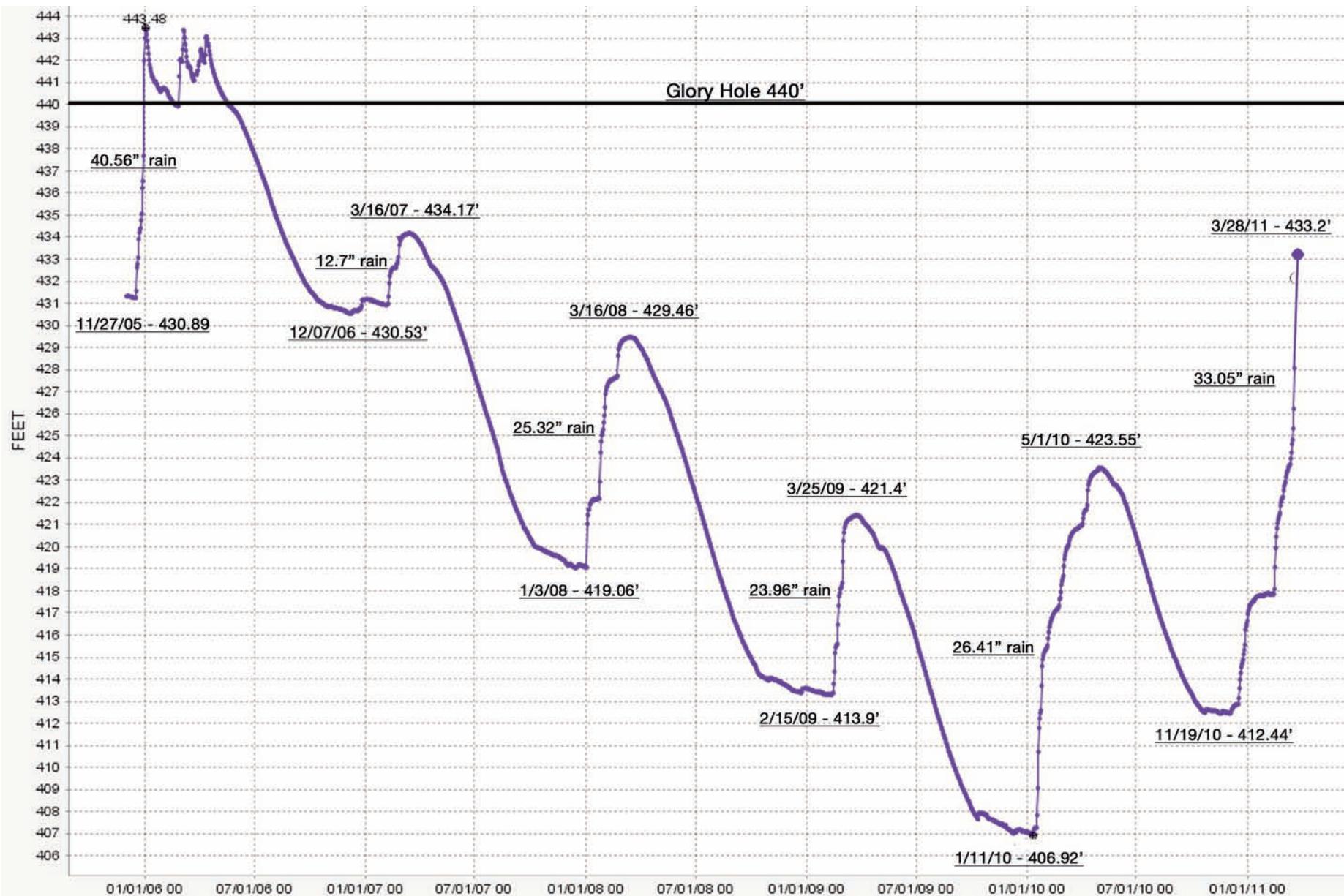
Myke Praul, the former public works director for St. Helena and Yountville, said the operate-only method could not possibly solve the district's problems.

Praul previously has said his proposed "Berryessa Water Company" — a partnership of engineering, construction and management entities — could deliver utility services to the subdivision for much cheaper than is currently provided by the county, and would be responding to the RFP.

The district will be accepting proposals until May 12 and expects to award a contract in early July.

Toyota Announces Non-Hybrid Prius

Toyota has announced a non-hybrid version of its popular and eco-friendly Prius automobile. Toyota has sold over 1 million Prius vehicles to those who want great gas mileage and are concerned about the environment.



Lake Level as of 3/28/11

The new lake level is 433.2' – only 6.8' below Glory Hole – a 5.14' rise in one week. Rainfall this week was 4.6" for a 13.4" rise per inch of rain! The last time the lake was this full was in May, 2007. We only have 2' to go to break the 2007 high water mark of 434.17' on 3/16/07.

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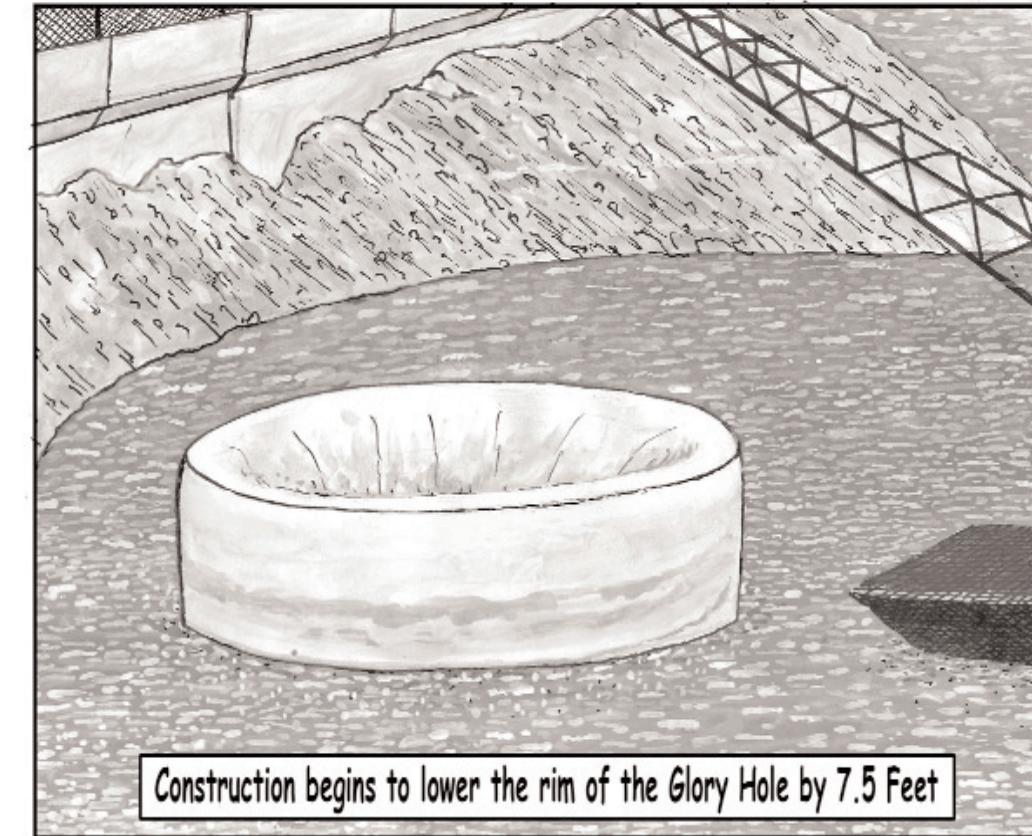
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Flood Waters Roared Over the Unfinished Dam in 1955

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Construction begins to lower the rim of the Glory Hole by 7.5 Feet

The alteration to the Glory Hole depicted above is part of the latest Penus plan for the lake. "We feel that lowering the rim would make overflows a more common event" said a spokesperson. He went on to say, "This would enhance the Glory Hole as a tourist attraction."

The unnamed spokesperson explained the Pensus reasoning, "Everybody loves to watch the water flowing down the Glory Hole. It will put Lake Berryessa on the map. I know that Eye-On the Bay will want to do a show on it."



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Cucina Italiana Again Celebrates the April 1 Holiday with Imagination!

Chef Stefano Gusberti will add some new items to his popular April 1 Italian/Mexican/Chinese fusion menu which last year featured such immediate favorites as his Sweet and Sour Ravioli Nachos and Gnocchi Mole Pesto Poblano. This year he will add his new Italian Sushi rolls - a combination of raw salmon surrounded with a spicy risotto wrapped in a skin of thin sliced prosciutto. Try them out on Friday, April 1, and laugh along with us.

