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Now that the "cleanest lake in Northern California" is full again, recreation spirits are rising fast. Boaters are flocking to the lake in greater numbers than ever. It just feels good to play on a full Lake Berryessa!

Anheuser Busch – Fairfield Brewery wrote a letter many years ago supporting their long-standing scientific analysis that Lake Berryessa water was and is pure - contradicting false pollution stories that pop up in the news from time to time.

Scientific data from other sources, including local water agencies and the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership also corroborated this assessment. There has never been any documented evidence – ever – that Lake Berryessa water purity has been compromised.

Reliable water is rare in California and one of the most important elements in many manufacturing, food processing and biotechnology companies. Thirty years ago, when representatives from the Anheuser-Busch Inc. were looking for a West Coast home for its Budweiser distilling vats, it tested the water in Solano County and stipulated it would move to Fairfield if the city could guarantee to provide only Lake Berryessa water.

Three decades later, the Fairfield brewery uses more than 1,500 acre-feet of Lake Berryessa water per year to brew more than 4 million barrels of beer annually.

Anheuser Busch is also a major financial supporter of the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership (LBWP). On Sunday, June 4, 2017, World Environment Day, LBWP, Budweiser brewery employees, and other volunteers will again get together at Markley Cove Resort for a cleanup along the Lake Berryessa shoreline.

The LBWP promotes Lake Berryessa water quality through its mascot, Bilgee the Bilgee

Pad, Clean Water Warrior, seen around the lake almost every weekend. Bilgee talks to boaters and other visitors about water quality, invasive species, and recycling.

According to management of the Fairfield Brewery, "Water is vital to plant and animal life and it's a key ingredient in brewing beer, and one of five key ingredients used in the making of Budweiser – that's why they are committed to water conservation both inside and outside our breweries. Lake Berryessa is a consistent, high quality water source for our brewery. As with all our breweries, we carefully monitor our source water on a regular basis. The water we receive is tested and goes through additional purification processes to meet the exacting standards of our brewmasters".

The Anheuser Busch brewery opened in 1976 and employs about 460 people. It is Fairfield's single biggest user of water at about 2 million gallons daily, 7 percent of the entire city's consumption. All of this is Lake Berryessa water. Brewery officials don't think the city's Delta water is good enough for Budweiser.

Lake Berryessa: The Right Location For Light Sport Aircraft

Another company that located in the area specifically because of Lake Berryessa is ICON Aircraft of Vacaville. If you've been up at the lake during the last couple of years you've probably seen their bright jet-skis-of-the-air flying, landing, and taking off.

ICON located in Vacaville because Lake Berryessa is the exact type of environment for people to have fun with this aircraft. You don't need a full pilot's license and the plane can easily be towed by a car. ICON has been using the lake for flight training.

Lake Berryessa is an official FAA seaplane base. Seaplanes are, and will always be, a regular feature of this lake. This is a public air space, public lake surface, and public land

area dedicated to recreation - even in three dimensions.

The A5 is FAA-legal, follows all the aircraft rules in flight, and Coast Guard rules when operating as a boat.

ICON was actually a bidder for Berryessa Point Recreation Area (former Berryessa Marina) during the last bid prospectus. They wanted a site to support their customers who wished to enjoy fly-in camping. Unfortunately, their bid was rejected as were all the other proposals.

I and Evan Kilkus, LBNews' FAA-licensed drone pilot, visited ICON's impressive manufacturing facility and sat at the controls of an A5. Since we both have raced jet skis, just sitting in this 3-D jet ski was a thrill.

ICON wishes to be a good neighbor to the Lake Berryessa community. They are sponsoring a Community Outreach Day at Reclamation HQ on Friday, May 5. Evan and I will be flying in two separate A5s with cameras rolling. Stay tuned for some impressive shots of the lake!

Lake Berryessa Management Project Update

County staff, recreation consultants, and the Bureau of Reclamation continue their research and discussions regarding creation of a Managing Partner Agreement under which Napa County would take over management of several Lake Berryessa recreation areas.

They are coming close to wrapping up Phase I with everything looking "very positive." The goal is to present the results to the County Supervisors in the June-July timeframe.

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Is It The Cleanest Lake Around?**

The answer is a rousing YES! Water quality studies have consistently shown Lake Berryessa to be exceptionally pure.

But just last week the Sacramento Bee raised its ugly head with a poorly-written story headlined: "Millions of gallons of sewage water poured into streams near Lake Berryessa."

Unfortunately the story was picked up by many news outlets, especially TV news shows with short attention spans, which left out the following important points.

The overflow was due to clean rain mixed with fully treated wastewater and the result was cleaner than the water in the lake itself.

Phillip Miller, Napa County's deputy director of public works, said the Berryessa spills did not put the public at risk because water agencies treat for pathogens.

Alex Rabidoux, a supervising engineer at the Solano County Water Agency, which sells water from Berryessa to cities, said high lake levels this winter mean contamination of drinking water is extremely unlikely

Andrew Altevogt, assistant executive officer at the Central Valley Regional Water Control Board, said the recent Berryessa spill likely didn't harm people because it was diluted by high creek levels during storms.

Conclusion: This was a non-issue magnified by out-of-context reporting during a time when the community is trying to revitalize this premier recreation destination. The Sacramento Bee seems to have created an new journalistic guideline, replacing the old "If it bleeds, it leads" with "If it poops, it scoops".

