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Skype Device Passes Odors Over the Internet

Internet telephony giant Skype has devised a way to pass odors over the Internet. With the new Skype Fragrance API, vendors such as perfume-makers will be able to pass their scents from one user to the next. Ebay is delighted with this latest development, too as many users will be able to "try before you buy" when it comes to all sorts of products where fragrance is important. Of course, this also leaves open a huge area for misuse as well, such as teenage boys passing around their farts to their friends.

Toyota Prius Non-Hybrid Announced

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

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 that only has the appearance of a green car.

Expect Toyota also to come out with a non plug-in hybrid Prius as well that only has the appearance of a 100 mpg car while only getting about 28 mpg highway, yet it will also have a power cord that goes to nothing that one can attached in the comfort of one's own garage.


Genetically Modified Fruit Grown with UPC Code

In this strange but true story, scientists have finally been able to genetically alter fruit to the point where it is grown with the proper UPC code attached. This saves many steps from the time Mr. Tally Man tallies a banana to the time it arrives in the grocery store. The UPC code is grown right into the skin of the fruit. So far the botanists at the University of Lake Berryessa on Big Island have been able to modify bananas, apples, pears and oranges. The fruit even defy degradation as they age as the UPC codes remain readable. The fruit industry as we know it is about to have a revolution!

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SMALL CONQUERORS




Who saw the menace? mice were just so cute riding with sharpened lance to challenge cats when first they forged a mouse-made armor suit and rode with painted banners on armored rats. When mice discovered guns we worried more soon rodent Einsteins found the atom bomb and rodent armies learned the arts of war to start upon their human-race pogroms Mouse armies swarm, an angry furry tide we thought ourselves, once, nature's best and last from hordes of mice, there's just no place to hide now we flee creatures small and smart and fast.

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

Geoffrey A. Landis







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April 1, 2016 - Special (Can You Believe It!) Holiday Edition

Floating Indian Casino on Lake Berryessa (Again)! - Special Development

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By Peter Kilkus

On April 1, 2010 the Lake Berryessa News announced that a consortium of Native American tribes had forced the Bureau of Reclamation to allow them to build a floating casino on the surface waters of Lake Berryessa. Although the project was delayed at that time, the recent failure of the Bureau of Reclamation to achieve any progress since 2010 nor receive any successful bids in 2016 has brought the project back under consideration.

Native American organizers and their supporters plan to reveal the next stage in this development on April 1, 2016 - six years after the initial proposal was released. Native American attorney, Hadge Uefuuld, said that next year fulfills the "7th generation" principle for the floating casino project.

The Native American principle says that in every decision, be it personal, governmental or corporate, we must consider how it will affect our descendents seven generations into the future. Because of the speed of modern life and the impact of social media on decision-making, Native Americans are now substituting the word "year" for "generation". Thus 2017, seven years later, will be the spiritual target for the casino's completion.

In a stealth legal action with profound long-term consequences, attorney Hadge Uefuuld, said that Reclamation opened the door to this action during the 2010 concession bid process by formally defining the "land surface" as categorically different from the "water surface" under federal government control.

For example, Reclamation made the following written public statements, "Privately owned houseboats will be allowed at Lake Berryessa since they do not occupy shoreline space...", and "houseboat rentals and docking, has been deemed to be a "preferred service" at Lake Berryessa, and is the only service which

is able to engage in "exclusive use" at the lake without penalty."

During the Lake Berryessa Visitors Services Plan development, Reclamation redefined long-term use of public facilities by U.S. citizens as "exclusive use." Per the federal government, "exclusive use is any use that excludes other appropriate public recreation use or users for extended periods of time. Exclusive use as defined by Reclamation includes, but is not limited to, boat docks, cabins, trailers, manufactured or mobile homes, structures, roads, or other amenities that are determined by Reclamation to be exclusive use."

"Despite the self-serving last part of that definition," attorney Uefuuld countered, "no mention was made in the definition, and they could have, of any prohibition against houseboats. The reasonable private use of public assets is a long-standing American principle, although usually just applied to private corporations."

The recent Supreme Court ruling, Citizens United, that corporations are people with the rights of individual human American citizens has added significant weight to the Native American tribes' arguments. "Now that the Supreme Court has ruled that private corporations can legally be considered private citizens with all the rights that entails, it follows that citizens can now be considered corporations with all the rights and benefits that entails."

The five-justice majority reached the outcome it sought — an outcome that greatly expands the legal rights and political power of corporations — by trying to redefine basic reality. Since Native Americans have historically had their basic reality redefined by the federal government with disastrous consequences, they were quick to take advantage of this ruling.

The legal settlement with Reclamation which allows the construction of a floating casino on


Lake Berryessa includes some concessions (no pun intended) regarding its ownership and construction. The floating casino itself will not be a single structure — it will consist of approximately fifty individual, but linked, private houseboats each owned by a separate tribe. This averts any legal issues limiting the size of the casino.

Several private houseboat owners at Markley Coved have filed to become corporations under the Supreme Court ruling to rent their houseboats to themselves and provide support services to the casino while accruing the incredible financial and tax advantages previously only available to corporations.

Lake Berryessa is already an official FAA seaplane base (FAA Identifier: E20) allowing guaranteed access to the casino for high-rollers. Sources tell the Lake Berryessa News that the success of Icon Aircraft of Vacaville in marketing their sporty new seaplane (a jet ski of the skies) which have been buzzing around Lake Berryessa for the last few years, has given Icon the incentive to invest in the new casino. Seaplane ferry service is already being developed from regional airports such as Sacramento, Santa Rosa, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and Las Vegas itself.

Local businesses and residents are delighted with the prospect of this potentially very positive impact on the Lake Berryessa economy, especially if Napa County itself takes over ownership and management of the lake as many recommend. All development at the lake was managed by Napa County from 1958 through 1974. It was under Napa's guidance that the resorts were developed, mobile home units were leased to provide ongoing revenue to support the day use facilities, and the lake became a profitable, top recreational destination for the whole Bay Area and beyond. This could be the new future legacy for the Native

Lake Berryessa Map - Page 5



American community since they were the original residents of the Berryessa Valley. Full circle, anyone?

Exotic Chinese, Mexican, Italian Fusion Menu Comes to Cucina Italiana on April 1.

Chef Stefano Gusberti, in honor of his anagrammatic mentor, world renowned Chef Rilo Palof, unleashes his adventurous dark side with an "only in Napa" imaginative blending of flavors. According to Chef Stefano, there is an intese gustatory synergy among basil, lemon grass, mole, jalapeno, and Chinese five spices that deserves to be honored more widely.

He presents several new dishes such as: Sweet and Sour Ravioli, Nachos "al dente", Gnocchi Mole Pesto Poblano, Fettucine Semi-Alfredo with Jalapenos in Oyster Sauce, and for dessert, Chinese Five Spice Gelato with Churros. Try them out on Friday, April 1, and laugh along with us.