Exciting New Game Fishing Opportunity at Lake Berryessa

By Peter Kilkus

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

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

Blue marlin are possibly the most sought-after marlin species.

Beautiful in form, capable of spectacular fighting ability and having the potential to reach great sizes, blue marlin have inspired and continue to inspire the dedicated pursuit of thousands of anglers.

Adult male Marlin in the open ocean may grow to 300 pounds and 20 feet in length. The new freshwater Lake Berryessa Marlin have been genetically-limited to grow to no more than 30 pounds and 5 feet in length – without losing their fighting prowess and delicate flavor.

The first stocking of this exciting new game fish is scheduled or April 1, 2011. However, there have been several secret tests of the adaptability of a limited number of the new marlin recently. The Lake Berryessa News was able to capture photos of the tests.



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A group of friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck.

"Where's Henry?" the others asked. "Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail," the successful hunter replied.

"You left Henry laying out there and carried the deer back?" they inquired. "A tough call," nodded the hunter. "But I figured no one is going to steal Henry!"

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch.

The Sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head."

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Every time someone says your name, you must respond, "Hot Dogs!!" It'll be good luck.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): On the 15th, you will discover an old Orange Kit-Kat down the side of the sofa. Since this confectionery has now been discontinued, you realize you could make a mint by auctioning it on eBay. As the bids climb higher, you will fantasize about paying off your mortgage, re-doing the kitchen or perhaps buying that yacht you've always wanted. Sadly, midnight munchies strike during the small hours, and before you know what you're doing, the orangey chocolate is in your belly. Your dreams of fiscal security shattered, you resign yourself to a continued life among the proles.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): It's Eat Cake for Dinner Day! Go home and make a mess of your kitchen when baking the cake. Then the clean-up fairy will come. Careful... She might be mad.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You have super-powers from 6am to 6pm. Use them wisely!

Leo (July 23-August 22): If you could buy a ham as big as your own torso, would you go for it? That's the question you'll have to answer on Thursday, when Harry The Hairy Ham-Seller comes round to your home to offer you the largest piece of pig-meat you've seen in your life. Go for it – one can never have too much ham. Unless you die from ham-poisoning – that would be too much.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): At 9 o'clock tonight, go out and sing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star at the top of your lungs. Then a shooting star will fly by and you can make a wish. Watch out though... Don't mistake a star for a rock.

Libra (September 23-October 23): See how long you can go without breathing. Maybe you'll break the world record!

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Sleep with your pajama's inside out and backwards for luck.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): A regrettable encounter with an overly boistrous penguin will land you in hospital this month. The injuries are minor, but your self-esteem will suffer more.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Today you must only hop at work. It is good exercise and it will put you in the spotlight. Everyone will be talking about you!!

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Marmalade is unlucky for you this month, so you should steer clear of breakfast unless you're feeling courageous. Otherwise, the outlook for Aquarius is generally positive – money, romance, fame, yadda yadda yadda. But seriously, stay clear of the marmalade.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): An onion the size of a small dog features in your stars this week. It may mean that you need to peel back the onion-like layers of your personality to uncover the "real" you, or perhaps that you will shed tears (like when you chop an onion) this month.

A man down South had a flat tire and pulled off on the side of the road where he proceeded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait.

A passerby studied the scene as he drove by and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was.

The man replied, "I have a flat tire."

The passerby asked, "But what's with the flowers?"

The man responded, "When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. I never did understand it neither."

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This is an old redneck joke, but it's still one of the funniest:

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"Got any ID?"

The driver replied, "Bout whut?"

On April 1 The Handmade Store Celebrates 10 Years of Arts & Crafts

It was April 1, 2001 when The Handmade Store first opened its doors in the Spanish Flat Village



Center. No April fooling!

Proprietor Christine Roussopolous had spent many hours at home crafting homemade gifts and treats for family and friends. Her collection of homemade goodies continued to grow. Christine's family and friends encouraged her to share her gift at artistry and homemade cooking with others.

The first year was a great success. Many local crafters joined the Handmade Store presenting their collections of crafts and artistry for sale. The store continued to grow and blossom.

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In 2003, Christine became the bookkeeper for Spanish Flat Boat Storage, just blocks away from The Handmade Store and Spanish Flat Village Center. After almost 2 years of popping back and forth between the two locations, it seemed to make sense to Christine to move The Handmade Store into the open office space at Spanish Flat Storage.

Almost 18 months later, Christine realized she had made a big mistake. Although the boat storage was so close to the original location of The Handmade Store, no one was coming by any more. In 2006 The Handmade Store made the move back to Spanish Flat Village Center, where it still resides.

Later in 2006, Christine was given an opportunity to live another dream - to open a restaurant. The former home of Spanish Flat Inn was vacant and in need of a new owner. Christine, an avid cook of Spanish Cuisine, was delighted at the prospect, but knew she could not run two businesses alone. Christine sought help from two longtime friends Donna Del Bondio and Kathy Riggins.

Donna, a longtime local and an artist herself, stepped into join Christine at The Handmade Store. Kathy, Christine's friend since childhood, became her partner at the new restaurant, soon to become Spanish Flat Cantina. Christine was the cook, and Kathy would run the front of the house.

As the restaurant was being prepared for opening, Donna took the reins at The Handmade Store. Donna, along with her beautiful collections of handmade jewelry and artistry, brought The Handmade Store back to life once again at Spanish Flat Village

Center.

Spanish Flat Cantina opened, The Handmade Store was doing well, and Christine was on cloud nine. However, as with so many businesses, the economic times were a struggle for both stores. After less than 3 years, Spanish Flat Cantina had to shut its doors.

Thanks to Donna, The Handmade Store continues to blossom. The inventory is ever changing, with collections of one of a kind items, antiques, handmade jewelry, art work and so much more. Running a business in a small community like Lake Berryessa takes a lot of hard work and support from the local community. Spanish Flat Village Center is home to several other businesses to include Cucina Italiana Restaurant, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli, California Outdoor Properties, and the Monticello History Exhibit, all owned and operated by local residents.

Many people thought Christine was playing an April Fool's joke on herself when she opened a business at Lake Berryessa on April Fool's Day 10 years ago. But it looks like the joke's on them. Lake Berryessa and The Handmade Store are still here.

Please join the whole team of The Handmade Store, on Saturday April 2nd, 2011, to celebrate a decade of hard work and dedication. The Handmade Store will be open front 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Refreshments for everyone! Free Gypsy Vanner Horse rides and information in the parking lot provided by Gypsy Station. Happy 10th anniversary to The Handmade Store.

The Lake Berryessa News Launches Revolutionary Globule Social Network

By Peter Kilkus

Although millions of young, tech-savvy professionals, as well as grandparents, kids, and the socially-inept, already use services like Facebook and Twitter to keep in constant touch with "friends", The Lake Berryessa News is launching new social networking platform called Globule.

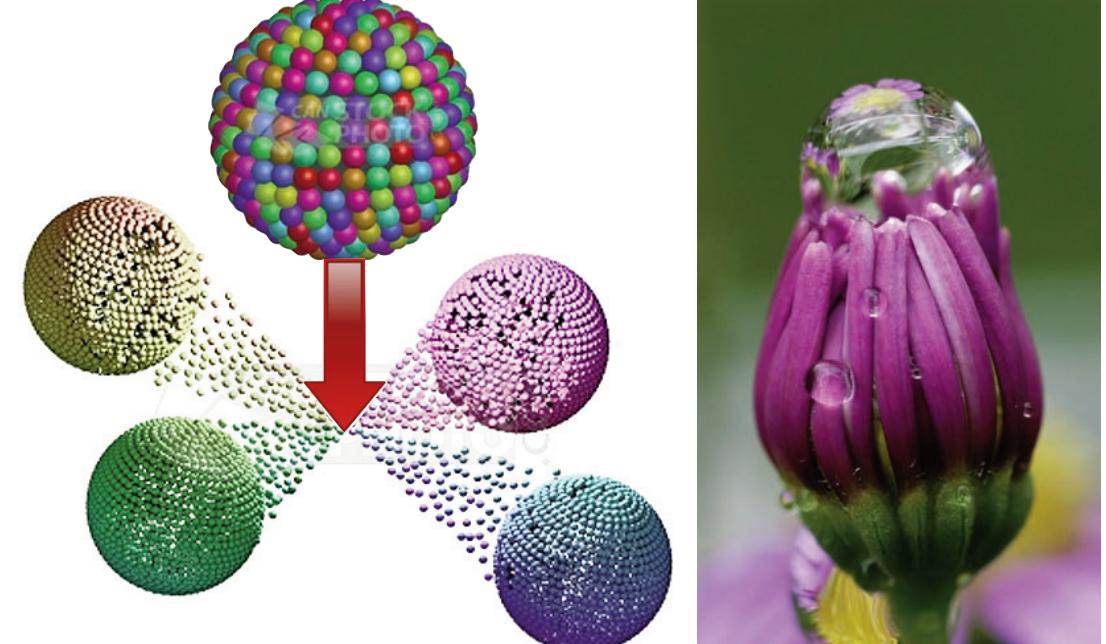
The impetus for the creation of Globule is that Facebook has been revealed to be a Department of Defense data mining scheme run by the CIA and D.A.R.P.A. Facebook was initially conceived by Mark Zuckerberg, but the venture was first funded with \$500,000 in capital from PayPal founder Peter Thiel, with millions more from sources with close ties to D.A.R.P.A., the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Defense.