By The Numbers

- 6 Million Gallons of treated and diluted wastewater spilled five miles from the lake, more than 20 miles from the dam.

- The lake inflow in February was more than 120 Billion Gallons.

The "get a grip" mathematical result?

6 Million gals./120 Billion gals. = 0.01%

How low can you go?

May Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You've never really imagined yourself as the committed type, but a state-appointed psychiatrist will soon prove you wrong.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your inquisitive nature will soon see you demanding answers to a series of questions ranging from "Huh?" to "Who the—?" and "Whazzat?"

Aries (3/21-4/19): Your perfectionist streak will consume you this week when you attempt to posit the world's single most precise chaos theory.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): Who's to say what's right and what's wrong, except maybe for all those police officers, the presiding district court judge, and a horrified jury of your peers.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): Despite seemingly insurmountable odds, you will once again manage to talk your way out of sounding interesting this week.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): The alignment of the stars and the planets this week can only mean one thing: You're looking at a very simplistic, two-dimensional model of our solar system.

Leo (7/23-8/22): It's never too late to start your life over, but hurry, as you only have minutes left.

Virgo (8/23-9/22: You will be upgraded with improved graphics and greater ease of use, but processor speed remains a problem.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Investigators from several federal agencies will conclude that the failure of an 89-cent O-ring caused you to explode over Florida.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): Just when things seem to be going your way, you'll be forced to get out of bed this week.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): Once the laughter dies down, the party favors are put away, and the monkeys led back inside their cages, you'll finally be given a chance to explain your side of the story.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): After years of putting up an emotional wall, you'll realize the error of your ways this week and purchase three tons of brick and cement instead.

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Napa County's 2016 Crops Worth A Record \$737 Million

A record-breaking \$729.5 million value for grapes led the way. Agricultural production value rose 33 percent from 2015. It broke the old record of \$720.8 million set in 2014, with wine grape production breaking the old record of \$714.8 million, also set in 2014.

Weather overall was conducive to a bountiful wine grape harvest. The county received adequate rain during the 2015-16 rain season and had the right conditions at fruit set and harvest. Non-grape growers have a stake in the grape prices since they show that Napa County can support agriculture generally, with values this high.

Olives were a distant second behind grapes in crop value, with value rising from \$300,300 in 2015 to \$456,900. Vegetables fell from 32 acres in 2015 to 26 acres, and production value fell from \$367,700 to \$294,900.

The crop report blamed the tail end of the drought for the dips. Vegetables included artichokes, eggplants, kohlrabi, lettuce, potatoes and turnips.

Napa County's category for non-grape and non-olive fruits and nuts includes apples, pears, plums, pluots, strawberries and walnuts. No acreage figures are listed in the crop report, but production value grew from \$272,300 to \$384,900.

The number of cattle and cows grazed in Napa County grew from 9,100 to 20,480. Value grew from \$1.2 million to \$2.7 million. Sheep and lambs held steady at 4,390, with value falling from \$625,500 to \$614,300.

Still another crop report section looked at floral and nursery production, including lavenders, begonias, poinsettias, vegetable starts, cut flowers and trees. Square footage fell from 821,100 to 538,700 and production value from \$2.5 million to \$2.1 million. Go to www.countyofnapa.org/AgCom to see a copy of the crop report.

**Lake Berryessa's Connection to Outer Space and Inner Space:
The Rubins Family of the Berryessa Highands.**

By Peter Kilkus

Lake Berryessa News readers are familiar, through our reporting, with Astronaut Kate Rubins who just returned from outer space a few months ago and was recently honored at a Women in Science event with President Trump. Turns out that Kate has a brother who is working in inner space and taking on the legal system with artificial intelligence (AI).

Dan Rubins, 33, is creator and chief executive of Legal Robot, www.legalrobot.com, a start-up that uses artificial intelligence to translate legalese into plain English.



A major impact of A.I. that concerns economists is job loss - and not only blue collar jobs. What white collar jobs will be lost to artificial intelligence and automation? Researchers are beginning to see that artificial intelligence, robotics, and new disruptive technology are challenging white-collar professions that previously seemed invulnerable.

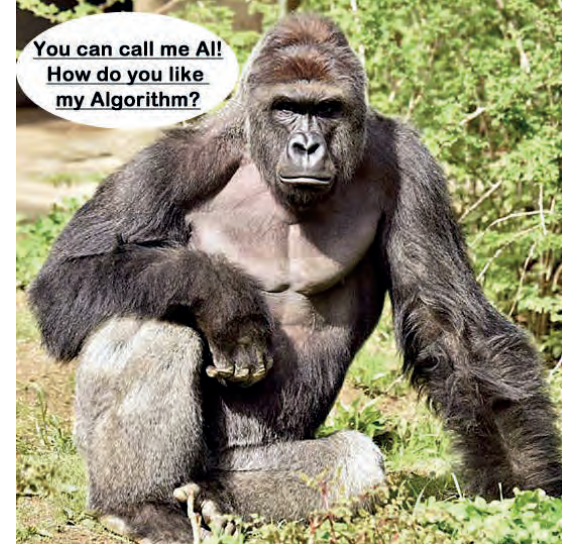
Dan Rubins has a lot of grievances with lawyers. At his former job, he recalled the time when six corporate lawyers, each billing at hundreds of dollars an hour, were inspecting a contract looking for capitalization errors. It's what prompted him to create Legal Robot. Having reviewed nearly a million legal documents, Legal Robot also flags anomalies, strange wording or clauses in contracts. Mr. Rubins said that A.I. is good at identifying potentially vague word choices, but he doesn't think A.I. will put lawyers out of business.