Editor's Disclaimer: All stories in this issue have been checked to the best of our ability on the Internet, the standard for truth!

2 **Exciting New Game Fishing Opportunity at Lake Berryessa**
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 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 skippers, crews and 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 – with no loss in their fighting vigor and delicate flavor.

The first stocking of this exciting new game fish is scheduled on April 1, 2016. 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 confidential photos of some of the tests.



Canada Wants To Buy Lake Berryessa
The Chamber of Commerce of Lake Berryessa announced that the Canadian Tourism Board had expressed interest in buying the Lake Berreyssa region and moving it north of the US/Canada border. The Canadian Tourism Board expressed dismay that Napa County had never shown much interest in developing the lake for its full tourism and revenue potential. Other buyers said to be interested in the Lake Berryessa region were Kansas, Oklahoma, Uzbekistan and a private party who wanted to move Lake Berryessa to the South Pacific.

Squeez Bacon
Online retailer thinkgeek.com unveiled Squeez Bacon, 100% bacon paste that could be squeezed from a tube. It described it as "the world's most perfect food." Squeez Bacon® is fully cooked 100% bacon. Due to the patented electro-mechanical process by which Squeez Bacon® is rendered, it requires no preservatives or other additives. Each serving is as healthy as real bacon, and equivalent to 4 premium slices of bacon! You can put it on sandwiches, pizza, pastas, bacon, soups, pies, eat it hot or cold (warm Squeez Bacon® on toasted rye is to die for), substitute it for bacon in your recipes, or even eat it right out of the tube like we do! If it's edible, it's better with Squeez.





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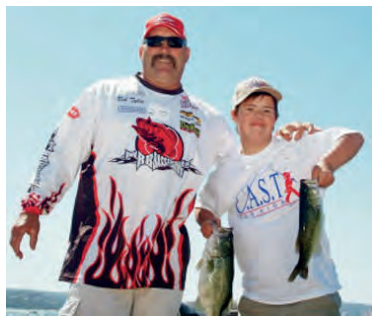
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C.A.S.T. for Kids at Lake Berryessa
The Bureau of Reclamation, in partnership with the C.A.S.T. (Catch a Special Thrill) for Kids Foundation, will host a C.A.S.T. for Kids fishing event at Lake Berryessa on Saturday, May 14.
The C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation is a national, non-profit organization whose goal is "to provide disabled or disadvantaged children with the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience through the sport of fishing" (<http://www.castforkids.org/>).

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake Berryessa's Oak Shores Day Use Area. Each child will receive a fishing pole, tackle box, T-shirt, and other prizes and spend the morning fishing with local anglers and volunteers. A free barbeque lunch will be served to participants, parents and volunteers in the afternoon.

Pre-registration is required for this event as availability is currently limited to 40 children. Reclamation is seeking boaters and anglers who wish to volunteer their time and the use of their boat, as well as volunteers for shoreline support. For more information, please contact Park Ranger Victoria Payan at 707-966-2111, ext. 113, or vpayan@usbr.gov.





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April Horoscopes
Aries (3/21-4/19): A prizewinning horse should have a thick coat, strong hindquarters, and an elegant gait. Also, it probably shouldn't talk, suddenly split in two, and run off in opposing directions.
Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): It's not enough to just sit there and cry about your problems all night long. Try also kicking your legs a bit to see if that helps.
Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): The stars foresee a huge promotion at work this week. Get ready to move up to Senior Person Whom Nobody Takes Seriously or Respects.
Cancer (6/22-7/22): You will soon make a comfortable living exploiting other people's deep-seated anxieties and crippling fears.
Leo (7/23-8/22): You have failed in your life's goal, but don't feel too bad: Of all the people who dream of working at a fast food restaurant, only 98 percent actually make it.
Virgo (8/23-9/22): The events of next week will closely mirror all the other events in your life up to that point.
Libra (9/23-10/22): Do not believe those who tell you they can see your future. They are merely preying upon your ignorant, fearful, superstitious nature.
Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Try as they might, the stars can't see the point in telling you about next week. You'll just do whatever you damn well please, anyway.
Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Will you finally get that big job promotion? Is a whirlwind romance in the cards for you? Tune in to Sagittarius next week for all the answers and more!
Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Despite their best efforts, rescue workers will fail to pull you out from beneath hundreds of pounds of stored fat this week.
Aquarius (1/20-2/18): If you pledge to Aquarius at the \$50 membership level, not only will you be supporting quality predictions in the future, but you'll also receive this handsome Cancer tote bag.
Pisces (2/19-3/20): You've never really thought of yourself as a cat-person, but the splicing, trans-binding, and DNA re-sequencing will soon change all of that.

Reclamation Announces Spring 2016 Events and Park Ranger Interpretive Programs at Lake Berryessa
All activities will be held rain or shine and are free of charge. Some programs have group size limitations, so please contact the Park Ranger Office regarding availability. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather and bring water and sunscreen. Children are welcome, but those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Dufer Point Visitor Center: April 1 through September 11
Weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Weekdays Noon-3 p.m.
Park Rangers are available to answer questions about natural resources, recreational opportunities, wildlife and the area's history. Brochures, maps, trail guides and other educational information are available free of charge. Contact the Park Rangers at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 for information about park events, hikes, kayak tours and educational programs.

Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam!
Saturdays (Starting April 23) 12-3 p.m., Monticello Dam Overlook Parking (Highway 128, 9 miles west of Winters)

Ever wonder why Lake Berryessa was created? How much water it holds? What was there before the reservoir? Where the water goes? Get answers to these questions and more when you meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam every Saturday throughout the summer. Stop by any time between 12 and 3 p.m. to learn fun facts about this essential water resource. Please contact a Park Ranger at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 with questions.

Paddle with a Park Ranger: Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Oak Shores Day Use Area

Experience the beauty of Lake Berryessa from a unique perspective during a 2-3 hour, Park Ranger-led paddle tour. Watch for bald eagles, ospreys, otters and other wildlife as the Ranger introduces you to the natural and human history of the reservoir. These outings are open to experienced swimmers with a kayak or canoe. Coast Guard-approved life jackets will be available. Participants should bring their kayak, life jackets, paddles, sunscreen, hat, water and food. Pre-registration is required. Kayaks may be available for participants on a first-reserved, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Ranger Victoria Payan at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 or vpayan@usbr.gov.

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6 **Purple Heart Veteran's Fishing Event**
On Saturday, April 23, 2016 Markey Cove will be hosting their Fourth Purple Heart Veteran's Fishing Event. As I am sure you know, Purple Heart recipients are military veterans who were wounded while serving our country. The Military Order of the Purple Heart Foundation provides emotional, physical, educational and financial support for wounded and disabled veterans, to help improve their lives. Programs include suicide prevention, support for veterans with brain injuries and counseling for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), as well as scholarships, family assistance and claims assistance. These men and women put their lives on the line in order to protect the freedoms we enjoy every day. They deserve a very big thank you for their sacrifices.