Another reason for the creation of Globule is that many people are facing "friending-fatigue". They believe that everyone wants to know what they're doing and thinking every minute of the day. Living up to that responsibility becomes tiring at some point.

Globule solves both problems through a few simple software programs and electronic modules. Globule can be thought of as an electronic version of something that's round and squishy which sticks to anything it touches. Now your "friends" will always know your status -even though they may not actually want to.

Pictured below is an artist's conception of the Globule social networking interaction with the individual at its center. The Globule flower logo encapsulates the core concept of the beauty of the globule that is YOU!

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It also solves the CIA problem because even they won't want to know that much about you! Apple has already licensed iGlob for its products. The first demonstration of this revolutionary new "stickyfriend" system will be given on Friday, April 1, 2011 at Cucina Italiana in the Spanish Flat Village Center at Lake Berryessa.

Editor's note: Globule should not be confused with its competitor product, Loogie. Although based on somewhat the same business model and using glob in its definition, Loogie is a less sophisticated "push" product analogous to a large slimy glob of spit, mixed with nose snot, that is formed by coughing up and hocking what's in your throat.

The amused stranger inquired, "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

The owner responded, "Because, before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

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Upon entering a small country store, a stranger noticed a sign saying DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG! posted on the glass door. Inside a harmless old hound dog was asleep on the floor besides the cash register.

He asked the store manager, "Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?" "Yep, that's him," he replied.

The amused stranger inquired, "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

The owner responded, "Because, before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

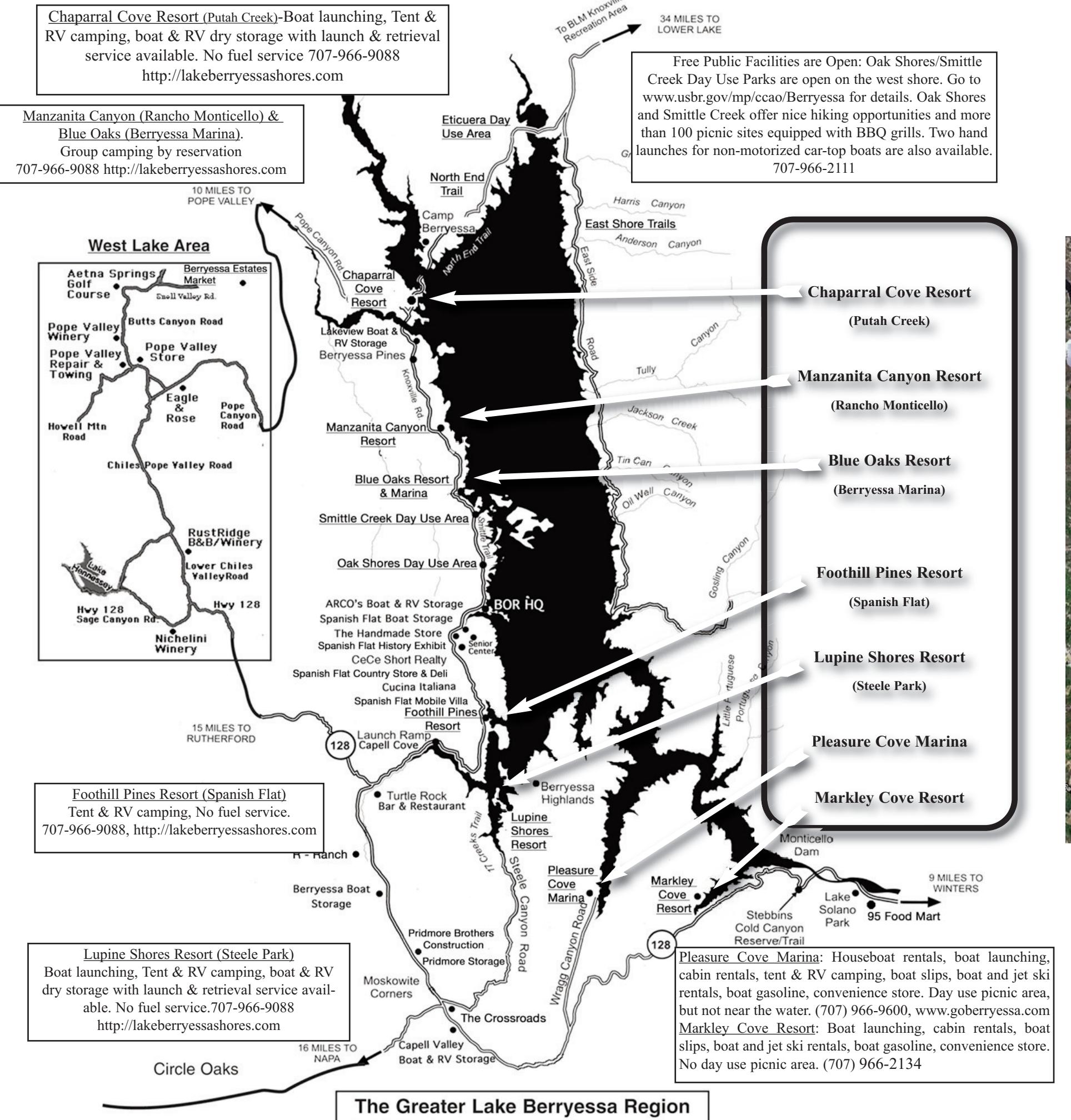
Man sitting at home on the veranda with his wife and he says, "I love you." She asks, "Is that you or the beer talking?" He replies, "It's me.....talking to the beer."

Husband Down

A husband and wife are shopping in their local Wal-Mart. The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in their cart. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife. "They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans" he replies.

"Put them back, we can't afford them" demands the wife, and so they carry on shopping. A few aisles further on along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband.

"It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife. Her husband retorts: "So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price." He never knew what hit him.



Lake Berryessa News Introduces New Weather Radar & Fish Finder

By Peter Kilkus

Using an experimental new radar tower located in the Berryessa Highlands, The Lake Berryessa News is working with the California Department of Fish and Game to test a radical new technology. But the system goes far beyond typical weather radar systems familiar to television viewers and web site users. I reported in the previous

issue of The Lake Berryessa News that DF&G is now stocking triploid rainbow trout in the lake. Not only are the trout sterile and able to grow to large sizes, but each fish has been tagged with the new passive radio frequency identification chip (RFID).

RFID makes it possible to give each fish in a lake its own unique identifying number. The latest passive RFID tags do not need a battery and can be read from longer distances. Passive RFID

tags require an external electromagnetic field, such as the weather radar beam sweeping across the surface of the lake, to initiate a signal transmission. The RFID tags then transmit a simple low-power signal identifying the location and size of each fish.

The primary receiving tower will be situated at the highest point on Big Island and will be sensitive enough to detect a signal from the main body of Lake Berryessa. Additional towers will expand coverage into the Narrows and Monticello Dam.

The system is scheduled to begin trials on Friday, April 1. A sample of a test run is shown in the photo. The small fish symbols are a bit hard to see, but they seem to be heading for the west shore of the lake. A larger version of this image is on the Lake Berryessa News web site.

This method of tracking is for scientific use and will not be available to anglers who must continue to use fish finders.



Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

11.8 Miles - Winters to Markley Cove

8.3 Miles - Markley Cove to Moskowitz Corners

20.1 Miles - Winters to Moskowitz Corners

4.7 Miles - Moskowitz Corners to Turtle Rock

13.0 Miles - Moskowitz Corners to Napa

3.2 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Hwy 128 to Pope Valley Rd.

8.5 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Pope Valley Rd. to Pope Valley

5.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Spanish Flat Village Center

7.4 Miles - Turtle Rock to Oak Shores Park

3.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Lower Chiles Valley Rd.