He said legal documents are well suited to machine learning because they are highly structured and repetitive. Legal Robot tapped a vast trove of contracts prepared by human lawyers in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission - "a cesspool of legal language," Mr. Rubins said - as well as past documents from various law firms who wanted to help train Legal Robot's systems. His start-up company software offers features like:

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The Lake Berryessa News would like to see a version of an Artificial Intelligence algorithm that can help understand the inner workings and reasoning of the federal government, especially the Bureau of Reclamation! We already have Allie the Lake Berryessa Alligator as a mascot. Maybe AL the Lake Berryessa Algorithm-gorilla can help protect our community in future dealings with various levels of government.

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If you have been skiing on a course for long time and think you are pretty hot stuff, this is the place for you too. We're pretty good and we would be happy to help you get even better. Head over to the Use Pass section for information on how to ski at our site. Most of all, we would love to meet you. If you are at Lake Berryessa and want to learn more, please head to the dock (at 5mph). Members there will be happy to answer questions for you.



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Where Eagles Dare: Winged Warriors Hunt Down Rogue Drones

The French air force has trained four golden eagles to intercept and destroy the rogue aircraft. The use of hunting birds – normally falcons and northern goshawks – by militaries around the globe is common practice in the fight to scare other critters away from runways and so cut the risk of accidents during takeoff or landing. But it wasn't until 2015 when the Dutch started using bald eagles to intercept drones that other militaries started to see the benefit of these winged warriors.

The French chose golden eagle because of the birds hooked beak and sharp eyesight. Also weighing in around 11 pounds, the birds are in a similar weight class as the drones they're sent to destroy and clocking in at a top air speed of 50 miles per hour. They have the capability of spotting a target from more than a mile away and are deft hunters.

To protect the eagles from drone blades and any explosive device that might be attached the them, the French military designed mittens of leather and Kevlar, an anti-blast material, to protect the bird's talons.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

at Lake Berryessa

Date: Sunday, June 4th
Registration: 9:30 am
Group Lake Clean up: 10:00am to 12:00 pm
FREE Taco Lunch following cleanup

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Please RSVP to attend the free Picnic Lunch at Markley Cove Resort
Everyone who pre-registers by May 22 will get a free World Environment Day shirt.
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A 1972 United Nations initiative to create positive action for the planet, World Environment Day builds global awareness of the environment, encourages political attention and supports individual and community projects.

SIR: A New Social Media Channel

By Peter Kilkus

Although I've been doing a lot of computer-based social media work with the Lake Berryessa News web site and Facebook page, email newsletter and Twitter (I need to be ready if I ever become POTUS), friends just introduced me to a radical new form of social media. It's been dubbed FFEE and is being practiced by the Sons In Retirement (SIR). The FFEE acronym stands for Face-to-Face, Eye-to-Eye, a form of social media that transcends computers, keyboards, and digital transmission formats.

The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of its members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life. The only requirement is that you actually have to physically meet people, talk to them face to face, and enjoy interesting social activities with them.

A few retired friends up here at Lake Berryessa recently decided I wasn't having enough fun on a regular basis so they invited me to consider the Sons In Retirement. I was actually invited by the Big Sir himself - Lake Berryessa's Stu Williams - quite an honor!

My first luncheon meeting at the Napa Elks Lodge (great facility) was very enjoyable and I joined. There are now seven members from the Lake Berryessa area - only two more needed to form the Berryessa SIRball team or the new Lake Berryessa SIRpreme Court.

SIR has monthly luncheons with interesting speakers, good food and fellowship. Additionally, their members enjoy a variety of social activities such as golf, fishing, hiking, bowling, bocce, card games and more.

Many activities like travel, theater, dining, picnics, and holiday parties include their ladies and guests.

Are you retired or semi-retired and want to make new friends, participate in fun activities and better enjoy your leisure time? SIR Membership is open to men regardless of age, race, national origin or religion. The leader of a Sir Branch is designated Big Sir. His assistant is Little SIR. I assume we members are the Yes SIRs (or maybe I just made that one up.).

SIR Wine Valley Branch #149 has just upgraded their web site and informational materials to recruit new members. Check out their new web site: www.branch149.sirinc2.org.

You can be the Big Sir, the Little Sir, or a Yes Sir like me, but for sure you'll have a really good time.

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We don't raise money. We don't have a political agenda. We don't have a religious orientation. We don't sell light bulbs or anything else. We don't have a problem with organizations that do these things - its just that we don't. You've paid your dues in the working world - its time to enjoy life!

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Delve into the fascinating past of the Town of Monticello, now at the bottom of the lake, by visiting the Berryessa Valley History Exhibit at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Please use this web site to contact our members to make use of their services:

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Community Church Compassion Sunday

On May 7th the Community Church of Lake Berryessa is hosting a Compassion Sunday event. Information and opportunities to support a child living in poverty will be presented. Compassion International works around the world to lift children out of poverty through small monthly donations. These donations go directly to a sponsored child the sponsor selects. A relationship can be developed with the child through letters and visits if so desired. Please visit the Compassion International web site for detailed information. www.compassion.com

Come join us on Sunday May 7th at 10:00 am for this exciting event at 6008 Monticello Rd., Moskowite Corners.