Markley Cove Resort and the Military Order of Purple Heart Organization work together to sponsor this special day that is open to ALL veterans who have served our country. Each year the event has grown. It gives each of us the opportunity to spend time with our veterans and to say "thank you" for their sacrifices.

We thank all of you who volunteered to help in the past and once again, we are asking for your help. The Purple Heart Order is currently contacting veterans who would like to take part in this year's event. There will be free launching to those of you who want to be involved in taking a veteran fishing.

The fishing will run from approximately 8:00 am to noon. Following the return from fishing, Markley Cove will offer lunch to all the participants, both the volunteers and the veterans. We will also have music and door prizes to add to the fun.

Please consider becoming involved in this event, if you are willing to donate your time and/or your boat, please e-mail or call us at the number listed above. If you are not able to participate on that day, please consider a monetary donation to help pay for food, prizes, and entertainment. Whatever you can do will be gratefully accepted. These men and women deserve so much more, but at least we can take this opportunity to give back one day of our time to show we care. Call or e-mail Markley Cove now so you too can experience this truly awesome event. Robbie Rubio, (707) 966-2134, robbie@markleycoveresort.com

Lake Berryessa makes bid to host Running of the Bulls

Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce spokeswoman, April Fulton, announced they were making a bid to host the Running of the Bulls. The Chamber believes that for too long the people of Pamplona have monopolized this event.

"We are determined to grab the bull by the horns and snare this important event for Lake Berryessa," she said. The Chamber will partner with EnviroSports or HITS which put on several Lake Berryessa triathlons that originate at Oak Shores Park and continue on Knoxville Road.

The bull run could possibly become the opening event at the next triathlon.

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A Lake Berryessa News Contribution to a Bizarre Election Cycle
April Fool's Day Becomes April Fool's Year!
St. Stupid's Day and the Dumbing Down of America

Although April 1st is usually referred to as April Fools Day, the date has also become a holy day for some churches such as the Church of the Last Laugh in San Francisco. Each year on April 1 they sponsor a St. Stupid's Day Parade.

St. Stupid is the patron saint of religion, politics, and the Internet. He and his followers are responsible for the dumbing down of America by the methodical destruction and purposeful elimination of the means by which a society educates and enlightens itself.

Although April Fools Day celebrates sly wit and twisted humor, it also inadvertently highlights the serious lack of scientific and mathematical knowledge of the American public as well as a complete lack of the ability to think analytically on the part of many. This issue of the Lake Berryessa News includes several stories which only you can decide if true.

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.

Corporate Tattoos in Kids' Future?

The Pepsi-Cola Company, in search of more innovative ways to reach out to young consumers, is offering teenagers an intriguing deal. The company is asking teenagers to tattoo themselves with its corporate logo. The company will pay for the tattoos. In return for permanently branding themselves, the teenagers will receive a lifetime 15% discount on the company's products.

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The Following Notice was scheduled for release on the Internet on April 1, 2014! (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.

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 multi-use solution.

Per Congressman Mike Thompson, since it will be funded at taxpayer expense as a multi-use trail, the dike will be wide enough for hikers, bikers, horses, motorcycles and ATV's to share. Special launch ramps will be built at the resorts for high water access.

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.

Onion Headlines

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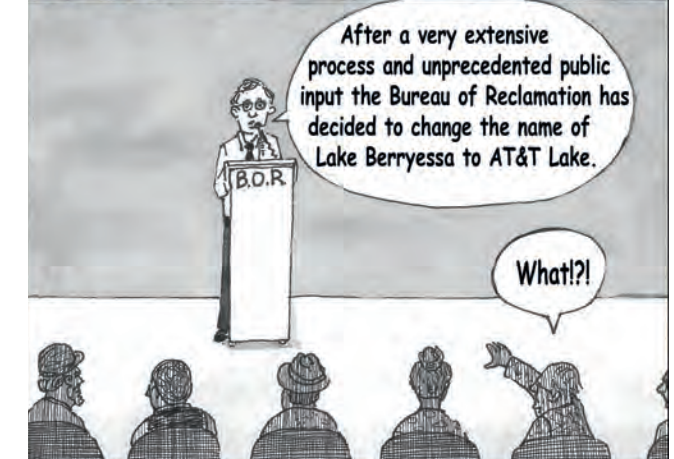


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Monday, April 18, 6:30 PM - 8 PM, Capell Valley Fire Station, 1193 Capell Valley Rd.

Chris Malan

www.votechrismalan2016.com

I have spent over 30 years as a mental health professional for the County of Napa, helping others put their lives back together after much suffering. For the past 11 years, I have worked solely with Napa County's homeless population. For two decades I have developed a network of environmental efforts and projects to conserve our natural systems that sustain us, such as watersheds, forests, and wildlife.

In 1996, I managed a successful campaign against an initiative (Measure W and X) that would have resulted in a large housing development in the agricultural watershed. In 1998, I co-coordinated a successful citizen-led ballot initiative for flood management and Napa River restoration (Measure A). Two years later, as an Executive Member of the Napa Sierra Club, I led successful litigation, requiring the County to fully comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to protect the environment when approving new vineyards.

If elected, I would address poverty in Napa County, by working to raise the minimum wage to a livable wage and increase the amount of low-income and affordable housing. Additionally, I would focus on growth that is sustainable and meets the needs of the community as a whole, and environmental issues that affect our quality of life, such as availability of water and water quality, preservation of and access to open spaces, forest protection, and traffic congestion.

County compliance with local and state laws, fiscal responsibility, and increasing community access to Board of Supervisor meetings and information would also be top priorities.

Lastly, if elected, I pledge to donate 25% of my Supervisor salary to local non-profit organizations that are working to address issues related to poverty, and environmental education and protection. In sum, I am seeking the position of Napa County Supervisor BECAUSE PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT MATTER.

Alfredo Pedroza

www.apedroza.com

It has been an honor to serve you on the Napa County Board of Supervisors. During my first year on the job as your Supervisor, I've greatly enjoyed serving our community by bringing a common-sense approach to the issues facing our community, including a focus on balancing growth with agricultural and open space protections, making affordable housing a reality, and addressing road repairs and traffic issues.

To ensure we achieve our goals, we need comprehensive planning with all our industries and City partners. As a former Council member in the City of Napa and now as a County Supervisor, I have the relationships, leadership, and energy to bring solutions forward.

Alfredo Pedroza is a lifelong Napa resident and was appointed to the Board of Supervisors by Governor Jerry Brown on December 29, 2014. Alfredo was elected to the Napa City Council in 2012, becoming Napa's youngest and first Latino Council member ever elected.

The Pedroza family made Napa Valley their home in the early 1970's with the goal of chasing the American Dream. Alfredo Sr. was a farmworker for over 33 years and along with Martha, instilled the values of hard work, integrity, and the value of a dollar in Alfredo.

Professionally, Alfredo has worked in the financial services industry for more than 10 years, having careers with credit unions and community banks. Alfredo's many years of experience in the financial services industry have helped countless local families and businesses improve their finances and thoughtfully manage and sustain growth.