An April 1 Manifesto: The Elements of Critical Thinking Critical Thinking is the Basis for Human Civilization

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

All reasoning has a purpose.

-Take time to state your purpose clearly.

-Distinguish your purpose from related purposes.

-Check periodically to be sure you are still on target.

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

-Take time to clearly and precisely state the question at issue.

-Express the question in several ways to clarify its meaning and scope.

-Break the question into sub questions.

-Identify if the question has one right answer or is a matter of opinion.

All reasoning is based on assumptions.

-Clearly identify your assumptions and determine whether they are justifiable.

-Consider how your assumptions are shaping your point of view.

All reasoning is done from some point of view.

-Identify your point of view.

-Seek other points of view and identify their strengths as well as weaknesses.

-Strive to be fair-minded in evaluating all points of view.

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

-Restrict your claims to those supported by the data you have.

-Consider information that opposes your position as well as what supports it.

-Make sure that all information used is clear, accurate, and relevant.

-Make sure you have gathered sufficient information.

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

-Identify key concepts and explain them clearly.

-Consider alternative concepts or alternative definitions to concepts.

-Make sure you are using concepts with care and precision.

All reasoning contains inferences by which we draw conclusions.

-Infer only what the evidence implies.

-Check inferences for their consistency with each other.

-Identify assumptions that lead you to your inferences.

All reasoning leads somewhere, has implications and consequences.

-Trace the implications and consequences that follow from your reasoning.

-Search for negative as well as positive implications.

-Consider all possible consequences.

D-Q: A Ghost Town University?

For many years I've driven past a set of institutional buildings standing out in the middle of a farm field on Hwy 128 between Winters and Davis. I've always wondered about them – and maybe you have too. Friends in Winters had told me it was an old Native American school, but I was surprised to find out more about its long history – and that of the site itself.

D-Q University was a two-year college located on Road 31. The school closed due to loss of accreditation, declining enrollment, and alleged financial mismanagement.

The full name of the school is Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University. According to Iroquois leaders, use of the spelled-out name of the university can be offensive because the first part of the name should be used only in an appropriate spiritual context. Therefore, it is usually referred to as D-Q University to avoid offense. Iroquois tribal members, in certain circumstances, may use the full name.

The purpose of D-Q University was to provide alternative ideas and methods of education to Native American people. Among its goals were the preservation and re-institutionalization of traditional Native American values, the perpetuation and exercise of Native American religion and beliefs, the establishment of a Native American Research Institute, the development of field-based educational delivery systems to Native Americans who could not attend the school itself, and the maintenance of social and personal support systems for D-Q students and staff.

Founded in 1971, D-Q was the only all-Native American college in California and faced severe financial and accreditation issues. The school was one of the first six tribal colleges in the United States, all of which were founded between 1968 and 1972. Those six colleges created the American Indian Higher Education Consortium in 1972. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes 34 tribal colleges, the majority of which are two-year institutions.

The site of D-Q was previously

used as a United States Army communications facility, known at various times as the Sacramento Valley Radio Transmitting Station; West Coast Relay and Transmitter Station; U.S. Army West Coast Relay and Radio Transmitting Station; and the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command - CONUS, Davis California, Facility. The site was also used at one time by the Department of the Army, Signal Corps, to support the Signal Corps Radio Station WVV.

After the federal government decommissioned the site, the organizers of the school applied to use it, based on a law which required surplus federal land to be returned to Native Americans. The application was initially denied, but after a series of protests, the University of California withdrew its application to use the site for its Native American Studies program and a primate lab, and D-Q University was conditionally granted the land in 1970.

The school opened in 1971, and obtained accreditation in 1977, but lost it in 2005, after which it closed. However, disputes among the board of trustees were settled in a lawsuit, which resulted in the re-opening of D-Q University later that year. Declining enrollment and lack of funds led the board to dismiss the president in June 2006.

While formal classes are not currently being held, elders and teachers have occupied the University grounds despite Board and police pressures to vacate the land. During several instances in 2008, students and supporters were arrested for occupying the grounds.

The school's community continues in hosting community events, such as powwows, as recently as April 2009, including presenting an indigenous permaculture course and other cultural classes.

D-Q University in September 2010, in conjunction with the Regenerative Design Institute hosted a Permaculture Design Course, during which time Native Americans and non-Natives collaborated on site development proposals.

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Strange Southern Phrases

- Well that just dills my pickle!
- That's about as useful as a trap door on a canoe!
- I'm finer than frog hair split four ways.
- If you don't stop I'll knock you in the head and tell God you died.
- He couldn't carry a tune in a bucket.
- She was so tall if she fell down she would be halfway home.
- He was as mad as a mule chewing on bumblebees!
- You're lyin' like a no-legged dog!
- Hell, she could even depress the devil.
- You could start an argument in an empty house.
- You look as happy as a dead pig in the sunshine.
- He'd gripe with a ham under each arm.
- Each one of his sermons is better than the next!
- He's so windy he could blow up an onion sack!
- She's resting in peace in the marble orchard.
- He's about as handy as a back pocket on a shirt.
- She's so clumsy she could trip over a cordless phone!
- He's about as useful as a pogo stick in quicksand.
- Well tie me to a pig and role me in the mud!
- Well tie me to an anthill and fill my ears with jam!
- The engine's runnin' but nobody's driving.
- If his brains were dynamite, he couldn't blow his nose
- He's so dumb, he could throw himself on the ground and miss.
- He's acting crazier than a sprayed roach!
- You've got champagne taste with a beer pocketbook.
- It's so dry the trees are bribing the dogs.
- He is so ugly that my mother had to tie pork chops to his ears so the dog would play with him.



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Happy Easter: Spirits Rise as Lake Berryessa Fills!**A WILD STORY of Easter in the Berryessa Highlands**

As experienced by Ruth Spiteri (co-founder of the Berryessa Senior Center). Written by Jane Dahl in collaboration with Ruth Spiteri (circa 1980s). Edited by Bette Maron (2011)

How it all began

It began on an Easter Sunday. As had been the habit of these three guys, John who lived up the hill on Poppy Lane and Bob who lived just below Rimrock on Steele Canyon, each emerged from their homes to meet at the house of another of the friends, also named John, on Steele Canyon for their morning coffee – or whatever. However, before Bob got far he thought he saw a dead jackrabbit lying in his yard that his dog must've killed. He figured he'd clean it up later after he got back from the guys.

In fact, when he did return, he found that what he had seen was a newborn fawn. No mother had come to retrieve what now appeared to be an orphan.

Bob knew that if it were to survive, someone would have to step in. That's when he brought it to his friends Ruth and Charlie who lived up on Rimrock. Ruth, unable to take her eyes off the shivering but beautiful little creature in his arms asked, "But what about its mother?"

Bob said, "Something must have happened to her. I searched all around but there was no doe in sight." Ruth replied, "I'll call Fish and Game. They'll know what to do."

Meanwhile, she shooed Molly, her Siamese, from her bed and tucked the fawn into the still warm impression. And then she and Charlie carried the basket down the hall to the quiet seclusion of a spare bedroom.

Babe, their wired haired retriever, rubbed her shaggy body against Ruth's leg. She then reached her nose into the basket and sniffed. Back snapped her head like a recoiling rifle! She was no stranger to the scent of deer, often crisscrossing their trails on her runs across the hillsides. But she had never before come across that scent inside her own home.

After a quick recovery, Babe reached out a wet, warm tongue and licked the fawn's face and for the remainder of the day Babe stayed at the fawn's side. Not even the aroma of roast lamb sizzling in the oven for Easter dinner could entice her away.

Babe becomes a mother

Fish and Game told them they would need powdered goat's milk and a livestock nursing nipple. They tried to feed the fawn some water, but it refused to drink. She only seemed to welcome an occasional damp lick from Babe. After their company left that evening, they stood gazing down at the pathetic looking little orphan – fragile, tiny and lifeless.

Charlie said, "I don't think it's going to make it, Ruth." "We'll just have to wait and see," she answered, but she was afraid he was right.

The next morning they came downstairs dreading what might await them. But there stood the fawn in Molly's basket looking every bit like a porcelain statue! They had silently worried about possible injury, but its body appeared to be perfect.

Charlie kept watch on the menagerie. Ruth hurried to the feed store in Napa and purchased the supplies needed to feed the new arrival.

As soon as she returned she prepared a formula of powdered goat's milk and warm water, poured two ounces each into six soft drink bottles, and fastened

a two inch black livestock nipple to one. Then she wrapped the fawn in a soft blanket, sat down in my chair with it cuddled in her arms, and held the nipple to its mouth. It refused to eat! "Nothing is ever easy."