Lake Berryessa History Timeline 1958 to Present (Condensed)

1958	Reclamation enters into a long-term agreement with Napa County to manage recreational development at Lake Berryessa.
1958-1959	Napa County awards seven long-term (30 year) concession agreements to newly formed resorts to provide recreation services. Leased mobile home sites provide revenue needed to support short-term uses such as camping and launching.
1959	Lake Berryessa Public Use Plan (PUP) prepared by the National Park Service (NPS). "Should accommodate 3,000 boats at 125 launch ramps; minimum of 8,000 picnic sites and 800 camp sites."
Apr. 22, 1970	The first Earth Day marks the birth of the modern environmental movement. Coincidentally, the five year "The Big Lie" attack on Lake Berryessa begins.
February, 1972	Government Accountability Office Audit: "Public Recreational Facilities Not Adequately Developed at Lake Berryessa." One of the first 1970s reports criticizing Lake Berryessa facilities. Generally a silly hit piece introducing "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 polluted the lake."
1972 - 1973	Congressman Don Clausen involvement: Supported Napa County. Introduced H.R. 11758 to authorize the Federal government to direct the development, operation, and maintenance of day-use facilities.
August, 1972	National Park Service formally updates the PUP at Reclamation's request. "Plan for Recreation Development - Final". NPS concluded that Lake Berryessa is "not of national significance for recreation". Proposed 16 Development Areas all around the lake to serve 9 million annual visitors!
1974	After years of fruitless discussion and debate with Reclamation regarding the Lake Berryessa management agreement, Napa County notifies Reclamation of its intent to turn lake recreation management back to Reclamation by 1975.
1974-1980	Congress enacts Public Law 93-493 authorizing Reclamation to manage recreation at Lake Berryessa. Reclamation constructs facilities as authorized: two day-use areas, public boat ramp, parking lot, and administrative offices. Amends 1975 Public Use Plan to allow mobile homes with some restrictions.
1976 - 1980	Reclamation Lake Manager, B.E. Martin, attempts to cancel concession contracts. A lawsuit ensued and was settled in the concessioners' favor in 1979. Court concluded: Plaintiffs (concessioners) constructed, at its own cost and expense, facilities for public use including but not limited to buildings, stores, access roads, vehicle parking areas, boat launching ramps and docks, mobile home pads, swimming beaches, picnic areas and camp sites. All of said improvements conformed to the Public Use Plan and had prior approval of Defendants and all County, State and Federal agencies having jurisdiction over said matter."
September, 1980	Public Law 96-375: This law was passed to protect both the concessionaires and the government by allowing the concessionaire to receive fair market value for their property and improvements. Intent was twisted by Reclamation to force removal of ALL facilities in 2009 because they "didn't want them". This was the key element in the destruction of most facilities at the resorts. Reclamation's interpretation was upheld in court.
1980	Reclamation extends all seven concession contracts for ten years.
1988-1989	Reclamation prepares the Lake Berryessa Reservoir Area Management Plan (Ramp). Allowed long-term use for its positive economic benefits (Pg.60).
May 1, 1992	Reservoir Area Management Plan (RAMP) Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) released. Detailed 150 page+ analysis. Supported resort owners and long-term uses with some restrictions.
1995	Reclamation extends all concession contracts for ten years.

May, 2000	OIG Report: "Concessions Managed by the Bureau of Reclamation" is critical of Reclamation management. Timing seems designed to support the newly announced VSP with negative comments about Lake Berryessa.
June, 2000	Reclamation announces the Visitor Services Plan (VSP) in a news release.
October, 2000	VSP Bulletin #1 sent out: Included VSP Schedule and negative (Big Lie) photos.
Nov. 7, 2000	Reclamation formally initiates the Visitor Services Plan (VSP) process with Notice of Intent published in the Federal Register Nov. 7, 2000.
Mar. 6, 2001	Reclamation holds a "Media Tour" to publicize "pollution" problems allegedly caused by long-term sites. Beginning of the "Big Lie" strategy originally used in the 1970s to discredit the resorts and mobile homeowners.
March 23, 2001	Reclamation VSP planning memo released for public comment.
March 31, 2001	Reclamation hosts VSP open house - 500 people attend.
May, 2001	VSP Bulletin #2 sent out soliciting public comments. In July 2001, Reclamation provides 28 pages of comments and written responses.
May, 2001	Task Force 7 at Lake Berryessa formed with co-chairs Peter Killus and Pat Monaghan. Mission Statement: "To prevent the unjustified removal of mobile homes from Lake Berryessa through political action, community education, and environmental stewardship."
May 10, 2001	Task Force 7 requests meeting with Reclamation for permittees. Reclamation ungraciously agrees "even though permittees are only one special interest group." Reclamation is clear that all long-term sites are to be removed in any new plan.
Aug. 7, 2001	TF7 representatives meet with Bruce Wadlington and Cecil Leslie to discuss VSP. Reclamation again made it clear that mobile homes must be removed as part of any plan. Reclamation states permittees have no rights and have paid "\$10,000 for a trailer and \$50,000 for a view."
May-June, 2001	Reclamation begins "Public Scoping" per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.
September, 2001	Reclamation publishes "Scoping Responses" – first public comments responding to VSP questions of 3/23/01.
November, 2001	Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Planning Task Force (LBVSPT) is formed and introduces its Coordinated Resource Management Plan (VSP-CRMP) and a new web site for public comment on the draft VSP. LBVSPT is a broader group than Task Force 7 and includes all stakeholders who support positive future improvements at Lake Berryessa. "Preserve the Best, Improve the Rest."
Sept. 23, 2002	Task Force 7 representatives travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with local Congressional representatives and present 10,015 signatures to the Bureau of Reclamation stating: "We, the undersigned, are opposed to the Bureau of Reclamation's intention to remove all long-term sites at Lake Berryessa. We do not believe there is a compelling public policy reason for this harmful action, which would devastate the community and cause economic hardship to many citizens. We support the LBVSPT alternative plan, which retains long-term sites, advocates an environmentally sound policy for managing the lake, and provides the public with a rewarding recreational experience."
Dec. 19, 2002	LBVSPT publishes its (VSP-CRMP). LBVSPT representatives meet with Reclamation representatives to discuss the VSP. Reclamation rejects plan.
Dec. 30, 2002	Reclamation publishes its Environmental Compliance and Facility Condition Assessment Report ("Kleinfelder Report"). Generally negative summary of existing facilities and infrastructure at the resorts.
February, 2003	LBVSPT distributes letters and posters announcing VSP CRMP to all businesses and resorts around Lake Berryessa and 25 public agencies. Posts notices on Reclamation information boards at public launch ramp and Smittle Creek. Posters are taken down by Reclamation.