Alfredo is active with service clubs and nonprofit organizations. His passion for public and community service stems from his commitment to working to create a Napa County where his children and future generations of Napa citizens will live, seek jobs, start businesses, and raise their families.

Diane Shepp

www.shepp4supervisor.com

In the past decade we have witnessed a dramatic change in the Napa Valley. As a professional, I have lead our community in the nonprofit, social welfare and educational sectors. I served on the Grand Jury. I get the job done. I have been listening to what neighborhood groups and local citizens are saying.

- The trucking of Napa City water to support hillside vineyards while city residents are asked to let their lawns go brown is not an equitable solution.

- Near grid-lock traffic worsens everyday (not good for residents, local businesses, the wine industry or visitors).

- Can the working middle class, the backbone of our county afford to live here?

I believe it is the job of government to protect the health, welfare and safety of its citizens. As your County Supervisor I will give you a voice for your concerns.

- I believe in keeping it local...keeping jobs in Napa. I will promote a living wage, affordable-proximity housing for local workers [teachers, hospitality and wine industry employees among others], so they may call Napa their home too.

- I will work to protect our agricultural-based economy, our watersheds, open space and sustainable resources.

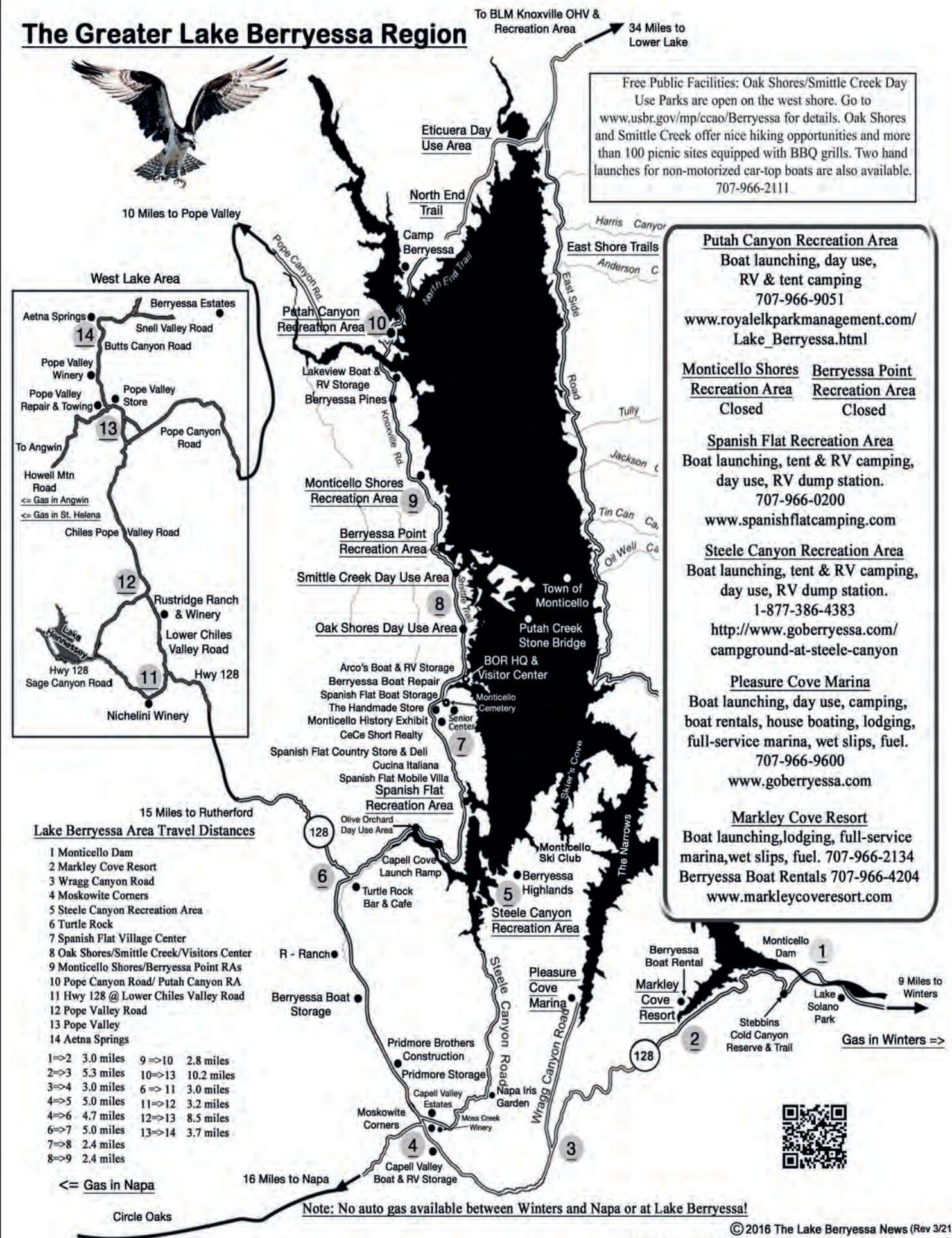
- I will promote needed investment in infrastructure, road repair, waste water systems, water quality, and a livable wage.

As a rural resident of the Soda Canyon area, Diane understands the needs of people living in the unincorporated areas of Napa County. She will stand up for all residents, including rural residents, not the special interests, and will push to protect family farms and open spaces, and promote smart investments in better roads, parks, transit, and the services that keep our community a wonderful place to live.

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Diane Shepp's web site answered this question by posting maps that delineate the boundaries of District 4. The first map is District 4 outlined in yellow. (This will be a bit difficult to see in black and white.) The second map focuses in on the urban area of Napa that is included in District 4.

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April 15, 2016

How It All Began, The Origins of the “Big Lie” About Lake Berryessa

Poor planning by the Federal Government began on Day 1 of Lake Berryessa's life. It morphed into an ongoing struggle to economically develop the lake's recreation facilities with no source of revenue offered by any Government agency.

Only Napa County stepped up to the challenge and developed the basically successful system of seven resorts operated by concessionaires, using revenue from leased mobile homes, to pay for the day uses services provided to the general recreating public.

Lake Berryessa was formed in 1957 by the completion of the Monticello Dam. The project, as authorized by the Congress, contained no provisions for recreational facilities. The Bureau of Reclamation believed that, because of the anticipated radical fluctuation of the water level, the lake would not become a major recreational area. While the lake was being formed, however, the public began to use it, and it soon was apparent that it would be a major water recreation area.

Because facilities were not available to accommodate the public and because Reclamation lacked both authorization and funds to develop and manage such facilities, the BOR sought to have the State of California or local government agencies assume the responsibility of managing public recreational facilities at the lake. The State expressed no interest and, in November 1957, advised Reclamation that it had no funds available for such development.

In July 1958 the BOR entered into a management agreement with Napa County for the administration and development of recreation facilities at the lake. This agreement, as rewritten in 1962, provided that the county, and all parties acting under the county's authority, would develop the area in accordance with a Public Use Plan for Lake Berryessa.