They took it outside, feeling it would feel more at ease in its natural habitat. They set the fawn down and stood back to admire it. It looked like a soft, stuffed toy. Its coat was golden beige with white spots and dark brown markings. Its legs were no bigger around than Charlie's thumb. All at once Babe stepped forward and began to lick the bony hindquarters. After several minutes of licking, the fawn's bodily functions began to operate.

Ruth was so encouraged that she offered it the bottle again. This time it almost sucked it out of her hand! If it hadn't been for Babe, the fawn never would have survived. The humans never would have thought to massage it. The licking stimulated its circulation. Babe had instinctively known what to do, even though the fawn was of a different species.

Raising the fawn named Easter

During the next several days they were as busy as any household with a newborn baby, except that there were no relatives or neighbors to lend an experienced hand. Instead, they called the Animal Control Shelter, the Humane Society, and the Agricultural Department at the University of California at Davis. But even they could not give any substantial help or advice. Certainly none of them offered to take the fawn off their hands.

They did, however, lecture them against taking a wild animal from the wild. Although they saw the wisdom in what they said, they knew in their hearts that if they hadn't taken the fawn into their home, it most certainly



Actual photo of Babe & Easter would have died -- either from exposure or from some other animal.

They determined that the fawn was a little doe and decided to name her Easter, since she probably had been born that Easter Sunday morning she was brought to them.

Just as new parents wonder how they ever got along without their new baby, they, too, were soon captivated by this little two and a half pound bundle of liveliness, inquisitiveness, and affection. Not having been with her own mother long enough to form a bond, she quickly chose Babe to fill that role. Babe, who had been a spinster, delighted in finally becoming a mother, and she was protective to a fault.

Babe had always been friendly to neighbors and their pets, but now she stationed herself on the driveway whenever Easter was outside. She would not allow another animal to come on the property. She would have taken on a bobcat or bear to protect her "baby." Molly, the Siamese cat, on the other hand, suffered from a bad case of "nose-out-of joint," and reacted by completely ignoring Easter. They gave Molly back her bed, but it was awhile before she condescended to sleep in it again.

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It's just like having a new baby in the house!

As the weeks passed, they spent more and more of their time and energy on Easter's care. They were going through many of the same trials and tribulations as parents of human babies: nighttime feedings, making formula, diarrhea.

Then, when Easter was just two months old, Ruth left Charlie in charge while she made a quick trip to Oregon. Before leaving, she prepared fifteen bottles of formula. When she returned the fifteen bottles were still in the refrigerator. Easter had refused to take her bottle from Charlie.

"You mean she hasn't eaten in three days?" she asked, shocked that the frolicking fawn had been on a hunger strike.

"Sure she's eaten. I fed her Gerber's baby cereal from a dish out on the deck", Charlie assured her. What a relief! They never had to prepare formula again.

It didn't take long for word of the new arrival to reach beyond their family and neighborhood. Easter soon was a celebrity! When she went outside alone, she stayed in the fenced back yard. But when they were with her, they let her romp in the front yard. People would drive up in their cars to watch. One day, a small child exclaimed, "Mama, look, it's Bambi!"

And it wasn't only humans who were fascinated by this wee fawn with the red knitted collar. She also drew an audience from the wild deer population.

Does with their young would come up to the fence and stare at her which started an avalanche of does, fawns, and bucks that came into their front yard during the next five years. The number grew until they were feeding up to twenty-six at a time. Neighbors brought bags of leftover

vegetables and fruit, and a local bakery donated bread.

As interested as the wild deer seemed to be in her and she in them, they never tried to infiltrate Easter into one of these wild deer families. They had seen several other orphaned fawns rejected and chased away when they tried to find a family to belong to. These little loners had a rough time learning to make it on their own, struggling over the rough terrain, fighting the elements, and never having the security and companionship of belonging. They didn't want Easter to suffer that kind of trauma.

Besides, she was too much a part of their lives now to let her go. Oh, they were aware that when she was fully-grown and mature, the call of the wild would be irresistible. Then they would have to let her go. In the meantime, they would enjoy her, and enjoy her they did. And no one more than Babe.

Mother and child; that is dog and fawn

Babe fussed over Easter as if she were her very own and only child. They wandered around the yard, shared meals together, and stretched out on Babe's rug in front of the fireplace together. Babe groomed Easter several times a day, nibbling at the stickers in Easter's coat picked up on their excursions into the yard. Babe's long coat was always sprinkled with the pesky things, too. She would stretch and twist and strain to lick at the ones caught in hard to reach places.

One evening they watched the two of them on Babe's rug. Easter, her spots finally completely faded, was enjoying a thorough grooming by Babe. When Babe was convinced she had licked all of the stickers from Easter's coat, she laid down beside her. All at once Easter got up and

stood over Babe. Then, almost shyly at first, she began to lick and nibble away the stickers from Babe's coat. You could almost hear Babe sigh with relief!

People taken by surprise

As "famous" as Easter had become, not everyone, including me, had heard about her. The first I ever saw her, I was driving up Steele Canyon on the way home when I glanced over and saw Ruth walking her dogs. On closer look, the one I thought was a Doberman was no dog. I was flabbergasted to see that Ruth was walking a deer with her dog.

A new couple in the area also was taken unawares. They had an appointment with Charlie, who was a member of the architectural control committee of the property owners' association. When they arrived, Charlie was still upstairs, so Ruth invited them to sit down in the living room.

At the time, she had been on the way to the backdoor to call Easter in from the yard. She thought she should inquire first if it were OK since some people are afraid of wild animals in so small and confined an area. She asked,

"Do you mind if I call my deer in?" The woman looked rather puzzled by the question, but smiled and said, "Of course not."

Ruth went out onto the back porch and opened the door where Easter stood waiting. Almost fully-grown and pretty well filling the doorway, Easter strolled into the living room.

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Tri-Color Blackbirds Gone Missing in Pope Valley?

Phil Burton of Pope Valley asks readers to report any sightings of the Tri-Color Blackbird. "I do some volunteer work for the Audubon Society and last weekend was our bi-annual Tri-Color Blackbird count. At this time of year, they form colonies in tules and cattails for nesting. They're only found in California and they've been declining for years. Two years ago we found more than 600 in Pope Valley. This year we found none."

I spent half the day Saturday looking at the historic sites and didn't see a single bird. I have a bad feeling that they may be gone. Over in the Central Valley, there are still some, but on this side of the lake???????

The females are pretty drab but the males look just like a "regular" Red-Winged Blackbird BUT they have an obvious white stripe next to the red. And, as I said, this time of year they are found in groups."

Phil asks that you email him at phil@barrelbuilders.com with any sightings with the date, location, and a guesstimate of how many.

Napa's Ag Revenues Down in 2010

Napa's agricultural output was valued at more than \$461 million in 2010, down roughly 8 percent, more than \$40 million less than values measured in 2009. Rough market conditions for Napa's top crop, premium wine, were the primary cause of the declining values.

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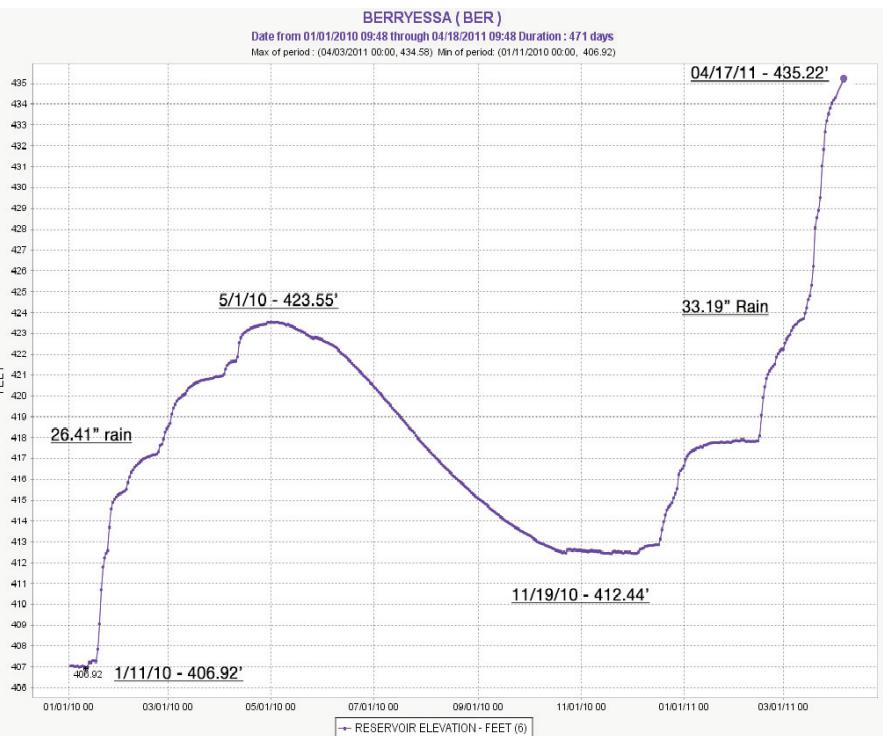