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On Thursday I went out with Albert. The water temperature was 64 degrees and to my surprise there were no beds visible in five key locations. We caught our limit of bass - the largest weighing a little over 2 pounds.

The following day I went out solo in rough water with white caps all day. Had to look for quiet water in back of coves - not so easy to find, but still landed 6 nice fish with the largest weighing just over 6 pounds. I let her go since she was full of eggs. Caught her on a chartreuse and white spinner bait. I ended up going in early due to the wind.

Saturday I went out with Fabrice and his 6-year old son Matthew. I decided to start in the back of the Monticello Ski Club to avoid the wind. The first bass was caught by Matthew drop shooting a Robo morning glory colored worm. The second bass was caught by - you guessed it - Matthew on a crank bait. The third bass was caught on a River2Sea crawdad lure, again by Matthew.

Since he was doing so well I wanted to find an area where the bass were a little larger so he could experience landing a bigger fish. My fish finder showed some activity that looked like larger fish so we trolled through that area using a deep diving Speed Trap lure that went 15 feet down. You guessed it again - Matthew landed the first bass. It gave him a good fight but with a little help from his Dad he brought in the biggest bass of the day - a 5.5 pound largemouth.

We repeated that drift four more times and landed a bass each time with three bass over 4 pounds each and a 2 pounder. I asked Matthew if he wanted to keep fishing here or go to my secret spot and he said let's go!!! Fabrice caught a bass using a spinner bait in shallow water immediately. I checked out the whole area with no signs of beds or fry from a previous spawn to be seen. Maybe there was no spawn yet. May 10th might be the first one. Matthew wanted to end the day trying to get a catfish so I went to catfish cove, threw out a hotdog, and we waited. To our disappointment, no catfish took the bait and it was time to call it a day.