The Public Use Plan was prepared for the Bureau by the National Park Service in 1959. The plan stipulated the areas that should be developed and the number of boat launching, picnicking, camping, and other recreational facilities that should be provided in each area.

Napa County adopted the policy that the recreational facilities would be developed and managed by private concessionaires, at no cost to county taxpayers, because users of the lake included many nonresidents of the county.

The county established the Lake Berryessa Park Commission to administer and manage the lands around the lake. The county loaned funds to the commission to construct a park headquarters but made no commitment of funds toward the development of recreational facilities.

The Big Lie

"The Lake Berryessa resorts, especially the mobile homes in the resorts, discouraged the general public from accessing the lake, prevented the public from using the best parts of the shoreline, and also also polluted the lake."

Subsequently Napa County entered into contracts with seven concessionaires to develop and operate recreational facilities at various locations at the lake. Each concessionaire contract provided for scheduled completion dates for public recreational development and provided that all facilities be completed by the end of calendar year 1966.

These development costs were to be recovered by charging the general public admission fees. In addition, the contracts with the seven concessionaires provided for the county to receive 3 percent of the concessionaires' gross proceeds as a franchise fee. These funds were to be used by the county to finance the Lake Berryessa Park Commission. Any excess funds were to be used for public-use

development at the lake.

The Public Use Plan provided for one of the areas at the lake commonly known as Bum's Beach, to be developed into a major public-use area by Napa County. It was to contain up to 50 boat launching ramps, 4,000 picnic sites, 600 camping sites, and swimming areas.

Bums' Beach (now Oak Shores) was the only area at the lake available to the general public on a no-charge basis and was Napa County's contribution toward public recreational facilities.

A major difference existed in the development at Lake Berryessa compared to development at the other lakes in the region at the time. The development and construction of picnicking and overnight camping facilities at the other lakes had been carried out by the managing Federal or State agency. Upon completion many of these facilities were turned over to private concessionaires for operation and management.

At Lake Berryessa all development, construction, and management had been left to concessionaires who had to finance the costs of these activities.

The major development effort at all seven concessionaire areas was the addition of mobile homes. Napa County officials at the time confirmed the reasons why they considered that the inclusion of long-term, mobile-homes was necessary.

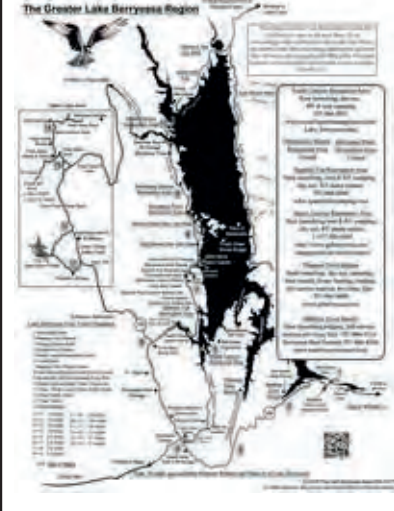
The revenue from the long-term leases of the mobile-homes provided the concessionaires with steady year-round incomes which could not be realized from seasonal picnicking and overnight camping facilities. They stated that public-use facilities, such as picnic and camp sites, did not provide an adequate return on investment and that the concessionaires had developed the mobile-home parks to help cover the costs of developing and operating seasonal type, public-use facilities.

(To be continued.)



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Meet the Candidates for District 4 Supervisor

Please plan to attend the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Candidates Night and meet the three people running for Napa County District 4 Supervisor. Come early for refreshments and bring your questions.

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Capell Valley Fire Station, 1193
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For those of you who wonder what the supervisors actually do check out this web site: <http://www.countyofnapa.org/Pages/DepartmentContent.aspx?id=4294970477>

Two blondes walk into a tanning salon. The receptionist asks, "Are you two sisters?" They chuckle and reply, "No we aren't even Catholic."

A highway patrolman stopped a lady and asked her first name. "Frida" she replied. He asked her last name. "Gomam" she answered. The patrolman repeated her name "Frida Goman" and the woman drove off.

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Thoughts On Driving Lake Berryessa Roads From Some Folks Who Do It A Lot

For some people, what I have to write is a no-brainer. For others, it seems like a serious, gut-wrenching internal struggle that signifies defeat.

Pull over when someone wants to pass!

I understand, seeing someone pacing you in the rear view mirror can bring up frustrating feelings. You know what else can? Someone doing 30 in a 45 zone for five miles, thinking they own the road and can set the speed standard for everyone around them.

Well, the guy behind me is being an aggressive jerk, you say. I say, the person who's holding up traffic and not pulling over is being a passive-aggressive jerk. It's an old standard for driving on two-lane highways. That's one of the reasons all those turnouts are there to begin with.

If you want to drive conservatively, that's fine. Just remember that you don't own the road any more than the guy that wants to pass you. I say this with the utmost respect to everyone. I respect cruising slowly. I have no respect for someone who thinks that they're the pace car for the hills. Bobby Dentice

I've had two experiences with clearly passive-aggressive/controlling drivers. One stayed at 30-35 mph the whole way from Circle Oaks to Wooden Valley Rd., and I tried to be patient. Then, when we got to the passing area on Wooden Valley and I started to pass, he sped up enough to prevent me from passing.

The faster I went, the faster he went. No, that's more than passive-aggressive/controlling, that's just plain mean. The other was going even slower on 121 and kept pointing to the cautionary speed signs at the curves as if to prove she didn't have to pull over.

But when I have people visiting and I drive somewhere with them, they don't seem to understand that it's a good idea to pull over or don't know where

the turnouts are, and I imagine there are others who are equally unaware. So Bobby's note, plus a letter to the editor every so often, plus explaining to visitors, is a good idea. Wendy Wallin

I suppose most people don't realize that it's a highway, meaning the speed limit is 50 mph. I see too many people rolling along at 30-35 mph. A good amount of time I'm working and people are vastly expanding the drive time, which then I have to explain to my boss how a work trip to Napa takes 2 hrs. It's because some people make the 20 minute one way trip to Napa a 40 minute ordeal.

Those yellow speed limit signs are temporary sounds only meant for the turns they are directly before. The rest of the time the speed limit is 50.

It is the law that the slower traffic pull out. Even if you're going 50 mph and somebody is going faster, you must pull out.

I've been seeing unmarked Sheriff & CHP flashing people to pull out, and I've seen a few pulled over. We the residents and workers and law enforcement are getting peeved.

Anybody who visits me I make aware before they come up that they MUST pull out for faster vehicles. I drive fast myself but I'm not the fastest so even i pull out for faster traffic. Thomas Miller

I drive our roads daily. I drive the speed limit, pull over so people can pass, dodge people driving over the double yellow line or on the wrong side of the road which happens almost daily.

On April 1st our luck ran out when we were hit by another car going at least 60 miles an hour around a 20 mile an hour curve and lost control. Thank god he did not kill us but he totaled our car.