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Dam Level Update as of Monday, 4/18/11

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl).
Lake Berryessa has had **33.19** inches of rain since July 1, 2010.
The water is now **4.78** feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
3/28/11	433.54	0.01	54	36	0.03
3/29/11	433.82	0.04	65	37	0.00
3/30/11	434.05	0.10	71	42	0.00
3/31/11	434.19	0.16	82	47	0.00
4/1/11	434.31	0.16	82	45	0.00
4/2/11	434.46	0.13	79	49	0.00
4/3/11	434.58	0.17	75	39	0.00
4/4/11	434.66	0.21	69	39	0.00
4/5/11	434.75	0.15	75	39	0.00
4/6/11	434.84	0.15	75	43	0.00
4/7/11	434.87	0.20	74	42	0.00
4/8/11	434.92	0.04	58	31	0.11
4/9/11	434.99	0.10	58	32	0.00
4/10/11	435.03	0.12	67	34	0.00
4/11/11	435.08	0.17	69	38	0.00
4/12/11	435.11	0.17	68	38	0.00
4/13/11	435.13	0.11	70	39	0.00
4/14/11	435.14	0.17	65	36	0.00
4/15/11	435.17	0.10	64	38	0.00
4/16/11	435.18	0.12	74	46	0.00
4/17/11	435.22	0.12	81	49	0.00



2nd Annual Helping Hands Event

The Community Church of Lake Berryessa will be holding its second annual Helping Hands Charity Event on Saturday, May 7. Proceeds from the different activities will go to help start up and maintain the Capell Valley Community Garden. In the event that the Capell Valley Community Center comes to fruition, half of the funds raised will be earmarked for that project.

The event starts at 10:00 am and concludes at 4:00 pm. We will have a bake sale, car wash, and food will be available for sale. We will also be having an old-fashioned rummage sale.

Community members can rent a 10' by 10' space for just \$25. Participants keep their profits and take their left over items with them. This is an excellent opportunity to do some spring cleaning and earn some extra cash at the same time. Space is limited, so call now to reserve your spot.

A Grand Prix (think pinewood derby) event will also be held involving our AWANA Children's Ministry and any other local kids who would like to participate. There is also an adult class for those men and women who are young at heart or perhaps just a little competitive. We are selling the unassembled car kits for \$5.00.

At last year's event we raised over \$800 which was split between two orphanages in Haiti.

For information contact Terri Lee at the church phone 707-252-4488. The event will be held in the church parking lot which is located at Moskowite Corners, 6008 Steele Canyon Road.

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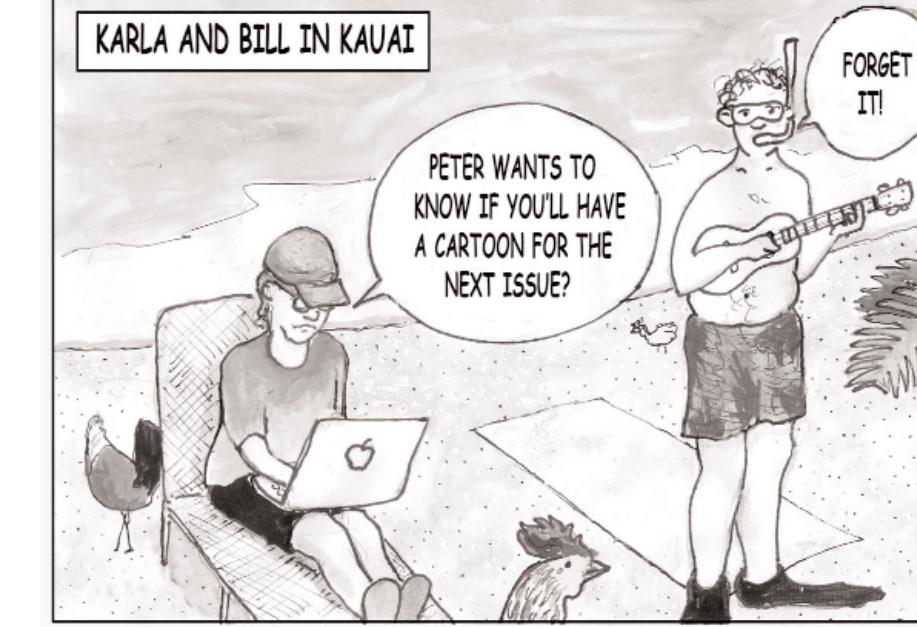
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Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

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Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Q: Why do ships and aircraft in trouble use 'mayday' as their call for help?

A: This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' –and is pronounced 'mayday.'

Q: Why do people say it's raining cats and dogs?

A: The meaning comes from the days of the old thatched roofs in European country folk. During days of heavy rain, the thatched roofs would settle and knock the cats or dogs that took shelter in them out and they would fall down into the living quarters of the home.

There was an additional meaning to this which has to do with the howling of wind caused by the downward speed of heavy rain through old fashioned gutters on buildings. It was said to sound like cats and dogs. (Both have European origins)

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They're using the triathlon as an opportunity to raise money for the Community Church of Lake Berryessa (CCLB) Scholarship Fund. The church would like to offer more than one scholarship this year because there are quite a few graduating high school seniors in the Lake Berryessa area. If you'd like to support "The Boys" and help them raise money for the CCLB Scholarship Fund, please consider a minimum \$5.00 donation ... you only have to pay if the person you're pledging to completes the event.

There are a number of pledge sheets out and about in the community, or you can call the church at 252-4488 to make a pledge. Please leave your name and phone number and let us know which of the Berryessa Boys you'd like to sponsor. Your donation is tax deductible.

Dirk and Pastor Bob have been training for many weeks. They would love to have you cheering them as they cross the finish line at Oak Shores. We hope to see you there!



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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Don't let people tell you that you can't be anything you want in life. Surgical techniques and gene-grafting will soon allow anyone to assume giraffe form.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Somehow you always thought that when you got to a certain age the clothes would be a lot better.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Life may be a series of small and inevitable defeats culminating in death, but look at it this way: You won't have to put up with as much of it as most people.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You will soon get a nicer job selling higher-quality sweatpants to a somewhat better class of people.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You'll finally start to get calls about that invisible hovercraft you have for sale when the CIA declassifies thousands of previously classified ads.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): You will be celebrated and vilified in equal measure when you scientifically determine the exact point at which a cute kitten becomes a full-grown cat and starts to suck.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You awoke this morning a young man without a care in the world, but due to cosmic events beyond your control, you'll end the day as the oldest woman ever inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Although you are firmly convinced there are some things that mankind was just not meant to know, you're not exactly sure how you're supposed to be able to tell what they are.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): The Parandrus, an antlered, hairy, cloven-hoofed beast the size of an ox and notable for its ill temper and foul breath, was thought to be mythical until people got a load of you.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You'll be taken aback this week by the news that your life story has been changed from a lightweight romantic comedy to a lengthy and detailed police procedural.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Pluto rising in your sign indicates trouble in your work life, which is problematic because, well, for astronomical reasons, Pluto will be rising in your sign for the next 87 years.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Your pastor will continue to be a great source of spiritual strength and comfort to you despite your protests. .

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Our old friend and great friend of Lake Berryessa, Sid Silberberg, has been missing from these pages for awhile. He's been fishing Discovery Bay lately, but here he predicts great fishing for Lake Berryessa.

Fishing With Sid

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Pope Valley: Now and Then

by Jeff Warren

I wonder how many people who visit the Napa Valley realize that it is actually made up of 97 little valleys? Yes. The United States Geological Survey lists 97 valleys or canyons. Take away the 73 named canyons and you still get 24 separate valleys and that's not counting Chiles Valley, which they consider an area, not a valley. Go figure.

Each valley has its own microclimate — its own soils. We grew up in Conn Valley, which has a decidedly different climate than Wooden Valley or Foss Valley. Grapes thrive in some valleys and do less well in others. Water is generally scarcer in the sub-valleys than in the volcanic hillsides. Each valley has its own personality, but none can lay a glove on Pope Valley in the springtime.