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Year	Season Total Ramfall
97-98	46.26"
98-99	23.46"
99-00	26"
00-01	24.7"
01-02	23.38"
02-03	31.6"
03-04	25.64"
04-05	36.36"
05-06	40.56"
06-07	12.7"
07-08	25.32"
08-09	23.96"
09-10	26.41"
10-11	37.92"
11-12	19.56"
12-13	20.65"
13-14	13.69"
14-15	19.56"
15-16	24.57"
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Dec., 2008	Reclamation awards new long-term concession contract for Pleasure Cove Marina to Forever Resorts.	Jan. 17, 2013	Reclamation holds a public meeting to discuss the establishment of a Community Forum followed by six Lake Berryessa Community Forum meetings during 2013.
March, 2009	Reclamation cancels negotiations with Markley Cove and Pensus because of a minor technicality in the bid document regarding future federal funding. The Antideficiency Act prohibits the government from purchasing, or implying that they may purchase, assets for which funds have not yet been officially approved by Congress. This could have been easily resolved. A single government attorney seriously disrupts a decades long process. Requires a complete rebid of the concession selection process, but allows Pleasure Cove contract to remain in force.	May 1, 2013	Reclamation executes an interim contract with John and Linda Frazier to operate Markley Cove Resort. Contract had the unique and inconsistent provision, not allowed in any previous contract nor included in the previous bids invoking Public Law 96-375, that any company winning a future bid or buying Markley Cove would have to pay for the assessed value of the facilities.
May 15, 2009	Revised Bid Prospectus released for six concession areas.	May, 2013	Reclamation executes an interim contract with Pleasure Cove Marina, LLC, to operate Steele Canyon and Spanish Flat Recreation Areas, and with Royal Elk Park Management to operate Putah Canyon Recreation Area.
May 26, 2009	Intense public pressure forces Reclamation to sign interim contracts with Markley Cove and Steele Park to avoid interruption of services.	Sep. - Oct., 2013	Reclamation prepares a Market Development Plan, Conceptual Site Plans, Conceptual Designs, and Potential Market Demand and Financial Feasibility Analysis for five concession areas.
Jun. 9, 2009	Intense public pressure forces Reclamation to agree to operate temporary campground at Oak Shores Day Use Area.	Sep. 11, 2013	Reclamation awards a contract to design and install three RV Dump Stations in Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, and Putah Canyon Recreation Areas and to design and install a water distribution system at Putah Canyon Recreation Area.
June, 2009	Reclamation initiates “environmental remediation and clean-up” at each concession area, including demolition of millions of dollars of useable facilities and infrastructure (launch ramps, roads utilities, restaurants, marinas, lodging).	January, 2014	Reclamation releases preliminary conceptual site diagrams for Steele Canyon, Spanish Flat, Berryessa Point, Monticello Shores, and Putah Canyon and held a public workshop to gather input on the draft plans.
Sep. 30, 2009	New bid proposals due; five separate proposals received. Some previous bidders dropped out.	July, 2015	Reclamation releases latest Concession Bid Prospectus.
November, 2009	Reclamation’s bid evaluation panel analyzes latest proposals.	February, 2016	Reclamation announces that no successful bids were received in response to the Prospectus for the development and long-term management of the Putah Canyon, Spanish Flat, Monticello Shores, Berryessa Point and Steele Canyon recreation areas.
Jan. 14, 2010	Pensus Group selected as most responsive bid for all six concession areas. Markley Cove loses the bid it had previously won. Markley owners question the legality of the results and demands an investigation. OIG Investigative Report (March 3, 2011) determines there were no improprieties with contract award process.	Mar. 2, 2016	Reclamation holds Community Forum Public Meeting to explain results of failed bid process - faces vocal criticism from the attendees. Provides several potential alternative future actions. No communication from Reclamation since then.
Feb. 5, 2010	Reclamation signs settlement agreement with former operators regarding clean-up and use of launch ramps and roads at Steele Park.	March, 2016	Lake Berryessa News begins Renaissance Lake Berryessa campaign to return management of Lake Berryessa to Napa County.
Apr. 28, 2010	Pensus Contract awarded. Pensus changes resort names which is profoundly unpopular action with the local community. Basic services are provided by Pensus during 2010 at Lupine Shores (previously Steele Park) and Chaparral Cove (previously Putah Creek) concession areas. Relations between Pensus and Reclamation soon begin to deteriorate.	April, 2016	Reclamation informs interim concessioners for three recreation areas that their contracts may be extended up to two years.
Jun. 21, 2010	Long-term concession contract awarded to Pleasure Cove Marina LLC, superseding latest contract, despite previous statements by Reclamation that no contract changes would be allowed.	May 20, 2016	Reclamation releases Markley Cove Bid Prospectus several months late.
Dec., 2011-Feb., 2012	Relations between Pensus and Reclamation continue to deteriorate with long legal arguments exchanged. Many of the problems appear to observers to be caused by Reclamation’s unrealistic policies and poor management. Pensus management appears inept and arrogant despite the validity of many of their complaints.	May, 2016	Lake Berryessa News proposes “A Path Forward To Revitalize Lake Berryessa: Fire The Feds!”
Feb. - Mar., 2012	Reclamation provides Pensus a Letter of Non-Compliance with 30-day opportunity to cure. Pensus responds to Reclamation's demand for cure. Reclamation provides Pensus a Notice of Proposed Termination	June, 2016	Lake Berryessa News publishes “Open Letter to the Federal Government: Get Out of Lake Berryessa!”
May - Sept., 2012	Reclamation and Pensus agree to invoke mediation. Mediation ends with no settlement.	June, 2016	Napa County Supervisors direct staff to enter into negotiations for a Managing Partner Agreement between the County and Reclamation for the management of Lake Berryessa.
Dec. 6, 2012	Notice of Proposed Termination referred to Mid Pacific Regional Director whose final decision was to terminate the Pensus contract.	Sept. 14, 2016	Only one bid received for Markley Cove and it was from the present concessioners, John and Linda Frazier. Reclamation announces contract for 30 years, with possible 10 year extension.
Dec. 7, 2012	Under intense public presssure, Reclamation staff began operating three concession areas (Steele Park, Spanish Flat, Putah Creek) to continue to provide services to the public.	January, 2017	Napa County Supervisors direct staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Reclamation and a contract with Ragatz Sedgwick Realty who will assist the County in identifying interested concession partners by marketing the opportunity to the resort community and performing a feasibility analysis to determine the best use of each site.
Dec., 2012	Reclamation holds three public meetings to explain decision to terminate Pensus contract. Agrees to change five recreation area names to Putah Canyon, Berryessa Point, Monticello Shores, Spanish Flat, Steele Canyon. Names for Pleasure Cove and Markley Cove remain.		
Jan. - Sept., 2013	Reclamation negotiates interim concession contracts; funds facility upgrades and security services.		