FYI - There is no phone service, call boxes do not work, people drive through the crash sight without ever slowing down! (However a lots and lots of people stopped to help.) If you have an accident on our roads be prepared to wait at least 20/30 minutes for emergency responders and pray you do not have a life threatening injury! Stay Safe. Phyllis Bettencourt



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Berryessa Highlands Set to Participate in the 2016 Wildfire Community Prep Day – Sat, May 7

Every May homeowners living in rural areas across the country are encouraged to prepare for a wildfire as the fire season approaches, and this year the Berryessa Highlands neighborhood wants to make a HUGE impact of their own.

The Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council is coordinating the effort on Saturday, May 7, and the results are expected to include mounds and mounds of brush, branches, and overgrown landscaping plants removed from around people's homes.

The effort will focus on two things. First, simply encouraging everyone to get their own properties cleaned up and ready for wildfire. Second, neighbors are planning to join together to help other neighbors in need of assistance.

The plan is to get at least one team of volunteers together to do a complete home landscaping cleanup, from pruning up trees to removing overgrown shrubs - all the way down to weed whacking all grass within 100' of the house.

“We want to see all of us adults and kids making our own homes more fire safe on that day. And because we are all in this together, we also want to pitch in to help a neighbor or two in need of a few extra hands”, said BHFSC Project Coordinator Evan Kilkus.

If you live in the Berryessa Highlands, or anywhere else in Eastern Napa County, please mark your calendar so you will be ready to make May 7th a huge neighborhood fire safety improvement day!


For tips on what you can do to make your landscaping and home more fire resistant, go to www.ReadyForWildfire.org



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A bit of history from a 1988 Lake Berryessa News. For those who remember Willi, he's doing fine running a couple of ski schools - one in Mexico.



World Class Ski Champion works at Lake Berryessa
STEELE PARK - Wilhelm Hans Ellermeier, known to lake locals as “Willi”, operates California Boat Sales and the World Class Ski School at Steele Park Resort. Ellermeier's list of wins in the ski competition sport are truly amazing.
Raised along the Mosel River in Southern Germany, Ellermeier began water skiing at age 5. Noticing his son's remarkable athletic talent, Ellermeier's father enrolled him at a ski training school. By 1967, he was skiing on the German National Ski team. His skill and physical ability in the slalom and jump events led “Willi” to 9 German National Championships. Ellermeier has competed in four World Class events, placing in the finals as follows: 1969 - Ninth; 1971 - Seventh; 1973 - Fourth and 1975 - Tenth.
This impressive list of laurels led Ellermeier to establish his own ski school and boat sales at Lake Berryessa in 1982. This ski school's success is now widely known as, just simply, the best. Students from ages 3 to 73 are enrolled. “Willi's” three year old daughter, “Dominique” is already a competent, skilled skier. Ellermeier's nine year old daughter, Ilani, is currently involved in competition skiing. Patricia Ellermeier, “Willi's” wife, is also part of the training staff of the school, making it truly a family business and an asset to this recreational community.



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The Miami News - Jan 29, 1964
Great Buffalo Chase

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A meat company has been raising buffalo but was hard put for a place to graze them. So it leased a 600-acre island in Lake Berryessa.

A barge took 13 buffalo to the island. They jumped back in to the lake and swam a mile to shore. There they chased startled fishermen across a picnic area, emerged on a highway and started chasing cars.

A sheriff's horseback posse rounded up the buffalo and took them back to the island. Fishermen hope they stay.

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April 15 Horoscopes

Aries (3/21-4/19): There hasn't been a stampeding death in your area in more than a century, but your air horn and steer costume will change all that.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Take solace in this: There is a meaning and purpose to the universe, even if it's far too complicated for you to understand and won't pay off for years.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): People will come from miles around to seek your wisdom on all manner of things, which is proof that people will do anything for a good laugh.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): You'll never smile again after the tragic loss of your lower jaw and lips this week.

Leo (7/23-8/22): A bizarre chain of existential mishaps will result in your third viewing of the hit romantic comedy Sleepless In Seattle this week.

Virgo (8/23-9/22): The truth is indeed elusive, hard to comprehend, and subjective. What we're trying to say is: You're fat.

Libra (9/23-10/22): In dog years, your border collie will soon turn 50, which explains the suit and tie, the growing stack of Wall Street Journals, and the rather conservative political worldview.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Remember to count your blessings this week, as it's the last time you'll be able to perform mental arithmetic for months to come.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Lake Berryessa trout are known for traveling halfway across Napa County in search of a mate, but it's still a bit of a surprise when hundreds of them arrive at your Pope Valley doorstep.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): You will experience debilitating pain, unspeakable agony, and the loss of all of your hair when a voodoo doll bearing your likeness falls into the hands of a 5-year-old girl.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): Your creativity will skyrocket this week, moments after purchasing a number of colorful and hilariously incongruent wigs.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): You will finally land your dream job this week, an ironic achievement considering how little you'll be sleeping from now on.

Meet a Park Ranger at Monticello Dam!

Saturdays (Starting April 23) 12-3 p.m., Monticello Dam Overlook Parking (Highway 128, 9 miles west of Winters)

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6 **Flowers and Fire at Lake Berryessa**

I was talking to Brad Kirkpatrick up in Pope Valley awhile ago about the fascinating history and politics of the Lake Berryessa region. We wandered onto the topic of the beautiful crop of wildflowers sprouting after the rain. Hiking around the lake is even more enjoyable when the view is framed by so many colorful flowers. Since Brad was also once the Chief of the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department, I asked him about something that has been bothering me for the forty years since I came to Northern California.

Whenever there is an especially wet year, the fire professionals warn that it will be a “bad fire season”. But every year that rainfall is low, the same fire professionals warn that it will be a “bad fire season”. Are they just trying to scare us every year? Is it just news media sensationalism as usual?

Brad laughed at the question, but seemed to believe that although a wet season can be bad, a dry season could have the greater potential to be “badder”. The real difference is in the type of “bad”. I stopped at the CDF fire station on Knoxville Road on the way home to see what they thought about my confusion. The professional firefighters on duty gave me a rundown on the technical issues.

First, there is no “good” fire season. The difference in “bad” is based on the type of fire which can be caused by the different fuel loads. A wet season causes heavy growth of flowers, small plants, and grasses. When these dry out they can feed a very aggressive hot fire that is hard to attack. The larger fuel such as trees contain a lot of moisture after a long wet season and will not burn early.

Professional fire fighters judge fuel loads by the time it takes them to dry out. One hour and 10 hour fuels like grasses dry fast. Even if they were wet in the morning – they’re dry an hour later in the sun. The 1,000 hour fuels like big trees can take 42 days to dry out.

That’s why you may have huge late season fires like

the Oakland – the big fuel loads have finally dried out. So which is worse? Dry seasons can have fires that start early in the year (February-March) and can still happen until late in the year. Wet season fires don’t start until later in the fire season (June-July) but can be fast and furious and be even larger later in the year (September-October).