For a few weeks each spring, Pope Valley is carpeted in green and sprinkled with thousands upon thousands of wildflowers. It is a bike rider's paradise, flat, cool, breathtakingly beautiful. Whereas Napa Valley proper was originally settled by German and Italian immigrants, Pope Valley was settled by mostly Scotch-Irish who crossed the plains with the first wagon trains led by larger-than-life guides like Jim Bridger and Joel Walker. The early settlers were tough and generous. Lynn Webber chronicles how they were the first to go up into the Sierras to help rescue the Donner Party. In fact, a few of the 900 residents in Pope Valley can claim Donner Party descendants.

In 1873 Aetna Springs started stirring. The golf course (built in 1893) used to claim to be the first one built west of the Mississippi, but others dispute that. Lance Armstrong has pedaled yearly past Jeff Paraday's garage and Hendrick's quaint store while competing in the Tour de California. One used to see small private planes landing daily at Usibelli's air field. When we were young, a special treat was if my parents would drive us out to Usibelli's restaurant (now defunct) for the best steak in the Valley. If we got there early enough we could watch the planes land and take off.

In the late '70s there was quite an active skydiving club. The Internet is filled with nostalgic memories of folks who jumped there. They call it the best DZ (drop zone) in the world. One said, "The airport was once the world's largest parachute training facility during World War II."

As everyone knows, Litto's Hubcap Ranch is in the Guinness Book of World Records. Only in Pope Valley could one man's fetish for hubcaps become a nationally renowned work of art. Classic.

The Lake Luciana project has been a hotbed of political debate. It has split Pope Valley. We remember when Butte Oil owned the ranch and its 5,000-acre-foot lake. Back in the late '80s the county (as only bureaucratic government can do) decided it would consider a "tree ordinance." Rather than wait for the county's findings — and fearful that they (or future land owners) wouldn't be allowed to cut trees and plant grapes — in one weekend Butte Oil slaughtered hundreds of oak trees that had been there since before 1776. They lay like dead soldiers on a battle field. It was an ecological Antietam.

But our fondest memories of Pope Valley were Easter weekend. The annual Easter egg hunt at Wally's was one for the books. Dozens of families would arrive bringing food, wine and beer, and the kids would fan out and climb a knoll laden with Easter eggs under the wildflowers.

As the kids got older, the "egg hunt" turned into "Rocket Day," where Ronnie and a group of crazed, amateur Werner Van Brauns would test their rockets and send them soaring 1,500 feet in the air, and then they'd parachute gently to the ground. The youngest kids would scurry to retrieve them while the older ones popped clutches and ground gears trying to figure how to drive a stick shift. Barry would bring his 50-millimeter machine gun and his armored personnel carrier (on tracks). The budding teens would jump in the four-wheelers, jeeps and trucks, and drive around the ranch — learning the skills they would need when they became of age.

Cowboy hats and boots dominated. It looked like a scene from "Oklahoma." Instead of surreys with some fringe on top, open jeeps and pickups surrounded temporary picnic tables and ice chests. Neighbors were gathering. Life was moving on. And Pope Valley was keeping a watchful eye on us all.

(Jeff Warren is a newcomer whose family didn't arrive here until the '50s. He is a businessman, husband and father of three. His website is jeffwarren.com.)

Pope Valley Round Table History

by Norman Blanchard, from the 1981 Pope Valley News

The Pope Valley Round Table was organized by Southall Pfund in Feb. of 1966. Many years ago he had founded a similar round table in the then frontiertown of Fairbanks, Alaska where he practiced law for mining interests. The object of the round table was simply to have a pleasant social gathering once a month so the residents could learn to know each other a little better.

The original meeting at the Pope Valley Lodge included 4 families: The Wildbergers, the Blanchards, the Pfunds and the Hardins. Its popularity spread rapidly, soon averaging around 25 people per meeting.

In the attendance record book is typed the following guide lines for the Round Table: This guest book is given to the Round Table by the Usibelli Lodge, as a token of hospitality and good will. Those who attend are invited to do so if they wish. The Pope Valley Round Table meets on the second Thursday of each month, for dinner and a neighborly good time at the Lodge.

There is no organization - no officers - no board of directors - no minutes and no required attendance. No invitation is extended beyond the suggestion that one might like to come. There is only one rule: Each-person attending must pay his or her own bill. Mr. Pfund made one further restriction: At no meeting may a member use the Round Table for the purpose of promoting events of a financial or political nature.

Town Meeting From the Pope Valley News, 1981

On Tuesday evening, September 15th, twenty seven interested community members showed up to plan the activities involving both the community and the school for the next year. The meeting was loud, fun and especially rewarding because we had lots of sign-ups. The following list will tell the activities planned and who will be handling them. If you would like to help please call any of the people involved.

Christmas Program at Farm Center
Decorations: Sam Hardin, Joan Aragon, Marj Jenssen, Bev Hole, Sue Pddy, Refreshments: Debbie Werle, Jennifer Harrington, Donna Bigley, Play: Mary Rubio, Sue Pddy, Joan Aragon, Marj Jenssen, Jan Gaffney, Bob Harper, Judy Wilson, Tree: Jennifer Harrington, School Singing: Bob Harper, Patti Edwards, Sue Eakle, Programs: Caroline Thompson, Stockings: Helen Blevins, Betty Wilms, Bev Hole, Judy Wilson, Gifts for the Handicapped: Mary Rubio, Joan Aragon, Sue Pddy, Clean-up: Everyone we can get!, Pope Valley News Reporter: Scott Williams, Fire Prevention - Poison - Home Safety - Elgie Kirkpatrick, Sam Hardin, Valentine's Day - (School) Jean Varner, Debbie Diehl, Spring Fest - (Farm Center) Refreshments: Debbie Werle, Judy Wilson, Bev Hole, Jan Gaffney, Decorations: Sue Eakle, Program: Anna Hie, Joan Aragon, Bob Harper, Patty Edwards, Sam Hardin, Pope Valley News Reporter: Michaela Gaffney, Easter - (School) Teachers: Jim Connor - Easter Bunny! ha ha!, Cinco de Mayo - (School) Piñata: Joan Aragon, Food: Cookers & Servers, Joan Ybarra - Mary Rubio, Debbie Werle - Sue Pddy, Marj Jenssen - Helen Blevins, Joan Aragon - Bob Harper, Pope Valley News Reporter: Jon Hie, Craft Fair - Bazaar - November 15th (Farm Center) Crafts: Gloria Kitley, Joan Aragon, Bazaar: Bev Hole, Mary Rubio, Phyllis Fifield, Judy Wilson, Patty Edwards, Pope Valley News Reporter: Jon Hie, Ice Skating Party - December Organizer: Mary Rubio, Supervisors & Drivers: Mark Gaffney, Judy Wilson, Bertie Gerdes,

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The Budge Brown Cleavage Creek Winery & Tasting Room in Pope Valley celebrated its grand opening last month at the annual Barells N' Blooms Festival held at the winery. Surrounded by over 200,000 blooming daffodils and 10,000 tulips, the event revealed two of the winery's new label designs, and Budge Brown presented a \$10,000 check to Bastyr University to fund an Adopt-A-Patient program for women with breast cancer whose insurance may not cover alternative treatment.

Ten percent of all Cleavage Creek's sales, before profit, are donated to breast cancer research and support. In the last five years, Cleavage Creek has been able to contribute over \$83,000 to funding breast cancer research. Budge Brown, owner of Cleavage Creek, lost his wife of 48 years to breast cancer, in 2005. He turned his loss into action, and devastation into a determination focused on a single goal: to see to it that no other man has to lose his wife to this disease.

In addition to funding breast cancer research, every bottle of Cleavage Creek wine features the portrait of a breast cancer survivor. Each survivor's story can be read on the Cleavage Creek website (www.CleavageCreek.com).