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Mar. 4, 2003	In response to LBVSPT announcement of VSP CRMP, Congressman Mike Thompson rejects LBVSPT, defends Reclamation process.	Summer, 2005	Citizens to Protect Lake Berryessa and other groups bring the issue before Congress and request a review of the Reclamation’s actions and the implementation of the Resort Operators’ Plan in place of the BOR DEIS.
May 10, 2003	LBVSPT/TF7 holds scoping and information meetings at Putah Creek Resort, Rancho Monticello Resort, Spanish Flat Resort, Steele Park Resort.	Nov.4, 2005	Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) released.
May 25, 2003	TF7 Banjo Band Flotilla event introduces a Petition Signature drive. Boat caravan to several resorts to gather signatures and educate lake visitors.	Nov. 19, 2005	Winters Protest Meeting: More than 900 people with a stake in Lake Berryessa's future packed the Winters High School gym to denounce the Bureau of Reclamation's effort to eliminate long-time family recreation. The Bureau of Reclamation’s plan for Lake Berryessa continues to grow in unpopularity.
Jun. 2, 2003	LBVSPT began Online Petition in support of LBVSPT CRMP: 986 signatures as of April, 2004.	November, 2005	At the request of Congressman Richard Pombo, Reclamation extends 30-day "cooling off “ period under NEPA to a full 6-months and accepts comments to the FEIS throughout this time.
July, 2003	Reclamation Area Manager, Tom Aiken, releases incendiary, false presentation and brochure promoting The Big Lie that resort mobile homes are polluting the lake. Includes nasty photos of a few mobile home violations at the Pleasure Cove Outback which had been known to Reclamation for many years and should have been resolved by them. Presentation claims Native Americans will weave special baskets to purify the lake water. Task Force 7 writes strong rebuttal to the brochure and presentation.	Jun. 2, 2006	Final Record of Decision (ROD) released. Requires removal of mobile homes. Creates an “Annual Usage” category but refuses to allow this option to be used in future bids without penalty.
Oct. 15, 2003	Reclamation releases the Dornbusch Report which evaluates the financial feasibility of VSP draft Alternative B, the “preferred alternative” which removes all mobile homes from the lake. Concludes the Reclamation’s plan is marginally feasible but intensely complex based on highly questionable assumptions. Reclamation disingenuously promotes the report as justification for major disruption of lake operations with no guarantee of success.	Apr. 22, 2007 Earth Day	Rancho Monticello Resort Announces Compliance with the ISO 14000 International Environmental Standard. Rancho Monticello becomes the only resort at Lake Berryessa that has implemented an Environmental Management System meeting the requirements of ISO 14001, the internationally-recognized environmental management standard being used by leading companies around the world.
Oct. 31, 2003	Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) released (250 pgs.). Four alternatives (A, B, C, D) proposed, but skewed to remove “long-term” sites “to correct over four decades of resort operations under which prime recreational areas have been reserved for long-term trailer site permittees to the exclusion of the majority of visitors to Lake Berryessa.” New version of the “Big Lie”.	Jun. 16, 2007	Berryessa For All v. United States Bureau of Reclamation seeks injunctive relief on the basis that the FEIS and VSP ROD violate NEPA, Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and Federal Law.
November, 2003	Initial DEIS comment period begins. Extended twice in response to intense stakeholder demands created by TF7 and LBVSPT.	June, 2007	Reclamation completes appraisals of existing facilities. Appraisals are contested as too low by concessioners for excluding their major infrastructure investments. Ultimately the appraisals were of no practical value since Reclamation claimed that no existing facilities were necessary and required them all to be demolished at the Concessioner’s own cost - citing their flawed interpretation of Public Law 96-375.
Apr. 20, 2004	LBVSPT publishes Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Plan: LBVSPT Alternative A+. Proposes improvements without the destruction of mobile homes. “Preserve the Best, Improve the Rest.”	June, 2007	Initial Bid Prospectus released soliciting proposals for all seven concession areas. Evaluation standards were deliberately written to favor a single bidder for multiple resorts and to penalize inclusion of the annual usage sites approved in the Record of Decision.
May, 2004	Reclamation evaluate DEIS comments but intentionally skews results to support its plans. Reclamation categorizes comments that “want change” as against retention of mobile homes even though written by present mobile home owners who also want positive change. Includes 888 Blue Water Network form letters to ban jet skis as anti-mobile home comments. A physical review by TF7 of all the 1,600 comment letters at the time (excluding the irrelevant Blue Water Network form letters) showed that at least 60% support the retention of mobile homes and other positive improvements.	Sept, 2007	Initial due date for proposals in response to the Prospectus.
September, 2004	Citizens to Protect Lake Berryessa commissions an independent economic peer review of the Reclamation’s DEIS.	Jan. - Feb., 2008	After delays due to litigation by Markley Cove owners, Reclamation panel evaluates bid proposals.
Oct. 25, 2004	Economic Analysis of the Dornbusch Report and the Bureau of Reclamation’s “Alternative B” Plan for Lake Berryessa By Adam B. Summers, M.A. & Michael R. Summers, Ph.D. Supports the conclusions of LBVSPT A+.	April, 2008	Selection of successful bidders: Pensus (5 resorts), Forever Resorts (Pleasure Cove), Markley Cove. The selection of Pensus is regarded by most knowledgeable observers as a fundamental error on the part of Reclamation. Subsequent events prove them correct.
February, 2005	Reclamation, in an almost unprecedented action based on the Summers and Summers Economic Analysis, reopened the DEIS comment period for 45 days to accept additional comments the economic issues of their plan.		Reclamation rejects the best and most environmentally-advanced bid from Lago Resorts on a technicality without even evaluating it. The bid was declared non-responsive due to one sentence that did not make the U.S. government the first lien holder on personal property loans. Lago Resorts, a partnership among Rancho Monticello, Putah Creek, Berryessa Marina, Spanish Flat and Markley Cove, immediately agreed to fix the “deficiency” but was rejected by Reclamation. Another major nail in the coffin of the recovery of Lake Berryessa as a prime recreation destination.
Apr. 4, 2005	Lake Berryessa resort owners publish their VSP alternative: Resort Owners Plan (ROP), Future Recreation Use and Operations of Lake Berryessa. An independent economic analysis of the ROP is commissioned by LBVSPT: Analysis of the Resort Owners Plan for Lake Berryessa by Adam B. Summers, M.A. and Michael R. Summers, Ph.D, April 4, 2005. Report supports the conclusions of the ROP.	June, 2008	Negotiations initiated or scheduled between successful bidders and Reclamation. Pleasure Cove contract with Forever Resorts signed. Markley Cove contract nearing end of negotiations but never signed. Complex Pensus contract in process.
		July 10, 2008	District Court Order in Berryessa For All v. United States Bureau of Reclamation: Court determines that the FEIS and VSP ROD adequately complied with NEPA and federal law. Mobile home owners have no further recourse and must demolish their homes at their own expense (approximately \$3,500 each) since they are to old to be moved.