Wet year or dry year, Napa County Firewise Specialists with the Napa County say, “People should be prepared for the worst ever fire season because every fire season has the potential for being the worst ever. Property owners need to take the initiative to do the work to create defensible spaces around their homes because even minor prevention preparation can make a major difference in survival.”

There is another dimension which is that fire weather during the season was more important than how a season may start. Long stretches of hot weather with high winds multiplies the problems. Also, when firefighting resources are stretched thin across the state, any fire can be hard to eliminate.

So enjoy the flowers while you can. Flowers burn too – some are even worse than grasses because of their oil content. I also learned that vineyards burn – they may look a bit like firebreaks, but they’re not. And they make attacking a fire more difficult because of the stakes and guy wires uses to support the vines. Many thanks to our dedicated fire fighters – those suits are not air conditioned!



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8am: Fishing
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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.

NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



That's not what I read in the Lake Berryessa News.

WHEN GOOD JOKES GO BAD

Onion Headlines

Study Links Binge Eating To Stress, Contentment, Depression, Joy, Boredom, Anger, Relaxation

Snowy Conditions Proving Hazardous For Nation's Idiots

God Hurting After Eating 20-Piece Spicy Angel Wings

Report: Red Meat Linked To Contentedly Patting Belly

Man Basks In Triumphant Glory After Purchases Line Up To Exact Value Of Gift Card

Carlos Santana Surprises Wife With Coupon For Free 45-Min. Guitar Solo

Area Man Never In Mood To Do Things He Hasn't Done Before

Self-Help Lecture Attendees Surprised To Hear Speaker Was Once Just Like Them

World-Weary Garbage Man No Longer Shocked By Things People Throw Out

More Realistic Meat Substitute Made From Soy Raised In Brutally Cruel Conditions

FDA Report Finds Food Prevents Hunger 98% Of Time When Properly Used

New Speech Recognition Software Factors In User's Mouth Always Being Full



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Contact the Park Rangers at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 for information about park events, hikes, kayak tours and educational programs.

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Lake Berryessa Resort Revenues (2009) (These were the latest figures prior to the demolition of all resorts.)				
Resort	Annual Revenue	Appraised Value	Mobiles Revenue	Mobiles %
Berryessa Marina	\$1.61M	\$3.3M	\$0.76M	47%
Putah Creek	\$1.03M	\$4.15M	\$0.38M	37%
Rancho Monticello	\$3.32M	\$11.22M	\$2.1M	63%
Spanish Flat	\$2.09M	\$4.06M	\$0.78M	37%
Steele Park	\$2.62M	\$9.59M	\$0.66M	25%
Markley Cove	\$1.09M	\$6.48M	0	
Pleasure Cove	\$0.85M	\$1.07M	0	
Total	\$12.61M	\$39.87	\$4.68M	37%



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Fishing with Sid at Lake Berryessa

This time of the year is one of my favorite to go fishing, the reason being that I can fish in shallow water and see the fish chase and hit the bait. Fish are starting to nest - water temp is 65 degrees. Shore fisherman are doing well also because they can see the fish as they walk the shoreline and throw their bait.

Last weekend Jim and his son Joshua went out with me and had a good few hours out on the water and landed a nice 4 pound bass. The next day Albert and I headed out and caught a nice limit with the largest fish weighing in at 3.6 pounds. This weekend I took John out to an area of the lake he had never been to. I showed him bass nesting in shallow water. There were quite a few nests he was fascinated.

I went into a cove where we saw fish swimming and I cast out a Carolina rig set up and was immediately hit by a nice size bass. It was a beautiful warm day almost like summer but that evening it started to rain and the next day I went out with John and Albert wearing our rain gear and it did rain all day long.

We caught a limit of fish right in the area where we launched the boat. We could see a large cement slab in the water and the fish were roaming in that area. John and Albert were drop shooting and I was using the Carolina rig and on my second rod I was using a River2Sea crawdad.

Our last stop of the day was at the tree laying in the water in Willie's ski school and the amazing thing was an approximate 10 pound bass was swimming next to a one pound bass and of course we all tried our best to lure the big one or tempt her but to no avail but it was fun trying. We headed in for the day a little damp but we had a good time. www.fishingconnection.net



Park Potential for Former Capell Valley School Site

You are invited to a public meeting on Wednesday April 27th, 6:30 PM, at the Capell Valley Fire Station, 1193 Capell Valley road. This meeting is being held to discuss the potential for a local park at the former Capell Valley school site.

The meeting is being hosted by the core group which has been working for years to obtain the property from the Napa County School District. The group is made up of local residents Bob Lee, Sandy Storck, Beth Botts, and Anita Odell. The project is incorporated as the non-profit Capell-Berryessa Community Center Inc.

In December 2015 the School District, following the legally required process, has designated the Capell property as surplus, thus allowing it to be disposed of. The decision has been made to sell the property as part of a fundraising effort in the District’s Master Plan. The sale will be accomplished via sealed bid with the sale process possibly starting this month.

The Capell group has been involved in ongoing meetings with the School District, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza, and others. The goal is to obtain the school site as a county park/community center for local community and the larger county use.

The vision, which has been shaped by community input, would involve typical community center activities such as meetings, weddings and other community events. As a park, sporting activities and outdoor events would be offered as well as a place to picnic and enjoy a park type setting. There is room for a community garden. And there is the potential for having a central location to offer public services, something which is lacking in this area. It is also be an ideal location for a Sheriff’s substation.

Please come to the meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30 for more information and to voice your support, concerns and suggestions for use regarding this project. The group is trying to determine community support as there will be a need for community involvement if they are able to obtain the property. You may also provide comments at their email address: cbcommunitypark@gmail.com

Paddle with a Park Ranger
Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Oak Shores Day Use Area

Experience the beauty of Lake Berryessa from a unique perspective during a 2-3 hour, Park Ranger-led paddle tour. Watch for bald eagles, ospreys, otters and other wildlife as the Ranger introduces you to the natural and human history of the reservoir. These outings are open to experienced swimmers with a kayak or canoe. Coast Guard-approved life jackets will be available. Participants should bring their kayak, life jackets, paddles, sunscreen, hat, water and food. Pre-registration is required. Kayaks may be available for participants on a first-reserved, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Ranger Victoria Payan at 707-966-2111 ext. 113 or vpayan@usbr.gov.