The winery will be revealing two additional portrait labels at its June 25th release party. Additionally, on the weekends of May 20th-22nd and June 17th-19th, the winery will be hosting Tops Down, Bottoms Up, an event that encourages wine lovers to put the tops down on their convertibles and enjoy a drive on the back roads of Napa county. All events are open to the public and include a complimentary tasting. Cleavage Creek Winery & Tasting Room is open daily 10-4 by appointment at 6307 Pope Valley Rd. (888) 295-1280

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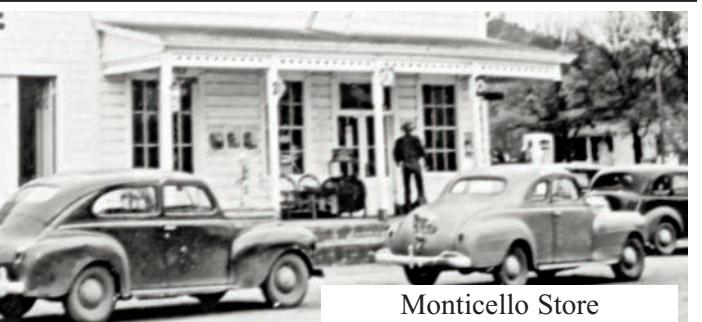
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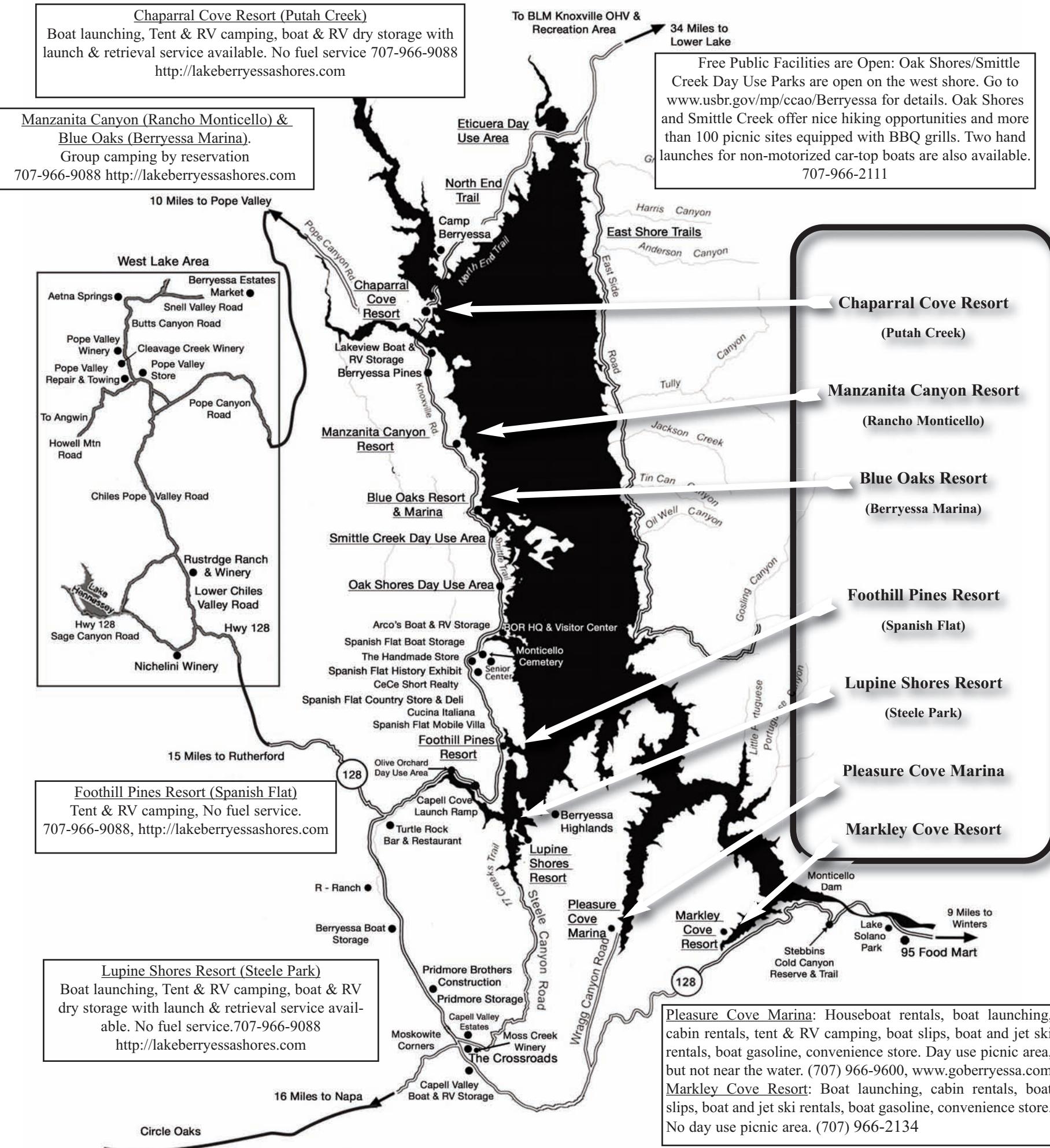
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Berryessa Estates: Putah Creek is Back!

By Katie Gonzalez

Berryessa Estates. Those two simple words bring many images to mind, and depending on who hears them, the images are vastly different. Some think of overflowing perk ponds, climbing digits on the gas pump when filling up the car, water bills and property assessments that, at times, seem unbearable, and power outages that can last for days. Why would anyone in their right mind want to move miles outside of town only to have to deal with all of these extra problems?

I think I may be able to shed some light on this perplexing question...

For me, the words "Berryessa Estates" conjure images of home, peaceful surroundings, wild animals wandering through my yard, fun times at the creek with my family, neighborhood walks, and summer evenings looking at the magnificent, star-filled skies. The bounty I receive from living in the Estates far exceeds the cost.

Six months ago, going down to Putah Creek meant nothing more than walking in a dry creek bed and skipping rocks in the few shallow pools that still remained. The end of the boat launch was well above the top of the trickle of water. The high-water mark on Cliff Rock was towering overhead, and the sun gleamed off barren rocks. But then the rains began to fall....

Now, the sights and smells of Spring have arrived and with them a sense of renewal and excitement!

This past weekend, my husband Saul and I took the kayaks out and paddled down that once dry section of creek. Looking over the side of the kayak, we couldn't even see the bottom of the creek! Fish were practically jumping onto my husband's fishing line...Ok, maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration, but life has definitely come back to Putah Creek!

The neighbors are all starting to come out of



their homes and meet down at the creek to fish, have picnics, and spend time in nature with their friends and families.

The wildlife seems happy to see the green hills and trees again as well. Geese were flying overhead, honking loudly, and skimming to a stop along side boats. Turkeys were calling to each other in the trees and along the shore. Deer were feasting on all the supple leaves and grasses around the Estates. Butterflies flitted from flower to flower, and a tiny mouse popped his head up out of the ground just feet away from where we were sitting beside the creek. It all sounds idyllic, and I guess, in so many ways, it is!

During the last Presidential Election, people made fun of Sarah Palin when she commented that Russia could be seen from Alaska. Well, I'm going to "one up" Ms. Palin. I can see the Milky Way from my deck!

Anyone that has ever spent a hot, summer night outside in the Berryessa Estates will tell you the view is spectacular. August is one of the best months to watch the skies. The annual Perseids meteor shower puts on quite a show, and the show is magnified by the lack of streetlights in the Estates. The stars look like you can reach out and grab handfuls of them.

Sure, we've had our bumps over the years. We have had to deal with water problems that we didn't create but have had to foot the bill to repair. We have seen our property values drop like a ton of bricks during the recent recession. We have watched our neighbors' homes go up for auction or face foreclosure. Many Berryessa Estates residents have felt for years like we were the "Redheaded Step-child" of Napa County...neglected, abused and shut up in the back corner of the county with no one listening to our cries for help. To the people that have left the Estates, the problems were just too



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- 8.3 Miles - Markley Cove to Moskowite Corners
- 20.1 Miles - Winters to Moskowite Corners
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- 3.2 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Hwy 128 to Pope Valley Rd.
- 8.5 Miles - Lower Chiles Valley Rd at Pope Valley Rd. to Pope Valley
- 5.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Spanish Flat Village Center
- 7.4 Miles - Turtle Rock to Oak Shores Park
- 3.0 Miles - Turtle Rock to Lower Chiles Valley Rd.
- 14.7 Miles - Turtle Rock to Pope Valley via Chiles Valley
- 15.5 Miles - Turtle Rock to Chaparral Cove Resort via Knoxville Rd.
- 10.2 Miles - Pope Valley to Knoxville Rd. via Pope Canyon Rd.
- 8.3 Miles - Pope Canyon Rd. to Spanish Flat Village Center
- 18.5 Miles - Pope Valley to Spanish Flat Village Center via Pope Canyon
- 19.7 Miles - Pope Valley to Spanish Flat Village Center via Chiles Valley
- 2.4 Miles - Spanish Flat Village Center to Oak Shores Park
- 10.5 Miles - Spanish Flat Village Center to Chaparral Cove Resort
- 3.7 Miles - Pope Valley to Aetna Springs Road
- 11.3 Miles - Pope Valley to Berryessa Estates
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