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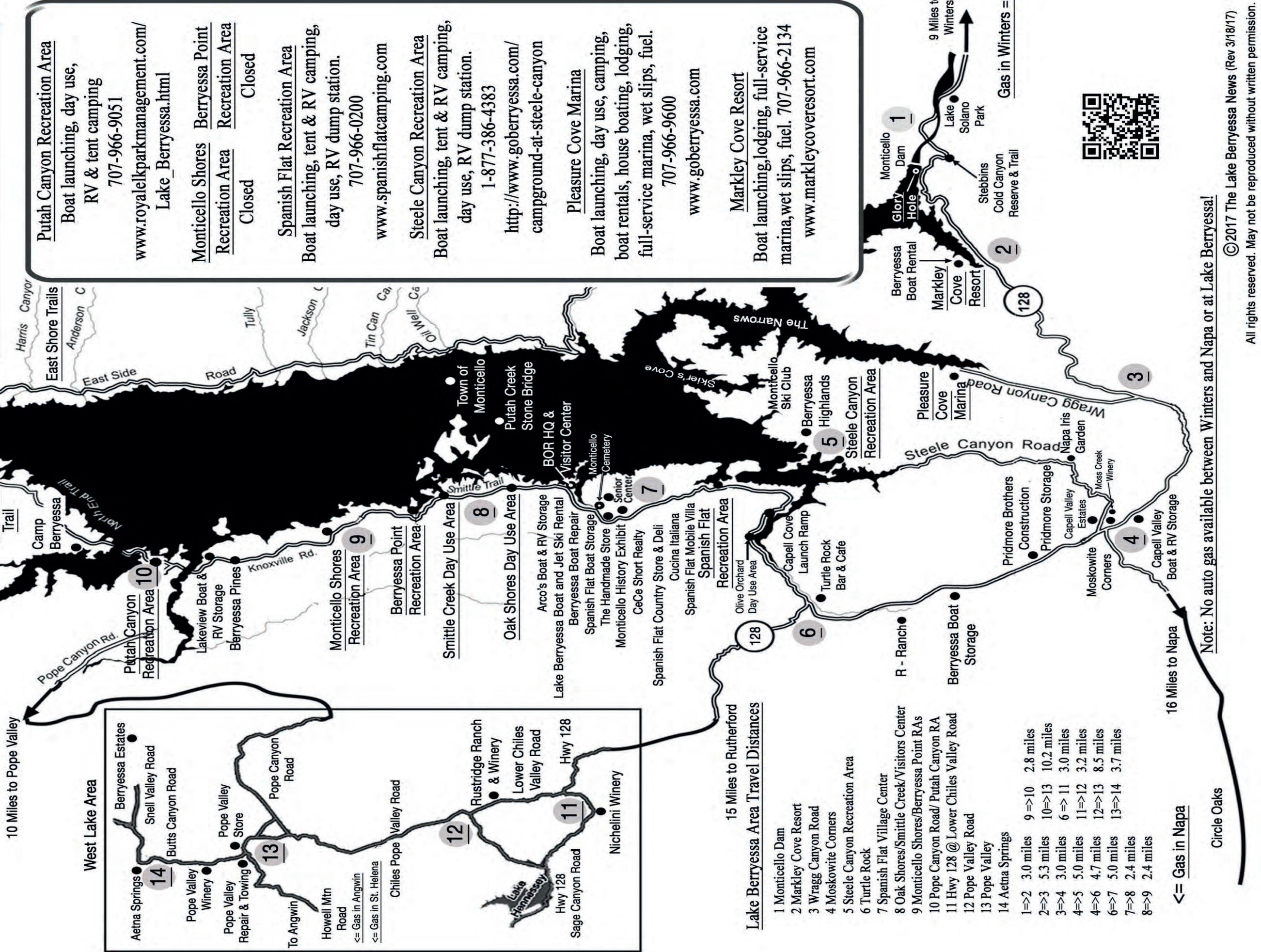
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