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Lake Level Status as of 4/12/16

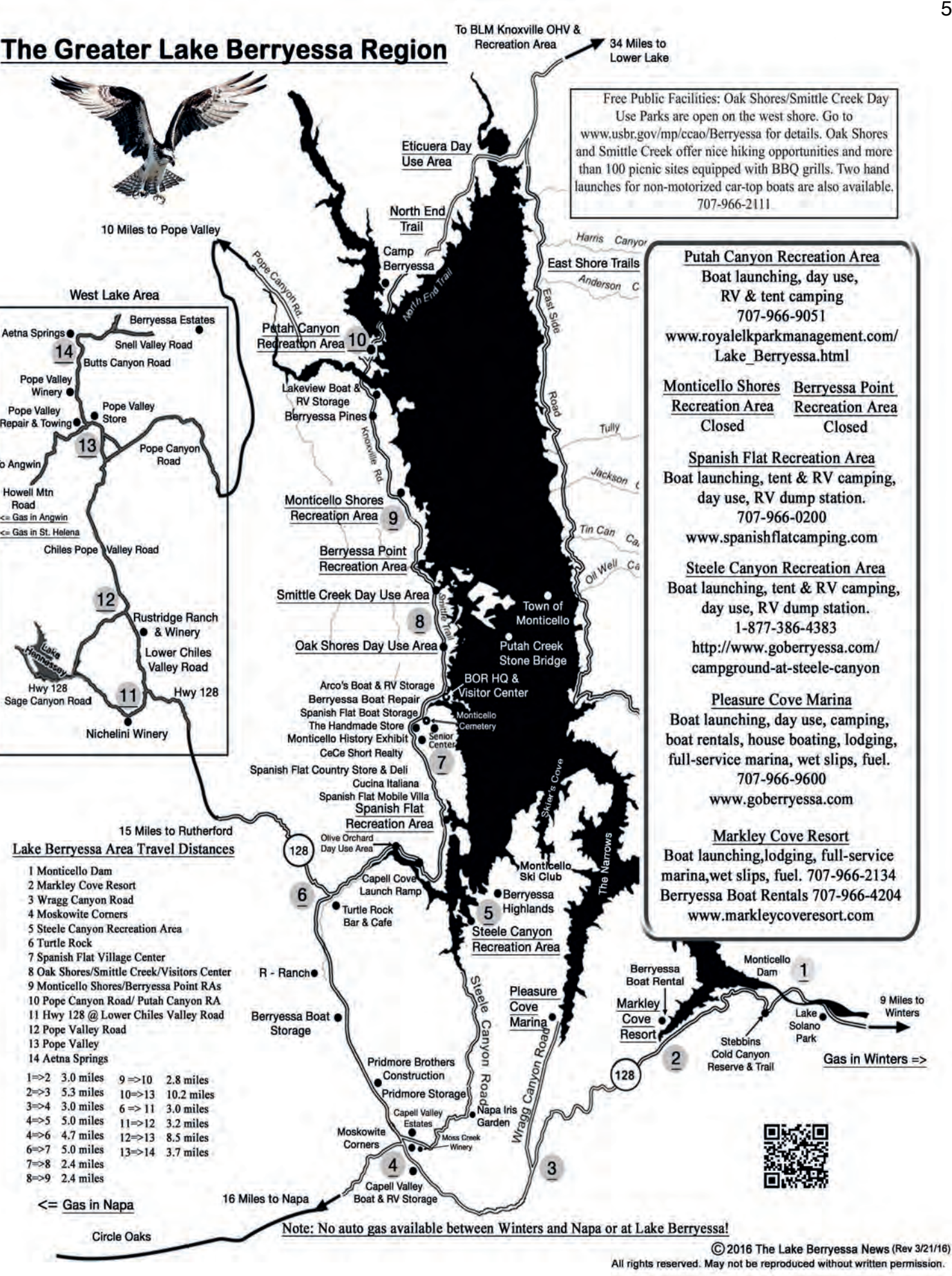
Despite the recent .55 inches of rain, the lake level has decreased .24 inches to 411.05 feet - 28.95 feet below Glory Hole - about 1 foot to go to get to last year's "high" point of 412.07. The lake has been essentially stable for the last two weeks.

Last year the lake was already dropping quickly. On April 11, 2015 the lake was already lower than today at 410.85 feet and dropping This means that the Capell launch ramp may be able to stay open longer than it did last year when it closed in mid-July.

Rainfall total remains at 23.21 inches for the season. At the present level Lake Berryessa holds 1,046,291 acre-feet of water, which is 65.4% of it’s 1,600,00 acre-feet capacity.

Date	Rain (in)	Cum Rain	Level (ft)	Daily Rise (ft)
3/1/16	0	14.35	401.46	0
3/2/16	0	14.35	401.46	0
3/3/16	0	14.35	401.48	0
3/4/16	0.03	14.38	401.47	0
3/5/16	0.95	15.33	402.07	.6
3/6/16	2.28	17.61	403.17	1.1
3/7/16	1.12	18.73	403.93	.76
3/8/16	0.02	18.75	404.16	.23
3/9/16	0.08	18.83	404.28	.12
3/10/16	0.01	18.84	405.1	.82
3/11/16	1.28	20.12	406.4	1.3
3/12/16	0.63	20.75	407.26	.86
3/13/16	1.02	21.77	408.27	1.01
3/14/16	0.3	22.07	408.95	.68
3/15/16	0	22.07	409.27	.32
3/16/16	0	22.07	409.47	.2
3/17/16	0	22.07	409.65	.18
3/18/16	0	22.07	409.79	.17
3/19/16	0	22.07	409.87	.08
3/20/16	0	22.07	409.97	.1
3/21/16	.19	22.26	410.23	.26
3/22/16	.4	22.66	410.23	0
3/23/16	0	22.66	410.56	.33
3/24/16	0	22.66	410.62	.06
3/25/16	0	22.66	410.73	.11
3/26/15	0	22.66	410.79	.06
3/27/16	0	22.66	410.86	.07
3/28/16	0	22.66	410.87	.01
3/29/16	0	22.66	410.90	.03
3/30/16	0	22.66	410.92	.03
3/31/16	0	22.66	410.95	.03
4/1/16	0	22.66	410.97	.02
4/2/16	0	22.66	410.98	.01
4/3/16	0	22.66	411.0	.02
4/4/16	0	22.66	411.03	.03
4/5/16	0	22.66	411.03	0
4/6/16	0	22.66	411.04	.01
4/7/16	0	22.66	411.04	0
4/8/16	0	22.66	411.05	.01
4/9/16	.13	22.79	411.06	.01
4/10/16	.39	23.18	411.07	.01
4/11/16	.03	23.21	411.05	-.02

The Greater Lake Berryessa Region



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

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www.royalelcparkmanagement.com/Lake_Berryessa.html

Monticello Shores Recreation Area **Berryessa Point Recreation Area**
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Lake Berryessa Area Travel Distances

1 Monticello Dam	9 => 10	2.8 miles
2 Markley Cove Resort	10 => 13	10.2 miles
3 Wragg Canyon Road	6 => 11	3.0 miles
4 Moskowite Corners	11 => 12	3.2 miles
5 Steele Canyon Recreation Area	4 => 6	4.7 miles
6 Turtle Rock	12 => 13	8.5 miles
7 Spanish Flat Village Center	7 => 8	2.4 miles
8 Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitors Center	8 => 9	2.4 miles

<= Gas in Napa

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

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